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GALACTUS FOUND!

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THE ENCHANTI-SCREEN IS READY FOR VIEWING, SIRE!

LO--THOR DOTH AWAIT MY FINAL COMMAND!

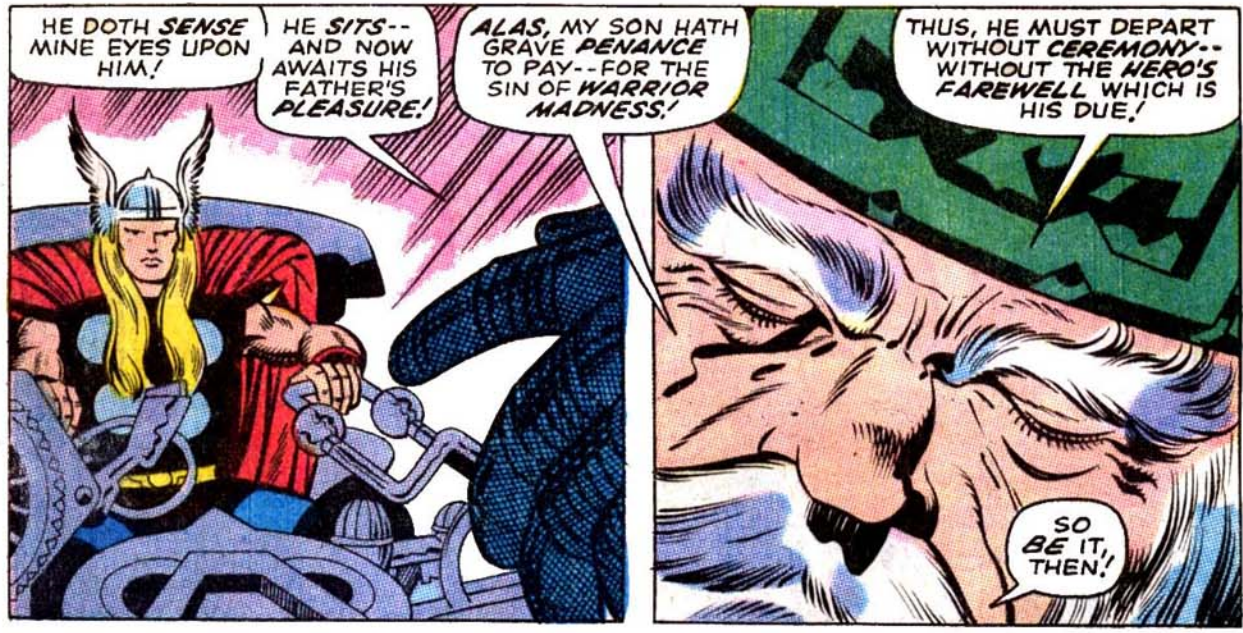
THUS, THE TIME HATH COME TO SPEED HIM ON HIS QUEST-- IN SEARCH OF GALACTUS!

ALL HAIL THIS MOST MOMENTOUS MASTERWORK, PROUDLY PRODUCED BY:

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HE DOTH *SENSE* MINE EYES UPON HIM!

HE *SITS--* AND NOW AWAITS HIS FATHER'S *PLEASURE!*

ALAS, MY SON HATH GRAVE *PENANCE* TO PAY--FOR THE SIN OF *WARRIOR MADNESS!*

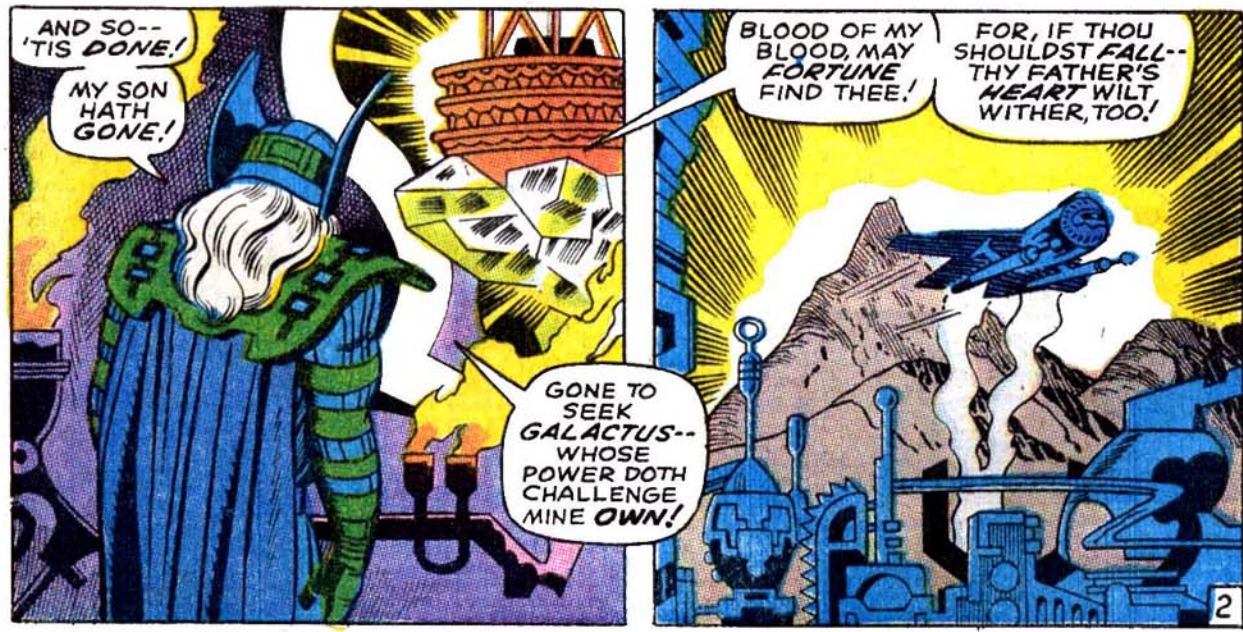
THUS, HE MUST DEPART WITHOUT *CEREMONY--* WITHOUT THE HERO'S *FAREWELL* WHICH IS HIS *DUE!*

SO *BE* IT, THEN!



IN THE NAME OF ETERNAL *ASGARD--* BY THE POWER ABSOLUTE WHICH IS HIS *DUE!*

I WILL THE *ODINSHIP--* **DEPART!**



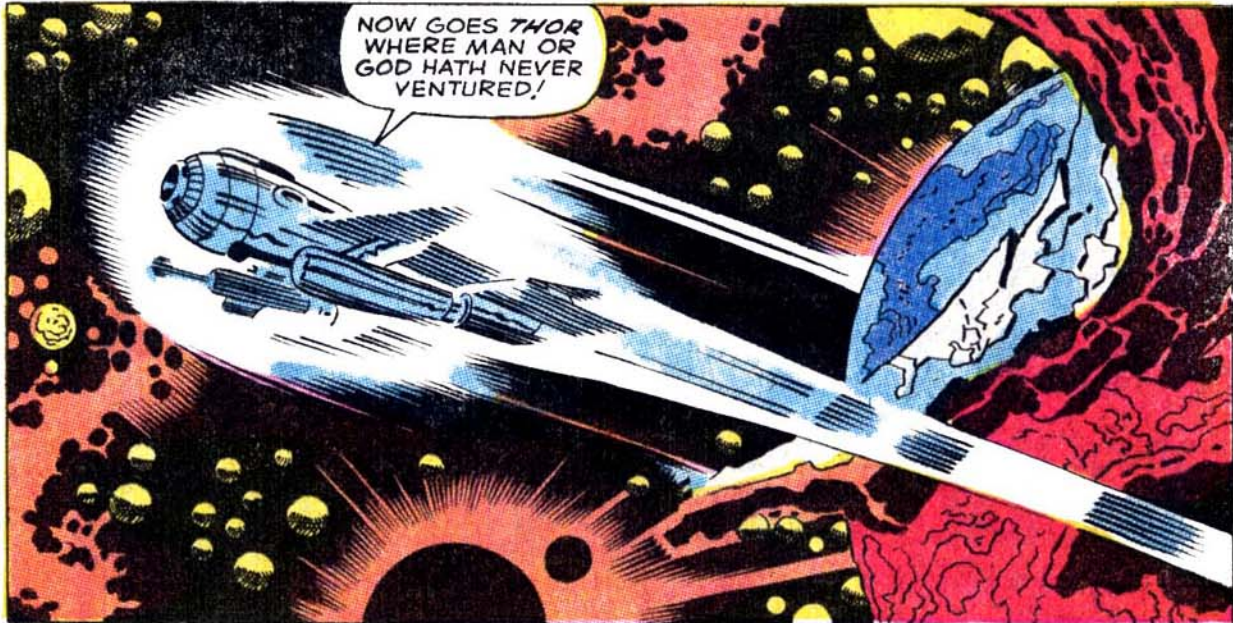
AND SO-- 'TIS *DONE!*

MY SON HATH *GONE!*

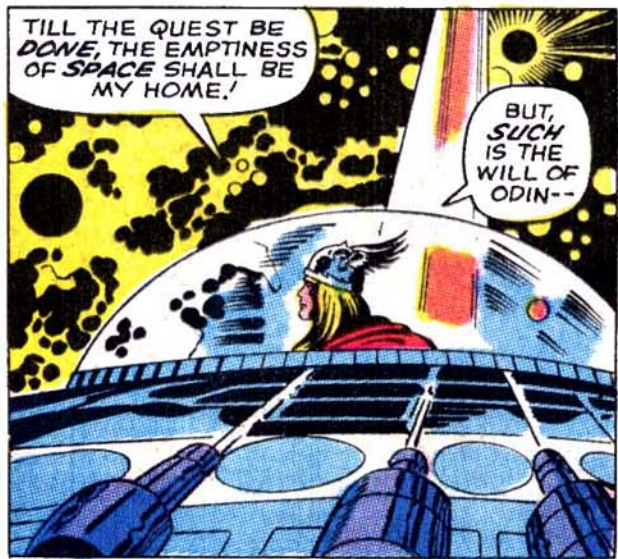
BLOOD OF MY BLOOD, MAY *FORTUNE* FIND THEE!

FOR, IF THOU SHOULDST *FALL--* THY FATHER'S *HEART* WILT WITHER, TOO!

GONE TO SEEK *GALACTUS--* WHOSE POWER DOTH CHALLENGE MINE *OWN!*



NOW GOES THOR
WHERE MAN OR
GOD HATH NEVER
VENTURED!



TILL THE QUEST BE
DONE, THE EMPTINESS
OF SPACE SHALL BE
MY HOME!

BUT,
SUCH
IS THE
WILL OF
ODIN--



AND, THOUGH
I BE THE
GOD OF
THUNDER--

STILL BE I
MY FATHER'S
SON!

STILL
MUST
THOR
OBEY!



AND, WHAT OF
HIM WHOM I
MUST FIND?

WHEN AT
LAST WE
TWO SHALL
MEET--

-- WHICH SHALL BE
THE VICTOR? AND
WHICH SHALL
FALL-- TO RISE
NO MORE?

LOST IN REVERIE,
THE NOBLE IMMORTAL
GRIMLY PACES THE
SPEEDING SHIP...



EVEN AS IT STREAKS PAST THE FADING
SOLAR SYSTEM-- WHERE BALDER
STANDS UPON THE EARTH BELOW--

I WAS DR. BLAKE WHOM YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR SAVING YOU!

FOR, IN LIVING TRUTH, NO OTHER SURGEON IS ALSO--GOD OF THUNDER!

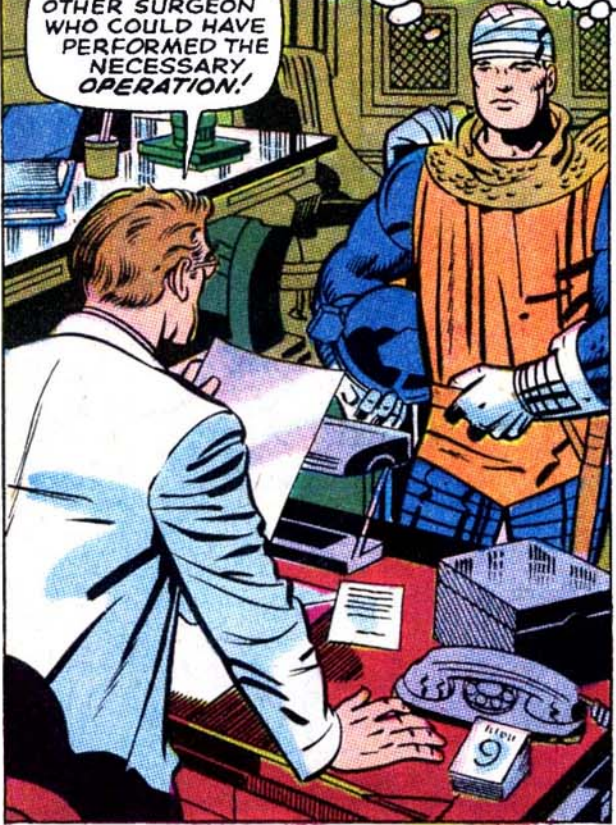
'T WAS THOR HIMSELF DIDST SAVE ME!

BLAKE WAS IN A HURRY! I'VE NEVER KNOWN A MAN TO COME AND GO SO SUDDENLY!

THOUGH I FAIL TO SEE HOW YOU'LL BE ABLE TO DECIPHER THAT ILLEGIBLE SCRAWL!

I KNOW OF NO OTHER SURGEON WHO COULD HAVE PERFORMED THE NECESSARY OPERATION!

AT ANY RATE, HE LEFT THAT MESSAGE FOR YOU!



THOUGH IT BE MEANINGLESS TO MORTAL EYES-- TO BALDER IT IS CRYSTAL CLEAR!

HE HATH BEGUN THE QUEST-- BUT, IN SO DOING, LEAVES EARTH UNGUARDED!

FEAR NOT, NOBLE PRINCE! HERE, IN THY STEAD, SHALL BALDER STAND! HERE, IN THY NAME, SHALL BALDER FIGHT!

I TOLD YOU YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO READ IT!

I DON'T SEE HOW A MAN LIKE BLAKE CAN BE SO CARELESS ABOUT HIS HAND-WRITING!

THERE BE MUCH THOU DOST NOT SEE!



I THANK THEE FOR THINE ENDEAVORS IN MY BEHALF!

AND NOW MUST BALDER TAKE HIS LEAVE!

IT SEEMS YOU HAVE FRIENDS WAITING FOR YOU-- IN THE ANTEROOM!

FRIENDS? IN THIS PLACE WHERE MORTALS DWELL?





LET BALDER SEE THEN WHO DOTH AWAIT HIM!



DEFEND THYSELF, VARLET!

FROM AROUND YON CORNER--THE THREAT OF NAKED STEEL!



HOLD, NOBLE BALDER! WE DO BUT JEST WITH THEE!

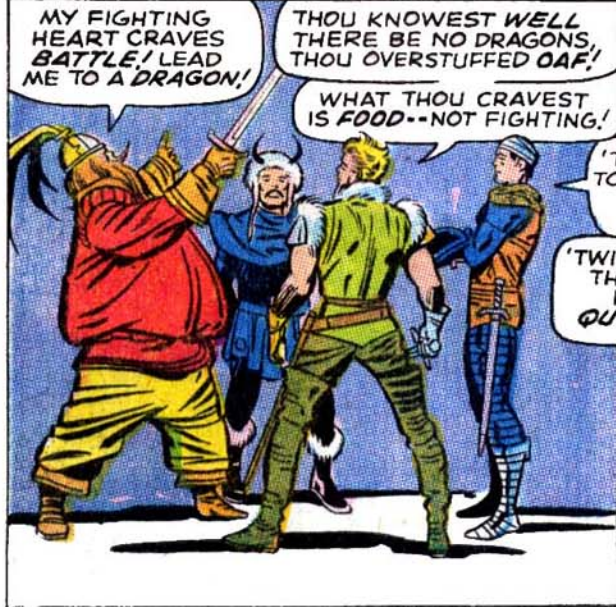
DASHING FANDRAL! HOGUN, THE GRIM! AND VOLUMINOUS VOLSTAGG!

DO MINE EYES DECEIVE ME?

NOT SO, ASGARDIAN!

ODIN HATH SENT US TO JOIN THEE!

AY! LET EVILDOERS TREMBLE AT THE SIGHT OF VOLSTAGG!



MY FIGHTING HEART CRAVES BATTLE! LEAD ME TO A DRAGON!

THOU KNOWEST WELL THERE BE NO DRAGONS, THOU OVERSTUFFED OAF!

WHAT THOU CRAVEST IS FOOD--NOT FIGHTING!

'TIS GOOD TO SEE THEE, ONE AND ALL!

'TWILL MAKE THE TIME PASS QUICKER!



YON MORTALS LOOK ALARMED! METHINKS THEY READ DISTURBING NEWS!

BUT, WHATE'ER MAY BE AMISS, THE VALOR OF VOLSTAGG WILL SOON PUT TO RIGHT!

LET US LEARN WHAT DOTH DISTURB THEM!

DAILY VIEWER
SECRET ATOMIC PLANTS IN ORIENT!



THOU MAYEST HAND ME A PAPER, MORTAL!

YEAH! YEAH! SOON AS YOU HAND ME A DIME, BIG MOUTH!

WHAT? THOU WOULDST ASK RECOMPENSE OF AN ASGARDIAN?!!

KNOWEST THOU NOT I AM HERE TO PROTECT THEE?

LOOK, I DUNNO WHAT YOU'RE SELLIN', MISTER--



--BUT NOBODY'S BUMMIN' A PAPER OFF ME WITHOUT PAYIN' FOR IT! NOBODY!

FORSOOTH! THE GAUNTLET IS HURLED! VOLSTAGG IS ATTACKED!

WHAK!



BUT, DESPITE THE ODDS--VOLSTAGG SHALL NOT FLINCH! TO ARMS! TO ARMS!

I BEG THEE, FORGIVE THE VOCIFEROUS VOLSTAGG!

WE DO BE COMRADES OF MIGHTY THOR--AND MEAN THEE NO HARM!



THE WAY YOU TALK-- I SHOULD'A GUESSED!

ANY PAL OF THOR'S CAN HAVE A PAPER ANY TIME! HELP YOURSELF, FELLA!



WE ONLY WISH TO LEARN WHAT PROBLEMS PLAGUE THY MORTAL WORLD!

YOU WANNA KNOW WHAT PROBLEMS WE GOT?

JUST LOOK AROUND YA, SON!



IT MATTERS NOT WHAT FOES WE FACE--

I SENSE GRAVE DANGER NEAR! AND YET, WE KNOW NOT THE WAYS OF EARTH--OR OF MORTAL MEN!

WE SHALL BE EQUAL TO THE TASK!

THEN FANDRAL SAYS THEE --'TIS TIME TO LEARN!



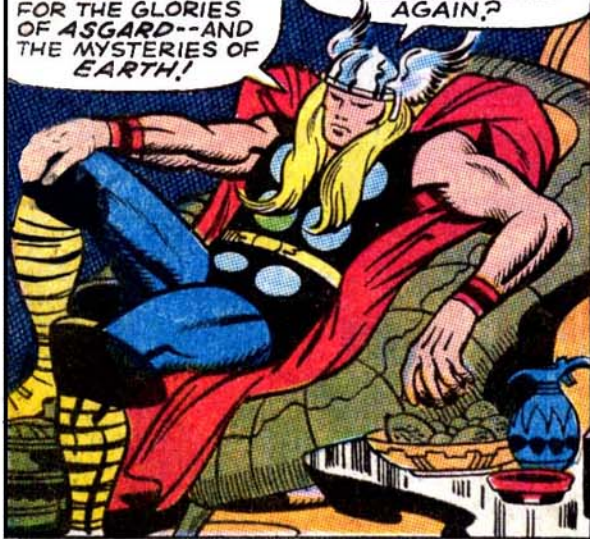
AND, SPEAKING OF DANGER--LET US TURN TO THE FURTHEST REACH OF SPACE--WHERE WE FIND--

GUIDED BY THE POWER OF ODIN, I JOURNEY ON!

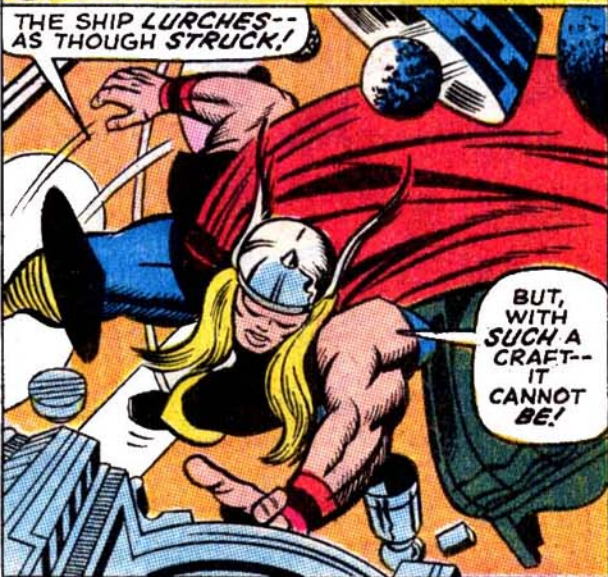
--ON THRU THE INFINITE REACHES OF THE UNENDING COSMOS!

ALREADY MY HEART
DOETH HUNGER FOR
THE SIGHT OF SIF--
FOR THE GLORIES
OF ASGARD--AND
THE MYSTERIES OF
EARTH!

WHEN, IF EVER,
SHALL THEY BE MINE
TO SAVOR ONCE
AGAIN?

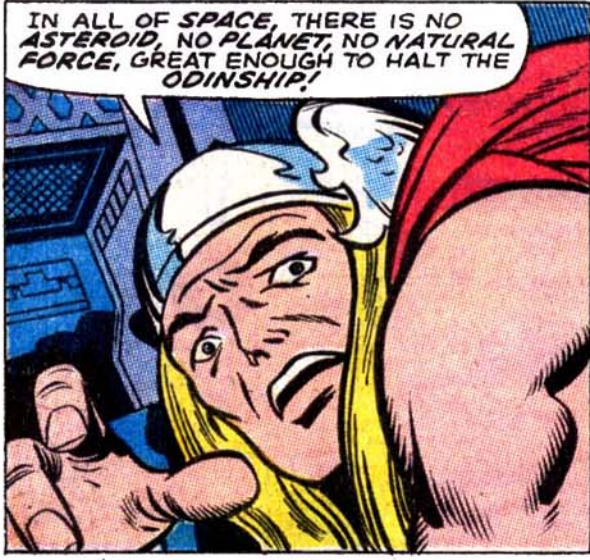


SUDDENLY, WITHOUT ANY WARNING--
THE SHIP LURCHES--
AS THOUGH STRUCK!

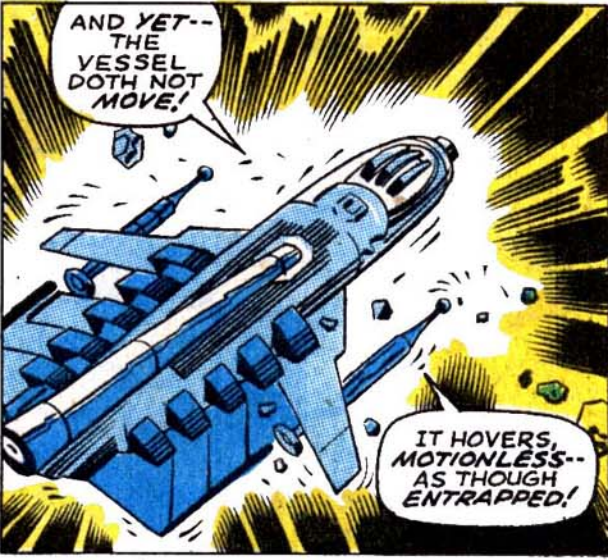


BUT,
WITH
SUCH A
CRAFT--
IT
CANNOT
BE!

IN ALL OF SPACE, THERE IS NO
ASTEROID, NO PLANET, NO NATURAL
FORCE, GREAT ENOUGH TO HALT THE
ODINSHIP!



AND YET--
THE
VESSEL
DOETH NOT
MOVE!

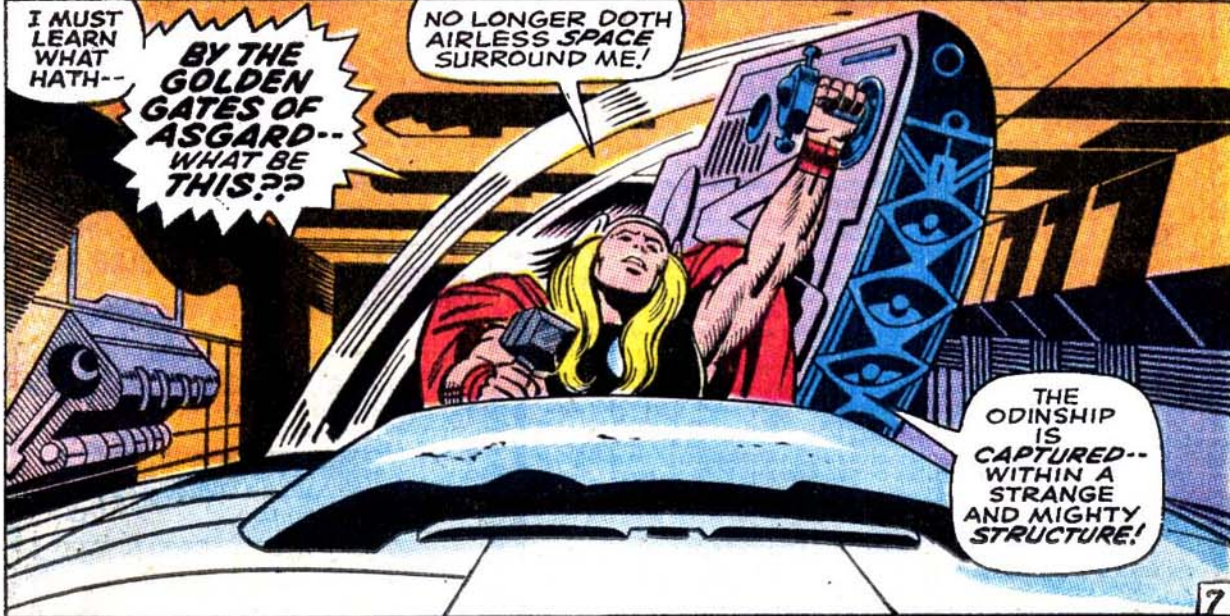


IT HOVERS,
MOTIONLESS--
AS THOUGH
ENTRAPPED!

I MUST
LEARN
WHAT
HATH--

**BY THE
GOLDEN
GATES OF
ASGARD--
WHAT BE
THIS??**

NO LONGER DOETH
AIRLESS SPACE
SURROUND ME!



THE
ODINSHIP
IS
CAPTURED--
WITHIN A
STRANGE
AND MIGHTY
STRUCTURE!

AT THAT VERY INSTANT--AN UNIMAGINABLE DISTANCE AWAY--AT A SECRET ATOMIC EXPERIMENTAL CENTER--IN THE MYSTERIOUS ORIENT--ON PLANET EARTH--



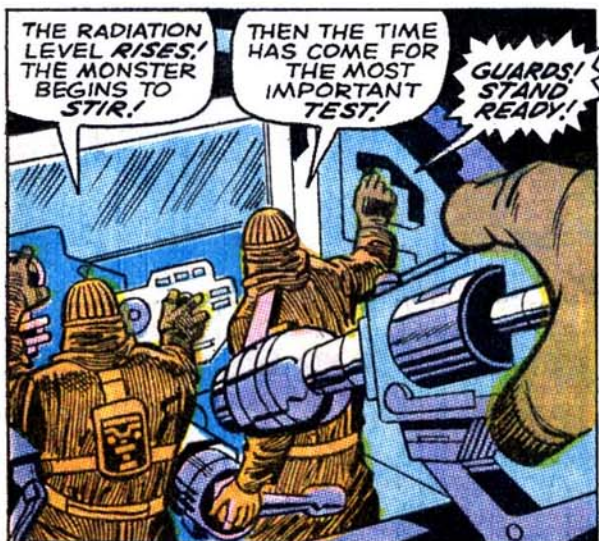
THE PROJECT IS AT LAST COMPLETED!

IT HAS TAKEN YEARS TO CREATE HIM!

BUT IT WAS TIME WELL SPENT!

THERMAL-MAN LIVES!

FOR HIS IS THE POWER TO BRING DESTRUCTION TO THE ACCURSED FREE WORLD!



THE RADIATION LEVEL RISES! THE MONSTER BEGINS TO STIR!

THEN THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE MOST IMPORTANT TEST!

GUARDS! STAND READY!



WITH A SINGLE THERMAL BLAST, HE HAS ATOMIZED HIS CHAINS!

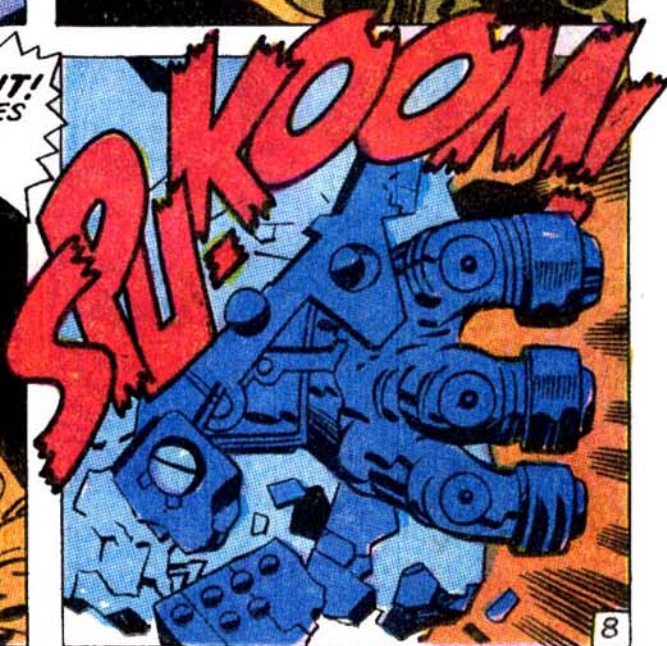
THAT MEANS--NO EARTHLY POWER CAN HOLD HIM!

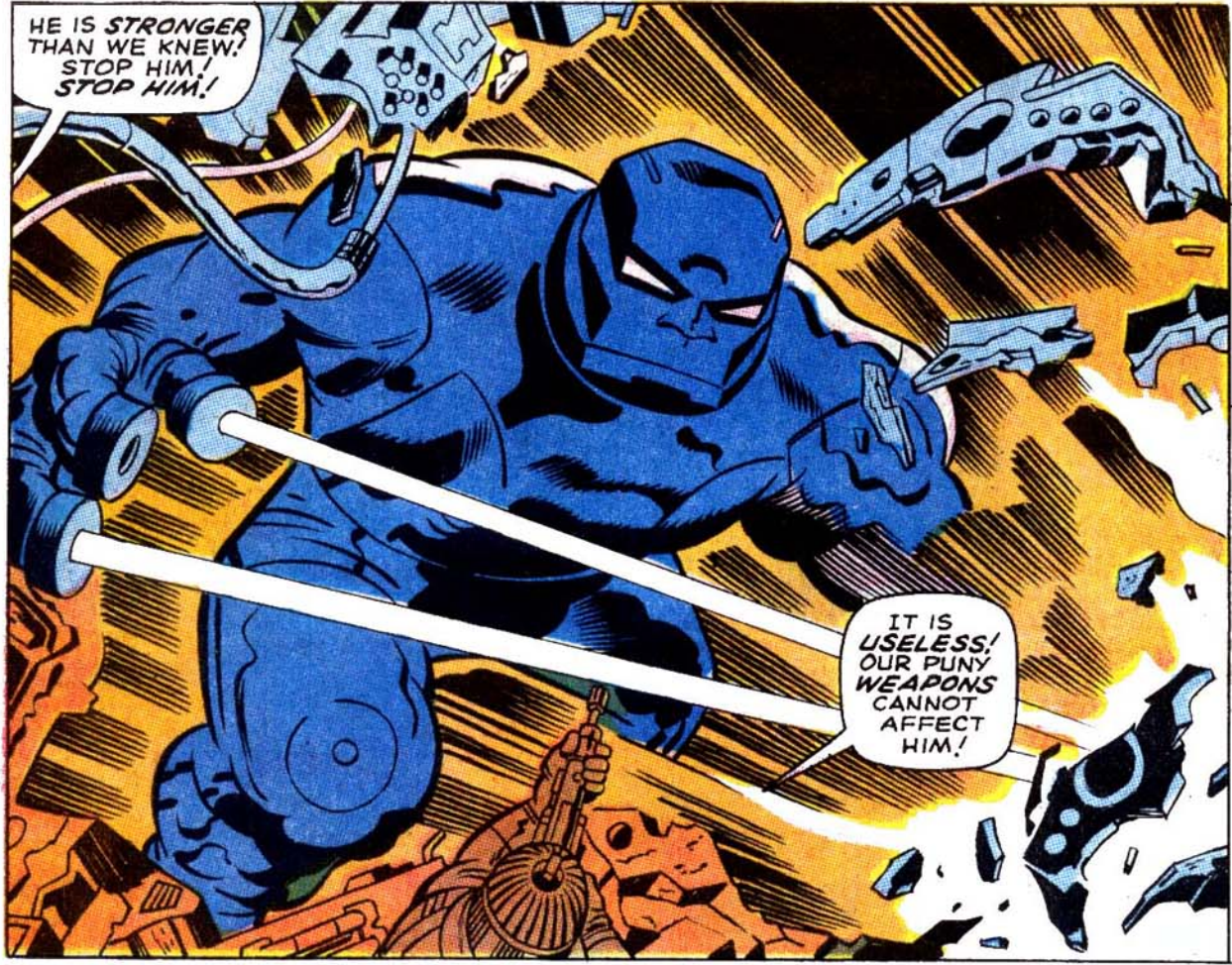


HE SEES US--THRU THE PLEXIGLASS!

HE HAS TURNED! HE BEGINS TO LUNGE!

LOOK OUT! HE PREPARES TO STRIKE THE WALL!





HE IS STRONGER THAN WE KNEW! STOP HIM! STOP HIM!

IT IS USELESS! OUR PUNY WEAPONS CANNOT AFFECT HIM!



NOTHING CAN STOP HIM--SAVE THE SONIC SHELL!

AND EVEN THAT WILL FAIL--UNLESS IT IS USED BEFORE HE REACHES HIS FULL POWER!

THE SHELL IS ON ITS WAY-- BUT WE DARE NOT WAIT!

BRING UP THE STUN-GUN!



FIRE!

HE MUST BE STOPPED-- SO WE MAY PROGRAM HIM ANEW!

BUT, BEFORE THE GIANT WEAPON CAN BE FIRED--

**TOO LATE!
HE SHATTERED
IT WITH BUT A
SINGLE THERMO-
BLAST!**

**ONLY THE
SONIC SHELL
CAN STOP
HIM NOW!**

**IN ANOTHER
FEW MINUTES,
NOT EVEN THE
POWER OF THE
SHELL COULD
STOP HIM!**

**WE HAVE
ARRIVED
JUST IN
TIME!**

**BUT NOW, WITH HIS
THERMAL STRENGTH
STILL IN THE
FORMULATIVE STAGE--**

**--THE SONIC BLAST CAN
VIBRATE THRU HIS ENTIRE
NERVOUS STRUCTURE--
CAUSING HIM TO
TOPPLE!**

**WE HAVE
HALTED
HIM--BUT
NOT FOR
LONG!** **THE ATOMIC PILE
WHICH GIVES HIM
LIFE STILL GLOWS
WITHIN HIS
MASSIVE CHEST!** **HE WILL SOON
ARISE--WITH
GREATER
STRENGTH
THAN EVER!**



SEND FOR THE LAUNCH TRAILER!

YOU MEAN--THE TIME HAS COME? THE WEST WILL FEEL OUR BLOW AT LAST?

YES! THE THERMAL-MAN MUST NOW BEGIN HIS JOURNEY!



BRING HIM TO THE ROCKET!



THE FOOLS OF THE FREE WORLD KNEW WE WERE MAKING ATOMIC TESTS!

BUT LITTLE DID THEY SUSPECT WE WERE CREATING AN ARTIFICIAL THERMAL BEING!



A HUMANOIDAL ENGINE OF DESTRUCTION WHO CANNOT BE STOPPED-- CANNOT BE SLAIN!



ONLY ONE PURPOSE HAS HE--AND ONE ALONE--



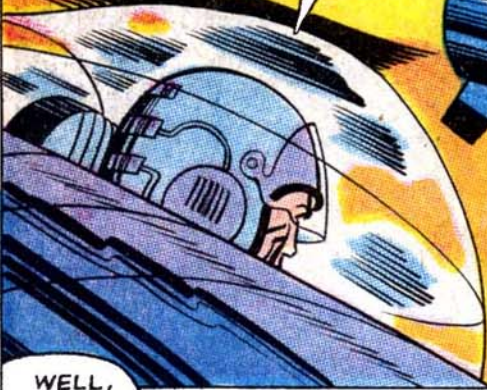
HE SHALL BRING THE WESTERN WORLD TO ITS KNEES!

SUCH IS THE PURPOSE-- AND THE FATE-- OF THERMAL-MAN!

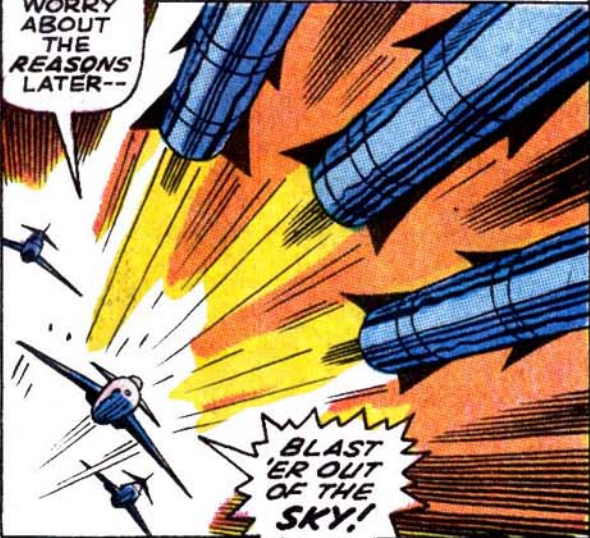
MINUTES LATER, HIGH ABOVE THE WESTERN COAST OF CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES--

A MISSILE --FROM ACROSS THE PACIFIC!

WHY WOULD THEY ATTACK WITH ONLY ONE?



WELL, WE'LL WORRY ABOUT THE REASONS LATER--



BLAST 'ER OUT OF THE SKY!



WE GOT IT!

BUT, AS THE DEBRIS DROPS TO EARTH --ONE STRANGE OBJECT FALLS UNNOTICED--



AN OBJECT SO POWERFUL THAT NOT EVEN THE SHOCK OF LANDING CAN HARM IT!



--INSTEAD, THE IMPACT CAUSES IT TO--WAKEN!

MEANWHILE--BACK TO THE THUNDER GOD--



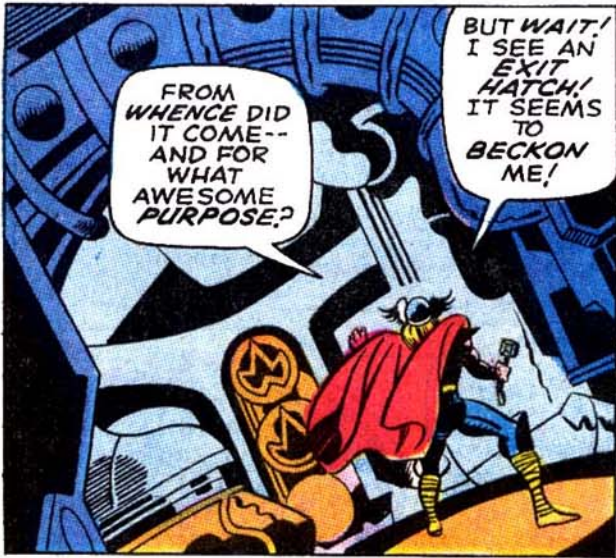
THE ODINSHIP HATH BEEN STOPPED IN FLIGHT--

AND IS NOW CONFINED, WITHIN YON STRANGE AND NAMELESS STRUCTURE!

THOR MUST LEARN WHAT HATH OCCURRED --AND WHY!

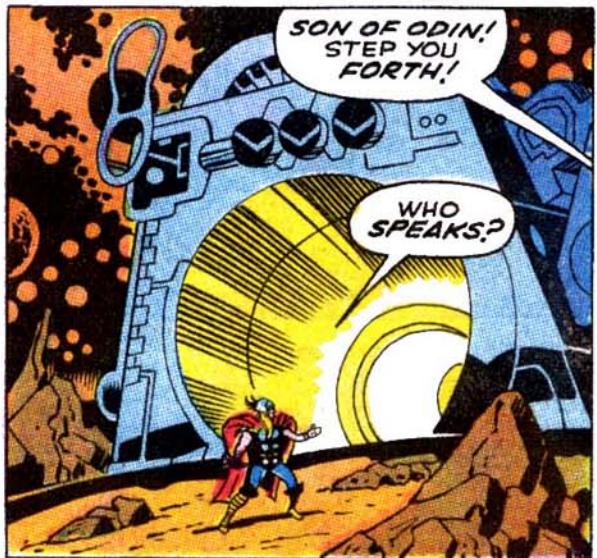


NE'ER BEFORE HAVE MINE EYES BEHELD SUCH EDIFICE AS THIS!



FROM WHENCE DID IT COME-- AND FOR WHAT AWESOME PURPOSE?

BUT WAIT! I SEE AN EXIT HATCH! IT SEEMS TO BECKON ME!



SON OF ODIN! STEP YOU FORTH!

WHO SPEAKS?



WHAT BEING HATH THE POWER TO TRAP THE MIGHTY ODINSHIP?

THE ONE YOU SEEK! THE ONE WHO IS POSSESSED OF POWER BEYOND MEASURE!



THUNDER GOD, BEHOLD GALACTUS!

METHOUGHT THE QUEST WOULD TAKE AN AGE-- BUT, SINCE THE TIME BE NOW--

THEN THOR SHALL DO WHAT MUST BE DONE--!

ASGARDIAN! IT IS NOT MY WISH TO BATTLE!

BATTLE WE MUST-- SINCE THOU ART ODIN'S ENEMY SWORN!

THY POWER BIDS FAIR TO RIVAL HIS!

BUT ETERNAL ASGARD MUST NE'ER BE THREATENED!

YOU STRIKE IN VAIN! MY GALACTIAN BARRIER NOW STANDS BETWEEN US!

DID IT NOT OCCUR TO YOU THAT I HAVE AWAITED YOUR COMING?

GALACTUS IS WEARY OF THE CHASE!

YOU STAND BEFORE ME BECAUSE IT WAS MY WISH THAT I BE FOUND!

NOW, THERE IS MUCH THAT MUST BE SAID!

--MUCH THAT I HAVE THOUGHT UPON--FOR LO, THESE UNTOLD AGES!

AND NOW--TO
SPEED YOUR
UNDERSTANDING--
I UNLEASH A
VISI-CLOUD--

ITS MIST SHALL PENETRATE
THE FIBERS OF YOUR *BODY*--
THE INNER REACHES OF YOUR
BRAIN--

FOR YOU MUST
SEE WHAT I
SHALL TELL YOU--

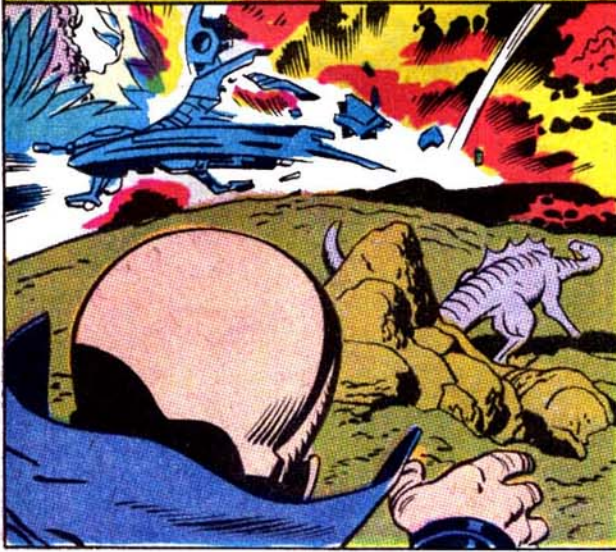
AND, WHAT
YOU SEE,
YOU MUST
BELIEVE!

AND SO
YOU SHALL!
AND SO
YOU SHALL!

"AGES UPON AGES AGO--WHEN GALAXIES
WERE STILL A'BORNING--WHEN EARTH
WAS IN ITS INFANCY--"

"THERE WAS ONE BEING--CALLED THE
WATCHER--WHOSE EYES SPANNED THE
COSMOS IN A CONSTANT VIGIL--"

"NOW, I TELL OF A DAY--ON A FAR DISTANT PLANET--WHEN HE WITNESSED THE CRASH OF A FALLING STARSHIP--"



IT IS A VESSEL OF HIGHLY ADVANCED DESIGN--BUILT BY A WISE AND ANCIENT RACE!

--SO POWERFULLY BUILT THAT IT IS ONLY SLIGHTLY DAMAGED!



BUT, THOUGH ALL SEEMS TO BE IN GOOD WORKING ORDER--

WHERE ARE THE OCCUPANTS?
WHERE IS THE CREW?



"AND THEN-- HE FOUND THE GRIM, SILENT ANSWER--"

THAT HAND!
OF COURSE--
I SHOULD HAVE REALIZED--!



I SEE IT! THE VISI-HAZE DOTH SHOW ME YON DREAD SCENE!

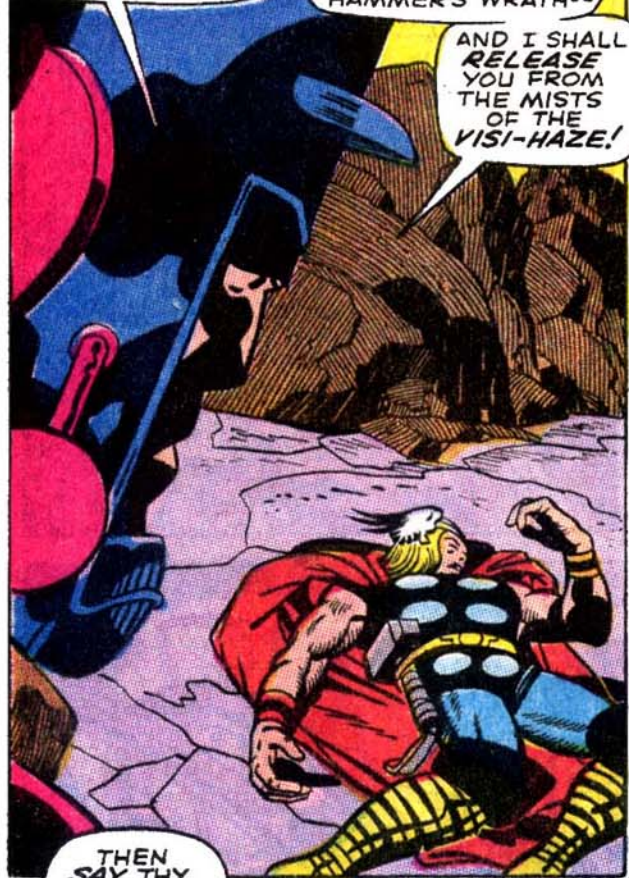
'TWAS A PLAGUE SHIP THAT HATH CRASHED!
A SHIP OF PESTILENCE--WITH ALL ABOARD IT DEAD!



YOU HAVE BUT SEEN THE **BEGINNINGS** OF MY TALE!

PLEDGE ME YOUR **WORD** THAT YOU WILL **STAY** YOUR HAMMER'S WRATH--

AND I SHALL **RELEASE** YOU FROM THE **MISTS** OF THE **VISI-HAZE!**



THEN **SAY** THY **PIECE**, GALACTUS!

THOR SHALL NOT **STRIKE**-- IF THERE BE NO **CAUSE!**

SO SPEAKS THE **SON** OF **ODIN!**

THEN **RISE** YOU NOW, **GOD** OF **THUNDER!** THERE IS **MUCH** THAT YOU MUST **HEAR!**



FOR, IT IS YOUR **UNDERSTANDING** I SEEK-- AND NOT YOUR **ENMITY!**



BUT, WHILE OUR HERO TAKES A MOMENT TO CLEAR THE COBWEBS, LET'S QUICKLY SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE DEADLY THERMAL-MAN--

I WAS CREATED FOR ONE PURPOSE--FOR DESTRUCTION!

I MUST DO WHAT I WAS BORN TO DO!
I MUST NOT BE FOUND WANTING!

BEFORE ME LIES A CITY--
A CITY TO BE CRUSHED!

AND, WITHIN THAT UNSUSPECTING CITY--

WHEN WILT THOU LEARN, THE FURNITURE OF MORTALS IS NOT FOR SUCH AS THEE!

NAY!
VOLSTAGG IS TRULY GRACE INCARNATE!

THE WOOD ITSELF IS FAULTY!

METHINKS DON BLAKE SHOULD PURCHASE STOUTER CHAIRS!

FANDRAL! I HAVE NEED OF THEE!

SURELY 'TIS NO PROBLEM, GRIM ONE! MERELY LEAVE HIM ON THE FLOOR!

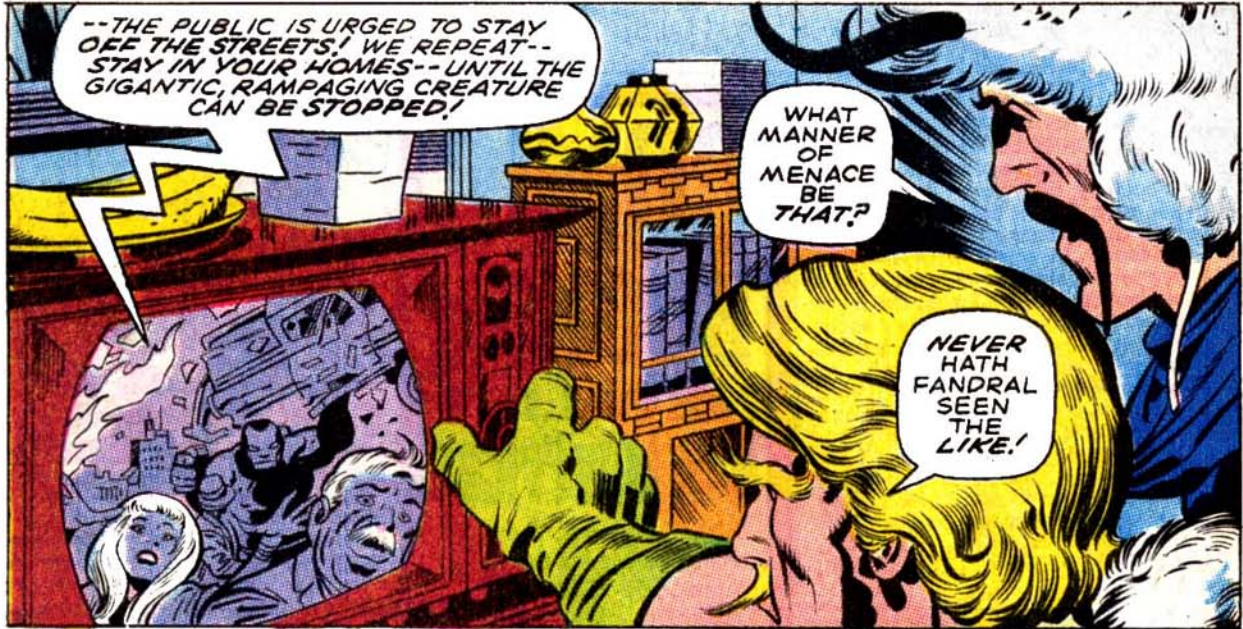
HAVING BROKEN EVERY CHAIR, VOLSTAGG NOW HATH CRUSHED THE BED!

BUT WHAT IF THAT BE NEXT TO CRUMBLE?

HOLD, ASGARDIAN!

THERE-- UPON YON SCREEN! THE IMAGE HATH SUDDENLY CHANGED!

A CALAMITY HATH BEFALLEN THE CITY!



--THE PUBLIC IS URGED TO STAY OFF THE STREETS! WE REPEAT-- STAY IN YOUR HOMES-- UNTIL THE GIGANTIC, RAMPAGING CREATURE CAN BE STOPPED!

WHAT MANNER OF MENACE BE THAT?!

NEVER HATH FANDRAL SEEN THE LIKE!



HE DECIMATES AN ENTIRE BUILDING WITH BUT A GLANCE!



'TIS GOOD THAT ODIN GAVE US LEAVE TO VISIT THEE!

METHINKS 'T WILL BE BATTLE ENOW FOR ALL!

TO SWORD, ASGARDIANS!

BALDER -- WHERE THOU LEAD, WE FOLLOW!



THOUGH THE THUNDER GOD BE GONE--

THIS WORLD HE HATH LOVED SO WELL SHALL NOT BE LEFT UNGUARDED!



SO SPEAKS HOGUN!

SO SPEAKS BALDER!

SO SPEAKS FANDRAL!

