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# THE MIGHTY THOR

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The **INVASION OF THE THERMAL MAN!**

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# THE MIGHTY THOR!

## THE THUNDER GOD

# AND THE THERMAL MAN!

WHAT  
MONSTROUS  
MADNESS  
IS THIS?

I HAVE  
RETURNED TO  
EARTH, ONLY  
TO FIND ITS  
GREATEST CITY  
HATH BEEN  
EVACUATED!

'TIS AS  
THOUGH  
SOME  
DREADED  
MENACE  
DOTH NOW  
ATTACK  
NEW YORK!

A NEW ACTION  
SPECTACULAR, BY:  
**STAN LEE**  
and  
**JACK KIRBY**

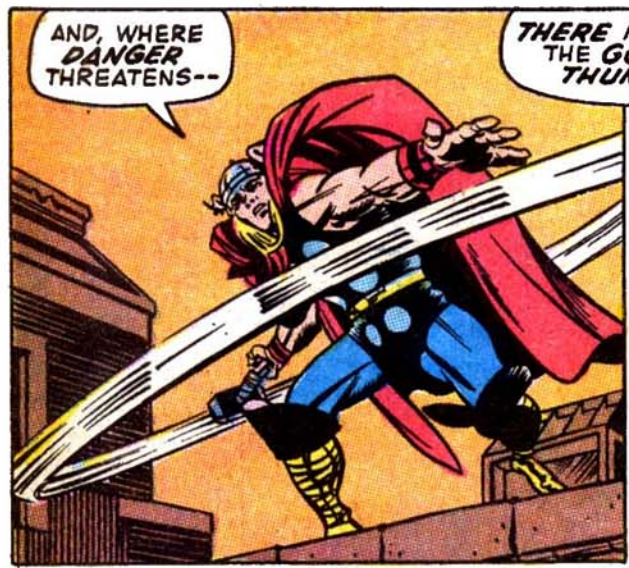
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BEYOND YON SPIRES--I BEHOLD A SMOLDERING BLAZE!

'TIS THERE METHINKS THE DANGER LIES!



AND, WHERE DANGER THREATENS--

THERE MUST GO THE GOD OF THUNDER!



THERE MUST THOR BE FOUND!



IN THE MIDST OF THE CARNAGE--A FIGURE STANDS--MORE THAN TWICE THE SIZE OF MORTAL MAN!



THUNDER GOD-- HALT! DO NOT ATTACK!

THE VOICE OF BALDER CALLS!

**WARRIORS OF ASGARD!** THOU HAST GUARDED EARTH WHILST THOR WAS GONE! FOR THIS I GIVE THEE THANKS!

HE IS THE **THERMAL MAN!** AN ARTIFICIAL BEING-- POWERED BY AN EARTHLY **ATOMIC PILE!**

NOT EVEN **OUR** ASGARDIAN STRENGTH COULD MAKE HIM FALL!

IF **VOLSTAGG** CANNOT STOP HIM-- THEN HE TRULY IS **UNSTOPPABLE!**

BUT WHAT **NEW MENACE** STALKS THE LAND?



THE ONLY POWER WHICH EXCEEDS OUR **OWN** IS THE POWER OF THE **ATOM!**

**NEVER** HAVE WE FACED SUCH FOE AS **THAT!**

BUT WHAT IS HIS **PURPOSE?** WHAT IS HIS **PLAN?**

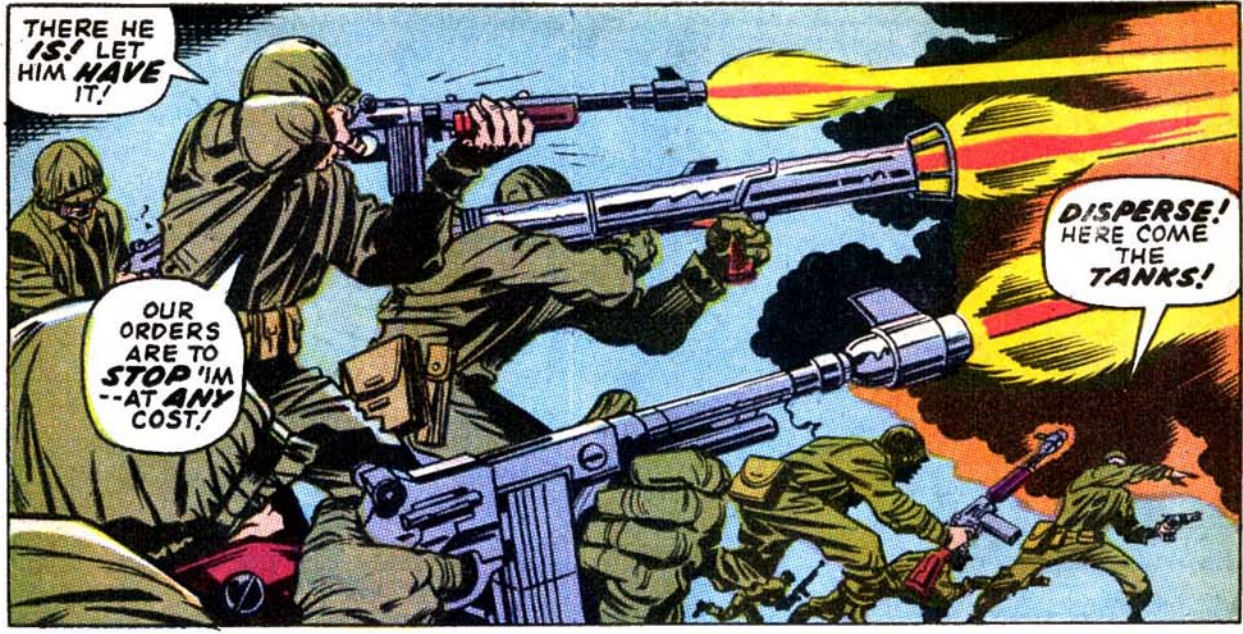
HE WAS SENT TO ATTACK, TO **WEAKEN** THE FREE WORLD!



BUT NOT EVEN THOSE WHO **CREATED** HIM DREAMED THAT HIS POWER WOULD **INCREASE** WITH EVERY **PASSING SECOND!**

HE **TURNS!** HE SENSES **DANGER** FROM A DIFFERENT **SOURCE!**

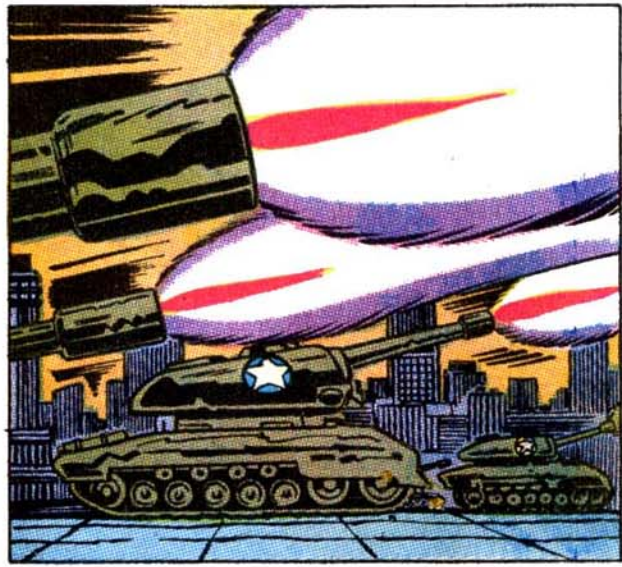




THERE HE IS! LET HIM HAVE IT!

OUR ORDERS ARE TO STOP 'IM -- AT ANY COST!

DISPERSE! HERE COME THE TANKS!



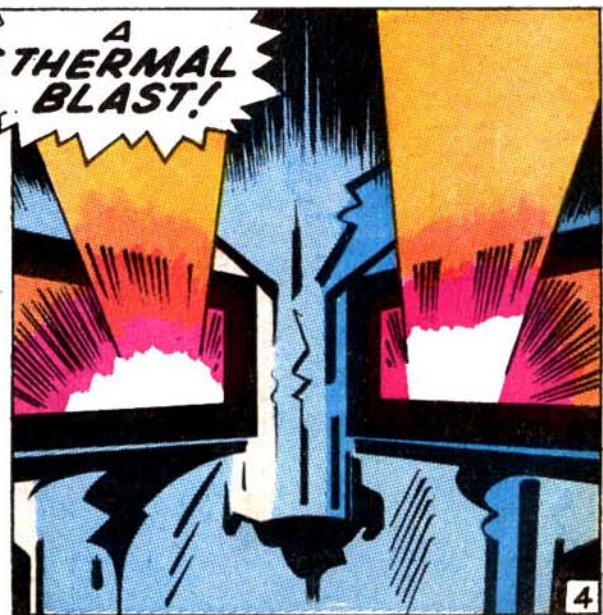
IT'S NO USE! HE'S STILL STANDING!

IF THOSE SHELLS CAN'T STOP HIM-- WHAT CAN??



TAKE COVER! HIS EYES ARE BEGINNING TO GLOW--!!

IT MEANS HE'S ABOUT TO UNLEASH--



A THERMAL BLAST!

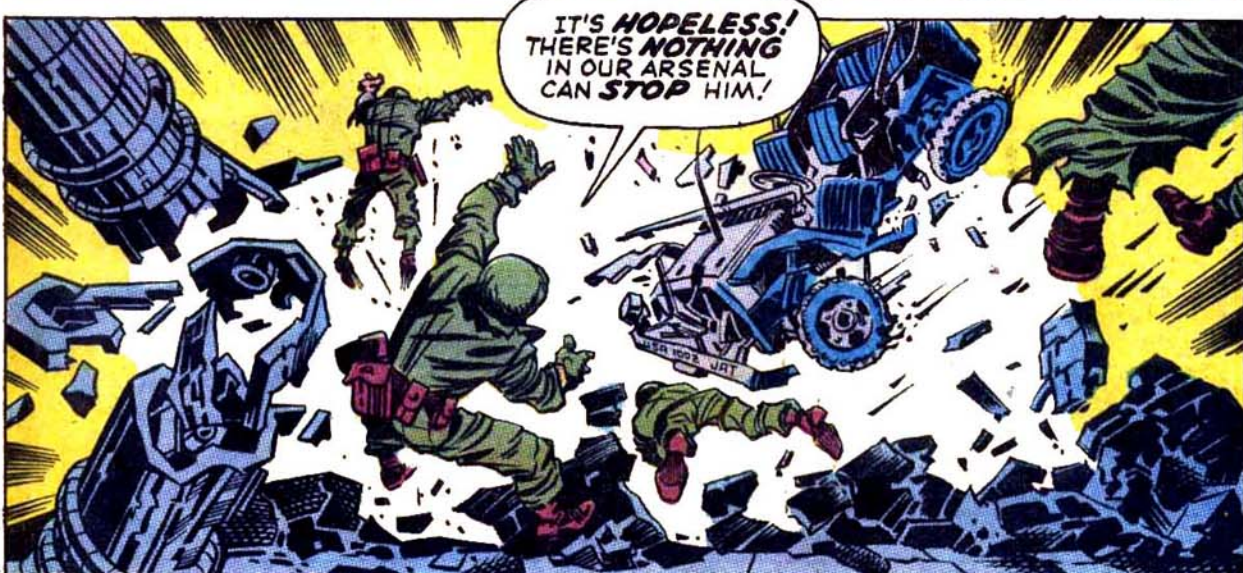


MOVE IT, YOU GUYS!! THE GROUND'S GETTING **HOT--** STARTIN' TO TURN INTO **LAVA!!**



HE EVEN MANAGED TO MELT THE **TANKS!**

WATCH IT! LOOK OUT FOR THE **SHOCK BLASTS!**



IT'S **HOPELESS!** THERE'S **NOTHING** IN OUR ARSENAL CAN **STOP** HIM!



THE MORTALS ARE **HELPLESS!** THUS, 'TIS FOR **US** TO ACT!

SON OF ODIN--WE **FOLLOW** WHERE THOU WILT **LEAD!**



THEN WARRIORS **ONWARD--!**

LET EVIL  
TREMBLE!!  
LET FOES  
BEWARE!!

WE STRIKE  
FOR  
EARTH--  
AND THE  
REALM  
ETERNAL!

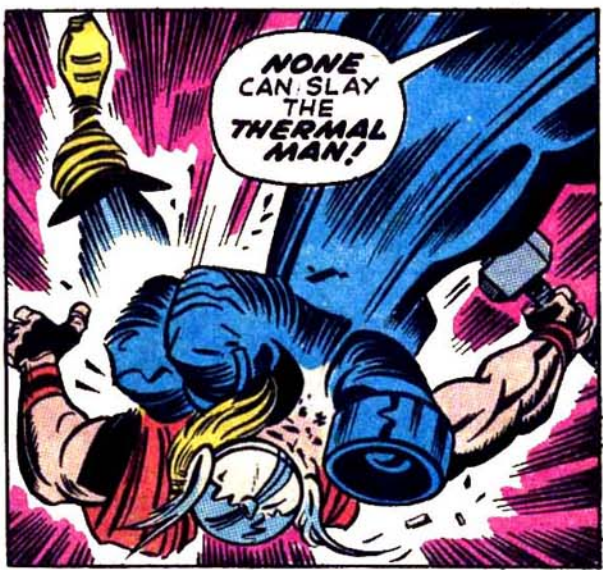




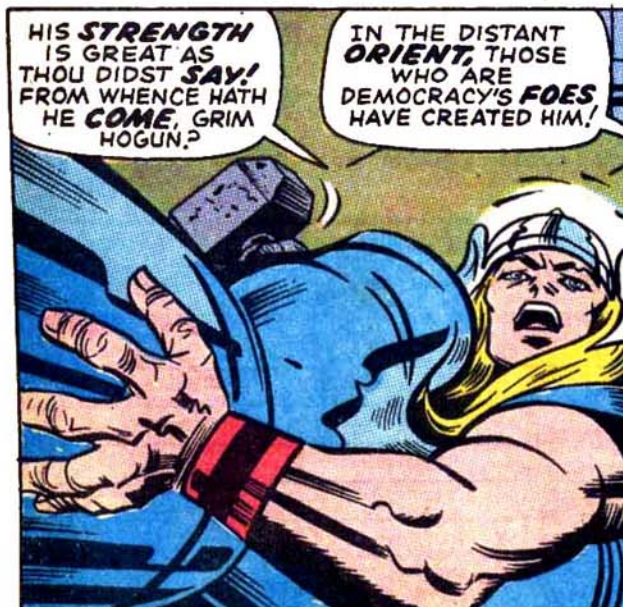
MJOLNIR HATH MADE HIM LOSE HIS FOOTING!



AND NOW I SAY THEE--  
**YIELD OR DIE!**



**NONE CAN SLAY THE THERMAL MAN!**



HIS **STRENGTH** IS GREAT AS THOU DIDST SAY! FROM WHENCE HATH HE **COME**, GRIM HOGUN?

IN THE DISTANT **ORIENT**, THOSE WHO ARE **DEMOCRACY'S FOES** HAVE CREATED HIM!



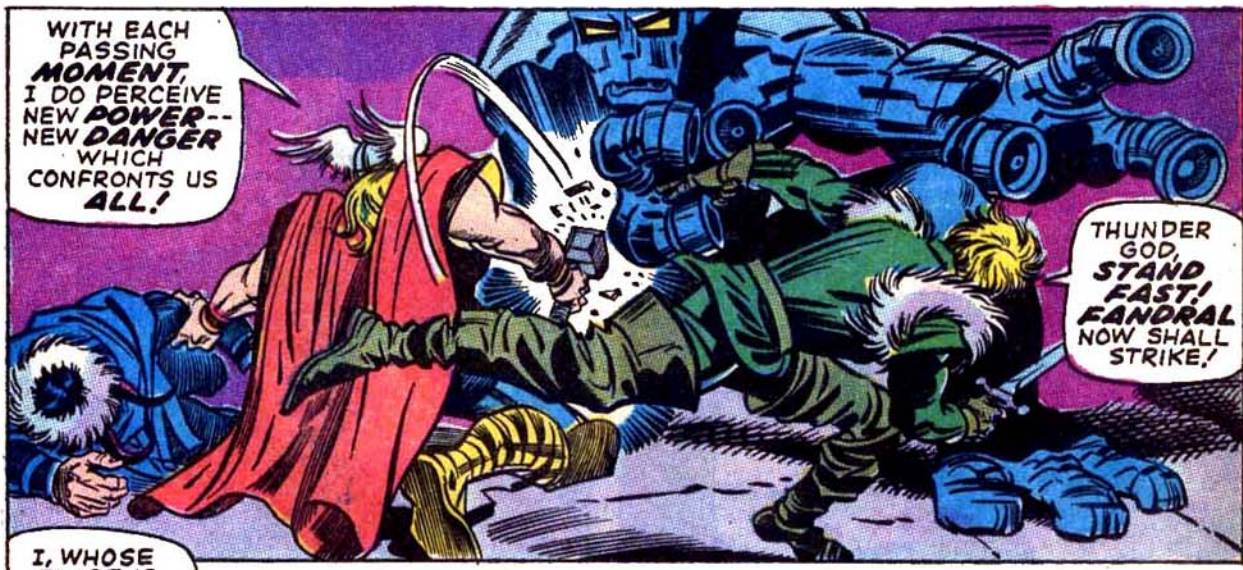
**BUT NOT EVEN THEY DIDST BARGAIN FOR POWER SUCH AS HIS!**





NOW LET HOGUN STRIKE, BEFORE HIS EYE CAN--  
**UNHHH!!**

**TOO LATE! NONE CAN FACE THE ONSLAUGHT OF HIS THERMAL EYE!**



WITH EACH PASSING **MOMENT**, I DO PERCEIVE **NEW POWER--**  
**NEW DANGER** WHICH CONFRONTS US **ALL!**

**THUNDER GOD, STAND FAST! FANDRAL NOW SHALL STRIKE!**

I, WHOSE BLADE IS **FATEST** IN THE REALM--



-- SHALL **USE** MY SPEED AND DERRING-- DO TO **DODGE** HIS BLASTS AND MAKE MY **THRUST!**



HE STRIKES -- BUT FANDRAL MOVES THE FASTER!



NOW SHALT THOU TASTE MY NAKED STEEL--!



ODDS BLOOD! WHAT MANNER OF BEING DO WE FIGHT??

MY BLADE IS SHATTERED -- LIKE A TOY!



AND FANDRAL TOO IS LIKEWISE HURLED AWAY!

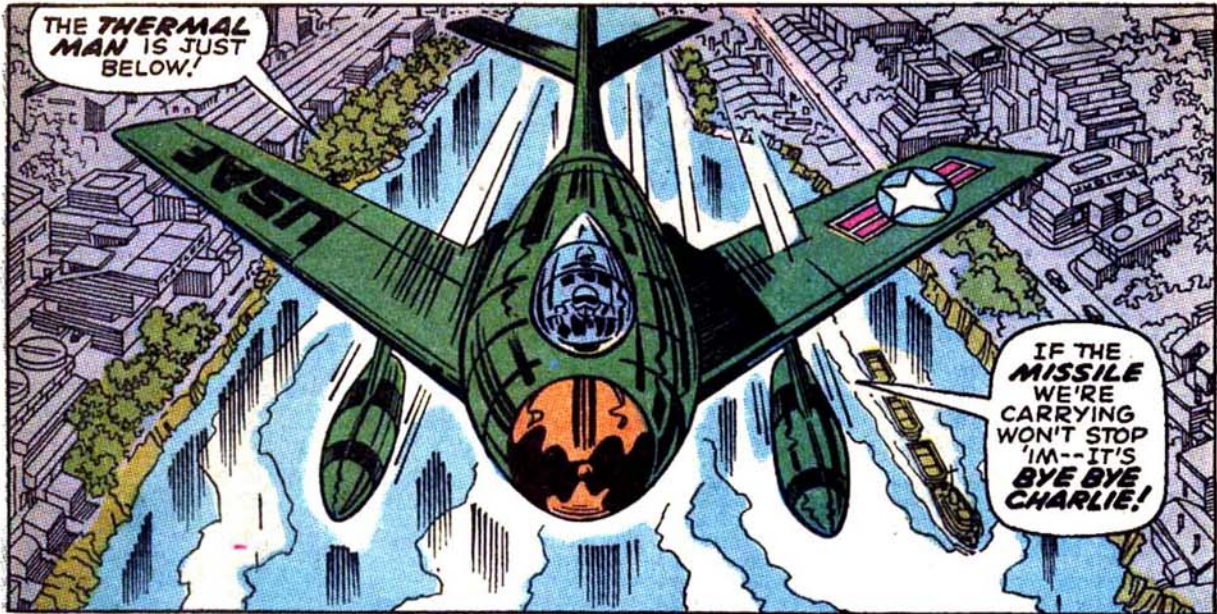


WE NEED A PLAN, ASGARDIANS. OUR FORCE ALONE WILL NOT THIS TIME PREVAIL!

BUT HOLD! I HEAR A ROAR FROM HIGH ABOVE!

'TIS THE SOUND OF A SPEEDING AIRCRAFT!

THE **THERMAL**  
**MAN** IS JUST  
BELOW!



IF THE  
**MISSILE**  
WE'RE  
CARRYING  
WON'T STOP  
'IM--IT'S  
**BYE BYE**  
**CHARLIE!**

HOW COME THE **BIRDS**  
BEHIND THE **BAMBOO**  
**CURTAIN** SHIPPED  
THIS ROCKET OVER  
TO US?

USE YOUR **HEAD**,  
MAN! THEY NEVER  
EXPECTED HIM TO  
BE SO **POWERFUL!**

IF **WE** CAN'T  
STOP 'IM--  
WHAT'LL  
HAPPEN IF  
HE EVER  
TURNS ON  
**THEM?**



WHAT'LL  
HAPPEN TO  
THE **CITY**  
WHEN SHE  
HITS?



IF **WE**, CAN TEAM UP FOR SOMETHING  
LIKE **THIS**--WHY CAN'T WE COOPERATE  
ON THINGS LIKE A LASTING **PEACE?**

WHY DO THE **REDS** AND  
**US** ALWAYS HAVE TO BE  
**ENEMIES?**

I'LL  
WRITECHA  
A  
**LETTER!**

THERE  
HE **IS!**  
**MISSILE**  
**AWAY!**



**BEHIND ME, ALL!**  
**MIGHTY MJOLNIR**  
SHALL GIVE US  
**SHELTER!**

THE **HUMANS**  
HAVE LOOSED  
AN AIRBORNE  
**MISSILE!**

**NOTHING!**  
IT WORKS  
ON THE  
PRINCIPLE  
OF  
**IMPLOSION!**

IT'LL EXPLODE  
**INWARDLY**--  
ONLY  
AFFECTING  
ITS SINGLE  
**TARGET!**





**SQUARELY  
IT DOTH  
STRIKE ITS  
TARGET!**



**HE SWAYS!  
HE FALLS!  
THE DEED  
SEEMS  
DONE!**



**HATH HE BEEN--  
DESTROYED?**

**SINCE HE HATH NEVER  
TRULY LIVED--HOW SHALL  
WE KNOW IF HE BE  
DEAD?**



**'TWERE BEST  
WE HERE  
STAND GUARD!  
FOR IF HE  
SHOULD  
AWAKEN--!**

**THOU SPEAKEST  
WISDOM, LOYAL  
BALDER!**

**BUT HOLD!! A  
CRY FOR HELP  
ASSAILS MINE  
EARS!**

LET ALL  
STAND FAST!  
THOR SHALL  
RETURN!



IF THERE BE  
DANGER NEW--  
I MUST **SPEED**--  
TO IT FORTH-  
WITH!

A  
**SERVICE-  
MAN--**  
IN MORTAL  
PAIN!

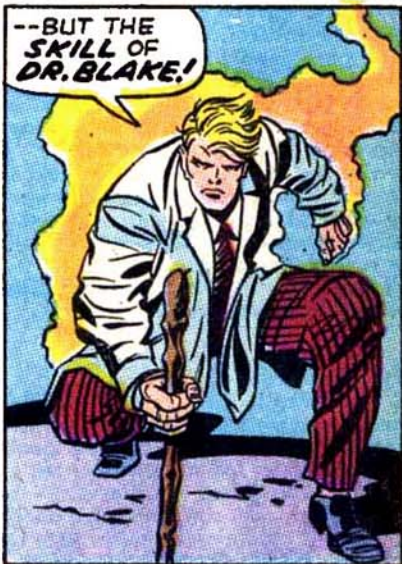


HE HATH  
BEEN  
GRAVELY  
**INJURED!**

'TIS NOT THOR'S  
**STRENGTH**  
THAT NOW IS  
WANTED--



--BUT THE  
**SKILL** OF  
DR. BLAKE!



**EASY, SOLDIER!**  
I'LL GET YOU TO  
THE NEAREST  
**MEDICAL FIELD**  
STATION AS  
FAST AS POSSIBLE!



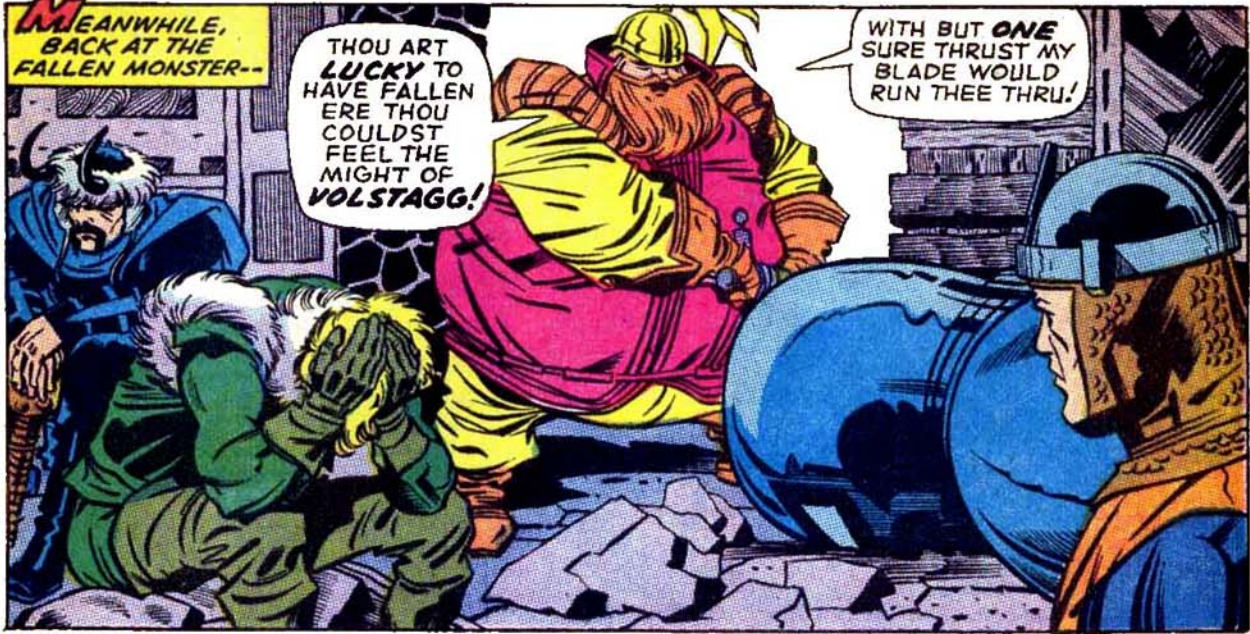
HIS **PULSE**  
STILL FEELS  
STRONG

WITH  
LUCK,  
I'LL BE  
ABLE TO  
**SAVE**  
HIM!

AND THEN  
I'LL  
RETURN TO  
THE  
**THERMAL**  
MAN!

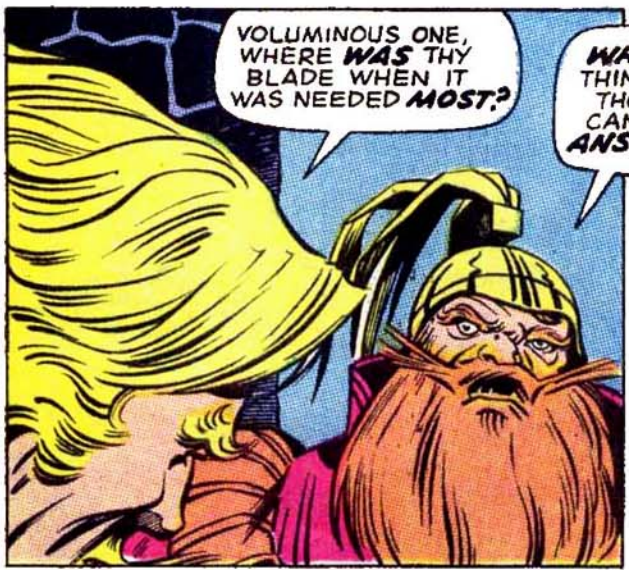


**MEANWHILE,  
BACK AT THE  
FALLEN MONSTER--**



THOU ART LUCKY TO HAVE FALLEN ERE THOU COULDST FEEL THE MIGHT OF VOLSTAGG!

WITH BUT ONE SURE THRUST MY BLADE WOULD RUN THEE THRU!



VOLUMINOUS ONE, WHERE WAS THY BLADE WHEN IT WAS NEEDED MOST?

WHAT?? THINKEST THOU I CANNOT ANSWER??



I DID BUT AWAIT THE PROPER MOMENT--LEST THOU ACCUSE ME OF WINNING THE VICTORY SINGLEHANDED!



BUT EVER DID I KNOW MY STRENGTH COULD CRUSH YON COWARDLY MONSTER!

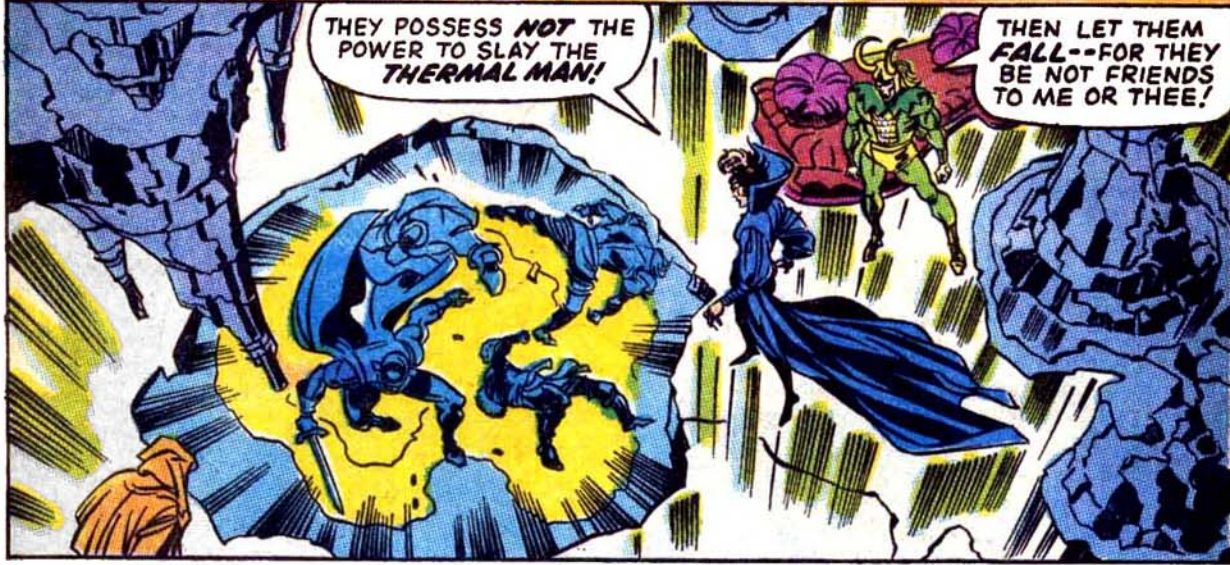
FOR ONLY MY COURAGE DOETH EXCEED MY POWER!



THEN USE ONE OR THE OTHER, WARRIOR! FOR OUR FOE ONCE MORE ARISES!

THEN CHARGE, ASGARDIANS! I HAVE WEARIED MYSELF WITH TALKING!

**AT THAT MOMENT--MANY WORLDS AWAY-- OTHER EYES OBSERVE THE SCENE, IN THE ENCHANTED POOL OF KARNILLA, QUEEN OF THE MYSTIC NORNS--**



THEY POSSESS **NOT** THE POWER TO SLAY THE **THERMAL MAN!**

THEN LET THEM **FALL--**FOR THEY BE NOT FRIENDS TO ME OR THEE!



AND WITH THEM **GONE**, OUR ENEMIES SHALL BE **FEWER!**

QUEEN OF ENCHANTMENT, WHY DOST THOU LOOK SO **WISTFUL?**



THOUGH **BALDER** DOTH NOT RETURN MY **LOVE--**I CANNOT LET HIM **PERISH!**



**KARNILLA-- STOP!!**

NOT EVEN FOR **THEE**, PRINCE OF EVIL!



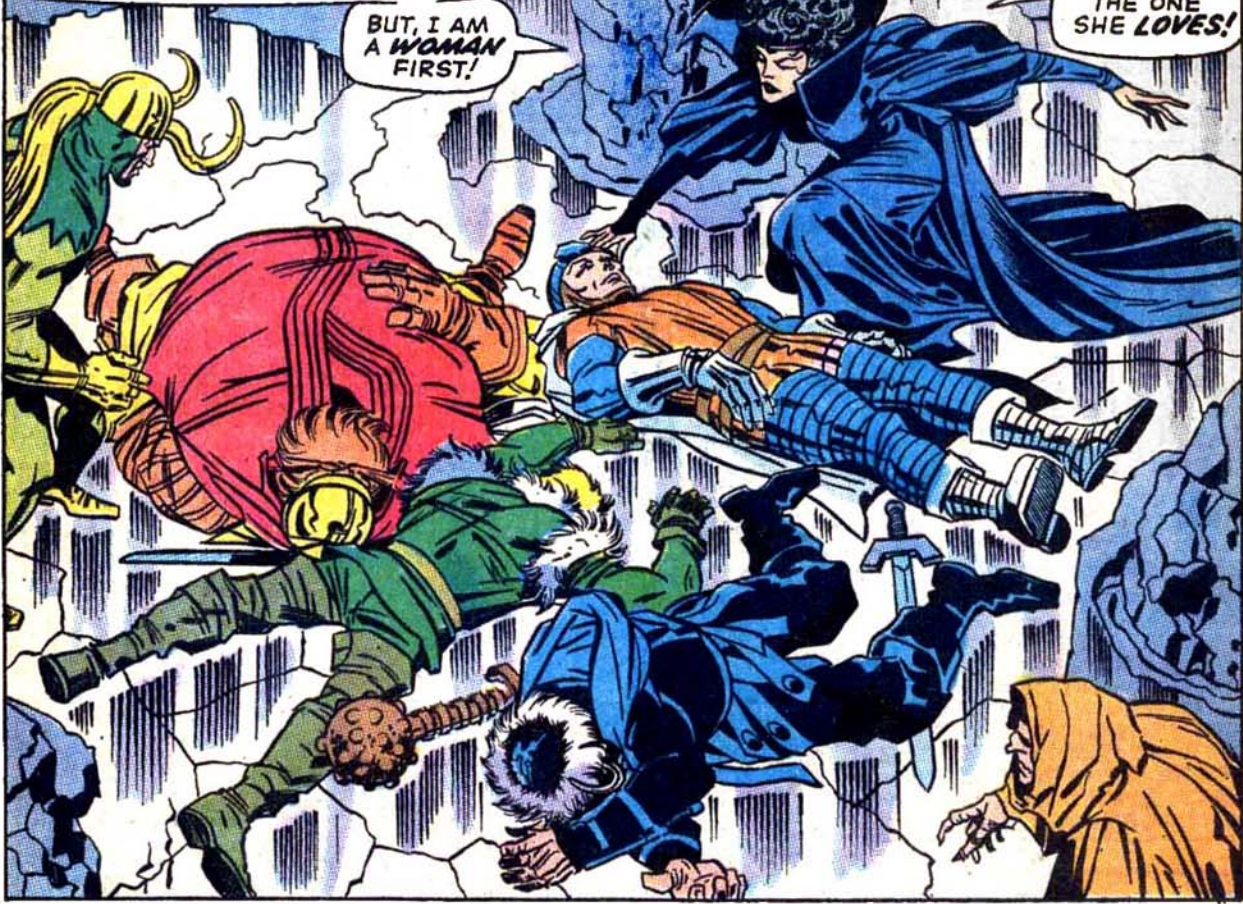
**ONE MYSTIC SPELL--** CAST INTO THE WATERS OF MY GLEAMING POOL-- AND THE DEED IS **DONE!**

ART THOU **MAD!** WOULDST THOU **SAVE** THOSE WHO ARE PLEDGED TO **DESTROY** THEE??

I AM **KARNILLA**--QUEEN OF THE **NORNS**--**ENCHANTRESS SUPREME!**

BUT, I AM A **WOMAN** FIRST!

A **WOMAN** WHO **SAVES** THE ONE SHE **LOVES!**



YOU HAVE BROUGHT THEM **HERE**--AGAINST MY WISHES! NO **LONGER** CANST THOU BE **LOKI'S ALLY!**



THEN TO THEE, MY **PRINCE**, I SAY--**BEGONE!**

FEMALE, THOU WILT **RUE** THIS DAY!

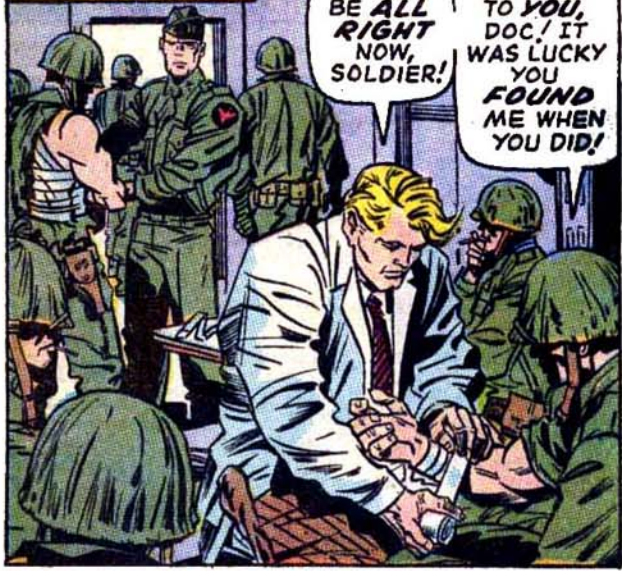
THE **MEMORY** OF **LOKI** IS **LONGER** THAN **TIME!**

**SOONER** OR **LATER** THOU SHALT **RETURN!** OUR **LIVES** ARE **LINKED** IN **BONDS** OF **EVIL!**





**WHILE, BACK ON EARTH--**



YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT NOW, SOLDIER!

YEAH, THANKS TO YOU, DOC./ IT WAS LUCKY YOU FOUND ME WHEN YOU DID!

IF YOU WERE IN THE AREA NEAR THE THERMAL MAN, YOU MUST LEAD A CHARMED LIFE, BLAKE!

NOBODY WAS SAFE WHILE THAT CHARACTER WAS STORMING AROUND!



AT ANY RATE, HE'S FINISHED NOW!



LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE WRONG, DOC! WE JUST GOT A REPORT--THE MONSTER'S ALIVE AGAIN!

NO! IF--HE SURVIVED THAT MISSILE--WE'VE NOTHING LEFT TO STOP HIM!



DR. BLAKE! HOLD ON! COME BACK! THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO!

NEVER MIND ME! JUST CLEAR THE AREA, SOLDIER!



DONALD BLAKE CAN'T HOPE TO REACH HIM SOON ENOUGH--



BUT--



--THE GOD OF THUNDER CAN!



NEVER HATH THE CHALLENGE BEEN MORE DEADLY!

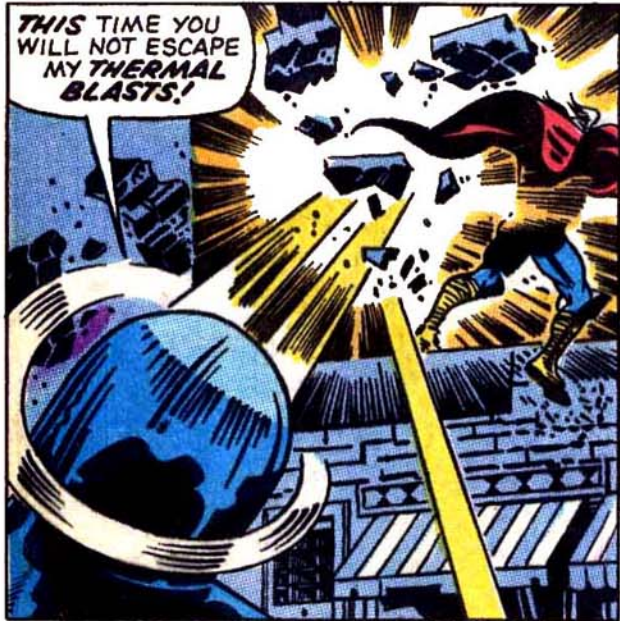


NEVER THE THREAT MORE GRAVE!



NEVER A FOE MORE MERCILESS!

BUT I MUST PREVAIL-- OR PERISH IN THE TRYING!



THIS TIME YOU WILL NOT ESCAPE MY THERMAL BLASTS!



'TIS NOT ESCAPE I SEEK-- BUT VICTORY COMPLETE!



THERE CAN **BE** NO VICTORY OVER ONE WHO IS **INVINCIBLE!**

THEN I MUST FIND **ANOTHER WAY!**

I DO NOT TRULY **LIVE--** SO I CAN NEVER TRULY **DIE!**



BALDER AND HIS COMRADES HAVE **VANISHED!**

MAYHAP TO **ASGARD** THEY HAVE FLOWN-- TO SUMMON **AID!**

BUT I DARE NOT AWAIT THEIR **RETURN!**



WHAT MUST BE **DONE** MUST NOW BE DONE BY THE **SON OF ODIN!**



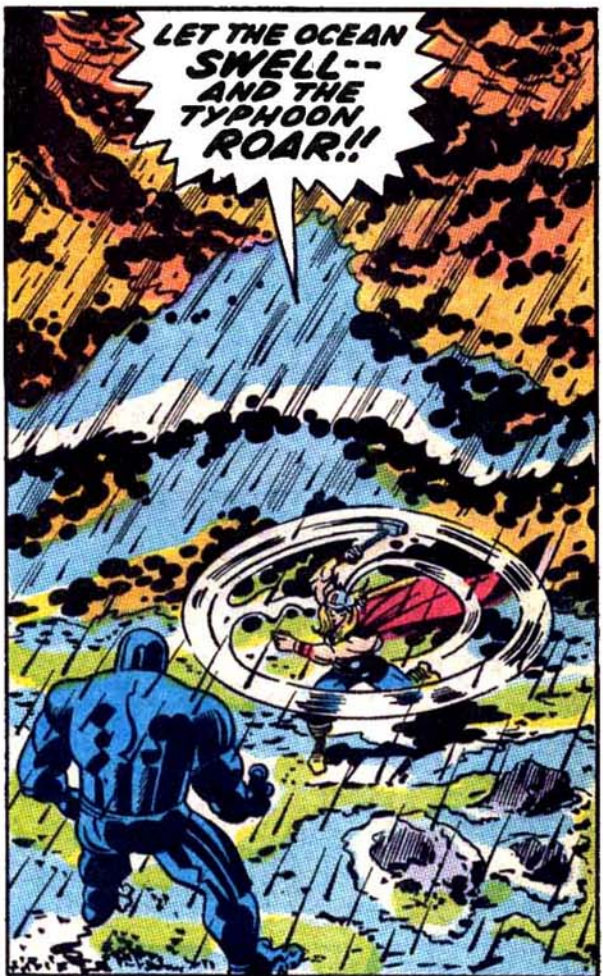
NOT FOR **NAUGHT** IS THOR THE LORD OF **STORM AND LIGHTNING!**



NOT FOR **NAUGHT** IS THOR THE **GOD OF THUNDER!**



**LET THE STORM CLOUDS GATHER!! LET THE HEAVENS GROW DARK!!**



**LET THE OCEAN SWELL-- AND THE TYPHOON ROAR!!**



**LET THINE EYES BE BLINDED BY THE STORM!!**

**SO THOU CANST NOT HURL THY THERMAL BLAST!**



**SO SPEAKS THE GOD OF THUNDER!**



SINCE **THOR** CAN FLY AND **HE** CANNOT--THE **TIDAL WAVE** HATH ENGULFED HIM!



NOW I COMMAND IT TO **SUBSIDE**--



FOR, IN TRUTH, IT HATH SERVED ME **WELL!**

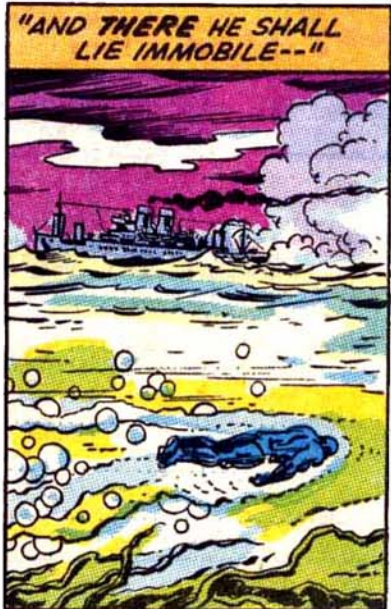


IT MATTERS **NOT** IF HE LIVE OR DIE-- SO LONG AS HE BE **GONE!**

THE **STORM** SHALL TAKE HIM **FAR** FROM MEN--WHEN THERE BE **NONE** TO HARM!



"IT SHALL TAKE HIM TO THE **FROZEN NORTH**--"



"AND THERE HE SHALL LIE **IMMOBILE**--"



"--TILL THE VERY **END** OF TIME!"

THE WRATH OF... **THE WRECKER!**