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THE CHALLENGE  
OF THE  
CRYPTO-MAN!



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## THE CARNAGE OF THE CRYPTO-MAN!

THREE STRANGE  
FLYING OBJECTS  
...STREAKING ACROSS  
YON EVENING SKY!

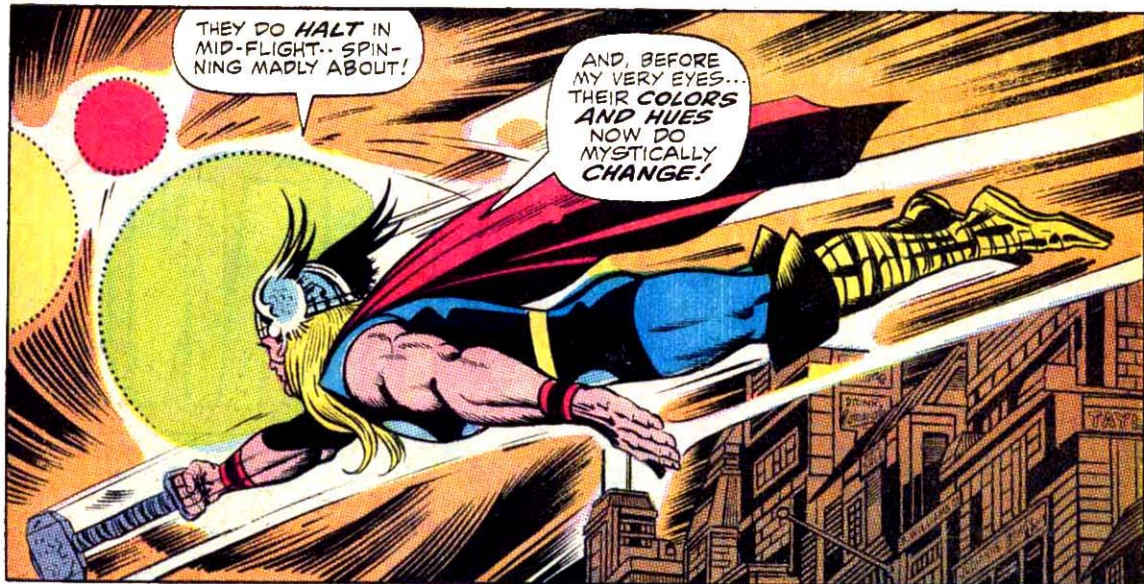
I MUST  
NOW LEARN  
THE WHY AND  
WHERE-  
FORE!

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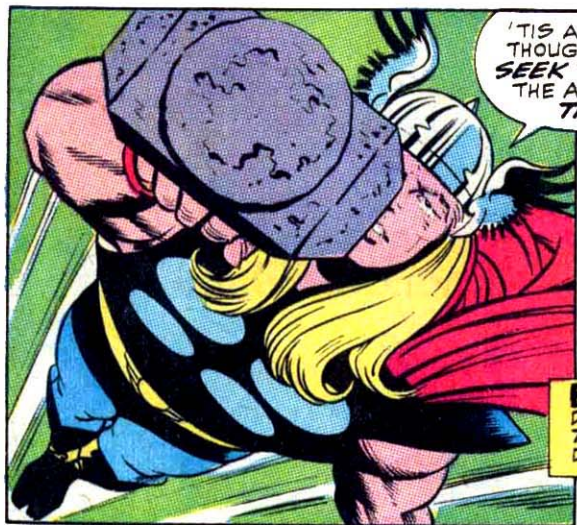
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THEY DO **HALT** IN  
MID-FLIGHT... SPIN-  
NING MADLY ABOUT!

AND, BEFORE  
MY VERY EYES...  
THEIR **COLORS**  
AND **HUES**  
NOW DO  
MYSTICALLY  
**CHANGE!**



'TIS ALMOST AS  
THOUGH THEY DO  
**SEEK** TO ATTRACT  
THE ATTENTION OF  
**THOR!**



**BUT, NO SOONER**  
DOES THE HURLING  
**THUNDER-GOD**  
DRAW NEAR, WHEN...



IT **WORKED!** MY **ILLUSION-**  
**BEAMS** DECEIVED HIM INTO  
**TARGET POSITION!**

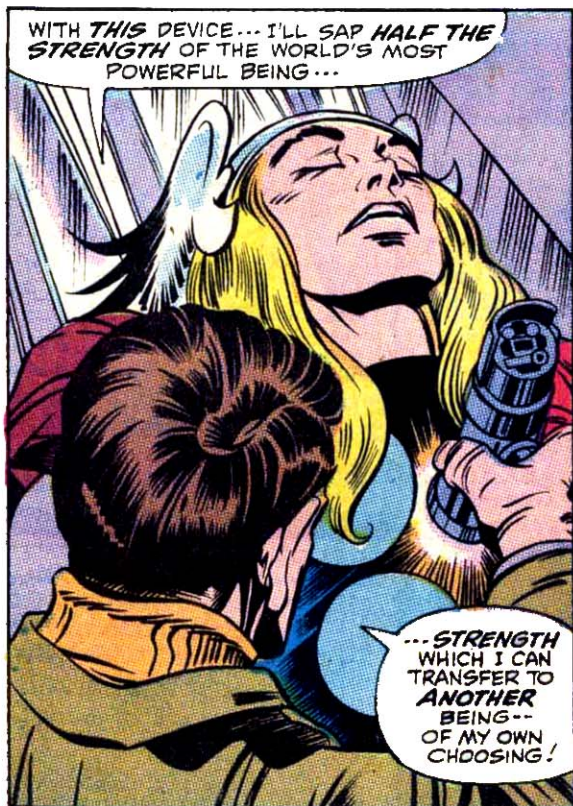
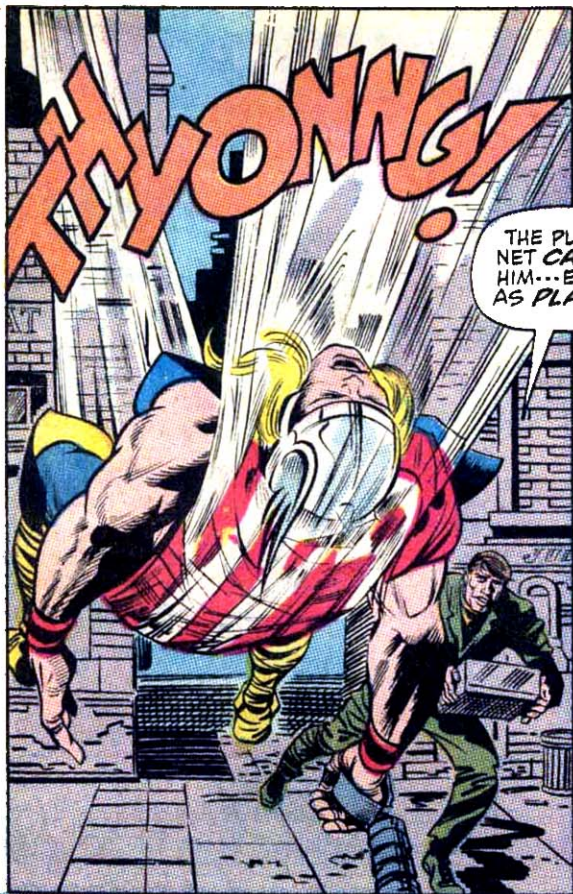
...AND  
MY **HYPNO-**  
**STUN RAY**  
DID THE  
**REST!**



BUT THIS IS ONLY THE  
**INITIAL** PART OF MY  
MASTER PLAN!

I MUST COMPLETE  
**PHASE TWO**  
BEFORE THE  
**HYPNO-SHOCK**  
WEARS OFF!







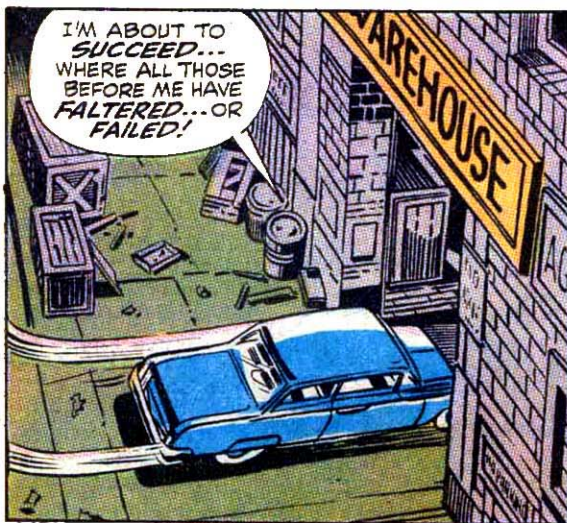


BUT IT'S **TOO LATE** FOR THOR... OR ANYONE IN THE WORLD... TO STOP ME NOW!



THEY DARED TO CALL ME **MAD**... THEY SAID I WAS TOO **YOUNG** TO REALIZE HOW **DANGEROUS** MY EXPERIMENTS WERE!

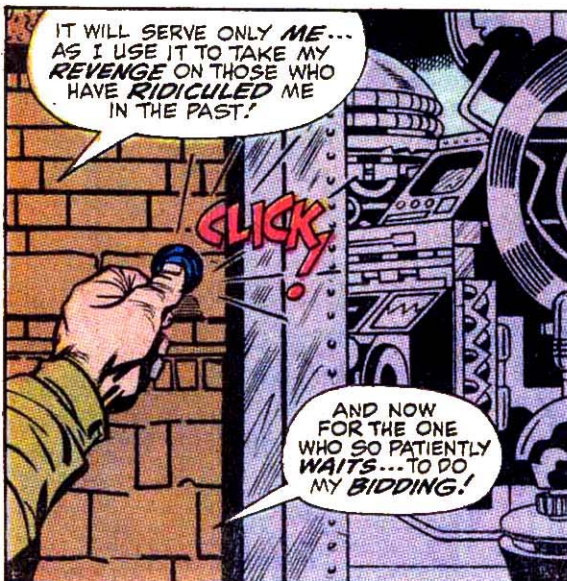
BUT **NOW** THEY'LL WAIT A DIFFERENT TUNE!



I'M ABOUT TO **SUCCEED**... WHERE ALL THOSE BEFORE ME HAVE **FALTERED**... OR **FAILED**!



I... AND I **ALONE**... HAVE FOUND A WAY TO **HARNESS** THE SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH OF THOR!



IT WILL SERVE ONLY **ME**... AS I USE IT TO TAKE MY **REVENGE** ON THOSE WHO HAVE **RIDICULED** ME IN THE PAST!

**CLICK!**

AND NOW FOR THE ONE WHO SO PATIENTLY **WAITS**... TO DO MY **BIDDING**!



NOW TO **TRANSFER** THE POWER TO...

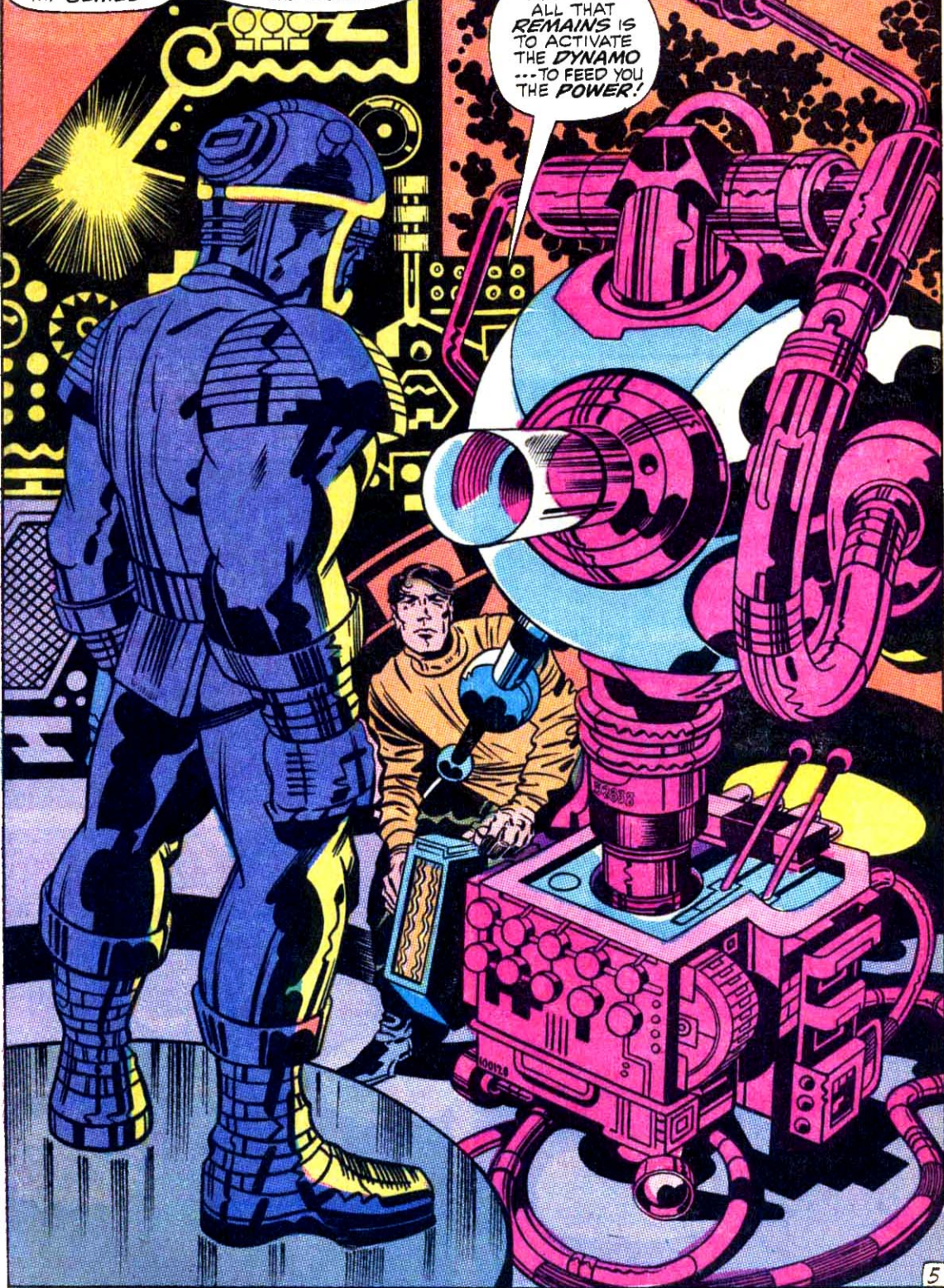
**MY CRYPTO-MAN!**



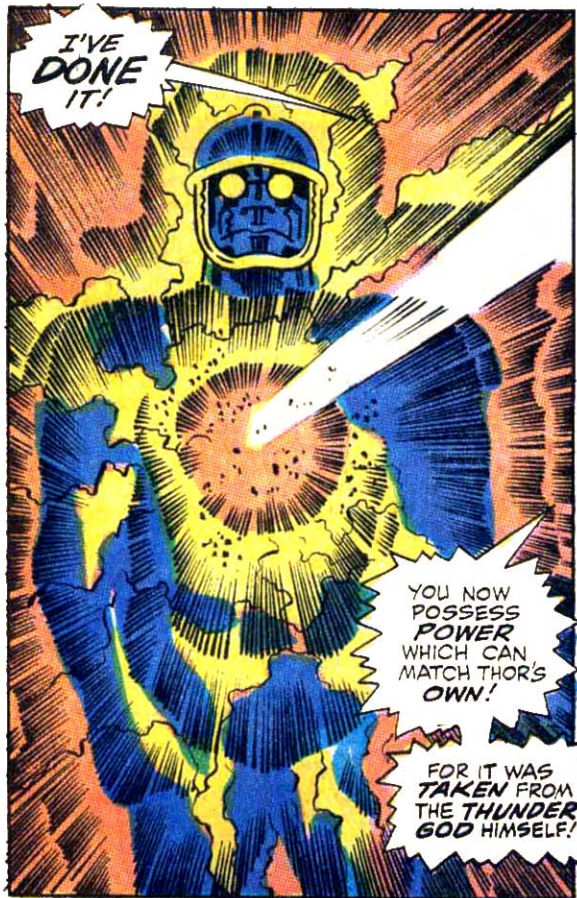
ONCE I HAVE MADE  
YOU THE MOST  
**POWERFUL** BEING  
ON EARTH...ONCE  
I HAVE **PROVEN**  
THE EXTENT OF  
MY **GENIUS**...

THERE'LL BE **OTHERS**  
TO FOLLOW! YOU'LL BE  
BUT THE **FORERUNNER**  
OF AN **ARMY OF CRYPTO-**  
**MEN**... AN ARMY WITH  
WHICH I CAN DOMINATE  
THE **WORLD!**

AND NOW...  
ALL THAT  
**REMAINS** IS  
TO ACTIVATE  
THE **DYNAMO**  
...TO FEED YOU  
THE **POWER!**







I'VE  
DONE  
IT!

YOU NOW  
POSSESS  
POWER  
WHICH CAN  
MATCH THOR'S  
OWN!

FOR IT WAS  
TAKEN FROM  
THE THUNDER  
GOD HIMSELF!



I...  
POSSESS  
... POWER!

AND I  
AM YOUR  
MASTER!  
YOU'LL OBEY  
MY EVERY  
THOUGHT!



I... POSSESS  
... POWER!

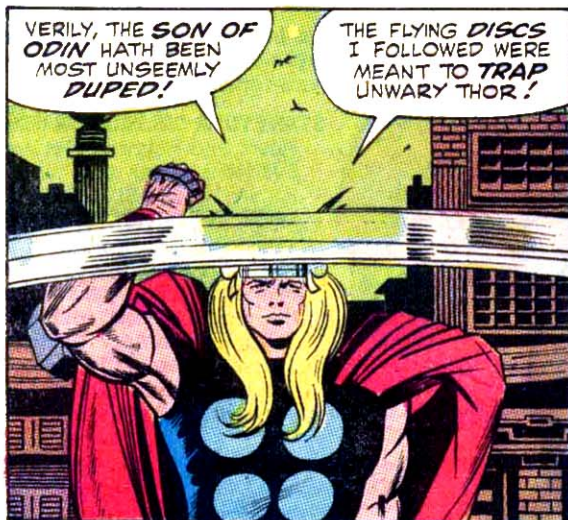
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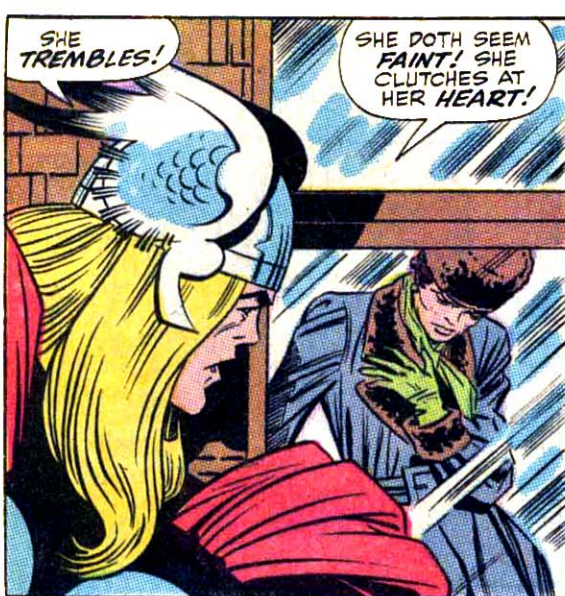
NOW HALT! GOOD  
...GOOD! YOU HAVE  
NO CHOICE...YOU  
MUST OBEY ME!

NOW REMAIN  
MOTIONLESS...  
AS I GIVE  
YOU YOUR  
COMMANDS!



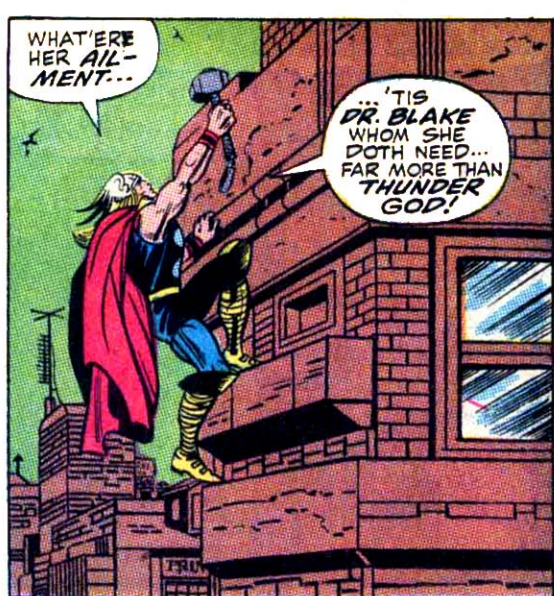






SHE TREMBLES!

SHE DOETH SEEM FAINT! SHE CLUTCHES AT HER HEART!

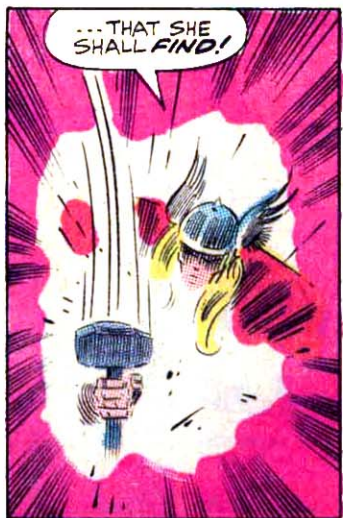


WHAT'ERE HER AIL-MENT...

'TIS DR. BLAKE WHOM SHE DOETH NEED... FAR MORE THAN THUNDER GOD!



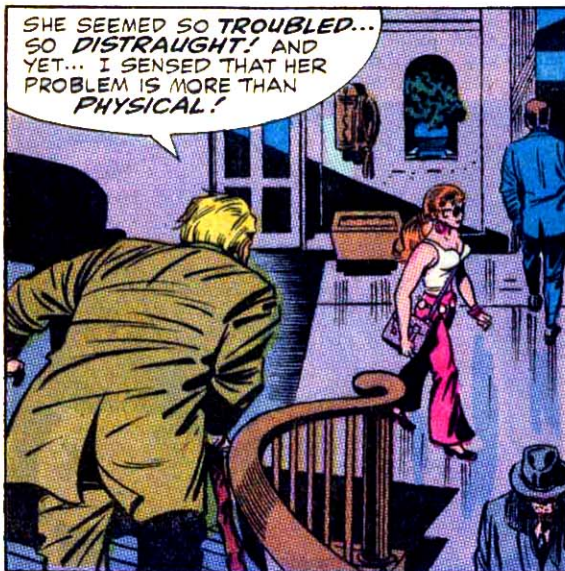
AND, 'TIS DR. BLAKE...



...THAT SHE SHALL FIND!



NOW TO REACH MY OFFICE... AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE!



SHE SEEMED SO TROUBLED... SO DISTRAUGHT! AND YET... I SENSED THAT HER PROBLEM IS MORE THAN PHYSICAL!



DR. BLAKE! IS.. IS THAT YOU... AT LAST?

WHY... I KNOW HER! I REMEMBER HER NOW!

I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE HER AT THE WINDOW... WITH HER HEAD BENT DOWN!

WHAT'S WRONG, MRS. WHYTE?

I... I ONLY WISH I KNEW!



YOU'RE **AGITATED**... TREMBLING! AND YET... YOUR **PULSE** SEEMS NORMAL ENOUGH!

IT ISN'T **ME**, DOCTOR! I... ONLY WISH... IT **WERE**!

IT'S MY **SON**, JASPER! YOU'VE NEVER **MET** HIM... HE'S A FEW YEARS **YOUNGER** THAN YOU!

WHAT'S **WRONG** WITH HIM, MRS. **WHYTE**?

**JASPER** **WHYTE**! WHERE HAVE I **HEARD** THAT NAME?

HE'S **MISSING**, DOCTOR... HE **VANISHED** WITH-  
OUT A TRACE... **MONTHS** AGO!

**VANISHED?**

ISN'T THAT MORE OF A **JOB** FOR THE **POLICE**?

**NO!** HE LEFT HOME... OF HIS OWN **FREE WILL**! HE WAS **ANGRY**... MAD AT THE **WHOLE WORLD**!

MY HUSBAND IS **DEAD**! I'VE NO ONE TO **TURN** TO! AND THEN I REMEM-  
BERED... MY SON WAS A **SCIENTIST**... SOMEWHAT LIKE **YOU**... ALTHOUGH HIS FIELD WAS PURE **RESEARCH**!

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT HAVE **SEEN** HIM... OR **HEARD** SOMETHING!

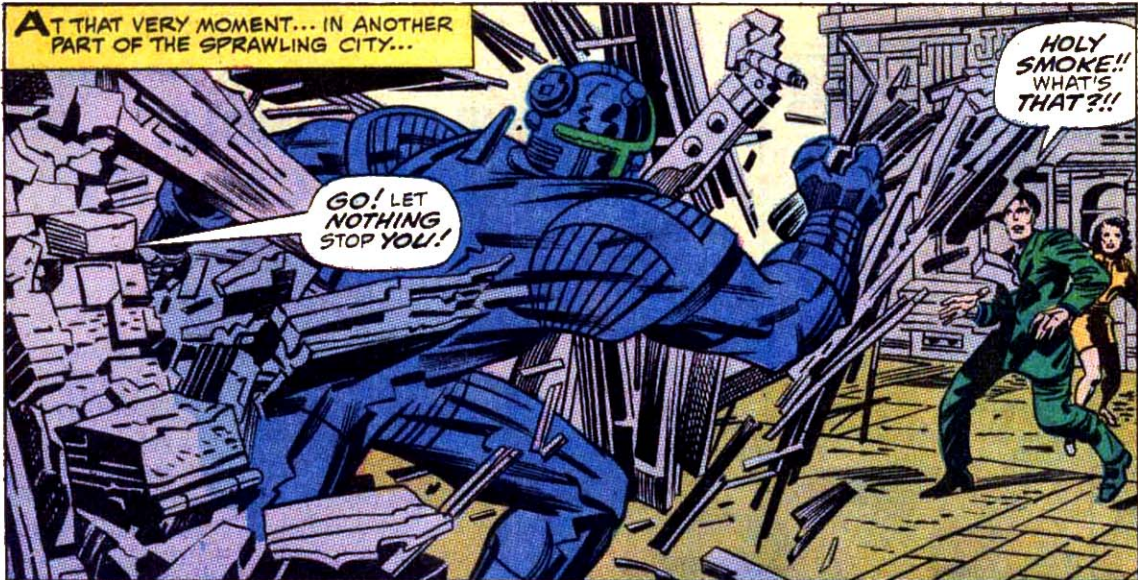
HERE... I HAVE A **PICTURE** OF HIM!

HE'S **BILLIANT**, DR. BLAKE! BUT HIS FELLOW SCIENTISTS WERE **JEALOUS** OF HIM... **FEARED** HIM! HE **TOLD** ME SO HIMSELF!

HE SWORE HE'D **SHOW** THEM... HOW **WRONG** THEY WERE!

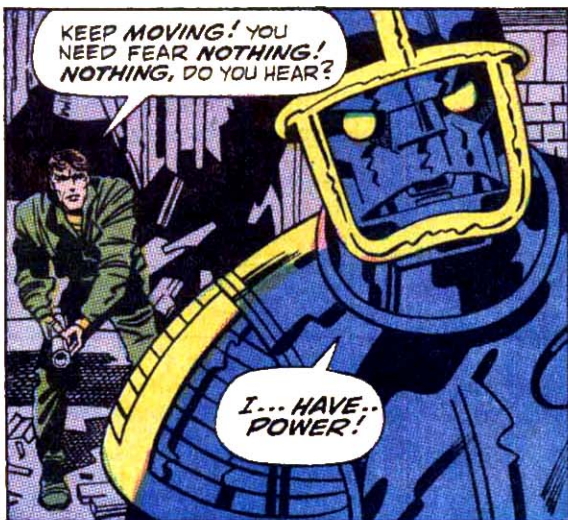


AT THAT VERY MOMENT... IN ANOTHER PART OF THE SPRAWLING CITY...



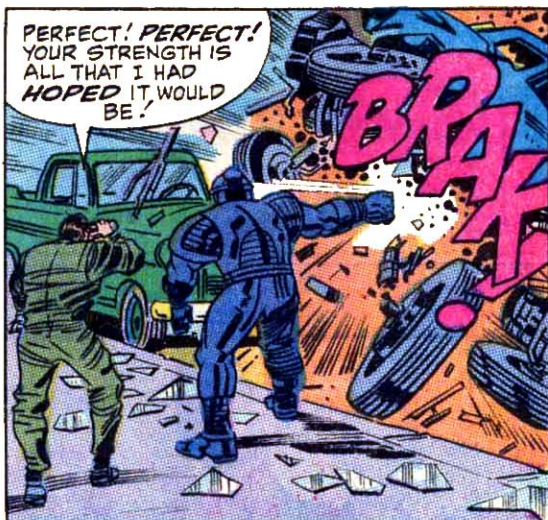
GO! LET  
NOTHING  
STOP YOU!

HOLY  
SMOKE!!  
WHAT'S  
THAT?!!



KEEP MOVING! YOU  
NEED FEAR! NOTHING,  
DO YOU HEAR?

I... HAVE...  
POWER!



PERFECT! PERFECT!  
YOUR STRENGTH IS  
ALL THAT I HAD  
HOPE IT WOULD  
BE.

BRAK



NOW... LET THE **POLICE**  
LEARN HOW **HELPLESS**  
THEY ARE AGAINST YOU!

HEY!  
HOLD IT,  
YOU!



I DON'T KNOW  
WHAT WE'RE UP  
AGAINST HERE,  
SAM... BUT I'LL KEEP  
'IM COVERED WHILE  
YOU CALL THE  
PRECINCT!

HE'S  
LOOKING  
AT YOU.. LIKE  
THAT GUN  
MEANS  
NOTHING!





HE'S LIFTING... THE WHOLE BLASTED SIDEWALK!





HOWEVER, THERE IS **ONE** WHOSE POWER IS...BUT,  
LET'S NOT GET AHEAD OF OUR TALE---

PERHAPS THE  
**POLICE** HAVE  
HAD SOME WORD  
OF JASPER WHYTE!  
I'LL CALL AND  
FIND OUT!

I WAITED TILL SHE  
**LEFT**...IN CASE THE  
NEWS IS...BAD!

LET ME  
TALK TO  
CAPTAIN  
DUNLAP!

WHAT'S THAT,  
CAPTAIN? NO  
**TIME** FOR  
MISSING  
PERSONS?

YOU SAY THERE'S A  
DEADLY, **SUPER-STRONG**  
BEING LOOSE IN THE  
CITY?!!

I **WONDER**...!

COULD THIS HAVE  
SOME **CONNECTION**  
...WITH WHAT  
HAPPENED TO ME?

WELL, THERE'S NO  
NEED TO WASTE TIME  
**SPECULATING**...

...WHEN I CAN  
LEARN THE  
**ANSWER**...

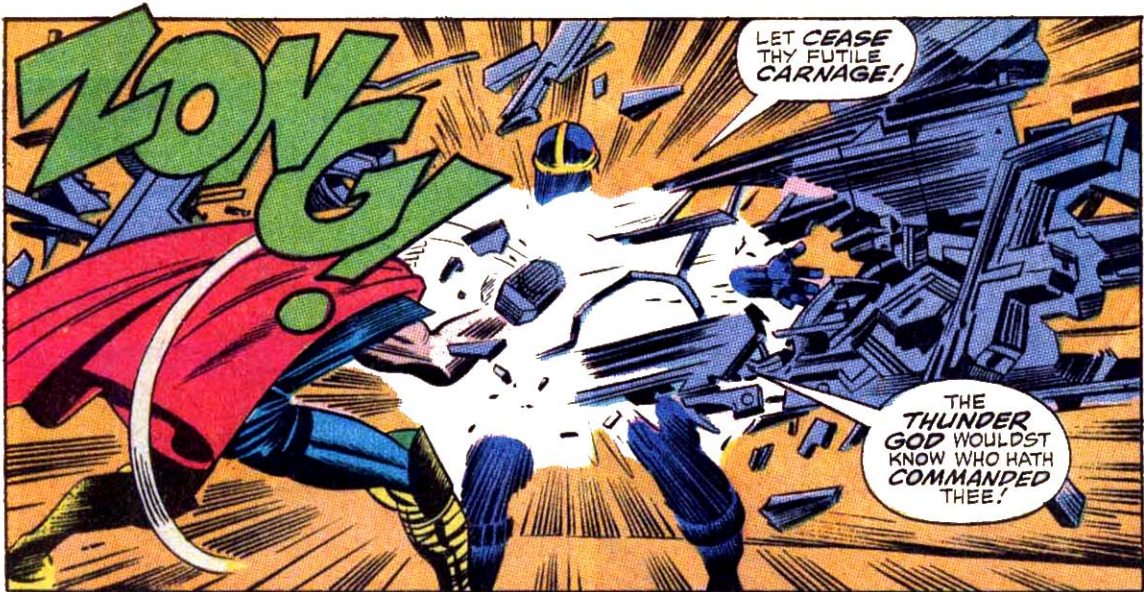
...WITH **ONE TAP**  
OF MY WALKING  
STICK!

**NOW** TO LEARN WHAT  
**MENACE** DOETH STALK  
THE STREETS THIS NIGHT!









LET CEASE  
THY FUTILE  
CARNAGE!

THE  
THUNDER  
GOD WOULDST  
KNOW WHO HATH  
COMMANDED  
THEE!



I... HAVE...  
POWER!

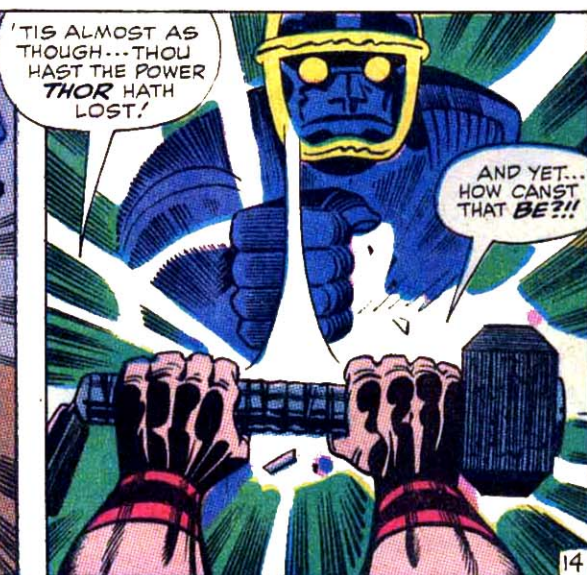
MY WRIST IS  
SEIZED... WITH  
A GRIP LIKE  
UNTO MINE  
OWN!



AND... A BLOW...  
WHICH CONTAINETH  
THE POWER OF  
ASGARD!



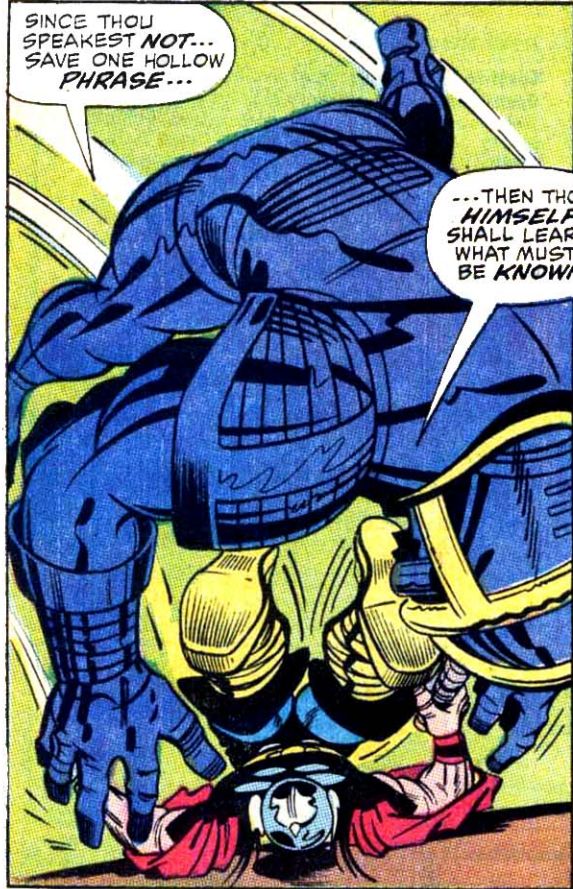
YET... NEVER  
WERT SUCH  
AS THEE SPAWNED  
WITHIN THE  
FABLED REALM!



'TIS ALMOST AS  
THOUGH... THOU  
HAST THE POWER  
THOR HATH  
LOST!

AND YET...  
HOW CANST  
THAT BE??!





SINCE THOU  
SPEAKEST **NOT**...  
SAVE ONE HOLLOW  
PHRASE...

...THEN THOR  
**HIMSELF**  
SHALL LEARN  
WHAT MUST  
BE **KNOWN!**



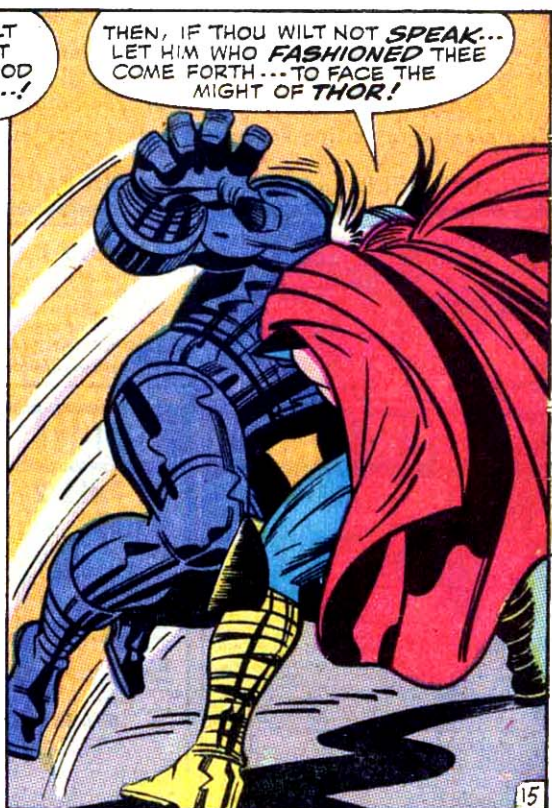
EVEN IF THOU HAST  
MYSTICALLY **STOLEN**  
MINE ASGARDIAN  
**STRENGTH...**

**STILL**  
SHALL THOR  
PROVE TO  
BE THY  
**MASTER!**



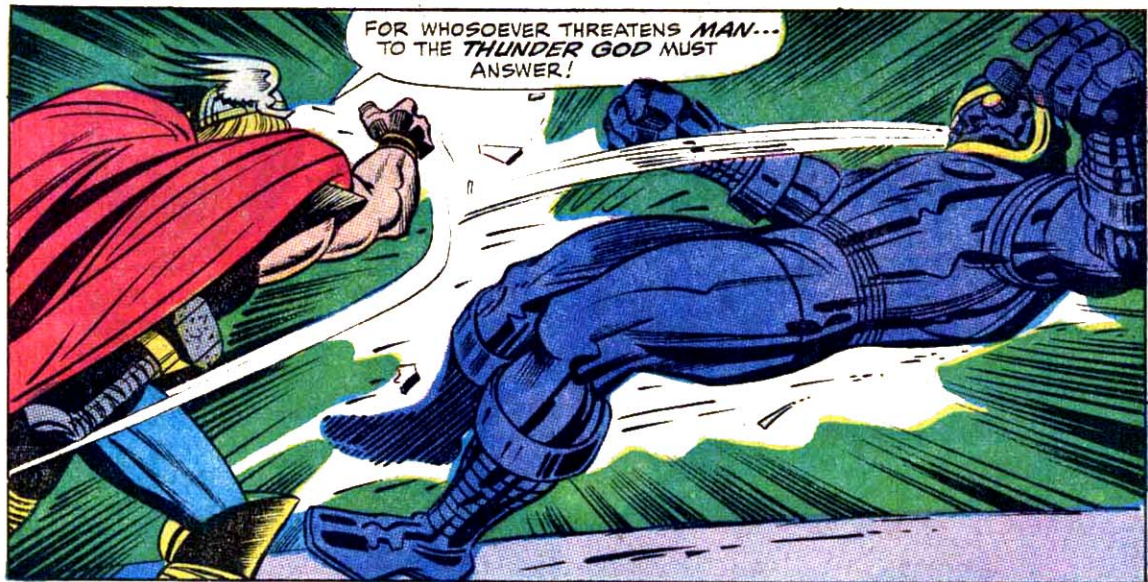
FOR THAT WHICH DOETH  
**REMAIN** WITHIN THOR'S  
LIMBS IS **STILL** THE  
BLOOD OF ALL-  
FATHER **ODIN!**

AND **NOW** SHALT  
THOU SEE WHAT  
ASGARDIAN BLOOD  
DOETH **MEAN...!**



THEN, IF THOU WILT NOT **SPEAK**...  
LET HIM WHO **FASHIONED** THEE  
COME FORTH... TO FACE THE  
MIGHT OF **THOR!**

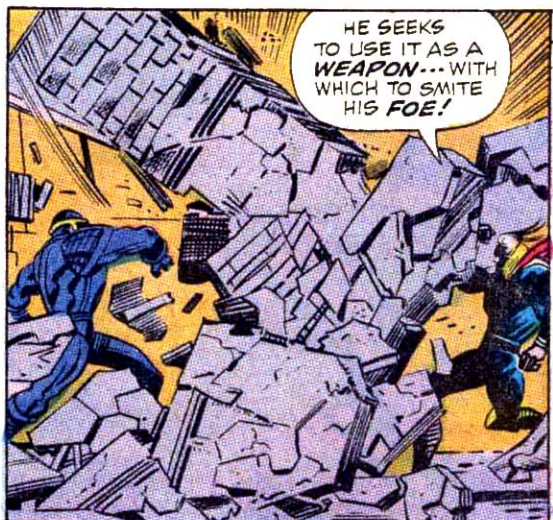




FOR WHOSEVER THREATENS *MAN*...  
TO THE *THUNDER GOD* MUST  
ANSWER!



WEAKENED AND UNCERTAIN,  
HE DOTH SEIZE A SECTION  
OF YONDER *BUILDING*...  
TEARING IT AWAY WITH  
HIS OWN TWO *HANDS*!

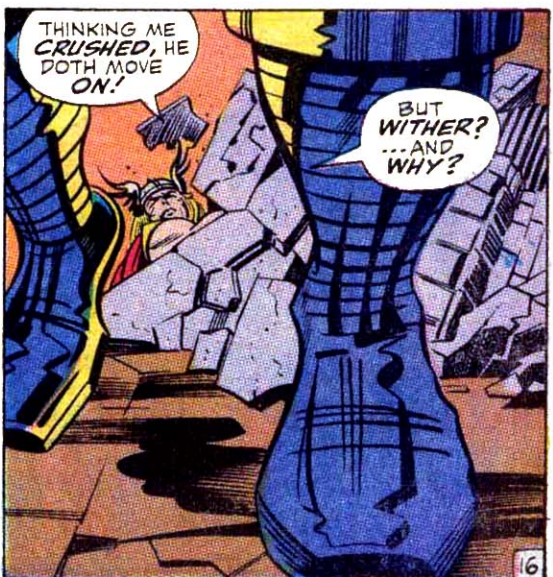


HE SEEKS  
TO USE IT AS A  
*WEAPON*...WITH  
WHICH TO SMITE  
HIS *FOE*!



BUT A *PRINCE OF*  
*ASGARD* IS NOT  
SO QUICKLY  
*SMITTEN*!

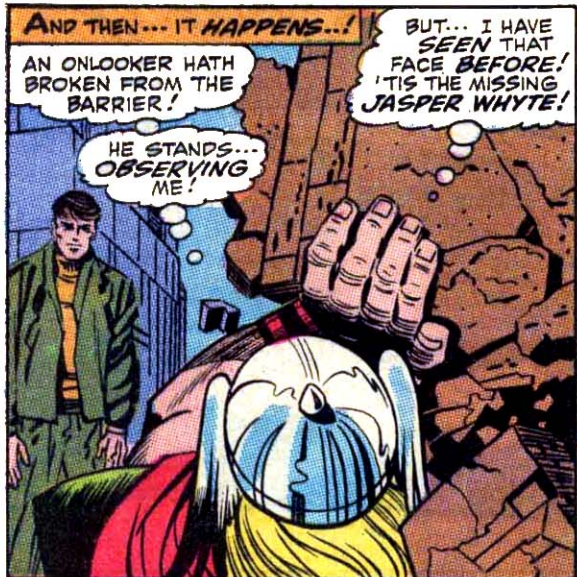
YET, LET ME NOW  
ATTACK *NO MORE*  
...TILL I HAVE  
BETTER LEARNED  
HIS *MOTIVE*!



THINKING ME  
*CRUSHED*, HE  
DOTH MOVE  
*ON*!

BUT  
*WITHER?*  
...AND  
*WHY?*



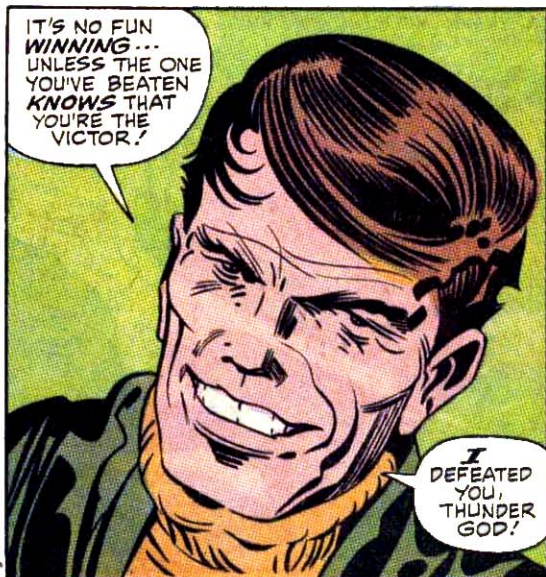


AND THEN... IT HAPPENS...

AN ONLOOKER HATH  
BROKEN FROM THE  
BARRIER!

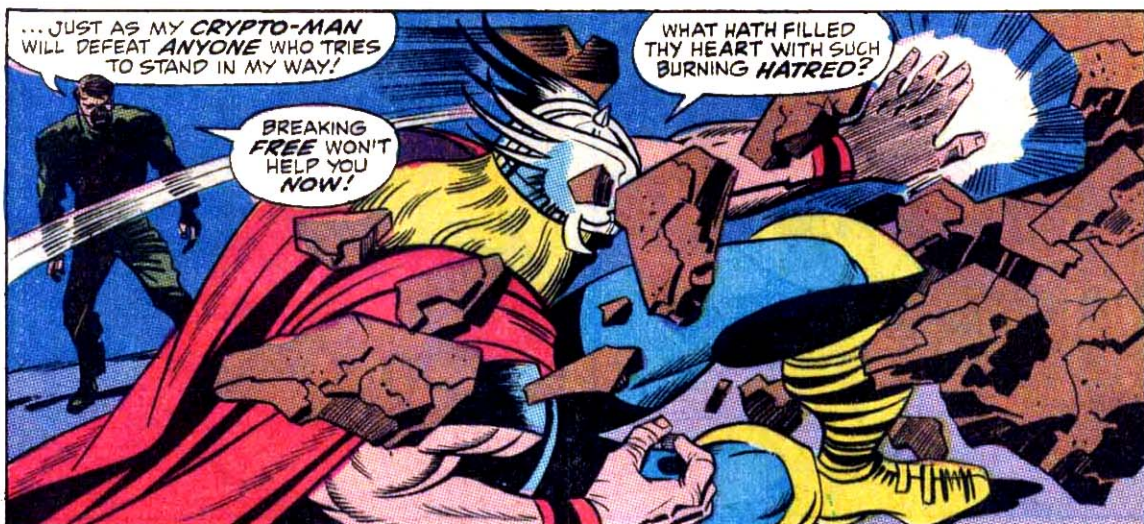
HE STANDS...  
OBSERVING  
ME!

BUT... I HAVE  
SEEN THAT  
FACE BEFORE!  
'TIS THE MISSING  
JASPER WHYTE!



IT'S NO FUN  
WINNING...  
UNLESS THE ONE  
YOU'VE BEATEN  
KNOWS THAT  
YOU'RE THE  
VICTOR!

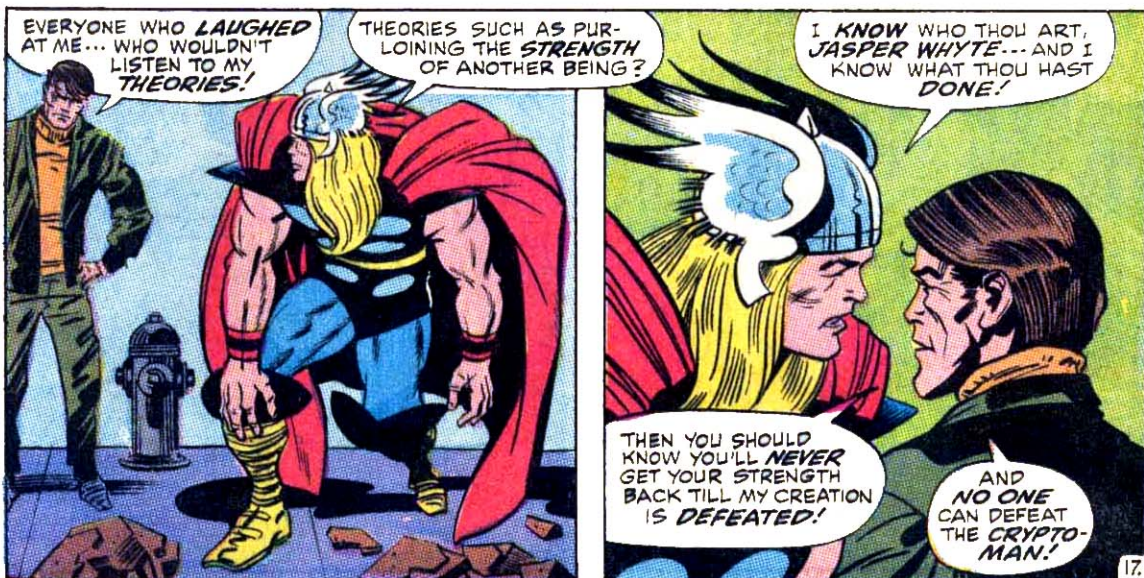
I  
DEFEATED  
YOU,  
THUNDER  
GOD!



... JUST AS MY **CRYPTO-MAN**  
WILL DEFEAT **ANYONE** WHO TRIES  
TO STAND IN MY WAY!

BREAKING  
FREE WON'T  
HELP YOU  
NOW!

WHAT HATH FILLED  
THY HEART WITH SUCH  
BURNING HATRED?



EVERYONE WHO **LAUGHED**  
AT ME... WHO WOULDN'T  
LISTEN TO MY  
**THEORIES!**

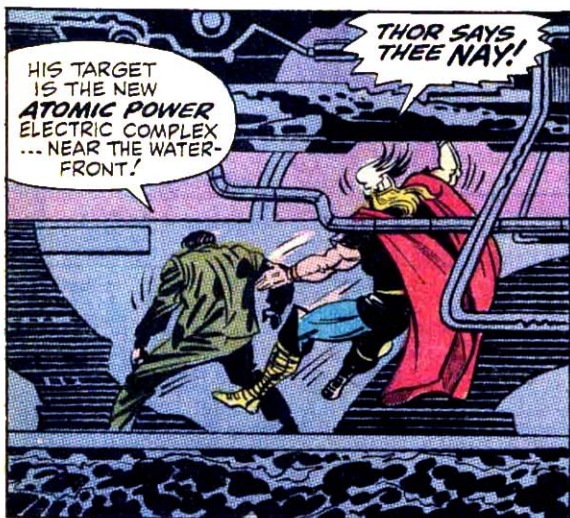
THEORIES SUCH AS PUR-  
LOINING THE **STRENGTH**  
OF ANOTHER BEING?

I **KNOW** WHO THOU ART,  
**JASPER WHYTE**... AND I  
KNOW WHAT THOU HAST  
**DONE!**

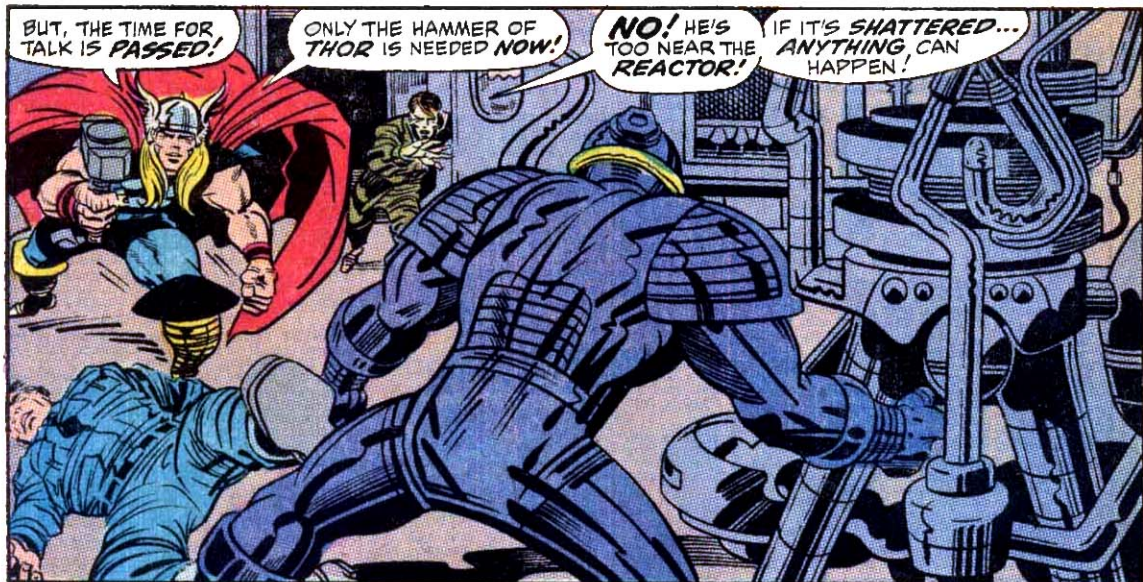
THEN YOU SHOULD  
KNOW YOU'LL **NEVER**  
GET YOUR **STRENGTH**  
BACK TILL MY CREATION  
IS **DEFEATED!**

AND  
**NO ONE**  
CAN DEFEAT  
THE **CRYPTO-  
MAN!**

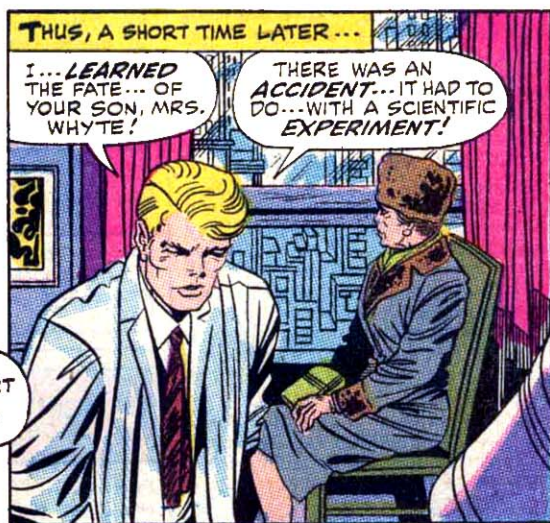
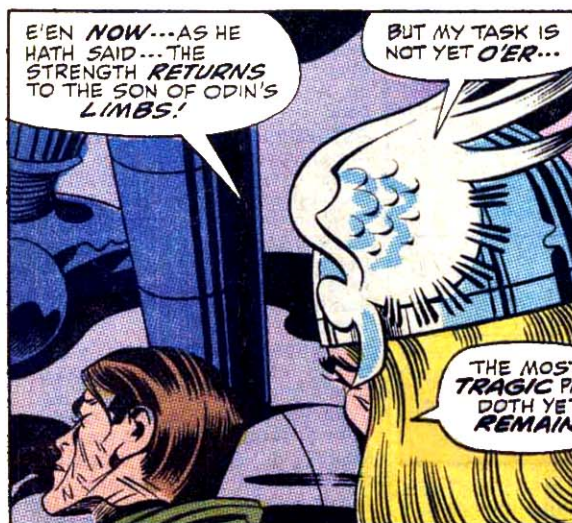
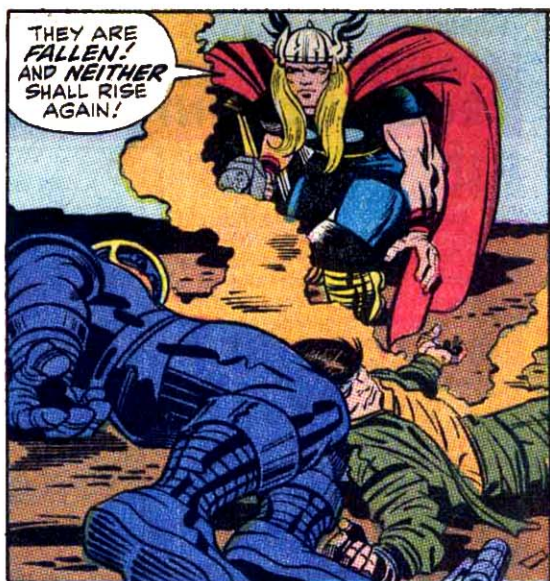












**NEXT THE FALL OF ASGARD!**