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THE MIGHTY

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A TIME OF EVIL!



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THE WORLD MUST
CRUMBLE, WHEN...

LOKI LASHES OUT!

THE MIGHTY THOR!

A TIME OF EVIL!

THE ODIN-RING IS MINE--
THEREFORE
LOKI NOW
RULES
ASGARD

THOU
WHO WERT
KING-- ARE KING
NO MORE! SO,
TO THEE I SAY--
GET THEE TO THY
CHAMBER

LOKI DOTH
ORDER
ODIN
TO SLEEP THE
ODIN-SLEEP

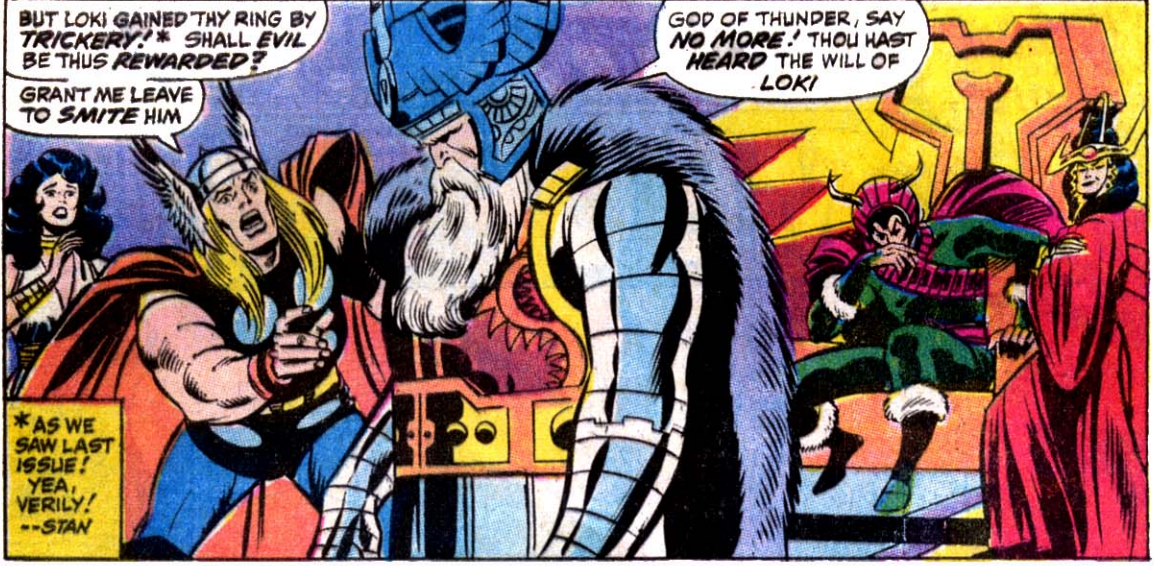
FATHER--
NO! THOU
STILL ART
LIEGE

I SAY
THEE NAY,
MY SON

WAS IT
NOT I WHO
MADE THE
LAW? THEN 'TIS
I WHO MUST
ABIDE

STORY BY STAN LEE
ART BY JOHN BUSCEMA
EMBELLISHMENT BY JOE SINNOTT
LETTERING BY SAM ROSEN SOBEIT!

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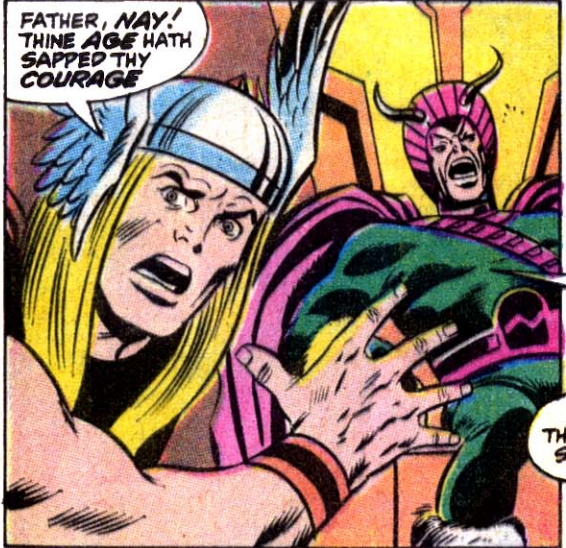


BUT LOKI GAINED THY RING BY TRICKERY! * SHALL EVIL BE THUS REWARDED?

GOD OF THUNDER, SAY NO MORE! THOU HAST HEARD THE WILL OF LOKI

GRANT ME LEAVE TO SMITE HIM

* AS WE SAW LAST ISSUE! YEA, VERILY! --STAN



FATHER, NAY! THINE AGE HATH SAPPED THY COURAGE



THOR WILL FIGHT! AND THOR WILL DIE --ERE THOR WILL YIELD TO LOKI!

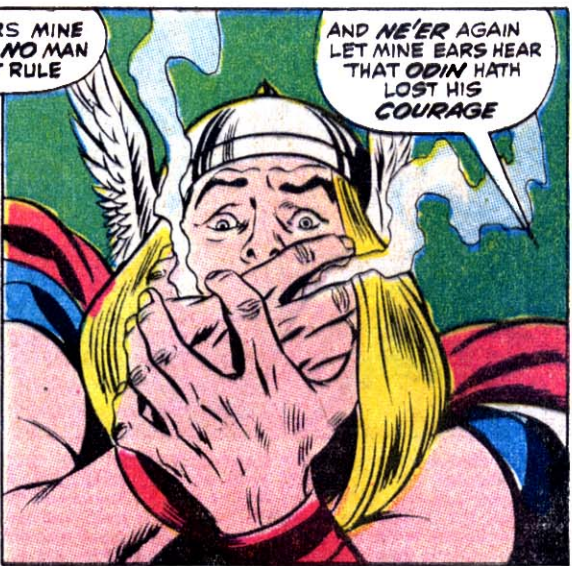
WHAT?! THOU SPEAKEST SO TO ODIN?



LOKI TOO IS ODIN'S SON

MY LAW DOTH HOLD FOR ALL

WHILST LOKI WEARS MINE ODIN-RING-- LET NO MAN SAY HE SHALL NOT RULE

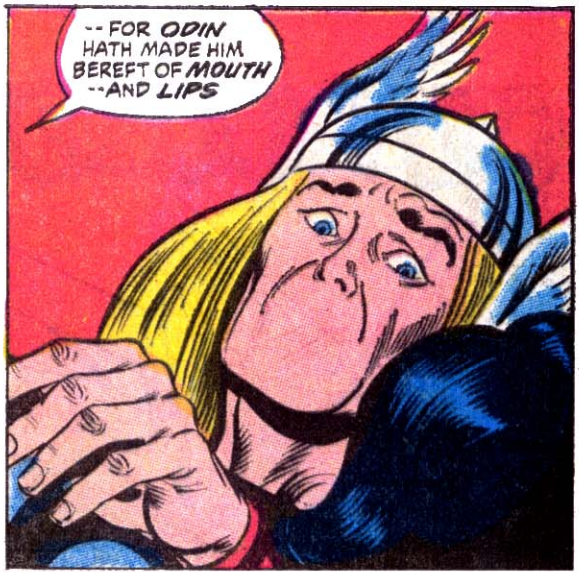


AND NE'ER AGAIN LET MINE EARS HEAR THAT ODIN HATH LOST HIS COURAGE

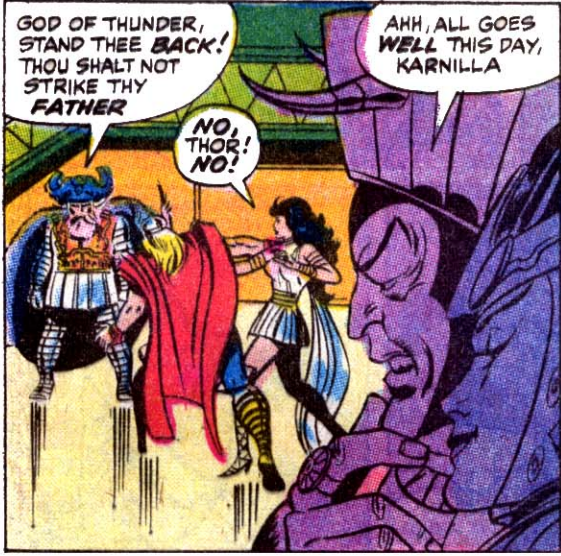


BELOVED PRINCE, WHAT **MADNESS** HATH TURNED THY FATHER'S HAND AGAINST THEE?

FAIR SIF, THY LOVED ONE CANNOT **SPEAK**..



-- FOR ODIN HATH MADE HIM BEREFT OF MOUTH --AND LIPS



GOD OF THUNDER, STAND THEE **BACK!** THOU SHALT NOT STRIKE THY **FATHER**

NO, THOR! NO!

AHH, ALL GOES **WELL** THIS DAY, KARNILLA



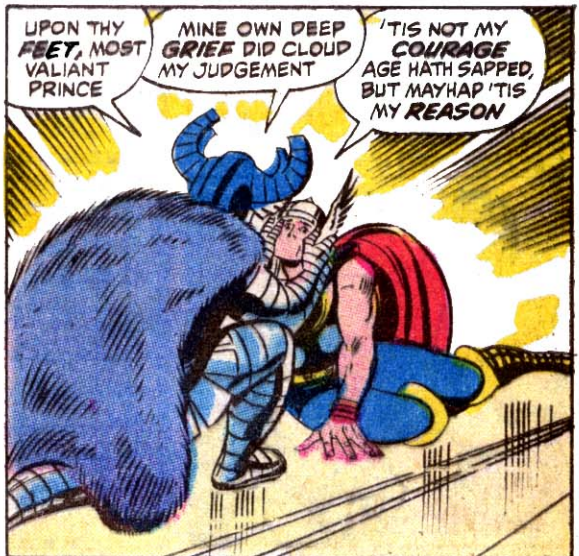
MY **LIEGE!** THY SON MEANT THEE NO **HARM!** HE ONLY TURNED TO **BEG FORGIVENESS**

BUT STILL HAVE I A FATHER'S **HEART**

LADY SIF-- ODIN IS THY **LIEGE** NO **MORE**



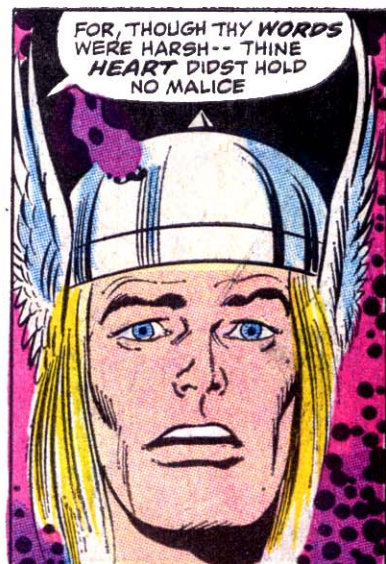
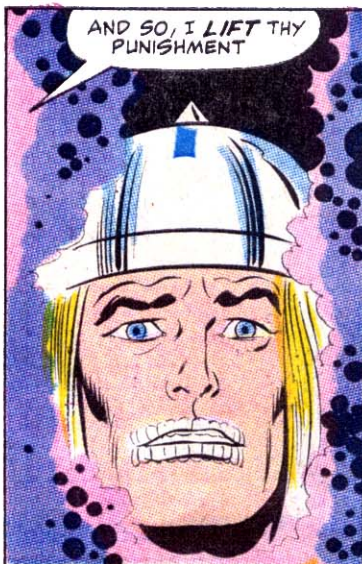
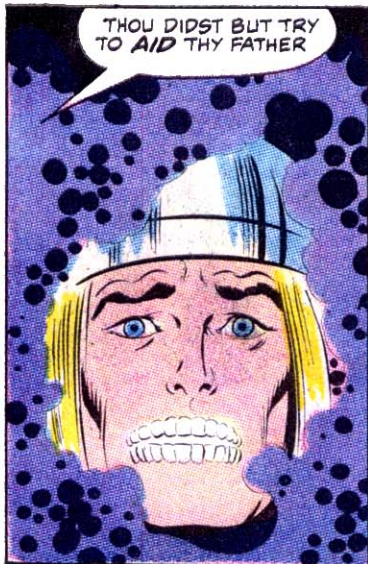
AND **STILL** IS MIGHTY THOR MY **SON**

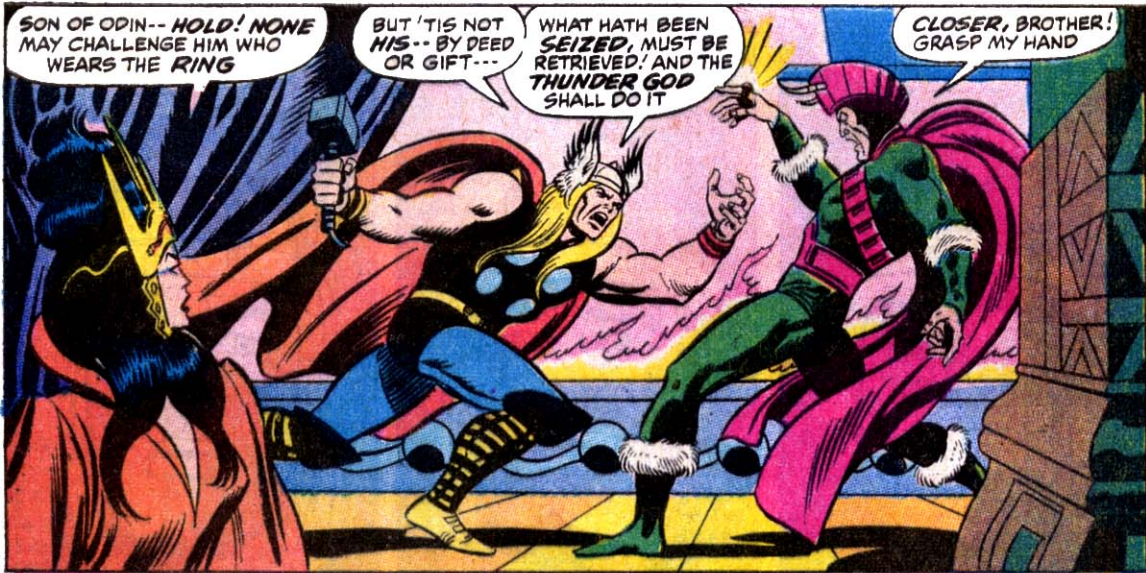


UPON THY **FEET**, MOST VALIANT PRINCE

MINE OWN DEEP **GRIEF** DID CLOUD MY **JUDGEMENT**

'TIS NOT MY **COURAGE** AGE HATH **SAPPED**, BUT MAYHAP 'TIS MY **REASON**





SON OF ODIN-- **HOLD! NONE** MAY CHALLENGE HIM WHO WEARS THE RING

BUT 'TIS NOT **HIS--** BY DEED OR GIFT--

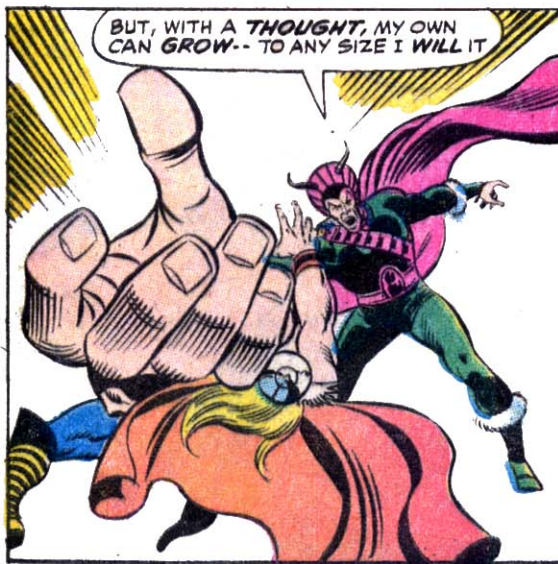
WHAT HATH BEEN **SEIZED,** MUST BE RETRIEVED! AND THE **THUNDER GOD** SHALL DO IT

CLOSER, BROTHER! GRASP MY HAND

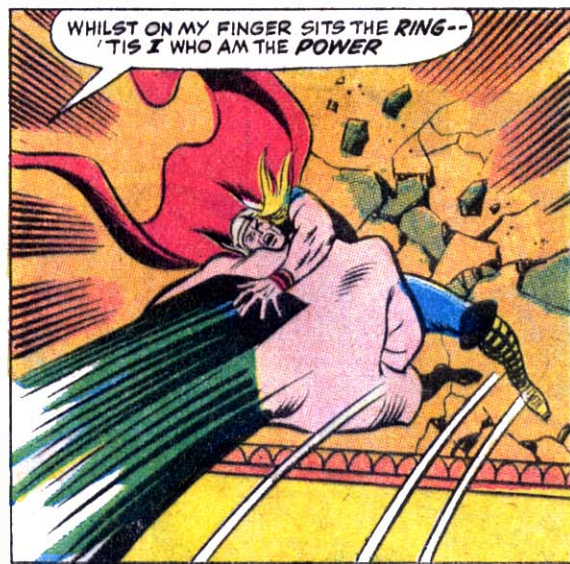


NOW SHALL LOKI SHOW THEE-- HOW **HOPELESS** IS THY FLIGHT

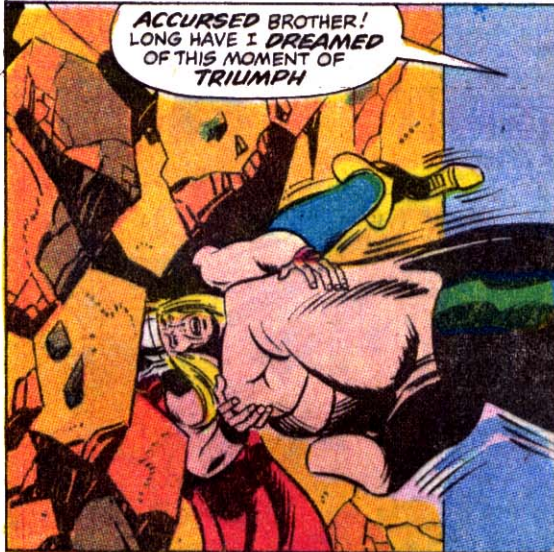
THINE HAND IS **LOCKED!** IT CANNOT MOVE! THE RING DOETH HOLD IT **HELPLESS**



BUT, WITH A **THOUGHT,** MY OWN CAN GROW-- TO ANY SIZE I WILL IT



WHILST ON MY FINGER SITS THE RING-- 'TIS I WHO AM THE **POWER**



NOW, AS BALDER PLEDGED LOYALTY TO THE MYSTIC KARNILLA-- WILT THOU SWEAR FEALTY TO NONE BUT LOKI?



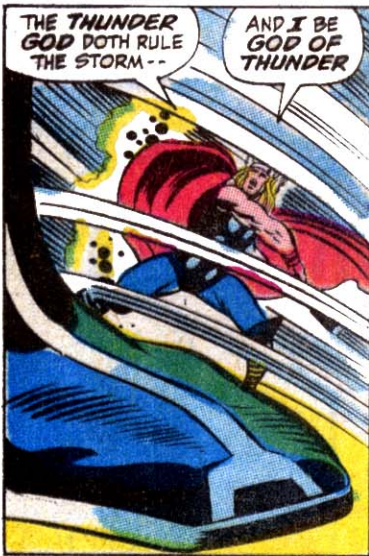
NEVER! NOT THOUGH I DIE A THOUSAND DEATHS

IN THY CASE, ONE WILL SURE SUFFICE

SUDDENLY, A SAVAGE STORM BREAKS FORTH--AND A LIGHTNING-BOLT STRIKES OUT--



TAKE HEART, MY LADY! THOR IS WITH THEE STILL



THE THUNDER GOD DOTH RULE THE STORM--

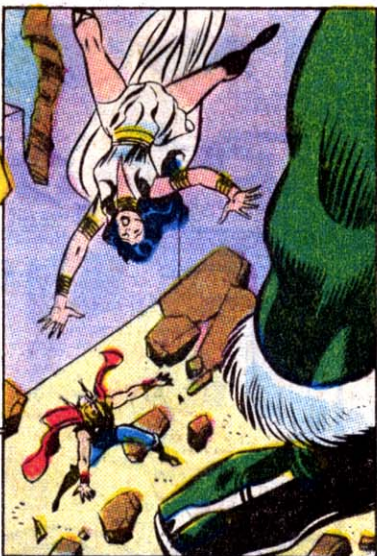
AND I BE GOD OF THUNDER



AGAIN AND AGAIN THE LIGHTNING STRIKES, UNTIL THE GIANT'S HAND FLIES OPEN --

-- AND HIS CAPTIVE IS RELEASED

FEAR NOT, FAIR SIF! THY PRINCE SHALL CATCH THEE



SO! THOU HAST TO NORMAL SIZE RETURNED

THEN WE SHALL BATTLE MAN TO MAN



THOU ART A FOOL, AS EVER, THOR

THINKST THOU LOKI WILL BATTLE FAIR?



BE IT FAIR OR FOUL, IT MATTERS NOT

THE THUNDER GOD SHALL BEST THEE



WITHIN YON REGAL PALACE, STILL DOTH: RAGE THE BATTLE

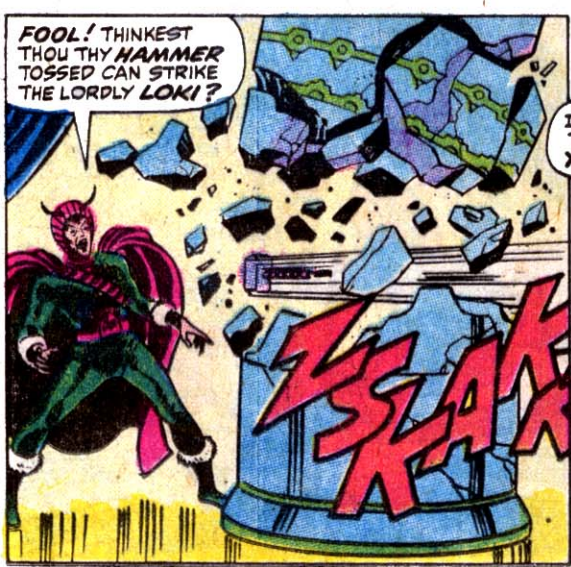
BUT, TO WHAT AVAIL? ONLY BY HIM WHO WEARS THE RING CAN VICTORY BE WON



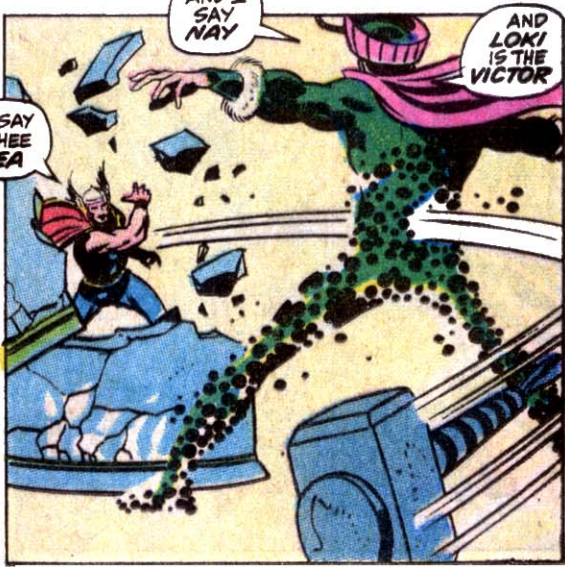
AND, 'TIS EVIL LOKI-- THE MERCILESS AND MAD-- WHO WEARS THE JEWEL OF POWER



WHILST ODIN SLEEPS THE ODIN-SLEEP, A WORLD MAY END-- IN CARNAGE



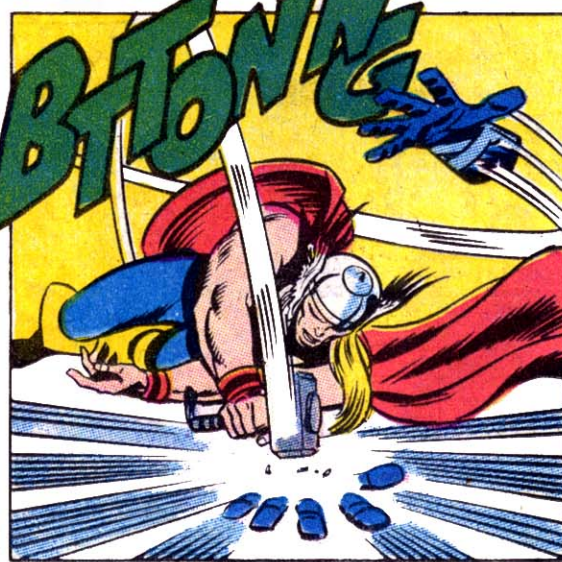
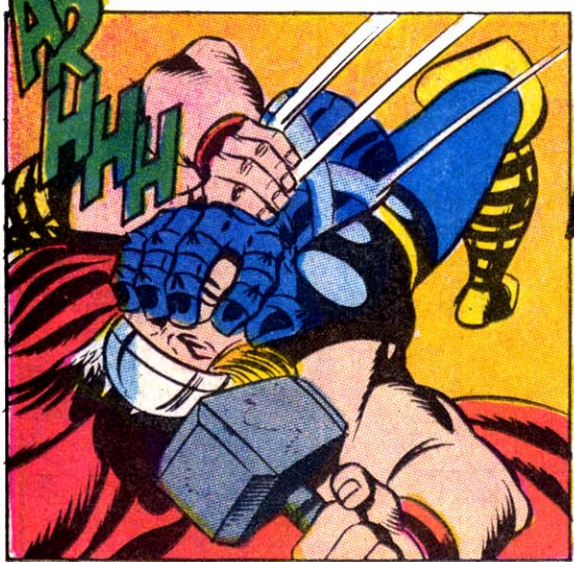
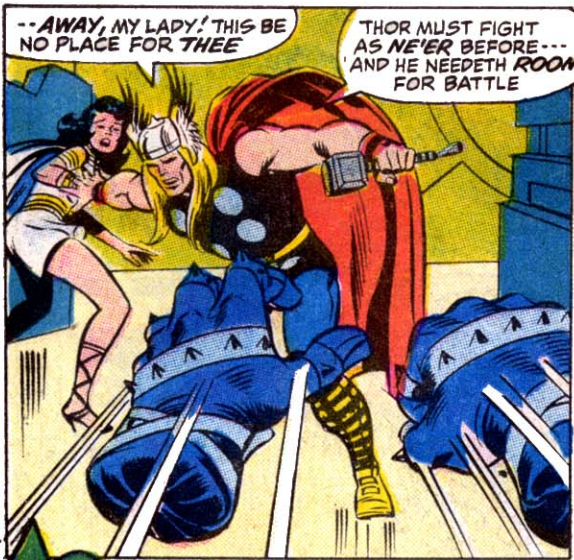
FOOL! THINKST THOU THY HAMMER TOSSED CAN STRIKE THE LORDLY LOKI?

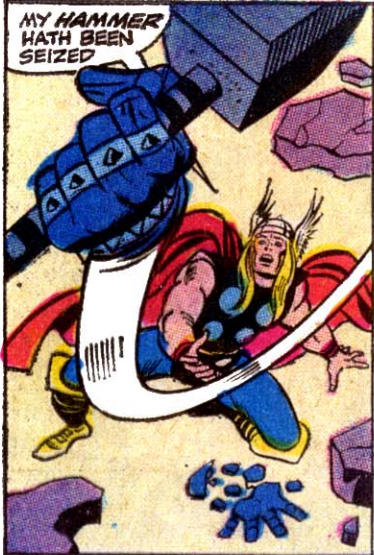


AND I SAY NAY

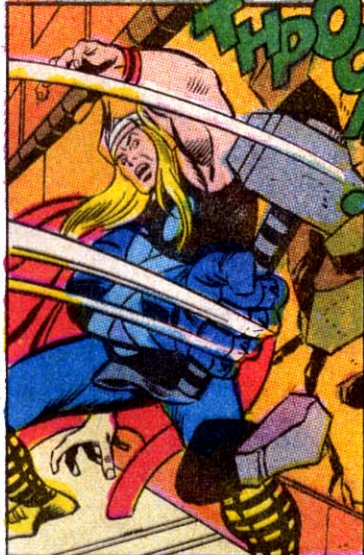
I SAY THEE YEA

AND LOKI IS THE VICTOR





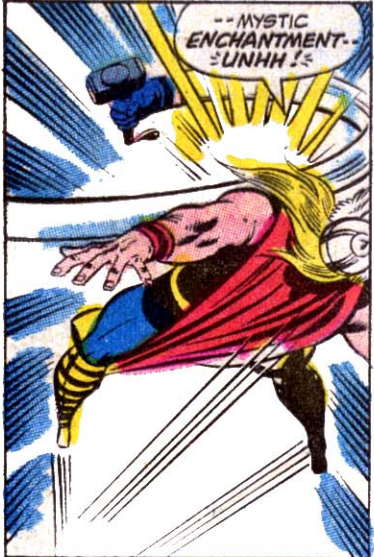
MY HAMMER HATH BEEN SEIZED



THPOOM!



IN TRUTH, NO MAN'S SKILL OR SPEED CAN BE A MATCH FOR---



-- MYSTIC ENCHANTMENT-- UNHH! :-



KARNILLA! I CAN BEAR NO MORE

I MUST AID THE THUNDER GOD

I PRAY THEE-- RELEASE ME FROM MY PLEDGE

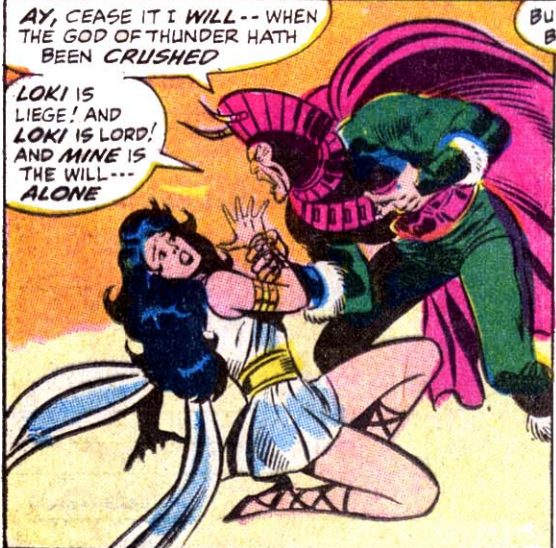
HOW SAY THEE, LOKI?!

THE PLEDGE MUST STAND



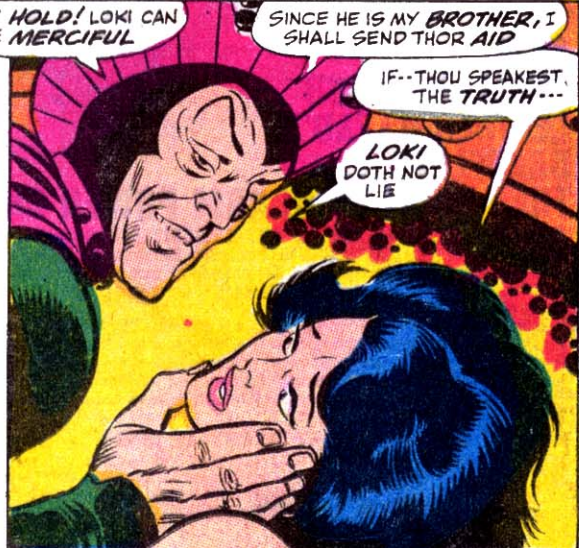
LOKI! THOUGH THY HEART BE EVIL-- STILL ART THOU HIS BROTHER

I BEG THEE, CEASE THY MAGIC



AY, CEASE IT I WILL-- WHEN THE GOD OF THUNDER HATH BEEN CRUSHED

LOKI IS LIEGE! AND LOKI IS LORD! AND MINE IS THE WILL--- ALONE



BUT HOLD! LOKI CAN BE MERCIFUL

SINCE HE IS MY BROTHER, I SHALL SEND THOR AID

IF--THOU SPEAKEST, THE TRUTH---

LOKI DOETH NOT LIE

AT THAT MOMENT, IN A FAR, FAR
DISTANT WORLD---



-- A WORLD OF SAVAGERY, AND
ENDLESS STRIFE ---



FAMILIAR FORMS NOW GREET OUR
STARTLED EYES---

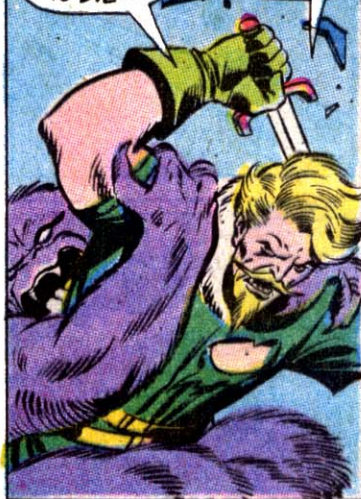


BRAVE VOLSTAGG'S EACH TIME
SWORD IS LOST, I FALL---
ALAS! YET-- ANOTHER FOE
IS DULY CRUSHED



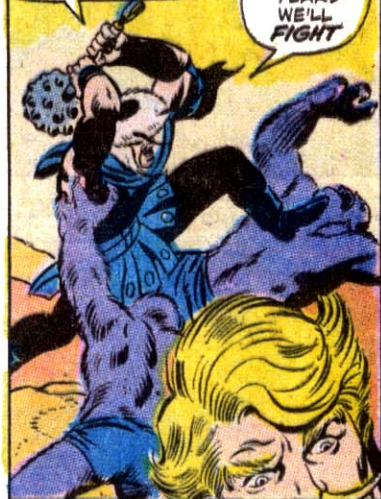
THOUGH LOKI/
SENT US HERE
TO DIE---

WE LIVE!
WE LIVE!



IF OUR EXILE LASTS
A THOUSAND YEARS--

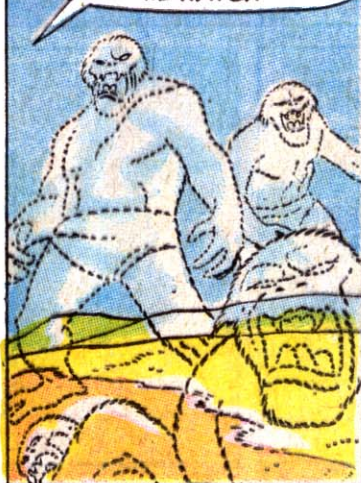
FOR A THOUSAND
YEARS
WE'LL
FIGHT



BUT STAY YE NOW! WHAT
WONDERMENT ASSAILS
MINE EYES?



OUR FOES DO FADE-- AND
SLOWLY VANISH-- EVEN AS
WE WATCH



'T WAS THE
DOING OF
LOKI

I NOW HAVE OTHER
PLANS FOR THEE





SO, BACK TO ASGARD SHALL YE GO

-- TO AID THY HAPLESS PRINCE

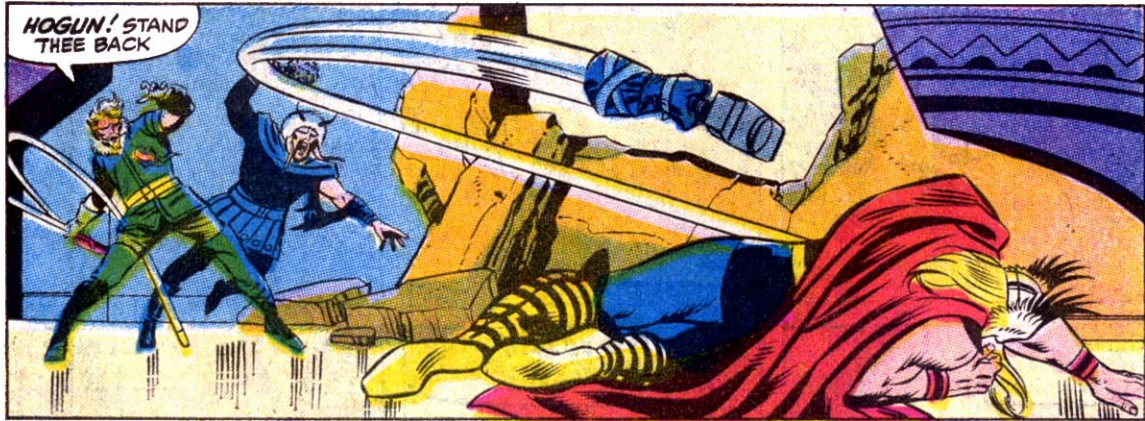


AND I SHALL WATCH AS YOU-- AND HE-- ARE EACH ONE FELLED IN BATTLE

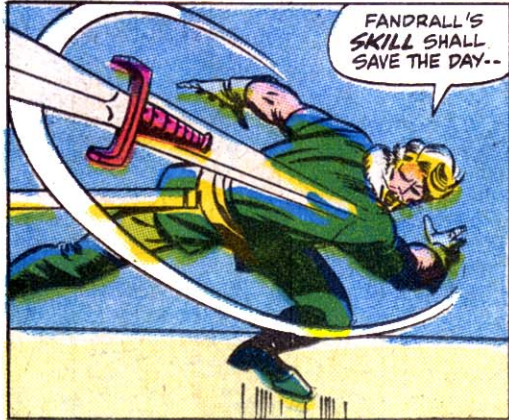


THE EVIL ONE HATH SPAKE THE TRUTH! THE MIGHTY THOR IS SORELY PRESSED

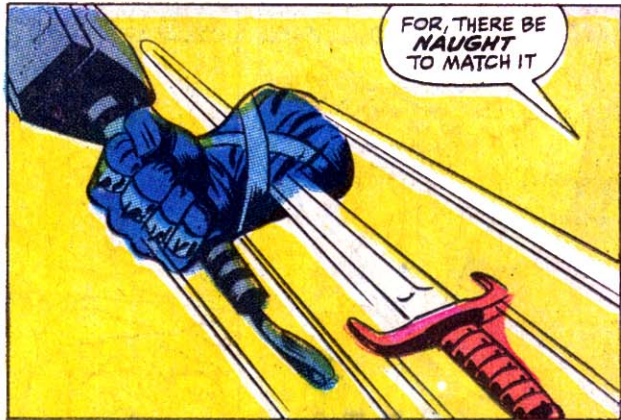
THEN TO HIS SIDE WE FLY



HOGUN! STAND THEE BACK



FANDRALL'S SKILL SHALL SAVE THE DAY--



FOR, THERE BE NAUGHT TO MATCH IT



'T WAS TO NO AVAIL

SINCE THE HAND BE ENCHANTED, NO THRUST OF OURS WILL STOP IT



HOGUN! VOLSTAGG! GET THESE BACK!

WITH THE FATEFUL ODIN-RING, LOKI HATH TURNED MY HAMMER 'GAINST US

SPARK!



BUT THO' HE HATH THE POWER-- HE STILL DOTH LACK THE SKILL

BOTH HAND AND HAMMER HAVE GONE WILD



THEY BLAST AT RANDOM, AS IF --SUNHHH--



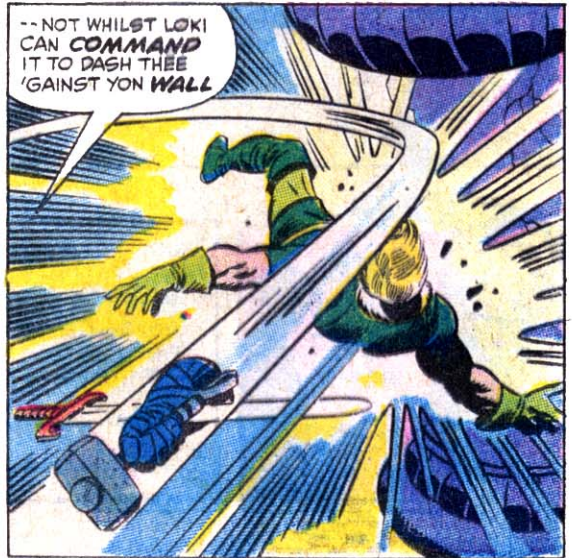
'T IS LETHAL MADNESS HERE UNLEASHED

BUT DARING MAY SERVE US YET



ONE LEAP! ONE THRUST! AND THE HAND BE MINE

BUT NOT FOR LONG, ACCURSED WARRIOR!



-- NOT WHILST LOKI CAN COMMAND IT TO DASH THEE 'GAINST YON WALL



PRINCE OF EVIL, THY METHOD IS TOO CRUDE

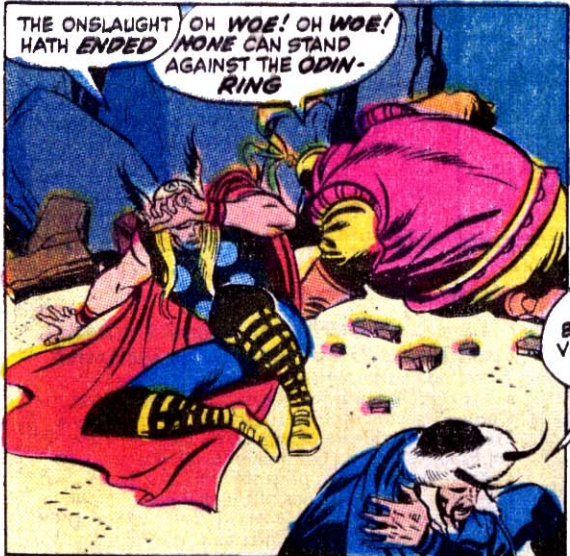
THY WORDS ARE TRUE, KARNILLA! LOKI WEARIES OF THIS SPORT

SURELY THOU CANST DEVISE A FATE MORE FITTING FOR THY FOES



SO, BY THE POWER OF MY RING...

--THE MYSTIC HAND SHALL CRUMBLE



THE ONSLAUGHT HATH ENDED OH WOE! OH WOE! NONE CAN STAND AGAINST THE ODIN-RING

LOKI DOTH BUT TOY WITH VICTIMS SUCH AS WE

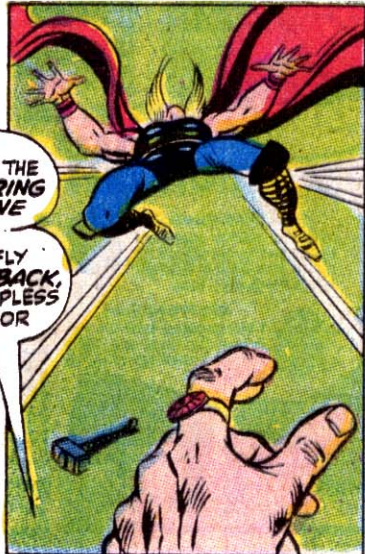
THEN LET US SHOW HOW VICTIMS CAN FIGHT BACK



MJOLNIR SHALL YET BE MINE

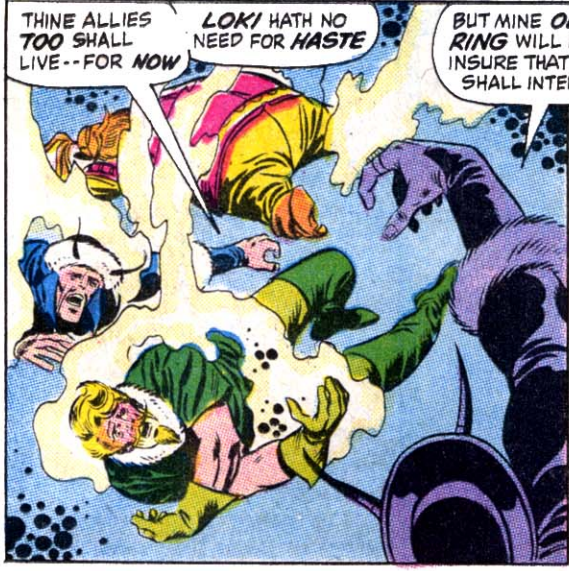
NOT WHILST THE ODIN-RING IS MINE

NOW FLY THEE BACK, O HELPLESS THOR



MY RING SHALL PIN THEE 'GAINST THE WALL...

TILL I BE READY TO SEAL THY FATE



THINE ALLIES TOO SHALL LIVE--FOR NOW

LOKI HATH NO NEED FOR HASTE

BUT MINE ODIN-RING WILL NOW INSURE THAT NONE SHALL INTERFERE



AS FOR THEE-- BE PATIENT, BROTHER! MY MIND NOW BIRTHS A PLAN



THOR IS HELPLESS! LOKI MEANS TO SLAY HIM

NO! OH NO! IT MUST NOT BE

HOLD, FAIR SIF-- AND BIDE THY TIME



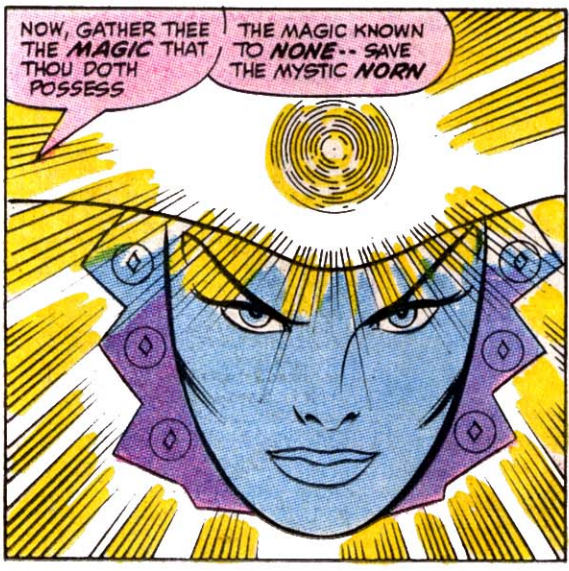
KARNILLA, THOU SHALT AID ME NOW

THY WORD IS LAW-- FOR LOKI WEARS THE RING

WHAT IS THY PLAN, MY LORD?



I PLAN-- THE DEATH OF THOR



NOW, GATHER THEE THE MAGIC THAT THOU DOTH POSSESS

THE MAGIC KNOWN TO NONE-- SAVE THE MYSTIC NORN



HARNESS ALL THY POWER-- AND LET IT BE UNLEASHED

I KNOW THY LOVE FOR BALDER! IT DOETH PLEASE ME TO THINK HOW HE WILL SUFFER, KNOWING THAT THOU HAVE HELPED SLAY THOR



THUS, LOKI WREAKS REVENGE 'PON ALL



NOW, WITH THY SPELL, I BID THEE MOLD A FORM



FOR, LOKI WOULD CREATE--A MAN



AND HE SHALL HAVE POWER-- SUCH AS NONE HAVE EVER KNOWN



POWER ENOW TO CRUSH THE LIFE FROM THOR



STRONG LET HIM STAND -- AND EVER PROUD



FOR HE SHALL SERVE THE LORDLY LOKI



FASTER, NORN QUEEN, FASTER! MINE EYES DO ACHE TO VIEW WHAT THOU HATH WROUGHT





'TIS **DONE**, MY LORD! I HAVE FASHIONED THEE A **MAN**, WITH LIMBS FAR **STRONGER** THAN THE **STRONGEST STEEL**

BUT, THOUGH EACH FIBRE AND SINEW HAVE **POWER BEYOND COMPARE--** STILL STANDS HE **MOTION-LESS...**

FOR HE LACKS THE **GIFT OF LIFE**

BUT NOT FOR LONG, **KARNILLA**

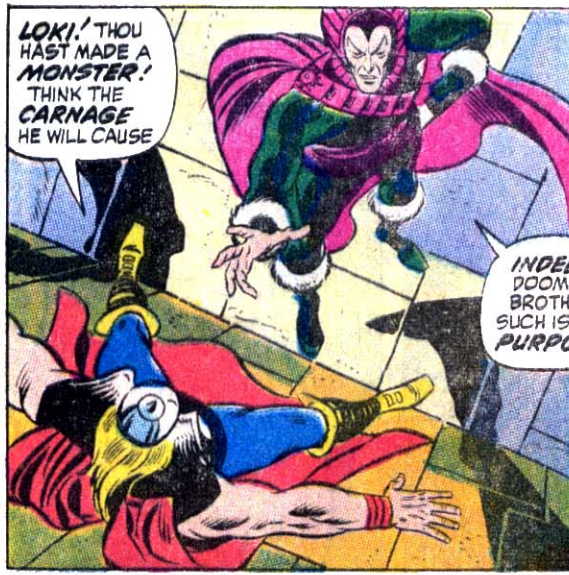
THINE **HANDIWORK** HATH DONE THEE **PROUD--** AND NOW, 'TIS **LOKI'S** TURN

SINCE GODS AND MEN **ALIKE** ARE IMPRESSED BY NAMES **DRAMATIC**, ALL SHALL CALL THEE **DUROK-- THE DEMOLISHER**

FOR **SUCH** SHALL BE THY **TASK**

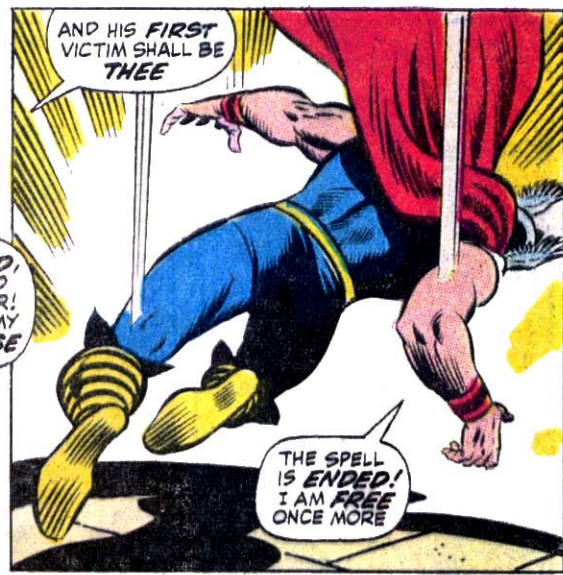
AND **NOW**, THE **MYSTIC ODIN-RING** SHALL CALL THEE FORTH -- TO **LIFE**

BUT NEITHER **HEART** NOR **SOUL** I GIVE-- AND THOU SHALT FEEL **NO MERCY**



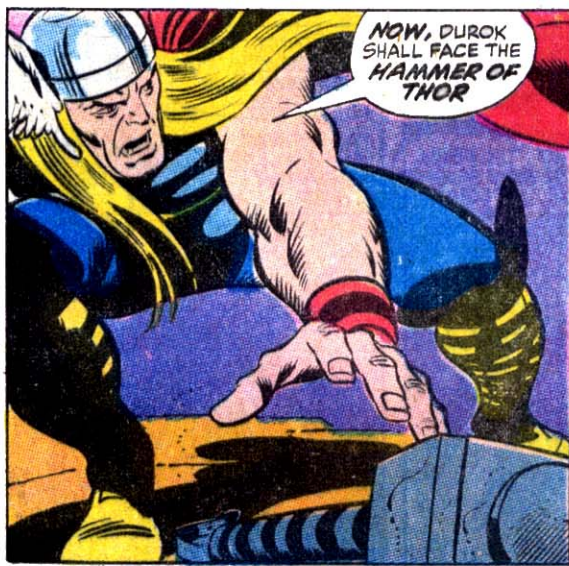
LOKI! THOU HAST MADE A MONSTER! THINK THE CARNAGE HE WILL CAUSE

INDEED, DOOMED BROTHER! SUCH IS MY PURPOSE



AND HIS FIRST VICTIM SHALL BE THEE

THE SPELL IS ENDED! I AM FREE ONCE MORE



NOW, DUROK SHALL FACE THE HAMMER OF THOR



THOU DOST STRIKE--AND STILL HE STANDS

IN THE DEMOLISHER, THOU HAST MET THY MATCH



BUT NOW, LOKI HATH OTHER PLANS FOR HIM

THE DEMOLISHER HATH VANISHED



BUT WHITHER HATH HE GONE-- AND WHY?

WHERE HAST THOU SENT HIM, EVIL ONE?

WHERE HE SHALL DO THE GREATEST HARM...



DUROK
HATH GONE
TO **EARTH**



AND, ONCE **THERE**,
HE SHALL ATTACK
AND **SLAY** EVERY-
THING THAT **LIVES**

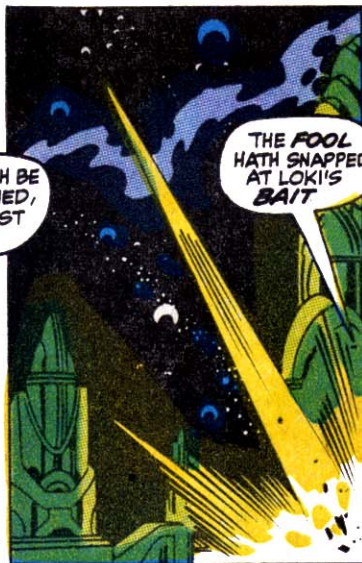
NAY! IT CANNOT
BE! IT **MUST**
NOT BE

MANKIND
IS **MINE**
TO **SAFE-**
GUARD



THEN HIE THEE
EARTHWARD!
BROTHER -- AND
TEND THEE TO
THY **DUTY**

IF **EARTH** BE
THREATENED,
THOR MUST
FLY



THE **FOOL**
HATH **SNAPPED**
AT **LOKI'S**
BAIT



THOU DIDST CREATE THE
DEMOLISHER FOR
ONLY **ONE** TRUE
PURPOSE --

'TIS HE WHO
SHALL KILL THE
THUNDER
GOD



I SAY
THEE
YEA!

NOTHING CAN SAVE
MY BROTHER **NOW!**
HIS **DOOM** IS TRULY
SEALED



DUROK WAS
BORN FOR NAUGHT
BUT **DEATH**-- AND
THOR SHALL
NE'ER RETURN

NEXT:
HELL
ON
EARTH!