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WITNESS A FIGHTING-MAD
THUNDER GOD IN DEADLY COMBAT
WITH THE SAVAGE **ULIK!**
"BEYOND COURAGE,
MUST I STRIVE!"

STAN LEE
PRESENTS

the MIGHTY THOR

"BEYOND COURAGE, MUST I STRIVE!"

BARELY AN HOUR AGO, THE SON OF ODIN JOINED WITH THE MIGHTY AVENGERS TO DEFEAT LOKI, THE GOD OF MISCHIEF, AND TO PUT AN ABRUPT END TO HIS SINISTER ACTS OF VENGEANCE! *

VIGILANT
MUST THE GOD
OF THUNDER
E'ER BE!

THOUGH LOKI HATH
APPARENTLY BEEN
VANQUISHED, STILL DOES
HIS EVIL PRESENCE
SHROUD THE CITY--AND
SOON SHALL HE
RETURN!

BUT NOW, THOR
HATH OTHER, MORE
PRESSING
CONCERNS!

WHERE IS
HERCULES?
WHAT HAS
BECOME OF
HIM?!

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THE PRINCE OF POWER MAY HAVE DESPERATE NEED OF MINE AID!

HE WAS LAST SEEN PURSUING A CRETINOUS BRUTE WHO WAS ATTACKING THE SANCTUM SANCTORUM OF DOCTOR STRANGE!*

*SEE LAST ISSUE.
--MYSTIC MAC



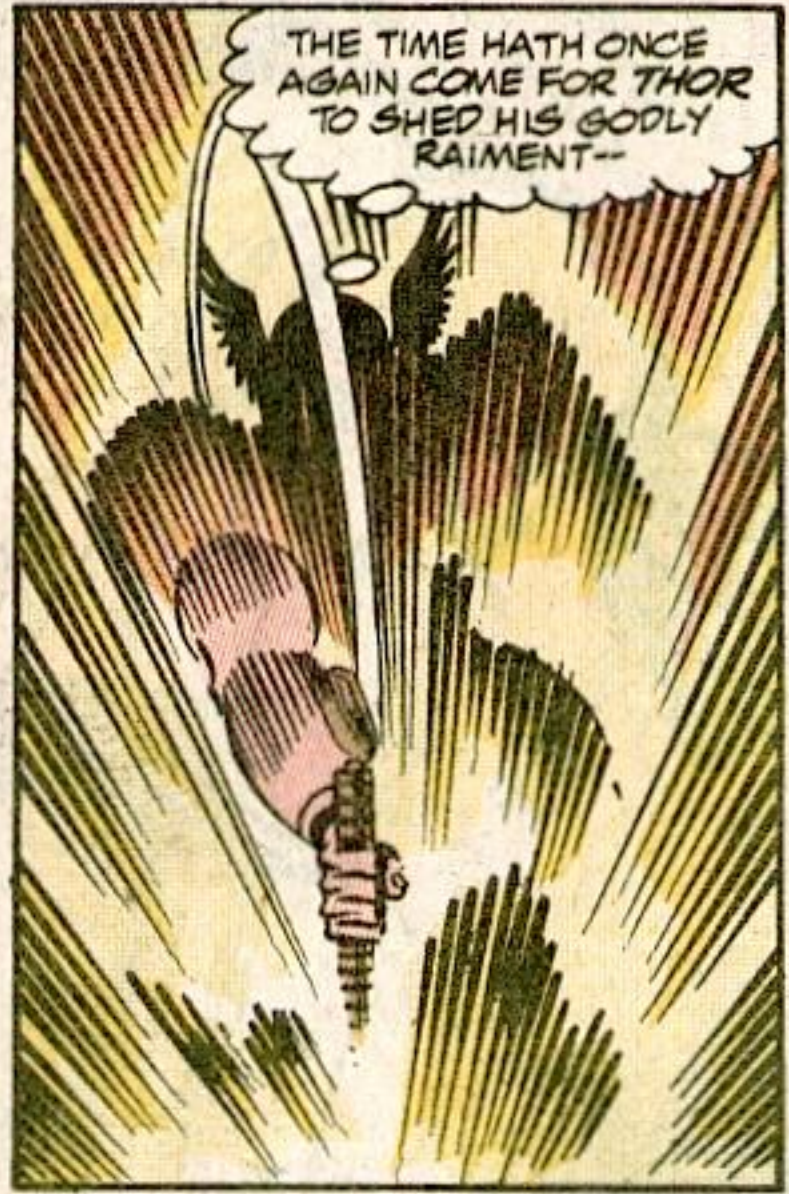
THOUGH THE SON OF ZEUS HATH STRENGTH ENOW TO SHAKE THE HEAVENS THEMSELVES--

--HIS USUAL BOISTEROUS CONFIDENCE SEEMS TO HAVE VANISHED OF LATE!

I MUST FIND HIM!



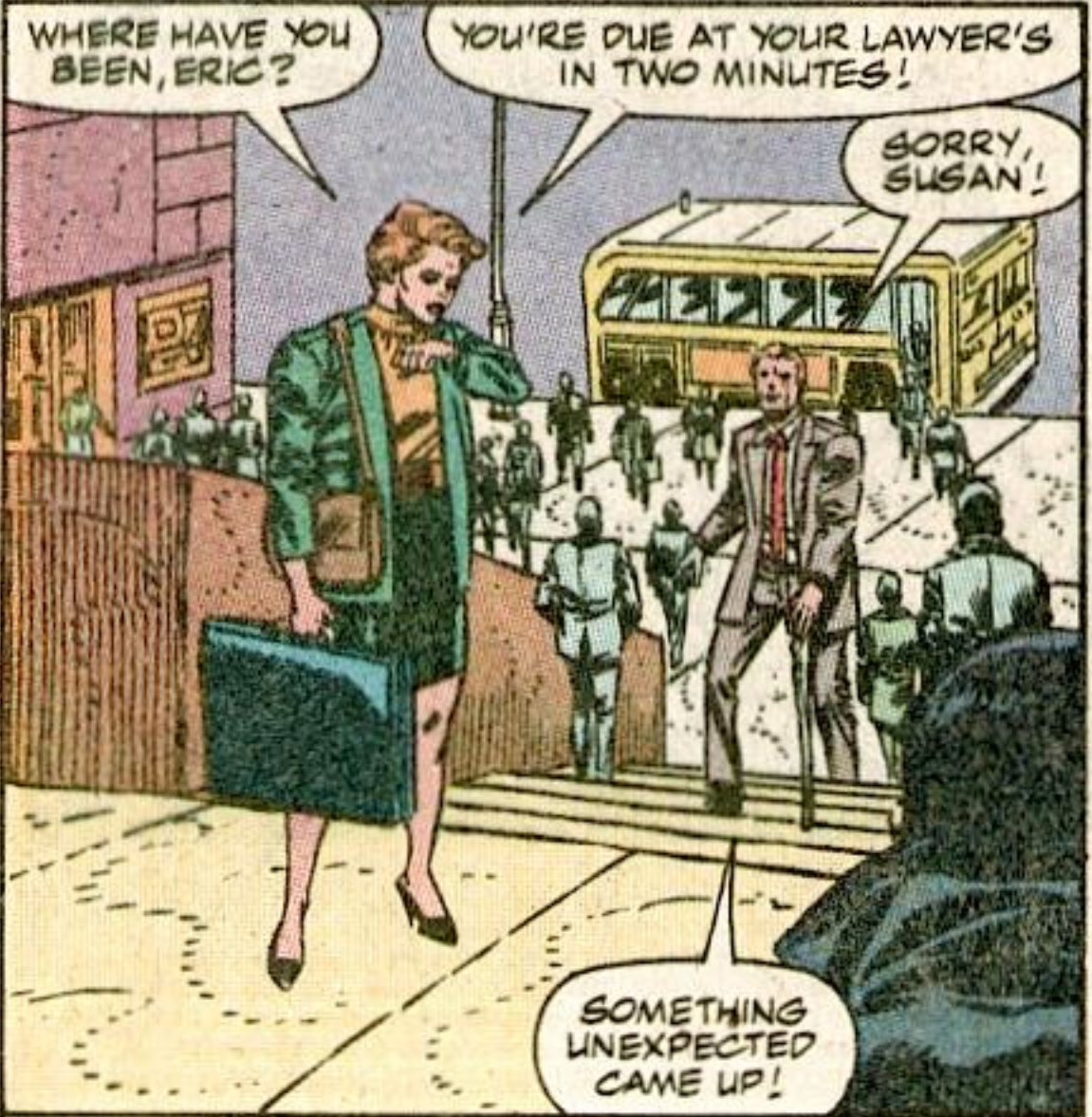
ALAS, I AM PRESENTLY NEEDED ELSEWHERE-- AND MUST TEMPORARILY CEASE MY SEARCH!



THE TIME HATH ONCE AGAIN COME FOR THOR TO SHED HIS GODLY RAIMENT--



--AND RESUME THE MORTAL FORM OF ERIC MASTERSON!



WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN, ERIC?

YOU'RE DUE AT YOUR LAWYER'S IN TWO MINUTES!

SORRY, SUSAN!

SOMETHING UNEXPECTED CAME UP!



MERE MOMENTS LATER, IN THE LEGAL OFFICES OF SAMANTHA JOYCE...

LOOKING AS SHARP AS EVER, WHITEBREAD!

YOU TOO, FOXY LADY!

I BELIEVE YOU ALREADY KNOW MY EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT --SUSAN AUSTIN!

OF COURSE! WE'VE OFTEN SPOKEN ON THE PHONE!



I'M IN REAL TROUBLE, SAM! MY EX-WIFE IS TRYING TO TAKE MY SON AWAY FROM ME!

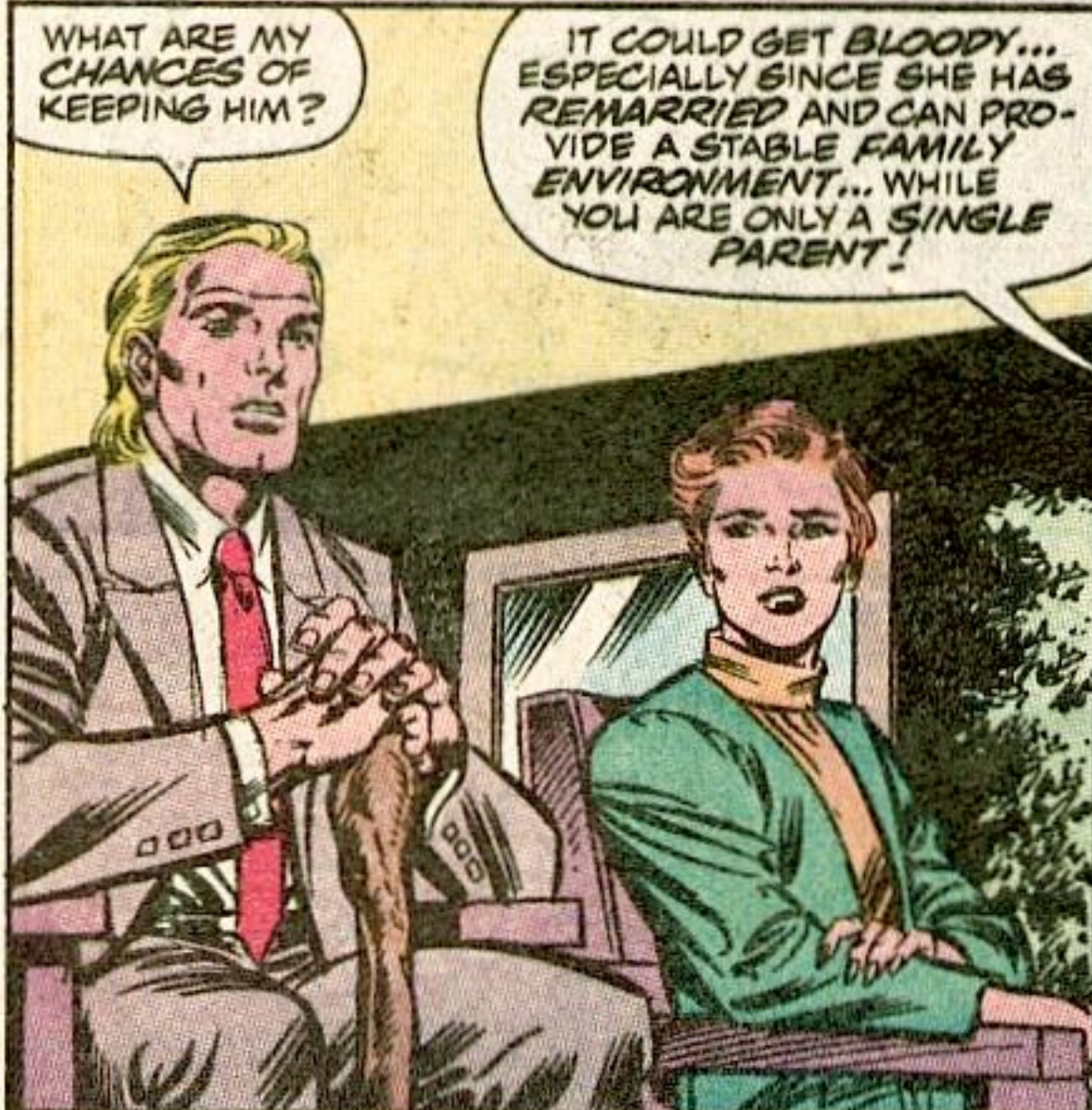
I'M AFRAID WE'RE IN FOR A MAJOR BATTLE...



AS YOU KNOW, MARCY WAS ORIGINALLY AWARDED CUSTODY WHEN YOU WERE DIVORCED!

SHE VOLUNTARILY TURNED KEVIN OVER TO YOU SO THAT SHE COULD PURSUE HER CAREER!

HOWEVER, IN THE EYES OF THE COURT, HE STILL BELONGS WITH HER!



WHAT ARE MY CHANCES OF KEEPING HIM?

IT COULD GET BLOODY... ESPECIALLY SINCE SHE HAS REMARRIED AND CAN PROVIDE A STABLE FAMILY ENVIRONMENT... WHILE YOU ARE ONLY A SINGLE PARENT!

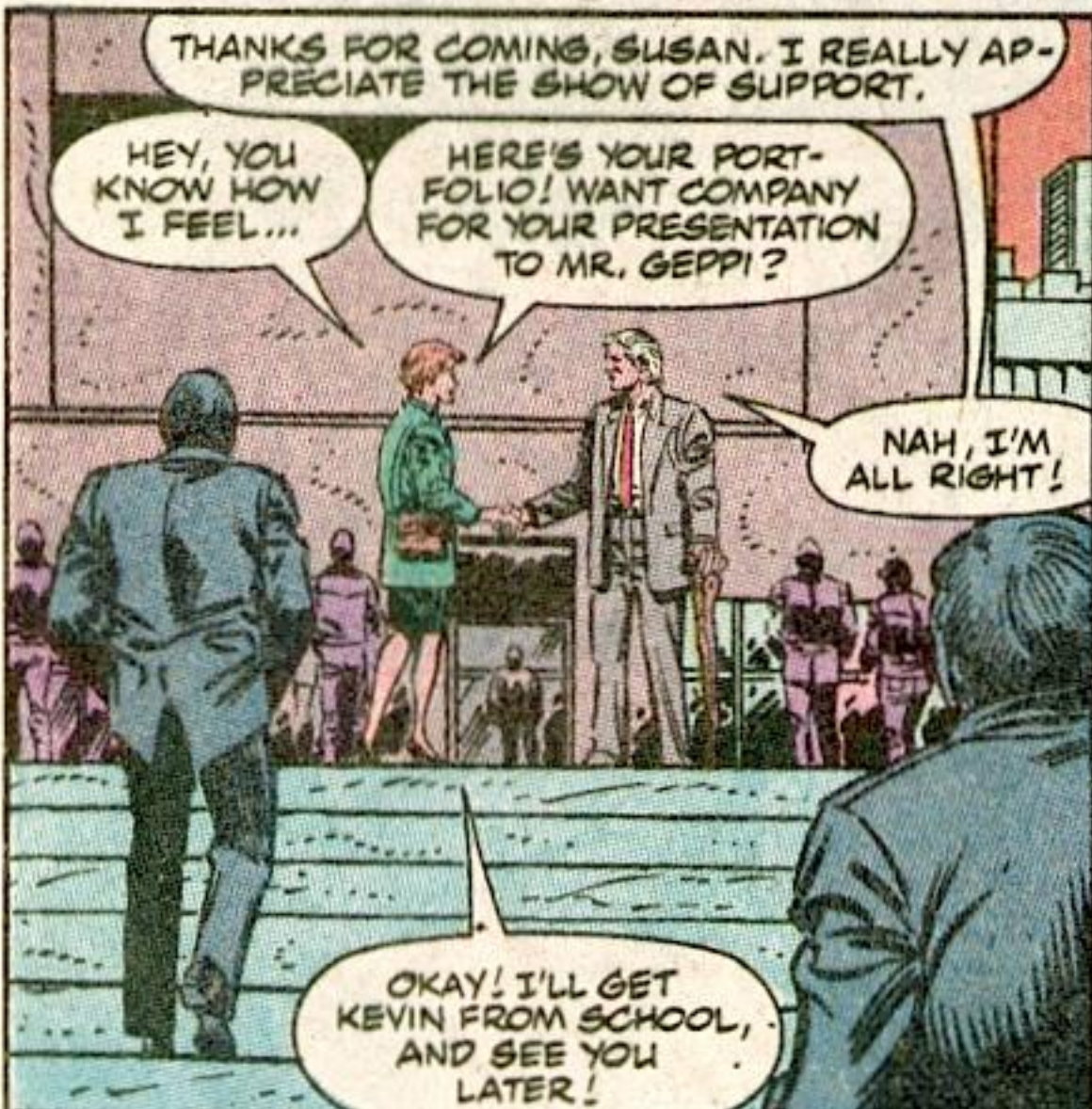


DON'T BE DISCOURAGED! WE'LL FIND A WAY TO BEAT HER!

I HAVE ALREADY ARRANGED FOR CHILD WELFARE TO SEND AN IMPARTIAL OBSERVER TO REPORT ON THE LIFE YOU ARE PROVIDING FOR KEVIN!

DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY, SAM!

I WILL, WHITEBREAD!



THANKS FOR COMING, SUSAN. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE SHOW OF SUPPORT.

HEY, YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL...

HERE'S YOUR PORTFOLIO! WANT COMPANY FOR YOUR PRESENTATION TO MR. GEPPI?

NAH, I'M ALL RIGHT!

OKAY! I'LL GET KEVIN FROM SCHOOL, AND SEE YOU LATER!



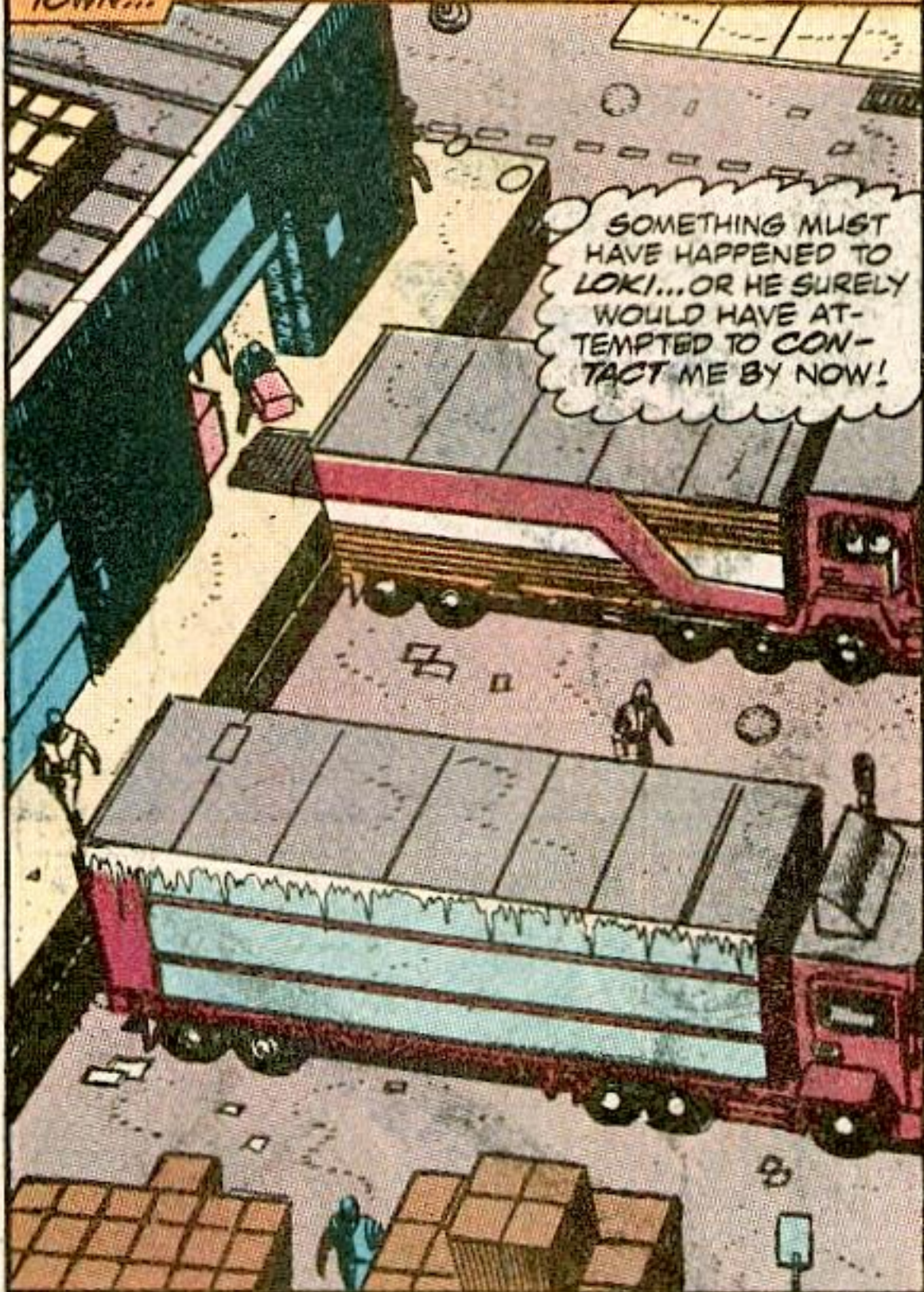
SUSAN IS SUCH A HELP! IF ONLY ...AW, WHY EVEN THINK ABOUT IT!

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? MY SON MEANS EVERYTHING TO ME! I JUST CAN'T LOSE HIM!

POOR ERIC! IF ONLY HE KNEW HOW MUCH I LOVE HIM!

I'LL NEVER ALLOW ANYONE TO TAKE KEVIN AWAY FROM US!

EVEN AS ERIC RACES TO HIS NEXT APPOINTMENT, EVENTS WHICH WILL SOON HAVE DIRE CONSEQUENCES FOR HIM ARE OCCURRING FAR ACROSS TOWN...



SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED TO LOKI...OR HE SURELY WOULD HAVE ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT ME BY NOW!

BAH! HIS FATE IS OF LITTLE CONCERN!

NOTHING HAVE I TO FEAR AS LONG AS I POSSESS THIS ENCHANTED TALISMAN WHICH CAN TEMPORARILY ENHANCE MY POWER!

POWER WHICH ALREADY RIVALS THAT OF MIGHTY THOR!



BEHOLD! SOMEONE COMES--!

HERCULES! THE FOOL STILL SEEKS ME!

EXCELLENT! HE SHALL SOON SERVE AS THE PERFECT BAIT... TO LURE THE THUNDER GOD... TO CERTAIN DOOM!



CLOSER! JUST A FEW STEPS MORE--!

'T WAS NOT MY WISEST DECISION TO GIVE CHASE ALONE!

MAYHAPS, I SHOULD HAVE RESTRAINED MY ENTHUSIASM FOR THE HUNT UNTIL NOBLE THOR COULD JOIN ME, AND--



WAIT! I HEAR THE SINISTER SOUND OF FOOTSTEPS ABOVE ME--!

BUT THEN, EVEN BEFORE THE LION OF OLYMPUS CAN REACT, HIS MASSIVE FOE SPRINGS FORWARD ... DELIVERING TWO BONE-JARRING BLOWS WITH FISTS LIKE PILE DRIVERS!

BWAK! KWOK!

DEFEND YOURSELF, SON OF ZEUS!

PROVE YOURSELF WORTHY OF THE HEROIC LEGENDS WHICH SURROUND YOU!

CONVINCE ME THAT YOU ARE A WARRIOR WORTHY OF DOING BATTLE WITH ULIK!

ULIK THE UNCONQUERABLE! THE MIGHTIEST OF ALL ROCK TROLLS!

STUNNED BY THE SUDDENNESS AND SAVAGERY OF ULIK'S UNEXPECTED ATTACK!

HAUNTED BY HIS RECENT BOUTS OF SELF-DOUBT!

THE PRINCE OF POWER MOMENTARILY FREEZES AND--

NO! STOP--!

YOU ARE A GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT, HERCULES!

I WAS HOPING THAT YOU WOULD PROVIDE ME WITH INTERESTING SPORT! A CHALLENGE WHICH WARRANTED THE FULL GLORY OF MY INCALCULABLE STRENGTH!

INSTEAD, YOU ARE A COWARD WHOSE DESTRUCTION IS NOT WORTH EVEN THIS FEEBLE EFFORT!

SKRAAK!

ELSEWHERE, AT THAT VERY MOMENT...

THIS IS A GAG, RIGHT? NO WAY AN OLD WARHORSE LIKE MARCUS STONE JUST UPS AND RETIRES!



IT'S TRUE, VINNIE! THE WIFE GAVE ME AN ULTIMATUM--THE MARRIAGE OR THE JOB!

GOT THE PAPERS RIGHT HERE!

CONSIDERING HER COOKING, YOU'RE PROBABLY MAKING THE WRONG CHOICE!



CARE TO GO ON ONE LAST ROUST?

THERE'S A NEW SLEAZEBALL IN TOWN!

THE BADGE DOESN'T COME OFF UNTIL THE SHIFT ENDS-- AND I INTEND TO GIVE THE CITY FULL VALUE FOR ITS DOLLAR!



AND SO, A FEW MINUTES LATER...

WHAT'S THE STORY ON THIS GUY, ANYWAY?

HE'S A NEW PLAYER-- POPPED OUTTA NOWHERE!

WORD IS HE'S BEEN GOBBLING UP SMALL, INDEPENDENT CRIME FAMILIES-- WITH AN EYE TOWARD EXPANSION!



WHOO-- EEE!

LOOKS LIKE HE LIVES IN A PALACE!

SO DID THE SHAH-- AND IT DIDN'T DO HIM MUCH GOOD!



A PRIVATE, EXPRESS ELEVATOR LATER...

GUY HAS WEIRD TASTE IN SCULPTURE!

WHERE IS HE FROM-- OUTER SPACE?!

THE MASTER WILL SEE YOU NOW, OFFICERS!

YOU ALWAYS CALL HIM "MASTER"?

THE WAY HE PAYS, I DO WHATEVER HE WANTS!



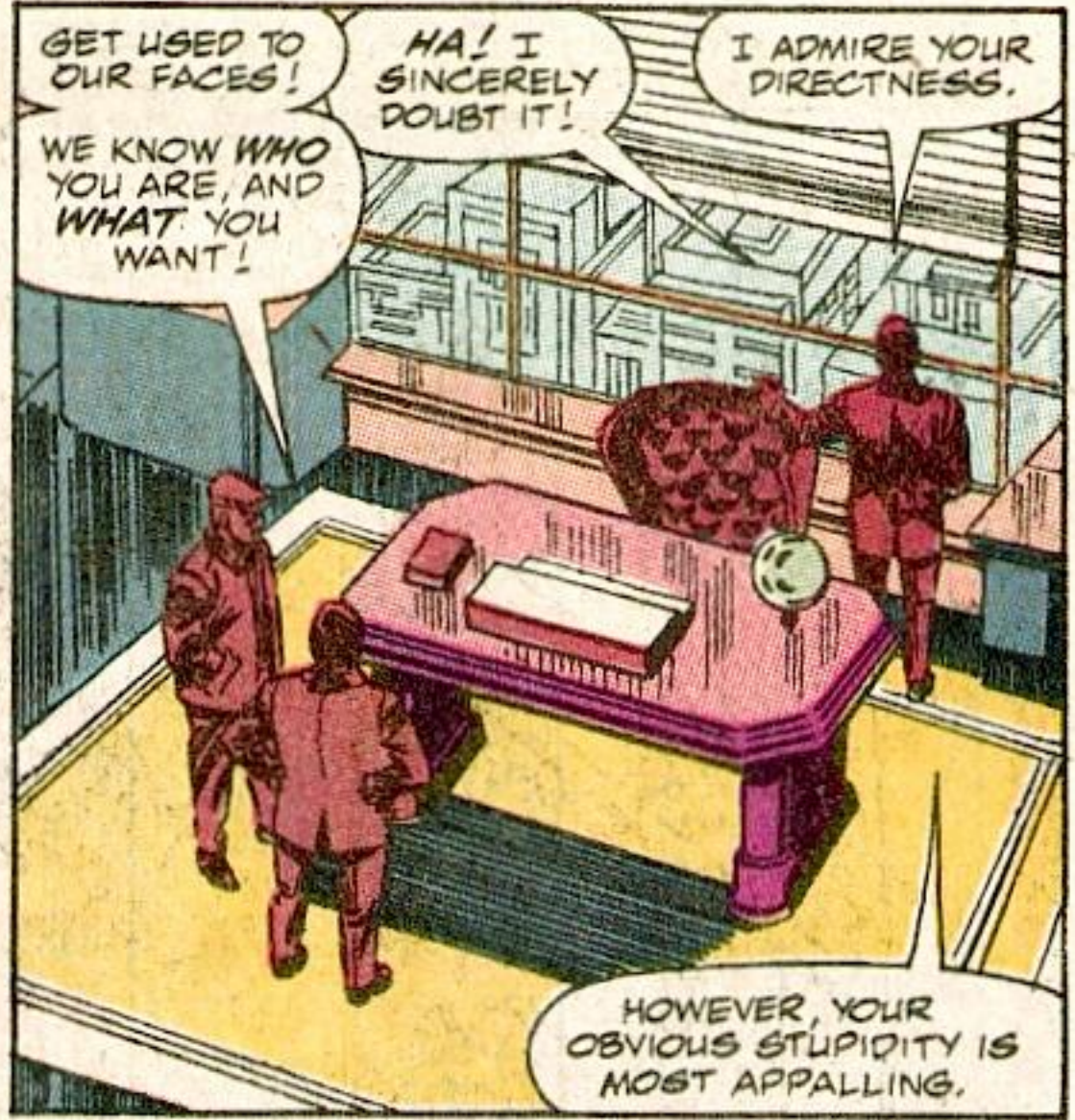


GOOD AFTERNOON, GENTLEMEN. HOW MAY I HELP YOU?

I'M DETECTIVE EVANS! MY PARTNER'S STONE!

CONSIDER US THE LOCAL WELCOME WAGON!

WE GREET ALL THE NEW WISE GUYS ON THE BLOCK!



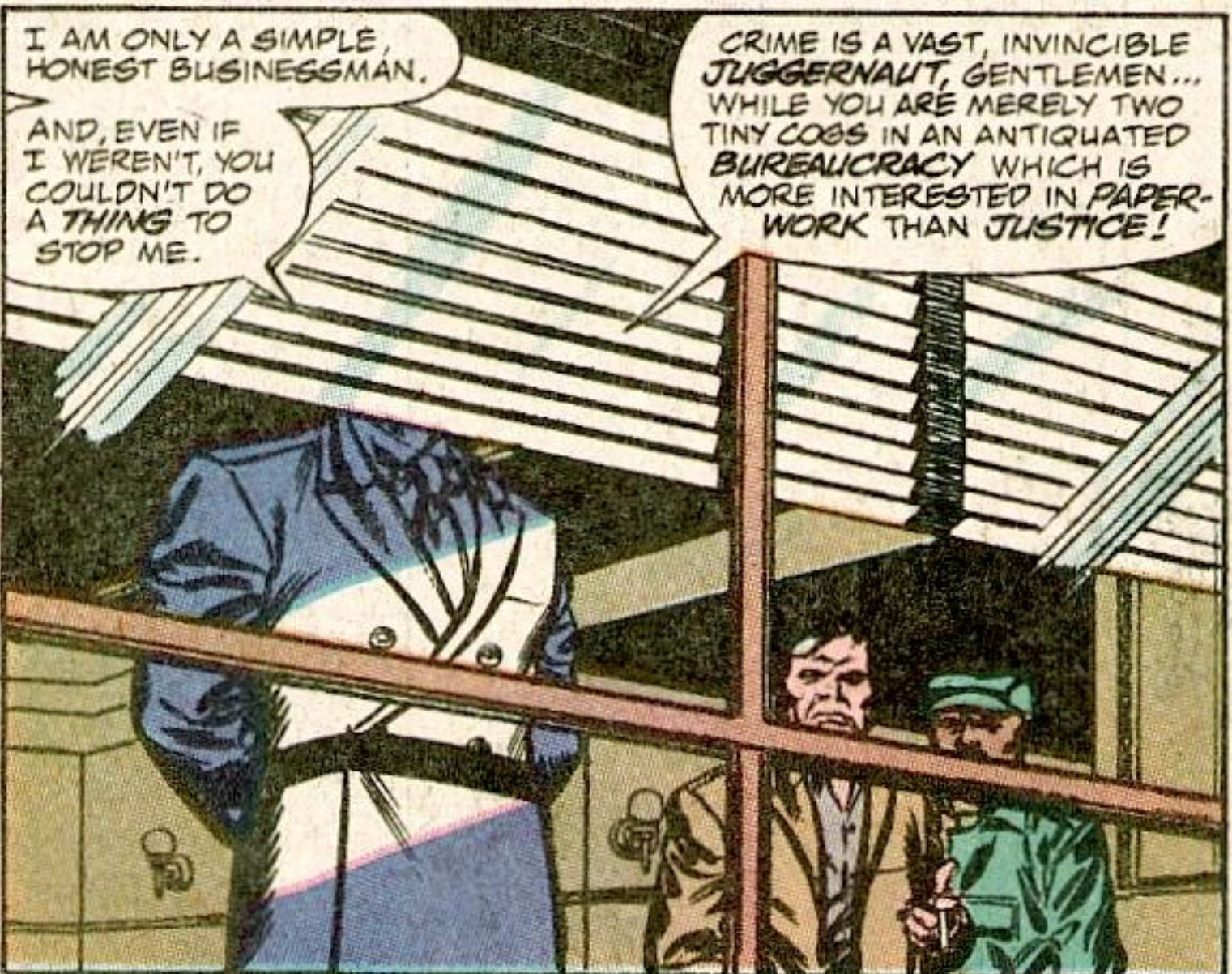
GET USED TO OUR FACES!

WE KNOW WHO YOU ARE, AND WHAT YOU WANT!

HA! I SINCERELY DOUBT IT!

I ADMIRE YOUR DIRECTNESS.

HOWEVER, YOUR OBVIOUS STUPIDITY IS MOST APPALLING.



I AM ONLY A SIMPLE, HONEST BUSINESSMAN.

AND, EVEN IF I WEREN'T, YOU COULDN'T DO A THING TO STOP ME.

CRIME IS A VAST, INVINCIBLE JUGGERNAUT, GENTLEMEN... WHILE YOU ARE MERELY TWO TINY COGS IN AN ANTIQUATED BUREAUCRACY WHICH IS MORE INTERESTED IN PAPER-WORK THAN JUSTICE!



WHAT DID YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH BY COMING HERE? DID YOU TRULY THINK YOU COULD INTIMIDATE OR DETER ME?

DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE?!



BLAST THAT CREEP! HE'S JUST ANOTHER HARD CASE HEADED FOR A FALL!

MAYBE SO, BUT THE MAN DID HAVE A POINT!

WE'RE WASTING OUR TIME, VINNIE! THE WIFE IS RIGHT! WE SHOULD BOTH QUIT NOW, BEFORE--

NO WAY, MARCUS! I DON'T BUY IT... AND NEITHER DO YOU!



ALL UNITS IN THE VICINITY OF THE WAREHOUSE DISTRICT... PLEASE RESPOND TO A DOUBLE-ZERO PRIORITY IN PROGRESS!

TERRIFIC! A COUPLE OF SUPER-JOCKS ARE TRASHING THE CITY AGAIN!

LIGHTEN UP! YOU WOULDN'T WANT YOUR LAST DAY TO BE BORING!

WANNA BET?





KAR-TWAKK!!

A SWAT TEAM'S ON THE WAY, LIEUTENANT STONE!

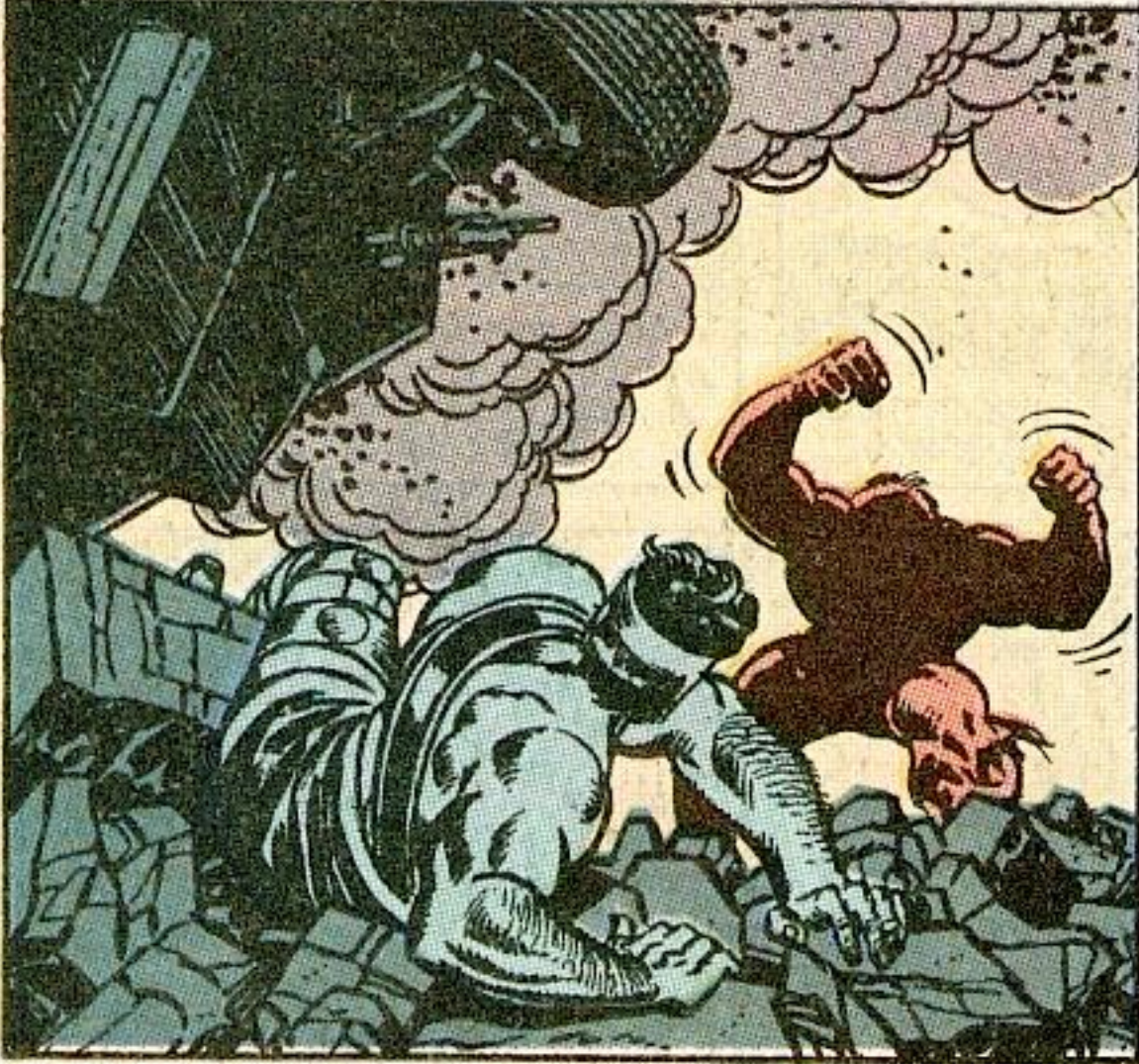
EVACUATE THE CIVILIANS! SET UP A WIDE PERIMETER AROUND THOSE TWO MANIACS, AND KEEP OUR PEOPLE WAY BACK--

WE'RE WAY OUTTA OUR LEAGUE HERE!

GET BACK--!

THEY'RE TOSSING TRACTOR TRAILERS AT EACH OTHER!

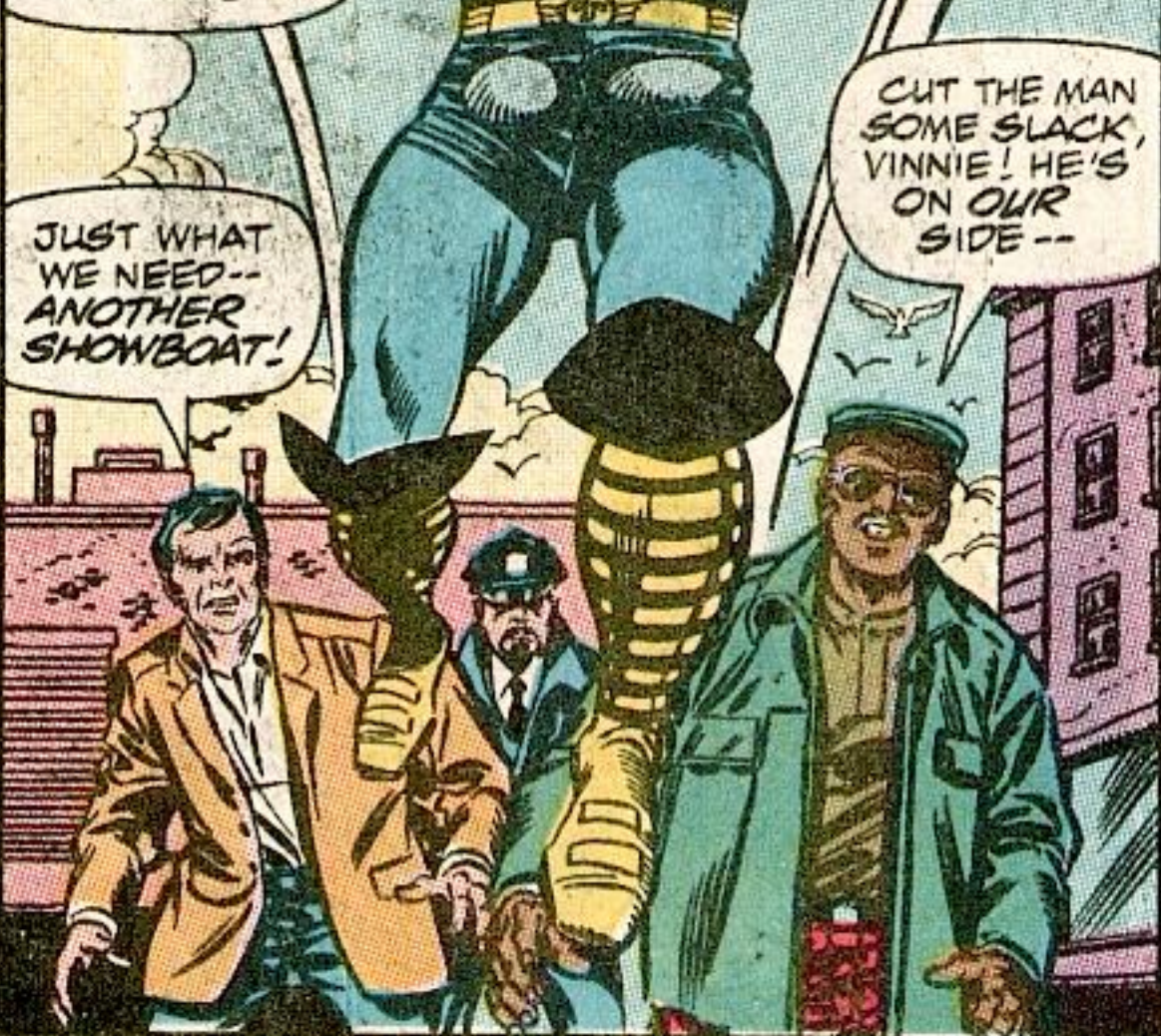
"--AIN'T NOTHING GONNA COME BETWEEN THOSE TWO UNTIL ONE, OR BOTH OF 'EM, ARE DEAD!"



NOTHING SAVE THE POWER OF THOR!

JUST WHAT WE NEED-- ANOTHER SHOWBOAT!

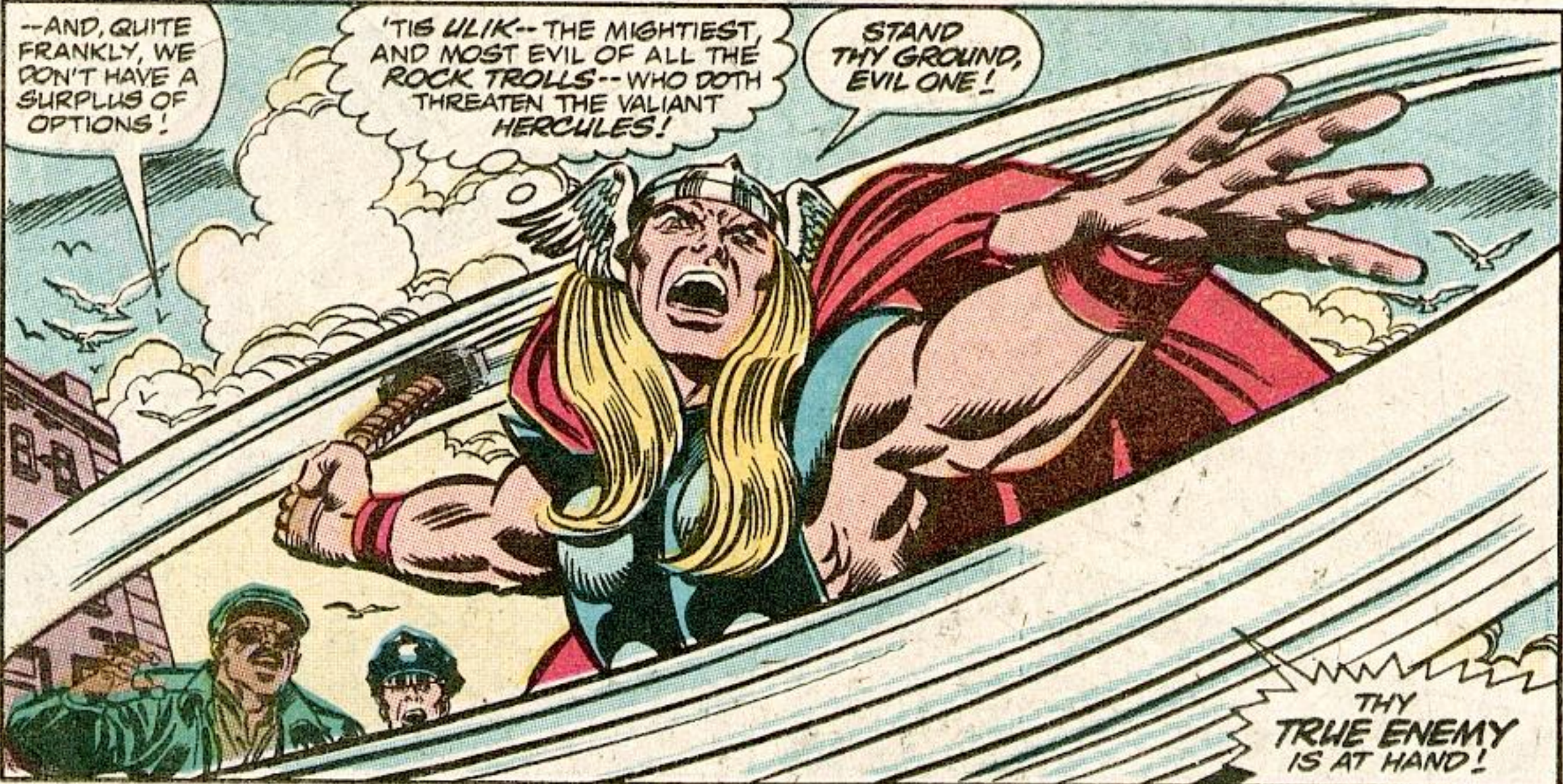
CUT THE MAN SOME SLACK, VINNIE! HE'S ON OUR SIDE--



--AND, QUITE FRANKLY, WE DON'T HAVE A SURPLUS OF OPTIONS!

'TIS ULIK--THE MIGHTIEST, AND MOST EVIL OF ALL THE ROCK TROLLS--WHO DO THREATEN THE VALIANT HERCULES!

STAND THY GROUND, EVIL ONE!



THY TRUE ENEMY IS AT HAND!



IT'S ABOUT TIME!

I WAS GROWING BORED!

THE DIMENSIONAL GATEWAY 'TWEEN ASGARD AND EARTH HAS BEEN BLOCKED FOR MANY MONTHS! HOW CAME THEE HERE?!

THE EVER-SLY LOKI MADE ALL THE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS!

I CAME TO AID HIS ACTS OF VENGEANCE... AND YOUR DESTRUCTION!



ROCK TROLLS AND ASSGARDI-ANS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN HEREDITARY ENEMIES! THEY'VE FOUGHT SINCE TIME FIRST BEGAN HER ENDLESS TREK!

BUT, YOU AND I ARE SPECIAL! WE ARE THE TWO MIGHTIEST WARRIORS OF OUR SEPARATE RACES!

THE LIVING SYMBOLS OF THEIR ETERNAL CONFLICT!



THE WAR CANNOT END... WHILE WE BOTH LIVE!

BUT, WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN EQUALS IN STRENGTH AND POWER... UNTIL NOW!

DO MINE EYES DECEIVE ME?

DOST THOU GROW--?!



AYE! AND, WITH EACH PASSING MOMENT, MY STRENGTH INCREASES A THOUSANDFOLD!

'TIS MAGIC!

A MAGIC POWERFUL ENOW TO USHER OUR TWO PEOPLES INTO A NEW ERA OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY!



KWAKK!

AND THE PRICE IS ONLY ...YOUR DEATH!!



KER-SAAK!

HOLY--!

MARCUS M'MAN, I THINK WE'VE JUST LOST ANOTHER OPTION!



MEANWHILE...

POOR ERIC! THINGS HAVE REALLY BEEN BACKING UP LATELY!

WISH I COULD DO MORE TO HELP HIM!



GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. MARRERO!

MISS AUSTIN, THIS IS A PLEASANT SURPRISE!

I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE YOU TODAY!

WHY NOT? I ALWAYS COLLECT KEVIN FROM SCHOOL AROUND THIS TIME!



B-BUT HIS MOTHER ALREADY PICKED HIM UP!

OH, NO--!

I'VE MET HER BEFORE... AND ASSUMED IT WAS ALL RIGHT!

I'D BETTER CALL ERIC! HE'S PROBABLY STILL WITH MR. GEPPI!



HOWEVER...

MASTERSON ISN'T HERE! HE SKIPPED OUT ON ME!

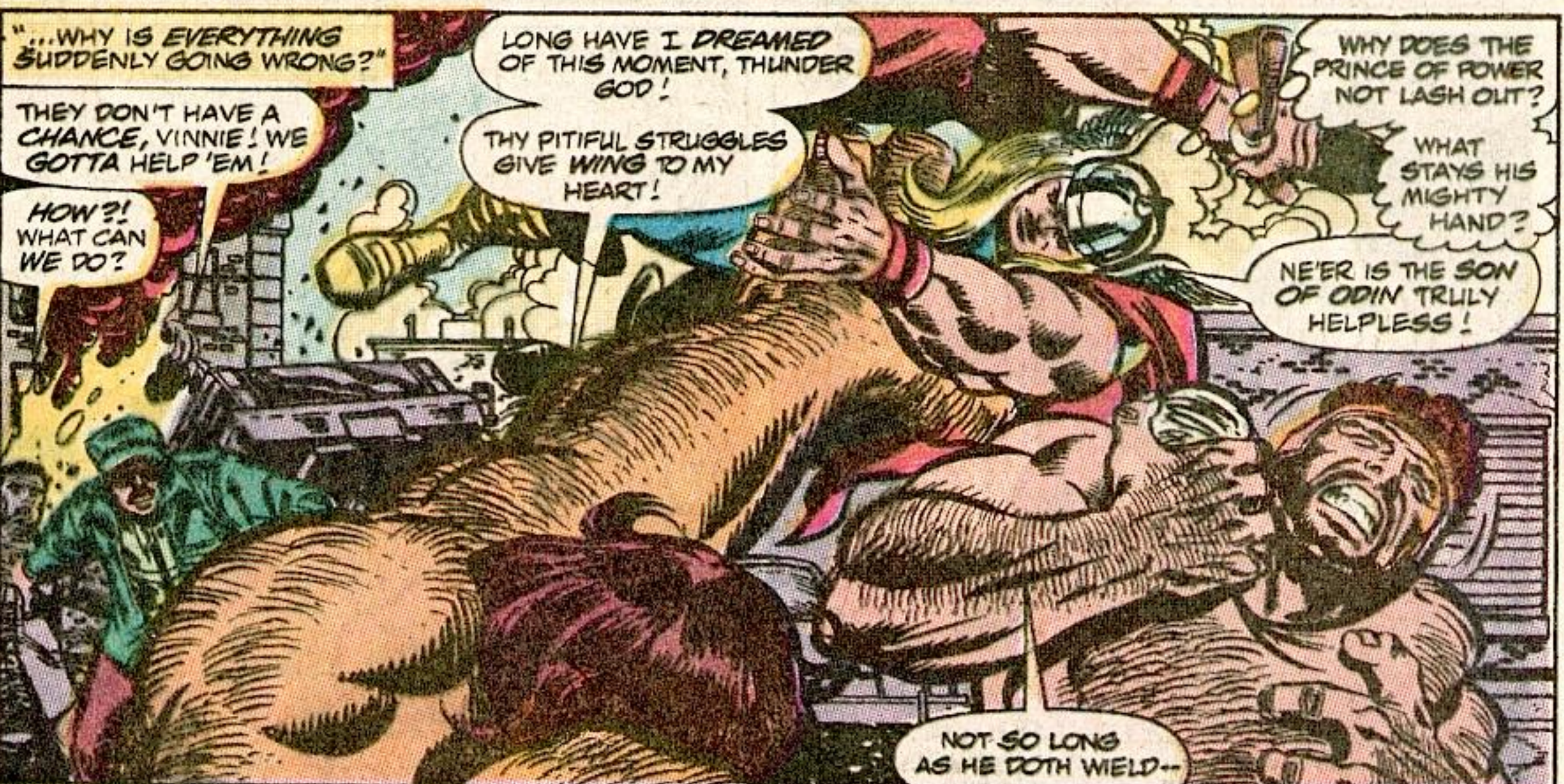
SEND SOMEONE OVER FOR HIS PORTFOLIO! I'LL NEVER DO BUSINESS WITH SUCH A FLAKE!



I... I'M SO SORRY!

WHERE COULD ERIC HAVE GONE?

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO HIM? AND...



"...WHY IS EVERYTHING SUDDENLY GOING WRONG?"

THEY DON'T HAVE A CHANCE, VINNIE! WE GOTTA HELP 'EM!

HOW?! WHAT CAN WE DO?

LONG HAVE I DREAMED OF THIS MOMENT, THUNDER GOD!

THY PITIFUL STRUGGLES GIVE WING TO MY HEART!

WHY DOES THE PRINCE OF POWER NOT LASH OUT?

WHAT STAYS HIS MIGHTY HAND?

NE'ER IS THE SON OF ODIN TRULY HELPLESS!

NOT SO LONG AS HE DOTHS WIELD--



--THE HAMMER SUPREME!!

PWA-KOKK!!



YOU SHALL HAVE TO DO BETTER, THOR! MUCH BETTER!!

OD'S BLOOD! ALREADY HE RECOVERS!

FALL BACK, PAL! DON'T TRY TO TACKLE THAT MONSTER ALONE!

WE NEED REINFORCEMENTS!

AND A FEW DOZEN NUCLEAR WEAPONS!



DON'T SWEAT IT, LIEUTENANT!

YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SWAT TEAM HAS THE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL!

PLANT YOURSELF, SUCKER!

YOU MAY BE BIG, BUT I'M BETTING YOU AIN'T BULLET-PROOF!

'TIS A FOOLISH WAGER, MORTAL!



ONE WHICH YOU WOULD SURELY LOSE!

YIII!



COME FORTH, ODINSON!

FACE ME, OR THE HUMAN DIES!



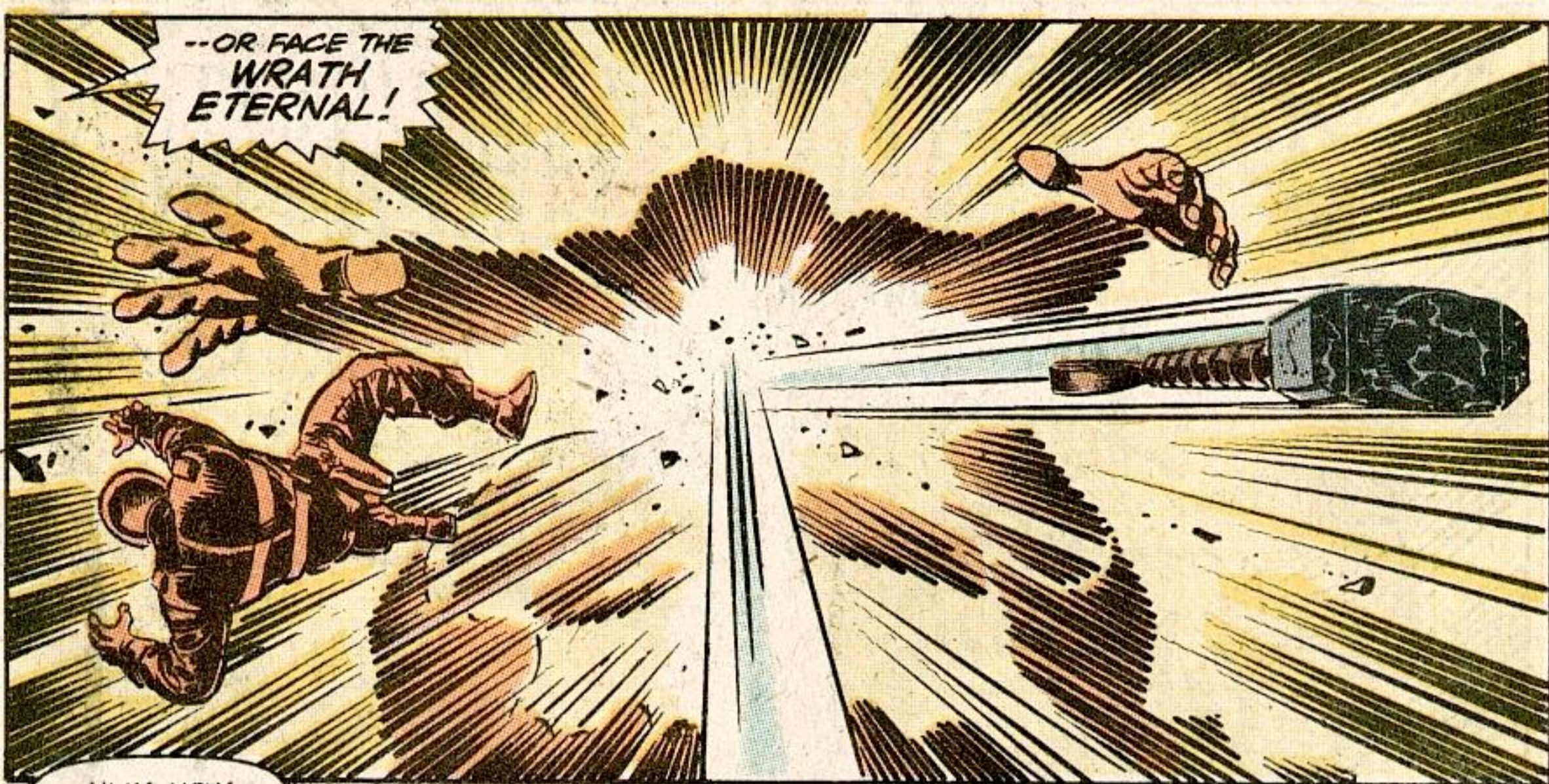
THIS PLANET ENTIRE IS UNDER MY PROTECTION, EVIL ONE!

TRULY ART THOU MAD TO THREATEN ONE OF ITS INNOCENT INHABITANTS!

'TIS MOST UNSEEMLY FOR THE SON OF ZEUS TO BE SO CRUELLY ABUSED!

HONOR DEMANDS THAT I STRIKE BACK AND AVENGE MYSELF... BUT, ALAS, I CANNOT!

RELEASE THAT COURAGEOUS MORTAL--



--OR FACE THE WRATH ETERNAL!



ULIK, NOW THAT THE MORTAL IS SAFE--

--THY MOMENT IS AT HAND!!



THOUGH THOU DOTH TOWER ABOVE ME--!

THOUGH THY STRENGTH DEFIES DESCRIPTION--



--AND THY POWER STAGGERS E'EN AN IMMORTAL'S IMAGINATION!



STILL SHALL GOOD ALWAYS TRIUMPH O'ER EVIL!

STILL SHALL THE SON OF ODIN PREVAIL!



I AM THOR! THE WARRIOR-PRINCE OF ASGARD!

THOR! THE AVENGER OF EARTH-- AND THE GUARDIAN OF THE GOLDEN REALM!

KWAKA-PHOOM!!



I AM THOR--AND I SHALL NOT BE DENIED!!



GA-BWAAK!

NO! NO! THIS CANNOT BE!



PREORDAINED WAS MY VICTORY!

'TIS BEYOND BELIEF THAT LIK SHOULD KNOW DEFEAT!

BUT, KNOW IT THOU SHALT!

SO SWEARS THE SON OF ODIN!



HOWEVER, AT THAT FATEFUL MOMENT...

STAY THY VENGEFUL HAND, THUNDERER!

'T WAS I WHO WAS HUMBLLED BY YON SAVAGE BEAST!

I WHO WAS DEFEATED AND DISGRACED!



HONOR DEMANDS THAT I DELIVER THE FINAL BLOW AND--**URKK!**--

HA! YOU HAVE ONLY SUCCEEDED IN PROVIDING ME WITH A MOMENTARY DISTRACTION--



--AND A MUCH NEEDED MEANS OF ESCAPE!!

SCRASH!



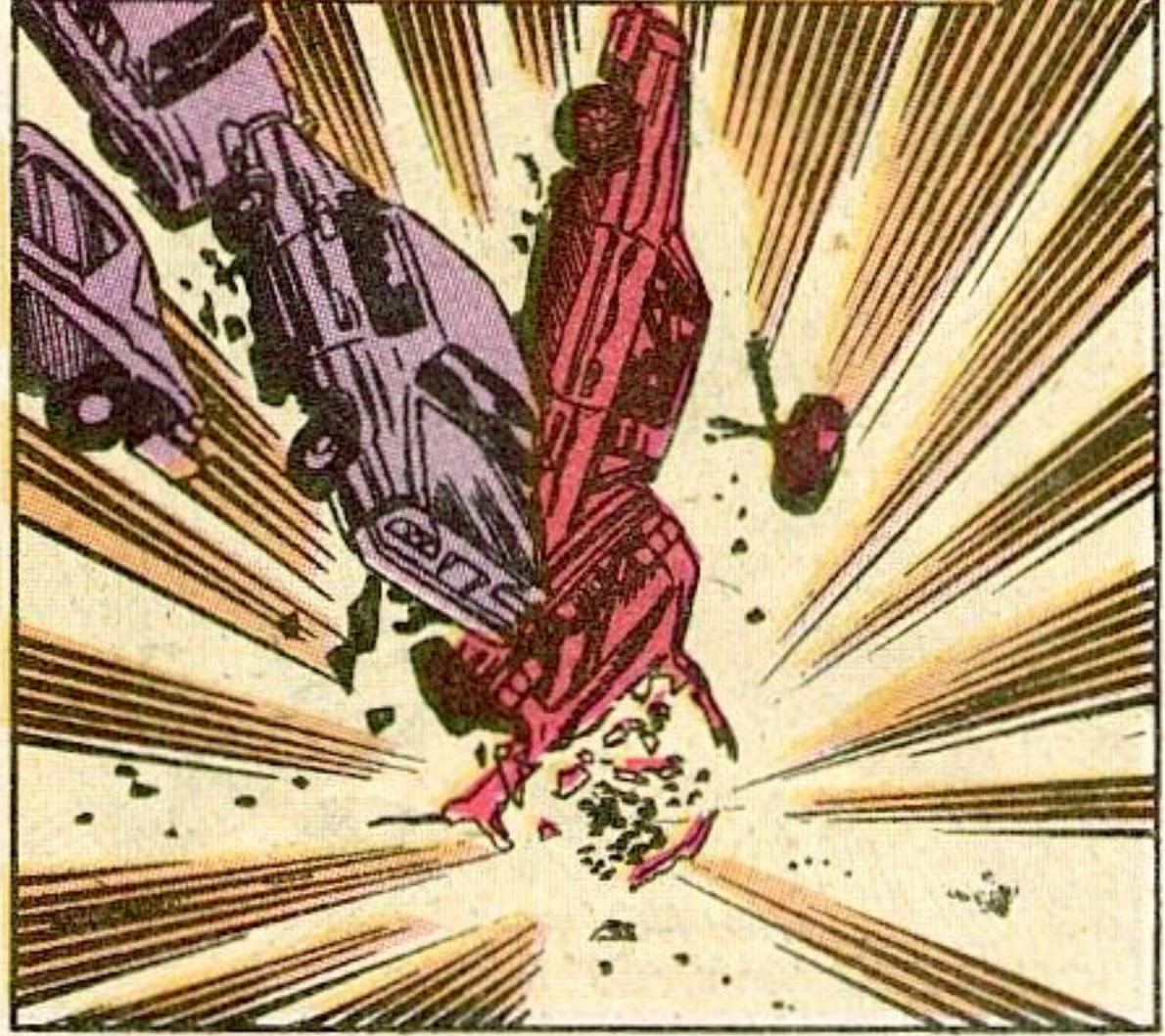
OD'S BLOOD! HERCULES HATH SHATTERED THE REAR SUPPORT OF YON CARRIER!

THE VEHICLES ARE TOPPLING TOWARD HIM!

REACTING INSTINCTIVELY, CARING ONLY TO SHIELD HIS FRIEND, THE NOBLE THOR LEAPS FORWARD--



-- AND IS IMMEDIATELY BURIED BENEATH A COLLAPSING MOUNTAIN OF TWISTED METAL!



SILENCE SCREAMS IN THE AFTERMATH!



SEPARATED FROM HIS ENCHANTED HAMMER BY THE CONCUSSIVE FORCE, THOR STRAINS TO REGAIN IT--

-- BUT, EVEN BEFORE HE CAN SUFFICIENTLY GATHER HIS INCREDIBLE STRENGTH TO SHRUG FREE OF THE MASSIVE DEBRIS, A FULL MINUTE PASSES, AND--



-- THE THUNDER GOD INSTANTLY REVERTS TO HIS MORTAL FORM!



MEANWHILE, COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF HIS FOE'S CURRENT STATE OF HELPLESSNESS, ULIK RACES AWAY...



OUT OF MY WAY, YOU INCONSEQUENTIAL CLODS!

THE ENCHANTMENT WHICH ENHANCED MY POWER IS FADING!

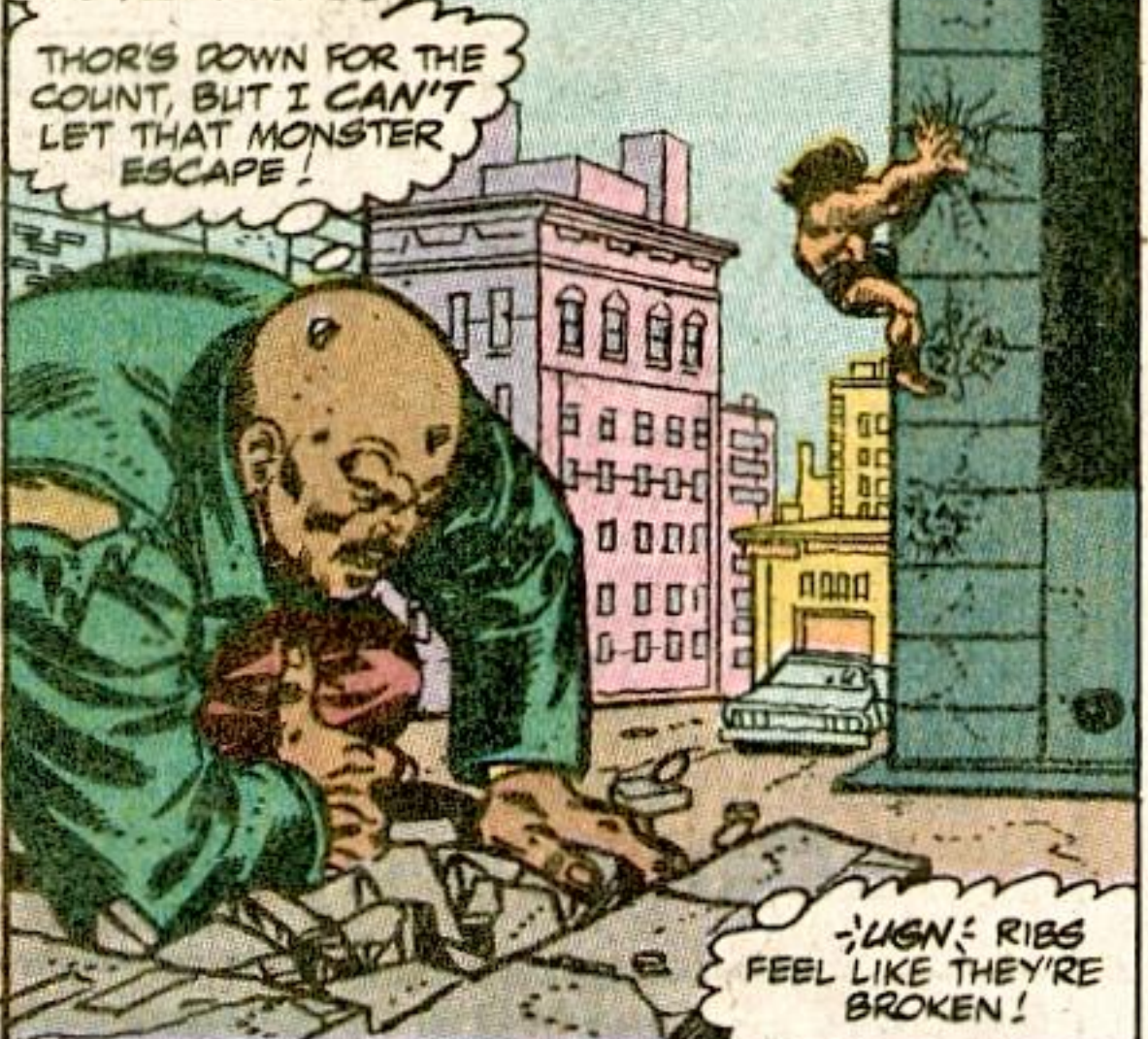
I HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO SHRINK-- AND DARE NOT FACE THOR IN A WEAKENED CONDITION!

WITH A BRUTAL SHRUG, LILIK SAVAGELY SCATTERS THE BRAVE POLICE OFFICERS...



I WARNED YOU--!
GET AWAY!!

HE'S HEADED FOR THE ROOFTOPS!



THOR'S DOWN FOR THE COUNT, BUT I CAN'T LET THAT MONSTER ESCAPE!

!LIGN! RIBS FEEL LIKE THEY'RE BROKEN!



GOTTA IGNORE MY PAIN, AND GET MOVING!

THERE'S A CHANCE THIS M-16 WILL SLOW 'IM DOWN... NOW THAT HE'S SMALLER! YEAH, A REAL FAT CHANCE!

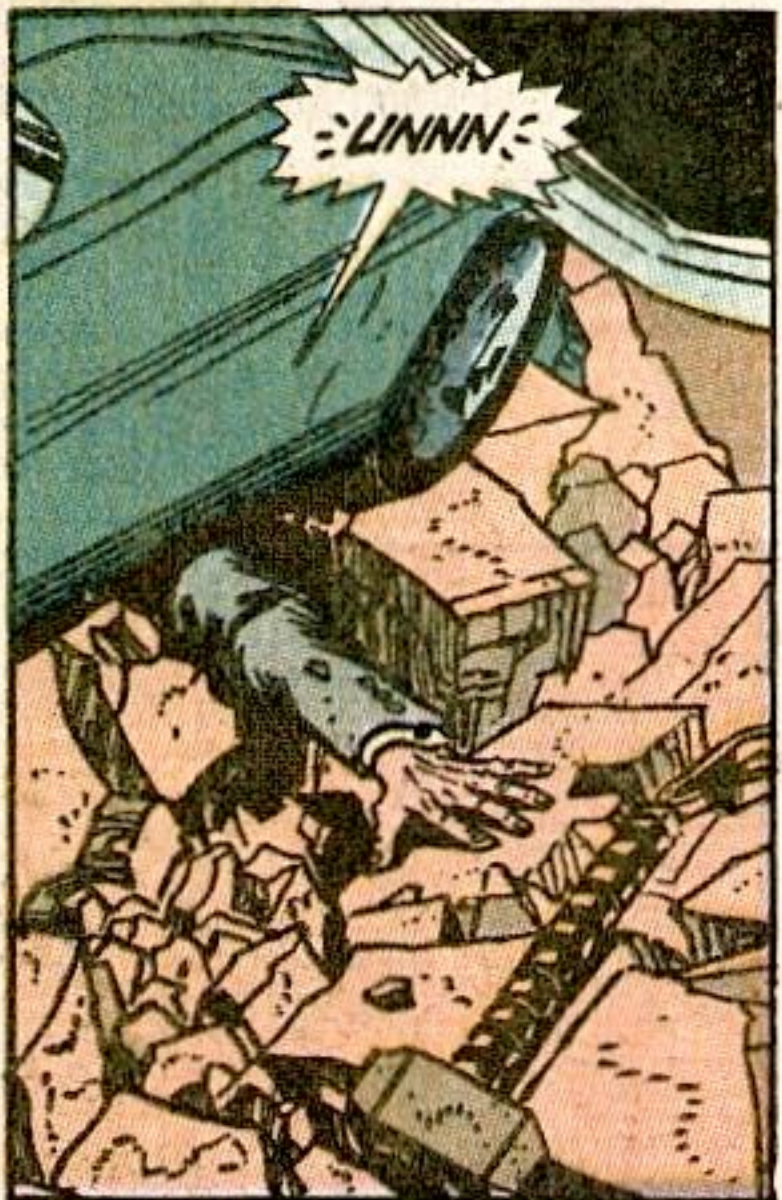
WHERE YOU GOING, MARCUS?

TO MAKE AN ARREST!



ARE YOU CRAZY?!
THIS IS YOUR LAST DAY, MAN!

LEAVE IT ALONE! IT AIN'T YOUR FIGHT ANYMORE!



!LINNN!



HE SEEMS TO BE TRAVELING IN A STRAIGHT LINE!

MY ONLY HOPE IS TO SPEED AHEAD, AND CUT 'IM OFF!



GET DOWN!
POLICE BUSINESS!

MAYBE VINNIE'S RIGHT! MAYBE I AM CRAZY FOR ATTEMPTING THIS!

BUT, THOR DIDN'T GIVE UP... AND NEITHER WILL I!

WHEW! B-BARELY MANAGED TO TACKLE THOSE STAIRS!

N-NEVER USED TO GET SO WINDED!

HEART'S BEATING LIKE A TRIP HAMMER!

G-GOTTA GET IT TOGETHER! HERE COMES MY PIGEON NOW--!

IMPUDENT FOOL! DID YOU TRULY BELIEVE YOU COULD AMBUSH ULIK?

THE STINK OF YOUR HUMAN FLESH WARNED ME OF YOUR PRESENCE!

IT'S OVER, BIG GUY!

I'M TAKING YOU IN! DON'T FORCE ME TO SHOOT!

BRA-TA-TA

BAH! ULIK DOESN'T FEAR YOUR PUNY NOISE-MAKER!

GOTTA FIRE--! HE'S GIVEN ME NO CHOICE!

I ADMIRE YOU, MORTAL!

MOST OF YOUR KIND WOULD SURELY HAVE FLED IN TERROR BY NOW!

YOU ARE EITHER QUITE COURAGEOUS... OR TOTALLY INSANE!

H-HE TOOK THE ENTIRE CLIP LIKE IT WAS NOTHING!

IN HONOR OF YOUR HEROISM, I SHALL ALLOW YOU TO LIVE!

TELL YOUR COMRADES OF MY INCREDIBLE STRENGTH AND SAVAGE PROWESS!

SPREAD THE LEGENDS OF ULIK THE UNCONQUERABLE!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, PAL!

YOU'RE GOING NOWHERE!!

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!

SO! IT WAS INSANITY AFTER ALL!

YOU COULD BE RIGHT!

MAYBE IT IS CRAZY-- OR THE HEIGHT OF ARROGANCE-- TO THINK THAT ANYONE COULD TAKE DOWN A MONSTER LIKE YOU!

I REALLY DON'T CARE!

I'VE INVESTED TOO MUCH IN MY LIFE-- AND THIS STUPID JOB --TO GIVE UP NOW!

AN IMPRESSIVE SPEECH, MORTAL!

FINE WORDS ON WHICH TO END YOUR BRIEF AND MISERABLE EXISTENCE!

A PITY THAT THERE IS NO ONE HERE TO RECORD THEM FOR YOUR DESCENDANTS!

NO PROBLEM! I AIN'T PLANNING ON DYING NOW!

BWAM!

BWAM!

BWAM!

BWAM!

BWAM!

LAST SHOT! GOTTA MAKE IT COUNT--!

BWAM!

AND, IT DOES--!

IT CAUSES THE ENRAGED ROCK TROLL TO MOMENTARILY BLINK HIS EYES AS HE STORMS FORWARD--

--AND CARELESSLY TAKE A FATAL MISSTEP!

THIS, IS MIGHTY ULIK SUDDENLY RIPPED FROM THE PINNACLE OF VICTORY--

--AND PLUNGED INTO THE DEPTHS OF DEFEAT!



BEE-ZAKK!



SKAP-PWONKK!



KER CLASH!



IT'S FINALLY OVER, LIEUTENANT!
WE'VE GOT THE SUCKER SURROUNDED!



WHOO-DE-DO!

METHINKS THOU HAST WON A GREAT VICTORY, DETECTIVE!



YEAH, I GUESS SO...

I JUST HOPE I CAN AFFORD THE PRICE IT'S GONNA COST!



C'MON, I GOT A LOT MORE WORK TO DO...



SOMETIME LATER, IN THE APARTMENT OF ERIC MASTERSON...

POOR HERC! TALK ABOUT DOWN!

POOR GUY HASN'T SAID A WORD SINCE WE GOT HOME, JUST KEEPS STARING AT THE SKY!



WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIS CONFIDENCE LATELY? WHAT'S WRONG?!



ERIC--!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?!



OUT ON SOME BUSINESS! WHY? WHAT IS IT, SUSAN? WHERE'S KEVIN?

MARCY PICKED HIM UP AFTER SCHOOL!

I DON'T TRUST THAT WOMAN! I WENT TO HER HOME AND PLACE OF BUSINESS-- BUT NO ONE HAS SEEN THEM!

TRY TO RELAX! I'M SURE THERE'S A LOGICAL EXPLANATION!

LISTEN TO THE MAN, HONEY!

HYSTERIA DOES NOT BECOME A SWEET, YOUNG THING LIKE YOU!





MARCY--!

HELLO, ERIC. YOU ARE LOOKING WELL...

ER, THAT'S GREAT, SON! WHY DON'T YOU SHOW THEM TO SUSAN...



KEVIN AND I WENT ON A SPONTANEOUS SHOPPING SPREE. I SINCERELY HOPE WE DID NOT CAUSE YOU ANY UNDUE STRESS.

MOM BOUGHT ME ALL SORTS OF NEAT NEW CLOTHES!



...YOUR MOTHER AND I HAVE A FEW THINGS TO DISCUSS!

THEY GONNA FIGHT NOW?

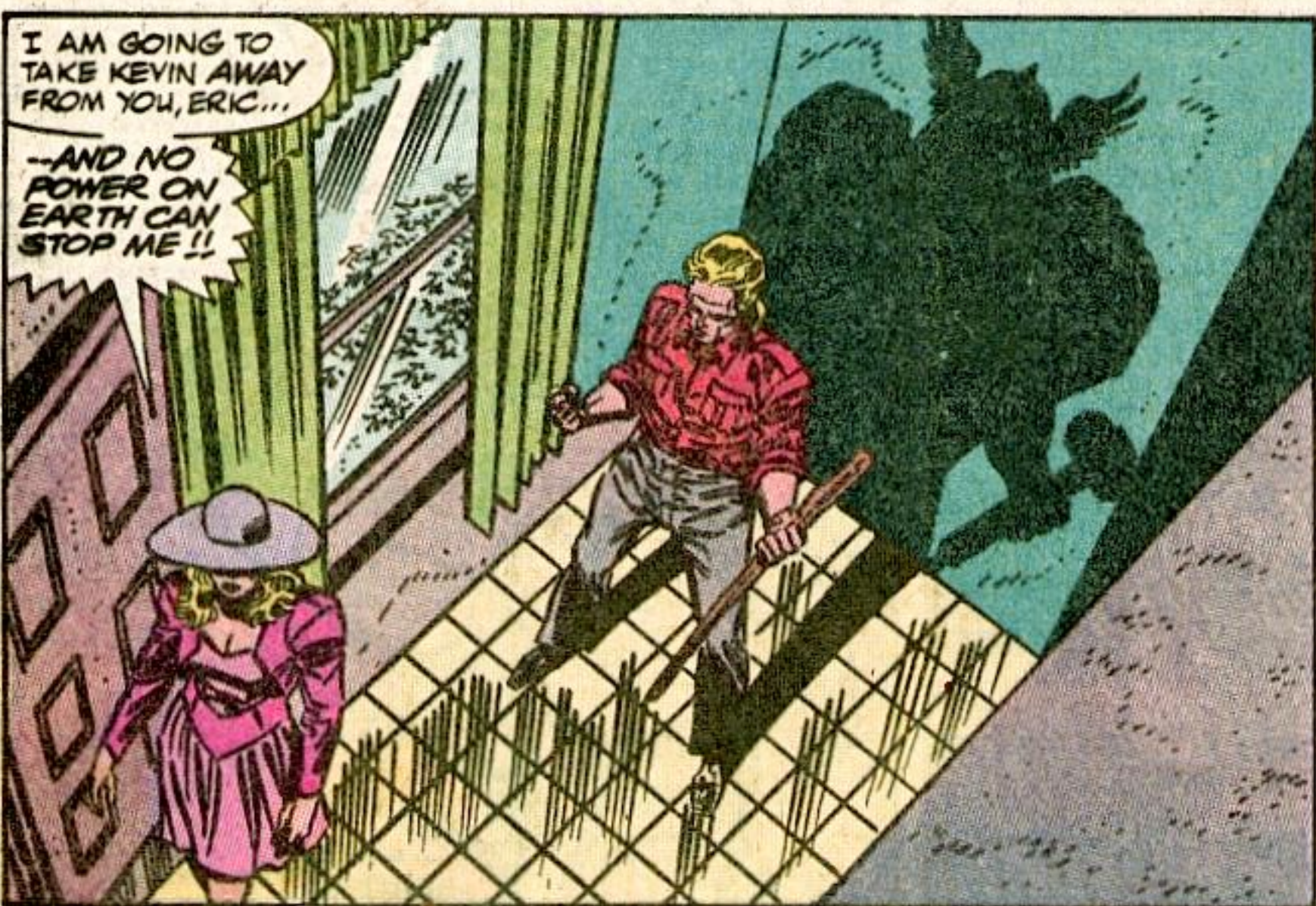
HUSH!



WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, MARCY? WHY COULDN'T YOU JUST CALL, AND LEAVE A MESSAGE?!

I DO WHAT I LIKE WHEN IT COMES TO MY SON!

BESIDES, I AM CERTAIN THAT YOU GOT THE MESSAGE...



I AM GOING TO TAKE KEVIN AWAY FROM YOU, ERIC...

--AND NO POWER ON EARTH CAN STOP ME!!

NEXT ISSUE:

A SPECIAL CELEBRATION WHICH FEATURES THE SECRET ORIGIN OF THOR! GUEST-STARRING A HOST OF OLD FRIENDS! DON'T MISS...

"WHEN GODS WEAR MORTAL FLESH!"