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THE MIGHTY

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NO ONE
CAN STOP ME!
I HAVE **POWER**
ENOW TO
RULE THE
WORLD!

CLEAR THE U.N.!
RUN FOR YOUR
LIVES! IT'S
GOD VS. GOD!

YOU'LL
NEVER
PREVAIL! NOT
WHILE **ONE**
ASGARDIAN
LIVES!

ONE GOD
MUST
FALL!



THE MIGHTY THOR!

ONE GOD MUST FALL!

NO, THIS IS NOT EVIL LOKI-- BUT THOR, TRAPPED WITHIN THE GOD OF EVIL'S BODY BY A SINISTER SPELL, AND FROZEN IN THE NETHERWORLD BY MULTI-POWERED MEPHISTO!!

FREE HIM, MEPHISTO-- FOR HE IS REALLY THOR!

NOW, WHILE LOKI, IN THE GUISE OF THOR, RAVAGES THE PLANET EARTH, THOSE WHO LOVE HIM THE MOST ATTEMPT TO RESCUE THE HAPLESS GOD OF THUNDER--!

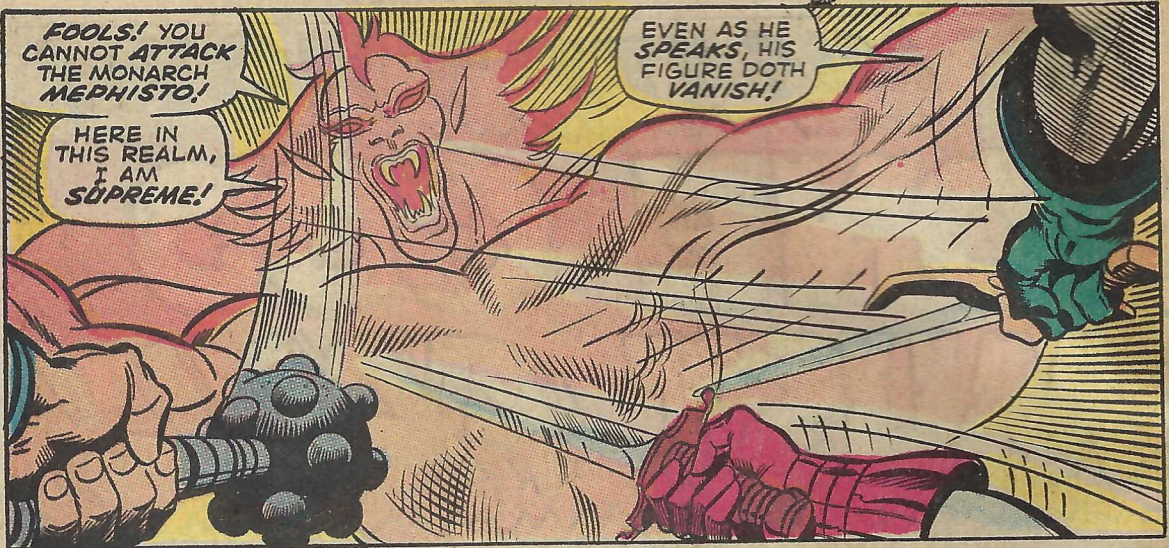
NEVER! HE IS MINE-- NOW AND FOREVER!

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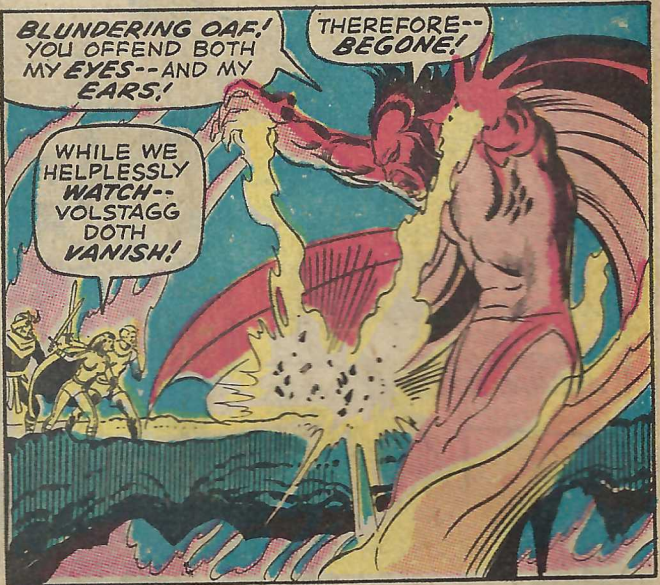
FOOLS! YOU CANNOT ATTACK THE MONARCH MEPHISTO!

EVEN AS HE SPEAKS, HIS FIGURE DOTH VANISH!

HERE IN THIS REALM, I AM SUPREME!



HE HATH BEEN DRIVEN TO FLIGHT BY FEAR OF VOLUMINOUS VOLSTAGG!



BLUNDERING OAF! YOU OFFEND BOTH MY EYES--AND MY EARS!

THEREFORE-- BEGONE!

WHILE WE HELPLESSLY WATCH-- VOLSTAGG DOTH VANISH!




WE MUST FIND MEPHISTO-- NO MATTER THE COST!

NOT ALL THE HORRORS OF HELL SHALL DETER US!

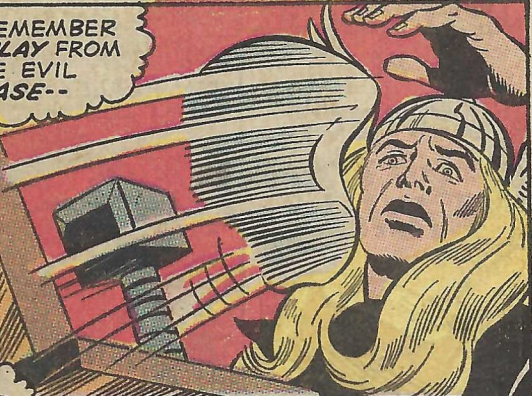
'TIS FOR ME THAT THEY THUS RISK THEIR LIVES!




WHILST HERE STANDS THOR-- HELPLESS-- TRAPPED IN THE BODY OF LOKI!




HOW WELL I REMEMBER
THE MYSTIC CLAY FROM
WITHIN THE EVIL
ONE'S CASE--



ERE I COULD
MOVE, IT DID
COVER MY
HEAD--AND
THEREBY
BEGAN THE
ENCHANTMENT!



I BECAME
LOKI--AND HE
TURNED TO
THOR--AND
SO IT HATH
BEEN EVER
SINCE!



NOW STAND I
IN HELL--
CONDEMNED TO
SUCH FATE BY
ODIN HIMSELF--

--WHILST
TREASON
AND EVIL
HAVE
TRIUMPHED!

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MEANWHILE, THE THUNDER GOD'S WOULD-BE RESCUERS STRIKE OUT IN VAIN--SEARCHING FOR THEIR VANISHED, TAUNTING, DEMONIC FOE--

HOGUN!
'TIS OF
NO
AVAIL!

OUR
BLOWS
ARE
USE-
LESS!

AY! AND AY
AGAIN! WE
CANNOT SMASH
WHAT WE
CANNOT SEE!

UP ABOVE
US!
LOOK YOU,
FANDRAL!



DANCE,
ASGARDIANS!
LIKE
PUPPETS
BOUND WITH
STRING!

NOW
DO YOU
SEE HOW
HOPELESS
IS YOUR
CAUSE?



NONE
BUT
THOR
CAN
HOPE TO
SAVE
US!

BUT
FIRST
HE
MUST
BE
FREED!

THOUGH
IT COSTS
MY LIFE,
I SHALL
NOT FAIL
MY LOVED
ONE!



COURAGE, MY
LORD! THE BLADE
OF SIF SHALL
STRIKE FOR THEE!

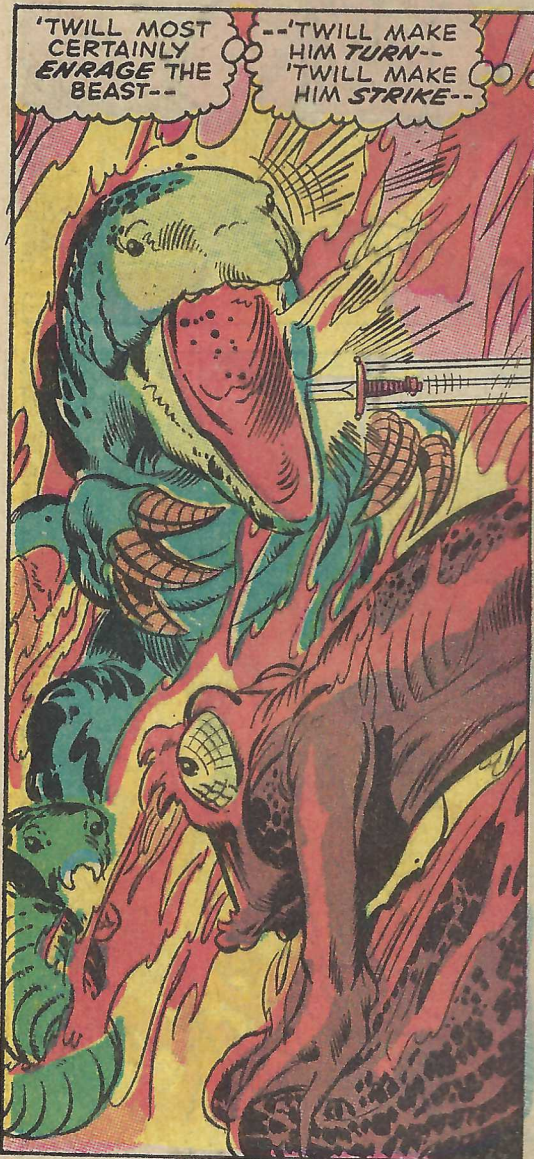
THAK!
ZTRK!



MY LADY'S STEEL
CANNOT MATCH
HER SPIRIT!
BUT, WITHIN
THE MYSTIC
MIND OF LOKI--
THERE IS
ANOTHER WAY!



IN LOKI'S NAME--LET THE
BLADE OF SIF BE HURLED AT
THE DRAGON WHO LURKS
BEYOND!



'T WILL MOST
CERTAINLY
ENRAGE THE
BEAST--

--'T WILL MAKE
HIM TURN--
'T WILL MAKE
HIM STRIKE--



AND SO
BEGINS
THE
PLAN!



HE DOTHS ATTACK
THE HELPLESS
THOR--

AND I HAVE NO BLADE
TO GIVE HIM PAUSE!



BUT WAIT! HIS FLAME DOTH MELT THE ENCHANTED ICE!

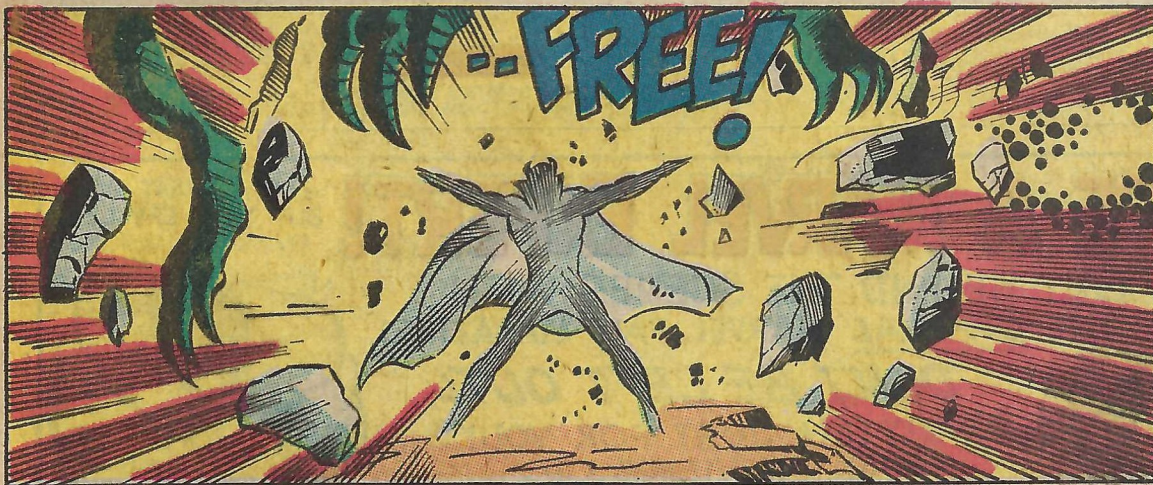


THEN THIS IS WHAT MY LOVE INTENDED!



BOTH ICE-- AND BEAST-- DO SLOWLY VANISH!

SOON SHALL MY LORD BE--



FREE!



YON BLADE IS THINE AGAIN, FAIR SIF!

NE'ER HAST THY VALOR FAILED ME!

BUT STILL THOU ART TRAPPED WITHIN THE FORM OF LOKI!!

BUT NOT FOR LONG, MY LADY!



THE GAME PLAYS ON--

--AND ERE IT ENDS, THE VICTOR SHALL BE-- THOR!



NAY! THOR CANNOT WIN--NOT WHILE LOKI STILL PLUNDERS THE EARTH IN THE BODY OF--THE GOD OF THUNDER!

EVEN AS I SPEAK, HE FLINGS HIS CHALLENGE TO ALL MANKIND--!



AND, WITHIN THE GREAT HALL OF THE UNITED NATIONS--

ALL YE WHO TROD THE EARTH SHALL BE MY SLAVES!

LET HUMANITY TREMBLE BEFORE THE POWER OF THOR!



WHILE, OUTSIDE THE GIANT AMPHITHEATRE--

ANYTHING CAN BE HAPPENING IN THERE!

PTWOK!

KEEP FIRING! WE'VE GOT TO GET THRU!

IT'S NO USE! NOTHING CAN PENETRATE THE DEFENSIVE FIELD THOR THREW AROUND THE HALL!

AND, AS WE SEE--THE ARMY'S FEAR IS BASED ON FACT--

THUNDER GOD OR NOT--NOT EVEN YOU CAN IMPOSE YOUR WILL UPON ALL OF EARTH'S SOVEREIGN NATIONS!

SUMMON THE GUARDS! SEIZE HIM! THE MADMAN MUST BE PUNISHED!

WE'LL YIELD TO NO GOD--NO ALIEN--NO ONE!

AUS

THY RAUCUS VOICES ARE LIKE THE BRAYING OF MINDLESS CATTLE!

THE FURY IS THINE --BUT THE POWER --IS MINE!

POWER SUCH AS YE HAVE NEVER KNOWN--

--SUCH AS YE CAN NE'ER IMAGINE!

BOOM!

THE THUNDER AND LIGHTNING ARE HIS TO COMMAND!

HE'S UNLEASHING THE SAVAGERY OF THE STORM! IT'S LIKE--THE END OF THE WORLD!

AND NOW I SHALL--

BUT WAIT! WHO CALLS?

'TIS I, IMPOSTER! I, THE ONE THOU DIDST NOT SLAY!

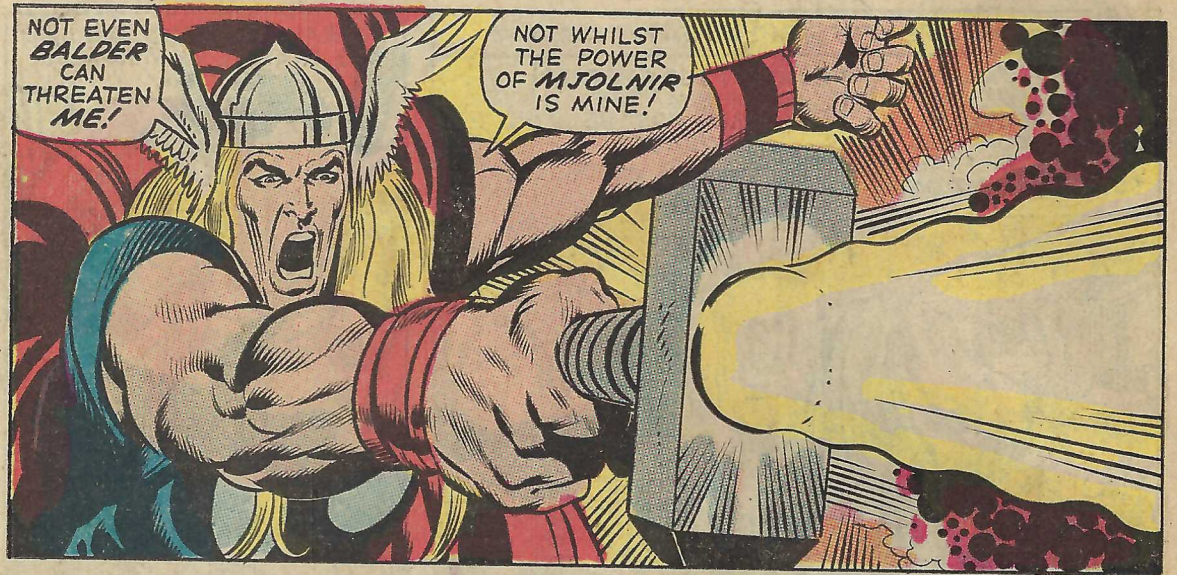
BALDER! I SPARED THEE ONCE!

NOT AGAIN SHALL I BE SO MERCIFUL!

THY WORDS ARE LIES!

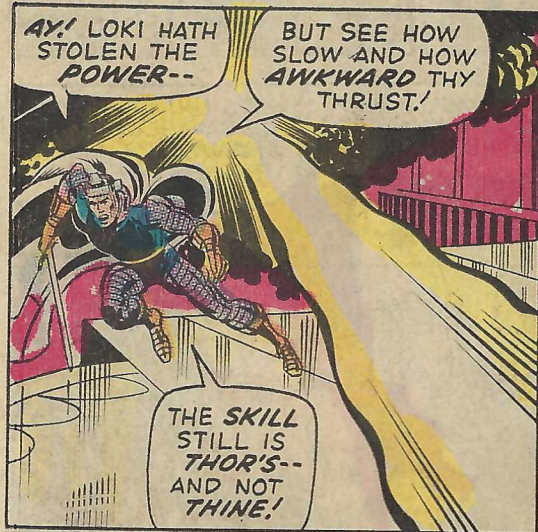
THOU DIDST SEEK TO SLAY ME--BUT WERE TOO CARELESS!

AND NOW --BY MY BLADE-- THOU SHALT PAY THE PRICE!



NOT EVEN
BALDER
CAN
THREATEN
ME!

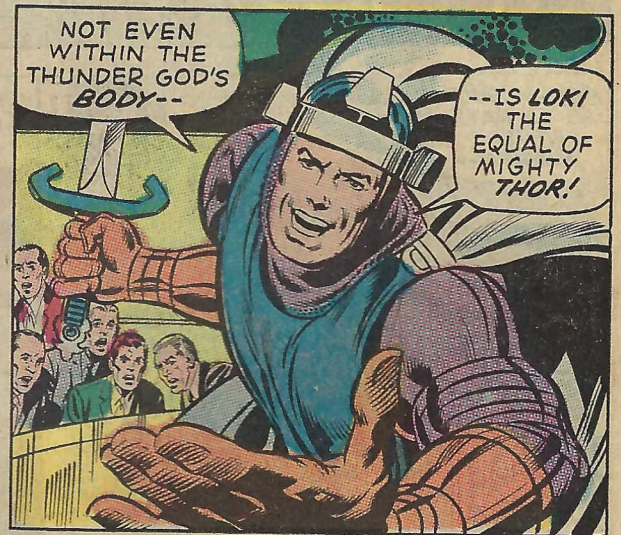
NOT WHILST
THE POWER
OF **MJOLNIR**
IS MINE!



AY! LOKI HATH
STOLEN THE
POWER--

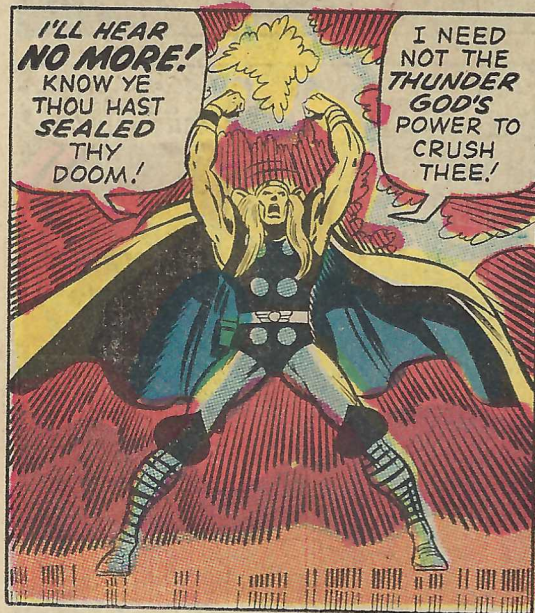
BUT SEE HOW
SLOW AND HOW
AWKWARD THY
THRUST!

THE **SKILL**
STILL IS
THOR'S--
AND NOT
THINE!



NOT EVEN
WITHIN THE
THUNDER GOD'S
BODY--

--IS LOKI
THE
EQUAL OF
MIGHTY
THOR!



**I'LL HEAR
NO MORE!**
KNOW YE
THOU HAST
SEALED
THY
DOOM!

I NEED
NOT THE
THUNDER
GOD'S
POWER TO
CRUSH
THEE!



MINE OWN DEADLY
SPELL WILL
SILENCE THEE--
FORE'ER!

SO-- BY THE
MYSTIC MIGHT
OF LOKI--
NOW SHALL
BALDER FALL!



MY SPELL! WHAT MADNESS CAN THIS BE? IT HATH FAILED ME!

VICTIM THOU ART OF THINE OWN EVIL TRAP!

WHILE IN THE BODY OF THOR, THE MAGIC OF LOKI HATH LEFT THEE!



AND NOW, I HAVE TRICKED THEE INTO ADMITTING THY TRUE IDENTITY FOR ALL TO HEAR!

WHAT DOTHT IT MATTER?

THE CHOICE IS MOST CLEAR--ALL MUST SERVE ME--OR DIE!



I COMMAND YOU, ASGARDIAN--DESIST!

NOT TILL THOU HAST FREED US--EACH ONE!

FOOL! YOUR FEEBLE SPELLS CANNOT SAVE THOSE WHOM MEPHISTO HAS DOOMED!

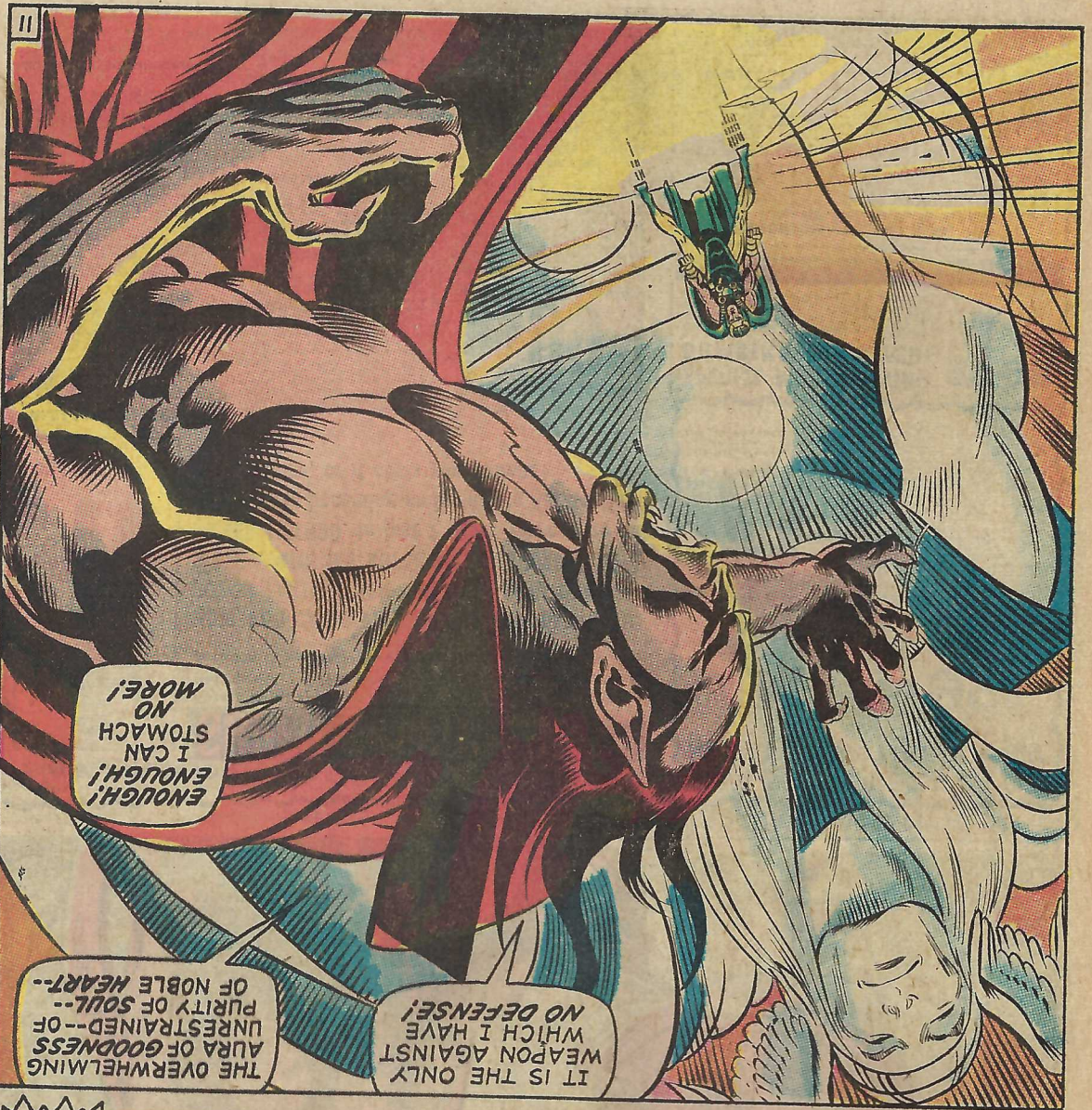


BE YOU LOKI--OR BE YOU THOR--IT MATTERS NOT!

I AM MEPHISTO! I AM EVIL INCARNATE! HERE 'MIDST THE FLAMES, I AM EQUAL TO ODIN!

MY VERY SOUL DOTHT CRINGE TO HEAR THEE MOUTH MY FATHER'S NAME!

NOW SHALL WE SEE WHOSE IS THE POWER--!



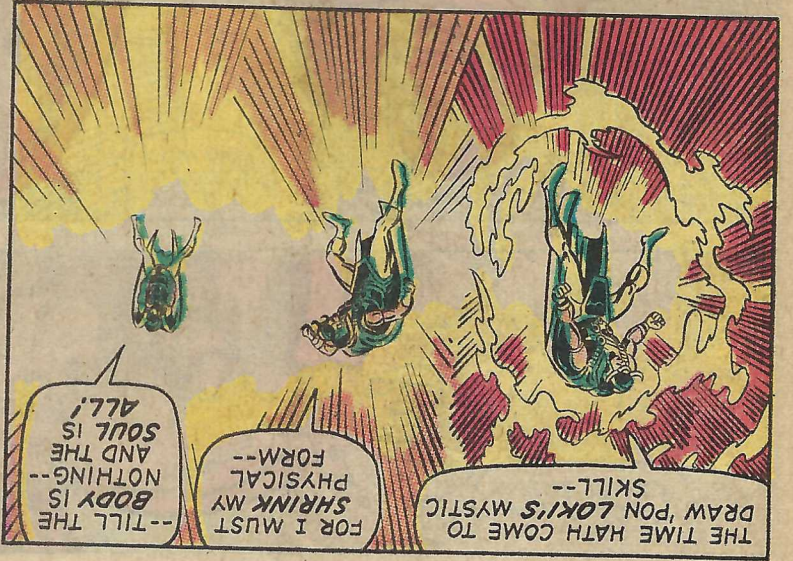
ENOUGH!
I CAN
STOMACH
NO
MORE!

THE OVERWHELMING
AURA OF GODNESS
UNRESTRAINED--OF
PURITY OF SOUL--
OF NOBLE HEART--

IT IS THE ONLY
WEAPON AGAINST
WHICH I HAVE
NO DEFENSE!



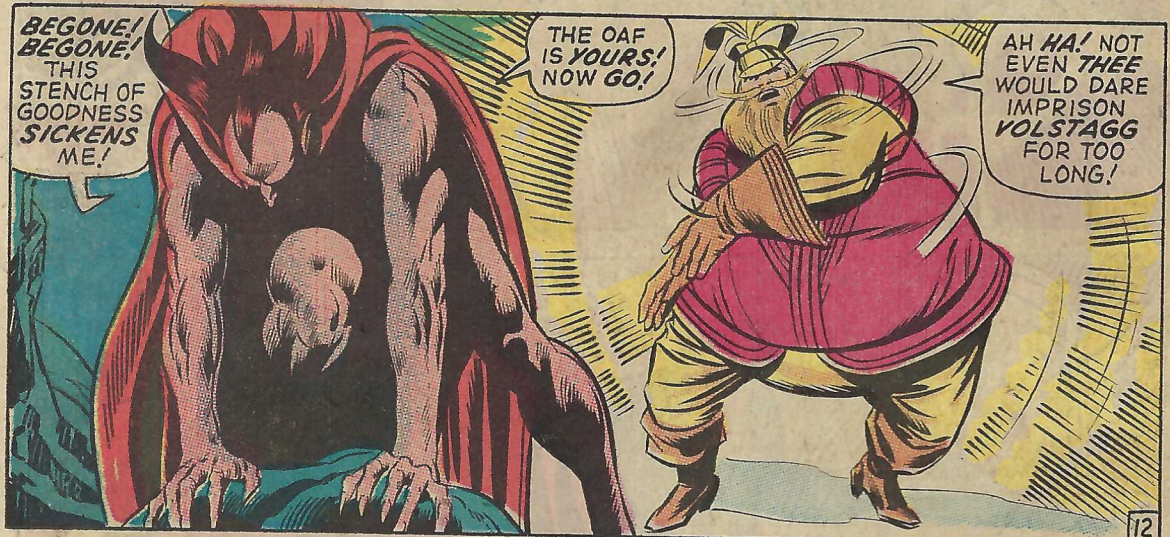
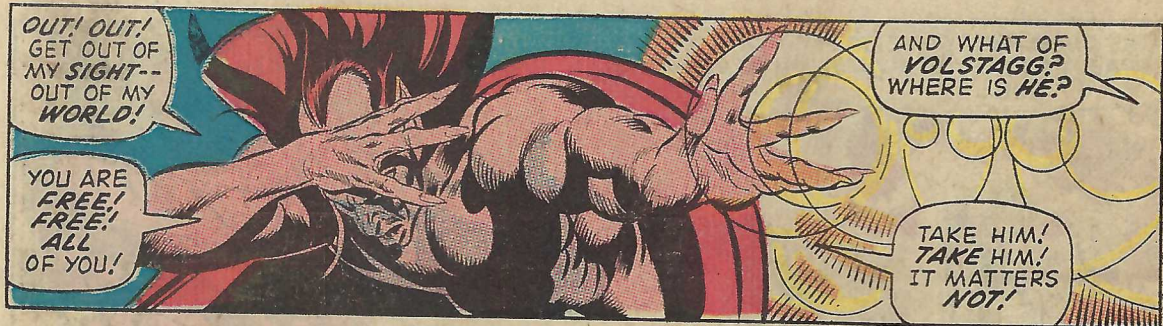
NO!
NO!
NO!



--TILL THE
BODY IS
NOTHING--
AND THE
SOUL IS
ALL!

FOR I MUST
SHRINK MY
PHYSICAL
FORM--

THE TIME HATH COME TO
DRAW PON LOKI'S MYSTIC
SKILL--



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WHERE DID HE SEND THEE, MOUNTAINOUS ONE?

FOR THY SAFETY WE DID FEAR! ART THOU WELL ENOUGH TO FLEE THIS WRETCHED PLACE?

AM I NOT VOLSTAGG? IS MY PROWESS NOT LEGEND THRUOUT THE COSMOS?

AM I NOT A STRANGER TO COWARDICE-- OR FEAR?

BUT WHAT OF MEPHISTO, FEARLESS ONE? HE DOTHS AGAIN APPROACH!

MEPHISTO-- AGAIN?

SURROUND ME, ASGARDIANS! PROTECT HIM FROM MY WRATH! MAKE HASTE! MAKE HASTE!

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TO THE FABLED RAINBOW BRIDGE--
WHICH LEADS TO ETERNAL ASGARD--

HOLD, AND
BE YE
RECOGNIZED!

SO SPEAKS
HEIMDALL,
GUARDIAN
TRUE OF
BIFROST!



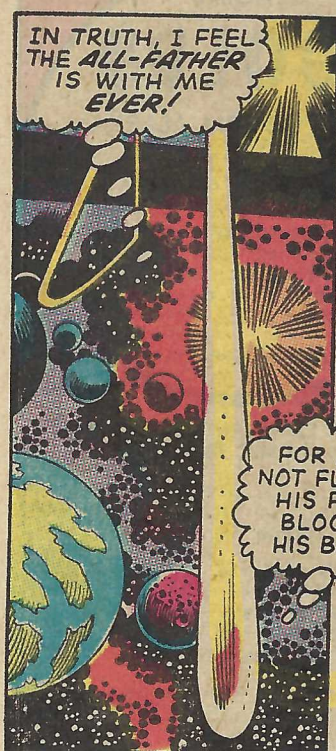
MY LORD! WHILST THOU
ART IN THE GUISE OF
LOKI, HEIMDALL WILL
NOT LET THEE PASS!

TROUBLE
THYSELF
NOT, MY
LADY!

ODIN
BE
WITH
THEE,
NOBLE
PRINCE!

WHILST
THOU AND
THY
COMPANIONS
ENTER THE
GOLDEN
REALM--

--I MUST
RETURN TO
EARTH--
TO PREVAIL--
OR DIE!



IN TRUTH, I FEEL
THE ALL-FATHER
IS WITH ME
EVER!

FOR AM I
NOT FLESH OF
HIS FLESH,
BLOOD OF
HIS BLOOD?



AND, EVEN AS THE THUNDER GOD HURTTLES EARTHWARD--

FEAR NOT,
GOOD VIZIER!
I KNOW FULL
WELL WHAT
HATH COME
TO PASS!

THEN THOU HAST HEARD
OF LOKI'S BASE BETRAYAL,
SIRE?

ODIN
NEED NOT
HEAR!
ODIN HATH
ONLY TO
KNOW!



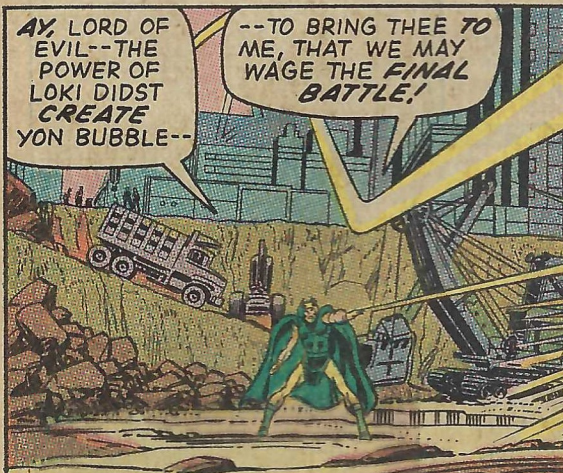
EVEN NOW, THE EYE OF MY MIND SEES EARTH--

--WHERE EVIL LOKI, IN THE FORM OF THOR, DOTH FELL THE LOYAL BALDER!

BUT RETRIBUTION NOW DRAWS NEAR--AND ALL SHALL SOON BE WELL!



I AM DRAWN AWAY-- IN A MYSTIC BUBBLE OF MINE OWN CREATION!



AY, LORD OF EVIL--THE POWER OF LOKI DIDST CREATE YON BUBBLE--

--TO BRING THEE TO ME, THAT WE MAY WAGE THE FINAL BATTLE!

AY! AND FINAL IT SHALL BE!

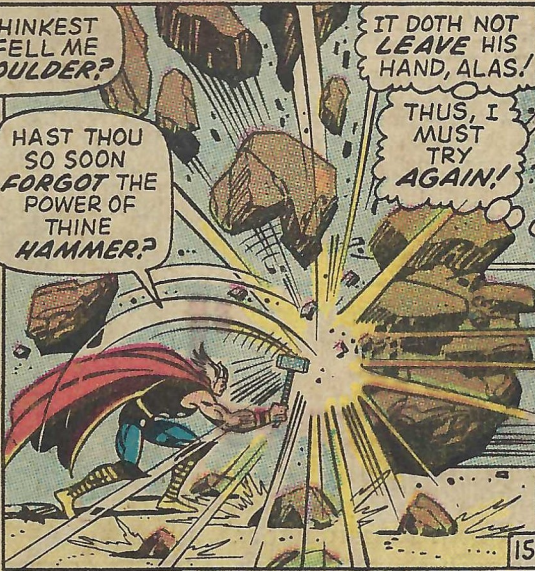
FOR NAUGHT BUT THY DEATH SHALL THIS TIME STAY MY HAND!



I MUST GOAD HIM TILL HE HURLS ENCHANTED MJOLNIR!

WHAT? THINKST THOU TO FELL ME WITH A BOULDER?

HAST THOU SO SOON FORGOT THE POWER OF THINE HAMMER?



IT DOTH NOT LEAVE HIS HAND, ALAS!

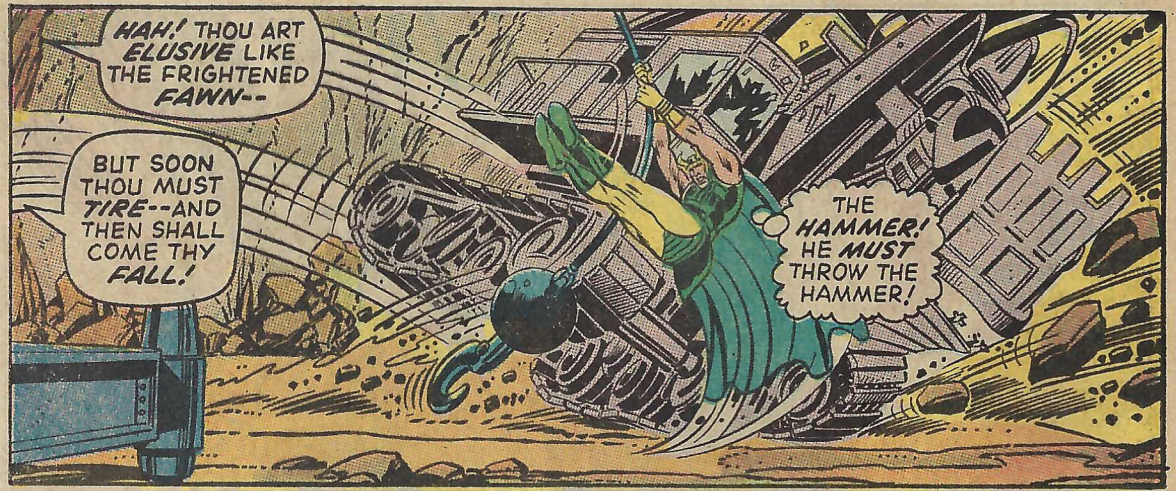
THUS, I MUST TRY AGAIN!

WHERE THOU
CANST MERELY
LIFT A
BOULDER--

LOOK YOU
WHAT THE
NEWLY-
ACQUIRED
MIGHT OF
THOR
CAN DO!

HOW
MUCH
SWEETER
THE
TRIUMPH
WILL
SURELY
BE--

--SINCE THOU
SHALT BE
CRUSHED BY
THE VERY
POWER THAT
HAD ONCE
BEEN THINE!



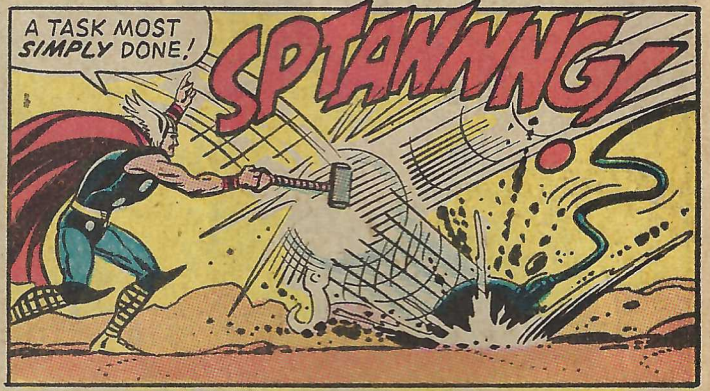
HAH! THOU ART ELUSIVE LIKE THE FRIGHTENED FAWN--

BUT SOON THOU MUST TIRE--AND THEN SHALL COME THY FALL!

THE HAMMER! HE MUST THROW THE HAMMER!



SAVE THYSELF NOW, BROTHER OF EVIL!



A TASK MOST SIMPLY DONE!

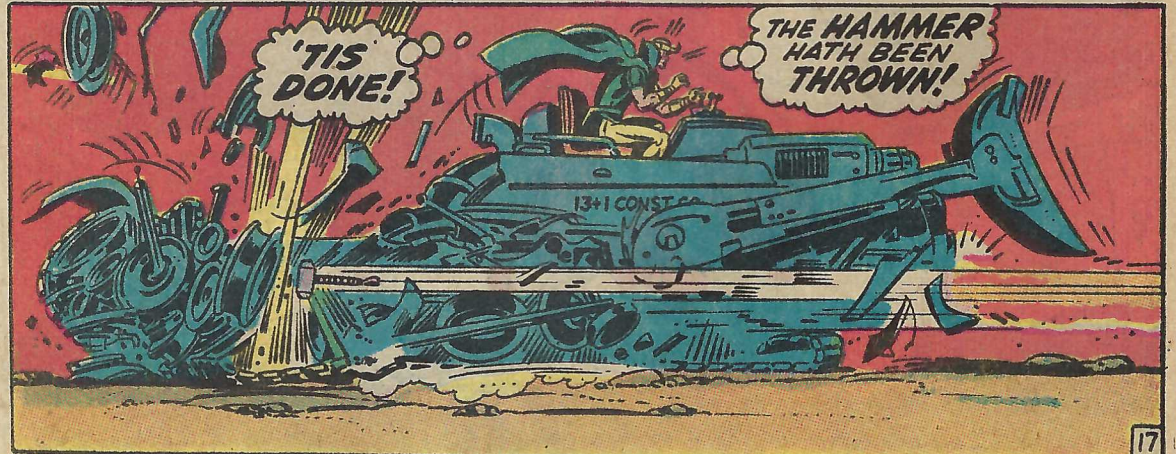
SPANNING!



THE HAMMER STILL IS HIS! BUT YET SHALL I PREVAIL!

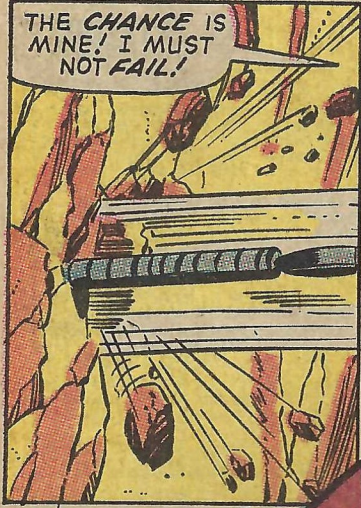
THY PUNY EFFORTS WEARY ME!

NOW FEEL THE RAGE OF MJOLNIR!



'TIS DONE!

THE HAMMER HATH BEEN THROWN!



THE CHANCE IS MINE! I MUST NOT FAIL!



AND FAIL I SHALL NOT!

NOW SHALT THOU STAND OR FALL-- FOR THE DIE IS TRULY CAST!



I WEEP FOR THEE, O DOOMED ONE!

BLOW!

--FOR TRULY THOU ART MAD!



THOUGH I CANNOT MATCH HIS THUNDROUS STRENGTH-- STILL MUST I FIGHT ON!

AND NOW, STEP-- BROTHER, THE TIME IS COME--

PREPARE TO MEET THINE END!



I SHALL NOT FALL!

I SHALL NOT FALL!



NOW THOU SHALT FALL-- FOREVER!

I SAY THEE MAY, ACCURSED ONE!



WHY STRUGGLE THOU SO?

KNOW YOU NOT THE CAUSE IS LOST?

BUT THEN, BEFORE ANOTHER BLOW CAN FALL--

THERE IS THINE ANSWER, EVIL ONE!

MJOLNIR HATH LEFT THEE FOR MORE THAN SIXTY SECONDS--

AND SO IT MUST CHANGE --TO A SIMPLE STICK ONCE MORE!

AND, WHEN IT DOES-- THE MORTAL FORM OF DONALD BLAKE APPEARS--

AND, THE GODLY SPIRIT THAT IS THOR--

--MUST REJOIN ME ONCE AGAIN!

FOR SUCH IS ODIN'S SPELL!

AND NOW-- WHILE LOKI STANDS IN SHOCK--

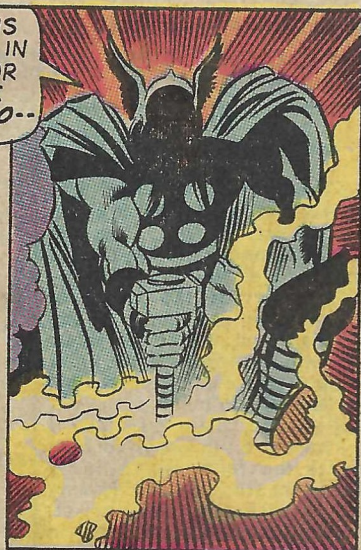
I HAVE BUT TO REACH THE STICK--

AND, ONCE I HOLD IT IN MY HANDS AGAIN--



--AND STRIKE IT ON THE GROUND--

THERE IS NOTHING IN ASGARD OR EARTH I CANNOT DO--



FOR I STAND AS THOR--THE RIGHTFUL GOD OF THUNDER!



AND WHAT OF THEE, VILE VILLAIN?

DO YOU CHOOSE TO FIGHT--OR YIELD?

'TIS ALL THE SAME TO ME!



I DO NOT FIGHT-- I DO NOT YIELD!

MY HATRED SHALL SUSTAIN ME!



I LEAVE THEE NOW-- TO PLAN ANEW!

FOR, SURE AS NIGHT MUST FOLLOW DAY--

VICTORY SHALL YET BE MINE!



MAYHAP MY BROTHER SPAKE THE TRUTH--

BUT SO LONG AS I BE THUNDER GOD, EVIL NE'ER SHALL TRIUMPH!

NEXT DR. DOOM AND DR. BLAKE!