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ONLY THE
VISION
COULD TELL US
HOW TO SAVE
THE EARTH.

...AND HE MAY
**NEVER
SPEAK
AGAIN!**



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THE MIGHTY AVENGERS!™

ABOVE...
A SPRAWLING CITY
SLEEPS, UNKNOWN-
LY POISED ON THE
BRINK OF NUCLEAR
HOLOCAUST!

BELOW...
FOUR DESPERATE
AVENGERS AND A
HARD-HITTING SHIELD
TEAM STALK THE UNDER-
GROUND COMPLEX, THEIR
MOUTHS GRIMLY SET AS
IF TO ACKNOWLEDGE...
"WE STAND AT
ARMAGEDDON..."

"AND WE BATTLE FOR THE EARTH!"

CRINGE,
YOU PITIFUL
HUMAN
WORMS!

LITTLE
GOOD
SHALL IT
DO YOU!

WHEN I
PULL THIS
FINAL
SWITCH...

YOU...
AND UN-
SUSPECTING
MILLIONS...
SHALL
PERISH!!



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AND THEY SHALL PERISH...NOW!

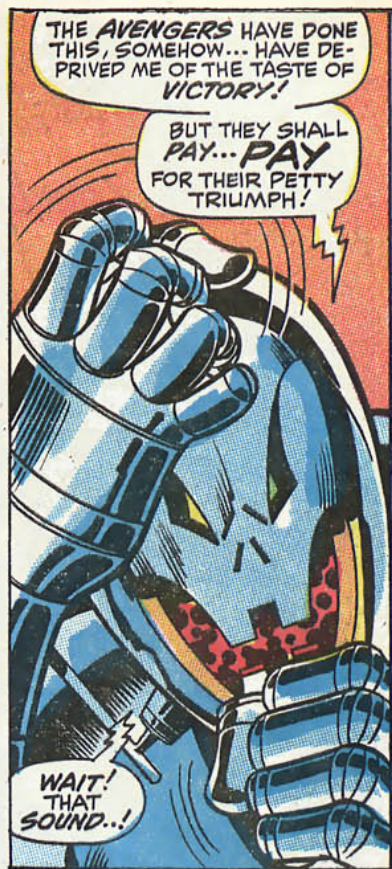


WHAT?

NOTHING HAPPENED!!

THE WHOLE OF MANHATTAN SHOULD BE NOW ENGLUFED IN A FIERY CATACLYSM...

...A BLAZING FURY THAT NONE BUT ULTRON-6 COULD SURVIVE!



THE AVENGERS HAVE DONE THIS, SOMEHOW... HAVE DEPRIVED ME OF THE TASTE OF VICTORY!

BUT THEY SHALL PAY...PAY FOR THEIR PETTY TRIUMPH!

WAIT! THAT SOUND...!



IT IS BEYOND ALL BELIEF!

THEY ATTACK ME...HERE! IN MY VERY STRONG-HOLD!

WHERE SHOULD WE HAVE LOOKED FOR YA, PAL...?

IN BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN BURBANK?

SAVE THY HUMOR, MORTAL...

...FOR A TIME MORE FIT!

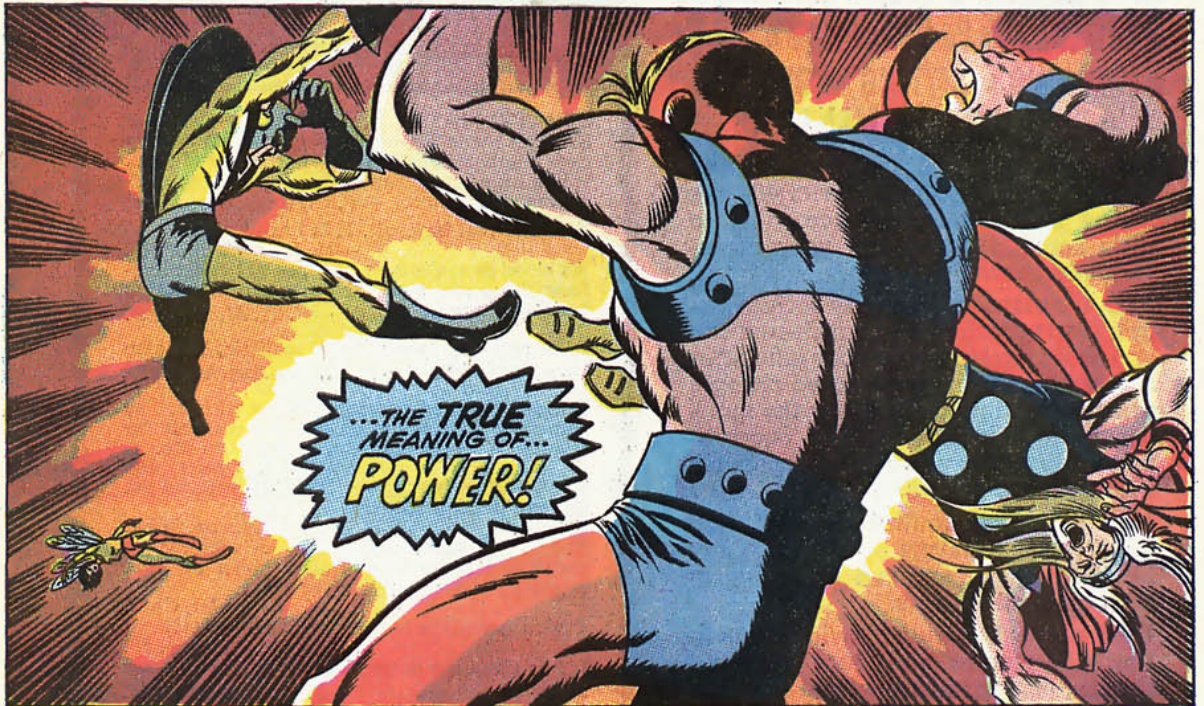


STRIKE NOW...
FOR ALL
HUMANITY!

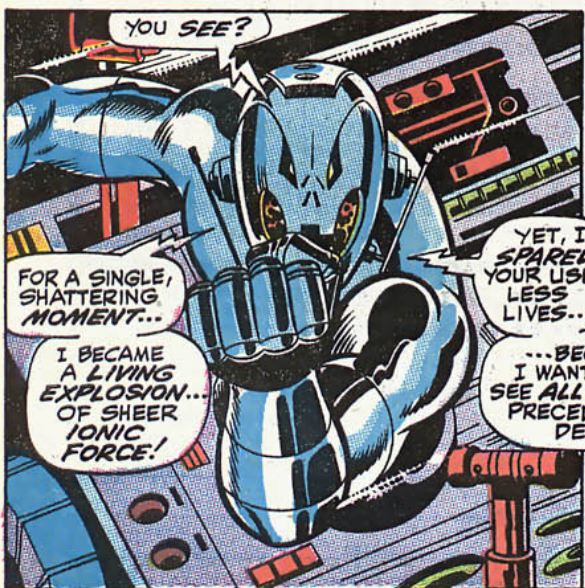
SO...YOU STILL LASH OUT
WITH THE MOST PUNY OF
WEAPONRY...

ELECTRICAL
BLASTS...BRUTE
STRENGTH...AN
ARCHAIC HAMMER!

BAH! LET
ULTRON
SHOW YOU...



...THE TRUE
MEANING OF...
POWER!



YOU SEE?

FOR A SINGLE,
SHATTERING
MOMENT...

I BECAME
A LIVING
EXPLOSION...
OF SHEER
IONIC
FORCE!

YET, I
SPARED
YOUR USE-
LESS
LIVES...

...BECAUSE
I WANT YOU TO
SEE ALL MANKIND
PRECEDE YOU IN
DEATH!



HE'S GONE!

AND IT COULDN'T
HAPPEN TO A
NICER GUY!

BUT...WHY DIDN'T THIS
PLACE BLOW WHEN HE
PULLED THAT SWITCH?

PERHAPS...
I MAY
ANSWER
THAT...

YOU!



HAVE MY RECENT DEEDS... SO CONDEMNED ME...

...THAT YOU CANNOT SPEAK EVEN THE NAME OF... THE VISION...?*

NOT LIKELY, DARK-EYES!

BUT, YOU SURE DO SPOOK A GUY, WALKIN' OUT OF A WALL AT 'IM!

SAY... YOU DON'T LOOK SO HOT!

*UNDER A TYPE OF POST-HYPNOTIC COMMAND, THE VISION RE-CONSTRUCTED ULTRON, IN ISH #66! ...STAN.



THE EFFECTS... OF AN EARLIER BLAST FROM ULTRON...

BUT, I DARED NOT FALTER... NO MATTER WHAT THE COST!

THEN, AN... ENCOUNTER... WITH THE SHIELD TEAM NEARBY!

FOR, IT WAS I WHO UNLEASHED ULTRON-6 UPON THE WORLD...



"...AND, ONLY I WHO COULD THWART HIS GHASTLY PLANS..."

"...BY WRECKING HIS APPARATUS FROM WITHIN... WITH MY LAST OUNCE OF STRENGTH!"



THEN, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO...

HEY... AVENGERS!

THIS JOE IS HURT BAD!!

MOMENTS LATER, ABOVE THE DAWN-STREAKED CITY...



'TIS FORTUNATE THAT THE SHIELD AGENTS SAW FIT TO RELEASE THE ANDROID, IN OUR CUSTODY!

LUCKY FOR THEM, Y'MEAN!

OTHERWISE, THESE SEVEN-LEAGUERS OF MINE WOULD'A DONE SOME PLAIN AN' FANCY STOMPIN'!

HEY, PYM... CAN'T THIS CRATE GO ANY FASTER??

SOON, BACK WITHIN THE REINFORCED
RAMPARTS OF AVENGERS MANSION...

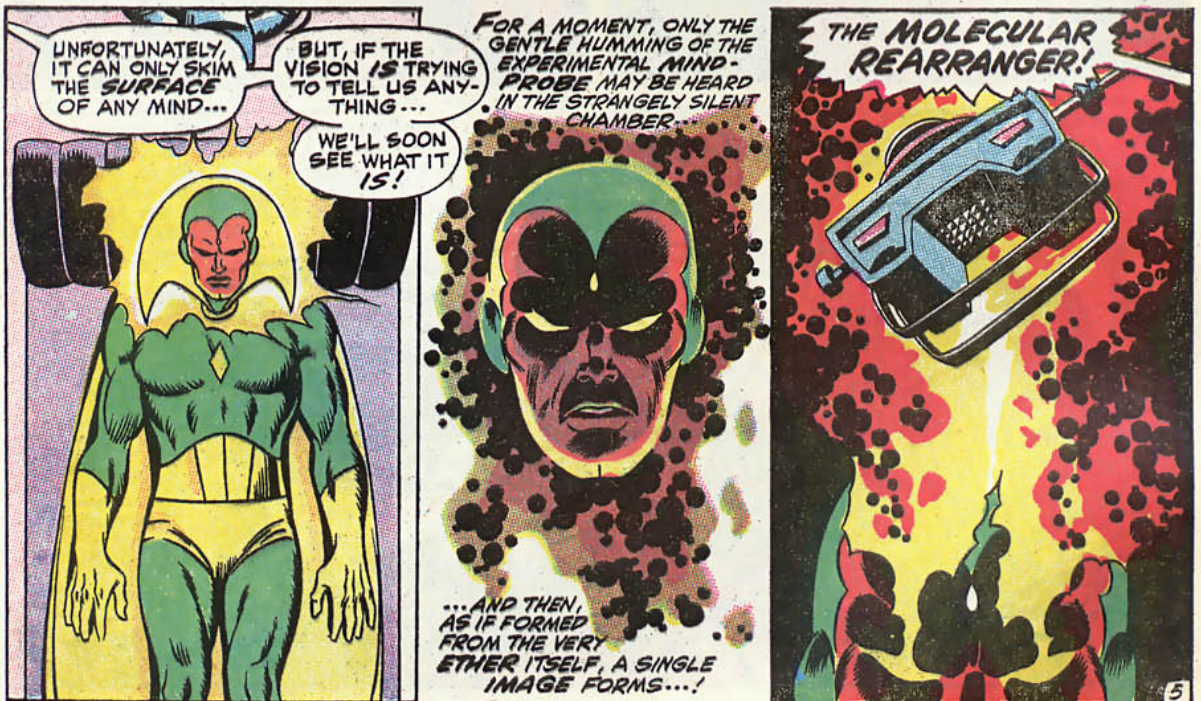
TOO DANGEROUS,
THUNDER GOD!

THE VISION LIVES...
BUT HAS NOT YET
STRENGTH TO MOVE
OR SPEAK!

CANST THOU
NOT FIRE HIM
WITH MORE
SOLAR ENERGY?

I'VE FED HIM
ALL THE
ENERGY HIS
BODY CAN
TAKE AT ONE
TIME!

ANY MORE...
AND WE RISK
DESTROYING HIM FOREVER!





OF COURSE!

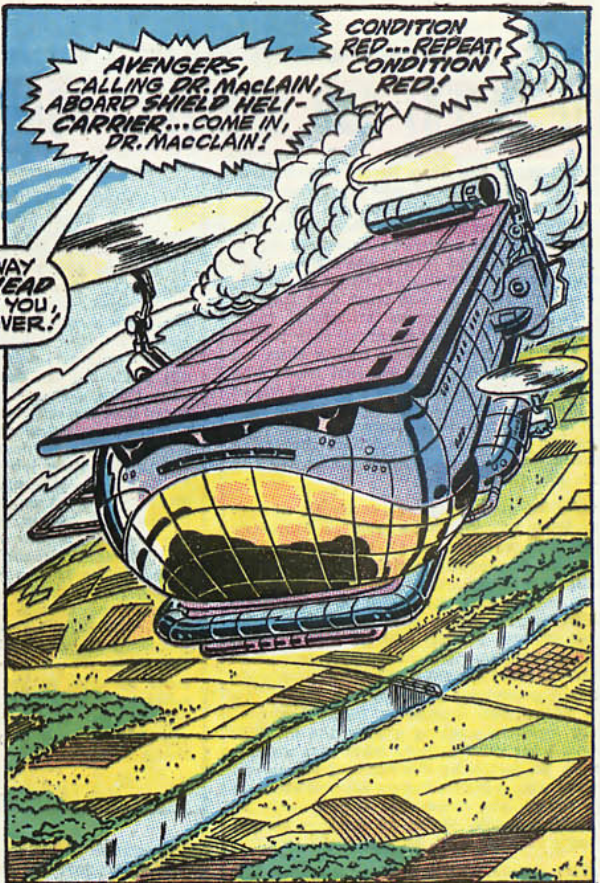
WE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN!

THAT WAS THE ONE THING THAT COULD CHANGE THE SHAPE OF ADAMANTIUM...

...THE VERY SUBSTANCE OF WHICH ULTRON-G IS MADE!

JAN...!

WAY AHEAD OF YOU, LOVER!



CONDITION RED...REPEAT, CONDITION RED!

AVENGERS, ABOARD SHIELD HELI-CARRIER...COME IN, DR. MACCLAIN!



... YES, OUR SEARCH NOW SHOWS THAT THE M-R WAS TAKEN, ALONG WITH THE ADAMANTIUM CYLINDER!

HOW COULD WE EVER HAVE OVERLOOKED ITS LOSS, EVEN IN THE CONFUSION..?

IT MUST HAVE BEEN BUILT INTO THE BODY OF THIS MAN-ROBOT OF YOURS!

REMIND ME TO READ YOU A STORY, SOMETIME, DOC...

"THE PURLOINED LETTER" BY A GUY NAMED POE!

LATER, HONEY!

WE'LL GET BACK TO YOU, SIR!



'TIS A SLIM CLUE THAT THE ANDROID AVENGER HATH GIVEN US... BUT MAYHAP IT SHALL PROVE TO BE A FATEFUL ONE!

WHO NOW DOST THOU CONTACT HANK PYM?

AN ABSENT FRIEND, THOR!

ONE WHO, I HOPE, IS NOT TOO BUSY WITH HIS OWN AFFAIRS...

...TO HELP US SAVE ALL HUMANITY...!

WHILE, IN ONE OF THE LAST REMAINING HIDDEN KINGDOMS ON A ONCE-DARK CONTINENT...

THE INVADERS FLEE BEFORE YOU, O T'CHALLA!

IT IS THE PROWESS OF THE FIGHTING WAKANDA THEY FEAR, WARRIOR!

BUT... WHAT MESSAGE TROUBLES YOU, TAKU?

AN URGENT CALL FOR YOU, CHIEFTAIN...

... ON THE SPECIAL AVENGERS FREQUENCY!



THE BLACK PANTHER HERE!

AND YELLOW JACKET HERE, T'CHALLA... IN NEED OF A FAVOR!

THEN VOICE IT QUICKLY, MY FRIEND...

... BEFORE THE DIN OF BATTLE SWELLS ANEW!

WILL DO!

WE NEED A SIZABLE CHUNK OF VIBRANIUM... AND WE NEED IT FAST!

THEN YOU SHALL HAVE IT, AVENGER... AT ONCE!

OVER AND OUT...!



VIBRANIUM... THE MYSTERIOUS, VIBRATION-ABSORBING METAL FOUND ONLY IN THIS LAND!

HOW CAN IT HELP MY FELLOW AVENGERS?

BUT... TIME ENOUGH TO LEARN THAT WHEN I RETURN TO AMERICA!

FIRST, MY HOMETLAND MUST BE MADE SAFE FROM THOSE WHO WOULD LOOT ITS TREASURES!

I AM AN AVENGER... BUT I AM ALSO, FIRST AND FOREMOST... A WAKANDA!

PHASE ONE OF OUR PLAN IS COMPLETED!

NOW FOR PHASE TWO!

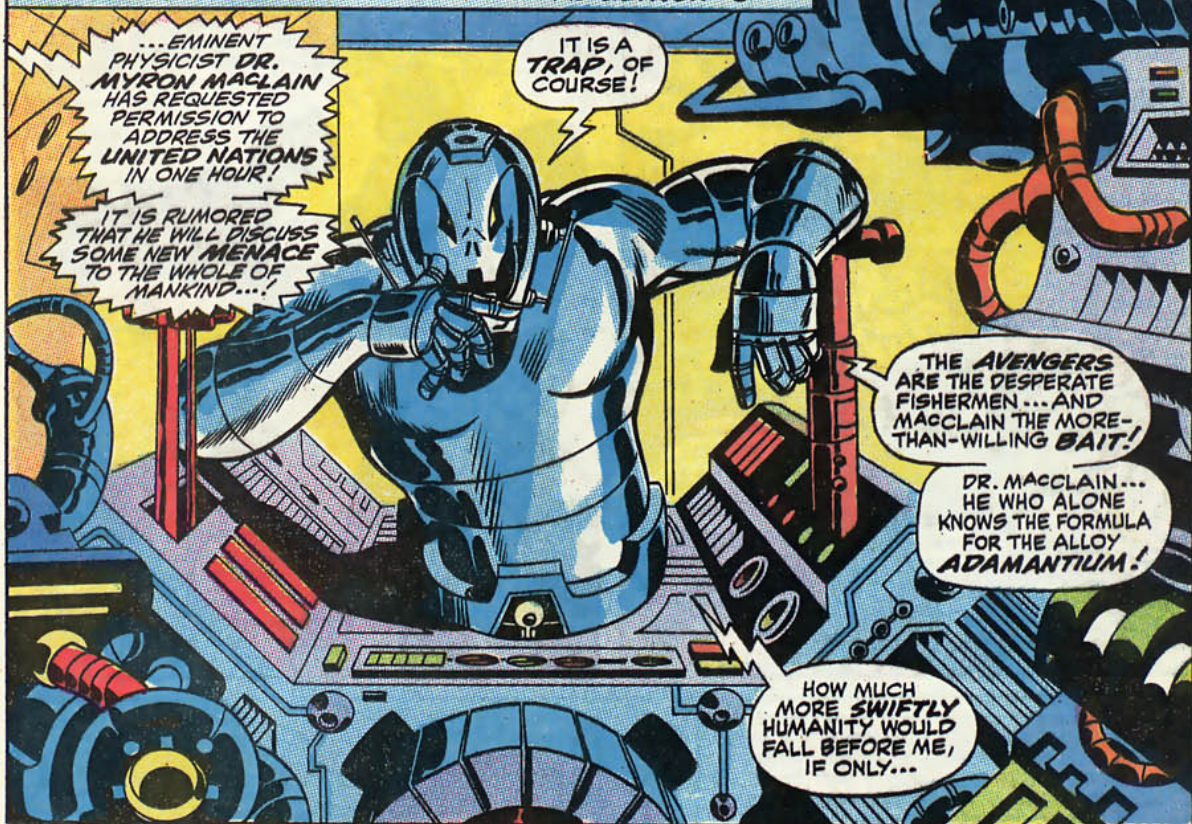
JAN... GET ME DR. MACLAIN AGAIN... AND I MEAN NOW!

WHEW! I NEVER KNEW I MARRIED SUCH A TAKE-CHARGE FELLA!

... EVEN IF I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TAKING CHARGE OF!



BUT SOON, THE VERY WORLD IS TO HEAR THE PLAN OF HENRY PYM... AND THE MOST ENRAPT OF LISTENERS IS THE METAL MAN-THING KNOWN AS **ULTRON-6**...



... EMINENT PHYSICIST DR. MYRON MACCLAIN HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE UNITED NATIONS IN ONE HOUR!

IT IS RUMORED THAT HE WILL DISCUSS SOME NEW MENACE TO THE WHOLE OF MANKIND...

IT IS A TRAP, OF COURSE!

THE AVENGERS ARE THE DESPERATE FISHERMEN... AND MACCLAIN THE MORE-THAN-WILLING BAIT!

DR. MACCLAIN... HE WHO ALONE KNOWS THE FORMULA FOR THE ALLOY ADAMANTIUM!

HOW MUCH MORE SWIFTLY HUMANITY WOULD FALL BEFORE ME, IF ONLY...



YES!

I SHALL ENTER THE TRAP... AND DESTROY THE TRAPPERS!

CAN MY STRENGTH FAIL TO CRUSH ALL RESISTANCE...

... AS EASILY AS IT SMASHES THIS METAL PANEL?



WITH MACCLAIN AS MY CAPTIVE... I COULD CREATE AN ARMY OF MINDLESS ROBOTS!

AND ON THAT DAY... MANKIND SHALL SURELY DIE!



...THIS WAITING IS GETTIN' ME DOWN!

WE CAN DO NAUGHT ELSE, GIANT!

FOR BETTER OR FOR ILL, THE NEXT MOVE BE ULTRON'S!



SPEAKING OF NEXT MOVES, IT'S TIME YOU THREE WERE U.N.-BOUND!

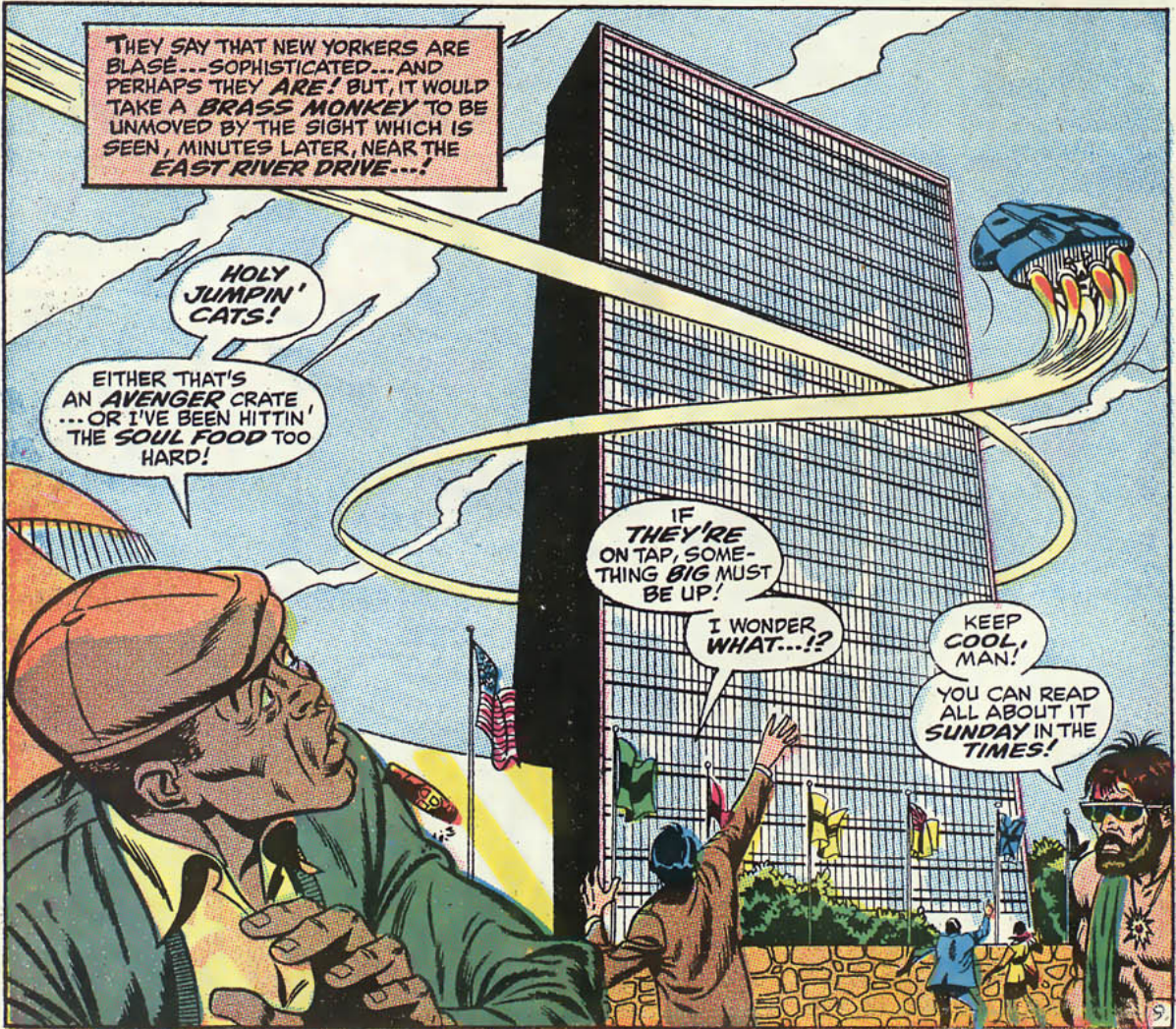
I'VE GOT BUSINESS ELSE-WHERE FIRST!

WHAT'S WRONG, HONEY... WORRIED?

YES... BUT NOT FOR THE REASON YOU THINK!

I JUST REALIZED...

... I HAVEN'T A THING TO WEAR!



THEY SAY THAT NEW YORKERS ARE BLASE... SOPHISTICATED... AND PERHAPS THEY ARE! BUT, IT WOULD TAKE A BRASS MONKEY TO BE UNMOVED BY THE SIGHT WHICH IS SEEN, MINUTES LATER, NEAR THE EAST RIVER DRIVE...!

HOLY JUMPIN' CATS!

EITHER THAT'S AN AVENGER CRATE ... OR I'VE BEEN HITTIN' THE SOUL FOOD TOO HARD!

IF THEY'RE ON TAP, SOMETHING BIG MUST BE UP!

I WONDER WHAT...!?

KEEP COOL, MAN!

YOU CAN READ ALL ABOUT IT SUNDAY IN THE TIMES!

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NO!
YOU SNIVELLING
HUMAN INSECTS...
NOT ULTRON-6...

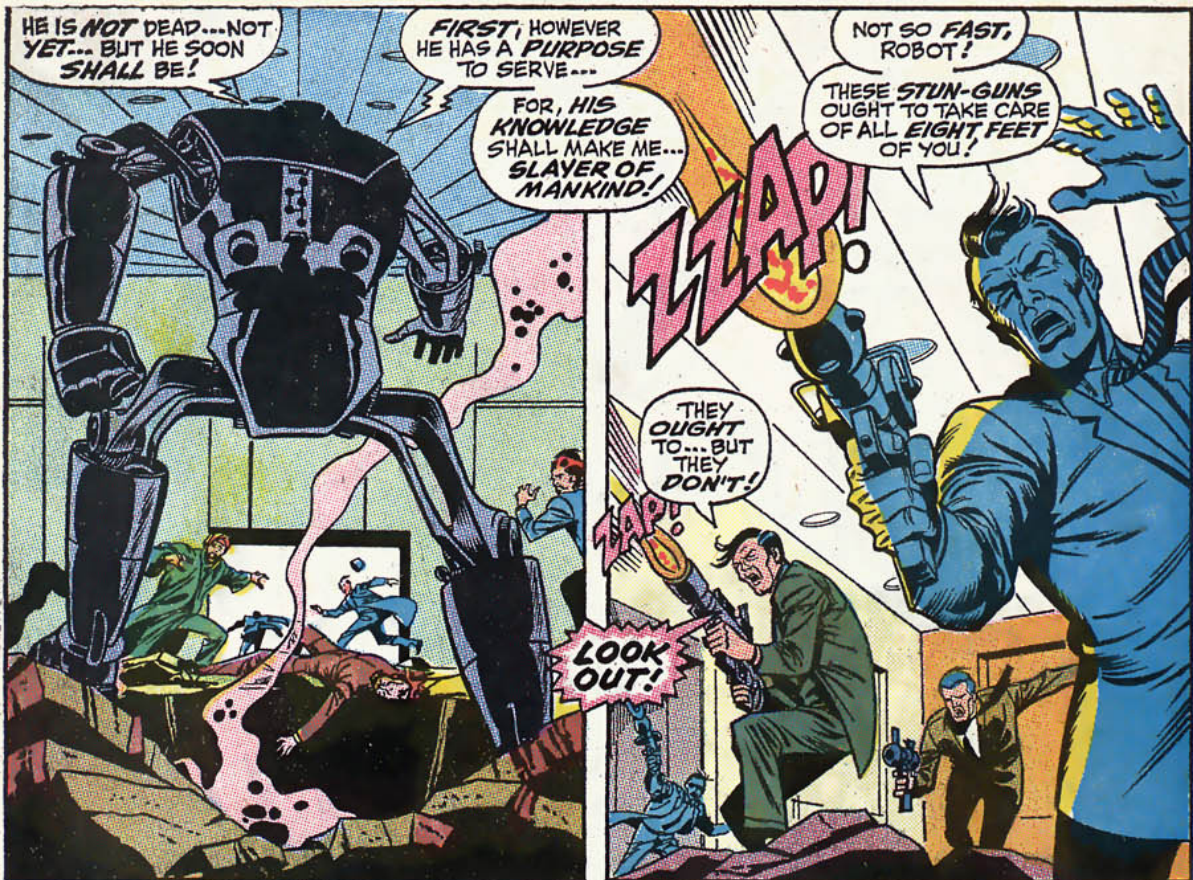
BUT ONE WHO HAS
EVOLVED HIMSELF
BEYOND THE SIXTH
LEVEL...BEYOND ANY
NUMERICAL DEGREE!

THE HAND THAT SLAYS
YOU SHALL BELONG TO...
**THE ULTIMATE
ULTRON!!**

KKKRRROOOOOW!!!

**NO!
STAY BACK!
STAY...**

AAARRHHH!



HE IS *NOT* DEAD...NOT YET... BUT HE SOON *SHALL* BE!

FIRST, HOWEVER HE HAS A *PURPOSE* TO SERVE...

FOR, HIS *KNOWLEDGE* SHALL MAKE ME... *SLAYER* OF MANKIND!

NOT SO FAST, ROBOT!

THESE *STUN-GUNS* OUGHT TO TAKE CARE OF ALL *EIGHT FEET* OF YOU!

ZAP!

THEY OUGHT TO... BUT THEY DON'T!

LOOK OUT!



FOOLS!

SOONER HURL YOUR TAUNTS AT RAGING *ATOMIC WINDS*...

...THAN AT ONE SUCH AS... **ULTRON!**

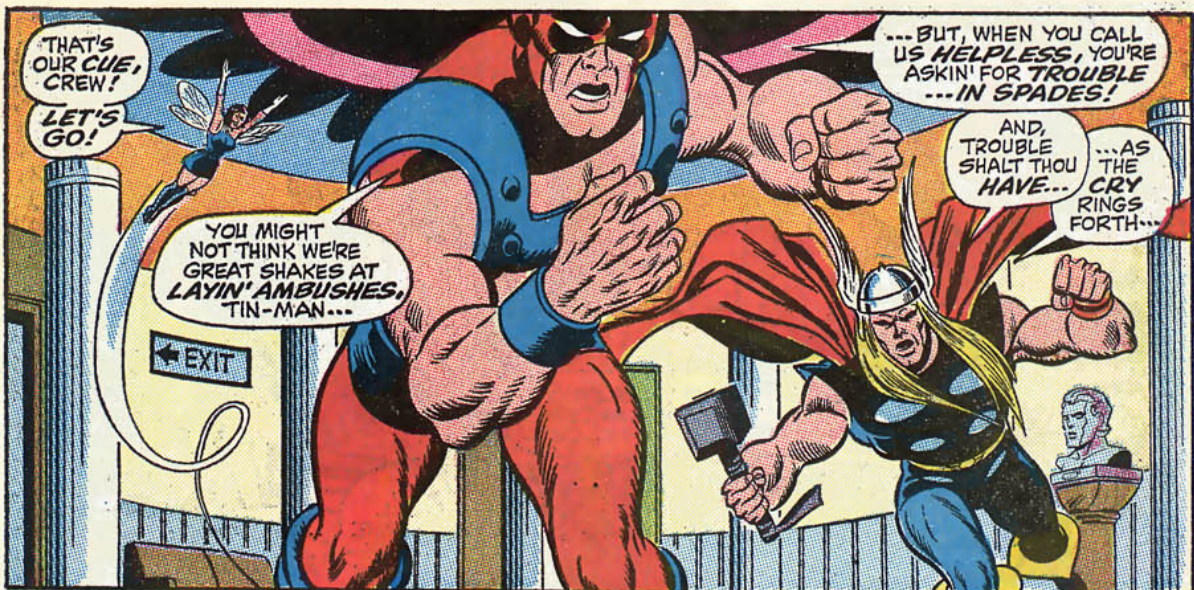
BROKK!



AND NOW, WHERE ARE THE VAUNTED *AVENGERS*---

THEY WHO SET THIS WELL-BAITED TRAP?

I WISH TO FACE THEM... TO PROVE TO THEM THEIR LITTLER *HELPLESSNESS* BEFORE SUCH AS *I!*



THAT'S OUR CUE, CREW!
LET'S GO!

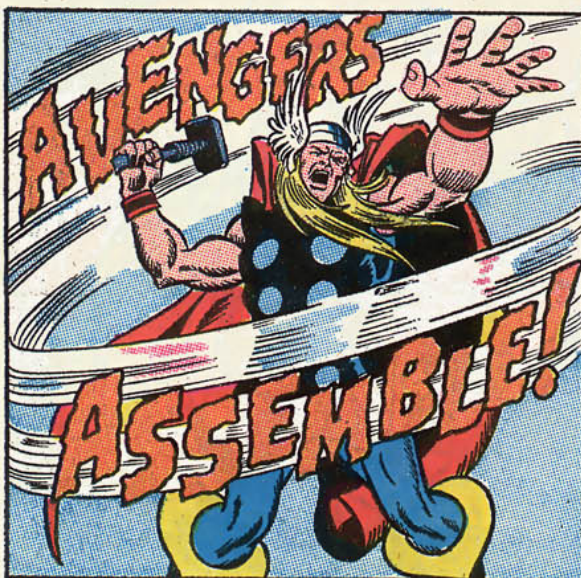
YOU MIGHT NOT THINK WE'RE GREAT SHAKES AT LAYIN' AMBUSHES, TIN-MAN...

...BUT, WHEN YOU CALL US HELPLESS, YOU'RE ASKIN' FOR TROUBLE ...IN SPADES!

AND, TROUBLE SHALT THOU HAVE...

...AS THE CRY RINGS FORTH...

EXIT



AVENGERS

ASSEMBLE!



STRIKE NOW, SACRED MJOLNIR...

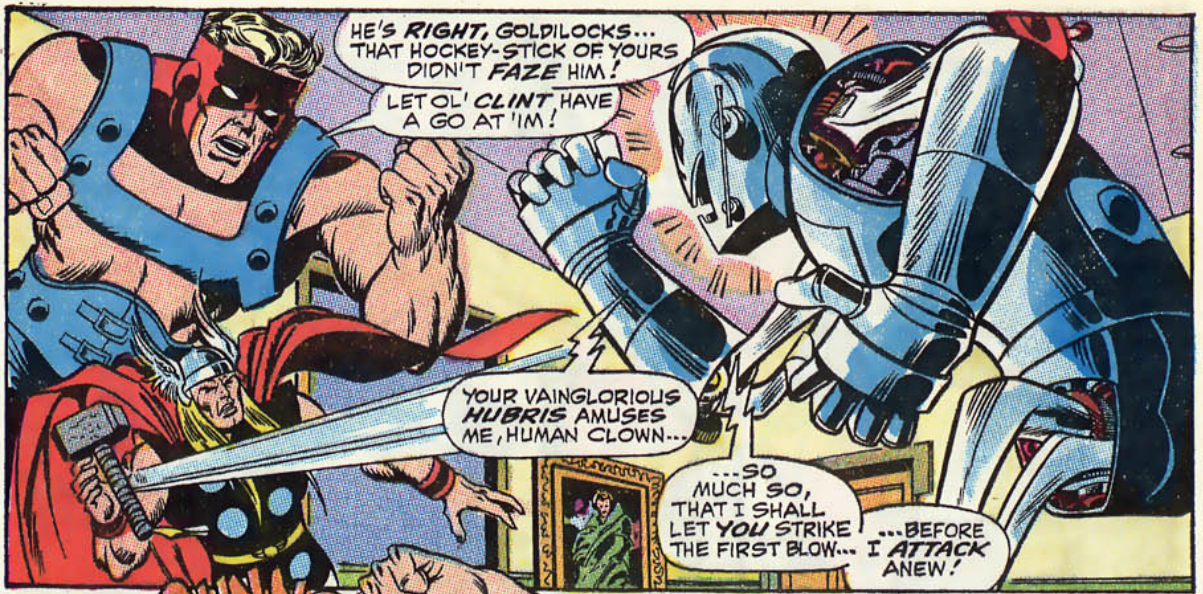
...WITH THE FORCE WHICH ONCE DID FELL GREAT HERCULES HIMSELF!



HAH! YOU HURLED YOUR HAMMER AT ME ONCE BEFORE, THUNDER GOD... TO NO AVAIL!

DID YOU THINK TO HARM ME NOW... WITH MY POWERS AT THEIR PINNACLE?

WUZZZ!



HE'S RIGHT, GOLDILOCKS... THAT HOCKEY-STICK OF YOURS DIDN'T FAZE HIM!

LET OL' CLINT HAVE A GO AT 'IM!

YOUR VAINGLORIOUS HUBRIS AMUSES ME, HUMAN CLOWN...

...SO MUCH SO, THAT I SHALL LET YOU STRIKE THE FIRST BLOW...

...BEFORE I ATTACK ANEW!



KRUNCH!

I CAN'T BEAT THOSE ODDS WITH A CLUB, ULTY!

SO, I'LL JUST DO THE GROWING BIT, AND...

MMMFF! GOTTA WATCH THOSE LOW CEILIN'S!

YOU ARE AS CLUMSY AS YOU ARE STUPID, GIANT!

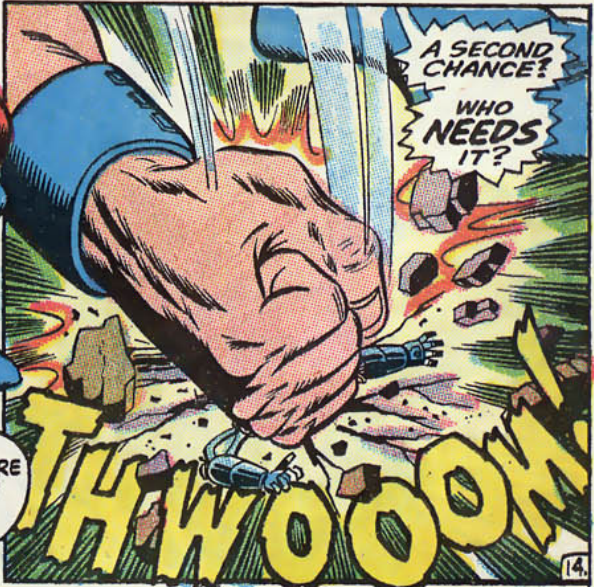
STRIKE QUICKLY... BEFORE YOU CEASE TO ENTERTAIN MY SYNTHETIC SOUL!



AY, GOLIATH... SMITE HIM!

LET ALL THE PENT-UP FURY OF A LIFE-TIME EXPLODE IN ONE BLUDGEONING BLOW!

THOU MAYEST NE'ER HAVE A SECOND CHANCE!



A SECOND CHANCE?

WHO NEEDS IT?

THWOOON!



TOO BAD THAT BROTHER HANK'S BUSY BEHIND THE SCENES!

HE'D HAVE DUG THE WAY GOLIATH II HANDLED THAT SCRAP-IRON SAMSON!

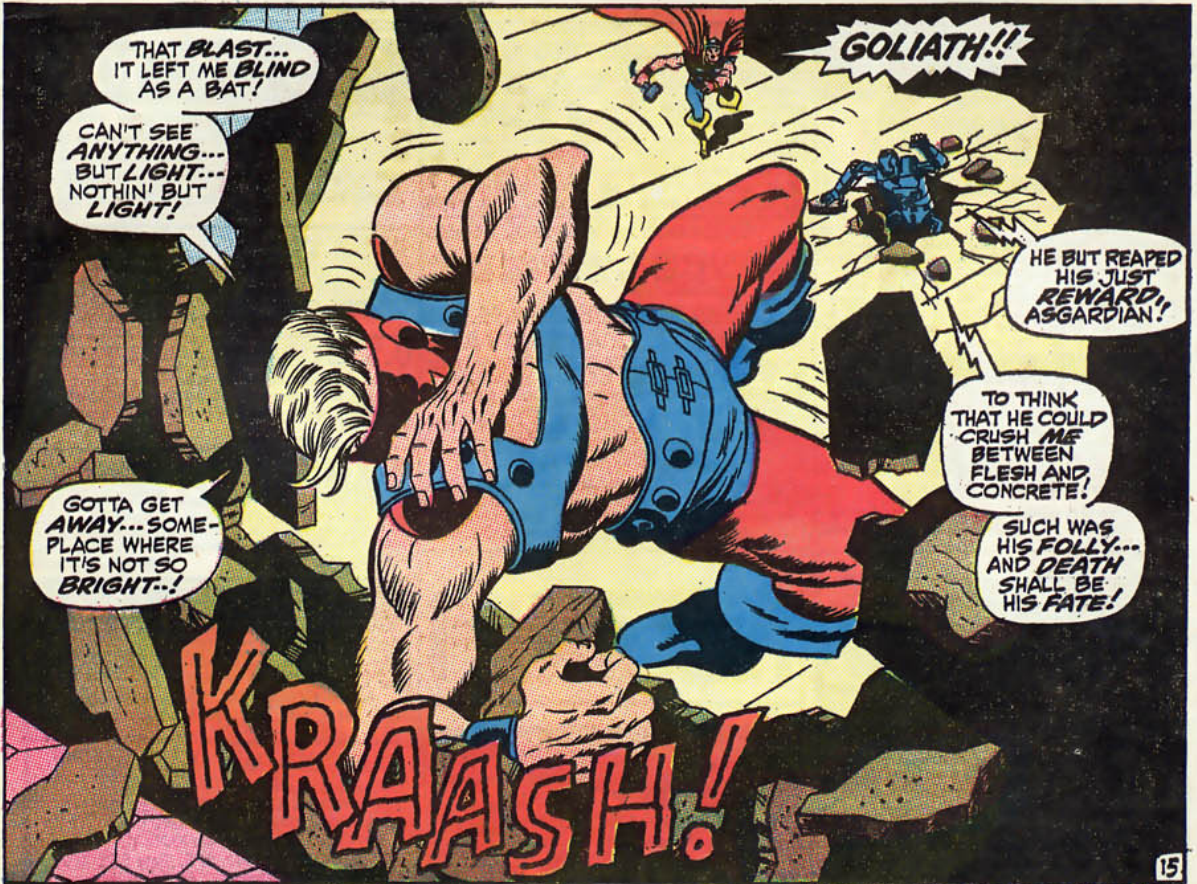
HOLD, AVENGER!
THAT SOUND... BENEATH THE SHATTERED CONCRETE...!

IT CAN ONLY BE...



SZAAK!

...ULTRON!



THAT BLAST... IT LEFT ME BLIND AS A BAT!

CAN'T SEE ANYTHING... BUT LIGHT... NOTHIN' BUT LIGHT!

GOTTA GET AWAY... SOME-PLACE WHERE IT'S NOT SO BRIGHT..!

GOLIATH!!

HE BUT REAPED HIS JUST REWARD! ASGARDIAN!

TO THINK THAT HE COULD CRUSH ME BETWEEN FLESH AND CONCRETE!

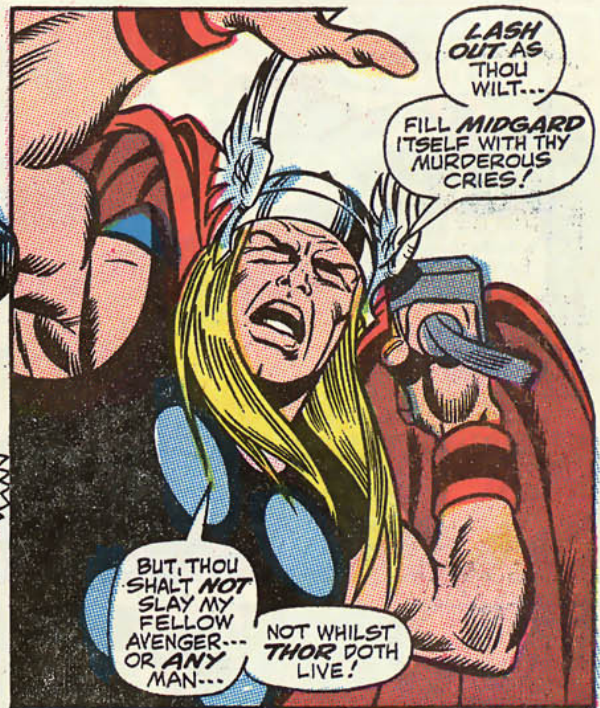
SUCH WAS HIS FOLLY... AND DEATH SHALL BE HIS FATE!

KRAASH!



NOT SO,
MOST FOUL
OF FIENDS!

I SAY
THEE...
NAY!

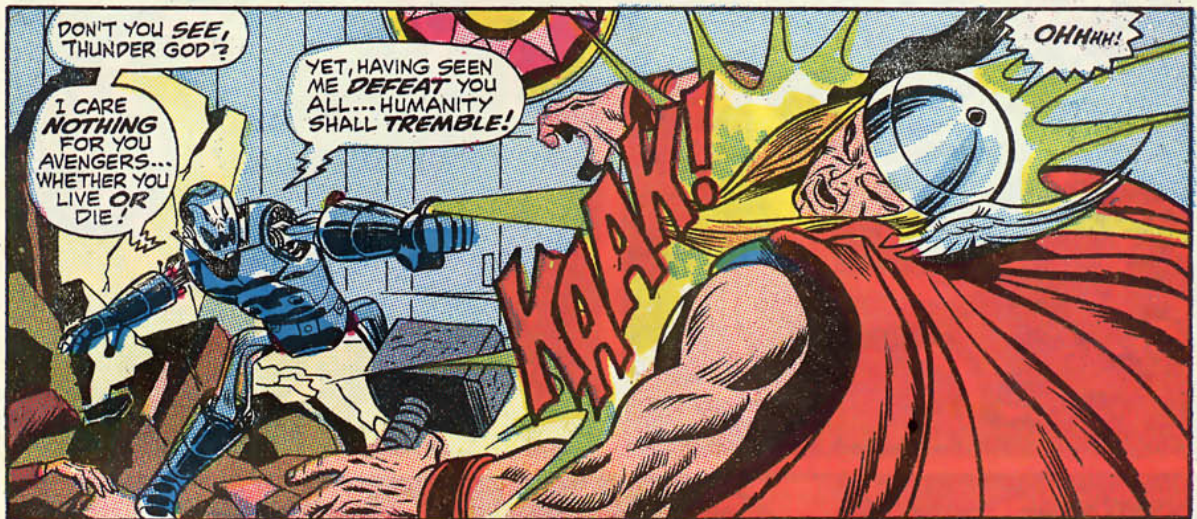


LASH
OUT AS
THOU
WILT...

FILL MIDGARD
ITSELF WITH THY
MURDEROUS
CRIES!

BUT, THOU
SHALT NOT
SLAY MY
FELLOW
AVENGER...
OR ANY
MAN...

NOT WHILST
THOR DOTHS
LIVE!



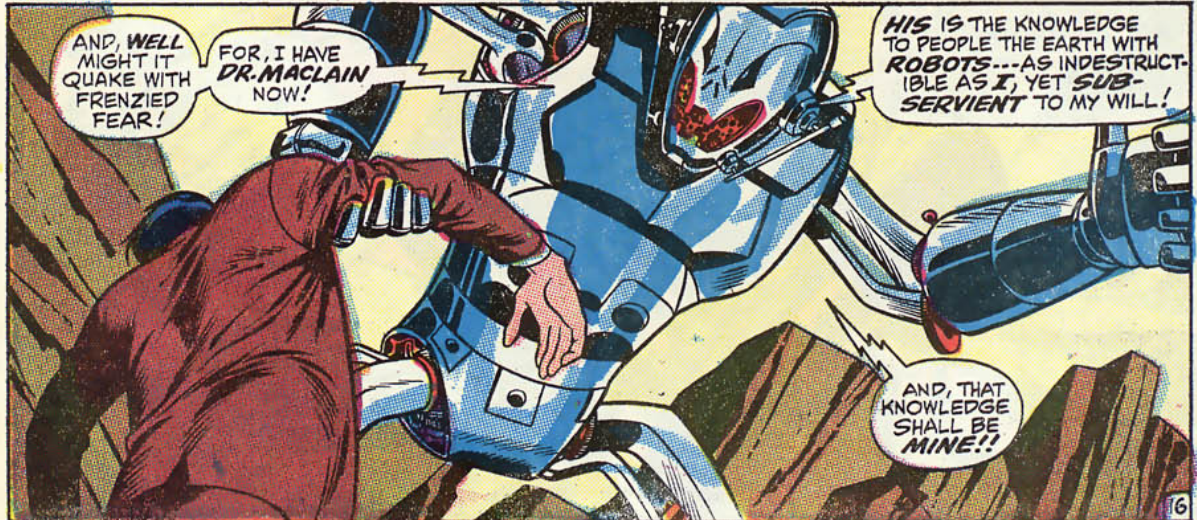
DON'T YOU SEE,
THUNDER GOD?

I CARE
NOTHING
FOR YOU
AVENGERS...
WHETHER YOU
LIVE OR
DIE!

YET, HAVING SEEN ME
DEFEAT YOU
ALL... HUMANITY
SHALL TREMBLE!

OHHH!

KRAK!



AND, WELL
MIGHT IT
QUAKE WITH
FRENZIED
FEAR!

FOR, I HAVE
DR. MACLAIN
NOW!

HIS IS THE KNOWLEDGE
TO PEOPLE THE EARTH WITH
ROBOTS... AS INDESTRUCT-
IBLE AS I, YET SUB-
SERVIENT TO MY WILL!

AND, THAT
KNOWLEDGE
SHALL BE
MINE!!



NOR SHALL A TRIO, OR A FULL ROSTER OF AVENGERS PREVENT ME!

HE...HE'S GOT US, CREW!

AY! WE MAY BUT STAND AND WATCH ...HOPING FOR SOME FATAL MISSTEP...!

FOR YOU, UNLIKE ULTRON, PLACE SOME MODICUM OF VALUE ON A SINGLE HUMAN LIFE!

AND, IF YOU APPROACH A SINGLE STEP NEARER--!



A MISSTEP WHICH SHALL NEVER OCCUR, IMMORTAL!

FOR, I HAVE INCORPORATED INTO MY INVINCIBLE BODY...THIS MIND-DRAINING DEVICE!



WITHIN MOMENTS, THE HUMAN'S INNERMOST SECRETS SHALL BE... MINE!

NO... NOO!

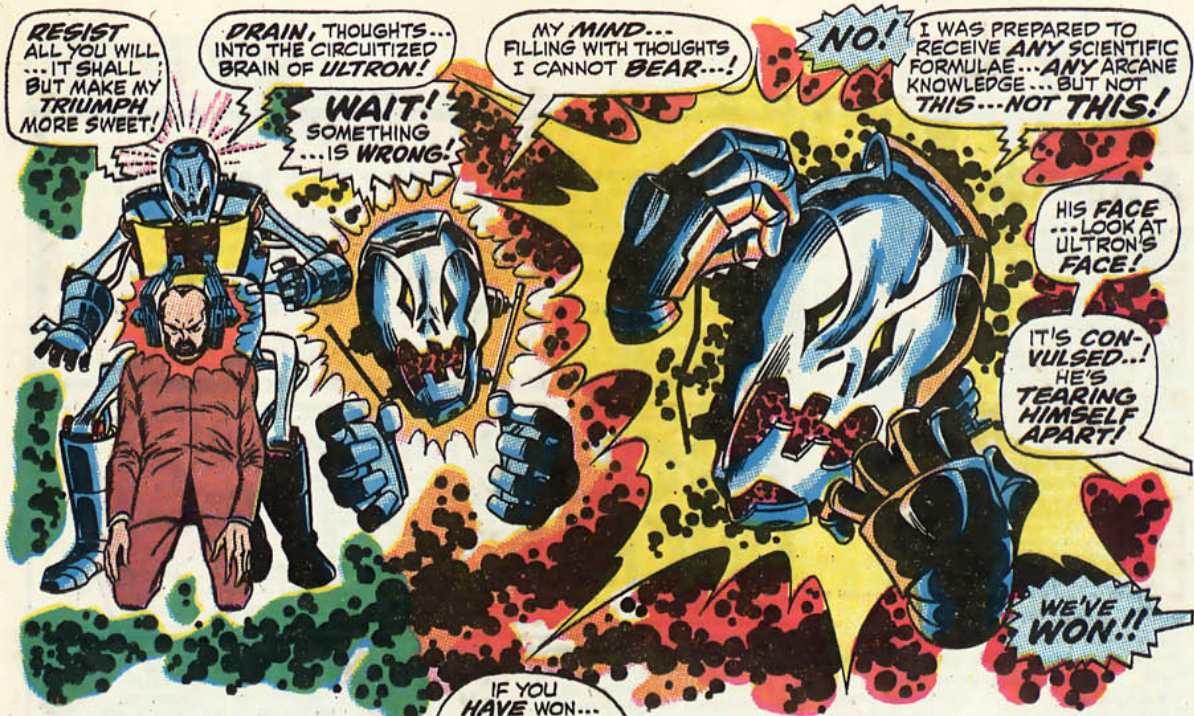


MUST FIGHT YOU... WITH ALL... MY MIGHT!

I CAN'T GIVE IN TO YOU!

TOO MUCH DEPENDS ON IT!

TOO MUCH!!



RESIST ALL YOU WILL... IT SHALL BUT MAKE MY TRIUMPH MORE SWEET!

DRAIN, THOUGHTS... INTO THE CIRCUITIZED BRAIN OF ULTRON!

MY MIND... FILLING WITH THOUGHTS I CANNOT BEAR...!

NO! I WAS PREPARED TO RECEIVE ANY SCIENTIFIC FORMULAE... ANY ARCAINE KNOWLEDGE... BUT NOT THIS... NOT THIS!

WAIT! SOMETHING... IS WRONG!

HIS FACE... LOOK AT ULTRON'S FACE!

IT'S CONVULSED...! HE'S TEARING HIMSELF APART!

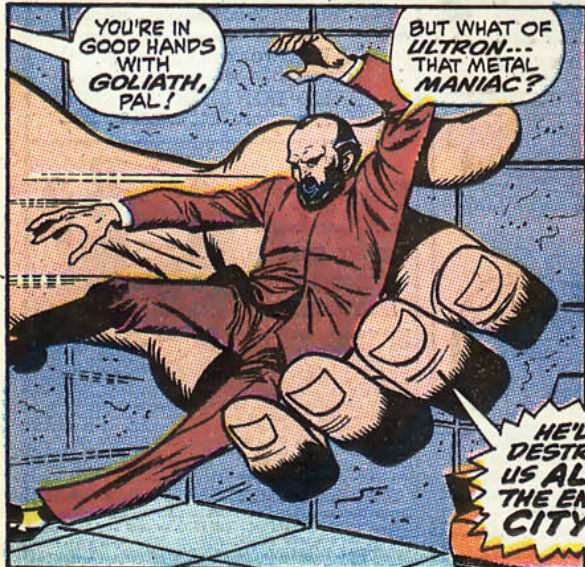
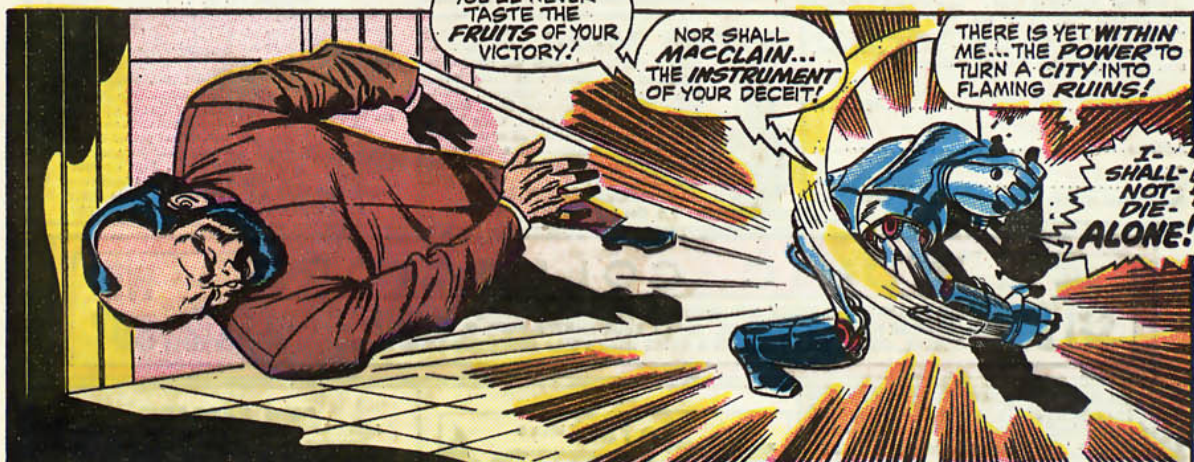
WE'VE WON!!

IF YOU HAVE WON... YOU'LL NEVER TASTE THE FRUITS OF YOUR VICTORY!

NOR SHALL MACCLAIN... THE INSTRUMENT OF YOUR DECEIT!

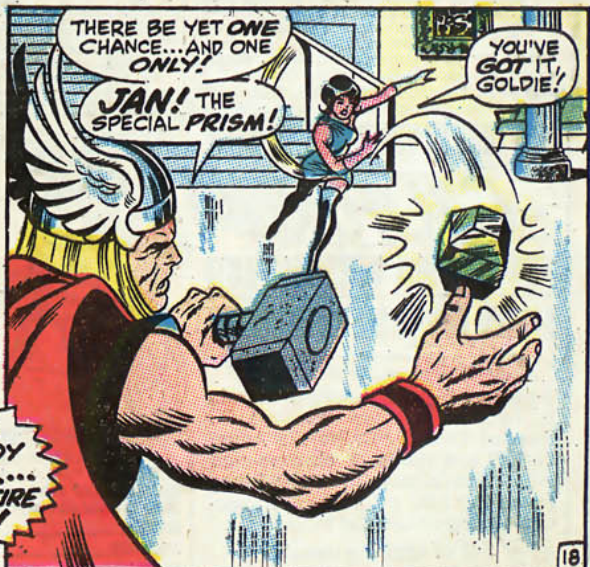
THERE IS YET WITHIN ME... THE POWER TO TURN A CITY INTO FLAMING RUINS!

I... SHALL NOT DIE ALONE!



YOU'RE IN GOOD HANDS WITH GOLIATH, PAL!

BUT WHAT OF ULTRON... THAT METAL MANIAC?

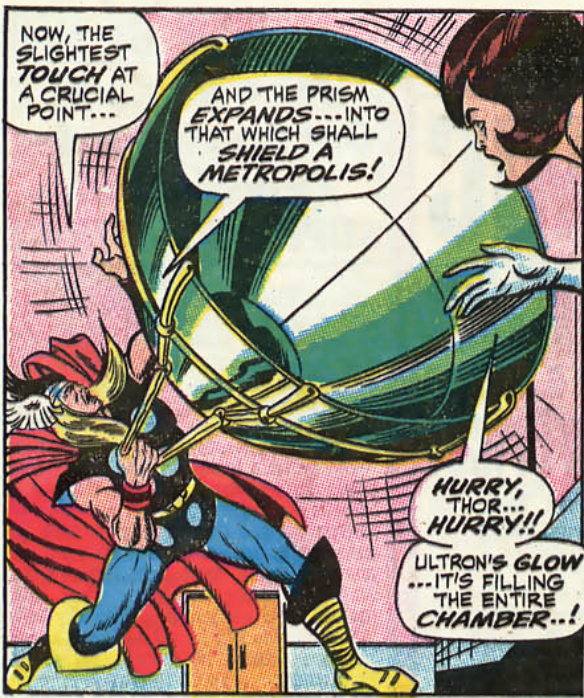


THERE BE YET ONE CHANCE... AND ONE ONLY!

JAN! THE SPECIAL PRISM!

YOU'VE GOT IT, GOLDIE!

HE'LL DESTROY US ALL... THE ENTIRE CITY!



NOW, THE SLIGHTEST TOUCH AT A CRUCIAL POINT...

AND THE PRISM EXPANDS... INTO THAT WHICH SHALL SHIELD A METROPOLIS!

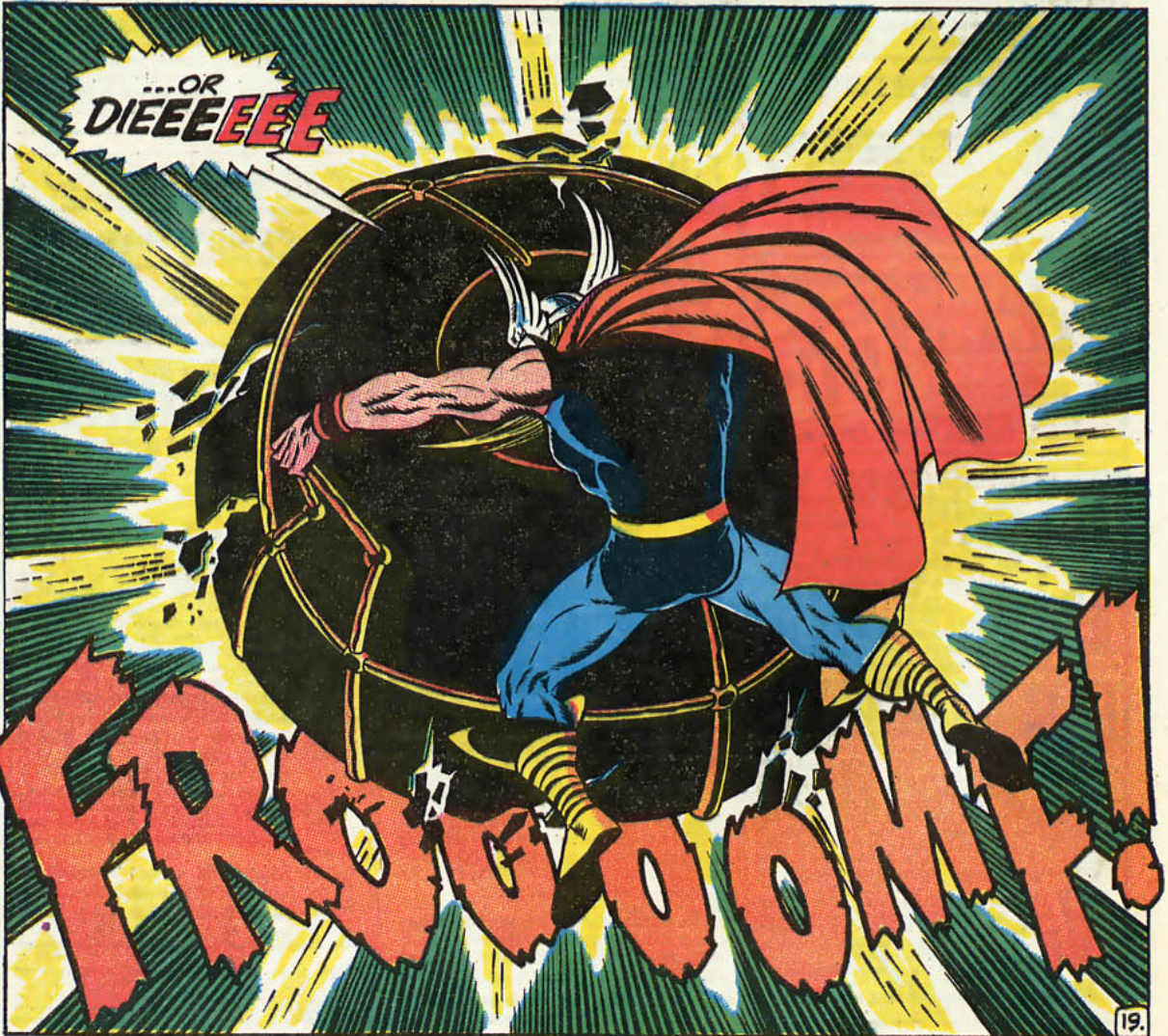
HURRY, THOR... HURRY!!

ULTRON'S GLOW... IT'S FILLING THE ENTIRE CHAMBER...!



THEN, THIS GLEAMING GLOBE SHALL CONTAIN THAT GLOW...

AND, WHATE'ER BEFALL, THE SON OF ODIN SHALL STAND FIRM ABOVE IT...



...OR DIEEEEE

FRAGG BOOM!



YOU...YOU **DID** IT, CURLY!
YOU DESTROYED ULTRON!

HE DESTROYED **HIMSELF**, AVENGER!

I BUT **CONTAINED** THE BLAST... WITH YON PANTHER-SENT **VIBRANIUM SHIELD!**

NEVER MIND **THAT**... LET ME TEAR OFF THIS **MASK**...

...AND SEE IF **HANK** IS ALL RIGHT!

YOU ARE **HANK PYM**, REMEMBER... **HANK PYM!**

YES... HANK PYM...!
NOW...IT ALL COMES **BACK** TO ME...!



I HAD YOU **HYPNOTIZE** ME, JAN... INTO BELIEVING I WAS **DR. MACCLAIN!**

I WROTE A **SPEECH**...A SPEECH I **MEMORIZED**...

BUT, YOU FILLED MY **SUB-CONSCIOUS** WITH ONLY **ONE** THOUGHT...**ONE** PHRASE...

AND IT **WORKED**, BIG-BRAIN!

BUT...WHAT **WAS** THAT PHRASE, ANY-HOW?

AY...AS A PRE-CAUTION, EVEN **WE TWO** WERE NOT TOLD THE WORDS THAT DROVE A **MENACE** TO **DISTRACTION**...

...AND **SAVED A PLANET!**

A **SIMPLE** PHRASE, AVENGERS... AND AN **ANCIENT** ONE...

...WHICH MEN **LIVED** BY, SINCE THE **DAWN** OF TIME...!

...SOMETHING SO **ALIEN** TO ULTRON'S NATURE...THAT IT MIGHT DRIVE HIS **NON-HUMAN** MIND **INSANE!**



"...THOU SHALT NOT KILL...!"

FIN