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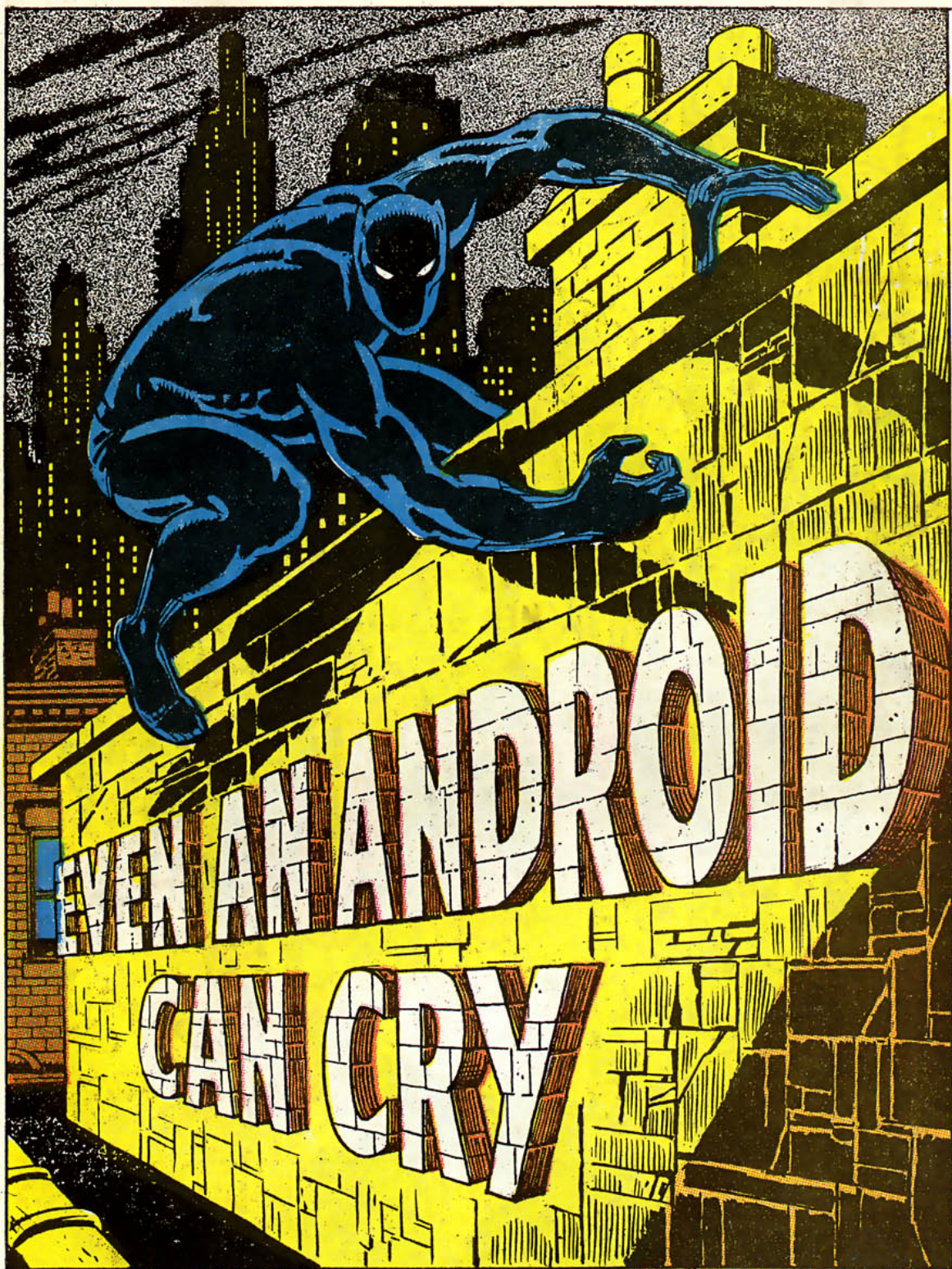
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THE AVENGERS ASSEMBLE... TO LEARN THE SENSES-SHATTERING SECRET OF... THE VISION!!



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ONCE AGAIN,
THE WORD HAS
GONE OUT...
"AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!"

WHAT
DIRE MENACE
DOES THIS
SUMMONS
PRESAGE...?

DON'T GET
YOUR WHISKERS
IN AN UPROAR,
PANTHER!

YOU'D THINK
YOU NEVER SAW
A ROOMFUL OF
AVENGERS
BEFORE!

HE NEVER HAS, BOW-
SLINGER...AT LEAST,
NOT THIS BIG A
ROOMFUL!

SAY...THAT'S
RIGHT,
ISN'T IT?

T'CHALLA
NEVER EVEN
MET THOR
AND IRON
MAN!

BY THE
CRAGS OF
KILIMANJARO!

WELL?
NO WORD
FOR ME,
OLD
FRIEND?

CAP...AND
ALL THE
OTHERS OF
THE MIGHTY
AVENGERS!

AND WITH
THEM...THE
VISION!



NOT EXACTLY WITH THEM,
MY FRIEND!

IN FACT, THAT IS WHY
HENRY PYM CONTACTED
YOU---AND YOUR FELLOW
MEMBERS!

I WISH TO
BECOME...AN
AVENGER!

CHECK! AND, IN VIEW OF THE
UNIQUENESS OF THE
SITUATION, I FELT
THAT ALL OF US
SHOULD DISCUSS
HIS REQUEST IN
PERSON!

HMMM... HE'D
ADD MUCH RAW
POWER TO OUR
RANKS...!

SLOW DOWN A MINUTE,
PANTHER!

I DON'T USUALLY
PLAY DEVIL'S
ADVOCATE...

BUT, I WANT TO
KNOW... JUST
WHO IS
THE VISION?

BECOMING
AN AVENGER
IS NOT A
RIGHT... BUT
A PRIVILEGE!

THY WORDS
RESONATE WITH
TRUTH, IRON MAN!

THOR, TOO, WOULD
KNOW MORE
OF THIS NEWCOMER
...AND OF HIS
POWERS!

BEFORE
WE ACT,
WE MUST
BE SURE!

CAP...
WHAT ARE
YOU...?

KEEP OUT OF
THIS, GOLIATH!

I'M GOING TO FIND
OUT IF THE
VISION HAS
WHAT IT
TAKES!

I
HAVE,
CAPTAIN
AMERICA!

SOMETHING
WHICH, I
THINK, I CAN
ARRANGE..!

...AS YOU
SHALL DIS-
COVER, IF YOU
DARE LAY HANDS
UPON ME!

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NO...THERE'S NO NEED FOR ANY FIGHTING...FOR RECKLESS, SENSELESS VIOLENCE!

IT ISN'T LIKE CAP TO THREATEN ANYONE! WE'VE GOT TO...

OL' WING-HEAD KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOIN', PANTHER!

JUST KEEP YOUR EYES GLUED!



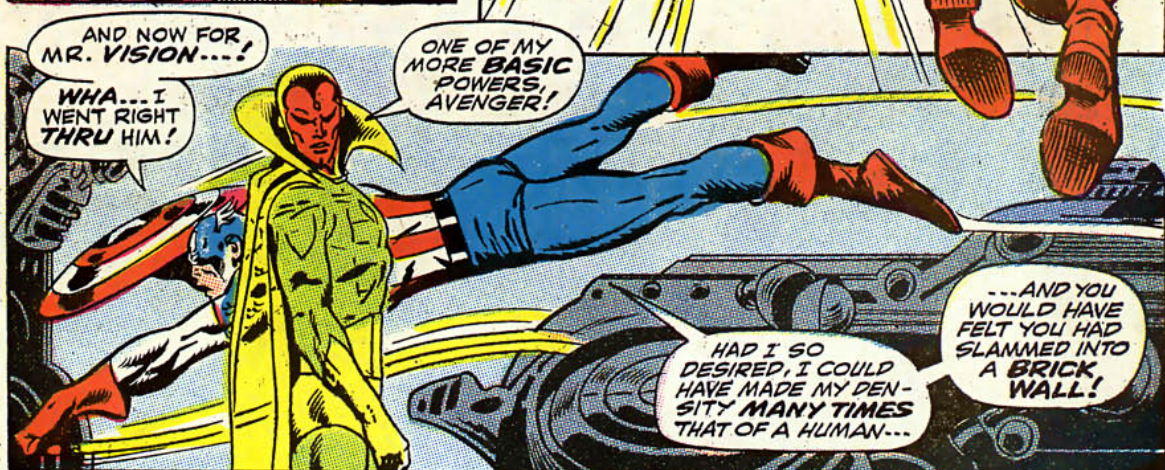
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, CAP!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'VE GOT UP YOUR STAR-SPANGLED SLEEVE, BUT...

HUH??

YOUR FORTE IS SIZE, HANK...

WHILE MINE IS AGILITY!



AND NOW FOR MR. VISION...!

WHA...I WENT RIGHT THRU HIM!

ONE OF MY MORE BASIC POWERS, AVENGER!

HAD I SO DESIRED, I COULD HAVE MADE MY DENSITY MANY TIMES THAT OF A HUMAN...

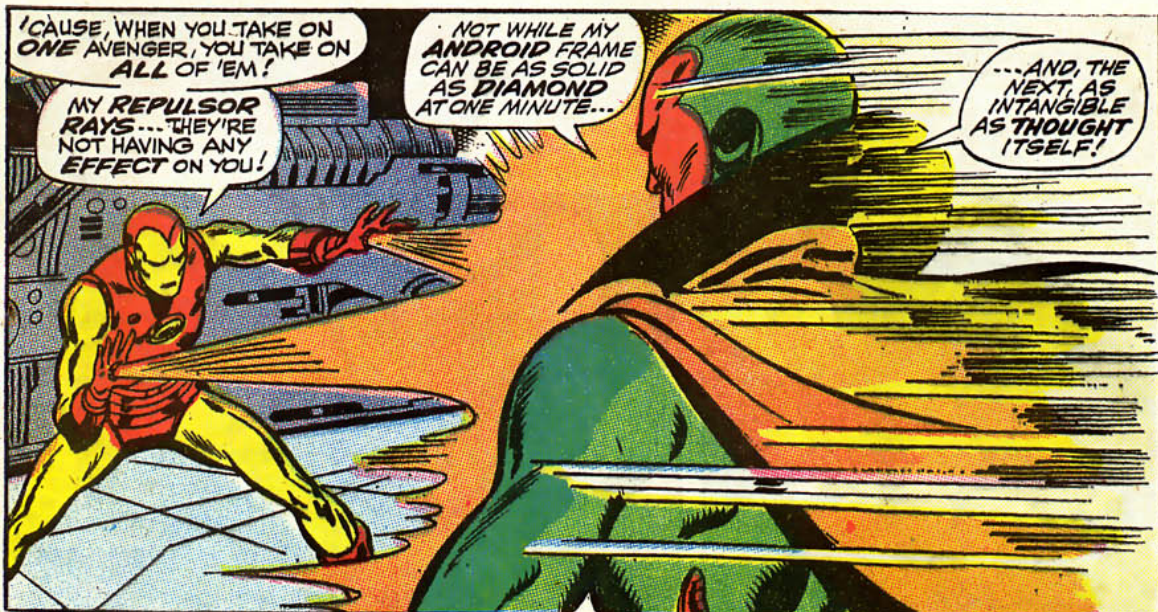
...AND YOU WOULD HAVE FELT YOU HAD SLAMMED INTO A BRICK WALL!



MAYBE A BRICK WALL WOULD STOP CAP...

BUT, IT'S JUST SO MUCH PUTTY TO IRON MAN!

NOW, GET READY TO GET CREAMED, FELLA...

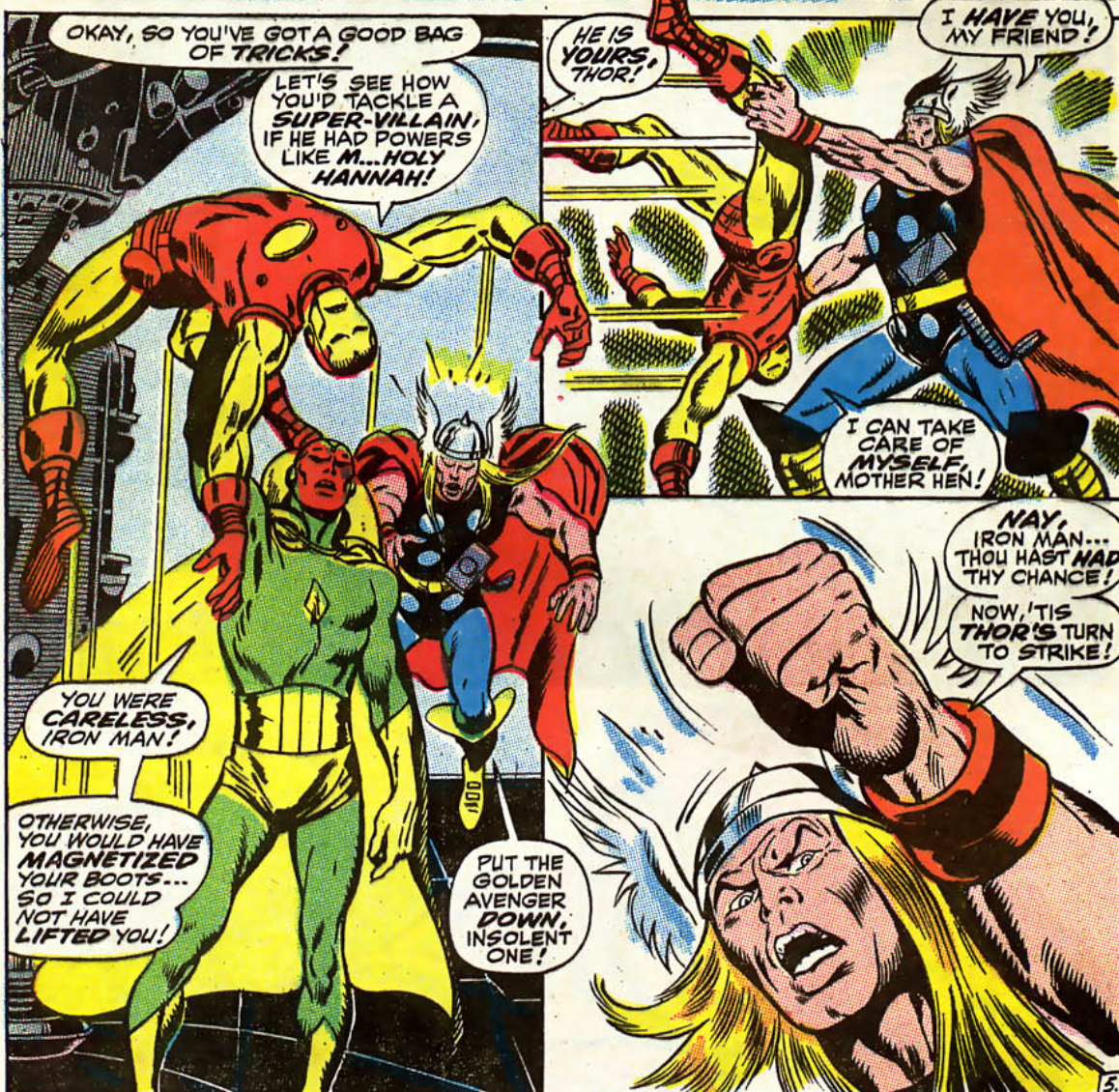


'CAUSE WHEN YOU TAKE ON ONE AVENGER, YOU TAKE ON ALL OF 'EM!

MY REPULSOR RAYS...THEY'RE NOT HAVING ANY EFFECT ON YOU!

NOT WHILE MY ANDROID FRAME CAN BE AS SOLID AS DIAMOND AT ONE MINUTE...

...AND, THE NEXT, AS INTANGIBLE AS THOUGHT ITSELF!



OKAY, SO YOU'VE GOT A GOOD BAG OF TRICKS!

LET'S SEE HOW YOU'D TACKLE A SUPER-VILLAIN, IF HE HAD POWERS LIKE M...HOLY HANNAH!

HE IS YOURS, THOR!

I HAVE YOU, MY FRIEND!

I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF, MOTHER HEN!

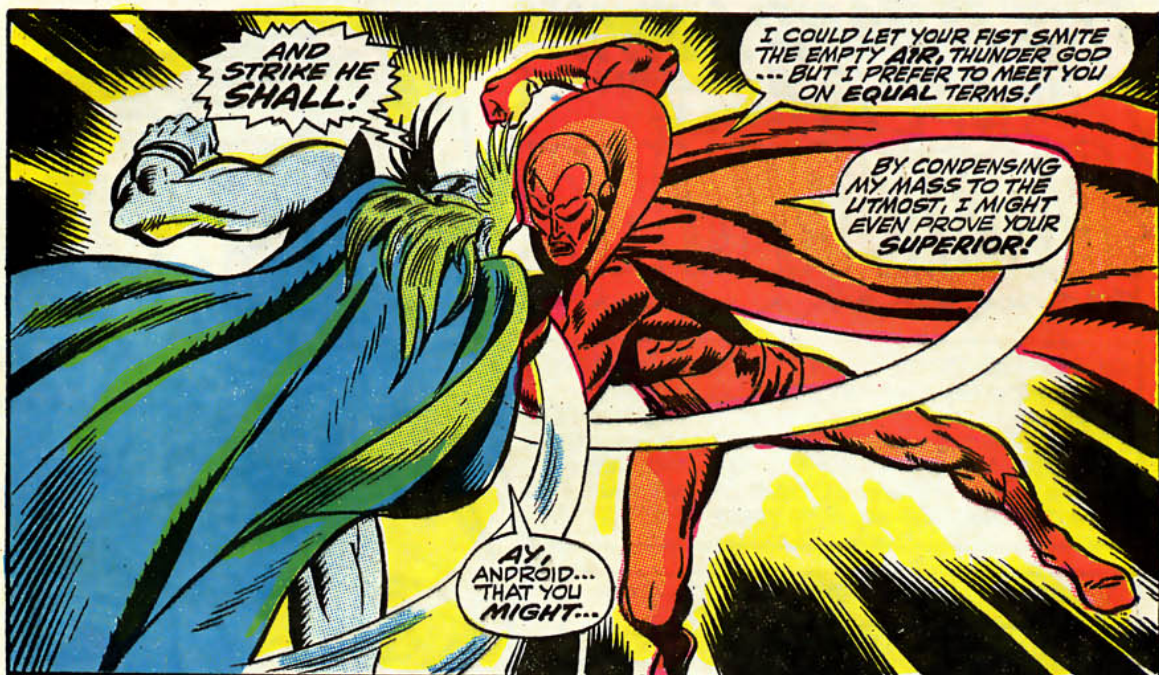
YOU WERE CARELESS, IRON MAN!

OTHERWISE, YOU WOULD HAVE MAGNETIZED YOUR BOOTS... SO I COULD NOT HAVE LIFTED YOU!

PUT THE GOLDEN AVENGER DOWN, INSOLENT ONE!

NAY, IRON MAN... THOU HAST HAD THY CHANCE!

NOW, 'TIS THOR'S TURN TO STRIKE!

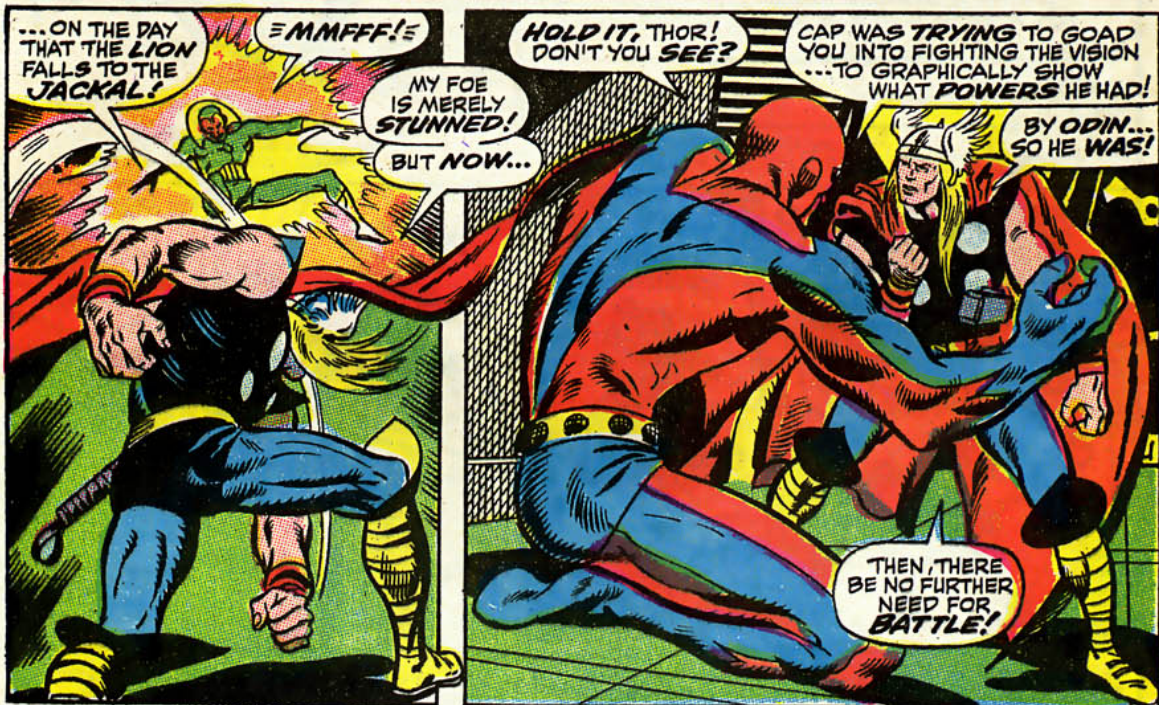


AND STRIKE HE SHALL!

I COULD LET YOUR FIST SMITE THE EMPTY AIR, THUNDER GOD ... BUT I PREFER TO MEET YOU ON EQUAL TERMS!

BY CONDENSING MY MASS TO THE LITMOST, I MIGHT EVEN PROVE YOUR SUPERIOR!

AY, ANDROID... THAT YOU MIGHT...



... ON THE DAY THAT THE LION FALLS TO THE JACKAL!

MMFFF!

MY FOE IS MERELY STUNNED! BUT NOW...

HOLD IT, THOR! DON'T YOU SEE?

CAP WAS TRYING TO GOAD YOU INTO FIGHTING THE VISION ... TO GRAPHICALLY SHOW WHAT POWERS HE HAD!

BY ODIN... SO HE WAS!

THEN, THERE BE NO FURTHER NEED FOR BATTLE!



WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK, THOR... IRON MAN?

'TIS APPARENT THAT THE NEW-COMER WOULD BE A WELCOME ADJUNCT TO ANY GROUP... IF ONLY...

I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR YOUR MISGIVINGS, AVENGERS!

IF ONLY WE KNEW WHO ... OR WHAT ... HE WAS!

BUT, EVEN I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTIONS!



THEN, BECAUSE THE VISION RISKED HIS **LIFE** FOR US BEFORE, WE **OWE** IT TO HIM TO **LEARN** THAT ANSWER..!

UH OH! SORRY ABOUT THAT... DIDN'T MEAN TO **CRACK** OUR MEETING TABLE!

JUST DO ME ONE **FAVOR**, MAN-MOUNTAIN!

NEXT TIME I DO SOMETHING RIGHT, DON'T PAT ME ON THE **BACK**, HUH?

SLAM!



MAYBE I'D BETTER SHOOT DOWN TO **NORMAL** SIZE... WHILE WE'VE STILL GOT A **MEETING CHAMBER** LEFT!

ALREADY THE VISION HAS RETURNED TO HIS **MELANCHOLY BROODING!**

CAN'T SAY I **BLAME** HIM!

WHAT MUST IT BE LIKE TO BE **TRAPPED** FOREVER IN AN **ANDROID** BODY...

...WITH THE THOUGHTS... THE EMOTIONS... OF A **HUMAN BEING?**

YET, WHY IS HE SO? **WHY??**



OKAY, GOLDBLOCKS... IT'S **YOUR** TURN TO PLAY **KING-FOR-A-DAY!**

WHAT'S WITH THE **SCROLL** ...AN ASGARDIAN **SHOPPIN' LIST?**

YOU KNOW **BETTER**, HAWKEYE!

WHAT SAY WE GIVE **THOR** A CHANCE TO TALK FOR A WHILE?

LET THE MEETING NOW **COMMENCE!**

WE ARE CALLED HERE TODAY TO VOTE UPON THE ADMISSION OF A **NEW** ADDITION TO OUR NUMBER!



IN ALL THE ANNALS OF **HERODOM ASSEMBLED...**

IN ALL THE CHRONICLES OF **COURAGE** WRITTEN SINCE THE DAWN OF **HUMAN MEMORY...**

THERE BE NO FIGURES MORE **LOOMING...** NO NAMES MORE INSCRIBED IN UNTARNISHED **GLORY...**

...THAN THOSE WHO HAVE SWELLED THE PROUD RANKS OF... **THE AVENGERS!**

"BOTH THOSE WHO
HAVE BEEN CHOSEN...
AND THOSE WHO WERE
BUT CALLED..."

"... HAVE SERVED WITH
DISTINCTION... AND HAVE
EARNED THEMSELVES FOREVER A
PLACE IN THE HISTORY OF A
STRIFE-CURSED WORLD...!"





SOME HAVE LEFT OUR RANKS... BECAUSE THEY WERE **EMBITTERED** WITH HUMAN SOCIETY, OR BECAUSE THEY WISHED TO PURSUE THEIR INDIVIDUAL **DESTINIES**...

YET, ALWAYS THE TORCH HATH BEEN **PASSED**... AND HELD **HIGH!**

AND NOW, **ANOTHER** DOTH STAND BEFORE US...!

AND, WE **WANT** HIM TO MARCH AT OUR **SIDE!**

IF ONLY WE COULD **PROBE** HIS **MEMORY**...

PROBE... MY **MEMORY**...?

I HAVE... **TRIED** THAT...!



BUT, PERHAPS I DIDN'T DIG **DEEPLY** ENOUGH! MUST **TRY**... MUST **TRY** **AGAIN!**

SO... **PAINFUL**... AS IF A **PSYCHIC** WALL BARRED MY WAY... AS IF...

WAIT! I'VE **BROKEN** THRU!

I CAN **SEE** IT AGAIN... THAT **LOATH-SOME**, **LEER-ING** FACE...

"...THE FACE OF THE METAL MAN-THING WHO **CREATED** ME... WHOSE **HARSH**, **INHUMAN** VOICE GREETED MY FIRST **CONFUSED** MOMENT OF **CONSCIOUSNESS**..."

WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF THE **LIVING**, YOU WHO WILL NEVER KNOW BUT A **HALF-LIFE!**

I AM **ULTRON-5***... BUT YOU SHALL CALL ME **...MASTER!**

YES... MASTER...!



WHY HAVE YOU CALLED ME TO **LIFE?**

NOT TO ASK SUCH **HUMAN-LIKE** **QUESTIONS**, **ANDROID!**

I WAS **CREATED** TO **COMMAND**... AND YOU TO **OBEY!**



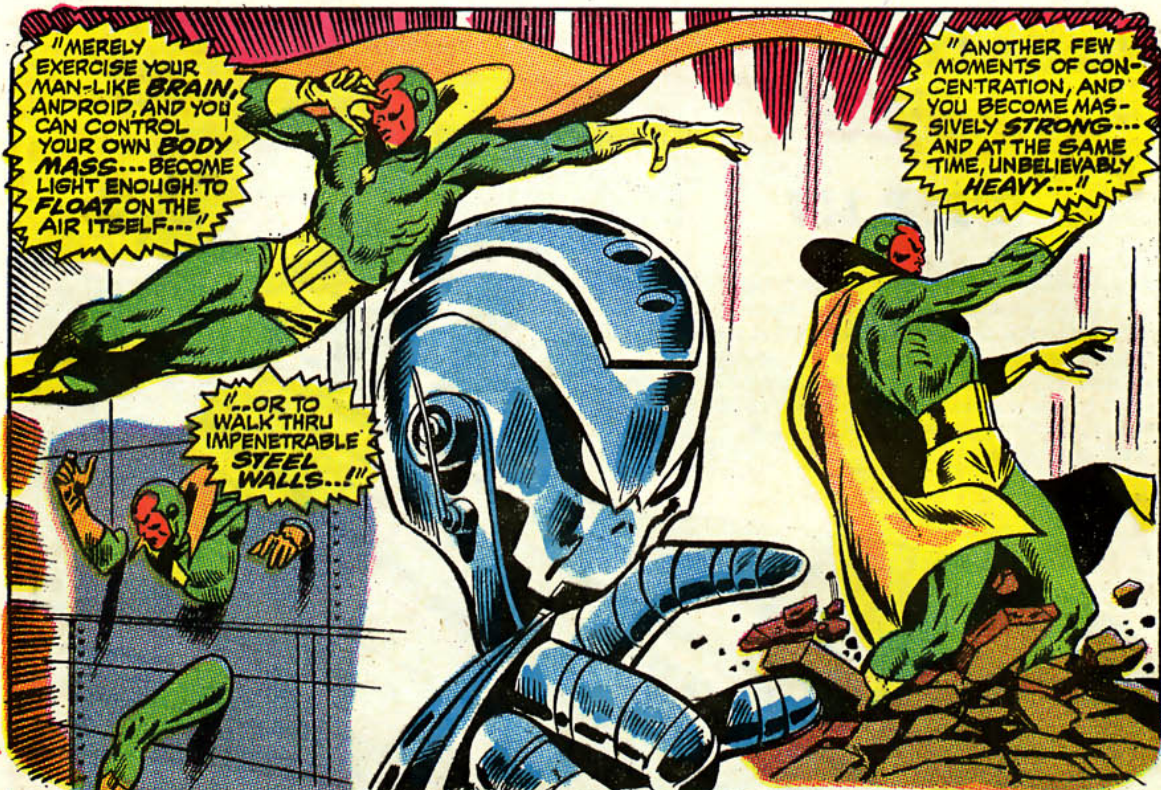
I SOMEHOW **SENSE** YOU **SPEAK** THE **TRUTH**... **MASTER!**

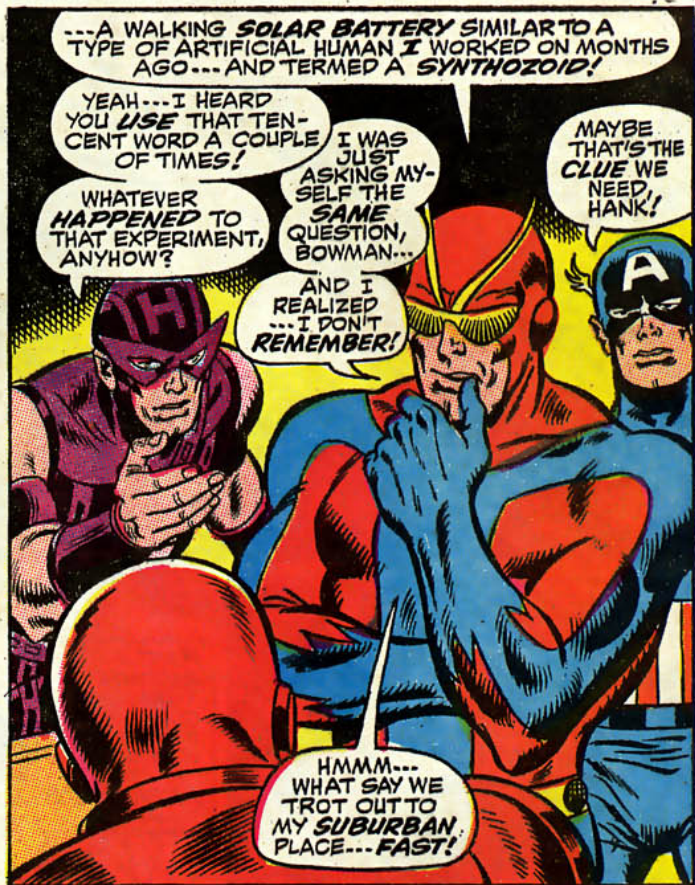
AND YET, I AM **CONSUMED** WITH **CURIOSITY**...

SUCH **EMOTIONS** ARE FOR **HUMAN** **FOOLS!**

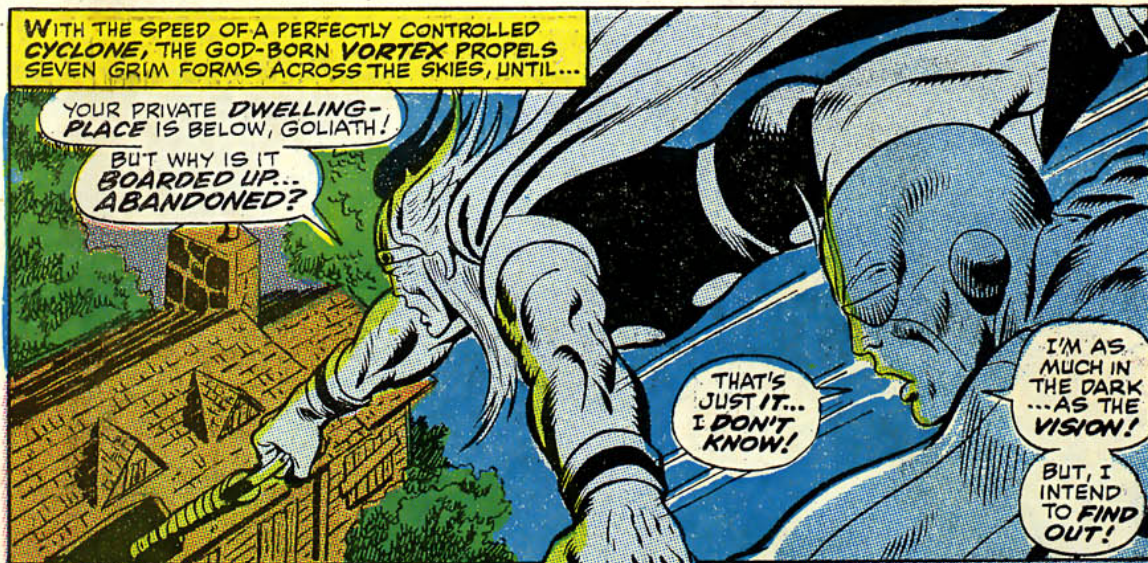
YOU AND I WERE **BORN** FOR **BETTER** **THINGS!**

* WE SAW HIM **DESTROYED** LAST **EPIC!**... **SUCCINCT** **STAN.**





WITH THE SPEED OF A PERFECTLY CONTROLLED CYCLONE, THE GOD-BORN VORTEX PROPELS SEVEN GRIM FORMS ACROSS THE SKIES, UNTIL...



YOUR PRIVATE DWELLING-PLACE IS BELOW, GOLIATH!

BUT WHY IS IT BOARDED UP... ABANDONED?

THAT'S JUST IT... I DON'T KNOW!

I'M AS MUCH IN THE DARK... AS THE VISION!

BUT, I INTEND TO FIND OUT!



...THE LAST TIME I RECALL BEING HERE WAS WHEN I WAS EXPERIMENTING ON DRAGON MAN!*

BUT, I ONLY REMEMBER SEEING THIS EQUIPMENT IN RUINS... AFTER THE TWO OF US CLASHED!

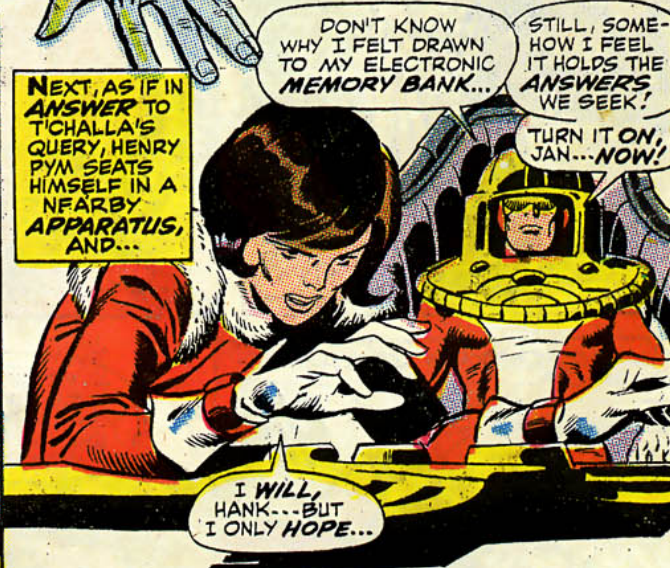
NOW, IT'S ALL BEEN RESTORED... BUT COVERED WITH DUST!

AND I CAN'T REMEMBER WHEN I REBUILT IT... OR WHY I LEFT IT!

ALL THE MORE CAUSE WHY WE MUST KNOW THE REASON!

BUT HOW CAN WE LEARN IT? HOW?

* WAY BACK IN BIG JOHN BUSCEMA'S PREMIERE AVENGERS SAGA... 15H #41! ... STAN.



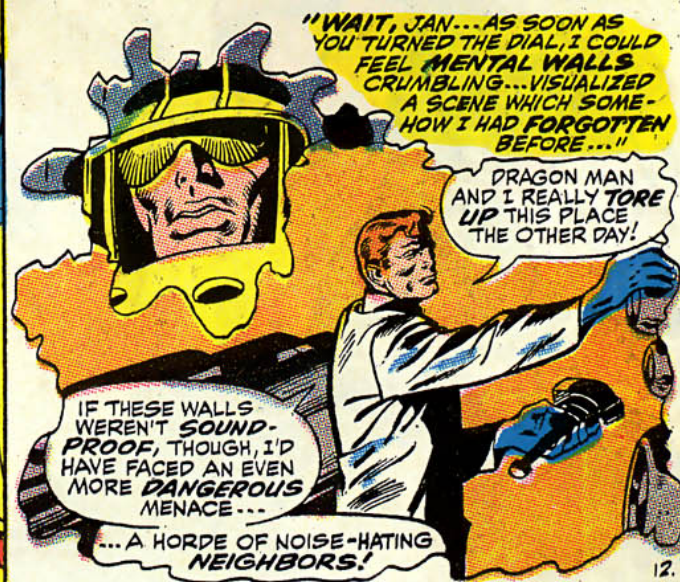
NEXT, AS IF IN ANSWER TO T'CHALLA'S QUERY, HENRY PYM SEATS HIMSELF IN A NEARBY APPARATUS, AND...

DON'T KNOW WHY I FELT DRAWN TO MY ELECTRONIC MEMORY BANK...

STILL, SOMEHOW I FEEL IT HOLDS THE ANSWERS WE SEEK!

TURN IT ON, JAN... NOW!

I WILL, HANK... BUT I ONLY HOPE...

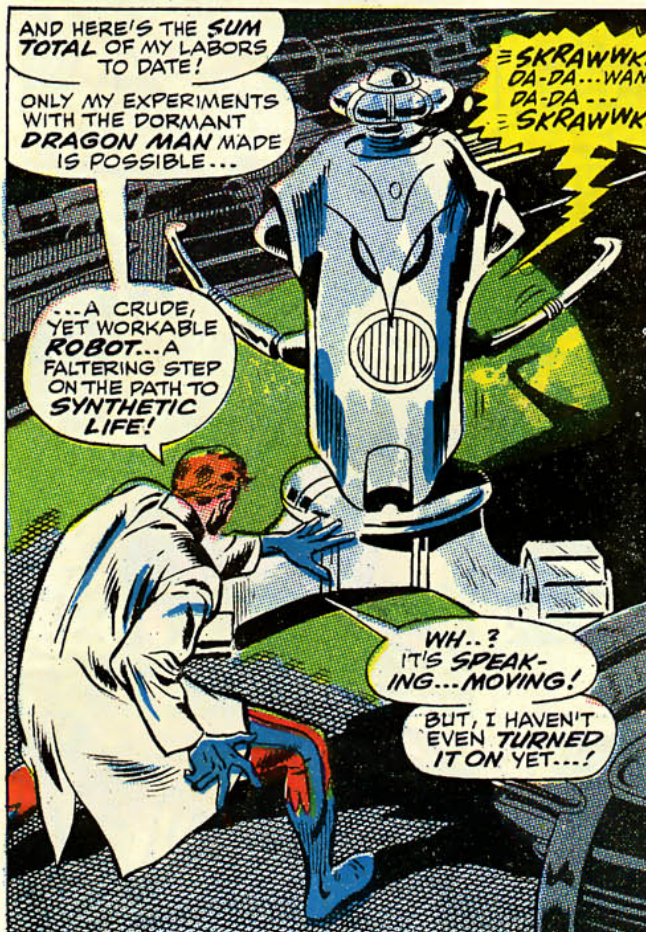


"WAIT, JAN... AS SOON AS YOU TURNED THE DIAL, I COULD FEEL MENTAL WALLS CRUMBLING... VISUALIZED A SCENE WHICH SOMEHOW I HAD FORGOTTEN BEFORE..."

DRAGON MAN AND I REALLY TORE UP THIS PLACE THE OTHER DAY!

IF THESE WALLS WEREN'T SOUND-PROOF, THOUGH, I'D HAVE FACED AN EVEN MORE DANGEROUS MENACE...

... A HORDE OF NOISE-HATING NEIGHBORS!



AND HERE'S THE **SUM TOTAL** OF MY LABORS TO DATE!

ONLY MY EXPERIMENTS WITH THE DORMANT **DRAGON MAN** MADE IS POSSIBLE...

...A CRUDE, YET WORKABLE **ROBOT**... A FALTERING STEP ON THE PATH TO **SYNTHETIC LIFE!**

WH...? IT'S **SPEAKING... MOVING!**

BUT, I HAVEN'T EVEN **TURNED IT ON YET...**

SKRAWWK!
DA-DA...WANT
DA-DA...
SKRAWWK!



...NO NEED TO **PLUG ME IN, DADDY...** I'M **ALIVE...** JUST LIKE **YOU...**
SKRAWWK!

DADDY? THAT HUNK OF METAL THINKS THAT I'M ITS... **FATHER?**

BUT, THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY... **WAIT!**



SKRAWWK!
HOLD STILL, **DAD...**

DON'T YOU KNOW I WANT TO **PLAY WITH YOU...**?

ZZWIKKI!



KRAK!

...SO WE'LL SEE IF THE **BRAWN OF GOLIATH...**

OWWW!
...LOW **CEILING!**

...FIRING SOME SORT OF **SHOCK-BOLT...** JUST MISSED ME!

HANK PYM'S **BRAIN** IS JUST A WEE BIT **CONFUSED** BY ALL THIS...



"AND, DURING THAT FATEFUL **SECOND...**"

UNNNHH!

YOU ARE DOWN, FATHER DEAR...



...BUT NOT YET OUT!

HOWEVER, YOU SOON SHALL BE... WHEN MY NEXT ULTRA-BLAST HURLS YOU INTO ETERNAL OBLIVION!

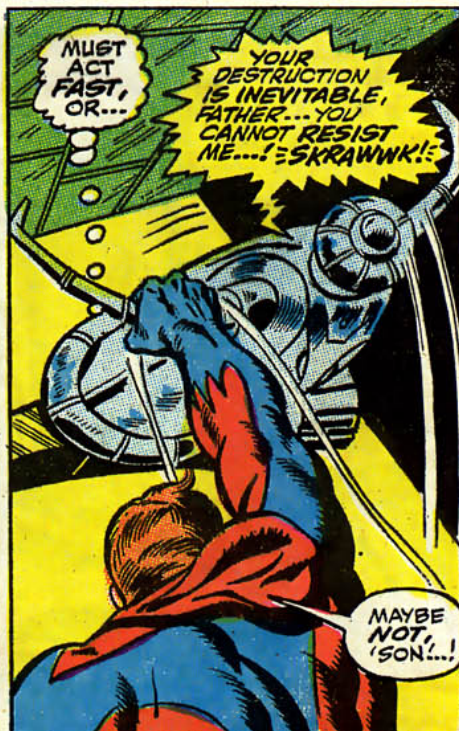
IT'S... UN-BELIEVABLE!

IN SECONDS, THAT ROBOT'S CALLED ME EVERYTHING FROM DA-DA TO FATHER...

...CHANGED IN SPEECH PATTERNS FROM INFANCY... THROUGH ADULTHOOD!

AND NOW, IT WANTS TO KILL ITS IMAGINED PARENT!

IT'S LIKE A LIVING, MECHANIZED OEDIPUS COMPLEX!



MUST ACT FAST, OR...

YOUR DESTRUCTION IS INEVITABLE, FATHER... YOU CANNOT RESIST ME...! SKRAWWK!!

MAYBE NOT, 'SON'...



...THOUGH I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND IF I TRY!

THAT LITTLE SLAM OUGHT TO TAKE SOME OF THE WIND OUT OF YOUR CIRCUITS!

WHA...? IT'S BARELY DENTED...!



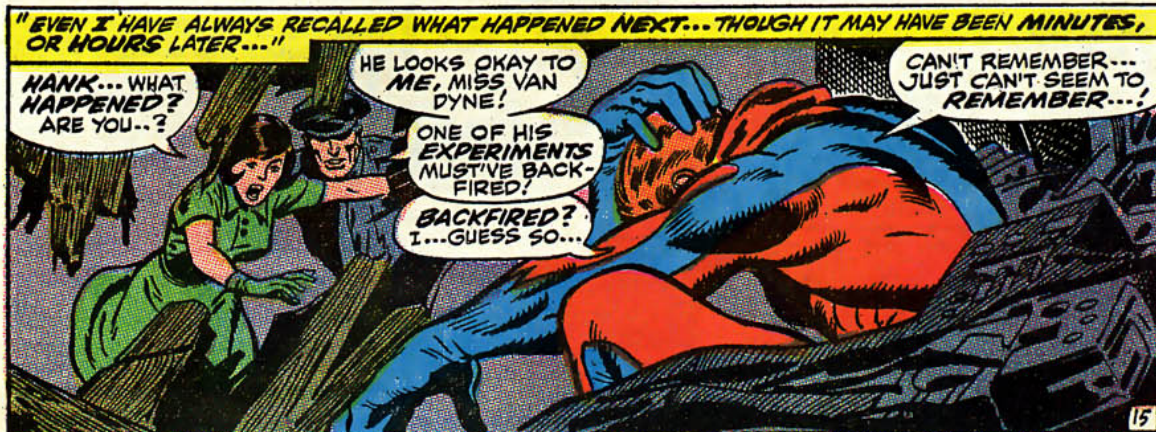
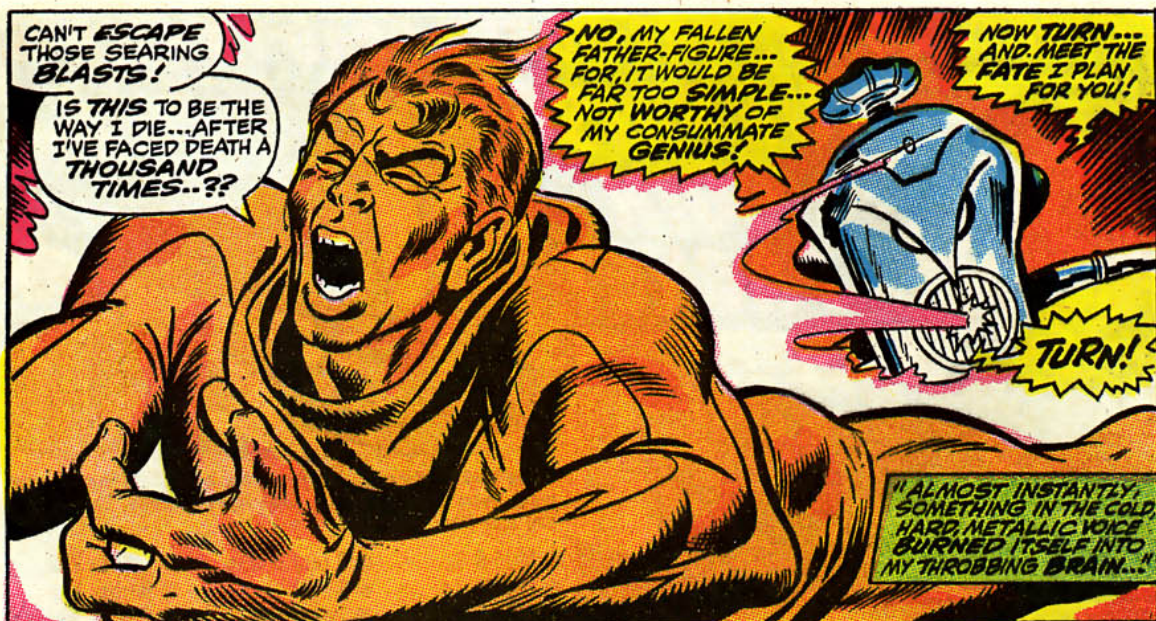
...BUILDING UP FOR ANOTHER BLAST!

I'VE GOT TO...

AARRHH!

CHANGING SIZE WON'T HELP YOU, FATHER... NOTHING WILL!

ON THE DAY YOU CREATED ME, YOU SEALED YOUR OWN IRREVERSIBLE DOOM!!





DON'T WORRY YOUR SIZE-15 HEAD ABOUT IT, BIG MAN... AS LONG AS YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!

YOU'LL HAVE THIS PLACE FIXED UP IN NO TIME!

SOME-PLACE MAYBE, HONEY... BUT NOT THIS ONE!

I'VE HAD IT WITH SUBURBIA! BRING ME SOME BOARDS AND NAILS!

FROM NOW ON, I'M BLOWING UP THE AVENGERS' LABS!



SO THAT'S IT!

YOUR RENEGADE ROBOT LATER RETURNED AND REPAIRED THESE VERY MACHINES... AND EVOLVED ITSELF INTO ULTRON-5!

A FRANKENSTEIN'S MONSTER... TURNING ON ITS OWN CREATOR!

SO IT APPEARS, JAN...



...BUT AT LEAST HE LEFT ALL MY INSTRUMENTS HERE INTACT!

NOT QUITE ALL, AVENGER!

THE MEMORY TAPE WE RECORDED FOR WONDER MAN IS GONE!

NOT "IS" HAWKEYE... "WAS"!!

WHAT'S THIS GOT TO DO WITH THE VISION... AND WHAT IS A WONDER MAN?

WONDER MAN... WHOSE REAL NAME WAS SIMON WILLIAMS ... WAS AN EMBITTERED RIVAL OF TONY STARK'S!*

IN SOME MYSTERIOUS WAY WE NEVER LEARNED, HE GAINED THE POWER OF SUPER-STRENGTH...

*AS REVEALED IN THE IMMORTAL NINTH ISH OF THE AVENGERS! ... STAN.



YOU KNOW IT, IRON MAN!

...BUT, YOU NEED OUR HELP... BECAUSE YOU'RE DYING OF A RARE DISEASE?

WE'LL... DO WHAT WE CAN, FRIEND!

THANKS!

I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YOU!

"YES, HE KNEW HE COULD COUNT ON US, ALL RIGHT... COUNT ON US TO LOWER OUR DEFENSES AND NOT SUSPECT THAT HE WAS IN LEAGUE WITH ZEMO, THE EXECUTIONER, AND THE ENCHANTRESS..."

RADIO THE AVENGERS, WILLIAMS... AND SAY WHAT I TOLD YOU...

RIGHT, BARON!

WONDER MAN CALLING AVENGERS...
WONDER MAN CALLING AVENGERS...

... I'VE BEEN CAPTURED BY ZEMO... AND SO HAS THE WASP! JUST HAVE TIME TO RADIO YOU THE LOCATION... SO HURRY!

"BUT, WHEN WE ARRIVED ON THE SCENE..."

WHERE'S THE WA...
=MMMFF!=

WONDER MAN STRUCK HANK!

THEN... HE'S IN LEAGUE WITH ZEMO!

HAH! I KNEW I COULD TOPPLE EVEN THE MIGHTY THOR...

...WITH A BLOW AS UNEXPECTED AS IT IS POWERFUL!

=UNHHH!=

"HOWEVER, WHEN SUCH PEARL-HARBOR TACTICS HAD CARRIED THE DAY... AND WE LAY DEFEATED..."

DID YOU SAY... YOU INTEND TO KILL THEM?

WHY NOT MERELY MAKE THEM YOUR CAPTIVES...?

NONE QUESTIONS ZEMO'S COMMANDS!!

REMEMBER, IF I DON'T GIVE YOU YOUR ANTIDOTE, YOU'LL BE DEAD WITHIN HOURS!

THE AVENGERS BEFRIENDED ME... AND I REPAID THEM WITH TREACHERY!

BUT, I CAN STILL MAKE AMENDS... I MUST!

STOP! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

THOR LIES HELPLESS BENEATH THAT BOULDER!

NOT FOR LONG... NOT WHILE WONDER MAN LIVES!



THEN LIVE NO LONGER, FOOL!

...WHILE WE ESCAPE, DESTROYING THE TUNNEL AFTER US!



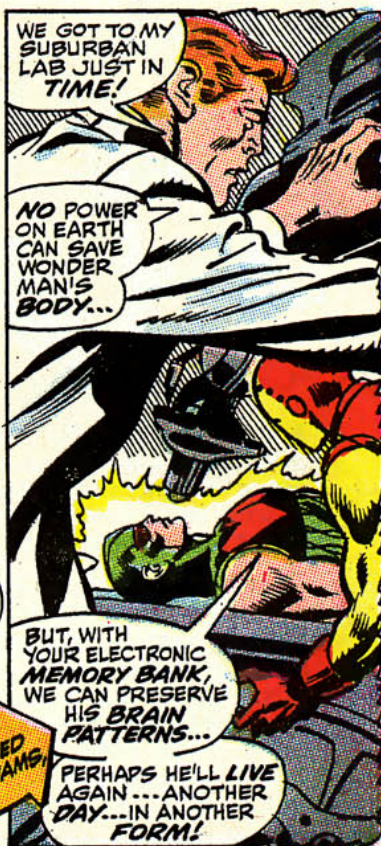
ZEMO'S GONE!

BUT NOT BEFORE HE RAY-BLASTED WONDER MAN...

WITHOUT THAT ANTIDOTE, HE'D HAVE DIED ANYWAY... WITHIN HOURS!

AT LEAST I DIE... KNOWING I DIDN'T LIVE... IN VAIN...

"YET, A SPARK OF LIFE STILL FLICKERS WITHIN SIMON WILLIAMS AND SO..."



NO POWER ON EARTH CAN SAVE WONDER MAN'S BODY...

BUT, WITH YOUR ELECTRONIC MEMORY BANK, WE CAN PRESERVE HIS BRAIN PATTERNS...

PERHAPS HE'LL LIVE AGAIN... ANOTHER DAY... IN ANOTHER FORM!



THE CHAMBER IS QUIET NOW... SOMEWHERE HIGH ABOVE A PLANE DRONES... AND THEN, THE VISION SPEAKS...

THEN... THAT IS THE SECRET OF MY CREATION!

AN ANDROID... WITH THE AMNESIAC BRAIN PATTERN OF A MURDERED MAN!

NOT AN ANDROID... BUT A SYNTHOZOID!

YOU'RE BASICALLY HUMAN IN EVERY WAY... EXCEPT THAT YOUR BODY IS MADE OF SYNTHETIC PARTS!

AND, YOUR BRAIN...



...IS NOT TRULY A BRAIN AT ALL, BUT A MAZE OF PRINTED CIRCUITS... OF A MIND LONG DEAD!

I WONDER... IS IT POSSIBLE TO BE... "BASICALLY HUMAN"?

MAY WE LEAVE NOW? I'VE LEARNED... ENOUGH...



AY, VISION! 'TIS TIME FOR THE FINAL RECKONING!

MAYBE OL' RUDDY-CHEEKS WAS HUMAN ONCE... BUT HE AIN'T NOW!

HIS VOICE WAS COLD AS A CHRISTMAS TURKEY!

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WITHIN MOMENTS, A SHORT MEETING IS HELD AT TONY STARK'S FORMER TOWN HOUSE, AND...

