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ALL RIGHT, GIRLS--
THAT FINISHES OFF THESE
MALE CHAUVINIST
PIGS!

FROM NOW ON,
IT'S THE
VALKYRIE
AND HER LADY
LIBERATORS!

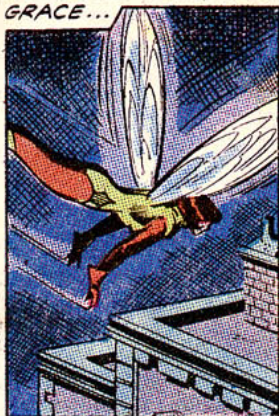


THE MIGHTY AVENGERS!

A FLUTTER OF GOSSAMER
AGAINST THE MOON...



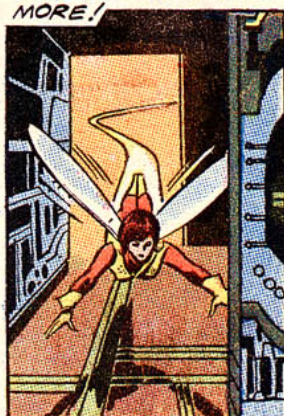
A TINY FORM THAT FLITS
EARTHWARD WITH STYLISH
GRACE...



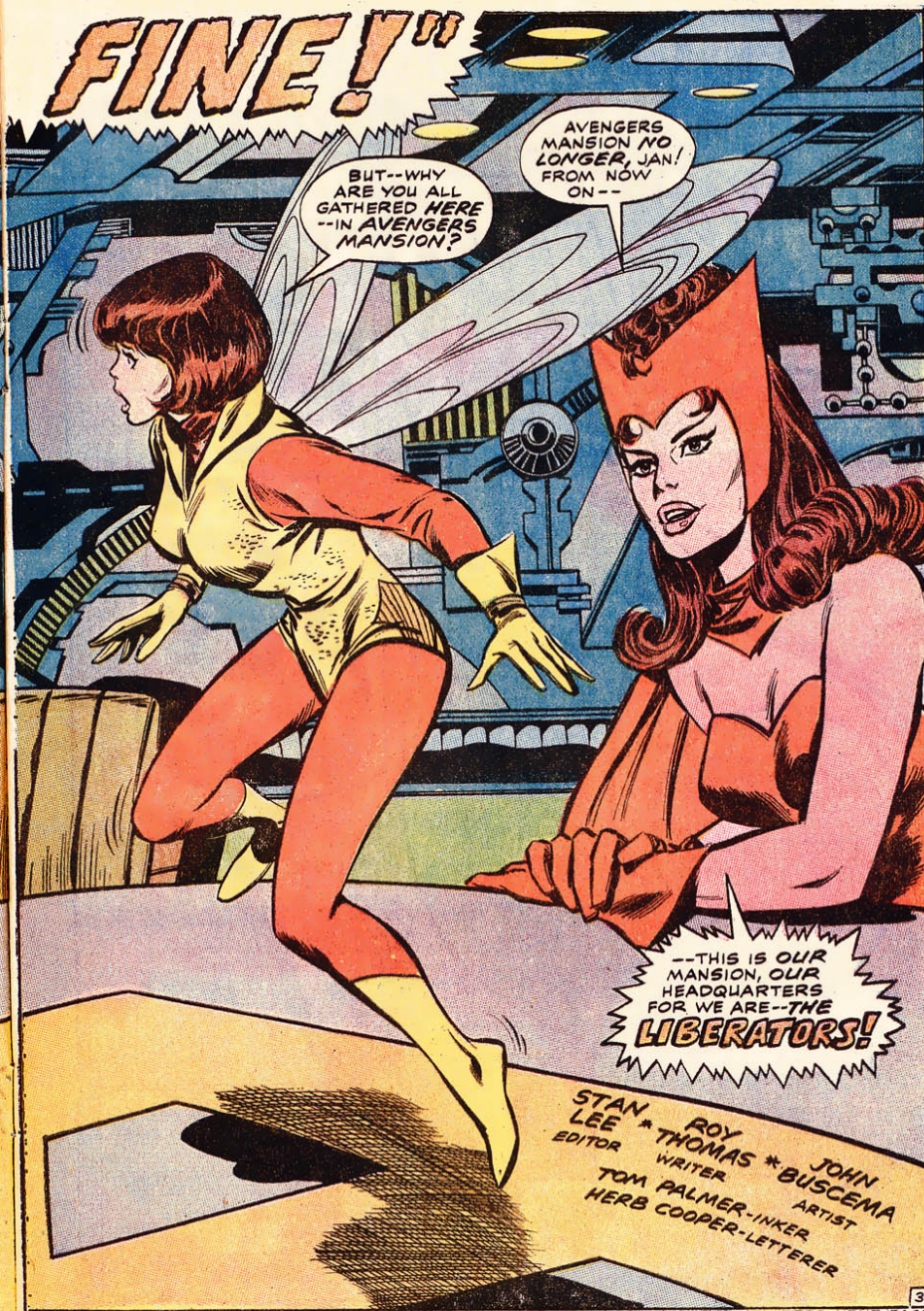
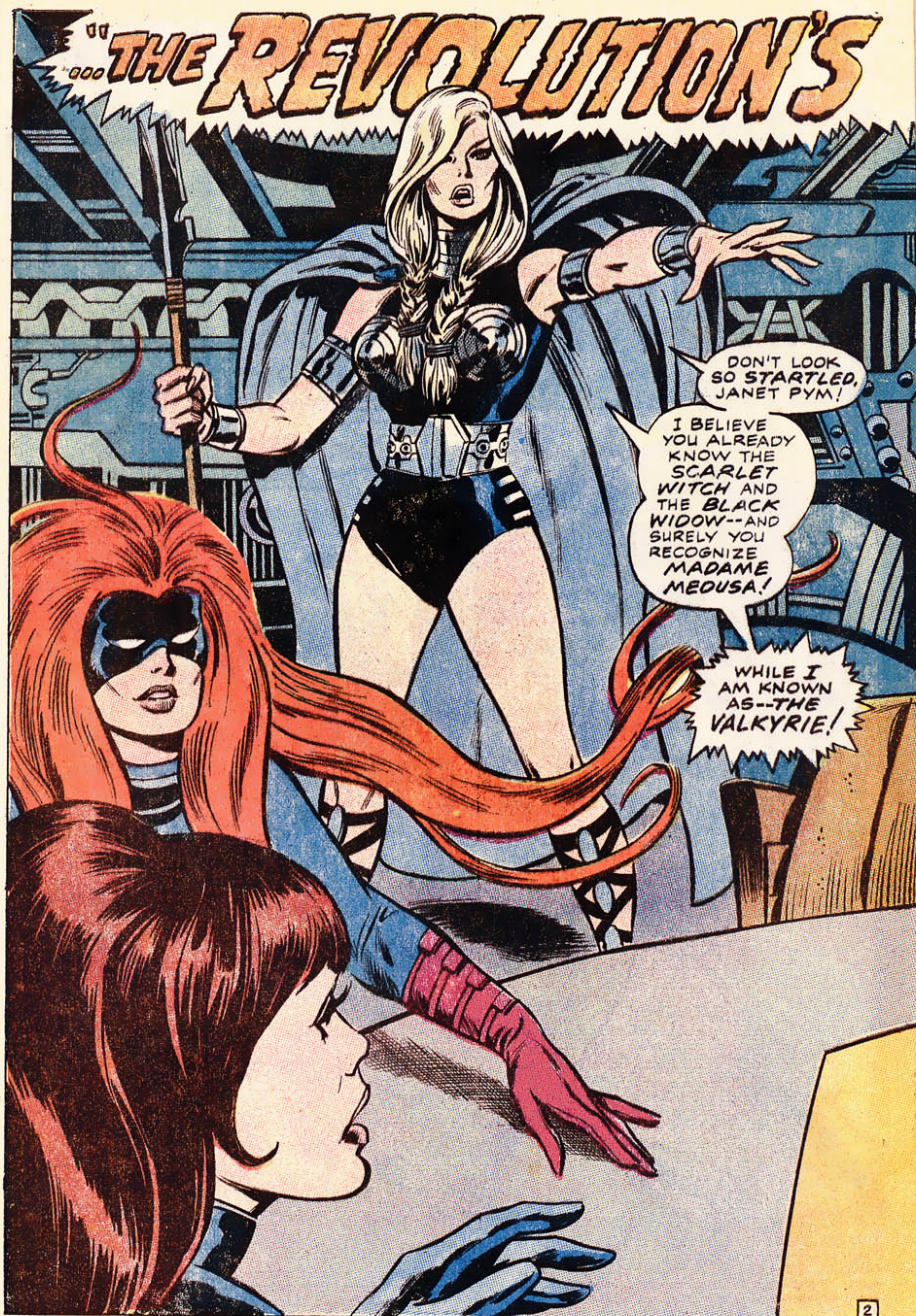
A SECRET PANE, KNOWN
TO NONE BUT HER...

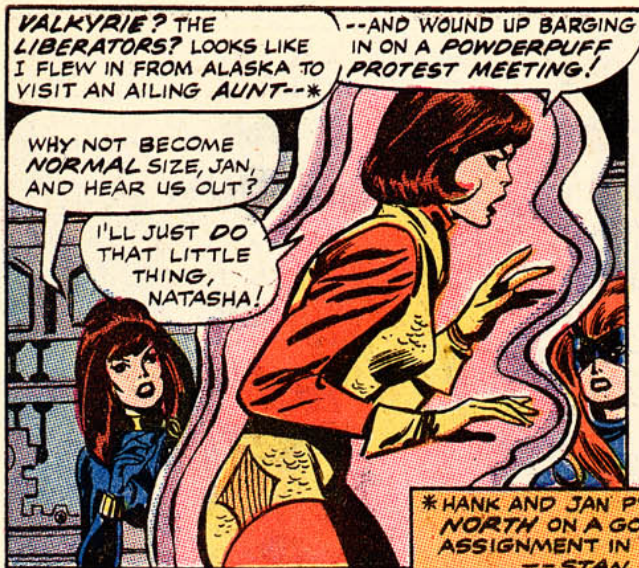


...AND THE WONDROUS
WASP IS HOME ONCE
MORE!



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VALKYRIE? THE LIBERATORS? LOOKS LIKE I FLEW IN FROM ALASKA TO VISIT AN AILING AUNT--*

--AND WOUND UP BARGING IN ON A POWDERPUFF PROTEST MEETING!

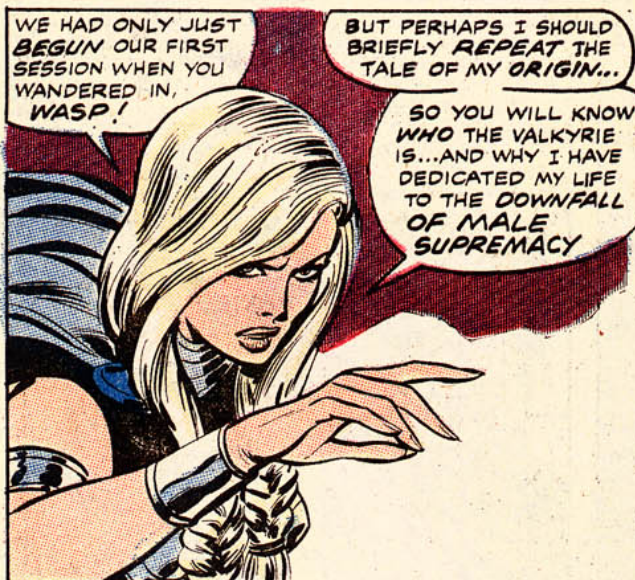
WHY NOT BECOME **NORMAL SIZE, JAN,** AND HEAR US OUT?

I'LL JUST DO THAT LITTLE THING, NATASHA!

***HANK AND JAN PYM WENT NORTH ON A GOVERNMENT ASSIGNMENT IN ISSUE #75! --STAN.**

VERY GOOD WASP! AHH... I SEE YOU LOSE THE TINY WINGS ON YOUR BACK WHEN YOU GROW!

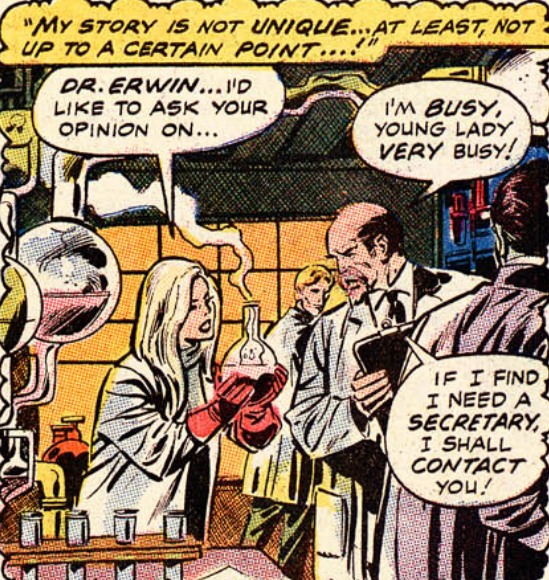
WELL, SOON YOU SHALL LOSE SOMETHING **ELSE,** AS WELL...THE INVISIBLE **SHACKLES** WHICH MEN HAVE PLACED ON YOU!



WE HAD ONLY JUST **BEGUN** OUR FIRST SESSION WHEN YOU WANDERED IN, **WASP!**

BUT PERHAPS I SHOULD BRIEFLY **REPEAT** THE TALE OF MY **ORIGIN...**

SO YOU WILL KNOW **WHO** THE **VALKYRIE** IS...AND WHY I HAVE DEDICATED MY LIFE TO THE **DOWNFALL** OF **MALE SUPREMACY**

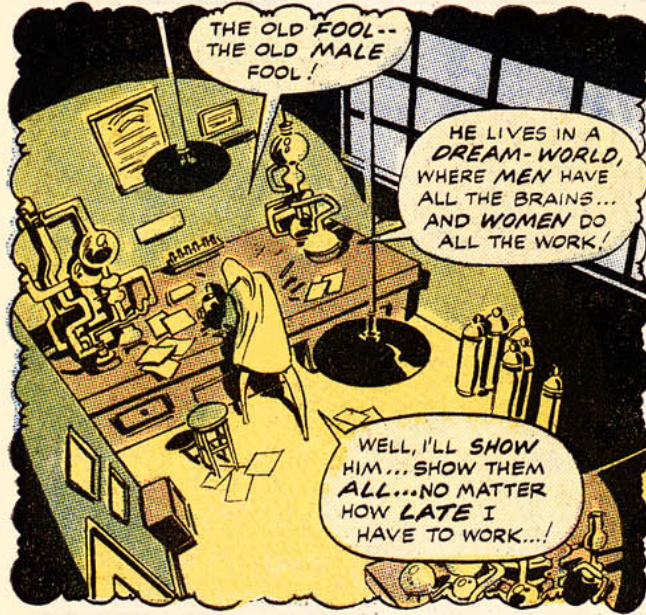


"MY STORY IS NOT **UNIQUE...** AT LEAST, NOT UP TO A CERTAIN POINT...!"

DR. ERWIN... I'D LIKE TO ASK YOUR OPINION ON...

I'M **BUSY,** YOUNG LADY **VERY BUSY!**

IF I FIND I NEED A **SECRETARY,** I SHALL CONTACT YOU!



THE OLD **FOOL--** THE OLD **MALE FOOL!**

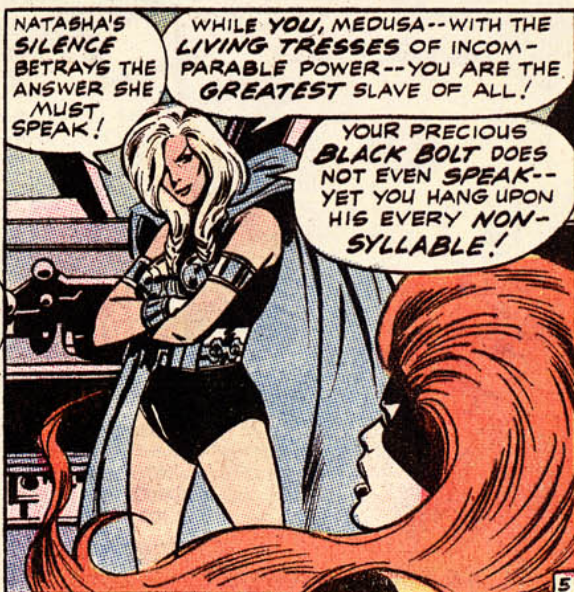
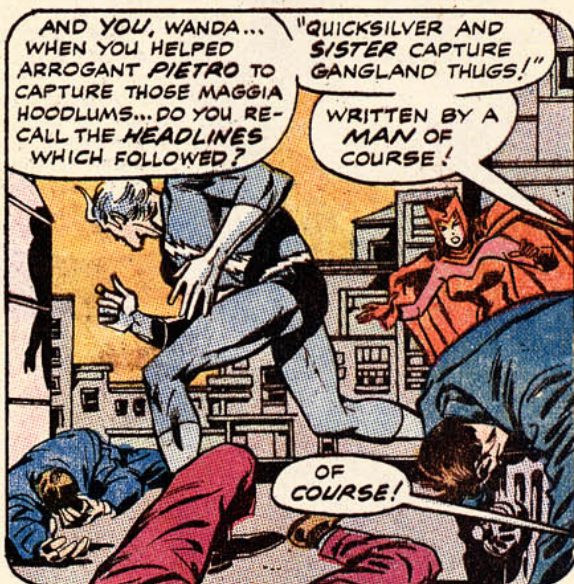
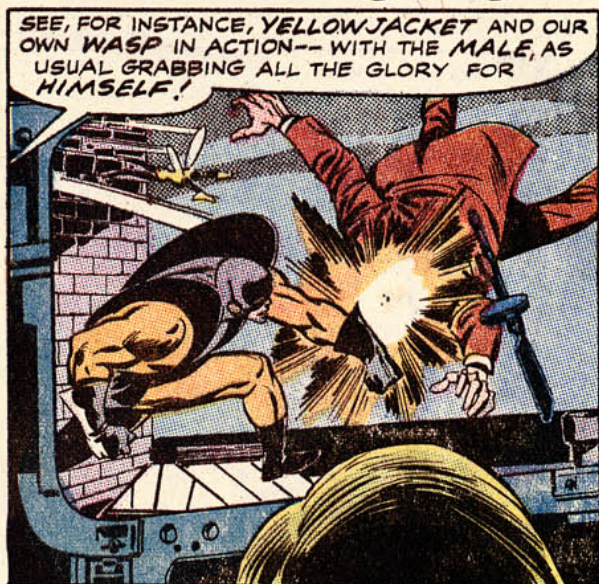
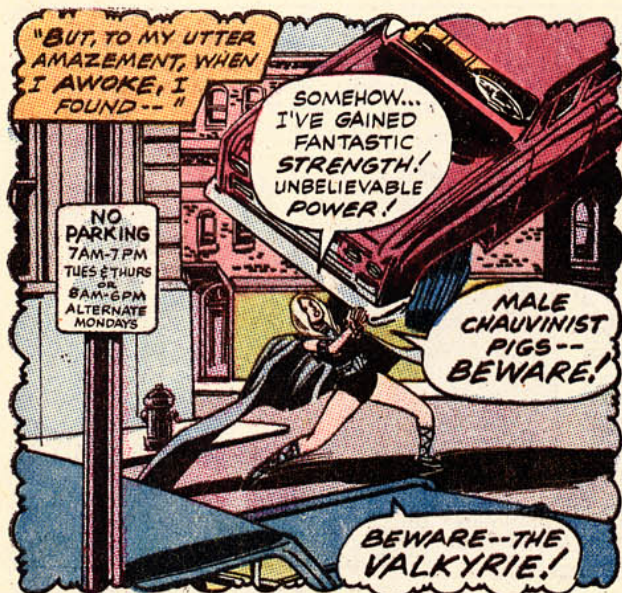
HE LIVES IN A **DREAM-WORLD,** WHERE MEN HAVE ALL THE **BRAINS...** AND WOMEN DO ALL THE **WORK!**

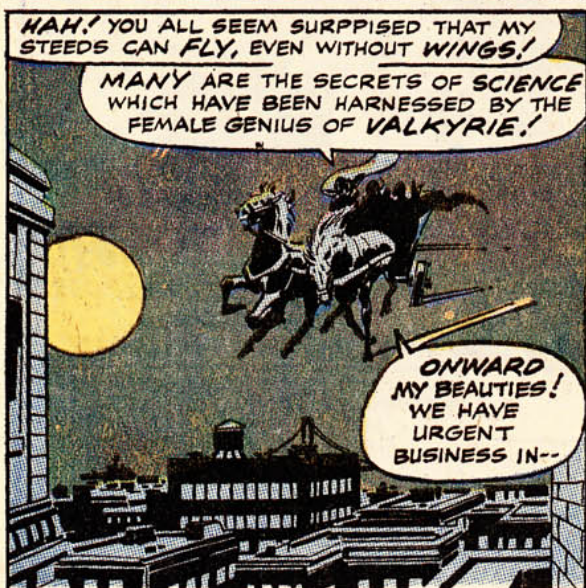
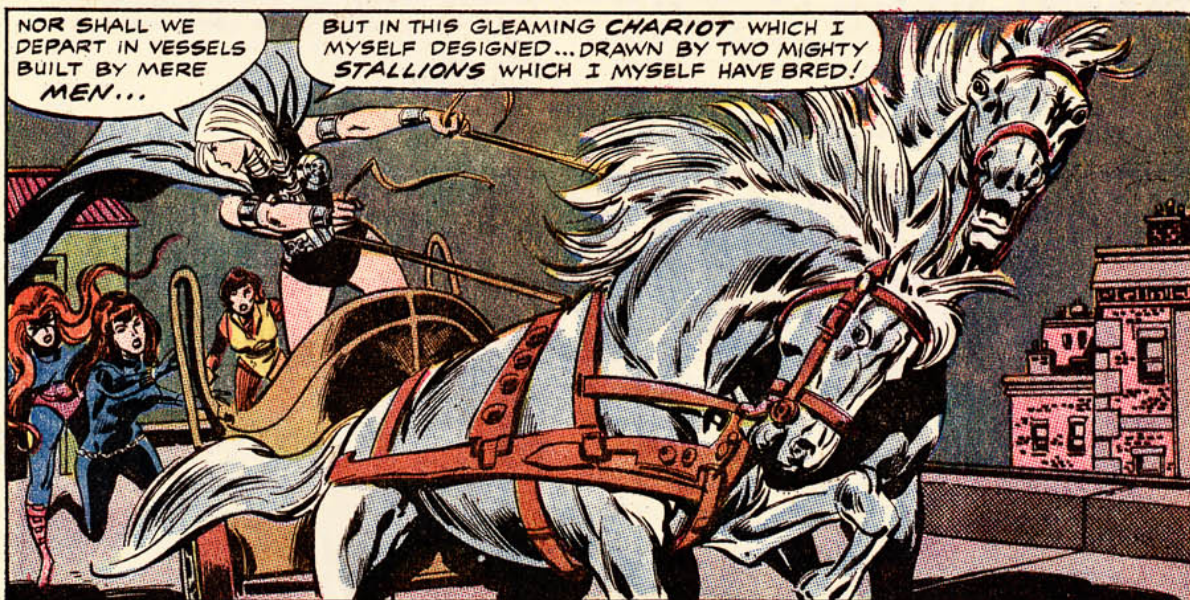
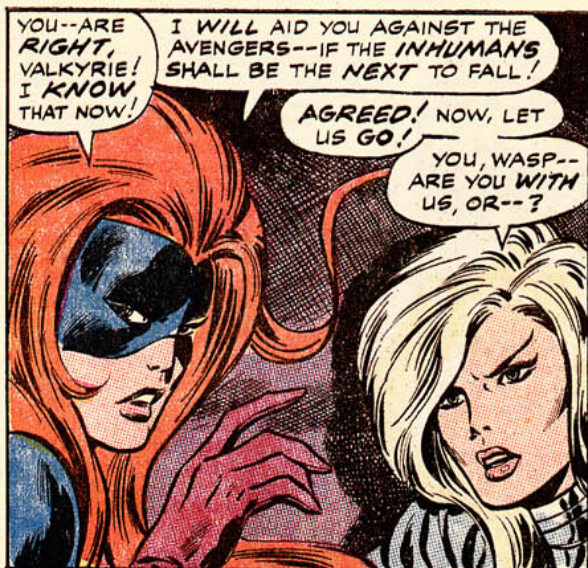
WELL, I'LL **SHOW** HIM... **SHOW** THEM **ALL...** NO MATTER HOW **LATE** I HAVE TO **WORK...**



"HOWEVER, LONG HOURS AND **FATIGUE** FINALLY TOOK THEIR **TOLL...**

"...AND ONE NIGHT, I **COLLAPSED...** A **SMOKING VIAL** STILL CLUTCHED IN MY **OUTSTRETCHED** HAND...!"





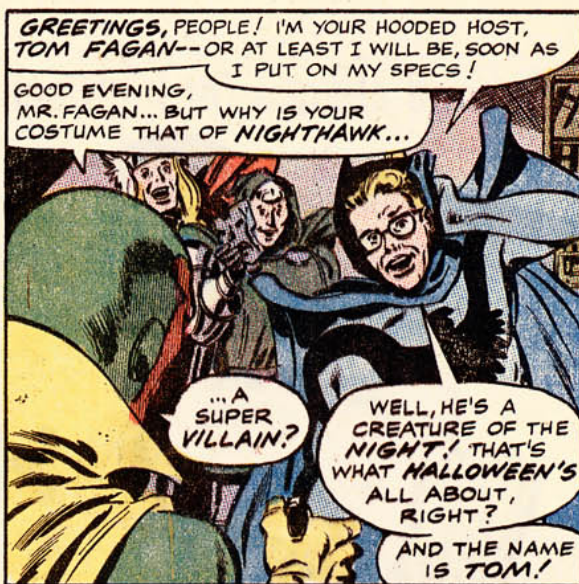
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NEVER MIND, DEAD-BEATS! JUDGING BY THE GLOVED HAND THAT JUST REACHED THRU AND UNLOCKED THE DOOR...

OR, TO PUT IT ANOTHER WAY-- BREAK OUT THE DR. PEPPER!

I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY --THE AVENGERS HAVE LANDED!



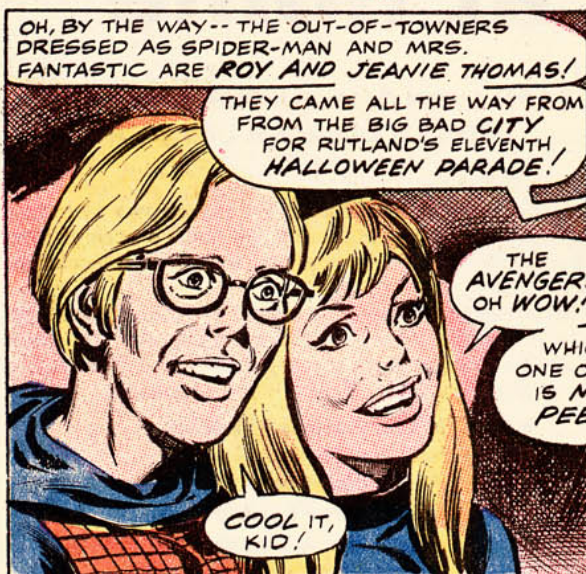
GREETINGS, PEOPLE! I'M YOUR HOODED HOST, TOM FAGAN--OR AT LEAST I WILL BE, SOON AS I PUT ON MY SPECS!

GOOD EVENING, MR. FAGAN... BUT WHY IS YOUR COSTUME THAT OF NIGHTHAWK...

...A SUPER VILLAIN?

WELL, HE'S A CREATURE OF THE NIGHT! THAT'S WHAT HALLOWEEN'S ALL ABOUT, RIGHT?

AND THE NAME IS TOM!



OH, BY THE WAY-- THE 'OUT-OF-TOWNERS DRESSED AS SPIDER-MAN AND MRS. FANTASTIC ARE ROY AND JEANIE THOMAS!

THEY CAME ALL THE WAY FROM FROM THE BIG BAD CITY FOR RUTLAND'S ELEVENTH, HALLOWEEN PARADE!

THE AVENGERS! OH WOW!

WHICH ONE OF YOU IS MRS. PEEL?

COOL IT, KID!



I'M ONLY SORRY, TOM, THAT WE'RE NOT HERE FOR PURELY SOCIAL REASONS!

STILL, I HOPE THE RUMORS WE HEARD CONCERNING A KIDNAP PLOT WERE UNFOUNDED!

I'LL DRINK TO THAT! NOW WE'D BETTER GET CRACKING--!



INCIDENTALLY, THE SCARLET WITCH ASKED US TO TENDER HER REGRETS!

A TELEGRAM SEEMS TO HAVE REMINDED HER, AT THE LAST MOMENT OF A PREVIOUS OBLIGATION!

WELL, WE'LL TRY TO SCRAPE BY WITH ONLY FOUR AVENGERS ON YOUR FLOAT!

UHH--GOLIATH --WOULD YOU MIND TOO MUCH IF YOU WALKED IN THE PARADE? I MEAN--

I DIG, PAL! NO HALF-TON TRACTOR WANTS TO PUSH ME AROUND ALL NIGHT!

I ONLY HOPE, MY FRIEND, THAT IS THE GREATEST OF OUR WORRIES THIS EVENING!

"--DR. T. W. ERWIN, EMINENT MATHEMATICIAN--NOW BRINGING FAME TO NEARBY MISKATONIC UNIVERSITY WITH HIS THEORIES AND RESEARCH ON PARALLEL TIME! AND THAT INNOCENT-LOOKING APPARATUS WHICH NEVER LEAVES HIS SIGHT--!"



"BUT COME! IT IS TIME TO ACT--!"

GOOD EVENING, COHORT-IN-CRIME!

WELL, ACTUALLY...THERE ISN'T ALL THAT MUCH ROOM ON THIS FLOAT, AND--

I TRUST YOU WON'T MIND IF A FEW MORE SUPER-VILLAINS CLIMB ABOARD FOR THE RIDE!

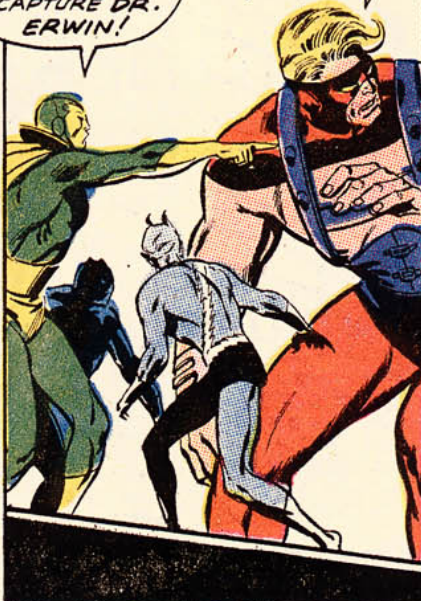


OF COURSE, I COULD ALWAYS GET OFF!?

LOOK, AVENGERS! THERE--ON FAGAN'S FLOAT--MEN ATTIRED AS THE MASTERS OF EVIL!

PERHAPS THEY ARE THE REAL ONES--COME TO CAPTURE DR. ERWIN!

WHAT YOU'RE SAYIN' IS, WE CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES, SO--
AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

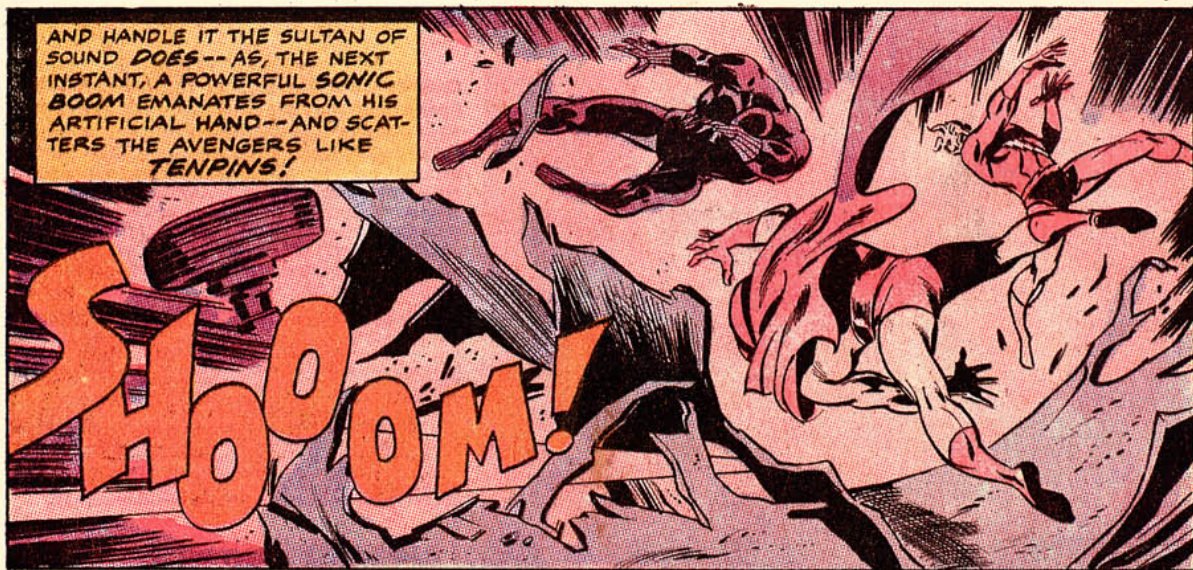


WE ARE FOUND OUT!

STAND BACK! LET KLAW HANDLE THIS!!

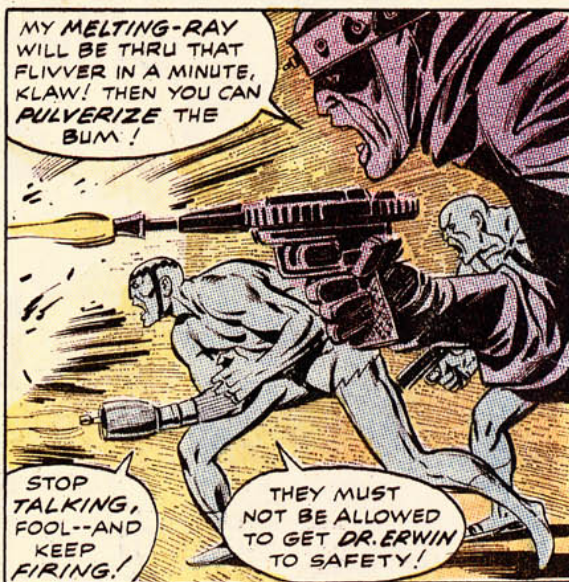
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AND HANDLE IT THE SULTAN OF SOUND DOES--AS, THE NEXT INSTANT, A POWERFUL SONIC BOOM EMANATES FROM HIS ARTIFICIAL HAND--AND SCATTERS THE AVENGERS LIKE TENPINS!



CLEAR THE STREETS, EVERYBODY!

THIS AIN'T NO PUT-ON! THIS IS FOR REAL!



MY MELTING-RAY WILL BE THRU THAT FLIVVER IN A MINUTE, KLAU! THEN YOU CAN PULVERIZE THE BUM!

STOP TALKING, FOOL--AND KEEP FIRING!

THEY MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO GET DR. ERWIN TO SAFETY!



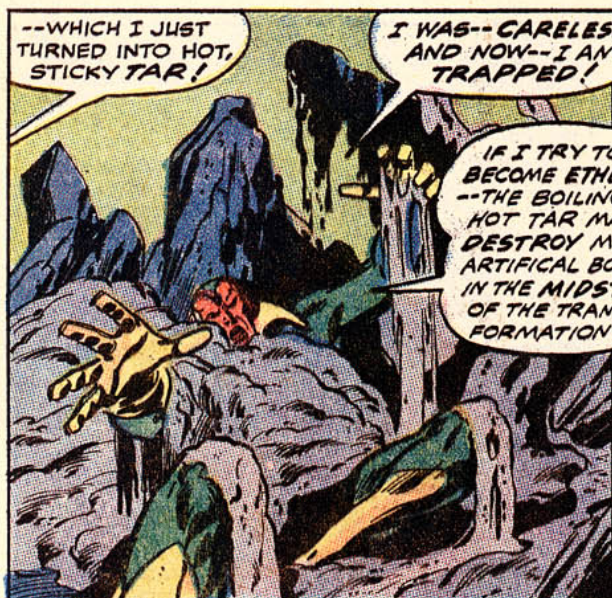
MASTERS OF EVIL! DO YOU TRULY THINK YOU CAN PREVAIL AGAINST US?

LOOK HOW MY ANDROID FORM DEFILES BOTH OF YOUR NOXIOUS WEAPONS!



YEAH, I'VE GOTTA ADMIT SOMETHIN' NEW HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE AVENGERS WHILE WE WAS IN THE BIG HOUSE!

BUT THAT STREET UNDER YOU IS NOTHIN' BUT PLAIN CONCRETE--



--WHICH I JUST
TURNED INTO HOT,
STICKY TAR!

I WAS-- CARELESS!
AND NOW-- I AM
TRAPPED!

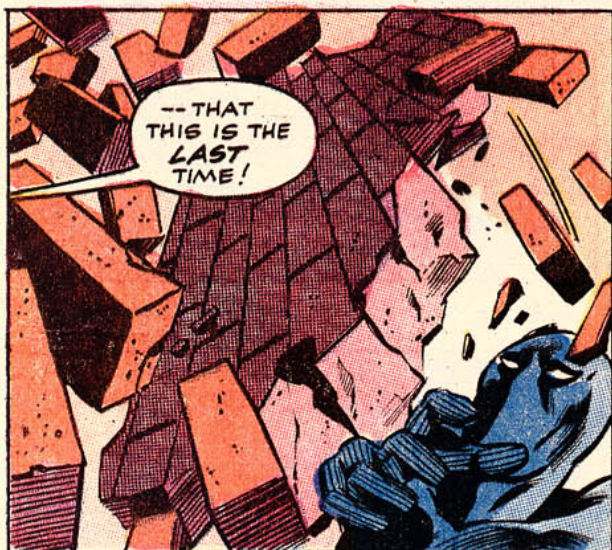
IF I TRY TO
BECOME ETHEREAL
--THE BOILING
HOT TAR MAY
DESTROY MY
ARTIFICIAL BODY
IN THE MIDST
OF THE TRANS-
FORMATION!



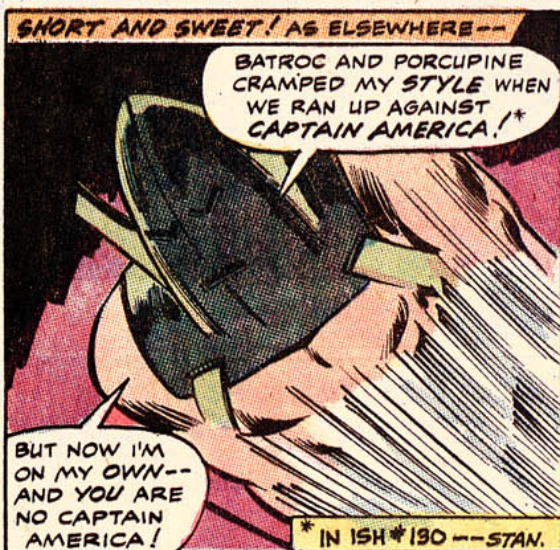
NOW, WHILE YOU TRY TO
DECIPHER THAT--!

SO, KLAU-- WE
MEET AGAIN AS
THEY SAY!

YES,
PANTHER!
BUT I SHALL
SEE TO
IT--



-- THAT
THIS IS THE
LAST
TIME!

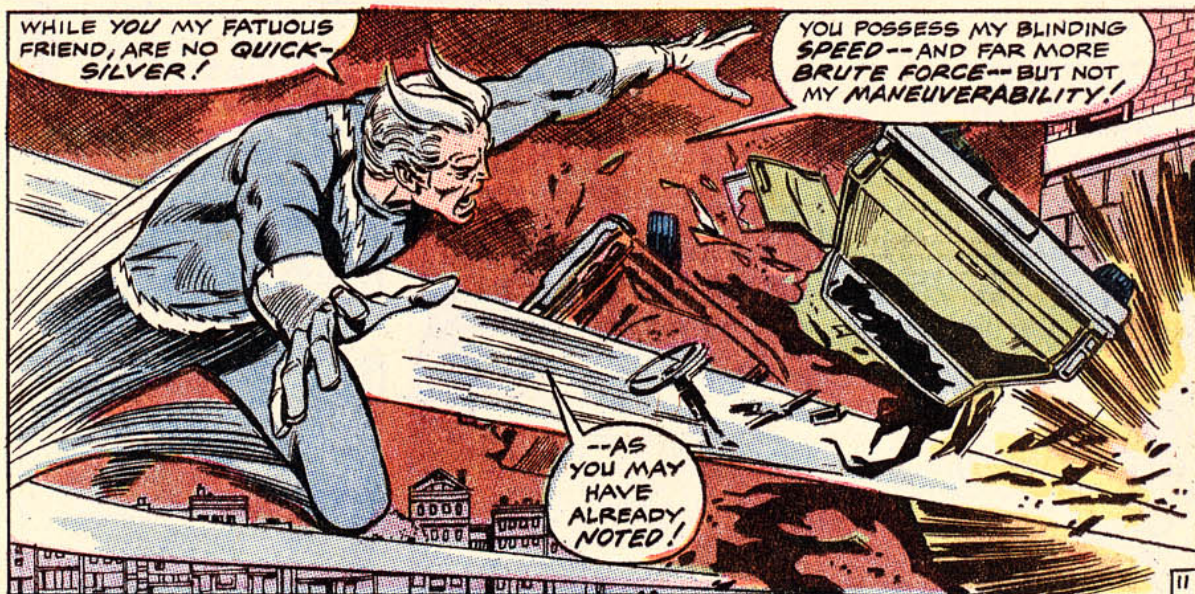


SHORT AND SWEET! AS ELSEWHERE--

BATROC AND PORCUPINE
CRAMPED MY STYLE WHEN
WE RAN UP AGAINST
CAPTAIN AMERICA!*

BUT NOW I'M
ON MY OWN--
AND YOU ARE
NO CAPTAIN
AMERICA!

* IN 15H*190 --STAN.



WHILE YOU MY FATUOUS
FRIEND, ARE NO QUICK-
SILVER!

YOU POSSESS MY BLINDING
SPEED-- AND FAR MORE
BRUTE FORCE-- BUT NOT
MY MANEUVERABILITY!

--AS
YOU MAY
HAVE
ALREADY
NOTED!



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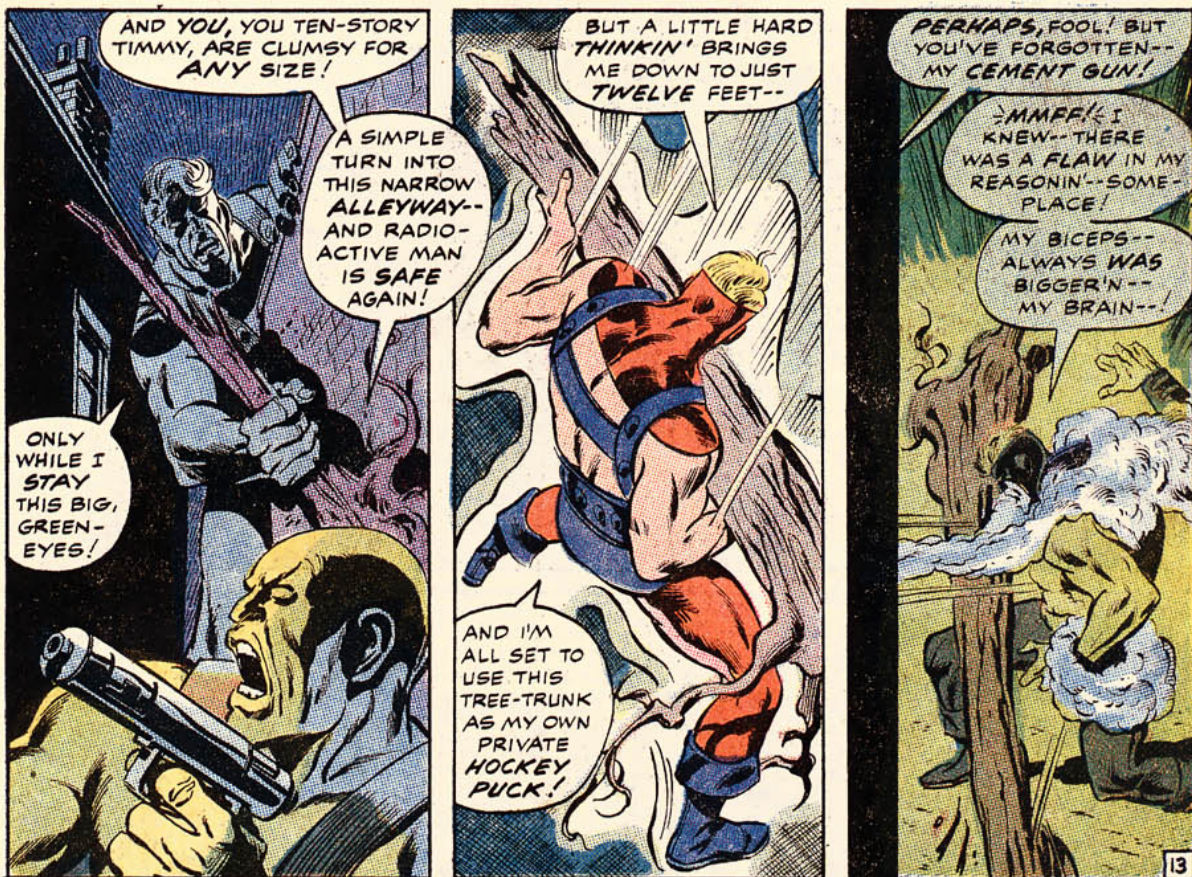


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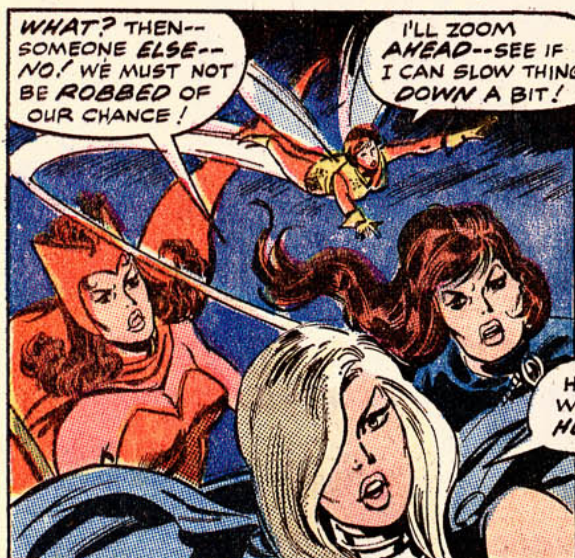
AND NOW, LEST YOU SUSPECT WE'VE FORGOTTEN THE VENGEFUL VALKYRIE AND HER NEWLY-FORMED LIBERATORS, LIFT YOUR STARTLED GAZE SKYWARD, AND BEHOLD--



THE TOWN OF RUTLAND SHOULD BE DIRECTLY BELOW US, VALKYRIE!

EXCELLENT! NOW DOES EACH OF YOU KNOW WHAT SHE MUST DO?

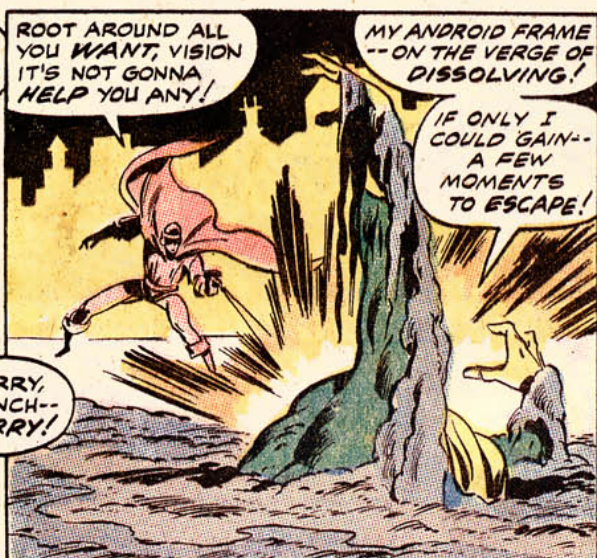
YES! BUT--I SEE SOME SORT OF BATTLE GOING ON IN THE STREETS--AND THE AVENGERS ARE INVOLVED!



WHAT? THEN--SOMEONE ELSE--NO! WE MUST NOT BE ROBBED OF OUR CHANCE!

I'LL ZOOM AHEAD--SEE IF I CAN SLOW THINGS DOWN A BIT!

HURRY, WENCH--HURRY!



ROOT AROUND ALL YOU WANT, VISION IT'S NOT GONNA HELP YOU ANY!

MY ANDROID FRAME--ON THE VERGE OF DISSOLVING!

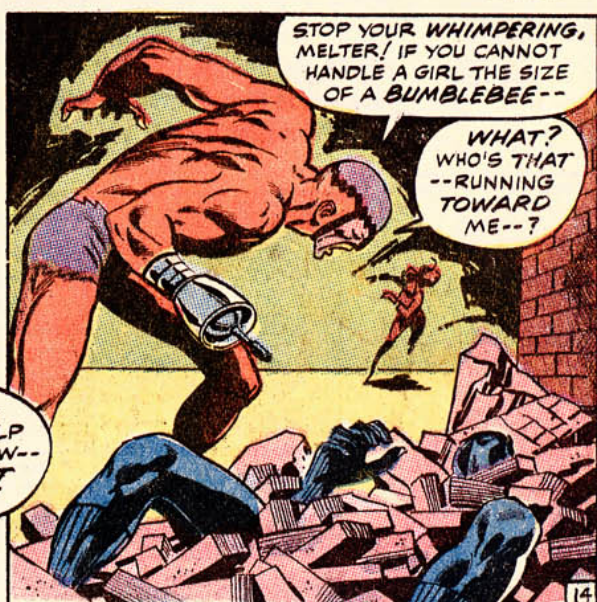
IF ONLY I COULD GAIN--A FEW MOMENTS TO ESCAPE!



YOU'VE GOT 'EM AVENGER! MY STING WILL SEE TO THAT!

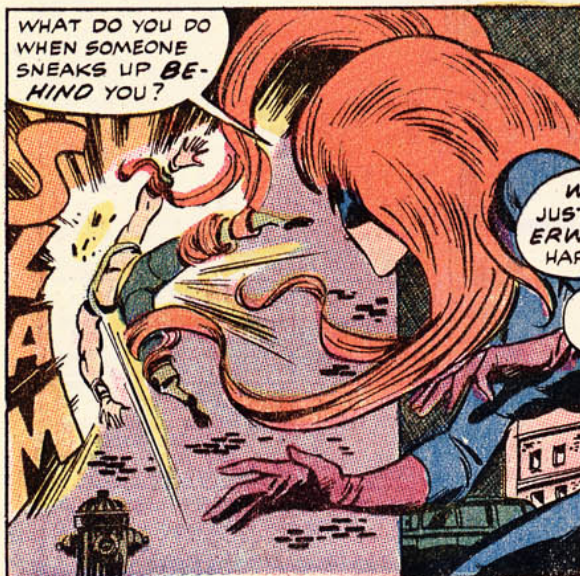
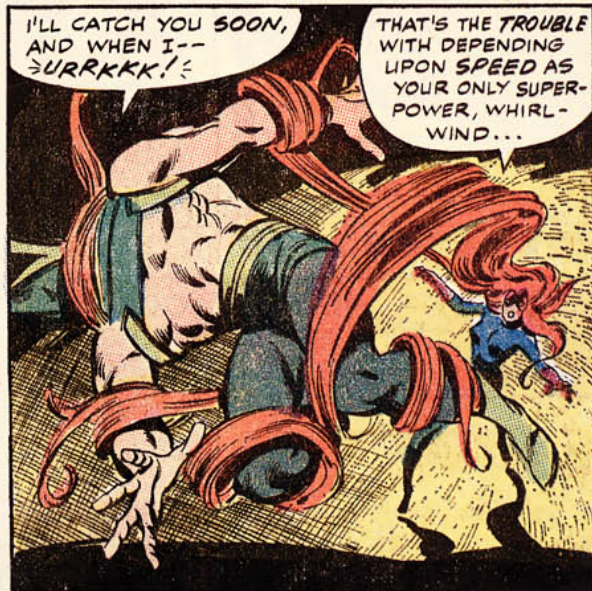
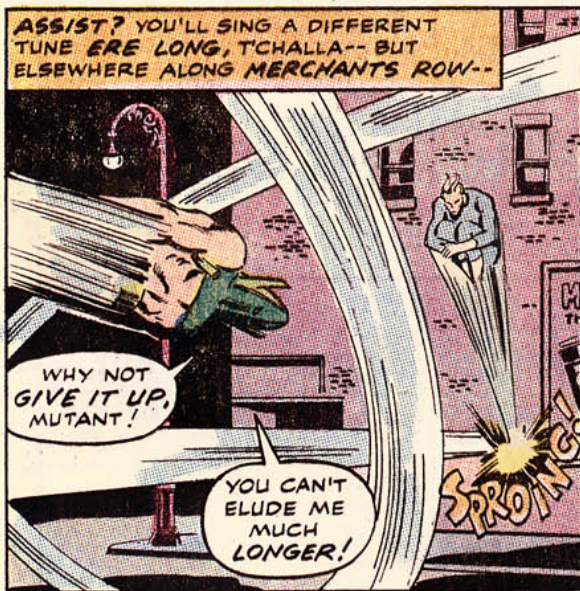
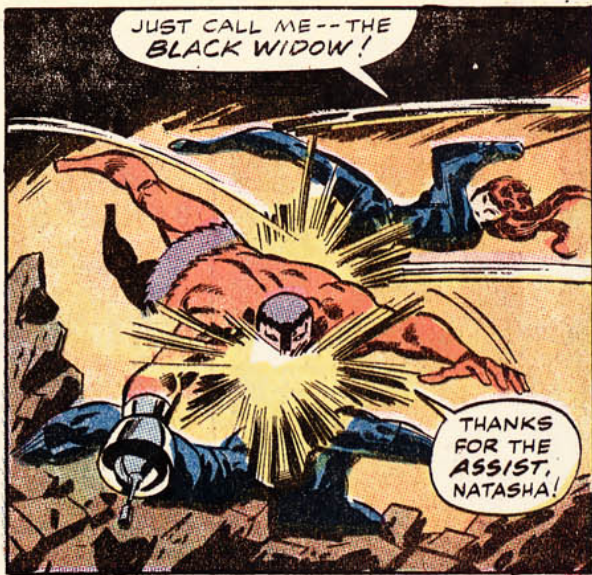
THE WASP!

CAN'T--SEE! HELP ME, KLAW--I CAN'T SEE!!



STOP YOUR WHIMPERING, MELTER! IF YOU CANNOT HANDLE A GIRL THE SIZE OF A BUMBLEBEE--

WHAT? WHO'S THAT--RUNNING TOWARD ME--?



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ESPECIALLY ONE WHO WITH A MERE GESTURE--

--CAN CAUSE A PRECARIOUSLY LEANING TREE-TRUNK TO DESCEND UPON A TOUNSLED GREEN HEAD!



BRAVO, WANDA! IN FACT--YOU'VE ALL DONE WONDERFULLY!

BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE DOING HERE! THAT TELEGRAM YOU RECEIVED--



--WAS THE MESSAGE WHICH SPELLED YOUR DOWNFALL, WRETCHED MALE!

WELL DONE, INHUMAN!

YOU SHALL FARE AGAINST ME NO BETTER THAN WHIRL-WIND!

WHAT-?



COME ON, WIDOW! LET'S TAKE THE PANTHER TOGETHER!

STAY BACK! I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON HERE--

BUT I DON'T FIGHT WOMEN--EVEN SUPER-POWERED ONES!

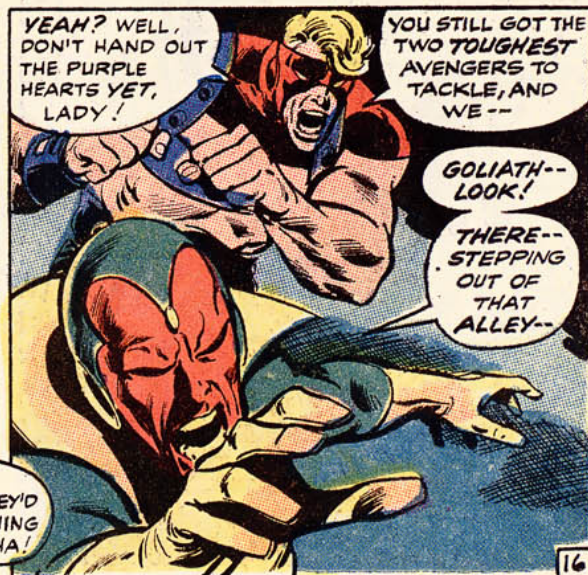
THEN YOU HAD BETTER LEARN TO AVENGER--



--IF YOU WISH TO SURVIVE!

MY WASP'S STING--AND YOUR WIDOW'S BITE!

I ALWAYS THOUGHT THEY'D MAKE A WINNING COMBO, TASHA!



YEAH? WELL, DON'T HAND OUT THE PURPLE HEARTS YET, LADY!

YOU STILL GOT THE TWO TOUGHEST AVENGERS TO TACKLE, AND WE--

GOLIATH--LOOK!

THERE--STEPPING OUT OF THAT ALLEY--



ANOTHER
COSTUMED
FEMALE!!

NOT JUST ANY
FEMALE, AVENGER--
BUT THE MOST
POWERFUL
ONE OF ALL!

YOU HAVE
UTTERED YOUR
FAMOUS "AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE" FOR
THE FINAL
TIME!

FROM
NOW ON,
THE WAR
CRY TO RE-
MEMBER
SHALL
BE--



UP AGAINST THE WALL
MALE
CHAVINIST
PIGS!

VRAAKKK



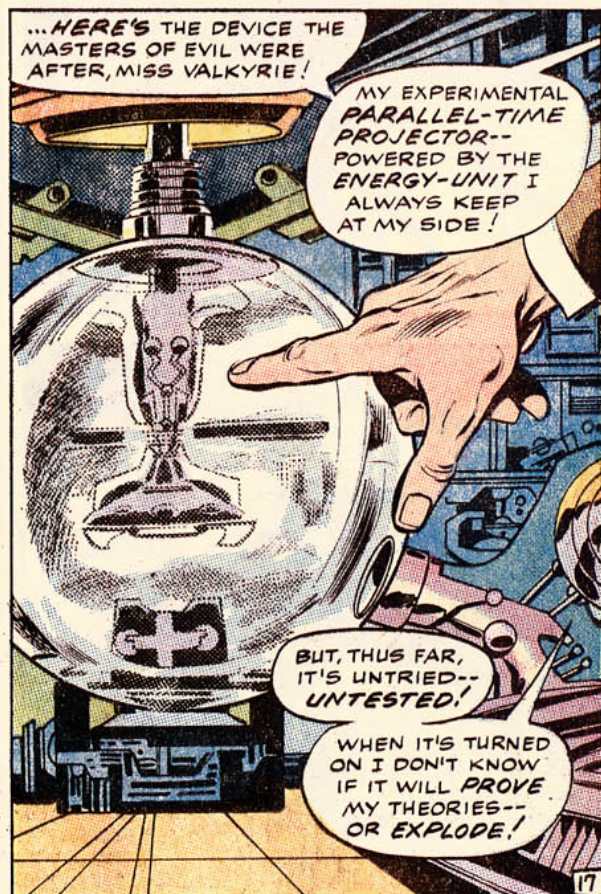
MY POWER-
LANCE CAUGHT
THEM OFF
GUARD--AND
EVEN THE ANDROID
HAS FALLEN!

WE'VE FOUND
DR. ERWIN--
AND TAKEN
HIM INTO
CUSTODY!

BUT--WHERE
ARE WE
TAKING
THEM ALL,
VALKYRIE?

BIND THEM! AND
--HAVE YOU AC-
COMPLISHED YOUR
OTHER TASK?

TO THE
UNIVERSITY!
THERE IS SOME-
THING THERE--
THAT I MUST
SEE!



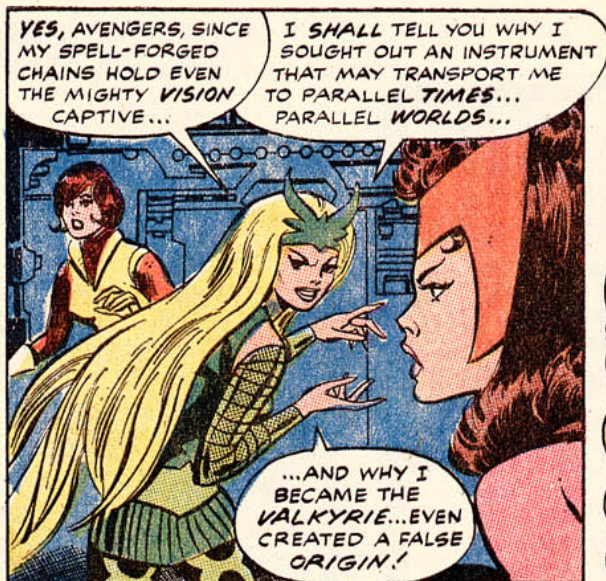
...HERE'S THE DEVICE THE
MASTERS OF EVIL WERE
AFTER, MISS VALKYRIE!

MY EXPERIMENTAL
PARALLEL-TIME
PROJECTOR--
POWERED BY THE
ENERGY-UNIT I
ALWAYS KEEP
AT MY SIDE!

BUT, THUS FAR,
IT'S UNTRIED--
UNTESTED!

WHEN IT'S TURNED
ON I DON'T KNOW
IF IT WILL PROVE
MY THEORIES--
OR EXPLODE!

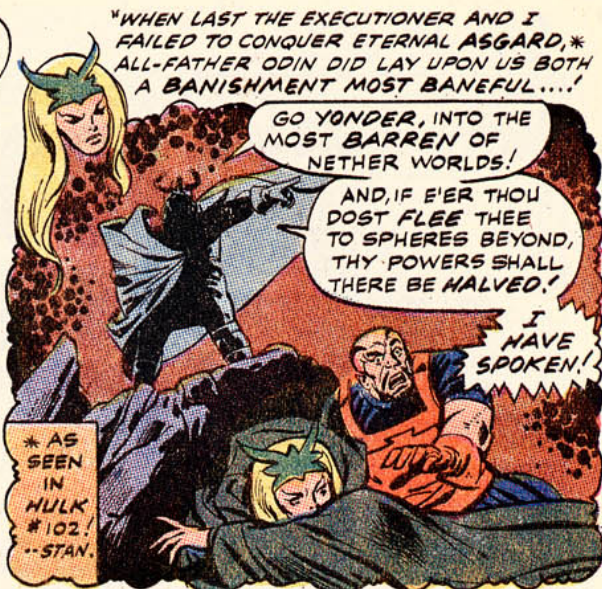




YES, AVENGERS, SINCE MY SPELL-FORGED CHAINS HOLD EVEN THE MIGHTY VISION CAPTIVE...

I SHALL TELL YOU WHY I SOUGHT OUT AN INSTRUMENT THAT MAY TRANSPORT ME TO PARALLEL TIMES... PARALLEL WORLDS...

...AND WHY I BECAME THE VALKYRIE...EVEN CREATED A FALSE ORIGIN!



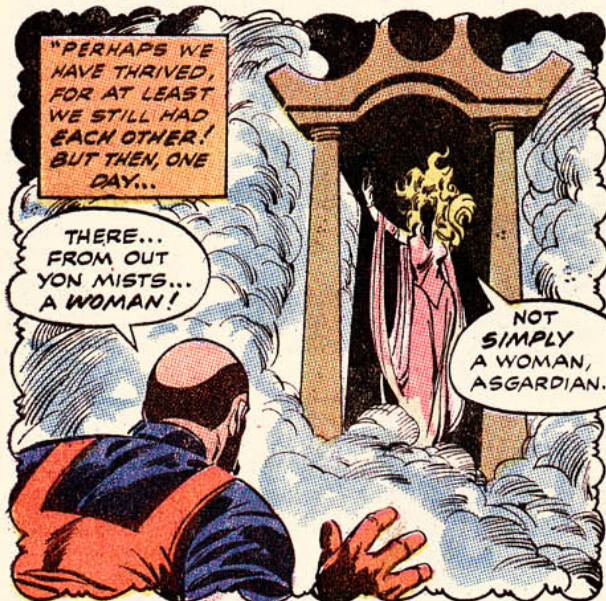
"WHEN LAST THE EXECUTIONER AND I FAILED TO CONQUER ETERNAL ASGARD,* ALL-FATHER ODIN DID LAY UPON US BOTH A BANISHMENT MOST BANEFUL..."

GO YONDER, INTO THE MOST BARREN OF NETHER WORLDS!

AND, IF E'ER THOU DOST FLEE THEE TO SPHERES BEYOND, THY POWERS SHALL THERE BE HALVED!

I HAVE SPOKEN!

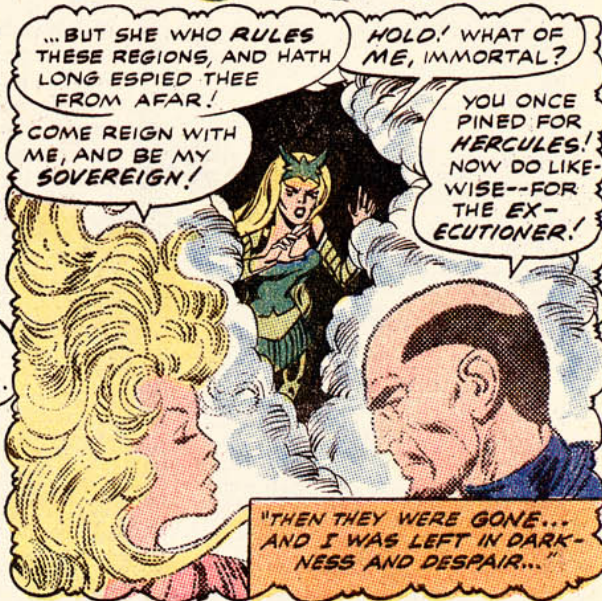
* AS SEEN IN HULK #102! --STAN.



"PERHAPS WE HAVE THRIVED, FOR AT LEAST WE STILL HAD EACH OTHER! BUT THEN, ONE DAY..."

THERE... FROM OUT YON MISTS... A WOMAN!

NOT SIMPLY A WOMAN, ASGARDIAN...



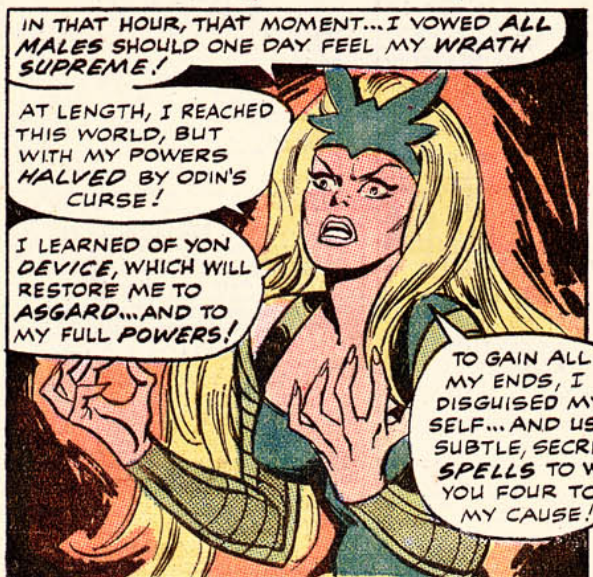
...BUT SHE WHO RULES THESE REGIONS, AND HATH LONG ESPIED THEE FROM AFAR!

COME REIGN WITH ME, AND BE MY SOVEREIGN!

HOLD! WHAT OF ME, IMMORTAL?

YOU ONCE PINED FOR HERCULES! NOW DO LIKEWISE--FOR THE EXECUTIONER!

"THEN THEY WERE GONE... AND I WAS LEFT IN DARKNESS AND DESPAIR..."

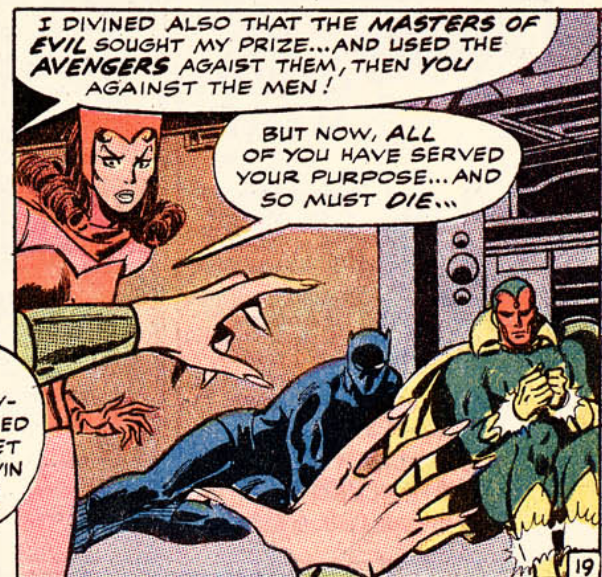


IN THAT HOUR, THAT MOMENT... I VOWED ALL MALES SHOULD ONE DAY FEEL MY WRATH SUPREME!

AT LENGTH, I REACHED THIS WORLD, BUT WITH MY POWERS HALVED BY ODIN'S CURSE!

I LEARNED OF YON DEVICE, WHICH WILL RESTORE ME TO ASGARD...AND TO MY FULL POWERS!

TO GAIN ALL MY ENDS, I DISGUISED MYSELF... AND USED SUBTLE, SECRET SPELLS TO WIN YOU FOUR TO MY CAUSE!



I DIVINED ALSO THAT THE MASTERS OF EVIL SOUGHT MY PRIZE...AND USED THE AVENGERS AGAINST THEM, THEN YOU AGAINST THE MEN!

BUT NOW, ALL OF YOU HAVE SERVED YOUR PURPOSE...AND SO MUST DIE...

