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# AVENGERS!

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YE HAVE  
**DISGRACED**  
THE NAME OF  
THE **AVENGERS!**

GO THEN,  
AND BE AVENGERS  
**NO MORE..**

-- FOR,  
**ALL THINGS  
MUST  
END!**



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# THE MIGHTY AVENGERS!

## ALL THINGS MUST END!

IF EVER A WORK-CREW  
DESERVED A REST, IT'S OUR  
AWESOME ASSEMBLERS!

AFTER ALL, ONLY A FEW SHORT  
DAYS AGO, THEY SAVED OUR  
MUCH-ABUSED PLANET FROM  
AN OBLIQUE ATTACK BY THE  
STAR-SPAWNED KREE RACE.\*

SO, ANYBODY WANNA MAKE A  
BET ON HOW LONG THE LULL--  
OR HOW UNBELIEVABLY TRAGIC  
THE STORM--?

WELL, UNLESS THE EARTH  
IS INVADIED AGAIN IN THE  
NEXT FIVE SECONDS, I'M  
OFF FOR A STROLL THRU  
THE PARK!

ALAS, DEAR  
SISTER, MY WON-  
DROUSLY WINGED  
HEELS NEED  
COOLING THIS  
HOT SUMMER'S  
DAY!

BUT,  
PERHAPS  
OUR FRIEND,  
THE VISION--

ANY OF YOU STALWARTS  
WANT TO EXPEND THE  
ENERGY TO JOIN ME?

I--THINK NOT.  
THIS UNUSUAL  
VARIANT OF THE  
ENGLISH OPENING  
HAS AROUSED MY  
CURIOSITY.

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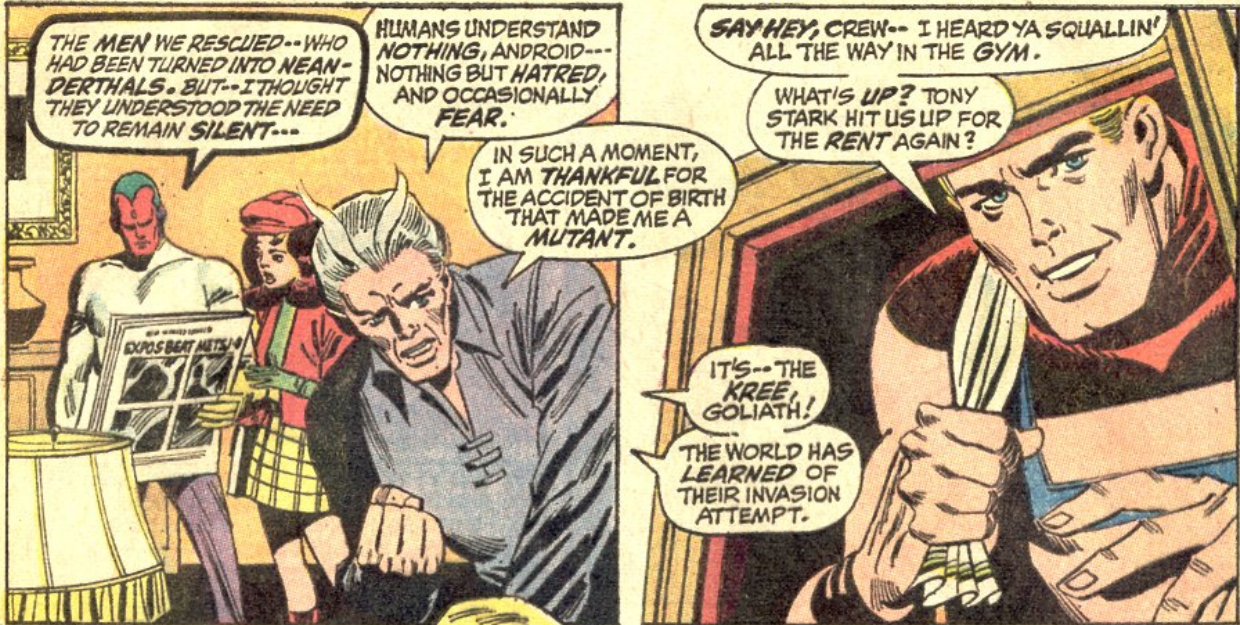
\*LAST ISH TO YOU,  
BELIEVER... STAN

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THE MEN WE RESCUED--WHO HAD BEEN TURNED INTO NEANDERTHALS. BUT--I THOUGHT THEY UNDERSTOOD THE NEED TO REMAIN SILENT---

HUMANS UNDERSTAND NOTHING, ANDROID--- NOTHING BUT HATRED, AND OCCASIONALLY FEAR.

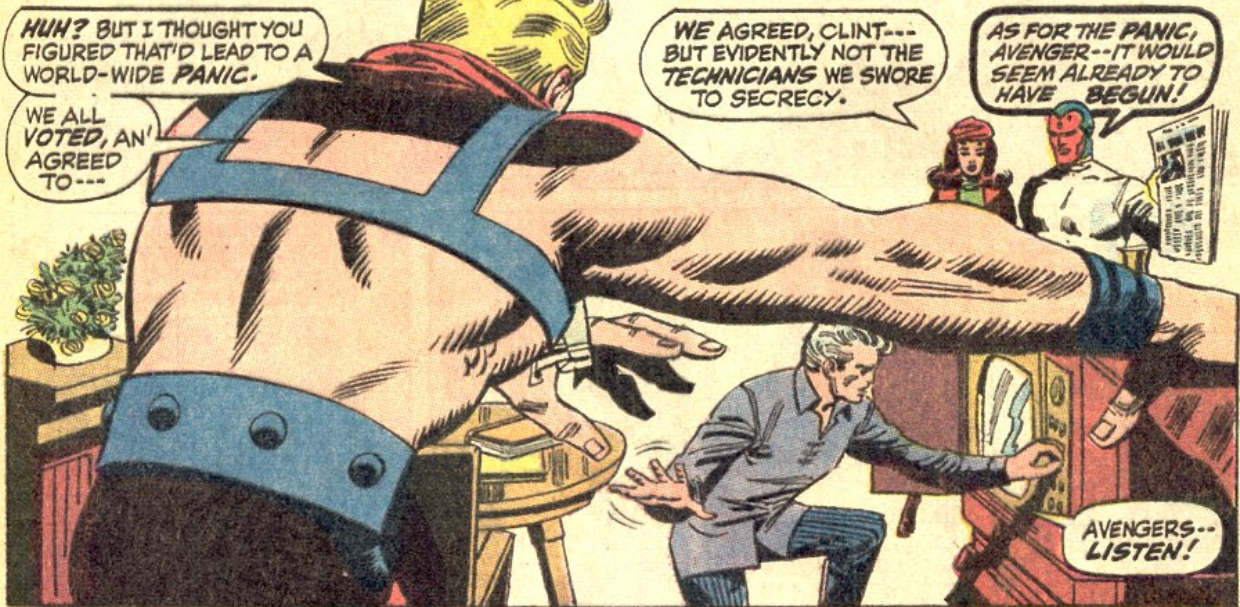
IN SUCH A MOMENT, I AM THANKFUL FOR THE ACCIDENT OF BIRTH THAT MADE ME A MUTANT.

SAY HEY, CREW-- I HEARD YA SQUALLIN' ALL THE WAY IN THE GYM.

WHAT'S UP? TONY STARK HIT US UP FOR THE RENT AGAIN?

IT'S--THE KREE, GOLIATH!

THE WORLD HAS LEARNED OF THEIR INVASION ATTEMPT.



HUH? BUT I THOUGHT YOU FIGURED THAT'D LEAD TO A WORLD-WIDE PANIC.

WE ALL VOTED, AN' AGREED TO---

WE AGREED, CLINT--- BUT EVIDENTLY NOT THE TECHNICIANS WE SWORE TO SECRECY.

AS FOR THE PANIC, AVENGER--IT WOULD SEEM ALREADY TO HAVE BEGUN!

AVENGERS-- LISTEN!



I THINK I HEARD MENTION OF THE KREE--!

COMING THIS WAY IS H. WARREN CRADDOCK--

--- FRESH FROM HIS APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT AS HEAD OF THE NEW ALIEN ACTIVITIES COMMISSION.



MR. CRADDOCK, IS IT TRUE THE PRESIDENT HAS GIVEN YOU CERTAIN-- EMERGENCY POWERS--?

I'M NOT AT LIBERTY TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION AT THIS TIME.

SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT THE ALIENS IN OUR MIDST SHALL BE SWIFTLY AND FIRMLY DEALT WITH!



IS THERE ANYTHING YOU CAN TELL US ABOUT THOSE ALIENS?

SO FAR THERE'S BEEN LITTLE BUT RUMORS...

NOR DO I INTEND TO ADD TO THE PUBLIC HYSTERIA BY GIVING OUT CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.

SIR, THERE'VE ALSO BEEN REPORTS THAT THE MASKED MAN CALLED CAPTAIN MARVEL IS ONE OF THESE ALIENS.

YES--I'VE HEARD THOSE RUMORS.

WHAT ABOUT THIS--AND THE FACT THAT THE FAMOUS AVENGERS SEEM TO HAVE BE-FRIENDED HIM?

STILL, I CAN TELL YOU THAT IT INVOLVED AN AGE-OLD CITADEL, IN THE HEART OF THE NORTH--

--WHICH CAME CLOSE TO TURNING BACK THE TIDE OF EVOLUTION BY A BILLION YEARS!

I ACCUSE THE AVENGERS OF NOTHING, MIND YOU...

BUT, I HAVE IN MY POSSESSION A LIST OF 153 "MODEL CITIZENS" WHO ARE ACTUALLY ALIEN SPIES.

AND--YOU CAN QUOTE ME ON THIS, BOYS-- I INTEND TO FERRET THEM OUT--

--NO MATTER WHERE THEIR TRAIL MAY LEAD--

--YES, EVEN TO THE AVENGERS MANSION ITSELF! I--

GOOD FOR YOU, PIETRO. I'VE HEARD ENOUGH!

AS HAVE WE ALL. BUT PERHAPS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, EAGER TO FIGHT A WAR WITH A FOE THEY CAN FIND, HAVE NOT.

KLIK!

YOU GOT A POINT THERE, QUICKIE. THEN MAYBE--

THEN MAYBE, AVENGERS--

--CAPTAIN MARVEL SHOULD GIVE HIMSELF UP!





AFTER ALL, FEW NAMES ARE MORE **RESPECTED** THAN THAT OF--- **THE AVENGERS!**

IT WILL DO YOU NO GOOD TO BE JUDGED **GUILTY** BY ASSOCIATION.

YOU'LL SURRENDER TO **NO ONE**, MAR-VELL-- AND THAT'S THAT.

YOU DIDN'T **MENACE** THE EARTH-- YOU HELPED **SAVE** IT.

OKAY, SO YOU'RE A **KREE**-- BUT IF YOU'RE A **SPY**, THEN I'M **JOE COCKER!**

NOT SO **FAST**, RICK BOY--



SURE, WE KNOW HE'S NO **SPY**-- BUT **THEY** DON'T-- SO MAYBE HE **SHOULD** TURN HIMSELF IN.

THEN EVERYBODY'LL **CALM DOWN**, AN' WE CAN START **TRACKIN'** DOWN ANY **REAL** **SPACE-RATS** THAT MIGHT BE **LURKIN'** AROUND.

TURN THE **COLD** **LIGHT** OF **REASON** ON YOUR WORDS, **GOLIATH**-- AND YOU'LL SEE THEIR **FOLLY**.

IF FIRST A **MAN** OF THE **KREE** CAN BE **CONFINED** FOR NO **REASON**, THEN **DETAINMENT** OF **ANDROIDS** WILL FOLLOW--NEXT OF **MUTANTS**-- THEN **GIANTS**--

--UNTIL, **ULTIMATELY**, A **LEFT-HANDED** **MAN** WOULD **FIGHT** A **RIGHT-HANDED** **MAN** TO THE **DEATH**-- FOR THE **REMNANTS** OF A **BOMBED-OUT** **PLANET!**

YEAH-- I **READ** YA--



BUT WHAT ABOUT THIS **INVESTIGATION** **THING?**



THIS **MANSION** IS **OUTSIDE** **LOCAL** AND **FEDERAL** **JURISDICTION**. **MAR-VELL** WILL BE **SAFE** **HERE**--

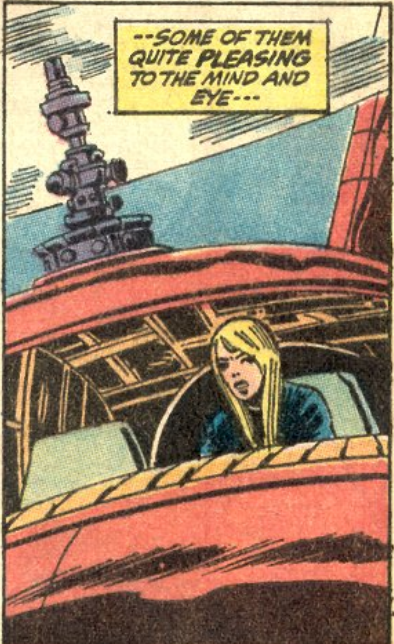
"**SAFE**"!? WHILE, **LIGHT** **YEARS** **AWAY**, MY **PEOPLE** **WRITHE** **BENEATH** **RONAN'S** **EVIL** **HEEL**--

--AND **CLASH** IN **GALACTIC** **COMBAT** WITH THE **STAR-DEVOURING** **SKRULLS?**

BUT, IN HIS **ALL-CONSUMING** **GRIEF**-- HIS **COSMIC** **LONE-LINESS**-- **MAR-VELL** HAS **FORGOTTEN** THAT **DANGER** MAY **COME** IN **MANY** **FORMS**--



MY **PLACE** IS **THERE**-- **FIGHTING** **BOTH** **FOES**-- **NOT** **HERE**-- **NOT** **HERE!**



--SOME OF THEM **QUITE** **PLEASING** TO THE **MIND** AND **EYE**--





-- AND SOME OF THEM LESS SO--!

UH OH!  
LOOKS LIKE  
THE NATIVES  
ARE GETTIN'  
RESTLESS.



AVENGERS--  
GIVE US THE  
ALIEN! GIVE US  
CAPTAIN  
MARVEL!

VENGERS  
ARE  
RAITORS!

EARTH-  
LOVE IT  
OR LEAVE  
IT!



WAIT! I  
HEAR ANOTHER  
SOUND! WHAT--?

A HELI-  
COPTER  
ABOVE--  
DROPPING  
TOWARD  
OUR ROOF--



BUT--  
TOO  
FAST.  
TOO  
FAST!



THIS IS 'COPTER,  
CALLING AVENGERS  
MANSION--

ON WAY  
TO YOU--  
DEVELOPED  
ENGINE  
TROUBLE--  
FALLING--



-- FALLING  
FAST-- NEED  
HELP-- OR I'LL  
CRASH--!



HER RADIO'S  
CUT INTO OURS.  
BUT, THERE'S  
NOTHING WE  
CAN ---



THAT  
GIRL'S  
VOICE--



I KNOW  
THAT VOICE!



A FAR LARGER  
WORLD THAN OURS  
SAW THE BIRTH OF  
MAR-VELL--- A  
WORLD WHERE  
GRAVITY WAS FAR  
GREATER THAN  
THE FEEBLE FORCE  
WHICH NOW PULLS  
IN VAIN AT HIS  
RICOCHETING FORM--



HWAM!

YET, ANY LEAP, EVEN  
SUCH A POWERFUL  
ONE, CAN BUT SLOW A  
PLUMMETING CRAFT'S  
DESCENT-- NOT STOP IT--



--AND THAT, IT SEEMS, WILL BE FAR FROM ENOUGH--!

THE KREE-MAN HAS DONE WHAT HE CAN. NOW, I DO WHAT I MUST.

HOLY JOE! RIGHT THRU HIS CLOTHES, AND THE CEILIN'--- LIKE A GHOST!

OR LIKE--A VISION.

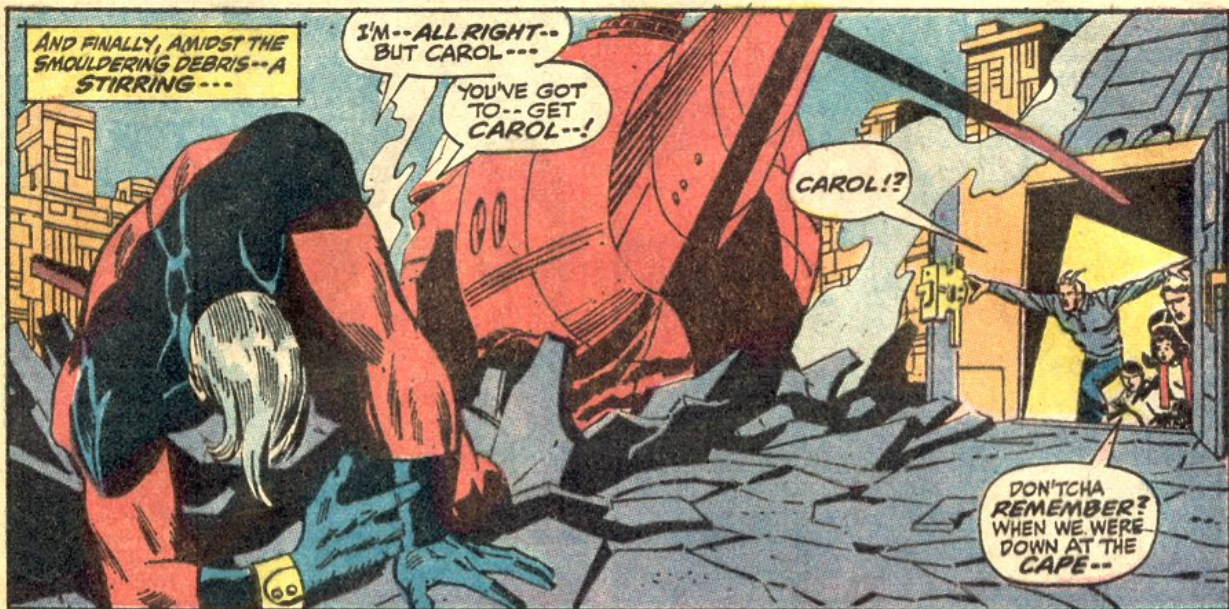
HURRY, AVENGER-- MOVE IT!

INTERSTELLAR WARS--- IMAGES OF FORGOTTEN GLORY-- ALL THESE RACE LIKE A CASCADING TORRENT BEFORE MAR-VELL'S INNER EYE--

--AS ROOFTOPS RUSH UP TO MEET HIM-- TO CRUSH OUT HIS LIFE, AND THE GIRL'S---

BUT THEN-- SUDDENLY-- SALVATION!





AND FINALLY, AMIDST THE  
SMOLDERING DEBRIS-- A  
STIRRING---

I'M-- ALL RIGHT--  
BUT CAROL---

YOU'VE GOT  
TO-- GET  
CAROL--!

CAROL!?

DON'TCHA  
REMEMBER?  
WHEN WE WERE  
DOWN AT THE  
CAPE--



--THE CHICK WE  
HADDA FILL OUT  
REPORTS FOR!

YOU'RE RIGHT,  
RICK. IT IS  
MISS DANVERS.

SINCE-- ONE  
OF YOU MUST'VE  
SAVED MY LIFE--  
YOU CAN CALL  
ME CAROL!



IT WAS THE  
VISION WHO  
SAVED YOU--  
BY PLACING  
HIMSELF  
BENEATH  
YOUR FALL-  
ING 'COPTER.

BUT--  
WHERE  
IS HE?  
WHERE?



DO NOT CONCERN YOUR-  
SELF, WANDA. THE FORCE OF  
THE FALL PUSHED ME THRU  
THE ROOF-- BUT DID NOT  
HARM ME.

IT IS DIFFICULT  
TO DESTROY ONE  
WHO CONTROLS  
HIS OWN MASS  
AND DENSITY.



H-HOW CAN YOU BE SO MATTER-  
OF-FACT-- SO ANALYTICAL  
ABOUT IT ALL? IF THERE'D BEEN  
AN EXPLOSION, YOU'D ALL  
HAVE BEEN KILLED.

YET, YOU TELL  
ME COLDLY  
-- NOT TO  
"CONCERN"  
MYSELF--!

I AM AN  
ANDROID,  
WANDA.

YOU, THOUGH  
A MUTANT,  
STILL ARE  
HUMAN---

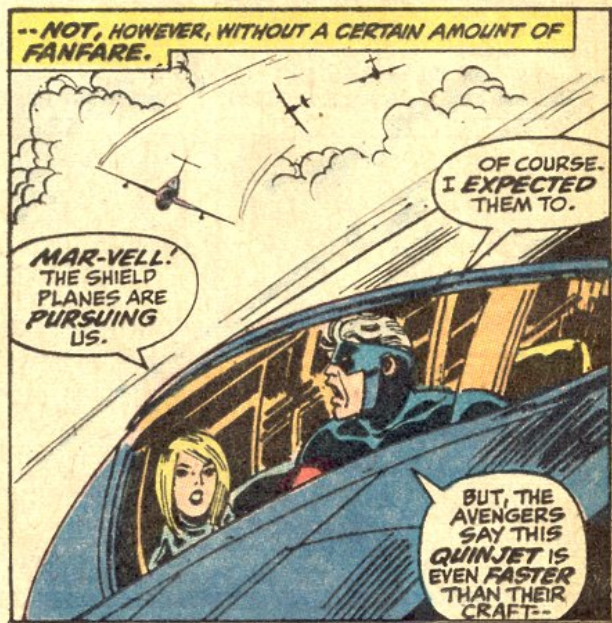
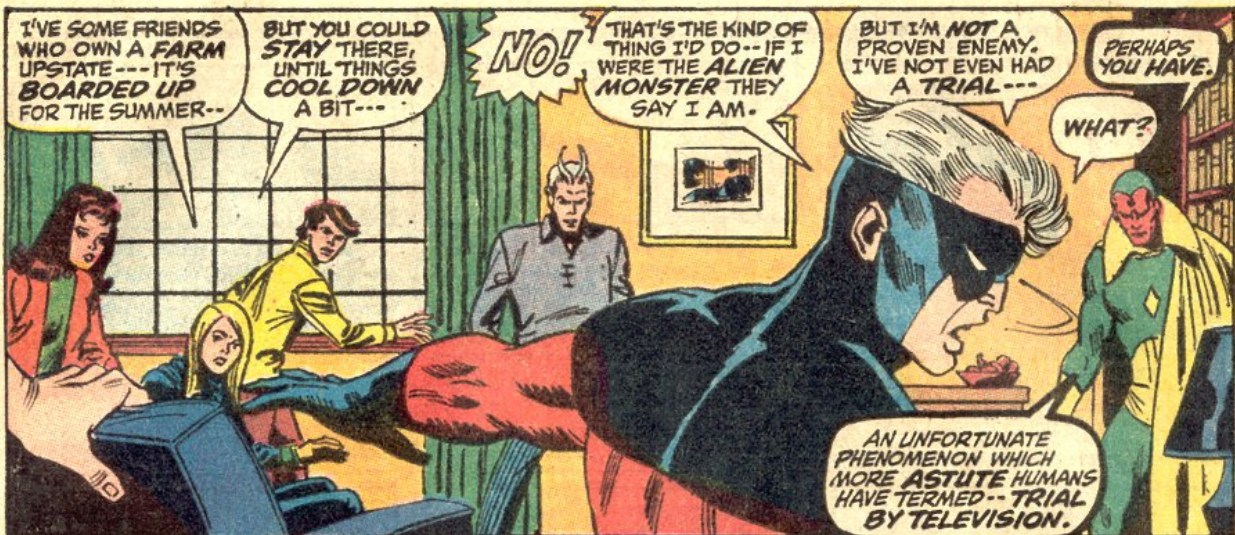


--AND FAR TOO  
EMOTIONAL  
ABOUT-- CERTAIN  
THINGS.

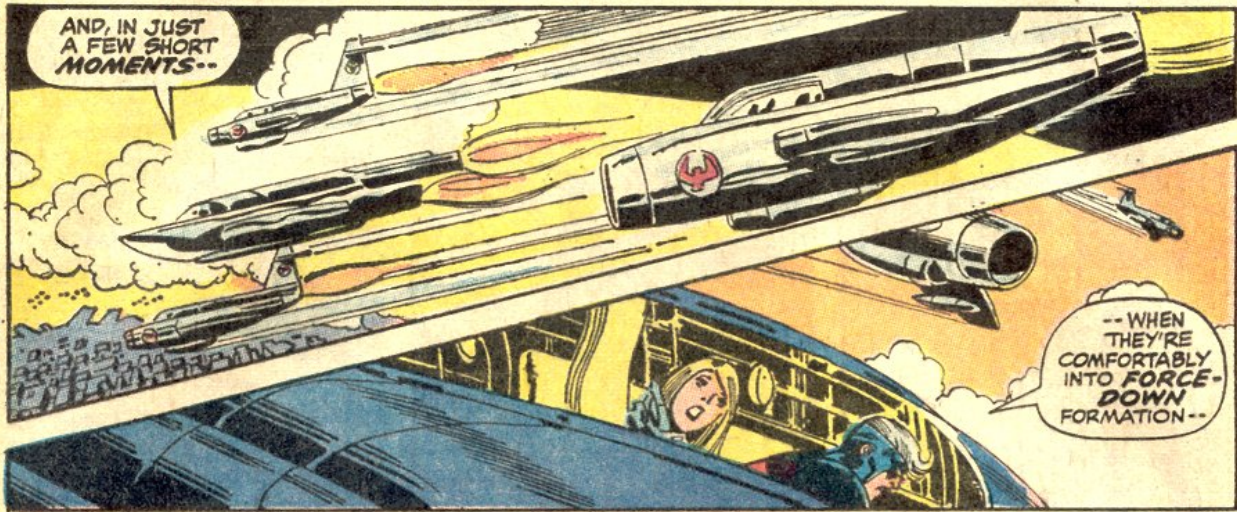






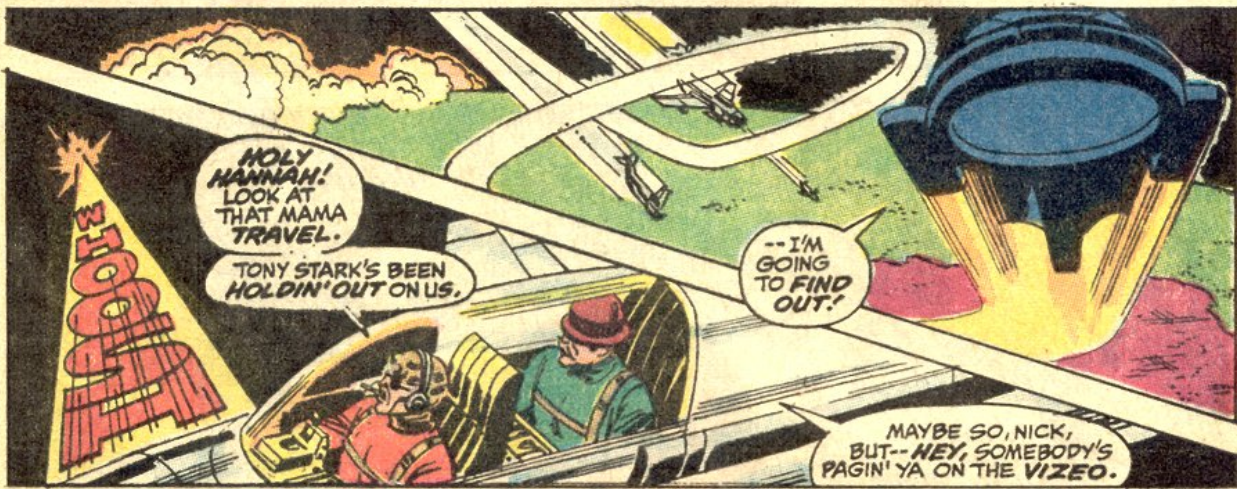






AND, IN JUST A FEW SHORT MOMENTS--

-- WHEN THEY'RE COMFORTABLY INTO FORCE-DOWN FORMATION--

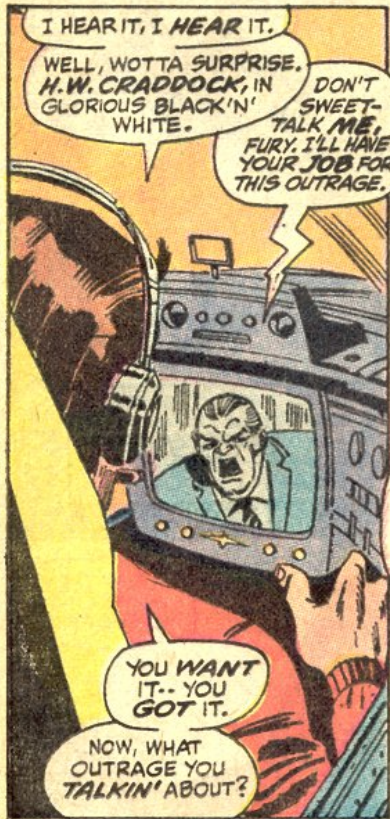


HOLY HANNAH! LOOK AT THAT MAMA TRAVEL.

TONY STARK'S BEEN HOLDIN' OUT ON US.

-- I'M GOING TO FIND OUT!

MAYBE SO, NICK, BUT-- HEY, SOMEBODY'S PAGIN' YA ON THE VIZO.



I HEAR IT, I HEAR IT.

WELL, WOTTA SURPRISE. H.W. CRADDOCK, IN GLORIOUS BLACK'N' WHITE.

DON'T SWEET-TALK ME, FURY. I'LL HAVE YOUR JOB FOR THIS OUTRAGE.

YOU WANT IT-- YOU GOT IT.

NOW, WHAT OUTRAGE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT?



I'VE BEEN MONITORING YOU-- AND I THINK YOU DELIBERATELY LEFT HIM A HOLE TO ESCAPE.

YOU KNOW I WANT TO IMPOUND ALL PROVEN TRAITORS--

PROVE, SHMOOVE. MARVEL AIN'T EVEN BEEN CHARGED WITH NOTHIN' YET.

OVER-- AN' OUT.



HEY, FURY-- WHY DID YOU ORDER SUCH A LOOSE FORMATION?

I GOT A LOOK AT SOME OF OUR JAPANESE-AMERICAN RELOCATION CENTERS, BACK DURING THE BIG ONE.

SAW WHAT THEY DO TO MEN-- ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BARBED WIRE.

SO, I DIDN'T DO THAT FOR MARVEL, YA OLD WALRUS.

I DID IT FOR-- AMERICA!

KLIK!





WELL, THEY **MADE** IT. NOTHIN'LL STOP 'EM NOW.

I ONLY HOPE -- WE ACTED **WISELY**.

HUH? WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?



ALL HE MEANS, KID, IS THAT THE AVENGERS ALWAYS HAD A RECORD OF **COOPERATIN'** WITH THE LAW, AND **NOW**---

WELL, LET'S JUST HOPE WE DID THE **RIGHT** THING, THAT'S ALL!

C'MON, GROUP-- WE NEED A **BREAK!**

COMING, RICK?

LATER, I-- GOTTA TAKE A WALK.



-- GOTTA SORT THINGS **OUT**. I KEEP REMEMBERIN' WHEN I WAS A **RUNT** BACK AT THE **ORPHAN-AGE**.

THAT'S WHEN I FIRST FOUND A BARREL FULLA **OLD COMIC-BOOKS**.

I READ AND **RE-READ 'EM**, TILL THEY WERE FALLIN' **APART!**



"THEY WERE FULL OF **HEROES**, TOO-- BUT **SIMPLER HEROES**---

"-- AN' EVEN THE FEW OF 'EM WHO TURNED OUT TO BE **REALIES** DIDN'T HAVE A LOT OF **HANG-UPS** THEN.

"THEY WERE JUST **SUPER-POWERED JOES** WITH A CLEAR **IDEA OF WHAT TRUTH WAS**-- AN' **JUSTICE**-- YEAH, EVEN **LAW AN' ORDER**---

"THAT'S WHEN I FIRST DECIDED I WANTED TO BE A **SUPERHERO**-- OR DO ANYTHING I COULD TO BE **AROUND GUYS LIKE THAT**-- GUYS WHO LIVED AND FOUGHT IN A WORLD OF **BLACK-AND-WHITE**, NOT **MURKY GRAY**---



LET'S **FACE** IT, FELLA-- THE WORLD AIN'T **LIKE** THAT ANYMORE.

IF IT EVER **REALLY WAS**.

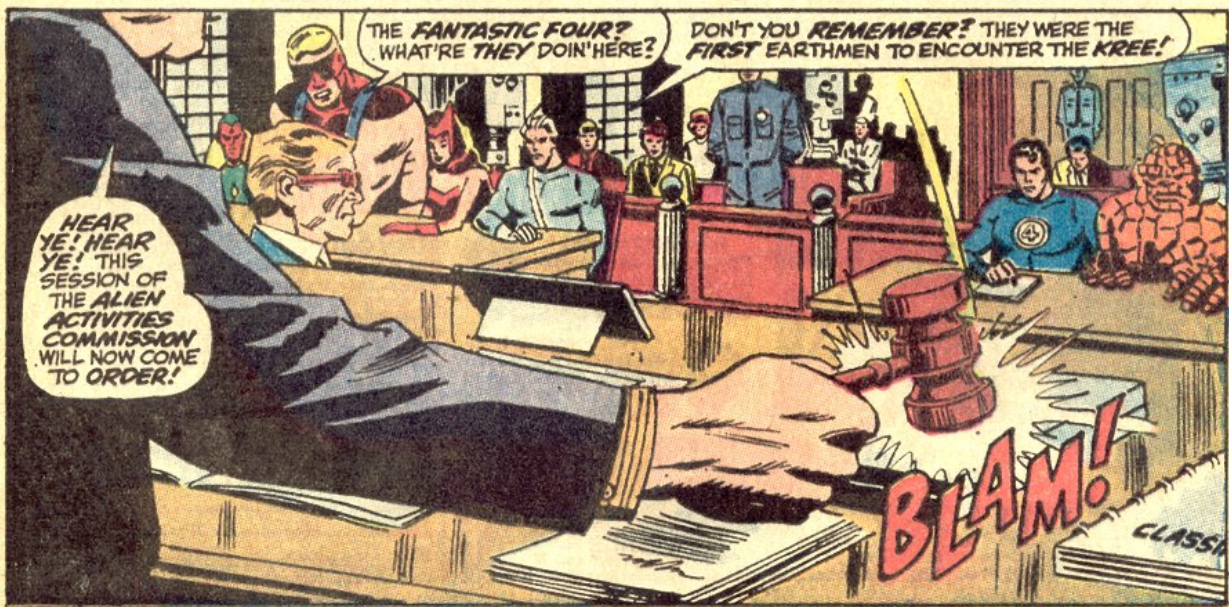
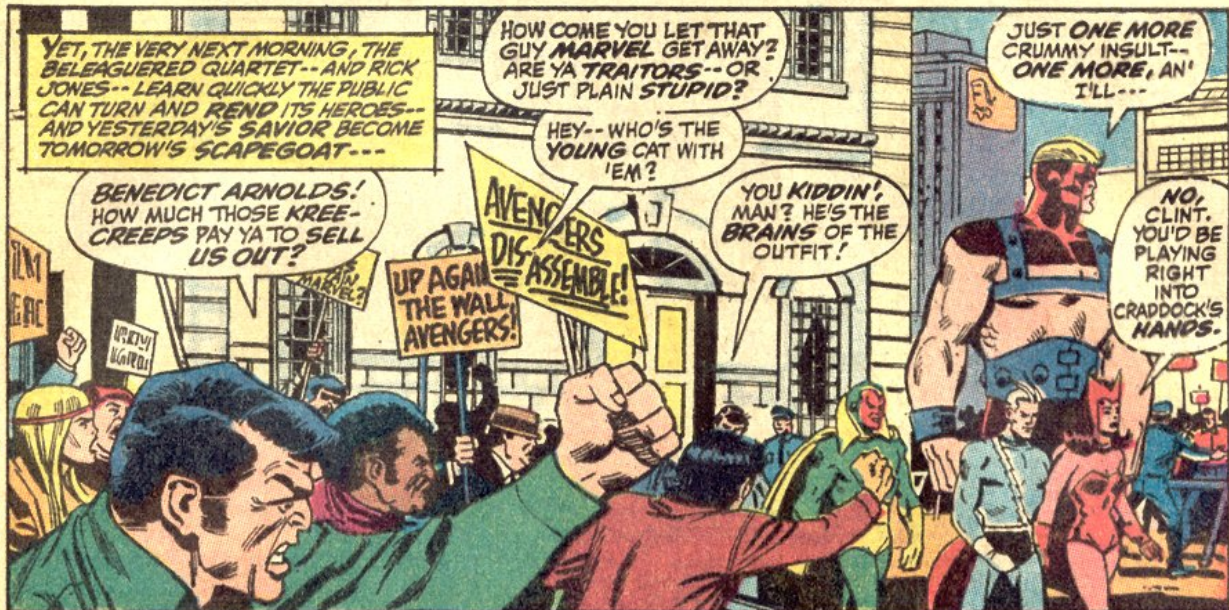
-- AND THERE **AIN'T** NO **SCORECARD!**

THESE DAYS, YOU CAN'T TELL THE **GOOD GUYS** FROM THE **BAD GUYS** WITHOUT A **SCORECARD**.











NO WHISPERING  
IN THE COURT!

THIS SPECIAL COMMISSION  
HAS BEEN CREATED BY  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER** TO  
INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY  
THAT AGENTS OF AN **ALIEN**  
**LIFE-FORM** MAY BE  
**INFILTRATING** THE VERY  
FABRIC OF THIS **NATION**..

--AND THAT CERTAIN  
**HUMANS**--AND **OTHERS**--  
--MAY BE **AIDING** AND  
**ABETTING** THESE  
ENEMIES OF **FREEDOM**..

CLERK, WHO'S THE  
FIRST WITNESS?

THE FIRST WITNESSES,  
SIR, ARE THREE  
**TECHNICIANS**..

H.W. CRADDOCK  
CHAIRMAN

-- RECENTLY EMPLOYED BY OUR  
GOVERNMENT AT A **RESEARCH**  
STATION IN THE STATE OF **ALASKA**..

THEY WILL BE  
FOLLOWED BY..  
THE **FANTAS-  
TIC FOUR**..

IT--IT WAS  
**HORRIBLE**,  
I TELL YOU.  
**HORRIBLE!**

THOSE **KREE**  
MONSTERS TURNED  
SOME KIND OF **RAY**  
ON US-- TURNED US  
INTO SAVAGE  
**CAVEMEN**..

THEY INTEND TO  
DO THE SAME--  
TO ALL **HUMANITY**..

YES, THE AVENGERS  
**RESCUED** US, ALL  
RIGHT-- I'LL GIVE THEM  
THAT.

I HEARD ENOUGH,  
THOUGH, TO KNOW  
THAT THAT FELLOW,  
**CAPTAIN MARVEL**  
IS A **KREE**-- WHAT-  
EVER THAT IS.

HE'S ONE  
OF...  
**THEM!**

THE AVENGERS  
SWORE US TO  
**SECRECY** ON THE  
WHOLE THING-- TO  
PREVENT PUBLIC  
**PANIC**, THEY SAID.

I THINK  
IT WAS  
SO THEIR  
BUDDY  
**MARVEL**  
WOULDN'T  
GET PUT IN  
THE **PEN**..

I FEAR I KNOW  
LITTLE MORE ABOUT  
THE **KREE** THAN MOST  
OF YOU-- EXCEPT  
THAT THEY CAME FROM  
A FAR-OFF, SCIENTI-  
FICALLY ADVANCED  
**GALAXY**..

I'VE NEVER  
EVEN **MET** THE  
MAN CALLED  
**CAPTAIN MARVEL**..

BUT, IF THE  
**AVENGERS**  
SAY HE POSES NO  
THREAT-- I'D BE  
INCLINED TO  
ACCEPT THEIR  
**JUDGMENT**..

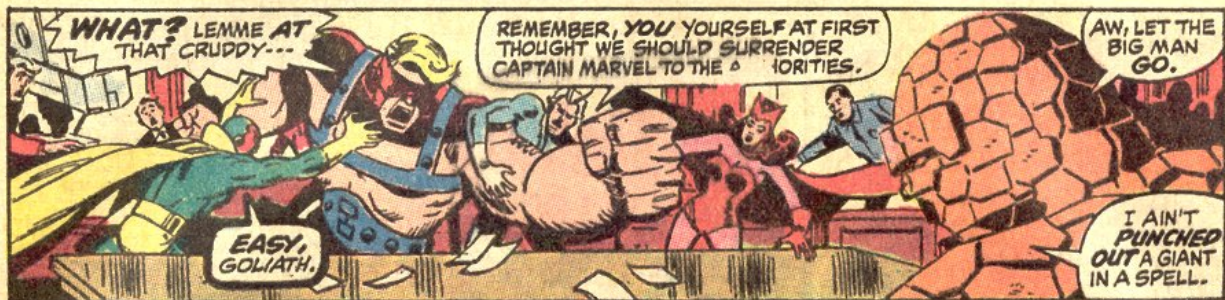
THE AVENGERS?  
**WHAT AVENGERS?** THE  
AVENGERS I KNEW WAS  
**THOR**--**IRON MAN**--  
GUYS LIKE THAT.

-- BUT THEY  
SHOULD'A MADE  
**MARVEL** SHOW UP  
HERE, 'STEADA  
HELPIN' HIM TAKE  
A **POWDER**..

THESE  
NEW GUYS  
MIGHT BE  
**OKAY**-- ME,  
I DON'T KNOW  
'EM FROM  
**ADAM**...

SUPER-  
HEROES  
LIKE **THEM**  
FOUR, WE  
DON'T  
**NEED!**





WHAT? LEMME AT THAT CRUDDY---

REMEMBER, YOU YOURSELF AT FIRST THOUGHT WE SHOULD SURRENDER CAPTAIN MARVEL TO THE AUTHORITIES.

AW, LET THE BIG MAN GO.

EASY, GOLIATH.

I AIN'T PUNCHED OUT A GIANT IN A SPELL..



ORDER! ORDER! ONE MORE SUCH OUTBURST-- AND I'LL DECLARE THE OFFENDER IN CONTEMPT.

CLERK--CALL THE FIRST AVENGER TO THE STAND.



DO YOU SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH-- SO HELP YOU GOD?

MY ADVANCED CIRCUITRY IS SUCH THAT IT IS DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, FOR ME TO DO OTHERWISE.



A SIMPLE "I DO" WOULD HAVE BEEN SUFFICIENT, VISION.

NOW-- IS IT TRUE YOU ARE AN ANDROID-- AN ARTIFICIAL HUMAN?

IT IS.



THEN-- YOUR TESTIMONY CAN HAVE NO VALUE BEFORE THIS COURT.

A ROBOT COULD ONLY PARROT WHAT OTHERS TELL IT TO SAY.

IT'S THE TRAITORS BEHIND YOU THAT I'M AFTER!

I AM AN ANDROID-- NOT A ROBOT.



SILENCE! YOU ARE HERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS-- NOT TO PLAY SEMANTIC GAMES.

SIT DOWN, VISION. WE'LL CALL ON YOU LATER -- IF AT ALL!



WHY THAT GRAND-STANDIN'--! HE JUST WANTS TO MAKE THE TV AUDIENCE SCARED OF US -- LIKE WE'RE A BUNCH'A FREAKS!

I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF, AVENGER.



BUT, IF I COULD, I WOULD BEG YOU IN MOST BESEECHING TONES TO CALL OFF THIS WITCH-HUNT-- THIS TRIAL-BY-ACCUSATION--

MR. CRADDOCK--MY DESIGN IS SUCH THAT MY VOICE IS ALWAYS EVEN-- SEEMINGLY UNEMOTIONAL--



--BEFORE IT DOES IRREPARABLE HARM!



