

THOR is the king of Asgard, having recently taken over for his father, Odin. He is struggling to balance his role as the All-Father with his role as one of Earth's mightiest heroes on the Avengers. Recently, Odin died in battle and his spirit now inhabits Thor's hammer, Mjolnir.

HULK has recently undergone a dramatic transformation. His alter ego, Bruce Banner, has split the Hulk into three distinct parts: The Hulk's body has been turned into a starship. Banner's psyche pilots it from within the Hulk's mind. And the Hulk's psyche fuels the starship with his anger.

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PART FOUR OF FIVE

After HULK was accused of murdering a bar full of patrons in El Paso, Texas, THOR set out to apprehend him, leading to an all-out brawl between the two titans in the far depths of space.

During their battle, Odin's spirit entered Hulk's mind and connected with Bruce's memories, learning how the events of El Paso have led Bruce to fear that the Hulk's rage is somehow able to pass to the people around him-and worse, how a mysterious, dark force seized control of Bruce's body and killed the bar patrons.

Meanwhile, Iron Man joined Thor in the fight to capture Hulk, but things took a disastrous turn when an enraged Hulk set off a massive gamma explosion that has turned Thor into a Hulked out God of Thunder! OCNNY CATES

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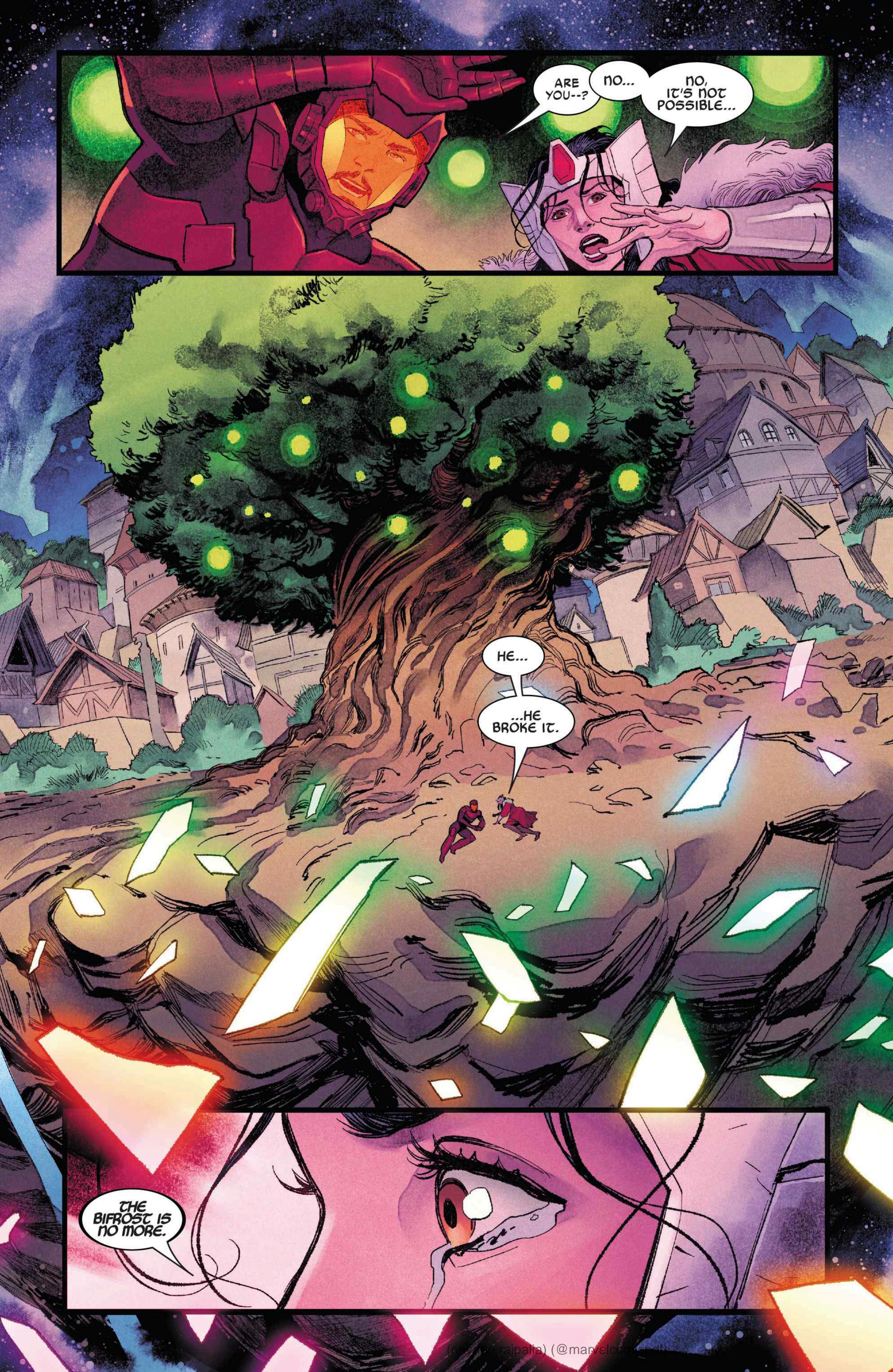


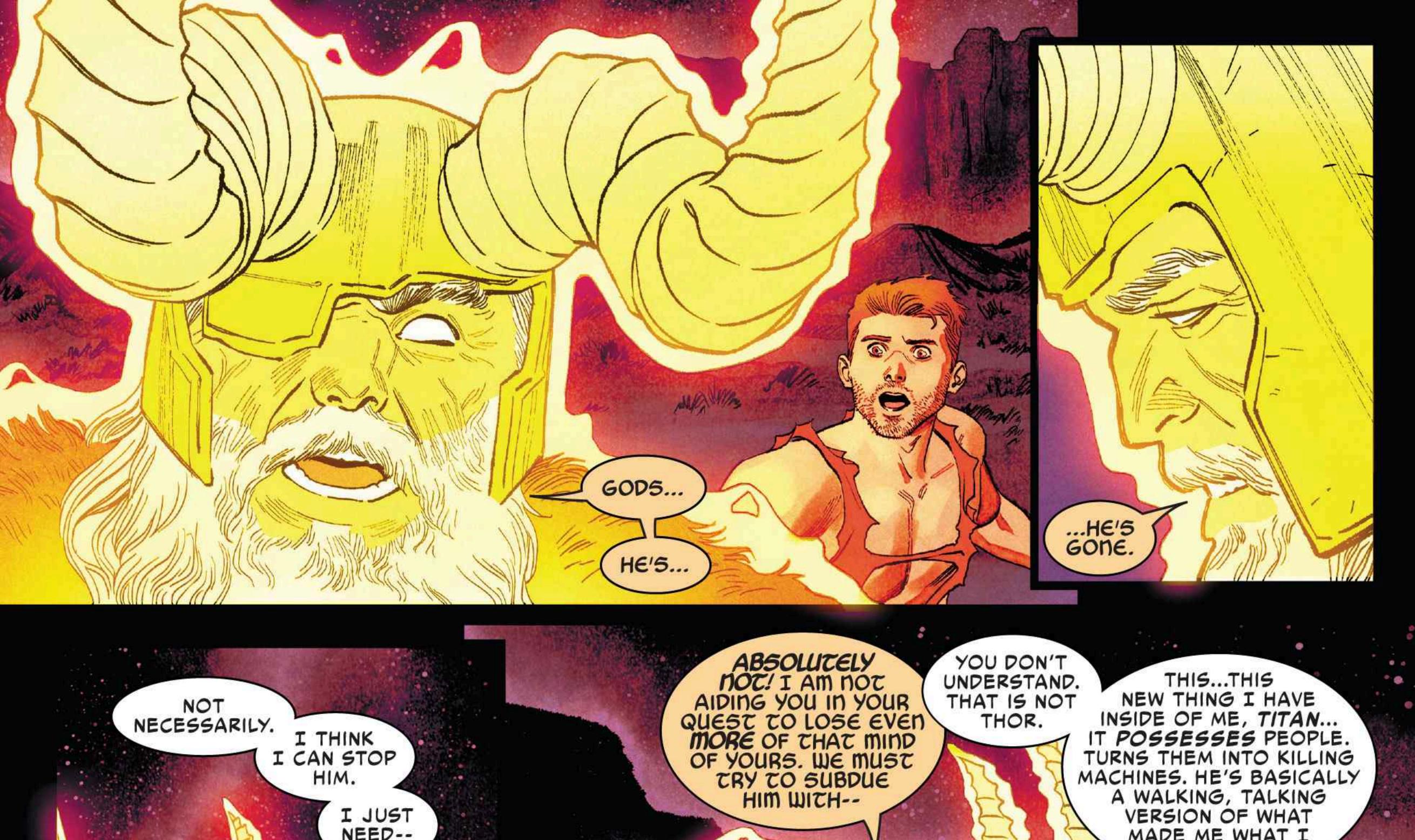


























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THE KING OF ASGARD MEETS THE KING IN BLACK!



BE SURE TO FIRST READ HULK #8 TO SEE HOW THOR (AND ASGARD!) MAKE IT OUT OF THIS, BUT THEN COME BACK HERE NEXT ISSUE FOR THOR #27, THE KICKOFF OF A TWO-PART STORY GUEST-STARRING VENOM WITH ART BY THE LEGENDARY SALVADOR LARROCA!

(AND REST ASSURED, NIC KLEIN FANS-NIC IS ALREADY HARD AT WORK DRAWING #29, THE FIRST PART OF OUR NEXT BIG ARC, "VALHALLA RISEN"!)









