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I'VE DESTROYED
YOUR **FELLOW**
AVENGERS, THOR--
AND **YOU'RE**
NEXT!

**HE'S BACK--
TO MENACE
TWO WORLDS!!
THE AWESOME
ARKON!**

THE MIGHTY AVENGERS!

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THE SWORD AND THE SORCERESS!

FASTER, ARAGORN!
FASTER, MY
VALIANT STEED!

WITH EACH MOMENT,
THE FIRES WITHIN MY
BREAST RAGE MORE
FIERCELY... BECOME
HARDER TO
CONTROL!

A NIGHTMARE LANDSCAPE... A STRANGE
AND TERRIBLE WORLD... AND, WINGING HIS
WAY HIGH ABOVE ITS SHADOWS ON A
SPECTRAL MOUNT, *THE BLACK
KNIGHT*... AVENGER, ADVENTURER, AND
A SOUL IN GRIEVOUS TORMENT...!

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THERE IS THE
GOAL I SEEK...
BUBBLING AND
FROTHING
BELOW!

THE WELL
AT THE
CENTER
OF TIME!



HERE, THEN,
IS WHERE I
SHALL LEARN
THE REAL AND
FINAL FATE
OF THE
BLACK KNIGHT...!

...WHETHER
I AM TRULY
MASTER
OF THE
AWESOME
EBONY
BLADE
I WIELD...



...OR ITS
MEREST
SLAVE!

THE HEAT CASCADES AGAINST HIS ARMORED BODY, WAVE UPON WAVE... HE STAGGERS ON-WARD, TO STAND AT LAST UNSTEADILY SWAYING AT THE VERY EDGE OF THE ROCK-HEWN WELL... AND THEN...



UNTO THESE
MYSTIC
WATERS, I
COMMEND
THEE, EBONY
BLADE--!



I MUST
I MUST!!

BUT SUDDENLY,
THE ARMORED
AVENGER'S HAND
HALTS IN MID-AIR...
OR IS IT THE AGES-
OLD SWORD WHICH
STOPS ITSELF, WITH
A LIFE AND A WILL
ALL ITS OWN?



I ... **CANNOT** DO IT!
THE BLADE WILL NOT
LET ME CAST IT INTO
THE CAULDRON BELOW!

THEN...IT IS INDEED
THE **SWORD** WHICH
RULES...AND **NOT**
MY OWN WILL!

BUT, THAT
SOUND...THAT
BEATING OF HELL-
SPAWNED WINGS...
TELLS ME I HAVE
NO MORE **TIME**
FOR SOUL-
SEARCHING!



WARRIORS
DRAW NEAR...
FROM OUT OF
THE **SKY**
ITSELF!



AND SO, THE BLACK KNIGHT
MUST **ONCE**
METE
OUT DEATH AND
DESTRUCTION...



...OR
PERISH
HIMSELF!!



BACK, YOU UNSPEAKING
SCAVENGERS! I CAN READ
THE **MURDER** IN YOUR HEARTS...
BUT I DON'T **WANT** TO DO
BATTLE WITH YOU!

WHY DO
YOU **FORCE**
ME TO
LASH OUT
AGAINST
YOU?



WHY?



HURL YOUR
QUESTIONS AT
THE WHISPERING
WINDS,
AVENGER!

THEY'LL ANSWER YOU WITH
NAUGHT SAVE THE *SILENCE*
YOU DESERVE!

WHY?



BUT, A
DIFFERENT
LANGUAGE IS
SPOKEN BY--

ARKON THE MAGNIFICENT!

I DON'T KNOW *WHO*
YOU ARE, FRIEND... BUT
I CAN SENSE IT'S *YOU*
WHO ARE MY TRUE, MY
GREATEST FOE!

**CHARGE,
ARAGORN--
AS YOU
HAVE NEVER
CHARGED
BEFORE!**



YOUR FEATHERED
MOUNT IS
SWIFT *INDEED*,
INVADER!

BUT
NOTHING
CAN MATCH
THE SPEED
OF ARKON'S
BLINDING
THUNDER-
BOLTS...!



NOTHING!

**NO!!
NO!!**





NUTS! I DON'T SEE HOW COME WE'RE MAKIN' SUCH A BIG DEAL OUTTA ALL THIS!

SO WITCHIE HAD A FEW TOO MANY SWEET PICKLES BEFORE SHE TURNED IN! SO WHAT?

AND YET... THE VIVIDNESS OF HER DREAM... THE THREAT IT OBVIOUSLY POSED TO OUR FELLOW AVENGER...

YES, VISION! THERE IS MORE HERE THAN GOLIATH WANTS TO IMAGINE!

WELL, THERE'S AN EASY WAY TO CHECK THINGS OUT...



...AND APPARENTLY YOU THOUGHT OF IT EVEN BEFORE I DID, PIETRO!

HELLO... OVERSEAS OPERATOR? I MUST SPEAK TO ENGLAND... THE NUMBER, 01-552-8210!

HURRY, PLEASE! THIS IS A MATTER OF... SOME IMPORTANCE...



EH? AMERICA CALLING, DID YOU SAY?

NO, I'M SORRY! MASTER DANE IS NOT IN HIS CHAMBER... AND I'M AFRAID I DON'T KNOW QUITE WHERE HE MIGHT BE!

MIGHT I INQUIRE WHO--? HELLO? HELLO?!



NO NEED TO ELABORATE, PIETRO! YOUR FACE TELLS ME DANE WHITMAN IS NOT AT HIS INHERITED CASTLE!

STILL, SINCE IT IS FIVE HOURS LATER IN ENGLAND THAN HERE, HE OUGHT TO BE... UNLESS...

WANDA... DID YOU...?

I HEARD-- EVERYTHING!

PERHAPS-- WE ARE BEING FOOLISH-- SUPERSTITIOUS! AND YET...



...AND YET, IT DON'T PAY TO TAKE CHANCES WITH THAT ARKON CREEP!

IF THERE'S ANYTHING BEHIND THIS SCREAM- DREAM, WE GOTTA FIND OUT!

SOMEBODY BETTER SCOUT UP BROTHER THOR, ON THE DOUBLE!

THOR... YES! FOR, ONLY HIS HAMMER CAN BRIDGE THE GAP TO ARKON'S WORLD!



WELL
SPOKEN,
T'CHALLA!

THEN THE
BLACK PANTHER
SHALL SEEK HIM
OUT--SOMEWHERE
AMONG THE
ROOFTOPS OF A
TEEMING CITY!

BUT... HE
DOES NOT
RESPOND
TO OUR
ELECTRONIC
CALL!



GOOD!
THEN LET
HIM STEP
FORWARD!

WHILE, IN A WORLD WHICH IS
MORE THAN KIN, YET LESS THAN
KIND...

THE PRISONER HAS
BEEN RUDELY
REVIVED,
MILORD ARKON!



ON YOUR
KNEES, OUT-
WORLD SPY!
GROVEL
BEFORE ARKON
THE
MAGNIFICENT!

YOU HAVE TAKEN
MY SWORD--
AND YOU MAY
TAKE MY
LIFE--

BUT THE
BLACK
KNIGHT BOWS
TO NO MAN!



DO NOT LET
THEM HARM
HIM, ARKON!
YOU MAY
HAVE NEED
OF SUCH
A ONE!

I AM MASTER OF THIS
WORLD, ENCHANTRESS--
AND I'LL BROOK NO
INSOLENCE!

TELL ME
OF YOUR
SPY-
MISSION
HERE,
AVENGER--
OR YOU'LL
WISH
I HAD
KILLED YOU!

MY MISSION IS
A PERSONAL
ONE--AND NO
THREAT TO YOU,
WHOEVER YOU
ARE!

AND THAT'S ALL
I'M GOING TO
SAY!



THERE ARE WAYS TO MAKE YOU TALK, INVADER--
WAYS YOUR PUNY MIND COULD NOT IMAGINE!

WHY NOT LET THE
ENCHANTRESS
USE HER POWERS
TO LOOSEN HIS
TONGUE?

THAT WILL PROVE MY
EARLIER POINT--THAT
WE SHOULD BE ALLIES,
NOW THAT I FIND MYSELF
IN YOUR FAR-FLUNG
DIMENSION! *

VERY WELL!
I PRAY FOR
HIS SAKE
THAT YOU
SUCCEED!

*THE ENCHANTRESS
SUDDENLY VANISHED
FROM OUR MIDST AT
THE DENOUEMENT OF
OUR LAST ISSUE!--STAN.



SPEAK, AVENGER!
UNLOCK WHATEVER
DARK **SECRET** LIES
LOCKED WITHIN
YOUR HEART!

I TOLD YOU-- IT WAS
SOMETHING **PERSONAL**!
SO STOP WASTING
YOUR...

IT CAN BE NO
MERE **ACCIDENT** THAT
YOU STOOD BEFORE THE
WELL AT THE CENTER
OF **TIME**!



...BREATHNN



VERILY,
THERE ARE
DIMENSIONS
BEYOND
DIMENSIONS--
SENSATIONS
BEYOND
RAPTURE--
AS THE
DANE WHITMAN
DISCOVERS IN
THE ARMS OF
THE EXILED
ASGARDIAN--!



NO MERE MORTAL CAN
RESIST THE KISS OF THE
ENCHANTRESS!

NOW, SWAIN--
WHY **CAME**
YOU TO THIS
MYSTIC
SPHERE?

I WILL
TELL YOU--
WHATEVER
YOU
DESIRE--!

" ONLY HOURS AGO, I STREAKED THROUGH THE
SHROUDED NIGHTTIME SKIES ABOVE THE CITY
OF LONDON IN MY OWN WORLD...MY MUTANT STEED
ARAGORN BENEATH ME, MY MERLIN-FORGED
BLACK BLADE IN HAND...!"

BLAM!
BLAM!

SHOTS--
COMING FROM THAT
'COPTER-- THE
MOMENT I
APPEARED OUT
OF THE CLOUDS!

THEN I
TAKE IT
I'VE FOUND
THE DARING
JEWEL-
THIEVES I
WAS LOOK-
ING FOR!



COR! THAT FLIPPIN' AVENGER'S RIGHT ON TOP OF US!

IF HE SMASHES OUR PROP, WE'LL FALL LIKE A ROCK!

'E WON'T DARE! IT'D BE MURDER!

MURDER!!

"AND, MURDER IT NEARLY WAS--!"

"AS IF IN A BAD DREAM, I WATCHED THE 'COPTER PLUMMET TOWARD THE THAMES-- THEN, AT ALMOST THE LAST POSSIBLE MOMENT--"

GOT YOU, BOYS!

BUT-- YOU WAS GONNA--LET US DIE--!

"AND, IN MY HEART, I KNEW THE THIEF HAD BEEN RIGHT--!"

THERE'S NO DEATH PENALTY HERE IN BRITAIN-- YET, I NEARLY EXECUTED THOSE TWO!

ONLY ONE MAN CAN ANSWER THE GRAVE QUESTIONS I NOW MUST PUT MYSELF!

--THE MAN WHO WAS THE BLACK BLADE'S FIRST OWNER-- PERHAPS ITS FIRST VICTIM!

COME, O ANCESTOR, FROM OUT THE SHADES OF TIMELESS TIME...FOR YOUR DESCENDANT HAS NEED OF YOUR WISDOM...!

IT'S--THIS SWORD! DAY BY DAY, I CAN FEEL ITS POWER OVER ME GROWING MORE VIOLENT-- ALMOST EVIL--!

YE HAVE **NO NEED** TO GIVE
VOICE TO YOUR FEARS,
MY SON!

I **KNOW** WHY YE DID
SPIRIT FROM THE
SHADOWED
NETHERWORLD!

I DARED HOPE
THE MILLENNIA HAD
DIMMED THE EVIL
POWER INHERENT
WITHIN MY FORMER
BLADE!

BUT NOW, 'TIS CLEAR THAT
THE SWORD MUST BE
DESTROYED!

AND, SINCE
THAT WHICH WAS
BORN IN MAGIC
CAN ONLY
PERISH THUS--

GO YE
NOW TO--
STONEHENGE!

"**STONEHENGE!** THAT MYSTERY-
WRAPPED SHRINE FROM OUT OF
ENGLAND'S DIM PAST--YET ONLY
A BRIEF JOURNEY FROM MODERN
LONDON--!"

THE **TOUR-BUSES** ARE GONE
FOR THE NIGHT... EVEN THE
GUARDS SEEM TO DOZE
AT THEIR POSTS!

BUT--
WHAT MAN
IS THAT?

SPEAK,
HOODED ONE!
IDENTIFY
YOURSELF!

NAY, STRIPLING!
THERE ARE
THOSE THAT
HEAVEN
KNOWS--AND
NONE SAVE
HEAVEN!

SUFFICE IT TO
SAY--I CAN
SEND YOU
WHERE YOU
NEEDS MUST
GO!

NO--**WAIT!** I MUST
KNOW WHO YOU ARE
BEFORE--

THERE IS **NO**
TIME FOR THAT--
NO TIME AT ALL!

THE WELL AWAITS--
THE WELL AT THE
CENTER OF TIME!

*THEN, IN A TWINKLING, THE EARTH FADED AWAY ABOUT ME--AND I TRAVERSED THE TRACKLESS VOID BETWEEN OUR TWO SPHERES--



FOR, WHERE THE **BLACK KNIGHT** HAS GONE--THE **AVENGERS** MUST SOON FOLLOW!

ARE YOU STILL SO SMITTEN WITH THE PALE-BLOODED **SCARLET WITCH** THAT YOU ARE BLIND TO ALL DANGER?



ENOUGH, WOMAN! DO NOT SEEK TO INSTRUCT **ARKON**!

--TO STAND AT LAST BEFORE THE MYSTIC **WELL** WHERE YOU FIRST SAW ME!

HE STILL LIES! I **KNOW** HE IS A SPY! YOUR SPELL-KISS **FAILED** ME, WOMAN!

BUT YOU STILL NEED MY **OTHER** SPELLS!



THE DIE HAS BEEN CAST--AND I DARE NOT RISK ANY ASSAULT UPON MY DARK **THRONE**!

I MUST STRIKE FIRST--THAT I MAY PREVAIL!



'TIS A TALE ALMOST **BEYOND** BELIEVING THAT THOU HAST SPUN FOR ME, GOOD T'CHALLA!



I KNOW IT'S ALL SPECULATION AT THIS STAGE, THOR--BUT IF OUR HUNCH IS SOMEHOW CORRECT--

WE SHALL **KNOW** SOON ENOW--WHEN WE SIX STAND TOGETHER WITHIN THE WALLS OF YON **AVENGERS MANSION**--



--AND MINE ENCHANTED HAMMER DOTH TRANSPORT US TO **WORLDS BEYOND WORLDS**!

YOU SPEAK *TOO SOON*,
IMMORTAL! FOR, EVEN AS
YOU GLIDE TO EARTH---

BY THE
HALLOWED
HALLS OF
ASGARD!

THE MANSION
HAS *VANISHED*--
WITH EVERY-
ONE *INSIDE*
IT!

BUT--
LOOK THOU!
A *FACE* DOETH
APPEAR
AMIDST THE
EMBERS!

I SEE
IT NOW!
THE *FACE*
OF--

--THE
ENCHANTRESS!
IT PLEASES ME
THAT YOU BOTH
DO REMEMBER
ME!

STAY YOU
BOTH IN YOUR
OWN *TINY*
WORLD-- IF
YOU KNOW
WHAT IS BEST
FOR YOU!

NAY,
EVIL ONE!
TO THE
ENDS OF
ETERNITY
ITSELF
SHALL THOR
FOLLOW
THEE--

--AND
ODIN
PRESERVE
THEE, IF MY
FELLOW
AVENGERS BE
NOT *SAFE*!

SAFE, ASGARDIAN?
THAT DEPENDS ON
HOW YOU LOOK
AT IT--!

HEY!
SOMETHIN'S--
HAPPENIN'
TO US--!

TO US,
GOLIATH?
NO--TO THE
ENTIRE
BUILDING!

IT'S MY GUESS--THAT
WE SHALL NOT NEED
THOR'S HELP--TO SEEK OUT
THE ONE CALLED ARKON!

--FOR, THE MOUNTAIN
HAS SURELY JOURNEYED
TO MOHAMMED!

IT CANNOT
BE--AND YET IT IS!
ARKON'S WORLD--
OUTSIDE OUR VERY
DOOR!

AND, IF
THOSE ARE
ARKON'S
LEGIONS
WHICH ADVANCE
ON US--THEIR
WEAPONS AT
THE READY--



--THEY'LL LEARN
WHAT IT
MEANS
TO OPPOSE
QUICKSILVER!!



FIRE ONE! WE'LL BRING
THAT ARROGANT OUT-WORLDER
TO HIS KNEES!



DO YOU SEE?
HE IS
FROZEN
SOLID!

HE WAS NOT
FAST ENOUGH
TO SHAKE OFF
THE EFFECT OF
THE PERMA-
BLAST!

BUT... I
SHOULD HAVE
BEEN... I KNOW
IT! WHAT
WENT WRONG?



IF YOU FIND OUT, PIETRO--
DON'T FORGET TO CLUE IN
A GUY CALLED GOLIATH--!

I'M WEAK--
AS A BLASTED
KITTEN!

AND
THESE
CLOWNS
KEEP
COMIN'--
LIKE
ANTS--!



AND NOW FOR YOU, SCARLET ONE!

FOOLS! YOU
CAN'T FIGHT
SOMEONE
WHO CAN MAKE
HIMSELF--
INTANGIBLE!



INDEED?
AND WHERE
WOULD THAT
ONE BE?

MY POWERS
FAILED ME--FOR
THE FIRST TIME!
BUT-- WHY?

TAKE THIS
INVADER
AWAY!

I AM
THE REASON,
AVENGER--!



THE ENCHANTRESS! SO THIS IS WHERE YOU DISAPPEARED TO!

AYE! A WORLD WHERE MAGIC IS CROWNED KING--

--AND WHEREIN MY OWN SORCERY CAN HOLD ETERNAL SWAY!



AND NOW, EVEN AS YOU SENSE THAT IT WAS MY SPELL WHICH ENSHROUDED YOUR MANSION ON ARRIVAL--AND SAPPED YOU ALL UNKNOWING OF YOUR POWERS--



THE TIME HAS COME TO END THIS UNEQUAL FARCE IN THE ONLY WAY THAT IT CAN END--

--WITH MY TOTAL TRIUMPH!



THEN, THE HOURS DRIFT BY LIKE SECONDS-- AND WHEN THE VEIL IS ONCE MORE LIFTED, A CAPTIVE QUARTET STAND BEFORE ARKON-- THE ENCHANTRESS--AND ONE OTHER--!

THE BLACK KNIGHT!

--MAKIN' BUDDY-BUDDY WITH THEM TWO, AFTER WE RISKED OUR HIDES COMIN' HERE TO BAIL YOU OUT!

TO BE MORE PRECISE, GIANT-- IT WAS ARKON WHO BROUGHT YOU HERE-- NOT YOUR OWN FEEBLE WILLS!

WILLS, I MIGHT ADD, WHICH ARE BEING WEAKENED EVERY MOMENT-- AS MY ENERGY-COCOONS TAKE EVER-GREATER EFFECT!



BUT WHY ARE WE IN HERE-- WHILE THE KNIGHT IS OUT THERE?

YOU MAY ANSWER THEM, MY VALIANT ONE!

I-- STAND WITH-- THE ENCHANTRESS!

WELL, AVENGER-- ARE YOU WITH US, OR HAVE YOU BECOME A TRAITOR TO YOUR OWN WORLD?

LET HIM ALONE, PIETRO! CAN'T YOU SEE-- HE'S UNDER HER SPELL?



YOUR MIND IS AS SHARP AS YOUR EYES, WANDA... NOR IS IT MY WISH THAT YOU PAY THE SUPREME PENALTY FOR INVADING MY DIMENSION!

RENOUNCE THE AVENGERS-- TAKE UP THE *QUEEN'S* SCEPTRE THAT ONCE YOU SPURNED-- AND I SHALL--

WHILE I LIVE-- AND UNTIL I DIE-- I AM AN AVENGER!



ENOUGH! YOU'LL NEVER HAVE THE CHANCE TO REJECT ME A *THIRD* TIME!

TO THE *TOWER* WITH THEM-- ALL OF THEM!



BUT SOON THEREAFTER, AS A HEAVILY-ARMED GUARD DETAIL RETURNS FROM THAT AFORE-MENTIONED *TOWER*--

WELL, *THOSE* AVENGERS WILL NEVER BREAK FREE TO MENACE US ANEW! WE--

BY THE UNENDING FIRES-- LOOK YONDER!

THERE-- AMIDST THE *ROOFTOPS* OF THE CITY--



--*TWO* MORE OF THE OTHER-WORLD INTERLOPERS WHO CALL THEMSELVES *AVENGERS*!

PANTHER-- KNOWEST THOU WHAT MUST BE DONE?

YOU *KNOW* IT, THUNDER GOD!

BUT WE MUST ACT *QUICKLY*-- BEFORE *ARKON* MASSES TROOPS AGAINST US!



THEN--

SO BE IT!



AND, ODIN GRANT THAT EACH OF US DO TH PLAY WELL HIS PART--



OR ELSE THE HEADY NECTAR OF *BATTLE*..

..BE SWIFTLY DROWNED BY THE BITTER WORMWOOD OF *DESPAIR*!



TOO MANY OF THEM.. WITH TOO MANY AWESOME *WEAPONS*.. FOR EVEN *THOR* TO PREVAIL FOR LONG!

STILL, NEVER HAVE I FACED A MORE *DISTASTEFUL* TASK..

--THAN TO *DESERT* SO VALIANT A COMRADE-- EVEN AT HIS OWN *COMMAND*!



BUT, IT *HAD* TO BE-- SO THAT ONE OF US MIGHT FIND AND FREE THE *OTHERS*!

WHATEVER *ARKON*'S AIMS.. WHATEVER HIS *MOTIVES* IN ATTACKING OUR FELLOW *AVENGERS*--

IT WILL TAKE ALL OUR MIGHT.. ALL OUR *POWERS*-- TO THWART HIM!



AND-- THE *GUARD*'S OWN *WORDS* HAVE LED ME TO MY *GOAL*!

VISION-- ALL OF YOU-- YOU MUST *ESCAPE* FROM THIS *PRISON TOWER*!

WHAT..?



YOU-- *PANTHER*! BUT WHY DO YOU STILL FIGHT-- STILL *RESIST*?

DON'T YOU SEE IT'S *HOPELESS* TO FIGHT THE *INVINCIBLE LEGIONS* OF *ARKON*?

SURRENDER-- BEFORE THEY FIND AND *DESTROY* YOU!



HMMM... IT WOULDN'T TAKE AN *AFRICAN REGENT* TO REALIZE THAT THE *AURA* ABOUT YOU IS SOMEHOW-- *CORRODING YOUR WILL*!

BUT PERHAPS YOU MUST OBEY *ANY* VOICE THAT *COMMANDS* YOU-- EVEN *MINE*!

AND I ORDER YOU-- TO *FREE YOURSELF*!



CONCENTRATE, ANDROID! PULL FROM THE AIR THE MOLECULES YOU NEED TO INCREASE YOUR WEIGHT-- YOUR VERY MASS!

I-- I'M TRYING, BUT--



THEN TRY HARDER-- I COMMAND YOU TO TRY HARDER--UNTIL YOUR MASS IS BEYOND ALL CALCULATION--



--AND UNTIL YOU SHATTER THE FLOOR BENEATH YOU-- LIKE THE MEREST EGGSHELL!

KRA-KAAK!



EXCELLENT! AND YOUR EXAMPLE HAS ENABLED THE OTHERS TO CAST OFF THE AURAS WHICH HELD THEM CAPTIVE!

NOW, THE TIME HAS COME-- TO ESCAPE!

I READ YA, JUNGLE MAN--



--LOUD AN' CLEAR!!

THEN HURRY! THOR NEEDS YOUR HELP!

GRUNGH!



THAT'S PUTTING IT MILDLY, T'CHALLA--!

FALL, IMMORTAL-- BEFORE MY RUMBLING THUNDERBOLTS!

NAY, ARKON-- NOT WHILST I HOLD ENCHANTED Mjolnir!



THEN, AVENGER, WE'LL SEE HOW YOU DO WITH-- OUT YOUR HAMMER!

BY ASGARD! DOOTH THE BLACK KNIGHT STAND WITH ARKON?

IF SO, THE DAY IS DARK INDEED!

AND SO IT TRULY SEEMS FOR, EVEN AS THE AVENGERS SMASH A TROOP, A REGIMENT SPRINGS UP TO CHALLENGE THEM ANEW! THEY DEFEAT A SQUADRON... ONLY TO FACE A HARDENED, HELL-SPAWNED BATTALION...



WE ARE ACCOMPLISHING-- NOTHING!

AND MEAN-- WHILE, THOR IS UNARMED-- BESIEGED BY ARKON AND THE TRAITOROUS BLACK KNIGHT!



I AM IN THE CLEAR! PERHAPS MY HEX POWER CAN--

NAY, WANDA! STAND THEE BACK!

WITHIN MOMENTS-- I SHALL BE THOR NO MORE!



I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN BY THAT-- AND I HAVEN'T TIME TO ASK!

MUST CAST A HEX SPHERE AROUND ARKON, SO THAT--



FOOLISH WENCH! DID YOU NOT BEHOLD THE ENCHANTRESS STANDING BY, TO FOUL SUCH AN ACT?

AS I DEFEATED YOU BEFORE-- SO SHALL I AGAIN!



TWIN SPELLS CRACKLE IN THE ALIEN AIR-- AS ASGARDIAN MAGIC CLASHES HEAD-ON WITH MYSTERIOUS MUTANT POWER BORN OF AN AGE CALLED ATOMIC--!

AND ONCE MORE THE IMMORTAL VILLAINESS TRIUMPHS-- BUT ONLY BY SUMMONING ALL THE MYSTIC MIGHT THAT IS HERS TO COMMAND--



YET, IF ONE SPELL TAKES AN EFFORT SUPREME-- MUST NOT ANOTHER BE FORGOTTEN--?

THOR! MERLIN'S EBONY BLADE WILL ABSORB SOME OF ARKON'S BOLTS!

RETRIEVE YOUR HAMMER-- WHILE YOU HAVE THE CHANCE!

