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THE MIGHTY

AVENGERS



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AND IN THIS CORNER... **GOLIATH!**

**DAWN WEARS MANY
FACES! BUT FOR THOSE
WHO STARE *SKYWARD*,
UNBELIEVING, ON THIS
CRISP FEBRUARY
MORNING, IT WEARS
THE MACABRE MASK
OF WHITE-HOT
*ATOMIC DEATH--!***

**A GUIDED
MISSILE--
ZEROING
IN ON THE
AVENGERS
MANSION!**

**THEY'RE
DOOMED--
AND SO
IS THE
WHOLE
CITY!!**

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BUT, IF THE FAR-FAMED AVENGERS ARE NEARLY AS FEARFUL AS THE TEEMING CROWDS BELOW, IT IS FOR A FAR DIFFERENT REASON...BECAUSE THEY ARE *INSIDE* THE PLUMMETING PROJECTILE...





...OR HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN BR'ER HAWKEYE AND HIS ELECTRO-MAGNETIC ARROWS?

JUST GLIDE 'ER IN... AND I'LL STOP US FROM SKIDDIN' OVER THE EDGE!



PORT HATCH OPEN
CLOSED

PORT HATCH OPEN--
FIRE AWAY!

AND HEAVEN HELP US IF YOU MISS!



BITE YOUR TONGUE, MISTER!

I NEVER MISS--AND THIS LINE'LL HOLD A HERD OF STAMPEDIN' RHINOS!

JUST SETTLE BACK AND RELAX, LITTLE BUDDIES, WHILE I--



OH NO--
NO!

MY BOWSTRING BROKE--AND THERE'S NO TIME TO HOOK UP A NEW ONE!

WE'VE HAD IT!

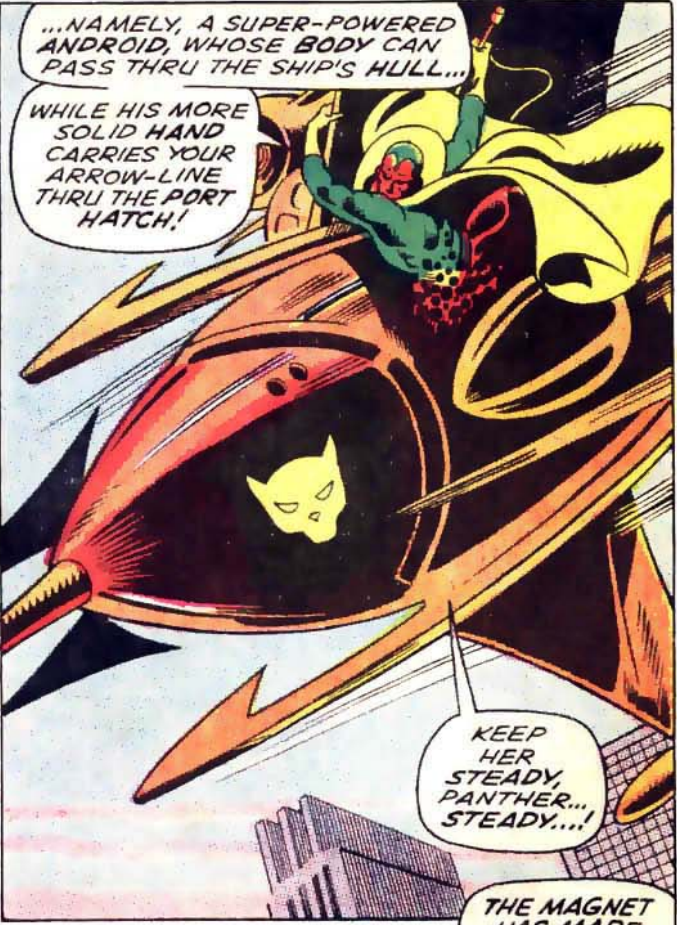


SNAP!



DON'T GET PANICKY, BOWMAN...YOUR IDEA IS STILL GOOD!

YOU JUST NEED A DIFFERENT DELIVERY SYSTEM...



...NAMELY, A SUPER-POWERED ANDROID, WHOSE BODY CAN PASS THRU THE SHIP'S HULL...

WHILE HIS MORE SOLID HAND CARRIES YOUR ARROW-LINE THRU THE PORT HATCH!

KEEP HER STEADY, PANTHER... STEADY...!

THE MAGNET HAS MADE CONTACT!



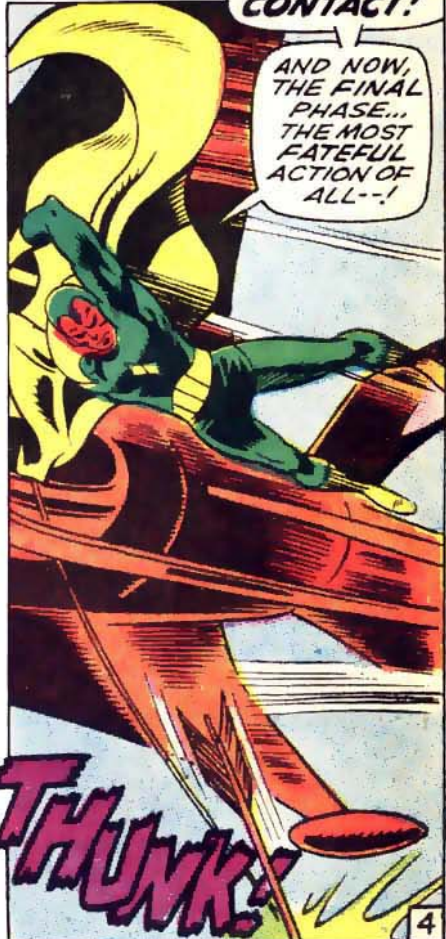
WE'RE ZOOMING IN FAST--LEVEL OFF WHEN I GIVE THE WORD!



NOW!

IF I MISS--OR IF THE LINE DOESN'T HOLD--

WE'LL SLAM INTO ANOTHER BUILDING--BEFORE T'CHALLA CAN GAIN ALTITUDE!



AND NOW, THE FINAL PHASE... THE MOST FATEFUL ACTION OF ALL--!

THUNK!



**HE
DID
IT!**

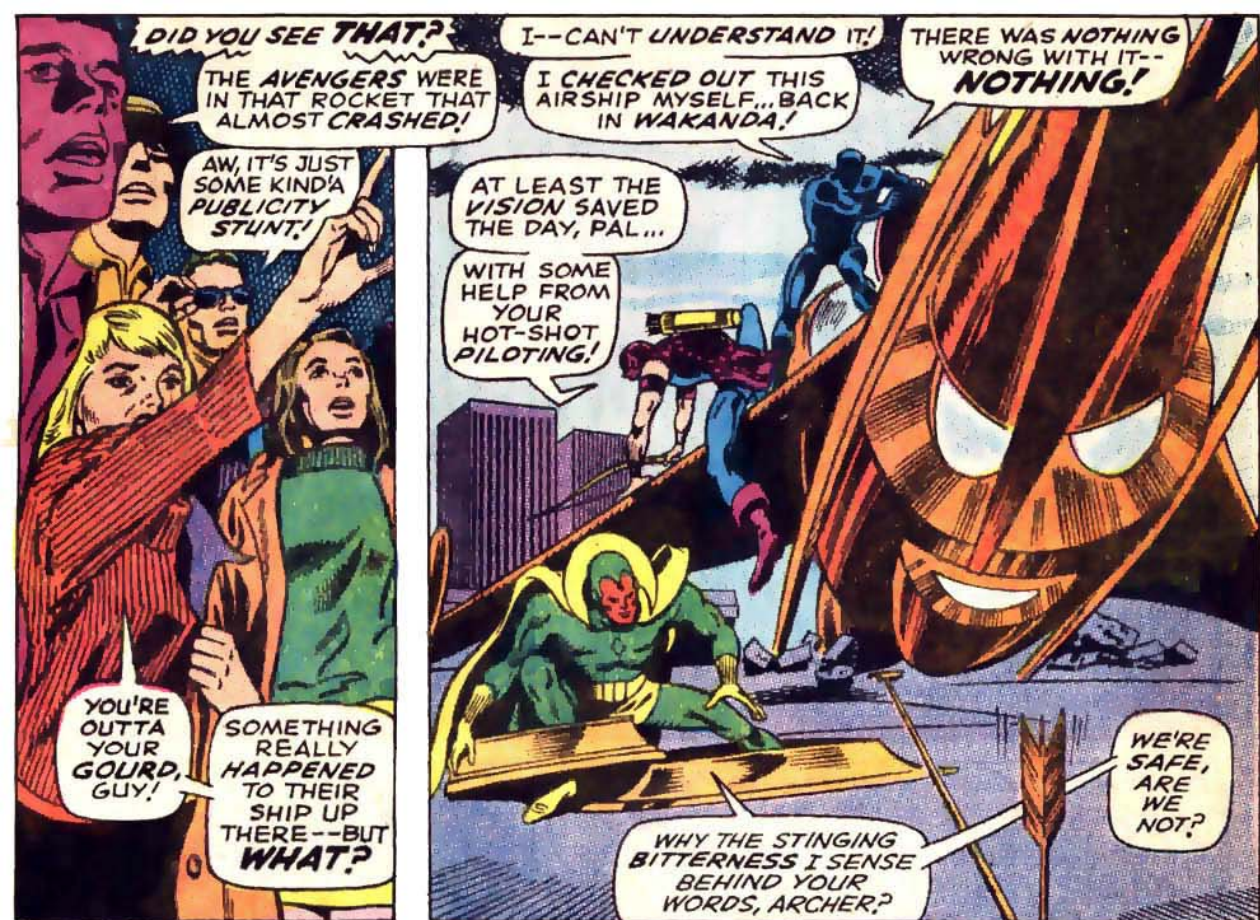
THE VISION
STOPPED US
FROM
SKIDDING OFF
THE ROOF--
WITH HIS OWN
SHEER
STRENGTH!!

INCREASED
MY BODY MASS
...JUST ENOUGH
...TO PREVENT
THE ARROW-
CABLE FROM
SNAPPING!

BUT,
ANOTHER
SECOND...
A BIT MORE
MOMENTUM
FROM THE
SHIP...

...WOULD
HAVE SPELLED
DISASTER!

SKRUKK!



WHEW! YOU'VE HAD MORE NAMES THAN ZSA ZSA GABOR, HIGH-POCKETS!

I'M HIGH-POCKETS NO MORE, HAWKEYE!

FROM NOW ON, THE NAME IS YELLOW-JACKET!

SO, I MADE A FEW ADJUSTMENTS ON YJ'S COSTUME--

WITH A BIT OF HELP FROM THE BALL AND CHAIN--

AND VOILA--

I'M THE NEWEST AVENGER--OR THE OLDEST, DEPENDING ON HOW YOU LOOK AT IT!

OKAY, SO YOU'RE CHANGING YOUR IMAGE!

BUT WHAT CAN YOU DO?

--AS I WAS JUST GOING TO MENTION, HONEY!

FOR ONE THING, I'VE MADE MY ELECTRIFIED STINGERS MUCH MORE POWERFUL...

AND FOR ANOTHER--

MY BODY HAD ADJUSTED MUCH BETTER TO MY DECREASING IN HEIGHT--

SO I CAN STILL SHRINK TO ANT-SIZE--

ONLY NOW IT'S YELLOWJACKET-SIZE... TO COIN A PHRASE!

I DON'T GAIN NATURAL WINGS, AS JAN DOES...

BUT MY ARTIFICIAL ONES ENABLE ME TO ACTUALLY FLY, AT THIS SIZE!

AMAZING!

MEBBE SO... BUT I'M STILL FROM MISSOURI, INSECT-MAN!

ARE YOU SURE YOU DIDN'T SWITCH IDENTITIES JUST SO'S YOU COULD SPORT A NEW SUIT?



HARDLY, HERO!
TELL 'IM, HONEY!

I DESIGNED A NEW GOLIATH COSTUME, TOO!

IT WAS SORT-OF A WEDDING PRESENT, BECAUSE-- I--



SHE MEANS, TO MAKE UP FOR THE SLIGHTLY SNEAKY WAY SHE TRICKED ME INTO MARRYING HER!*

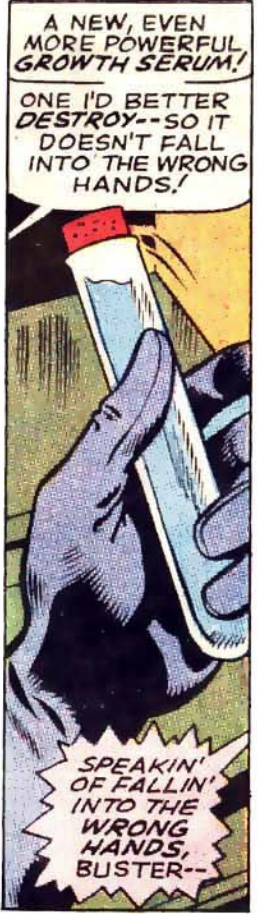
BUT, THAT'S SOMETHING SHE'LL NEVER HAVE TO APOLOGIZE FOR-- NEVER!

IF SHE DID, MY FRIEND, I'D DISMISS YOU AS A FULL-TIME NUT!

STILL THERE'S ONE OTHER ITEM TO TAKE CARE OF!

AND IT'S RIGHT HERE--IN THIS LOCKED DRAWER!

*AS IMMORTALIZED IN AVENGERS #60!
-- STAN.



A NEW, EVEN MORE POWERFUL GROWTH SERUM!
ONE I'D BETTER DESTROY--SO IT DOESN'T FALL INTO THE WRONG HANDS!

SPEAKIN' OF FALLIN' INTO THE WRONG HANDS, BUSTER--



--THAT'S JUST WHAT'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN TO THE WHOLE COUNTRY --IF YOU AVENGERS DON'T STOP YAKKIN' AND LOOK AT YOUR VISI-SCREEN--!

NICK FURY!

THIS IS A PRIVATE PARTY, MISTER, SO--

WAIT, HAWKEYE!

THE DIRECTOR OF SHIELD IS HARDLY ONE TO CONTACT US FOR A LARK!

BE RIGHT WITH YOU, COLONEL FURY...

AS SOON AS I PUT AWAY THIS COSTUME AND SERUM!

NOW, WE'RE
ALL EARS,
BIG MAN!

WHAT'S THE SCOOP--
BEEN DEMOTED TO
THREE-STRIPER
AGAIN?

I DON'T
BLAME YA
FOR BEIN'
HACKED OFF
AT ME,
HAWKEYE...
SINCE I'M
THE ONE
TALKED THE
BLACK
WIDOW
INTO GOIN'
ON ANOTHER
MISSION
FOR SHIELD...

KEEP
TALKIN'!

BUT,
NATASHA'S
DOIN' WHAT
SHE HAD TO
DO--FOR HER
NEW
COUNTRY--
AN' FOR
THE
WORLD!

WE SENT HER
TO THE
CARIBBEAN,
DISGUISED
AS A LADY
TECHNOLOGIST...

BUT, SHE
WAS
SUPPOSED TO
CHECK IN
EVERY
EVENING...
AND LAST
NIGHT--
NUTHIN'!

MOMENTS LATER, AFTER MORE SPECIFIC INFO HAS BEEN IMPARTED BY THE SHIELD RAMROD...

...SO, I FIGURED
YOU'D WANNA
GO AFTER THE
WIDOW
YOURSELVES...

AND SO
WE SHALL,
COLONEL!

BUT NOT
HAWKEYE!

HUMP
YOU
GOTTA
BE
KIDDIN',
PANTHER!

IN FACT...
YOU
BETTER
BE!

I'M SORRY,
AVENGER...
BUT MY
WORDS WERE
SPOKEN IN
DEAD
EARNEST!

AS
ACTING
CHAIRMAN
FOR THIS
MONTH...

I FEEL YOU
ARE TOO
PERSONALLY
INVOLVED TO
ACCOMPANY
US!

T'CHALLA'S RIGHT, PARTNER!
YOU'RE LIABLE TO DO
SOMETHING FOOLISH--

--LIKE MAKE MINCEMEAT
OUTTA ANYBODY WHO TRIES
TO KEEP ME HERE!

YOU TOOK
THE SAME
VOW ALL
OF US DID,
ARCHER...

...TO TAKE ORDERS FROM THE ACTING CHAIRMAN....!

BEG PARDON, GENTLEMEN...

BUT I'VE FUELED ONE OF YOUR FLIGHT-CRAFT, AS REQUESTED!

UH... THANK YOU, JARVIS!

--WHILE A LONE, BROODING FIGURE LEANS OVER A PANEL IN THEIR MIDTOWN MANSION....!

THEY WERE RIGHT, BLAST 'EM!

A HOthead LIKE ME MIGHT JUST FOUL UP THINGS... GET THE WHOLE BUNCH OF US KILLED!

STILL, I CAN'T JUST STAND AROUND DOIN' NOTHING WHILE THEY'RE GONE.

I'LL GO STIR-CRAZY!

...THE BLACK WIDOW KNEW THE CHANCES SHE WAS TAKING!

JUST THE SAME, WE'VE GOT TO RESCUE HER, IF WE CAN--

AND, AT THE SAME TIME, TRY TO STOP THE MENACE WHICH SHE AND SHIELD UNCOVERED!

THUS IT IS THAT, ONLY A FEW MINUTES AFTER NICK FURY'S REQUEST FOR AID, A SLEEK QUINJET SLICES THRU THE MORNING SKY--

MAYBE A TURN AROUND THE TOWN'D DO ME SOME GOOD-- FAT CHANCE!

WAIT! THE VISI-SCREEN!

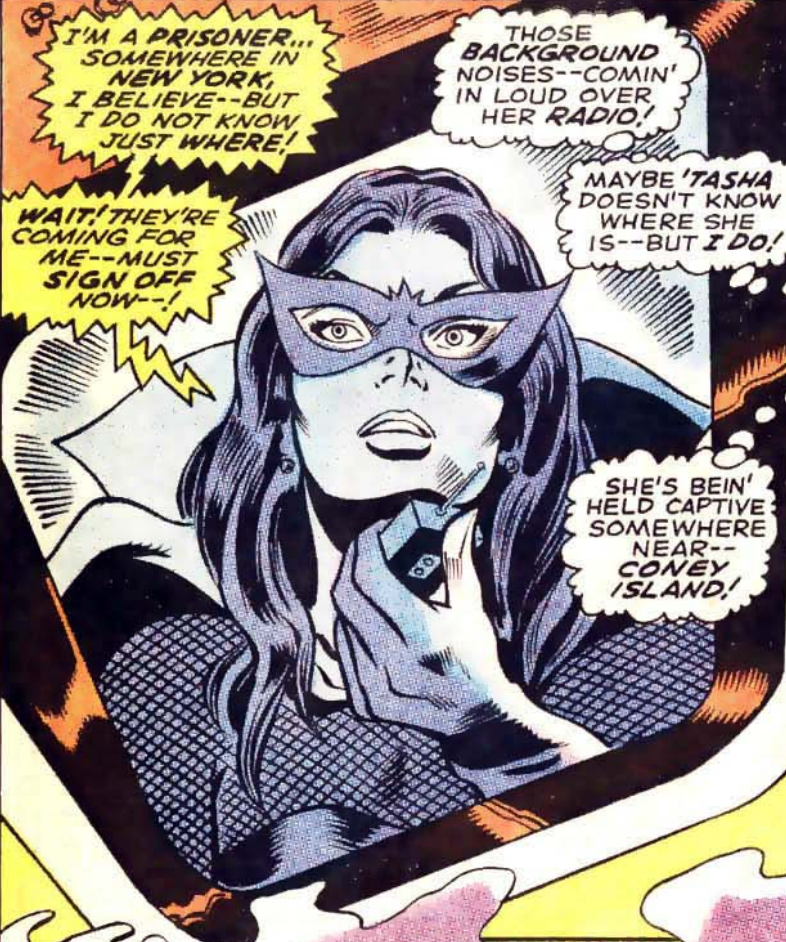
PROBABLY JUST FURY --REVERSIN' THE CHARGES ON HIS CALL!

BEEP BEEP

NATASHA!

PLEASE-- LISTEN TO ME, AND SAY NOTHING, MY LOVE! THERE IS SO LITTLE TIME...!





I'M A PRISONER...
SOMEWHERE IN
NEW YORK,
I BELIEVE--BUT
I DO NOT KNOW
JUST WHERE!

WAIT! THEY'RE
COMING FOR
ME--MUST
SIGN OFF
NOW--!

THOSE
BACKGROUND
NOISES--COMIN'
IN LOUD OVER
HER RADIO!

MAYBE 'TASHA
DOESN'T KNOW
WHERE SHE
IS--BUT I DO!

SHE'S BEIN'
HELD CAPTIVE
SOMEWHERE
NEAR--
CONEY
ISLAND!



THE BLARIN' MUSIC...
THE LAUGHIN'
SCREAMS FROM THE
ROLLER COASTER...

AND, THE
DEAD GIVE-
AWAY--THE
HORN THAT
STARTS OFF
THE GO-KART
RACES!

WELL, LADY,
YOU MIGHT
JUST GET
YOURSELF
RESCUED
AFTER
ALL--

NOT BY
SOME NUT
PLAYIN'
ROBIN
HOOD--



--BUT BY A
REAL WALKIN',
TALKIN'
GIANT!

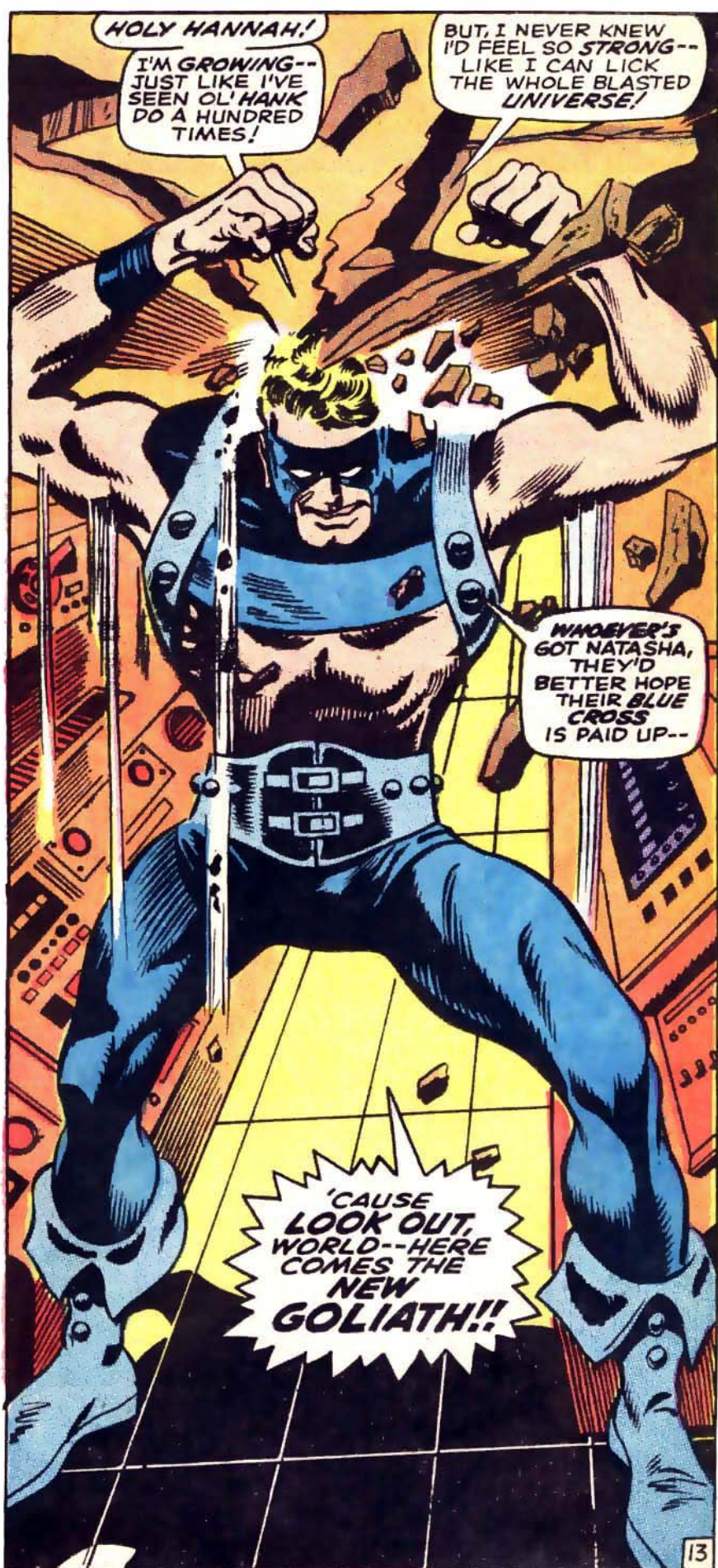
GUESS I HAD
THIS IN MIND
THE MINUTE
HANK SAID HE
WAS GIVIN' UP
PLAYIN' GOLIATH!

HMMM...THESE
THREADS WON'T
WIN ANY PRIZES,
BUT AT LEAST I
CAN MOVE IN
'EM!

AND THIS
SERUM OF
HIS'LL NEVER
REPLACE THE
COKE BREAK!

BUT NOW
TO SEE IF IT
WORKS ON
ANYBODY
BESIDES
BASHFUL
BIO-
CHEMISTS
--!





BUT NOW, A BRIEF LAPSE IN TIME AND SPACE TAKES US TO THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, WHERE...

THERE IS A
TIDE IN THE AFFAIRS
OF MEN, **BLACK WIDOW...**

WHICH, TAKEN AT
THE FLOOD, LEADS
ON TO FORTUNE!

IT PLEASES ME
THAT YOU SHOULD
LIVE TO SEE
THAT FORTUNE
FALL INTO THE
WAITING HANDS
OF... **EGGHEAD!***

IT WILL
TAKE MORE
THAN
**PARROTED
PHRASES,**
YOU FOOL...

TO STOP BOTH
SHIELD AND
THE
AVENGERS!

*LAST SEEN,
LO THESE
MANY ISSUES
AGO, IN
**TALES TO
ASTONISH**
*6!
--STAN.

BUT, I STUDIED
MORE THAN
SHAKESPEARE
IN THAT PRISON
LIBRARY, MY
DEAR!

I **ALSO** LEARNED MUCH
ABOUT THE INTERCEPTION
AND TRANSMISSION OF
RADIO WAVES!

THAT IS HOW I JUST
DUPLICATED THE SOUND
AND IMAGE OF ONE...
NICK FURY!

ALL RIGHT,
EGGHEAD...
SO YOU SENT
THOSE
ASSEMBLING
MORONS ON A
**WILD-GOOSE
CHASE!**

DON'T FORGET...IT
WAS THE **PUPPET
MASTER** WHO GAVE
YOU THE IDEA!

WE THREE
JOURNEYED
HERE FROM
THREE
DIFFERENT
PLACES FOR
A MEETING
OF THE
MINDS!

LET'S
GET ON
WITH IT!


WAIT!

WHILE YOU TWO
HAVE PLAYED AT
IMPRESSING
EACH OTHER...

IT TOOK THE
ALERTNESS OF
THE **THINKER**
TO STOP ALL
OUR PLANS FROM
BEING RUINED...

THAT SAME
THINKER WHOM
AN INSANE WORLD
CALLS **MAD!**

LOOK...
IN THE
SCANNER...




OUR WARNING SYSTEM...
IT'S PICKED UP THE IMAGE
OF A GIANT...HEADING
OUR WAY ATOP AN
ELEVATED TRAIN!

IT CAN ONLY BE
MY OLD ENEMY
HENRY PYM...
WHO'S NOW
CALLED **GOLIATH!**

A **BRILLIANT**
DEDUCTION,
MY FRIEND...
BUT HERE'S
A MORE
VITAL ONE!

PROJECTION:
AT PRESENT
SPEED, HE WILL
REACH THIS
LOCATION IN
1.274 MINUTES!



BUT, DOES
HE **KNOW**
JUST
WHERE WE
ARE...

OR ONLY
THAT WE
ARE IN
THIS
VICINITY?



WE DARE TAKE
NO CHANCES!

QUICKLY...
WE MUST
ACTIVATE OUR
ANDROID!

OUR
ANDROID?

IT WAS
MY GENIUS
ALONE
WHICH
DESIGNED
THAT
BRUTE!

WE'RE NOT
TRYING TO
STEAL YOUR
PATENT,
THINKER...

WE'RE JUST
INTERESTED
IN **SAVING**
OURSELVES!



THEY
SHALL
NOT FAIL,
PUPPET
MASTER!

FOR, POWERED
BY MY CONTROL
PANEL, OUR
ANDROID
WILL **MATCH**
GOLIATH'S
SIZE...

...AND
SURPASS
HIM IN
SHEER
STRENGTH!

MY HONORED
FOE SHALL
FIND NOT
FRIVOLITY
AT CONEY
ISLAND...BUT
DEATH!

OUR PLANS
CAN'T FAIL
NOW...ON
THE VERY
EVE OF
SUCCESS!

THUS IT IS THAT, SECONDS LATER, EVEN AS STARTLED CROWDS AT CONEY ISLAND GAPE IN AWE AT THE SIGHT OF THE NEW GOLIATH...

HOLY HANNAH!

IT'S SOME KIND'A MONSTER-- AS BIG AS ME--

AND IN HIS OVERGROWN PAW HE'S GOT-- NATASHA!

HELP! HELP!

A MASTER STROKE, EGGHEAD!

SURELY, THE AVENGER WILL RUSH TO THE FAIR LADY'S RESCUE...TO HIS OWN DOOM!

YES... WHILE WE RETIRE TO A SAFER PLACE!

IN SHORT, THE MEETING IS NOW ADJOURNED...!





AND, WORSE--I'VE GOT TO PULL MY PUNCHES!

CAN'T RISK HURTIN' 'TASHA...OR THOSE KIDS ON THE COASTER!

KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN, HONEY!

WHATEVER'S GOIN' ON...THAT FIGHT'S FOR KEEPSIES!

EEEEEE



HAWKEYE--! OHH! HE TURNED--AT THE SOUND OF THAT SCREAM!

WATCH OUT!

AAARRHHH!



THE HUMAN GIANT'S DOWN... BUT NOT OUT!

THAT GIVES THE MONSTROUS ONE A CHANCE TO FINISH HIM!

NO--LOOK! IT'S TURNING AWAY!

YEAH... JUST AS THE ASTRO-RIDE STARTED!

OTHER OPEN ALL YEAR BEER

BUT WHY? IT DON'T MAKE ANY SENSE!



I HEARD EGGHEAD SAY BEFORE...THE ANDROID WAS PROGRAMMED TO ATTACK LARGE, MOVING OBJECTS! AND SO, WHEN HAWKEYE FELL...ITS EYES FASTENED ON THE HUGE ASTRO-DOME!


NOTHING CAN SAVE ME NOW...BUT AT LEAST THE MAN I LOVE WILL LIVE...!

WADDA YA KNOW... LOOKS LIKE SILENT SAM HAS DECIDED TO TAKE A TRIP!

WELL, HE SURE ISN'T GONNA TAKE IT WITH-OUT OL' HAWKEYE!

I MEAN... WITHOUT OL' GOLIATH!

RUN! FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE--RUN!!



THEN, JUST AS
SUDDENLY, A *SECOND*
GARGANTUAN FIGURE
LEAPS ABOARD AFTER
THE *FIRST*, AND A
DREAD DEATH-BATTLE
IS RENEWED...



GOOD
LORD!

WHAT'S
THAT
THING--
HEADING
STRAIGHT
TOWARD
US?

...AS THE METAL
OBSERVATION
CAR RISES
EVER HIGHER...

...AND
HIGHER...!

WHAT'S
THIS
CREEP
MADE OF,
ANYWAY?

THE HARDER
I *SLUG* 'IM,
THE HARDER
HE *SLUGS*
BACK!

HE COULD
KEEP THIS UP
ALL DAY...BUT
NOT ME!

EACH OF MY
FISTS WEIGHS
A *SOLID TON*
NOW!

IT'S ALL I
CAN DO...TO
LIFT 'EM!



NOW-- HE
AIMIN'
A REAL
HAYMAKER
AT ME!

...TOO
BIG...
TOO
TIRED
TO
DUCK!

IT'S
ALL
OVER,
UNLESS--

I'VE
GOT
IT!



I CAN SHRINK
IN SIZE...JUST
LIKE HANK
COULD!

DID IT...
AND THE
MONSTER'S
GOIN'
OVER!

BUT--
'TASHA--
WHERE'S
'TASHA??



GOT
'ER!

THE
ANDROID
LET GO...
AS HE
FELL!!!

THEN, WHEN A THANKFUL BLACK
WIDOW HAS GASPED OUT THE
IDENTITIES AND PLANS OF HER
THREE CRAVEN CAPTORS...

...AND THAT'S ALL
I KNOW, MY LOVE!

LATER,
LADY!

BUT, YOUR
COSTUME!
WHAT--?



RIGHT
NOW, I'VE
GOT SOME
AVENGER-
ASSEMBLIN'
TO DO!

'CAUSE, IF
WHAT YOU
JUST TOLD
ME IS
TRUE--

D-DAY'S
COMIN'--
FOR THE WHOLE
PLANET
EARTH!



NEXT!
THE
MAN
FROM
HAWKEYE'S
PAST!