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'TIL DEATH DO US PART!

**IT CAN'T
BE!!**

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**YET...
IT IS!**

**THE WASP IS
GETTING MARRIED
IN A FEW HOURS...TO
A MAN THE WORLD HAD
NEVER HEARD OF,
ONLY DAYS AGO!**

*Miss Janet Van Dyne
requests the pleasure of your company at
her marriage to the superhero known as
Yellowjacket...
on Tuesday, the twenty-first of November
at four o'clock in the afternoon,
at the Avengers' Mansion.
said marriage to endure:*

**...TILL DEATH
DO US PART!"**

**THERE'S MORE
TO THIS THAN MEETS
THE EYE...THERE
MUST BE!**

**BUT, THE ONLY WAY
I'LL FIND OUT ANY MORE
IS TO BECOME...A
MEMBER OF THE
WEDDING!**

THIS, BEFORE LONG, THE STAR-SPANGLED SENTINEL IS BEING BESIEGED BY A HORDE OF EAGER ADMIRERS... FANS WHO CAN SCARCELY GUESS AT THE INNER TURMOIL WHICH BESETS THE MAN CALLED CAPTAIN AMERICA...



BY THE LOOK ON YOUR FACE, CAP, YOU'RE WONDERIN' WHY HANK ISN'T HERE!

WELL, JAN'S NEW FLAME CLAIMS HE **SHRANK** HIGH-POCKETS DOWN, TO ROUGHLY THE SIZE OF A FLEA'S EARS...

...AND LEFT HIM TO **DIE**, SOMEWHERE IN THE CRAB-GRASS UNIVERSE OF SOMEBODY'S BACKYARD!

TROUBLE IS, WE DON'T KNOW IF THAT HORNET-COME-LATELY'S TELLIN' IT STRAIGHT...

OR JUST SETTIN' US UP, SOMEHOW, TO TURN US INTO LAUGHIN' STOCKS!

"STILL, EITHER WAY, IT'S GONNA BE A LONG TIME BEFORE I FORGET THAT FUNNY **QUIVER** IN JAN'S VOICE WHEN SHE TOLD US..."

I'M GOING TO **MARRY** YELLOW-JACKET!

NO! YOU GOTTA BE PUTTIN' US ON, LADY!

BUT... I CAN TELL BY YOUR EYES... THAT YOU'RE NOT!

YOU'VE SOLD OUT HANK... SOLD OUT ALL OF US!

...THEN, YOU HAVEN'T BROUGHT YELLOWJACKET TO JUSTICE...

! CAUSE WE GOT NO **CORPUS DELECTI!**

ANY JURY IN THE COUNTRY'D LAUGH US OUTTA COURT!

OH YEAH... ONE MORE LITTLE HO-HO...

THE CRUMB SAYS HE WANTS TO BE AN AVENGER!!

LISTEN, BOTH OF YOU!

FROM THE SHOUTING OUTSIDE...

"... I SUSPECT THE HAPPY COUPLE IS APPROACHING!"

HOW DO YOU LIKE OUR NEW HONEYMOON HOVERCRAFT, DOLL?

BUILT WITH MY BRAINS, AND YOUR MONEY!

I WOULDN'T CARE IF WE FLEW AROUND ON A USED HULA HOOP, MAN O'MINE.

AS LONG AS YOU WERE THERE BESIDE ME...

IT'S THEM!

YOU WERE EXPECTIN' MAYBE DICK AN' LIZ?

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...CAP, I WANT YOU TO MEET **YELLOWJACKET**...
MY FIANCE FOR THE NEXT HOUR OR SO!

TILL THE **CEREMONY**,
THAT IS!

PLEASED...
TO MEET YOU...!

HE'S A **GENIUS**, CAP...
HE BUILT THAT SHIP FROM
SCRATCH IN JUST **FIVE HOURS**!

NUTS!
GOLIATH COULDA
DONE IT IN **THREE**!

AND HE WOULDN'T
HAVE LET YOU
PAY FOR THE
PARTS!

THEN,
THERE'S
OTHERS WHO
COULDN'T HAVE
DONE IT AT **ALL**
...EH, **BOWMAN**?

YOU'RE
BUCKIN' FOR A
FAT LIP,
SEYMOUR...!

I **AM**, HUH? WELL, ANYTIME
YOU WANT TO **TRY** ME,
ROBIN HOOD, JUST...

YOU SHOULD'A
THOUGHT OF THAT
BEFORE YOU
WELCHED OUT ON
HANK, LADY!

STOP IT... BOTH
OF YOU!

I **WON'T** HAVE THIS
ON MY **WEDDING DAY**...
I **WON'T**!

OR DID YA THINK
THIS **CREEP**
DOESN'T **KNOW**
THAT YOU'RE AN
HEIRESS?

EASY,
PARTNER!

IT'S NOT FOR
US TO
JUDGE **JAN'S**
ACTIONS...
NOT **YET**!

NOT **EVER**, **STEVE**
ROGERS...AND DON'T
ANY OF YOU **FORGET** IT!

I **LOVED** **HENRY PYM**...
BUT HE LET MY **MONEY**,
PLUS HIS NEVER-ENDING
RESEARCH, STAND
IN HIS WAY!

NOW, **HANK'S GONE**...
BUT I'VE GOT **ANOTHER**
CHANCE FOR **HAPPINESS**!

AND, I **WON'T** LET
THIS ONE **SLIP**
AWAY...

NOT FOR
ANYTHING!!

MEANWHILE, EVEN AS **JANET VAN**
DYNE CONCLUDES HER **SOUL-**
FELT SOLILOQUY...

WON'T YOU
STEP THIS
WAY, **REVEREND**?

YES...OF
COURSE...!

ORDINARILY, I PREFER
PERFORMING SUCH
CEREMONIES IN MY
OWN **PARISH CHURCH**...

BUT, I
SUPPOSE THIS
IS RATHER
SOMETHING
OF A **CIVIC**
EVENT...!



THAT IT IS, REVEREND!

AND NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME FOR A MOMENT...

...I HEAR THE SERVICE DOORBELL RINGING!

I DO SO HOPE THIS IS A QUIET, PEACEFUL WEDDING!

...NOT LIKE THE ONE I READ ABOUT AT THE BAXTER BUILDING A FEW YEARS AGO!



...AHH...THE CATERERS, I PRESUME!

YOU'RE A BIT LATE... BUT THEN, WE DID CALL YOU ON RATHER SHORT NOTICE!

I TRUST OUR SPECIAL DEACTIVATING DEVICE GOT YOU THRU OUR ALARM SYSTEM WITHOUT INCIDENT!

OH, YES, IT WAS QUITE HELPFUL, THANK YOU...



...ESPECIALLY SINCE WE PREFERRED TO ARRIVE INCOGNITO!

EH? I'M SURE I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE...

WAIT! THIS TRAY ---IS EMPTY!

THEN ---YOU'RE NOT...

RAISE YOUR HANDS QUIETLY, MY FRIEND...

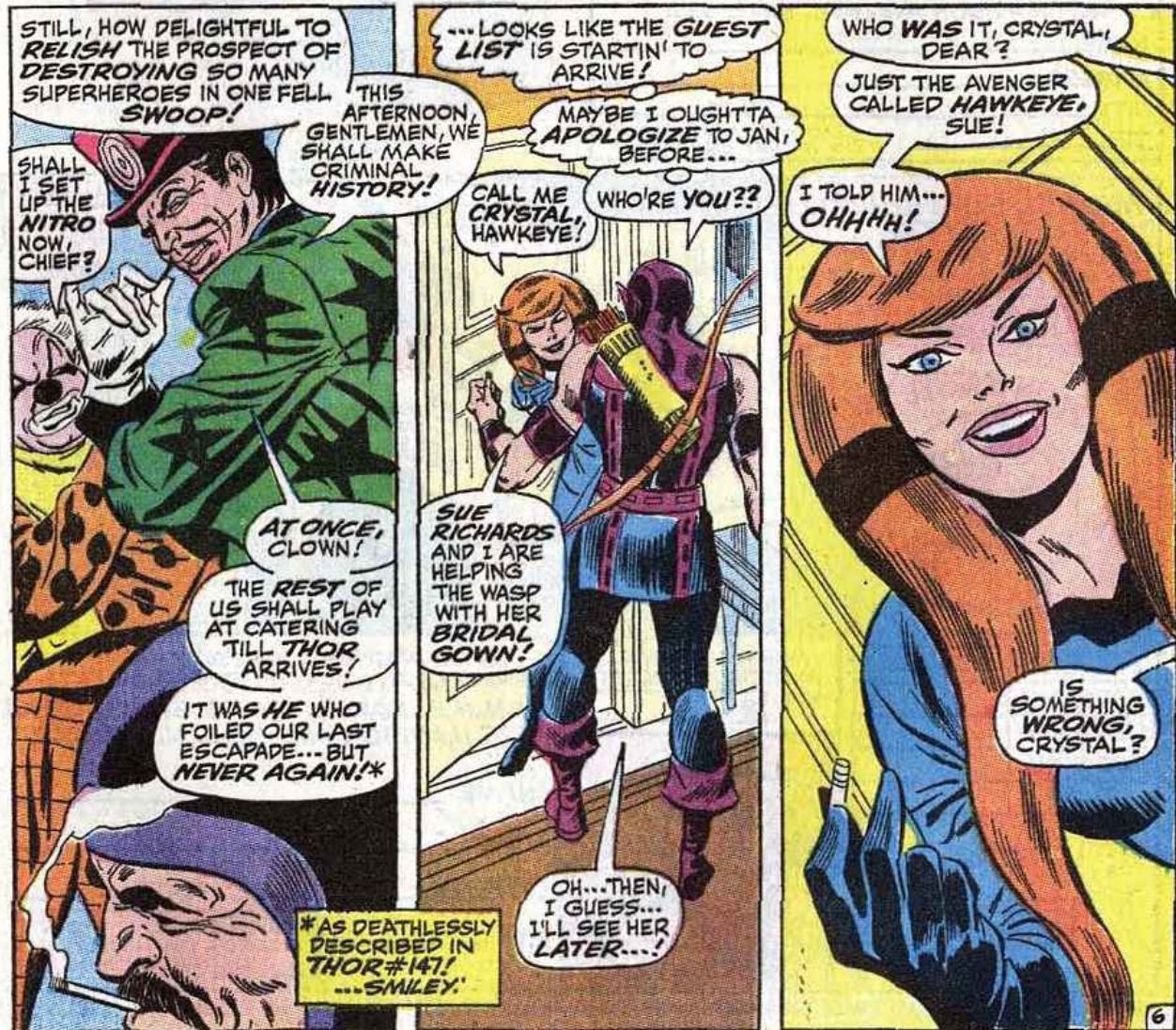
AND YOU SHALL LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO SPECULATE FURTHER!



WAYLAYING THE REAL CATERERS WAS THE GREATEST IDEA YOU'VE EVER HAD, BOSS!

THAT'S WHY I'M THE LEADER OF THIS GANG!

DID YOU THINK A FEW FANCY BURGLAR ALARMS COULD STOP THE VENGEANCE OF---



I **THINK** THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR WAS OOOH-ING AND AHH-ING OVER YOUR WEDDING DRESS, JAN!

AND WELL SHE MIGHT! IT'S ONE OF THE LOVELIEST I'VE EVER SEEN!

THE BEST THAT SAKS FIFTH AVENUE HAD TO OFFER, SUE!

BUT, IT'S HAVING FRIENDS LIKE YOU THAT REALLY COUNTS ON MOMENTS LIKE THESE!

--- BUT, WHY AM I MARRYING YELLOWJACKET...

WHEN I WAS GOLIATH'S UNOFFICIAL FIANCEE FOR YEARS?

BECAUSE I LOVE HIM, THAT'S WHY!

BUT, HOW CAN YOU... WHEN YOU JUST MET HIM...?

FROM WHAT I HEAR OF YOUR ROMANCE WITH THE TORCH, YOU COULD ANSWER YOUR OWN QUESTION!

AND THE NAME IS JAN... CLEAR?

EXCUSE ME MISS VAN DYNE... I KNOW WE JUST MET THIS MORNING...

AND, I KNOW I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK YOU SUCH A QUESTION... BUT...

THERE... YOU'RE PRETTY AS A PICTURE!

THANKS TO YOU, DEAR SUE!

--- OUT OF MILLIE THE MODEL, NO LESS!

SOUNDS LIKE OUR GUESTS ARE HAVING A GOOD TIME DOWNSTAIRS!

... MOSTLY BECAUSE THE AVENGERS AGREED NOT TO MENTION HANK'S DISAPPEARANCE TODAY!

IF ONLY I WERE AS SURE I'M DOING THE RIGHT THING AS I SOUND...!

GOSH... I ALWAYS CRY AT WEDDINGS!

MAINLY BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT MY OWN!

MEANWHILE, SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST DYNAMIC COSTUMED FIGURES ARE ENGAGED BELOW IN THE LIVELY AND TIME-HONORED ART OF MAKING **SMALL TALK**... WHICH WE FIGURE YOU COULD WRITE AS WELL AS WE COULD...!

BESIDES, WE JUST COULDN'T BEAR TO MAR THIS PANORAMIC PIN-UP PAGE BY **BIG JOHN BUSCEMA**!

P.S.: FOR THE **TEETOTALERS** IN MARVELDOM... REST ASSURED THAT THE **PUNCH** OUR GALVANIZING GUESTS ARE DRINKING IS STRICTLY **NON-ALCOHOLIC**, CHARLIE!
--STAN AND ROY.



AND THEN, WITH SUPREME AND SACRED SIMPLICITY...AND AFTER CAP AND IRON MAN HAVE LEFT ON URGENT MATTERS OF THEIR OWN... VOWS ARE EXCHANGED IN PERHAPS THE HOLIEST CEREMONY OF ALL...

...I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU... **MAN AND WIFE!**

YOU MAY **KISS** THE BRIDE, MR. **YELLOWJACKET!**

SAY NO **MORE, REVEREND!**

LOOK AT HIM...AND WORST OF ALL, LOOK AT **US...**

STANDIN' HERE **GAWKING** WHEN WE SHOULD BE MAKIN' A **CITIZEN'S ARREST!**

QUIET, HAWKEYE! REMEMBER...WE **PROMISED JAN...**



OKAY, GUESTS AND GATE-CRASHERS... THE **WEDDING CAKE**'LL BE HERE IN A MINUTE, COURTESY OF THE **AVENGERS!**

I HOPE IT STICKS IN YOUR **ANTENNAE, CRUMB!**

HAWKEYE... PLEASE...

I'LL GO, ALL RIGHT... BUT NOT FOR THE REASON **YOU** THINK!

I'M JUST TIRED OF BREATHIN' THE SAME **AIR** AS YOU, THAT'S ALL!



BESIDES, I'LL SEE WHAT'S DELAYING THE **CAKE**, AND...

HOLY CATS!

IT'S THE **RINGMASTER**... AND HIS **CIRCUS HOODS!**



HAWKEYE!

AND WE'RE NOT SET UP FOR THE **BIG BOOM** YET!

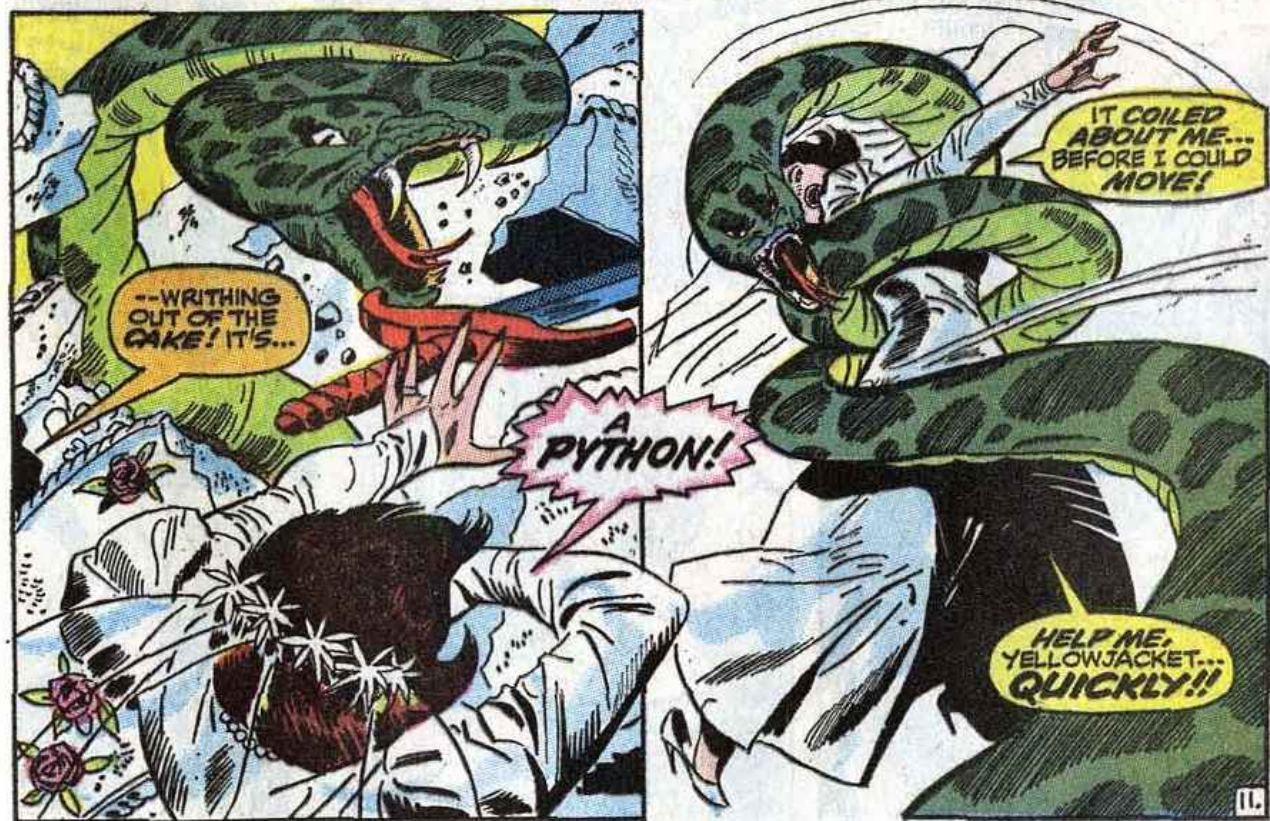
DON'T SWEAT IT, GOMBONNO... **CANNON-BALL** WILL STOP HIM!

IT'S OKAY, JAN SWEETIE!

HE WAS JUST **LEAVING**... WEREN'T YOU, STRAIGHT ARROW?

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WHEN YOU SPEAK OF SPEED, JAN...

YOU'D DO WELL NOT TO FORGET THE NAME OF THE **BLACK PANTHER!**

T'CHALLA
...THANK HEAVEN!

YET, WHAT CAN EVEN YOU DO AGAINST... THIS??



HIS WAS A VALIANT DELAYING ACTION, JAN...THE MOST NOBLE OF ACTS!

BUT, IT WAS YOUR THERMO-SCOPIC BLASTS THAT **SAVED** THE DAY, VISION!

YOU TWO SWAP ALL THE **KUDOS** YOU WANT!

MY SUPER-POWERED **STINGERS** COULD'VE DONE THE JOB JUST AS WELL!

SWIFTLY, ALL GATHER 'ROUND...

THAT'S **PRINCESS PYTHON'S** LITTLE PET... I'D **SWEAR** IT!

IF YOU WANT ANY **HELP** LOOKING FOR HER AND HER CREW, PANTHER...

THANK YOU, MY FRIEND...BUT THIS IS **AVENGER** BUSINESS!

THEN, AS THE LAST OF THE GRIM GUESTS TAKE HURRIED LEAVE...

OH, DARLING, I FEEL SUCH A **FOOL**, PANICKING THAT WAY!

BUT, IT WAS SO TOTALLY **UNEXPECTED**... AS IF SOMEONE WANTED TO **KILL** ME ON MY WEDDING DAY!

DON'T BE SILLY, KID...WHO'D TRY TO **KILL** A LIVING DOLL LIKE YOU?

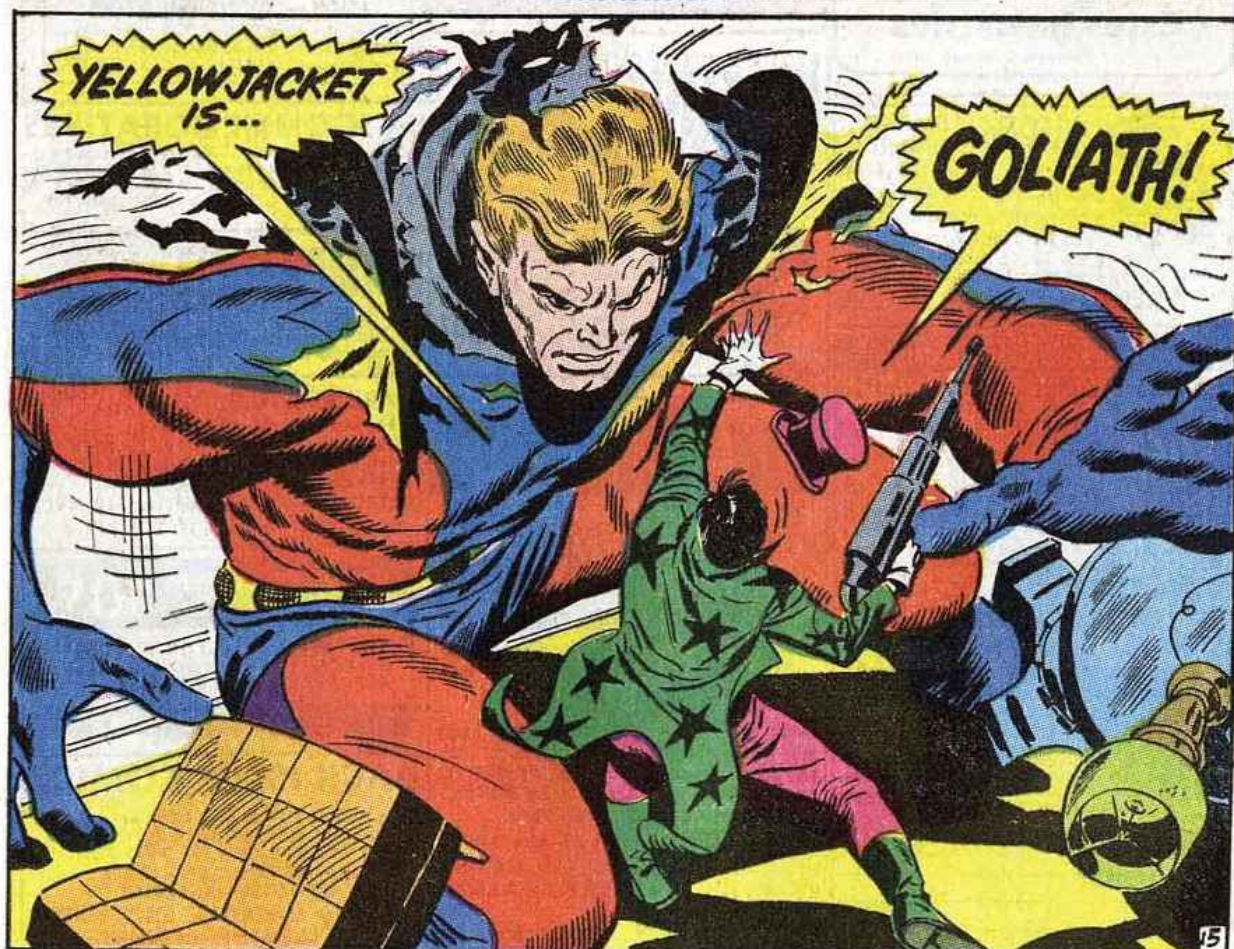
SOMEONE WHO STOOD TO **INHERIT** HER MILLIONS, PERHAPS?

ALL OF YOU... LOOK!

WE'D BEST **HALT** THE RECEPTION AT ONCE...

AND FIND OUR WOULD-BE **ASSASSIN!**







I'LL... GET TO THE **BOTTOM** OF THIS... IN A **MINUTE!**

BUT FIRST...

HE'S **RESCUED** THE WASP IN ONE MOVEMENT! GOT TO **FLEE!**



NOT QUITE SO FAST, TOP HAT!

YOU DIDN'T MIND USING THE PRINCESS' LITTLE PET...

NOW, IT'S MY TURN TO GET SOME USE OUT OF HIM!

NO... DON'T! IT'D BE MURDER...!



HARDLY, RINGMASTER... IN YOUR CASE, IT'D JUST BE POETIC JUSTICE!

BUT THIS SNAKE'S TOO DIZZY JUST NOW TO DO ANYTHING BUT ACT AS A ROPE!

...WITH WHICH TO TIE UP ANOTHER, MORE **DANGEROUS** BREED OF REPTILE!



I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, BROTHER MINE...

BUT, IT LOOKS LIKE THE RINGMASTER BLEW IT!

YEAH! LET'S FINISH THE PANTHER AND GET OUTTA HERE!



YOU'LL GET OUT OF HERE, ALL RIGHT, MY FRIEND...



GOTTA HOP A FAST UNICYCLE OUT OF THIS JOINT, BEFORE ... OHHH!

THAT BLINDING HEAT!

DID YOU FORGET YOU'RE FACING ONE WHO HAS BEEN CALLED A "WALKING SOLAR BATTERY"?

DON'T WORRY... YOU'LL AWAKEN WITH NOTHING BUT A MILD SUNBURN!

MEANWHILE, STILL ANOTHER AVENGER IS ONLY NOW RECOVERING FROM HIS RECENT ENCOUNTERS...

THAT NOISE! SOUNDS LIKE A REAL BATTLE ROYAL GOIN' ON!

...WHILE I JUST HANG HERE LIKE A BLAMED SIDE OF BEEF!

GOT TO BREAK LOOSE FAST... GOT TO!

WELL, WADDAYA KNOW... MUST BE MY BIRTHDAY!

RRRIIPP!

NOW, IF I CAN ONLY REACH MY ARROWS THEY TOSSED ON THE FLOOR...

OR ELSE IT'S JUST THE OL' ADRENALIN PUMPIN' AWAY AGAIN!

THERE! SOME OF 'EM HAD MILD ACIDS INSIDE THE HEADS!

BUT... THE NOISE ABOVE HAS STOPPED! WHAT CAN IT MEAN?

YOU HANG LOOSE DOWN HERE, JARVE!

OL' HAWKEYE'S GONNA DO THE "AVENGERS ASSEMBLE" BIT!

I JUST HOPE I'M NOT TOO LATE..!

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AND, EVEN AS THE AMAZING ARCHER
BREATHES THIS SILENT PRAYER...

MANAGED TO
KEEP OUT OF
SIGHT--HOPING
TO ESCAPE!

BUT IT'S
NOW OR
NEVER!

THEN
BELIEVE
ME, GIRLIE...

IT'S NEVER!

JAN! WHAT'S THE
MATTER? I HEARD
YOU CR--

OH NO...
NO, IT CAN'T
BE...!!

THE BATTLE'S
OVER...WE'VE
WON...AND I
WAS OUT OF IT
THE WHOLE
TIME!

BUT WAITAMINNIT! THERE'S
HANK WITH JAN... ALIVE...
AND I DON'T SEE YELLOW-
JACKET AROUND!

WHAT'S GOIN' ON
AROUND HERE?

...GET ME A
LAWYER! I
KNOW MY
RIGHTS!

BY NOW,
PAL, I'LL BET
YOU GOT 'EM
MEMORIZED!

BLAST RING-
MASTER AND HIS
CRUMMY PLANS!

WE MADE HISTORY,
ALL RIGHT... AS PRIZE
FALL GUYS!

AND WHY
DIDN'T THOR
SHOW?

WE NEVER EVEN
GOT A CRACK AT
THAT LONG-HAIRED
FINK!*

*COULD YOU ATTEND A WEDDING AND
BATTLE THE SILVER SURFER AT THE
SAME TIME? ... S.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, WILLIAM TELL?

GOT SOMETHING AGAINST HAPPY ENDINGS?

...SPECIALLY WHERE THE GOOD GUY GETS THE GAL?

NOT OL' HAWKEYE, LADY!

BUT, YELLOW-JACKET... HE SAID...

...THAT HE HAD DONE AWAY WITH HANK?

TRUE ENOUGH... FOR, HE WAS IN A WAY HE COULDN'T SUSPECT! HANK... WITH A KING-SIZE DOSE OF ACCIDENT-INDUCED SCHIZOPHRENIA!

BETTER LET ME TELL IT FROM HERE, HONEY...

... WITH WHAT WE'VE NOW PIECED TOGETHER...

"I MUST HAVE BEEN THINKING OF JAN... OF OUR LOVE, OF THE THINGS WHICH KEPT ME FROM PROPOSING TO HER..."

"...WHEN I CARELESSLY DROPPED SOME VIALS, CONTAINING VARIOUS UNTESTED GASES..."

"SOMEHOW, THEY AFFECTED ME... TURNED ME INTO A MAN IN MANY WAYS THE OPPOSITE OF HANK PYM..."

SO, GOLIATH WON'T MARRY JANET VAN DYNE, EH?

THEN, THERE SHALL BE NO MORE GOLIATH!

THERE SHALL BE ONLY ONE CALLED... **YELLOWJACKET!**

"YELLOWJACKET! A NAME MY SUBCONSCIOUS NATURALLY SUGGESTED AS A FITTING MATE FOR... THE WONDERFUL WASP!" HANK SIGHS...

THAT'S THE PART THAT REALLY FLOORS ME, HONEY!

IMAGINE TELLING ALL THAT, FROM ONE LITTLE... **MMMFF!**

THAT'S NOTHING, BIG MAN... LISTEN TO THIS!

"THEN, JAN KNEW ALL ALONG," GASPS HAWKEYE. "BUT... HOW??"

"NOT ALL ALONG!" REPLIES JAN. "BUT THE CLUES ADDED UP... WHEN HE FIRST KISSED ME..."

WHETHER YOU MARRIED ME AS HANK PYM... YELLOWJACKET... OR AS WYATT EARP... IT'S EQUALLY LEGAL!

NEED I ADD THAT I LOOKED IT UP?

THE END