

# "THE COMING OF THE AVENGERS!"



THE FIRST OF A  
STAR-STUDED SERIES  
OF  
**BOOK-LENGTH  
SUPER-EPICS**

*featuring  
some of*  
**EARTH'S GREATEST  
SUPER-HEROES!**

**THE PLACE:** ASGARD,  
HOME OF THE NORSE GODS!  
**THE TIME:** THE PRESENT!

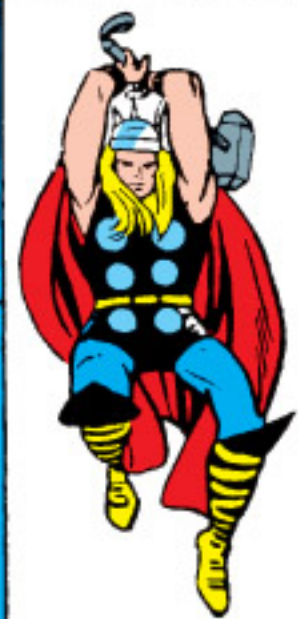
**THE MAN:** LOKI, GOD  
OF EVIL! A PRISONER ON  
THE DREADED ISLE OF  
**SILENCE**... PLOTTING  
AWESOME REVENGE  
AGAINST HIS MIGHTY  
ENEMY, **THOR**, THE  
THUNDER GOD!

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The MIGHTY  
**THOR**



**IRON-  
MAN**

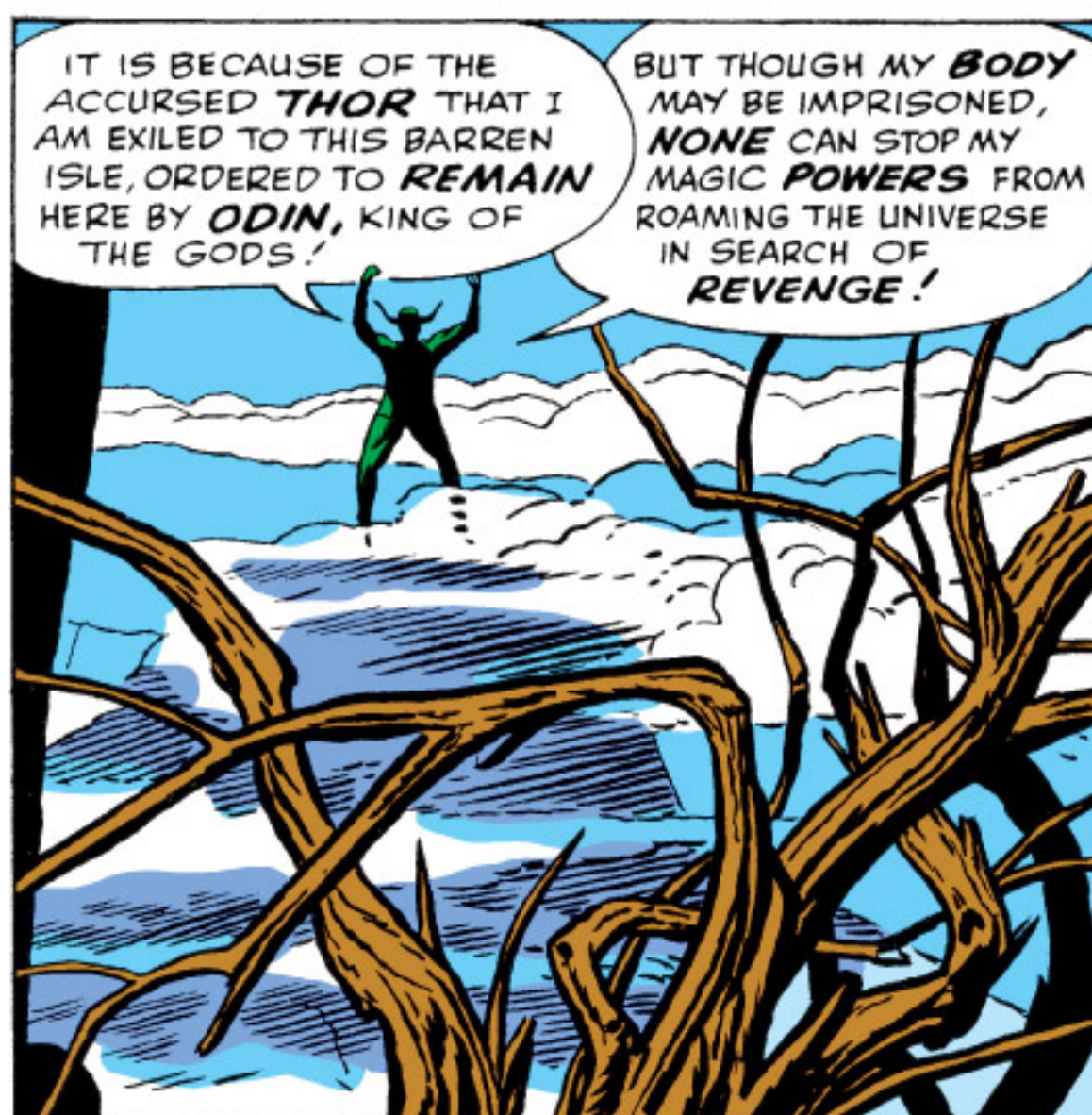


**ANT-MAN  
and the  
WASP**



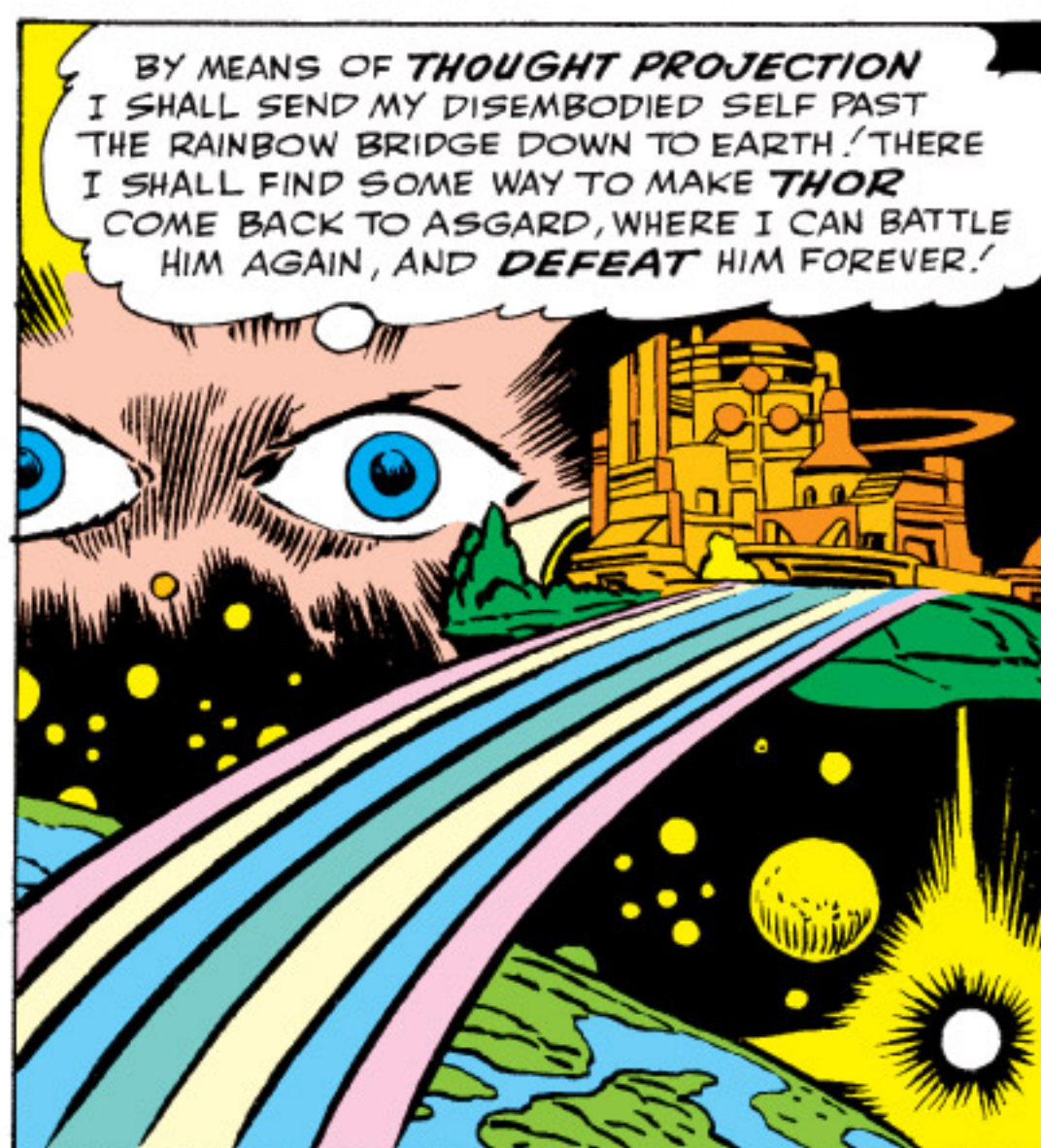
The Incredible  
**HULK**



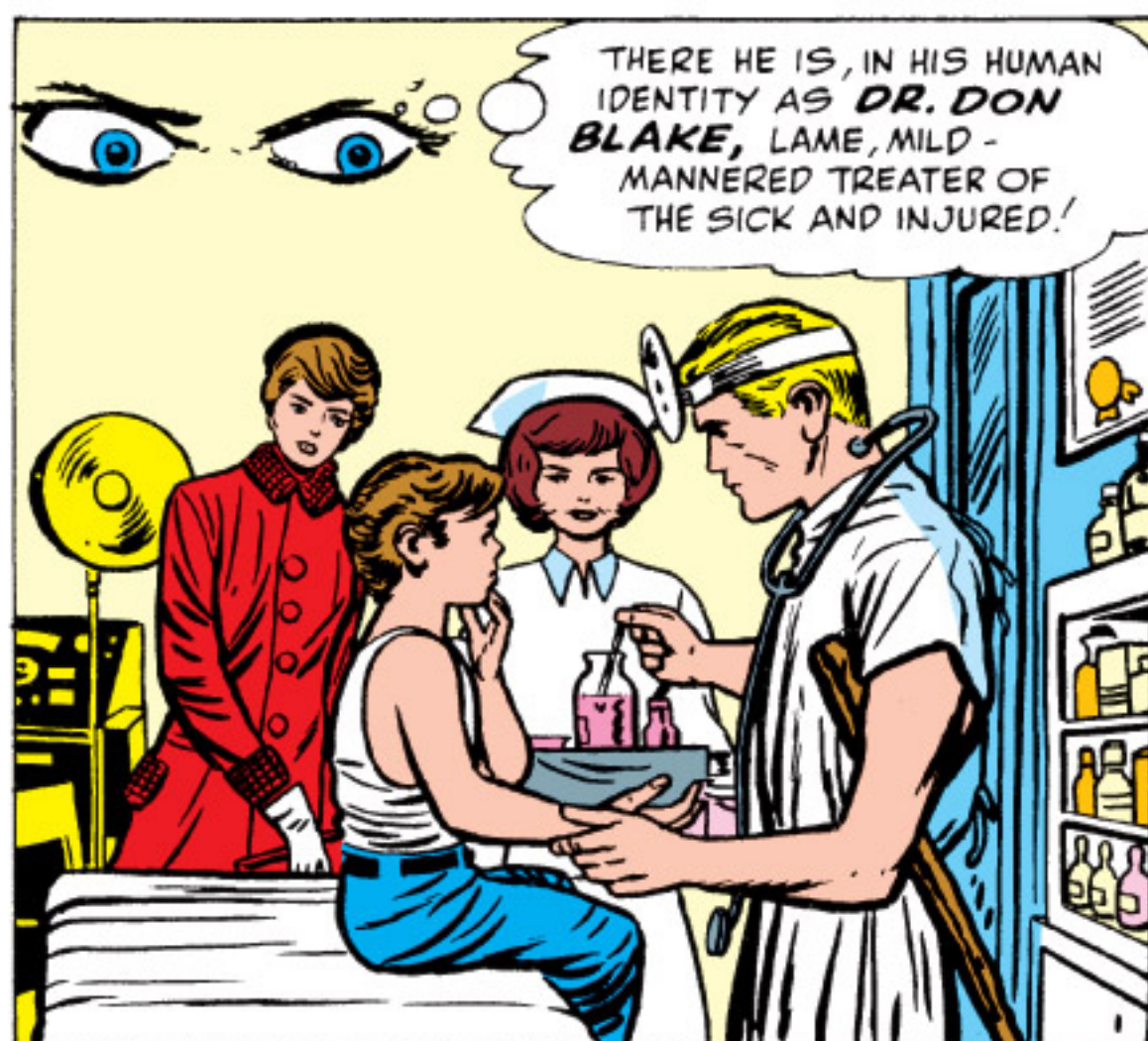


IT IS BECAUSE OF THE ACCURSED **THOR** THAT I AM EXILED TO THIS BARREN ISLE, ORDERED TO **REMAIN** HERE BY **ODIN**, KING OF THE GODS!

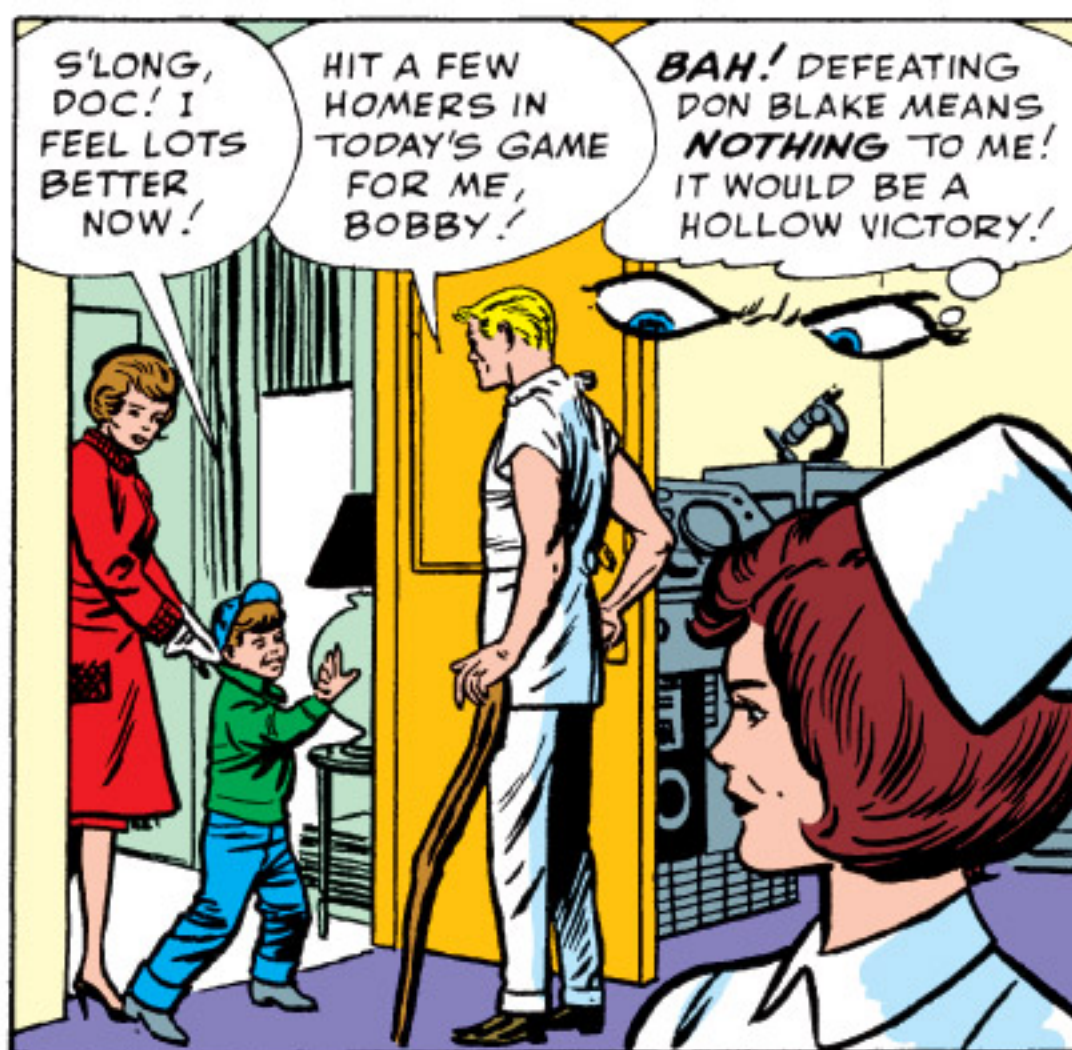
BUT THOUGH MY **BODY** MAY BE IMPRISONED, **NONE** CAN STOP MY MAGIC **POWERS** FROM ROAMING THE UNIVERSE IN SEARCH OF **REVENGE**!



BY MEANS OF **THOUGHT PROJECTION** I SHALL SEND MY DISEMBODIED SELF PAST THE RAINBOW BRIDGE DOWN TO EARTH! THERE I SHALL FIND SOME WAY TO MAKE **THOR** COME BACK TO ASGARD, WHERE I CAN BATTLE HIM AGAIN, AND **DEFEAT** HIM FOREVER!



THERE HE IS, IN HIS HUMAN IDENTITY AS **DR. DON BLAKE**, LAME, MILD-MANNERED TREATER OF THE SICK AND INJURED!



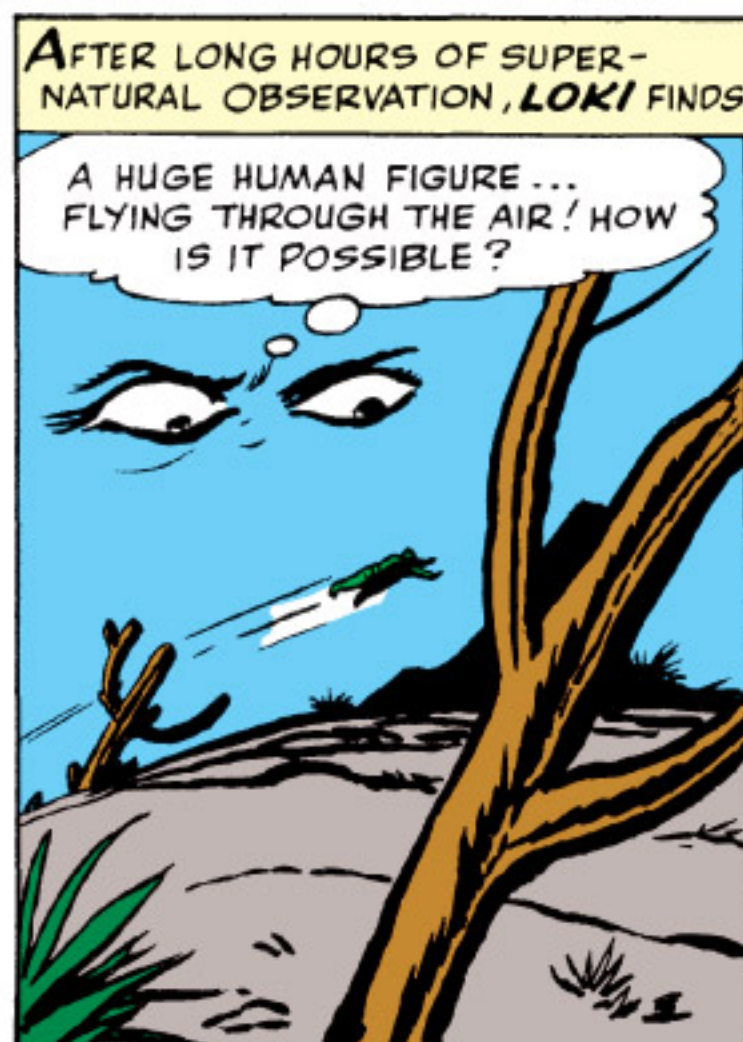
S'LONG, DOC! I FEEL LOTS BETTER NOW!

HIT A FEW HOMERS IN TODAY'S GAME FOR ME, BOBBY!

**BAH!** DEFEATING DON BLAKE MEANS **NOTHING** TO ME! IT WOULD BE A HOLLOW VICTORY!



ONLY BY CONQUERING HIM AS **THOR** WILL MY REVENGE BE COMPLETE! BUT IT WILL REQUIRE A FEARFUL MENACE TO MAKE THE DULL DOCTOR BECOME THE MIGHTY THUNDER GOD! I MUST SCAN EARTH TILL I **FIND** SUCH A MENACE!



AFTER LONG HOURS OF SUPER-NATURAL OBSERVATION, **LOKI** FINDS...

A HUGE HUMAN FIGURE ... FLYING THROUGH THE AIR! HOW IS IT POSSIBLE?



NO... HE IS **NOT** FLYING! HE IS COVERING THE AREA IN FANTASTIC, POWERFUL **LEAPS**! NOW I SEE! IT IS THE INCREDIBLE **HULK**!!



# THE AVENGERS!

BATTLE...

"the SPACE  
PHANTOM"

WHERE IS *ANT-MAN*? WE CAN'T BEGIN OUR MEETING WITHOUT HIM!

HE'LL SHOW UP... NEVER FEAR! IN THE MEANTIME, IS IT NECESSARY FOR YOU TO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS CLOTHED IN THAT REPULSIVE MANNER, *HULK*?



*IRON MAN*, IF YOU DON'T GET THIS YELLOW-HAIRED YAHOO OFF MY BACK, I'LL BOOT HIM UP TO ASGARD FOR GOOD! *NO ONE* TALKS TO *THE HULK* LIKE THAT... NOT EVEN *THOR*!

THE TIME: THE PRESENT!  
THE PLACE: THE LIBRARY OF ANTHONY STARK, MILLIONAIRE WEAPONS MANUFACTURER!  
THE OCCASION: A NEW MEETING OF EARTH'S MIGHTIEST SUPER-HEROES...  
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IN THE AFTERMATH OF A MYSTERIOUS BREAK-IN, \* A SPECIAL WORK CREW HAS BEEN CALLED IN TO HANDLE REPAIRS AT AVENGERS MANSION.

LET ME GIVE YOU FELLAS A HAND.

THANKS, CAP!

WILL YA LOOKIT THAT! THESE TANKS ARE HEAVY ENOUGH WHEN THEY'RE EMPTY-- AND THAT'S A FULL ONE HE'S HEFTIN'! HOW'S HE DO IT?

HE'S CAPTAIN AMERICA, JERK! THOSE MUSCLES AREN'T JUST FOR SHOW!

ALL THE STRUCTURAL WORK'S BEEN COMPLETED, MS. VAN DYNE.

GOOD!

I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOUR MEN COULD HURRY ALONG ON THE REINSTALLATION OF OUR MEDIC-COMPUTER.

I REALLY DO WANT THE SILLY THING BACK ON LINE BY NOON!

# HAVOC ON THE HOMEFRONT!

\* IT OCCURRED IN FANTASTIC FOUR # 257. HOPE YOU DIDN'T MISS IT!





**I WANT TO BE AN AVENGER!**



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# MELTDOWNS AND MAYHEM

THAT'S IT...  
GO RIGHT  
BACK THROUGH  
HERE, NO ONE  
WILL HARM  
YOU.

AT THE UNDERGROUND  
PROJECT PEGASUS RE-  
SEARCH CENTER, AN IN-  
VASION OF LAVA MEN  
HAS BEEN HALTED IN  
RECORD TIME BY THE  
MIGHTY AVENGERS...

... A FEAT WHICH HAS  
NOT FAILED TO IM-  
PRESS THAT WOULD-  
BE MEMBER, THE  
AMAZING SPIDER-  
MAN!

GEEZ,  
THOSE ROCKY  
GUYS HANG ON  
CAPTAIN MARVEL'S  
EVERY WORD, BUT  
THEY'RE LOOKING  
AT ME LIKE I'M SOME  
SORT OF FREAK.  
I MUST NOT  
LIVE RIGHT...

... I DON'T  
EVEN GET  
RESPECT FROM  
LAVA MEN!

TOO BAD  
YOU AND THE  
WASP SHOWED  
UP LATE, WITCH.  
YOU MISSED  
ALL THE FUN!

FUN?!?

UH, YES. STARFOX WAS JUST TELL-  
ING ME ABOUT IT, SHE-HULK.

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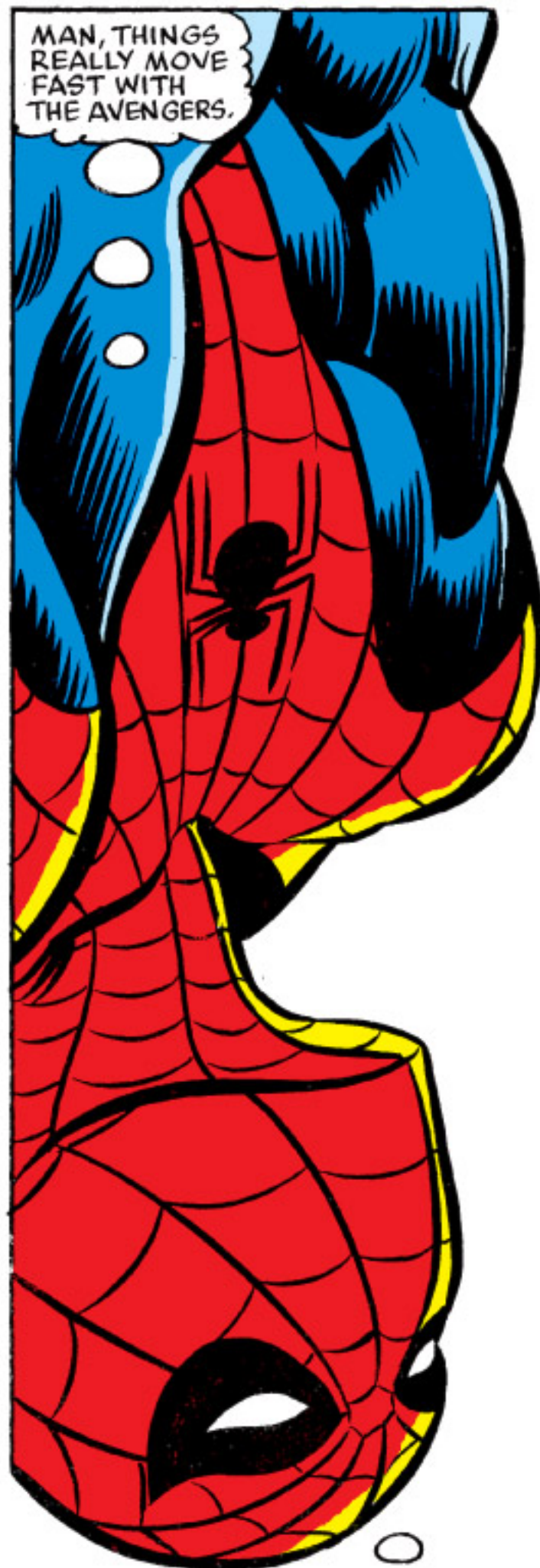
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MAN, THINGS REALLY MOVE FAST WITH THE AVENGERS.

IT'S BEEN LESS THAN AN HOUR SINCE I HITCHED A RIDE ON ONE OF THEIR QUINJETS, AND ALREADY I'VE BEEN INVOLVED SAVING A GOVERNMENT RESEARCH PROJECT AND MAKING PEACE WITH LAVA MEN.

OF COURSE, MY PART IN THE PROCEEDINGS WASN'T AS BRILLIANT AS I MIGHT HAVE LIKED, BUT I HOPE THE OL' ENTHUSIASM SHINED THROUGH. BEING AN AVENGER WOULD MEAN \$1000 A WEEK IN MY POCKET-- AND I COULD REALLY USE THE MONEY!

I WONDER IF ALL THEIR MISSIONS ARE THIS WEIRD? IMAGINE... LAVA MEN, LIVING UNDER THE EARTH! I DIDN'T THINK LAVA MEN EXISTED ANYWHERE OUTSIDE OF 1950S HORROR MOVIES. AND THAT STORY THEY TOLD CAPTAIN AMERICA--!



CAP TELLS ME OUR FIGHT WAS ALL A MISUNDERSTANDING.

IT IS AS HE HAS SAID...WE DID ATTACK YOUR BASE ONLY IN RETALIATION.

THE PEOPLE OF MY SUBTERRANEAN TRIBE WERE ONCE NOMADS, MOVING BENEATH THE EARTH IN GREAT UNDERGROUND CAVERNS. A GENERATION AGO, OUR TRIBE FOUNDED A VILLAGE MANY MILES BENEATH WHAT IS NOW YOUR BASE.

"OUR VILLAGE WAS ENDANGERED BY YOUR MACHINES. THAT IS WHY WE RETURNED WHAT WE THOUGHT WAS AN ATTACK.

"CAPTAIN AMERICA HAS EXPLAINED HOW THIS WAS AN ERROR."

THAT IT WAS, SIR. IF OUR THERMAL RESEARCH MEN HAD KNOWN YER VILLAGE WAS DOWN THERE, THEY'D HAVE SUNK THEIR MAGMA TAP IN ANOTHER DIRECTION. AS A MATTER OF FACT, NOW THEY WILL!

AS HEAD O' PROJECT SECURITY, YE HAVE MY WORD ON IT!

AND THE AVENGERS WILL MAKE SURE THAT O'BRIEN'S WORD STICKS!

SO...THE AVENGERS ARE HERE, EH? INTERESTING!





CAPTAIN AMERICA



STORM



HULK



SPIDER-MAN



GIANT-GIRL



IRON MAN



WOLVERINE



You were right, Iron Man! This has to be the secret base.

Now we know who stole all of that equipment from Stark Industries... A.I.M.!

Seems too easy...

BRRAHHRR!

It's the Avengers! They've found us!

SUPER-SOLDIER FROM WORLD WAR II. WEATHER GODDESS. SUPER-STRONG ALTER EGO OF SCIENTIST BRUCE BANNER. SPIDER-POWERED WEB-SLINGER. GIANT-SIZED CRIMEFIGHTER. BRILLIANT ARMORED INVENTOR. FERAL MUTANT BRAWLER. TOGETHER THEY ARE THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST HEROES, BATTLING THE FOES THAT NO SINGLE SUPER HERO COULD WITHSTAND!

**AVENGERS**

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"A.I.M." must not refer to their skills. Are these guys beekeepers or something?

It stands for *Advanced Idea Mechanics*.

They use dangerously experimental technology to further their criminal organization.



Firing sonics!

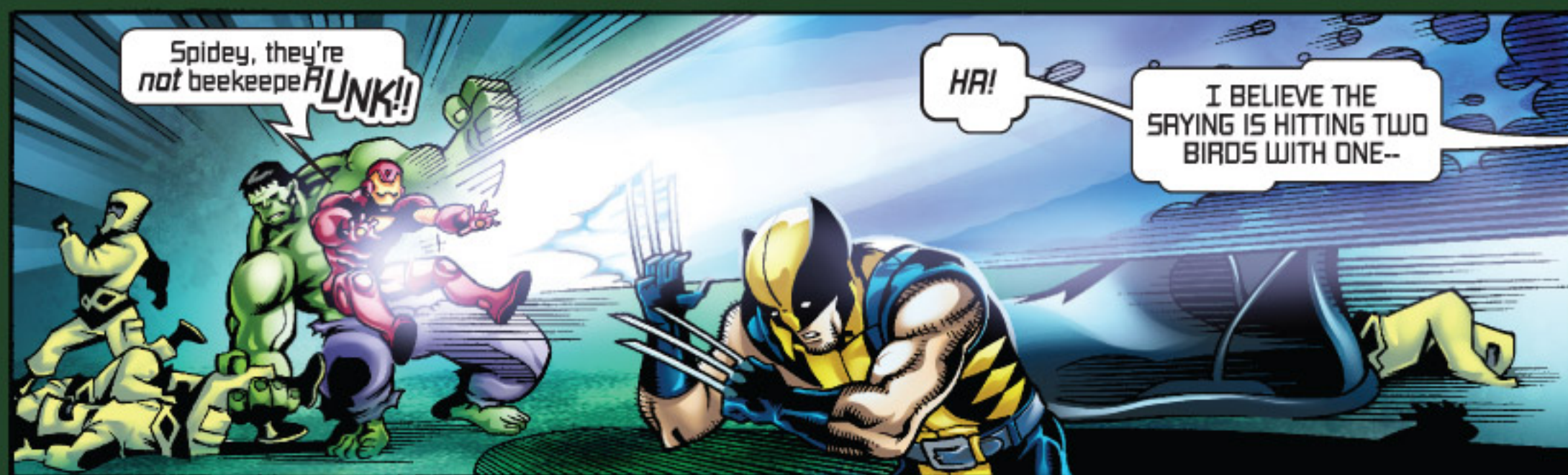
We are not criminals! We are pure scientists who want no restraints on our sacred research!



Funny how all of your research makes things that destroy.

Like so.

Yeah, you could use your smarts to make better honey!



Spidey, they're *not* beekeepers! **BUNK!!**

**HA!**

I BELIEVE THE SAYING IS HITTING TWO BIRDS WITH ONE--





CAPTAIN AMERICA



STORM



SPIDER-MAN



GIANT-GIRL



IRON MAN



WOLVERINE



HUH?



The security alert was right...

...lab G's hall is full of Man-Bull!

Urrrk!

THWIP!

THWAM!

KWAM!

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# EVEN A HAWKEYE CAN CRY! THE AVENGERS

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REPEAT! S.H.I.E.L.D.  
HELICARRIER, WE ARE  
LOSING POWER!

HEAVY ICE  
BUILDUP! WE'VE  
LOST PART OF  
A WING!

UM...

**SUPERFAST MACH 10  
QUINJET PROTOTYPE.**

HE JUST  
SAY WE LOST  
A WING?

FREAKING  
OUT A LITTLE  
HERE.

WE  
ALL ARE,  
BROTHER.  
EXCEPT  
HER.

THE BLACK  
WIDOW. YOU DON'T  
WORRY ABOUT ICE  
WHEN YOU'RE THAT  
COLD ALREADY.

SHE'S RUSSIAN,  
RIGHT? THINK SHE CAN  
SEE HER OLD HOUSE  
FROM HERE?

EVERYONE  
UP AND OUT,  
S.H.I.E.L.D.  
TROOPS!  
NOW!

THIS BIRD IS  
GOING DOWN, SO  
WE ARE GO FOR  
IMMEDIATE EXIT!

THAT MEANS  
WE'RE CRASHING!  
USE 'EM OR LOSE  
'EM!

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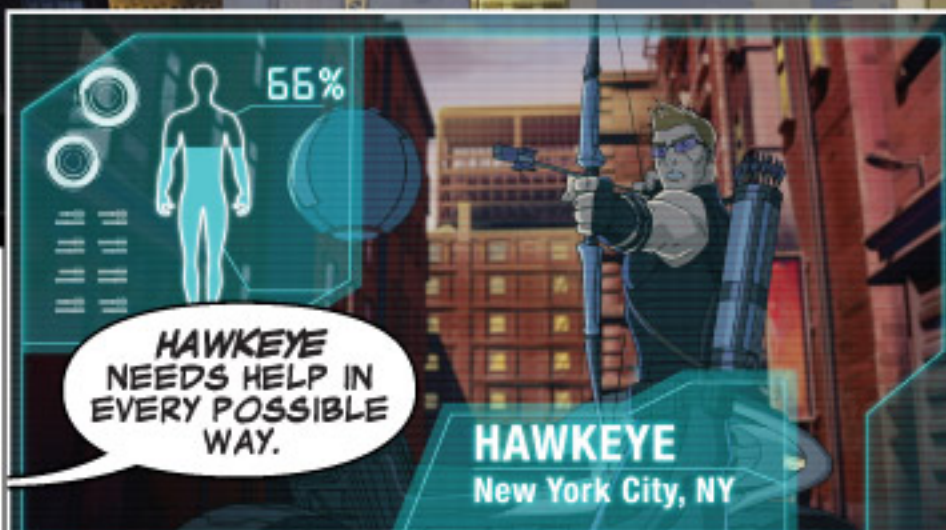
ALL RIGHT, J.A.R.V.I.S., IT'S TIME FOR MY FAVORITE GAME...

...WHOSE BUTT NEEDS SAVING?"

I DO NOT BELIEVE YOUR FRIENDS WOULD APPRECIATE YOU SPYING ON THEM, MR. STARK

SPYING? IT'S CALLED SURVEILLANCE. FOR THEIR OWN PROTECTION.

KEEP ON TELLING YOURSELF THAT, SIR.



66%

HAWKEYE NEEDS HELP IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY.

**HAWKEYE**  
New York City, NY



62%

AS USUAL, THOR SEEMS TO HAVE THINGS WELL IN HAND.

**THOR**  
Svalbard, Norway



96%

HULK WILL NEED SOME BRAINS TO GO WITH THE SMASHING AND BASHING.

**HULK**  
Black Rock, New Mexico



YOU REALIZE YOU COULD SIMPLY CONTACT THEM, SIR.

NO. WE BROKE UP THE AVENGERS FOR A REASON AND EARTH IS DOING FINE WITHOUT US--

HMM. THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT.

CAPTAIN AMERICA CAN HANDLE A BUNCH OF HYDRA LOSERS WITH ONE ARM AND A ROLLED-UP NEWSPAPER.



THE RED SKULL?!

I THOUGHT HE WAS LONG DEAD.

82%

SATELLITE CONFIRMS A MATCH OF BODY TELEMETRY.

IT'S HIM.

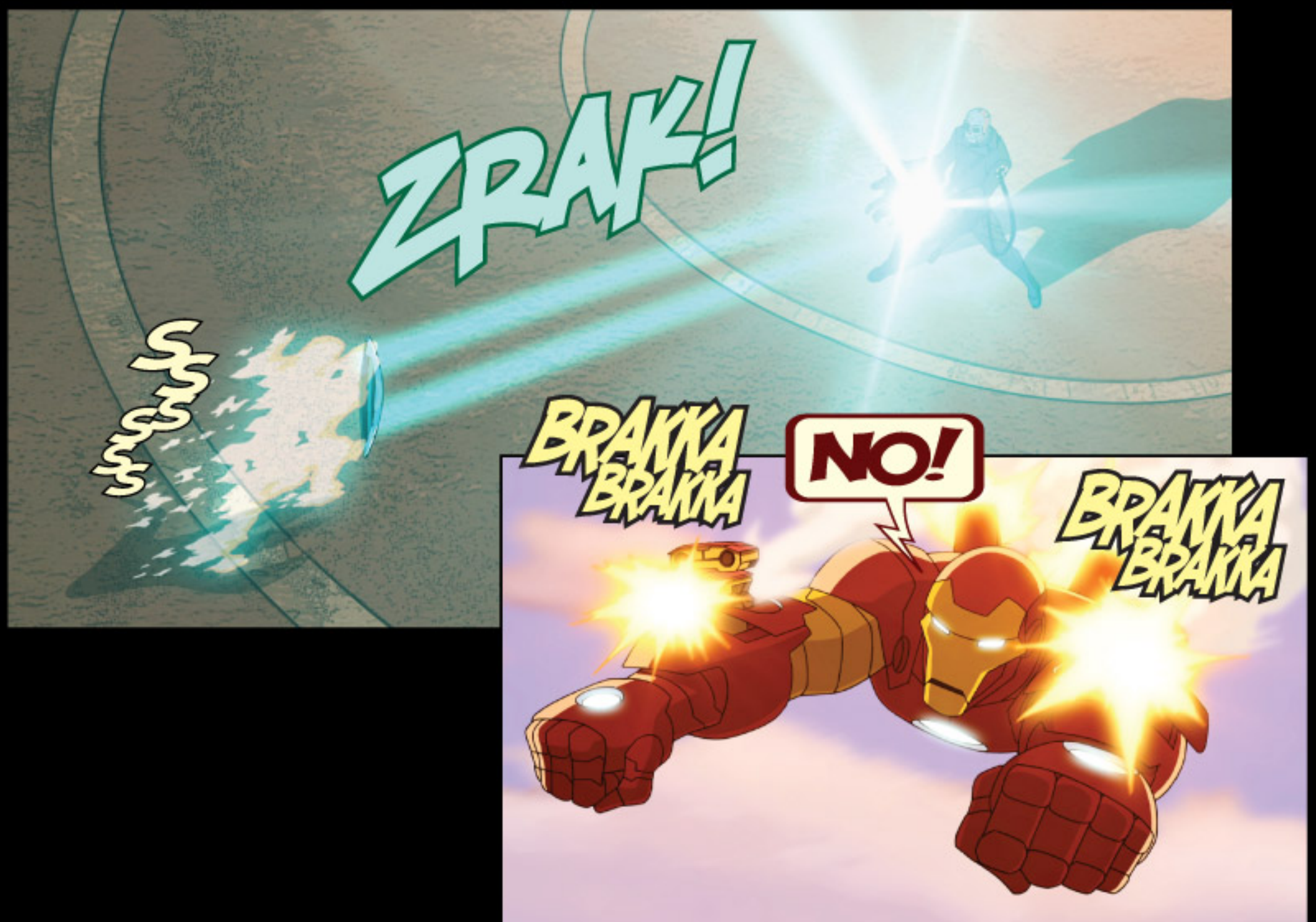
**RED SKULL**



UPLOAD THE COORDINATES TO MY NAVIGATION...

...I'M GOING IN.







SOMEWHERE BENEATH  
THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.



STARK'S  
ARMOR IS AN  
EVEN GREATER  
PRIZE THAN THE  
CAPTAIN'S  
BODY.

NOT ONLY  
IS IT KEEPING  
ME ALIVE, IT'S  
MADE ME BEYOND  
FLESH AND  
BONE.

INDEED.  
IRON  
MAN IS NO  
MORE!

IRON  
MAN? HAVE  
YOU LEARNED  
NOTHING,  
M.O.D.O.K.?

IT IS NOT  
ENOUGH TO  
DEFEAT ONE  
AVENGER, WE MUST  
DESTROY THEM ALL.  
AND ALL THEY  
REPRESENT.

TO STRIKE  
THEM AT THEIR  
HEART--

--THEIR  
UNDERGROUND  
HEADQUARTERS  
BELOW AVENGERS  
MANSION!

BUT WHAT DID YOU  
DO? YOU LET THEM  
GET AWAY.

NOW THE  
AVENGERS WILL  
DEFEND THEIR HOME  
UNTIL THEIR DYING  
BREATHS.

YOU MAY  
BE A SCIENTIFIC  
GENIUS, BUT YOUR  
STRATEGIZING  
LEAVES MUCH TO  
BE DESIRED.

YOU NEED TO HAVE  
MORE FAITH IN ME,  
HERR SKULL. REST  
ASSURED, MY  
MINIATURE MINIONS  
WILL DO THEIR  
JOB WELL.

AFTER ALL,  
WHY SHOULD WE  
HAVE TO DESTROY  
AVENGERS  
MANSION...

"...WHEN  
THE AVENGERS  
CAN DO IT  
THEMSELVES?!"

OKAY,  
STAND CLEAR,  
EVERYONE!

AND  
TONY?

PLEASE  
DON'T DIE  
ON MY FIRST  
DAY AS AN  
AVENGER.