

Caught in the heart of a *Nuclear Explosion*, victim of *Gamma-Radiation* gone wild, *Doctor Robert Bruce Banner* now finds himself transformed in times of stress into seven feet, one thousand pounds of unfettered *Fury*—the most powerful creature to ever walk the earth—

Ston Lee PRESENTS: **THE INCREDIBLE HULK!**™

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AND SIX SHALL CRUSH THE HULK!

FORT CARSON, COLORADO:
HEADQUARTERS OF THE
FAMED THIRD ARMORED
DIVISION, SPEARHEAD OUTFIT
OF THE NEW ACTION ARMY,
THE ARMY THAT WANTS TO
JOIN YOU...

...THOUGH, WHEN A RECRUIT GETS PROMISED
"ACTION", ONE WONDERS IF THIS WAS PRECISELY
WHAT THE PENTAGON HAD IN MIND!

MC GUIRE, I'M
HITTIN' THAT
GREEN GOLIATH
WITH MY ROCKET-
LAUNCHER AT
POINT-BLANK
RANGE--
--AN' I'M
NOT EVEN
FAZIN'
HIM!

SOLDIERS!
ALWAYS
SOLDIERS!!
WHY WON'T
SOLDIERS LEAVE
HULK ALONE?!

HULK CAME TO
FOREST TO BE
ALONE, TO GET AWAY
FROM HUMANS--
BUT SOLDIERS
WON'T LET
HULK DO THAT--

--ALL SOLDIERS
WANT TO DO IS
FIGHT!

THIS IS CRAZY--!
WE'RE JUST ORDINARY
FOOT-SLOGGERS--
GRUNTS!

WHAT KINDA CHANCE
HAVE WE GOT
AGAINST A MONSTER
THAT TOSSES TRINKS
AROUND LIKE THEY
WUZZ TOYS!?

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HULK CAN'T BE KILLED BY ANYTHING!

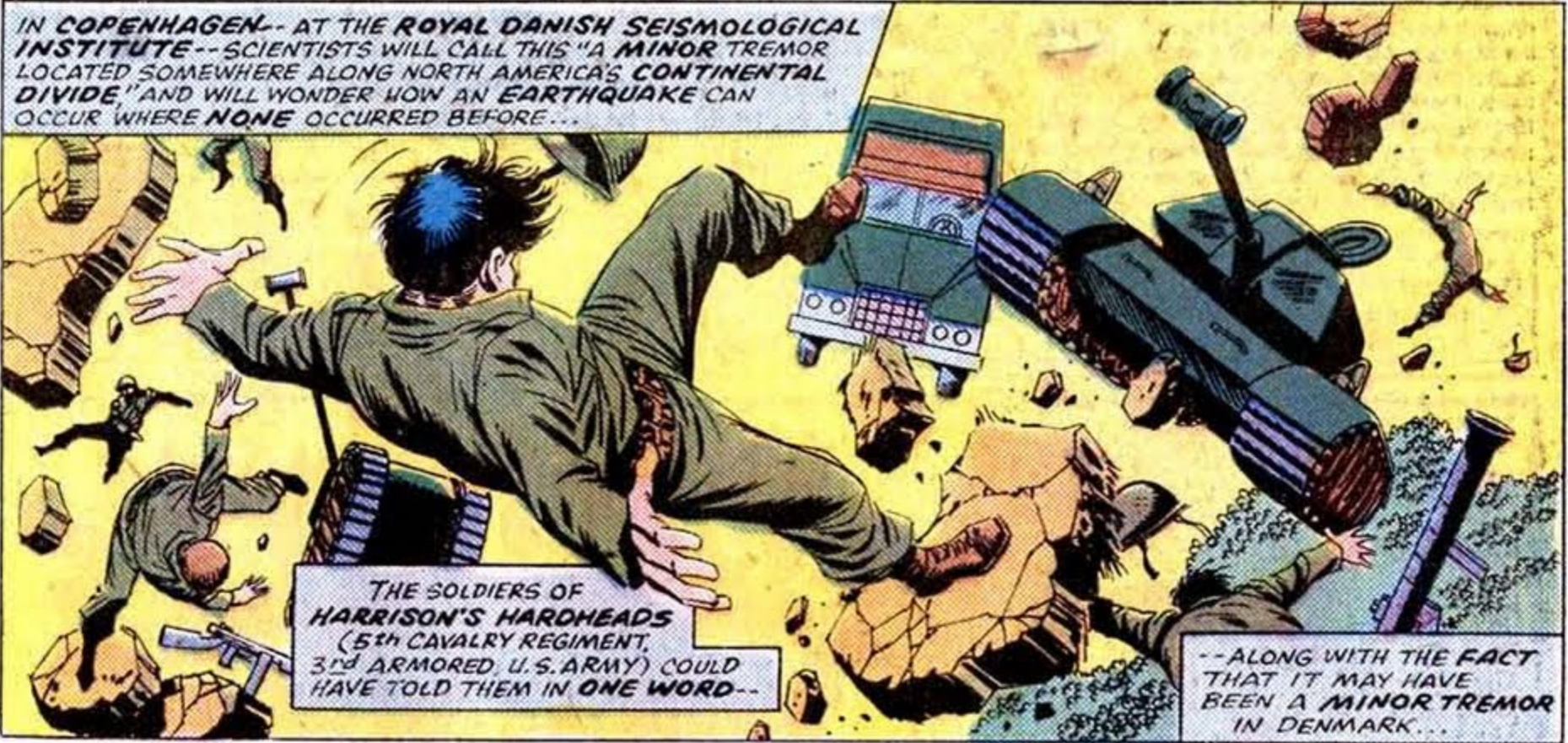
BUT HULK IS SICK OF FIGHTING! HULK CAME TO FOREST TO FIND PEACE, NOT PUNY SOLDIERS--



-- AND IF SOLDIERS WILL NOT LET HULK FIND PEACE IN HULK'S FOREST--

-- THEN HULK WILL MAKE SOLDIERS GO AWAY!

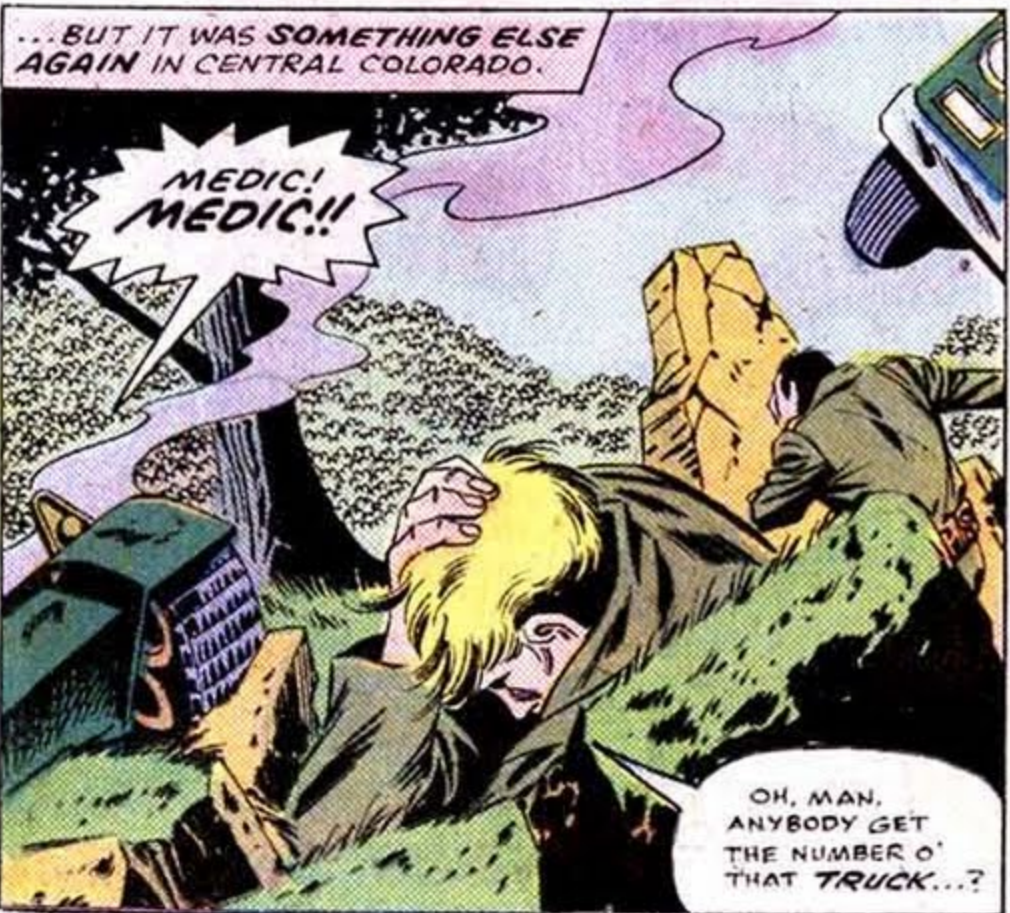
BOOM!



IN COPENHAGEN-- AT THE ROYAL DANISH SEISMOLOGICAL INSTITUTE-- SCIENTISTS WILL CALL THIS "A MINOR TREMOR LOCATED SOMEWHERE ALONG NORTH AMERICA'S CONTINENTAL DIVIDE," AND WILL WONDER HOW AN EARTHQUAKE CAN OCCUR WHERE NONE OCCURRED BEFORE...

THE SOLDIERS OF HARRISON'S HARDHEADS (5th CAVALRY REGIMENT, 3rd ARMORED, U.S. ARMY) COULD HAVE TOLD THEM IN ONE WORD--

-- ALONG WITH THE FACT THAT IT MAY HAVE BEEN A MINOR TREMOR IN DENMARK...



... BUT IT WAS SOMETHING ELSE AGAIN IN CENTRAL COLORADO.

MEDIC! MEDIC!!

OH, MAN, ANYBODY GET THE NUMBER O' THAT TRUCK...?



COLTRANE, GET ON THE RADIO TO BASE-- PATCH IN TO VALHALLA COMMAND! WE'VE GOT TO ALERT...

NO GOOD, COLONEL-- COMMUNICATION'S BLACKED OUT, SOME KIND'A INTERFERENCE...

IF YOU WANT US TO TACKLE THE HULK, SIR...

... THEN WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO DO IT ON OUR OWN.

AN INTERESTING THOUGHT, SGT. COLTRANE-- BUT LUCKILY FOR YOU AND YOUR COLONEL, THE HULK HAS OTHER IDEAS...

WHY DO HUMANS NEVER LISTEN...?

HULK TOLD HUMANS HULK DID NOT WANT TO FIGHT...

... BUT STUPID SOLDIERS FOUGHT HULK ANYWAY.

EVERYWHERE HULK GOES, PEOPLE HOUND HULK, TRY TO KILL HULK--

-- WHEN ALL HULK WANTS IS TO BE LEFT ALONE.

HULK IS FED UP WITH HUMANS, EVEN HUMANS WHO SAY THEY ARE HULK'S FRIENDS.

HULK WISHES HULK COULD SMASH THEM ALL.

HE HAS COME TO ME AT LAST-- EXACTLY AS I PLANNED!

MY OLDEST, BITTEREST FOE, DROPPING-- AS THE SAYING GOES-- INTO MY OWN BACK YARD.

AND DROPPING IN ALONE.

... JUST WHEN MY ULTIMATE WEAPON IS READY TO BE TESTED!

MONTHS OF RESEARCH HAVE REVEALED THAT YEARS AGO, THE EARTH WAS VISITED BY ALIEN BEINGS-- CREATURES OF PHENOMENAL POWER AND ABILITIES--

-- BUT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS KEPT THE EXISTENCE OF THOSE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL VISITATIONS TOP SECRET!

IT WAS A SIMPLE MATTER FOR ME TO DUPLICATE THE DEADLIEST OF THOSE ALIENS AND CONTAIN THEM IN MY GAMMA TELE-PORT CHAMBERS!

ALL I HAVE TO DO NOW IS THROW THIS SWITCH--

-- AND THE FIRST OF MY MYRIAD MONSTERS WILL BE UNLEASHED AGAINST AN UNSUSPECTING HULK!

AND THROW THAT SWITCH, I SHALL!

SKAKTI!

AFTER ALL, WHY PUT OFF UNTIL TOMORROW--

-- A MURDER YOU CAN GUARANTEE TODAY.



CHAPTER
2:

WHERE THERE'S SMOKE, THERE'S **DIABLO!**

BEHOLD, MORTAL,
THE BEING WHO WILL
DESSSTROY YOU --
BEHOLD THE DEMON
FROM THE FIFTH
DIMENSSSION--

BEHOLD,
DIABLO!!

ONCE BEFORE
I WALKED THISS
WORLD*-- AND
ALL MANKIND
TREMBLED
BEFORE ME!

I WASS TRICKED INTO
FLEEING BY A CUNNING
HUMAN, BUT I WILL NOT
BE TRICKED AGAIN!

THIS TIME --
DIABLO WILL
TRIUMPH!

WHAT HAS
THAT TO DO
WITH HULK?

HULK HAS NEVER
SEEN SMOKE-THING
BEFORE-- WHY DOES
SMOKE-THING WANT
TO KILL HULK?

* ORIGINALLY PRESENTED
IN TALES OF SUSPENSE
#9--LEN.



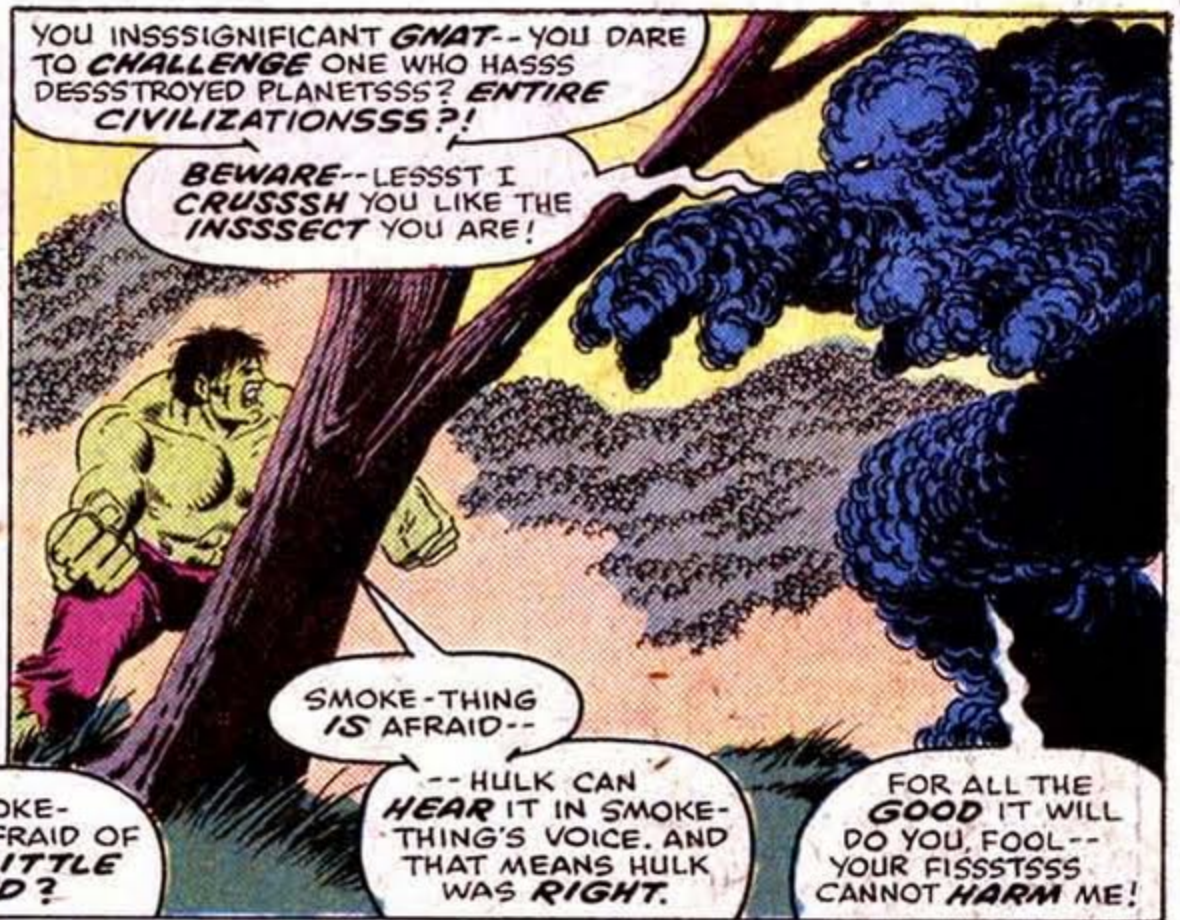




BUT HULK **ALREADY** KNOWS, SMOKE-THING.

HULK MADE A **LITTLE WIND** WITH HULK'S MOUTH AND SMOKE-THING WAS **AFRAID**.

IS SMOKE-THING AFRAID OF HULK'S **LITTLE WIND**?



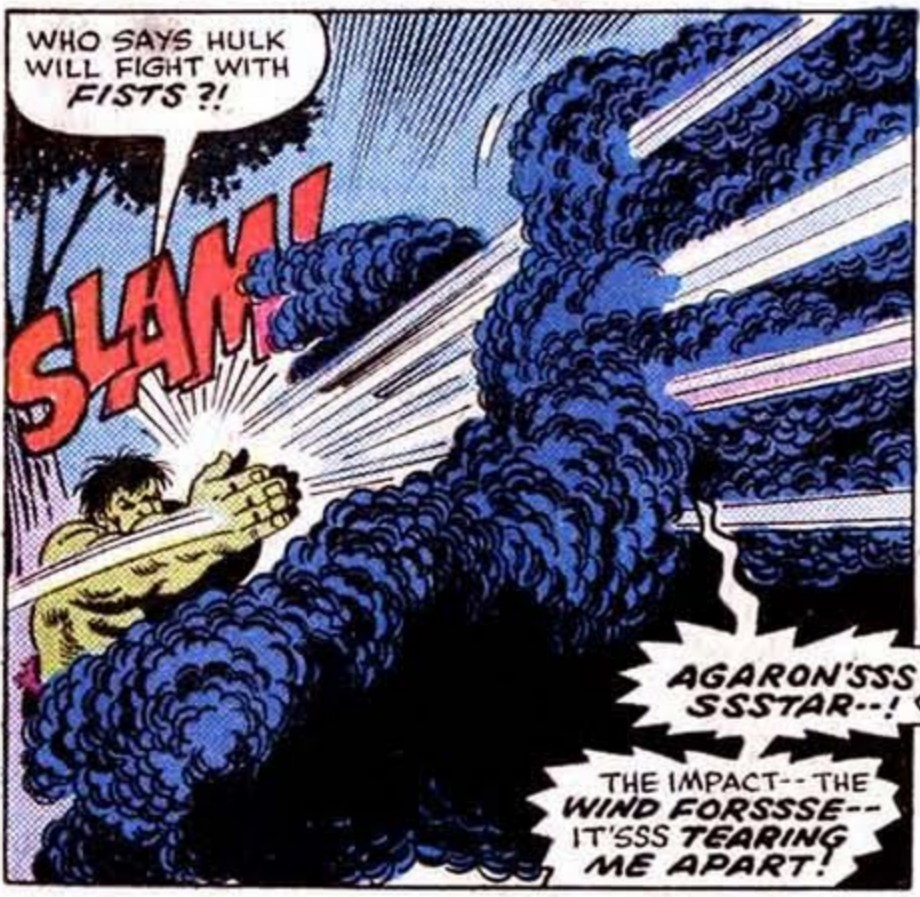
YOU **INSSSIGNIFICANT GNAT**-- YOU DARE TO **CHALLENGE** ONE WHO HASSS **DESSSTROYED PLANETSSS? ENTIRE CIVILIZATIONSSS?!**

BEWARE-- LESSST I **CRUSSSH** YOU LIKE THE **INSSECT** YOU ARE!

SMOKE-THING IS AFRAID--

-- HULK CAN **HEAR** IT IN SMOKE-THING'S VOICE, AND THAT MEANS HULK WAS **RIGHT**.

FOR ALL THE **GOOD** IT WILL DO YOU, FOOL-- YOUR **FISSSTSSS** CANNOT **HARM** ME!



WHO SAYS HULK WILL FIGHT WITH **FISTS?!**

SLAM!

AGARON'SSS **SSSTAR--!**

THE **IMPACT--** THE **WIND FORSSSE--** IT'SSS **TEARING** ME APART!

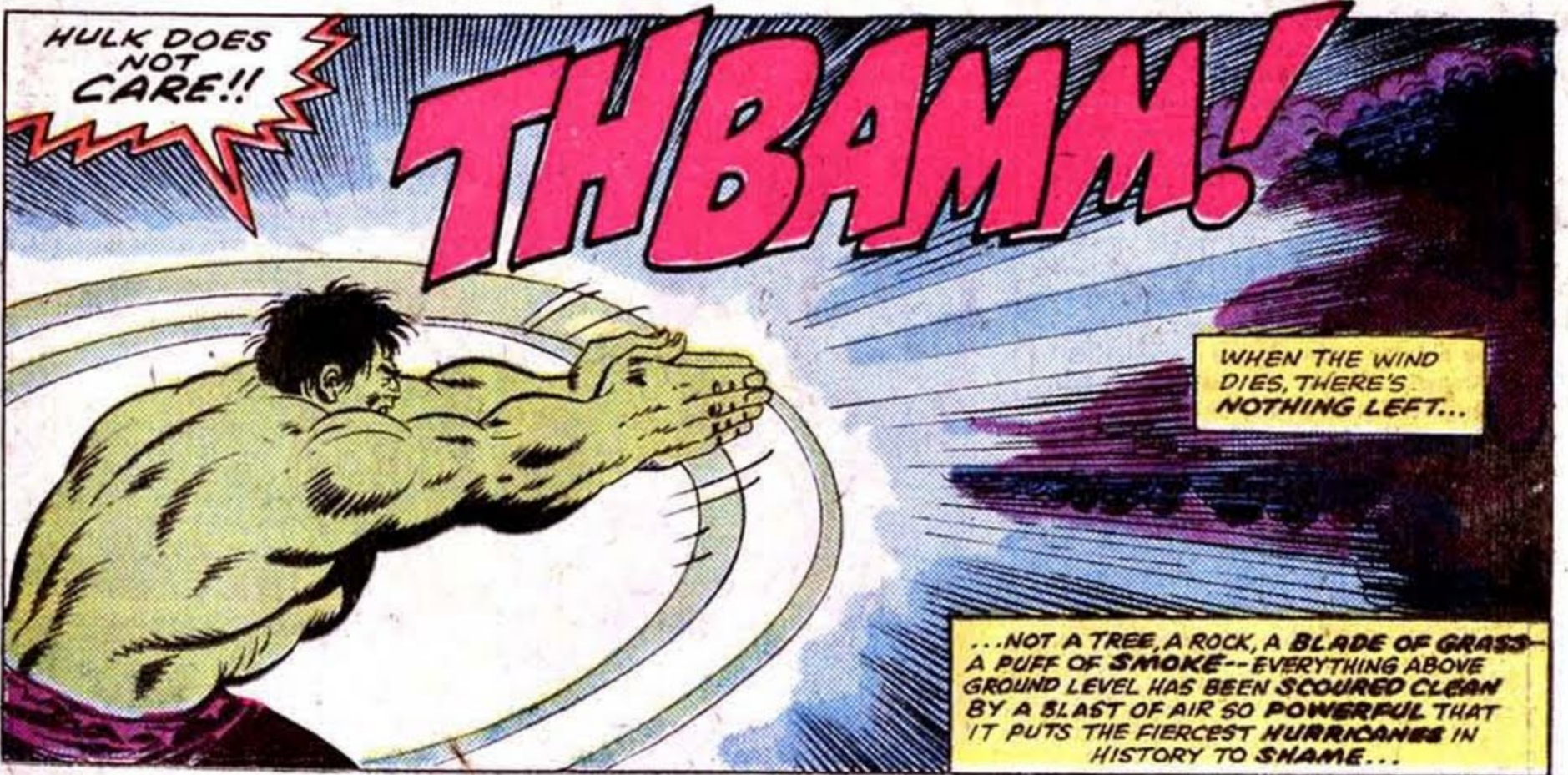


THEN HULK WILL DO IT **AGAIN!**

AND AGAIN!

NO!!

HULK, **SSSTOP!** I **BEG** YOU! YOU'RE **DESSSTROYING** ME!



HULK DOES NOT **CARE!!**

THBAMM!

WHEN THE **WIND** DIES, THERE'S **NOTHING** LEFT...

...NOT A **TREE**, A **ROCK**, A **BLADE** OF **GRASS**-- A **PUFF** OF **SMOKE**-- **EVERYTHING** ABOVE **GROUND** LEVEL HAS BEEN **SCOURED** CLEAN BY A **BLAST** OF **AIR** SO **POWERFUL** THAT IT PUTS THE **FIERCEST HURRICANES** IN **HISTORY** TO **SHAME**...

BUT THE HULK COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT THAT. ALL THAT INTERESTS HIM IS **DIABLO**, FOR THE SMOKE-DEMON IS...



GONE.

HULK HOPES SMOKE-THING IS GONE FOR GOOD.

HULK HAS WON...

... BUT WINNING ONLY MAKES HULK FEEL TIRED.



HULK WILL WALK DOWN **STREAM**-- MAYBE HULK WILL FIND PEACE **THERE!**



I'M AFRAID NOT, EMERALD ONE.

ALL YOUR **QUEST** WILL BRING YOU IS ANOTHER **FIGHT**, AND, PERHAPS, ANOTHER **VICTORY...**



... BUT, IN THE **END**, IT IS **I** WHO'LL BE **VICTORIOUS**.

AND YOU WHO WILL BE **DEAD**.

THEN AFTER YOU, YOUR FELLOW **DEFENDERS**-- AND ONCE **THEY** ARE OUT OF THE WAY--

-- THIS WORLD AND ITS **PEOPLE** ARE MINE FOR THE **TAKING!**



BUT I HAVE **TALKED** ENOUGH-- THE TIME FOR **ACTION** IS AT HAND--

SHIKT!

-- SO GO, MY SECOND PRETTY, AND DO YOUR **WORST**.

THE HULK CAN'T WIN THEM **ALL**.

HE STILL FEELS NO **THREAT** IN THIS PLACE, **STILL** CONSIDERS HIMSELF **SAFE** HERE...



... MORE'S THE **PITY**.

FOR, IF HE WERE ON **GUARD**, THE HULK MIGHT HAVE **NOTICED** THE WATER BEHIND HIM **SUDDENLY** START **BOILING**...

... BEFORE IT WAS **TOO LATE**.



TURN, HULK--!

HUH?!



TURN-- AND FACE THE **LAST SIGHT** YOUR MAMMAL'S EYES WILL **EVER** SEE!



I AM
TABOO!

I AM A
WARRIOR,
SMALL
MAMMAL...

...AND I SHALL
DESTROY
YOU!!

MUD-FACE TALKS
SLOW, LIKE HE
THINKS HULK IS
TOO STUPID TO
UNDERSTAND HIS
WORDS--!

WELL, HULK
IS ~~NOT~~ STUPID,
MUD-FACE!

AND HULK
WILL ~~NEVER~~ BE
DESTROYED!



NOT BY
PUNY
HUMANS--

--AND NOT
BY TALKING
MAN OF
MUD!!



YOUR RESISTANCE IS...
AMUSING, CREATURE
OF FLESH...

...BUT IT IS
FUTILE.

HOW CAN
YOU POSSIBLY
HOPE TO
HURT ONE
WHO IS
FORMED
OF THE VERY
EARTH
ITSELF?!

PLOSH!

HULK DOES
NOT KNOW--

-- BUT HULK
WILL KEEP HITTING
MUD-FACE UNTIL
HULK FINDS OUT!



THEN WE SHALL
BOTH BE HERE
FOREVER, FOOL...

...AND THAT IS TOO
LONG TO WAIT--

--EVEN FOR
AN IMMORTAL
SUCH AS
TABOO!



THEREFORE I SHALL END THIS
FARCE QUICKLY-- BY COVERING
YOU WITH MUD AS I ONCE
COVERED THE EARTHLING
EXPLORER, LEWIS CONRAD.*

ONLY YOU, HULK, WILL
NOT ESCAPE ALIVE.

GLOOMPH!

*IN WHERE MONSTERS DWELL*2,
HONEST -- LEN.



STRUGGLE ALL YOU WISH,
MUSCLE-BOUND CLOD, AS MY
MUD SHELL SOLIDIFIES
AROUND YOU--

--IT WILL
ONLY MAKE
MY VICTORY
THAT MUCH
SWEETER.



YOU ARE FINISHED,
HULK!

ONCE SOMETHING
LIKE A MAN, NOW
NO MORE THAN A
LIVING STATUE...

... ONE THAT WILL STAND
UNTIL THE END OF TIME!

LOOKS LIKE TIME ENDED SOONER THAN YOU'D EXPECTED, TABOO...



YOU LIE, MUD-FACE--!!

NOTHING CAN CAGE THE HULK-- NOTHING!!

IF HULK WILL NOT BE CAGED, THEN HE MUST BE SMASHED--



--TO A PULP!!



HULK DOES NOT UNDERSTAND...!

HULK CANNOT SMASH MUD-FACE, YET MUD-FACE CAN SMASH HULK BACK...

BUT IF MUD-FACE THINKS THAT WILL MAKE HULK GIVE UP--

--MUD-FACE IS WRONG!



HULK WILL NEVER GIVE UP!

IF HULK CANNOT SMASH MUD-FACE WITH FISTS--

--HULK WILL SMASH HIM WITH WATER!

WHICH WILL HURT ME AS MUCH AS YOUR FISTS, EMERALD IDIOT-- WHICH IS NOT AT ALL!



DO NOT LAUGH AT HULK, MUD-FACE!

IF HULK CANNOT SMASH MUD-FACE WITH FISTS OR WATER, THEN HULK WILL FIND SOMETHING ELSE--

--BECAUSE MUD-FACE HAS MADE HULK MAD--

--AND HULK WILL NOT REST UNTIL MUD-FACE IS SMASHED FOR GOOD!



BY THE GREAT EARTH SPIRIT...

YOUR BLOW-- IT'S OPENED A CRACK IN THE RIVERBED-- CREATED A WHIRLPOOL--!

YOU CALLED IT, TABOO-BABY...

IN SECONDS, THE RIVER HAS BECOME A RAGING TORRENT, A MAELSTROM PULLING ANYTHING IT CAN GRAB DOWN TO CAVERNS DEEP BELOW THE FOREST FLOOR...

...PULLING AT THE HULK, AND AT HIS FOE...



THE **SUCTION**-- IT'S DRAWING ME INTO THE **HOLE!**

I CAN'T **HOLD ON!!**

HULK THOUGHT WATER COULDN'T **HARM** MUD-FACE!

MUD-FACE SHOULD DIG HIS **FEET** INTO THE GROUND LIKE **HULK** IS DOING--

-- THEN THE PULL OF THE **WATER** CIRCLE IS NOT HARD TO **FIGHT**.



I--CAN'T!!

I AM A CREATURE OF **MUD**-- MY BODY HAS NO **BONES** WITH WHICH TO DIG BENEATH THE **Ooze!**

I CANNOT **ANCHOR** MYSELF TO **ANYTHING!**



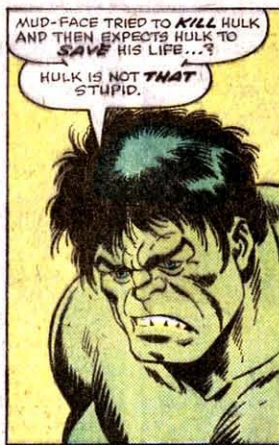
HELP ME, HULK-- I BEG OF YOU--

--HELP ME!!

WHY?



...PLEASE...



MUD-FACE TRIED TO **KILL** HULK AND THEN EXPECTS HULK TO **SAVE** HIS LIFE...?

HULK IS NOT **THAT** STUPID.



BESIDES, HULK COULD NOT HAVE **HELPED** MUD-FACE, EVEN IF HULK HAD **WANTED** TO...

...HULK FEELS ALMOST **TOO TIRED** TO **STAND**.

DUMB **FOREST**, HULK **NEVER** SHOULD HAVE COME HERE IN THE **FIRST PLACE**.

HULK WILL FIND SOMEWHERE TO **REST** AND THEN HULK WILL **LEAVE**.

TRUTH TO TELL, THERE ARE QUITE A FEW PEOPLE WHO'D BE MORE THAN GLAD TO SEE JUST THAT.



COLONEL JOHN PAUL "HARD-BUTT" HARRISON'S REGIMENT OF THE THIRD ARMORED, FOR EXAMPLE...

...BUT ORDERS ARE ORDERS.

COLONEL HARRISON!
RECON PATROLS
ARE BACK--



THEN SEND 'EM OUT AGAIN, SERGEANT.

BASE SAYS THIS INTERFERENCE IS PLAYING HOB WITH NORAD COMMUNICATIONS...

...LEAVING THE U.S. WIDE OPEN TO AN ENEMY ATTACK.



SO, HULK OR NO HULK, WE'VE GOT TO FIND THE SOURCE OF THAT INTERFERENCE--
--AND DESTROY IT!

HULK FEELS STRANGE IN THIS FOREST.



FIRST SMOKE-THING ATTACKS HULK, THEN MUD-FACE--
--AND HULK ALWAYS FEELS LIKE HULK IS BEING WATCHED.

HULK THINKS FOREST DOESN'T LIKE HU--



URRRRK!!

IT IS TREE!



KRAK!
TREE GRABBED HULK! TREE TRIED TO CHOKE HULK!

MORE TREES--!
HULK WAS RIGHT-- FOREST HATES HULK!



BUT HULK WILL NOT BE BEATEN BY CRAZY TREES-- HULK WILL BREAK FREE AND...

BE SILENT!
HUH???



YOU RAIL IN VAIN AT THIS MUCH-ABUSED FOREST, SEEDLING--
--FOR IT IS NOT THE FOREST THAT SEEKS YOUR DEMISE--

CHAPTER
4:

IT IS **GROOT**,
THE MONSTER FROM
PLANET X!!

YOU HAVE
TROCUNED MY
COMPANIONS,
MAN-BRUTE--

-- BUT
YOU WILL
FIND ME
A FAR MORE
DIFFICULT
FOE!

TALKING SMOKE--
TALKING MUD-- NOW
TALKING TREE!

HULK WONDERS
IF THIS IS ALL A
DREAM?

GROOT IS
NO DREAM,
HUMAN--

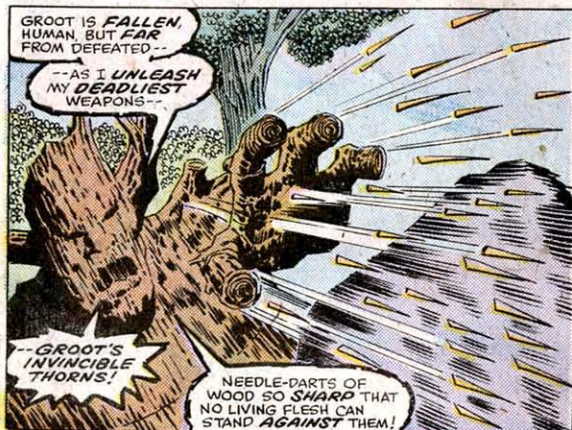
HULK DOES NOT LIKE
THIS DREAM-- HULK
WISHES IT WOULD GO
AWAY AND LEAVE
HULK ALONE.

GO AWAY
DREAM!

HULK IS NO
HUMAN--
HULK IS
HULK!

NO MATTER, GROOT IS THE MONARCH
OF PLANET X, THE OVERLORD OF
ALL THE **TIMBER** IN THE GALAXY!







AND IF **ROCK** WILL STOP **LITTLE BITS** OF WOOD--

CURSE YOU, EARTHLING!

-- THEN **MAYBE** IT WILL HURT **TALKING TREE** AS WELL!

KO RAM!

GROOT WILL **NOT** BE **BEATEN** BY **SUCH** AS **YOU!**

NOT BY YOU!!



IT'S **NOT** AS THOUGH YOU HAVE A **CHOICE, GROOT.**

HULK TOLD **TALKING TREE** **HULK** **DIDN'T** **WANT** **TO** **FIGHT--**

-- **BUT** **TALKING TREE** **DID** **NOT** **LISTEN!**



LIKE **SOLDIERS**, **TALKING TREE** **ONLY** **WANTED** **TO** **BEAT** **HULK!**

WELL, **HULK** **BEAT** **SOLDIERS**, **AND** **HULK** **BEAT** **MONSTERS--**



-- **AND** **NOW**, **HULK** **WILL** **BEAT** **TALKING TREE!**

AND **WHEN** **HULK** **HAS** **BEATEN** **EVERYTHING...**

NOTHING **WILL** **EVER** **BOTHER** **HULK** **AGAIN.**



DOES **TALKING TREE** **UNDER-** **STAND** **WHAT** **HULK** **IS** **S** **SAYING?!**

DOES **HE--!?!**



SILENCE...



HULK **THINKS** **TALKING TREE** **IS** **GONE** **FOR** **GOOD...**

... **BUT** **HULK** **FEELS...** **SO** **TIRED...**

WHAT **IS** **HAPPENING** **TO** **HULK?** **WHY** **DOES** **HULK** **FEEL** **SO...** **WEAK...?**



SILENCE, YOU
INSIGNIFICANT
HUMAN
FLEA--

--FOR
I AM **GOOM!!**

AND I AM
**POWER
PERSONI-
FIED!!**

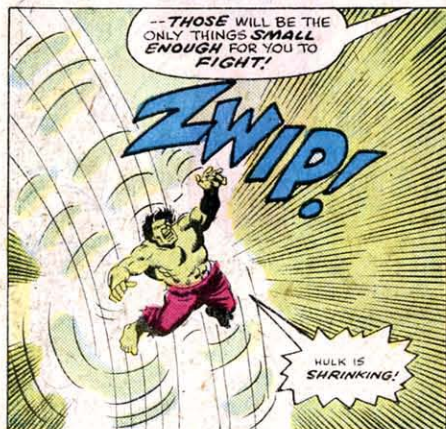
ONCE BEFORE I CAME
TO **ENSLAVE** THIS
BACKWARD PLANET-- TO
HAVE ITS **WEAK** AND
HELPLESS PEOPLE SERVE
ME FOR **ALL TIME!***

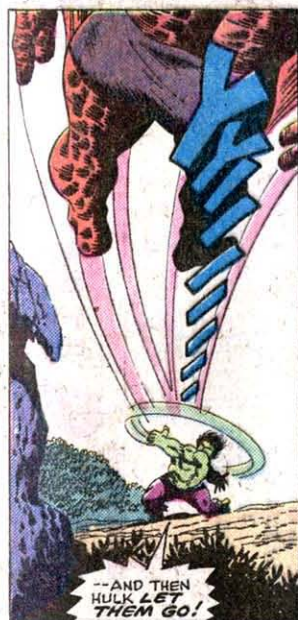
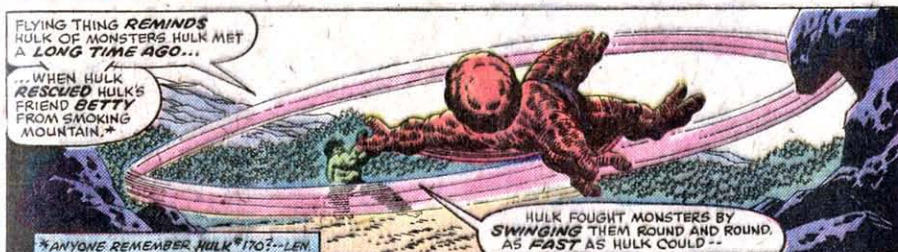
MY DREAM
WAS **THWARTED** THEN, BUT
NOW I HAVE **RETURNED**,
STRONGER AND DEADLIER
THAN EVER!

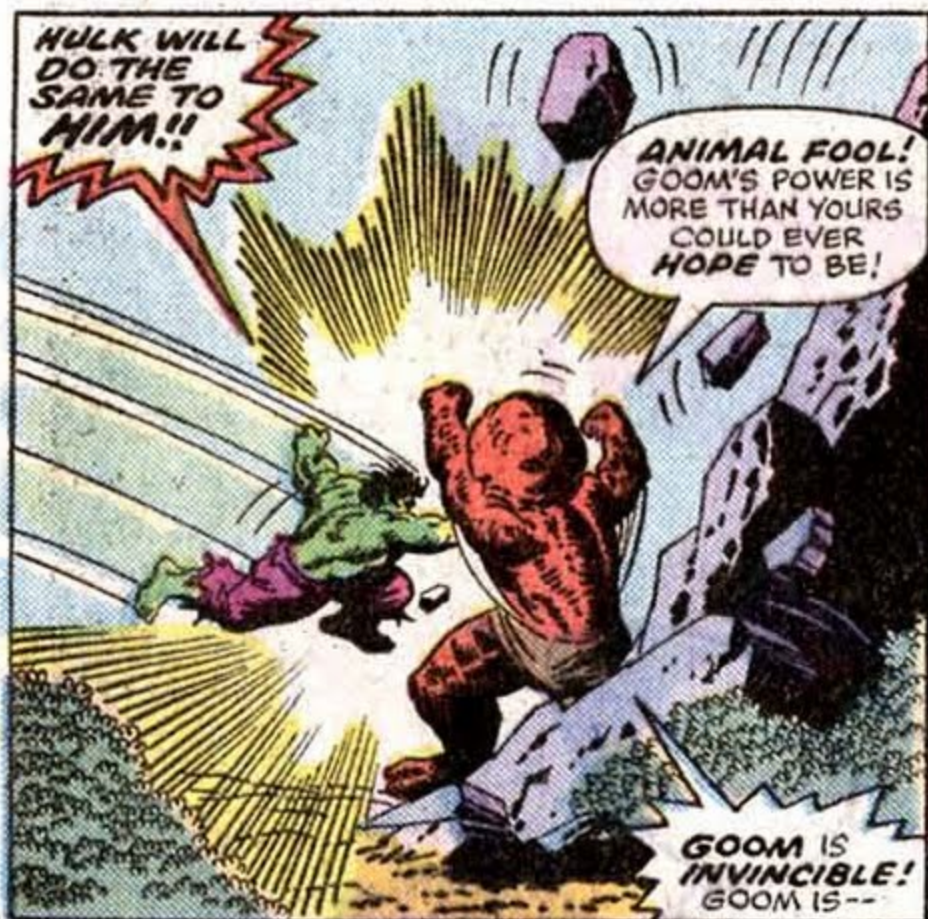
AND TO SHOW THIS
PITIFULLY DEFENSELESS
HUMANITY JUST HOW
DEADLY GOOM CAN BE,
I WILL GIVE THEM AN
EXAMPLE--

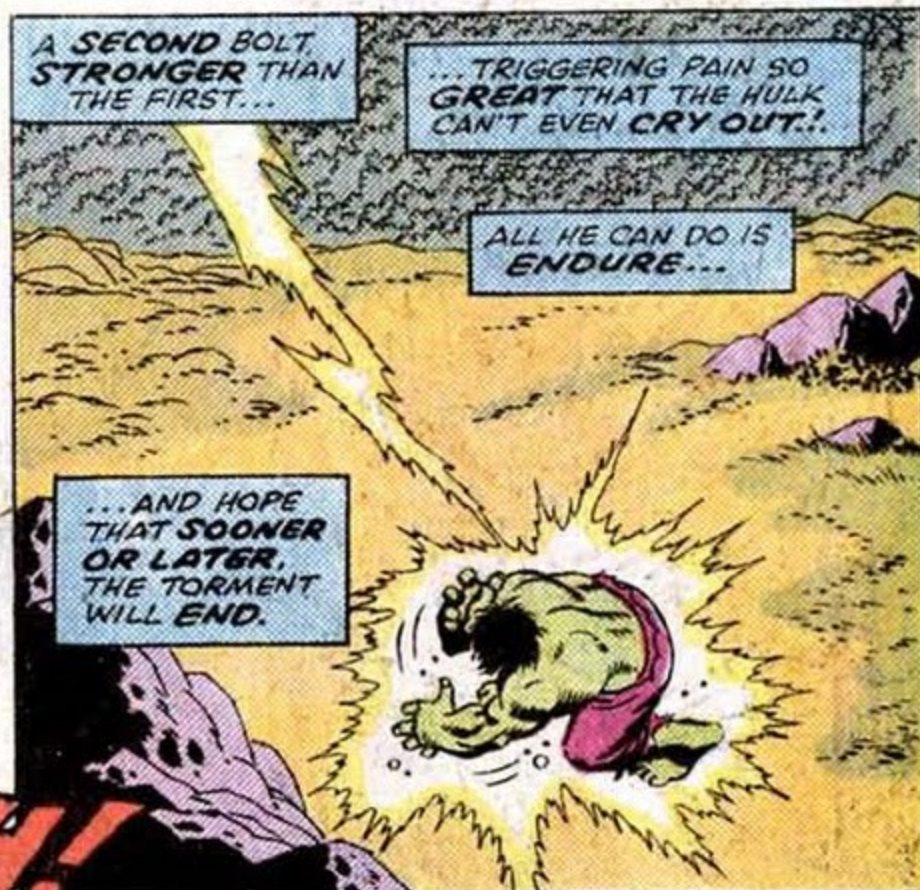
* WAY BACK IN TALES OF SUSPENSE #15,
WE KID YOU NOT.--LIVELY LEN.

--BY **DESTROYING**
THE MINDLESS
RAMPAGING **HULK!!**









BEWARE the BLIP!

ONCE MORE,
THE BLIP FINDZZ
HIMZZELF TRAPPED
ON THIZZ BARBARIC,
BACKWASH WORLD--*

I HAVE ZZEEN HOW
YOU REACTED TO
THOZZE OTHER BEINGZZ,
HULK, AND I HAVE FOUND
YOU AZZ FULL OF HATE
AND VIOLENZZ AZZ THE
REZZT OF HUMANKIND!

THEREFORE, YOU WILL
REZZEIVE THE FATE
ORIGINALLY INTENDED
FOR THEM:

DEATH!

HULK CARES
NOTHING FOR
NAMES, CRACKLE-
VOICE--

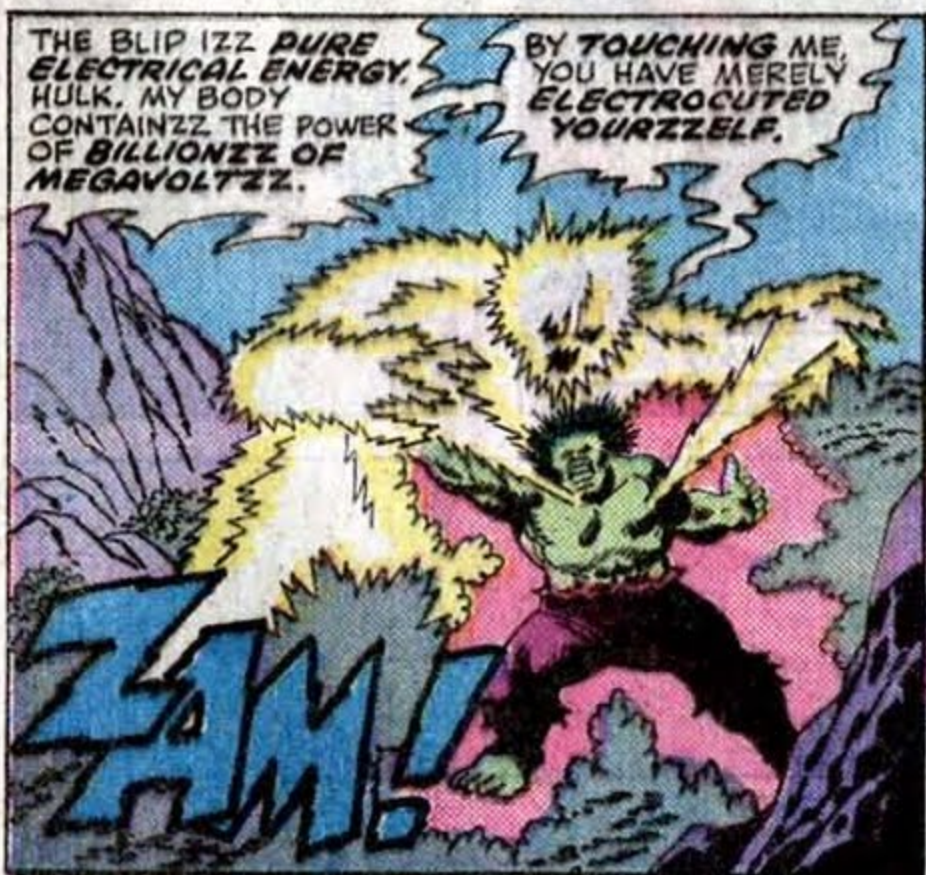
-- BUT
HULK KNOWS
YOU!!

YOU ARE
SOMEONE HULK
HAS **FOUGHT**
BEFORE--**
YOU ARE THE
GLOWING MONSTER
WHOSE TOUCH
BURNED HULK.
YOU ARE--

ZZZAX!

* THE LAST
TIME WAS IN
FEAR #2--
LEN.

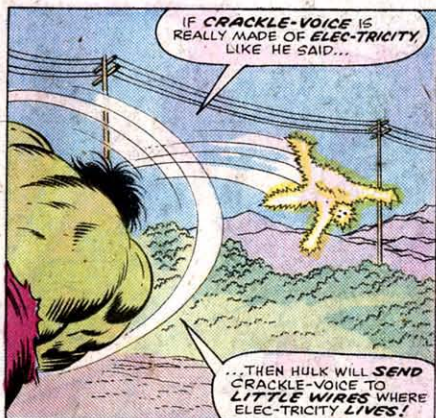
** HULK'S GOT IT WRONG, OF
COURSE-- BUT HE FOUGHT THE REAL
ZZZAX BACK IN HULK #166 & 163--
STICKLER FOR ACCURACY LEN.





AND--WHATEVER--
HULK--CAN--FIGHT--

--HULK--
CAN--
BEAT!!



IF CRACKLE-VOICE IS
REALLY MADE OF ELEC-TRICITY
LIKE HE SAID...

...THEN HULK WILL SEND
CRACKLE-VOICE TO
LITTLE WIRES WHERE
ELEC-TRICITY LIVES!



TEN MILES ACROSS THE PARK IS
KIANTARES DAM, MAIN SOURCE OF
POWER FOR CENTRAL COLORADO.

SO WHEN THE BLIP--PURE
ELECTRICITY HIMSELF,
REMEMBER?-- HITS
THEM AND BREAKS THEM--

THESE ARE THE DAM'S MAIN
TRANSMISSION LINES,
EACH ONE CARRYING ABOUT
A HALF-MILLION VOLTS
OF ELECTRICITY.

ZFOOM!

--THE
RESULTS ARE
SPECTACULAR!



AND FINAL...

CRACKLE-
VOICE IS
GONE.

AS IF HE HAD NEVER
BEEN HERE.



HULK CAN NOW... CAN
NOW... SO TIRED... FEEL...

...SO TIRED...
WANT...
TO...

...SLEE...!

FLUMP!



THE HULK NEVER SEES
THE GROUND HE HITS,
NOR IS HE AWARE OF
THAT SAME GROUND
ENFOLDING HIM...

...LIFTING HIM...



... AND BEARING HIM
SILENTLY AWAY.

NOT THE COMMONEST OF
SIGHTS ONE MUST
ADMIT...



... AND THIS, A SIGHT THAT
DOES NOT GO UNNOTICED.

GLORY!

CAN'T BE SURE-- BUT
THAT THING'S GREEN,
MOVING FAST...

IT COULD BE
THE HULK!

BUT WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S MOVING RIGHT
INTO THE HEART OF THE INTERFERENCE PATTERN
THAT MY OUTFIT'S BEEN ORDERED TO DESTROY!



A TITAN SHALL SLAY HIM!

I'M FLATTERED, HULK-- I DIDN'T THINK YOUR BRUTISH MEMORY WENT BACK THAT FAR-- TO ONE WHO ALMOST DESTROYED THE DEFENDERS AND STOLE A WORLD--

--TO XEMNLI, THE LIVING TITAN!!

WHITE-THING DOES NOT SCARE HULK--

--AND HULK DOES NOT NEED MAGICIAN TO HELP HULK SMASH WHITE-THING!

OH NO?

IF YOU'RE SO STRONG THEN WHAT HOLDS YOU PRISONER? SURELY NOT THOSE PUNY MACHINES?

OR COULD IT BE THAT YOU'RE NOT SO STRONG ANYMORE?

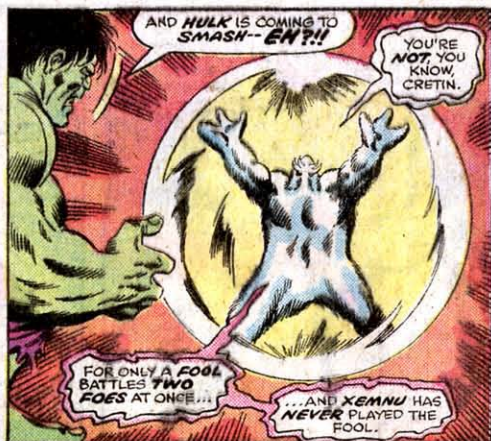
THAT THOSE "MONSTERS" YOU FOUGHT EACH SIPHONED OFF SOME OF YOUR STRENGTH, EACH BATTLE LEAVING YOU WEAKER THAN THE ONE BEFORE.

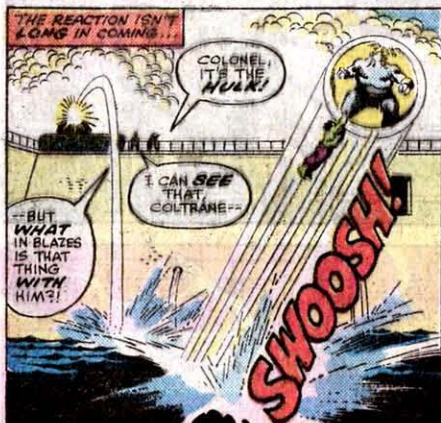
UNTIL-- BY NOW-- THE ONCE-MIGHTY HULK HAS NO MORE STRENGTH...

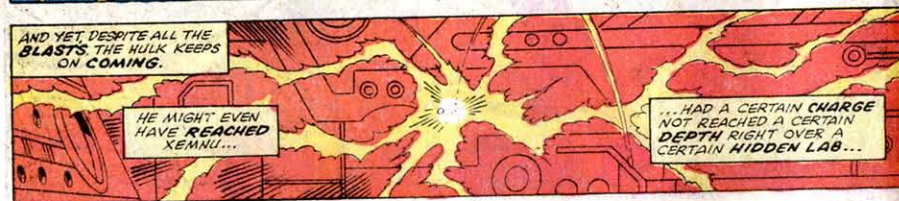
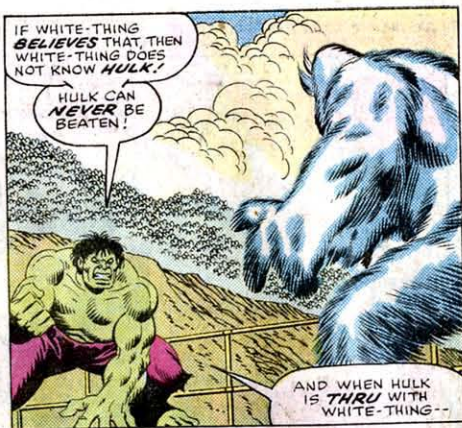
...THAN ONE PUNY HUMAN BEING!

*IN THIS CASE, TO THE LAST TIME THE TITAN AND THE HULK MET, DEFENDERS #12 (YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHO WROTE IT, EITHER)-- LOVE-A-PLUG LEN.









BOTH MAY HAPPEN SOONER THAN YOU THINK, HULK...

BSHROOM!

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE MUCH, THIS NO-NAME DAM, BUT IT HOLDS BACK A LAKE FOUR MILES LONG BY TWO WIDE BY A QUARTER-MILE DEEP-- TWO CUBIC MILES OF WATER...

... ALL OF WHICH SUDDENLY LETS GO AT ONCE!

IT'S A FORCE NOT EVEN THE HULK CAN STAND AGAINST.

THE INTERFERENCE IS GONE, COLONEL-- ALL FREQUENCIES ARE OPEN.

GOOD.

RADIO DOWN-STREAM-- ALERT THEM TO THE FLOOD.

IT'S NOT MUCH, BUT IT'LL HAVE TO DO.

AS FOR THE HULK...?

TELL H.Q. I DON'T THINK HE SURVIVED.

NOTHING LIVING COULD HAVE SURVIVED THAT!

AFTER AN HOUR OR SO, THE FLOOD CRESTS AND THE WATER BEGINS TO RECEDE...

... LEAVING THE LAND IN ITS WAKE BATTERED... DESOLATE...

BUT EVEN IN THIS MADCAP MESS, SOME THINGS DO SURVIVE...

AIR!!

HULK HAS FOUND AIR AGAIN-- HULK CAN BREATHE!

BUT WHERE IS WHITE-THING? HULK LOST SIGHT OF HIM IN THE WATER.

HULK WANTS TO FINISH FIGHT FOR GOOD!

HUNH--! WHITE-THING IS NOT HERE.

ONLY HULK SURVIVED THE ANGRY WATER.

SO WHEN WHITE-THING SAID HE WAS STRONGER THAN HULK--

--WHITE-THING LIED!

HULK IS THE STRONGEST ONE THERE IS!

FIN!