

**CAPTAIN AMERICA, LIVING LEGEND of WORLD WAR II**™

# THE COMING OF... THE MAN-BRUTE!

**PROFESSOR SILAS X. CRAGG** HAD A MAD, FANATICAL **OBSESSION...** EVERYWHERE HE LOOKED, HE SEEMED TO SEE THE DRAMATIC FORM OF... **CAPTAIN AMERICA!**

THE RED-WHITE-AND-BLUE AVENGER HAS HAUNTED ME, NIGHT AND DAY!

I'LL NEVER BE FREE OF HIM UNTIL I HAVE TOTALLY DESTROYED CAPTAIN AMERICA!

AND, DESTROY HIM I SHALL... FOR AT LAST I HAVE FOUND THE METHOD!

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HOW FORTUNATE IT IS... FOR MY PLAN... THAT COLUMNISTS NEVER TIRED OF GUESSING ABOUT EVERY ASPECT OF HIS STRANGE BEGINNING...

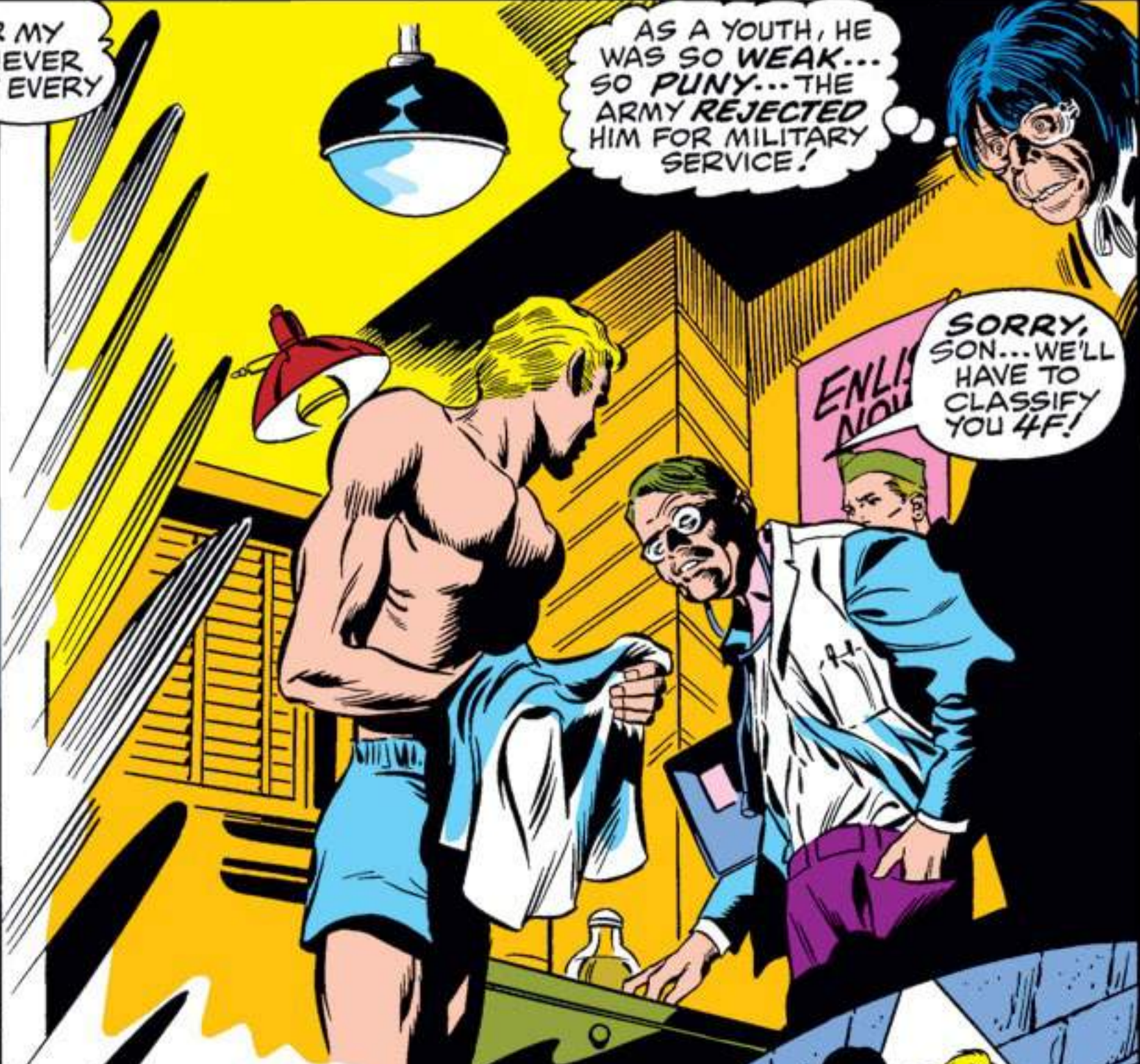
AS A YOUTH, HE WAS SO WEAK... SO PUNY... THE ARMY REJECTED HIM FOR MILITARY SERVICE!

SORRY, SON... WE'LL HAVE TO CLASSIFY YOU 4F!



EXCLUSIVE TO THE N.Y. GLOBE THE ORIGINAL CAPTAIN AMERICA

Though his identity is still unknown, we have been able to piece together the following story from official sources...

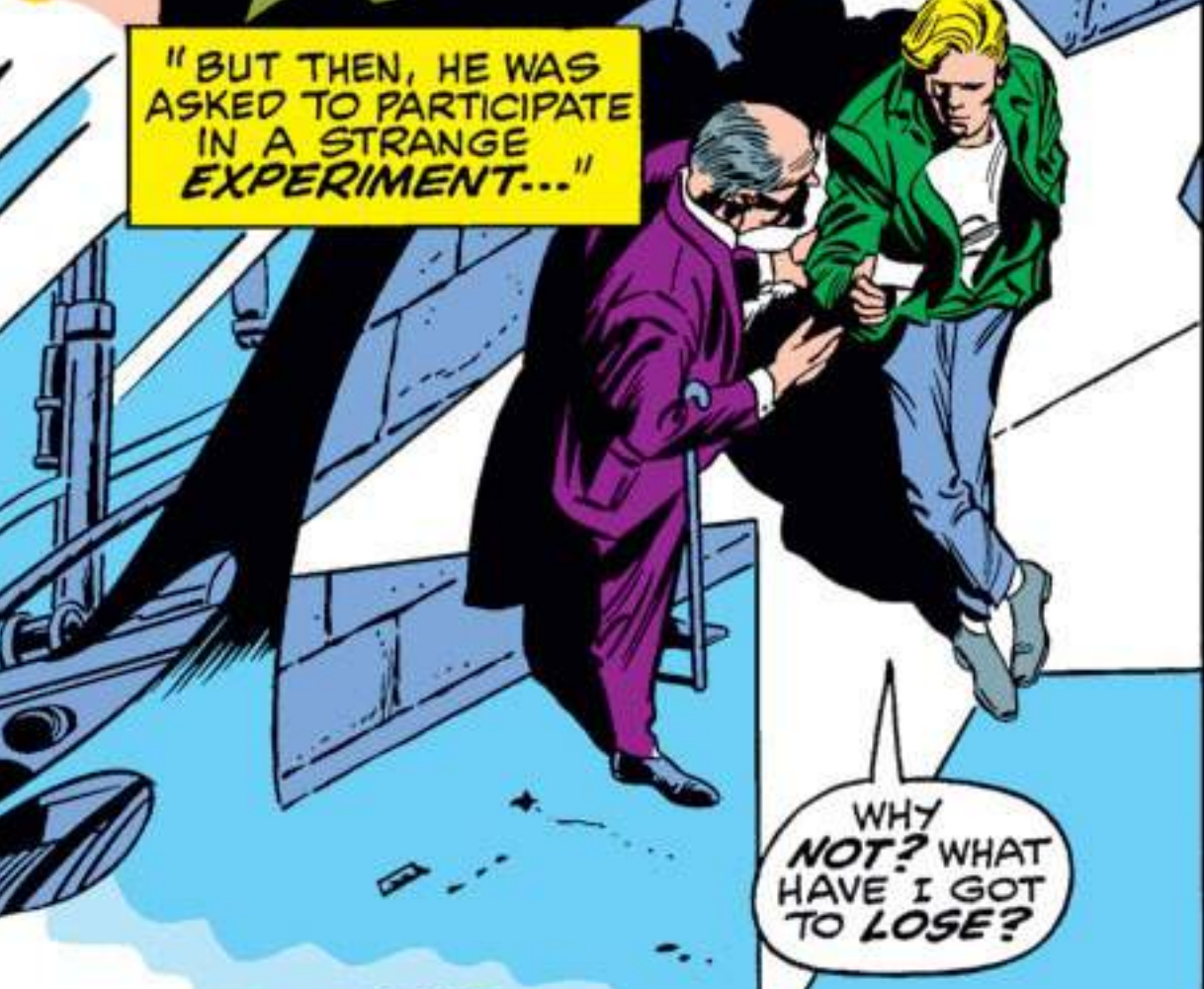


"BUT THEN, HE WAS ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN A STRANGE EXPERIMENT..."



YOU ARE ABOUT TO BECOME... THE FINEST PHYSICAL SPECIMEN IN THE WORLD!

"THE CHANGE WAS RAPID... SO RAPID AS TO ALMOST DEFY BELIEF... BUT THE CHANGE DID OCCUR...!"



WHY NOT? WHAT HAVE I GOT TO LOSE?

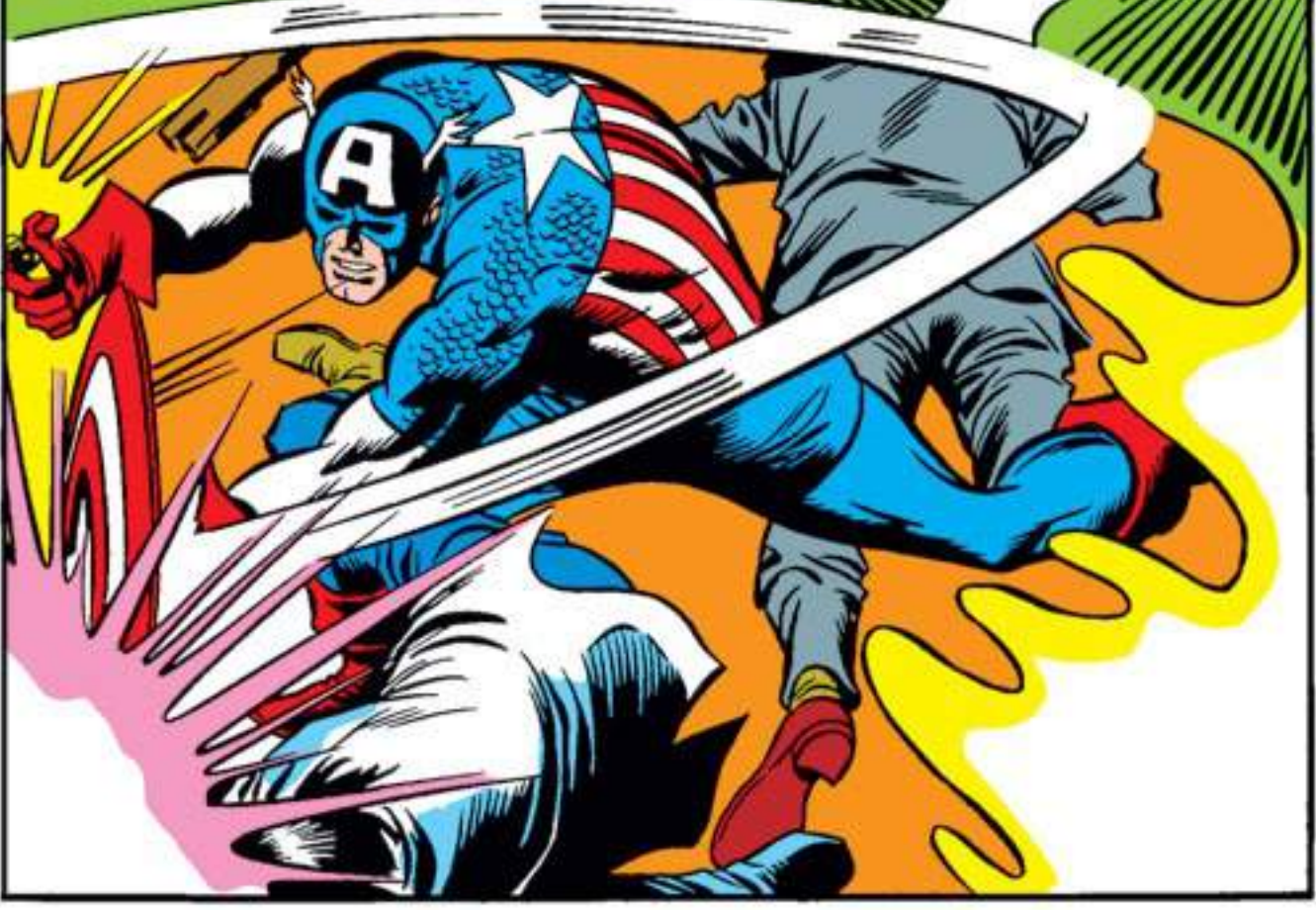


" HE WAS TO HAVE BEEN THE *FIRST...* OF THE MIGHTIEST *ARMY* THE WORLD WOULD EVER KNOW..."



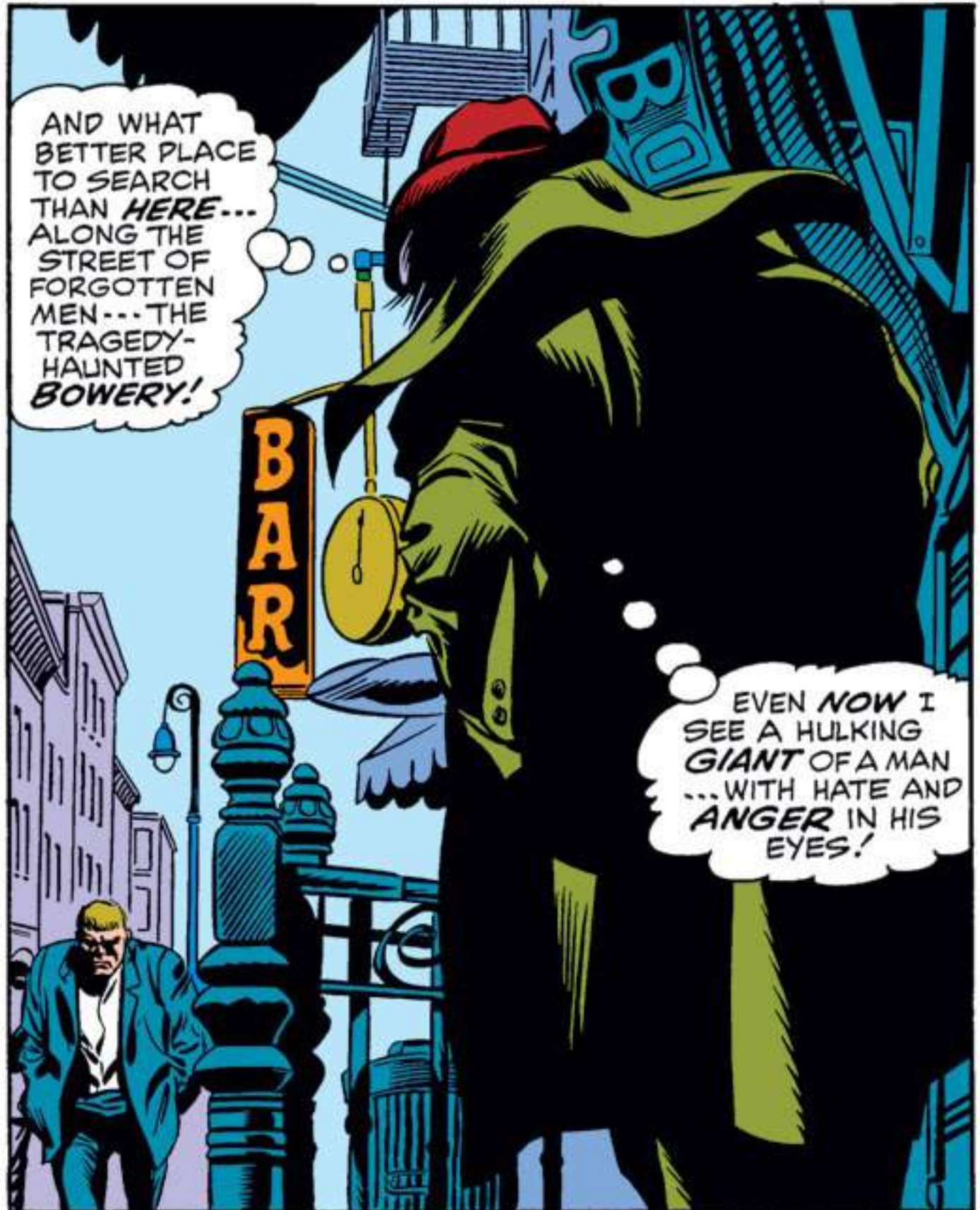
" BUT FATE WILLED OTHERWISE... AS AN ASSASSIN MURDERED HIS CREATOR..."

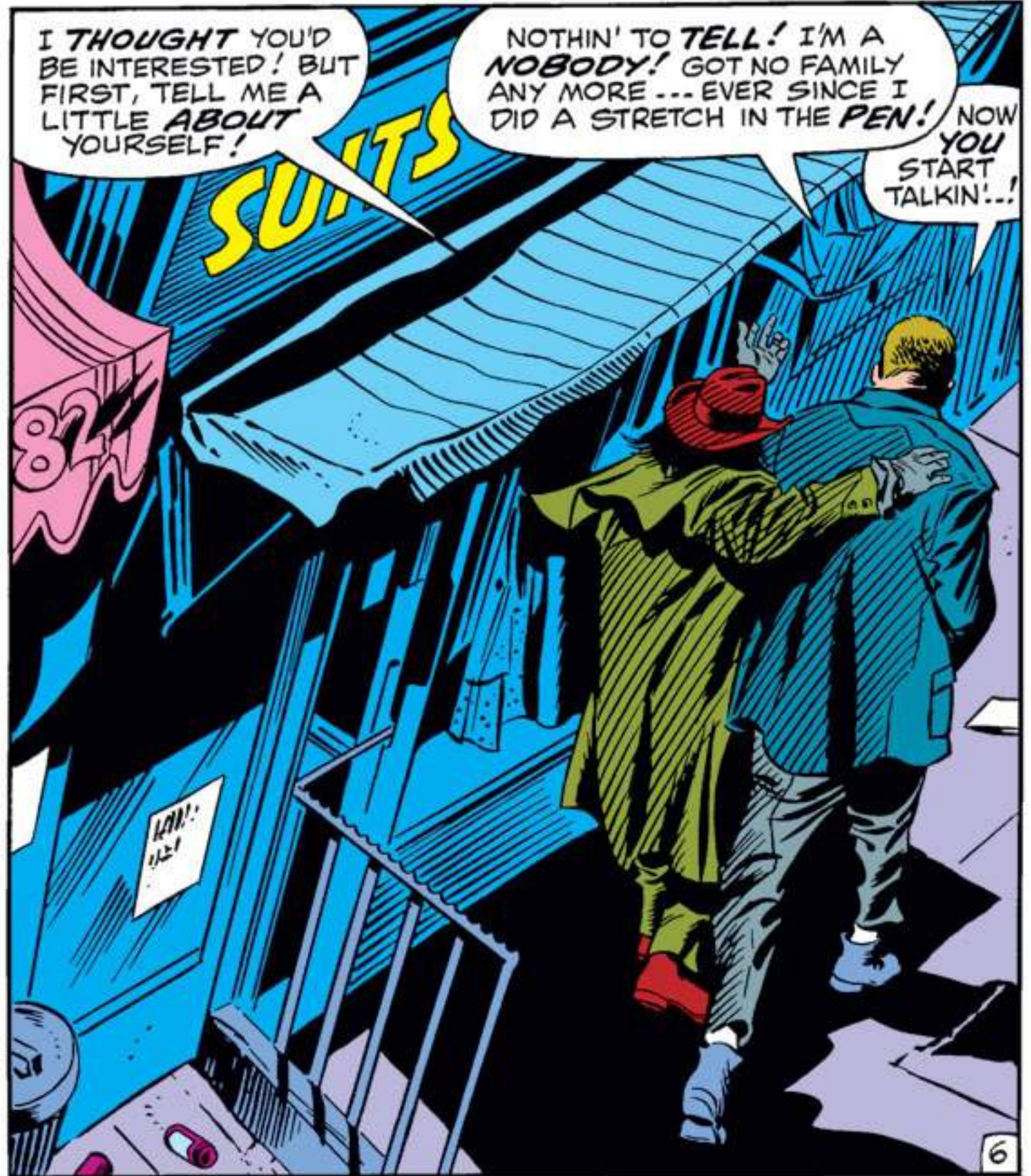
" AND, THOUGH HIS DEATH WAS AVENGED BY THE NEW-BORN CAPTAIN AMERICA, THE FORMULA...AND ITS SECRET... DIED WITH HIM!"



BUT NOW... I TOO HAVE DEVELOPED SUCH A SERUM...

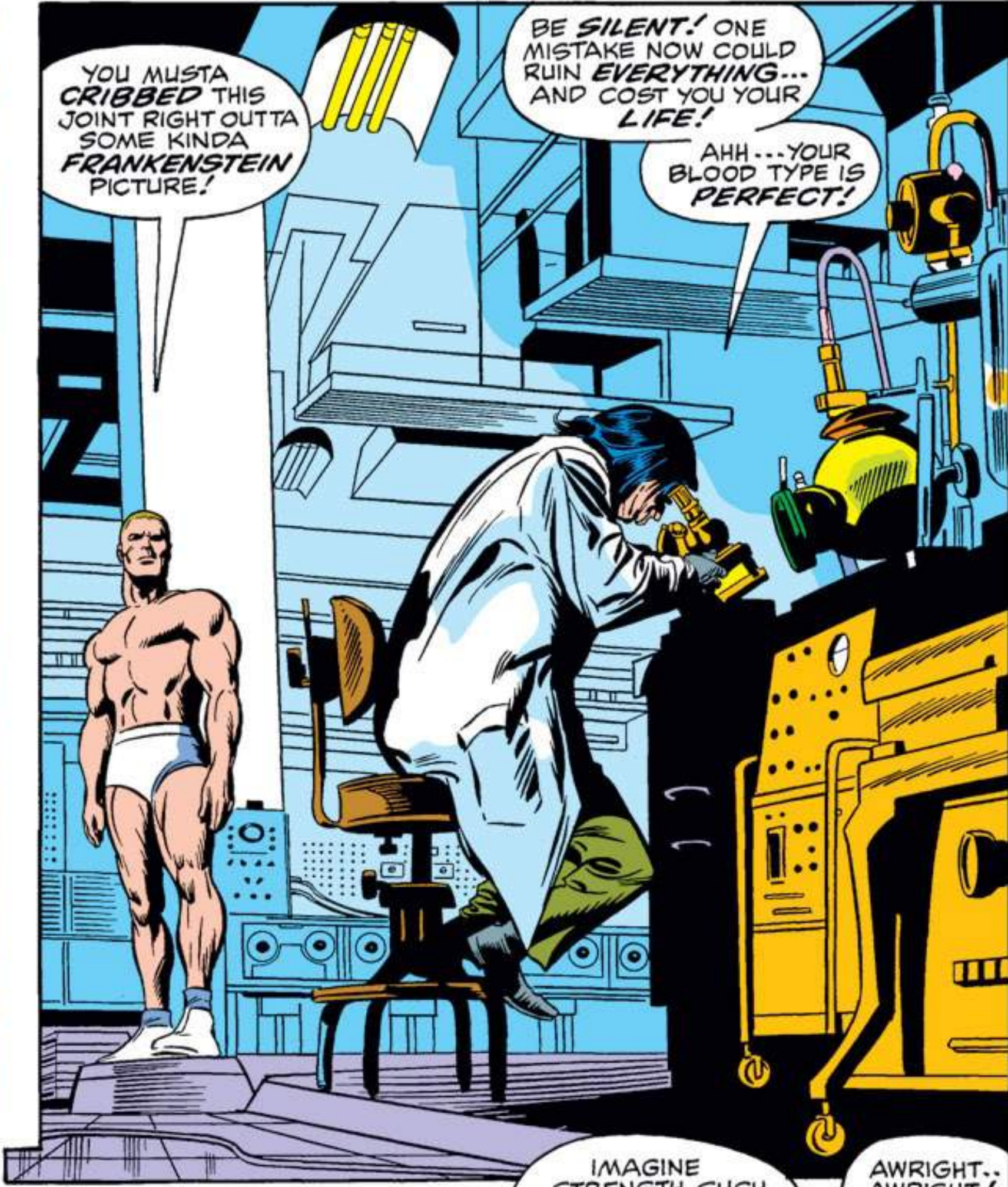
...A SERUM WHICH WILL DESTROY THE MASKED AVENGER!







STEP INSIDE!  
I'LL LET MY  
**DEEDS** SPEAK  
FOR ME!



YOU MUSTA  
**CRIBBED** THIS  
JOINT RIGHT OUTTA  
SOME KINDA  
**FRANKENSTEIN**  
PICTURE!

BE SILENT! ONE  
MISTAKE NOW COULD  
RUIN **EVERYTHING**...  
AND COST YOU YOUR  
**LIFE!**

AHH...YOUR  
BLOOD TYPE IS  
**PERFECT!**



AND  
SO...  
WE CAN  
**BEGIN!**



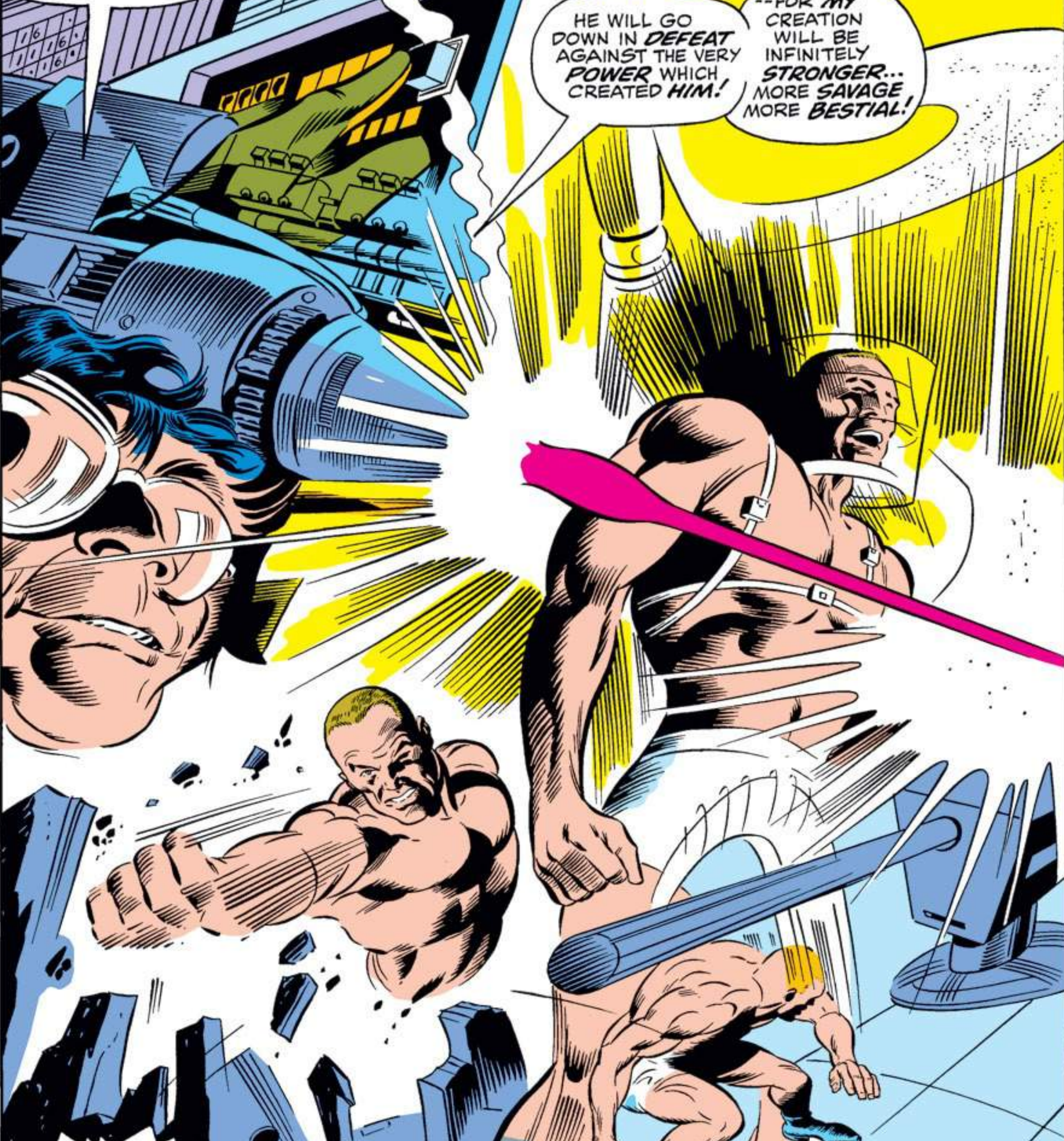
IMAGINE  
STRENGTH SUCH  
AS YOURS...  
**MAGNIFIED** A  
DOZEN TIMES!

AWRIGHT..  
AWRIGHT!  
**HURRY**  
IT UP!

WHAT A FITTING REVENGE I SHALL HAVE UPON CAPTAIN AMERICA ---

HE WILL GO DOWN IN DEFEAT AGAINST THE VERY POWER WHICH CREATED HIM!

--FOR MY CREATION WILL BE INFINITELY STRONGER... MORE SAVAGE! MORE BESTIAL!



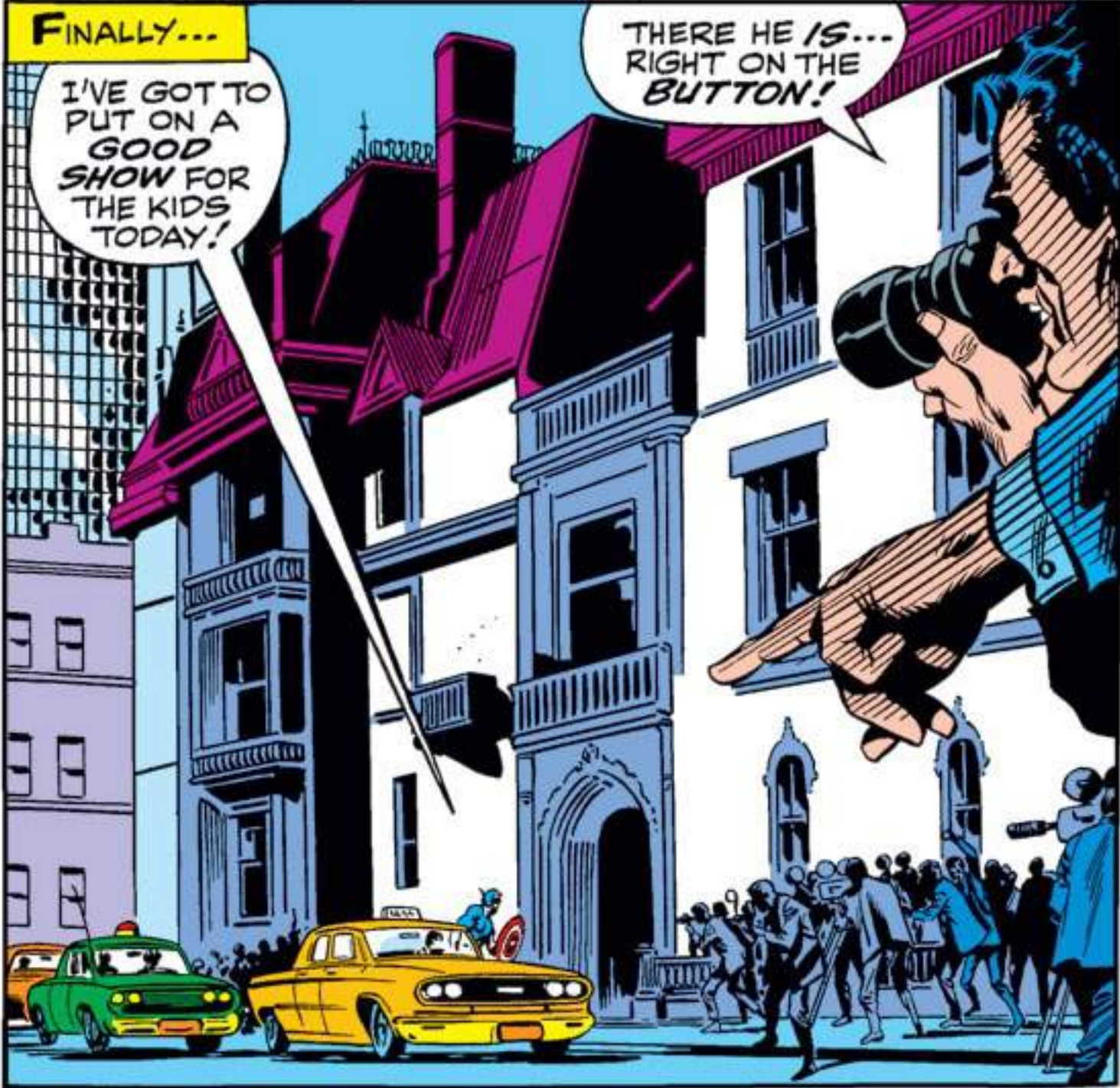
IN TRUTH, I HAVE SUCCESSFULLY CREATED AN UNBEATABLE... MAN-BRUTE!

NOW, ALL THAT REMAINS IS TO HAVE HIM ATTACK HIS COSTUMED PREY!









**FINALLY...**

I'VE GOT TO PUT ON A **GOOD SHOW** FOR THE KIDS TODAY!

THERE HE IS... RIGHT ON THE **BUTTON!**



YOU'RE GONNA PUT ON A LOT **BETTER SHOW** THAN YA THOUGHT, MISTER!

WHO...??



JUST CALL ME THE **MAN-BRUTE!** I KINDA LIKE THE WAY IT **SOUNDS!**

WHAT A **TERRIFIC ACT!** THE KIDS'LL EAT IT UP!

YOU'D ALMOST SWEAR IT'S FOR **REAL!**





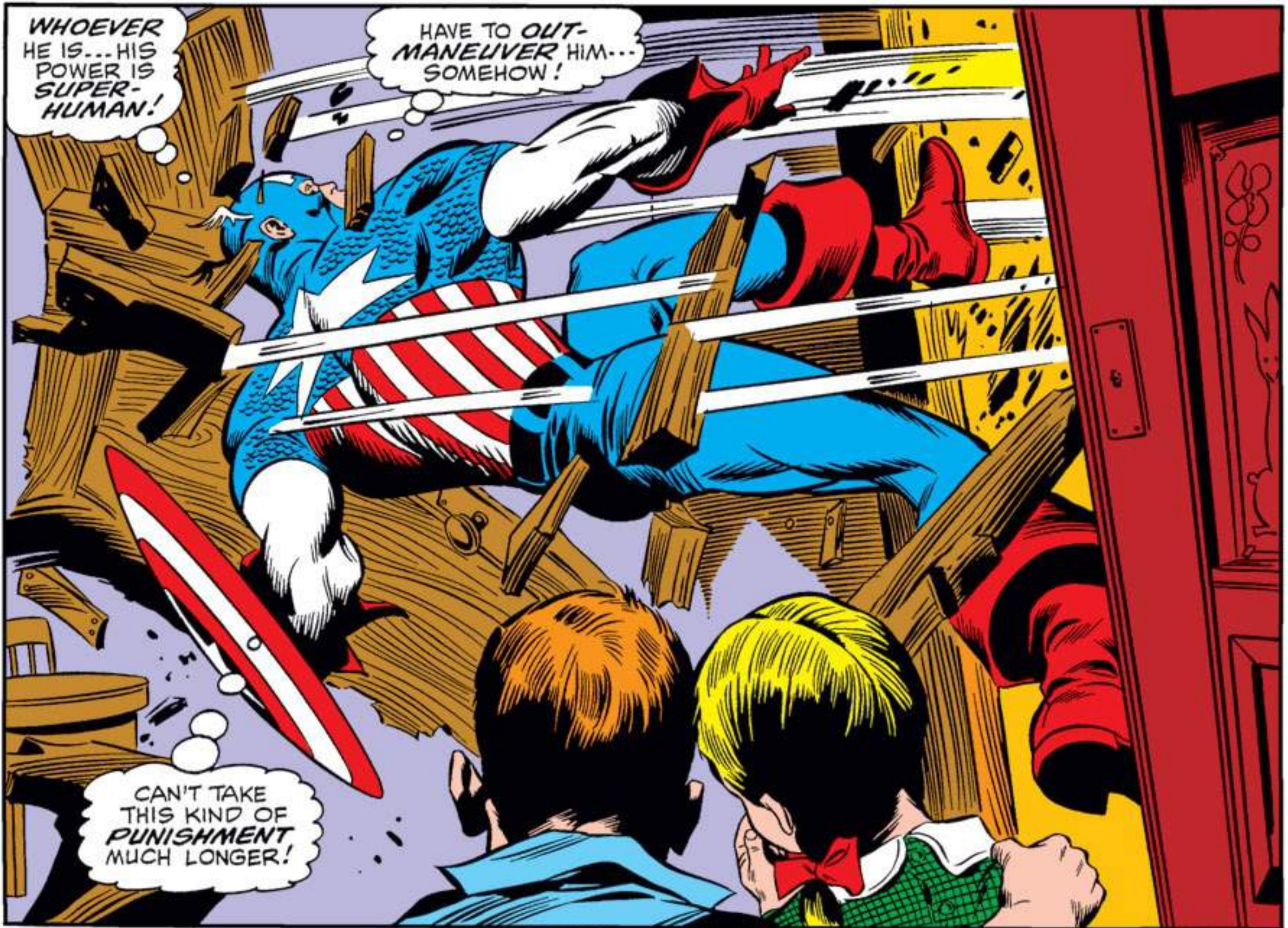
I HOPE THE KIDS'RE WATCHIN', PUNK!

IT'S ABOUT TIME THEY GOT TO SEE A REAL MAN IN ACTION!

CRAGG WAS RIGHT! I'M A LOT STRONGER THAN HIM... I CAN FEEL IT!

WOW! NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY REHEARSED IT... CAP MUSTA FELT THAT!

WHO IS THIS GUY, ANYWAY? HE'S A POWER-HOUSE!



WHOEVER HE IS... HIS POWER IS SUPER-HUMAN!

HAVE TO OUT-MANEUVER HIM... SOMEHOW!

CAN'T TAKE THIS KIND OF PUNISHMENT MUCH LONGER!



GET OUT OF HERE, KIDS! FAST! MOVE, I TELL YOU!

CAN'T TAKE A CHANCE OF THEM GETTING HURT!

BUT... WE THOUGHT ... YOU WERE PERFORMING FOR US!



A REAL PARTY-POOPER, AIN'TCHA?

NOW'S MY CHANCE! HAVE TO GIVE IT ALL I'VE GOT!

HE... DIDN'T SEEM TO FEEL IT!



IT AIN'T THAT I GOT ANYTHING AGAINST YA PERSONALLY...

BUT IT'S TIME A GUY LIKE YOU RETIRED... PERMANENT!



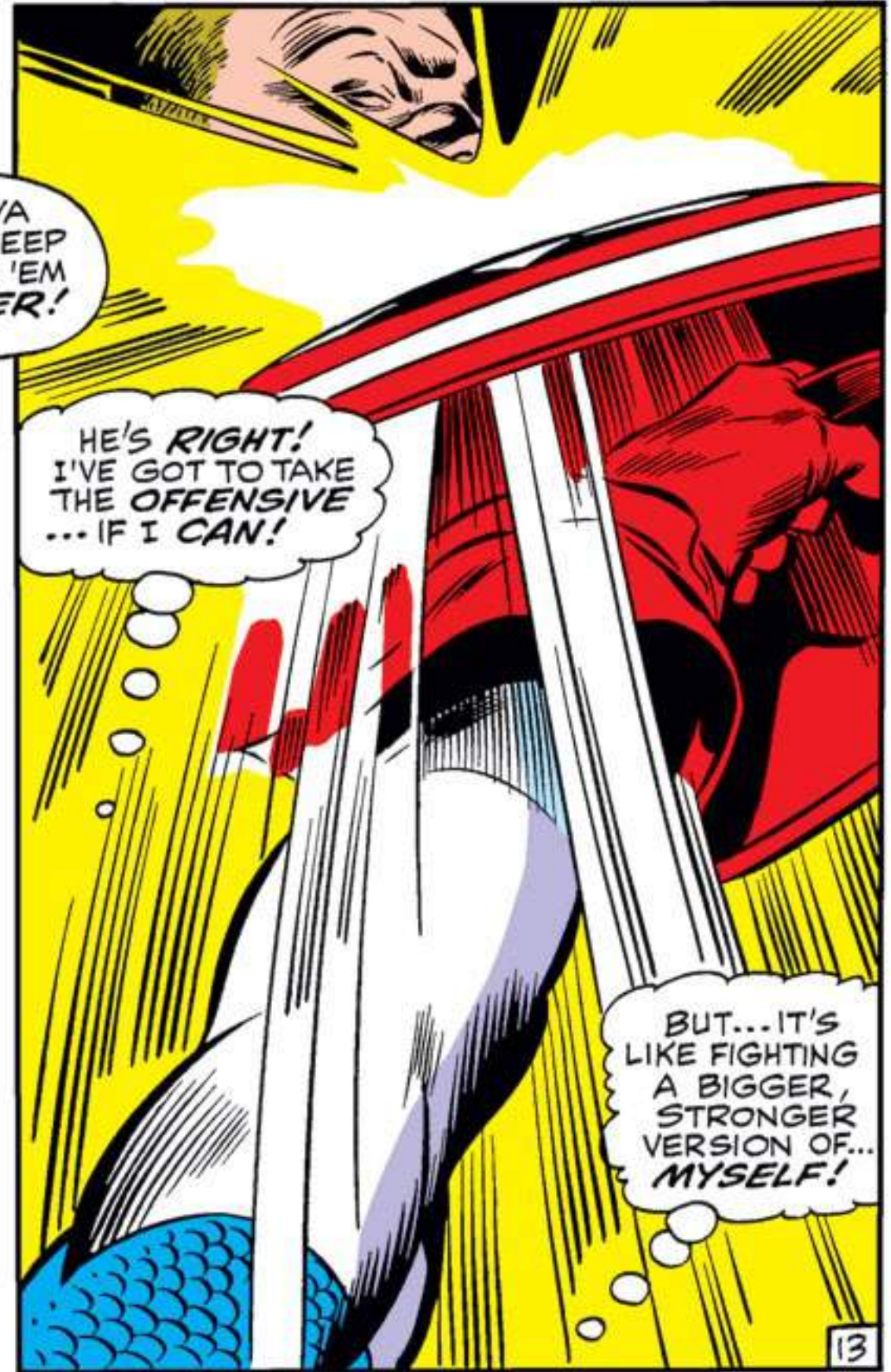
OKAY... SO YA KNOW HOW TO DODGE'N DUCK BETTER'N ME!

A FAT LOTTA GOOD IT'S GONNA DO YA!



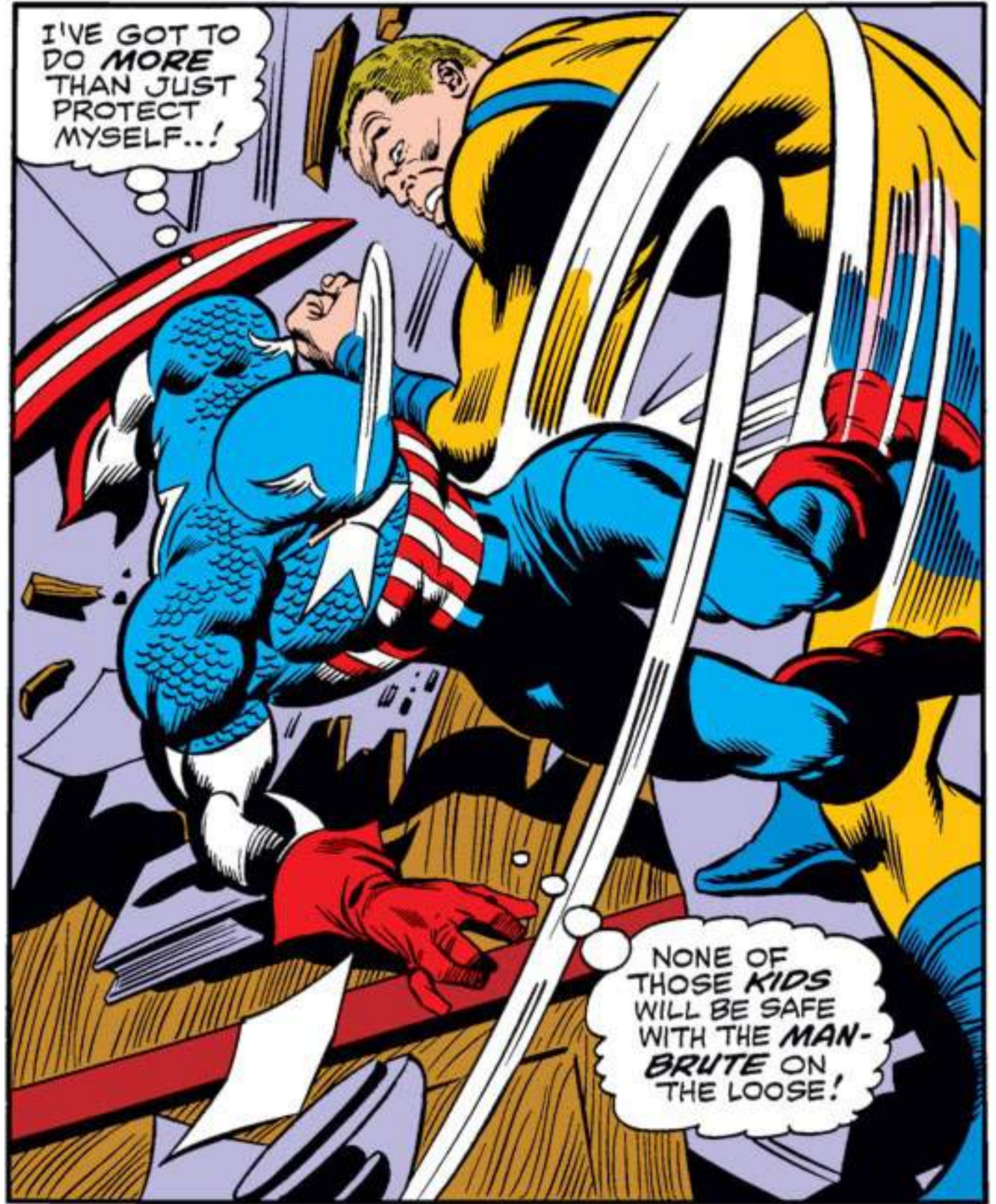
ALL I GOTTA DO IS LAND ONE HAY-MAKER...

AND YA CAN'T KEEP DODGIN' 'EM FOREVER!



HE'S RIGHT! I'VE GOT TO TAKE THE OFFENSIVE ... IF I CAN!

BUT... IT'S LIKE FIGHTING A BIGGER, STRONGER VERSION OF... MYSELF!













**BUT ALAS, THE VALIANT AVENGER MAY NEVER GET THE CHANCE...**

I'M BACK, CRAGG!

GOOD! GOOD!



THAT MEANS YOUR VICTIM IS DEAD!

WAIT! WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME THAT WAY?

WHA... WHAT'S WRONG?



NOTHING IS WRONG!

...NO THANKS TO YOU!

YOU SOUND... DIFFERENT! YOUR EYES... LOOKING AT ME... WITH BURNING HATE!

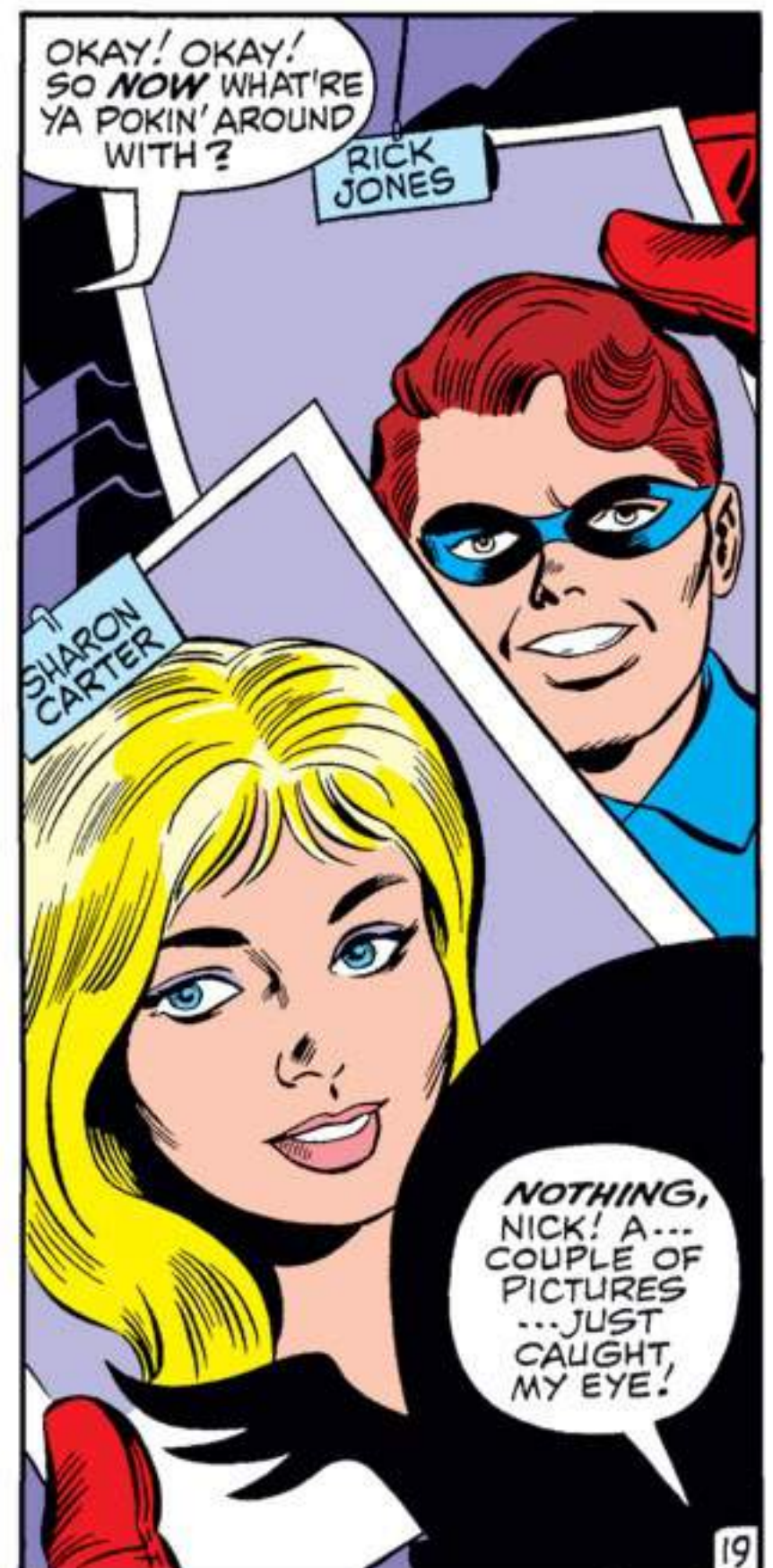


I FOUGHT ONE OF THE BRAVEST GUYS I EVER FACED... AND I MIGHTA KILLED 'IM... ON ACCOUNTA YOU!



THEN... ONE LITTLE KID... TRIED TO STOP ME! HE RISKED HIS LIFE... TO HELP CAPTAIN AMERICA!

SO WHAT? WHO CARES ABOUT ONE STUPID BRAT?





NEXT THE SCORPION STRIKES!