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THE **ORIGIN** OF
PROFESSOR X!

FEATURING: THE ALMOST
INDESCRIBABLE MENACE OF

"THE **JUGGERNAUT!**"



X-MEN

THE MOST
UNUSUAL
TEEN-AGERS OF
ALL TIME!

PROFESSOR!
WE HEARD THAT
BLOOD-CURDLING
NOISE! WHAT'S
WRONG? ARE...
ARE YOU IN
DANGER??

THE SOUND IS
EMANATING FROM
HIS DESK! THERE'S
SOME SORT OF
ELECTRONIC
APPARATUS
SECRETED
WITHIN!

MY EARS!
THE SCREECH IS
DEAFENING!
WHAT IS IT?

I'VE NEVER
SEEN
PROFESSOR X
LOOK SO
DESPERATELY
FEARFUL
BEFORE!

STAY OUT,
ALL OF YOU!
NO ONE IS
SUPPOSED TO
KNOW ABOUT
THE PROFESSOR'S
CEREBRO
MACHINE!

IT'S ALL RIGHT,
CYCLOPS! LET THEM
ENTER! WE'RE ABOUT
TO FACE OUR MOST
DEADLY THREAT!
WE CAN HAVE NO
SECRETS FROM EACH
OTHER NOW!

STUNIFYING STORY BY:
STAN LEE
SPECTACULAR LAYOUTS BY:
JACK KIRBY
SLAM-BANG PENCILLING BY:
ALEX TOTH

SENSATIONAL INKING BY: VINCE COLLETTA
THE USUAL LETTERING BY: SAM ROSEN
KIBITZING BY: THE WHOLE BLAMED BULLPEN!

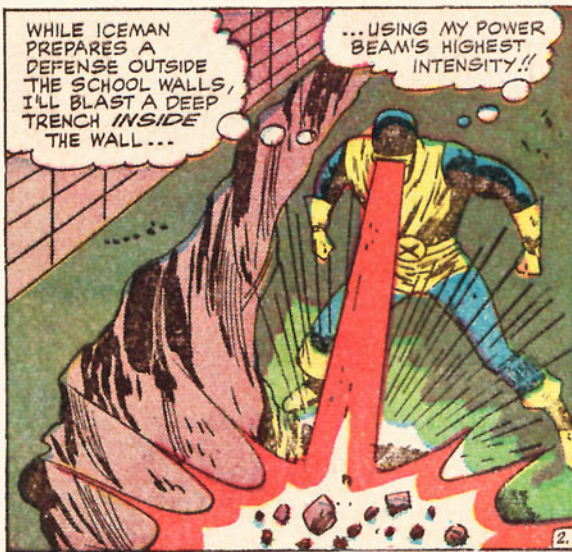
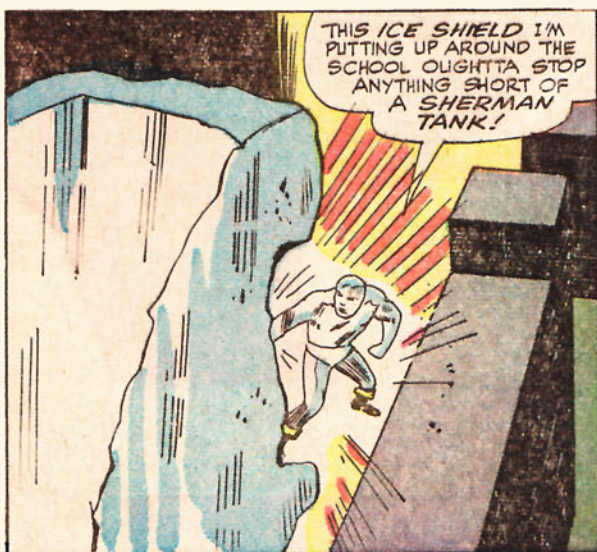
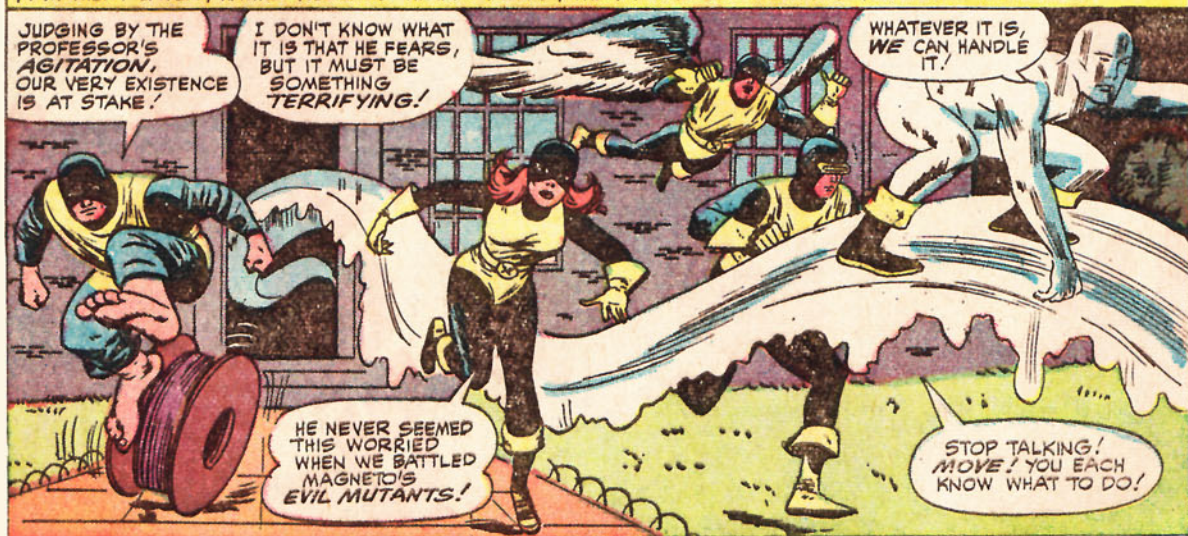
WE'VE GOT A STARTLING, SIZZLING
TALE TO TELL YOU, AND NO TIME TO
WASTE WITH A LONG INTRODUCTION!
SO, LET'S GO! WE'LL BRIEF YOU
ALONG THE WAY...!

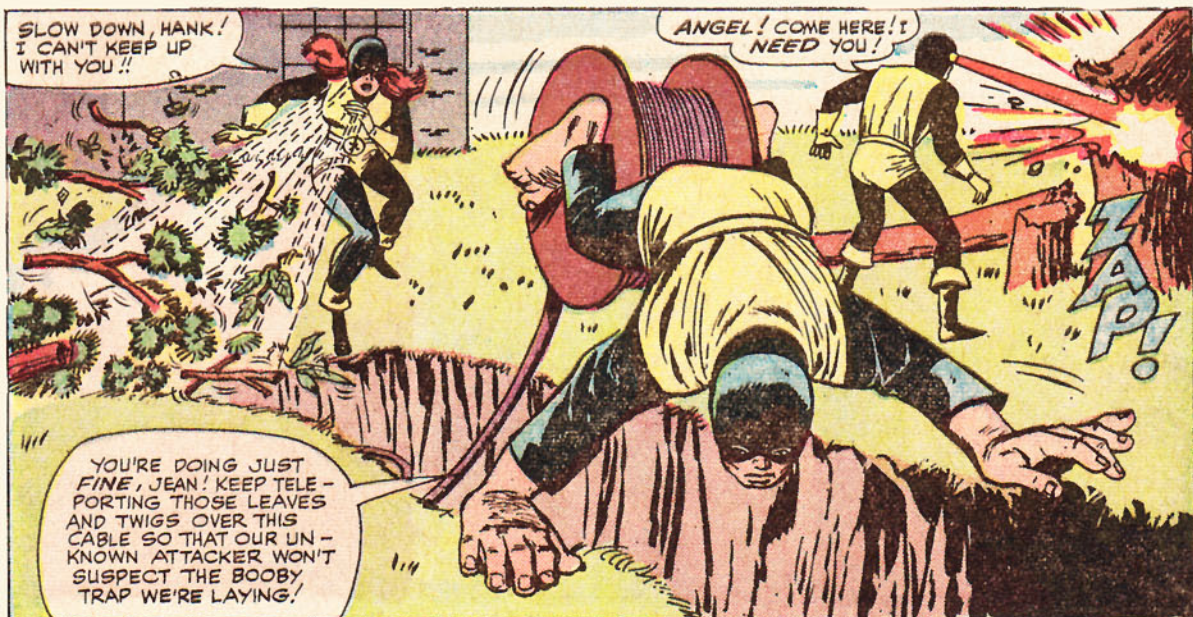
"THE ORIGIN OF PROFESSOR X!"





A MOMENT LATER, HAVING RECEIVED THEIR ORDERS, THE MARVELOUS MUTANTS RACE INTO ACTION ...





SLOW DOWN, HANK!
I CAN'T KEEP UP
WITH YOU!!

ANGEL! COME HERE! I
NEED YOU!

ZAP!

YOU'RE DOING JUST
FINE, JEAN! KEEP TELE-
PORTING THOSE LEAVES
AND TWIGS OVER THIS
CABLE SO THAT OUR UN-
KNOWN ATTACKER WON'T
SUSPECT THE BOOBY
TRAP WE'RE LAYING!



THAT'S IT,
WARREN! HOLD
THOSE LOGS
WHILE I HOLLOW
THEM OUT WITH
POWER BLASTS!

THIS IS THE
LAST OF 'EM,
CYKE! NOW
I'LL GET
THE
GRENADES!



THE PROF DIDN'T SAY WHAT KIND
OF GRENADES THESE ARE! DO
YOU THINK...?

NO TIME FOR
GUESSING!
WE'RE ALMOST
DONE NOW!



EXACTLY FIVE MINUTES LATER, THE X-MEN RETURN,
HAVING COMPLETELY FORTIFIED AND BOOBY-TRAPPED
THE MYSTERIOUS BUILDING...

THE SCREECHING SOUND HAS STOPPED!
DOES THAT MEAN THE DANGER'S PAST?

NO! THE
PROFESSOR'S
MERELY
TURNED OFF
THE CEREBRO
MACHINE!

WELL DONE,
MY X-MEN!
COME IN...

IT'S TIME
FOR YOU
TO LEARN
MORE OF
THE DANGER
THAT
THREATENS
US!



IS IT ONE OF
THE EVIL
MUTANTS WE
FOUGHT IN THE
PAST, SIR?

NO! I ONLY WISH IT WERE!

I HOPED YOU'D NEVER
HAVE TO LEARN OF THIS
ENEMY... FOR HIS POWER
MAY EXCEED MY OWN!

THE ONE
WHO IS
ABOUT TO
ATTACK US
IS...MY OWN
BROTHER!!

YOUR
BROTHER??!



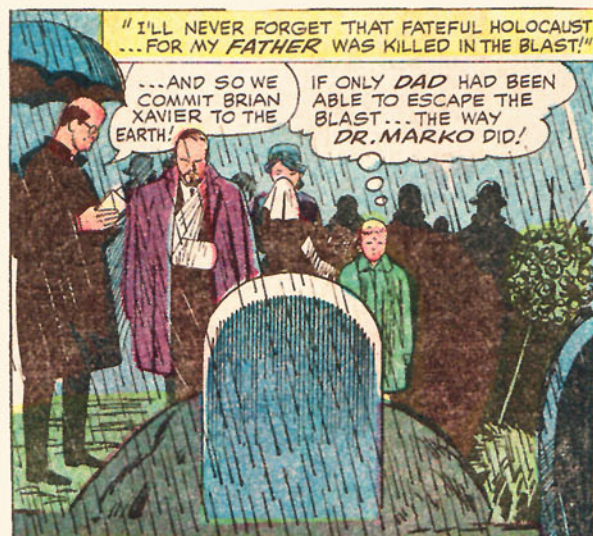
I NEVER MENTIONED HIM BEFORE! PERHAPS I HOPED I WOULD NEVER HAVE TO MENTION HIM!



BUT NOW THAT WE ALL SHARE THE SAME MOMENT OF CRISIS... I OWE IT TO YOU TO TELL YOU THE WHOLE STORY... TO TAKE YOU BACK WITH ME, IN YOUR IMAGINATION... TO THE *BEGINNING*...



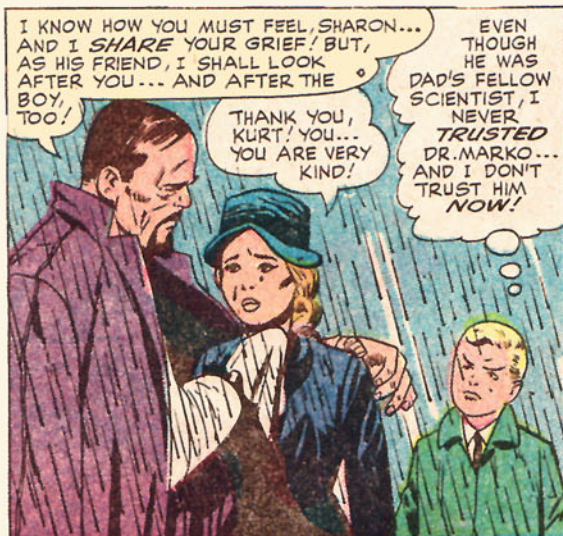
IT STARTED WITH AN ATOMIC BLAST, YEARS AGO... AT ALAMAGORDO, NEW MEXICO...



"I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT FATEFUL HOLOCAUST... FOR MY FATHER WAS KILLED IN THE BLAST!"

...AND SO WE COMMIT BRIAN XAVIER TO THE EARTH!

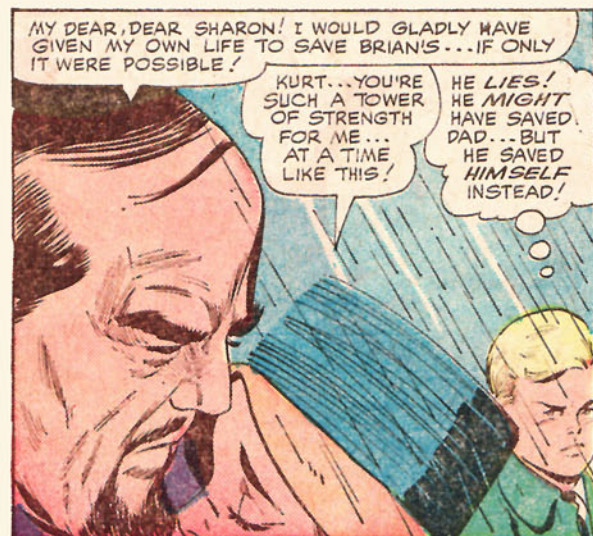
IF ONLY DAD HAD BEEN ABLE TO ESCAPE THE BLAST... THE WAY DR. MARKO DID!



I KNOW HOW YOU MUST FEEL, SHARON... AND I *SHARE* YOUR GRIEF! BUT, AS HIS FRIEND, I SHALL LOOK AFTER YOU... AND AFTER THE BOY, TOO!

THANK YOU, KURT! YOU... YOU ARE VERY KIND!

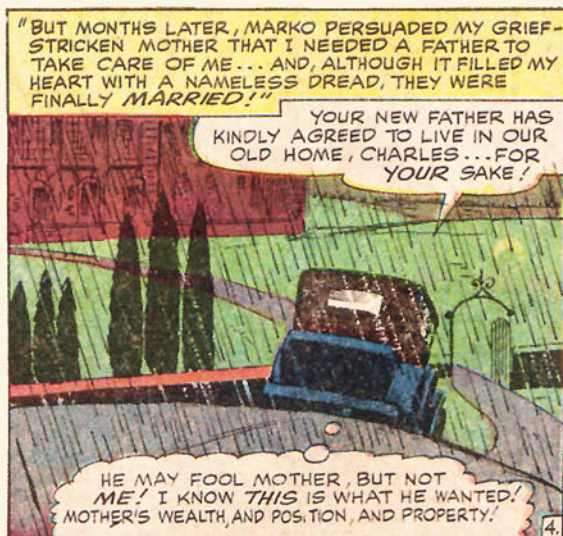
EVEN THOUGH HE WAS DAD'S FELLOW SCIENTIST, I NEVER TRUSTED DR. MARKO... AND I DON'T TRUST HIM NOW!



MY DEAR, DEAR SHARON! I WOULD GLADLY HAVE GIVEN MY OWN LIFE TO SAVE BRIAN'S... IF ONLY IT WERE POSSIBLE!

KURT... YOU'RE SUCH A TOWER OF STRENGTH FOR ME... AT A TIME LIKE THIS!

HE LIES! HE MIGHT HAVE SAVED DAD... BUT HE SAVED HIMSELF INSTEAD!

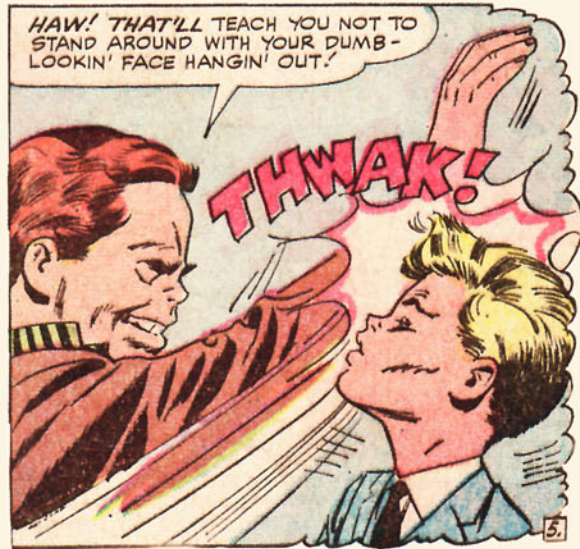
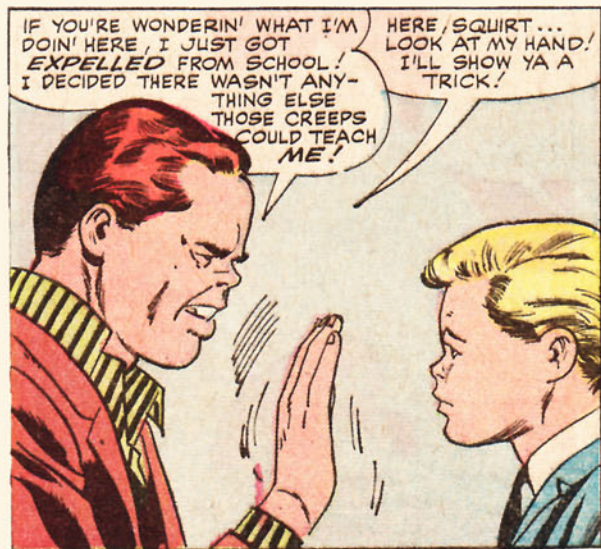
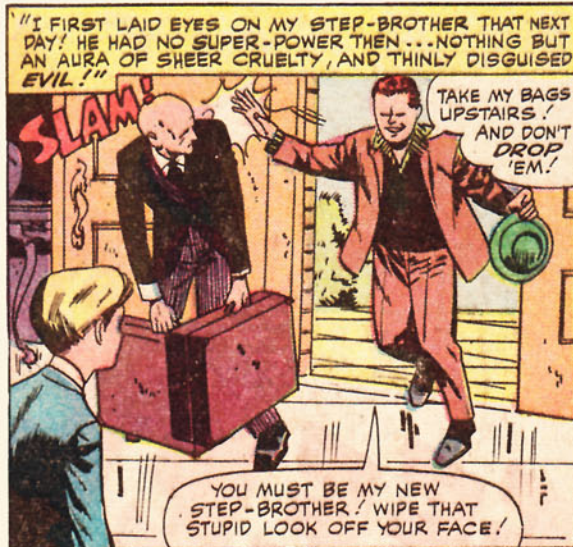
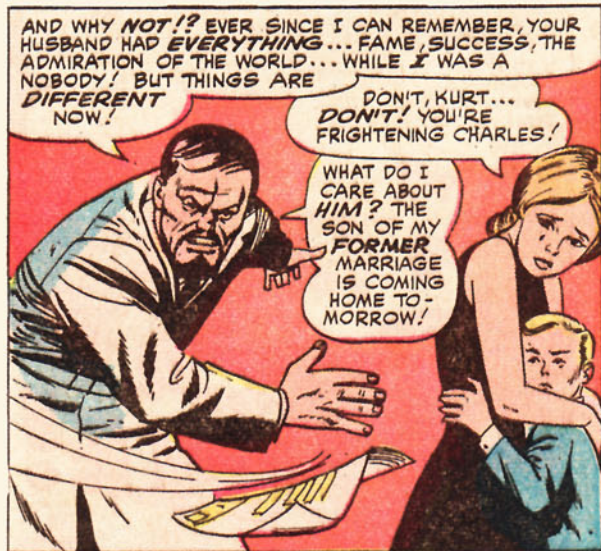
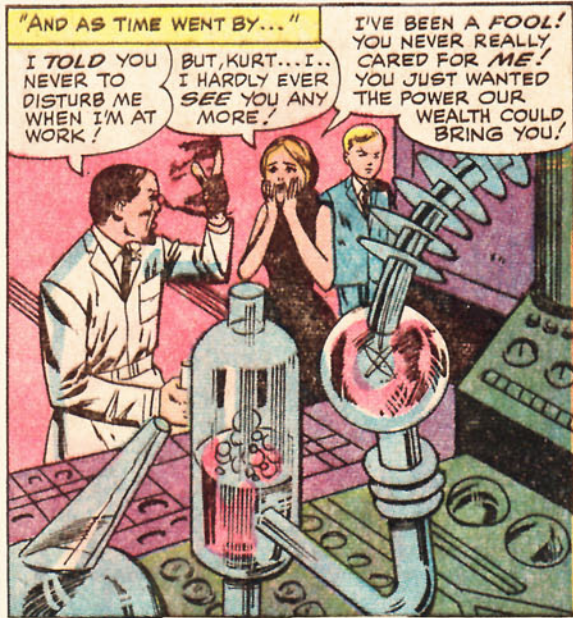


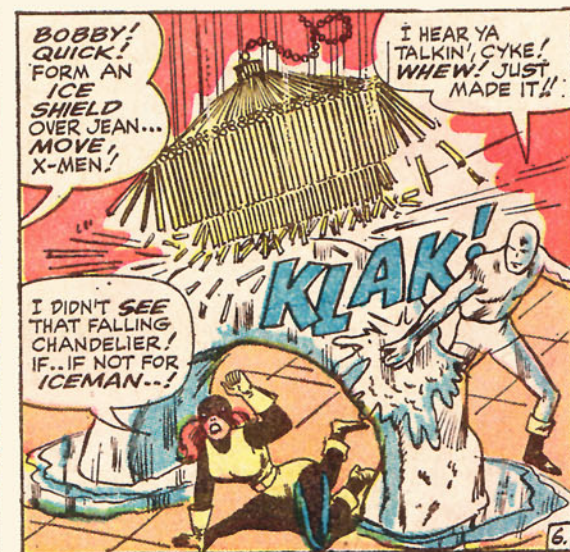
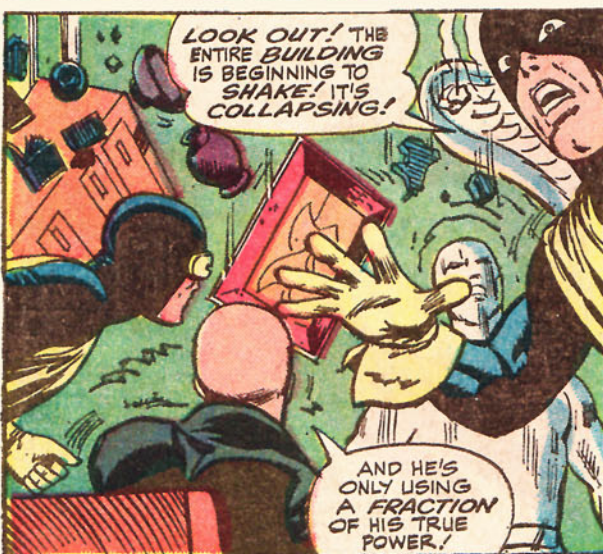
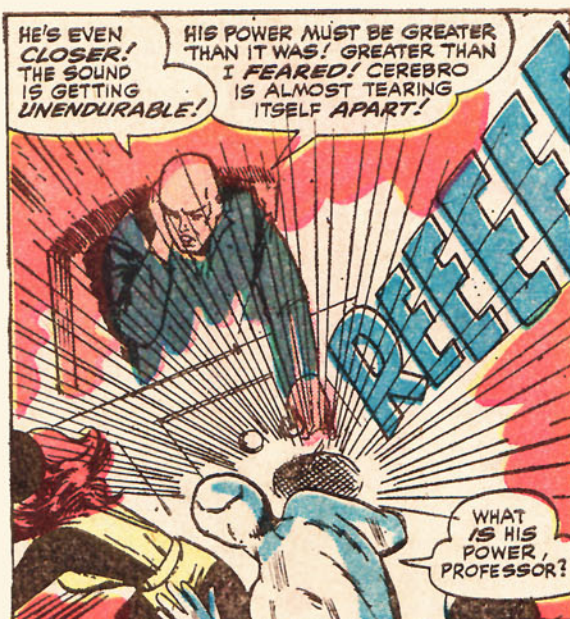
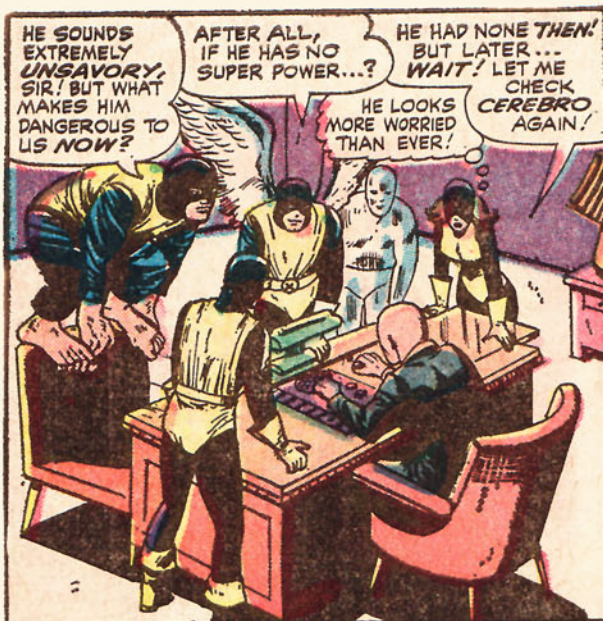
"BUT MONTHS LATER, MARKO PERSUADED MY GRIEF-STRIKEN MOTHER THAT I NEEDED A FATHER TO TAKE CARE OF ME... AND, ALTHOUGH IT FILLED MY HEART WITH A NAMELESS DREAD, THEY WERE FINALLY MARRIED!"

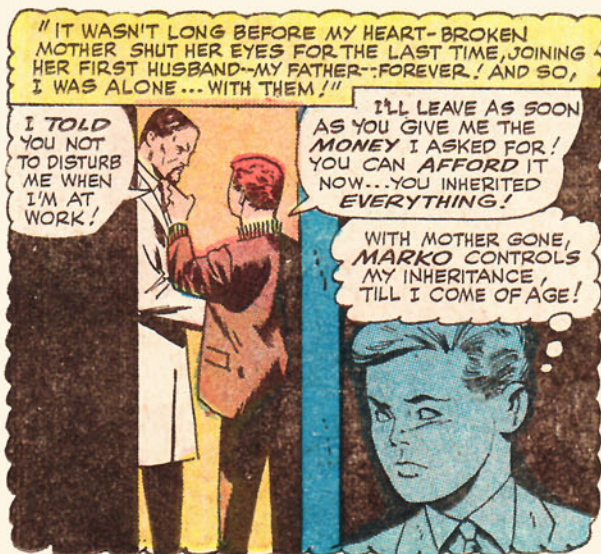
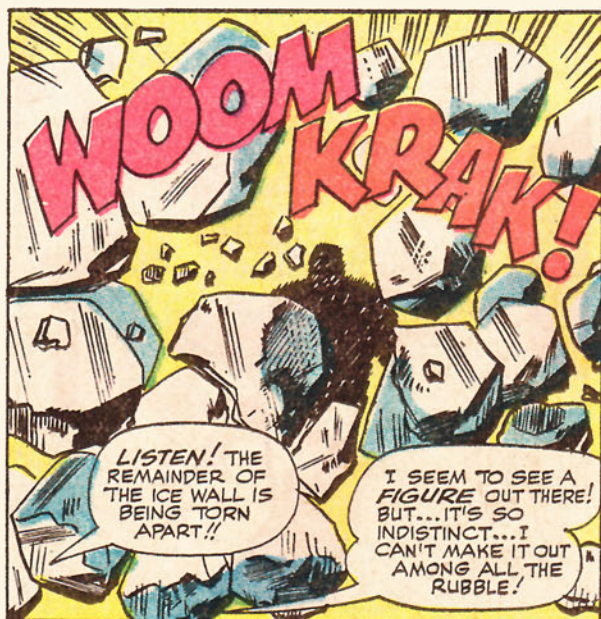
YOUR NEW FATHER HAS KINDLY AGREED TO LIVE IN OUR OLD HOME, CHARLES... FOR YOUR SAKE!

HE MAY FOOL MOTHER, BUT NOT ME! I KNOW *THIS* IS WHAT HE WANTED! MOTHER'S WEALTH, AND POSITION, AND PROPERTY!

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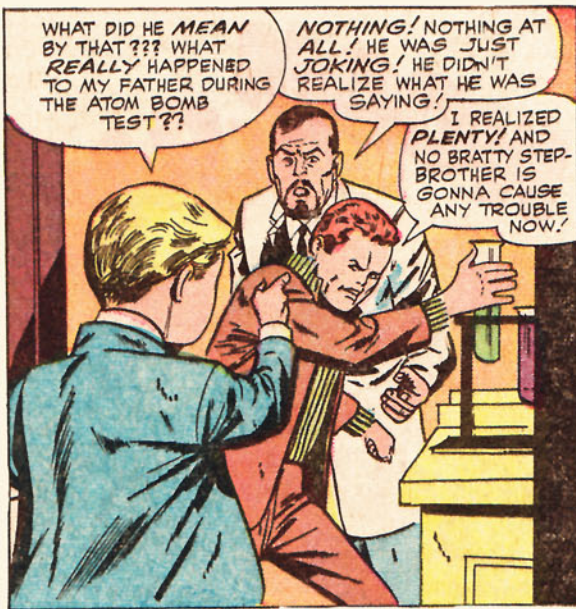






DON'T YOU EVER SAY THAT AGAIN!! DO YOU HEAR?? FOR AS LONG AS YOU LIVE, DON'T EVER SAY THAT AGAIN!!

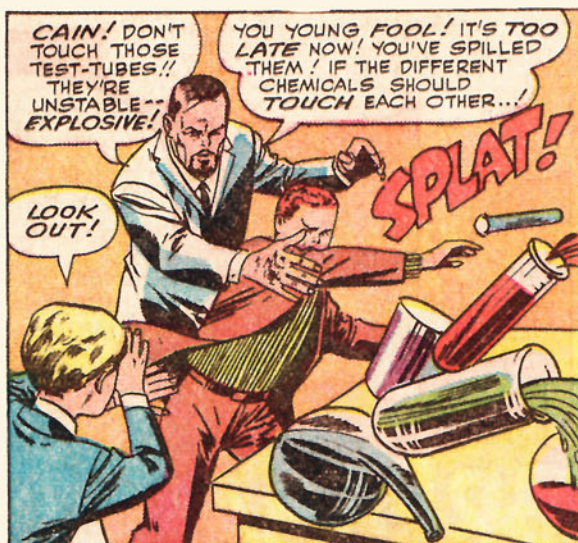
YOU'RE TOO LATE! I HEARD HIM!



WHAT DID HE MEAN BY THAT??? WHAT REALLY HAPPENED TO MY FATHER DURING THE ATOM BOMB TEST??

NOTHING! NOTHING AT ALL! HE WAS JUST JOKING! HE DIDN'T REALIZE WHAT HE WAS SAYING!

I REALIZED PLENTY! AND NO BRATTY STEP-BROTHER IS GONNA CAUSE ANY TROUBLE NOW!

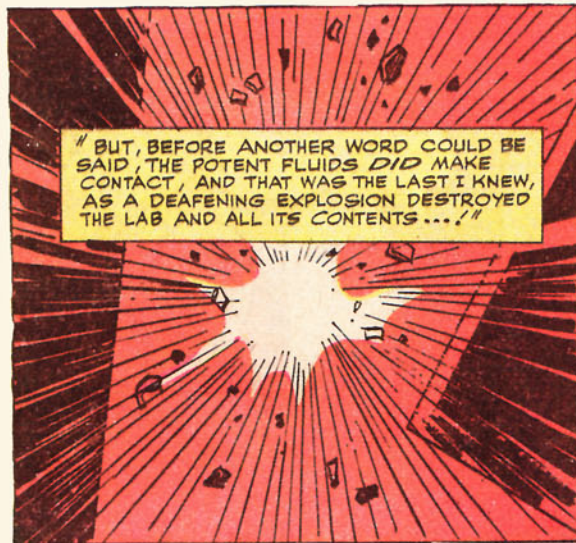


CAIN! DON'T TOUCH THOSE TEST-TUBES!! THEY'RE UNSTABLE--EXPLOSIVE!

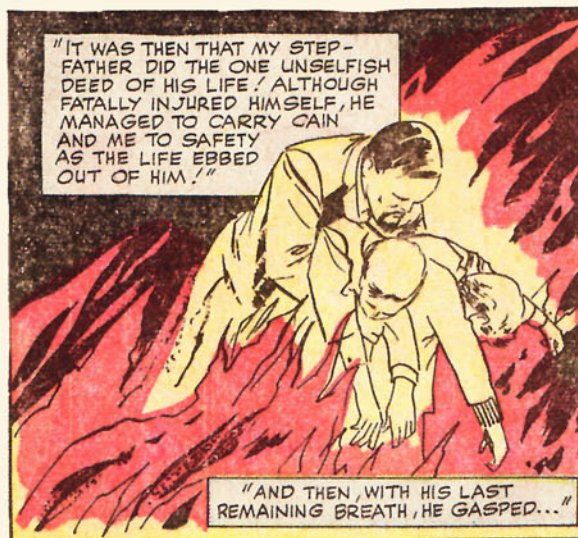
YOU YOUNG FOOL! IT'S TOO LATE NOW! YOU'VE SPILLED THEM! IF THE DIFFERENT CHEMICALS SHOULD TOUCH EACH OTHER...

SPLAT!

LOOK OUT!

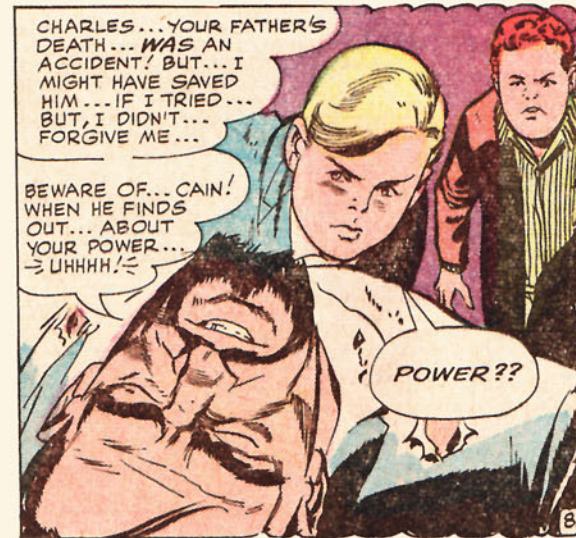


"BUT, BEFORE ANOTHER WORD COULD BE SAID, THE POTENT FLUIDS DID MAKE CONTACT, AND THAT WAS THE LAST I KNEW, AS A DEAFENING EXPLOSION DESTROYED THE LAB AND ALL ITS CONTENTS..."



"IT WAS THEN THAT MY STEP-FATHER DID THE ONE UNSELFISH DEED OF HIS LIFE! ALTHOUGH FATALLY INJURED HIMSELF, HE MANAGED TO CARRY CAIN AND ME TO SAFETY AS THE LIFE EBBED OUT OF HIM."

"AND THEN, WITH HIS LAST REMAINING BREATH, HE GASPED..."



CHARLES... YOUR FATHER'S DEATH... WAS AN ACCIDENT! BUT... I MIGHT HAVE SAVED HIM... IF I TRIED... BUT, I DIDN'T... FORGIVE ME...

BEWARE OF... CAIN! WHEN HE FINDS OUT... ABOUT YOUR POWER...
-> UHHHH! <-

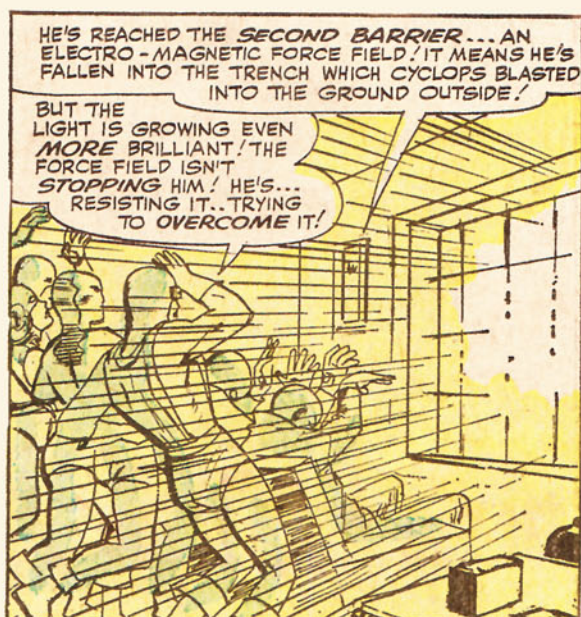
POWER??

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AND THEN...HE DIED! BUT,
HIS WORDS PROVED
PROPHETIC, FOR...!

PROFESSOR!!
LOOK! OUT THE
WINDOW! THAT
STRANGE, DAZZLING
LIGHT! WHAT
DOES IT MEAN??



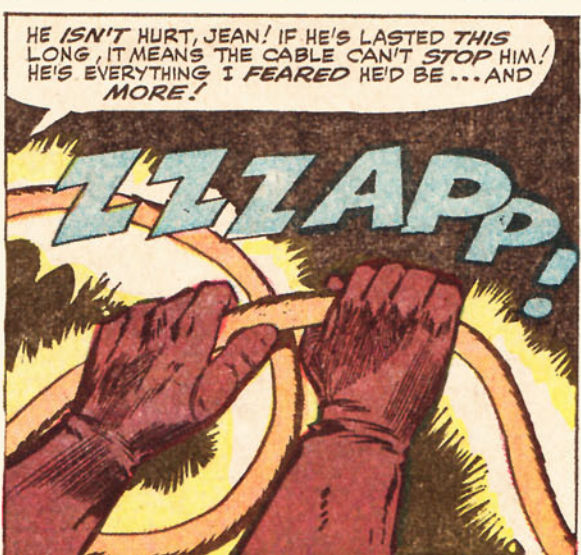
HE'S REACHED THE **SECOND BARRIER**... AN
ELECTRO - MAGNETIC FORCE FIELD. IT MEANS HE'S
FALLEN INTO THE TRENCH WHICH CYCLOPS BLASTED
INTO THE GROUND OUTSIDE!

BUT THE
LIGHT IS GROWING EVEN
MORE BRILLIANT! THE
FORCE FIELD ISN'T
STOPPING HIM! HE'S...
RESISTING IT.. TRYING
TO **OVERCOME IT!**



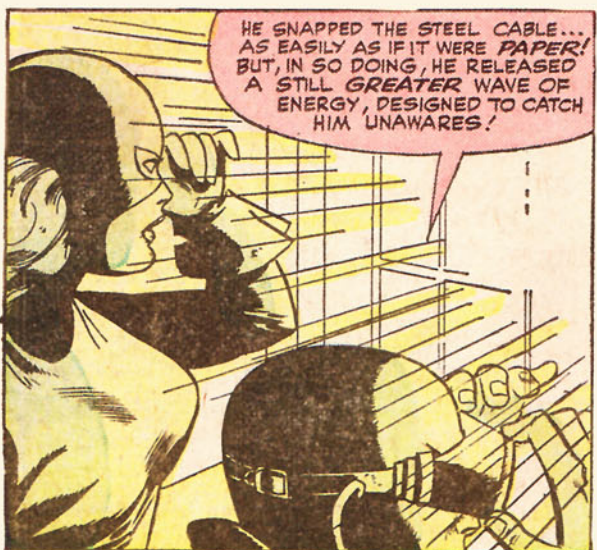
I CAN SEE A **FIGURE** OUT THERE!! IT'S
STANDING UPRIGHT! IT DOESN'T EVEN
SEEM TO BE HURT... OR WEAKENED. AND...
IT LOOKS **ENORMOUS!**

KRRRACKLE

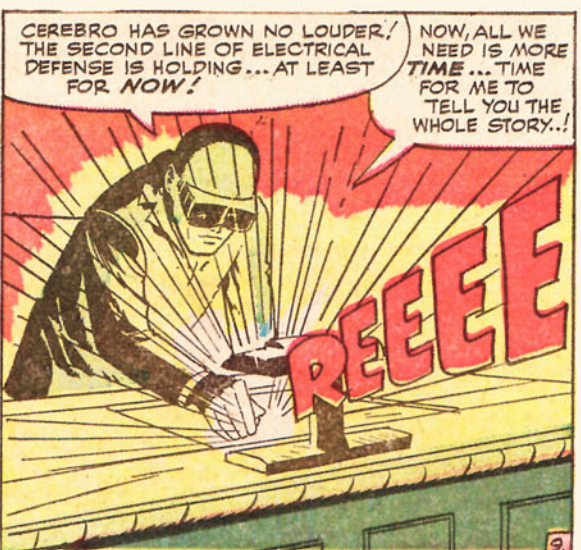


HE **ISN'T HURT**, JEAN! IF HE'S LASTED **THIS**
LONG, IT MEANS THE CABLE CAN'T **STOP** HIM!
HE'S EVERYTHING I **FEARED** HE'D BE ...AND
MORE!

ZZZAPP!



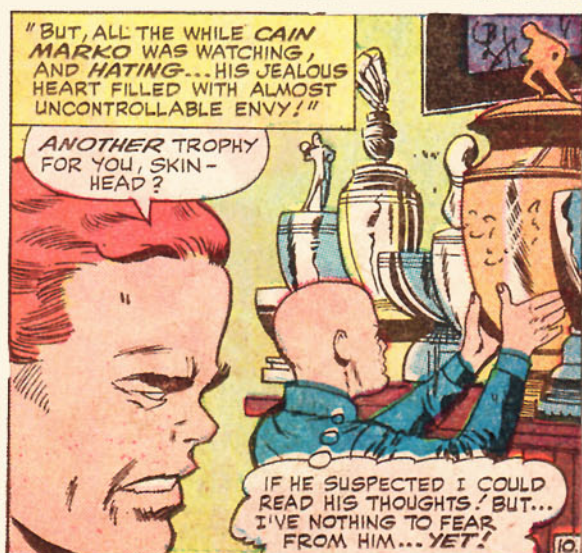
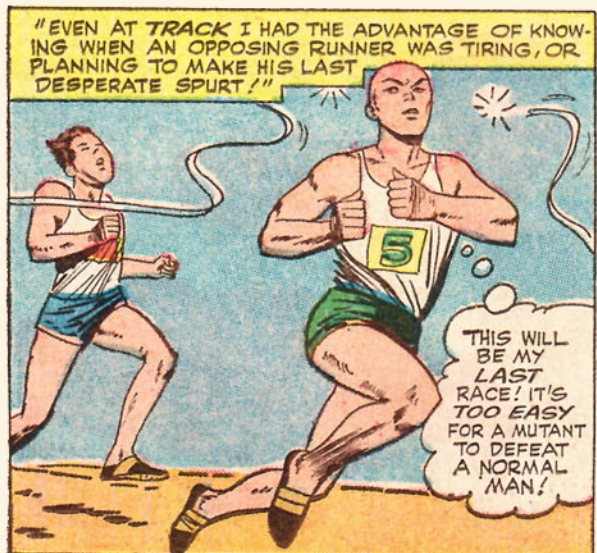
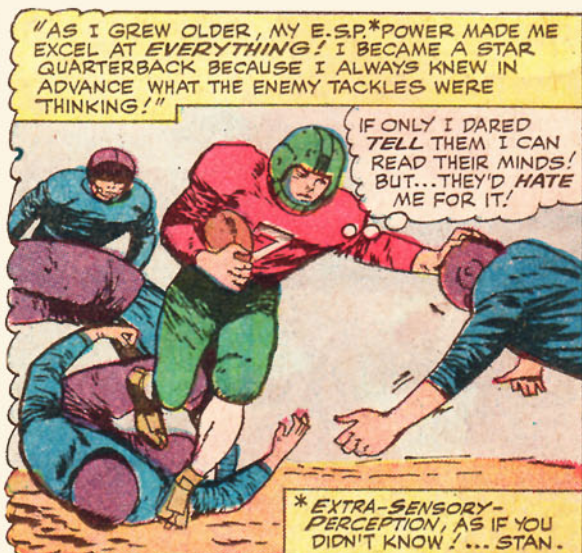
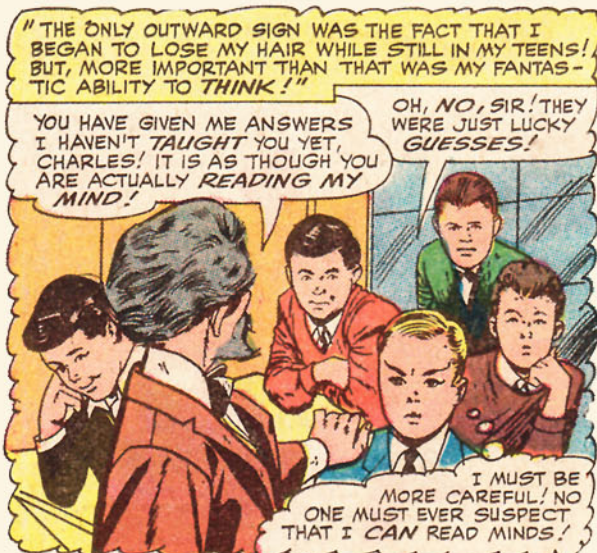
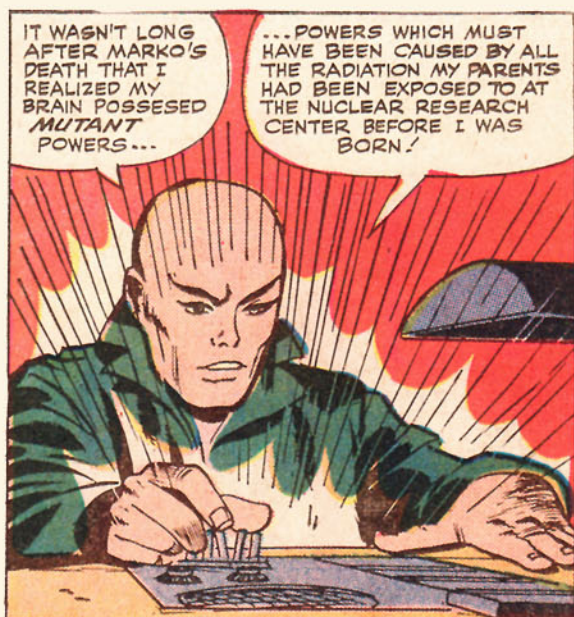
HE SNAPPED THE STEEL CABLE...
AS EASILY AS IF IT WERE **PAPER!**
BUT, IN SO DOING, HE RELEASED
A STILL **GREATER** WAVE OF
ENERGY, DESIGNED TO CATCH
HIM **UNAWARES!**

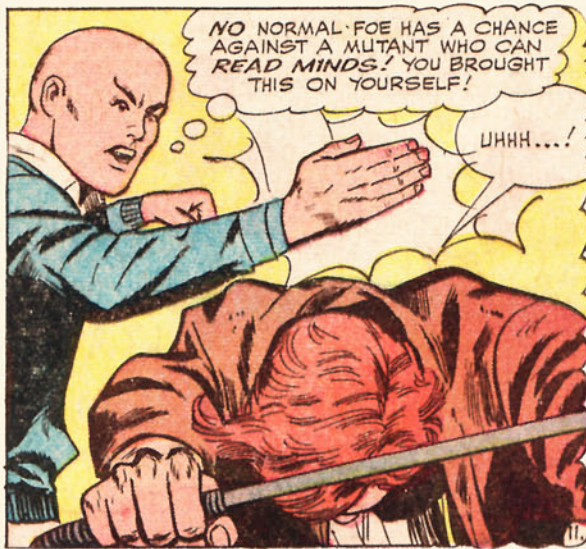
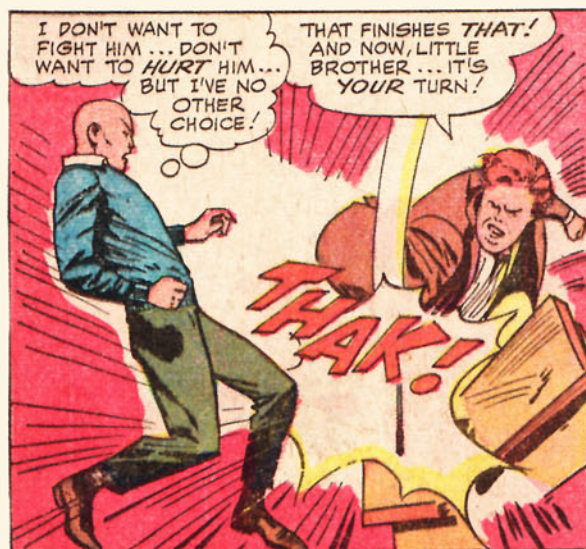


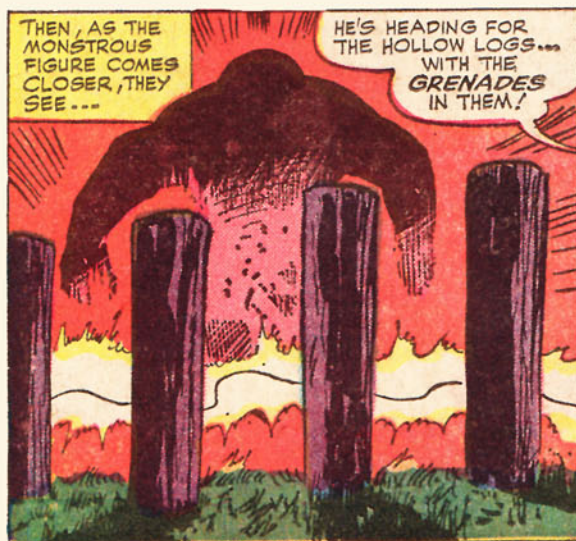
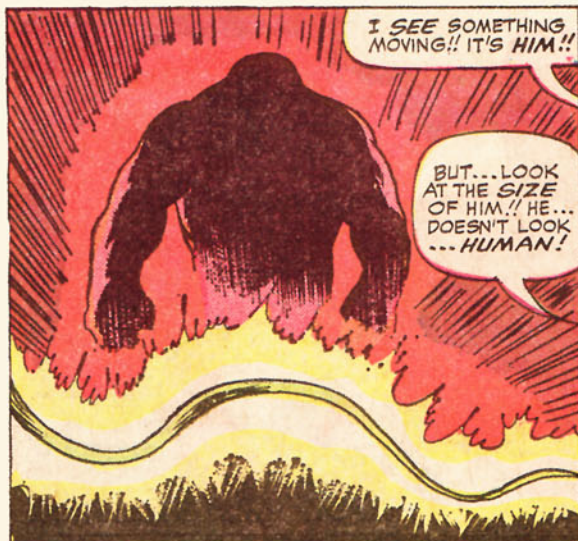
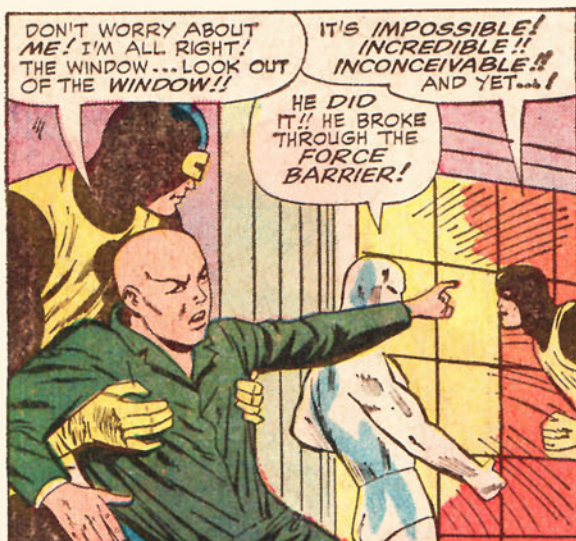
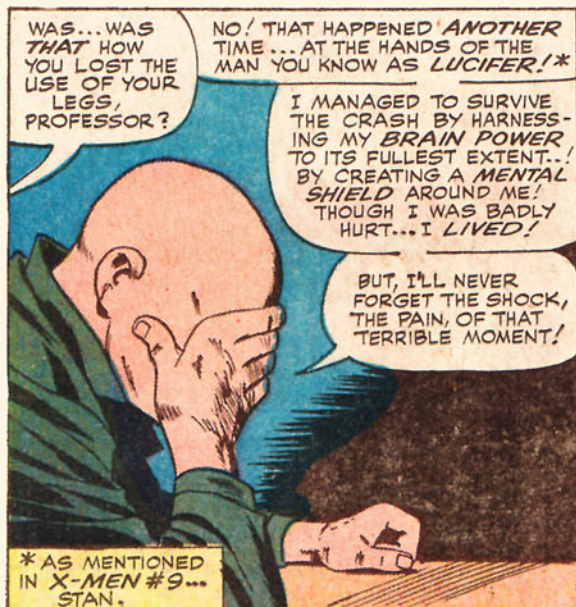
CEREBRO HAS GROWN NO LOUDER!
THE **SECOND** LINE OF ELECTRICAL
DEFENSE IS **HOLDING**... AT LEAST
FOR **NOW!**

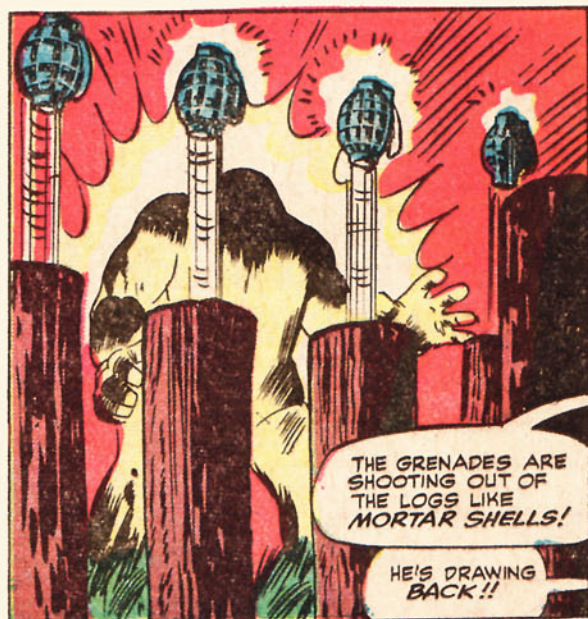
NOW, ALL WE
NEED IS **MORE**
TIME... TIME
FOR ME TO
TELL YOU THE
WHOLE **STORY..!**

REEEE









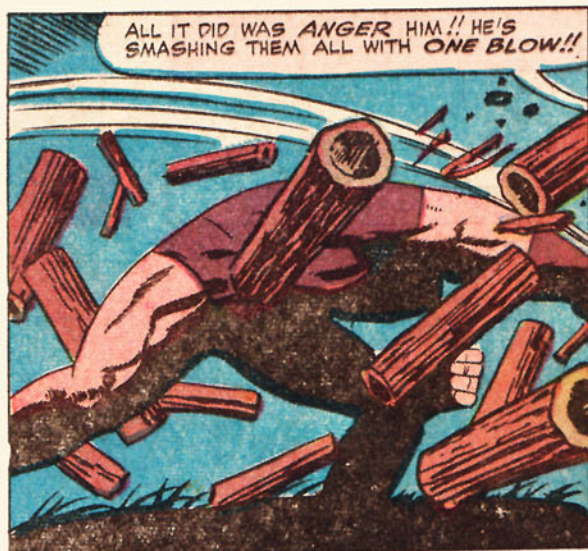
THE GRENADES ARE SHOOTING OUT OF THE LOGS LIKE MORTAR SHELLS!

HE'S DRAWING BACK!!

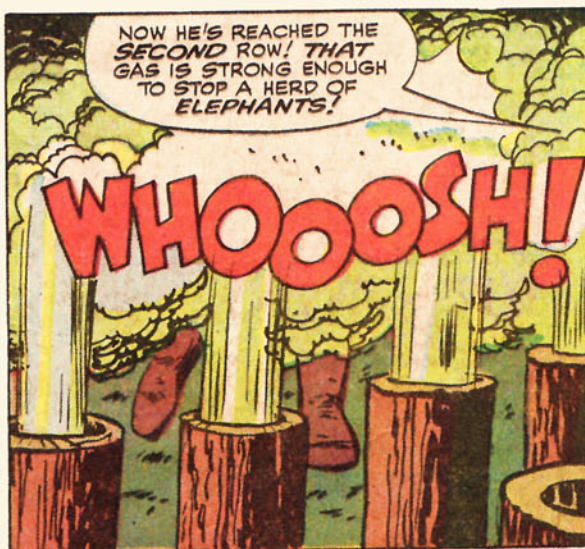


BULL'S EYE! THEY'VE LOOSED THEIR SLEEP GAS ALL AROUND HIM!

BUT... WHY DOESN'T HE FALL ???!



ALL IT DID WAS ANGER HIM!! HE'S SMASHING THEM ALL WITH ONE BLOW!!



NOW HE'S REACHED THE SECOND ROW! THAT GAS IS STRONG ENOUGH TO STOP A HERD OF ELEPHANTS!

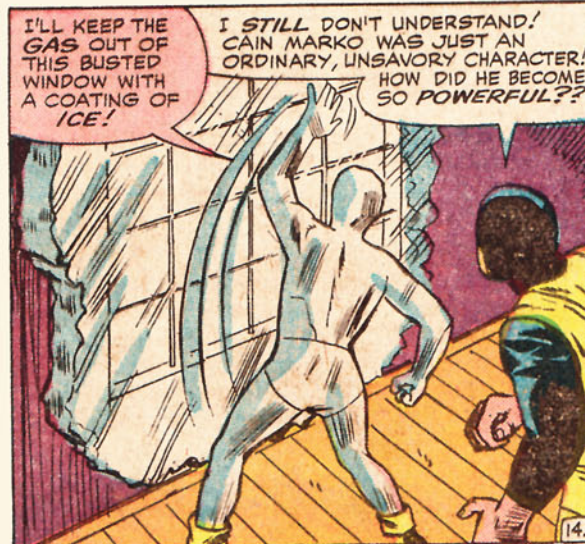
WHOOOSH!



HE'S STAGGERING! HE'S FALLING BACK! WE DID IT!

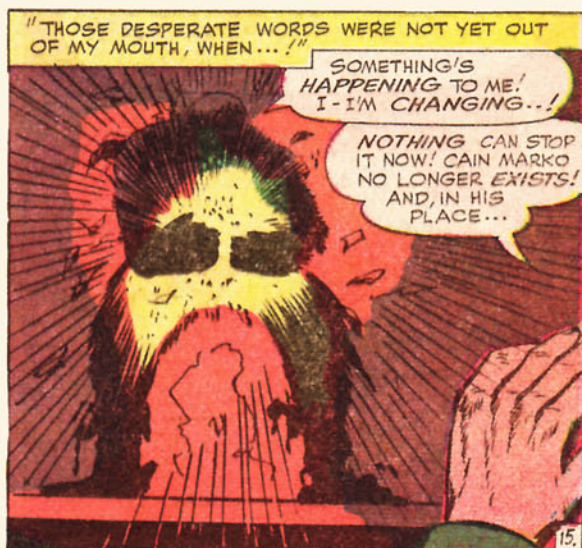
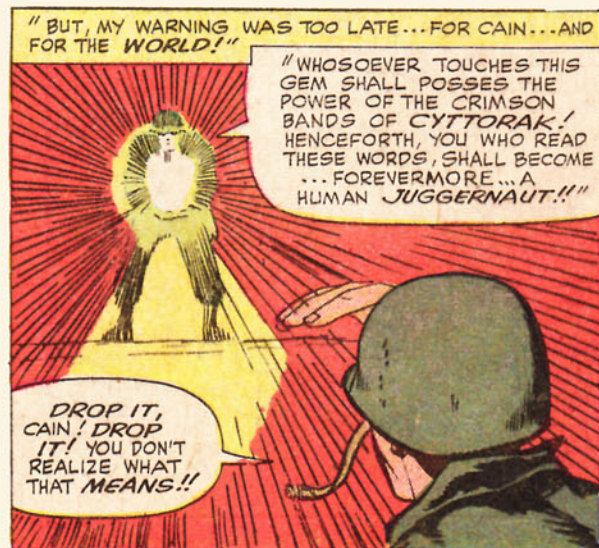
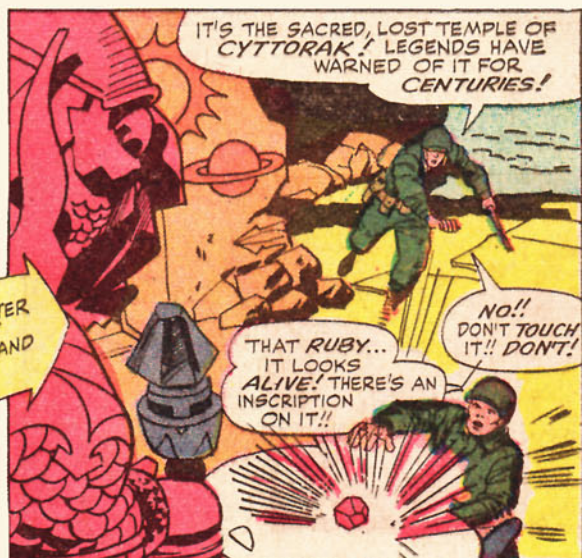
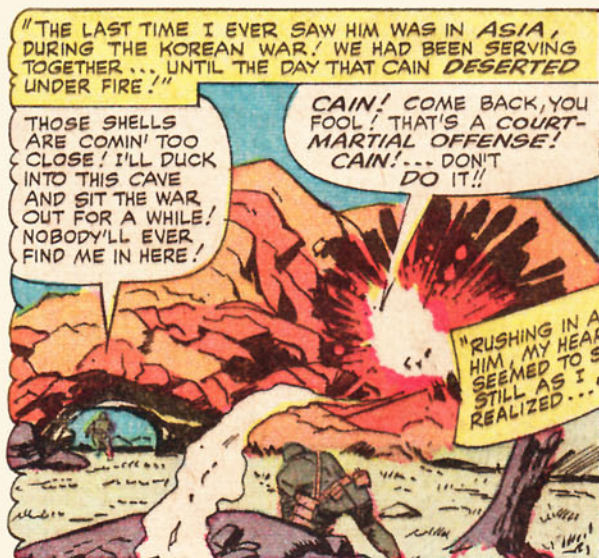
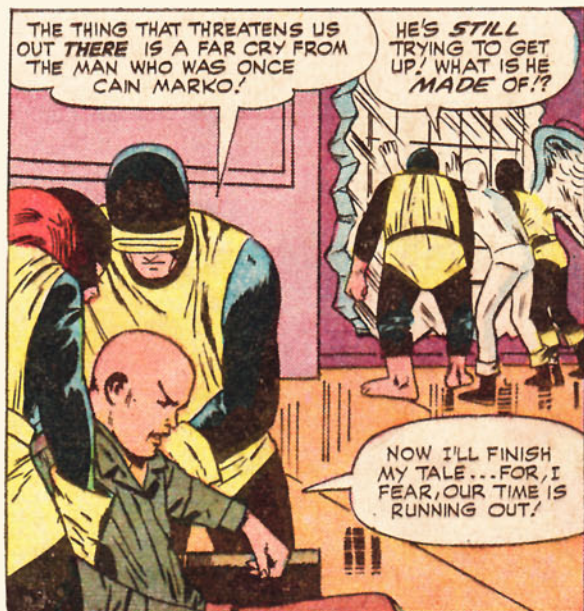
IF ONLY WE COULD SEE MORE CLEARLY!

THE SMOKE AND HAZE ARE CONCEALING HIM!



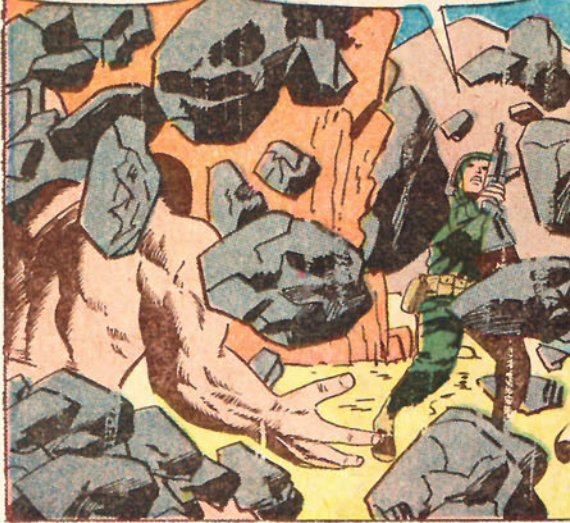
I'LL KEEP THE GAS OUT OF THIS BUSTED WINDOW WITH A COATING OF ICE!

I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND! CAIN MARKO WAS JUST AN ORDINARY, UNSAVORY CHARACTER! HOW DID HE BECOME SO POWERFUL??



...AN EVIL, HUMAN
JUGGERNAUT
HAS COME INTO
BEING!!

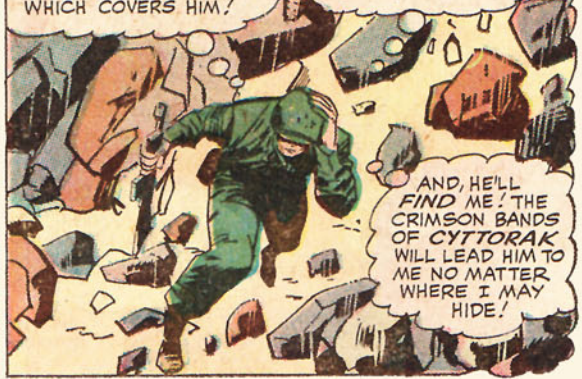
WHA...??! THAT EXPLOSION!!
THE REDS ARE SHELLING
THIS AREA! THE CAVE IS
COLLAPSING!!



"I WAS NEARER TO THE OPENING THAN HE WHO HAD
BEEN CAIN MARKO... SO I MANAGED TO ESCAPE BY
A HAIRSBREADTH... WHILE THE CREATURE WITHIN THE
CAVE WAS BURIED BENEATH A TRILLION TONS OF
FALLING ROCK AND RUBBLE!"

EVEN IF THE CAVE -IN
DOESN'T KILL HIM...
IT WILL TAKE YEARS
BEFORE HE CAN DIG OUT
FROM BENEATH THE
GIGANTIC MOUNTAIN
WHICH COVERS HIM!

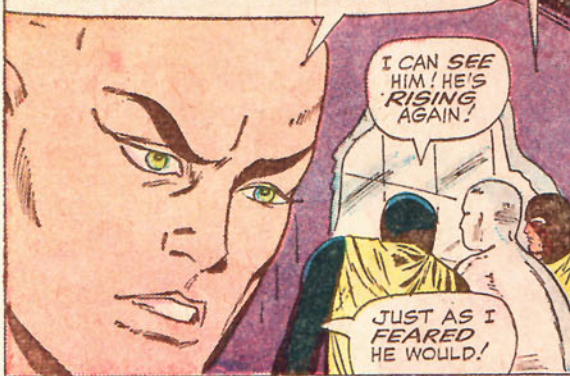
BUT, IF EVER HE
SHOULD BREAK
FREE, I CAN THINK OF
NO POWER ON EARTH
CAPABLE OF
STOPPING HIM!



AND, HE'LL
FIND ME! THE
CRIMSON BANDS
OF CYTTORAK
WILL LEAD HIM TO
ME NO MATTER
WHERE I MAY
HIDE!

BUT, WHAT WAS THE TEMPLE OF **CYTTORAK**?
AND, WHAT IS THE POWER OF... THE **JUGGER-
NAUT**..!?

CYTTORAK IS THE MOST MYSTERIOUS
OF ALL THE DEITIES OF **BLACK
MAGIC**! WHEN HE WAS FINALLY DRIVEN
FROM OUR OWN WORLD, HE LEFT BEHIND
HIM THE CURSE OF THE **JUGGERNAUT**!



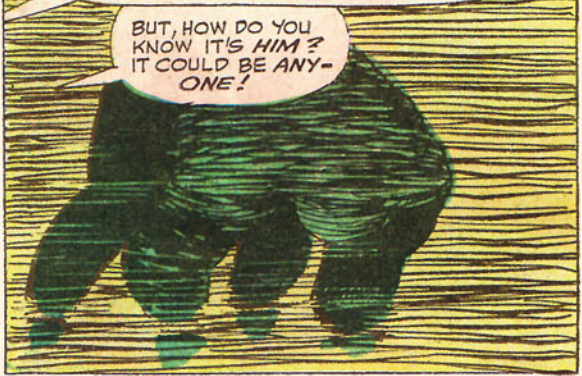
I CAN SEE
HIM! HE'S
RISING
AGAIN!

JUST AS I
FEARED
HE WOULD!

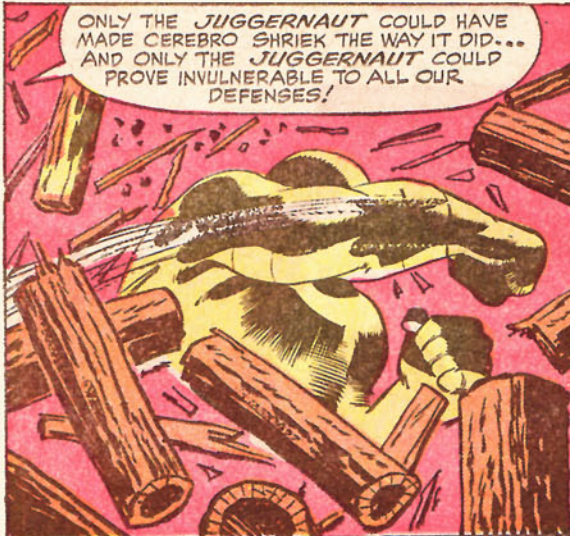
AS FOR THE **POWER** OF THE **JUGGERNAUT**, I SIMPLY
QUOTE THE DICTIONARY... "A GIGANTIC, INEXORABLE
FORCE THAT MOVES ONWARD IRRESISTIBLY,
CRUSHING ANYTHING IT FINDS IN ITS PATH!"

THEN **THAT'S** WHY HE GETS THROUGH ALL
OUR OBSTACLES!! NOTHING CAN
STOP A **JUGGERNAUT**!

BUT, HOW DO YOU
KNOW IT'S HIM?
IT COULD BE ANY-
ONE!



ONLY THE **JUGGERNAUT** COULD HAVE
MADE CERE BRO SHRIEK THE WAY IT DID...
AND ONLY THE **JUGGERNAUT** COULD
PROVE INVULNERABLE TO ALL OUR
DEFENSES!



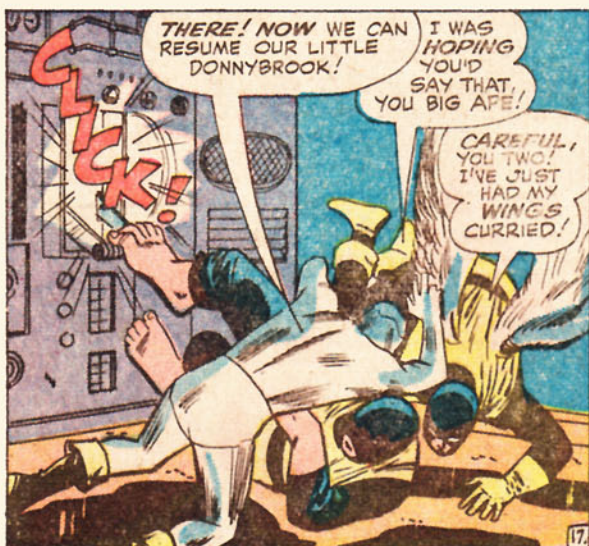
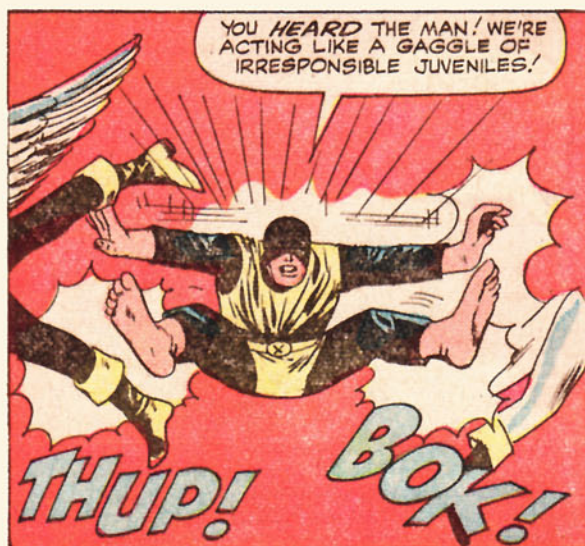
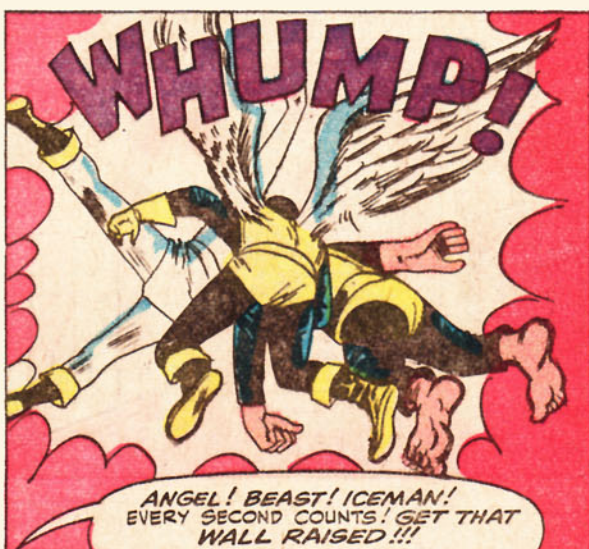
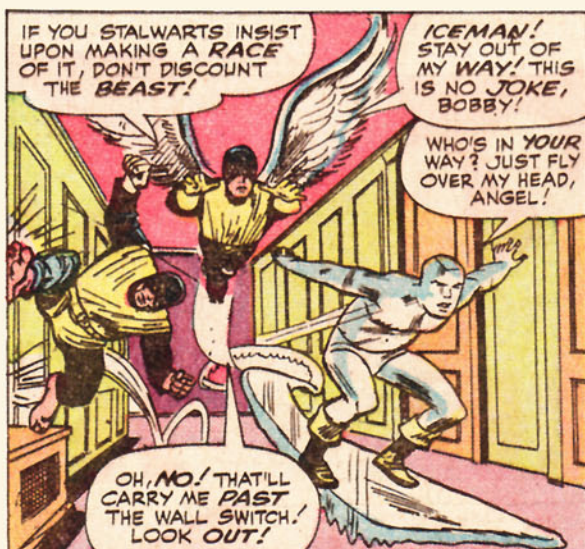
BUT, OUR **NEXT** DEFENSE
SHOULD STOP HIM! IT'S THE
GAS WHICH CAUSES LOSS
OF BALANCE!

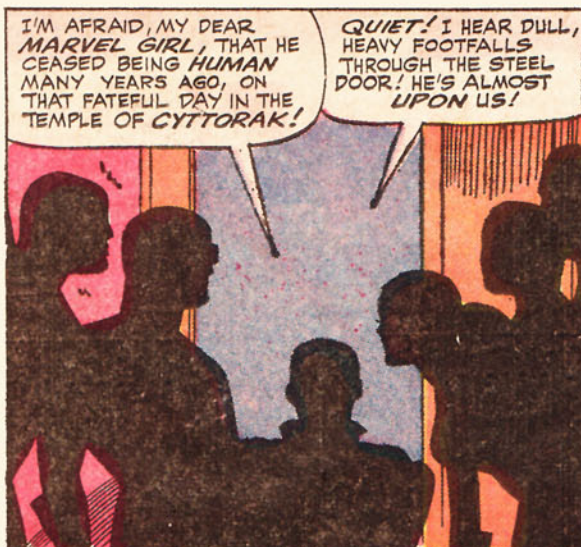
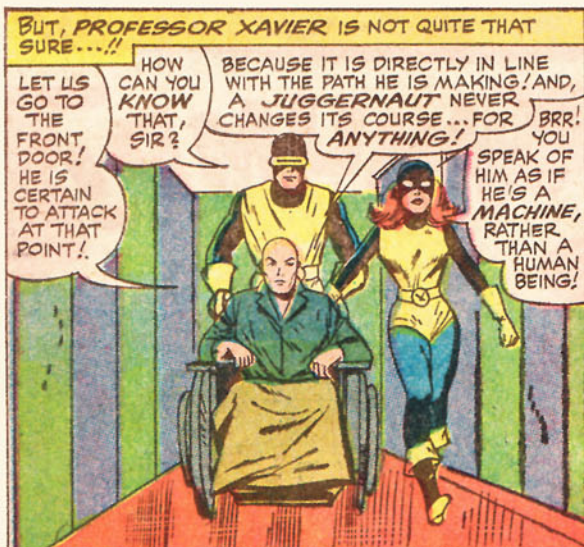
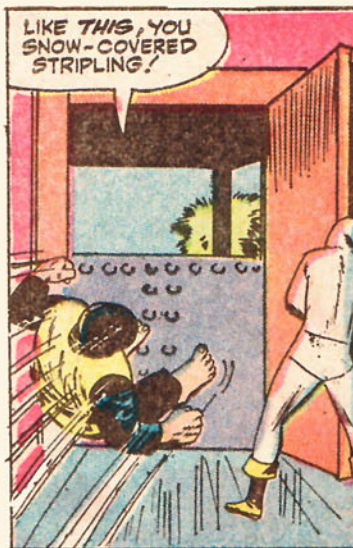
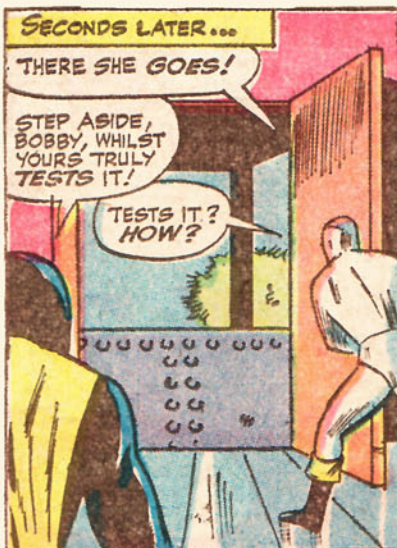
AND, WITHOUT
NORMAL BALANCE,
A MAN MUST TOPPLE
AND FALL!

SOMETHING
TELLS ME THAT
JUGGERNAUT IS
A LOT MORE THAN
JUST A MAN!



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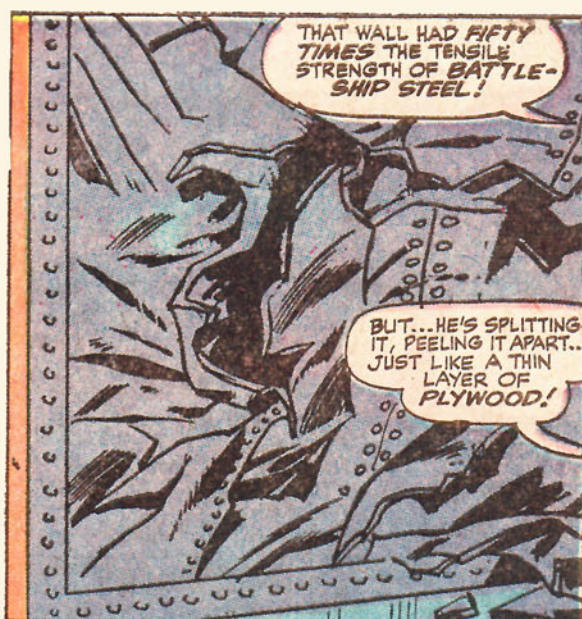






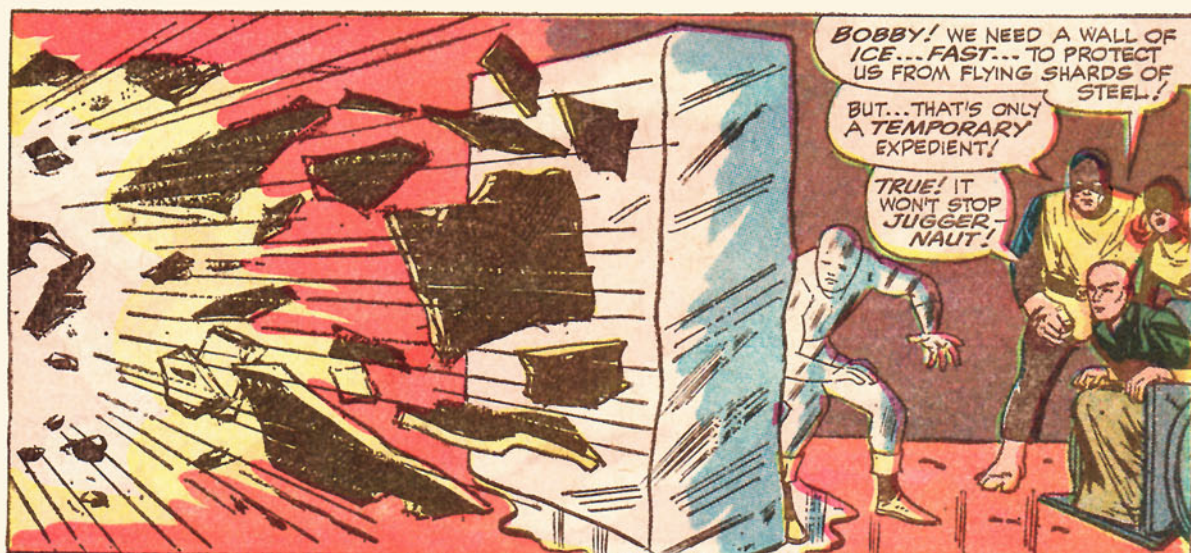
BACK! GET BACK!! HE'S CRASHING THROUGH!!

SKRAK!



THAT WALL HAD FIFTY TIMES THE TENSILE STRENGTH OF BATTLESHIP STEEL!

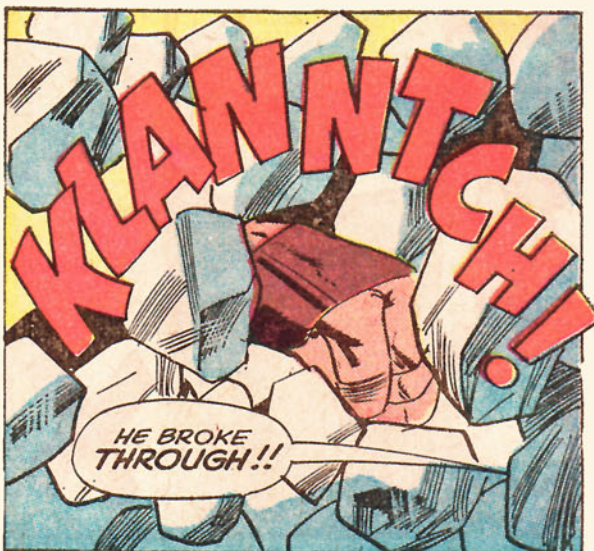
BUT...HE'S SPLITTING IT, PEELING IT APART... JUST LIKE A THIN LAYER OF PLYWOOD!



BOBBY! WE NEED A WALL OF ICE... FAST... TO PROTECT US FROM FLYING SHARDS OF STEEL!

BUT...THAT'S ONLY A TEMPORARY EXPEDIENT!

TRUE! IT WON'T STOP JUGGERNAUT!



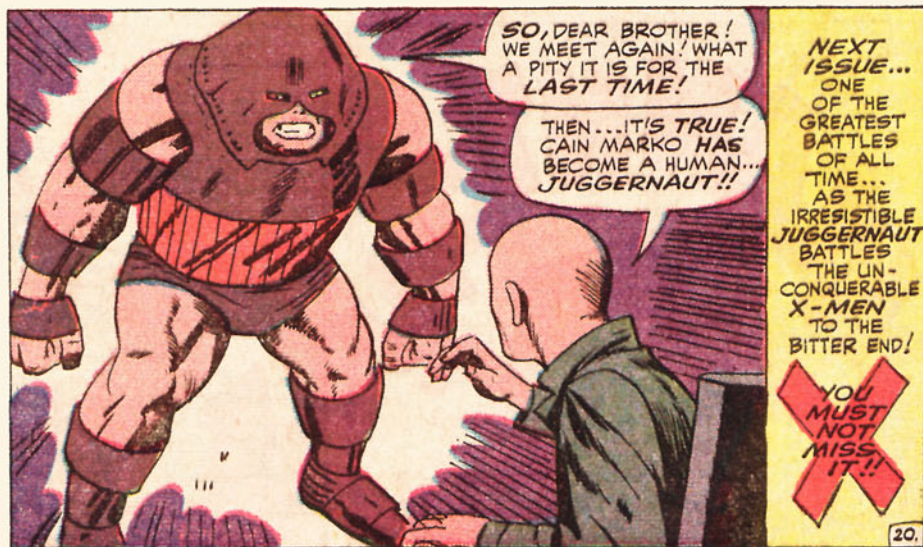
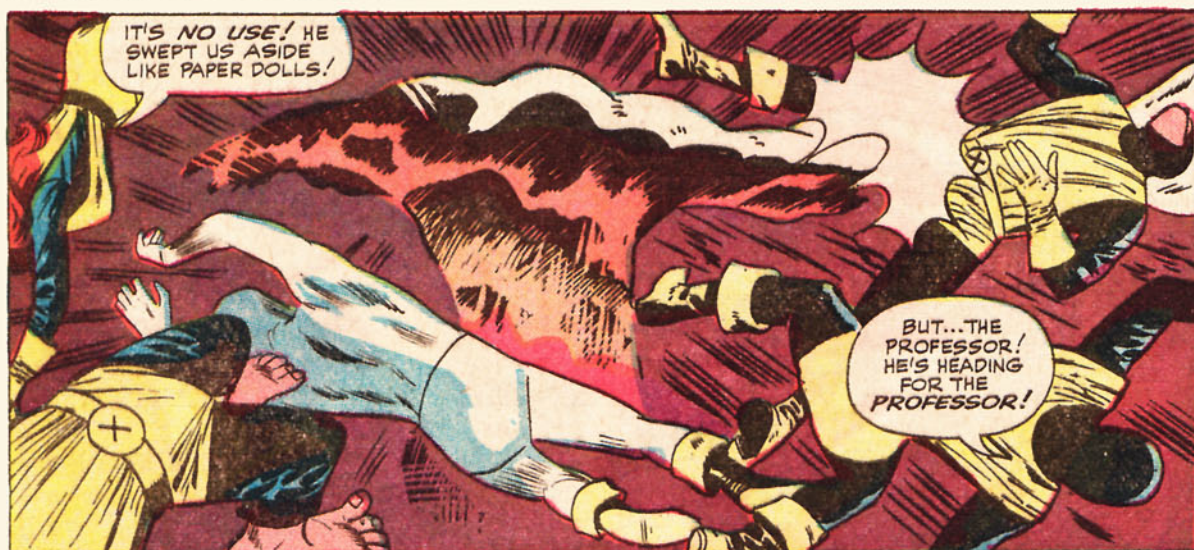
HE BROKE THROUGH!!



NOW IT'S UP TO US!

THIS IS IT! WE'RE DONE WITH DEFENSES! IT'S HIS POWER AGAINST OURS NOW!

NO MATTER HOW UNSTOPPABLE HE IS... WE MUSTN'T LET HIM REACH THE PROFESSOR!! LET'S GO!



NOTE: OUR LETTERS SECTION APPEARS AFTER NEXT PAGE...