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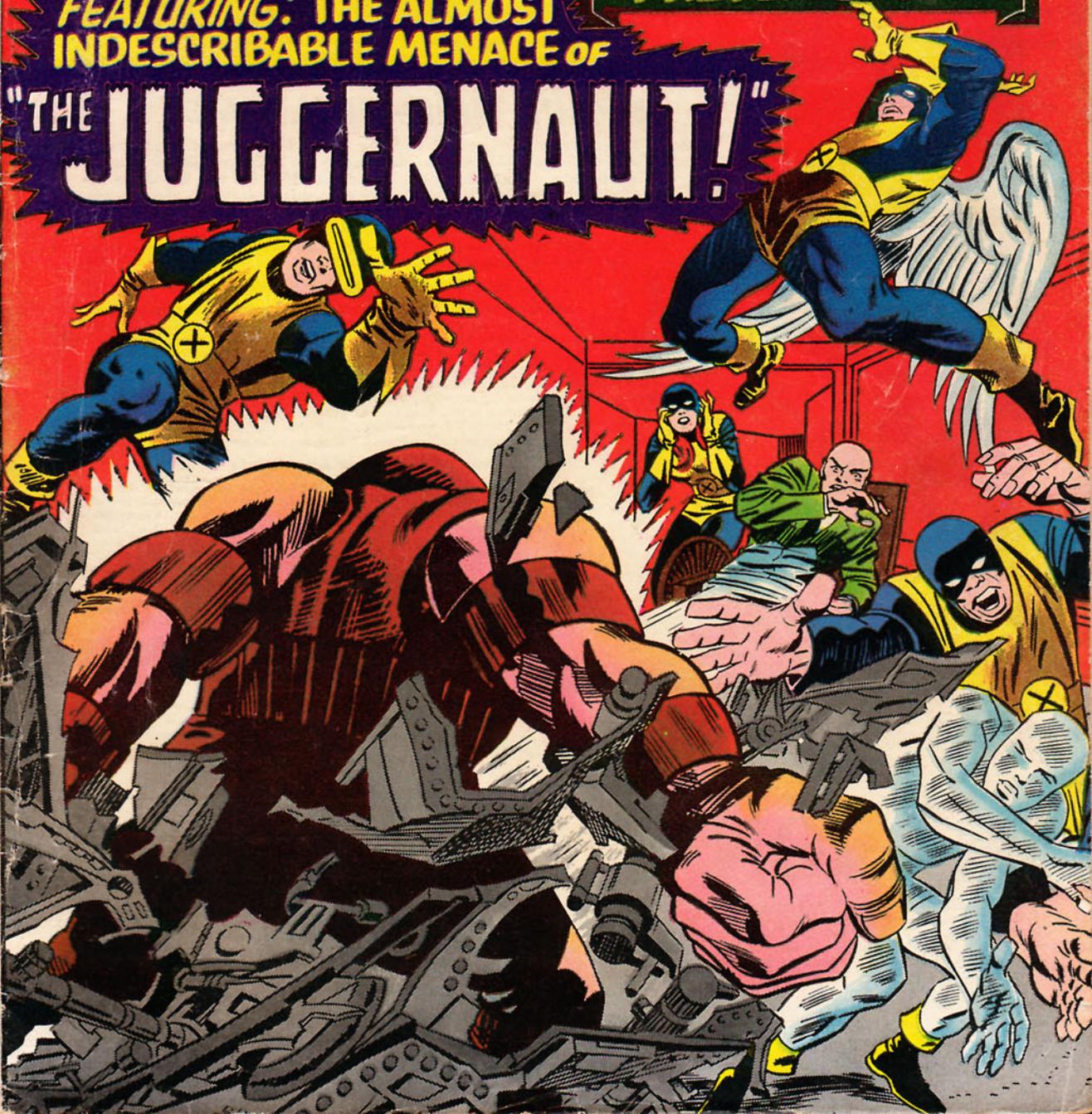
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THE ORIGIN OF
PROFESSOR X!

FEATURING: THE ALMOST
INDESCRIBABLE MENACE OF
"THE JUGGERNAUT!"



X-MEN

THE MOST UNUSUAL TEEN-AGERS OF ALL TIME!

"THE ORIGIN OF PROFESSOR X!"

PROFESSOR!
WE HEARD THAT BLOOD-CURLING 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!

STUPEFYING 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...!



WHAT IS IT, PROFESSOR? WHAT DANGER DO WE FACE? AND WHAT DOES CEREBRO MEAN?

IT'S THE ONLY MACHINE OF ITS KIND IN EXISTENCE! IT GIVES WARNING OF ANY MUTANT MENACE WHICH MAY BE NEAR!



BUT, IT HAS NEVER REACTED LIKE THIS BEFORE. THE MENACE WE FACE MUST BE INDESCRIBABLY POWERFUL!

THERE IS ONLY ONE WHO COULD CAUSE SUCH A REACTION! QUICKLY! YOU MUST DO AS I SAY...!

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



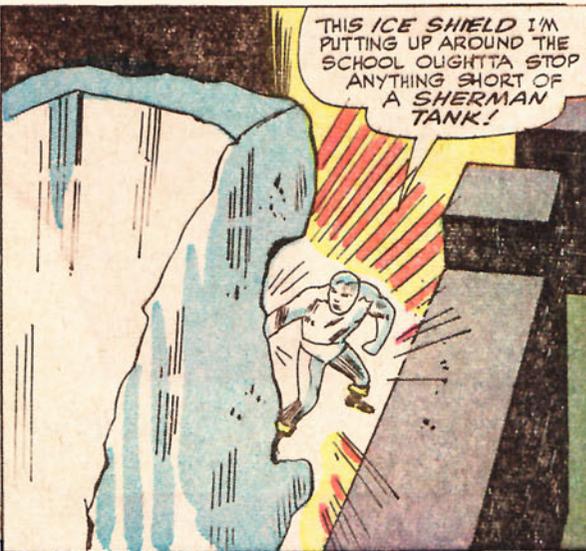
JUDGING BY THE PROFESSOR'S AGITATION, OUR VERY EXISTENCE IS AT STAKE!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS THAT HE FEARS, BUT IT MUST BE SOMETHING TERRIFYING!

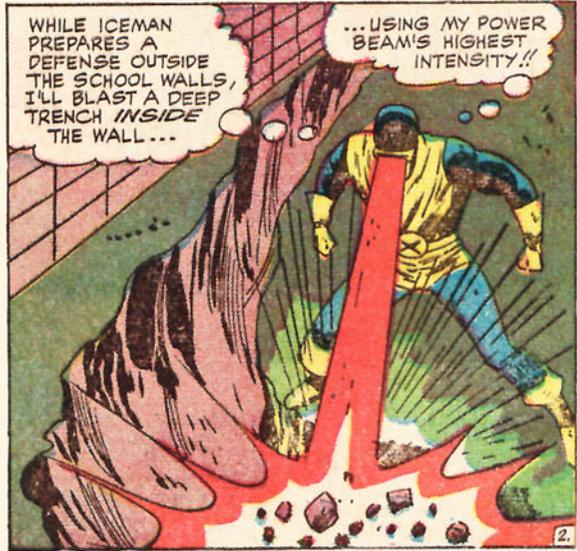
WHATEVER IT IS, WE CAN HANDLE IT!

HE NEVER SEEMED THIS WORRIED WHEN WE BATTLED MAGNETO'S EVIL MUTANTS!

STOP TALKING! MOVE! YOU EACH KNOW WHAT TO DO!

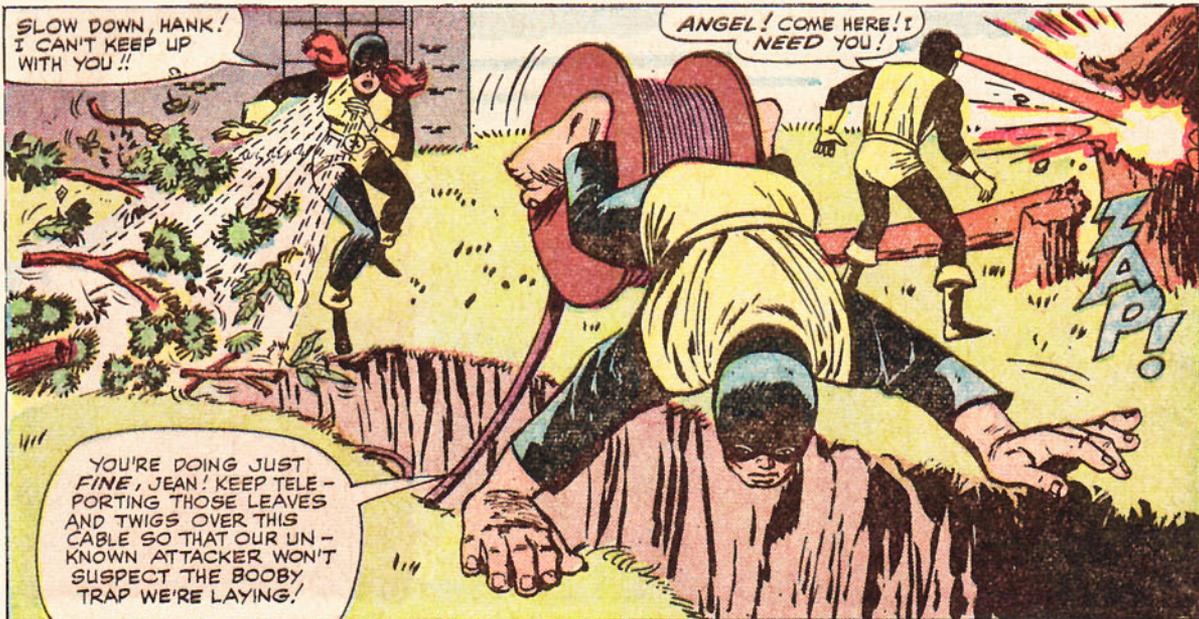


THIS ICE SHIELD I'M PUTTING UP AROUND THE SCHOOL OUGHTTA STOP ANYTHING SHORT OF A SHERMAN TANK!



WHILE ICEMAN PREPARES A DEFENSE OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL WALLS, I'LL BLAST A DEEP TRENCH INSIDE THE WALL...

...USING MY POWER BEAM'S HIGHEST INTENSITY!!



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

ANGEL! COME HERE!
I NEED YOU!

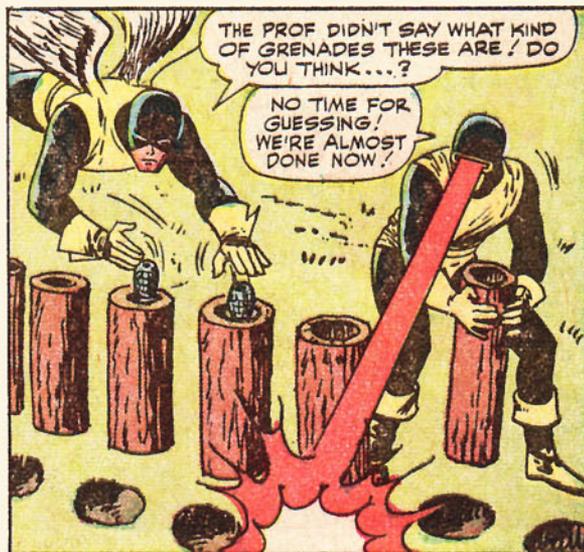
ZAP!

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!

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

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



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??!



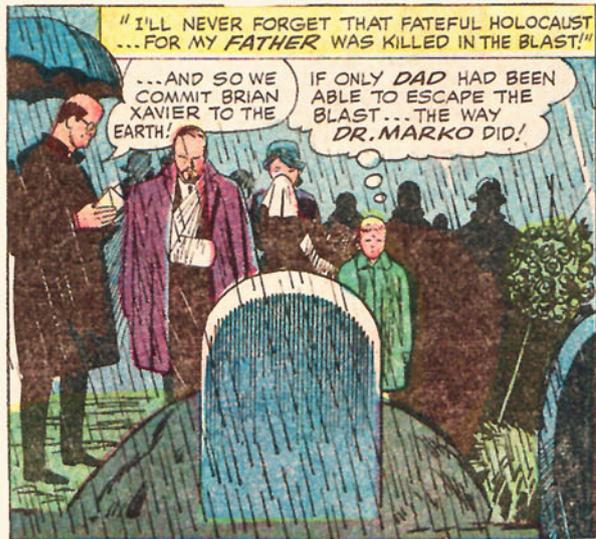
I NEVER MENTIONED HIM BEFORE! PERHAPS I HOPED I WOULD NEVER HAVE TO MENTION HIM!



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*...!



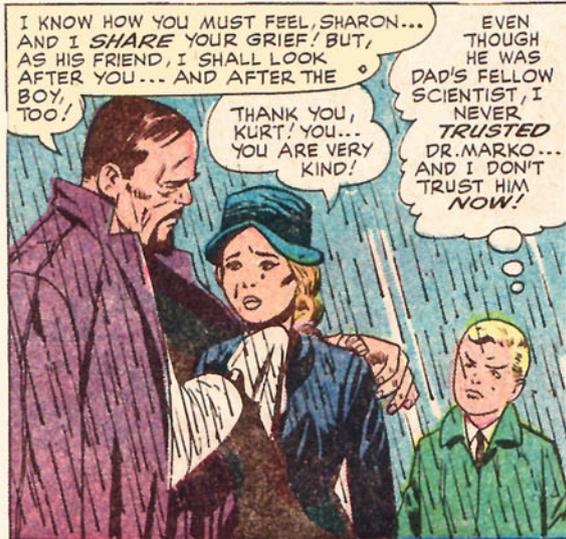
IT STARTED WITH AN ATOMIC BLAST, YEARS AGO... AT ALAMAGORDO, NEW MEXICO...



"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!

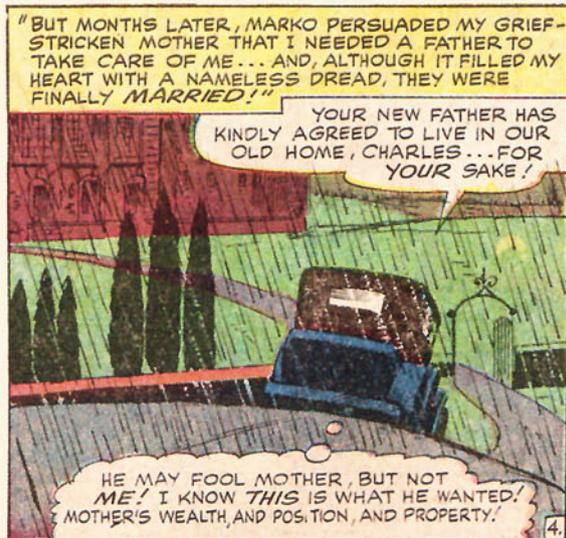
EVEN THOUGH HE WAS DAD'S FELLOW SCIENTIST, I NEVER TRUSTED DR. MARKO... AND I DON'T TRUST HIM NOW!



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!

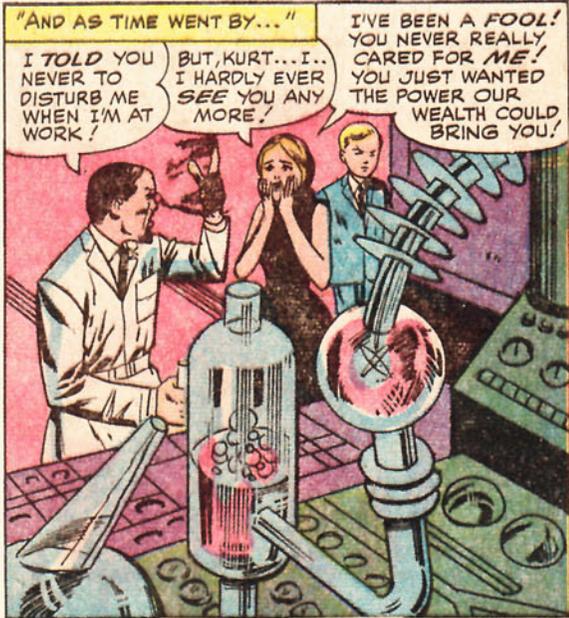
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"EVEN AS A BOY, MY MUTANT BRAIN LET ME SENSE SECRETS WHICH WERE LOCKED IN THE MINDS OF OTHERS...!"

AT LAST! NOW I HAVE EVERYTHING I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF!

MONEY! POWER! THAT'S ALL HE REALLY CARES ABOUT!

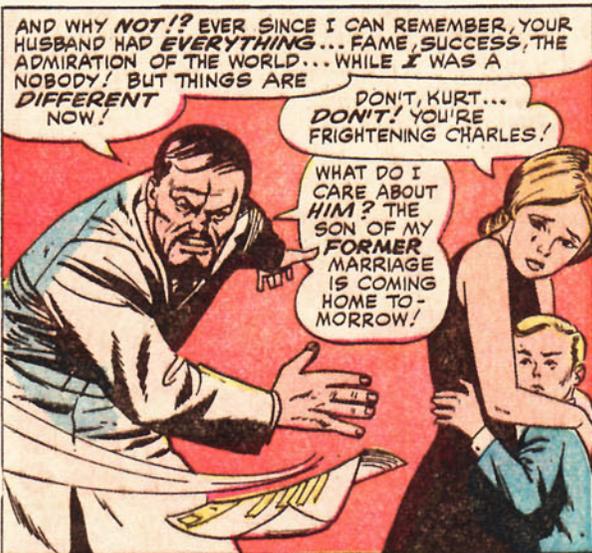


"AND AS TIME WENT BY..."

I TOLD YOU NEVER TO DISTURB ME WHEN I'M AT WORK!

BUT, KURT... I... I HARDLY EVER SEE YOU ANY MORE!

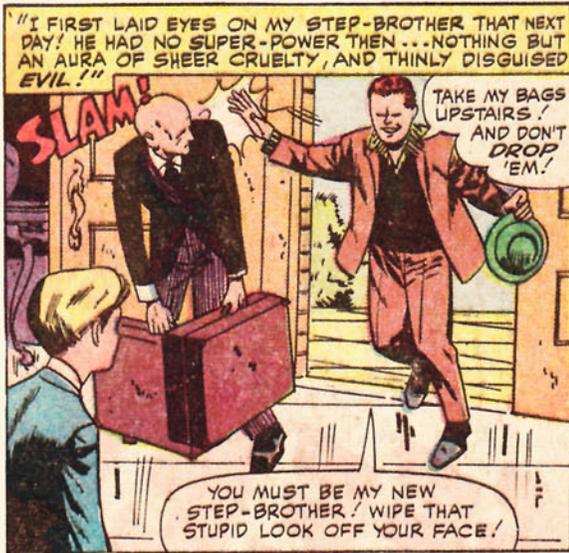
I'VE BEEN A FOOL! YOU NEVER REALLY CARED FOR ME! YOU JUST WANTED THE POWER OUR WEALTH COULD BRING YOU!



AND WHY NOT!? EVER SINCE I CAN REMEMBER, YOUR HUSBAND HAD EVERYTHING... FAME, SUCCESS, THE ADMIRATION OF THE WORLD... WHILE I WAS A NOBODY! BUT THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW!

DON'T, KURT... DON'T! YOU'RE FRIGHTENING CHARLES!

WHAT DO I CARE ABOUT HIM? THE SON OF MY FORMER MARRIAGE IS COMING HOME TO-MORROW!

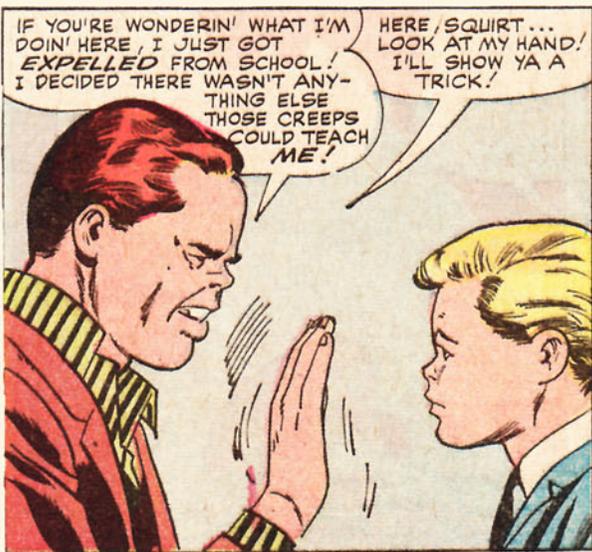


"I FIRST LAID EYES ON MY STEP-BROTHER THAT NEXT DAY! HE HAD NO SUPER-POWER THEN... NOTHING BUT AN AURA OF SHEER CRUELTY, AND THINLY DISGUISED EVIL!"

SLAM!

TAKE MY BAGS UPSTAIRS! AND DON'T DROP 'EM!

YOU MUST BE MY NEW STEP-BROTHER! WIPE THAT STUPID LOOK OFF YOUR FACE!



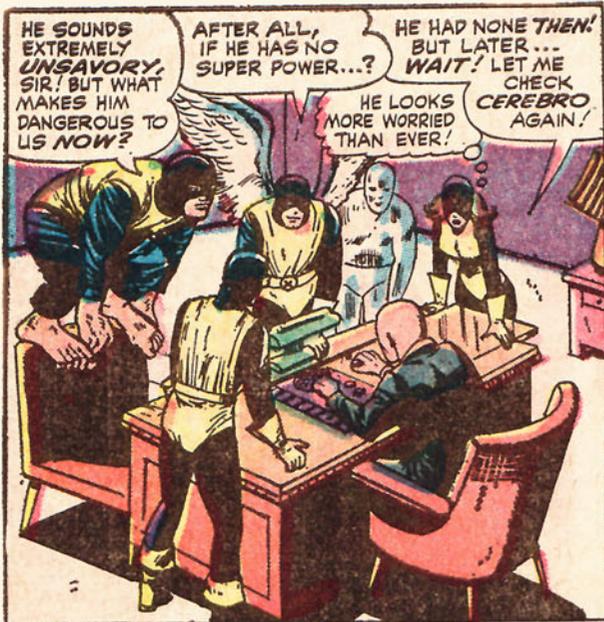
IF YOU'RE WONDERIN' WHAT I'M DOIN' HERE, I JUST GOT EXPELLED FROM SCHOOL! I DECIDED THERE WASN'T ANYTHING ELSE THOSE CREEPS COULD TEACH ME!

HERE, SQUIRT... LOOK AT MY HAND! I'LL SHOW YA A TRICK!



HAW! THAT'LL TEACH YOU NOT TO STAND AROUND WITH YOUR DUMB-LOOKIN' FACE HANGIN' OUT!

THWAK!

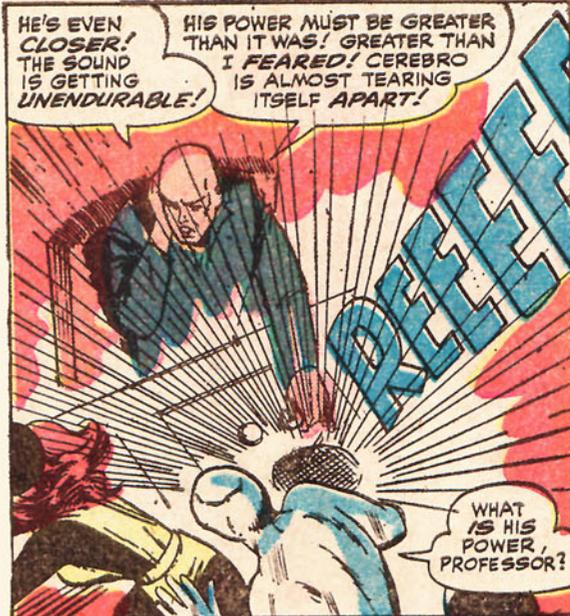


HE SOUNDS EXTREMELY UNSAVORY, SIR! BUT WHAT MAKES HIM DANGEROUS TO US NOW?

AFTER ALL, IF HE HAS NO SUPER POWER...?

HE HAD NONE THEN! BUT LATER... WAIT! LET ME CHECK CEREBRO AGAIN!

HE LOOKS MORE WORRIED THAN EVER!



HE'S EVEN CLOSER! THE SOUND IS GETTING UNENDURABLE!

HIS POWER MUST BE GREATER THAN IT WAS! GREATER THAN I FEARED! CEREBRO IS ALMOST TEARING ITSELF APART!

WHAT IS HIS POWER, PROFESSOR?



NO TIME FOR THAT NOW! HE'S REACHED THE FIRST BARRIER!

QUICK! TO THE WINDOW!

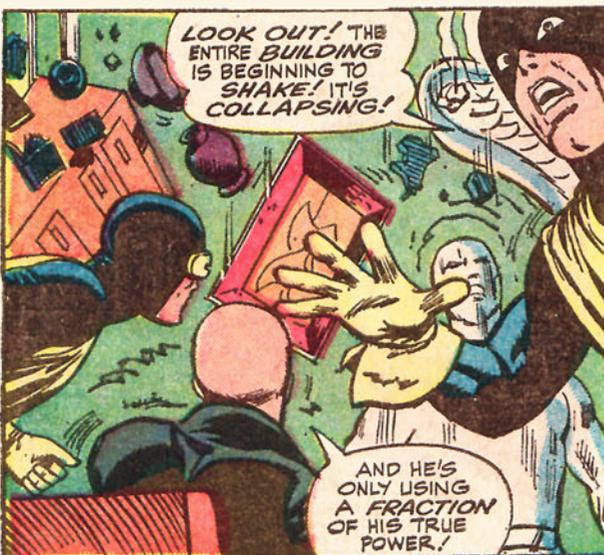


LISTEN! IT'S THE SOUND OF ICE BEING SHATTERED! HE'S SMASHING BOBBY'S FROZEN WALL!

BUT I MADE IT AS THICK AS A CONCRETE BUNKER! NOTHING COULD SHATTER IT THAT QUICKLY!

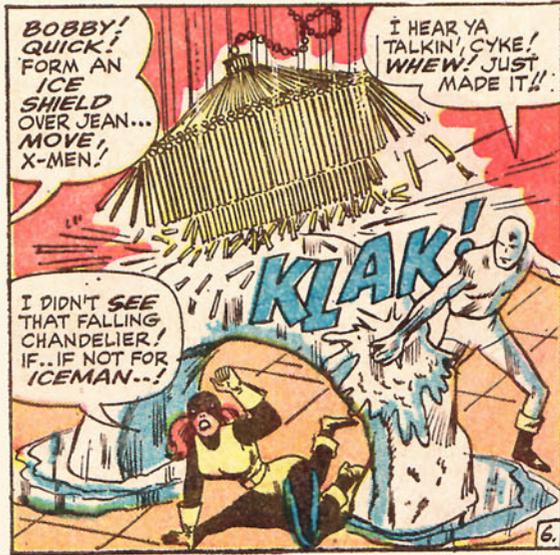
GIVE US THE WORD, SIR! WE'LL ATTACK HIM!

NO! NOT YET! YOU CAN'T BEGIN TO IMAGINE WHAT YOU'LL BE FACING!



LOOK OUT! THE ENTIRE BUILDING IS BEGINNING TO SHAKE! IT'S COLLAPSING!

AND HE'S ONLY USING A FRACTION OF HIS TRUE POWER!



BOBBY! QUICK! FORM AN ICE SHIELD OVER JEAN... MOVE, X-MEN!

I HEAR YA TALKIN', CYKE! WHEW! JUST MADE IT!!

I DIDN'T SEE THAT FALLING CHANDELIER! IF... IF NOT FOR ICEMAN...!



LISTEN! THE REMAINDER OF THE ICE WALL IS BEING TORN APART!!

I SEEM TO SEE A FIGURE OUT THERE! BUT... IT'S SO INDISTINCT... I CAN'T MAKE IT OUT AMONG ALL THE RUBBLE!



HE DID IT! THE ICE WALL IS GONE! HE'S DESTROYED THE FIRST BARRIER!

BARROOM!



BUT HOW? WHAT POWER DID HE USE?

THE SCHOOL STOPPED SHAKING! WHY? WHAT'S HE UP TO NOW?

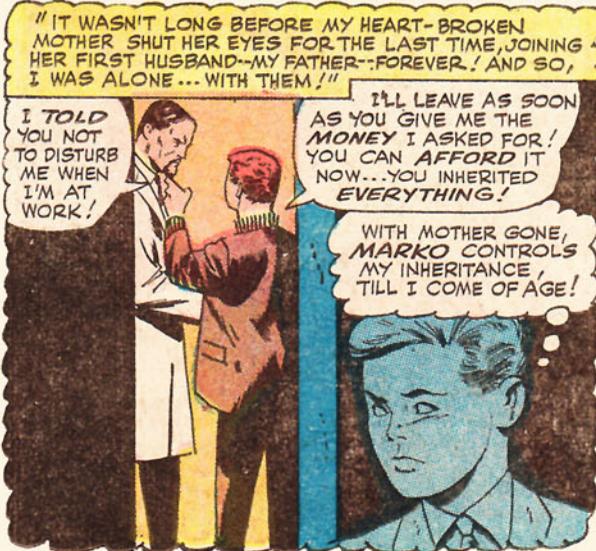
HE'S JUST TOYING WITH US! HE'S SHOWING HIS CONTEMPT FOR OUR DEFENSES!



SHOULDN'T WE RUSH OUT AND FIGHT HIM NOW... BEFORE HE COMES CLOSER??

NO! THERE'S STILL TIME... TIME FOR ME TO TELL YOU MORE ABOUT HOW IT ALL BEGAN!

KRAK!
BRRAMM!

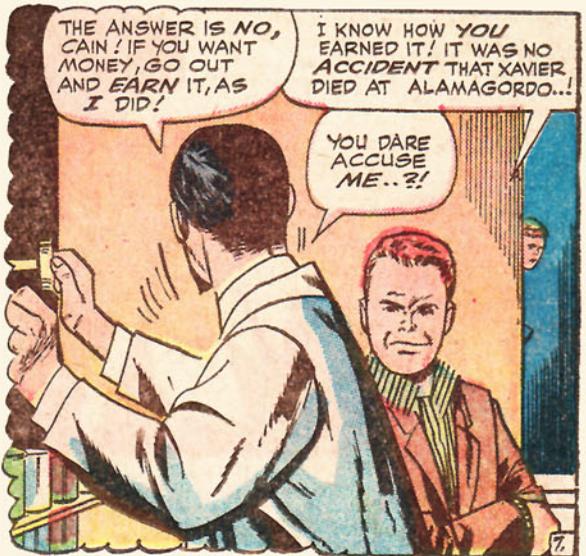


"IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE MY HEART-BROKEN MOTHER SHUT HER EYES FOR THE LAST TIME, JOINING HER FIRST HUSBAND--MY FATHER--FOREVER! AND SO, I WAS ALONE... WITH THEM!"

I TOLD YOU NOT TO DISTURB ME WHEN I'M AT WORK!

I'LL LEAVE AS SOON AS YOU GIVE ME THE MONEY I ASKED FOR! YOU CAN AFFORD IT NOW... YOU INHERITED EVERYTHING!

WITH MOTHER GONE, MARKO CONTROLS MY INHERITANCE, TILL I COME OF AGE!



THE ANSWER IS NO, CAIN! IF YOU WANT MONEY, GO OUT AND EARN IT, AS I DID!

I KNOW HOW YOU EARNED IT! IT WAS NO ACCIDENT THAT XAVIER DIED AT ALAMAGORDO...

YOU DARE ACCUSE ME...?!



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

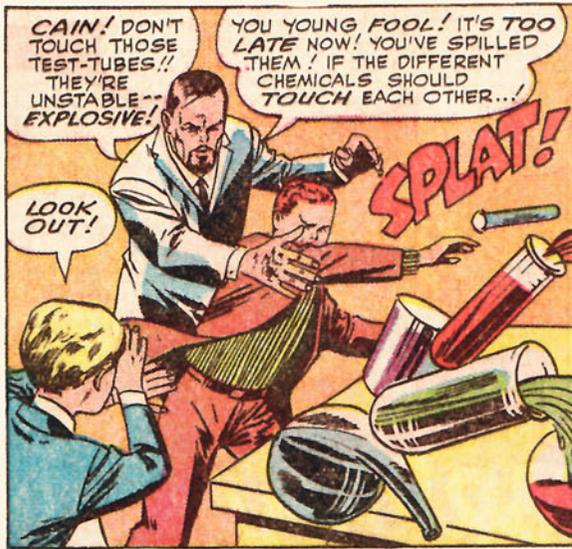
YOU'RE TOO LATE! I HEARD HIM!



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!

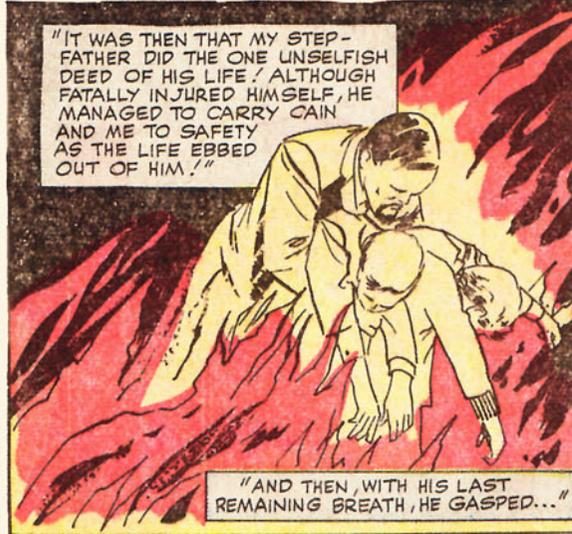
YOU YOUNG FOOL! IT'S TOO LATE NOW! YOU'VE SPILLED THEM! IF THE DIFFERENT CHEMICALS SHOULD TOUCH EACH OTHER...

SPLAT!

LOOK OUT!

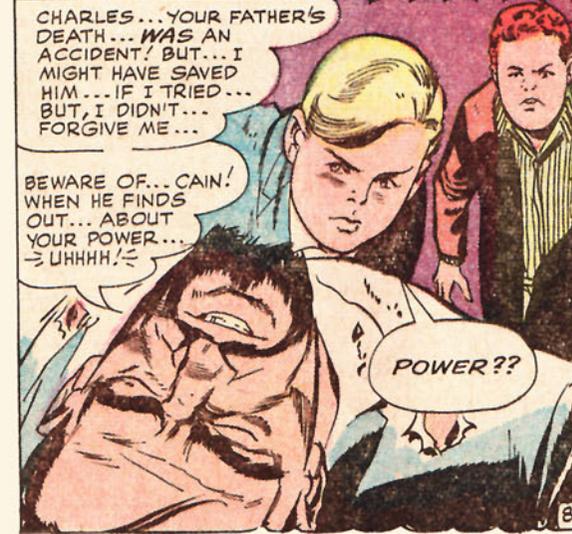


" BUT, BEFORE ANOTHER WORD COULD BE SAID, THE POTENT FLUIDS DID MAKE CONTACT, AND THAT WAS THE LAST I KNEW, AS A DEAFENING EXPLOSION DESTROYED THE LAB AND ALL ITS CONTENTS ...!"



"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! <

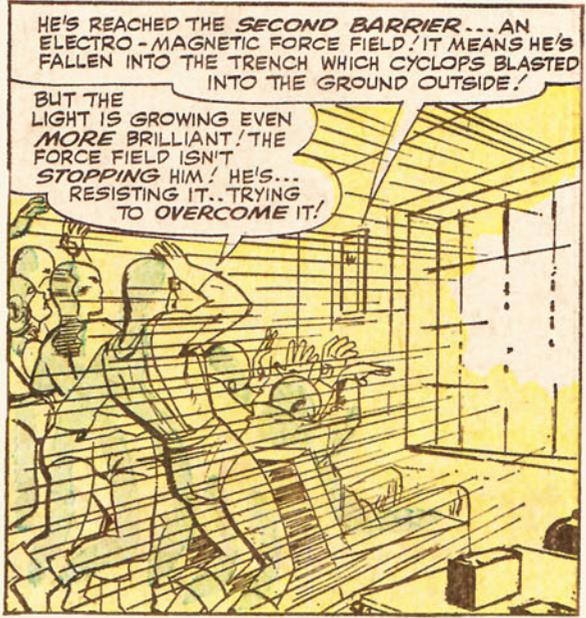
POWER??

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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!



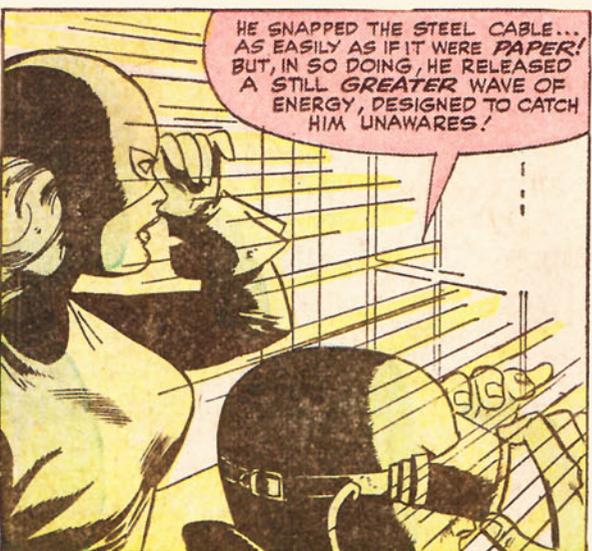
I CAN SEE A **FIGURE** OUT THERE!! IT'S STANDING UPRIGHT! IT DOESN'T EVEN SEEM TO BE HURT... OR WEAKENED. AND... IT LOOKS **ENORMOUS!**

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!



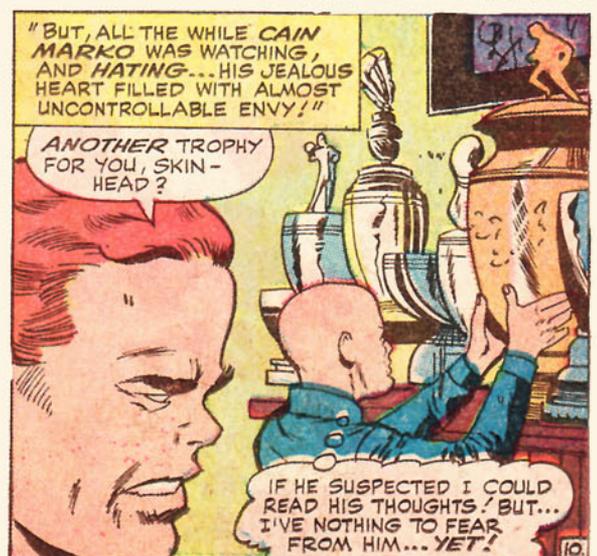
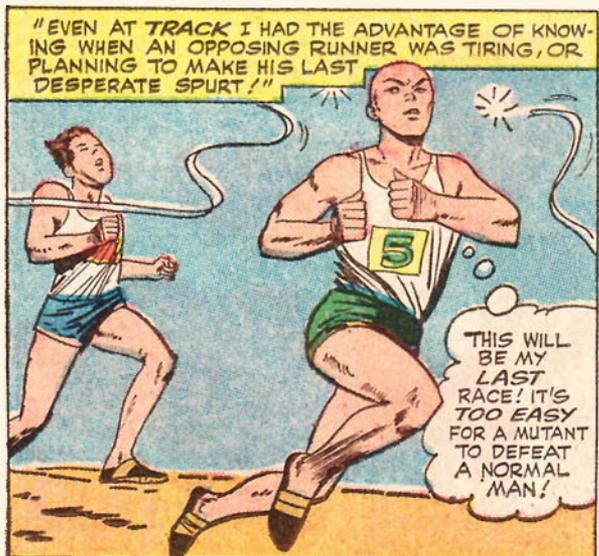
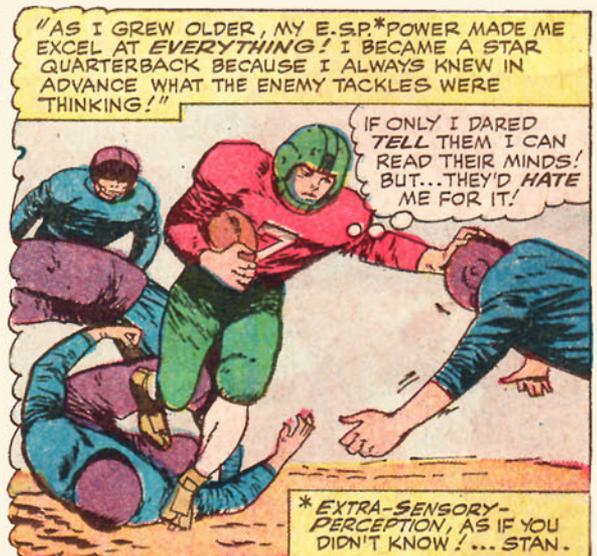
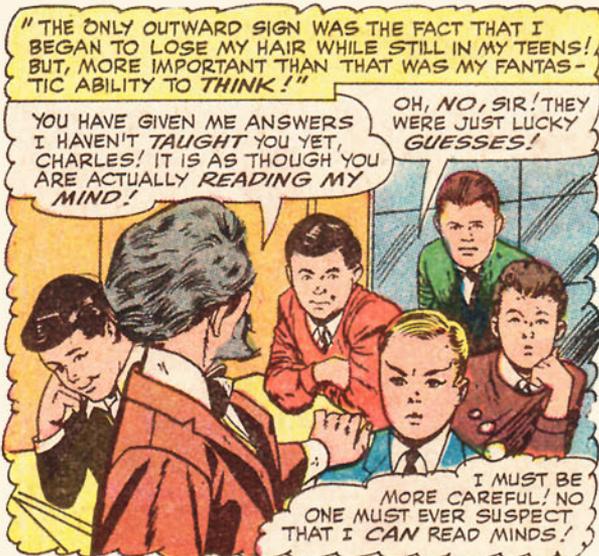
HE SNAPPED THE STEEL CABLE... AS EASILY AS IF IT WERE **PAPER!** BUT, IN SO DOING, HE RELEASED A STILL **GREATER** WAVE OF ENERGY, DESIGNED TO CATCH HIM UNAWARES!

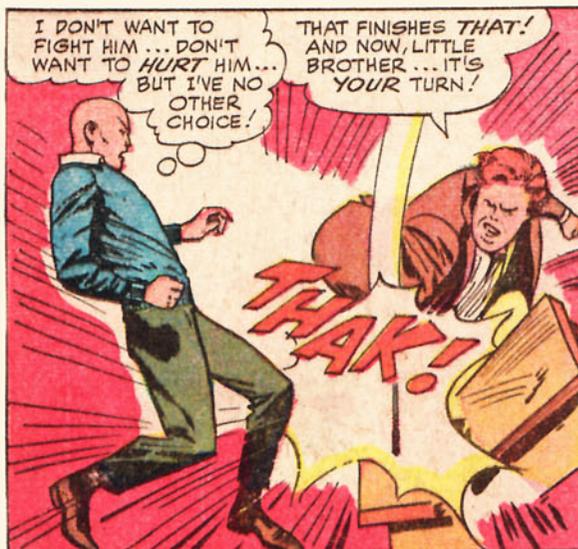
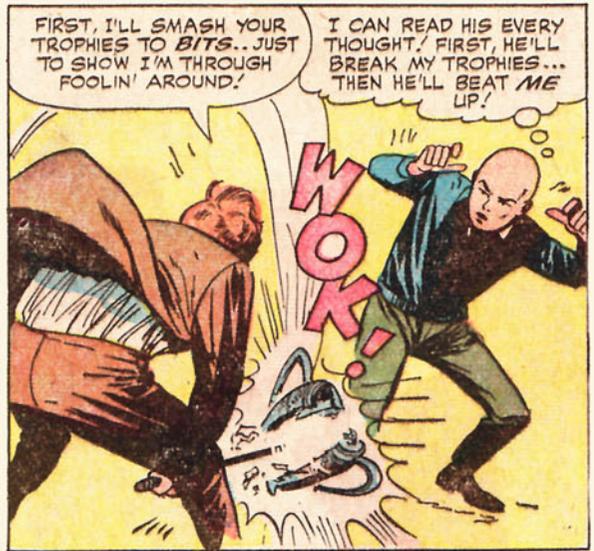


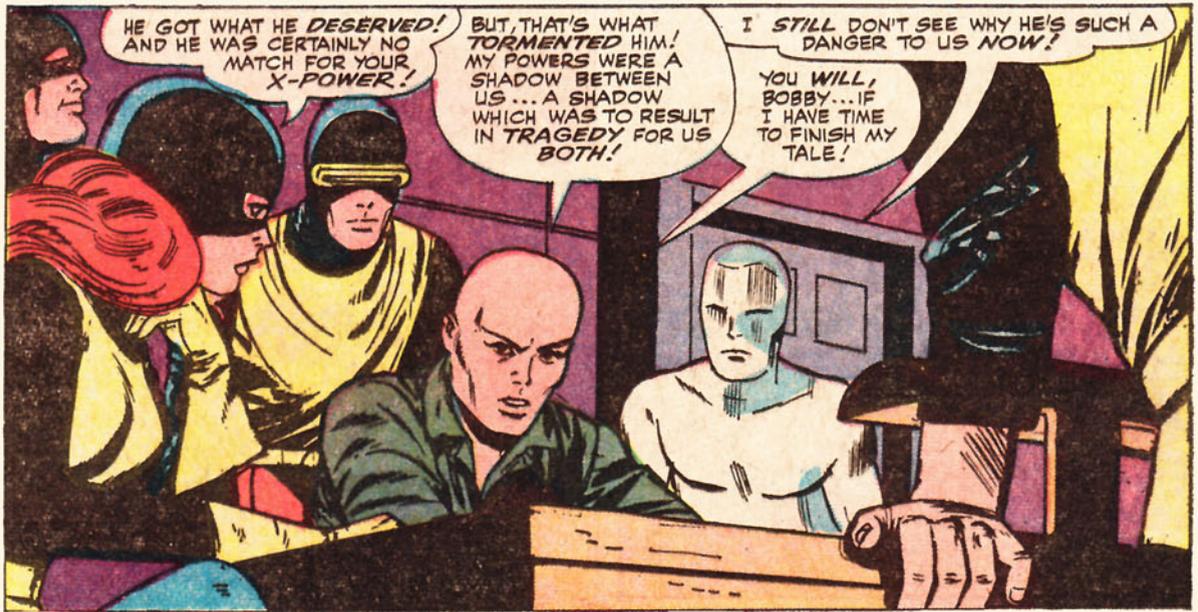
CEREBRO HAS GROWN NO LOUDER! THE SECOND LINE OF ELECTRICAL DEFENSE IS HOLDING... AT LEAST FOR NOW!

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

REEEE





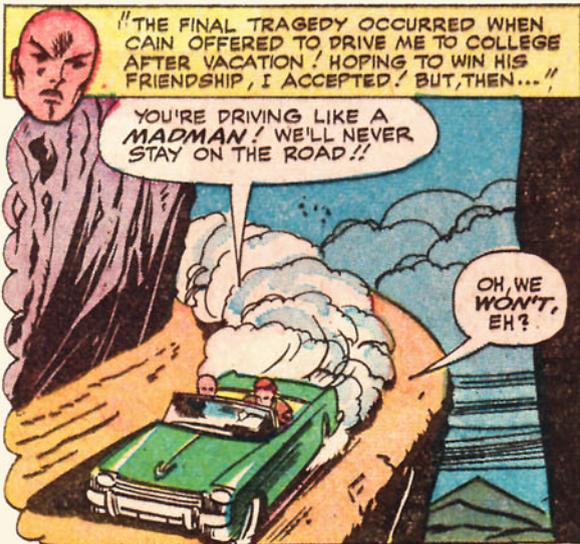


HE GOT WHAT HE *DESERVED!* AND HE WAS CERTAINLY NO MATCH FOR YOUR *X-POWER!*

BUT, THAT'S WHAT *TORMENTED* HIM! MY POWERS WERE A SHADOW BETWEEN US... A SHADOW WHICH WAS TO RESULT IN *TRAGEDY* FOR US *BOTH!*

I *STILL* DON'T SEE WHY HE'S SUCH A DANGER TO US *NOW!*

YOU *WILL,* BOBBY... IF I HAVE TIME TO FINISH MY TALE!



"THE FINAL TRAGEDY OCCURRED WHEN CAIN OFFERED TO DRIVE ME TO COLLEGE AFTER VACATION! HOPING TO WIN HIS FRIENDSHIP, I ACCEPTED! BUT, THEN...!"

YOU'RE DRIVING LIKE A *MADMAN!* WE'LL NEVER STAY ON THE ROAD!!

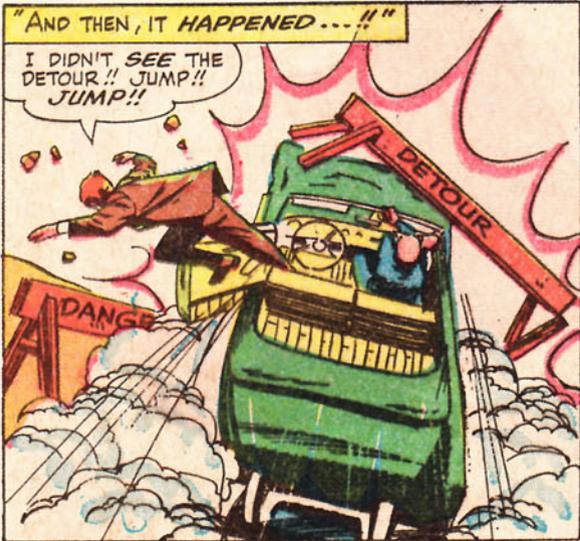
OH, WE *WON'T,* EH?!



YOU'RE BETTER THAN I IN *SPORTS,* IN *STUDIES,* IN *ALMOST EVERYTHING!* BUT NOW, I'VE GOT THE *TOP HAND!*

I'M GONNA DRIVE LIKE THIS UNTIL YOU *BEG* ME TO STOP! ... TILL YOU CRY OUT IN FEAR!

IF I TRY TO *STOP* HIM... HE MIGHT LOSE CONTROL...!



"AND THEN, IT HAPPENED...!!"

I DIDN'T *SEE* THE *DETOUR!!* *JUMP!!* *JUMP!!*



"BUT, IT WAS *TOO LATE* FOR ME! ALTHOUGH HE WOULD NEVER KNOW IT, I HAD USED MY OWN MENTAL POWER TO HELP CAIN LEAP TO SAFETY... WHILE I REMAINED IN THE CAR A *SPLIT-SECOND* TOO LONG..!"

CAN'T GET OUT!! GOING OVER...!!

WAS... WAS THAT HOW YOU LOST THE USE OF YOUR LEGS, PROFESSOR?

NO! THAT HAPPENED ANOTHER TIME... AT THE HANDS OF THE MAN YOU KNOW AS LUCIFER!*

I MANAGED TO SURVIVE THE CRASH BY HARNESSING MY BRAIN POWER TO ITS FULLEST EXTENT... BY CREATING A MENTAL SHIELD AROUND ME! THOUGH I WAS BADLY HURT... I LIVED!

BUT, I'LL NEVER FORGET THE SHOCK, THE PAIN, OF THAT TERRIBLE MOMENT!

* AS MENTIONED IN X-MEN #9... STAN.

BUT THEN, SUDDENLY...

BAROONN!

LOOK OUT! THE WHOLE BUILDING IS SHAKING!!

QUICK! GRAB THE PROFESSOR! DON'T LET HIM FALL!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! I'M ALL RIGHT! THE WINDOW... LOOK OUT OF THE WINDOW!!

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! INCREDIBLE!! INCONCEIVABLE!! AND YET...!

HE DID IT!! HE BROKE THROUGH THE FORCE BARRIER!

I SEE SOMETHING MOVING!! IT'S HIM!!

BUT... LOOK AT THE SIZE OF HIM!! HE... DOESN'T LOOK... HUMAN!

THEN, AS THE MONSTROUS FIGURE COMES CLOSER, THEY SEE...

HE'S HEADING FOR THE HOLLOW LOGS... WITH THE GRENADES IN THEM!

HE TRIPPED THE RELEASE WIRE! HE'LL BE STOPPED NOW!

BUT... IF THAT DOESN'T HOLD HIM... WHAT WILL ??!



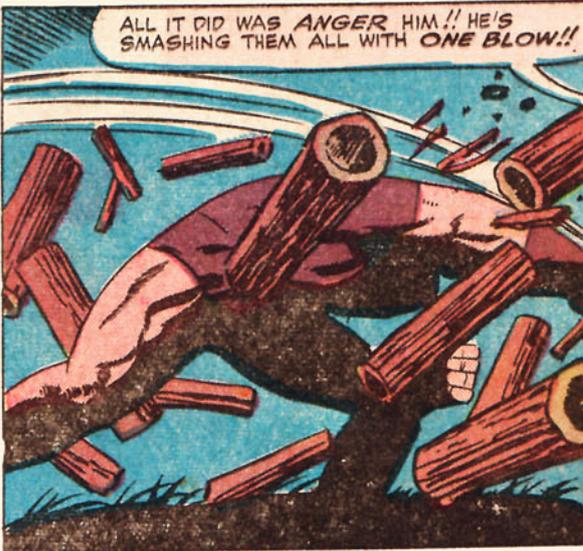
THE GRENADES ARE SHOOTING OUT OF THE LOGS LIKE MORTAR SHELLS!

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!

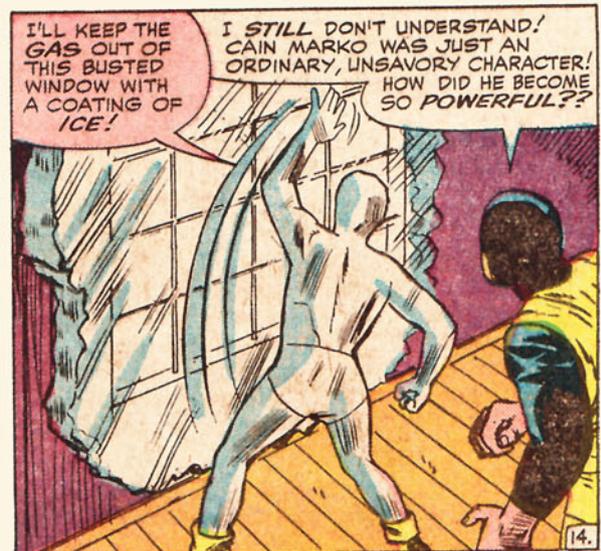
WHOOOSH!



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

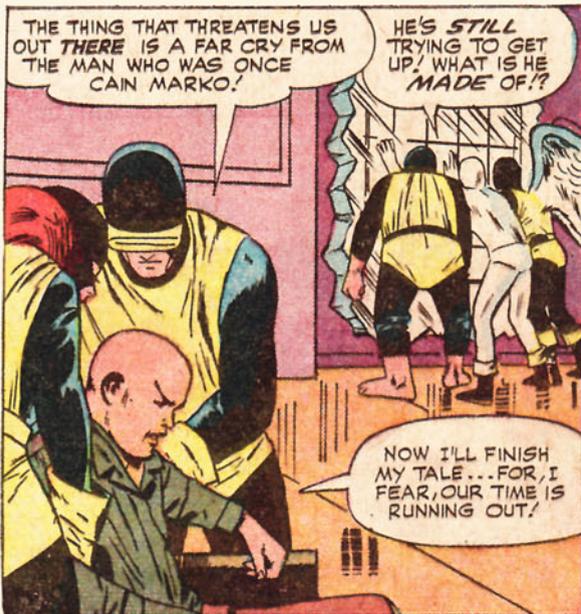
IF ONLY WE COULD SEE MORE CLEARLY!

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??



THE THING THAT THREATENS US OUT THERE IS A FAR CRY FROM THE MAN WHO WAS ONCE CAIN MARKO!

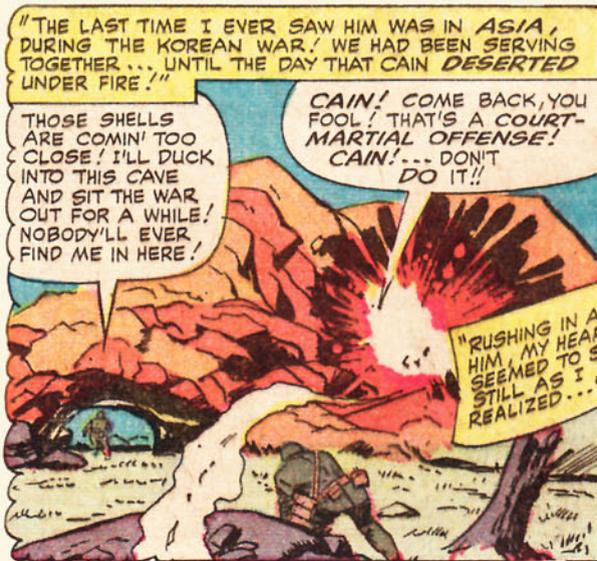
HE'S STILL TRYING TO GET UP! WHAT IS HE MADE OF?!

NOW I'LL FINISH MY TALE...FOR, I FEAR, OUR TIME IS RUNNING OUT!



I OWE IT TO YOU TO TELL YOU WHAT YOU FACE! TO TELL YOU HOW CAIN MARKO GOT...HIS POWER!

THE ONE POWER ON EARTH THAT MAY FINALLY DEFEAT US!!

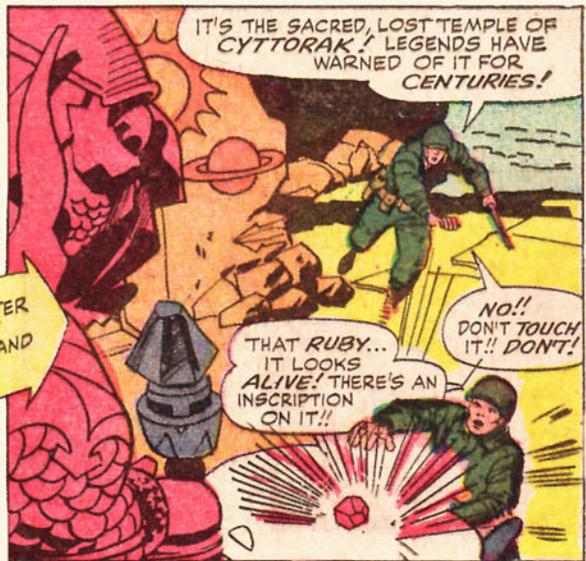


"THE LAST TIME I EVER SAW HIM WAS IN ASIA, DURING THE KOREAN WAR! WE HAD BEEN SERVING TOGETHER... UNTIL THE DAY THAT CAIN DESERTED UNDER FIRE!"

THOSE SHELLS ARE COMIN' TOO CLOSE! I'LL DUCK INTO THIS CAVE AND SIT THE WAR OUT FOR A WHILE! NOBODY'LL EVER FIND ME IN HERE!

CAIN! COME BACK, YOU FOOL! THAT'S A COURT-MARTIAL OFFENSE! CAIN!... DON'T DO IT!!

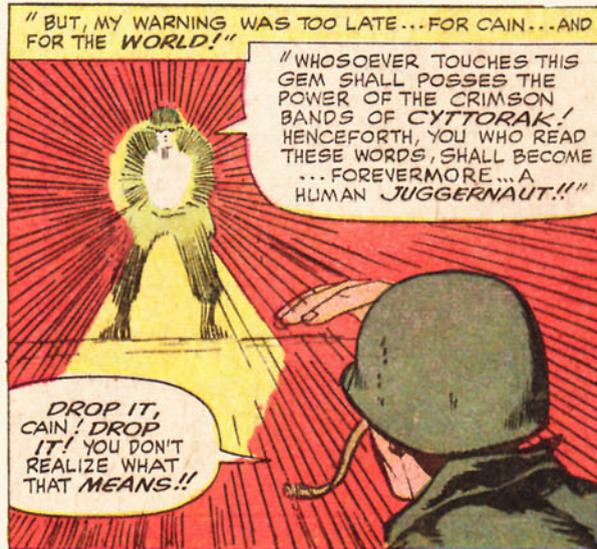
"RUSHING IN AFTER HIM, MY HEART SEEMED TO STAND STILL AS I REALIZED..."



IT'S THE SACRED, LOST TEMPLE OF CYTTORAK! LEGENDS HAVE WARNED OF IT FOR CENTURIES!

NO!! DON'T TOUCH IT!! DON'T!

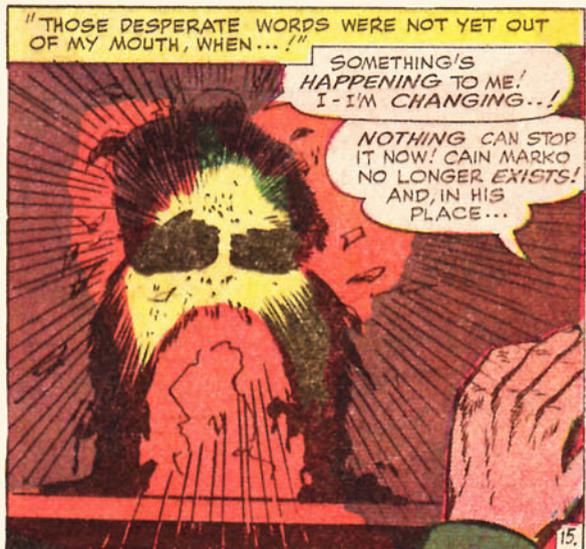
THAT RUBY... IT LOOKS ALIVE! THERE'S AN INSCRIPTION ON IT!!



"BUT, MY WARNING WAS TOO LATE...FOR CAIN...AND FOR THE WORLD!"

"WHOSOEVER TOUCHES THIS GEM SHALL POSSESS THE POWER OF THE CRIMSON BANDS OF CYTTORAK! HENCEFORTH, YOU WHO READ THESE WORDS, SHALL BECOME... FOREVERMORE... A HUMAN JUGGERNAUT!!"

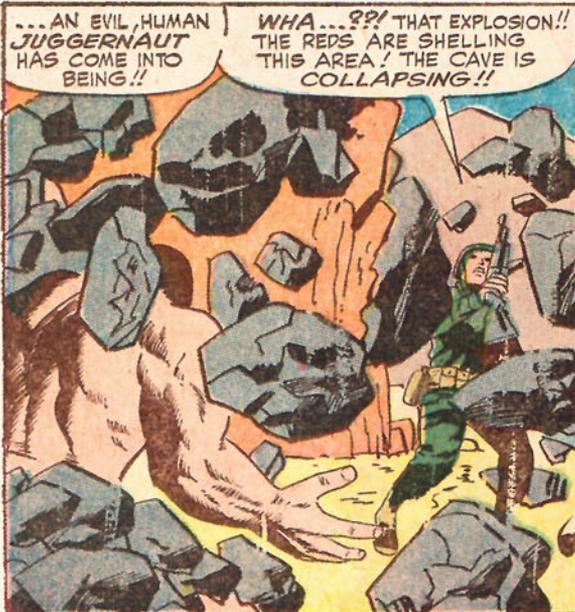
DROP IT, CAIN! DROP IT! YOU DON'T REALIZE WHAT THAT MEANS!!



"THOSE DESPERATE WORDS WERE NOT YET OUT OF MY MOUTH, WHEN..."

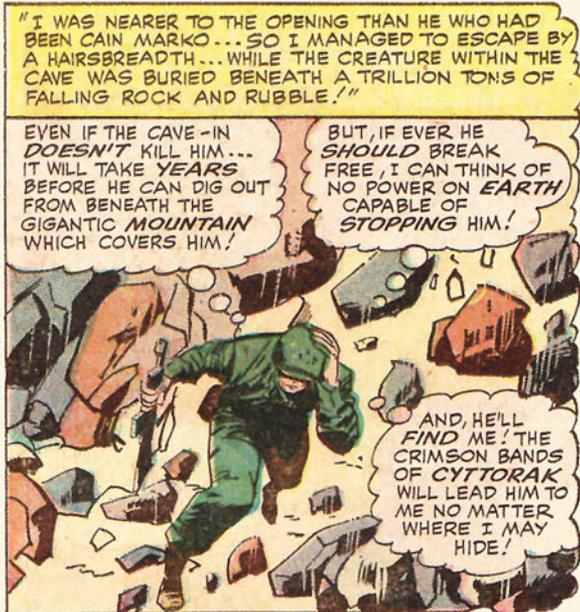
SOMETHING'S HAPPENING TO ME! I-I'M CHANGING...!

NOTHING CAN STOP IT NOW! CAIN MARKO NO LONGER EXISTS! AND, IN HIS PLACE...



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

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

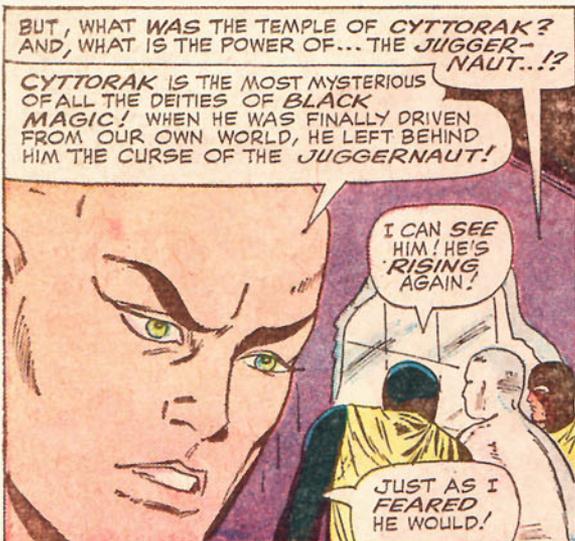


"I WAS NEARER TO THE OPENING THAN HE WHO HAD BEEN CAIN MARKO... SO I MANAGED TO ESCAPE BY A HAIRSBREADTH... WHILE THE CREATURE WITHIN THE CAVE WAS BURIED BENEATH A TRILLION TONS OF FALLING ROCK AND RUBBLE!"

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 JUGGERNAUT...!?

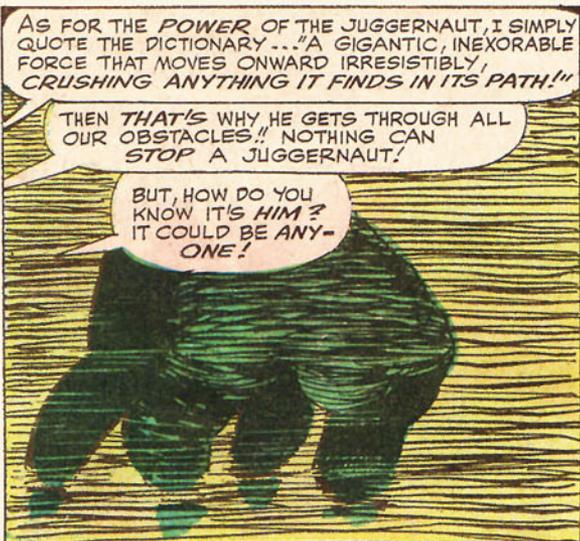
CYTTORAK IS THE MOST MYSTERIOUS OF ALL THE DEITIES OF BLACK MAGIC! WHEN HE WAS FINALLY DRIVEN FROM OUR OWN WORLD, HE LEFT BEHIND HIM THE CURSE OF THE JUGGERNAUT!

I CAN SEE HIM! HE'S RISING AGAIN!

JUST AS I FEARED HE WOULD!



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



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!

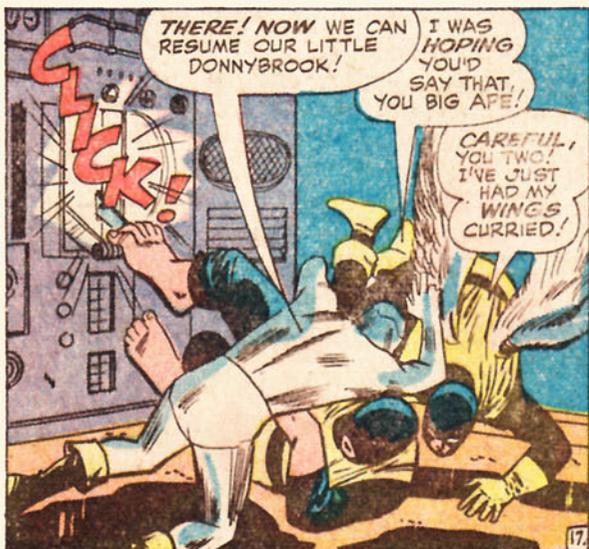
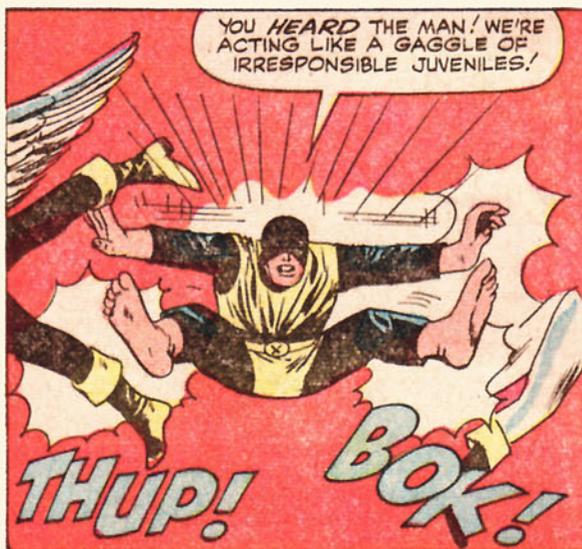
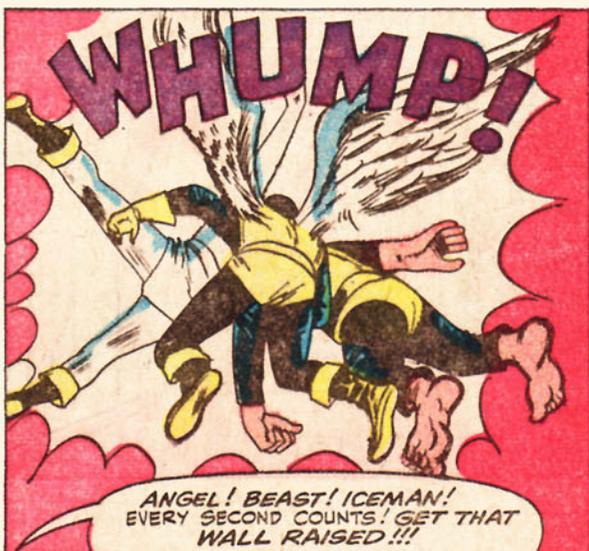
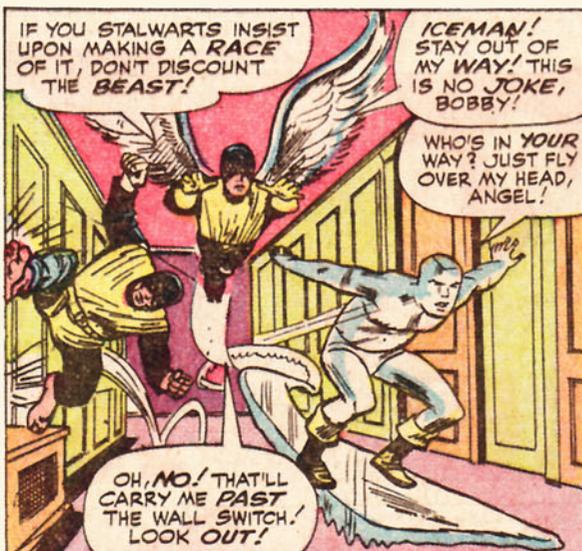


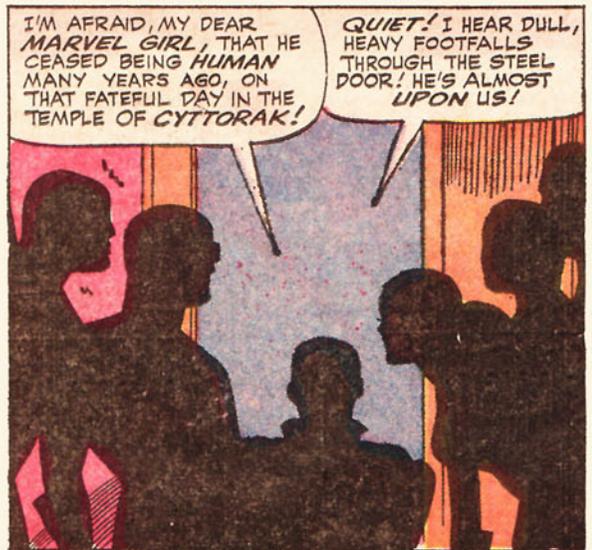
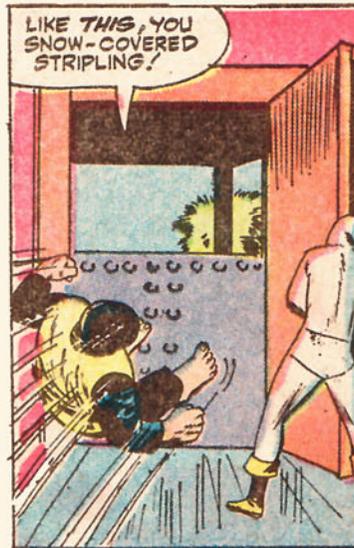
BUT, OUR NEXT DEFENSE SHOULD STOP HIM! IT'S THE GAS WHICH CAUSES LOSS OF BALANCE!

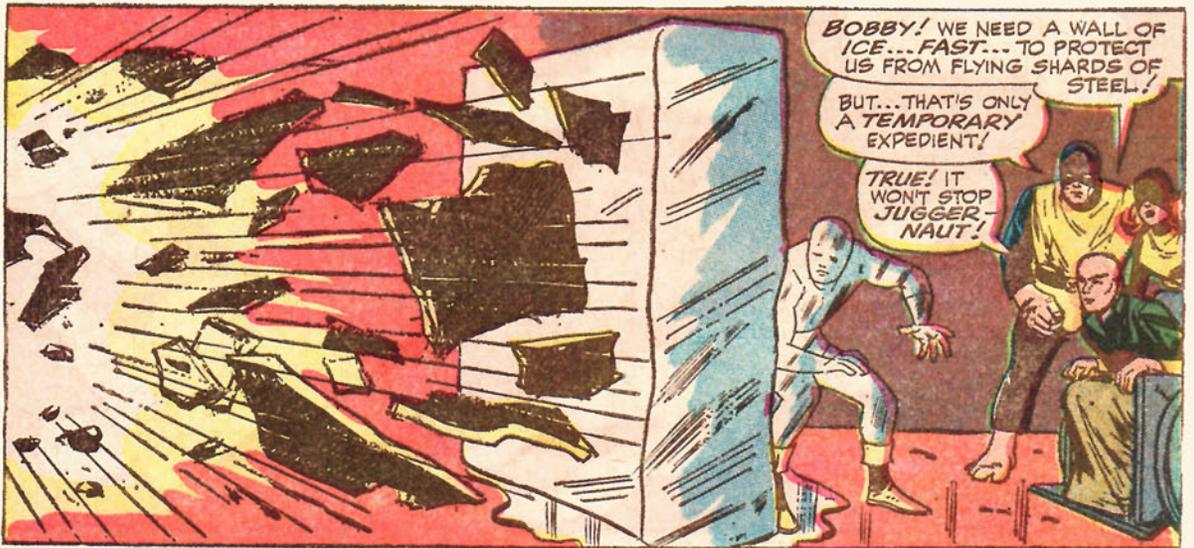
AND, WITHOUT NORMAL BALANCE, A MAN MUST TOPPLE AND FALL!

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

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**HOLD IT!!
BACK, ALL
OF YOU!!**

LET ME GIVE HIM A BLAST WITH MY
POWER BEAM, FIRST! IT'LL GIVE
US SOME MEASURE OF HIS
STRENGTH!

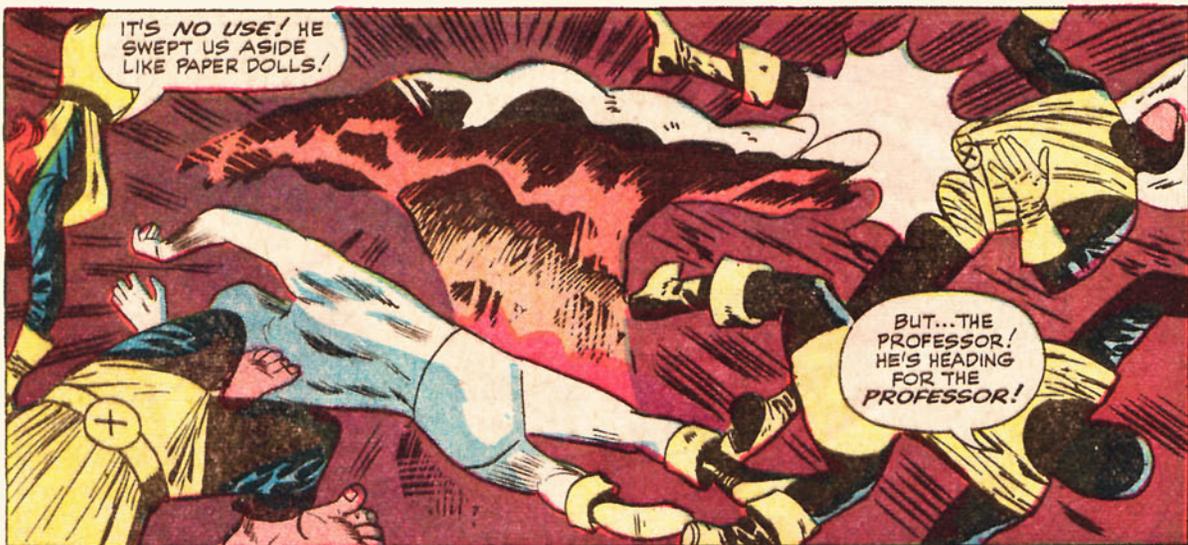
**MORE!
MORE!
GIVE HIM
FULL
INTENSITY,
CYCLOPS!**

**I AM! BUT IT ISN'T
STOPPING HIM!**



HE'S PUSHING MY RAY BACK AS
THOUGH IT'S A SOLID THING! NO
ONE OF US CAN DEFEAT HIM
ALONE...!

**WE'VE GOT TO RUSH HIM
TOGETHER!! NOW...!!**

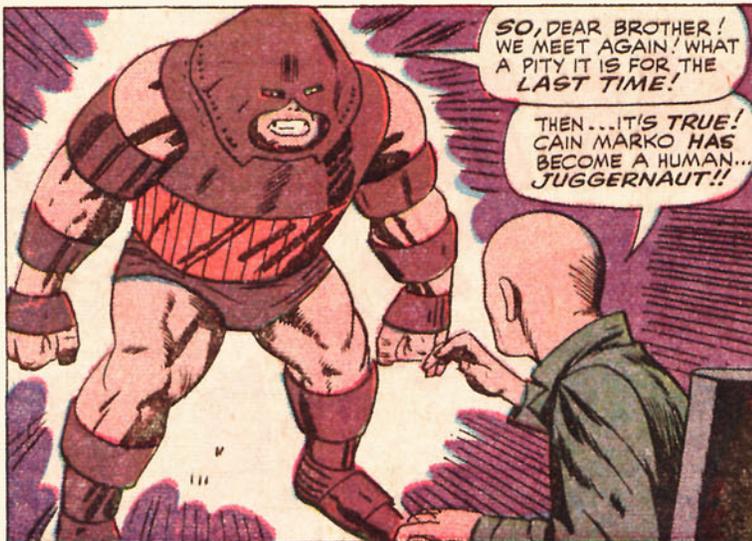


**IT'S NO USE! HE
SWEEP US ASIDE
LIKE PAPER DOLLS!**

**BUT...THE
PROFESSOR!
HE'S HEADING
FOR THE
PROFESSOR!**



**I'M LASHING OUT AT
HIM WITH EVERY BIT
OF MENTAL POWER I
POSSESS... BUT..
STILL HE COMES!!**



**SO, DEAR BROTHER!
WE MEET AGAIN! WHAT
A PITY IT IS FOR THE
LAST TIME!**

**THEN...IT'S TRUE!
CAIN MARKO HAS
BECOME A HUMAN...
JUGGERNAUT!!**

**NEXT
ISSUE...
ONE OF
THE
GREATEST
BATTLES
OF ALL
TIME...
AS THE
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JUGGERNAUT
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TO THE
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**YOU
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