

**MARVEL**

GREAT FOR ALL AGES

**FREE COMIC BOOK DAY**

**CAPTAIN  
AMERICA**

**THOR**



NOT FOR RESALE



LONG, LONG AGO...



SUPPER!  
I DEMAND  
MY  
SUPPER!!

OR I SHALL  
TURN YOU ALL  
INTO FROGS--  
EACH AND EVERY  
ONE OF  
YOU!



CAUSING  
A RUCKUS,  
MERLIN?  
TSK, TSK.

PAH!  
COME FOR  
ANOTHER  
GLOAT, HAVE  
YOU?



NOT STILL  
UPSET ABOUT THE  
BELT? COME NOW,  
I'VE BEEN CHANNELLING  
YOUR MAGIC WITH IT  
FOR WEEKS NOW.  
CAN'T WE LET  
BYGONES BE  
BYGONES?

YOU CAN'T  
BEGIN TO CONTROL  
THAT BELT! IT  
CONTAINS MORE  
POWER THAN  
YOU CAN POSSIBLY  
IMAGINE!

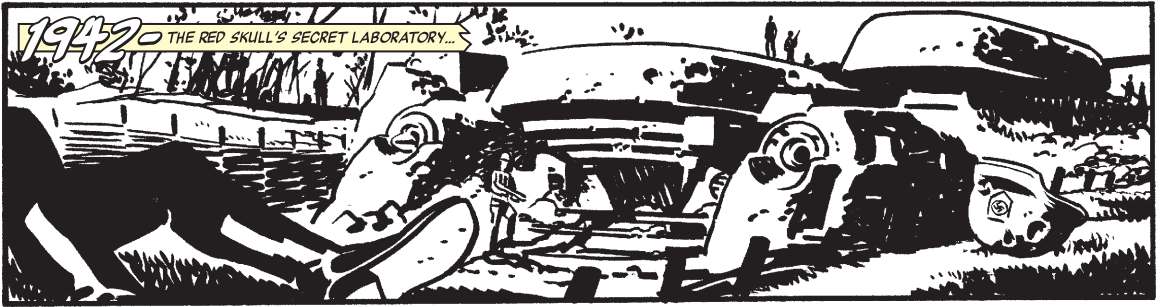


OH, DON'T  
THINK POORLY  
OF ME, WHY,  
WE'RE TWO SIDES  
OF THE SAME  
COIN, YOU  
AND I.

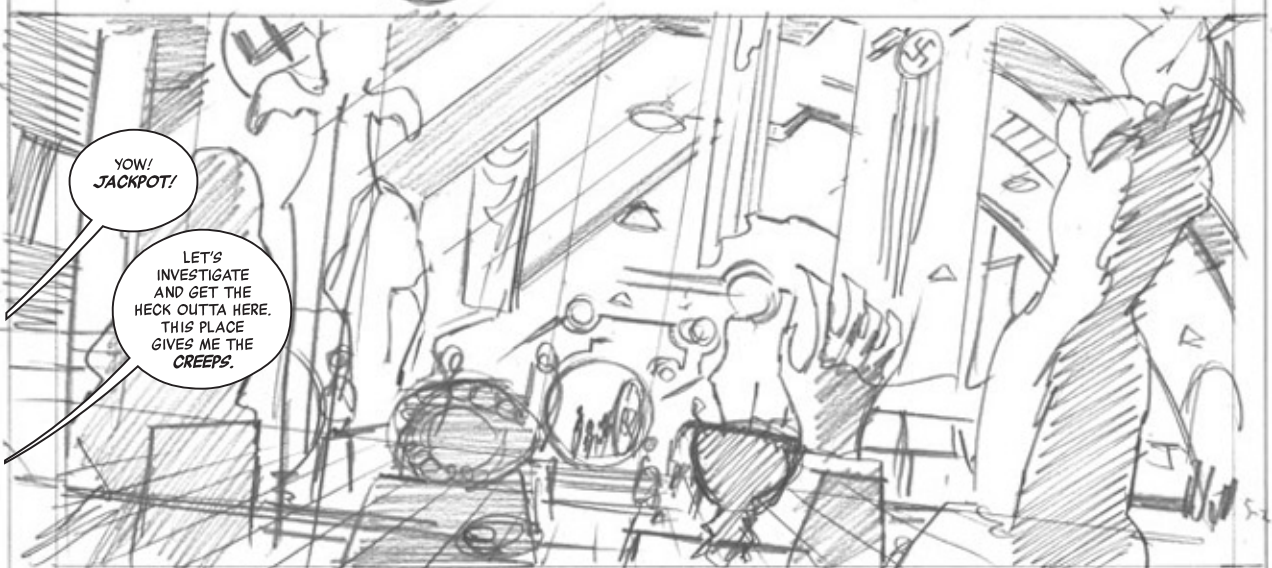
OF COURSE,  
WHEN HEADS IS  
SHOWING, TAILS  
HAS TO LIE FACE  
DOWN IN THE DIRT.  
THAT'S THE THING  
ABOUT COINS.  
SO UNFAIR.











TODAY, BERGEN, OKLAHOMA. THE BERGEN WAR MEMORIAL MUSEUM.

OKAY...  
ANY IDEAS  
WHAT **THIS**  
ONE IS?

THAT IS A  
**BELT BUCKLE...**  
NO, WAIT. A  
**CENTERPIECE FOR  
A SHIELD.**

YOU  
SURE?

NO. NOT  
REALLY.

**SORRY, THOR.**  
I THOUGHT YOU'D  
BE **GOOD** AT THIS.  
THESE ARE  
MAINLY **NORDIC**  
ARTEFACTS,  
RIGHT?

THEY  
ARE **EARTH**  
ARTEFACTS.  
AND I AM NOT  
OF EARTH.

YEAH.

YOU SEEM  
**SHORT OF  
TEMPER** TONIGHT,  
JANE. IS  
SOMETHING  
WRONG?

I... I GOT  
A LETTER FROM  
MY BROTHER **HAL**,  
ASKING FOR **MONEY**.  
HE'S IN A **FIX...** BUT  
IT'S HIS **OWN FAULT**,  
**GAMBLING**. AND IT'S  
NOT LIKE I HAVE  
IT TO SPARE.

IT'S NOT  
THE **FIRST** TIME,  
EITHER. UNTIL  
NOW I'VE  
ALWAYS SAID  
**NO...**

...BUT NOW  
I'M WONDERING  
IF THAT WAS  
THE RIGHT THING  
TO DO.

WHAT  
DO **YOU**  
THINK,  
THOR?

THOR?





PRESENTING--  
TOGETHER AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME!--  
**CAPTAIN AMERICA & THOR**

# "ONCE AND FUTURE AVENGERS!"

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YOU  
YELLED.

AS DID  
YOU.

IT... SEEMS  
WE SHARE A  
PREDICAMENT.  
I AM **THOR**,  
SON OF  
ODIN.

**CAPTAIN  
AMERICA.**  
YOU...

**THOR?  
REALLY?**

I JUST  
GOT HERE...  
**UNEXPECTEDLY.**  
WHAT'S YOUR  
EXCUSE?

REALLY.  
SO I AM  
STILL IN  
**AMERICA...**

SO I'M IN  
**SCANDINAVIA...**

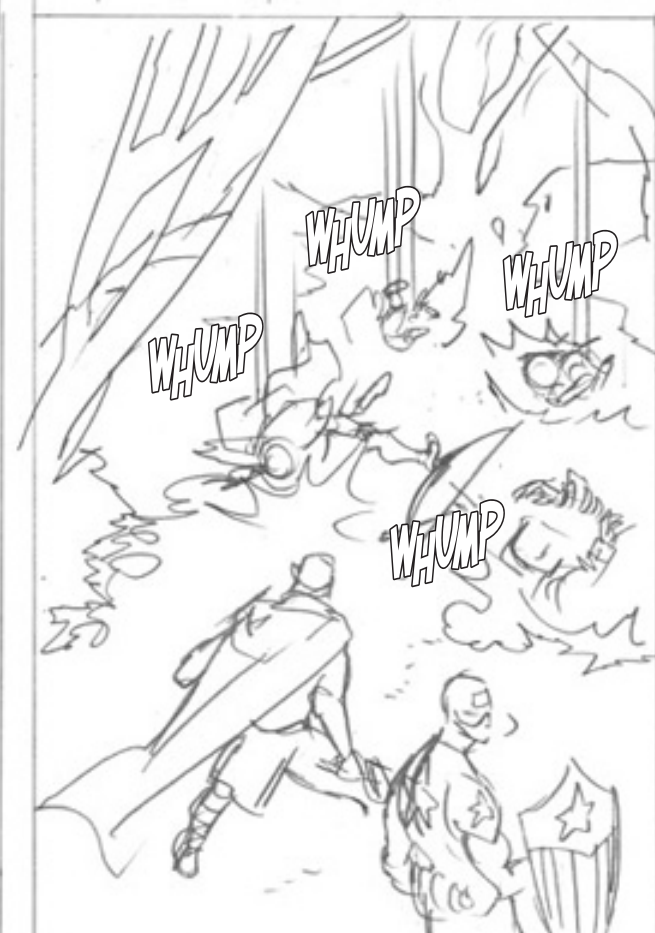
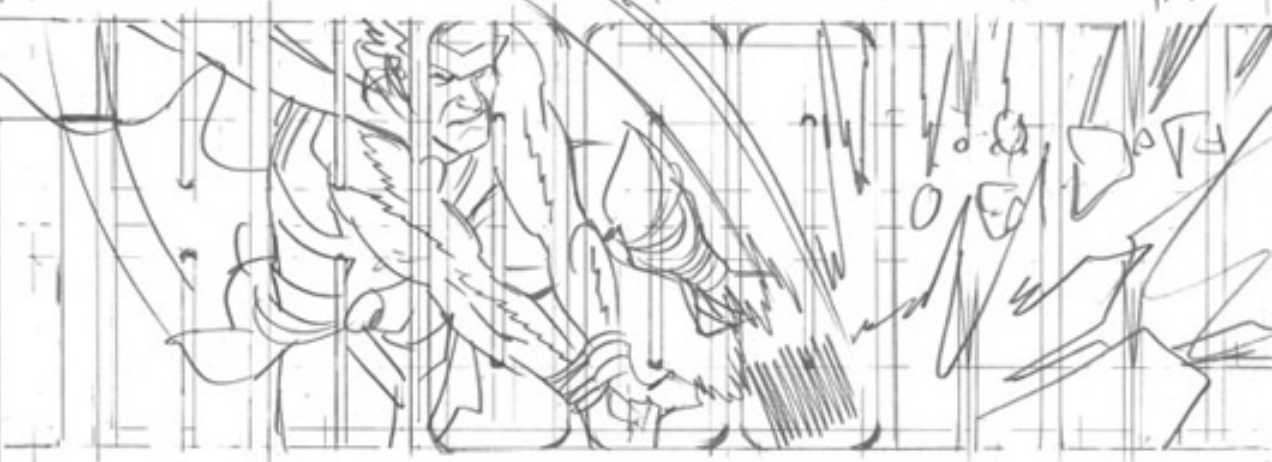
**HOLD ON.  
DUCK!**

I THOUGHT  
I SAW A **GLINT  
OF LIGHT** THAT  
SHOULDN'T BE  
THERE. I WAS  
**RIGHT.**

AN...  
**ASSASSIN?**

LOOKS  
LIKE IT.

AND THAT...  
IS PROBABLY  
HIS  
**QUARRY.**









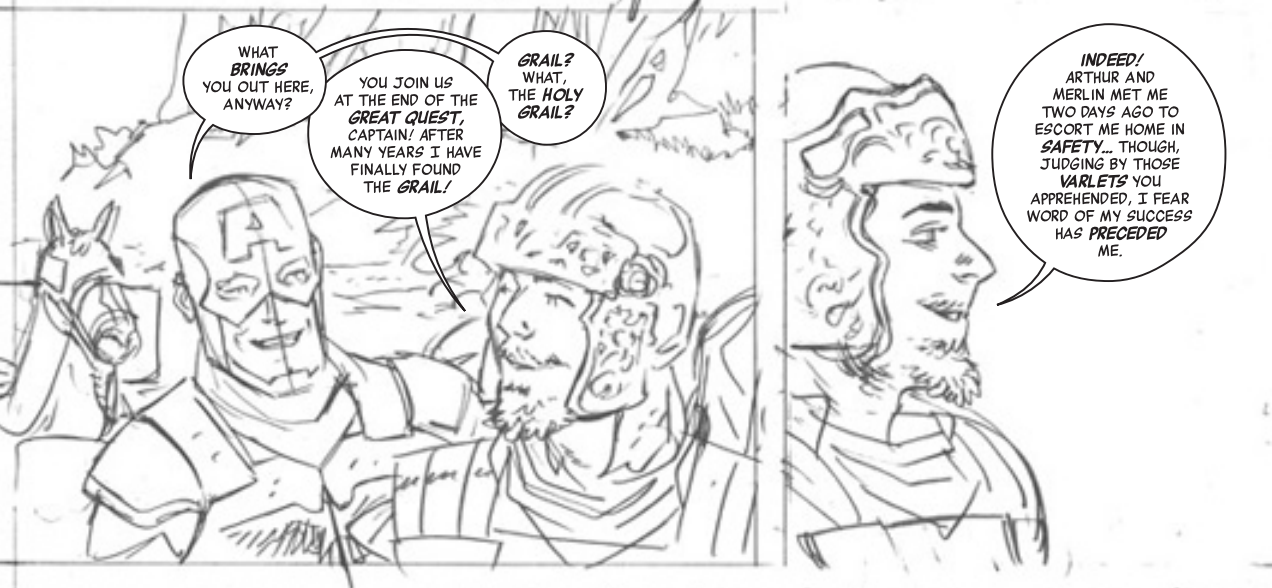


ALWAYS  
WANTED  
TO WEAR THIS  
STUFF...

SO, YOUR  
MAJESTY...GET  
A LOT OF  
ASSASSINATION  
ATTEMPTS, DO  
YOU?

ALAS, YES,  
CAPTAIN...PART  
OF THE PRICE  
ONE PAYS FOR  
BEING  
KING.

I SEE.



WHAT  
**BRINGS**  
YOU OUT HERE,  
ANYWAY?

YOU JOIN US  
AT THE END OF THE  
**GREAT QUEST**,  
CAPTAIN! AFTER  
MANY YEARS I HAVE  
FINALLY FOUND  
THE **GRAIL**!

**GRAIL?**  
WHAT,  
THE HOLY  
**GRAIL**?

**INDEED!**  
ARTHUR AND  
MERLIN MET ME  
TWO DAYS AGO TO  
ESCORT ME HOME IN  
**SAFETY**... THOUGH,  
JUDGING BY THOSE  
**VARLETS** YOU  
APPREHENDED, I FEAR  
WORD OF MY SUCCESS  
HAS **PRECEDED**  
ME.



BUT...BUT  
THIS IS **AMAZING!**  
THOR AND I WERE  
**BROUGHT** HERE BY A  
**MAGICAL CUP**...COULD  
THAT BE THE **GRAIL**?  
A PLAIN GOBLET  
MADE OF, WHAT,  
PEWTER...?

LIKE  
**THIS**  
ONE?

OH.

THOSE THINGS  
ARE AS **COMMON**  
AS **MUD**, CAPTAIN. NO,  
THE **GRAIL** IS AN  
ALTOGETHER **FANCIER**  
AFFAIR. A CUP USED TO  
COLLECT THE BLOOD  
OF OUR **LORD** AS HE  
**SUFFERED**...

"... AND THE MOST **POWERFUL**  
MYSTICAL ARTEFACT IN ALL  
OF CHRISTENDOM."



AND YOU, MERLIN... YOU SEEM NOW TO HAVE COMPLETELY RECOVERED FROM YOUR...WHAT DID YOU CALL IT...?

MY REGENERATION, SIRE?

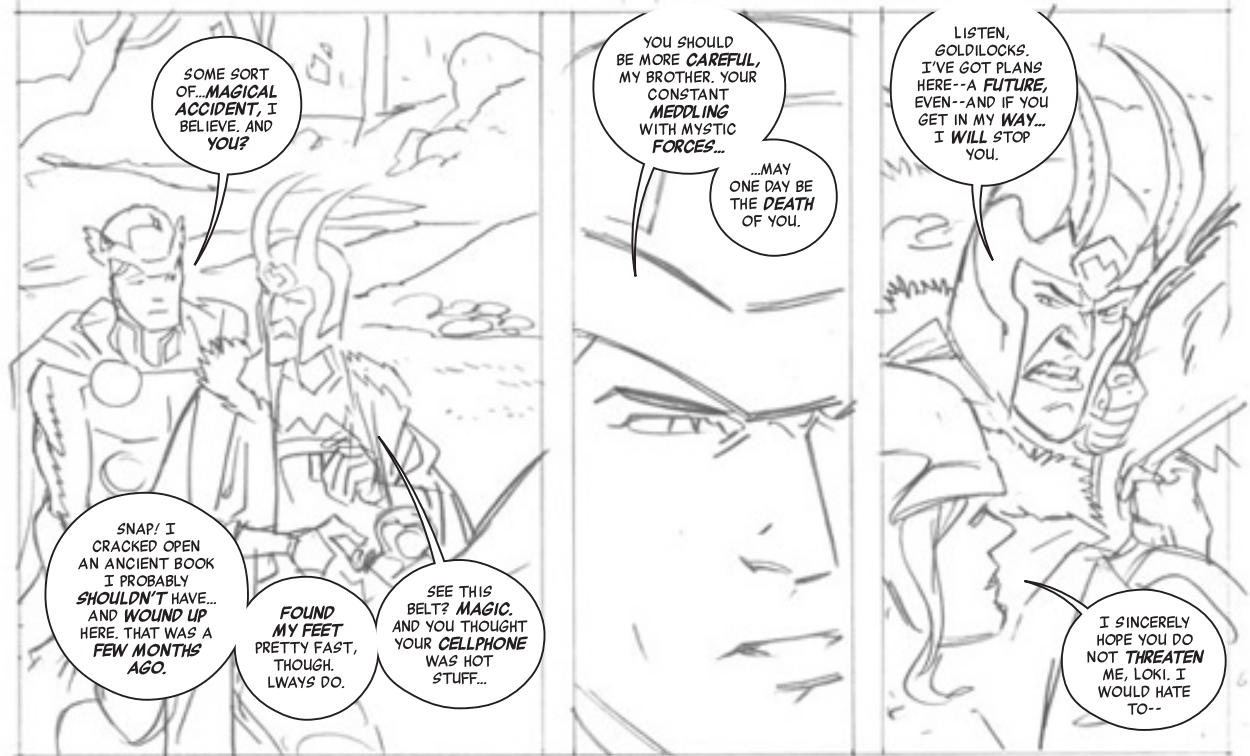
THAT'S IT/ I ADMIT, THE **NEW FACE** TOOK A LITTLE GETTING USED TO...BUT I AM PLEASED TO SEE YOUR **POWER** AND **LEARNING** REMAIN UNDIMINISHED!

YOUR MAJESTY IS TOO KIND.



WHAT **NONSENSE** IS THIS, LOKI? HE THINKS YOU ARE **SOMEONE ELSE!**

DON'T **BLOW** THIS FOR ME, BRO. THIS IS A **GREAT GIG**. WHAT ARE YOU **DOING** HERE, ANYWAY?



SOME SORT OF...**MAGICAL ACCIDENT**, I BELIEVE. AND YOU?

YOU SHOULD BE MORE **CAREFUL**, MY BROTHER. YOUR CONSTANT **MEDDLING** WITH MYSTIC FORCES...

...MAY ONE DAY BE THE DEATH OF YOU.

LISTEN, GOLDBLOCKS. I'VE GOT PLANS HERE--A **FUTURE**, EVEN--AND IF YOU GET IN MY WAY... I WILL STOP YOU.

SNAP! I CRACKED OPEN AN ANCIENT BOOK I PROBABLY **SHOULDN'T HAVE...** AND **WOUND UP** HERE. THAT WAS A **FEW MONTHS AGO**.

**FOUND MY FEET** PRETTY FAST, THOUGH. ALWAYS DO.

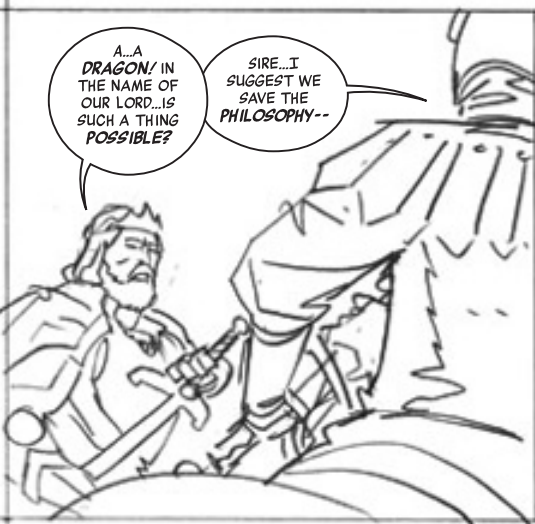
SEE THIS BELT? **MAGIC**. AND YOU THOUGHT YOUR **CELLPHONE** WAS HOT STUFF...

I SINCERELY HOPE YOU DO NOT **THREATEN** ME, LOKI. I WOULD HATE TO--

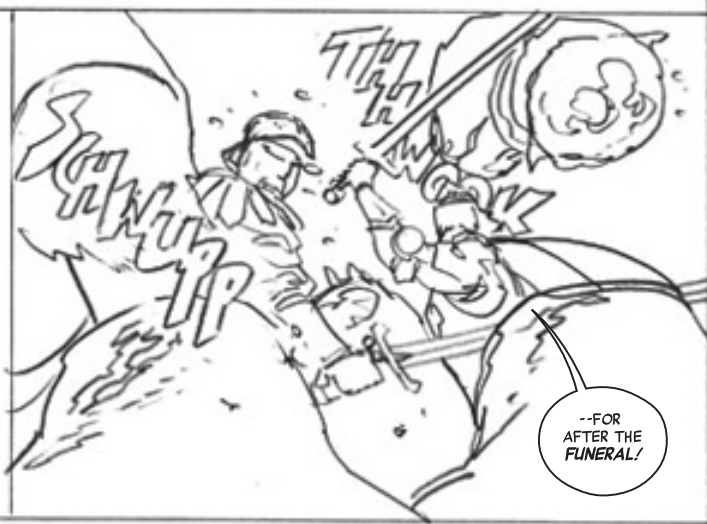


**HOLD!** WHAT SORCERY IS THIS?

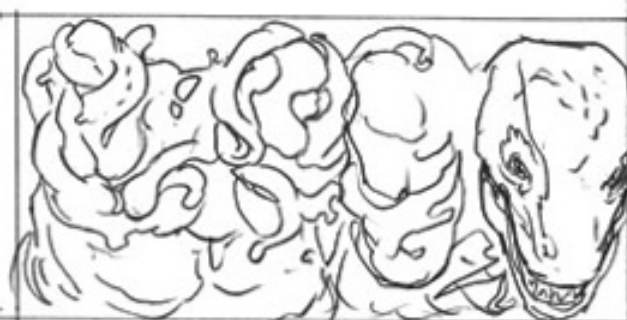




SIRE...I SUGGEST WE SAVE THE PHILOSOPHY--



--FOR AFTER THE FUNERAL!



TERRIFIC.

DON'T DO THAT AG--







HOLD!  
HOLD, MY  
BEAUTIES!

THEY'RE  
BATTERED--  
BUT  
ALIVE.

IT'S  
DOWN  
TO YOU,  
ME AND  
MERLIN.



MERLIN?

HIS NAME  
IS LOKI, NOT  
MERLIN--  
AND HE HAS  
DESERTED  
US! I--

OF COURSE!  
THE DRAGON...  
THE ASSASSINS...  
HE KNEW! HE  
KNEW!



AND  
HE HAS  
TAKEN THE  
GRAIL!

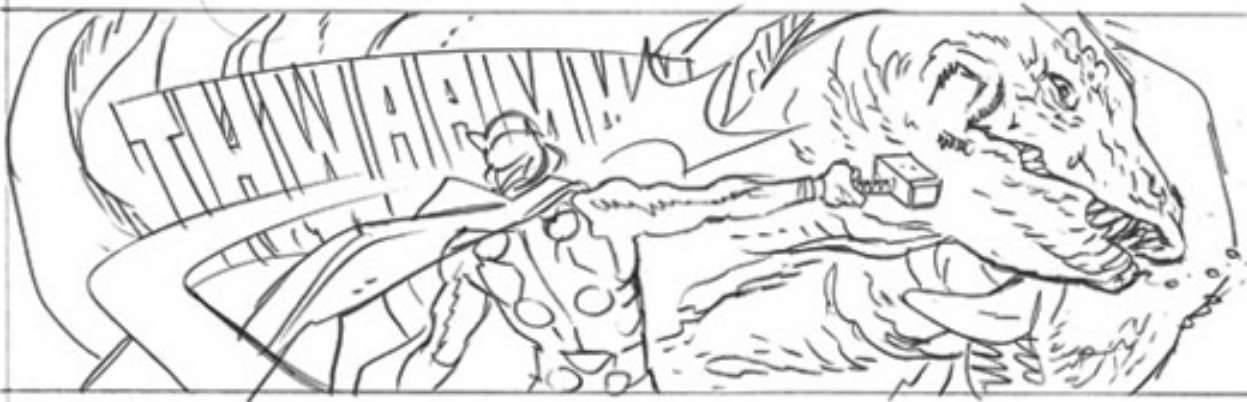
WE MAY NEED  
HIS POWER TO  
STOP THIS THING.  
HE CAN'T HAVE GONE  
FAR...CAN YOU HOLD  
IT OFF FOR  
A WHILE?

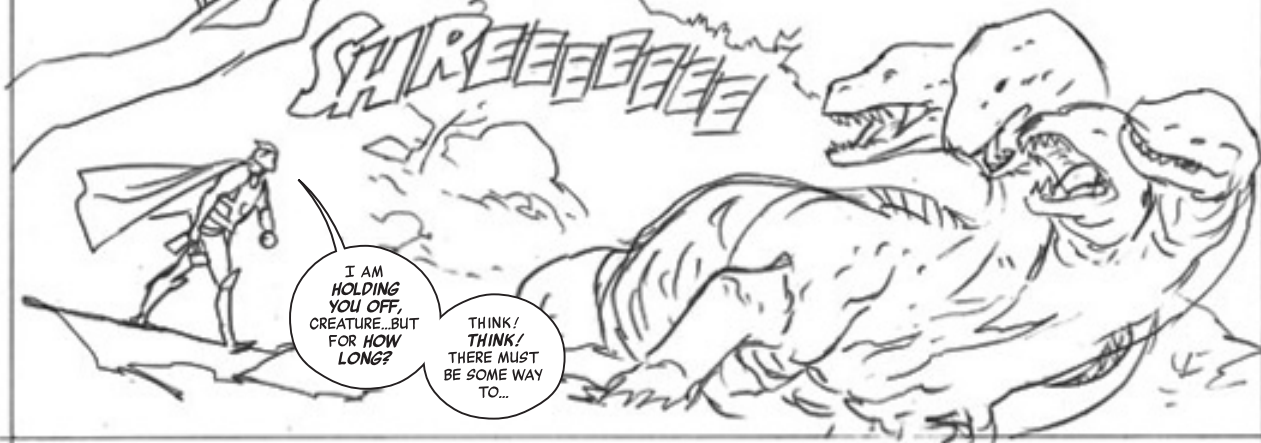
CAPTAIN!  
I AM THOR,  
SON OF ODIN!

YES  
OR NO?



SILLY  
QUESTION.





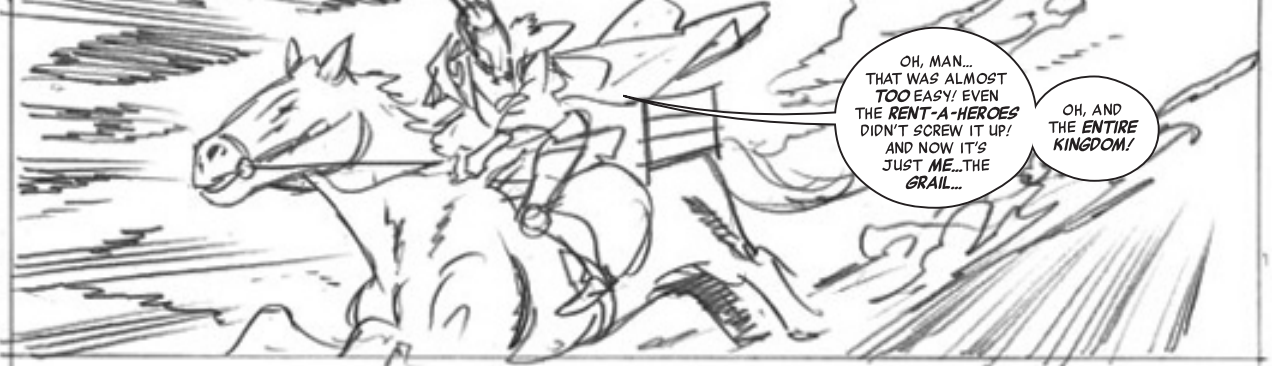




OD'S  
BLOOD!  
WHAT  
TRICKERY  
IS THIS...?

GONE! A  
MERE SHADOW...  
A CONSTRUCT  
OF LOKI'S  
MAGIC!





OH, MAN...  
THAT WAS ALMOST  
TOO EASY! EVEN  
THE RENT-A-HEROES  
DIDN'T SCREW IT UP!  
AND NOW IT'S  
JUST ME...THE  
GRAIL...

OH, AND  
THE ENTIRE  
KINGDOM!



WHAT THE  
DEVIL--?

MOVE  
IT, YOU  
MISERABLE NAG!  
CAMELOT?  
NOW!



LOKI!  
STOP!

FAT  
CHANCE,  
FLAG-BOY!

THEN  
WE'LL JUST  
HAVE TO DO  
THIS...

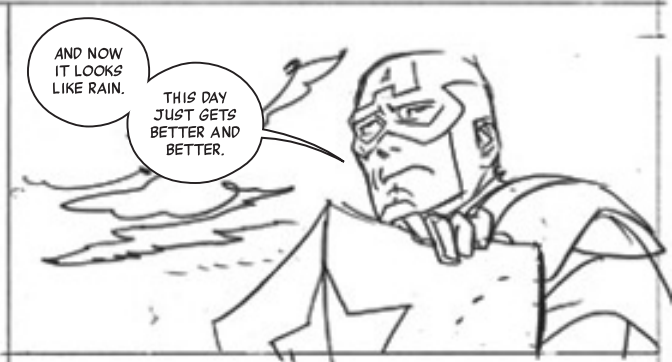


... THE  
HARD  
WAY!





IT'S THE DREAM OF EVERY MAGICIAN SINCE THE DAWN OF TIME-- THE ABILITY TO HAVE EVERY COMMAND... EVERY SLIGHTEST WISH... INSTANTLY, INFALLIBLY OBEYED!



AND NOW IT LOOKS LIKE RAIN.

THIS DAY JUST GETS BETTER AND BETTER.



CAPTAIN! RUN AWAY!

THOR! WHAT...?

CAN'T HEAR YOU...!



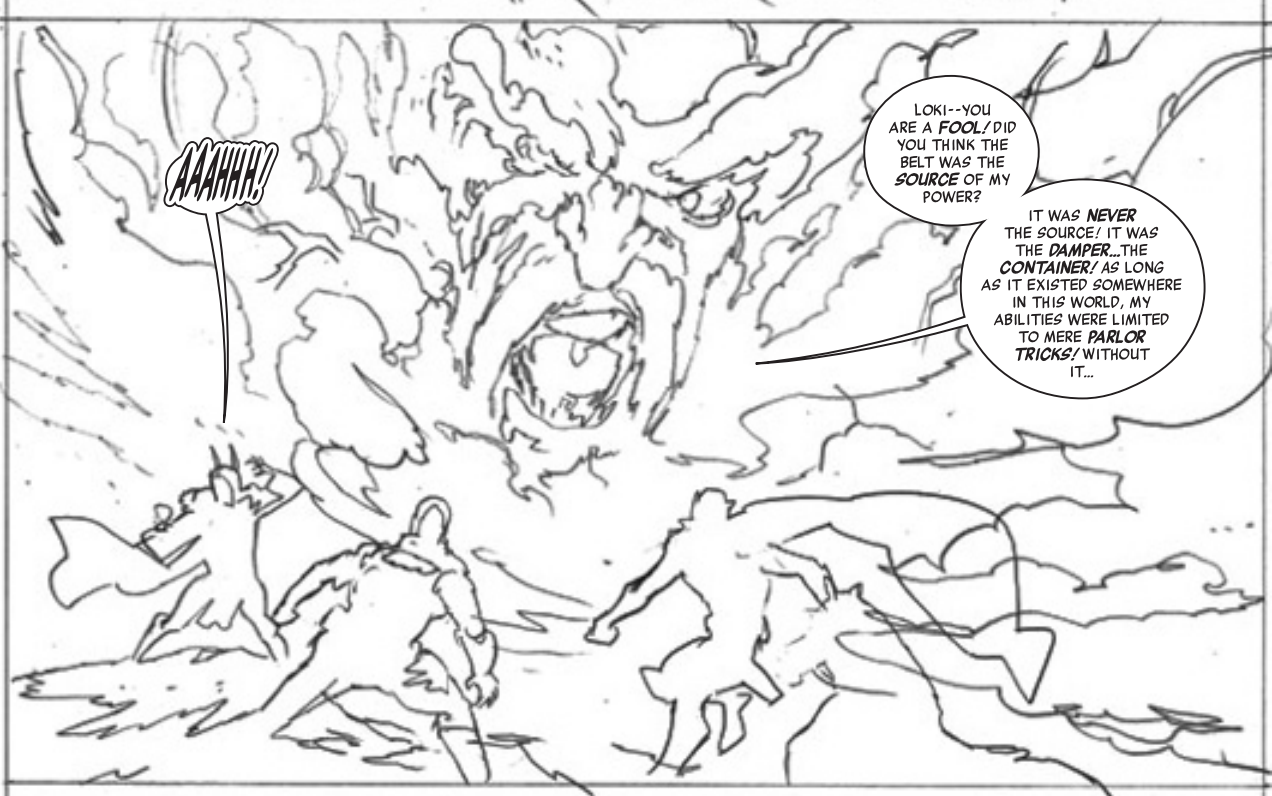




AAGH!



SMART...  
YET STRANGELY  
**STUPID!** YOU  
THINK I STILL NEED  
MERLIN'S POWER  
NOW I HAVE THE  
**GRAIL?** I--



AAAAHHH!

LOKI--YOU  
ARE A **FOOL!** DID  
YOU THINK THE  
BELT WAS THE  
**SOURCE** OF MY  
POWER?


IT WAS **NEVER**  
THE **SOURCE!** IT WAS  
THE **DAMPER...** THE  
**CONTAINER!** AS LONG  
AS IT EXISTED SOMEWHERE  
IN THIS WORLD, MY  
ABILITIES WERE LIMITED  
TO MERE **PARLOR**  
**TRICKS!** WITHOUT  
IT...



....I AM  
GREAT AND  
TERRIBLE!








I... CANNOT  
STAY LIKE THIS  
FOR LONG. WHEN  
MY POWER IS  
**UNHARNESSED**, IT  
CAN **DEVOUR** ME. I  
MUST FIND SOME  
NEW VESSEL OF  
CONTAINMENT  
**URGENTLY**.

BUT  
**FIRST...**



**BEHOLD!**  
THE KING AND  
HIS LOYAL KNIGHT...  
**RESTORED TO  
HEALTH!**

M-MERLIN...?



AND NOW...MY  
**RESCUERS**. THE CUP  
WAS TO BRING ME A  
**CHAMPION--HONEST,  
BRAVE** AND TRUE. IT  
APPEARS MY ENCHANTMENT  
WAS EVEN **MORE**  
EFFECTIVE THAN I  
HAD HOPED.

BUT YOU  
DO NOT  
**BELONG** HERE...  
AND THUS IT IS  
TIME FOR ME  
TO SEND YOU  
**HOME**.



HOME...  
WITH MY  
**ETERNAL**  
GRATITUDE.

IT WOULD  
BE MY HONOR  
TO MEET YOU  
**AGAIN** ONE DAY,  
CAPTAIN.

THOR--  
THE HONOR  
WAS ALL...



SUCH  
CHAMPIONS,  
**INDEED**.

THEY MAY  
BE **GONE**...BUT  
THEY SHALL NOT  
BE **FORGOTTEN**.  
I SHALL SEE  
TO THAT.

HOLY  
SMOKES. WE  
LOST THE  
ARMY'S  
FAVORITE  
TOY.

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ARE YOU  
GONNA  
TELL  
THE GENERAL  
OR AM...

... I?

UMMM...

NOBODY  
TOUCH  
THAT.



