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SHROUDED IN
STOLEN IDENTITIES AND
CLANDESTINE SECRETS, THE
MERC-WITH-A-MOUTH IS A MAN OF
MYSTERY. HERO? VILLAIN?
SOCIOPATH? DEADPOOL MAKES HIS
OWN RULES AND PLAYS BY NOBODY'S
GAME. HE IS AN AGENT OF CHAOS
CONFINED TO A WORLD OF
CONSTRICTING ORDER; BLASTING
DOWN THE FOURTH WALL BRICK BY
BRICK!

STAN LEE PRESENTS:

DEAD- POOL

CHAPTER X

BENEDICTION

PART FOUR OF A
THREE-PART SERIES!

"DEAR DAD:

"THANKS FOR THE HAT."

IT'S WHAT I
SHOULDA TOLD
'IM, BABE.

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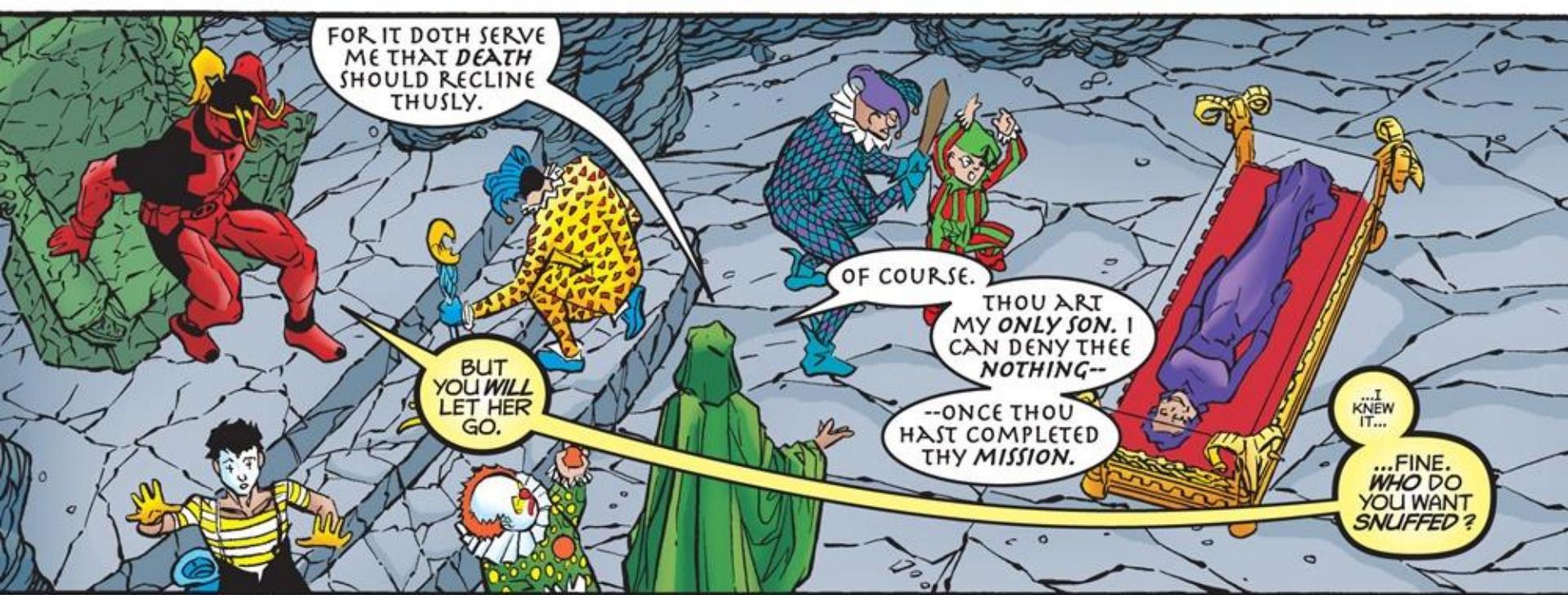
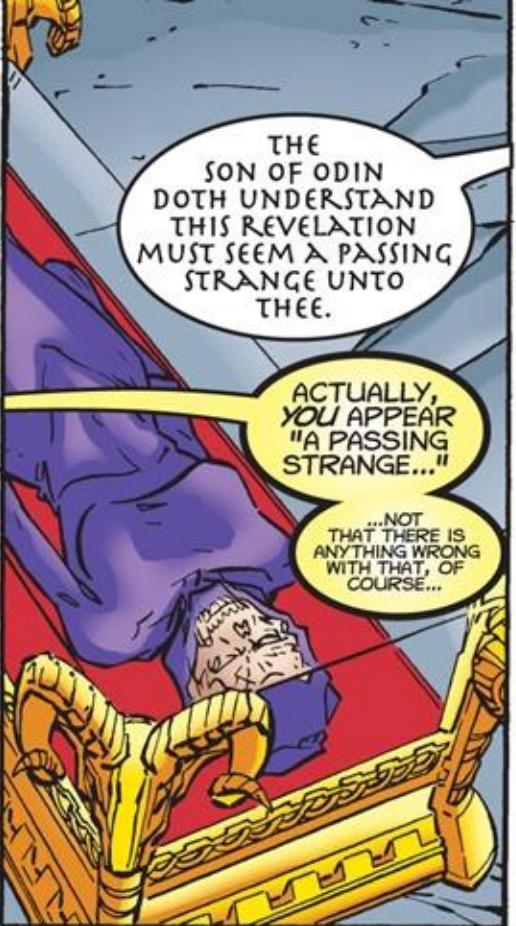
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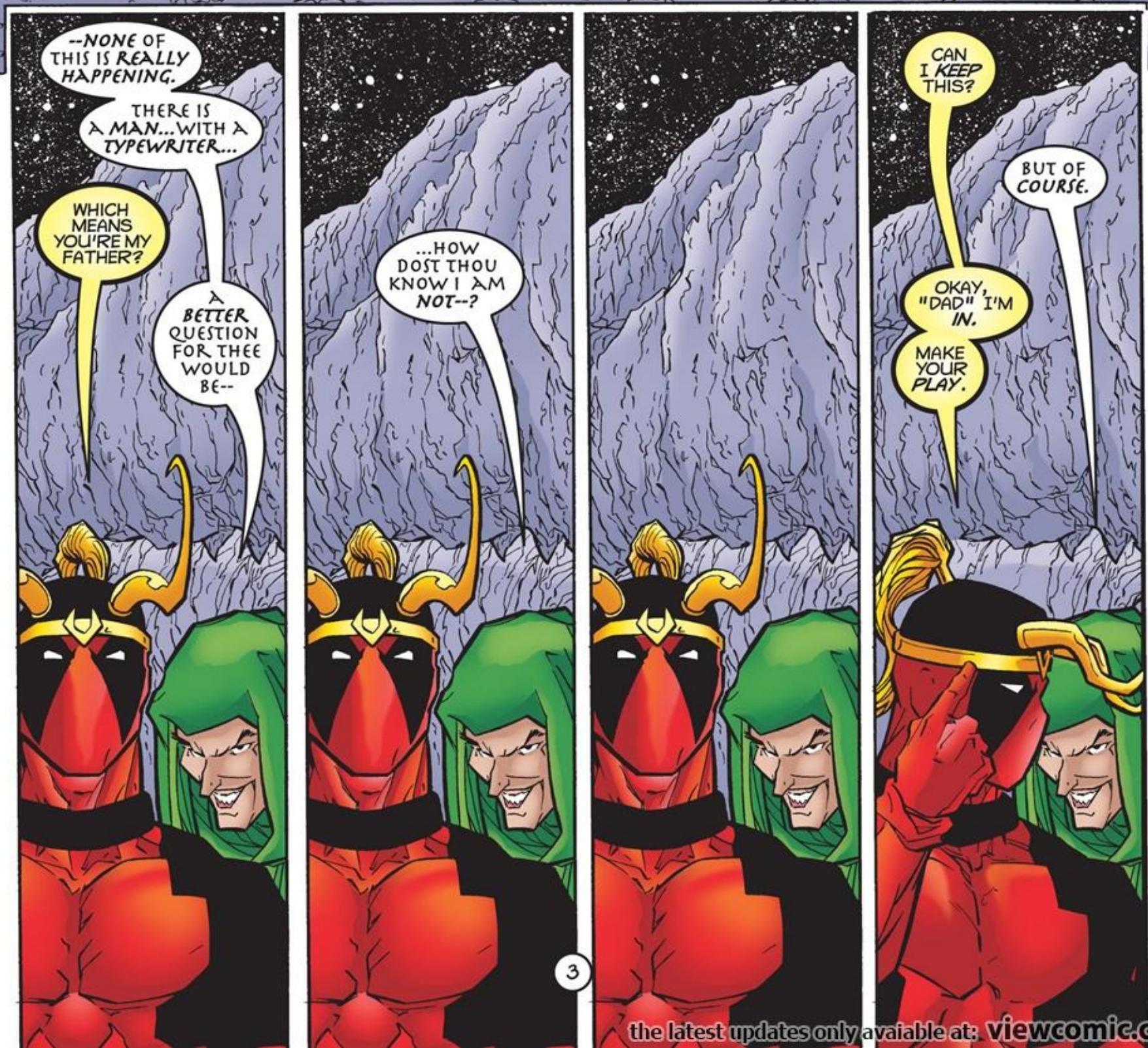
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SPECIAL THANKS TO BALA MENON
FOR THE TIMELY ASSISTANCE





SO, I WENT ALONG WITH THINGS.

TOLD MYSELF IT WAS TO HELP SAVE YOU... NOT THAT YOU WERE MUCH OF A FRIEND TO BEGIN WITH.

WHATEVER MY REASONS, NEXT THING I KNEW, IT WAS STANDING IN RUSH HOUR CROWDS NEAR THE CHRYSLER BUILDING--

-- LOOKING UP IN THE SKY...AT MY "UNCLE"...

The mighty THOR

AND THAT GUY.

16 SAMURAI SWORDS, FIVE HANDGUNS AND SOME TIC-TACS BUT NO UMBRELLA.

LEFT MY UMBRELLA.

HANDSOME. ADMIRE.

LOKI'S HALF BROTHER AND, TO HEAR HIM TELL IT, THE LITTLE PUNK WHO WAS ALWAYS SUCKING UP TO DAD.

WONDER WHAT THAT'S LIKE.

SOME KINDA FREAK ELECTRICAL PROBLEM IN THE BUILDING SET SEVERAL FLOORS ON FIRE AND SENT HIM TO THE RESCUE.

NOT ALL IT'S CRACKED UP T'BE.

THOUGH I WILL ADMIT, SOMETHING ABOUT ALL THE GRUNTS GRINNING AT YOU IS KINDA NICE.

I'VE GONE TO THE RESCUE A TIME OR TWO.

COULDN'T BE SURE.
COULD BE ENVY, COULD BE TACO BELL.

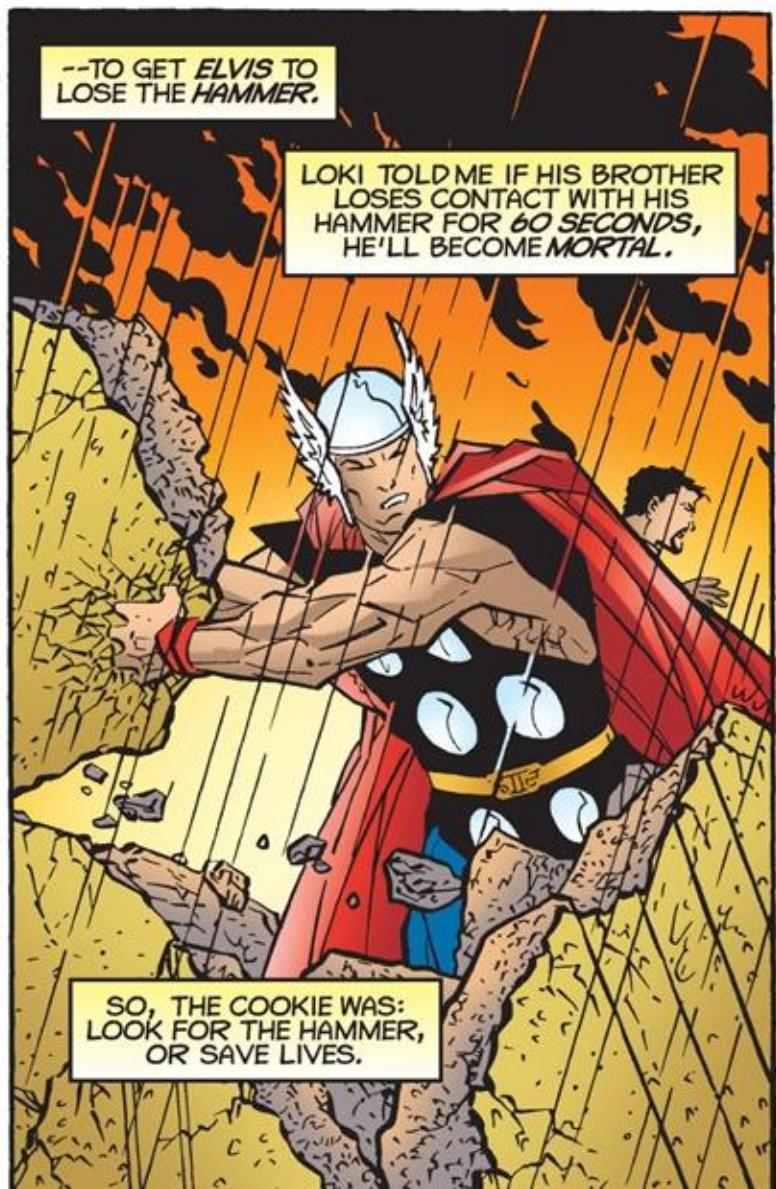
BUT, LET'S SAY IT WAS ENVY--
MAYBE THAT MADE THE CASE FOR
MY BEING LOKI'S SON THAT
MUCH STRONGER.

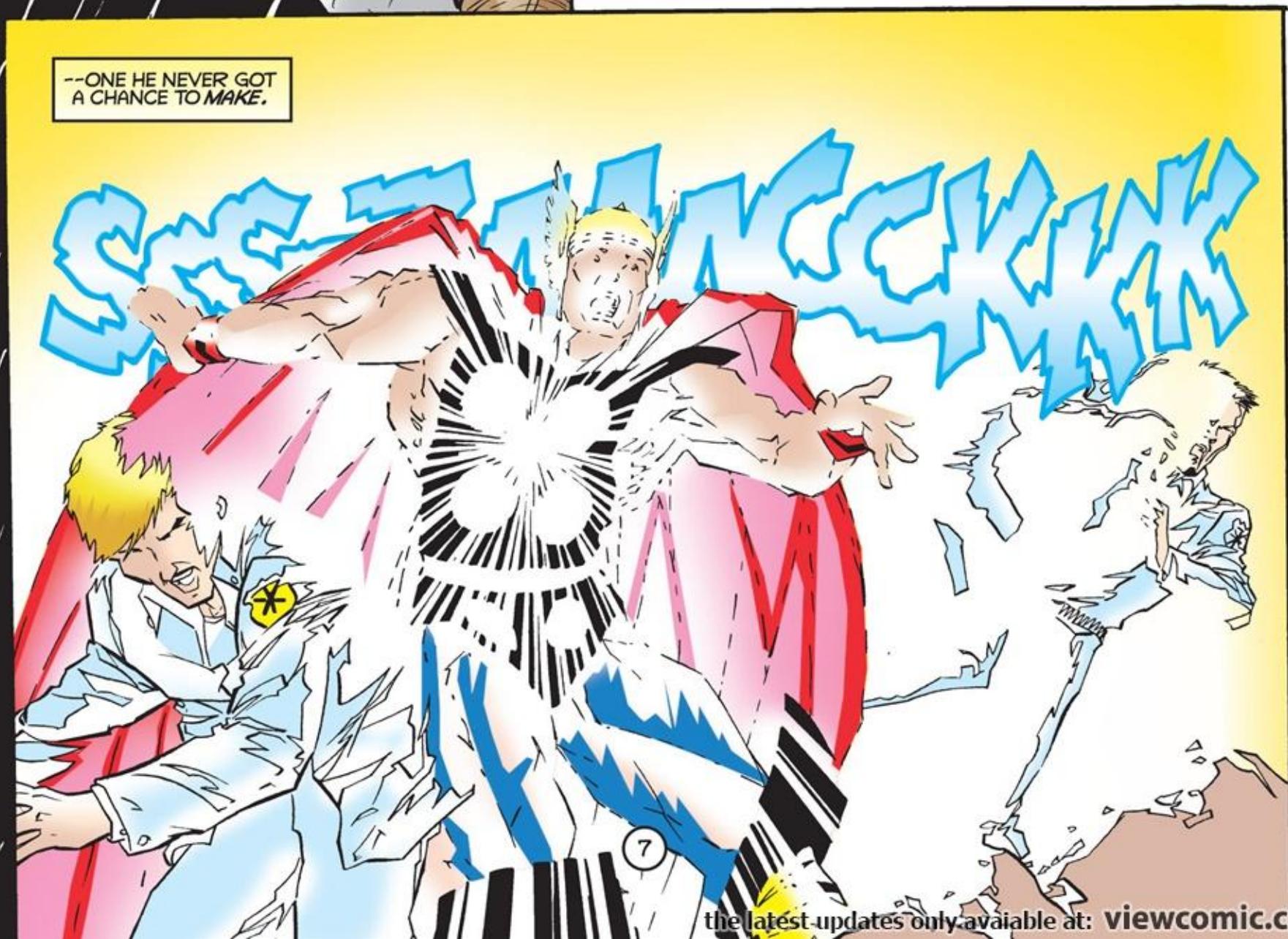
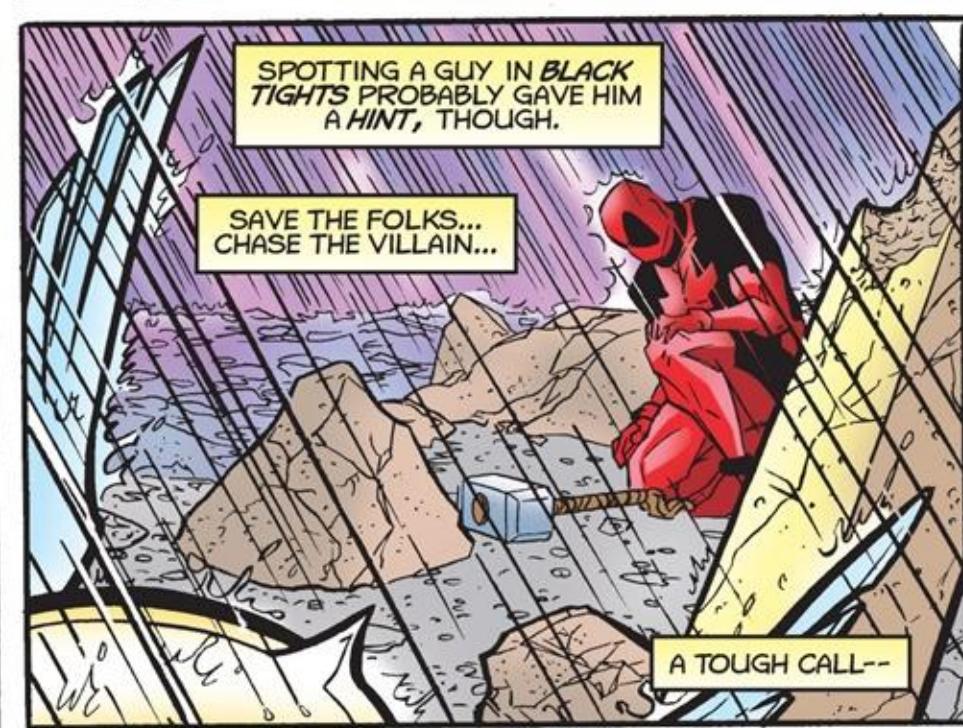
I MEAN, THIS WAS A GUY LOKI
HAD BEEN KICKED TO THE CURB
FOR...FOR CENTURIES LOKI
WAS DESPISED WHILE HIS
BROTHER WAS HONORED
AND REVERED.

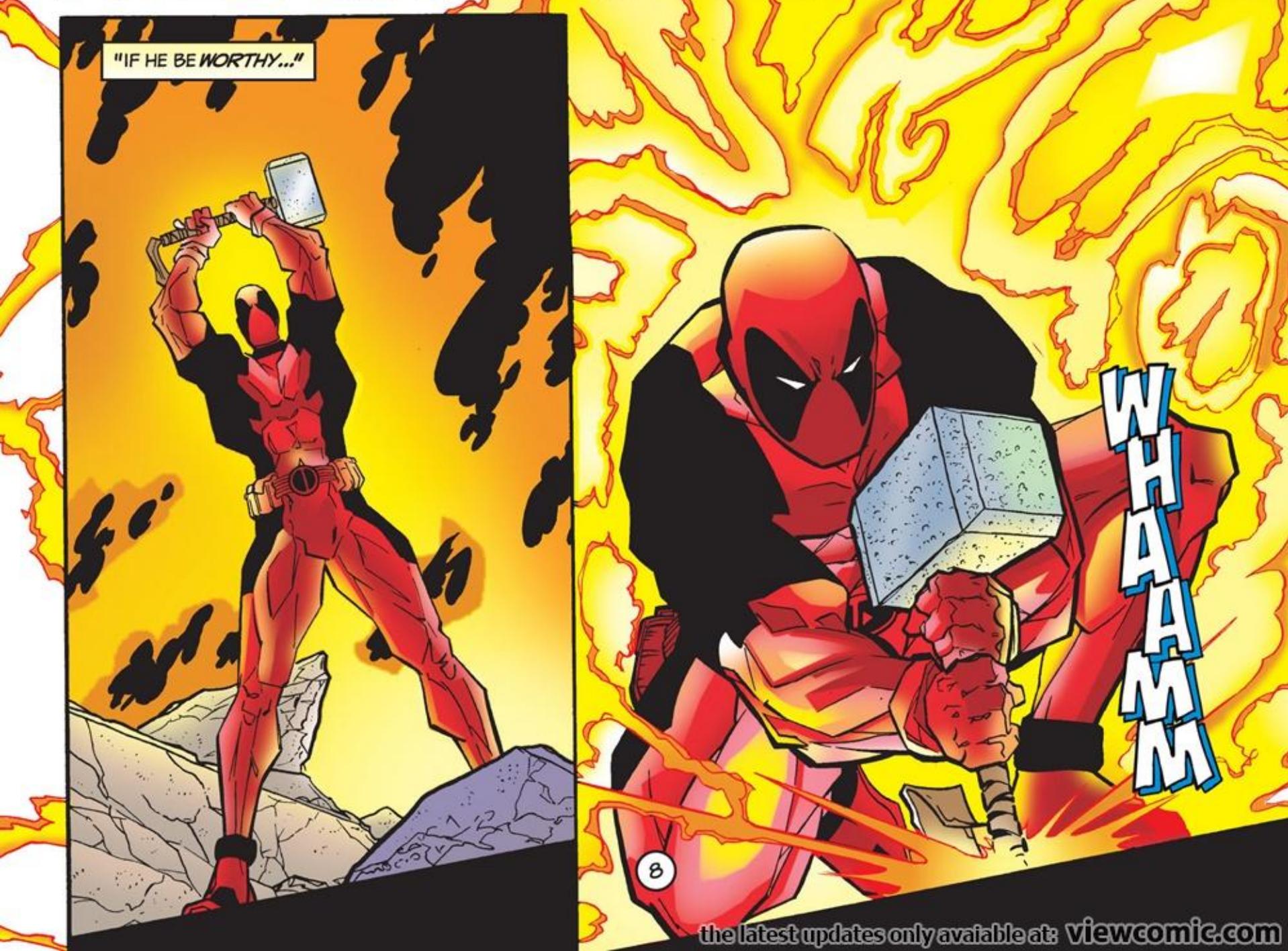
SOUNDED T'ME LIKE,
WHATEVER LOKI'S BECOME,
IT WAS A SELF-FULFILLING
PROPHECY.

NOT THAT I'M MAKIN'
EXCUSES FOR THE GUY.
FROM WHAT I COULD TELL--

I MEAN, DROP YOUR KID ON HIS
HEAD ONE TIME TOO MANY, YOU
GET WHAT YOU GET.







AND THEN, JUST LIKE THAT--

--I FELT ALL BETTER.



GOTTA TELL YA, BABE...

...IT WAS A REAL RUSH.

HMM...
WHITHER GOEST THOU ANON--?"

BIG HAMMER...
BIG CAPE...

"WADE WILSON --THOU NOW HAST THE HAMMER AND THE POWER OF THOR!"

...I KNOWETH JUST THE MOVE--

37 GORDITAS.

TACO BELL

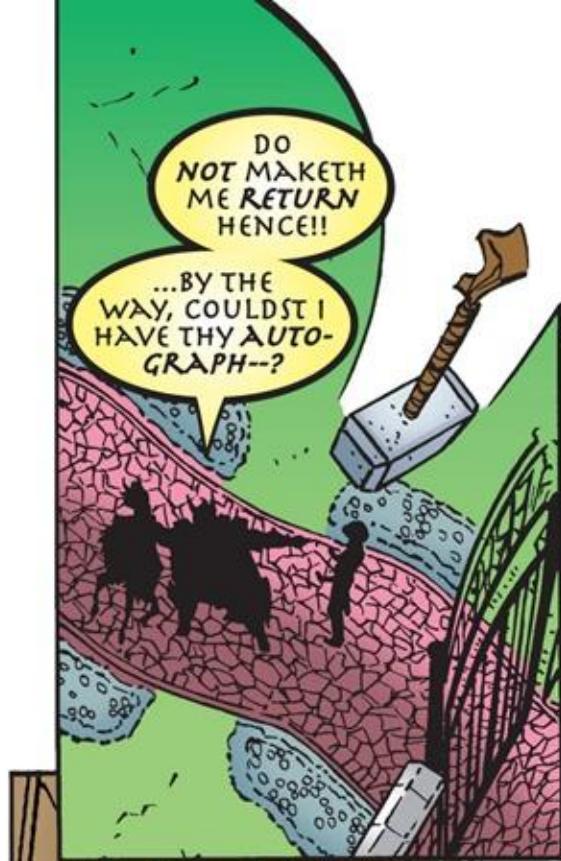
AND SOME CHIPS.

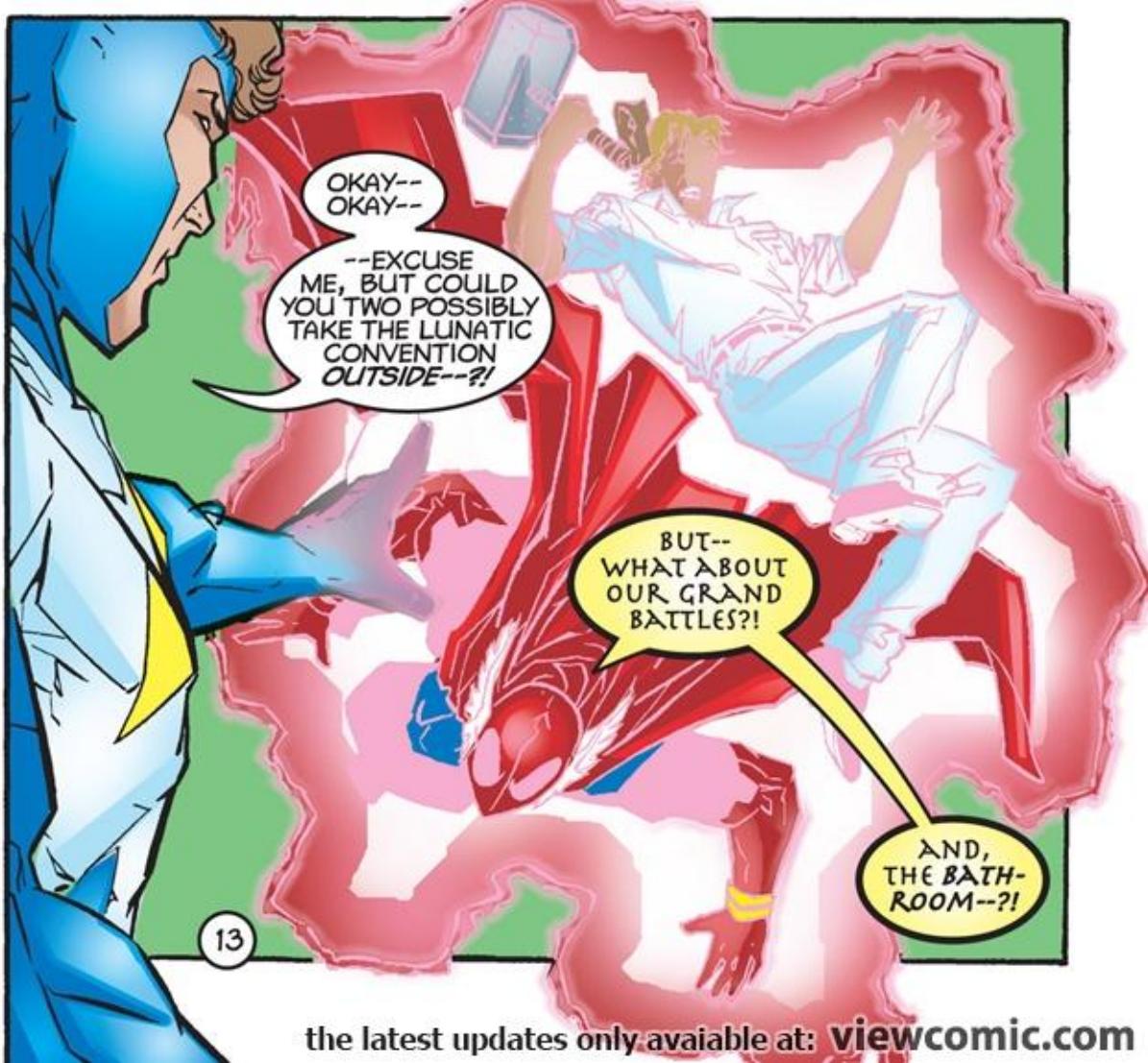
NO THANKS.
I BROUGHT MY OWN.

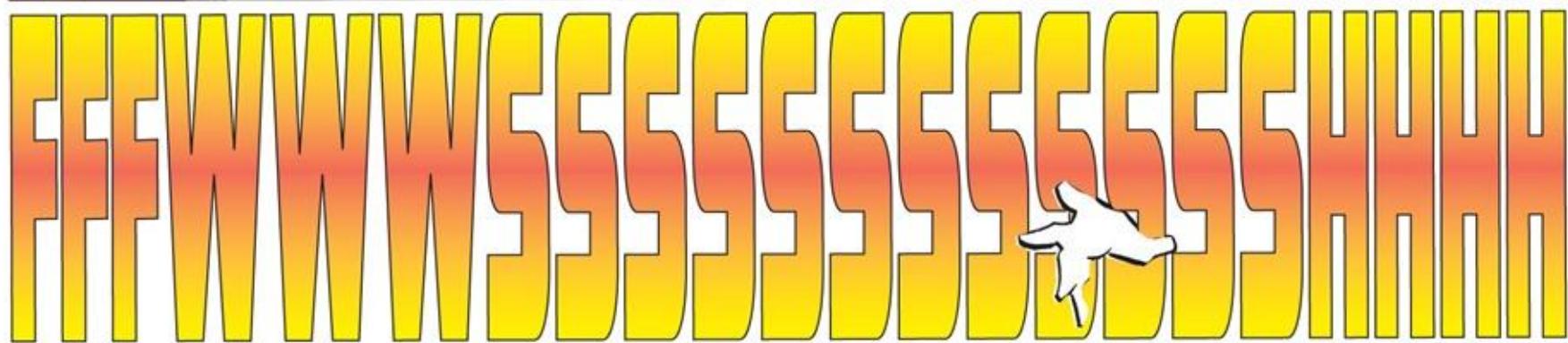
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STEEEEEE-RIKE!! Chomp

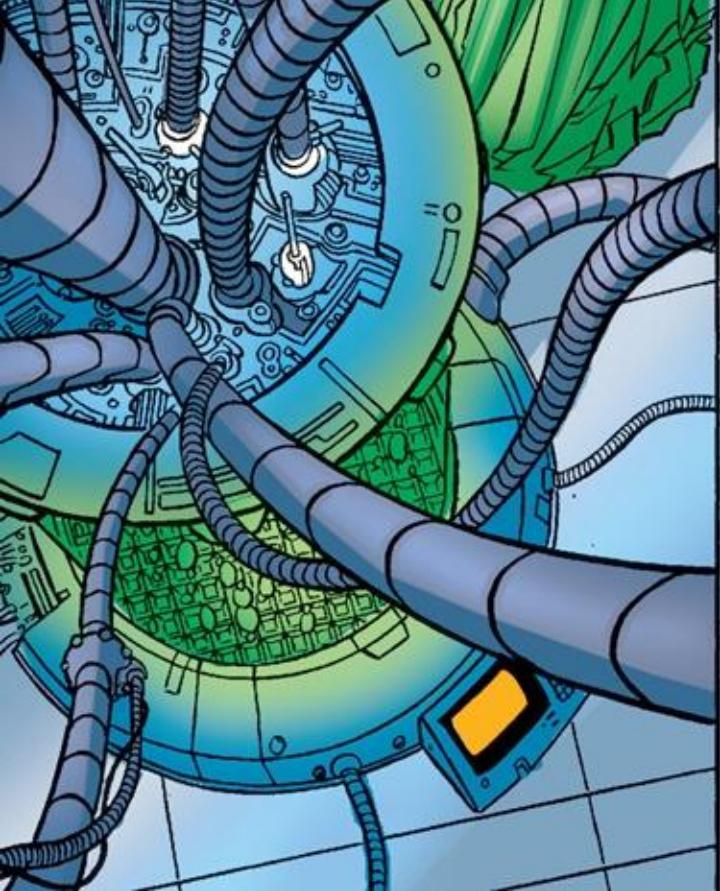
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--AND GET THEE A LIFE!!

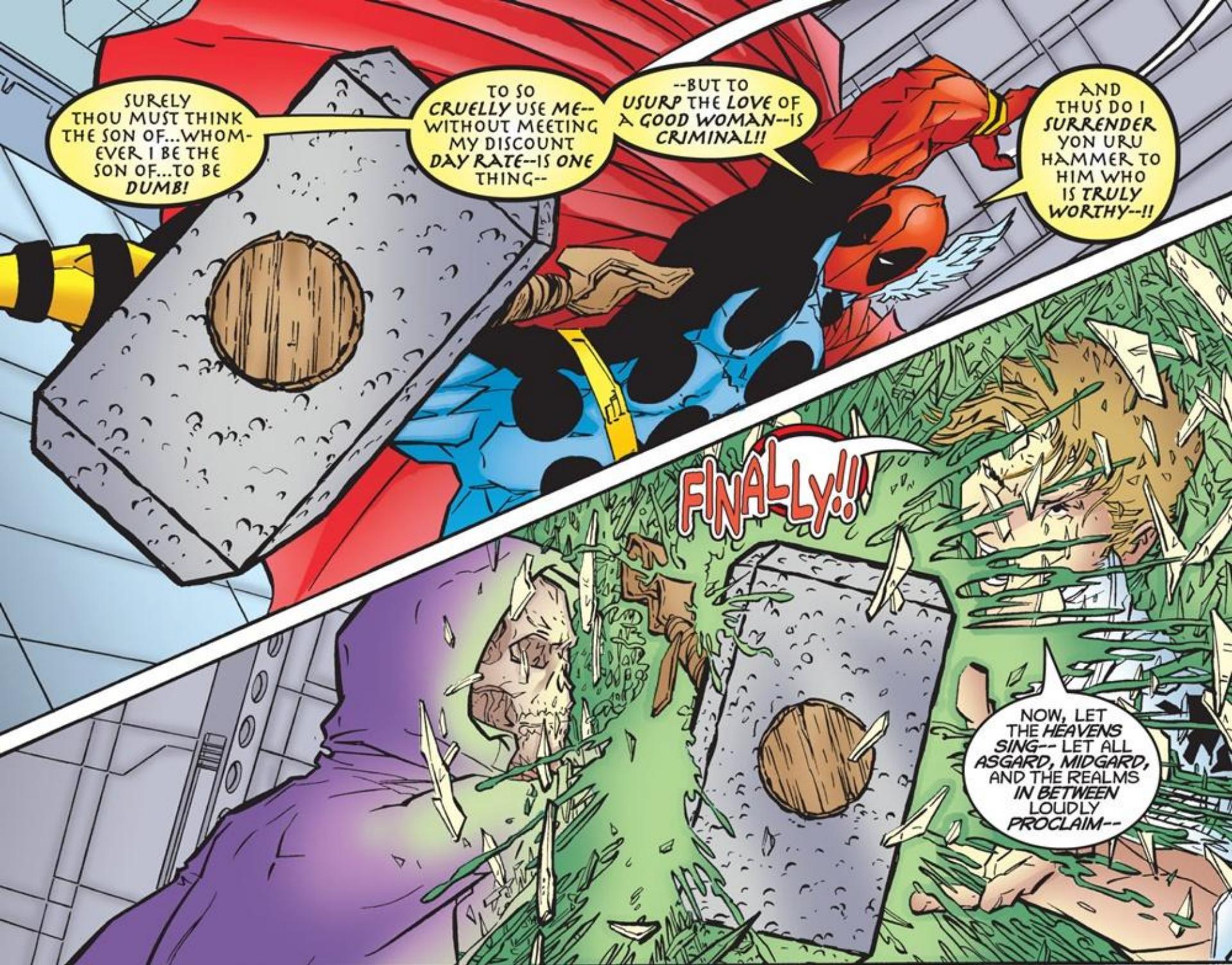


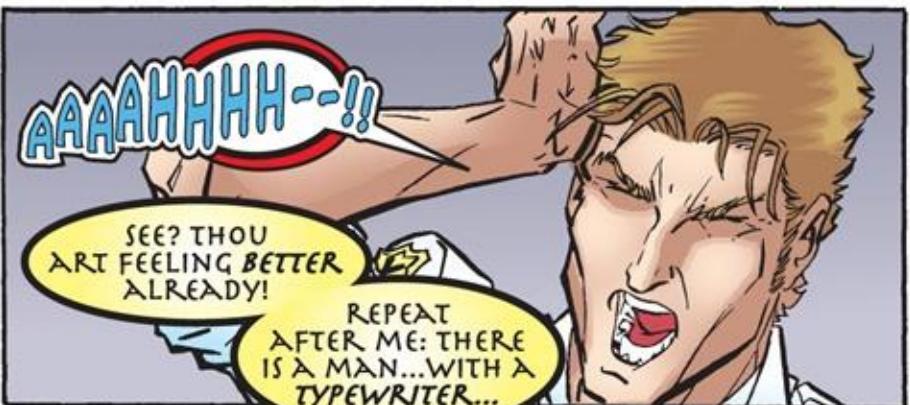












--THAT
MY FATHER'S
WORDS ARE
TRUE--

--THOUGH ALL
OTHERS THROUGHOUT
THE UNIVERSE MAY BE
LIARS!!

THIS
DAY'S
MOCKERY
ENDS
NOW!

LET
THIS MORTAL
SHELL GIVE
WAY--



--TO
THOR
the mighty

THHOOOMM

AT LAST,
THE SON OF ODIN
IS FREE OF THE
EVIL ONE'S FOUL
TRICKERY!!

CLEARLY,
THINE "HAMMER"
IS A FORGERY--POSSIBLY
THE SAME FORGED OF
GENUINE URU METAL BY
HAROKIN--CREATED
TO CONFFOUND
ME!*

YES...AND
NONE COULDST BE
HAPPIER...

...OUCHETH...

*THOR VI #365-
366. --ROO

--AND THE
REST IS SIMPLE
COSMETICS--!!

CLEARLY,
LOKI MEANS TO DISTRACT
ME MOMENTARILY FROM
HIS CURRENT SCHEME
AGAINST MY FATHER'S
THRONE!!*

NOW
WHAT REMAINS
IS ONLY TO SMITE YON
HARLEQUIN OF
DEATH--!!

'TIS A SIMPLE
MATTER TO SUCH AS LOKI
TO BORROW A SPELL THAT
WOULD ENABLE THE FORGERY
TO FLY AS MJOLNIR FLIES--

*SEE CURRENT ISSUES
OF THOR. --ROO

I SAY
THEE--

NAVI!

BEGONE,
IMPOSTER--MY
QUARREL
IS NOT WITH
THEE--!

THOOOPMM

'TIS AS YOU
INTEND HARM TO SHE
WHOM WADE LOVETH!!

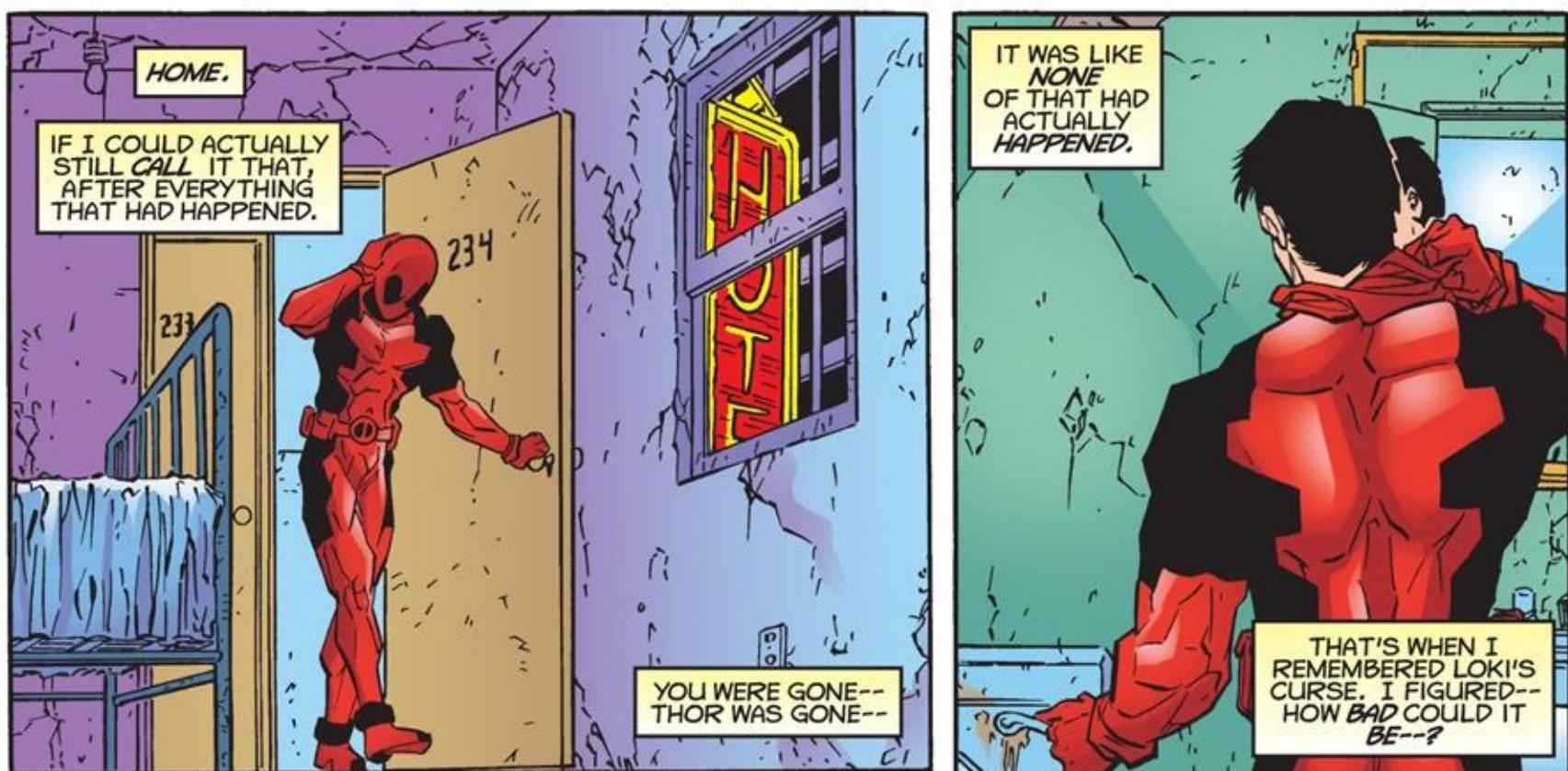
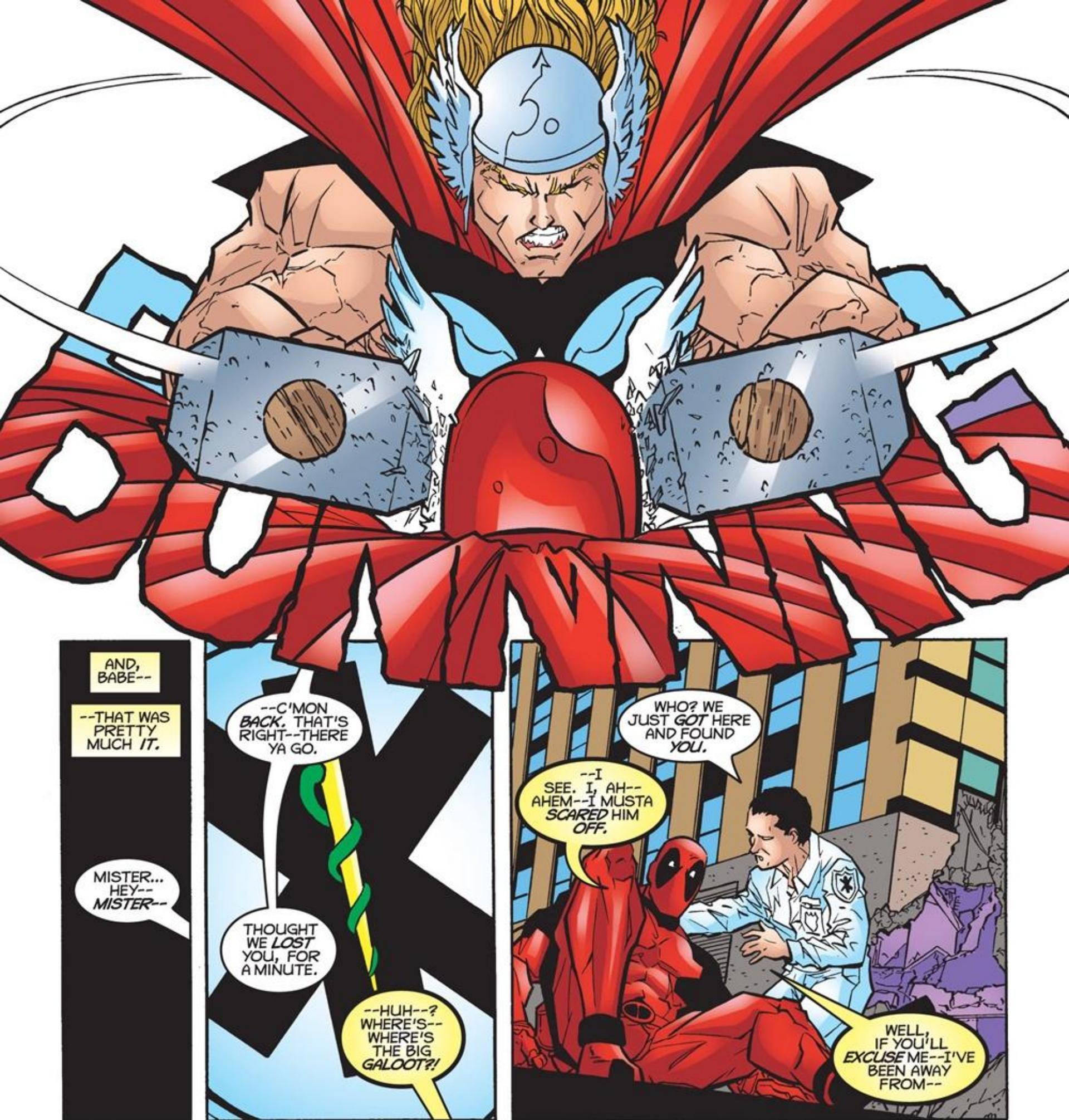
SHE
IS A SPIRIT--
A SHADE--
COMPOSED OF
EVIL!

THOU
SPEAKETH OF
THAT WHICH
THOU
KNOWETH
NOT--!!

BY THE
WAY...

...CAN
I KEEP
THIS...?





--THEN I FOUND OUT.

NE
E
X
T
JOHNNY HANDSOME
OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW...