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Blemishes Fade As Skin Clears



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THE INVINCIBLE IRON MAN

"THE TORRENT WITHOUT.. THE TUMULT WITHIN!"

BAD ENOUGH THAT IRON MAN OVERTAKES HIS HEART AND TRANSISTORS BATTLING THE SINISTER WHIPLASH... BAD ENOUGH THAT WHILE HE'S HELPLESS AND UNCONSCIOUS, THE MAGGIA LEADER, BIG M, TURNS A LASER BEAM ON HIM... BUT JUST TO REALLY TOP THINGS OFF, THIS IS THE MOMENT THE MAGGIA'S GAMBLING SHIP IS ATTACKED BY NONE OTHER THAN A.I.M.!

THE LAST BLAST TO HIT THE SHIP SHORT-CIRCUITED THE LASER..

BUT IT'S ALSO RIPPED A HOLE IN THE HULL! THE PLACE WILL BE FLOODED IN NO TIME!

WHEN BIG M AND HIS MAGGIA HOODS SEALED OFF THE COMPARTMENT AND ESCAPED, THEY LEFT ME HELP FAST BY THIS MAGNETIZED TABLE!

WITH THE EDITING OF STAN LEE

WITH THE INKING OF JOHNNY CRAIG

WITH THE LETTERING OF SAM ROSEN

IS IT ANY WONDER THAT ANOTHER MARVEL MILESTONE HAS BEEN REACHED BY THE TALENTED TEAMING OF ARCHIE GOODWIN and GENE COLAN

BREAKING FREE OF THE MAGNETIC GRIP ON MY ARMOR WOULD BE ROUGH AT FULL STRENGTH--AND MY POWER'S DRAINED COMPLETELY!

EVEN MINOR EXERTION COULD BRING ON A FATAL HEART ATTACK BUT I MUST TRY LIFTING MY RIGHT HAND...

I MUST-- THOUGH I MAY PERISH IN THE ATTEMPT!

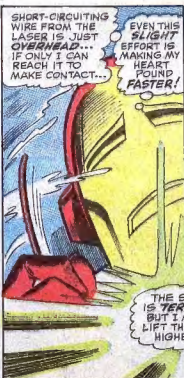


THE TABLE'S MAGNETIC COILS MUST BE IN ITS **CENTER**... THE FORCE ISN'T AS STRONG ALONG THE EDGE WHERE MY **HAND** IS...

PERHAPS I CAN REACH MY **SIDE PAD**... FLIP IT OPEN AND...

...**THERE!**

I GOT HOLD OF THE **RECHARGE CABLE** INSIDE!



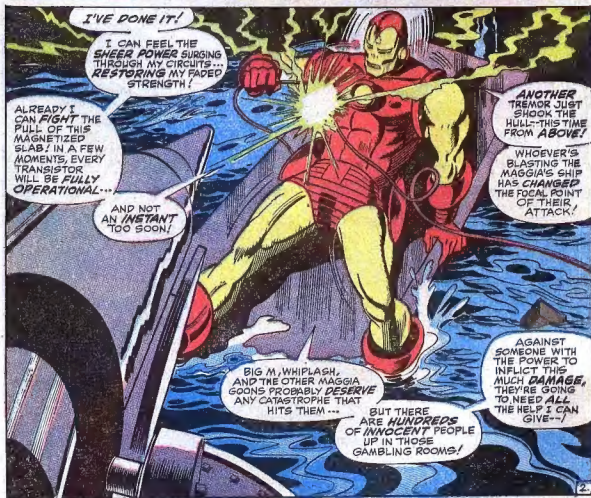
SHORT-CIRCUITING WIRE FROM THE LASER IS JUST **OVERHEAD**... IF ONLY I CAN REACH IT TO MAKE CONTACT...

EVEN THIS **SLIGHT** EFFORT IS MAKING MY HEART **POUND FASTER!**

THE STRAIN IS **TERRIFIC**, BUT I MUST LIFT THE WIRE **HIGHER**...



HIGHER...



I'VE DONE IT!

I CAN FEEL THE **SHEER POWER** SURGING THROUGH MY CIRCUITS... **RESTORING** MY FADED STRENGTH!

ALREADY I CAN **FIGHT** THE PULL OF THIS MAGNETIZED SLAB! IN A FEW MOMENTS, EVERY TRANSISTOR WILL BE **FULLY OPERATIONAL**...

AND NOT AN **INSTANT** TOO SOON!

ANOTHER TREMOR JUST SHOOK THE HULL—THIS TIME FROM **ABOVE!**

WHOEVER'S BLASTING THE **MAGGIA'S** SHIP HAS **CHANGED** THE FOCAL POINT OF THEIR **ATTACK!**

BIG M, WHIPLASH, AND THE OTHER **MAGGIA** GOONS PROBABLY **DESERVE** ANY CATASTROPHE THAT HITS THEM...

BUT THERE ARE **HUNDREDS** OF **INNOCENT** PEOPLE UP IN THOSE **GAMBLING** ROOMS!

AGAINST SOMEONE WITH THE **POWER** TO INFLICT THIS **MUCH DAMAGE**, THEY'RE GOING TO **NEED ALL** THE HELP I CAN **GIVE--!**



KAWHUM!

AND EVEN AS THE GOLDEN AVENGER GIVES VOICE TO HIS THOUGHTS...IN THE PLUSH GAMBLING SALONS THE CLICK OF THE ROULETTE WHEEL AND FLIP OF THE CARDS ARE SUDDENLY REPLACED BY WANTON DESTRUCTION AND RAW PENDEMONIUM!

(IN FACT, GENIAL GENE COLAN'S INTERPRETATION OF THE ABOVE MAY JUST NET US THIS YEAR'S AWARD IN THE RAW PENDEMONIUM CATEGORY!) --SURE-THING STAN.

WHILE, IN THE MURKY DEPTHS SURROUNDING THE STRICKEN VESSEL, THE **AUTHORS OF THE HOLOCAUST** LAUNCH A NEW PHASE OF THEIR ATTACK...

THE **MAGGIA** SHIP HAS BEEN CRIPPLED BY OUR **SHOCK RAY** BLASTS AS PER SCHEDULE!

AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT TEAMS ONE AND TWO... **MOVE OUT!**

TEAM ONE TO **ASSAULT CONTROL**... WE'VE REACHED THE ANCHOR CHAIN... NO RESISTANCE ENCOUNTERED.

YOU'RE **FIFTEEN SECONDS** BEHIND TEAM TWO!

PROCEED WITH BOARDING OPERATION **IMMEDIATELY!** CLICK!

FOR AN INSTANT, AN OMINOUS, FOREBODING **QUIET** SETTLES OVER THE LISTING GAMBLING SHIP, FILLING THE SHOCKED PASSENGERS WITH EXPECTANT **AWE**...

...A **QUIET** SUDDENLY **SHATTERED** BY THE **MENACING CLATTER** OF BOOTS ON THE **HARDWOOD DECKS**...

TH-THOSE **YELLOW AND BLACK** UNIFORMS... THE **CRAZY HELMETS!** I'VE SEEN **NEWS PHOTOS** OF THOSE GUYS...

WE'RE BEIN' **ATTACKED** BY **AGENTS OF A.I.M.!**

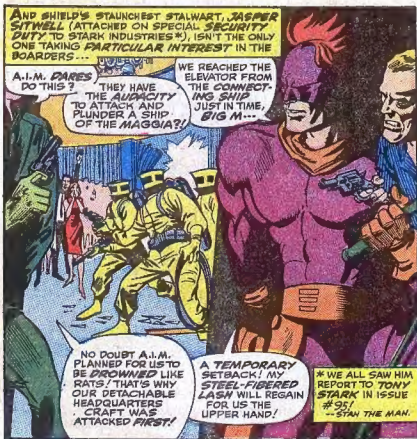
WHAM!

A.I.M.! JUST AS WE'VE FEARED AT **SHIELD**... THERE **ARE** SCATTERED UNITS STILL IN EXISTENCE!

CAN THEIR PRESENCE HERE BE CONNECTED WITH THE **MAGGIA'S ABDUCTION OF IRON MAN?**

IF SO, IT'S MORE **URGENT** THAN EVER THAT I FIND **WHERE ON BOARD** HE'S BEING HELD!

4.



AND SHIELD'S STANDESTALWART, JASPER SITWELL (ATTACHED ON SPECIAL SECURITY DUTY TO STARK INDUSTRIES*), ISN'T THE ONLY ONE TAKING PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE BOARDERS...

A.I.M. DARES DO THIS? THEY HAVE THE AUDACITY TO ATTACK AND PLUNDER A SHIP OF THE MAGGIA?!

WE REACHED THE ELEVATOR FROM THE CONNECTING SHIP JUST IN TIME, BIG M...

NO DOUBT A.I.M. PLANNED FOR US TO BE DROWNED LIKE RATS! THAT'S WHY OUR DETACHABLE HEADQUARTERS CRAFT WAS ATTACKED FIRST!

A TEMPORARY SETBACK! MY STEEL-FIBERED LASH WILL REGAIN FOR US THE UPPER HAND!

* WE ALL SAW HIM REPORT TO TONY STARK IN ISSUE # 95! --STAN THE MAN.



OVERCONFIDENCE IS A DANGEROUS TRAIT, WHIPLASH...

THINK HOW IRON MAN SURPRISED YOU WHEN IT SEEMED HE WAS DEFEATED!

I'VE A WAY OF MY OWN TO HANDLE A.I.M....

...PROVIDED YOU AND YOUR WHIP CAN DIVERT THEIR MEN!

DIVERT? THE DEADLY STING OF MY LETHAL LASH WILL REDUCE THESE LATTER-DAY PIRATES TO RUBBLE...



... LIKE THIS!

THE MAGGIA! THEY'RE COUNTER-ATTACKING!

ZWAAK!



PTAK!

IT'S THE ONE CALLED WHIPLASH! WE WERE WARNED ABOUT HIM!

THAT LASH CAN SEVER WALLS... STEEL BULK-HEADS... ANYTHING!

KEEP FIRING! LAY DOWN A BARRAGE SO HE CAN'T SWING THAT WHIP!



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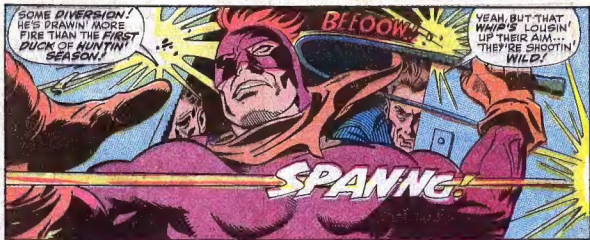
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SOME DIVERSION!
HE'S DRAWIN' MORE
FIRE THAN THE FIRST
DUCK OF HUNTIN'
SEASON!

BLEEW!

YEAH, BUT THAT
WHIP'S LOUSIN'
UP THEIR AIM...
THEY'RE SHOOTIN'
WILD!

SPANNING!



THEN, NOW IS
OUR CHANCE!

FOLLOW ME
AND STICK
CLOSE TO
THE WALL!



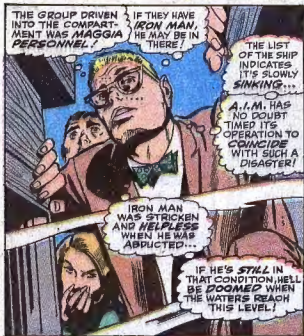
A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT...

THEY'RE ESCAPING
INSIDE!

IT'S TOO LATE!
LET THEM GO...

WE HAVE OUR
OWN TASK TO
COMPLETE!

WE'LL BE FINISHED
WITH THE LOOTING
BEFORE THEY CAN
REORGANIZE!



THE GROUP DRIVEN
INTO THE COMPARTMENT
WAS MAGGIA
PERSONNEL!

IF THEY AVE
IRON MAN,
HE MAY BE IN
THERE!

THE LIST OF THE SHIP
INDICATES IT'S SLOWLY
SINKING...

A.I.M. HAS
NO DOUBT
TIMED ITS
OPERATION TO
COINCIDE
WITH SUCH A
DISASTER!

IRON MAN
WAS STRICKEN
AND HELPLESS
WHEN HE WAS
ABDUCTED...

IF HE'S STILL IN
THAT CONDITION, HE'LL
BE DOOMED WHEN
THE WATERS REACH
THIS LEVEL!



I CAN'T DELAY UNTIL THESE
A.I.M. AGENTS LEAVE...
IT WILL BE TOO LATE!

I MUST
REACH HIM
IMMEDIATELY!

MOVING NOW IS
RISKY, BUT THEY'RE
ENGROSSSED IN
COLLECTING THEIR
ILL-GOTTEN GAINS!

APPROVED SHIELD
EVASIVE
MANEUVERS
SHOULD SEE ME
THROUGH!

MEANWHILE, BELOW THE GAMBLING SHIP, IN WHAT WAS THE MAGGIA'S HEADQUARTERS CRAFT BEFORE A.I.M.'S DEADLY ATTACK...

WATER'S RUSHING IN FASTER THAN EVER-- BUT I COULDN'T CHANCE A SHORTER RECHARGING PERIOD...

WHEN I TACKLE THE MAGGIA AND THEIR LIN-KNOWN FOE, IT MUST BE WITH MAXIMUM POWER!

THE LIVES OF TOO MANY INNOCENT PEOPLE ABOARD DEPEND ON IT!

BUT FIRST, I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE MYSELF!

THE COMPARTMENT'S HATCH IS SOLID STEEL AND PRESSURE SEALED...

IT STILL SHOULDN'T PRESENT A PROBLEM...

UNLESS...

I WAS AFRAID OF THIS!

THE OCEAN'S PRESSURE ON THAT DAMAGED HULL IS TOO GREAT...IT'S COLLAPSING LIKE CARDBOARD!

GOT TO REACH THE DOOR BEFORE THE WATER HITS FULL FORCE!

TOO LATE...

HERE IT COMES--LIKE A TIDAL WAVE!

THAT DRIVING CURRENT IS SWEEPING ME BACK...AWAY FROM THE HATCH!

ONLY WAY TO REACH IT NOW IS UNDERWATER!

IN THIS UNDER-TOW, I WON'T BE ABLE TO GET ENOUGH LEVERAGE TO FORCE THAT PRESSURIZED STEEL...

I'LL HAVE TO RELY ON MY REPULSOR RAYS!

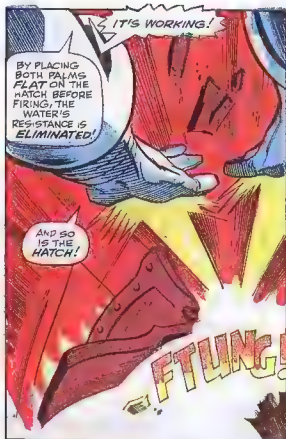
AND THEY'VE NEVER BEEN TRIED UNDER THESE CONDITIONS!

IF THEY FAIL, I CAN'T COMPLAIN TO THE MANUFACTURER!

THEY'RE STRIKING... BUT WITHOUT FULL EFFECT!

THE WATER'S SOLID ENOUGH TO DIFFUSE THEIR POWER!

CAN'T GIVE UP! GOT TO TRY IN CLOSER...

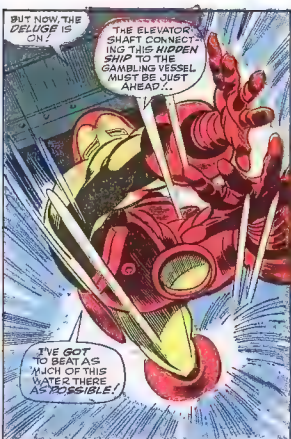


IT'S WORKING!

BY PLACING BOTH PALMS FLAT ON THE HATCH BEFORE FIRING, THE WATER'S RESISTANCE IS ELIMINATED!

AND SO IS THE HATCH!

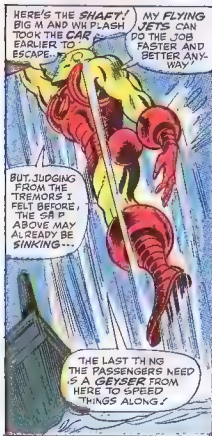
FTUNG!



BUT NOW, THE DELUGE IS ON!

THE ELEVATOR SHAFT CONNECTING THIS HIDDEN SHIP TO THE GAMBLING VESSEL MUST BE JUST AHEAD...

I'VE GOT TO BEAT AS MUCH OF THIS WATER THERE AS POSSIBLE!



HERE'S THE SHAFT! BIG M AND WH PLASH TOOK THE CAR EARLIER TO ESCAPE.

MY FLYING JETS CAN DO THE JOB FASTER AND BETTER ANYWAY!

BUT JUDGING FROM THE TREMORS I FELT BEFORE, THE SA P ABOVE MAY ALREADY BE SINKING...

THE LAST THING THE PASSENGERS NEED IS A GEYSER FROM HERE TO SPEED THINGS ALONG!

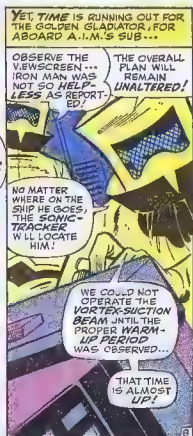


TONS OF CASCADING WATER... BUT I'VE GOT TO CLOSE THE SHAFT DOOR AGAINST IT!

IT'S NOT A PRESSURIZED HATCH... IT WON'T KEEP OUT ALL THE WATER..

BUT I'LL STAVE OFF TOTAL DISASTER A LITTLE LONGER

--AND G.V.E ME TIME TO GET UPSTAIRS AND PUT A STOP TO THE MAGGIA AND THEIR NEW PLAYMATES!



YET, TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR THE GOLDEN GLADIATOR, FOR ABOARD A.I.M.'S SUB...

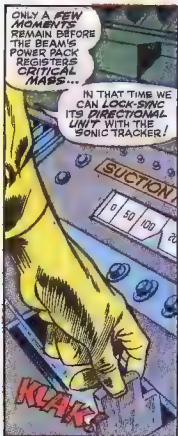
OBSERVE THE VIEWSCREEN... IRON MAN WAS NOT SO HELPLESS AS REPORTED!

THE OVERALL PLAN WILL REMAIN UNALTERED!

NO MATTER WHERE ON THE SHIP HE GOES, THE SONIC-TRACKER WILL LOCATE HIM!

WE COULD NOT OPERATE THE VORTEX-SUCTION BEAM UNTIL THE PROPER WARM-UP PERIOD WAS OBSERVED...

THAT TIME IS ALMOST UP!



ONLY A FEW MOMENTS REMAIN BEFORE THE BEAM'S POWER PACK REGISTERS CRITICAL MABS...

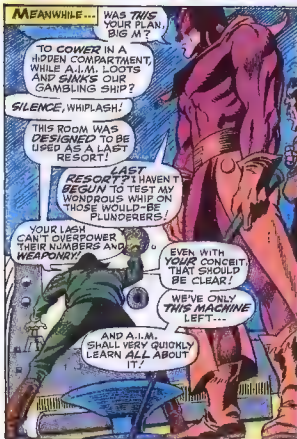
IN THAT TIME WE CAN LOCK-SYNC ITS DIRECTIONAL UNIT WITH THE SONIC TRACKER!



LISTEN! EVEN HERE IN THE CONTROL ROOM YOU CAN HEAR THE POWER WHINE FROM THE SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED CHAMBER BELOW...

YOU CAN ALMOST FEEL THE SWIRLING MOMENTUM OF ITS FORCE BUILDING TO A CRESCENDO...

RAW ENERGY SWIRLING AND THRUSTING TOWARD ONE GOAL... IRON MAN!



MEANWHILE...

WAS THIS YOUR PLAN, BIG M?

TO COWER IN A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT, WHILE A.I.M. LOOTS AND SINKS OUR GAMBLING SHIP?

SILENCE, WHIPLASH!

THIS ROOM WAS DESIGNED TO BE USED AS A LAST RESORT!

LAST RESORT? I HAVEN'T BEGUN TO TEST MY WONDROUS WHIP ON THOSE WOULD-BE FLUNDERERS!

YOUR LASH CAN'T OVERPOWER THEIR NUMBERS AND WEAPONRY!

EVEN WITH YOUR CONCEIT, THAT SHOULD BE CLEAR!

WE'VE ONLY THIS MACHINE LEFT...

AND A.I.M. SHALL VERY QUICKLY LEARN ALL ABOUT IT!



JUST THEN, ABOVE...

WE'RE FINISHED HERE! ALL SQUADS BACK TO THE...

HEY!

THE SHIP! IT'S SUDDENLY TILTING... EUGHHH!E

WHAT'S HAPPENING?! WE CAN'T BE SINKING YET...

OUR RAY BLASTS WERE CALCULATED SO THAT WOULDN'T OCCUR TILL WE'RE OFF THE SHIP!

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WHAT IN...?!

THE SHIP'S GONE CRAZY!
IT'S TILTING BACK
IN THE OTHER
DIRECTION!

THIS IS THE
MAGGIA'S
DOING! ONE
FINAL EFFORT
TO STOP US!



NOW, WHIPLASH!
DO YOU STILL
QUESTION THE
PLAN OF YOUR
LEADER, BIG M?

A.I.M. MAY HAVE
DAMAGED OUR SHIP
BEYOND SAVING, BUT
THE GYRO-OSCILLATOR
WILL PREVENT THEIR
GETTING OFF WITH
THE LOOT!

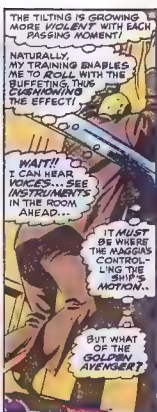


THE ERRATIC LURCHING
HAS SPREAD CONFUSION
IN A.I.M.'S RANKS...

BUT, NO AGENT
WORTHY OF
SHIELD
WOULD BE SO
EASILY
DETERRED!

AND JASPER
SITWELL IS
EVERY INCH A
SHIELD MAN

IF THE MAGGIA HAS
IMPRISONED IRON MAN IN
THIS HIDDEN COMPART-
MENT, I'LL FIND HIM!



THE TILTING IS GROWING
MORE VIOLENT WITH EACH
PASSING MOMENT!

NATURALLY,
MY TRAINING ENABLES
ME TO ROLL WITH THE
BUFFETING, THIS
CUSHIONING THE
EFFECT!

WAIT!!
I CAN HEAR
VOICES... SEE
INSTRUMENTS
IN THE ROOM
AHEAD...

IT MUST
BE WHERE
THE MAGGIA'S
CONTROLLING THE
SHIP'S
MOTION...

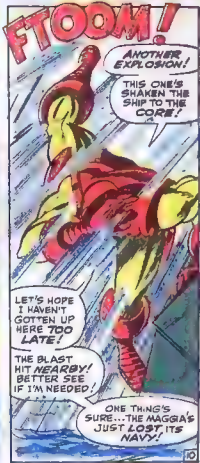
BUT WHAT OF
THE GOLDEN
AVENGER?

BUT, BACK ON
A.I.M.'S SUB...

SO, THE MAGGIA
HAS MUSTERED
ONE PURE
SURPRISE!

FOOLS! FROM
THE VERY MOTION
OF THE SHIP,
WE CAN EASILY
CALCULATE THE
DEVICE'S
LOCATION...

...AND DISPATCH
A SHOCK
RAY BLAST
ACCORDINGLY!



FTOOM!

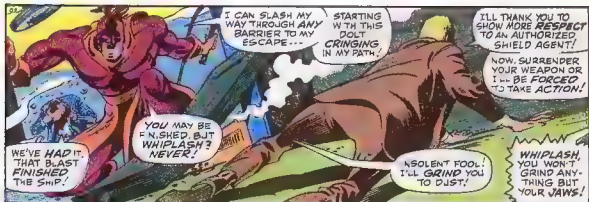
ANOTHER
EXPLOSION!

THIS ONE'S
SHAKEN THE
SHIP TO THE
CORE!

LET'S HOPE
I HAVEN'T
GOTTEN UP
HERE TOO
LATE!

THE BLAST
HIT NEARBY!
BETTER SEE
IF I'M NEEDED!

ONE THING'S
SURE... THE MAGGIA'S
JUST LOST ITS
NAVY!



WE'VE HAD IT. THAT BLAST FINISHED THE SHIP!

YOU MAY BE FINISHED, BUT WHIPLASH? NEVER!

I CAN SLASH MY WAY THROUGH ANY BARRIER TO MY ESCAPE...

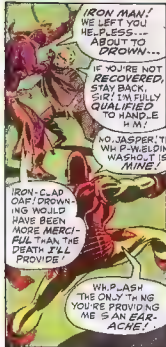
STARTING WITH THIS DOLT CRINGING IN MY PATH!

I'LL THANK YOU TO SHOW MORE RESPECT TO AN AUTHORIZED SHIELD AGENT!

NOW, SURRENDER YOUR WEAPON OR I... BE FORCED TO TAKE ACTION!

INSOLENT FOOL! I'LL GRIND YOU TO DUST!

WHIPLASH, YOU WON'T WANT ANYTHING BUT YOUR JAWS!



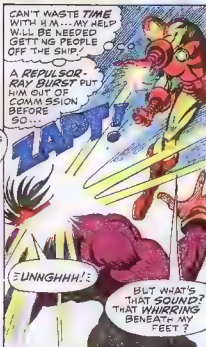
IRON MAN! WE LEFT YOU HE... PLESS... ABOUT TO DROWN...

IF YOU'RE NOT RECOVERED, STAY BACK, SIR! I'M FULLY QUALIFIED TO HANDLE HIM!

NO, JASPER! THIS WHIP-WELDING WASHO... IT IS MINE!

IRON-CLAD OAF! DROWNING WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE MERCIFUL THAN THE DEATH I'LL PROVIDE!

WHIPLASH THE ONLY THING YOU'RE PROVIDING ME IS AN EAR-ACHE!



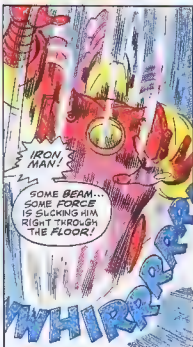
CAN'T WASTE TIME WITH HIM... MY HELP WILL BE NEEDED GETTING PEOPLE OFF THE SHIP!

A REPULSOR-RAY BURST PUT HIM OUT OF COMMISSION BEFORE SO...

ZAP!

EUNNGHHH!

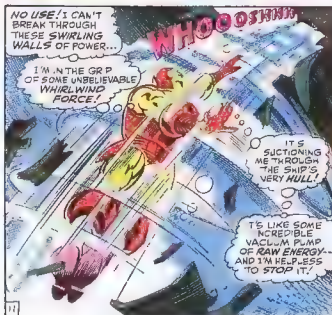
BUT WHAT'S THAT SOUND? THAT WHIRRING BENEATH MY FEET?



IRON MAN!

SOME BEAM... SOME FORCE IS SUCKING HIM RIGHT THROUGH THE FLOOR!

WHIRRRRR



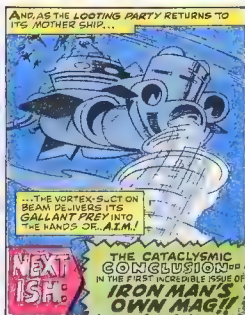
NO USE! I CAN'T BREAK THROUGH THESE SWIRLING WALLS OF POWER...

I'M IN THE GRIP OF SOME UNBELIEVABLE WHIRLWIND FORCE!

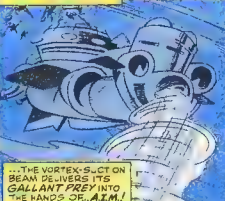
WHOOOSH!

IT'S SUCTIONING ME THROUGH THE SHIP'S VERY HULL!

IT'S LIKE SOME INCREDIBLE VACUUM PUMP OF RAW ENERGY... AND I'M HELPLESS TO STOP IT!



AND, AS THE LOOTING PARTY RETURNS TO ITS MOTHER SHIP...



...THE VORTEX-SUCTION BEAM DELIVERS ITS GALLANT PREY INTO THE HANDS OF... A.I.M.!

NEXT ISSUE!

THE CATAclysmic CONCLUSION OF THE FIRST INCREDIBLE ISSUE OF IRON MAN'S OWN MAG!!

COME 'N GET IT, TIGER — HERE'S OUR NEW YEAR'S GIFT TO YOU!!

We promised to start '68 off with a bang, and we kidded these not! So, hang on to your crash helmet, pilgrim — this is what you've been waiting for!

ITEM! It's finally happened! The star-spangled Captain America — and the great, green-skinned Hulk — have both been awarded their own full-length mags each month! That means, starting right now, you can buy the big new, action-packed **CAPTAIN AMERICA COMICS** as well as the sensational, spectacle-filled **INCREDIBLE HULK COMICS**, and thrill to their awesome adventures from cover to cover!

BUT — now you're probably wondering what'll happen to Iron Man and the swinging Sub-Mariner! Well, you didn't think we'd forget about 'em, didja? For this month only, they're both sharing the same mag — and both their names will be featured in the cover title. That's right — we said "For this month only! Because, next month — aw, no sense telling you now! We've got some big changes coming month after month — and we might as well clue you in a little at a time, as we go along! So, watch for the big surprise announcement coming up next ish — and the ish after that — and after that — and after that! Yessir! 1968 is the year of Marvel — and you better believe it!

Y'KNOW, we're so excited about our two brand new smashes, **CAPTAIN AMERICA** and the **INCREDIBLE HULK**, that we can hardly talk about anything else! Both mags feature all the action drama and suspense which you've come to expect from your blue-eyed Bullpen — plus the added treat of a couple of **ORIGINS** tossed in for good measure, for the benefit of those who really like to get their money's worth. And, like we said, this is only the beginning!

REMEMBER how it all started? Lots of frantic ones thought of Marvel was getting lazy — they thought we were satisfied to sit back and rest on our laurels. Then we hit 'em with a sudden one-two punch — first, the magnificent mad **NOT BRAND ECHH**, which has proven to be the unexpected smash hit of the decade — and then, almost before they could catch their breath along came the dashing different **CAPTAIN MARVEL**, who seems to have taken super-hero fandom by storm! Lazy are we? Know thou this — we're just getting started! This is the beginning of the **SECOND Golden Age** of Marvel, — and it's gonna be a never ending joyride! Next, we'll tell you about lots more of the good ies in store — as if you didn't know!

ITEM! It's little time again! Here's the mightiest of all Marvel ranks — the one which adorns the very pinnacle of Marvel dom! You've already been briefed about **RFD** (Real Frantic One) — to be used by those who buy three or more Marvel mags a month — **QNS** (Quite 'Nuff Sayer) for those who've had a letter gruff our peerless pages — **TIB** (Tatonic Tr. of Believer) for the richly endowed recipient of a "I'll lowed No Prize" — and **KOF** (Keeper of the Flame) for those who recruit a few disciples into the rollicking realm of Marvel dom. And now, the ultimate! **The or plus ultra!** The apex of titimed **PMM** (Permanent Marvelite Maximus), to be cherished and guarded with pulsating pride by those fortunate few who have won all four of the

preceding titles! If you're a **PMM**, you're entitled to face the Baxter Building and wriggle your wabs whenever the mood strikes you — and you can even call your friendly Forsh-Man by his first name! Tamam Shud!

STAN'S SOAPBOX!

Now that we've announced the start of the Second Golden Age of Marvel, we must also announce the end of an era! From this moment on, we'll no longer refer to our competition as Brand Echh! We coined that expression a few years ago as a gag, figuring it would be fun for us to needle some of the outfits who were older and bigger than we. However, thanks to the loyalty of our fabulous fans, and to the hard work, talent and dedication of our beloved Bullpeners, we've managed to make ourselves the undisputed leaders of the comics industry. Perhaps we're still not the biggest — and we're certainly not the oldest — but we doubt that any group of magazines has ever before been so imitated, so universally acclaimed, or so zealously supported by its fans! — No, strike that word! You're more than fanasi! Much more! We've always thought of you as friends — and we always will. Anyway, when you're on top of the heap, it doesn't seem right to rib the other guy who hasn't quite made it — and that's why the only time we'll use the phrase **BRAND ECHH** from now on is in the title of our own goofy gag mag! So to the artists, writers and editors of the other companies in this batty business in which we toil, many of whom are close personal friends of ours, we hereby — and the fatuous little feud we've been flaunting before the public. Let's just call it a draw and get on with the business, at hand — the business of making today's comic mags the greatest entertainment value on earth, and tomorrow's even greater! Nuff said!

THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

Marvel's Mags On Sale Right Now!

NOT BRAND ECHH #7, This is almost too terrific to describe. Out of the goodness of our greedy little hearts we present the **ORIGIN OF THE FANTASTICAL FOUR** — and to prove we pay no favorites we also give you — if you can have it — the **ORIGIN OF ST. PORMANI!** What more can we say?

FANTASTICAL FOUR #79! It's true! Dr. Doom lives again! And to celebrate this mind-staggering revelation you'll thrill to one of the greatest battles ever staged, featuring none other than Spider-Man — Daredevil — and the mighty Thor! It's a mind-blast!

SPIDER-MAN #88: This one's really different! Spidey battles a mystery super-villain whom he doesn't even see till the very end! But when he finally learns who The Red Washer really is, it's one of the most startling surprises of the year!

AVENGERS #50 Immortal vs. immortal — as the matchless Hercules faces the pure pounding power of Typhon, mightiest of titans! And you can be sure the rest of our ever-lovin' assemblers get into the act as well! A knock-down, drag-out blast!

X-MEN #42: The issue you never expected to see — and we never expected to print! Professor X dies — so that humanity might live! And, don't miss the pulsating showdown with the sub-human monster called Grotoski! This is the big one!

DAREDEVIL #38: We call it "The Living Prison and no thriller was ever more aptly titled! Wait'll you see Daredevil, in the body of Dr. Doom, battling against Dr. Doom — in the body of Daredevil! Possibly the most dashing original theme you'll gasp at this year!

CAPTAIN MARVEL, STARRING IN MARVEL SUPER-HEROES #13! Still on sale — if you're lucky! Marvel's newest hero gains a new identity — a new life — and a new and a sinister foe, as the senses shattering Sentry once more walks the earth! It's a gasser!

THOR #150: At last — the mighty Thunder God is claimed by Hela, Goddess of Death! Is this to be the end of the most spectacular series of modern times — or the beginning of new wonderment such as mortal eyes have never seen? Even we're not sure!

CAPTAIN AMERICA (Premiere Issue!) This is it! The star-spangled Avenger in his own full-length magazine! Featuring an unexpected origin bit, plus the startling solution to the macabre mystery of Zemo! You'll never part with this one — especially when the Panther goes into action!

THE INCREDIBLE HULK (Premiere Issue!) Another triumph for mighty Marvel! The world's most powerful mortal starring at last in his own magazine! As an extra bonus, you'll thrill anew to Green Skin's origin — as well as to the awesome action when the might of Asgard is hurled against him!

STRANGE TALES #167: Finally, the cataclysmic climax to the bombastic battle between Nick Fury and the Yellow Claw (honors)! And Doc Strange enters a deadly dimension of death in search of Victoria Bentley! This one you can't afford to miss!

SGT FURY #52: It's a war-hoing work of war-mag wonderment when Happy Sam Sawyer leads the Howlers into a Nazi prison camp to rescue a captured Allied scientist. Talk about bombshells... hee hee boy!

CAPTAIN SAVAGE #2: The Leatherneck Raiders lock horns with the sensational Samurai Squad in a desperate attempt to halt a world takeover plot by — none other than Baron Strucker! It's dynamite!

MARVEL COLLECTORS' ITEM CLASSICS #14: The FF Iron Man, Doctor Strange, and the Hulk — all in one action-packed issue you'll never forget, unless you're holding out on the Marvel Age of Comics. Posh, eh the thought!

MARVEL TALES #13: Spidey, Thor, Giant-Man, and — latch onto your seat belts — Iron Man of the glorious golden age — Marvel Boy, one of the most dramatically different super-heroes ever! The House of Ideas has struck again!

Let's meet 26 more M.M.M.S. members!

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Art Romeo
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Prince Namor, THE SUB-MARINER!

**"CALL HIM
DESTINY
...OR CALL HIM
DEATH!"**

IN A HALF-DARKENED, EERIE CHAMBER BENEATH THE ICY ANTARCTIC, A PUZZLED SUB-MARINER HURLS HIMSELF AT A MOCKING FIGURE HE SUDDENLY SEES BEFORE HIM, ONLY TO FIND...

I MISSED!!

THOUGH I STRUCK WITH THE BLINDING SPEED OF A KILLER SHARK, MY MYSTERIOUS FOE YET EVADED ME...

--ALMOST AS IF HE READ MY VERY THOUGHTS!

THAT'S JUST WHAT I DID, YOU FLOUNDERING FOOL!

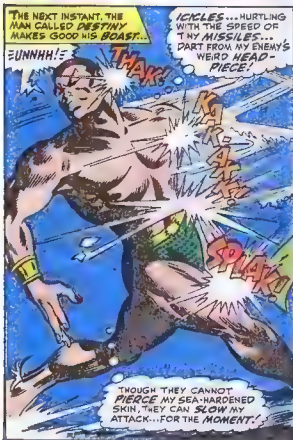
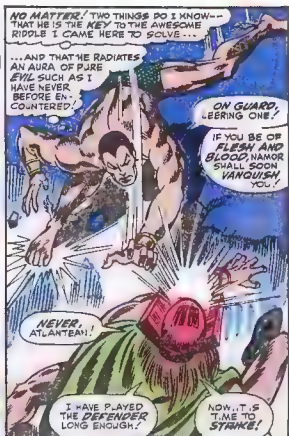
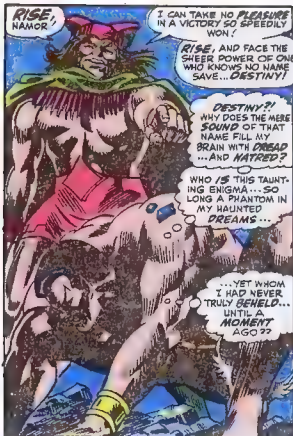
NO MATTER HOW SWIFTLY YOU LEAP, I SHALL ALWAYS BE JUST BEYOND YOUR REACH!

STAN LEE
PRESENTS ANOTHER
LEVATHAN LANDMARK
FROM THE PENS OF
ROY THOMAS,
WRITER
and
GENE COLAN,
ARTIST!

FORCEFUL INKING BY:
FRANK GIACCIA

FITFUL LETTERING BY:
SAM ROSEN

AND NOW THAT YOU'VE PERUSED OUR PALPITATING CREDITS... IT'S TIME TO TURN THE PAGE... AND SHARE THE BEGINNING OF NAMOR'S MOST FATEFUL ADVENTURE...



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FROM THE
Mothers

of iNvention



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YOUR PUNY ASSAULT HAS EXHAUSTED YOURSELF, EVIL ONE!

BEHOLD WITH WHAT CONSUMMATE EASE I FLAKE THEIR LAST VESTIGES FROM ME!

NOW, YOU SHALL TELL ME WHO YOU ARE... WHY YOU **SUMMONED** ME HERE...OR...

WAIT! THIS STRANGE SENSATION WHICH SUDDENLY OVERWHELMS ME...!

MY BRAIN GROWS CLOUDED... MY LIMBS SEEM HEAVY AS LEADEN THINGS...!

MUST... REACH DESTINY! MUST... FORCE HIM... TO...

BUT EVEN BEFORE ANOTHER WORD CAN BE SPOKEN...

I AM FROZEN... IMMOBILE!

IT CAN ONLY BE SOME DIRE AFTER-EFFECT OF THE HURLED ICICLES.

CORRECT, MY HONORED GUEST.

FOR A SECOND TIME, DESTINY HAS OPPOSED THE SUB-MARINER... AND EMERGED VICTORIOUS!

A SECOND TIME??

THEN WE HAVE MET BEFORE... IN THE DIM, LONG-FORGOTTEN PAST?

SO... YOU TRULY DO NOT REMEMBER THE OCCASION OF YOUR FIRST AND MOST TOTAL DEFEAT!

I MUST REFRESH YOUR MEMORY... THAT I MAY MORE FULLY SAVOR THE FRUIT OF MY FINAL TRIUMPH!

LISTEN, THEN NAMOR, TO A STORY THAT BEGAN BEFORE YOU WERE BORN...

LISTEN... TO A TALE THAT SHALL BE THE LAST YOU SHALL HEAR... BEFORE YOU DIE!!

AND, ON THE INSTANT, A SHIMMERING SCENE FILLS NAMOR'S BRAIN... A SCENE OF DECADES PAST... OF A CHEAP CARNIVAL SIDESHOW... AND OF A YOUNG MIND-READER CALLED MENTALLO...

YOU, SIR, HAVE IN YOUR COAT POCKET A BOOK OF MATCHES...

...AND A COPY OF "CAPTAIN BILLY'S WHIZ-BANG!"

HE... HE'S RIGHT! BUT, HOW COULD HE HAVE KNOWN?

I HAVEN'T TAKEN IT OUT SINCE I LEFT HOME THIS MORNING!

"YES," NARRATES THE SINISTER FIGURE FACING THE HELPLESS NAMOR—"SUCH WAS THE HUMBLE ORIGIN OF THE MAN CALLED DESTINY... AS A COMMON MENTALIST, ONE WHO STRUTTED BEFORE MILLIONS OF CROWDS WHOM HE JITTERLY DESPISED..."

IT'S UNCANNY!
HOW DOES HE
DO IT?

DON'T LET HIM
BUFFALO YOU,
MISS!

IT'S ALL DONE
WITH MIRRORS...
I THINK.

AND NOW, LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN, PURCHASE YOUR
TICKETS AND STEP INSIDE...
WHERE THE GREAT MENTALLO
WILL FURTHER MYSTIFY
AND AMAZE YOUR
STARTLED SENSES!

HURRY, HURRY, HURRY!
IT'S SHOWTIME NOW!

HOW LONG MUST I PLAY
THE FREAK FOR THE
PRICE OF A MERE
QUARTER?

GR
MIND-
READING
SHOW

MOST MIND-
READERS ARE
FRAUDS...PLY-
ING THEIR TRADE
BY MEANS OF
TRICKERY
AND SECRET
CODES!

BUT MY POWER...
WHICH EVEN I DON'T
UNDERSTAND...IS
REAL! REAL!!

THERE MUST BE
A WAY TO MAKE
IT PAY OFF FOR
ME... AND I
INTEND TO
FIND THAT
WAY!

"ONE FATEFUL DAY, THE CARNIVAL VISITED A CERTAIN SMALL TOWN WHOSE LIBRARY, I LEARNED, HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED A DONATION OF RARE, OUT-OF-PRINT BOOKS ON... MAGIC!"

I COULDN'T EXPLAIN
WHY... BUT I FEEL
ALMOST AS IF I
WERE PHYSICALLY
DRAWN HERE!

MAYBE, ON SOME DUSTY
SHELF INSIDE, I'LL LEARN
HOW BEST TO USE THIS
WILD, UNTAMED TALENT I
POSSESS!

"AND, MY INEXPLICABLE PREMONITION PROVED CORRECT..."

STRANGE, HOW SO
MANY OF THESE
VOLUMES REFER TO
A LEGENDARY
PEOPLE CALLED...THE
ANCIENTS...

IT CAN'T BE SHEER
COINCIDENCE!
BUT, THERE'S NO
WAY I CAN
INVESTIGATE
FURTHER...
NO WAY TO...

...A RACE
WHOSE
MEMBERS HAD
COMPLETELY
MASTERED
THE SCIENCE OF
TELEPATHY!

WAIT!
THERE IS
A WAY!

A COMPLETE
HISTORY
OF
MIND-
READING

THEN, WHO KNOWS
WHAT FABULOUS WEALTH...
WHAT UNTOLD POWER...MAY BE MINE?

I KNOW OF AN EXPEDITION WHICH PLANS TO LEAVE THIS COUNTRY SOON... FOR THE ANTARCTIC CIRCLE!

I MUST JOIN IT... AT ALL COSTS!

THERE, IN THAT FROZEN, TRACKLESS WASTELAND, PERHAPS I SHALL FIND MY DESTINY.

... A DESTINY THAT WILL SET ME ABOVE THE MASSES... AS MAN-KIND ITSELF IS ABOVE THE ANTS!

"AND SO, I SIGNED ON BOARD THE ICE-BREAKER 'ORACLE'... AND PERSUADED ITS CAPTAIN TO LEAD A SMALL PARTY... INCLUDING MYSELF... TO THE VERY SPOT WHERE MY CALCULATIONS SAID THE ANCIENTS HAD ONCE DWELT..."

I SHOULD HAVE MY HEAD EXAMINED FOR GOING ALONG WITH YOUR HAREBRAINED SCHEME, LAD.

BUT IF YOUR THEORY IS CORRECT, WE COULD BE ON THE VERGE OF THE GREATEST SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY SINCE THE EXCAVATION OF TROY!

AND IT'S DIFFICULT NOT TO BELIEVE SOMEONE WHO POSSESSES THE FANTASTIC MIND-READING SKILLS YOU'VE DISPLAYED TO ME!

REST ASSURED, CAPTAIN... EVERY WORD I HAVE TOLD YOU IS TRUE!

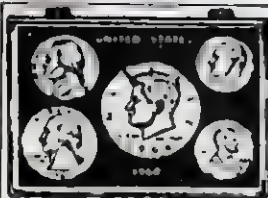
HAH! IT WAS A SIMPLE MATTER, WITH A FEW CHEAP PARLOR TRICKS, TO CONVINCE HIM TO POSTPONE THE SHIP'S ICE-BREAKING CHORES!

AND, WE ARE DRAWING NEAR TO MY GOAL! EVERY FIBRE OF MY BEING CAN SENSE IT!

"THUS, AS MY BRAIN THROBBED TO OVERWHELMING, INEXPLICABLE VIBRATIONS... AS MY HEART POUNDED IN ANXIOUS ANTICIPATION... I FOLLOWED IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CAPTAIN LEONARD MCKENZIE!"

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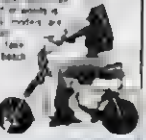
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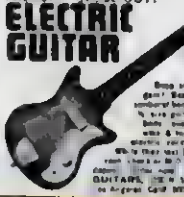
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HAH! I THOUGHT THAT WOULD STARTLE YOU, MY DEAR NAMGR! YOU, WHO CLAIM TO POSSESS NO FEELING FOR THE MORTALS WHO CRAWL THE EARTH---

EVEN YOU FEEL THE PITIFUL EMOTION OF LOVE FOR HIM WHO WAS... YOUR FATHER!!

THEN, THAT SAME VOYAGE WHICH LED TO THE FIRST ENCOUNTER BETWEEN ATLANTEANS AND HUMANS... DID ALSO SPAWN THE LOATHSOME BEING I SEE BEFORE ME!

YET, WHAT HAS THIS TO DO WITH THE LOST YEARS OF NAMOR?

I CAN STILL READ YOUR EVERY THOUGHT, WRETCHED ONE... AND IT IS MY DESIRE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION... IN TIME...!

"SOON, AS CAPTAIN MCKENZIE AND I APPROACHED A HALF-HIDDEN CAVE ATOP A JUTTING CRAG..."

IT'S FORTUNATE THAT WE MADE THE OTHERS OF THE PARTY STAY BEHIND!

I AGREE, CAPTAIN...



WHY SHOULD THEY SHARE IN ANY VALUABLE DISCOVERY THAT MAY LIE INSIDE?

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT, SON... AND YOU KNOW IT!

IT'S SIMPLY THAT, FROM HERE ON, THE GOING WILL BE HAZARDOUS... AND I DON'T WANT TO NEEDLESSLY ENDANGER THEIR LIVES!

"FOR WHAT SEEMED LIKE ENDLESS HOURS... A VERITABLE ETERNITY... WE MADE OUR WAY THRU ICE-LADEN, LABYRINTHINE CAVERNS WHICH TOOK US DEEP INTO THE VERY HEART OF THE SUB-ARCTIC MOUNTAIN..."

THAT YOUNG FOOL IS MONEY-MAD... HUNGRY FOR POWER!

HAH! THE CAPTAIN DOES NOT REALIZE HOW TRULY LIKE AN OPEN BOOK IS HIS PUNY MIND TO MINE!

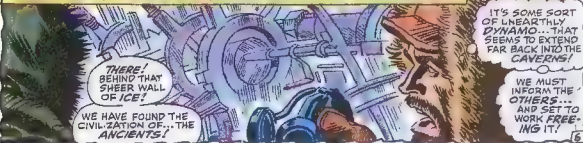


IF WE TRULY UNCOVER THE SECRETS FOR WHICH WE SEARCH, I ONLY HOPE I CAN PREVENT HIM FROM MISUSING THAT KNOWLEDGE!

DOES HE REALLY IMAGINE THAT... WHEN THE MOMENT COMES... HE WILL BE ABLE TO PREVENT ME FROM DOING WHATEVER I WISH?

THE BEST FORTUNE FOR WHICH HE CAN HOPE... IS THAT I THEN ALLOW HIM TO LIVE!

"THEN, ABRUPTLY, AS WE ROUNDED A BEND IN THE TORTUOUSLY WINDING CAVE..."

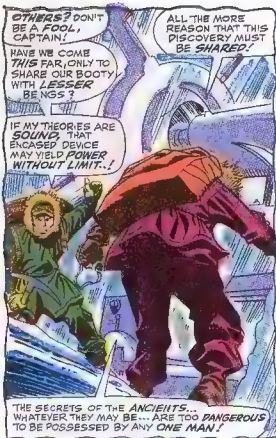


THERE! BEHIND THAT SHEER WALL OF ICE!

WE HAVE FOUND THE CIVILIZATION OF... THE ANCIENTS!

IT'S SOME SORT OF EARTHLY DYNAMO... THAT SEEMS TO EXTEND FAR BACK INTO THE CAVERNS!

WE MUST INFORM THE OTHERS... AND SET TO WORK FREEING IT!



"OTHERS? DON'T BE A FOOL, CAPTAIN!"

HAVE WE COME THIS FAR, ONLY TO SHARE OUR BOOTY WITH LESSER BEINGS?

IF MY THEORIES ARE SOUND, THAT ENCASED DEVICE MAY YIELD POWER WITHOUT LIMIT..!

ALL THE MORE REASON THAT THIS DISCOVERY MUST BE SHARED!

THE SECRETS OF THE ANCIENTS... WHATEVER THEY MAY BE... ARE TOO DANGEROUS TO BE POSSESSED BY ANY ONE MAN!



"THEN, AS I MOVED TOWARDS HIM, MY INTENDED VICTIM DREW A PISTOL... AND LEVELLED IT AT ME..."

SINCE YOU SEEM TO HAVE NO TROUBLE READING MY MIND...

...YOU MUST KNOW THAT I'LL USE THIS... IF YOU COME ONE STEP CLOSER!

NOW YOU'LL WAIT HERE... WHILE I GO GET THOSE WHO WAIT OUTSIDE!



"BUT, AS SOON AS THE DOUGHTY CAPTAIN WAS OUT OF SIGHT..."

I'LL HACK THE MACHINE FREE MYSELF... WHILE HE'S GONE!

THEN WHEN HE RETURNS, I SHALL HAVE ADDED ITS POWER TO MY OWN!

NO ONE WILL TAKE IT FROM ME... NO ONE!



"AND INDEED, WITHIN mere MINUTES, AFTER FRANTIC DIGGING..."

I'VE BROKEN THRU!

NOW TO SEE IF I CAN SWIFTLY UNLOCK THE SECRET OF THIS DYNAMO!

IF I AM RIGHT IT WILL INCREASE MY MENTAL POWERS SO MUCH THAT...



"HOWEVER, THE REST OF MY SENTENCE FROZE WITHIN MY VERY THROAT... FOR, EVEN AS THE LONG-INACTIVE DEVICE HUMMED TO LIFE..."

RRUUMMBLL

AVALANCHE!!

NO! IT CAN'T END LIKE THIS... NOT WHEN I'M SO CLOSE... SO MADDENINGLY CLOSE... IT CAN'T!!

"YET, THE HAND OF FATE HAD NOT DECEED THAT I SHOULD DIE... AT LEAST NOT AMIDST THE TONS OF ICE THAT CAME CRASHING DOWN..."

"FOR, WHEN THE DREAD AVALANCHE HAD SUBSIDED..."

"I'M STILL ALIVE... ALIVE!"

"BUT... I'M TRAPPED HERE! IT WOULD TAKE WEEKS... TO GET ME OUT!"

"I'M DOOMED... POOMED TO DIE OF STARVATION AND COLD... UNLESS..."

"WAIT... THAT STRANGE HELMET! IT MUST HAVE BEEN THROWN FREE BY THE AVALANCHE!"

"I CAN FEEL ITS EERIE, OVERPOWERING VIBRATIONS... FROM HERE!"

"IF ONLY I CAN DON IT... NOTHING WILL BE ABLE TO HARM ME! I CAN FEEL IT!"

"AND SO MY BODY WRACKED BY A DOZEN INJURIES, I INCHED MY WAY TO THE MYSTERIOUS HELMET OF POWER WHICH EVEN NOW YOU BEHOLD ME WEARING..."

"JUST THEN..."

"I LONG TO HEAR THE REST OF YOUR MACABRE STORY, MADMAN..."

"YET, NOT AS A PRISONER... BUT AS A VICTOR!"

"YOU CAN MOVE ONCE AGAIN! YOU HAVE SENSED THAT THE ICE WHICH HELD YOU WAS TRULY ONLY A MENTAL IMAGE!"

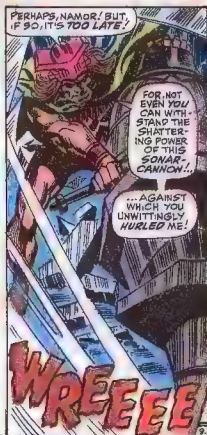
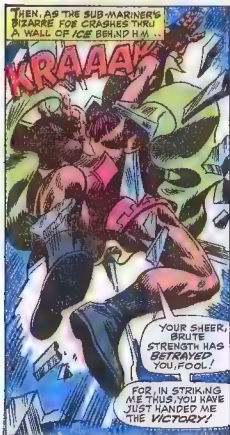
"AYE, OVERCONFIDENT ONE!"

"DID YOU SUPPOSE THAT NAMOR THE FIRST, PRINCE OF ATLANTIS, WAS SOME MERE HUMAN... TO BE LONG HELD AT BAY BY NAUGHT SAVE AN ILLUSION?"

"AND NOW... THOUGH THE SECRET OF WHEN WE FIRST MET REMAINS A CLOUDED MYSTERY TO ME..."

"...I MUST ATTACK... AT SUCH CLOSE RANGE THAT EVEN YOU CAN SCARCELY ELUDE ME!"

"I DID INDEED UNDERESTIMATE THE EXTENT OF YOUR POWERS, SUB-MARINER..."



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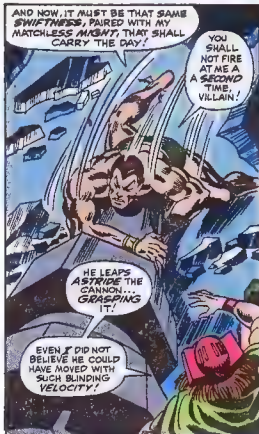


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SHIFTING
MIRES OF THE
SARGASSO!

WREEEEEEDOOOM!

THOSE SONIC WAVES
WOULD HAVE TORN
EVEN NAMOR
ASUNDER...

...HAD MY
SPEED NOT
ENABLED ME
TO EVADE
THEM!



AND NOW, IT MUST BE THAT SAME
SWIFTNESS, PAIRED WITH MY
MATCHLESS MIGHT, THAT SHALL
CARRY THE DAY!

YOU
SHALL
NOT FIRE
AT ME A
SECOND
TIME,
VILLAIN!

HE LEAPS
ASTRIDE THE
CANNON...
GRASPING
IT!

EVEN I DID NOT
BELIEVE HE COULD
HAVE MOVED WITH
SUCH BLINDING
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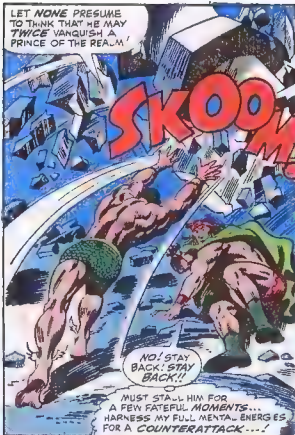


YOUR SHORT-
LIVED GLOATING IS
NOW AT AN END,
DESTINY!

FOR, WHEN THIS WEAPON
IS DESTROYED, YOU SHALL
BE HELPLESS... HELPLESS
AGAINST THE VENGEFUL
FURY OF THE TRUE SUB-
MARINER!

AND,
THOUGH YOU
MAY ONCE
HAVE
DEFEATED
ME IN THE
PMA, FOR-
GOTTEN
PAST...

LET NONE PRESUME TO THINK THAT HE MAY TWICE VANQUISH A PRINCE OF THE REALM!



SKOOOM!

NO! STAY BACK! STAY BACK!!

MUST STAY HIM FOR A FEW FATEFUL MOMENTS... HARNESS MY FULL MENTAL ENERGIES FOR A COUNTERATTACK...!

YET, EVEN THE AWESOMELY AUGMENTED BRAIN OF DESTINY COULD NOT FORESEE THAT WHICH OCCURS BUT A M/CRO-SECOND LATER...



RUMBLE

THE FORCE WITH WHICH I HURLED THE MAMMOTH CANNON...

IT MUST HAVE WEAKENED THE CEILING OF THE CAVERN...RELEASING TONS OF ICE ABOVE ME!

NEXT, BEFORE THE DEEP-SEA MONARCH CAN LEAP TO SAFETY, HIS POWERFUL FORM IS LOST AMIDST THE CHAOS OF MASSIVE, CASCADING FRAGMENTS OF ICE...



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THEN, AS AN OMINOUS, ALL-PERVASIVE STILLNESS FALLS ONCE MORE OVER THE SUBTERRANEAN CAVE, A CRACKLING VOICE IS HEARD...

MY HELMET OF POWER SAVED ME...WHILE NAMOR'S VAUNTED STRENGTH PROVED BUT A FLIMSY STRAW!

I HAVE BEEN CHEATED...ROBBED OF MY CHANCE TO GLOAT OVER MY FOE WHILE HE LIVED!

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Rick Adkins, 2366 Adams Ave.
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Nope! There's one, tiny little hang-up, Rick! According to a prominent physician (we think he said his name was *Blake* or something!), if the magnetic pull on said shrapnel were increased even the slightest bit, the piece of metal would come out — but it would probably take part of Tony Stark's heart with it! And we know you wouldn't want a half-hearted Iron Man running around on the loose! Right? Right!

Dear Stan,

Prince Namor is the victim of a dual personality. To begin with, Namor was a villain who continually plagued the F.F. as the unscrupulous Sub-Mariner. Then he began the search for his people and his throne. To all extent and purpose he became Prince Namor. His rule established, he thus began to protect his people as a shepherd protects his flock. No sacrifice was too great; no villain too powerful to permanently usurp his power. Namor's fierce hatred of the surface world was replaced by his devotion to his people. Only when provoked did he venture to defend his subjects against the "menace" of the surface world. He developed a somewhat agreeable personality. He even fell in love with the beautiful Lady Donna. This is the Prince Namor I have come to love and cherish. Prince Namor, the Sub-Mariner, is a better hero than villain. Now that he has found his true station in life, he should cease to exist as far as the surface world is concerned. This is to say he has enough evil people to battle below the waters of his homeland without becoming involved with surface world disputes.

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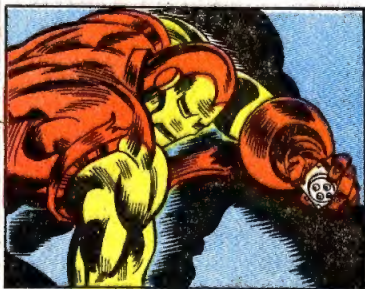
Okay, Shiel! Now that we know how you feel about everybody's favorite Atlantean — let's see what the rest of Marveldom thinks! And that can only mean it's palpatin' poll time again! So whaddaya think, O True Believers — should Subby continue his periodic vacations onto the surface world, or should he stick to his own little fish bowl from now on? Let us know in a hurry, hear? 'Cause we won't sleep a wink until all the votes are counted!

Dear Stan,

I'm a loyal Marvelite. I always face front and usually hang loose. I'd like to offer some constructive criticism. Lady Donna has got to go! What a blechh personality. She can't hold a candle to Sue Storm, not to mention Subby's World War II girlfriend, Betty. And while you're busy improving things, why not have Namor take off a few pounds? He's too big to be streamlined. How can he move through the water as fast as he used to? Too much kining and good living!

M. Spencer (Univ of Wash.), 5520 31st Ave. N.E.
Seattle, Wash. 98105

A little bulge he may be developing, M., baby (no relation to Jimmy Bond's M, we presume) — but it's sure as seaweed not due to the reasons you assume! After all, he's been stripped of his crown by the people of Atlantis — and being a sea-going hermit sure isn't our idea of good living! Maybe he's just eating too much to down his sorrow! Anyway, don't send him a calorie counter yet — 'cause after the bombastic battles we've got in store for him — he'll be lucky if he doesn't come out a 98-pound weaking!



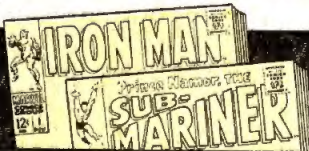
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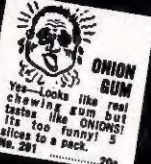
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Norman Rockwell—America's most beloved artist. He is a founder and member of the Guiding Faculty of the Famous Artists School.

'We're looking for people who like to draw'

says Norman Rockwell

Today hundreds of men and women who never thought they could be artists are working at easels and drawing boards, making pictures and getting well paid for it. They all can thank a group of famous artists who have devoted much of their time and talent to helping others find success in art.

Some of the people the Famous Artists have helped

Carl Kock was an 18-year-old apprentice in a Chicago art studio when he enrolled. Today he prepares ads for such companies as General Motors and Firestone—has won five gold medals.

Howard Sanden of Minneapolis took the Course while still in high school. He is now a successful artist—recently he and his wife traveled through Europe and the Middle East on important art assignments.

Paul Sullivan enrolled at 14. His Famous Artists training helped him work his way through college.

Kathleen Gironda of Indiana, Pennsylvania, was an 18-year-old salesgirl in a department store. She still works for a department store, but now it's as an advertising artist and fashion illustrator.

With Famous Artists training James Ryan, formerly a clerk, has become an illustrator at Hughes Aircraft—and turns out a steady stream of well-paying free-lance artwork in his spare time.

Oregon housewife Helen Tryk lives 150 miles from the nearest big city. But she does fashion illustration, has her own studio, runs an art work shop, does portraits.

A plan to help others

It started over 18 years ago when a group of America's most successful artists—men like Albert Dorne, Norman Rockwell, Jon Whitcomb, Al Parker and Stevan Dohanos—met in New York City. They knew that all over America there were people who liked to draw who could be turned into good artists. Albert Dorne asked, "Why can't we give these people the

Founding Faculty of the Famous Artists School

Norman Rockwell	Fred Ludekens
Jon Whitcomb	Ben Stahl
Al Parker	Robert Fawcett
Stevan Dohanos	Austin Briggs
George Giusti	Harold Von Schmidt
Peter Helck	Albert Dorne

training they need—including all the trade secrets and know-how we've learned over the years?"

He suggested a new kind of art school—a home study art school—that would give talented people the best professional art training, no matter where they live.

The famous artists agreed. Taking time from their busy careers, they created a remarkable series of art lessons covering every aspect of drawing and painting. They illustrated their lessons with over 5,000 "here's-how" illustrations. The lessons start from scratch and cover every skill a top artist needs. Finally, they developed a wonderful way to give each student personal correction and advice all through his training.

The famous artists with the School are not surprised at the success of their students. The opportunities open to successful artists today are enormous. The School continually gets calls from all over the country asking for practical well-trained students—not geniuses—who can step into full-time or part-time art jobs. And practical, thorough training is what the School offers.

Famous Artists Talent Test

To find others with art talent worth developing, the Famous Artists created a 12-page Talent Test. Thousands paid to take this test, but now the School offers and grades it free. Men and women who do well on the test—or offer other sufficient evidence of art talent—may enroll in the School. But there's no obligation. Simply mail the coupon below.

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