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**BANNER
OF WAR**

PART 3

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HULK has recently undergone a dramatic transformation. His alter ego, Bruce Banner, has split the Hulk into three distinct parts: The Hulk's body has been turned into a starship. Banner's psyche pilots it from within the Hulk's mind. And the Hulk's psyche fuels the starship with his anger.

THOR is the king of Asgard, having recently taken over for his father, Odin. He is struggling to balance his role as the All-Father with his role as one of Earth's mightiest heroes on the Avengers. Recently Odin died in battle and his spirit now inhabits Thor's hammer, Mjolnir.

HULK VS. THOR BANNER OF WAR

PART THREE OF FIVE

After **HULK** was accused of murdering a bar full of patrons in El Paso, Texas, **THOR** set out to apprehend him, leading to an all-out brawl between the two titans in an arena in the far depths of space.

While the God of Thunder fought the Jade Giant's body, Odin's spirit entered his mind, where the former All-Father witnessed what really happened the night of the murders. Bruce Banner had peacefully gone to the bar, but somehow the Hulk's rage inadvertently passed from Bruce to everyone around him. The raging patrons assaulted Bruce—just as some new, dark force took over his body and used it to brutally kill them all.

At the same time, uninterested in the rest of the Avengers' "wait for Thor's intel" strategy, Iron Man arrived at the fray between god and gamma sporting some new Celestial-powered Hulkbuster armor...

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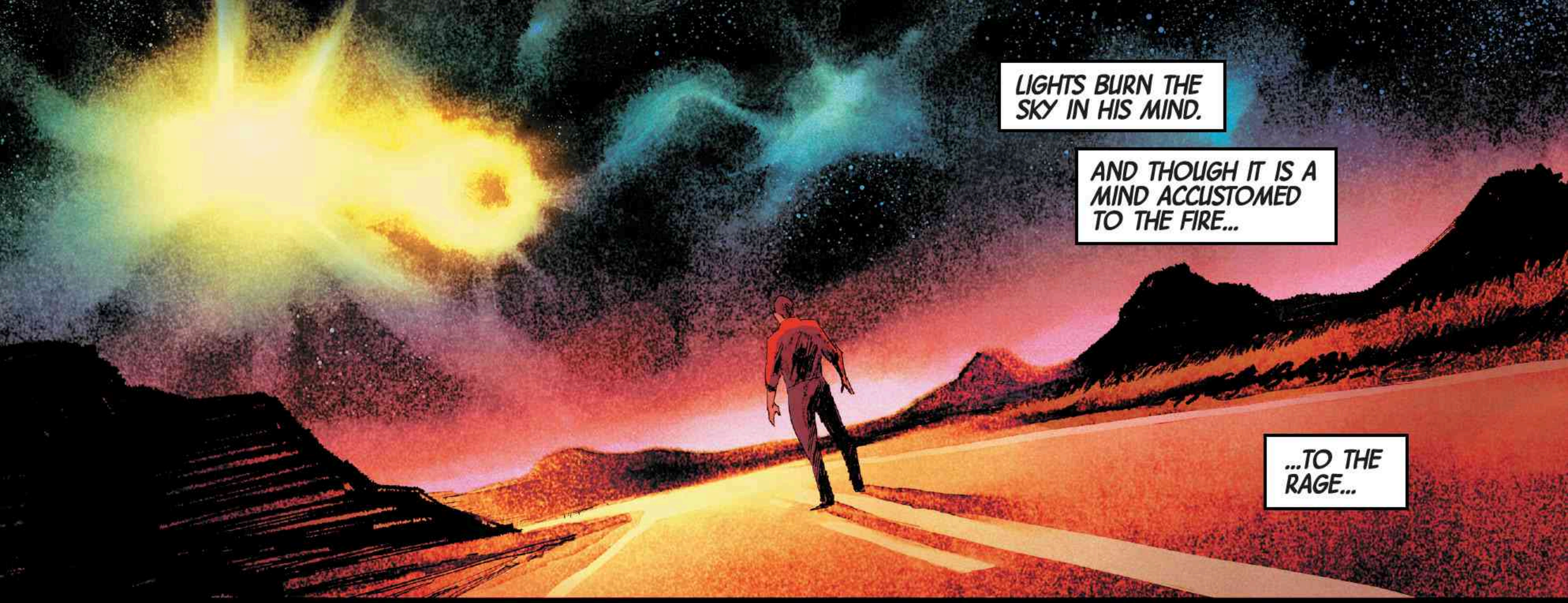
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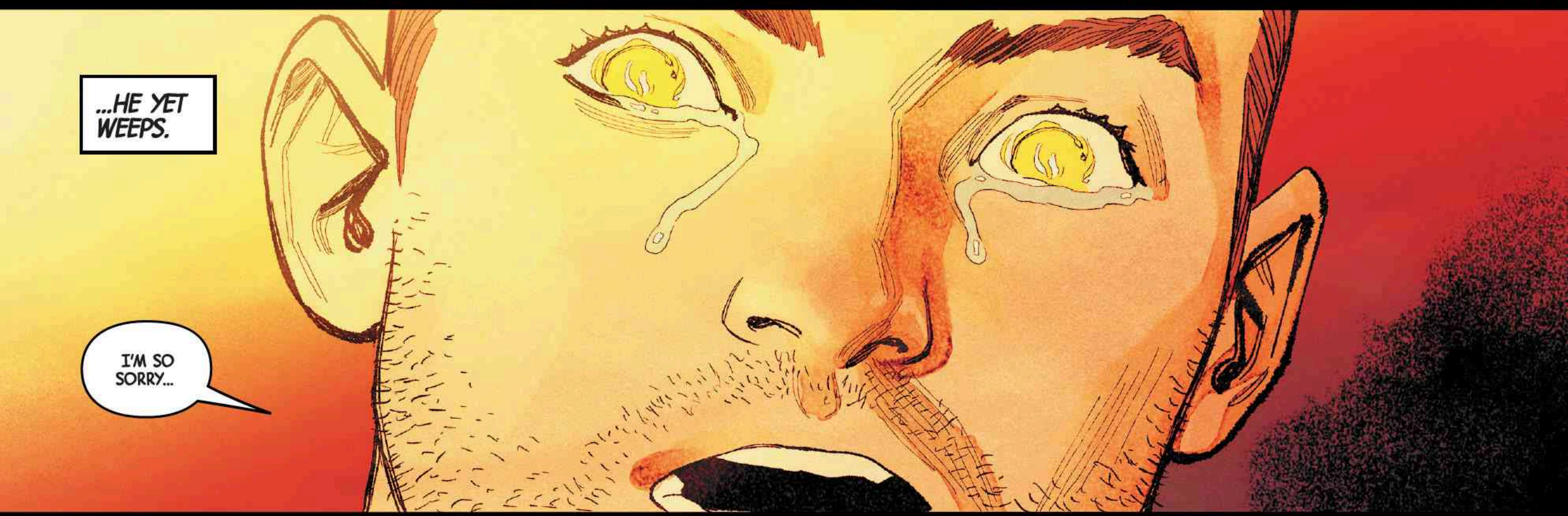
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LIGHTS BURN THE
SKY IN HIS MIND.

AND THOUGH IT IS A
MIND ACCUSTOMED
TO THE FIRE...

...TO THE
RAGE...



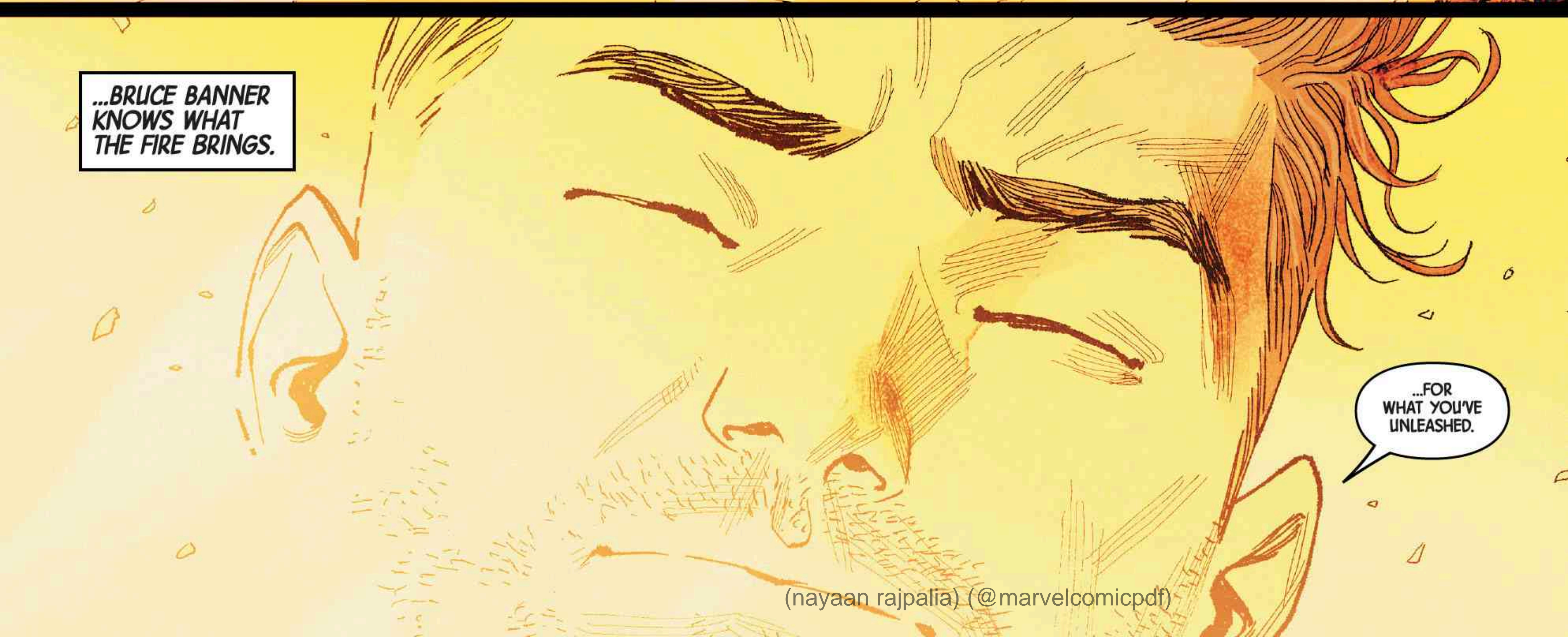
...HE YET
WEEPS.

I'M SO
SORRY...



FOR MORE
THAN MOST
EVER HAVE...

...AND FEW ELSE
EVER WILL...



...BRUCE BANNER
KNOWS WHAT
THE FIRE BRINGS.

...FOR
WHAT YOU'VE
UNLEASHED.



HE KNOWS
WHAT THE
RAGE AWAKENS.

ARRRGH!

THE BLACK
HAND OF GOD
LAYS EMPTY FOR
THE FIRST TIME IN
MILLENNIA.

ITS KNUCKLES UNCLENCHED AS
THE POWER OF A CELESTIAL
SUN SCORCHES ITS PALM.

THE LAST REMAINING JACKALS
AND MORBIDLY CURIOUS GHOULS
OF THIS QUADRANT SQUABBLE
AND COLLECT THEIR UNEARNED
WINNINGS AS THE BIFROST
SCATTERS THEM TO THE WINDS.

WHAT COMES NEXT WILL
HAVE NO WITNESSES.
NO WATCHERS.

NONE SAVE
THOR.

THE VOICE OF HIS
DEAD FATHER RINGING
IN HIS EAR...

...AND THE SMELL OF BURNING
FLESH. ANCIENT, CELESTIAL,
AND LONG DEAD...

AND BEHIND IT, THE
ROARING OF MUSCLE
AND SINEW.

BURNING AND GROWING,
YET STILL UNDER THE HEAT
OF A COSMIC MAELSTROM...

...WHICH UNLEASHES AN
INFINITE OCEAN OF PAIN THAT
HUMANKIND CANNOT PERCEIVE...

...UPON A
CREATURE THAT
KNOWS NOT WHY
IT MUST SUFFER.

A CREATURE...
REBORN.

SET FREE FROM A
CAGE MADE FROM
HIS REFLECTION.

UM...
B.O.S.S.? WHAT'S
GOING ON?

IT WASN'T EASY
TURNING THIS CELESTIAL'S BODY
INTO HULKBUSTER ARMOR THAT
COULD DRAIN THE GAMMA RADIATION
OUT OF HULK SO WE COULD SAFELY
APPREHEND HIM. DON'T GET ME
WRONG, IT'S DOING
ITS JOB...

...BUT A) THIS IS
AN *INSANE* AMOUNT OF
GAMMA, AND B) HOW IS HE
STILL STANDING? SHOULDN'T
HE BE...YOU KNOW,
SMALLER?

INCORRECT.
POWER LEVELS
SURGING. GAMMA
RADIATION
INCREASING.

WHAT??
FROM
WHERE?!

FROM HIS
SHADOW.

ONLY TO FACE THE
WRATH OF A GOD.

AND THE CELESTIAL
JUDGMENT OF A
HUNDRED THOUSAND
EXPLODING STARS.

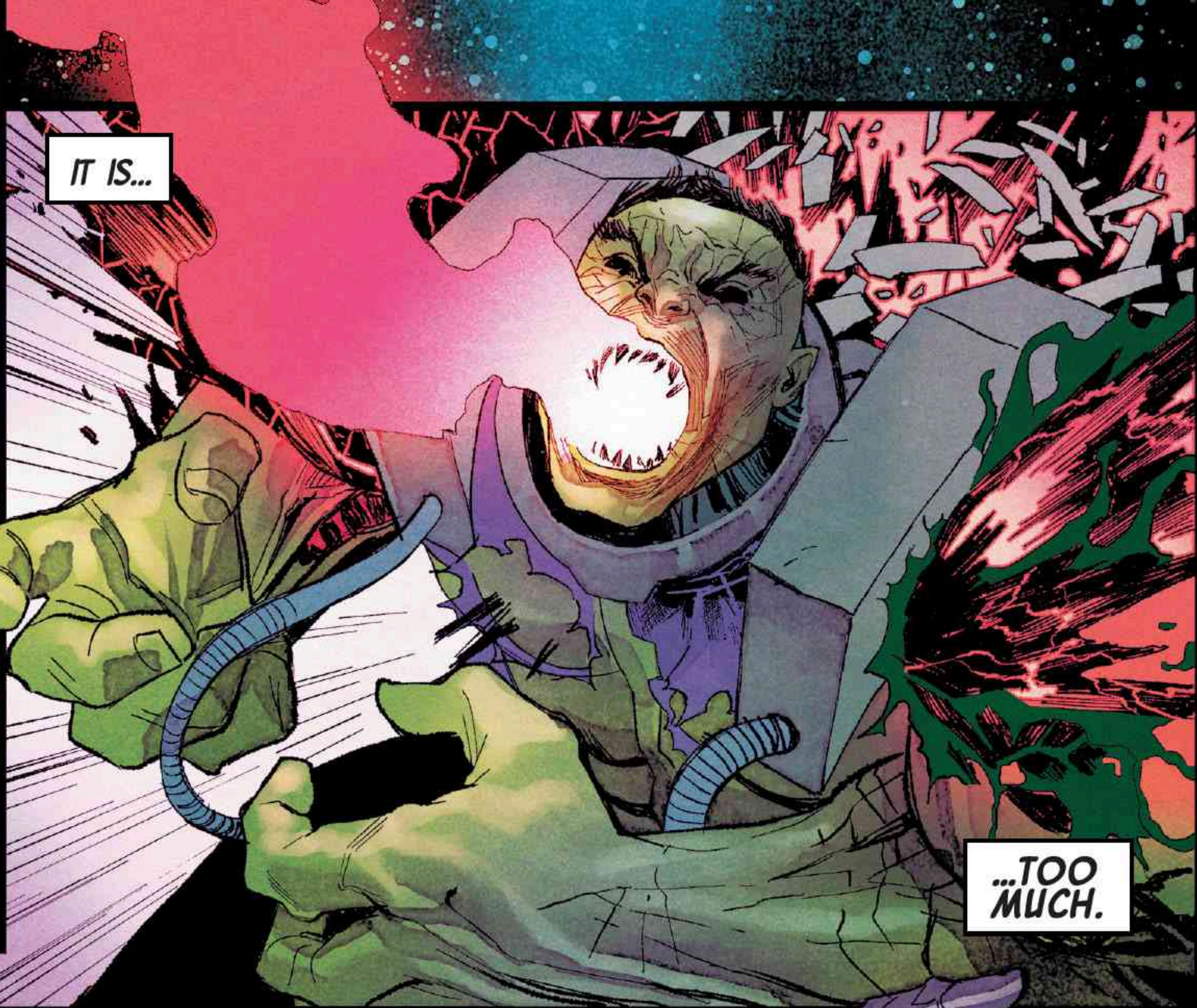
FROM THE ONLY
MAN HE KNEW
AS FRIEND.

IT IS TOO
MUCH.

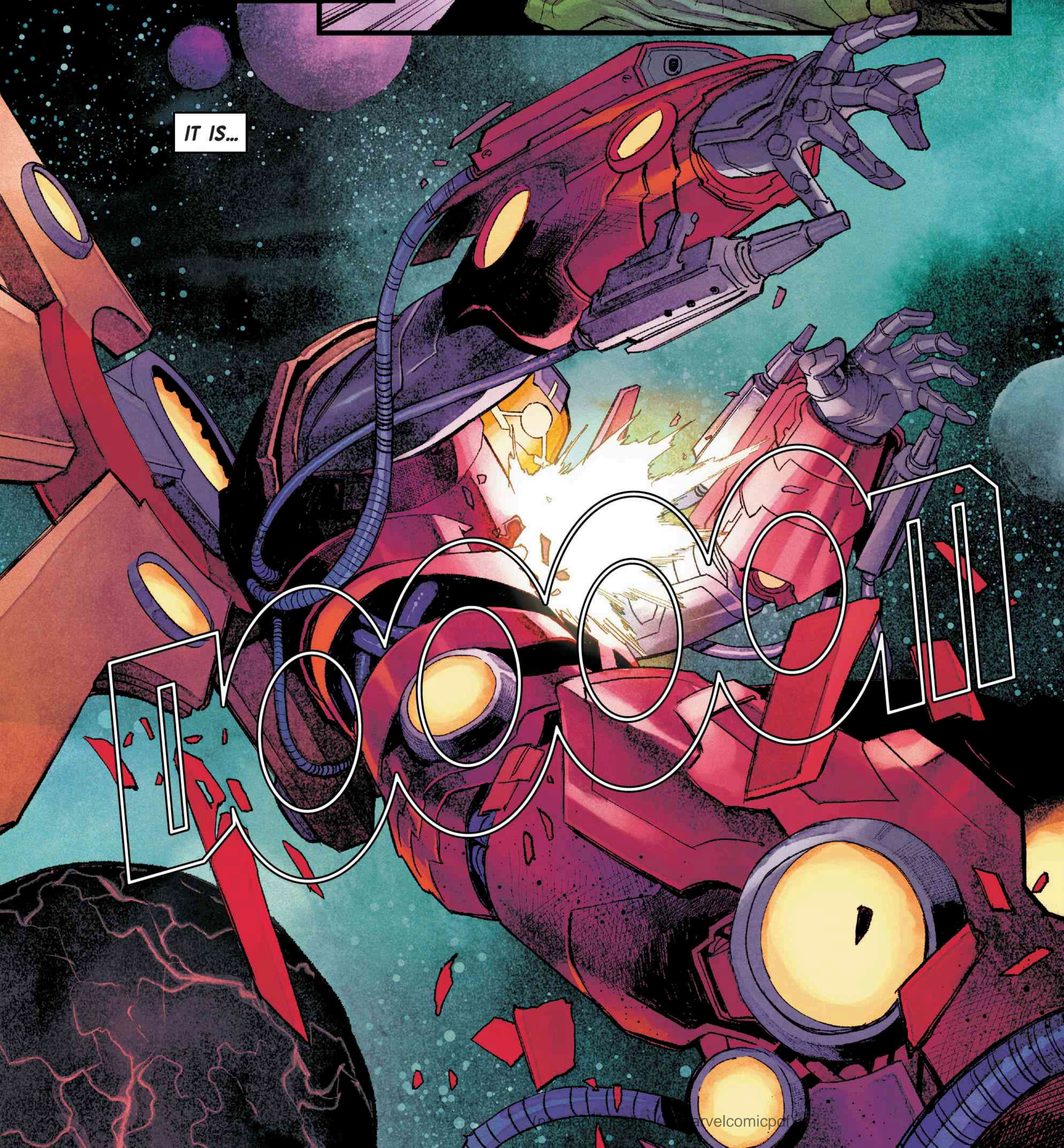
IT IS TOO
MUCH.



AGGHH!!!
FALL DOWN,
DAMN YOU!



...TOO
MUCH.



IT IS...

NO!

...TOO MUCH.

VOOOOOOMMM

ALERT.
CRITICAL
DAMAGE TO
INTERNAL
SYSTEMS.

→COUGH←
YEAH! YEAH,
I FELT THAT!
THANKS!

WHAT THE HELL
WAS THAT? HOW IS
BANNER *THAT* STRONG?
IS THAT EVEN
POSS--

YOU HAVE
SUSTAINED MULTIPLE
BROKEN RIBS AND A
FRACTURED COLLARBONE.
INITIATING CELESTIAL
SELF-HEALING PROTOCOLS
AND DIAGNOSTICS.

IT IS...

ADMINISTERING
SEDATIVE AND SLAVING
CONTROLS TO--

NO! NO.
GET ME UP. I
NEED TO--

...WAIT.
WHAT
THE...?

...ENOUGH.

tony...

IF YOU
CAN HEAR
ME IN THERE...
STAY DOWN.





UH. HEY, BUD.

IT'S ME. IRON MAN.



OF THE AVENGERS? THE TEAM YOU'RE ON? YOU...YOU CALLED ME HERE?? NOW YOU TRY TO KILL ME? WHAT THE HELL, MAN?!

I APOLOGIZE, OLD FRIEND. THAT WAS...NOT OF MY OWN DOING.

MY...HAMMER... IT...REACTED... POORLY. IT IS **STUBBORN AND OLD** AND...INCREASINGLY DEFIANT.

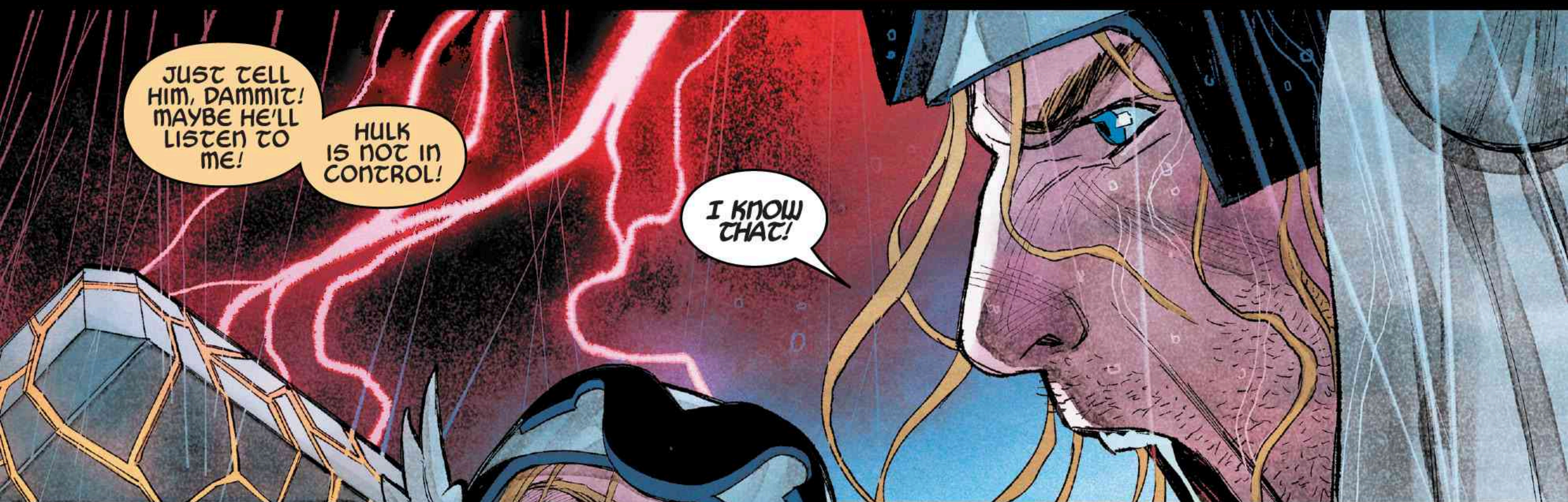


I'M SORRY. YOU...YOUR HAMMER??

HOW MANY TIMES ARE WE GOING TO SING THIS SONG, THOR?

I THOUGHT YOU KILLED THE BIG, BLUE LIGHTNING LADY THAT WAS MAKING YOUR HAMMER EVIL--DIDN'T WE JUST DO THAT?

GOTTA SAY, THIS ISN'T GOING TO LOOK GOOD ON THE QUARTERLIES, BIG GUY.



JUST TELL HIM, DAMMIT! MAYBE HE'LL LISTEN TO ME!

HULK IS NOT IN CONTROL!

I KNOW THAT!

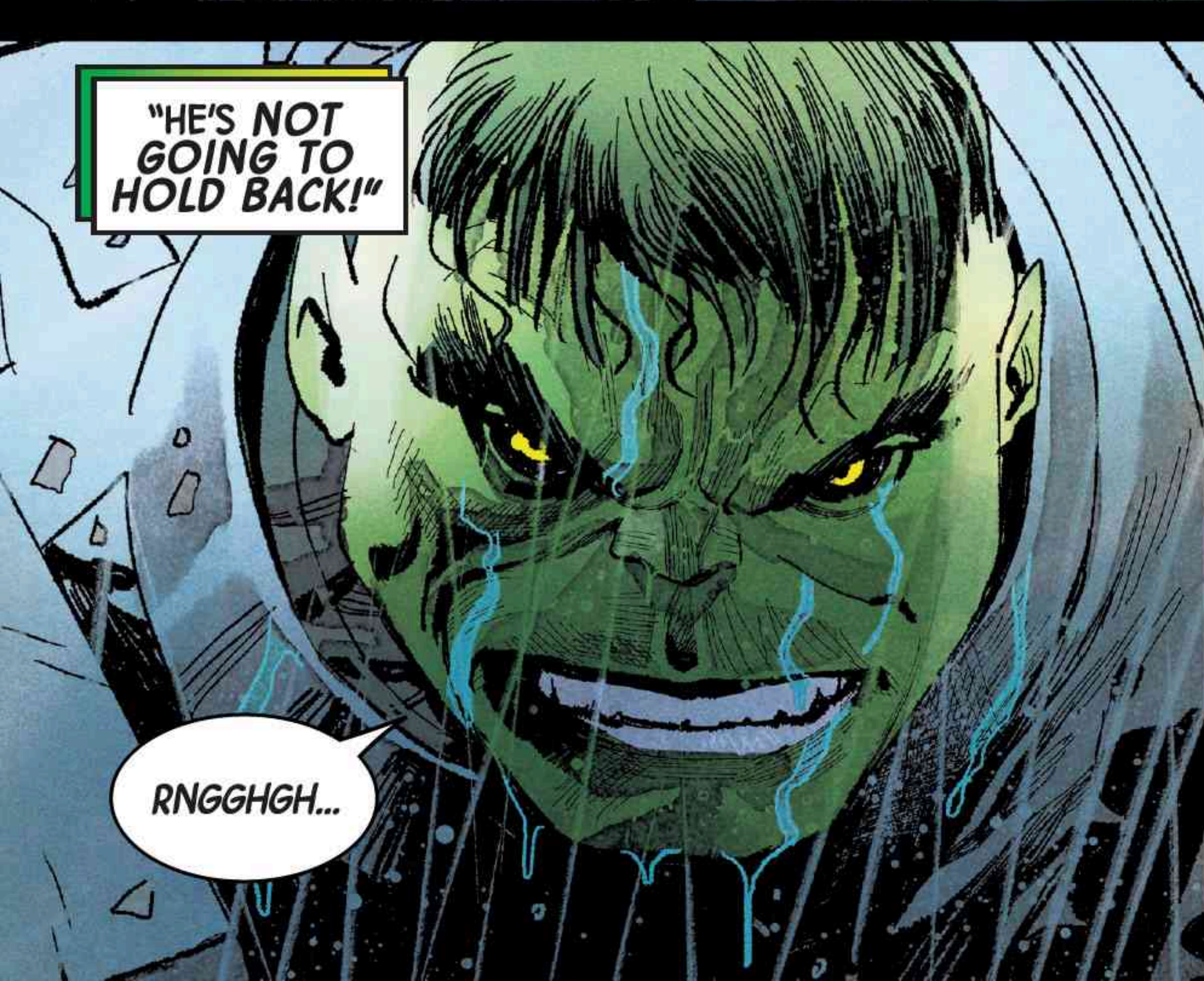
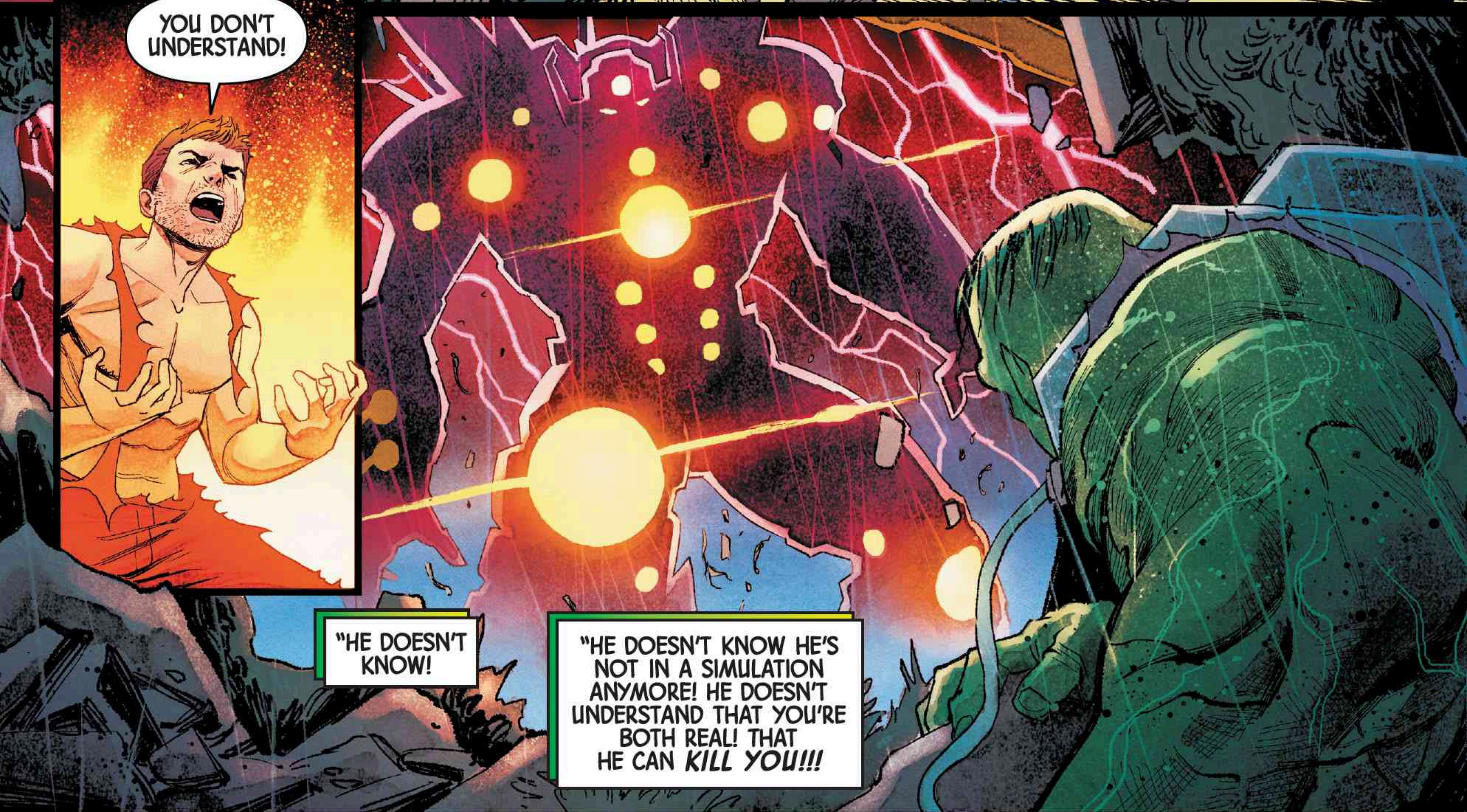


TONY...I KNOW THAT. YES. I'VE BEEN...ERRATIC, BUT YOU MUST TRUST ME. THERE IS MORE AT PLAY HERE THAN EITHER OF US KNOW. WE HAVE NEVER FACED ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE.

I FEAR WE MAY HAVE TO TAKE BANNER DOWN FOR GOOD THIS--

FOR BURI'S SAKE, SON! BEHIND YOU!







LET'S GO!!!

WHAT ARE YOU--
you don't listen, boy! HE NEEDS OUR HELP!

WHO?! WHAT ARE YOU--

DAMN YOU! LET ME--

FATHER!

--GO!!!

RAGGHHH!!!

RAGHHHH!
BANNER!!!

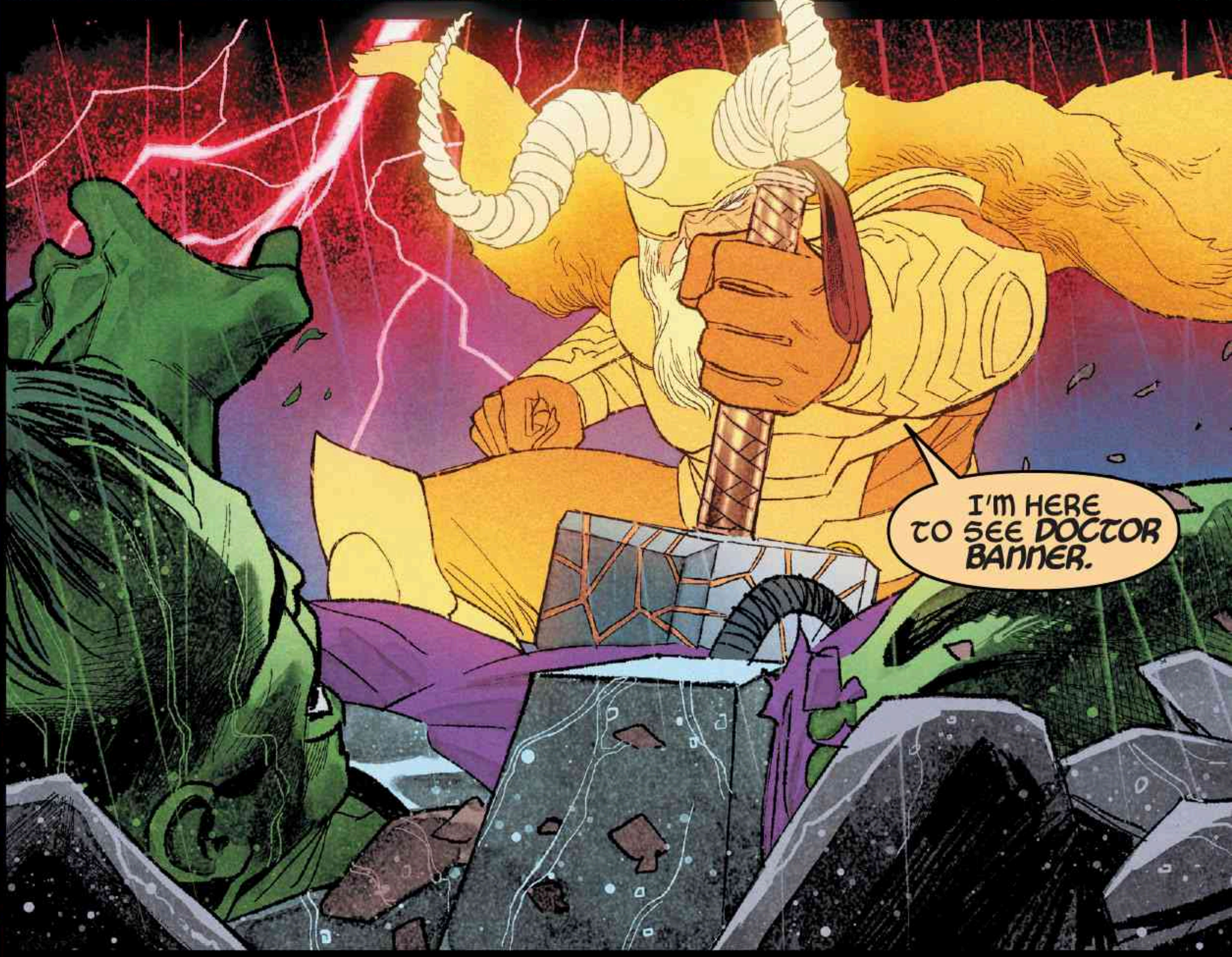
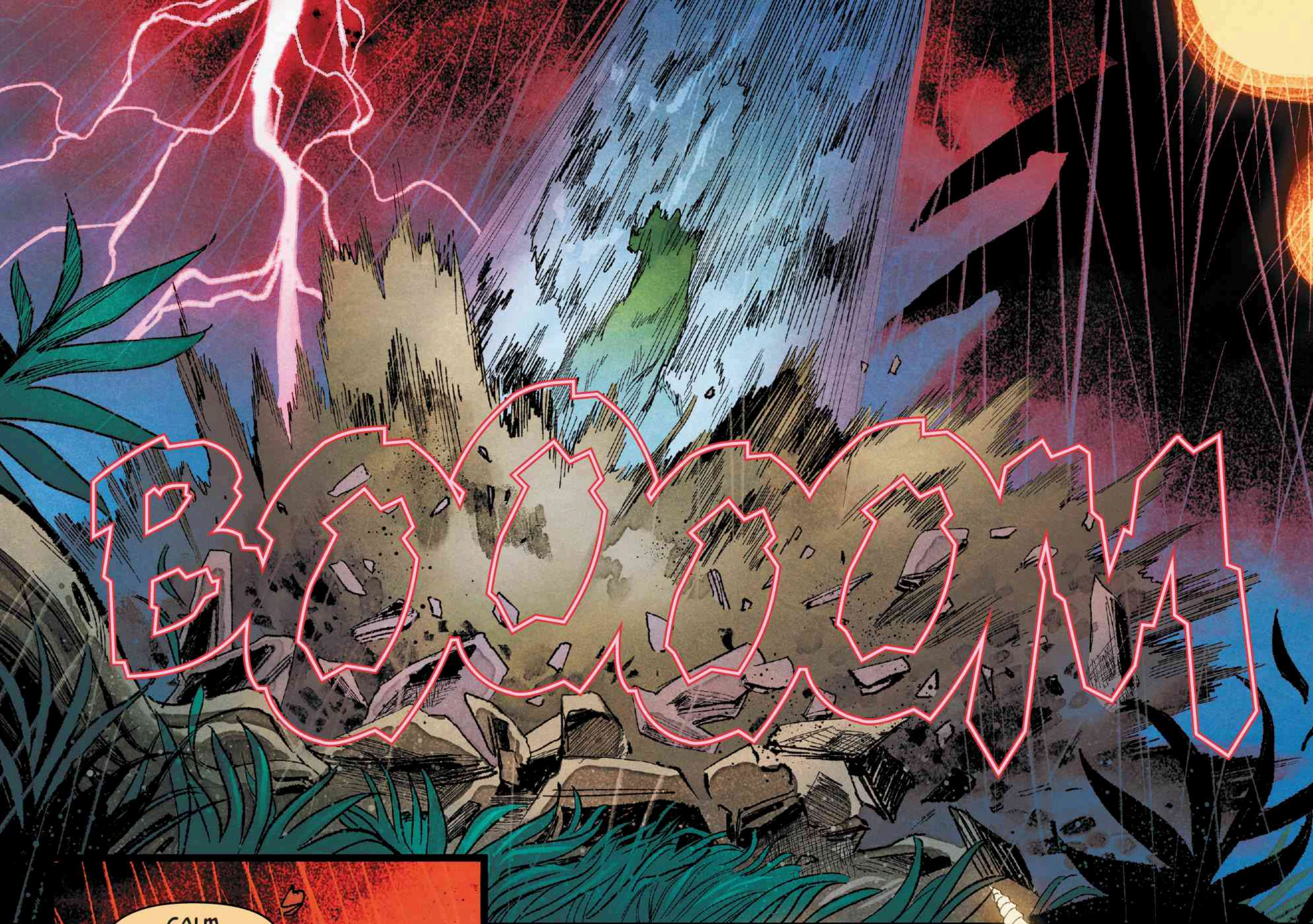
THOR?!
LITTLE HELP?!

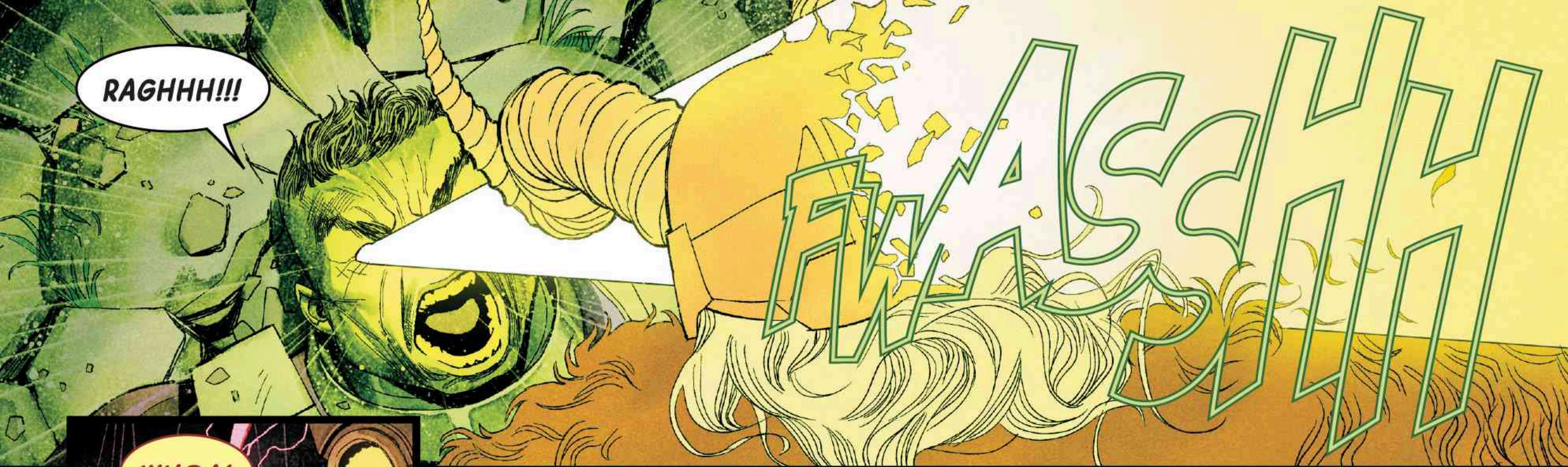
BOOM

HULK...

FATHER,
NO!!!

...WORTHY?





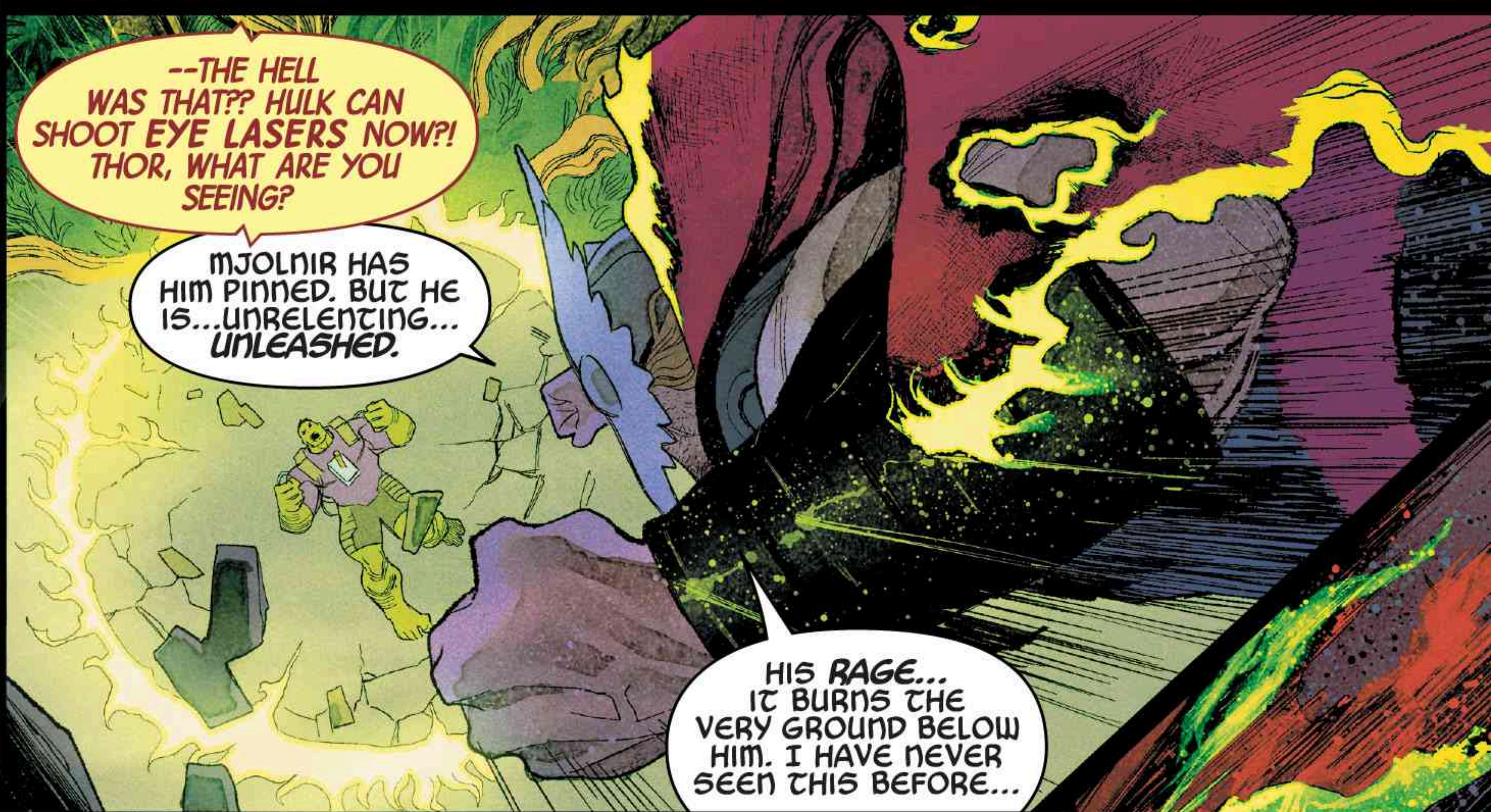
RAGHHH!!!

FWAASH!



WHOA!

BOOM!



--THE HELL WAS THAT?? HULK CAN SHOOT EYE LASERS NOW?! THOR, WHAT ARE YOU SEEING?

MJOLNIR HAS HIM PINNED. BUT HE IS...UNRELENTING... UNLEASHED.

HIS RAGE... IT BURNS THE VERY GROUND BELOW HIM. I HAVE NEVER SEEN THIS BEFORE...



LET!

WHOA. I'M GETTING SOME READINGS HERE. THAT'S NOT RAGE BURNING THE GROUND OUT THERE.

THAT'S GAMMA. A WHOLE HELL OF A LOT OF IT. LIKE... "MELT AN ENTIRE CITY SKYLINE" LEVELS.



THOR, YOU HAVE TO GET OUT OF THERE! NOW!!!

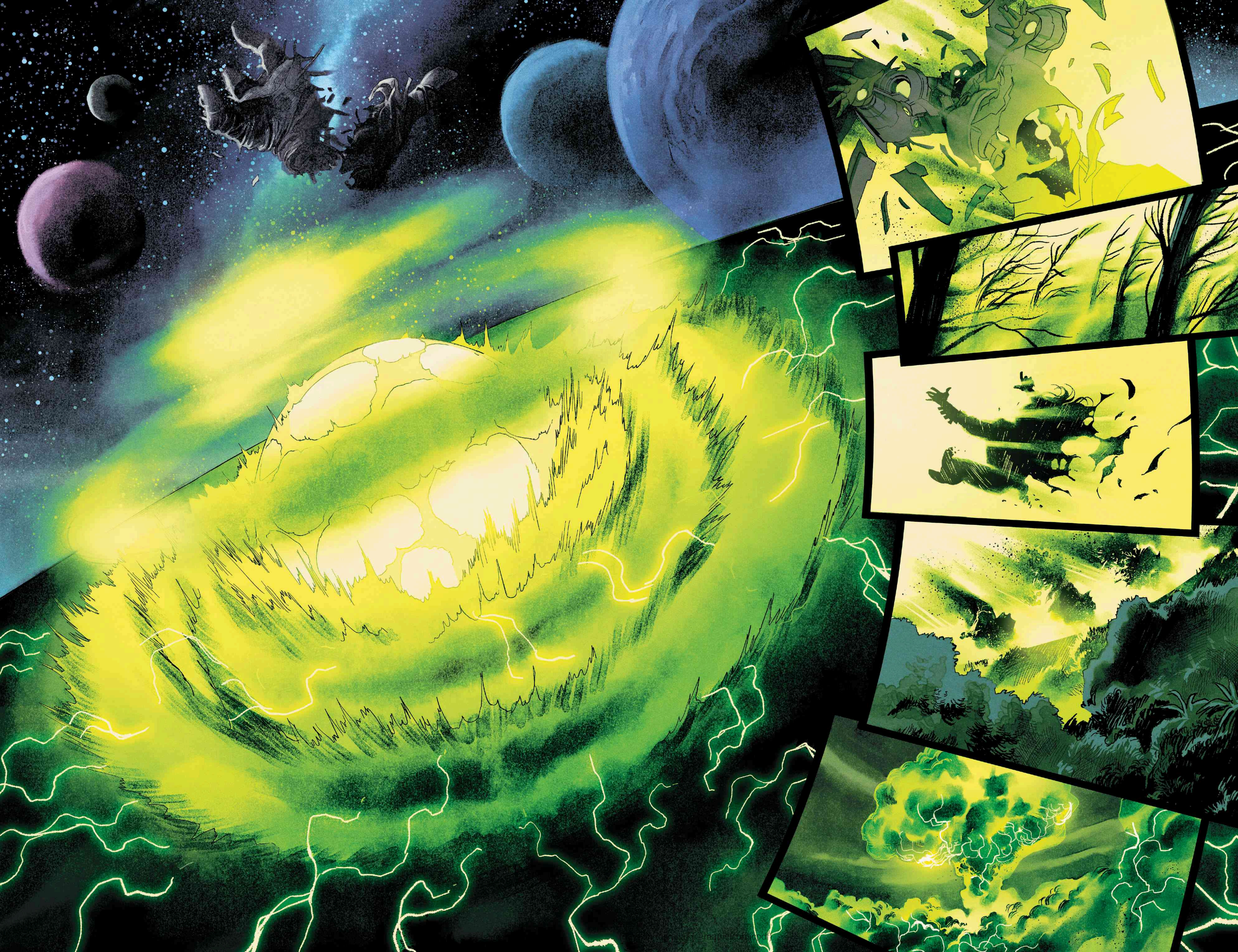
FATHER!!! TO ME!! WE MUST--

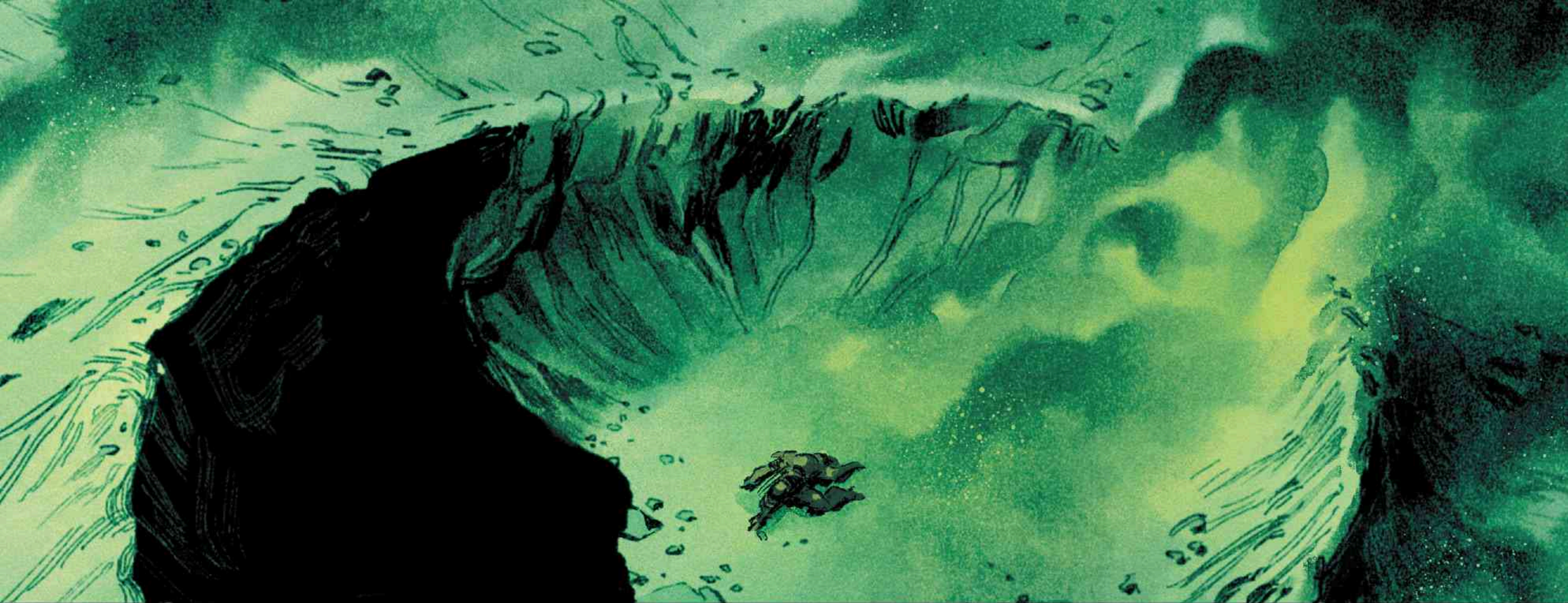
NAY!! I CAN REACH HIM!

HULK!!

I CAN--

FREE!!!







DID...



...DID WE KNOW HE COULD DO THAT?

THOR? YOU THERE?

B.O.S.S., TALK TO ME... TELL ME I'M NOT TRAPPED ALONE WITHOUT A BATTLE BOT ON A DYING PLANET WITH A SUPER HULK...

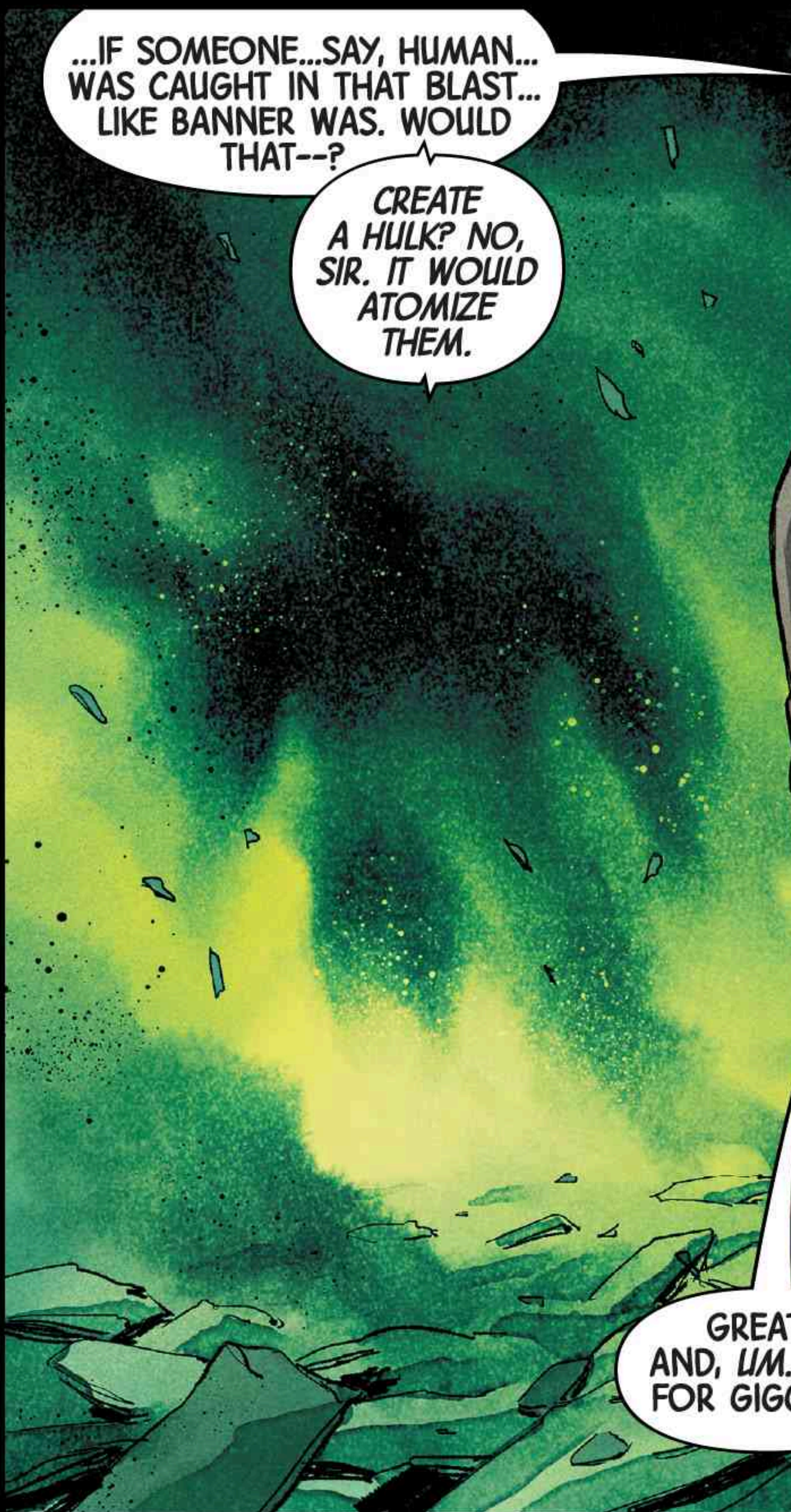


THE CELESTIAL TECH SHIELDED YOU FROM THE GAMMA IRRADIATION RESULTING FROM THE GAMMA BOMB.

THAT WASN'T A GAMMA BOMB!

TO BE PRECISE...IT WAS APPROXIMATELY THE FORCE OF THREE THOUSAND GAMMA BOMBS, SIR.

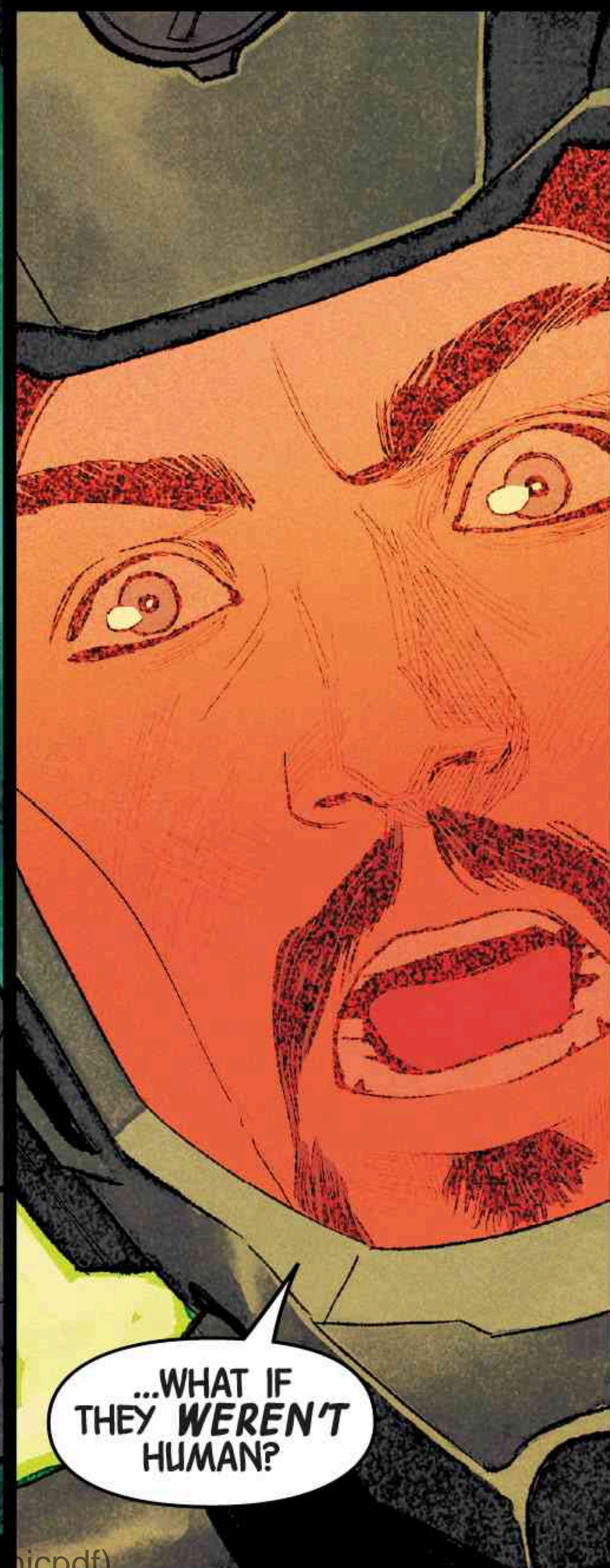
OH. GOODIE. UM... HYPOTHETICAL...



...IF SOMEONE...SAY, HUMAN... WAS CAUGHT IN THAT BLAST... LIKE BANNER WAS. WOULD THAT--?

CREATE A HULK? NO, SIR. IT WOULD ATOMIZE THEM.

GREAT... AND, UM...JUST FOR GIGGLES...



...WHAT IF THEY WEREN'T HUMAN?

"WHAT IF
THEY WERE
A GOD?"

THOR...

...SMASH!!!

CONTINUED IN THOR #26!

NEXT BANNER OF WAR

continues in
THOR #26!

What happens when a god becomes a Hulk? While Bruce Banner searches for a solution, Asgard decides it must bring down its king before he can wreak havoc all across the realms...



ANDERSON

BANNER OF WAR CHECKLIST:

PART ONE - HULK VS. THOR:
BANNER OF WAR ALPHA #1

PART TWO - THOR #25

PART THREE - HULK #7

PART FOUR - THOR #26

CONCLUSION - HULK #8

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MY NAME IS
JEAN GREY.

NOW...



Nayaan Rajpalia

...there
was a
witch.

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