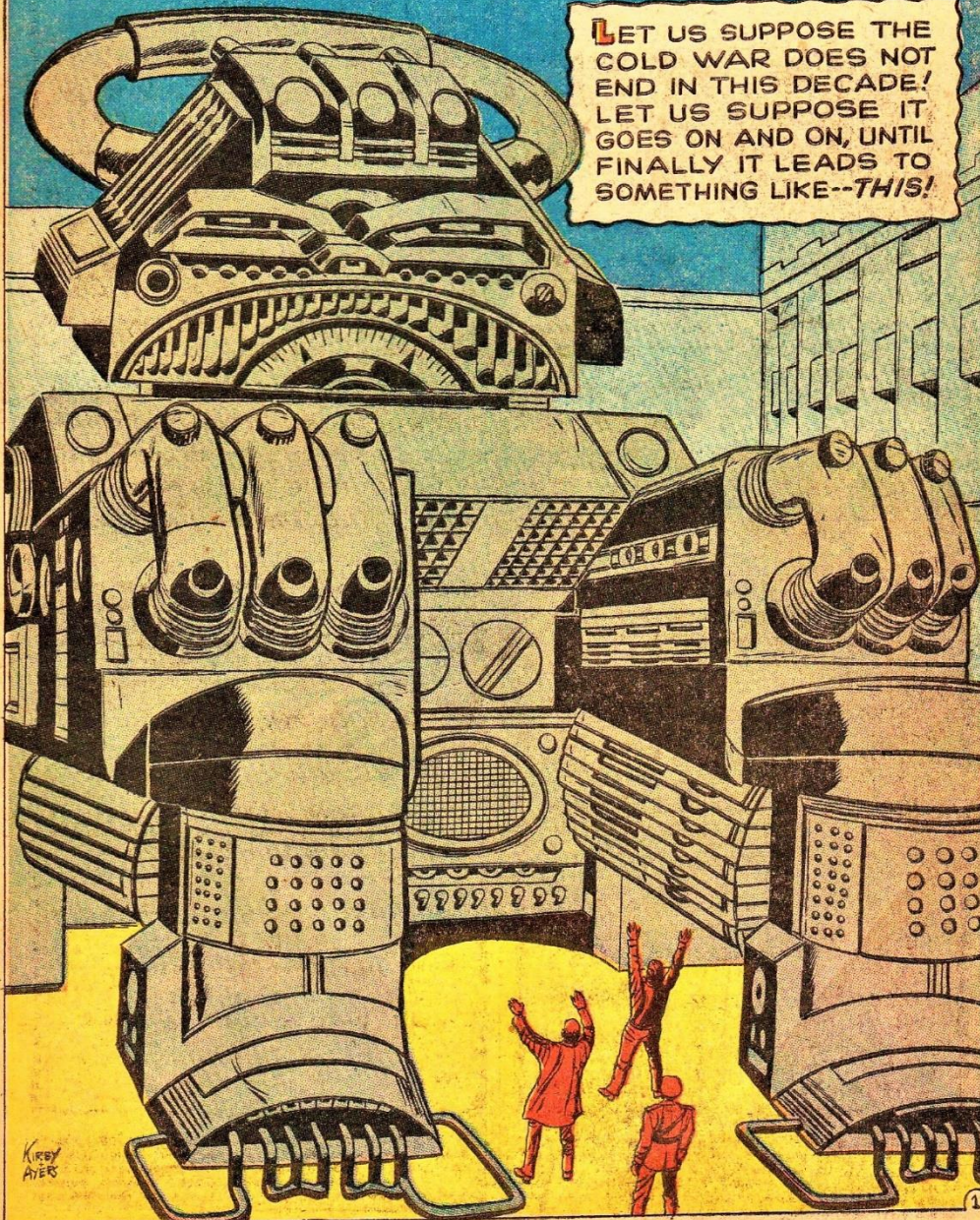


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# THE RULER OF EARTH!

LET US SUPPOSE THE COLD WAR DOES NOT END IN THIS DECADE! LET US SUPPOSE IT GOES ON AND ON, UNTIL FINALLY IT LEADS TO SOMETHING LIKE--THIS!



THE YEAR IS 1990! AN ELDERLY MAN AND HIS WIFE ARE DRIVING ACROSS THE NEW MEXICAN DESERT...

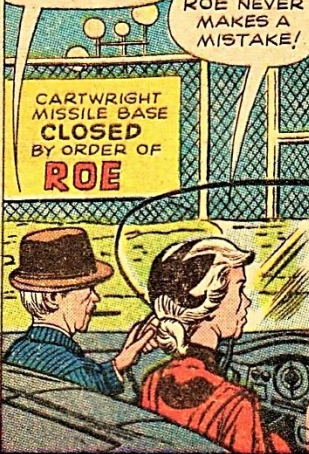
LOOK, MARTHA...WE'RE APPROACHING THE OLD CARTWRIGHT MISSILE BASE! REMEMBER HOW **NOISY** IT USED TO BE?

YES... AND NOW IT IS JUST A LONELY, ABANDONED RELIC!



IT WAS **ROE** WHO MADE THE GOVERNMENT GIVE UP THE BASE! AND IT PROVED TO BE A WISE MOVE!

NATURALLY! **ROE** NEVER MAKES A MISTAKE!



AND, AT THAT MOMENT, SIX THOUSAND MILES AWAY AT A DESERTED SOVIET NAVAL STATION...

THE FLEET OF SUBMARINES-- THE GIANT WARSHIPS-- THEY ARE ALL **GONE** NOW!

OUR GOVERNMENT HAD TO SCUTTLE THEM, FOR SUCH WAS **ROE'S** COMMAND!



AND, IF WE COULD TRAVEL THRUOUT EARTH, WE WOULD FIND THIS SCENE REPEATED COUNTLESS TIMES...



BUT IT WAS NOT **ALWAYS** THUS! ONCE, ALL THESE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WERE ALIVE WITH THE GRIM MOVEMENT OF OMINOUS WAR MACHINES!



THOSE WERE THE DAYS OF THE **COLD WAR** WHEN MAN LIVED IN FEAR...WHEN EACH DAY'S NEWS TOLD US WE WERE GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO ATOMIC ANNIHILATION!

**EXTRA!** REDS DEVELOP NEW COBALT **SUPER-BOMB!** EAST-WEST TENSION **MOUNTS!**

THE BERLIN CRISIS IS WORSENING! AND VIOLENCE HAS ERUPTED IN THE CONGO AGAIN!



FINALLY, OUR ANXIETY-RIDDEN WORLD COULD STAND IT NO LONGER!

ATTENTION, FELLOW DELEGATES! I HAVE A PLAN TO FINALLY **END** THE COLD WAR --- BEFORE IT ENDS **US!**



WATCH FOR... **THE HULK!!**

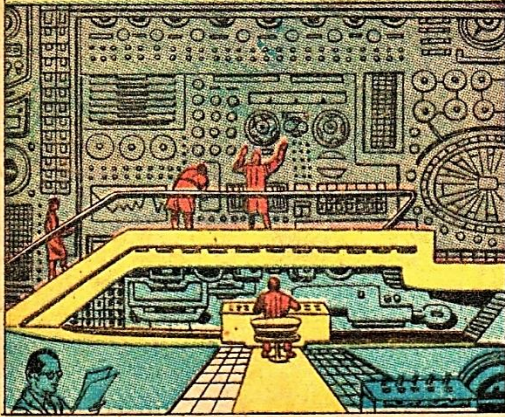
FOR YEARS, THE INDUSTRIES OF OUR WORLD HAVE BEEN USING **CALCULATING MACHINES!** THESE MACHINES HAVE EVOLVED FROM BASIC ADDING DEVICES ...



...AND FROM ORDINARY CASH REGISTERS AND COUNTLESS OTHER SIMPLE MACHINES ...



...INTO GIANT ELECTRONIC COMPUTERS WHICH HOLD MORE KNOWLEDGE AND MAKE DECISIONS FASTER THAN THE GREATEST HUMAN BRAIN!



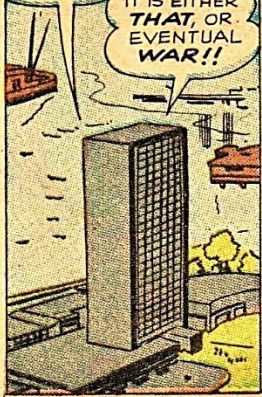
NOW IT IS MY SUGGESTION THAT WE END THE COLD WAR BY BUILDING AN ENORMOUS ELECTRONIC COMPUTER CONTAINING **ALL** OUR PRESENT DAY KNOWLEDGE ... AND ALLOW THIS MACHINE TO **GOVERN** US!



WHAT A **FANTASTIC** IDEA!  
SUCH AN INSTRUMENT WOULD RULE US **FAIRLY...** FOR A MACHINE HAS NO PATRIOTISM, NO GREED, NOTHING WHICH WOULD MAKE IT FAVOR ONE NATION OVER ANOTHER!



IT **MIGHT** WORK! A SUPER-MACHINE WHICH IS INCORRUPTIBLE, GOVERNING US FAIRLY!



AND SO, THE BEST SCIENTIFIC BRAINS FROM ALL THE WORLD WERE PUT TO WORK AT THE HERCULEAN TASK ...

TO CONTAIN ALL OUR KNOWLEDGE THE MACHINE WILL HAVE TO BE **GIGANTIC!**  
AND BECAUSE MEN ALWAYS FEAR THINGS WHICH LOOK DIFFERENT -- THINGS WHICH ARE NOT HUMAN, LET US BUILD THE MACHINE IN THE SHAPE OF A **MAN!**

