

# STAR-LORD

Cosmic super villain the Collector has an unsettling obsession with Peter Quill, which has led to him luring Peter and his ex-fiancée Kitty Pryde to his Frog Base to learn the story of their breakup (to be re-enacted by a Skrull theatre troupe). While trying to buy time by feeding the Collector lies, some dark truths and resentments surfaced. Since Rocket and Groot haven't noticed Peter's distress signal, the Collector himself might be Peter and Kitty's last hope for liberation: he's promised to release them if Kitty tells all.

## OUT OF ORBIT, CHAPTER THREE: YOU'RE GONNA CARRY THAT WEIGHT

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LET'S  
START AT THE  
**BEGINNING,**  
KITTY.

TELL ME  
ABOUT YOUR  
**CHILDHOOD--**

NICE TRY,  
COLLECTOR, BUT  
THAT WAS **NOT**  
THE DEAL.

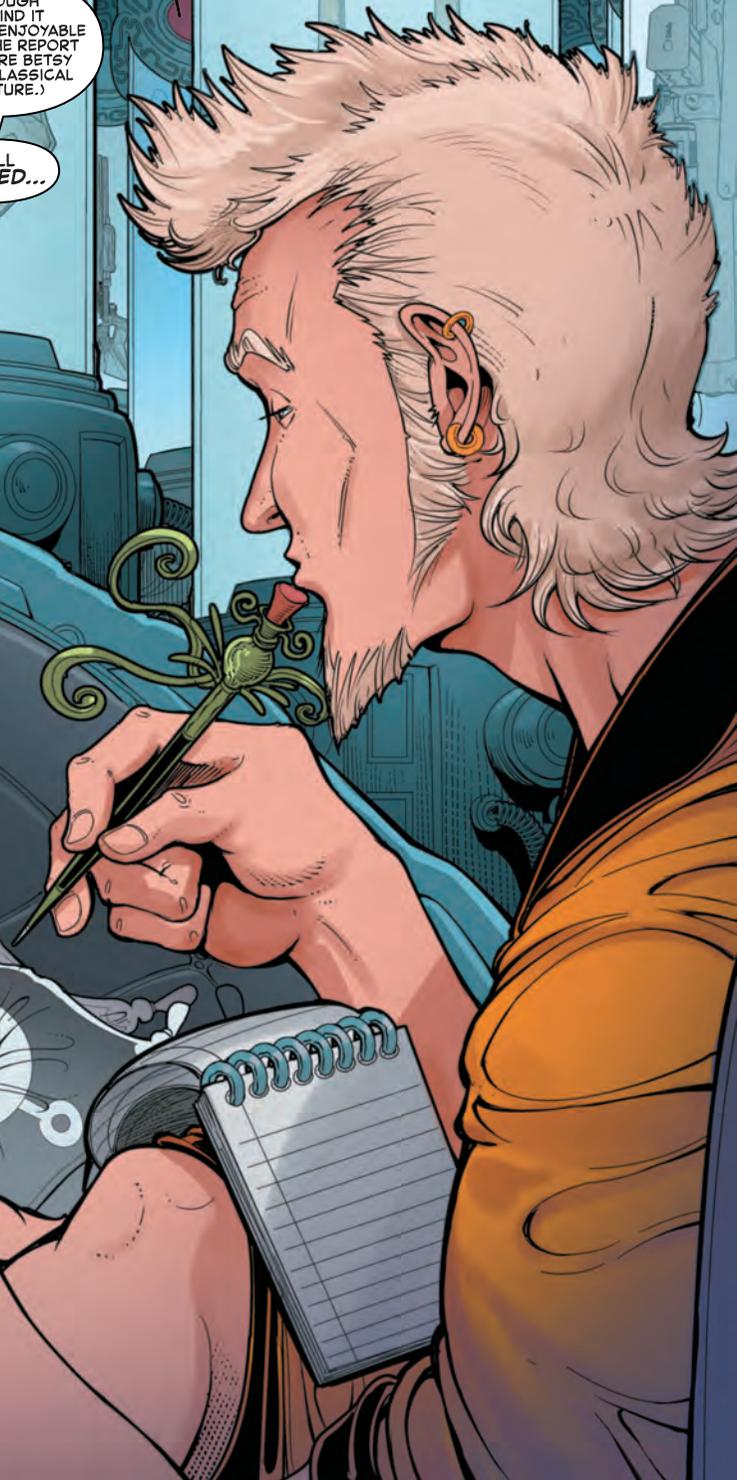
I TELL YOU  
WHY PETER AND I  
**BROKE UP,** AND YOU  
LET US BOTH GO, **FREE**  
AND **UNHARMED.**  
THAT'S THE  
**DEAL.**

I JUST  
THOUGHT YOU'D  
WANT TO START  
OFF WITH A  
**PROLOGUE--**

I'M NOT  
GOING TO ENABLE  
YOUR **EMOTIONAL**  
**VOYEURISM** ANY  
MORE THAN I  
HAVE TO.

(ALTHOUGH  
I DID FIND IT  
STRANGELY ENJOYABLE  
TO READ THE REPORT  
CARD WHERE BETSY  
FLUNKED CLASSICAL  
LITERATURE.)

IT ALL  
**STARTED...**



"...WHEN SPARTAX MADE THE *DUMB-ASS* MOVE OF ELECTING PETER TO BE THEIR KING."

YOU'LL NEED TO GIVE A SPEECH.

A SPEECH TO THE WHOLE PLANET.

OKAY, OKAY, I'LL THINK OF SOME GOOD JOKES--

IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT YOU DO NOT SCREW UP THE SPEECH WITH JOKES!

"THINGS DID NOT START WELL."

WELL, PETER, YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY BUSY SO I'M GONNA TAKE OFF...

REMEMBER WE TALKED ABOUT MY BIRTHDAY? WE'RE GOOD, YEAH?

I KNOW EARTH JOKES. "A HORSE, A BARTENDER, AND A COUNTENANCE OF ABNORMAL MEASURE."

**NO JOKES! BE INSPIRING!** OR YOUR WHOLE TERM IN OFFICE WILL BE A DISASTER!

OKAY, NO JOKES!

YEAH, KITTY...?

"AND THEY DID NOT IMPROVE."

...KITTY?





"NOT THE NEXT DAY--"

HELLO, KITTY?  
YOU'RE, LIKE, GOOD AT TALKING TO PEOPLE, COULD YOU COME UP AND HELP ME WITH MY SPEECH--

PETER?

SORRY, PETER, CAN'T QUITE HEAR YOU.

BUT IF YOU WANT TO TALK, COME ON DOWN TO THE SHIP. YOU KNOW, THE SHIP WITH ALL YOUR FRIENDS...?



IF NOT, SEE YOU TOMORROW.



"--AND DEFINITELY NOT THE DAY AFTER THAT."

WE NEED YOUR SIGNATURE--

--WE NEED YOUR DECISION--

--WE NEED YOUR SPEECH--



WAIT-- WHAT TIME IS IT? WHAT DAY IS IT? TELL ME!

MY LIEGE...?!



"MY OWN BIRTHDAY DINNER."

I AM NOT MAD AT HIM.

HE CANNOT HURT MY FEELINGS.

NOT WITHOUT MY PERMISSION.

I AM GONNA KILL HIM.