



"WE ASKED THE BIG GUYS FIRST."

...AND NOW THERE'S A FORCE FIELD AROUND EARTH. IT'S KEEPING US OUT AND EVERYBODY ELSE IN. AND THE CHITAUURI JUST KEEP COMING! THEY WON'T STOP UNTIL--

KAKARANTHARA:
HOMEWORLD OF THE MAKLUANS.



LIGRA:
HOMEWORLD OF THE LION-PEOPLE.

"SO WE MOVED ON TO THE WARRIORS."

YOU HAVE HONORED ME WITH GREAT COMBAT THIS DAY, **GAMORA**.

BUT NO. I REFUSE TO AID THE PEOPLE OF EARTH.





"FIGURED WITH THEM ON OUR SIDE, HOW COULD ANYONE TURN US DOWN?"



NO.

"IT WAS A LONG SHOT."



KYMELLIA III:
HOMEWORLD OF THE KYMELLIAN SORCERERS.

"THEN WE TRIED TO GET THE SCIENTISTS."

NAY.

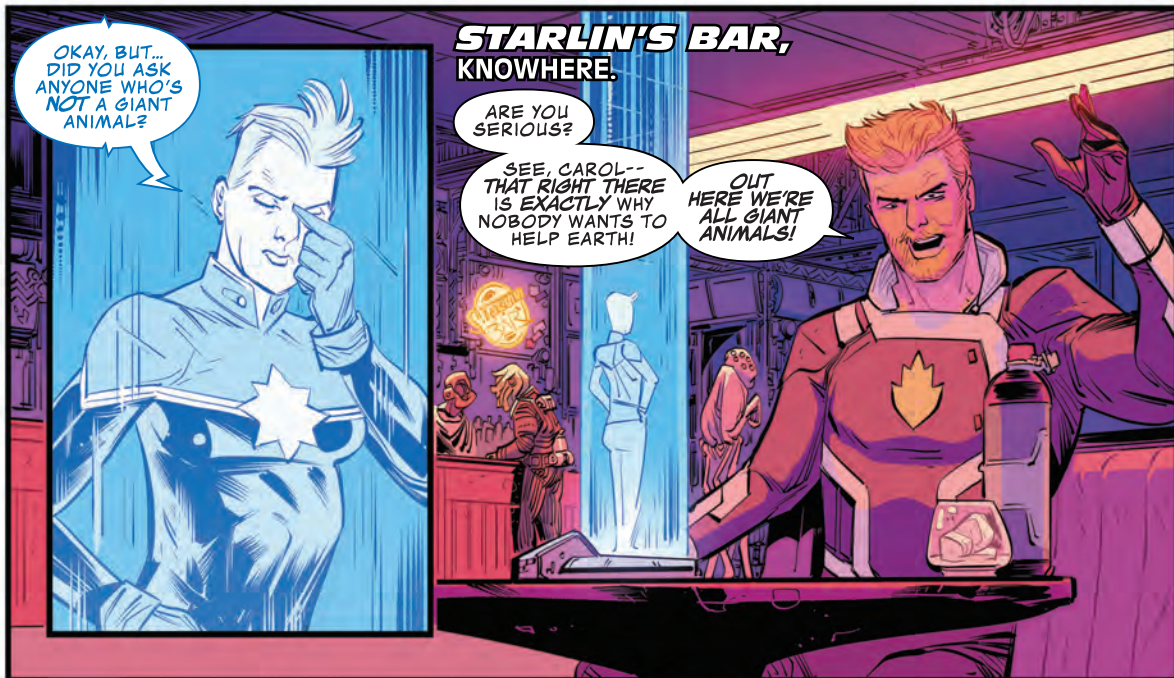


NEW HALFWORD:
HOME OF...WHO EVEN KNOWS?

"AFTER THAT, WE GOT PRETTY DESPERATE."

NUH-UH, NO WAY, MAC.

NOT EARTH. NOT EVAH.



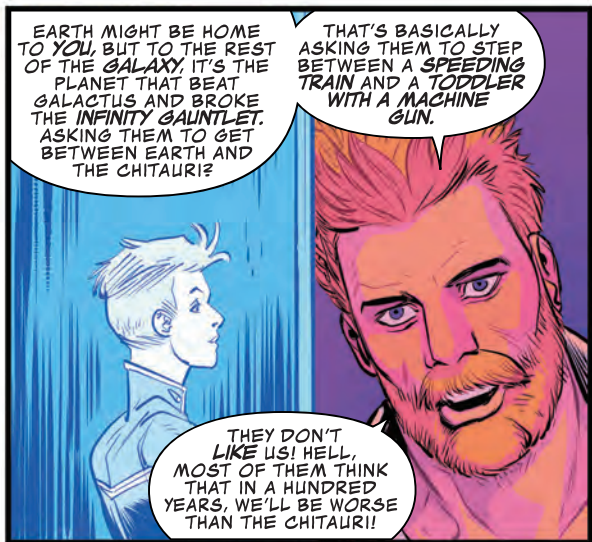
**STARLIN'S BAR,
KNOWHERE.**

OKAY, BUT... DID YOU ASK ANYONE WHO'S NOT A GIANT ANIMAL?

ARE YOU SERIOUS?

SEE, CAROL-- THAT RIGHT THERE IS EXACTLY WHY NOBODY WANTS TO HELP EARTH!

OUT HERE WE'RE ALL GIANT ANIMALS!



EARTH MIGHT BE HOME TO YOU, BUT TO THE REST OF THE GALAXY, IT'S THE PLANET THAT BEAT GALACTUS AND BROKE THE INFINITY GAUNTLET. ASKING THEM TO GET BETWEEN EARTH AND THE CHITAUURI?

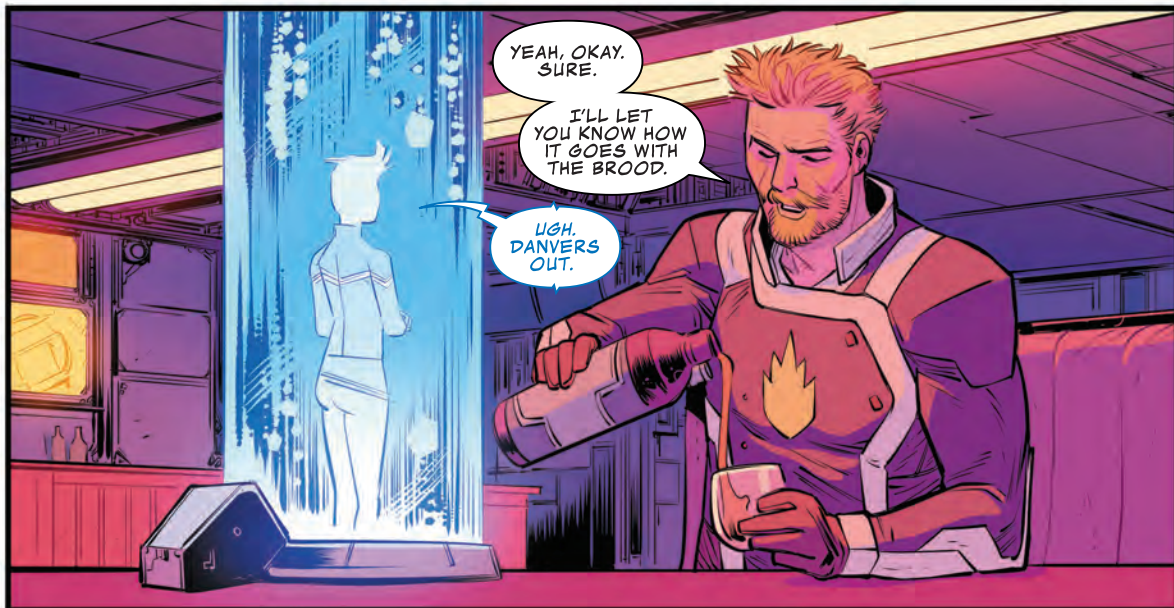
THAT'S BASICALLY ASKING THEM TO STEP BETWEEN A SPEEDING TRAIN AND A TODDLER WITH A MACHINE GUN.

THEY DON'T LIKE US! HELL, MOST OF THEM THINK THAT IN A HUNDRED YEARS, WE'LL BE WORSE THAN THE CHITAUURI!



LOOK, I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE--I SPENT YEARS OUT THERE. I'M AWARE WE DON'T HAVE THE BEST REPUTATION, BUT IT'S BAD HERE, PETER. WE NEED A WIN.

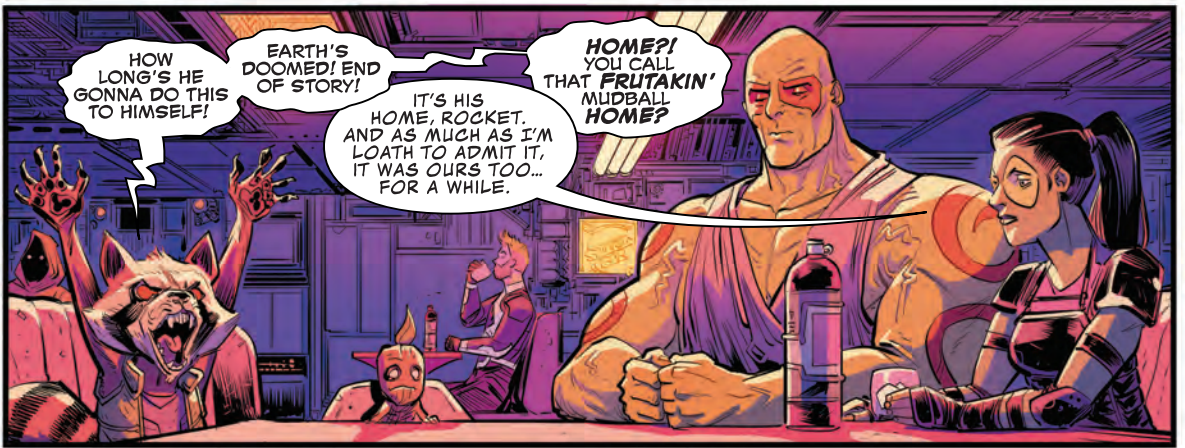
JUST... JUST BRING ME SOMETHING. ANYTHING.



YEAH, OKAY. SURE.

I'LL LET YOU KNOW HOW IT GOES WITH THE BROOD.

UGH. DANVERS OUT.



HOW LONG'S HE GONNA DO THIS TO HIMSELF!

EARTH'S DOOMED! END OF STORY!

IT'S HIS HOME, ROCKET. AND AS MUCH AS I'M LOATH TO ADMIT IT, IT WAS OURS TOO... FOR A WHILE.

HOME?! YOU CALL THAT FRUTAKIN' MUDBALL HOME?



IT WAS A PIT STOP! A BAD VACATION! DON'T GO REWRITIN' HISTORY HERE, SISTER. YOU'D GET ATTACHED TO AN ELEVATOR IF YOU GOT STUCK IN IT.

I AM GROOT.

I KNOW THE PIZZA WAS GOOD!



IT'S NOT AS THOUGH WE HAVEN'T TRIED TO HELP. I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH MORE TIME WE CAN SPEND ON ANOTHER PROBLEM THAT EARTH BROUGHT ON ITSELF.

AGREED. THE FURTHER WE'RE AWAY FROM THE CONFLICT, THE BETTER.



SO WE'RE ALL IN AGREEMENT, THEN?

IT'S TIME WE MOVED ON TO THE NEXT JOB.

SO WHICH ONE OF US IS GIVING PETER THE--



GOOD NEWS, GUARDIANS!

HELP JUST FOUND US!



MANTIS!

WE GOT YOUR MESSAGE.

AS I KNEW YOU WOULD.

IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU, BUT I'M A BIT SURPRISED YOU DIDN'T COME TO ME EARLIER. OR I WOULD BE, IF...WELL, YOU KNOW, I GOT SURPRISED.



I WOULD'VE, BUT I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D WANT TO JOIN BACK UP WITH THE GUARDIANS.

OH, I DO NOT. I HAVE...OTHER CONCERNS.



BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN I AM UNWILLING TO OFFER YOU SOME ADVICE.

I AM GROOT.

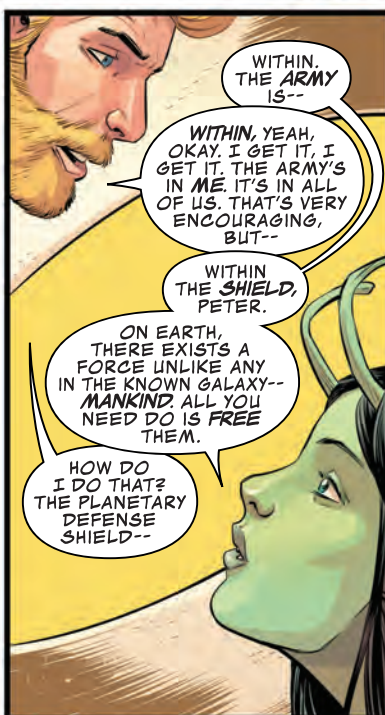
(I PROMISE, I WILL TELL YOU LATER.)



I CAN GET ADVICE ANYWHERE. RIGHT NOW, WHAT I NEED--WHAT EARTH NEEDS--IS AN ARMY. SO IF ADVICE IS ALL YOU'VE GOT FOR US, WE'LL BE ON OUR--

YOU HAVE AN ARMY, PETER.

YEAH? WHERE?



WITHIN THE ARMY IS--

WITHIN, YEAH, OKAY. I GET IT. I GET IT. THE ARMY'S IN ME. IT'S IN ALL OF US. THAT'S VERY ENCOURAGING, BUT--

WITHIN THE SHIELD, PETER.

ON EARTH, THERE EXISTS A FORCE UNLIKE ANY IN THE KNOWN GALAXY-- MANKIND. ALL YOU NEED DO IS FREE THEM.

HOW DO I DO THAT? THE PLANETARY DEFENSE SHIELD--



--IS IMPRESSIVE, TRUE. BUT IT IS NOTHING WHEN COMPARED TO THE POWER OF--