

A BODY AS STRONG AS A REDWOOD, LIMBS THAT EXTEND LIKE VINES, AND WITH THE ABILITY TO REGROW FROM A SPLINTER . . . GROOT WAS THE BIGGEST AND STRONGEST MEMBER OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY. BUT NOW, HE'S STUCK AT THE SIZE OF A SAPLING. THE GALAXY CAN BE A DANGEROUS PLACE FOR A LITTLE TREE WHO DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING BUT . . .



I AM GROOT

in
"THE FORGOTTEN DOOR"
part 2

GROOT'S ENJOYING A SECOND CHILDHOOD, BUT THE GUARDIANS HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING TO KEEP HIM IN LINE. WHILE THEY WERE DISTRACTED PILOTING OUT OF A TIME-SPACE WARP, GROOT ACCIDENTALLY LAUNCHED OUT OF THE SHIP! AS HE DRIFTED DOWN TO A PLANET, A HEADLESS HOLOGRAM ASKED VISITORS TO "BEWARE" AND "AWAKEN THE TERMINAL EYE." PRETTY CREEPY . . . BUT THINGS GOT WORSE! ONCE GROOT LANDED, ROBOTS TRANSFORMED TO LOOK LIKE THE GUARDIANS TRIED TO DETAIN HIM! HE WAS JUST BARELY RESCUED BY A PUG-HEADED ROBOT NAMED BUDDY . . .

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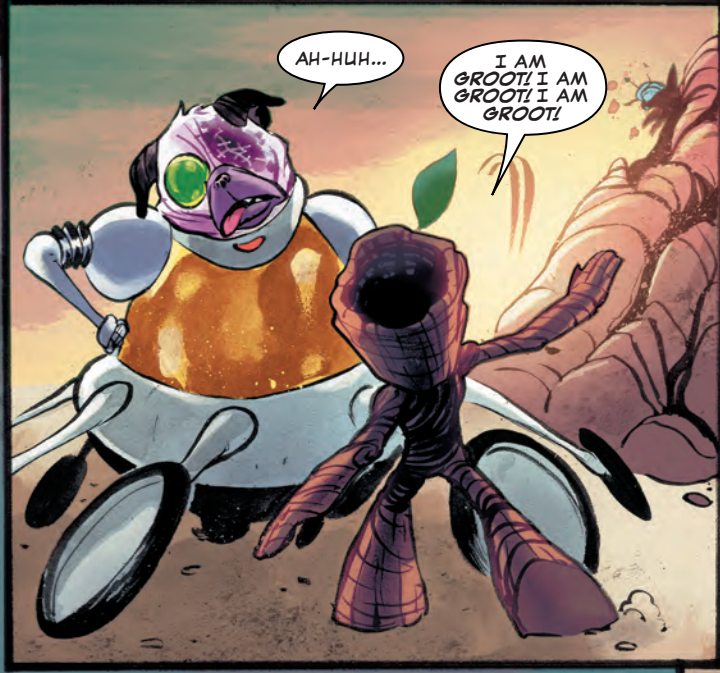
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A WHOLE OTHER
DIMENSION AWAY
FROM HOME...**

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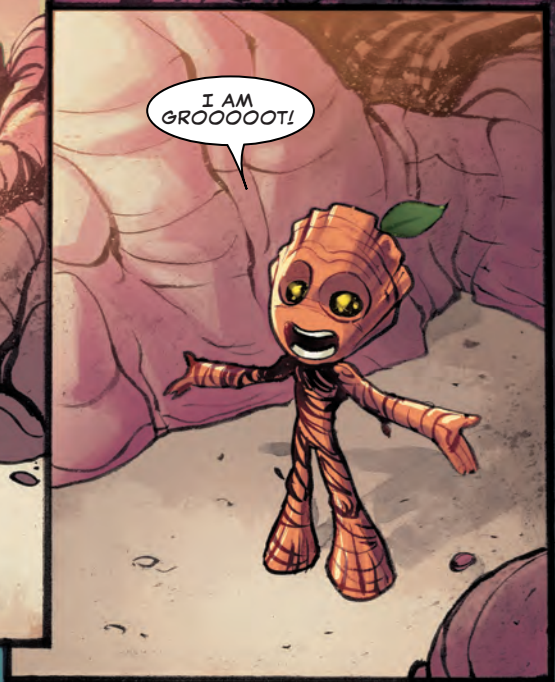
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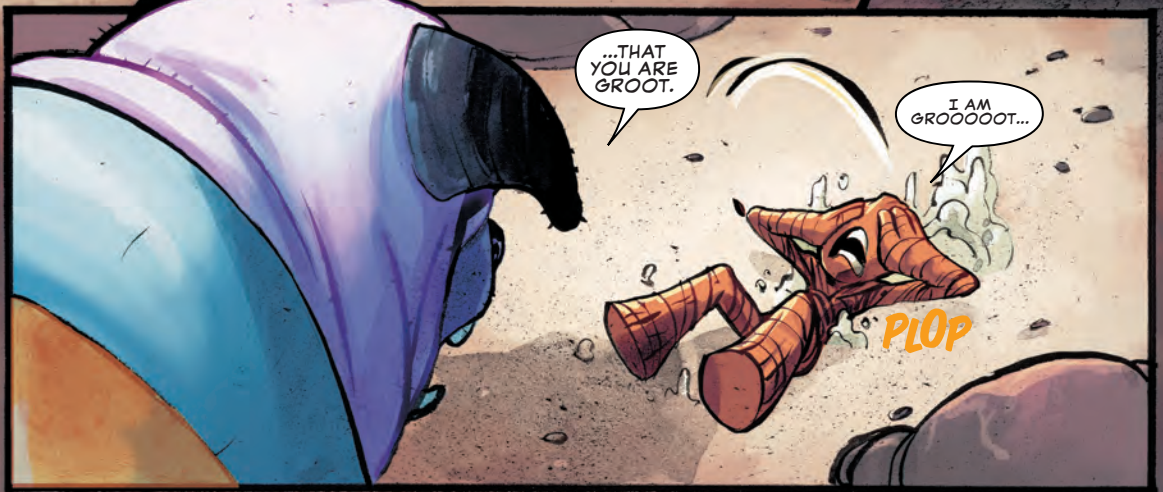
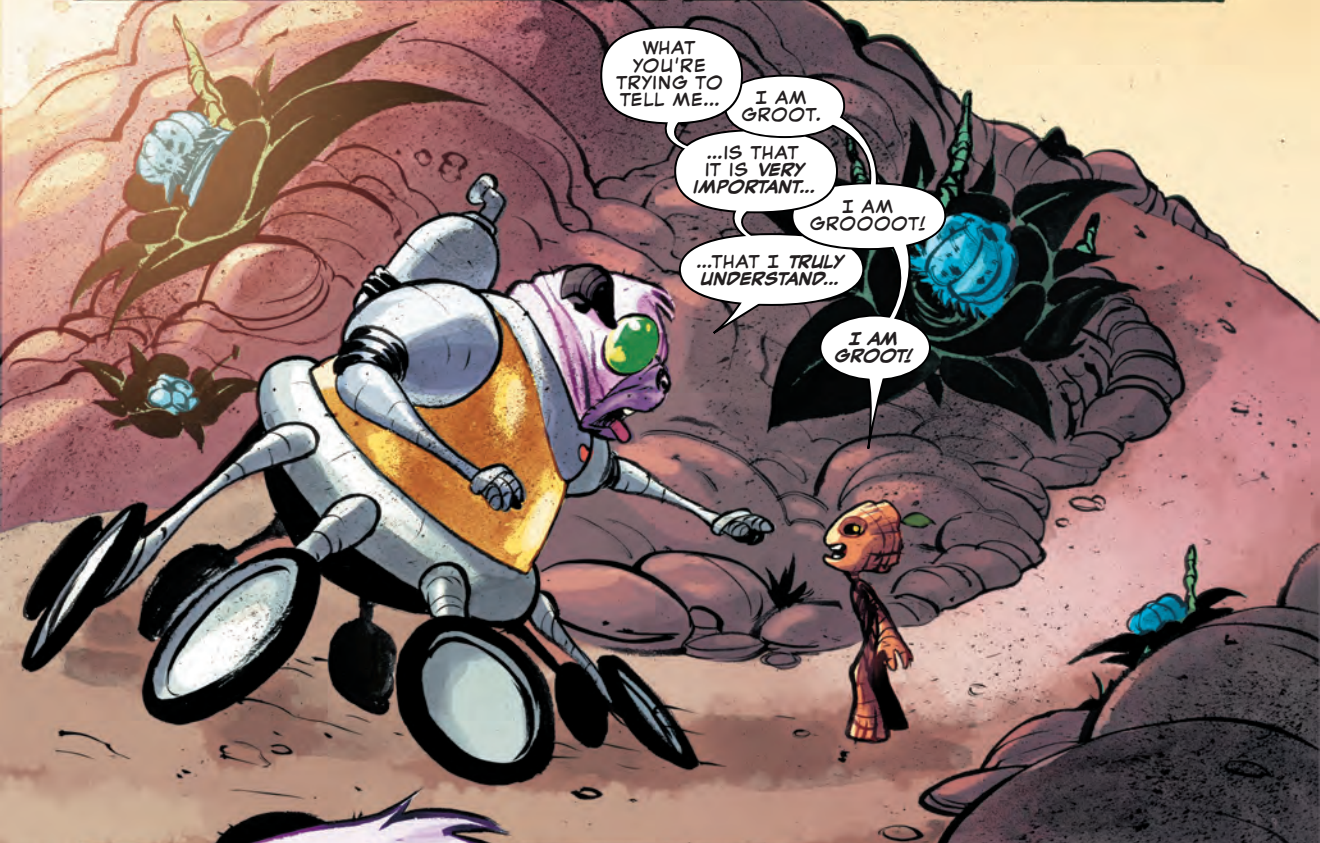
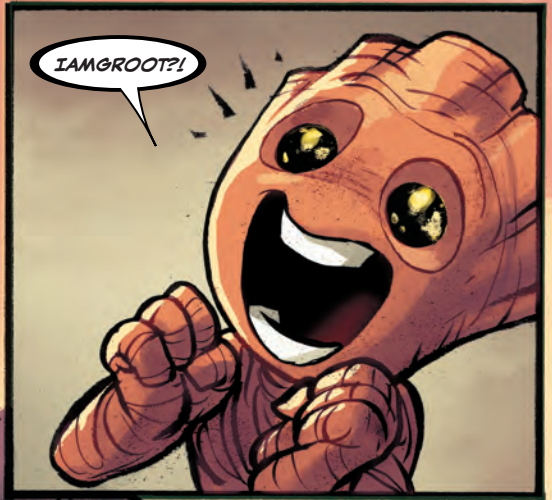
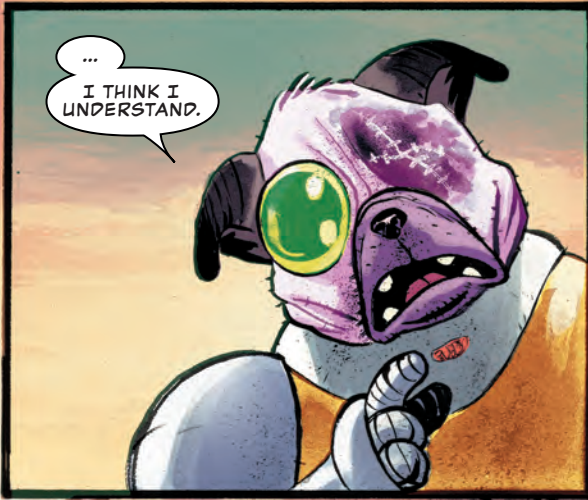


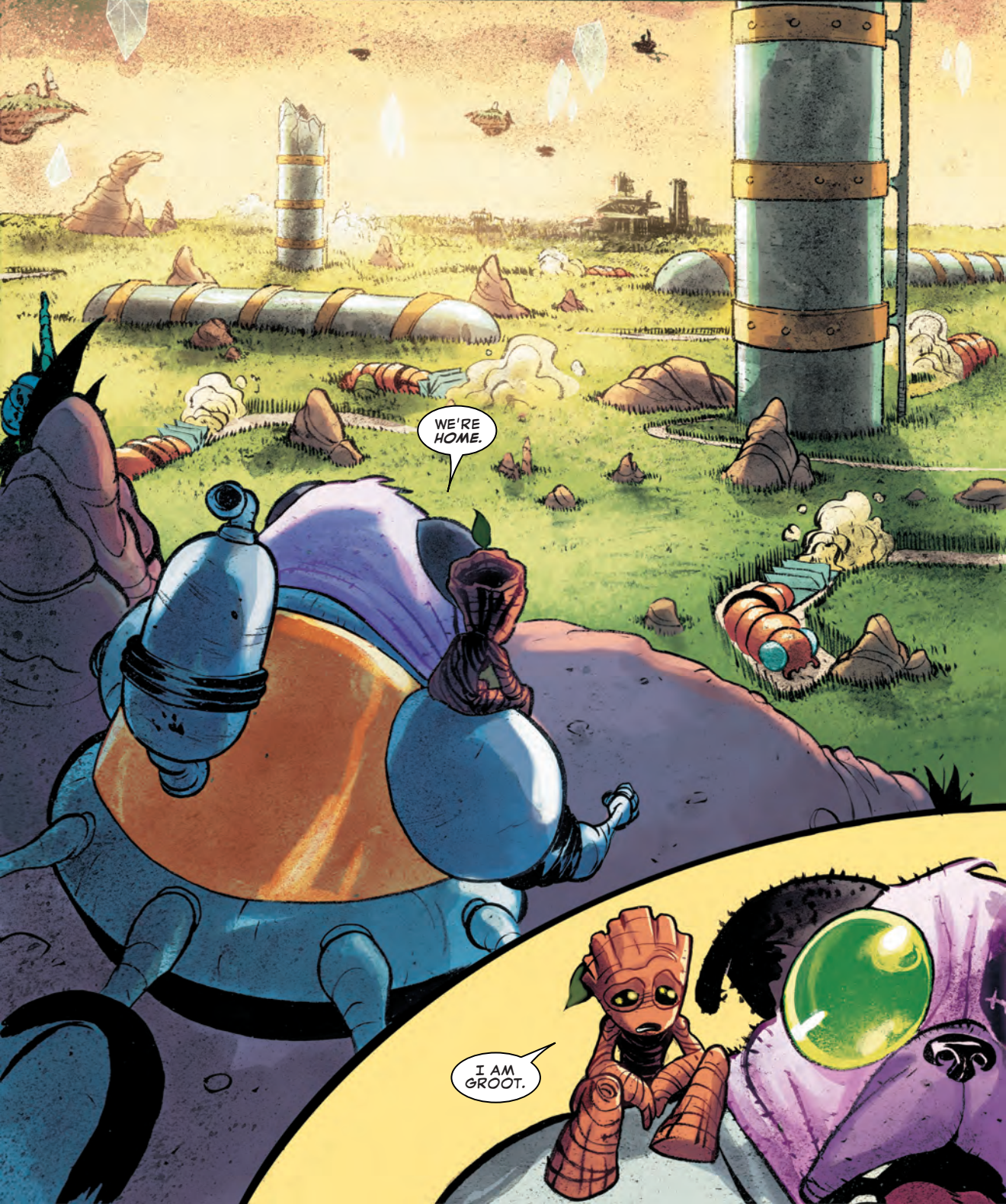
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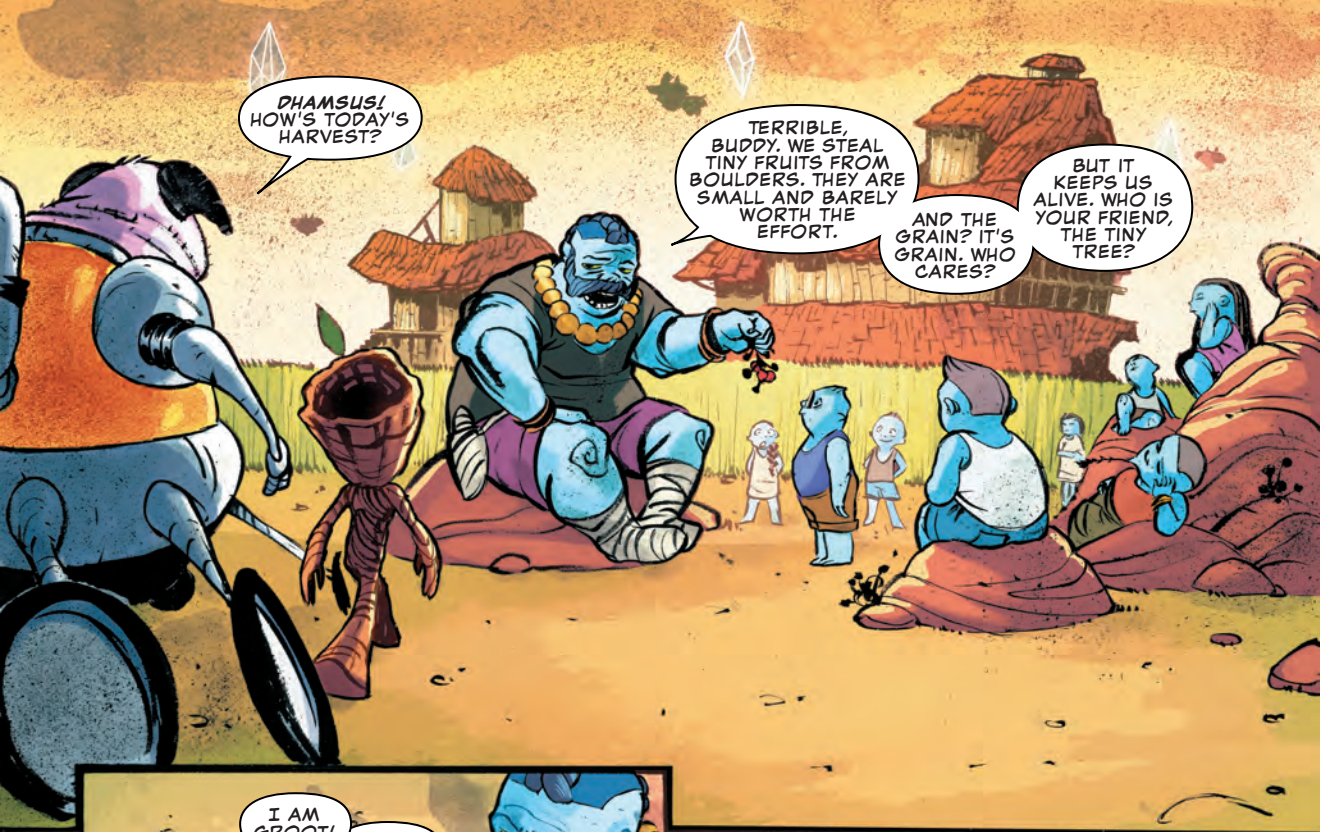
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I AM
GROOOOOT!







DHAMSUS!
HOW'S TODAY'S
HARVEST?

TERRIBLE,
BUDDY. WE STEAL
TINY FRUITS FROM
BOULDERS. THEY ARE
SMALL AND BARELY
WORTH THE
EFFORT.

AND THE
GRAIN? IT'S
GRAIN. WHO
CARES?

BUT IT
KEEPS US
ALIVE. WHO IS
YOUR FRIEND,
THE TINY
TREE?



I AM
GROOT!

HELLO,
GROOT.

THAT'S
ALL HE SAYS.
COULD I BORROW
THE VILLAGE BOOK?
I WANT TO SEE
IF HE CAN LEARN
ANY OTHER
WORDS.

I AM
GROOT!
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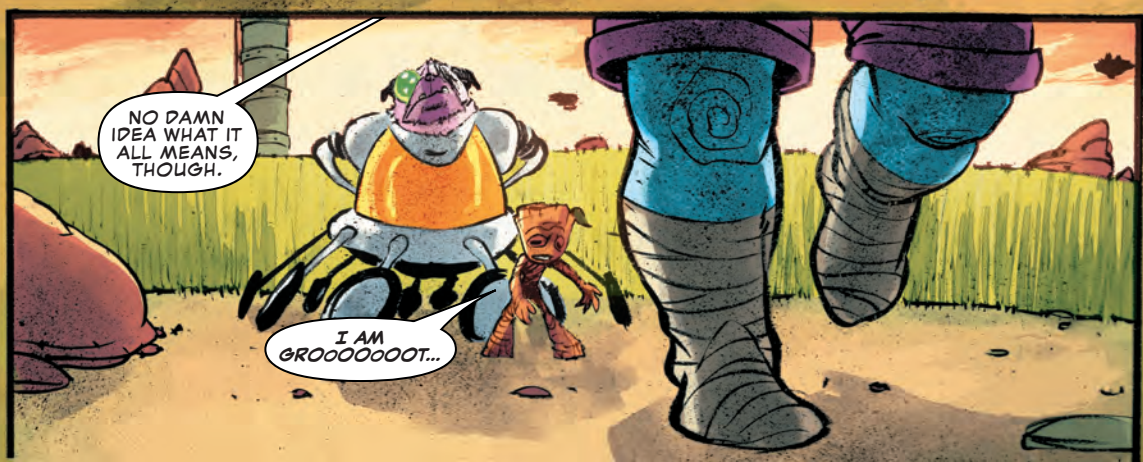


HE'S
ACTUALLY
SAYING QUITE
A BIT MORE
THAN THAT.

I AM
GROOT!

WHAT?

YES. THERE
IS A RICH DEPTH
OF TONALITY TO THIS
SAPLING'S VOCALIZATION.
VIBRATIONAL SHIFTS.
IT'S SUBTLE.



NO DAMN
IDEA WHAT IT
ALL MEANS,
THOUGH.

I AM
GROOOOOOOT...

THERE'S A TRANSLATOR MACHINE IN THE TEMPLE! IT PROBABLY KNOWS TREE!



I AM GROOT?

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S IN THE TEMPLE?

I WENT IN IT.



I AM GROOT!
I AM GROOT!

YOU SHOULDN'T G--EXCUSE ME.

YOU SHOULDN'T GO IN THE TEMPLE--

I AM GROOT!



TINY TREE. YOU HAVE MADE IT CLEAR YOU WISH TO FIND THIS DEVICE.

BUT YOU MUST NOT GO IN THE TEMPLE.

"I SAY IT IS A TEMPLE. BUT WE DO NOT WORSHIP INSIDE.

"WE MERELY APPEASE THE FORGOTTEN GODS THAT CREEP OUT TO MAKE DEMANDS AT NIGHT.

"THEIR VOICES ARE AWFUL AND CLEAR... BUT THANKFULLY ALL THEY ASK FOR ARE COINS.

"AND IT'S NOT LIKE WE NEED ANY OF THAT OUT HERE...

