

# STAR-LORD

PETER QUILL IS THE HALF-ALIEN, HALF-HUMAN SON OF THE FORMER KING OF SPARTAX AND MEREDITH QUILL OF EARTH. ARMED WITH HIS ELEMENT GUNS AND ALIEN HELMET, QUILL HAS SPENT MUCH OF HIS LIFE ROAMING THE COSMOS IN SEARCH OF ADVENTURE AS A PART-TIME GUARDIAN OF THE GALAXY AND A FULL-TIME GUNSLINGER.



TRAPPED ON EARTH AND ESTRANGED FROM THE GUARDIANS, PETER QUILL BEFRIENDED RETIREE EDMUND ALLEN, WHO WAS THE SILVER BANDIT IN HIS YOUTH--USING GRAVITY-DEFYING BOOTS AND GLOVES TO ROB THE RICH. EDMUND'S SON GREG GOT PETER A JOB AT VILLAIN HANGOUT THE BAR WITH NO NAME. UNBEKNOWNST TO PETER, BLACK CAT OWNED THE PLACE AND SURVEILLED IT TO GATHER INTEL FOR MORE VILLAINY, LIKE KIDNAPPING GREG TO FORCE PETER AND EDMUND TO ROB MASTER THIEF/BAR PATRON JAVELYNN. STAR-LORD DIDN'T LEAVE ANYTHING TO CHANCE, ASKING DAREDEVIL AND LOGAN TO HELP, AND HAVING EDMUND DUST OFF HIS BOOTS FOR THE HEIST. BUT PETER DIDN'T EXPECT THAT EDMUND WOULD TRY TO CAPTURE BLACK CAT IN MID-AIR. THE EXERTION WAS TOO MUCH, AND EDMUND FELL.

\* THIS STORY TAKES PLACE BEFORE THE EVENTS OF GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #19.

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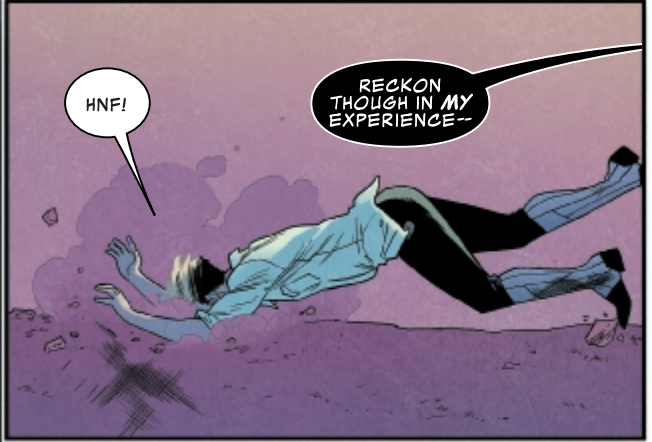
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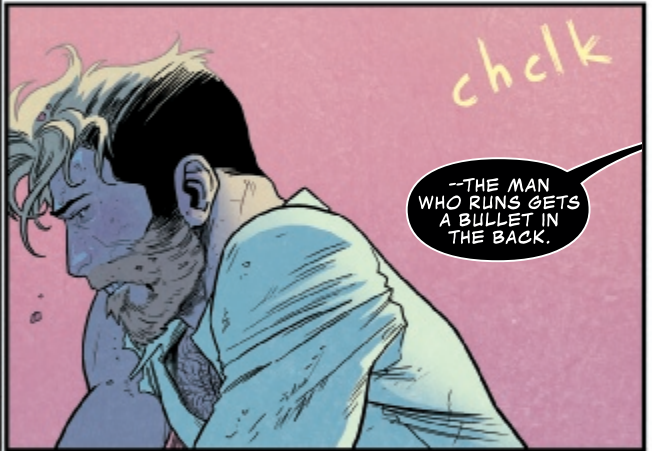


"THE MAN WHO RUNS MAY FIGHT AGAIN."



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RECKON  
THOUGH IN MY  
EXPERIENCE--



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--THE MAN WHO RUNS GETS A BULLET IN THE BACK.



THERE AIN'T NO WALKIN' AWAY, NO SCURRYIN' AWAY, NO BARGAININ' YOUR WAY OUTTA THIS.

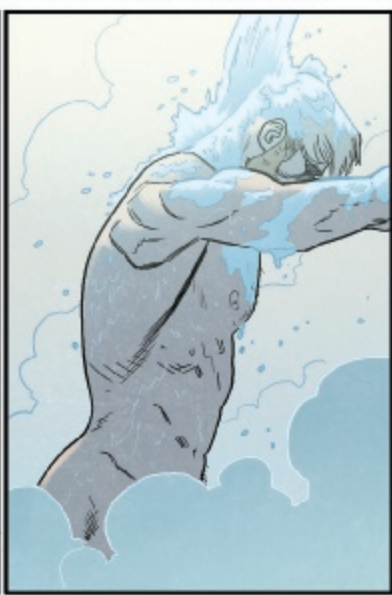


TASTE THE AIR, THAT DIRT. INHALE IT GOOD AND WELL, PETER QULL. THAT'S YOUR LAST MEAL.

YOU'RE A DEAD MAN.

# HOW WE DIE





"HEY, THANKS FOR COMING..."



...I APPRECIATE IT. DAD DIDN'T HAVE A LOT OF FRIENDS...

UNLESS YOU SOMEHOW THINK THIS COUNTS AS YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE TIME SPENT WITH HIM...

OH GOD, GREG, I FEEL HORRIBLE. I WASN'T... I...

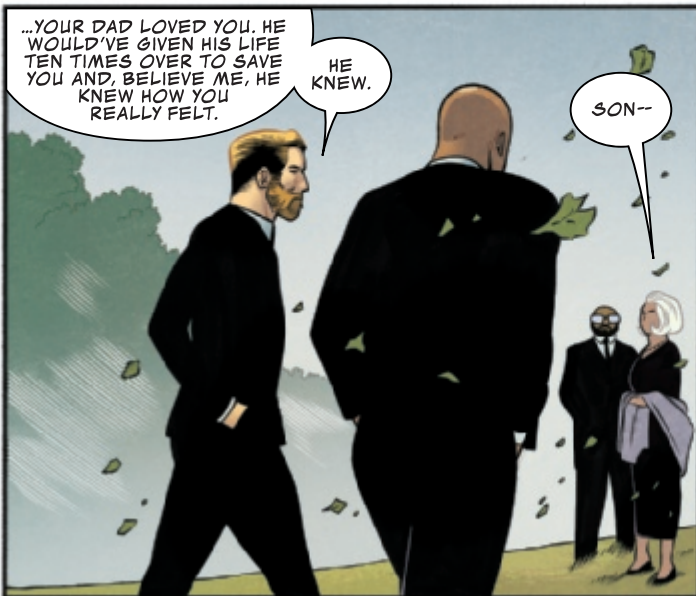


LOOK, NONE OF THAT "I COULDA DONE MORE" CRAP...

...I'M THE ONE WHO WORKED IN THAT BAR. FOR THE **BLACK CAT**. THIS ALL WENT DOWN 'CAUSE I ENDANGERED HIM AND MYSELF.

AND HE DIED... HE DIED THINKING I...

GREG...



...YOUR DAD LOVED YOU. HE WOULD'VE GIVEN HIS LIFE TEN TIMES OVER TO SAVE YOU AND, BELIEVE ME, HE KNEW HOW YOU REALLY FELT.

HE KNEW.

SON--



--IS THIS... THE MAN WHO HELPED SAVE YOU? EDMUND'S FRIEND...

...PETER. I'M SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, MS....