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GROOT, EVERYONE'S FAVORITE TALKING TREE-THING, WAS HOPING TO TAKE AN INTERGALACTIC ROADTRIP TO EARTH WITH HIS BEST PAL AND FELLOW GUARDIAN OF THE GALAXY, ROCKET RACCOON.

BUT A DANGEROUS BOUNTY HUNTER NAMED ERIS DERAILED THEIR PLANS, HOPING TO CLAIM A SIZEABLE BOUNTY ON GROOT'S HEAD! SHE HAD TO SETTLE FOR CAPTURING ROCKET, AND IS NOW USING HIM AS BAIT TO LURE GROOT INTO HER CLUTCHES!

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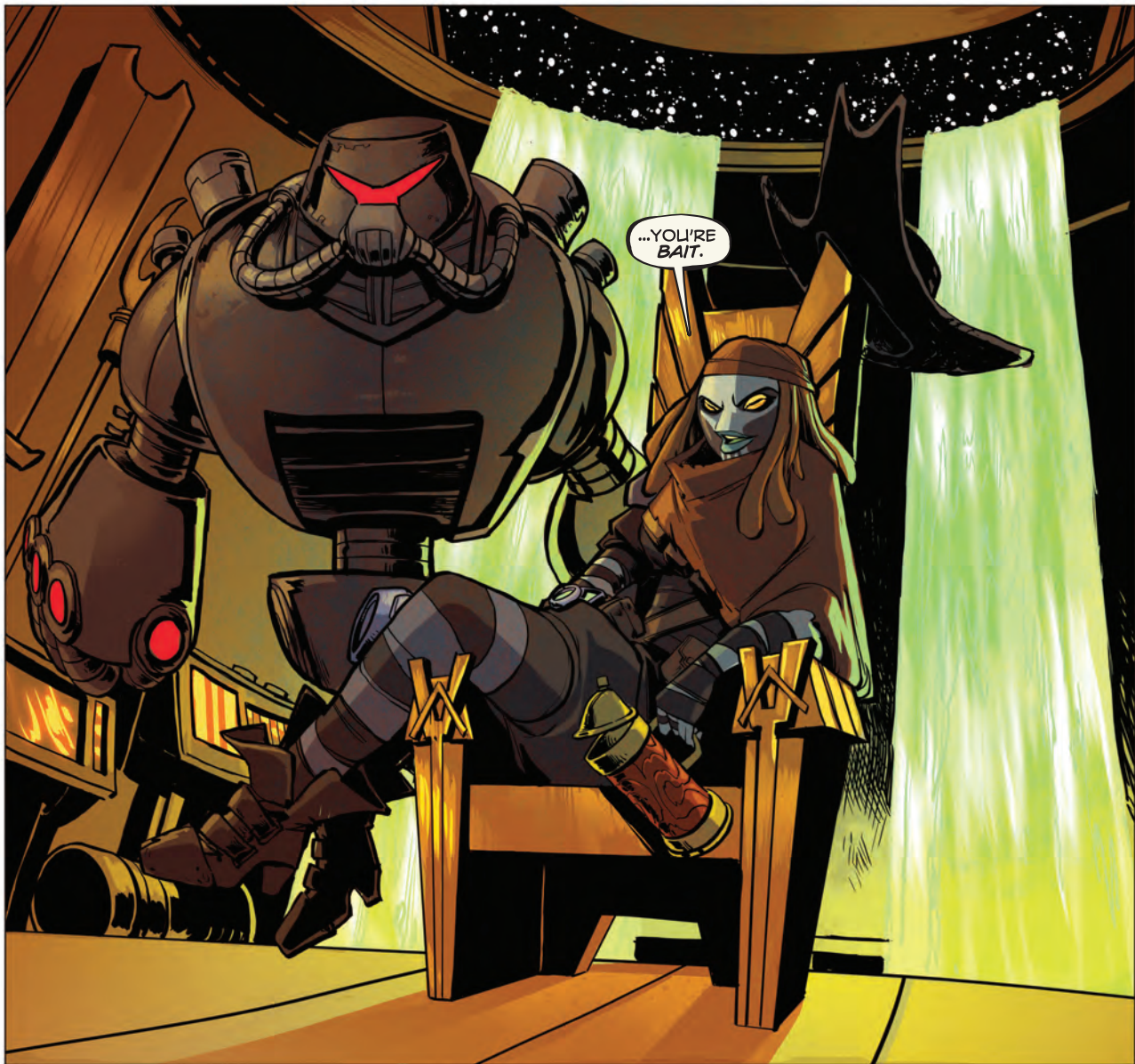
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...YOU'RE
BAIT.



BAIT?

RACCOON, WE'RE BOTH
VERY GOOD AT WHAT WE
DO. LET'S NOT PRETEND
OTHERWISE. WHY
WOULD I WASTE
TIME, MANPOWER,
WEAPONS AND FUEL
TRACKING YOUR
PAL DOWN...



...WHEN YOU'RE
ALREADY BRINGING
HIM HERE?

BLOOP
BLOOP!



YOU'RE PRETTY LAZY FOR A SLIPER VILLAIN.

NOT LAZY. JUST SMART.



I LEARNED THE BEST WAY TO LIVE A LONG TIME AGO:

GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO WAIT.

BETTER THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO TAKE.



AND THE BEST THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO KNOW HOW TO DO BOTH.



AND WHO SAID I WAS A SLIPER VILLAIN?

...THIS IS WAY LESS EMBARRASSING IF YOU'RE A SLIPER VILLAIN.

WHY? MOST OF THEM ARE IDIOTS-- ALWAYS TRYING TO TAKE OVER THE UNIVERSE OR EAT THE SUN OR SOMETHING.

SEEMS EXHAUSTING. I'VE GOT BETTER THINGS TO DO.



SPEAKING OF... WHERE IS YOUR PAL?

THOUGHT HE'D BE HERE BY NOW...

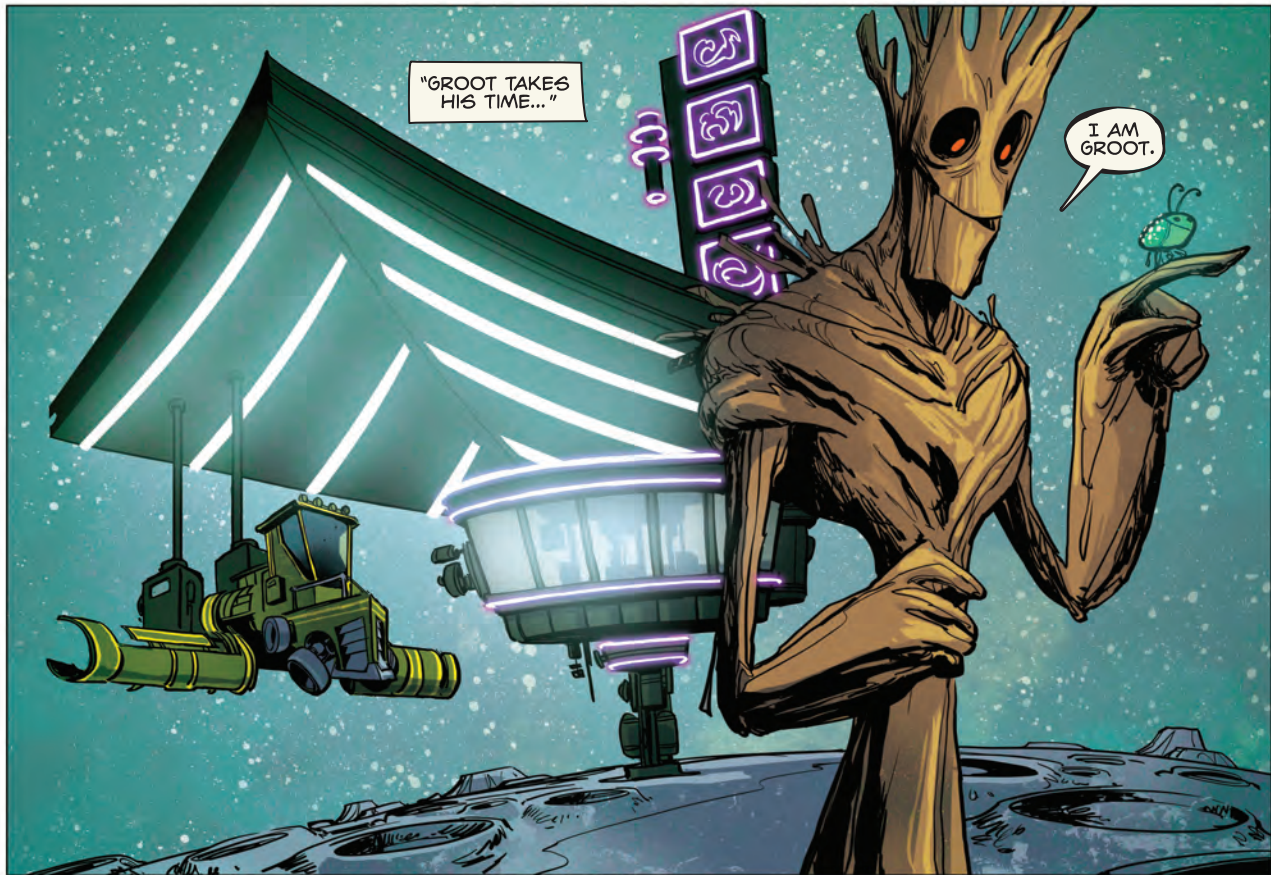
HEY, DON'T TOUCH MY SOLAR GRENADE! OR THAT! OR THAT!



SO... WHERE IS HE?

HE'S COMING! GROOT... JUST...

WHAT?



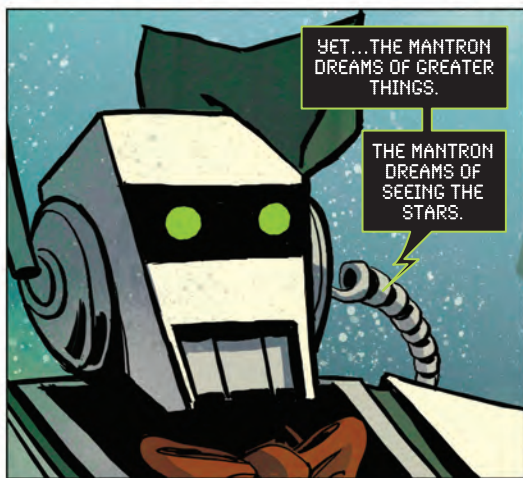
"GROOT TAKES HIS TIME..."

I AM GROOT.



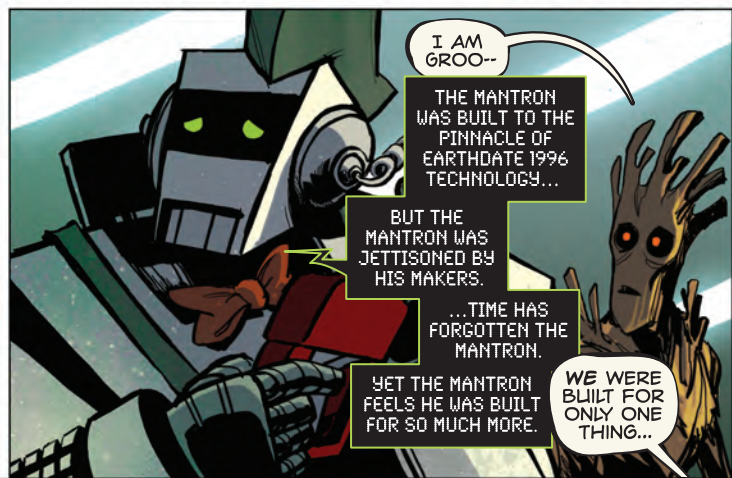
MAY THE MANTRON PUMP YOUR FUEL?

...IT IS THE MANTRON'S SOLE FUNCTION.



YET... THE MANTRON DREAMS OF GREATER THINGS.

THE MANTRON DREAMS OF SEEING THE STARS.



I AM GROO--

THE MANTRON WAS BUILT TO THE PINNACLE OF EARTHDATE 1996 TECHNOLOGY...

BUT THE MANTRON WAS JETTISONED BY HIS MAKERS.

...TIME HAS FORGOTTEN THE MANTRON.

YET THE MANTRON FEELS HE WAS BUILT FOR SO MUCH MORE.

WE WERE BUILT FOR ONLY ONE THING...