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NO CHALLENGE IS TOO GREAT FOR FORMER AIR FORCE PILOT TURNED SUPER HERO CAROL DANVERS. SHE'S COME A LONG WAY SINCE AN INCIDENT WITH ALIEN TECHNOLOGY LEFT HER WITH AMAZING POWERS. PART-KREE, PART-HUMAN, CAPTAIN MARVEL IS THE MOST POPULAR SUPER HERO ON EARTH, AND FROM THE ALPHA FLIGHT SPACE STATION MILES ABOVE THE PLANET, SHE AND HER CREW DEFEND THE WORLD FROM INTERGALACTIC THREATS.

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RECENTLY CAROL DANVERS LEARNED THAT A FLEET OF CHITAUURI WAS ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH EARTH, CAUSING HER TO SUPPORT STEVE ROGERS, A.K.A. CAPTAIN AMERICA, IN CONSTRUCTING A PLANETARY DEFENSE SHIELD.

UNBEKNOWNST TO CAROL, ROGERS WAS ACTUALLY A HYDRA SLEEPER AGENT, AND ERECTING THE SHIELD WAS PART OF HIS PLAN TO MAROON EARTH'S STRONGEST HEROES OFF-WORLD SO HYDRA COULD TAKE OVER.

WITH THE CHITAUURI HORDE ATTACKING THE SPACE STATION, CAROL AND THE OTHER HEROES CAUGHT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SHIELD—INCLUDING THE GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY, HYPERION, AND THE ULTIMATES—HAVE DONE EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO HOLD THEM OFF. IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE EVEN THEIR BEST EFFORTS WILL NOT BE ENOUGH...

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SPECTRUM, WATCH YOUR SIX! HYPERION, PICK 'EM OFF! AMERICA, YOU GOT TWO MORE BUGS ON APPROACH--

IN EARTH'S ORBIT.

ONLY TWO?

PERHAPS SHE MEANT 22.

LIKE THESE LAST 22 TIMES YOU GOT YOUR BUTT HANDED TO YOU--?!

OH YEAH. THIS TIME WE'RE DEFINITELY THE CAVALRY!

HEY, I THOUGHT WE WERE THE CAVALRY--

YOU TWO? NAH, YOU'RE LIKE THE CALVES, PUCK.

★ QUILL'S RIGHT. IF NOT FOR THE GUARDIANS AND THE ULTIMATES, ALPHA FLIGHT WOULD HAVE FALLEN OUT OF THE SKY WEEKS AGO.

PEW!

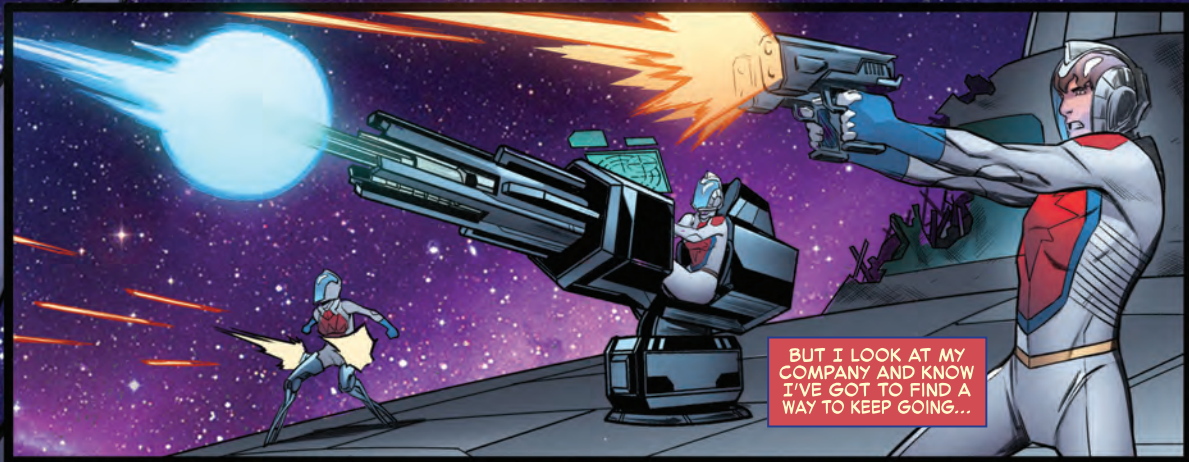
PEW!

PEW!

AS LONG AS ROGERS KEEPS THE PLANETARY DEFENSE SHIELD UP, WE'RE TRAPPED OUTSIDE THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE...

...RIGHT BETWEEN THE CHITAUARI AND THEIR CHITAUARI-BAIT OF A QUEEN, SOMEWHERE DOWN ON EARTH. NOT EXACTLY WHERE YOU WANT TO HANG OUT...

NOT UNLESS YOU'VE GOT A THING FOR LITERAL LOSING BATTLES.



BUT I LOOK AT MY COMPANY AND KNOW I'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO KEEP GOING...



THAT'S IT. I'M CALLING IT. SO MUCH FOR D-DAY, THIS IS C-DAY.

THE DAY THE CAROL CORPS MAKES ITS FINAL PUSH...

...BECAUSE THAT SHIELD MUST COME DOWN.



LATER,
ON THE
AFSS
DECK

YOU BROUGHT
WHAT ON MY SHIP,
ROCKET?! WHEN
WERE YOU GONNA
TELL ME?

C'MON,
QUILL! IT'S
NOT THAT BIG
A DEAL.

I AM
GROOT.

NOW
DON'T YOU
START. WE'RE ALL
ALIVE SO IT'S
FINE...

GOOD
WORK OUT
THERE,
EVERYONE.

WAS
IT?

IT'S
GETTING
HARD TO
TELL.

HEY,
TAKE
THE WIN. I
ALWAYS
DO.

IT IS A WIN. AT
LEAST, IT *WILL* BE. THE
CHITAUURI ARE GETTING
DESPERATE. IF WE STAY
THE COURSE, WE'LL
PUSH THEM OFF
FOR GOOD.

WHAT
COURSE,
CAPTAIN?

SHE'S GOT A
POINT. HOW DO
WE *KNOW* WE'LL
PUSH THEM OFF
FOR GOOD?

MAYBE IT'S
TIME TO START
CONSIDERING...
OTHER
OPTIONS.

OUR MISSION IS TO PROTECT
THE EARTH, MONICA. WE'RE
NOT GIVING UP ON THAT.

AGREED,
CAPTAIN. BUT WHAT IF
WE CAN'T DEFEAT THE
CHITAUURI? WHAT IF WE CAN'T
PENETRATE THE SHIELD? WE
NEED TIME TO REGROUP,
GATHER OUR
STRENGTH.

WE DON'T
HAVE THAT
KIND OF TIME.
NEITHER DOES
EARTH.

I'M NOT
SAYING IT WOULD
BE FOREVER, BUT I
THINK WE SHOULD BE
SERIOUSLY EXPLORING
THE IDEA OF
ESTABLISHING
A COLONY...

A
COLONY?!

WHAT ABOUT
EVERYONE BACK
AT HOME? HOW DOES
US RUNNING AWAY TO
PLAY HOUSE ON SOME
NEW PLANET HELP
THEM?!

HOPPER, CHILL. I DIDN'T MEAN...



WHAT DID YOU MEAN?

JUST THAT WE SHOULD BE REALISTIC...

AND FORGET ABOUT WHATEVER CAPTAIN HYDRA'S DOING DOWN THERE? YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE ANYONE THAT YOU CARE ABOUT THERE, BUT SOME OF US DO...

COME ON, HOP--

NO. YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE HEROES. I'M JUST SUPPOSED TO BE THE NERD IN THE LAB.

I DON'T KNOW HOW THIS WHOLE THING GOT SO MESSED UP. I JUST KNOW HOW HEROES ACT, AND THEY DON'T RUN!



HOP, NOBODY'S EVEN SETTLED ON A PLAN...

THE WORLD COUNTS ON YOU PEOPLE. YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SAVE US. YOU SHOULD ALL BE ASHAMED!



THAT'S ENOUGH!



SORRY... I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT CAME OVER ME... EXCUSE ME...

MONICA, AMERICA. WITH ME, PLEASE.



I AM GROOT.

YOU SAID IT, GROOT. AND I THOUGHT OUR CREW WAS DYSFUNCTIONAL.