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GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY



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Star-Lord, Groot, Phyla-Vell, Moondragon, Beta Ray Bill and Gamora...they are the first and last line of defense in the cosmos...whether they like it or not.

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PREVIOUSLY ...

The Universal Church of Truth is back--and with engines powered by life force rather than faith, it's deadlier than ever, as proven when its leader, the Patriarch, decimated the Nova Corps in one fell swoop!

Receiving a distress call from his father, J'Son, who was investigating the attack, Star-Lord led the Guardians on a rescue mission--and straight into a trap as the Patriarch was revealed to be J'Son!

With the rest of the Guardians subsumed under the Patriarch's control, only Moondragon and Groot were able to escape. Together they sought the help of the only other remaining Guardian...the dying Rocket Raccoon.

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ROCKET.
I NEED YOU TO SHOW ME WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU.

GET OUTTA MY HEAD, HEATHER.

I DON'T OWE YOU NOTHIN'.



I'M AFRAID YOU DO.
I KNOW HOW HARD THIS MUST BE FOR YOU, BUT--

YOU DON'T KNOW NOTHIN' ABOUT HARD! NOW GET OUTTA MY--



THAT IS ENOUGH!
OUR FRIENDS, YOUR FRIENDS, ARE IN DANGER. I NEED TO KNOW IF YOU CAN DO THIS.

STOP BEING A COWARD AND SHOW US--



FINE!

YOU WANNA SEE IT?!

YOU WANNA SEE HURT?!

HALFWORLD.
A LONG TIME AGO...

I'LL
SHOW YOU
HURT.



I WAS BORN
ON HALFWORLD.

A GALACTIC INSANE ASYLUM
BUILT BY SOME KINDA
SCIENTISTS WHO THOUGHT A
PLANET FULL 'A CRAZIES
WAS A GOOD IDEA.



I WAS BRED TO BE
A...A KIND OF SERVICE
ANIMAL, I GUESS.

SOMETHING SOFT
TO HELP CALM THE
PATIENTS DOWN.

MY GUY...MY PATIENT.
HIS NAME WAS *KHEVIX*.
A WAR VET WITH A MOUTH
LIKE A SAILOR AND
SOME...BAD DREAMS.

HE LIKED ME TO SIT IN
HIS LAP WHILE WE
WATCHED THESE DUMB
OLD WAR MOVIES.



HE WAS...



...HE WAS
GOOD TO ME.

HE WAS THE
LAST ONE WHO
EVER WAS.

AGHHH!!!



THE SCIENTISTS WHO
FOUNDED THIS PLACE
ALL LEFT THE PLANET
WHEN IT GOT TOO ROUGH
FOR 'EM, I GUESS.

THEY PUT THE CARE OF THE
PATIENTS INTO THE HANDS
OF THE ROBOTIC STAFF.



AND THEY...THE @\$%
ROBOTS GAVE THE JOB
TO **US** WHEN THEY
COULDN'T HANDLE THE
MENTAL PATIENTS, EITHER...



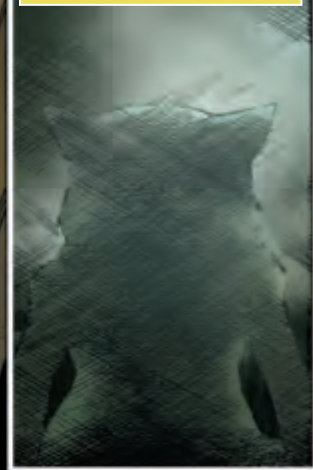
AS FAR AS THE
ACTUAL PROCESS...
WHAT THEY DID TO ME...



THEY ALTERED MY
DNA SOMEHOW.
EVOLVED ME INTO...
SOMETHING.

I ALWAYS SUSPECTED
IT WAS MAYBE LIKE
HOW THE KREE MADE THE
INHUMANS OR SUMTHIN'...

...I'LL
NEVER
KNOW.



BUT THE
TRUTH IS...

THE TRUTH IS
IT DON'T REALLY
MATTER.

I DON'T LOOK
BACK. AND I...

...I DON'T
MISS BEING
SOFT.

