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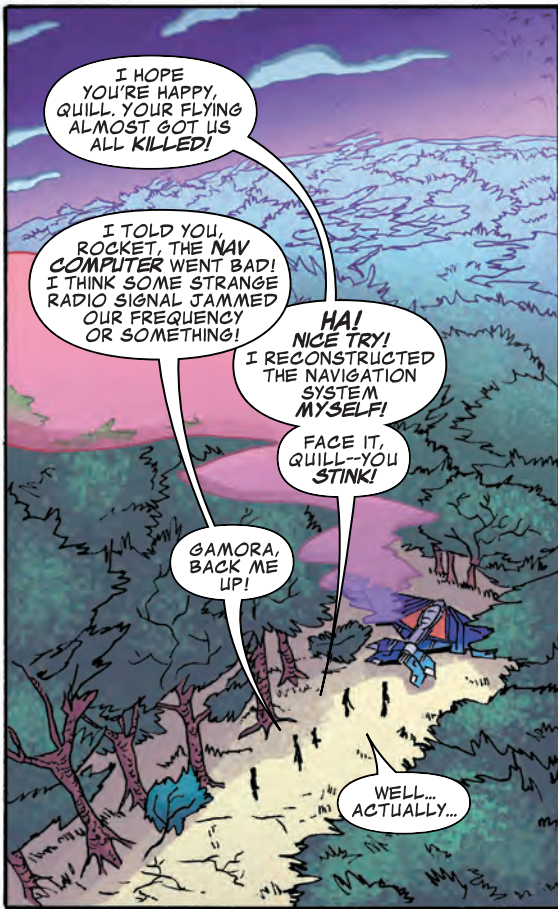
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I HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY, QUILL. YOUR FLYING ALMOST GOT US ALL KILLED!

I TOLD YOU, ROCKET. THE NAV COMPUTER WENT BAD! I THINK SOME STRANGE RADIO SIGNAL JAMMED OUR FREQUENCY OR SOMETHING!

HA! NICE TRY! I RECONSTRUCTED THE NAVIGATION SYSTEM MYSELF!

FACE IT, QUILL--YOU STINK!

GAMORA, BACK ME UP!

WELL... ACTUALLY...



I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS! AFTER ALL WE'VE BEEN THROUGH TOGETHER!

WHEN WE GET OUT OF HERE, I'M DONE WITH YOU MISFITS.

YOU MEAN IF WE GET OUT OF HERE. YOUR LACK OF PILOTING SKILLS TOOK OUT OUR THRUSTERS. WITHOUT A NEW BOOSTER CLAMP, WE'RE STUCK HERE.



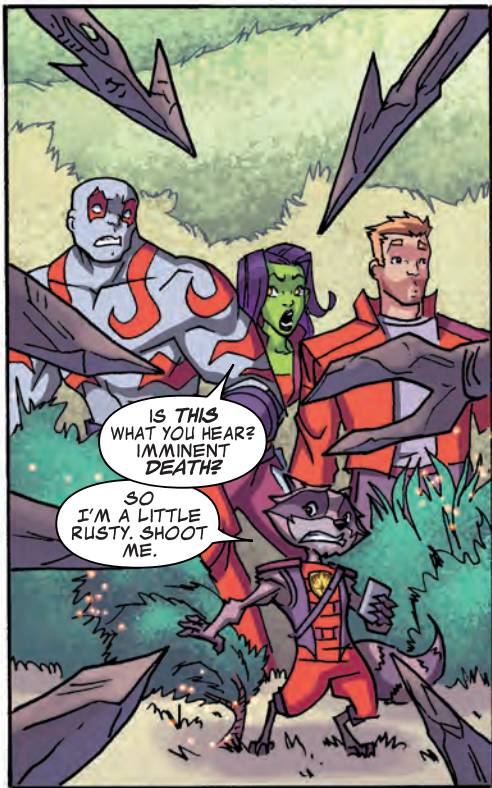
AND IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THERE'S ANY TECHNOLOGY ON THIS PLANET. I'M NOT SEEING JACK SQUAT!

YOU SAID WE NEEDED A BOOSTER CLAMP. WHO IS THIS "JACK SQUAT"?

I AM GROOT.

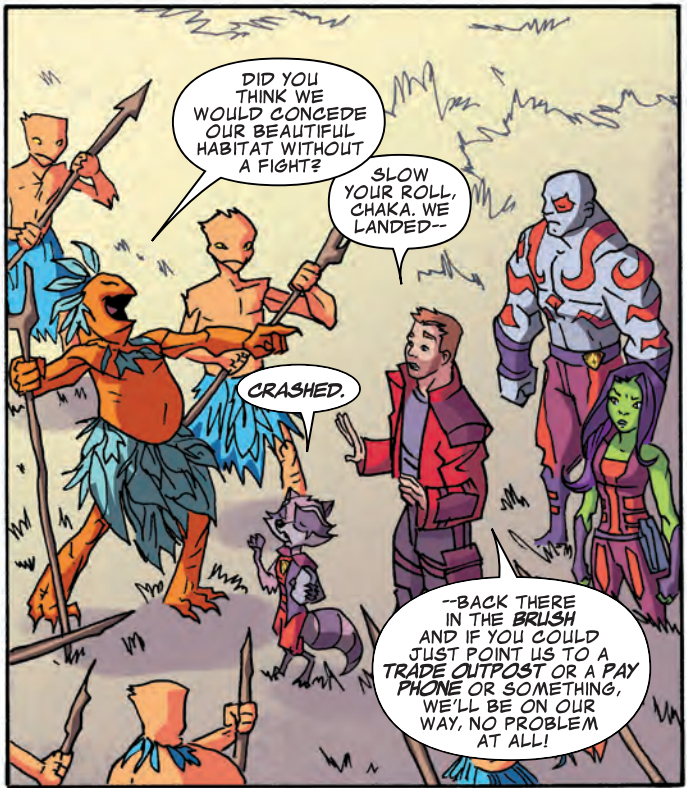


HOLD ON. I THINK I HEAR SOMETHING OVER THIS WAY.



IS THIS WHAT YOU HEAR? IMMINENT DEATH?

SO I'M A LITTLE RUSTY. SHOOT ME.

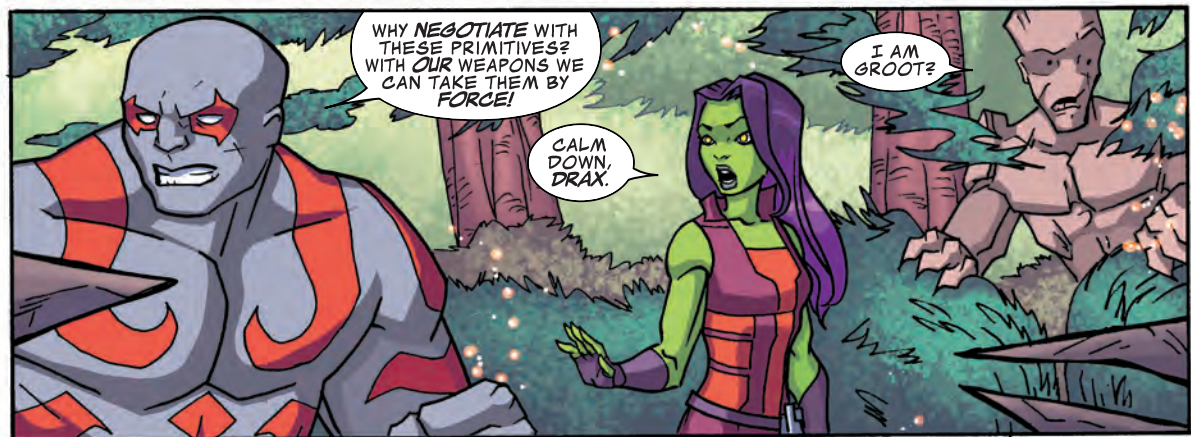


DID YOU THINK WE WOULD CONCEDE OUR BEAUTIFUL HABITAT WITHOUT A FIGHT?

SLOW YOUR ROLL, CHAKA. WE LANDED--

CRASHED.

--BACK THERE IN THE BRUSH AND IF YOU COULD JUST POINT US TO A TRADE OUTPOST OR A PAY PHONE OR SOMETHING, WE'LL BE ON OUR WAY, NO PROBLEM AT ALL!



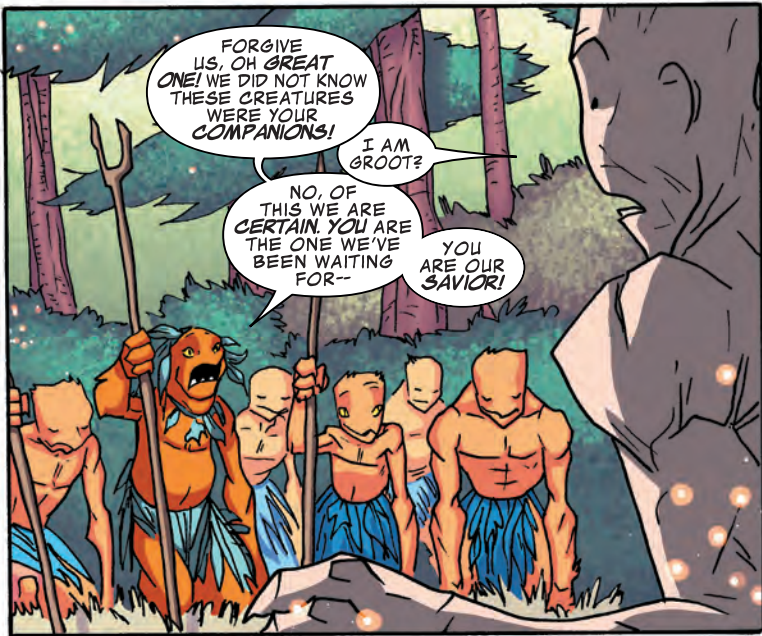
WHY NEGOTIATE WITH THESE PRIMITIVE?? WITH OUR WEAPONS WE CAN TAKE THEM BY FORCE!

CALM DOWN, DRAX.

I AM GROOT?



BY THE ANCIENT SCROLLS! IT IS HE!

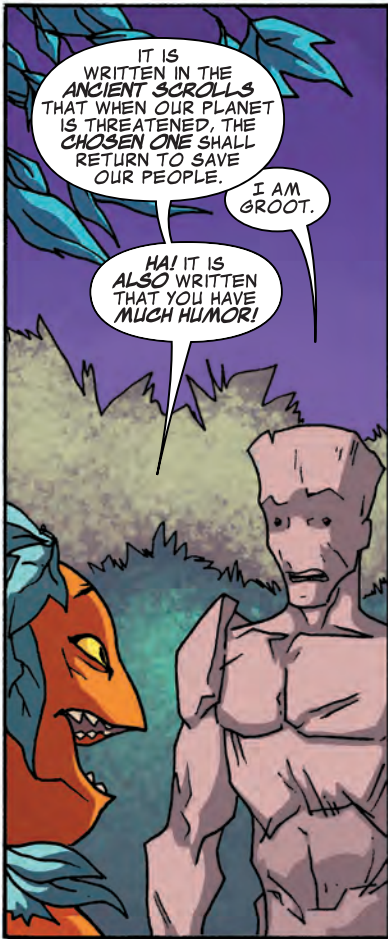


FORGIVE US, OH GREAT ONE! WE DID NOT KNOW THESE CREATURES WERE YOUR COMPANIONS!

I AM GROOT?

NO, OF THIS WE ARE CERTAIN YOU ARE THE ONE WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR--

YOU ARE OUR SAVIOR!



IT IS WRITTEN IN THE ANCIENT SCROLLS THAT WHEN OUR PLANET IS THREATENED, THE CHOSEN ONE SHALL RETURN TO SAVE OUR PEOPLE.

I AM GROOT.

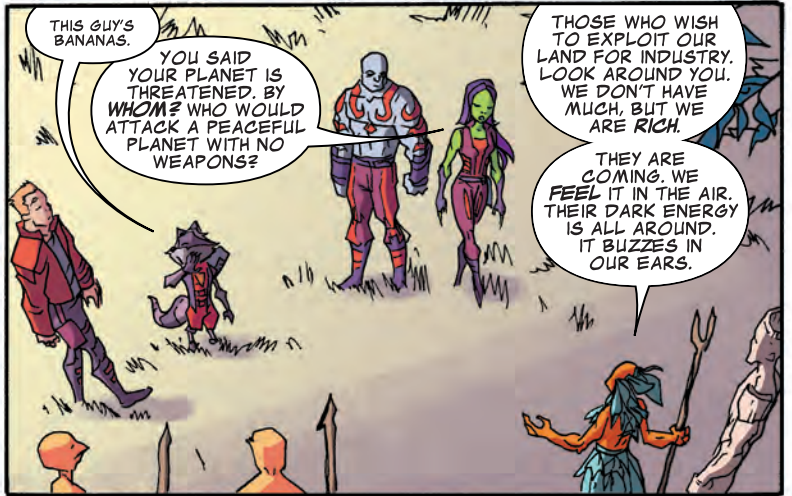
HA! IT IS ALSO WRITTEN THAT YOU HAVE MUCH HUMOR!



YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT HE'S SAYING?

BUT OF COURSE! HE SPEAKS THE ANCIENT LANGUAGE OF THE TREES, CARRIED BY THE WINDS ACROSS THE LAKES TO THE TOP OF THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN!

I DO NOT HEAR ANYTHING.



THIS GUY'S BANANAS.

YOU SAID YOUR PLANET IS THREATENED. BY WHOM? WHO WOULD ATTACK A PEACEFUL PLANET WITH NO WEAPONS?

THOSE WHO WISH TO EXPLOIT OUR LAND FOR INDUSTRY. LOOK AROUND YOU. WE DON'T HAVE MUCH, BUT WE ARE RICH.

THEY ARE COMING. WE FEEL IT IN THE AIR. THEIR DARK ENERGY IS ALL AROUND. IT BUZZES IN OUR EARS.

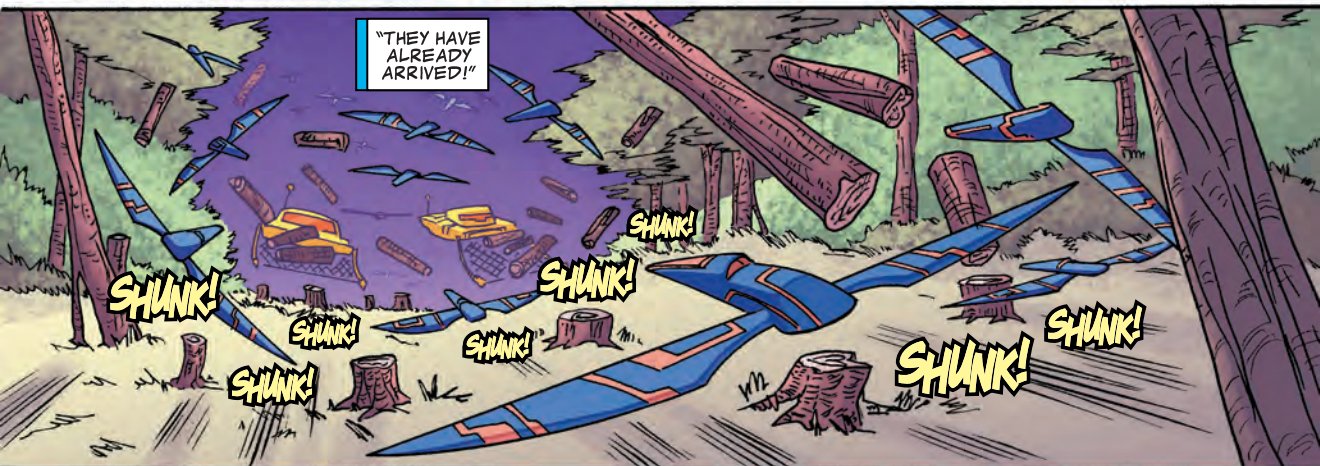


RADIO TRANSMISSIONS!

YOU WISH.

WHEN WILL THEY GET HERE?

VRRRRRRRRRR



"THEY HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED!"

SHUNK!

SHUNK!

SHUNK!

SHUNK!

SHUNK!

SHUNK!

SHUNK!

SHUNK!