



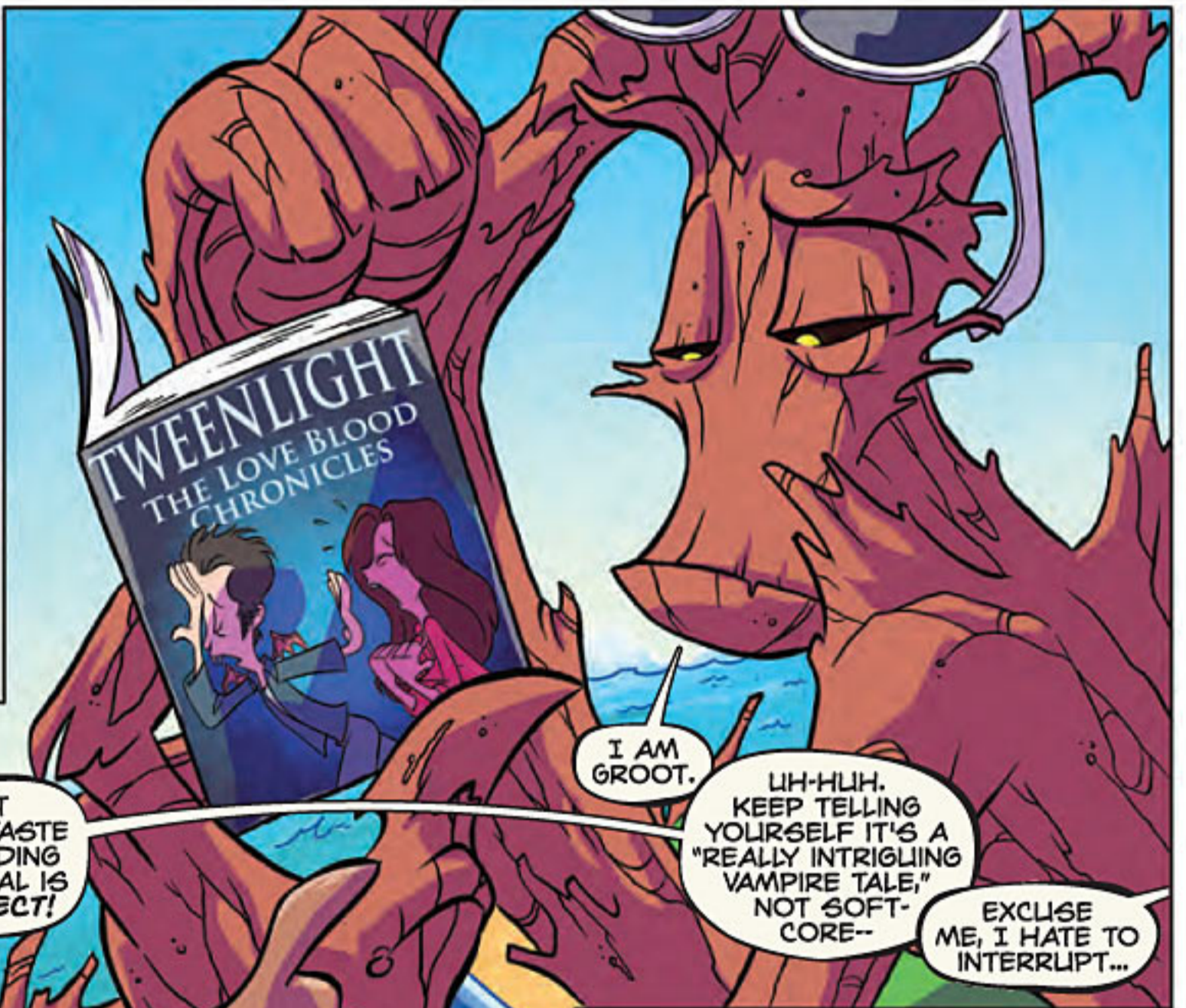
IT FEELS SO GOOD TO FINALLY HAVE A DAY OFF.

I AM GROOT.



I WILL NOT DISAGREE WITH THAT, MY FRIEND.

YOU DO HAVE FINE TASTE IN FRUITY ADULT BEVERAGES.



I AM GROOT.

UH-HUH. KEEP TELLING YOURSELF IT'S A "REALLY INTRIGLING VAMPIRE TALE," NOT SOFT-CORE--

EXCUSE ME, I HATE TO INTERRUPT...



BUT YOUR TASTE IN READING MATERIAL IS SUSPECT!



WHAT THE--?





ARE YOU SEEING THIS? ARE WE GETTING DOC HOLLYWOODED RIGHT NOW?

I AM GROOT.



I DO NOT KNOW THIS HOLLYWOODING OF THE DOC, BUT IF IT INVOLVES MY BLADE AND YOUR GUTS, THEN YES, YOU ARE IN DANGER OF GETTING THAT.



BEFORE YOU GET ALL THREATY McTHREATERTON, WHO ARE YOU AND...

...HOW IN THE NAME OF #&@% DID YOU GET HERE?



APOLOGIES. I AM GUNHILD, OF THE ELMHOLD CLAN.



AS TO HOW I CAME TO BE HERE...



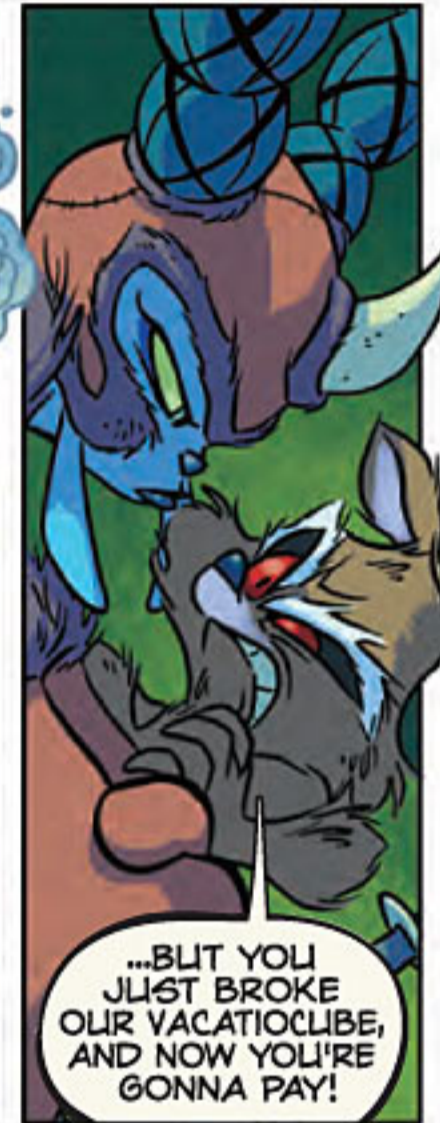


WHUMP!



GRIMPILDA, I HATE TO BE THE BEARER OF BAD NEWS...

BZZRT!



...BUT YOU JUST BROKE OUR VACATIONCLIBE, AND NOW YOU'RE GONNA PAY!



I AM GLINHILD, OF THE ELMHOLD CLAN, AND YOU WILL DO AS I SAY.

I WOULD THINK YOUR FLURRY CREATURE EARS ARE BIG ENOUGH TO HEAR THAT.

SURE, YEAH. GLINHILD. GREAT NAME. VERY... SOMETHING.





I AM GROOT?

NO, I DIDN'T LOCK THE DOOR! WE'RE IN SPACE...



...I WASN'T REALLY EXPECTING A B&E OR ROBBERY WHILE WE WERE GETTING OUR FAKATION ON.

GENERAL, WE FOUND THE BARDONX.



IT IS NOT I WHO IS THE ROBBER HERE. I HAVE SIMPLY BEEN TASKED WITH RETRIEVING AN ITEM YOU STOLE FROM MY PEOPLE.



THAT OLD BOX? I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THAT IS! I WON IT IN A CARD GAME LAST MONTH ON KNOWHERE.

YOU SAY IT'S YOURS, TAKE IT. NO HARM, NO FOUL.



WHAT'S IN THE BOX IS NOT IMPORTANT TO YOUR PLOT...

THE SECOND PART OF MY TASK, HOWEVER, IS OF GRAVE IMPORTANCE.