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# GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY

**ROCKET**

**GROOT**

**DRAX THE  
DESTROYER**

**GAMORA**

**PETER  
QUILL, A.K.A.  
STAR-  
LORD**

**PREVIOUSLY:**

The Guardians came into possession of a mysterious Spartaxan cube that holds a map to an object of immense power called the Cosmic Seed. Half Spartaxan, Star-Lord is the only one able to access the map. Now the Guardians must find the Seed before Thanos does.

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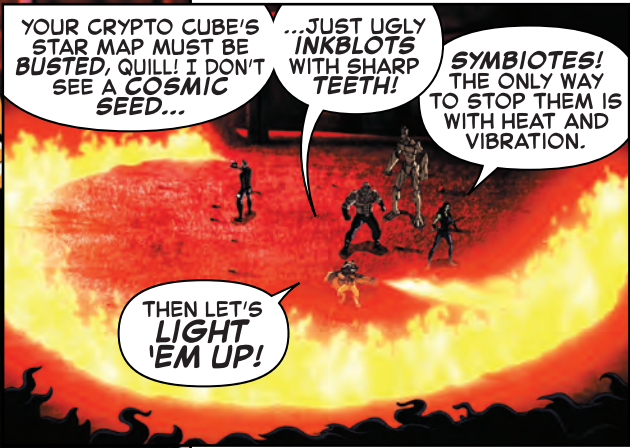
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YOUR CRYPTO CUBE'S STAR MAP MUST BE BUSTED, QUILL! I DON'T SEE A COSMIC SEED...

...JUST UGLY INKBLOTS WITH SHARP TEETH!

SYMBIOTES! THE ONLY WAY TO STOP THEM IS WITH HEAT AND VIBRATION.

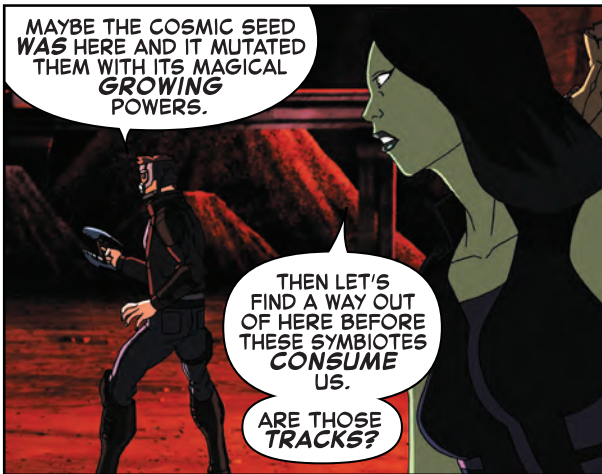
THEN LET'S LIGHT 'EM UP!



THE FIRE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE WORKING-- IT'S ONLY MAKING THEM MADDER!

THEY'RE ADAPTING.

I'VE NEVER KNOWN THEM TO BE THIS SMART.



MAYBE THE COSMIC SEED WAS HERE AND IT MUTATED THEM WITH ITS MAGICAL GROWING POWERS.

THEN LET'S FIND A WAY OUT OF HERE BEFORE THESE SYMBIOTES CONSUME US.

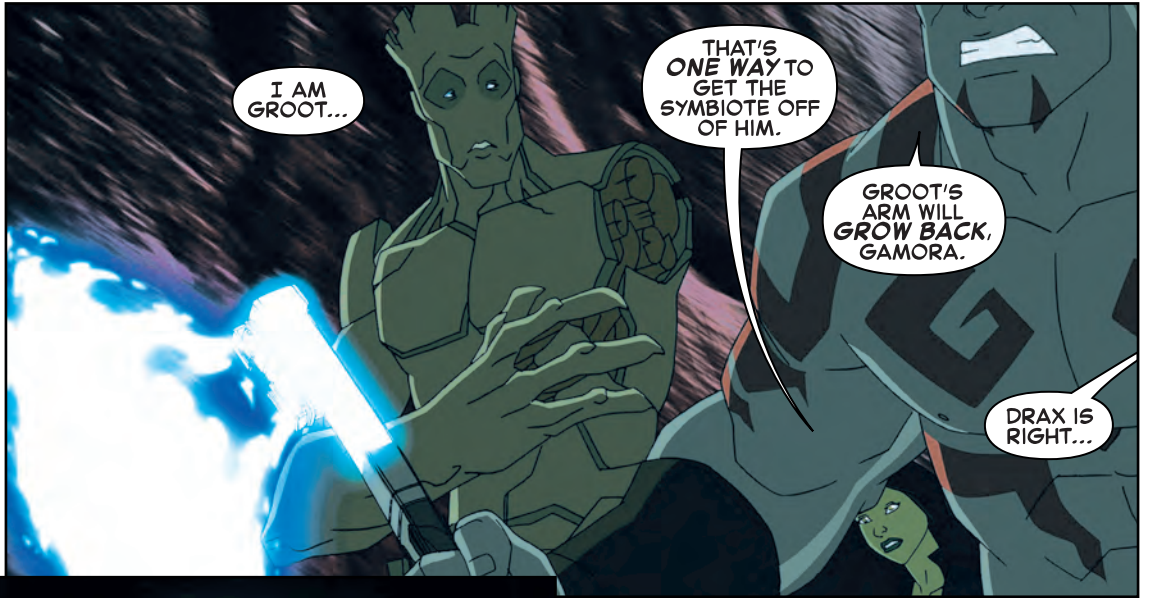
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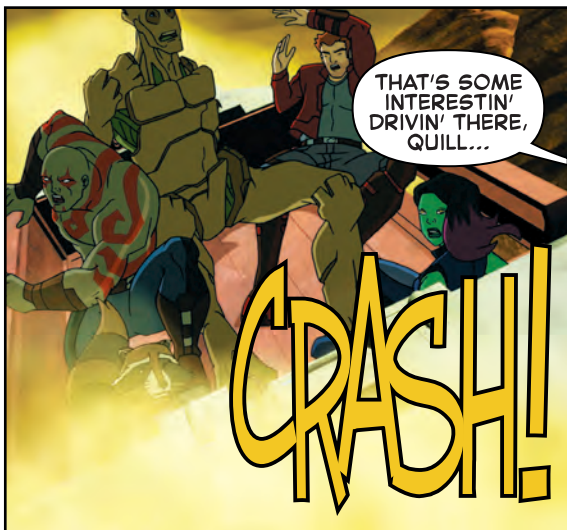


YES! AND A MINE CART! ALL ABOARD!



SKREEET!





THAT'S SOME INTERESTIN' DRIVIN' THERE, QUILL...

**CRASH!**



...I TAUGHT YOU BETTER THAN THAT.

**YONDU!**



THIS ISN'T A GOOD TIME FOR A FAMILY REUNION.

THEN LET'S MAKE THIS AS QUICK AS POSSIBLE...



HAND OVER THE CUBE SO I CAN GIVE IT TO KORATH AND GET PAID.



YOU KNOW THE **CRYPTO CUBE** IS USELESS IN ANYONE'S HANDS BUT MINE!

THEN I'LL TAKE YOUR HANDS, TOO. I AIN'T PARTICULAR.



**SKREE!**

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WHAT IN BLAZES ARE THOSE?

THOSE ARE **SYMBIOTES**.



NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO MAKE A RUN FOR IT.

NO! WE HAVE TO **PROTECT** YONDU AND HIS RAVAGERS!

HUH?!

IF THE SYMBIOTES BOND WITH THEM, THE RAVAGERS WILL HAVE **SUPER-STRENGTH, SHAPE-SHIFTING POWERS, AND UNCONTROLLABLE RAGE.**



NEW PLAN-- PROTECT THE RAVAGERS!

I FORGOT ALL ABOUT MY STORAGE-DIMENSION VIAL! WE MAY NOT HAVE TO **DEFEAT** THEM IF I CAN **VACUUM** THEM UP!

DO IT!



**ZZAM!**

IT'S WORKING!



I AM GROOT?



YOU'RE **RIGHT, GROOT,** THAT **IS** YOUR ARM ON THAT SYMBIOTE!

**ZZAM!**



AND **THAT'S** WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU WHEN YOU **STEAL** MY BEST BUDDY'S BRANCHES!

THAT'S ALL OF 'EM! LET'S GO!