

GUARDIANS 3000



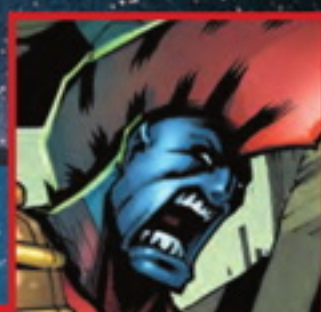
**GEENA
DRAKE**

Human. Ability to sense time structure.



CHARLIE-27

Genetically engineered human from Jupiter. Super-strength, speed and stamina.



**YONDU
UDONTA**

Alien from Alpha Centauri. Skilled marksman and weapons master.

It is 3014 AD. The civilizations of the galaxy are being decimated by the Brotherhood of the Badoon, a reptilian species hungry for power and control. Opposing the Brotherhood is a valiant resistance movement led by the Guardians of the Galaxy.

In an attempt to recruit allies to their cause, the Guardians called a peace summit at the Hideaway Parliament, a secret location hidden from the universe inside dimensional foldspace. The Guardians brought a warning-- the Badoon are not the primary threat. Something is wrong with time itself. The timestream is collapsing, forcing them to fight the war again and again.

The Guardians' newest recruit is Geena Drake, a young Earth girl who they rescued from a Badoon labor camp. For reasons no one can explain, Geena has a natural sensitivity to the disruption of time.

But the summit has been devastated in an attack orchestrated by The Stark, a mysterious techno-organic species that also refers to itself as "A-Sentience." The Guardians attempted to flee to protect Geena.

Stark assault craft pursued their starship, "The Captain America," and disintegrated it...

GAS GIANT EBRON SIX, VICINITY OF ERIDANUS. 3014 A.D.

WAKE UP.

HABITAT CAPSULE,
UPPER ATMOSPHERE
BAND, EBRON SIX.

WAKE UP.

WAKE UP,
RAEL RIDER.

YOU'RE
SPEAKING
AGAIN.

YES, RAE.

IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE SINCE
YOU SPOKE
TO ME.

ONE-HUNDRED AND FORTY-
THREE DAYS. I HAVE BEEN
CONSERVING ENERGY.

YOU KNOW
HOW LIMITED MY
RESOURCES ARE.

WELL,
IT'S BEEN
LONELY.

I'M SORRY. I HAVE
BEEN CONSERVING
ENERGY TO FOCUS
ON THE PROBLEM.

AND?

A SOLUTION TO THE
EROSION OF TIME STILL
ELUDES ME. THE CAUSE OF
THE EROSION ELUDES ME.

BUT I HAVE IDENTIFIED
A NEW LEAD.

WHAT'S THE DATA?

AN INCIDENT HAS JUST OCCURRED AT THE HIDEAWAY PARLIAMENT.

PEOPLE ARE STILL USING THAT PLACE?

APPARENTLY. SOME TYPE OF PEACE SUMMIT WAS DISRUPTED BY THE BADOON. MANY FATALITIES.

SAME OLD, SAME OLD. FLARK-DAMN BADOON.

MY OBSERVATIONS REVEAL THAT ONE PERSON WHO WAS PRESENT HAS UNUSUAL PROPERTIES.

HER TACHYON PROFILE SHOWS SHE IS TEMPORALLY AWARE.

SHE IS SENSITIVE TO, AND AWARE OF, THE PROGRESSIVE EROSION OF TIME.

SHE WHAT--?

I CANNOT EXPLAIN IT SATISFACTORILY AT THIS TIME, RAELE RIDER.

SHE MAY BE THE SOURCE OF THE PROBLEM, OR THE SOLUTION.

IT IS VITAL THAT SHE IS LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED. AND PROTECTED.

PROTECTED?

THE BADOON ARE AFTER HER. OTHER AGENCIES TOO, PERHAPS.

YOU WANT ME TO--

YES, RAELE.

CAN I REMIND YOU THAT I'M TWO-HUNDRED AND SIX STANDARD YEARS OLD AND I HAVEN'T GONE OPERATIONAL IN A LONG TIME?

I AM WELL AWARE OF THE FACTUAL DATA.

YOU ARE ALSO THE ONLY ONE LEFT.

RAELE?



HOW MUCH CAN YOU GIVE ME?

TWO PERCENT.

TWO?

THAT'S ALL THAT REMAINS OF THE OPTIMUM RESERVE.



WHAT HAVE YOU GOT ON THIS PERSON OF INTEREST?

EARTH-BORN HUMAN FEMALE. HER NAME IS GEENA DRAKE.

YOU'VE GOT A LAST KNOWN LOCATION?

UPLOADING IT TO YOU.



OKAY, OKAY...



...GIVE ME THAT TWO PERCENT, WORLD MIND.

LET'S DO THIS.