

DECADES AGO, THE SUPER VILLAINS UNITED AND COLLECTIVELY WIPED OUT NEARLY ALL SUPER HEROES, LEAVING THE REMAINING WASTELANDS OF THE UNITED STATES A BRUTAL LANDSCAPE NEARLY DEVOID OF HOPE. THESE ARE THE STORIES OF THE FEW WHO REMAIN IN A WORLD WHERE HEROES CAN DIE, VILLAINS CAN WIN, AND THE STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE SITS ALONGSIDE THREATS COSMIC, MAGICAL, AND SUPERNATURAL...

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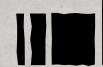
PETER QUILL LIVED A LIFE OF ADVENTURE AS STAR-LORD. ONE OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY. EVENTUALLY, HE LEFT EARTH, AND HIS TEAMMATES, PERMANENTLY TO TAKE HIS FATHER'S PLACE AS EMPEROR OF SPARTAX. HE LED THROUGH PROSPEROUS TIMES, UNTIL GALACTUS AND HIS FOLLOWERS RAVAGED THE PLANET, FOR WHICH QUILL FELT RESPONSIBLE, QUILL SANK INTO A SEVERE DEPRESSION. UNTIL THE GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY APPEARED TO QUILL TO PULL HIM INTO ONE LAST ADVENTURE -- RETURNING TO THE EARTH THAT HAD SINCE BEEN DECIMATED BY SUPER VILLAINS IN HIS ABSENCE. EVENTUALLY REALIZING THE GUARDIANS WERE MANIFESTATIONS OF HIS OWN GUILT, AND THEY TOO WERE DEAD, QUILL DUG DEEP AND OVERCAME HIS SLUMP TO DEFEAT THE LATEST THREAT TO THE EARTH. BUT HE STILL HAS SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS ON THE PLANET HE ONCE CALLED HOME...

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