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THANOS WINS PART 1

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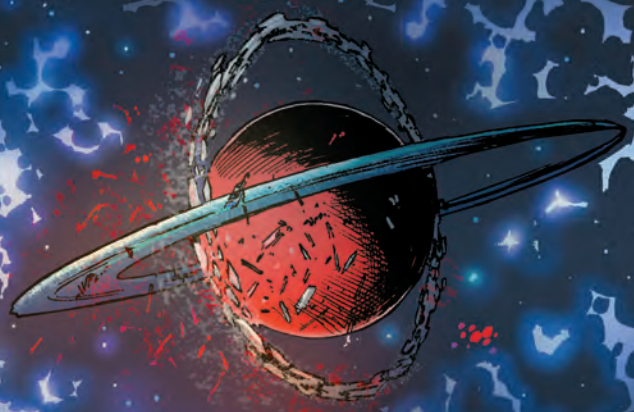


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FOR NOW, HOWEVER, WE FIND OURSELVES ON CHITAUURI PRIME, THE APPROPRIATELY NAMED HOMEWORLD OF THE DESPOTIC CHITAUURI PEOPLE.



PERHAPS YOU HAVE HEARD OF THEM. THEY ARE TERRIFYING.

YOU WOULD KNOW THEM BY THEIR VAST ARMADA OF STOLEN AND REPURPOSED WARSHIPS-- EVERY ONE OF THEM EQUIPPED WITH A FULL COMPLEMENT OF THEIR SENTIENT, DEVOURER-CLASS, BURROWING TORPEDOES.



OR IF NOT THAT, SURELY YOU'VE HEARD TELL OF THE LEVIATHANS; THE CHITAUURI'S SIGNATURE BRAND OF WEAPONIZED, BIOMECHANICALLY ENGINEERED ACANTI-STARSHARK HYBRIDS...



...EACH OF WHICH HOUSES HUNDREDS OF CHITAUURI SOLDIERS PILOTING LIGHTWEIGHT ECLIPSE-DRIVE ATTACK SKIFFS CAPABLE OF OUTMANEUVERING A SHI'AR CORVETTE.



EVERYONE KNOWS THESE THINGS.


BUT THE TRUEST OF THEIR HORRORS LIES BELOW.





DUE TO ITS UNUSUAL AND ERRATIC ORBIT, THE SURFACE OF CHITAURI PRIME IS SEVERAL HUNDRED DEGREES BELOW FREEZING FOR YEARS AT A TIME.

THE CHITAURI DO NOT SEEM TO MIND.



IN FACT, DURING THEIR INFAMOUS GLADIATORIAL CONTESTS, THE BLOOD SPRAY THAT ERUPTS FROM THE VARIOUS ENSLAVED COMBATANTS WILL OFTEN FREEZE IN MIDAIR...



...CREATING SMALL FLURRIES OF BEAUTIFUL RED SNOWFLAKES.

THE TINY BUNDLES OF WAR SNOW, AS THEY CALL IT, ARE COLLECTED AND GIVEN TO THE CHITAUROAN CHILDREN TO EAT...

...A FITTING FIRST STEP ON THEIR PATH TO JOINING AN ANCIENT LINE OF WARRIOR BUTCHERS THAT HAVE CARVED THE UNCONQUERABLE NAME OF CHITAURI PRIME ACROSS THE STARS FOR HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF YEARS.

THANOS HAD ALL BUT FORGOTTEN THE CHITAUARI UNTIL HE HAPPENED UPON THEIR PLANET FIVE HOURS AGO.





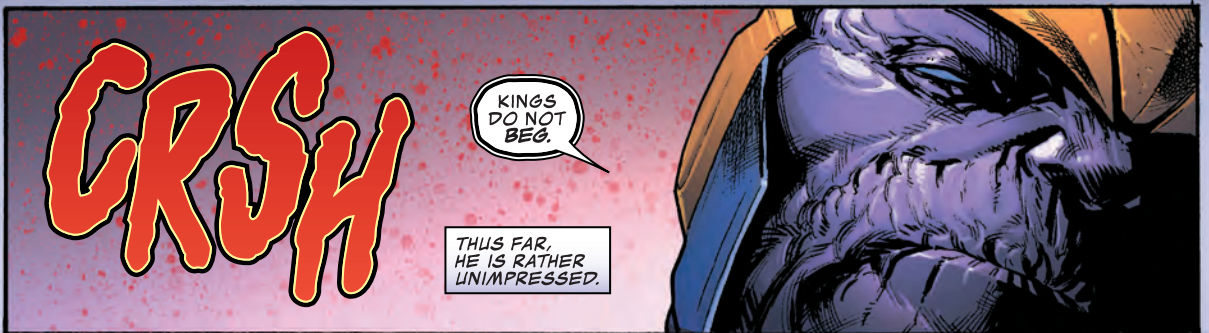
I AM.
I AM THE
KING, LORD
THANOS...



LIAR.



NO...NO,
I SWEAR!
PLEASE, I
CAN GIVE
YOU--



CRSH

KINGS
DO NOT
BEG.

THUS FAR,
HE IS RATHER
UNIMPRESSED.