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ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, ROCKET? I MEAN ABSOLUTELY SURE?



YES, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD! A SMALL PORTION OF EGO'S ESSENCE IS DEFINITELY IN THAT ROCK! MY INSTRUMENTS DON'T LIE!

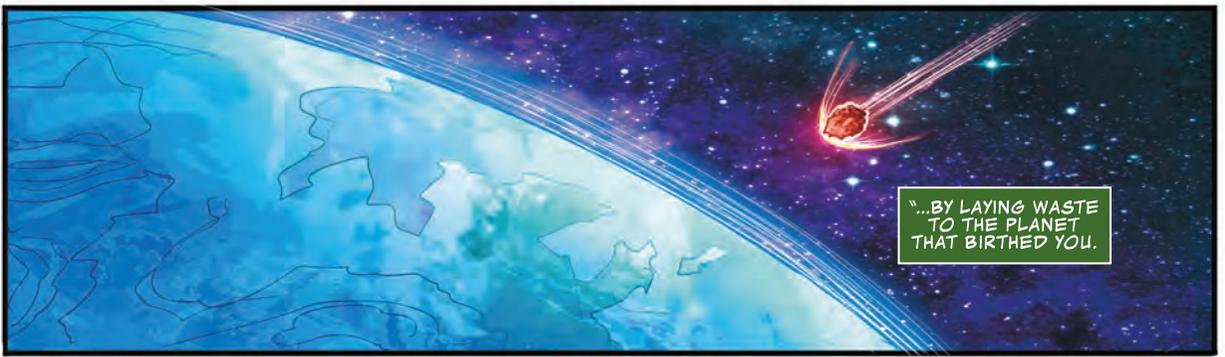
THEY'RE MY INSTRUMENTS.

I IMPROVED THEM AND NOW THEY'RE MINE.



HE IS CORRECT. EGO'S PERSONALITY IS SO POWERFUL, I DON'T EVEN HAVE TO TOUCH HIM TO SENSE IT.

HE IS FILLED WITH FURY AND SEEKS REVENGE ON YOU, PETER. REVENGE...



"...BY LAYING WASTE
TO THE PLANET
THAT BIRTHED YOU."



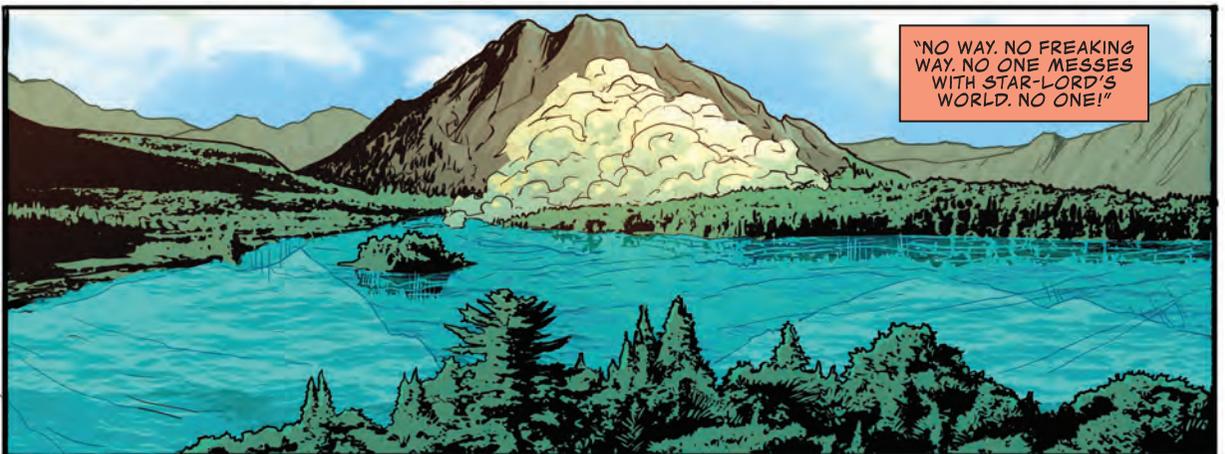
"HE WANTS TO
DESTROY EARTH,
PETER."



"NO FREAKING WAY, MANTIS.
HE WANTS TO BE MAD AT ME,
HE WANTS TO DUKE IT OUT?
THAT'S FINE. BRING IT ON."



"BUT THREATENING THE PLANET
I CAME FROM? MY MOTHER'S
HOME? SUCH A BEAUTIFUL PLACE,
FULL OF LIFE AND WONDERS--NOT
TO MENTION THE LIVES OF EVERY
TERRAIN WHO DID NOTHING TO HIM?"



"NO WAY. NO FREAKING
WAY. NO ONE MESSES
WITH STAR-LORD'S
WORLD. NO ONE!"



GUARDIANS!
I WAS HOPING
TO SEE YOU
AGAIN!

DO YOU LIKE
MY TEMPORARY
FORM? I WILL
SUFFUSE MYSELF
THROUGH THIS
ENTIRE
WORLD...



...AND
THEN TEAR
IT APART.



GET OFF THIS WORLD, EGO! WHY KILL SEVEN BILLION PEOPLE JUST TO GET BACK AT ME?

I'M RIGHT HERE! TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT!



TELL ME YOU HAVE A PLAN. BECAUSE IF THIS IS IT, YOUR PLAN KINDA SUCKS.

SHUT UP! I'M WORKING ON ONE.



WORKING ON ONE?!

WORK FASTER!



DON'T LET ME INTERRUPT.

FEEL FREE TO SPEND THE LAST SECONDS OF YOUR LIFE BICKERING.



HE'S...
HE'S DRAWING
OUT THE AIR...
CAN'T...CAN'T
BREATHE...

NOW
WOULD BE
A GOOD TIME
FOR YOUR
PLAN.



BLAK OWWWWW



REMOTE-CONTROLLED
BLASTERS, LOOKS
LIKE THEY'RE MY
INSTRUMENTS
AFTER ALL.
AND FOR THE RECORD,
THAT WAS MY
PLAN!

WHATEVER,
THE SHIP'S
STILL MINE.



LET'S
GET OUT OF
HERE!

OKAY!
AND THEN
WHAT?

KRAAAAK



I'M STILL WORKING ON THAT!

NO, YOU'RE NOT. YOU ARE STRUGGLING NOT TO PANIC.

THAT'S THE FIRST PART OF MY PLAN!



OOOOFF!!!

KRAANG



GOTTA DO SOMETHING. I MEAN, YEAH, I MAY HAVE LEFT THIS WORLD BEHIND YEARS AGO...

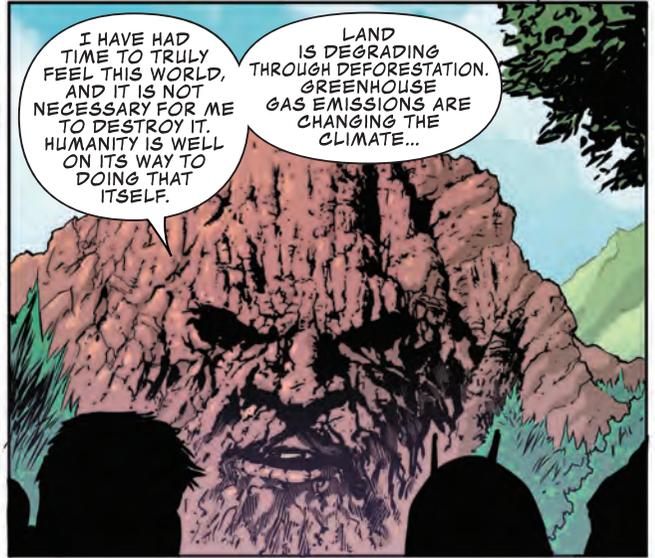


I HAVE POWERS DRAWN FROM THE SUN ITSELF! TWENTY-SEVEN MILLION DEGREES OF HEAT, JUST FOR YOU.



...BUT THIS IS STILL MY HOME. I CAN'T JUST LET HIM DESTROY IT.







WHY WOULD HE LIE? HE HAD US COLD AND HE STOPPED THE FIGHT.



HE WASN'T LYING.

NO, HE WASN'T. ACCORDING TO MY SCANS, JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING EGO SAID HAS SOME TRUTH TO IT.



CRAP. WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING. I MEAN, THIS IS MY HOME, GUYS! WE ARE THE GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY! THERE'S GOT TO BE SOMETHING WE CAN FIX.

LET'S SEE. WE HAVE METHANE AND CO₂ EMISSIONS...



ROCKET, LIST THE PROBLEMS, LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN DO!

UH-HUH...



OCEAN ACIDIFICATION...

...MAYBE...

DEFORESTATION...



I AM GROOT.

YOU GOT THAT RIGHT, BIG GUY.



A HOLE IN THE OZONE LAYER...

THAT'S IT! LET'S FIX THAT ONE! HOW HARD CAN IT BE TO FIX A HOLE?



WE CAN CREATE A BUBBLE WITH THE MILANO'S FORCE FIELD CANNON AND PATCH IT UP WITH SOME GRAVITATIONAL ANCHORS. LET'S DO THIS. WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR!

LET'S PUT A RAIN CHECK ON THAT.



IRON MAN!

WHO?

DON'T YOU REMEMBER? WE MET WHEN WE FOUGHT THAT COSMIC GUY DURING THAT GALACTIC THING!

THAT DOES NOT HELP.

WE DETECTED SEISMIC READINGS FROM THIS AREA, WHICH MAKES NO SENSE BECAUSE THERE AREN'T ANY FAULT LINES. ONE OF YOU WANT TO EXPLAIN THIS IN FIVE WORDS OR LESS?

I AM GROOT.

ANYONE ELSE?



WE'RE HERE TO SAVE THE PLANET FROM ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION! WE'RE GOING TO START BY FIXING THE HOLE IN THE OZONE LAYER. ROCKET, ARE THE CANNONS READY?

COME WITH ME.

SO, YOU SUPER HEROES HERE ON EARTH ARE ALREADY FIXING IT?

HOLD YOUR HORSES, THIS IS NOT SOMETHING YOU CAN JUST BLAST INTO SALVATION. WE'VE BEEN DEALING WITH THIS PROBLEM FOR 30 YEARS. IT'S LOOKING MUCH BETTER NOW.



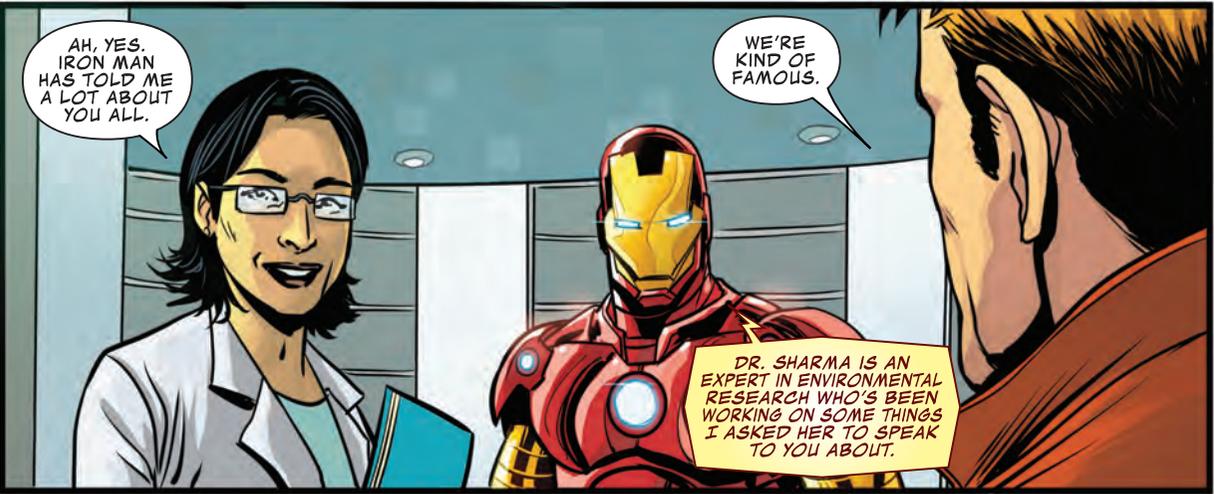
...WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT SUPER HEROES?

EVERYONE WHO HELPED REPAIR THE OZONE LAYER IS A HERO.



DR. SHARMA, THESE ARE THE VISITORS I TOLD YOU ABOUT.

WE'RE THE GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY.



AH, YES. IRON MAN HAS TOLD ME A LOT ABOUT YOU ALL.

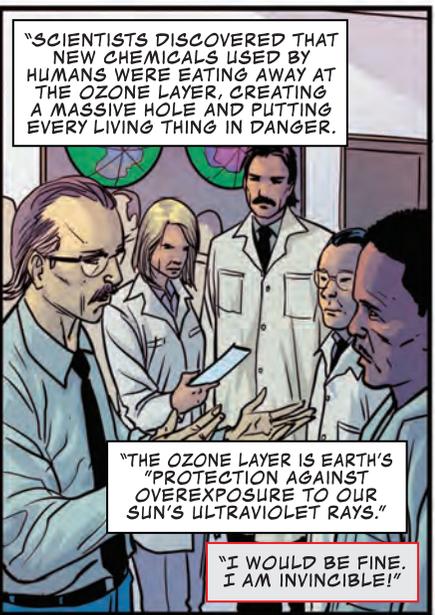
WE'RE KIND OF FAMOUS.

DR. SHARMA IS AN EXPERT IN ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH WHO'S BEEN WORKING ON SOME THINGS I ASKED HER TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT.



IN THE '80s THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY CAME TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THE DESTRUCTION OF THE OZONE LAYER.

THE '80s? DID THEY ALL HAVE COOL HAIRDOS?



"SCIENTISTS DISCOVERED THAT NEW CHEMICALS USED BY HUMANS WERE EATING AWAY AT THE OZONE LAYER, CREATING A MASSIVE HOLE AND PUTTING EVERY LIVING THING IN DANGER.

"THE OZONE LAYER IS EARTH'S 'PROTECTION AGAINST OVEREXPOSURE TO OUR SUN'S ULTRAVIOLET RAYS."

"I WOULD BE FINE. I AM INVINCIBLE!"



"UNLIKE YOU, DRAX, HUMANS CAN'T BE DIRECTLY EXPOSED TO THE SUN WITHOUT SUFFERING FROM POTENTIALLY HARMFUL ILLNESSES LIKE SKIN CANCER, EYE CATARACTS, WHICH CAN LEAD TO BLINDNESS.

"ANIMALS AND PLANTS ARE ALSO VULNERABLE TO UV RAYS."

"I AM GROOT."

"I AM NOT AN ANIMAL!"

"WITH STRONG PUBLIC SUPPORT, THE U.N., GOVERNMENTS, PRIVATE INDUSTRY, AND SCIENTISTS WORKED ON A MASTER PLAN CALLED THE **MONTREAL PROTOCOL** TO EFFICIENTLY REDUCE THE USE OF HARMFUL CHEMICALS."

"I CAN FEEL THE SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND TRIUMPH IN THE AIR."

"ARE YOU SURE IT'S NOT PETER'S EGO?"

"AS OF TODAY, WE'VE PHASED OUT 99% OF THE OZONE-DEPLETING SUBSTANCES. AND WE'RE EXPECTING RECOVERY OF THE OZONE LAYER BY THE MIDDLE OF THE CENTURY!"

"IT'S JUST...IT'S SO FANTASTIC WHAT WE HUMANS CAN DO WHEN WE ALL COME TOGETHER, YOU KNOW?"

"DUDE, YOU DON'T EVEN LIVE HERE!"

"SO, IT'S...IT'S OVER? THE PLANET IS HEALING ITSELF? WHAT ABOUT THOSE OTHER THINGS EGO TALKED ABOUT?"

"OH, GOOD LORD, NO. POLLUTION, DEFORESTATION, LOSS OF BIODIVERSITY."

"IT IS AN ONGOING ISSUE FOR EVERYONE."

"THERE'S TONS TO BE DONE THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, EDUCATION OF THE POPULACE AND SCIENTIFIC ADVANCEMENT."

"IN FACT, THE SAME COUNTRIES WHO SIGNED THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL JUST AGREED TO TAKE ON CLIMATE CHANGE."

SO, LET'S GET STARTED. WE'RE READY TO SPREAD THE WORD!

I AM GROOT!

THE GREATEST SUPER POWER IS WHEN WE ALL WORK TOGETHER. THEN WE ALL BECOME HEROES! YOU HAVE THE POWER! WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO PROTECT THE PLANET?

