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GAMORA



ROCKET



PIP THE TROLL



ADAM WARLOCK



NEBULA



THE COLLECTOR



THANOS



THE GODSLAYER



A MYSTERIOUS
BOX



THE GEGKU



THE CHITAUURI



THE KODABAKS



A DEVIL CORKER



GROOT



STAR-LORD



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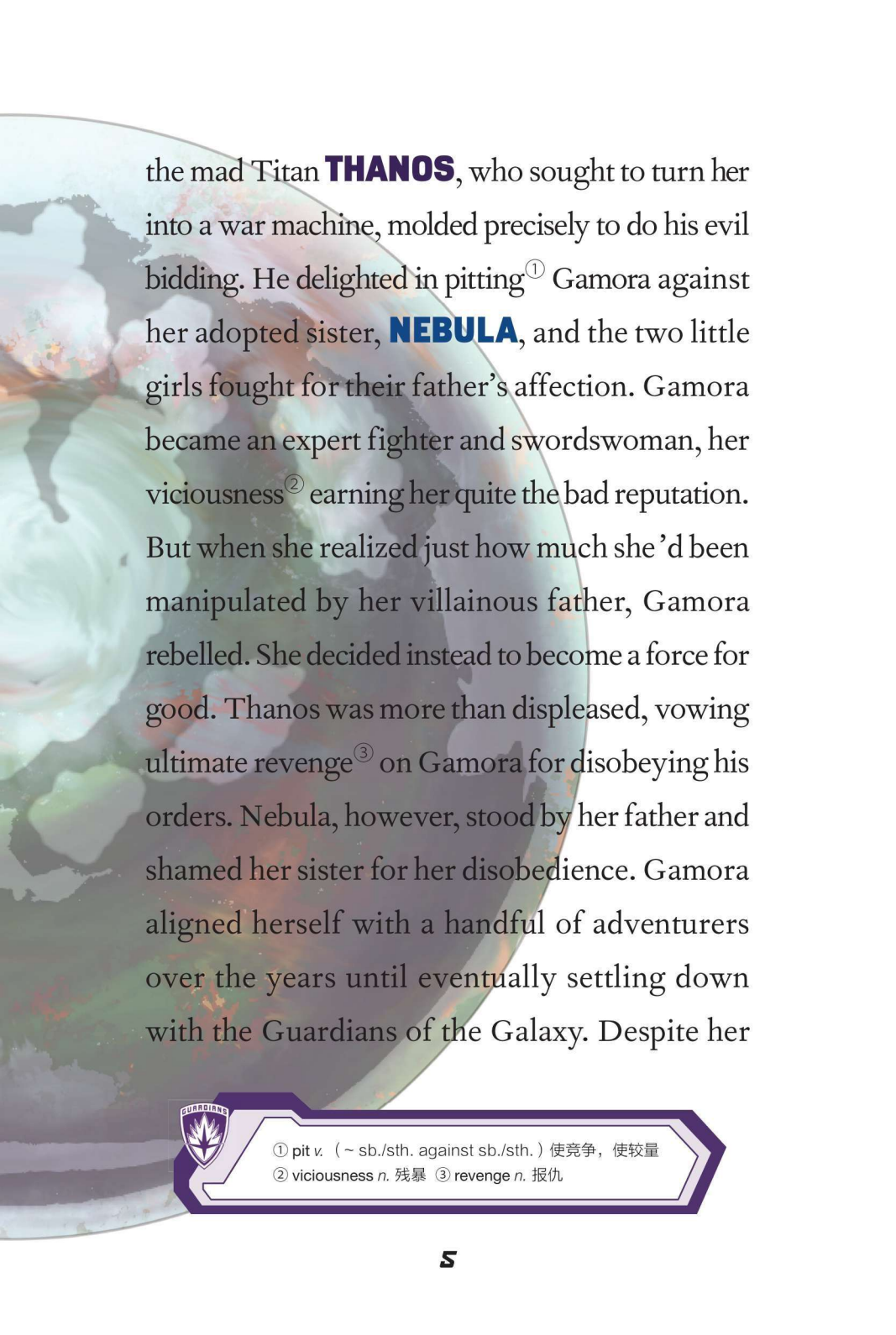


THE STORY OF **GAMORA**

The Zen-Whoberis were a peaceful humanoid^① race, living in harmony, until a group of violent aliens^② arrived on their planet. The militaristic^③ creatures invaded^④, destroying everything in their path and wiping the Zen-Whoberis completely off the cosmic^⑤ map. When the dust settled, there was a single survivor, an infant known as **GAMORA**. The child was taken in by



- ① humanoid *adj.* 类人的 ② alien *n.* 外星生物
③ militaristic *adj.* 好战的 ④ invade *v.* 入侵
⑤ cosmic *adj.* 宇宙的



the mad Titan **THANOS**, who sought to turn her into a war machine, molded precisely to do his evil bidding. He delighted in pitting^① Gamora against her adopted sister, **NEBULA**, and the two little girls fought for their father's affection. Gamora became an expert fighter and swordswoman, her viciousness^② earning her quite the bad reputation. But when she realized just how much she'd been manipulated by her villainous father, Gamora rebelled. She decided instead to become a force for good. Thanos was more than displeased, vowing ultimate revenge^③ on Gamora for disobeying his orders. Nebula, however, stood by her father and shamed her sister for her disobedience. Gamora aligned herself with a handful of adventurers over the years until eventually settling down with the Guardians of the Galaxy. Despite her



① pit v. (~ sb./sth. against sb./sth.) 使竞争, 使较量

② viciousness n. 残暴 ③ revenge n. 报仇

alliances^①, she remains an outsider searching for kinship^② in a vast and unsettling universe, struggling to come to terms with^③ her painful past. For the moment, she's content being known as **GAMORA: THE DEADLIEST WOMAN IN THE GALAXY.**



- ① alliance *n.* 同盟 ② kinship *n.* 亲情
③ come to terms with 与……妥协





CHAPTER 1



A warm wind blew across the surface of **Degenera** as four Gegku hunters angrily marched through the planet's spaceship graveyard. They were looking for treasure. The large reptilian^① brutes^② lacked finesse^③ in battle, relying on crude weaponry to do their dirty work. On this day, the Gegku came to Degenera equipped with firearms and prepared to challenge anyone that stood in their way.

“Search the area!” Wazzal, the leader,



- ① reptilian *adj.* 像爬行动物的 ② brute *n.* 残暴的人
③ finesse *n.* 技巧, 手段

commanded. **"Take everything you find and destroy the rest."** The Gegku stormed through the murky cemetery, tossing trash and scrap metal aside as if it were paper. Spaceships often got caught in Degenera's thick, polluted atmosphere, falling from the sky to be scavenged^① on the ground. The foul environment also made it the perfect place to hide. All of these things made Degenera a hub^② for criminal activity. But the planet wasn't all bad. There were small communities of harmless wanderers spread out across the surface. **"Wazzal, over here!"** the Gegku hunter shouted. **"I found something."** He used his rifle to poke at a large piece of metal. A tiny rodentlike creature scuttled out from under it.

Wazzal grabbed it by the tail, dangling the terrified beastie back and forth as it tried to escape.



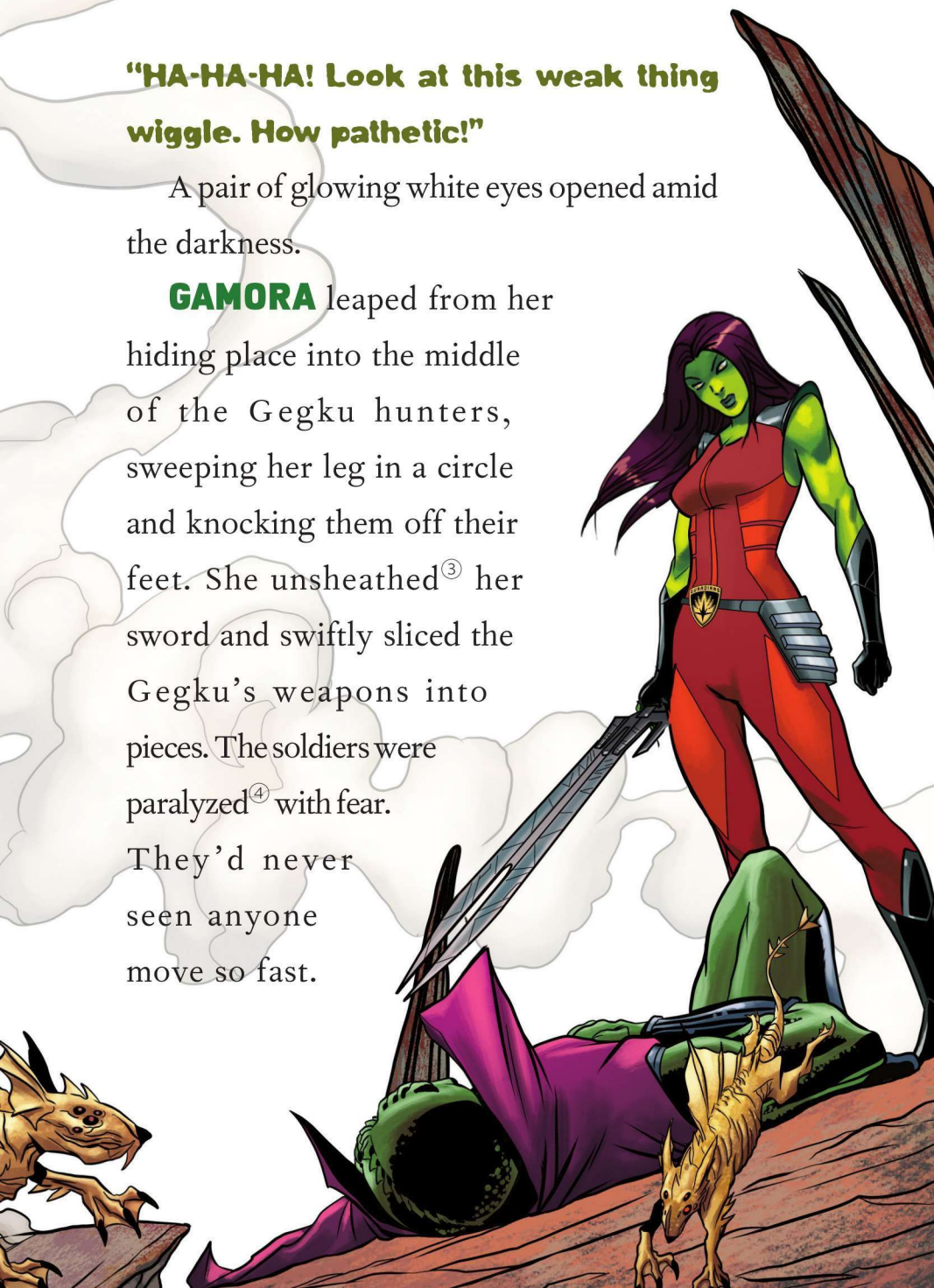
- ① scavenge v. (在废弃物中) 寻觅 ② hub n. 温床
③ unsheathe v. 抽出鞘 ④ paralyze v. 使瘫痪



"HA-HA-HA! Look at this weak thing wiggle. How pathetic!"

A pair of glowing white eyes opened amid the darkness.

GAMORA leaped from her hiding place into the middle of the Gegku hunters, sweeping her leg in a circle and knocking them off their feet. She unsheathed^③ her sword and swiftly sliced the Gegku's weapons into pieces. The soldiers were paralyzed^④ with fear. They'd never seen anyone move so fast.



Gamora turned her attention to Wazzal, grabbing his collar and pulling him close. “Wiggle for me, weak thing,” she whispered in his ear, tossing the lizard man into a pool of bubbling ooze^① nearby. The hunters didn’t dare say a word.

“Without your weapons, you’re nothing but sad, ugly creatures,” Gamora taunted. She looked down to see the sheepish alien critter^② Wazzal had frightened. It was staring at her.

“You’re safe now,” she said. Then she turned to the Gegku. “But you’re not.”

She pressed a button on her wrist gauntlet^③





and a hologram^④ appeared.

“Where is this item?”

Gamora asked. “Tell me now.”

“Nuh-nuh-nuh . . .” Wazzal stuttered nervously.

“Spit it out,” Gamora challenged. She was losing patience quickly.

“Nuh-nuh-never seen it before in my life,” Wazzal said, his shaking body sinking into the goop. **“There’s a place you might be able to find such a thing, but it’s just a rumor.”**

“Where?” Gamora demanded.

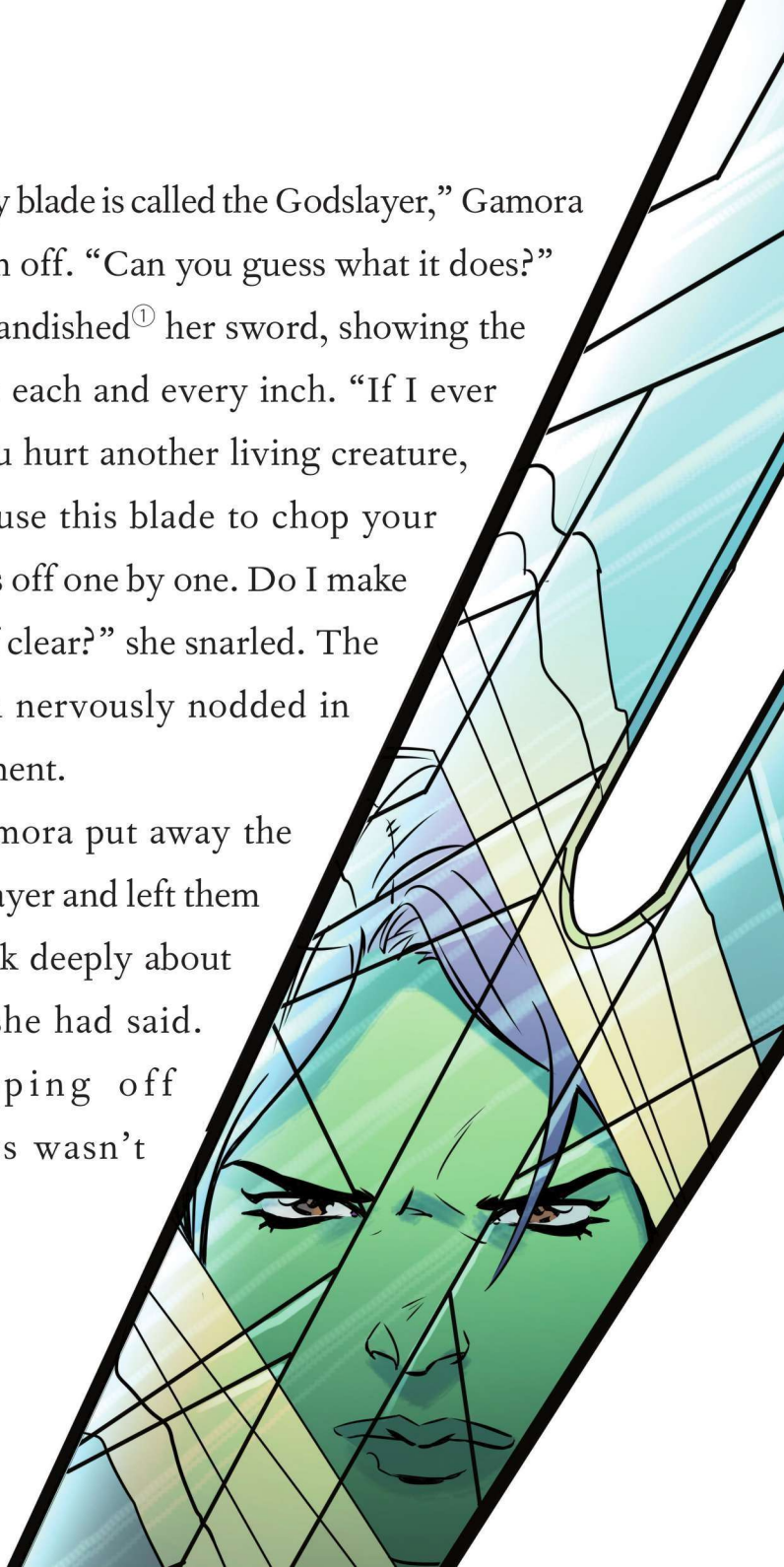
“Zaldrex,” Wazzal replied, still trembling. **“I’ve heard the stories about you, Gamora. They said you were just like your father. Now I see the stories are—”**

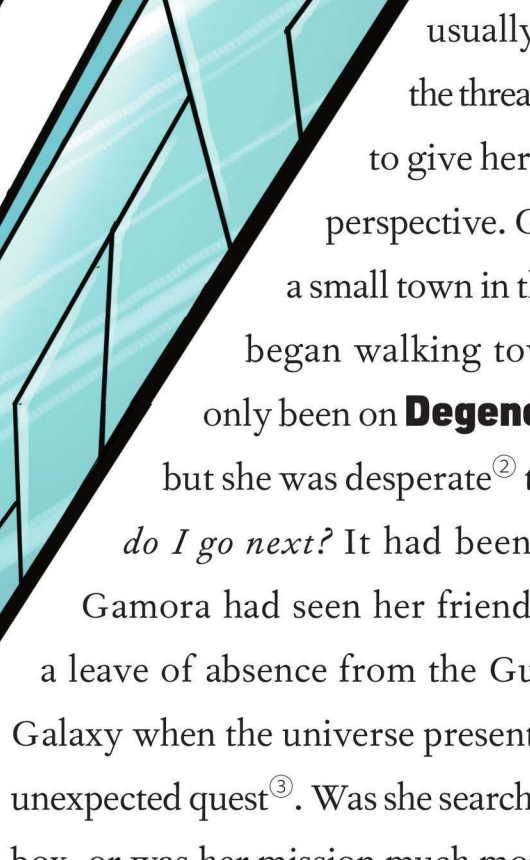


- ① ooze *n.* 泥浆 ② critter *n.* 生物（非正式用法）
③ gauntlet *n.* 防护手套 ④ hologram *n.* 全息图

“My blade is called the Godslayer,” Gamora cut him off. “Can you guess what it does?” She brandished^① her sword, showing the Gegku each and every inch. “If I ever see you hurt another living creature, I will use this blade to chop your fingers off one by one. Do I make myself clear?” she snarled. The Gegku nervously nodded in agreement.

Gamora put away the Godslayer and left them to think deeply about what she had said. Chopping off fingers wasn’t





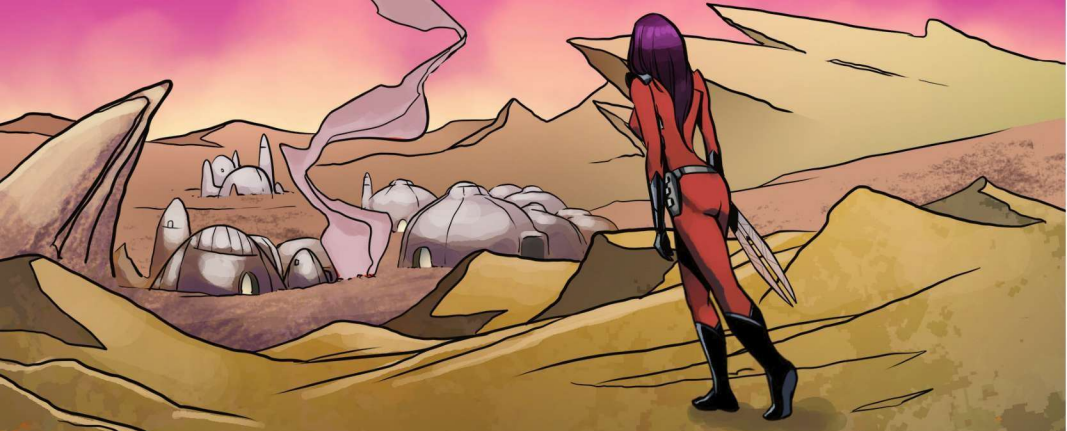
usually her style, but the threat always seemed to give her enemies a new perspective. Gamora spotted a small town in the distance and began walking toward it. She'd only been on **Degenera** a few days, but she was desperate^② to leave. *Where do I go next?* It had been a while since Gamora had seen her friends. She'd taken a leave of absence from the Guardians of the Galaxy when the universe presented her with an unexpected quest^③. Was she searching for a simple box, or was her mission much more than that?

Gamora found herself restless^④ and wondered if she might also be searching for peace of mind.



① brandish v. 挥舞 ② desperate adj. 渴望的

③ quest n. 探索, 追寻 ④ restless adj. 焦躁不安的



After walking for what seemed like miles, Gamora came upon a dingy diner on the outskirts^① of a small community. She'd been traveling without a vehicle, hitching^② rides from transport vessels to get where she needed to go. Now it was time to find a new ride and leave Degenera for good. She watchfully entered the establishment, scanning every inch of it for danger. The air was thick, and smelled like smoke and meat. There were hordes of cantankerous^③ alien creatures from across the universe, and all of them were giving Gamora the stink-eye. They all knew her reputation. Finding a ride wasn't going to be easy.



① outskirts *n.* 郊区，外围 ② hitch *v.* 搭便车

③ cantankerous *adj.* 脾气暴躁的

④ solitude *n.* 独处 ⑤ cranky *adj.* 古怪的