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Prologue



Meredith Quill had never been happier. She sat in the passenger seat of her special spaceman's convertible and laughed into the wind. He smiled at her from the driver's seat and leaned over to kiss her. The radio was playing one of her favorite songs as he sped up, racing

down the stretch of Missouri country road. He'd said he had a surprise for her and she couldn't wait to find out what it was.

He slowed down and turned into the parking lot of an ice cream shop outside town. Meredith was a little surprised—he hadn't said anything about getting ice cream. But she was in love and she would do whatever he wanted to do as long as they were together. He pulled past the store and parked behind it, at the edge of the woods. Then he led her down the side of a hill to a beautiful little glade, dappled with sun that shone down through the leaves.

“Look,” he said, pointing toward the ground in the middle of the glade.

A marvelous little plant grew there. It was like nothing she'd ever seen before, with spiky leaves that waved even though there was no wind. Below the leaves, the plant glowed



in different colors. It seemed to brighten as Meredith's spaceman approached.

She gasped. "Oh! It's beautiful!"

"I was afraid it wouldn't take in the soil, but it grew quickly. And soon it'll be everywhere." He spread his arms, taking in everything they could see or imagine. "All across the universe."

She laughed, swept away by the grand vision. "Well, I don't know what you're talking about, but I like the way you say it."

"My heart is yours, Meredith Quill," he said.

She put her arms around his neck. "I can't believe I fell in love with a spaceman." They kissed there in the woods, with the sounds of birds around them and wind rustling in the trees. Nearby, the strange plant began to grow.

Chapter 01



Near the home world of the Sovereign, the Guardians of the Galaxy stood on a circular platform. Around its rim were six huge spheres that glowed with powerful energies. Closer to the center of the platform were smaller pillars that held banks of Anulax batteries, technological

marvels that were also worth millions on the black market. The Guardians were there because Ayesha, the Sovereign high priestess, had learned of a threat to the batteries. She had hired the Guardians to protect them at any cost.

Peter Quill, better known as Star-Lord, looked at an old handheld video-game system in his hand. When he was a kid, he'd played endless hours of football on it. Now he had rewired it to detect the energy of the approaching threat. "Showtime, people," Star-Lord called out. "It oughta be here any minute."

"Which will be its last," Gamora said. Peter glanced over and saw she was holding an energy rifle.

"I thought your thing was a sword," he said.

She rolled her eyes. “We’ve been hired to stop an interdimensional beast from feeding on those batteries, and I’m going to stop it with a sword?”

“It’s just that swords were your thing and guns were mine,” he said. “But I guess we’re both doing guns now.”

She ignored him. “Drax. Why aren’t you wearing Rocket’s aero-rig?” The rest of the Guardians had buckled on the tight-fitting metal jetpacks. Rocket had designed them so the Guardians could all fly during combat.

But Drax, as usual, was shirtless. The dark-red tattoos covering his body seemed to ripple in the light from the glowing spheres.

“It hurts,” he said.

“Hurts,” she repeated in surprise. Drax

was practically immune to pain.

He looked embarrassed. “I have sensitive nipples.”

Rocket burst out laughing. He was busy fiddling with a machine that didn’t look like any kind of weapon, but not too busy to laugh at Drax.

“What’s he doing?” Drax snapped.

“I’m finishing this so we can listen to tunes while we work!”

“How is that important?”

“Blame Quill! He’s the one who—”

Peter held out a hand and cut him off. “Actually, I’m with Drax on this one.”

“*Ohh*,” Rocket said. He winked at Peter. “I see.”

“No, seriously,” Peter said. “I side with Drax.”

Rocket kept winking. “I understand that. You’re being very serious right now.”

“I can clearly see you winking,” Drax said.

“I was using my left eye?” Rocket said. He stopped winking.

Nearby, a sapling version of their formerly hulking partner, Groot, was chasing around a small group of lizard-like alien creatures called Orloni. They seemed to be everywhere throughout the galaxy. He knocked one over and shoved another away from him. Then he turned to Rocket and announced, “I am Groot.”

“They were *not* looking at you funny,” Rocket said.

Everyone looked up as an interdimensional wormhole opened in the sky: a huge whirlpool of multicolored energy with



lightning flickering around its edges. A monstrous creature hurtled through it, as big as Quill's spaceship, the *Milano*. Its body sprouted tentacles in every direction, and its round mouth was lined with razor-sharp teeth as long as Quill's arm. It roared, shaking the platform, and dove toward the Guardians.

"That's intense," Rocket commented.

The monster crashed down on the platform, and Drax, knives out, roared right back at it. The Guardians formed up and charged at the creature. All of them but Drax and Groot took to the air using Rocket's aero-rigs. They blasted away at it with their weapons, and Drax struck at it with his knives. The monster's tentacles flailed around, knocking them out of the air. It also screamed out blasts of concussive energy from its huge maw.

Very intense.

Meanwhile, Groot was looking at the stereo Rocket hadn't quite finished. He picked up two cables and tried to stick them together. After a couple of tries, he got them connected, and Peter's new favorite cassette, *Awesome Mix Vol. 2*, blared out over the platform. The music got Groot dancing, while the battle raged around him. A tentacle smashed down just behind him, and a moment later Star-Lord landed next to it. "Groot!" he shouted, but before he could say anything else, the tentacle slapped him away.

Groot kept on dancing, oblivious to the chaos. "Groot, get out of the way!" Gamora shouted. "You'll get hurt!"

He just heard his name and waved happily at her. She smiled back and called out, "Hi!" while still blasting away at the

monster. Then she took off, and Groot danced along the edge of the platform until he was distracted by a large bug flying near his head. He chased after it, and when he caught it, he stuffed it in his mouth.

“No, no, no!” Rocket yelled, landing and slapping at the back of Groot’s head. “Spit it out. Come on.” Groot did, and the bug flew away. “Disgusting,” Rocket growled. Then he rejoined the battle.

Without anyone watching him, Groot saw one of the Orloni scampering by. He shot out a vine and grabbed the fin on its back, catching a ride. The Orloni ran crazily through the battle, underneath the monster and out the other side, with flames and explosions everywhere Groot looked. He lost his grip and rolled across the platform, ending up next to the stereo. The music was still pumping, so Groot started