



MARVEL

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY

THE UNIVERSAL WEAPON

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THE LEGEND OF THE UNIVERSAL WEAPON

LONG AGO THE KREE
EMPIRE WAS THROWN
INTO CIVIL WAR OVER
THE **UNIVERSAL
WEAPON**.

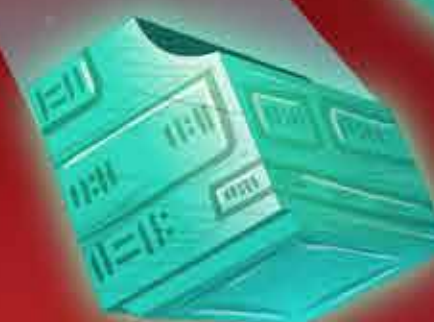


A HAMMER OF MASS
DESTRUCTION MADE OF
ISO-8, CAPABLE OF
CONTROLLING THE
ELEMENTS OF THE
UNIVERSE.

EONS AGO, SUPREMOR,
THE KREE OVERLORD,
DIVIDED THE UNIVERSAL
WEAPON INTO FIVE
PIECES AND HID THEM
ACROSS THE GALAXY.



THE PIECES WERE
THOUGHT TO BE
LOST IN TIME.



UNTIL THE PULSE
CAUSED AN ISO-8
STORM. SPREADING
THE MYSTICAL ENERGY
ACROSS SPACE.



NOW THE FIVE PIECES
ARE EMITTING A
BEACON, CALLING TO
BE ASSEMBLED.





NOVA CORPS DATABASE:
PETER QUILL



"PETER JASON QUILL, ALSO KNOWN AS STAR-LORD.

"HE'S WANTED MOSTLY ON CHARGES OF MINOR ASSAULT, PUBLIC MISCHIEF AND FRAUD.



"THEY CAUGHT HIM ATTEMPTING TO BREAK IN TO PRISON 42 IN A MISGUIDED ATTEMPT TO FREE HIS COMPATRIOTS.



"HE WEARS A FACE MASK THAT ALLOWS THIS HUMAN TO BREATHE IN DEEP SPACE AND TO BETTER TARGET HIS VICTIMS WITH HIS ELEMENT GUN.

"BUT I SUSPECT HE WEARS IT BECAUSE HE THINKS IT LOOKS COOL."

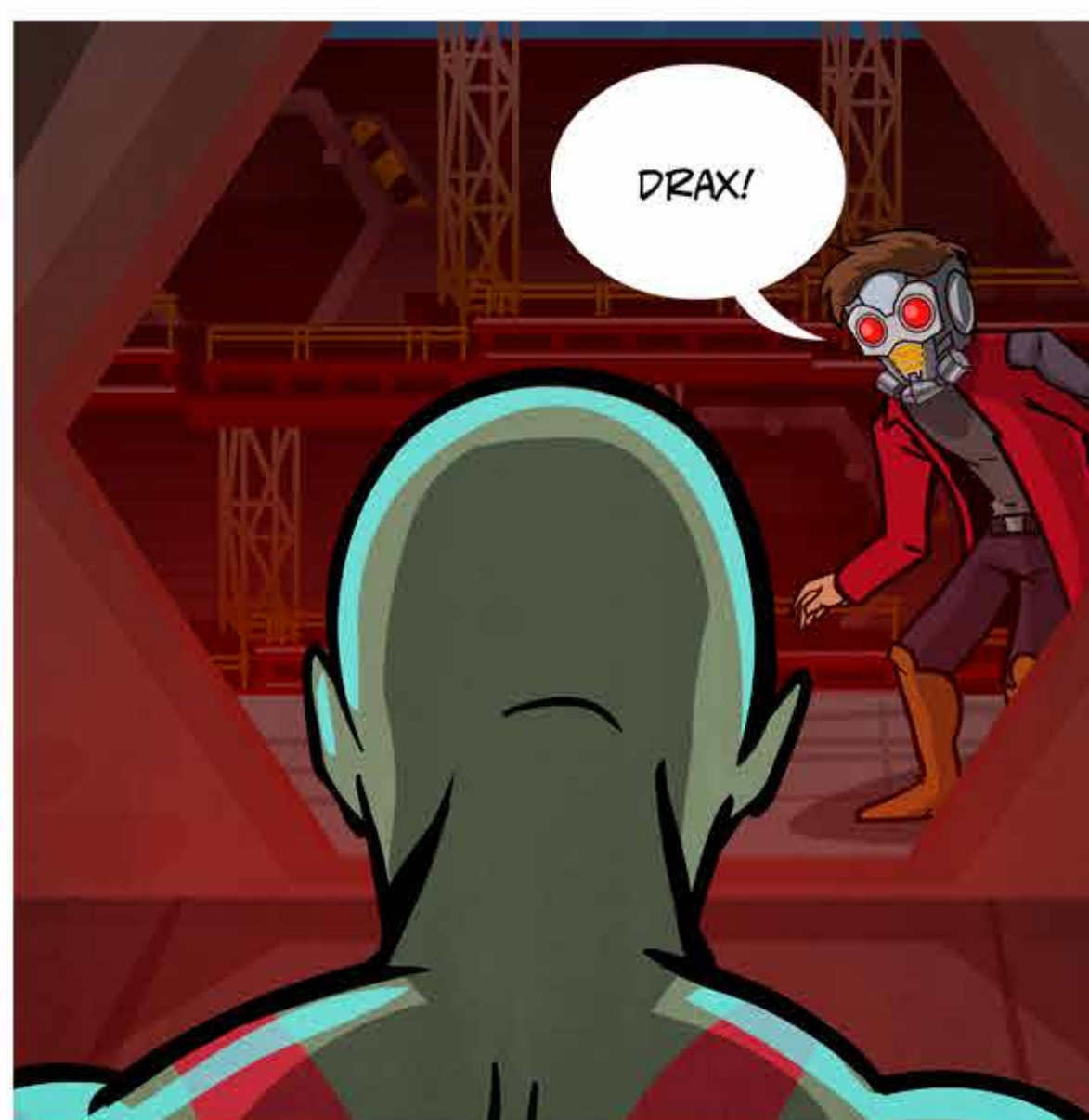




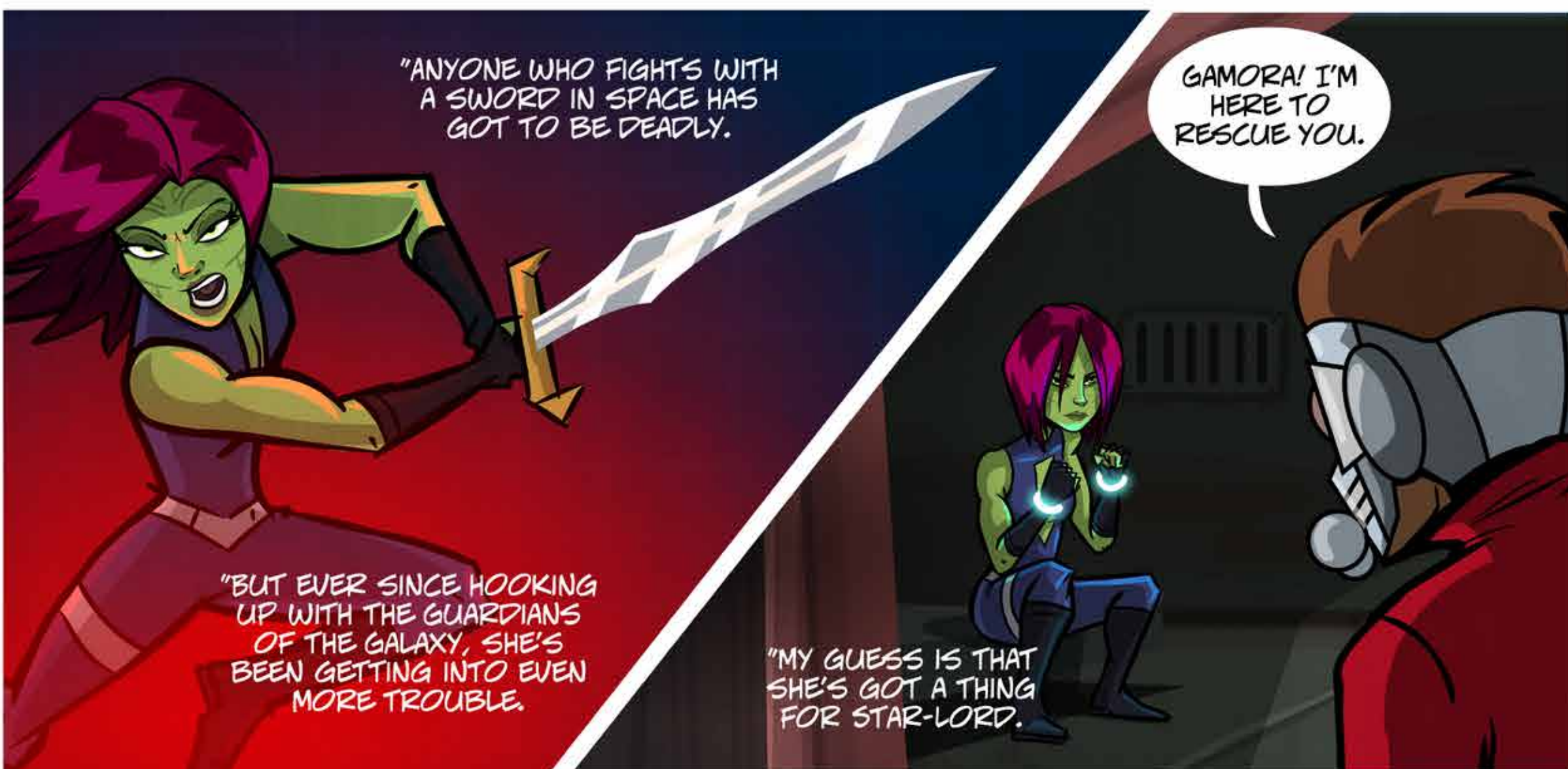
PRISON 42
SOMEWHERE NEAR
THE VERGE, GALAXY



NOVA CORPS DATABASE:
DRAX



NOVA CORPS DATABASE:
GAMORA





PRISON 42: REC AREA





**I AM
GROOT**

LET'S TALK
ABOUT THIS
LATER!

NOVA CORPS DATABASE:
ROCKET

"WANTED ON OVER
FIFTY CHARGES OF
VEHICULAR THEFT AND
ESCAPE FROM LOCKUP.

"A QUICK DRAW AND
A QUICKER TEMPER.



"FRISK HIM TWICE
BECAUSE HE'S
ALWAYS PACKING.

"HE'S THE PRODUCT
OF CONTROVERSIAL
SCIENCE
EXPERIMENTS.

"THAT MAY EXPLAIN
HIS ANTI-SOCIAL
BEHAVIOR.

ROCKET! YOU
OKAY?



YOU BUSTED
ME OUT
LAST???



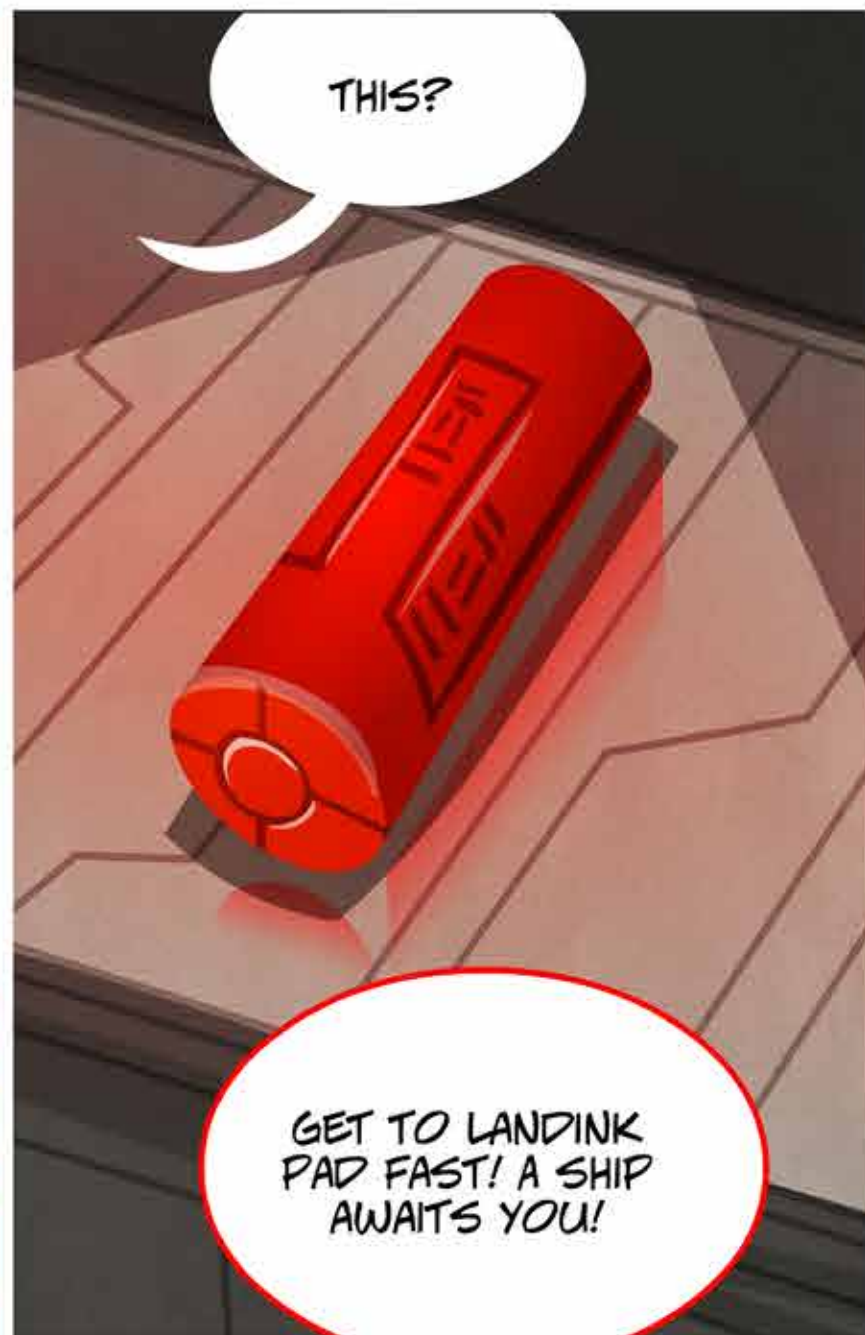
PRISON 42: CELLBLOCK

COMRADE! ITEM
IS JUST
BEYOND THIS
DOOR!

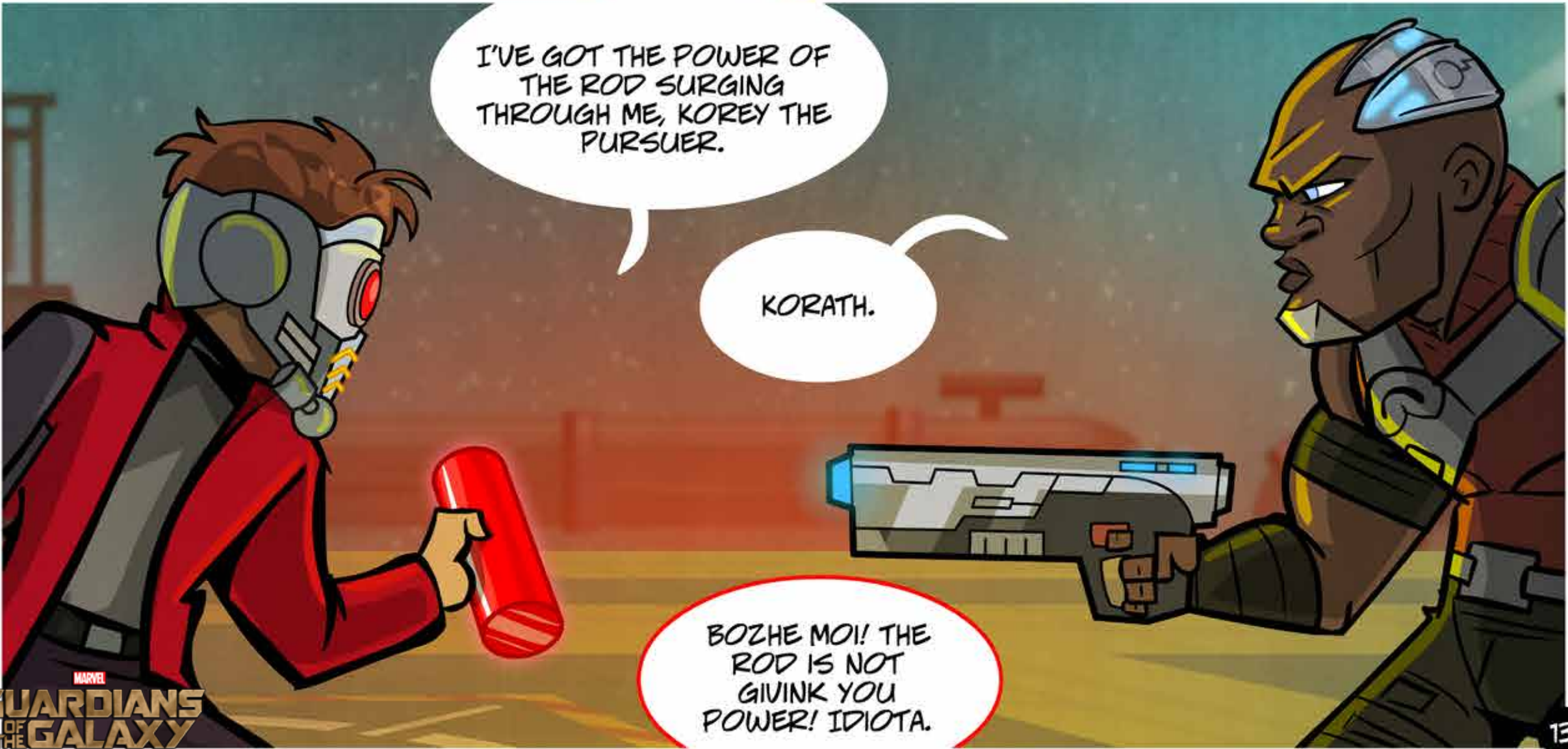
EVIDENCE LOCKER

WHAT IS
IT?

I HAVE BEEN
WAITING SO
LONG FOR THIS
MOMENT...



PRISON 42: LANDING PAD



AFTER THE BATTLE WITH KORATH.



**ALERT
ALERT**

WHY ARE WE ON
BOARD A NOVA
CORPS TRANSIT
SHIP?



BECAUSE I'M
THE ONE
HELPING YOU
ESCAPE.



RHOMANN
DEY!

YOU JERK
WAD!!!



**I AM
GROOT**

GET- DRAX-
OFF ME!



YOU'RE THE ONE
WHO LOCKED US
UP. I SHOULD LET
HIM RIP YOUR
HEAD OFF.



THE FATE OF THE
UNIVERSE HANGS IN
THE BALANCE.

AND I NEED
YOUR HELP.



THEY ALWAYS
SAY THAT.



I'LL EXPLAIN
ON THE WAY.

TO WHERE?

KNOWHERE.

**ALERT
ALERT**



YOU'VE HEARD OF
THE **UNIVERSAL
WEAPON** HAVEN'T
YOU?

UH... OF
COURSE.
EVERYONE
HAS.



SOMEONE IS
TRYING TO
ASSEMBLE IT
ONCE AGAIN.

THIS IS ONE
OF THE FIVE
PIECES.

WHAT IS
IT?

I DON'T
TRUST THIS
GUY,
GROOT.

IT'S OLD, IT'S
ANCIENT AND IT'S
DEADLY, THAT'S
ALL I KNOW.

**I AM
GROOT**



SO WHY US? YOU
HAVE THE ENTIRE NOVA
FORCE AT YOUR
DISPOSAL.

NOVA PRIME
WANTS THIS
MISSION OFF THE
BOOKS.

AND IT REQUIRES A
PARTICULAR SET OF
SKILLS THAT FALLS
IN YOUR PURVIEW.



YOU NEED
CRIMINALS.

I'LL DROP YOU OFF
HERE. I'LL BE IN TOUCH
WITH MORE
INSTRUCTIONS.

SEEING THE
FLOATING SEVERED
HEAD OF A CELESTIAL
NEVER GETS OLD.



TO BE CONTINUED...