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GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY

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COLLECTOR'S COLLECTION

FIRST APPEARANCE: *Thor: The Dark World* (2013)

Deep within the mining colony of Knowhere, an extraordinary museum houses the galaxy's most unique artifacts, objects, plants, animals, and creatures. This gathering's curator, the enigmatic Taneleer Tivan, known as the Collector, was assisted by his attendant slave, Carina. The collection included many captured sentient beings, such as a Dark Elf, a cosmic cocoon, a Chitauri soldier, a cosmonaut dog named Cosmo, and Howard, a humanoid duck. Carina's predecessor was also bound and imprisoned as part of the collection for failing Tivan in unknown circumstances.

FACT SHEET

- ▶ UPON RECEIVING THE AETHER, THE COLLECTOR MUTTERED UNDER HIS BREATH, "ONE DOWN, FIVE TO GO."

Asgardians Sif and Volstagg delivered the Aether, one of the massively powerful Infinity Stones in fluid form, to Tivan for safekeeping after it was recovered from the Dark Elf Malekith and deemed too dangerous to keep in the royal vault alongside the Tesseract, another Stone. Tivan later hired Gamora to obtain the Orb containing another Infinity Stone. When Gamora and her new allies delivered it, Tivan took particular interest in the tree-like humanoid Groot, offering payment for his carcass upon his eventual death. Explaining the origin of the Infinity Stones, Tivan exposed the Infinity Stone within the Orb. When Carina, desiring freedom from servitude, grabbed the Stone, its power consumed her and explosively destroyed much of the Collection. 🌟



DARK ELF

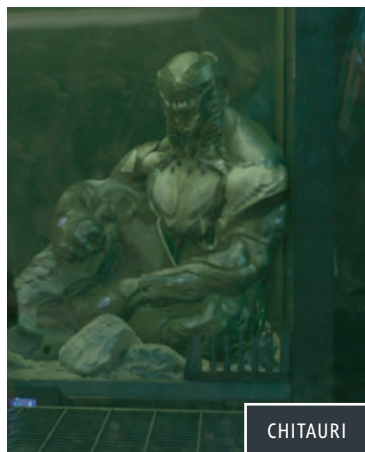


TANELEER TIVAN, AN ELDER OF

the Universe known as the Collector, began gathering diverse objects and beings to repopulate the universe in case of genocide, but became obsessed with collecting rarities and grew increasingly ruthless in this pursuit. The collection's massive size required storage across several worlds and spacecraft.

FIRST APPEARANCE:

AVENGERS #28 (1966)



CHITAUURI



COSMIC COCOON



DRAX

FIRST APPEARANCE:
Guardians of the Galaxy (2014)

Drax was a humanoid warrior seeking vengeance for the murder of his wife Ovette and daughter Camaria by Kree warlord Ronan the Accuser. After claiming many lives in his quest, Drax, a.k.a. “the Destroyer,” was imprisoned in the Klyn penal facility. Upon learning that the assassin Gamora, a former associate of Ronan’s, had also been incarcerated, Drax planned to kill her until inmate Peter Quill convinced him to spare her since she could ultimately lead him to Ronan. When Gamora and Quill escaped alongside mercenaries Rocket and Groot and fled to Quill’s ship the *Milano*, Drax joined their partnership, but only in hopes of using Gamora to find Ronan.

The five traveled to the mining outpost Knowhere to sell an Orb—stolen by Quill and sought by Ronan and his Sakaaran

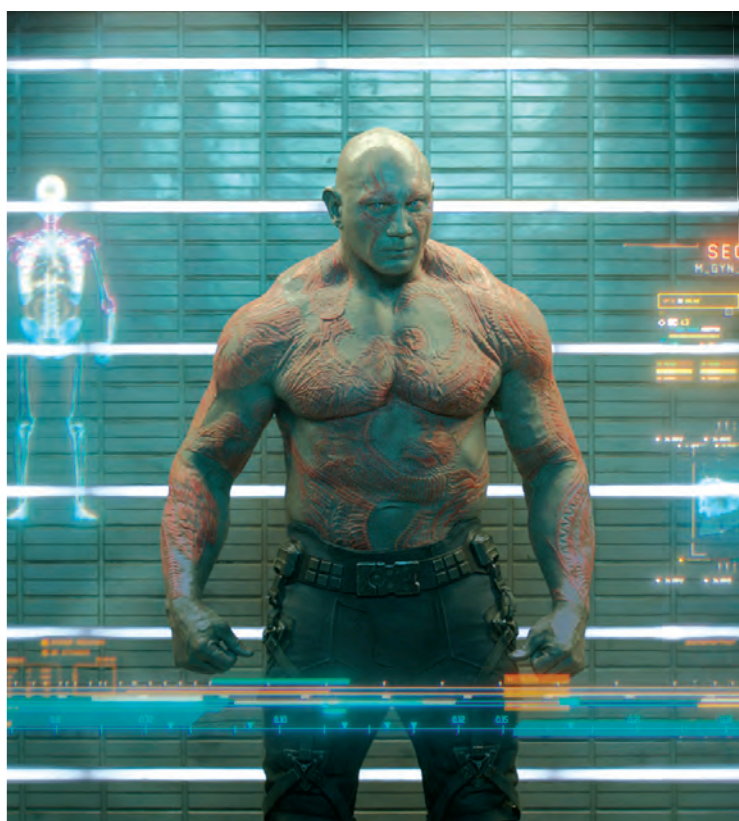
soldiers—to the Collector, unaware the Orb contained a vastly powerful Infinity Stone. While awaiting the Collector’s representative, they enjoyed brief revelry at a nearby bar until Drax inadvertently insulted Rocket. Though Quill defused hostilities, an infuriated and inebriated Drax

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left their company and impulsively transmitted a challenge to Ronan, revealing their location. Upon arriving, Ronan easily defeated Drax and left him to drown, but Groot saved Drax’ life.

After Ronan purloined the Orb and Quill and Gamora were captured by the Ravagers, a pirate crew Quill had previously betrayed, Groot and the repentant Drax convinced a reluctant Rocket to help rescue Quill and Gamora. Confronting the Ravagers, the trio threatened to destroy the pirates’ ship with Rocket’s Hadron Enforcer weapon, but stood down upon learning Quill and Gamora had struck a deal, promising the Ravagers the Stone in exchange for help stopping Ronan from destroying the planet Xandar.

Boarding Ronan’s ship, the *Dark Aster*, Drax, Groot, Gamora, and Quill fought Ronan’s minions, including his lieutenant, Korath, whom Drax personally slew. Upon confronting Ronan, Drax was again overpowered but was saved by Rocket, who flew into Ronan with a Ravager ship. The damaged *Dark Aster* crashed on Xandar, but Groot saved Drax and the others by forming a protective nest around them, apparently sacrificing his own life.



Surviving the crash, Ronan again attacked Quill and his allies, but Drax and Rocket used the Enforcer to dislodge the Stone from Ronan's Cosmi-Rod, and Drax united with his allies to share the Stone's power and turn it against Ronan, destroying him. Drax then comforted the grieving Rocket over Groot's death by petting his head. Gamora reassured Drax that he had avenged his family, but Drax remarked that Ronan's master, the mad

nihilist Thanos, was his next target. With their criminal records expunged and their damaged ship rebuilt, Drax and his allies, calling themselves the Guardians of the Galaxy, left Xandar in search of new adventures. As Drax sharpened his knives aboard the *Milano*, a remnant sprout of Groot, saved and potted by Rocket, began dancing to a mixtape belonging to Quill, but froze when Drax glanced his way. 🗡️

IN THE COMICS



REAL ESTATE AGENT ARTHUR

Douglas and his family were attacked by Titan warlord Thanos when they inadvertently witnessed his landing on Earth. Though Douglas and his wife were killed, Mentor, an elder Eternal and Thanos' father, transferred Douglas' consciousness to an artificial body, remaking him into Drax the Destroyer, a super-strong behemoth with no memory of his past and an insatiable desire to kill Thanos. Drax subsequently regained his memories, and eventually joined the Guardians of the Galaxy on their mission to free the Kree homeworld from the techno-organic Phalanx. He has remained with the team during several interstellar conflicts.

FIRST APPEARANCE:
IRON MAN #55 (1973)



FACT SHEET

- ▶ DRAX IS A SUPERHUMANLY STRONG HAND-TO-HAND COMBATANT, INCREDIBLY RESISTANT TO INJURY, AND SKILLED IN THE USE OF HIS PAIRED KNIVES.
- ▶ UNABLE TO COMPREHEND METAPHORS, DRAX'S PEOPLE TYPICALLY INTERPRET COLORFUL EXPRESSIONS AND GESTURES LITERALLY.
- ▶ DRAX' BODY IS COVERED IN ORNAMENTAL SCARS—SIMILAR TO EARTH TATTOOS—THAT DETAIL SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OF HIS LIFE AND CULTURE.





GAMORA

FIRST APPEARANCE:
Guardians of the Galaxy (2014)

After the galactic tyrant Thanos wiped out the Zehoberei species, he took in their last survivor, Gamora, and raised her as his daughter. She was trained to be a warrior and assassin alongside Thanos' other "children," including the Luphomooid Nebula, who would come to be Gamora's fierce rival; their exercises often left Nebula grievously injured, prompting Thanos to repair her injuries with cybernetics; over time, Gamora sought to be free from her abusive "father." When Thanos allied with Kree extremist Ronan the Accuser to seek the Orb, an artifact containing a powerful Infinity Stone, Gamora contacted the Collector, a curator of exotic antiquities, and arranged to sell the Orb to him for safekeeping. After persuading Ronan to send her to locate the Orb instead of Nebula, she tracked it to Xandar, where it was

in the possession of the human outlaw Peter Quill. She tried to steal it from him, but found herself also fighting bounty hunters Rocket and Groot, who were attempting to capture Quill. Eventually, the Nova Corps arrested all four of them and sent

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them to the Klyn, a deep-space prison. Many of the prisoners there had suffered at Thanos' hands, and burned for retribution against Gamora. She was nearly murdered by the vengeful Drax,

whose family had been killed by Ronan, but Quill convinced him to relent; Drax decided to use her to find Ronan instead. Working together, Gamora, Rocket, Groot, Drax, and Quill masterminded a daring escape from the Klyn.

Taking her allies to Knowhere to deliver the Orb, Gamora flirted with Quill while waiting to see the Collector, but cut the romance short, mistakenly suspecting Quill was manipulating her. Upon their arrival at the Collector's museum, the Collector's assistant, Carina, grabbed the Infinity Stone in an attempt to gain its power and free herself from her oppressive master; the Stone proved too potent, however, resulting in Carina's death and the destruction of the Collection. Having seen the Stone's power for herself, Gamora decided to instead turn it over to the Nova Corps, but that plan was forestalled by Drax, who had drunkenly alerted Ronan to their location to provoke a duel. Gamora tried to escape with the Stone, but was left to die in space when