

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY

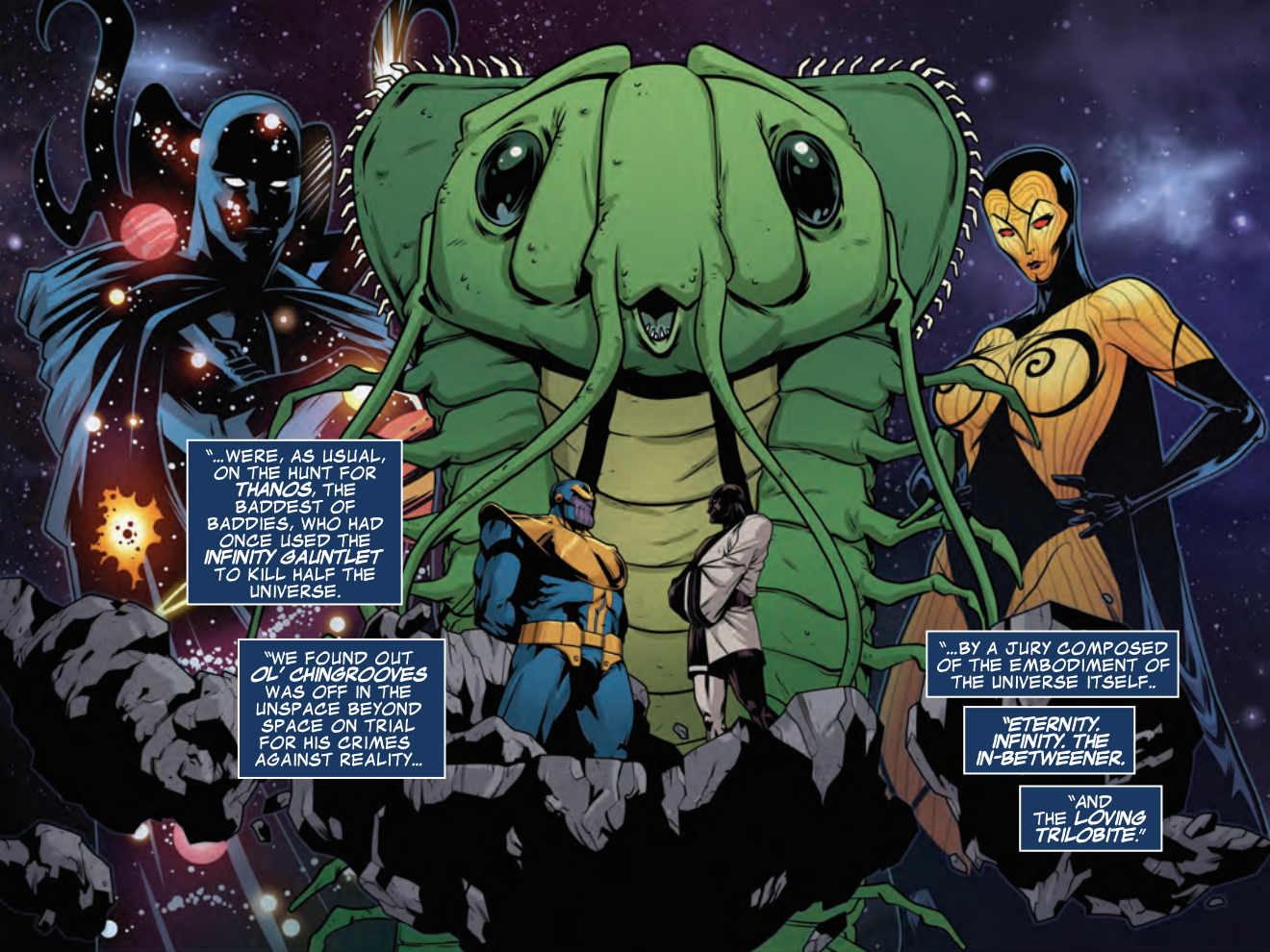
BEST STORY EVER

...NO NO,
THAT'S NOT
HOW IT WENT
DOWN AT
ALL.

WHAT? ARE
YOU **SERIOUS?** I
WAS TOTALLY THERE!
THAT'S **EXACTLY**
HOW IT WENT
DOWN!

C'MON,
IT'S NOT LIKE
YOU AREN'T
KNOWN FOR A
CERTAIN AMOUNT
OF **HYPERBOLE.**





"...WERE, AS USUAL,
ON THE HUNT FOR
THANOS, THE
BADDEST OF
BADDIES, WHO HAD
ONCE USED THE
INFINITY GAUNTLET
TO KILL HALF THE
UNIVERSE.

"WE FOUND OUT
OL' CHINGROOVES
WAS OFF IN THE
UNSPACE BEYOND
SPACE ON TRIAL
FOR HIS CRIMES
AGAINST REALITY...

"...BY A JURY COMPOSED
OF THE EMBODIMENT OF
THE UNIVERSE ITSELF..

"ETERNITY.
INFINITY. THE
IN-BETWEENER.

"AND
THE LOVING
TRILOBITE."



"THE LIVING
TRIBUNAL.

"YEESH? DIDN'T
THEY TEACH
YOU EARTH KIDS
ANYTHING
IN SCHOOL?"



"CUZ EVEN **THANOS**
KNEW WHAT HE WAS
DEALIN' WITH. HE
WAS IN **DEEP** IN IT...

"...HE SHOULD
BEEN QUAKIN' IN
HIS **BLUE TIGHTS**."



"BUT HE
WASN'T."

"**THANOS** HAD
AN **ACE-IN-
THE-HOLE**..."



"...SOMEONE
WHO COULD
SENSE IT WHEN
HE REACHED OUT
ACROSS THE
VAST EXPANSE..."



"...CUZ SHE
TOO HAD ONCE
WIELDED THE
INFINITY
GAUNTLET,
AND HAD HER
AWARENESS
ELEVATED. AND
SHE WANTED
EVERYONE TO
KNOW THAT SHE
WAS THE **TRUE**
HEIR TO THE
LIFE ENDER."

"SHE WANTED
EVERYONE TO
KNOW THE
NAME **NEBULA**--
PIRATE WITH A
BLUE BOOTY, AND
ADOPTED **GRAND-
DAUGHTER**
OF **THANOS**."

HNGH...
LUCKY...GKH...FOR
US, ONE OF MY
UNDERGROUND CONTACTS
HAD HEARD ABOUT NEBULA'S
PLAN SO WE COULD
PREVENT HER FROM
FREEING HIM.

NO. LUCKILY OUR
TEAMMATE GAMORA
IS ALSO POSSESSED
OF THE SAME COSMIC
AWARENESS AS
NEBULA AND
THANOS...

HYAH!

...AND
HEARD
THEIR LONG
DISTANCE
CALL WHILE
IN A DEEP
TRANCE.

DIE,
CHAIN!
DIE!

YOUR ONLY
"UNDERGROUND
CONTACT" IS A
CROSS-EYED "MASSAGE
THERAPIST," WHOM YOU
SPEND AN HOUR A WEEK
"INTERROGATING."

A HALF
HOUR. AN
HOUR IS OUT
OF MY PRICE
RANGE.

I'VE GOT
FIFTY CRED
THAT SAYS
THE
SILVER SURFER
SHOWS UP IN
THIS STORY.

HM. I'VE GOT A
HUNDRED ON
EGO, THE LIVING
PLANET.

MEANWHILE...

I AM
GROOT!

THANK
YOU FOR THE
WARNING, GROOT.
GAMORA OWES
YOU HER LIFE.

BLLRGH!