



## One-shot: Unending

### Featuring: The Guardians of the Galaxy

#### Previously

After providing aid in the defeat of Thanos, the Guardians of the Galaxy found that the Nova Corps had fallen during the breakout. Desperate to restore order to a Galaxy in chaos, the Guardians of a Galaxy fight a never-ending battle against the forces unleashed by the breakout on the planet Xandar.

#### Scene 1

Ruins of the Nova Corps HQ, 24<sup>th</sup> October 23:00 UTC-4

Jungos are ravaging through the wreckage, the guardians show up to stop them

Star Lord: Give up, that's as far as you go. (He is jumped from behind by a small blue child, she rides on his back, squeeing) someone get her off me! (Quasar creates a spatula projection and tries to force the child off, but her grip is too tight)

Quasar: I can't get her off

Groot: I am Groot (he stretches his branches around the child and manages to loosen the child's grip on Star Lord, he forces her off and lands her on the ground)

Rocket: Alright, whelp, what do you think you're doing? (She grins wildly and chases after Rocket) what the...? (He runs away) someone keep this crazy kid away from me (the Jungos begin to attack)

Star Lord: Warlock, put this to an end (he begins shooting at the Jungos, Warlock's soul gem glows and he tries to read the girl's mind, he is knocked backwards)

Warlock: Her name is Essa. Her mind is so jumbled, she must've touched the Jungo rune. (The other guardians, minus Rocket, who is still running from Essa, continue fighting the Jungos, Groot lifts Rocket into the air, Essa runs to Groot and starts climbing his leg)

Groot: I am Groot! (He tries to shake her off but it makes no difference)

Rocket: I got your back (he tries shooting the girl, but the Jungos jump up and take the shots)

Star Lord: Do you think you can knock her out?

Warlock: No, her mind is too jumbled (Quasar levitates up and gets close before blasting her with a blast that knocks her out, the jungos get angry and all start jumping, attacking Quasar, the other Guardians take them all down)

Star Lord: Poor kid

Rocket: Poor Kid, her jungos nearly killed us

Quasar: She does not control the jungos; they are telepathically connected to her basic desires. The ancients believed that an army of loyal soldiers could be created by connecting to just one but sadly the rune drove anyone who touched it insane.

Star Lord: You seem quite knowledgeable about this.

Quasar: I once fought her predecessor, Harnatica. Unfortunately she was killed by the Galactic Defence force and the rune found a new home, here. The Defence Force always assumed the Jungos were hired help for an insane mind but I realised it ran deeper than that

Star Lord: Can you contain her, Adam? (Adam Warlock's soul gem glows)

Warlock: She is dealt with.

Rocket: And good riddance

Warlock: We cannot keep imprisoning everyone we encounter in the soul gem; it'll keep calling for more.

Star Lord: Understood. We'll have to find an alternative means of incarcerating prisoners.

Quasar: But with the Nova base destroyed, how long will it be before we can get another prison running?

Rocket: Months (Warlock's soul gem glows)

Warlock: Trouble.

Star Lord: What kind of trouble (3 warships enter the planet's atmosphere) that kind (the warships dispose fighter ships)

Rocket: I recognise them, they're the Chitauri. Their planet was put on lockdown 2 years ago. Guess the breakout disrupted the lockdown (the fighters begin attacking the city, Quasar takes off to fight them)

Star Lord: Try and help evacuate the people on the ground

Warlock: Of course

Rocket: Right

Groot: I am Groot (Star Lord activates the jets in his boots and flies after Quasar. Adam Warlock uses his soul gem to transport the others into the heart of the city, Chitauri foot soldiers have begun landing)

Warlock: Hold them off, I will try and evacuate who I can (he runs off as Rocket brings out his big guns and blasts the Chitauri)

Groot: (Angrily) I am Groot (he stretches out a branch and knocks many of the Chitauri into a wall, knocking them unconscious, he gives Rocket a lift up to his soldier so he can start aiming more clearly at the Chitauri)

Rocket: Lucky this is such a narrow street, they're making themselves sitting ducks (he easily blasts some of the Chitauri down)

Groot: I am Groot (we cut to the skies where Quasar and Star Lord are fighting against the fighters; Quasar creates several constructs that she uses to whack and destroy the Chitauri fighters but they're overwhelmed by the sheer number of them)

Star Lord: The Chitauri have us badly outnumbered, we're not gonna be able to hold them off (the Chitauri begin firing on the city, blowing up anything in their path) we'll have to find another way

Quasar: They are all telepathically linked to the mothership, if we destroy it, the Chitauri soldiers will be stopped.

Star Lord: Let me do that, try and hold back those ships (he jets off towards the mothership, Quasar creates projections of maces, hammers and axes and attacks the fighters, destroying several of them. Meanwhile, Warlock has begun evacuating the populace, managing on multiple occasions to get people out of the buildings just seconds before the Chitauri destroy them. Star Lord lowers his helmet and finds an opening to the mothership, he travels through the opening into the ship, but finds an army of Chitauri waiting for him) great (the ones at the front begin opening fire but Star Lord barely avoids them. He fires back, taking out a few of them as they begin a charge towards him, meanwhile Groot and Rocket continue their defence on the streets)

Rocket: Bet those criminals wish they never took down the defences to this city (Groot is hit from some airships, he quickly regenerates from the blasts) I'll try and take out some of the ships, handle the ground troops!

Groot: (Angrily) I AM GROOT (He stretches his branches and grabs 2 dozen Chitauri ground soldiers and launches them into the fighters. Because of the speed of the attack, the fighters are destroyed upon impact. Rocket's weapons destroy 12 fighters but the ground troops are approaching, one of them lights Groot on fire, Rocket notices and jumps down, shooting some of the nearby Chitauri foot soldiers. He shoots a fire hydrant, water bursts out but more Chitauri soldiers throw fire at Groot, Rocket tries to put out the fire but the fire spreads and soon Groot is entirely on fire) I AM GROOT (he begins to burn out)

Rocket: GROOT! (He growls and wails on the Chitauri, taking out 3 dozen of them before a lucky shot hits him in the back, stunned he is vulnerable and hit by several more shots) come on then, I'll take you all on! (He fires one gun into the air at the fighters, whilst firing the other at the Chitauri foot soldiers, he is

hit by several shots but continues to stand) that all you got ya Chitauri b\*stards (he is hit by more shots and falls to knees) you ain't got the power to take me down (he is hit by another blast and falls over, he's dead. Back on the ship, Star Lord manages to blast through the armies of Chitauri soldiers between him and the bridge of the ship)

<Star Lord>: I can't just destroy the ship where it stands, it'd cause mass devastation on the city; even more than invasion already has (some Chitauri soldiers enter the bridge but Star Lord shoots them down) hope I can pilot this thing (the ship begins to ascend outside of the planet's orbit, Quasar continues to destroy the ships, some of them fire at her from all directions, forcing her to project a shield around herself, the continued sustained onslaught eventually proves too much and the shield degrades; she holds as many off as she can, destroying several more ships but she is eventually hit and falls to the ground, dead, Warlock continues his evacuation the city, he enters another house that has survived the onslaught but the house is caught by a blast, the house partially collapses, leaving a small child trapped underneath the rubble, Warlock teleports underneath the rubble, grabs her and teleports her away, but the sustained use of the soul gem like this becomes too much for Warlock to take, he teleports into another house, this one also partially destroyed in the attack, he finds it empty but the rest of the house collapses, he no longer has the energy to teleport away and is buried with the rubble. Back on the ship, Star Lord finally gets the ship far enough away from the planet to begin his plan, he shoots at the control panel, which soon explodes, and the rest of the ship begins to explode with it, Star Lord runs to find a way out, but finds that the ships had all departed for the attack) well, I guess this is it, not a bad way to go out (the ship explodes, leaving only Star Lord's helmet behind, the Chitauri on the planet surface all freeze in position and all their fighters fall from the skies, landing on the city below, some of the unevactuated populace are finally able to leave their homes, and shed tears for the Guardians)