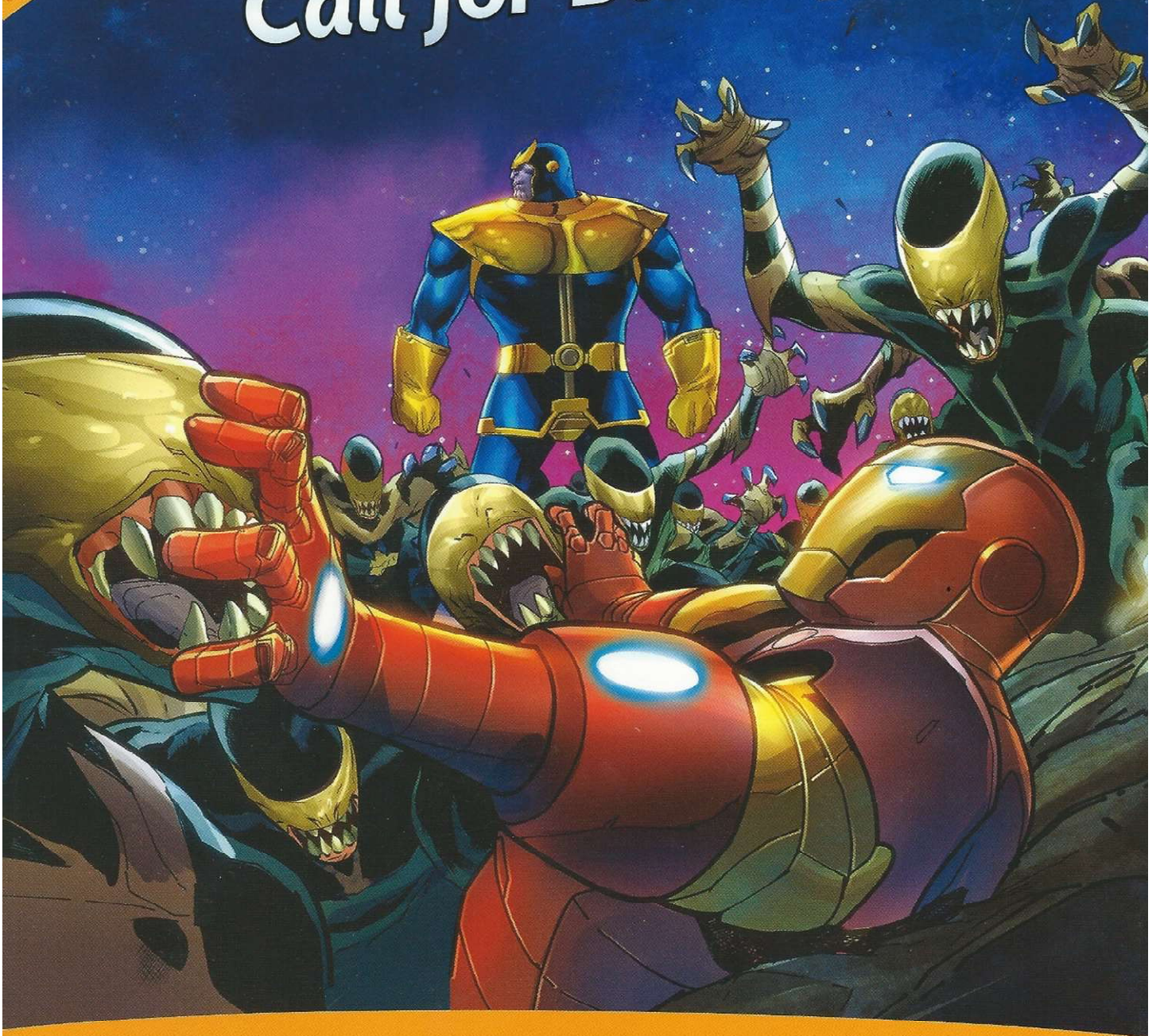


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# Call for Backup



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Iron Man is happy with his new spaceship. It can fly to the Moon and it can carry a lot of people. This time it is taking some very important people from Earth to the Moon – the leaders of Earth.

The new spaceship arrives on the Moon with the leaders of Earth inside.

“Welcome to the Stark Industries Moon Base,” Iron Man says to them. “Enjoy your visit.”

Suddenly they see a big FLASH and hear a loud CRASH.





“Oh no!” Iron Man thinks. “This isn’t good.”

“Wait here,” he tells the leaders of Earth. “I’ve got this.”

He calls his friends, the Avengers.

“We can help you,” Captain America says, “but we are busy now. Can you wait?”



Suddenly, Iron Man sees Thanos and his army.

“Oh no!” he thinks. “Thanos and his army are very dangerous! I have to save the leaders of Earth. I have to get help!”

He calls the Guardians of the Galaxy.

Star-Lord, leader of the Guardians, gets the call.

“Iron Man wants our help,” he tells Drax, Gamora and Groot. “He is with the leaders of Earth on Moon Base.”

“Let’s go!” Drax says.

“I am Groot,” Groot says.



“I am Groot,” are the only words Groot says but Rocket Raccoon can understand him.

Star-Lord says, “We don’t have a spaceship ... We have to teleport to the Moon!”

There is a FLASH and suddenly, they are in space.



The Guardians arrive at Moon Base.

“I’m happy you’re here,” Iron Man says. “Thanos has an army.”

“We can fight Thanos and his army,” Star-Lord says.

“Let’s do it!” Gamora says.

“I am Groot,” Groot answers.



The Guardians of the Galaxy are fighting well, but suddenly Iron Man sees Thanos walking away.

“Thanos is trying to find the leaders of Earth!” Iron Man says.

“He wants to capture them! I have to stop him!”





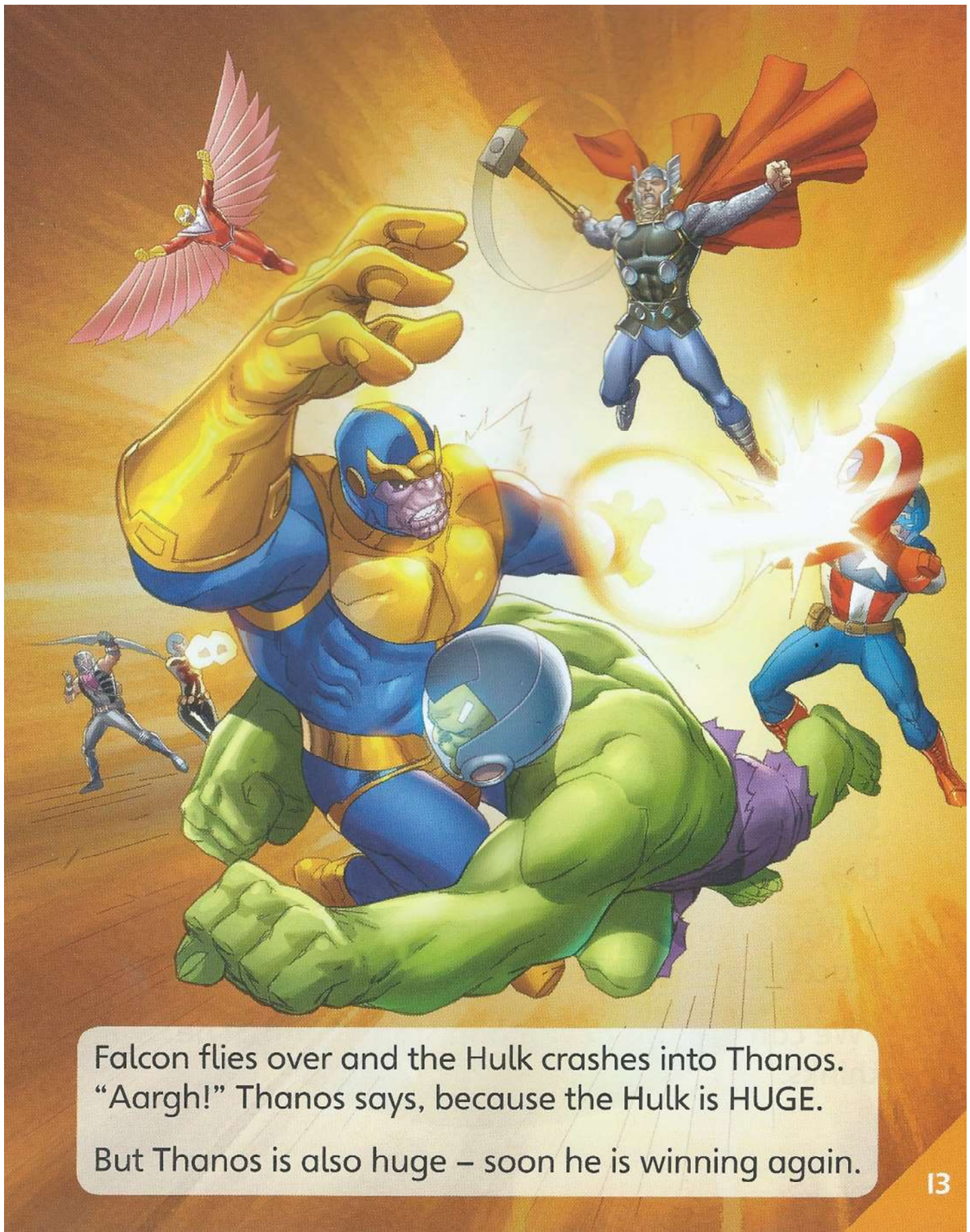
But then the Avengers arrive! Hawkeye, the Hulk, Thor and their friends!

“We can help you,” they tell Iron Man.

“You have to fight us,” Hawkeye tells Thanos.

“Hulk smash!” the Hulk says.

“You can’t win!” Thor cries at Thanos.



Falcon flies over and the Hulk crashes into Thanos. “Aargh!” Thanos says, because the Hulk is HUGE. But Thanos is also huge – soon he is winning again.



Suddenly, Iron Man sees a device on Thanos's belt.

"This device helps Thanos move from place to place," he thinks. Then he has an idea.

"We can use this device and stop Thanos," he thinks.

“I have to find Groot,” Iron Man says. “Only Groot can help me now.”

“I am Groot,” Groot says.

Iron Man understands. Groot wants to help them win the fight and save the leaders of the Earth.



Iron Man carries little Groot in his arms.

“Are you ready, Groot?” he asks.

“I am Groot,” Groot says. He is happy.

Iron Man flies with Groot in his arms: up and up!  
They can see the fight below.



Suddenly, Iron Man drops Groot. Groot falls and ... grows! And falls and ... grows. He gets bigger and bigger! Now, Groot can fight Thanos because he is huge!

“What’s this?!”  
Thanos asks.

“I,” Groot says,  
“am GROOT!”



Groot hits Thanos in the face. He understands Iron Man's idea.

"Aargh!" Thanos says. He is busy fighting Groot and now Iron Man can quickly take the device from his belt.

"I've got it!" Iron Man says.



Iron Man takes the device and holds it in his hands. He points the device at Thanos.

Suddenly, there is a big flash. It stops Thanos.

“He can’t move!” Iron Man says. “Great! My idea was great! It’s working!”



Groot watches. "I am Groot," he says.

He understands. Thanos cannot win because Iron Man has got his device.

The friends can now save the leaders of the Earth.

Groot is very happy.





Iron Man points the device at Thanos and suddenly it is a big, green ball of energy.

It makes a whoosh! Then it carries Thanos and his army away from the Moon.

“Nooooo!” Thanos cries.

Back on Moon Base, the leaders of Earth thank the Avengers and their friends the Guardians of the Galaxy.

“You’re welcome!” Iron Man says.

And Groot? What do you think *he* says?



# Activity page 1

## Before You Read

1 Find these things in the picture:

- a) Iron Man
- b) a spaceship
- c) Earth.



2 This is Thanos. Choose 2 words to describe him:

- a) angry
- b) happy
- c) huge
- d) kind



## Activity page 2

### After you read

**1 Are these sentences True or False?**

- 1 Iron Man's spaceship is old.
- 2 Thanos is dangerous.
- 3 Groot can only say "I am Groot."
- 4 Groot gets bigger.
- 5 Hulk and Thanos are small.

**2 Use these words to finish the sentences:**

*army, device, Earth, friends, energy*

- 1 Thanos has a(n) .....
- 2 Iron Man invites the leaders of ..... to the Moon.
- 3 Thanos has a(n) ..... on his belt.
- 4 Thanos's device makes a big ball of .....
- 5 The Avengers and the Guardians of the Galaxy are .....

**3 Draw a picture of your favourite character from *Call for Backup* and say why you like him or her.**



# Call for Backup

**Thanos wants to find the leaders of the Earth.**  
He comes to the Moon Base but Iron Man sees him.

Iron Man knows he has to get help. He has many friends. They are super heroes and they can fight Thanos.

Who answers the call for backup? Can they stop Thanos and his dangerous army?

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