

STEADILY, BUT VERY SLOWLY, THE TREES LUMBERED TOWARD OUR TOWN! MEANWHILE, I WAS IN MY LAB -- IN A DESPERATE FIGHT AGAINST TIME!



WHAT ARE YOU HIDING IN HERE FOR? WHY AREN'T YOU OUT WITH THE OTHER MEN -- TRYING TO STOP THAT MONSTER? MUST YOU BE WEAK AND SPINELESS TO THE BITTER END?

I WORKED ALL THRU THAT DAY AND NIGHT, AND THE NEXT DAY! BY SUNDOWN, THE TREES UNDER GROOT'S COMMAND HAD SURROUNDED THE TOWN AND WERE STARTING TO EXTEND THEIR ROOTS...



THE ROOTS ARE STILL SPREADING OUT!

THEY'RE WINDING AROUND EACH OTHER! THEY'RE GOING TO FORM A NET!

FINALLY, THE MOMENT WAS AT HAND! I WAS READY!



THIS IS IT! THIS WILL DESTROY THE MIGHTY GROOT!!

UNDER COVER OF NIGHT, I STOLE OVER NEAR THE GREAT WOOD-MONSTER...



WE SHOULD START HAVING RESULTS WITHIN MINUTES...



AARRGG

...WEAK... I'M BECOMING WEAK... CANNOT MOVE... AARRGG...

THOSE MOANS... SOMETHING'S HAPPENING TO GROOT!

BUT WHAT? WHAT COULD POSSIBLY HARM THAT GOLIATH??!



BY SUNUP, IT WAS ALL OVER...

HE'S DEAD!! YOU DESTROYED HIM, JUST LIKE YOU PROMISED YOU WOULD! BUT NOW DID YOU DO IT? WHAT DID YOU USE?

THE DEADLIEST BREED OF WOOD-TERMITES!! I BREED THEM IN MY LABORATORY... THEN I BROUGHT THEM OUT HERE AND TURNED THEM LOOSE ON GROOT!



WELL, I'LL BE... I NEVER EVEN THOUGHT OF THAT!

THAT'S WHY EVANS IS A SCIENTIST-- AND YOU'RE ONLY A SHERIFF!

OH, DARLING, FORGIVE ME! I'VE BEEN SUCH A FOOL! I'LL NEVER COMPLAIN ABOUT YOU AGAIN! NEVER!!

AND THUS THE END OF GROOT MARKED FOR ME THE BEGINNING OF A NEW, AND BETTER LIFE!

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