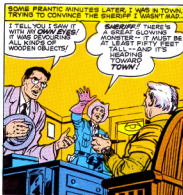




I'D BETTER GET TO TOWN **FAST!**
I'VE GOT TO WARN THE SHERIFF!
THIS WOOD-GIANT COULD MENACE
US **ALL!!**



I TELL YOU I SAW IT
WITH MY **OWN EYES!**
IT WAS DEVOURING
ALL KINDS OF
WOODEN OBJECTS!

SHERIFF!! THERE'S
A GREAT GLOWING
MONSTER -- IT MUST BE
AT LEAST FIFTY FEET
TALL -- AND IT'S
HEADING
TOWARD
TOWN!



THAT **DID** IT!
THE SHERIFF
AND
EVERYONE
ELSE
WAS NOW
CONVINCED
--AND THEY
WENT INTO
ACTION...

REMEMBER, DON'T FIRE
UNTIL WE KNOW WHAT
THIS THING IS **UP TO!**

RIGHT!



LOOK AT THE WAY
THAT MONSTER **SHINES!**
IT--IT HURTS YOUR EYES
TO LOOK AT IT!!

GET READY, MEN..
THAT WALKING
NIGHTMARE LOOKS
LIKE IT MEANS
BUSINESS!



CLOSER AND CLOSER IT CAME...UNTIL IT WAS JUST IN
FRONT OF OUR BARRICADE...THEN IT STOPPED -- AND
STARTED TO SPEAK!

EARTHLINGS--
HEAR ME!!
I AM **GROOT**,
MONARCH OF
PLANET X. I COME TO
TAKE AN EARTH VILLAGE
--YOUR VILLAGE, BACK TO
MY PLANET! WE WANT
TO **STUDY** YOU, TO
EXPERIMENT ON YOU!



HE WANTS
TO **KILL** US!
SHOOT HIM!
SHOOT HIM
!!!

GET **OUT** OF HERE! GO
BACK WHERE YOU **CAME**
FROM!-- BEFORE WE
BLAST YOU!