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STORY SO FAR:

WITH BLACKROCK AND CENTURION MISSING IN THE CYBERTRONIAN WILDERNESS AND CHAOS DESCENDING ON CYBERTRON, IT IS UP TO ARCEE AND EVERYONE'S FAVORITE RAG-TAG TEAM OF REVOLUTIONARIES TO FIND THEIR FRIENDS AND DISCOVER WHAT THE BOUNTY HUNTER COLDITZ WANTS...



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YOU SEEN ONE SENSES-SHATTERING INVASION, YOU SEEN 'EM ALL, AND I'VE SEEN 'EM ALL.

CYBERTRON WAS UNDER SIEGE, AGAIN. BUT THIS TIME—IT WAS THE FAULT OF THE HUMANS.

KUP.
OLD SOLDIER.



I DIDN'T SEE THAT TWIST COMING!

CYBERTRONIANS INVADE US, WE INVADE THEM.

IT'S WHAT ALANIS MORISSETTE MIGHT CALL "IRONIC."

ACTION MAN.
BRITISH SPECIAL AGENT.



AND THEY SAY I'M THE OLD ONE. EVEN I KNOW THAT'S A DATED REFERENCE, KID.

BUT SEE—SOME CYBERTRONIANS GET ALONG WITH SOME HUMANS.

AS USUAL, THE JERKS GOTTA RUIN IT FOR THE REST OF US.



HOW DID THIS BECOME MY LIFE? I ALMOST HAD A PHD IN HISTORY.

THE POINT IS, DESPITE OUR WORLDS BEING AT WAR, OUR COALITION TEAM WENT IN PURSUIT OF TWO MISSING HUMAN/CYBERTRONIAN...

...HYBRIDS, OR SOMETHING. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE TECHNICAL TERM IS.

MAYDAY.
G.I. JOE WARRANT OFFICER.



IS THIS HOW HUMAN WARRIORS ACT?

MY PLANET IS IN PERIL, AND YOU BICKER. ALTHOUGH I SUPPOSE CYBERTRONIANS AREN'T ANY DIFFERENT.

DESPITE MY PERSONAL PROBLEMS WITH GARRISON BLACKROCK, WE HAVE A MISSION TO COMPLETE—LOCATE AND RETRIEVE HIM.

ARCEE.
WARRIOR.



WHERE AM I?

GARRISON BLACKROCK.
CYBERTRONIAN, CEO OF ONYX.



WHO'S THERE— WHO'S DOING THIS?

I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO TELL YOU HOW SICK I AM OF BEING KIDNAPPED.

THEY WERE GOING TO KILL YOU, BLACKROCK. I HAD TO TAKE YOU.

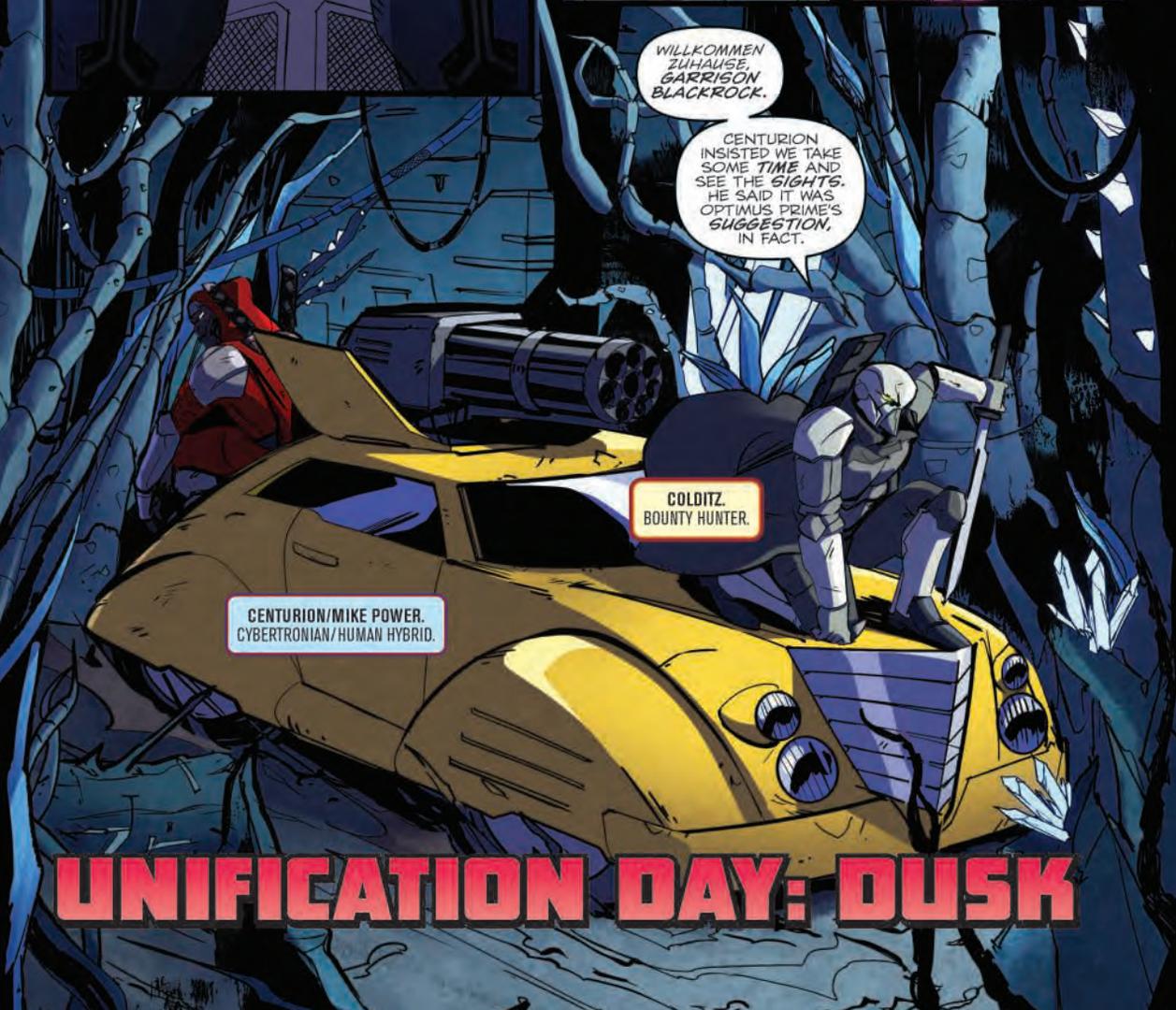


CENTURION?

WHERE ARE WE—



—OH, MAN.



WILLKOMMEN ZUHAUSE, GARRISON BLACKROCK.

CENTURION INSISTED WE TAKE SOME TIME AND SEE THE SIGHTS. HE SAID IT WAS OPTIMUS PRIME'S SUGGESTION, IN FACT.

COLDITZ, BOUNTY HUNTER.

CENTURION/MIKE POWER, CYBERTRONIAN/HUMAN HYBRID.

UNIFICATION DAY: DUSK





WELL, WE
KNOW WHERE
THEY WENT.



NONE OF
THEM HAVE BEEN
ON CYBERTRON
BEFORE, LET ALONE
THE OUTBACK.

THEY MIGHT NOT
BE LEAVING A TRAIL
INTENTIONALLY.

LET'S
NOT COUNT
ON THAT.

THEY'RE A
WORLD-CLASS
BOUNTY HUNTER
AND AT LEAST
THREE ENHANCED
NINJA.



COLDITZ IS
SUPPOSED
TO BE A PRO, BUT
HE NEVER SEEMED
LIKE A BIG DEAL
TO ME. I TOOK
HIM OUT EASY.

WE DON'T
EVEN KNOW
IF **BLACKROCK**
OR **CENTURION**
WENT WILLINGLY.

OR WHICH
ONE YOUR
BOUNTY
HUNTER
WAS AFTER.



BLACKROCK
WAS *PROBABLY*
TRYING TO
PROTECT **MIKE**—
CENTURION,
I MEAN.

I'LL CATCH
YOU UP WHILE WE
GO, ARCEE.



DON'T...
DON'T YOU
WANNA RIDE
WITH *ME*?



I DON'T GET WHY HE DIDN'T WANNA RIDE WITH ME.

NO OFFENSE, MAYDAY—I MEAN YOU BOTH COULDA FIT.



I THINK HE LIKES THE PINK ROBOT.

WELL, I THOUGHT HE LIKED M— OHHHHH. "LIKES."

BUT THAT'S DISGUSTING. IAN'S A COOL GUY, BUT UNDER ALL THE JOKES AN' STUFF, HE'S JUST A HAIRY BAG OF MEAT. AGAIN—NO OFFENSE.



SO, YOU DRIVE THIS WAY A LOT, DO YOU?

I'VE SPENT TIME IN THE OUTBACK.

YEAH, ME? I LIKE CAMPING.



I PREFER CITIES.

TAKE A LITTLE HOLIDAY, GET AWAY FROM— WHAT'S THAT?

WELL, SURE. CITIES ARE EVEN BETTER. THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE.



NO METAL HEDGES TO HIDE IN.

ARCEE, WOULD YOU MIND OPENING A CHANNEL TO KUPP?

THEY'VE BEEN LISTENING TO YOU THE WHOLE RIDE, "ACTION MAN."



AND I'VE BEEN TRACKING THE TARGET OUTSIDE FOR OVER 15 SECONDS, ROMEO.

THAT'S AN ETERNITY. KEEP YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME.

THAT'S WHAT I TOLD HIM!