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When Getaway was rescued from Luna 1 and joined the crew of the *Last Light*, he was unprepared for two things: Rodimus's infantile behaviour and Megatron's arrival as co-captain. Desperate for Megatron to be punished for his crimes and for Rodimus to stand down, the escapologist hatched a plan. And then he hatched another.

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THE LOST LIGHT.



AND WHATEVER I SAY IS JUST BETWEEN US, CORRECT?

RUNG'S QUARTERS. NOT LONG AGO.



CORRECT.

GOOD. BECAUSE I'M STARTING TO LOSE TRACK OF WHO KNOWS WHAT.

LET ME ASSURE YOU, GETAWAY, THAT *PATIENT CONFIDENTIALITY* IS PARAMOUNT. NOTHING YOU TALK ABOUT WILL LEAVE THIS ROOM.

I'M *INTRIGUED*, THOUGH. YOU WERE SO KEEN TO SEE ME. WHY IS THAT, I WONDER?

WHY DOES ANYBODY ASK TO SEE A PSYCHIATRIST? BECAUSE THEY NEED HELP.

AND IF YOU'RE GOING TO HELP ME, YOU NEED TO KNOW HOW I GOT HERE.

I'VE DONE THINGS THAT LESS *AMBITIOUS* PEOPLE MIGHT CONSIDER A LITTLE... EXTREME.

DON'T WORRY, I'M NOT EASILY SHOCKED.

NOW, WHERE DO YOU WANT TO START?

WHERE ELSE?

"SWERVE'S."



"ATOMIZER AND I HAD A LITTLE TABLE IN THE CORNER. WE CALLED IT OUR *RECRUITMENT CENTER*."

MAINFRAME— BEFORE YOU GO— ONE LAST THING.



MEGATRON HAS AN **ENTOURAGE** NOW. THE USUAL SUSPECTS: RODIMUS, BRAINSTORM, CHROMEDOME, CYCLONUS...

...NOT THAT THEY'D RECOGNIZE THEMSELVES AS HIS ALLIES. THAT'S HOW HE OPERATES. YOU SEE HE'S A **MANIPULATOR**. HE DOESN'T **EARN** YOUR LOYALTY—HE **STEALS** IT.

ANYWAY, POINT IS, HE'S GOT A **FANBASE**—AND THEY SUSPECT I'M **UP TO SOMETHING**. AND THAT IS WHY I NEED YOU TO BE EXTRA ALERT.



ALERT FOR WHAT?

I DON'T KNOW, THEY MIGHT TRY TO... I DON'T KNOW.

THEY MIGHT SEND ME ON A POINTLESS MISSION. MAYBE I'LL END UP IN **QUARANTINE** WITH **OIL POISONING**.

MOST LIKELY THEY'LL ENGINEER A **CRISIS**—A CRISIS OR A **CRIME**—AND PIN THE BLAME ON ME. IF I'M EVER **LOCKED UP**, YOU KNOW THEY PANICKED.



OKAY, SO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR **THREATS**.

THREATS, YES, BUT ALSO? **OPPORTUNITIES**.

MY GOAL IS TO **DETACH** MEGATRON FROM THIS SHIP—LIKE YOU GUYS DID WITH **OVERLORD**, ONLY WITH LESS... **CARNAGE**.

BUT IF I CAN'T SINGLE HIM OUT I MIGHT HAVE TO REMOVE **ALL** OF THEM: MEGATRON AND HIS **CHEERLEADERS**.



YOU'RE A SMART GUY, MAINFRAME. SMARTER THAN MOST. SMARTER THAN WE DESERVE.

IF YOU EVER SEE A CHANCE FOR US TO EASE OUR MORE **PROBLEMATIC** TEAMMATES OFF THE SHIP AND, YOU KNOW, ACTUALLY GET THIS QUEST **BACK ON TRACK**, THEN YOU TELL ME, YEAH? YOU COME RUNNING.



I WILL. I PROMISE. AND THANK YOU, GETAWAY. THANK YOU FOR TRUSTING ME. I WON'T LET YOU DOWN.



SO... MAINFRAME'S A **YES**.

COURSE HE IS. HE'S **LONELY**—

—AND THE **LONELIEST** ARE THE EASIEST.



I'LL ADD HIM TO THE LIST AND—WOW. THAT'S VIRTUALLY THE WHOLE CREW. LOOK!

YESSES, NOES... WHAT'S THIS THIRD COLUMN?

UNDECIDEDS. YOUR **FERVORS** AND YOUR **TURBINES**.

WHETHER THEY **BACK US** OR **BLOCK US** DEPENDS ON THE NATURE OF THE **INCITING INCIDENT**—

—WHICH IS WHY I'M HOPING WE CAN KEEP THIS **SMALL SCALE**.

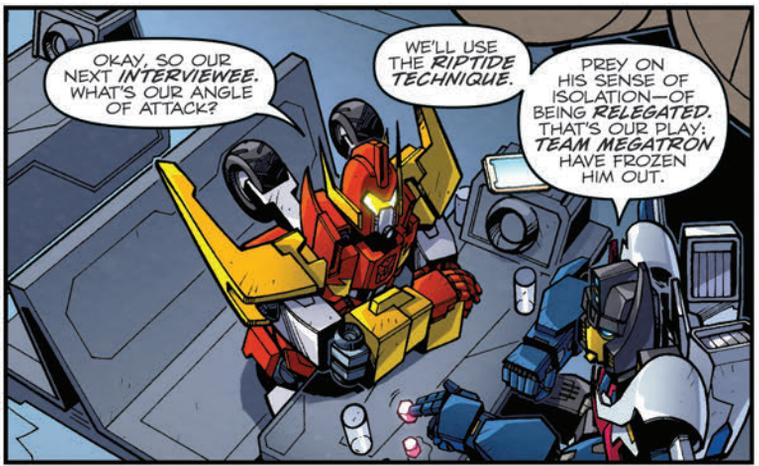


SPEAKING OF WHICH, I'M SUPPOSED TO BE MEETING **TAILGATE** AT THE **OIL RESERVOIR** IN... TEN MINUTES AGO. WE'RE GOING TO HOLD HANDS AND TALK ABOUT **FEELINGS**.

DO YOU HAVE TO GO RIGHT AWAY?

WE'VE GOT ONE MORE PERSON TO SEE.

ARE YOU KIDDING? I ALWAYS KEEP **TAILGATE** WAITING. IT NURTURES THE **DEPENDENCY**.



OKAY, SO OUR NEXT **INTERVIEWEE**. WHAT'S OUR ANGLE OF ATTACK?

WE'LL USE THE **RIPTIDE TECHNIQUE**.

PREY ON HIS SENSE OF ISOLATION—OF BEING **RELEGATED**. THAT'S OUR PLAY: **TEAM MEGATRON** HAVE FROZEN HIM OUT.



YOU WERE RIGHT TO LEAVE HIM TO THE END. EVERYTHING ELSE WE'VE DONE FEELS LIKE A PRACTICE.

AND I MEAN, IF WE CAN WIN **HIM** OVER, WE'RE LAUGHING. HALF THE CREW **WORSHIP** HIM. PEOPLE HAVE TO SIT DOWN AFTER HE TALKS TO THEM.

HE'S NOT THAT IMPRESSIVE.

HE CARRIED THE **MATRIX**...



TEMPORARILY! AND HE NEVER DISPLAYED THE **SIGNS**, DID HE?

THERE'S A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN **STORING** THE **MATRIX** AND **CARRYING** IT. HE STORED IT. HE WAS A GLORIFIED **TROPHY CABINET**.

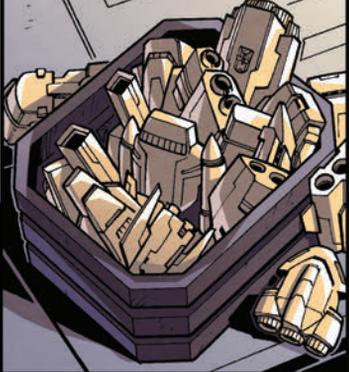
ANYWAY, LOOK LIVELY...



...HE'S HERE.

SWOON





LONG STORY SHORT,
HE AGREED.

NO NUDGE GUN,
NO COERCION,
NO BLACKMAIL.
HE AGREED.

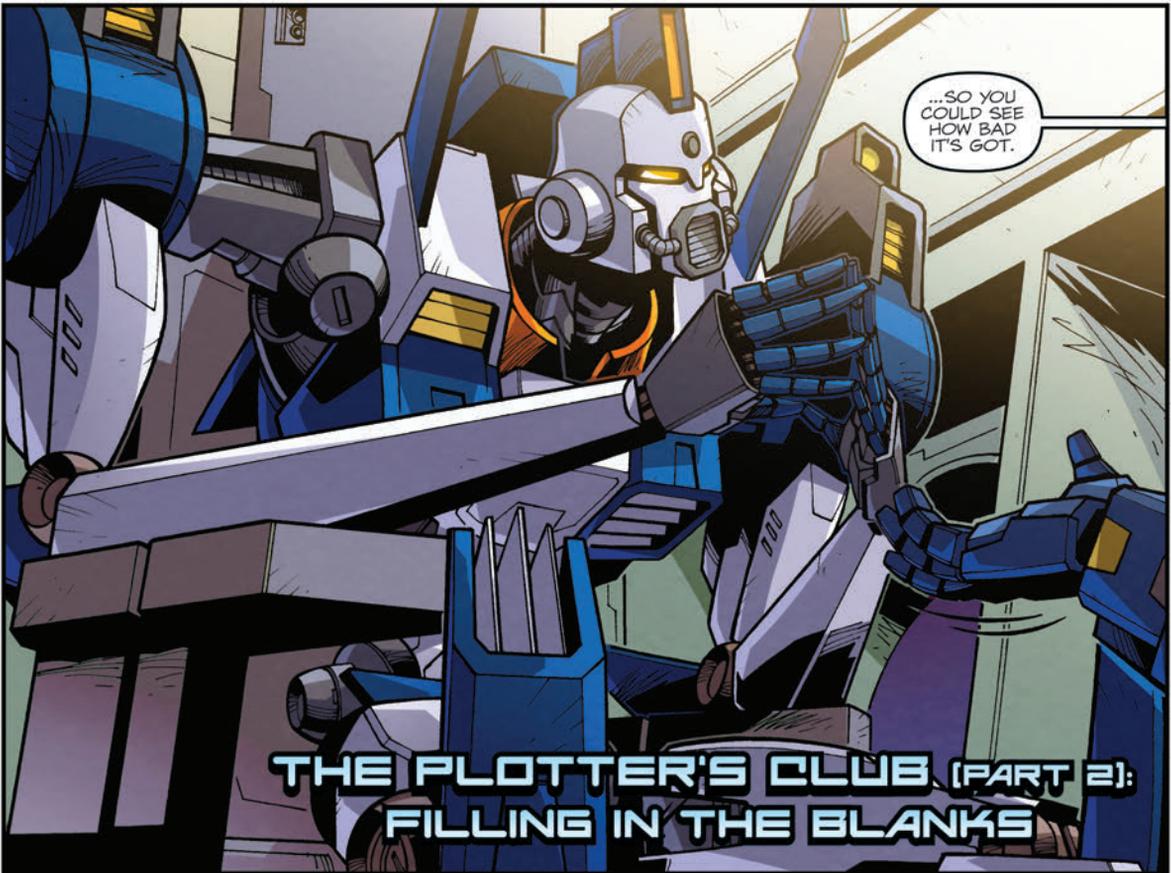
"SMART
PLAN,"
HE SAID,
"I'M IN."

WRITE THAT DOWN.
**THUNDERCLASH
HIMSELF**—AN AUTOBOT
SO MORALLY SCRUPULOUS
HE MAKES OPTIMUS PRIME
LOOK LIKE SENTINEL
PRIME—

—THUNDERCLASH
HIMSELF **SIGNED UP
FOR THE COUP.**

GOD, THOSE
WERE THE DAYS!
EVERYONE STILL
ON MY SIDE.
EVERYTHING STILL
TO PLAY FOR.

SUPPOSE
IF I'M HONEST,
THAT'S THE **OTHER**
REASON I'M GIVING
YOU THE FULL
STORY...



...SO YOU
COULD SEE
HOW BAD
IT'S GOT.

**THE PLOTTER'S CLUB (PART 2):
FILLING IN THE BLANKS**

"TAILGATE. THAT WAS MY FIRST MISSTEP..."

"I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THAT. HAS ANYONE EVER USED THE WORD 'PREDATORY' TO DESCRIBE YOUR BEHAVIOR?"

"ONLY AS A COMPLIMENT. BUT HEY, LOOK—FROID—LET'S NOT DWELL ON A RARE FAILURE..."

"WHEN MY GREATEST SUCCESS WAS JUST AROUND THE CORNER..."

GETAWAY!

GETAWAY! IT'S HAPPENING! PROJECT: DISPLACEMENT IS GO!

WE PICKED UP A SIGNAL FROM NECROWORLD!

I TOLD RODIMUS AND MEGATRON THAT ITS POINT OF ORIGIN WAS UNIDENTIFIABLE, SO NOW THEY'VE GONE OFF ON ONE OF THEIR JAUNTS!

AND IT'S A ONE-WAY TRIP—JACKPOT SPIKED THE RODPOD'S TELEPORT DRIVE SO THEY CAN'T BOUNCE BACK.

ATOMIZER—TELL NEECH TO MOVE IN, AND TELL EVERYONE ELSE TO MOBILIZE.

THIS IS IT! IT'S HAPPENING!

THE BRIDGE.

BLASTER? BLASTER, IS THAT YOU? CAN YOU HEAR ME?

LOUD AND CLEAR, RODIMUS.

GIVE ME A MOMENT TO FILTER THE SIGNAL AND...

IS THAT YOU? YOU SOUND DIFFERENT. CAN YOU SEE US?