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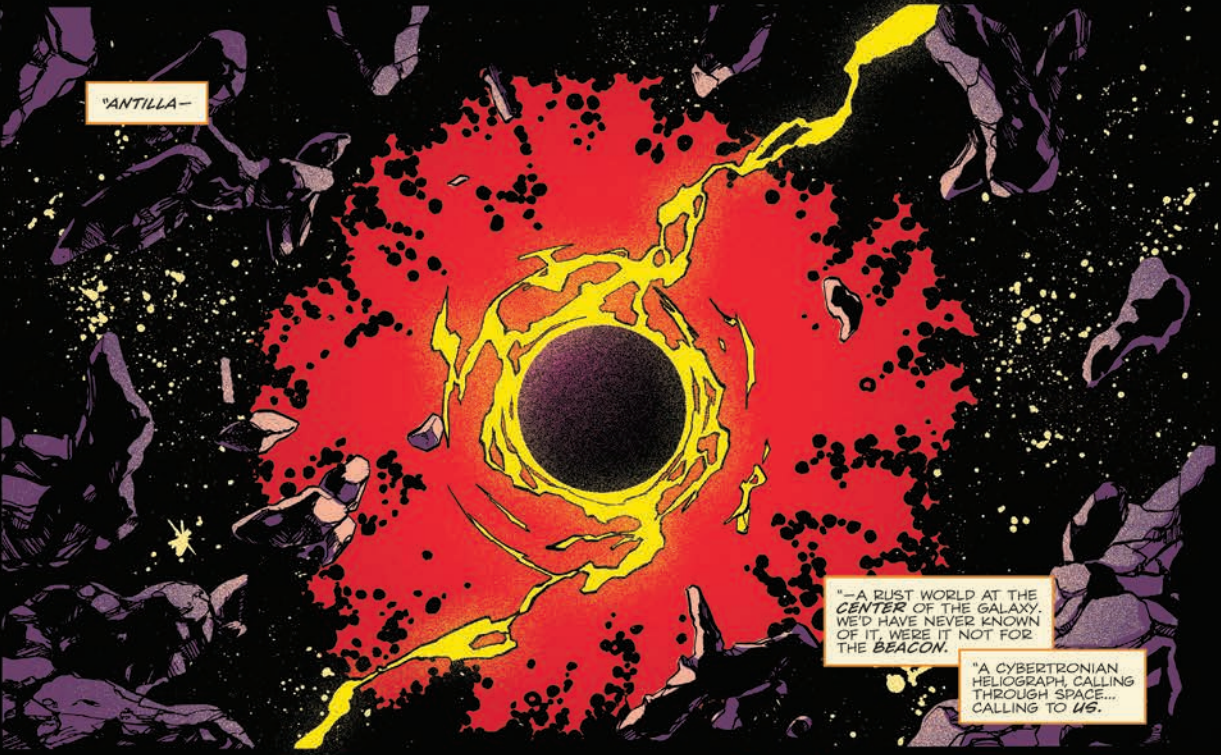
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'ANTILLA—

"—A RUST WORLD AT THE CENTER OF THE GALAXY. WE'D HAVE NEVER KNOWN OF IT, WERE IT NOT FOR THE BEACON.

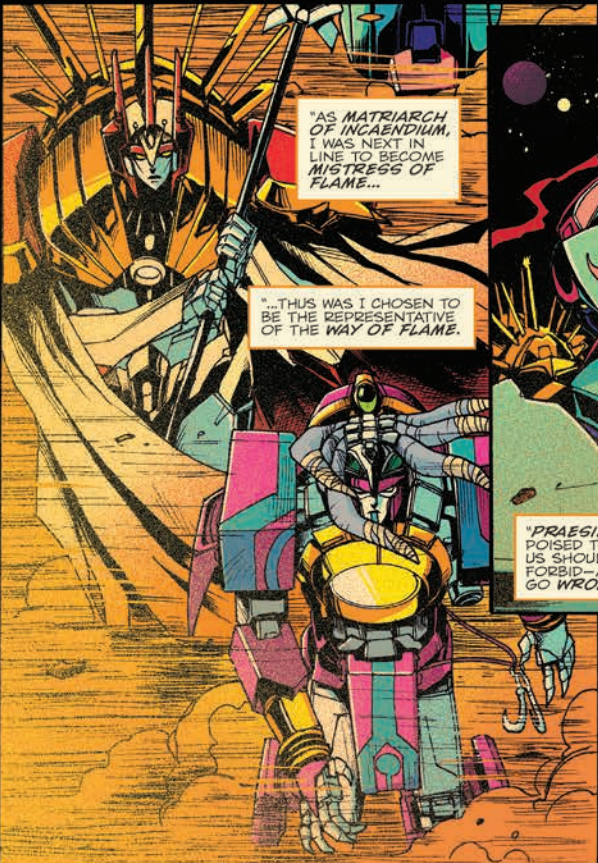
"A CYBERTRONIAN HELIOGRAPH, CALLING THROUGH SPACE... CALLING TO US.



"CAMINUS' SUN BURNED BRIGHT, IN THOSE DAYS.

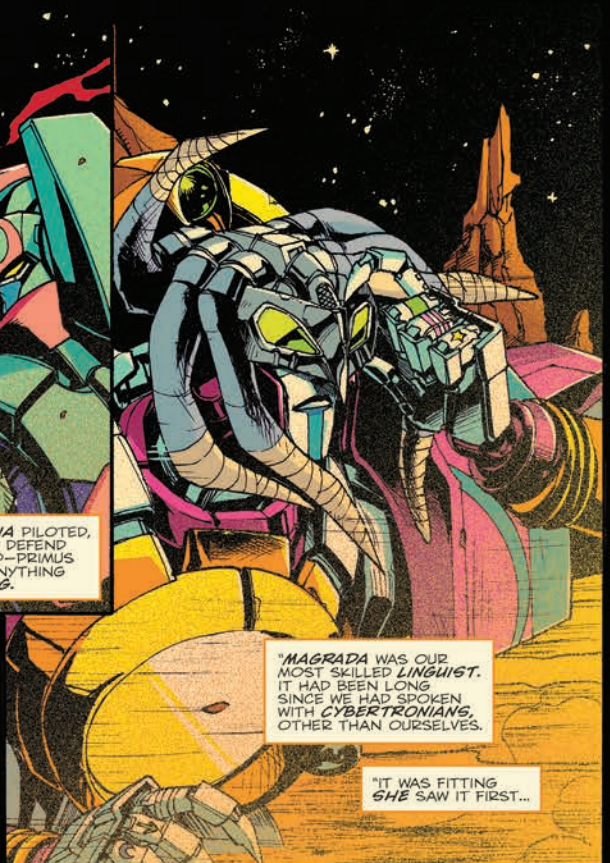
"OUR FUTURE WAS ONE OF HOPE—SUDDENLY COMPOUNDED BY THE IMPENDING REUNION WITH OUR LOST ANCESTORS.

"THE SCINTILLANCE WAS OUR FASTEST STARSHIP. THE VOYAGE TOOK A MERE CENTURY.



"AS MATRIARCH OF INCAENDIUM, I WAS NEXT IN LINE TO BECOME MISTRESS OF FLAME...

"...THUS WAS I CHOSEN TO BE THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WAY OF FLAME.

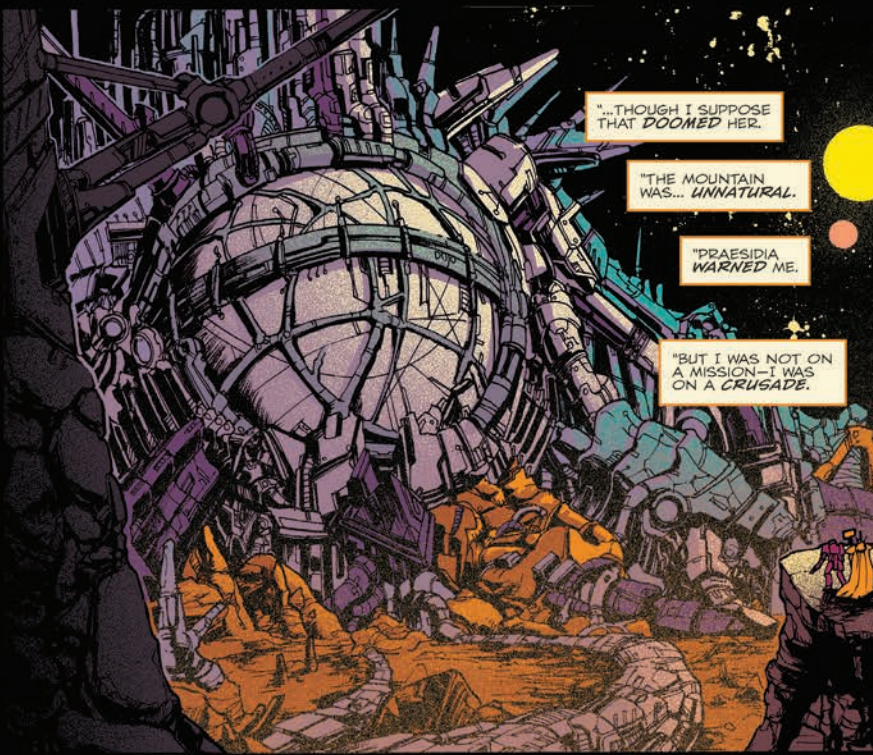


"PRAESIDIA PILOTED, POISED TO DEFEND US SHOULD—PRIMAS FORBID—ANYTHING GO WRONG.

"MAGRADA WAS OUR MOST SKILLED LINGUIST. IT HAD BEEN LONG SINCE WE HAD SPOKEN WITH CYBERTRONIANS, OTHER THAN OURSELVES.

"IT WAS FITTING SHE SAW IT FIRST...





"...THOUGH I SUPPOSE  
THAT *DOOMED* HER.

"THE MOUNTAIN  
WAS... *UNNATURAL*.

"PRAESIDIA  
WARNED ME.

"BUT I WAS NOT ON  
A MISSION—I WAS  
ON A *CRUSADE*.



"A HOLY  
QUEST TO  
WALK THE  
PATH OF  
*PRIMUS*.



"THOUGH...  
PERHAPS  
THE ROAD  
TO *ANTILLA*...



"...WAS THE DOMAIN  
OF HIS *OPPOSITE*.





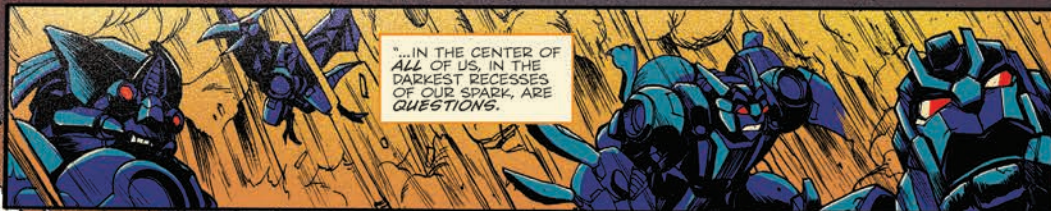
"MAGRADA TRIED  
TO STOP ME.  
BUT I...

"...I WAS LOOKING  
AT A GOD.

"ONE WAY OR  
ANOTHER... THIS  
WAS A PRIME.



"I HAD DEDICATED  
MY LIFE TO THEIR  
TEACHINGS, BUT...

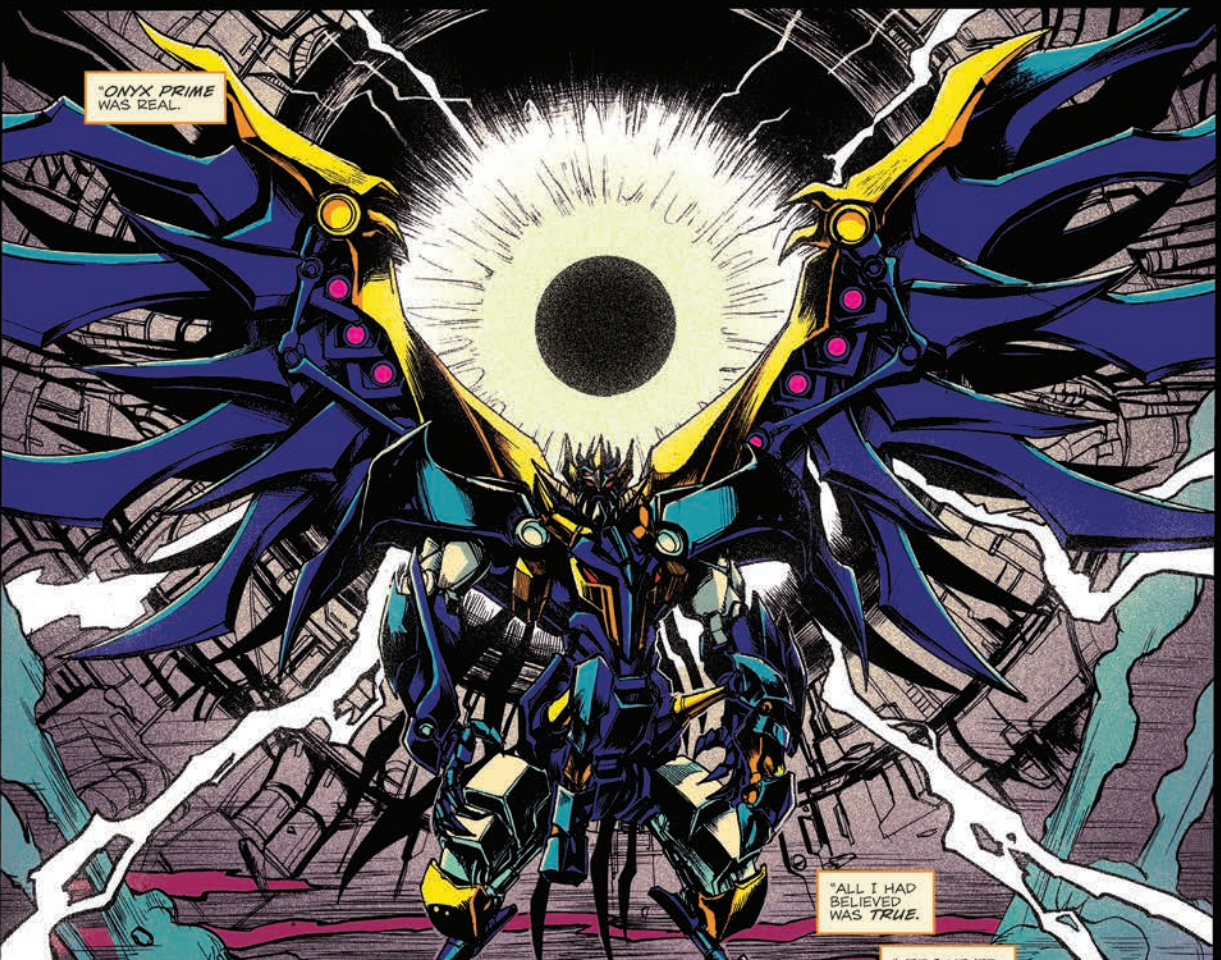


"...IN THE CENTER OF  
ALL OF US, IN THE  
DARKEST RECESSES  
OF OUR SPARK, ARE  
QUESTIONS.



"THE PRIME  
ANSWERED  
MINE.





"ONYX PRIME  
WAS REAL."

"ALL I HAD  
BELIEVED  
WAS TRUE."

"YET I NEVER  
EXPECTED  
THE LIGHT OF MY  
QUESTIONS..."



"...TO BE EXTINGUISHED  
BY THE DARKNESS OF  
THE ANSWERS."



"PRAESIDIA NEVER  
LOOKED BACK."



"BUT I..."



