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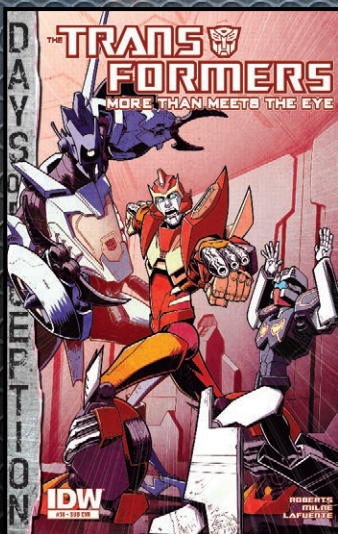
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Rodimus leads a team of Autobots into Cybertron's past, pursuing the Decepticon double-agent, Brainstorm, who they believe is planning to use his time-machine briefcase to kill Orion Pax before he became Optimus Prime. But in the present day, Megatron makes a startling realization about the dates Brainstorm is jumping through: it's not Optimus Prime who's in danger—it's Megatron!

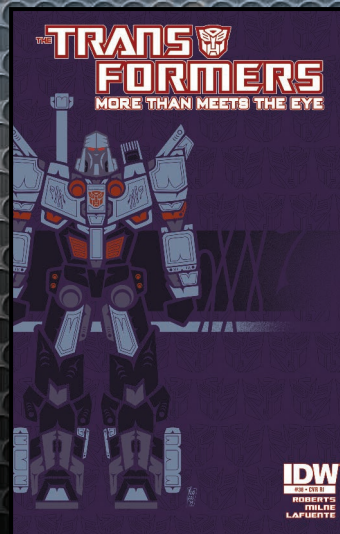
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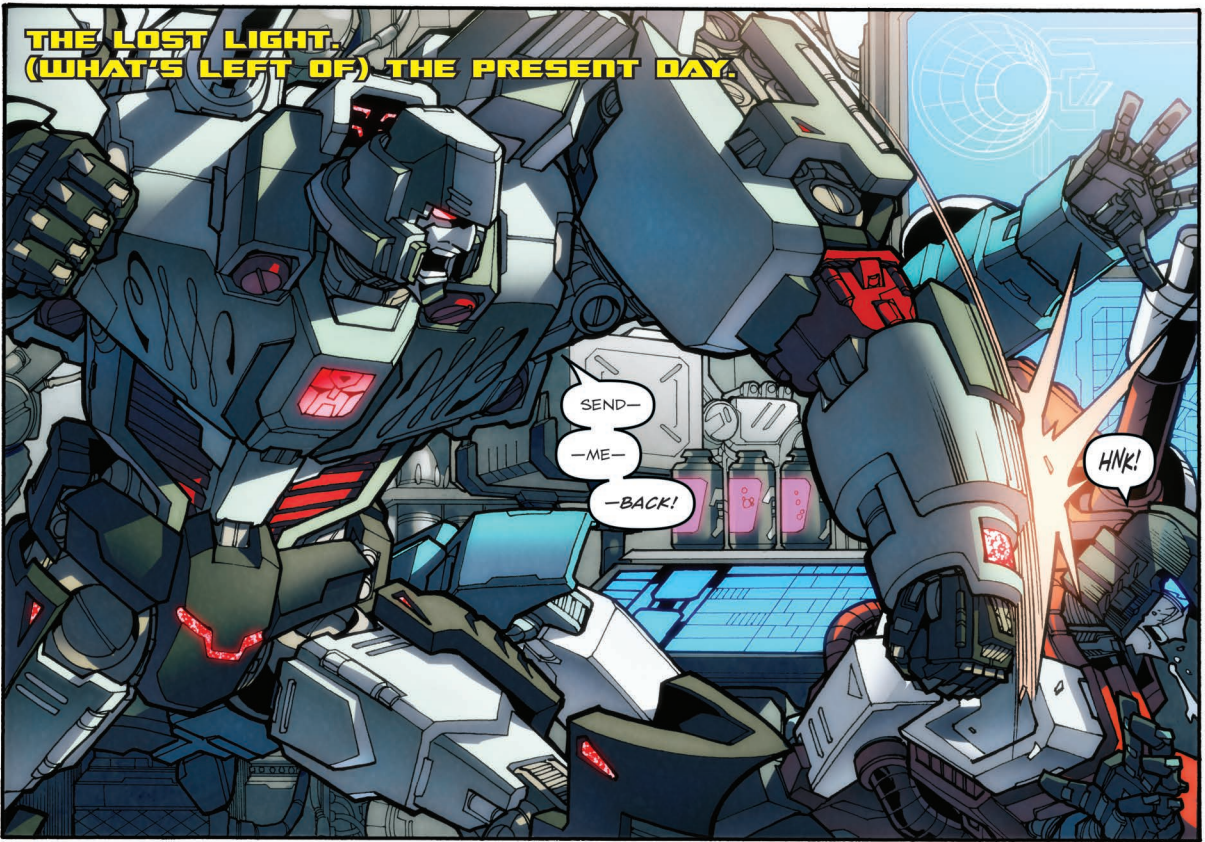


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**THE LOST LIGHT.  
(WHAT'S LEFT OF) THE PRESENT DAY.**



SEND—  
—ME—  
—BACK!

HNK!



I TOLD YOU, I—  
**KAH!**

BRAINSTORM'S  
ABOUT TO  
KILL ME!

I HAVE  
A RIGHT  
TO DEFEND  
MYSELF!

MEGATRON!  
CALM DOWN  
OR—



I SAID  
CALM  
DOWN.

**OFF  
ME!**

YOU DON'T  
UNDERSTAND!  
FIVE MILLION  
YEARS AGO—  
1ST CYCLE 012—  
I'M NEW!

I'M HALF-BUILT,  
UNDERPOWERED,  
AND OFFLINE!

I'M  
VULNERABLE!





RODIMUS AND THE OTHERS WILL STOP BRAINSTORM. I WAS ABOUT TO SEND THEM AFTER HIM WHEN YOU ATTACKED ME.

"ATTACKED" YOU. I DIDN'T "ATTACK" YOU. THAT WAS—

I WAS REMONSTRATING.



BESIDES— RODIMUS?

YOU WANT ME TO PUT MY LIFE IN THE HANDS OF AN AUTOBOT WHO SOMERSAULTS ONTO THE BRIDGE?

AN AUTOBOT WHO PRETENDS TO BE DEAD IF YOU ASK HIM A DIFFICULT QUESTION?



AN AUTOBOT WHO, IN RESPONSE TO A CRISIS IN MORALE PRECIPITATED BY HIS OWN WOEFUL CAPTAINCY, INTRODUCED A REWARD SYSTEM BASED HIS OWN FACE?



YOU WERE HAPPY TO LEAVE THIS TO RODIMUS WHEN YOU THOUGHT IT WAS PRIME'S LIFE ON THE LINE...

WHAT?

DON'T BE CLEVER. IT MAKES YOU LOOK STUPID.



GOD, NOW I'M STARTING TO SOUND LIKE HIM.



EVEN IF WE THOUGHT LETTING YOU LOOSE IN THE TIMESTREAM WAS A GOOD IDEA, I CAN'T. IT'S TOO LATE.

THERE WAS ENOUGH ENERGY IN THE QUANTUM ENGINES FOR ONE MORE JUMP— AND I JUST USED IT TO MOVE THE OTHERS.

BUT—



NO, MEGATRON.

NO.

YOU'RE GOING TO BACK OFF, CALM DOWN, AND SHUT UP—IN THAT ORDER.



...

RIGHT. YES.



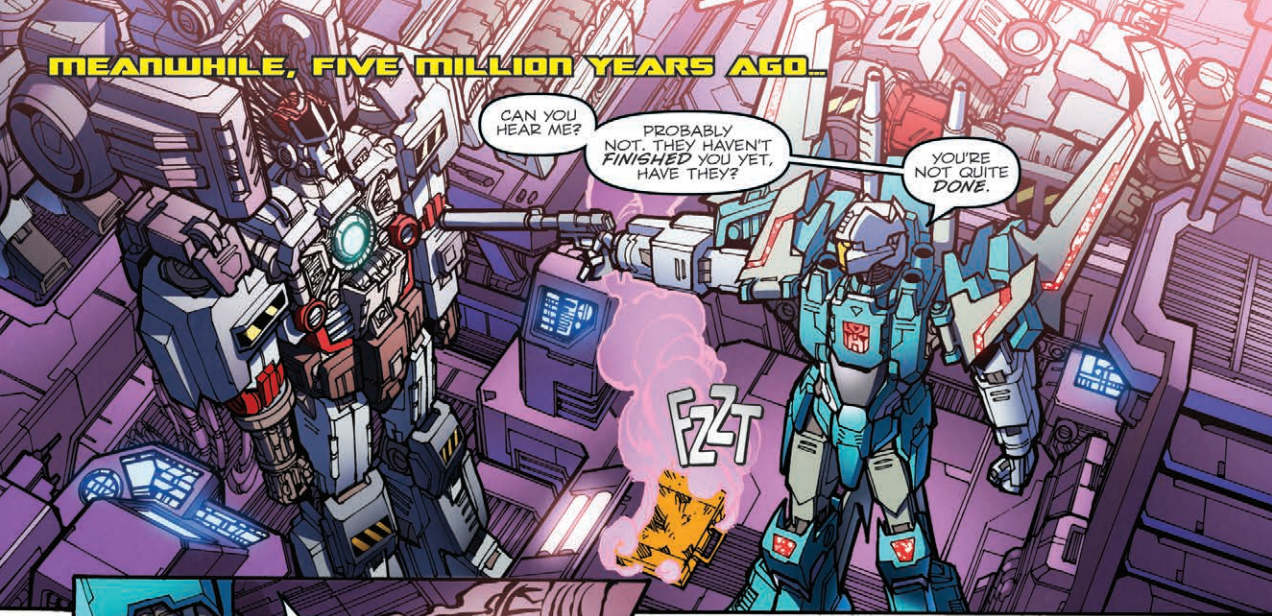
NEATEST HANDWRITING. YOU?

~SIGH~

FOR ABANDONING MY EVIL WAYS.



MEANWHILE, FIVE MILLION YEARS AGO...



CAN YOU HEAR ME?

PROBABLY NOT. THEY HAVEN'T FINISHED YOU YET, HAVE THEY?

YOU'RE NOT QUITE DONE.

FZT



EH?



THE OLD TIME-TRAVELING GRENADE TRICK!

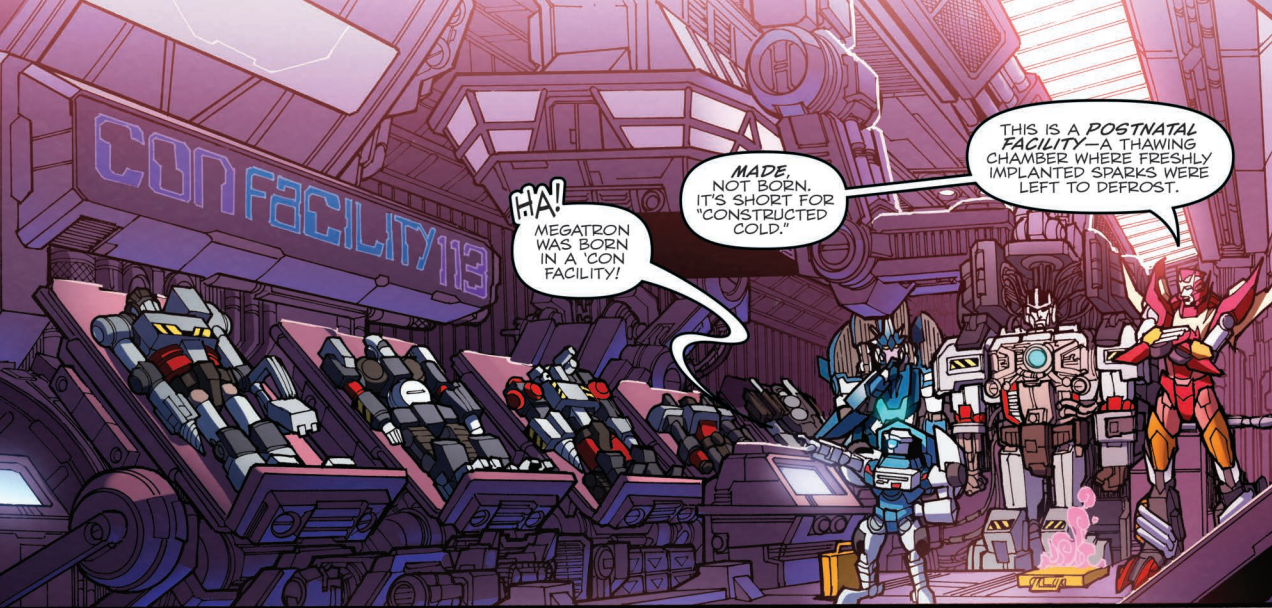
IS IT OLD?

IT IS NOW.



HE'S ALIVE. HIS LEGS TOOK THE BRUNT, BUT HE'S OKAY.





HA!

MEGATRON WAS BORN IN A 'CON FACILITY!

MADE, NOT BORN. IT'S SHORT FOR "CONSTRUCTED COLD."

THIS IS A *POSTNATAL FACILITY*—A THAWING CHAMBER WHERE FRESHLY IMPLANTED SPARKS WERE LEFT TO DEFROST.



BRAINSTORM HACKED INTO THE RECORD SYSTEM AND WIRED MEGATRON'S *BATCH CODE*—AND IT LOOKS LIKE HE TRIED TO REMOVE HIS *SERIAL NUMBER*, TOO.

MURDERING MEGATRON WASN'T ENOUGH: HE WANTED TO REMOVE ALL TRACE OF HIS CREATION.

WHAT'S MEGATRON'S BATCH NUMBER, REWIND?

I CAN PUT IT BACK IN.



CAN YOU JUST BEAR WITH ME WHILE I—

SORRY.

SOME KIND OF—*URGH!*—*INFORMATION RUSH*.

THE REST OF MY DATABASE HAS BEEN *OVERWRITTEN*.

THE NEW HISTORY—THE *REVISED* HISTORY... IT'S ALL FALLING INTO PLACE.

BUT WHY?

NOW WE'VE STOPPED BRAINSTORM, THE SURROGATE TIMELINE SHOULD BE *RECEDING*...



...UNLESS WE *DIDN'T* STOP BRAINSTORM...



BRAINSTORM *WAIT!*

PLEASE, JUST—JUST HOLD ON.

WELL?

I'M HOLDING ON.

YEP, YEP, NO, THAT'S GOOD, THAT'S—THAT'S REALLY—

SORRY I NEED A MINUTE TO WORK OUT WHAT I'M GOING TO SAY.



YEAH—AND WE KNOW YOU TRIED TO KILL EVERYONE ON BOARD!

I *POISONED* THEIR DRINKS, YOU PINHEAD. LOOK UP *INCAPACITATE*, LOOK UP *MURDER*, THEN COME BACK AND APOLOGIZE.

OKAY, OKAY, HOW ABOUT THIS!





FIVE MILLION YEARS AGO IS... SLAP-BANG IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SILVER HARVEST.

THOUSANDS OF KNOCK-OFFS WERE BEING RELEASED INTO THE WILD EVERY DAY.



PERCY? SHED ANY LIGHT?



IT APPEARS OUR TIMELINE IS IRREVERSIBLY COMPROMISED.

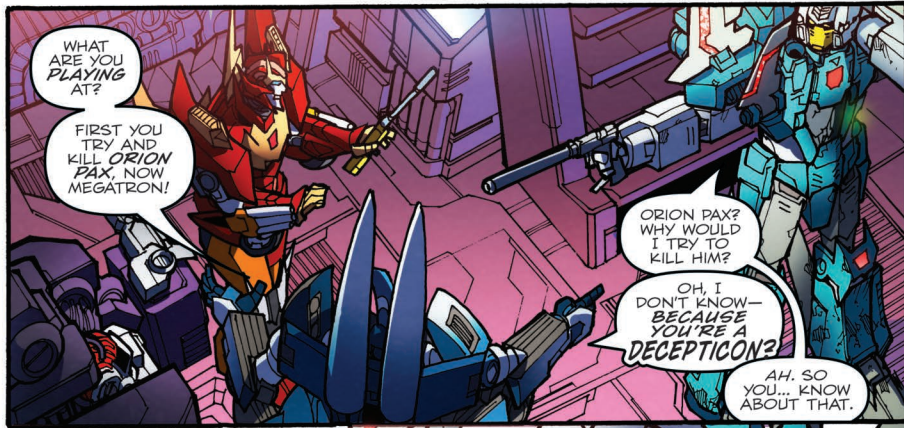
THAT SAID, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET THINGS BACK ON TRACK IF I DISMANTLE THE PARADOX LOCKS— BUT IT'S PHENOMENALLY RISKY AND YOU NEED TO THINK CAREFULLY BEFORE—

SURE, GO AHEAD, WHATEVER.

BUT I DON'T GET IT! WE STOPPED BRAINSTORM—THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO FIX THINGS! UNLESS...



SORRY ABOUT THIS! DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE ACTUALLY GOING TO STOP.



WHAT ARE YOU PLAYING AT?

FIRST YOU TRY AND KILL ORION PAX, NOW MEGATRON!

ORION PAX? WHY WOULD I TRY TO KILL HIM?

OH, I DON'T KNOW— BECAUSE YOU'RE A DECEPTON?

AH, SO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT.



THERE'S MORE THAN MEGATRON'S LIFE AT STAKE HERE. IF YOU PULL THAT TRIGGER, EVERYTHING CHANGES.

ALL OF US, WE ALL GO. OUR WHOLE TIMELINE: GONE.

SO...

YES, EXACTLY.

SO THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT! THAT'S THE WHOLE PLAN!