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# ROOM



Far, far away, in another galaxy, the knights of the Solstar Order, defenders of justice and truth, have been ambushed by the evil magicians, the Dire Wraiths. The Solstar Order has prevailed and is now seeking out their scattered enemies.

One of these knights has followed the trail of the Dire Wraiths all the way to Earth. This one, the Dire Wraiths fear more than all others. This one has hounded them and kept them underground for centuries. This one alone could wipe them off the face of creation.

*He is ROM,  
Lord of the Solstar Order.  
Rom, the Wraithslayer.*

# ROM

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THE SOLSTAR ORDER CODE DICTATES ITS MEMBERS SHALL "DEFEND THE DEFENSELESS; REPULSE THE INVADER; PROTECT THE ORDER."


EACH DIRECTIVE SUPERSEDES THOSE BEFORE IT. PROTECTING THE ORDER IS PARAMOUNT.



WHEN A PLANET CANNOT BE SAVED FROM THE *DIRE WRAITHS*, IT MUST BE DESTROYED, LEST IT IN TURN INFECT OTHER WORLDS.



ROM HAS REJECTED THIS. *I* HAVE NOT.



A KNIGHT'S STRENGTH RESTS NOT IN HIS WEAPONS OR HIS ARMOR, BUT IN HIS RESOLVE TO DO WHAT IS NECESSARY FOR THE GREATEST GOOD.

IT IS NOT AN EASY BURDEN. MANY HAVE CRUMBLLED BENEATH IT. THEIR FAILURE PLACES MORE WEIGHT UPON WE WHO REMAIN.

BUT IT MUST BE BORNE.

AND AT LAST, BEFORE ME LIES THE MEANS TO FULFILL MY DUTY.



I KNOW NOT WHERE ORPHION IS BOUND, BUT HE IS MOVING AT NEAR SUPERSONIC SPEEDS. WE MUST FLY FASTER, LIVIA.

I WILL ACCOMPANY YOU, ROM, BUT YOU CANNOT EXPECT ME TO DEFEY MY PARTNER... OUR SUPERIOR OFFICER.

WE CAME HERE TO INVESTIGATE REPORTS THAT YOU'D LOST YOUR WAY. LOST YOUR TASTE FOR WAR.

AND FROM WHAT WE HAVE SEEN THIS FAR... OUR FEARS ARE REALIZED.

THE EARTHINGS YOU DEFEND REPAY YOU WITH VIOLENCE.

WHILE THE WRAITHS BUILD THEIR POWER IN WAYS WE HAVE NEVER BEFORE SEEN.

THAT IS PRECISELY WHY WE MUST *UNDERSTAND* WHAT THE ENEMY DOES HERE, BEFORE REFLEXIVELY DESTROYING WHAT WE FEAR...

...AND WITH IT, PERHAPS THE CHANCE TO FINALLY END THIS ENDLESS CONFLICT... ALONG WITH THE VERY ALLIES WHO MAY HELP US WIN.

"LOST MY TASTE FOR WAR," LIVIA? I NEVER HAD ONE. IF YOU AND COMMANDER ORPHION ARE RULED BY YOURS... I FEAR FOR ALL OF US.



IT'S WORSE THAN I FEARED.

I KNOW... THEY SMOKED US. THEIR TECH'S LIKE NOTHING WE'VE EVER SEEN.

**BEACH HEAD.**  
G.I. JOE;  
RANGER;  
ARMORER.

**GRUNT. G.I. JOE:**  
INFANTRY;  
ARMORER.



COMING AT THEM WITH EARTH WEAPONS IS LIKE BRINGING A KNIFE TO A NUCLEAR EXCHANGE.



WE NEED TO THINK BIGGER. MAYBE WE CAN GET SOMETHING FROM THE CYBERTRONIANS... BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY.



THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD WAY TO START ANOTHER WAR... AND GET SCARLETT'S BOOT PLANTED WHERE THE SUN DON'T SHINE.

YOU HAVE A BETTER IDEA?



YEAH. WE DON'T THINK BIGGER...

...WE THINK SMALLER.



THE WRAITH-STENCH IS OVERWHELMING, BUT I CAN SCARCELY SHIRK PROCEDURE WHILE CONDEMNING ROM FOR DOING THE SAME.

LET MY ANALYZER CONFIRM WHAT I ALREADY KNOW.

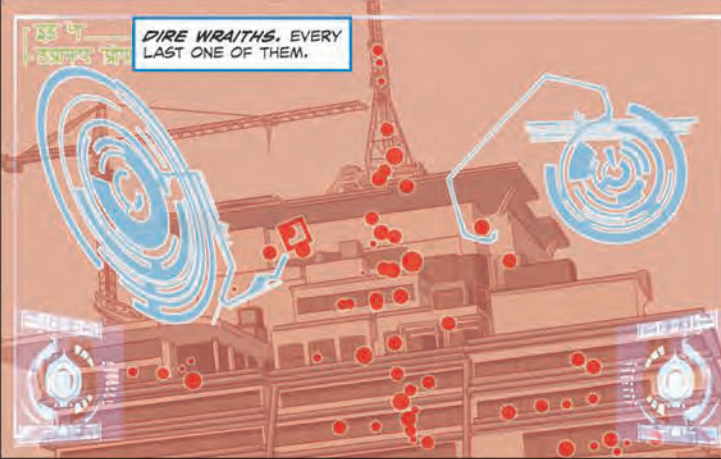


THE SOLSTAR KNIGHT IS HERE!

SOUND THE ALARM! WARN THE OTHERS!



HOLD YOUR POSITIONS! THIS IS THE DEATH YOU WERE BORN FOR!



DIRE WRAITHS, EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM.



MY SYSTEMS ARE STILL RECOVERING FROM THE HUMANS' ATTACK. MY NEUTRA-BOW WILL TAKE A MOMENT TO FORM. THEY'VE FORCED ME TO FIGHT AT CLOSE QUARTERS.



I MUST REMEMBER  
TO THANK THEM.

# STARREK

TO  
ARMS!  
HOLD HIM  
AT ALL  
COSTS!

