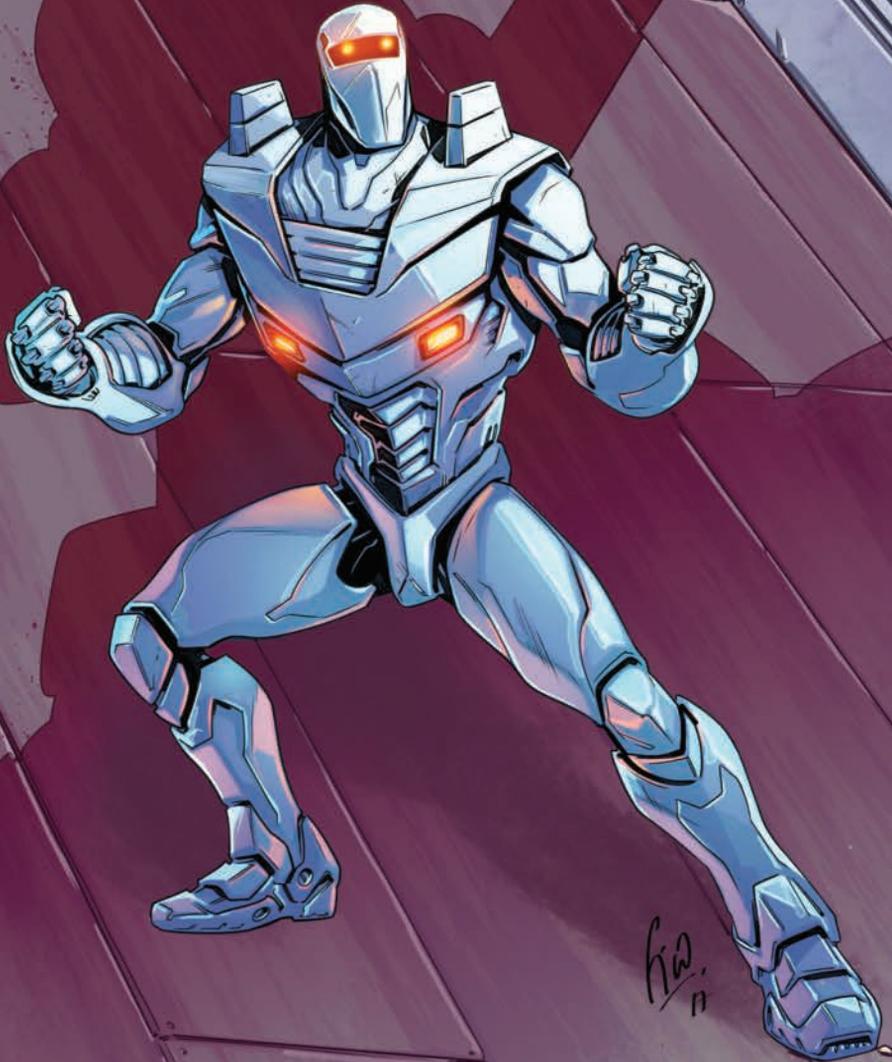


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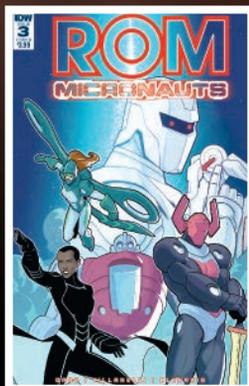
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NO!

I SHALL NOT PERMIT THE WRAITH INFECTION TO CLAIM YOU, ACROYEAR.



YOU CAN'T KILL HIM!

WHAT-?



MY THANKS, SPACE GLIDER.

FOR THIS, I SHALL GRANT YOU THE GLORY OF BECOMING A DIRE WRAITH LIKE MYSELF...



UNGH!



...WHILE THE SOLSTAR KNIGHT KNOWS ONLY ENDLESS SUFFERING!

AAARGHH!

ZVWSH



I CAN'T HOLD HIM FOR LONG! BIOTRON, GIVE ME AN ANALYSIS!

A SWIFTLY MOVING BIOLOGICAL INFECTION, WITH MAGICAL TRAITS.

IT IS NOT YET COMPLETE, BUT I CANNOT STOP IT.

COMMANDER... IF WE DO NOT SLAY ACROYEAR, I CALCULATE A 99.34% LIKELIHOOD THAT HE WILL KILL US!



YOU UNDERESTIMATE ME, ROBOT.

GNAAH!



YOUR DEATH IS ASSURED!

KIANG



BUT YOU DIE FIRST, SPACE KNIGHT.

AS THE LIFE EBBS FROM YOU, WATCH ME TRANSFORM YOUR ALLIES INTO WRAITHKIND—



NO!

ACROYEAR, PLEASE... YOU'RE THE STRONGEST PERSON I'VE EVER KNOWN. YOU CAN FIGHT THIS!



HEH. I DO LOVE IT WHEN THE MOST CONSCIOUSNESS YET REMAINS, SCREAMING DESPERATELY IN MY MIND, LIKE A SYMPHONY.

MAKING THEIR BODY SLAY ONE THEY LOVE PRODUCES THE SWEETEST MUSIC OF ALL.



WHAT IN THE ETERNAL DARK—?

I CONTROL THIS BODY, MEATLING! YOU CANNOT DEFEY ME!



IT APPEARS HE STILL CAN, WRAITH.

ROM, IF ACROYEAR'S PERSONA LOSES CONTROL, HE WILL BREAK FREE EASILY.

OH, GODS... ROM, DO YOU HAVE TO DO THIS?

I DO, PHEN...



... BUT IT WAS NEVER MY INTENTION TO SLAY ACROYEAR.

IF A WRAITH INFECTION IS CAUGHT SWIFTLY, I CAN *BURN* IT OUT.*

GLEEARCH!

*AS SEEN IN ROM #6: -MICRO-MARIETTE



I... AM SORRY, MY FRIENDS, I WAS A PRISONER IN MY OWN BODY... A FEELING I THOUGHT FAMILIAR, UNTIL THIS HAPPENED.

YOU SHOULD HAVE SLAIN ME BEFORE I COULD HARM YOU, ROM. YOUR WOUND...

IS PAINFUL, BUT HEALING.

I SUSPECT IT IS DUE TO YOUR INFLUENCE THAT THE CUT WAS NOT DEEPER.



ROM, I OWE YOU AN APOLOGY. I DIDN'T REALIZE WHAT YOU WERE--

LET'S SAVE THE NICETIES FOR LATER. IF THE WRAITHS AT THEIR FORTRESS HAVEN'T DETECTED US YET, THEY'LL SOON NOTICE THEIR MISSING COMRADE.

WHICH LEAVES US WITH EXACTLY ONE VIABLE OPTION:



DIRECT FRONTAL ATTACK.