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Grimlock and the Scavengers—joined by accidental new recruit Nickel—are employed by a Decepticon known as the Curator to recover an all-knowing artifact: The Magnificence. They find said artifact on the planet Confluence, in the claws of Scorponok and his lieutenant Flame—both ex-prisoners of Garrus-9, a notorious Autobot penal institution that once also accommodated Grimlock.

After battling a forest of transforming trees, the Scavengers watch as Scorponok shuts Grimlock down with a simple gesture. Transferred to a cell aboard Scorponok's worldsweeper, Krok and Co. learn that the Magnificence was stored inside Grimlock's chest when the Dinobot was inside Garrus-9. After being "rescued" from G-9 by Scorponok, Grimlock was subjected to a barrage of physical and psychological torture until he relinquished the Magnificence. The experience left him a different person.

Scorponok wakes Grimlock up just as Spinister is concluding an examination of his chest. The Dinobot instinctively lashes out... and Scorponok leaves the Scavengers to their fate. Some time later, a pair of guards discover Grimlock surrounded by the Scavengers' grisly remains.

Now read on...

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AH,
GRIMLOCK...!



SORRY TO KEEP YOU
WAITING, *COMPETING
DEMANDS*—YOU KNOW
HOW IT IS.

NOW *ANSWER
ME THIS*: YOU
FIND YOUR VOICE,
AND THE *VERY
FIRST THING YOU
DO* IS DEMAND AN
AUDIENCE. WHY?

I WANT TO
SEE YOUR
FACE WHEN I
TELL YOU I'M
GOING TO
KILL YOU.



IF THIS IS ABOUT... EVERYTHING, THEN
YOU'VE EVERY RIGHT TO BE AGGRIEVED.
BUT I HAVE NO REGRETS. IT WAS A
PLEASURE TO TEST YOUR RESILIENCE—
AND A PRIVILEGE TO WITNESS
YOUR COLLAPSE.

I'M UNHINGED?
I HEARD WHAT
YOU DID TO *THE
SCAVENGERS*...

YOU'RE
UNHINGED.



THE WHO?

THE SCAVENGERS.
THE PEOPLE YOU JUST
MURDERED.

THE
GUARDS?



GUARDS? THEY
WEREN'T—

OH, GRIMLOCK...

...THEY WEREN'T
GUARDS. I THINK—
STRANGE AS IT
SOUNDS—I THINK
THEY WERE YOUR
FRIENDS.



THEY WERE **DECEPTICONS**. THEY DESERVED WHAT THEY GOT.

YOU WERE A DECEPTICON ONCE.

THEY DESERVED WHAT THEY GOT.



AS IT HAPPENS, I AGREE. THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE TRIED TO TAKE SOMETHING THAT WASN'T THEIRS.

YOU WERE HOLDING THAT THING THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU...

AH, BUT THINGS HAVE CHANGED. THE MAGNIFICENCE **ITSELF** HAS CHANGED.

ONCE, IF YOU ASKED IT A QUESTION, IT WAS COMPELLED TO ANSWER—BUT THEN IT STARTED **RESISTING**.

FLAME HAS A THEORY...



IT'S **SENTIENT**, SO ONE MUST ASSUME IT DEVELOPED A **MORAL CODE**. AND NOW IT NO LONGER ALLOWS ITSELF TO BE USED IN A WAY THAT VIOLATES THAT CODE.

ONCE IT CAN GET THE MEASURE OF YOU—ONCE IT READS YOUR **BRAIN PATTERN**—IT CAN CHOOSE NOT TO RESPOND.

A BIT LIKE THE **MORALITY LOCK**—NOT THAT ANYONE BELIEVES IN THAT ANYMORE...



YOU CAN'T IGNORE **MY** QUESTIONS THOUGH, CAN YOU?

NO.

AND WHY IS THAT?

BECAUSE YOUR **BRAIN PATTERNS** ARE NOT WHOLLY CYBER-TRONIAN.



IT'S TRUE, A **TRACE OF HUMAN** REMAINS—A SIDE-EFFECT OF BINARY BONDING WITH **ABRAHAM DANTE**.

I SUPPOSE, IN A WAY, I'M A **HYBRID**—THE FIRST FRUIT OF A PROJECT THAT'S ONLY NOW REACHING ITS END...

THE **INFINITES**.

THE INFINITES? GOD, NO. THE INFINITES WERE A **DISTRACTION**...

*SEE MAXIMUM DINOBOTS.



JUST LIKE THIS CONVERSATION...

WHAT DID YOU SAY?





