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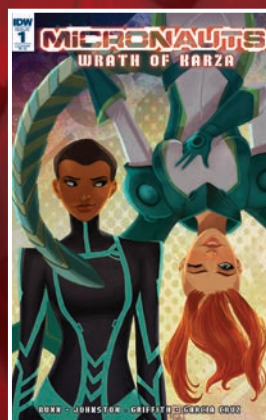
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BARON KARZA.
SAVIOR OF MICROSPACE.

"THIS IS HOW
I CONQUER
THE WORLD."

RHINO.

THUNDERHAWK.

SHARK.

"I STARTED WITH
A WHISPER..."

CONDOR.

COME ON, MATT.
I DON'T SEE THE
POINT IN CHASING
THIS LEAD.

GOING AFTER
ORE-13 DIDN'T GO
SO WELL FOR US
IN BARBADOS.

JULIO LOPEZ.
CODENAME:
GULLIVER.

I AM
STARTING
TO THINK YOU
JUST WANT
TO HEAR US
SAY, "IT'S A
TRAP."

MATT TRAKKER.
CODENAME: SPECTRUM.

YOU KNOW THIS
IS DIFFERENT THAN
BARBADOS.

BRAD HAD
ONE OF HIS—AHEM—
"CONNECTIONS" INFORM
HIM THAT SOMEONE WAS
TRYING TO SELL OFF A
STASH OF IT...

"IN FERREN WOODS, KENTUCKY."

Ferren Woods
World Famous Pumpkins
Population 37





I'M LOOKING FOR MY FRIEND, RODRIGO GUTIERREZ.

HUH... WE JUST DON'T LIKE RIDING TOGETHER IS ALL.



RODRIGO? SURE AIN'T NO ONE IN THESE PARTS NAMED RODRIGO.

YOU EITHER IN THE WRONG TOWN OR SOMEONE SENT Y'ALL ON A SNIPE HUNT.

JUST GREAT.

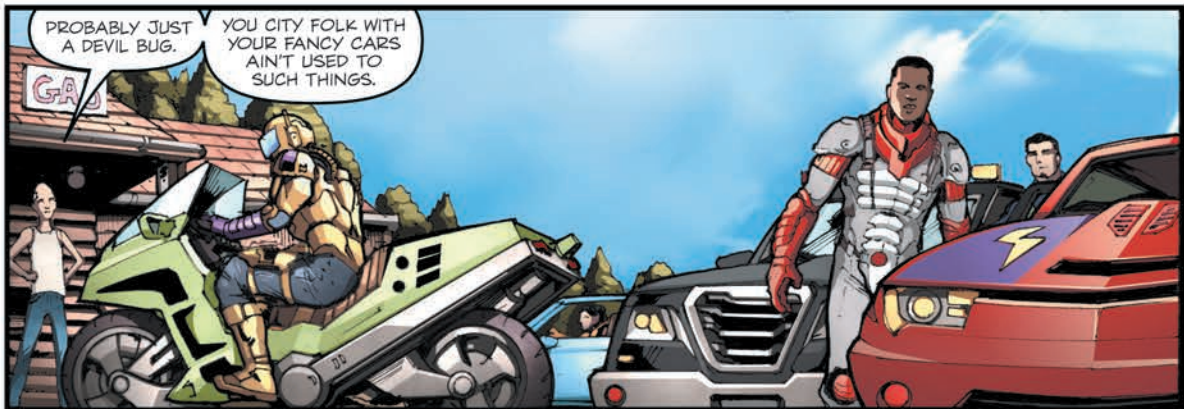
THANKS FOR YOUR TIME, OLD MITCH.



WELL, A WASTE OF TIME, BUT AT LEAST IT WASN'T A TRAP.

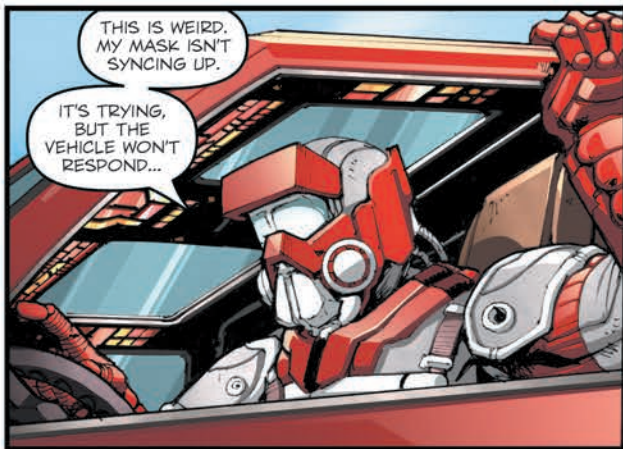
WHOA! YOU HAVE SOME GIANT INSECTS OUT HERE.

DID YOU GUYS SEE THAT THING?



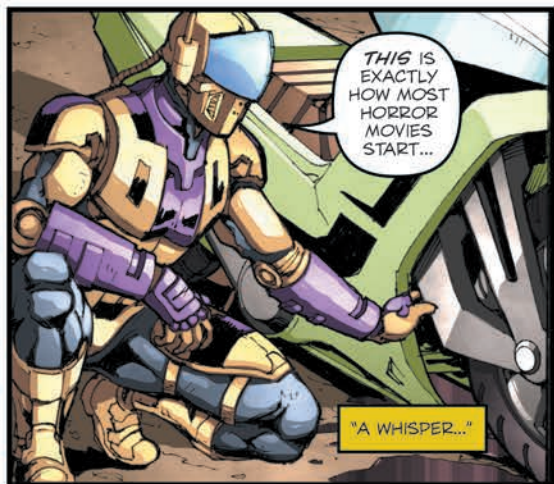
PROBABLY JUST A DEVIL BUG.

YOU CITY FOLK WITH YOUR FANCY CARS AIN'T USED TO SUCH THINGS.



THIS IS WEIRD. MY MASK ISN'T SYNCING UP.

IT'S TRYING, BUT THE VEHICLE WON'T RESPOND...



THIS IS EXACTLY HOW MOST HORROR MOVIES START...

"A WHISPER..."



...BUT SOON THE SCREAMING WILL COMMENCE.

AND WHAT WILL BE REMEMBERED, ONCE I AM THROUGH?

THE WHISPER... OR THE SCREAM?

OUR PEOPLE WILL REMEMBER THAT YOU SAVED THEM.

SHAZRAELLA.
MISTRESS OF SPIES.
WIFE OF BARON KARZA.



"THE ENTROPY CLOUD HAS RAVAGED OUR UNIVERSE...

"...EVER EXPANDING... CONSUMING ANYTHING IN ITS PATH...

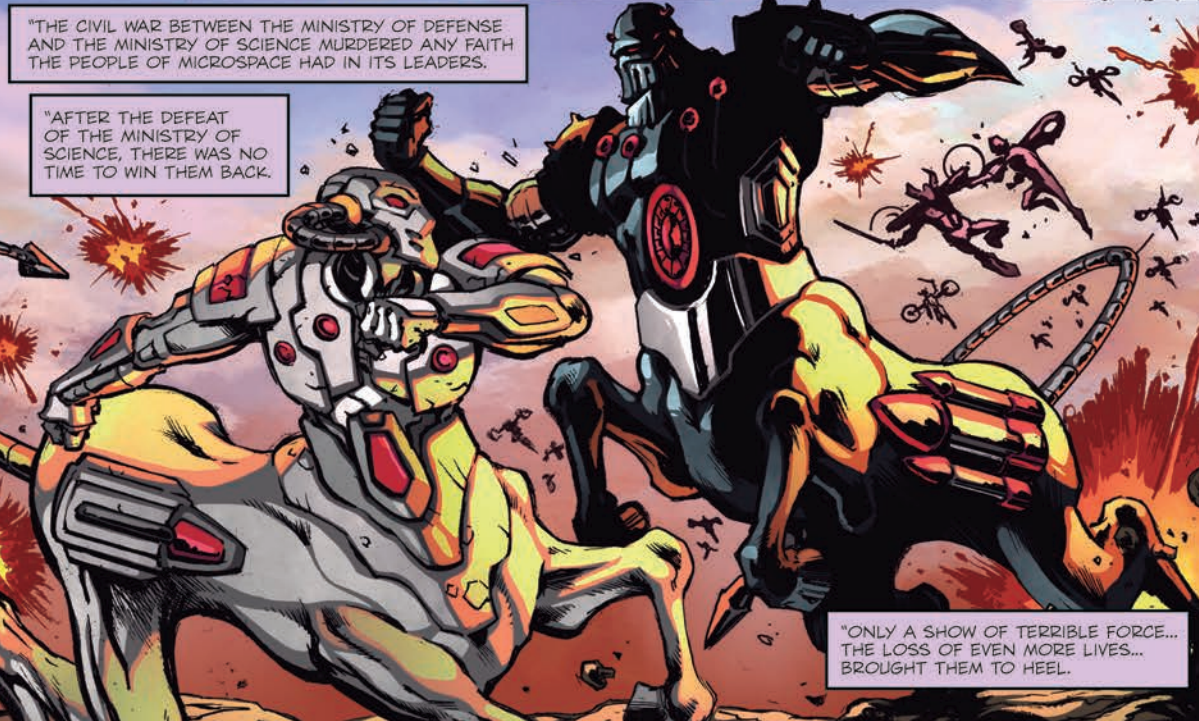
"...AND SOON THERE WILL BE NOTHING LEFT.



"HOW MANY MORE PLANETS WOULD COLLAPSE...

"...HOW MANY SPECIES WOULD BECOME EXTINCT IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE...

"...IF YOU DID NOT TAKE SWIFT ACTION?"



"THE CIVIL WAR BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE MURDERED ANY FAITH THE PEOPLE OF MICROSPACE HAD IN ITS LEADERS.

"AFTER THE DEFEAT OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, THERE WAS NO TIME TO WIN THEM BACK.

"ONLY A SHOW OF TERRIBLE FORCE... THE LOSS OF EVEN MORE LIVES... BROUGHT THEM TO HEEL.



"AND THERE, MY BARON, IS THE HEART OF THE PROBLEM.

"TIME.

"THERE WAS NONE TO BE SPARED.

"IN YOUR RASH PURSUIT OF THE PHAROID—OZIRON RAE—YOU VANISHED INTO THE ENTROPY CLOUD ITSELF.

"AND YOU WERE GONE FOR SO MANY YEARS.

"I THOUGHT PERHAPS YOU WERE DEAD... AND THAT YOUR DEATH WAS FOR NAUGHT...

"...BUT AS YOU PIERCED THROUGH THE ENTROPY CLOUD, YOU FOUND ANOTHER WORLD...

"...A WORLD OF GIANTS... LARGE ENOUGH TO SUPPORT ALL OF OUR PEOPLE.

"THE PEOPLE OF THIS WORLD DROVE YOU AWAY.

"THEY DEFEATED YOU.

"THEY WOUNDED YOU.

"BUT WHEN YOU LAST FACED THEM, YOU WERE ILL PREPARED... AND YOU WERE ALONE.

"THAT IS NO LONGER THE CASE."



DON'T SELL YOURSELF SHORT, HUSBAND. YOU BRING OUR PEOPLE HOPE.

TODAY, YOU CONQUER ONE WORLD... BUT YOU ARE RESCUING HUNDREDS FROM CERTAIN DESTRUCTION.

EVEN IN THIS... IN MY MOST SELFLESS ENDEAVORS... I PLAY THE ROLE OF DESPOT.

IF YOUR SUBJECTS ARE POISED TO CURSE YOUR NAME NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO, THEN WHY DOUBT YOUR COURSE?

I THINK, HUSBAND, YOU WILL AGREE...