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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.*

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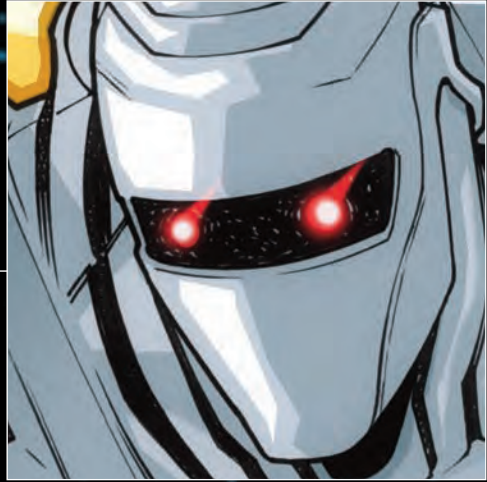
THE STORY SO FAR:



WHO'S WHO

Rom

A silver-suited space warrior and member of the galactic Solstar Order, Rom has fought the Dire Wraiths on different planets for over 200 years. Now, armed with his Wraith-detecting Analyzer and Wraith-slaying Neutralizer, he has pursued them to Earth in an attempt to stop them from doing what he's already witnessed too many times: destroying the planet and everyone on it.



Dire Wraiths

A space-faring race of aliens who can use their black magic-powered abilities to subsume or fully consume the identities of humans and other organic life, twisting it for their own nefarious purposes. The Wraiths have infiltrated and replaced many humans, some in key leadership positions.



Darby Mason

A war veteran who recently returned to her childhood home in Northern California to be with her family and get her head straight. Unfortunately, her entire town, including her family, was killed and replaced by Dire Wraiths. She was thus-far-inexplicably able to resist their initial attack. Tired of war, she has left Rom to his mission and returned to live with her grandmother in Rhode Island.

Orphion

A Commander in the Solstar Order who has recently come to Earth to check on Rom's mental state. After seeing the Wraith incursion across the planet, he's become convinced that the only way to stop them from inflicting more harm is to destroy the planet entirely.



Livia

A Knight in the Solstar Order and one of Rom's closest childhood friends and a former lover. Now, Livia follows the commands of her partner and former teacher, Orphion. Her love for Rom is a thing of the past. Now she serves the Order with great fervor and lives only to eliminate the Wraith threat.

DOLMEN MALL, AN OPEN-AIR SHOPPING PLAZA IN PISMO BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

ORPHION HAS TASKED ME WITH SHOWING HIM WHY HUMANITY IS WORTHY OF OUR MERCY, RATHER THAN MERCY-KILLING.

I HAVE SEEN MANY THINGS TO GIVE ME OPTIMISM DURING MY TUMULTUOUS TIME ON EARTH: DARBY MASON'S INNER STRENGTH. CAMILLA BYERS'S RESOLVE.

EVEN THE G.I. JOE TEAM'S COURAGE BATTLING THE FAR GREATER POWER OF THE CYBERTRONIANS IS ADMIRABLE.

BUT FOR WE KNIGHTS OF THE SOLSTAR ORDER TO TRULY EXPERIENCE HUMANITY'S WORTH, WE MUST SEE MORE THAN HOW THEY APPROACH ADVERSITY.

WE NEED TO SEE THEM AS THEY ARE.

DOLMEN MALL

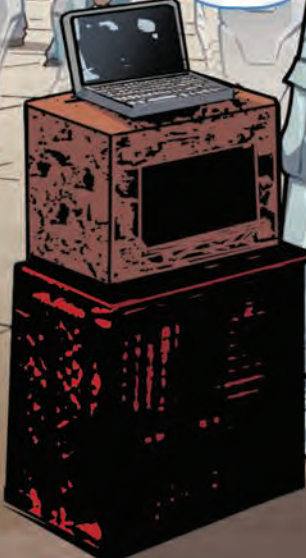
COME POP AND LOCK WITH THE SILVER WARRIOR!

ROW, THIS... THIS UNRULY HORDE OF HUMANITY...

IMPRESSIVE IN THEIR OWN WAY, AREN'T THEY, LIVIA?

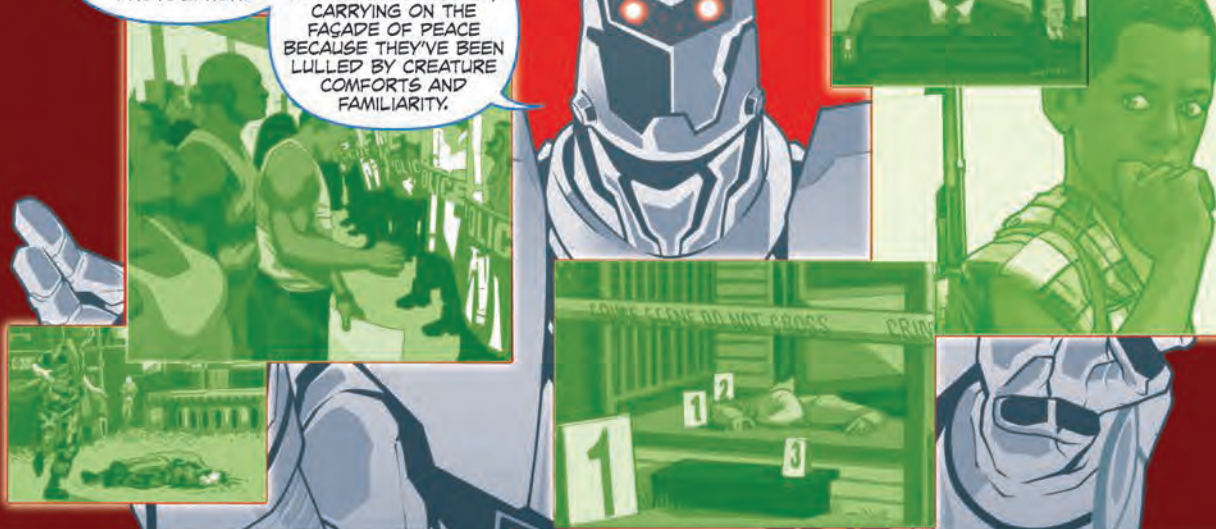
NEARLY AS DIVERSE IN APPEARANCE AND CULTURE AS OUR HOME WORLD.

BUT GREATER IN NUMBER, AND VOLUME.



THIS PLACID SCENE IS A DELUSION. THEIR OWN BROADCASTS REVEAL EARTH AS A PLANET OF PARANOID, HOSTILE FACTIONS WHO MAKE WAR AT THE SLIGHTEST PROVOCATION.

HERE WE SEE HUMANITY WITH ITS NATURE SUPPRESSED; CARRYING ON THE FAÇADE OF PEACE BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN LULLED BY CREATURE COMFORTS AND FAMILIARITY.



YOU JUDGE THEM HARSHLY, ORPHION, WITHOUT CAUSE.

TRUE ENOUGH. LET US *GIVE* THEM CAUSE TO REVEAL THEMSELVES, BY REVEALING OURSELVES.

LET US DROP OUR CLOAKING...



HEY, WOW!

WHA-A!

...AND EXPERIENCE HUMANKIND AS THEY EXPERIENCE US.

THAT'S NEW.

THE TRANSFORMERS!

OBSERVE, ROM. ANY MOMENT NOW, THIS MOB WILL...



"...SMILE?"

