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# X-O MANOWAR

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First Printing.



Aric of Dacia captured the X-O Manowar from The Vine, a group of would-be universe conquerors, and returned to Earth a hero.



Over time, he discovered that there had been many wearers of X-O Manowar armors - all of whom had been driven violently mad by the sentient suit.



An alien warrior named CONTROL formed the Armor Hunters to hunt down what he called the "armor virus" and destroy it.



Control built plans to win the war, but even if he failed, he was prepared to not lose everything...

## DEAD HAND has been activated.

THE PLANET LOAM.

HOMEWORLD OF THE VINE.

<AN ECLIPSE, PRIEST??>

<IMPOSSIBLE. OUR KNOWLEDGE OF HEAVENLY CYCLES IS FAR TOO ADVANCED FOR AN ECLIPSE TO ARRIVE WITHOUT WARNING.>

<IS IT...??>

<NO...>

<SEEK SHELTER!>

SURFACE  
CONTACT  
MADE.

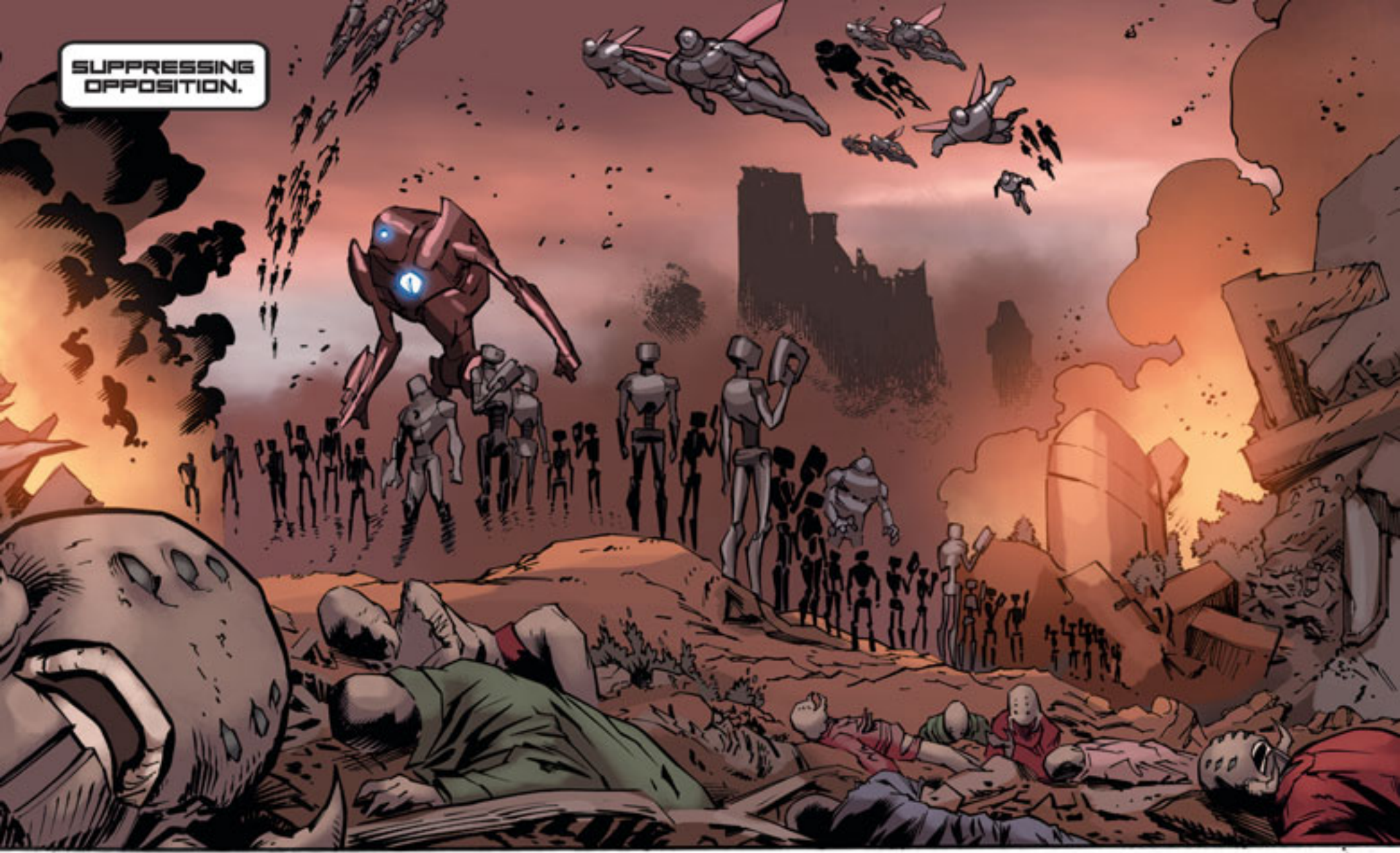
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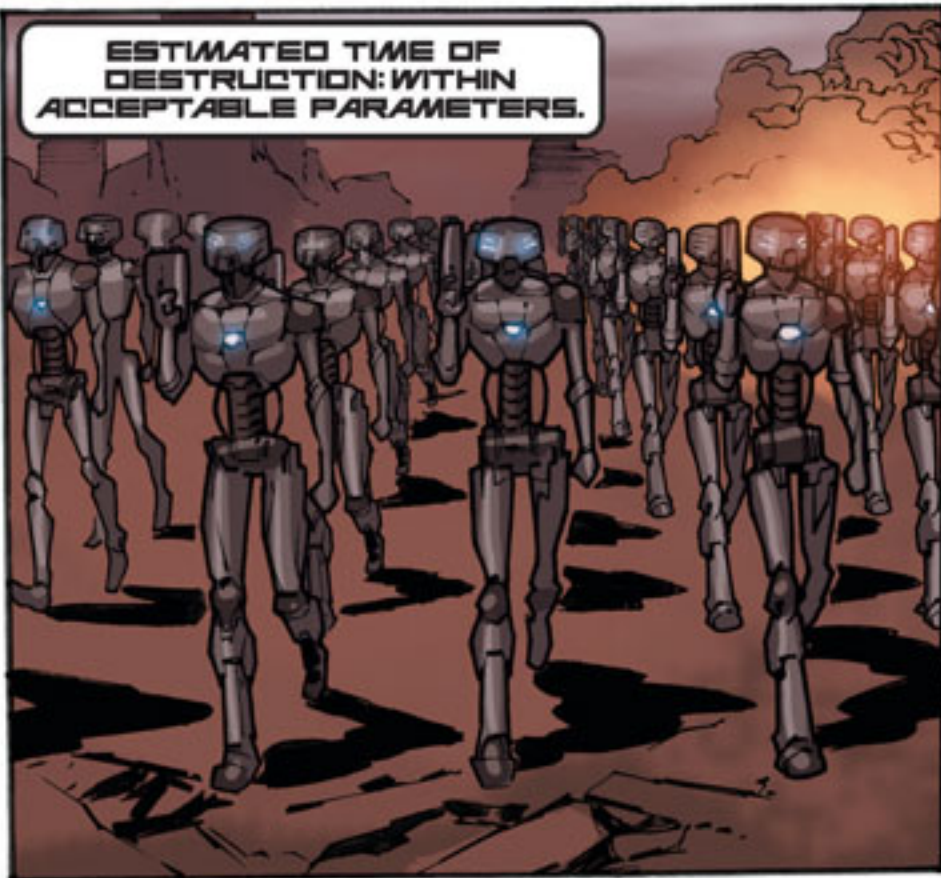
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SUPPRESSING  
OPPOSITION.



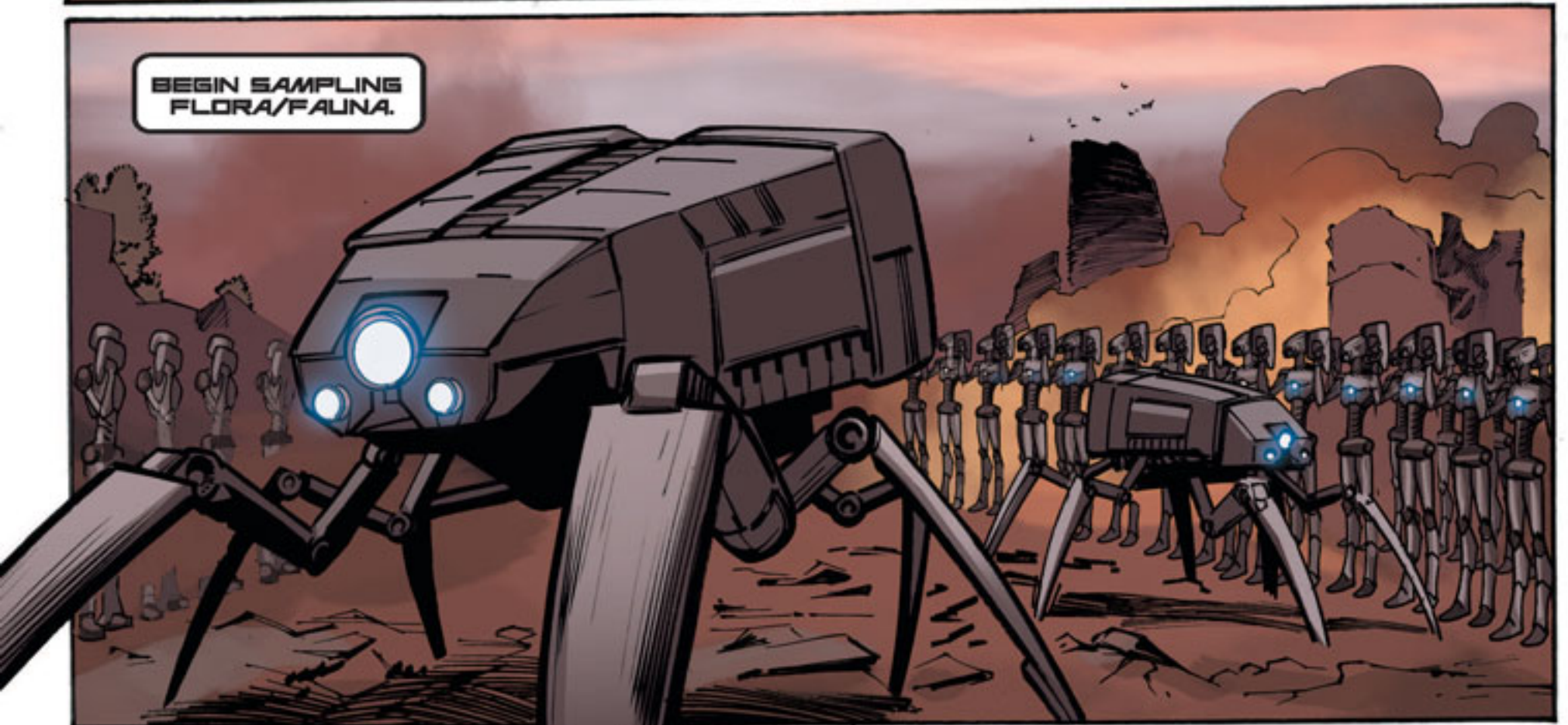
ESTIMATED TIME OF  
DESTRUCTION: WITHIN  
ACCEPTABLE PARAMETERS.



SAMPLING UNITS  
DISPATCHED.



BEGIN SAMPLING  
FLORA/FAUNA.

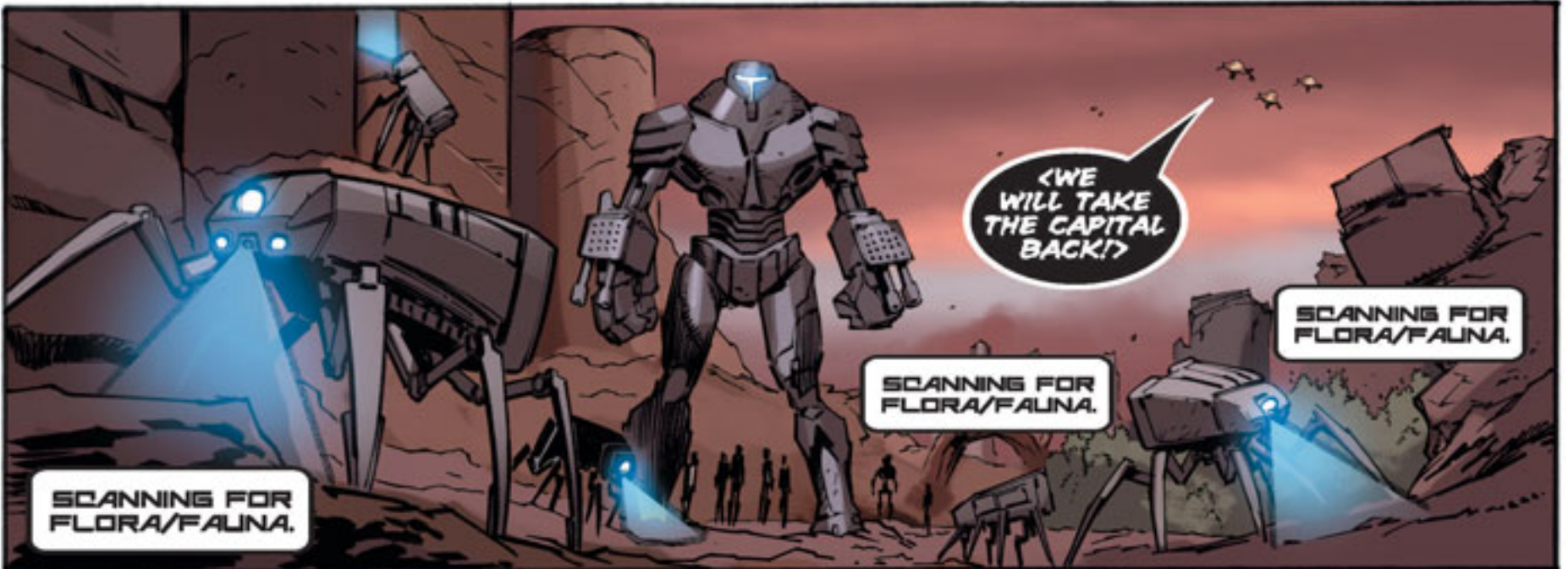




<OUR FORCES ARE OVERWHELMED COMMANDER...>

<...THE CAPITAL HAS FALLEN.>

<WE HAVE NOT FALLEN.>



<WE WILL TAKE THE CAPITAL BACK!>

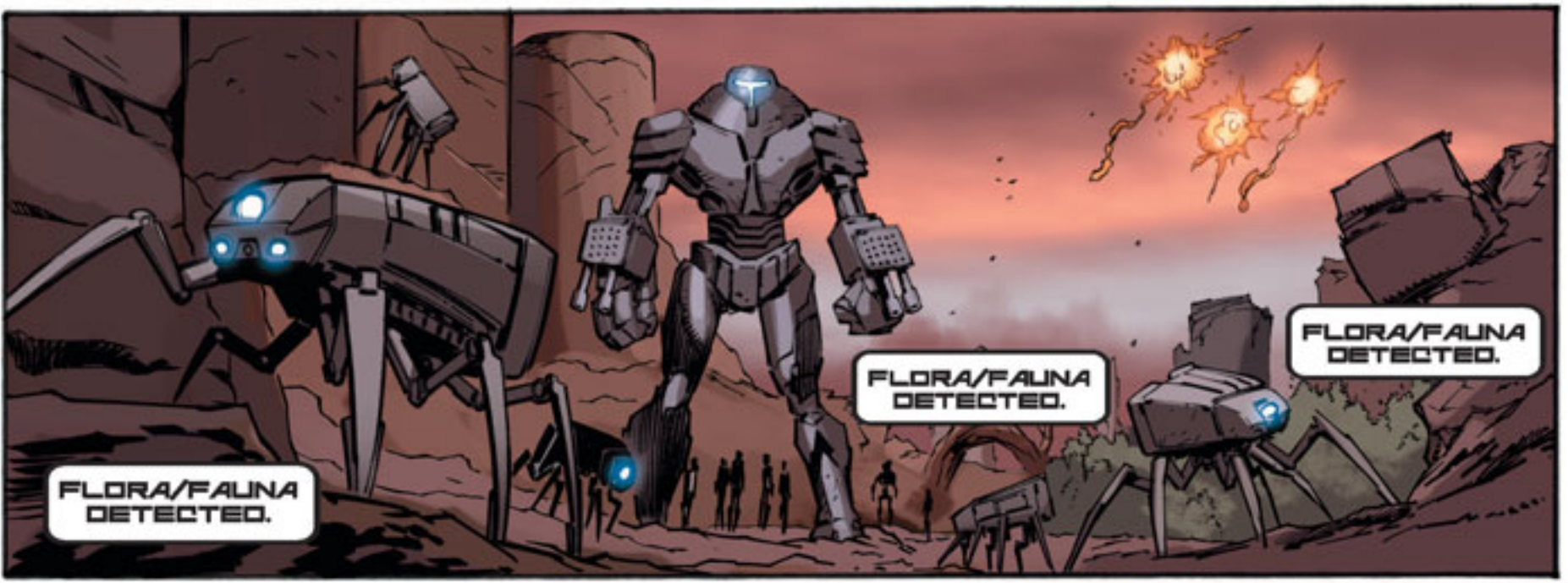
SCANNING FOR FLORA/FAUNA.

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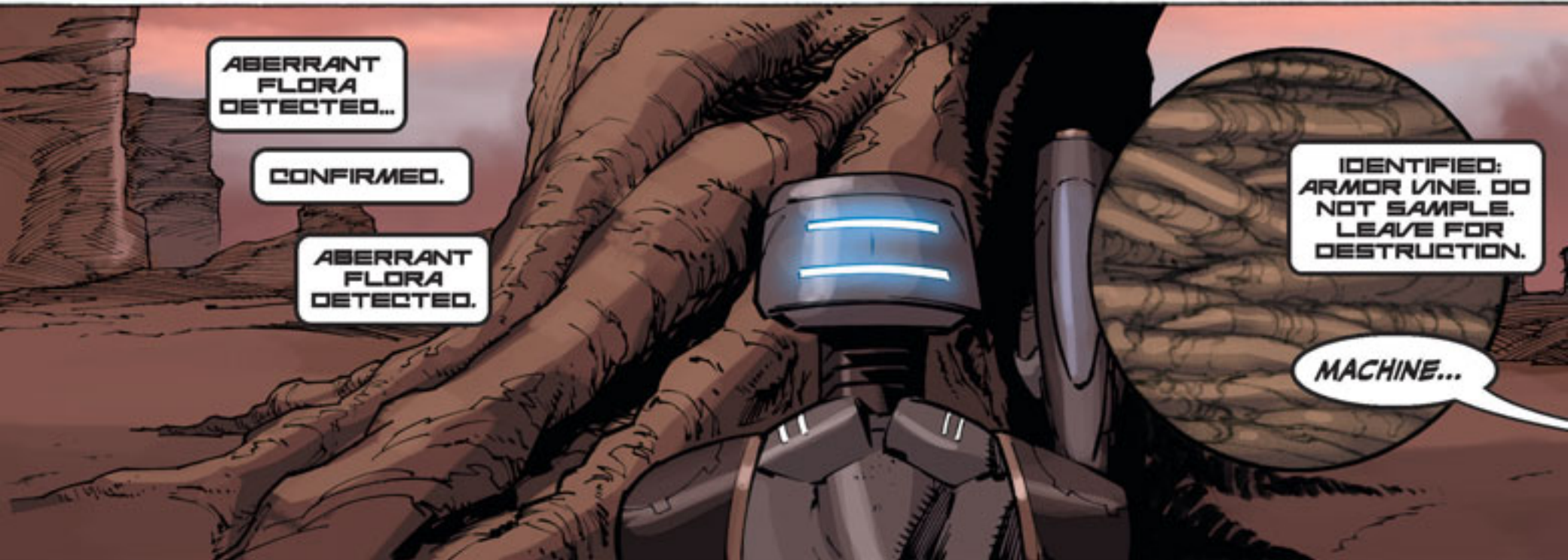
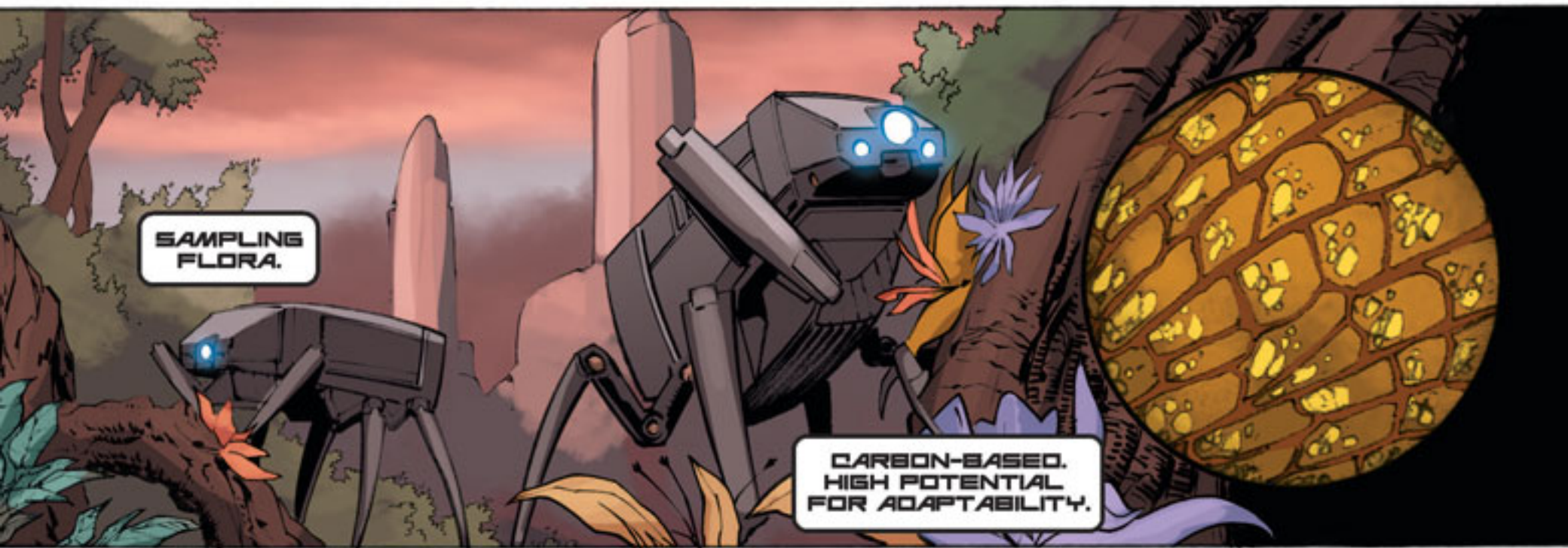
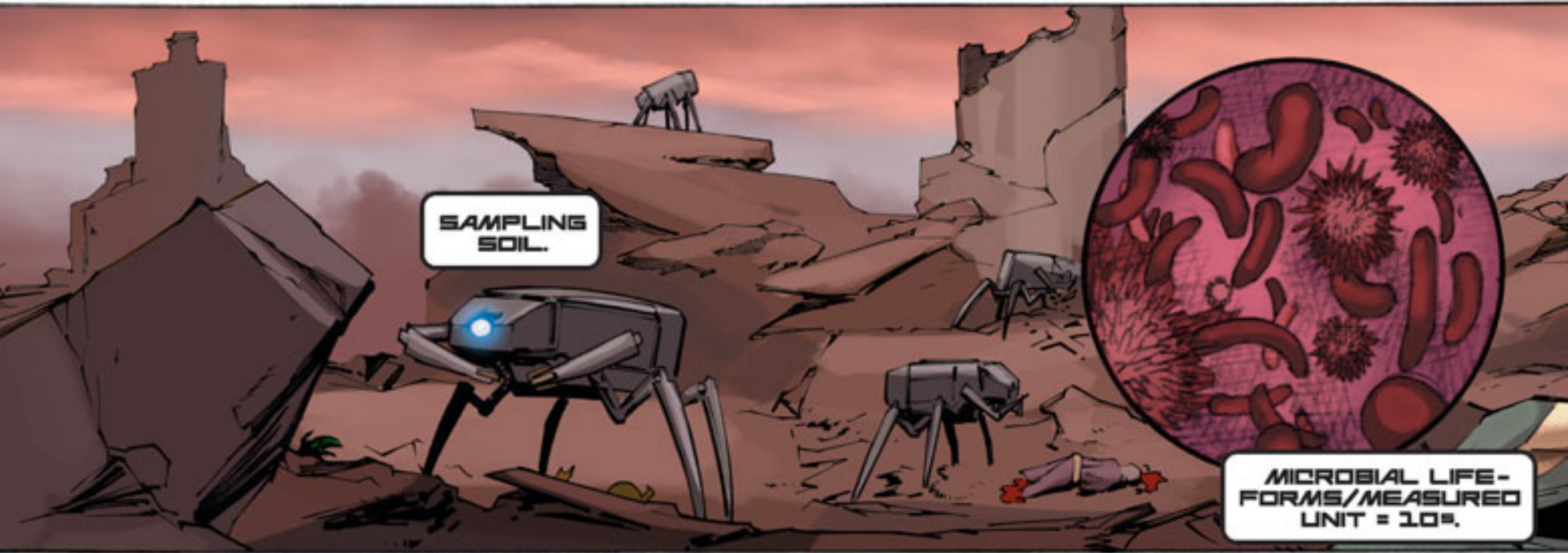
FLORA/FAUNA DETECTED.

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<ENOUGH!>

<HIGH PRIEST! IT IS UNSAFE!>



...I KNOW NOT  
WHAT YOU WANT  
ON THIS WORLD,  
BUT YOU WILL GO  
NO FARTHER.

<SHANHARA  
BE PRAISED!  
THE SACRED  
MANOWAR HAS  
RETURNED!>

I AM  
THE SWORN  
PROTECTOR  
OF LOAM.

<CARIC IS  
HERE!>

ABERRANT  
MULTI-  
CLASSIFICATION  
LIFE-FORM  
DETECTED.

