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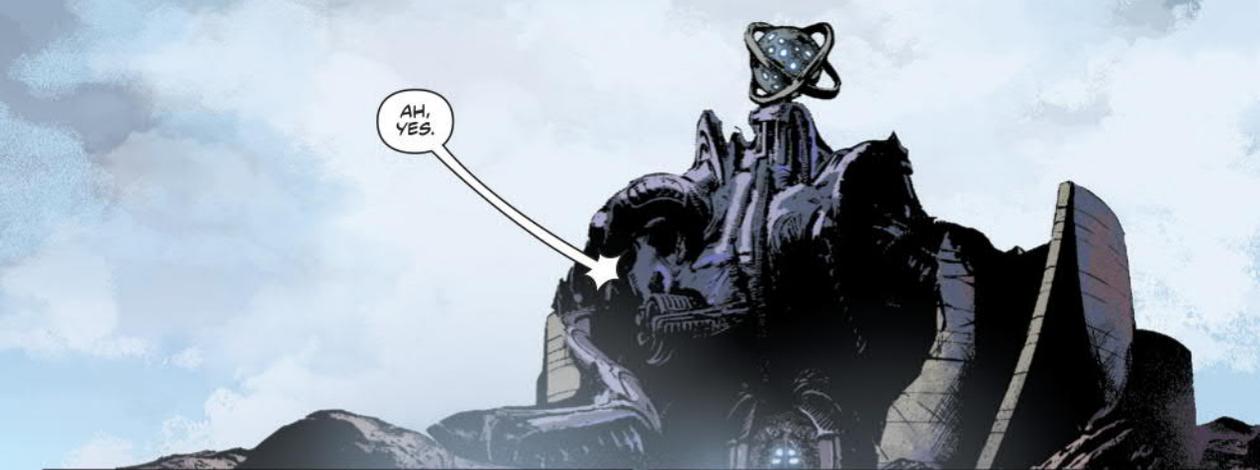
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AH, YES.



WE CAN'T FORGET THE EXO-VERTEBRAE ADDITIONS.



HOW REMARKABLE THEY ARE.



THE ANATOMICAL STRUCTURES THAT DEFINE YOU ARE QUITE INTERESTING, GOLDAR. HAS ANYONE EVER TOLD YOU THAT?

NO.

WELL, THEN ALLOW ME TO BE THE FIRST.



AND YET, YOU THINK YOU CAN IMPROVE ON THEM.

ISN'T THAT WHAT COLLABORATION IS ALL ABOUT?



EMPRESS...

STAND UP, STAND UP. WE DON'T WANT TO THROW OUR DEAR FINSTER OFF HIS GAME.



OH, THAT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT AT THIS POINT. I BELIEVE I HAVE THE FORM SUFFICIENTLY COMMITTED TO MEMORY NOW.

THEN WHY AM I STILL HERE, SPINNING LIKE A FOOL?

WELL, SCULPTING CAN BECOME SUCH LONELY WORK...

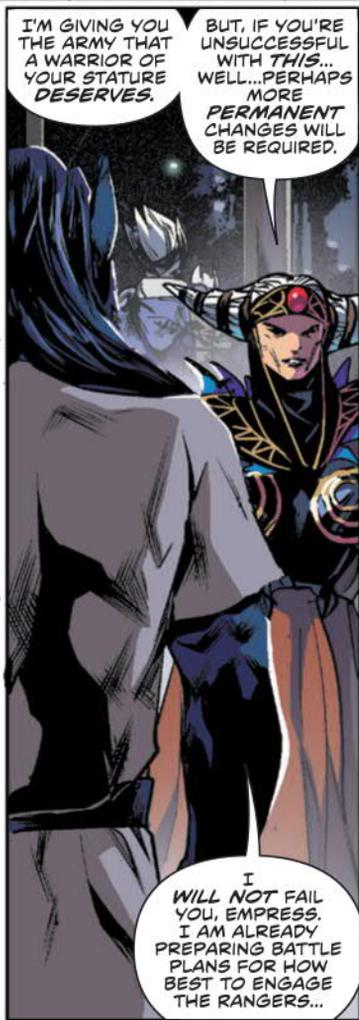
GRRRR.



ENOUGH. IF FINSTER REQUIRES YOUR COMPANY, YOU'LL STAY. I WANT EVERY SCULPT TO BE **FLAWLESS.**

EMPRESS. WHILE I'M HONORED TO BE BACK BY YOUR SIDE, ARE YOU SURE THIS IS THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION? I COULD--

NO. NOT BY YOURSELF. AND NOT WITH AN ARMY OF PUTTIES. WE'VE SEEN HOW THAT'S GONE TOO MANY TIMES BEFORE.



I'M GIVING YOU THE ARMY THAT A WARRIOR OF YOUR STATURE DESERVES.

BUT, IF YOU'RE UNSUCCESSFUL WITH THIS... WELL...PERHAPS MORE PERMANENT CHANGES WILL BE REQUIRED.

I WILL NOT FAIL YOU, EMPRESS. I AM ALREADY PREPARING BATTLE PLANS FOR HOW BEST TO ENGAGE THE RANGERS...



...JUST AS SOON AS WE DECIDE HOW TO LURE THEM OUT.

ITSKE IT NEVER STRETCHES AS FAR AS YOU THINK...

TIME FOR A CLAY RUN IT APPEARS. I SHALL RETURN MOMENTARILY.





DO YOU, UM, REALLY NEED TO POINT THOSE AT US, BULK?

MAYBE, MAYBE NOT.

BUT UNTIL WE KNOW WHO YOU ACTUALLY ARE, WE SURE AS HECK ARE GOING TO.

LOOK, WE TOLD YOU--

--YOU'RE FROM ANOTHER TIMELINE. ONE WHERE YOU DIDN'T TURN INTO AN EVIL CONQUEROR. MAKES PERFECT SENSE.



AND ALSO SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING DRAKKON MIGHT PULL, JUST TO PLANT SPIES IN OUR CAMP.

A COMPLETELY UNDERSTANDABLE REACTION, AISHA.

UH HUH. AND NOBODY'S SEEN YOU SINCE THE GREAT BATTLE. FOR ALL WE KNOW, LORD DRAKKON BUILT YOU TO SAY THAT.



SO WHAT THEN? HOW DO WE PROVE WHO WE REALLY ARE?

THAT ONE'S NOT MY CALL.

WHOSE, UH, CALL IS IT THEN?



MINE.



ZACK...

WELL YOU TWO CERTAINLY LOOK THE PARTS, DON'T YOU?

LOOK, I'M NOT DRAKKON. MEETING HIM... SEEING WHAT HE IS...IT WAS A TOTAL SURPRISE TO ME.

I'M NOT SOME... PLOY OF HIS. WE ARE WHO WE SAY WE ARE.

