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SWISS ALPS, BARON IRONBLOOD'S BASE.

"I HOPE YOU TAKE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT AS A COMPLIMENT."

THAT DOESN'T SOUND GOOD.

WELL, THE GUY HAS TEAMED UP WITH A BUNCH OF SUPER-CRIMINALS TO GO TO WAR AGAINST GIANT ROBOTS. HOW MUCH WORSE COULD IT GET?



RED SHADOWS
CYBERNINJA'S.

NICE WORK, JAYE.

REGRETTED IT IMMEDIATELY.

LADY JAYE
COVERT OPERATIONS.

ROADBLOCK
FIELD COMMANDER.

SCARLETT
TEAM LEADER.



CLEAR A PATH!



EVERYONE GET
TOPSIDE AND
SECURE OUR EXIT.

LADY
JAYE!



ON IT.



THEY'RE
EVERYWHERE!!

THEY'RE
SWARMING US!
MUST BE TRYING
TO GIVE THOSE
GRENADEIERS
TIME TO BUG
OUT!

DOES
ANYONE
ELSE HEAR
BEEPING?

QUICK KICK
HAND-TO-HAND
EXPERT.

**BEEP
BEEP**

DOC
MEDIC.



COLTON WIRED THIS WHOLE BASE TO BLOW! GET TO THAT TRANSPORT. MOVE!

BEEP BEEP



KA THOOM



OH, COME ON!

BEEP BEEP

I HATE THIS PLACE.

AND I'VE HAD JUST ABOUT ENOUGH OF THIS CRAP.



HUUUUHHH!!

BEEP BEEP



PEOPLE SURE HAVE A CRAP WAY OF COMPLIMENTING YOU, SCARLETT.

I BLAME MYSELF.

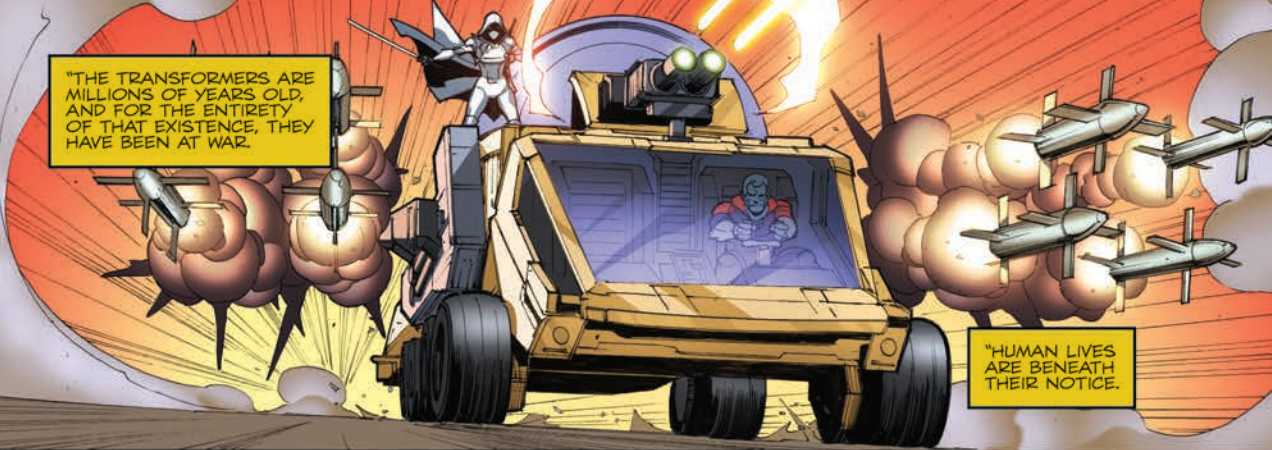
I BLAME YOU, TOO. UNDERACHIEVE SOMETIME, WILL YA? WE'LL ALL LIVE LONGER.



SORRY, I WASN'T BROUGHT UP THAT WAY. EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS IS THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT.




MAYBE THIS'LL TELL US WHY OUR FOUNDER FORGOT THAT.



"THE TRANSFORMERS ARE MILLIONS OF YEARS OLD, AND FOR THE ENTIRETY OF THAT EXISTENCE, THEY HAVE BEEN AT WAR."

"HUMAN LIVES ARE BENEATH THEIR NOTICE."




"THEY ARE NOT SAVIORS; THEY ARE LOCUSTS, AND THEY HAVE DESCENDED UPON THE EARTH."

"I SHOULD HAVE SEEN IT COMING. I SHOULD HAVE PUT EVERYTHING INTO STOPPING THEM FROM THE BEGINNING."

OPTIMUS PRIME
AUTOBOT LEADER.

"BUT I THOUGHT SOUNDWAVE, AS IT CALLED ITSELF, WAS AN ABERRATION. SO I DEVOTED MY LIFE TO G.I. JOE INSTEAD."

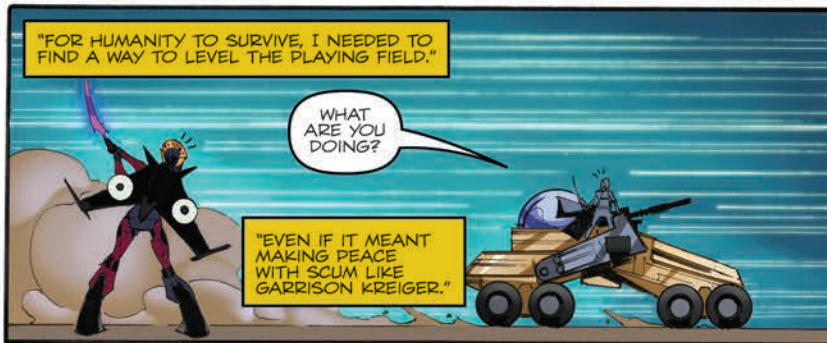
WINDBLADE
CITYSPEAKER.



"I NEVER THOUGHT I'D LIVE TO REGRET THAT CHOICE."

"I CAN'T STOP THEM ALONE. I'M ONE OLD SOLDIER, AND THEY'RE IMMORTAL WAR-MACHINES."

"TAKING THEM ON DIRECTLY WOULD HAVE BEEN SUICIDE."



"FOR HUMANITY TO SURVIVE, I NEEDED TO FIND A WAY TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD."

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

"EVEN IF IT MEANT MAKING PEACE WITH SCUM LIKE GARRISON KREIGER."



DESTROY! WE SHOULD NOT LEAVE ENEMIES IN OUR WAKE.

OUR SCHEDULE DOES NOT ALLOW FOR SUCH INDULGENCES, STORM SHADOW. DON'T WORRY; THERE'LL BE PLENTY OF CHANCES FOR BLOODSHED SOON.

"I TOLD MYSELF HIS PLAN WAS A WEAPON OF LAST RESORT. THERE JUST IN CASE I CAN'T FIND A BETTER ANSWER."

"AN ANSWER THAT DOESN'T REQUIRE ME GETTING INTO BED WITH THESE MONSTERS."