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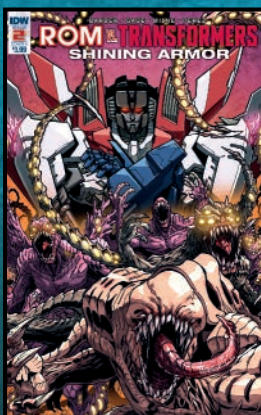
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**HUNI SYSTEM.  
WEEKS EARLIER.**

YOU KNOW  
WHO WE ARE.  
YOU KNOW WHAT  
WE DO.

WHAT WOULD  
POSSIBLY MAKE  
YOU THINK WE CARE  
ABOUT YOUR  
PROBLEMS?

I DO NOT. NOR DO  
WE CARE ABOUT YOURS.  
BUT FROM WHAT I  
CAN SEE...

...WE HAVE COMMON  
INTERESTS.

IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING  
YOU DECEPTCONS STARTED  
YOUR WAR TO FIGHT  
OPPRESSION.

THE SOLSTAR ORDER  
MOST CERTAINLY  
OPPRESSES US.

ORGANICS OPPRESSING  
ORGANICS?

I HAVE  
BETTER THINGS  
TO DO. RAMJET,  
DIRGE—KILL  
TH—

I HADN'T  
FINISHED.

LIKE YOU, WE  
CAN CHANGE.

TOGETHER, WE  
COULD BE VALUABLE  
ALLIES—

—A DIRE  
WRAITH/DECEPTICON  
ALLIANCE!

NOW  
YOU'RE SPIKY  
ORGANICS.  
GOT ANYTHING  
ELSE?





INDEED I DO.

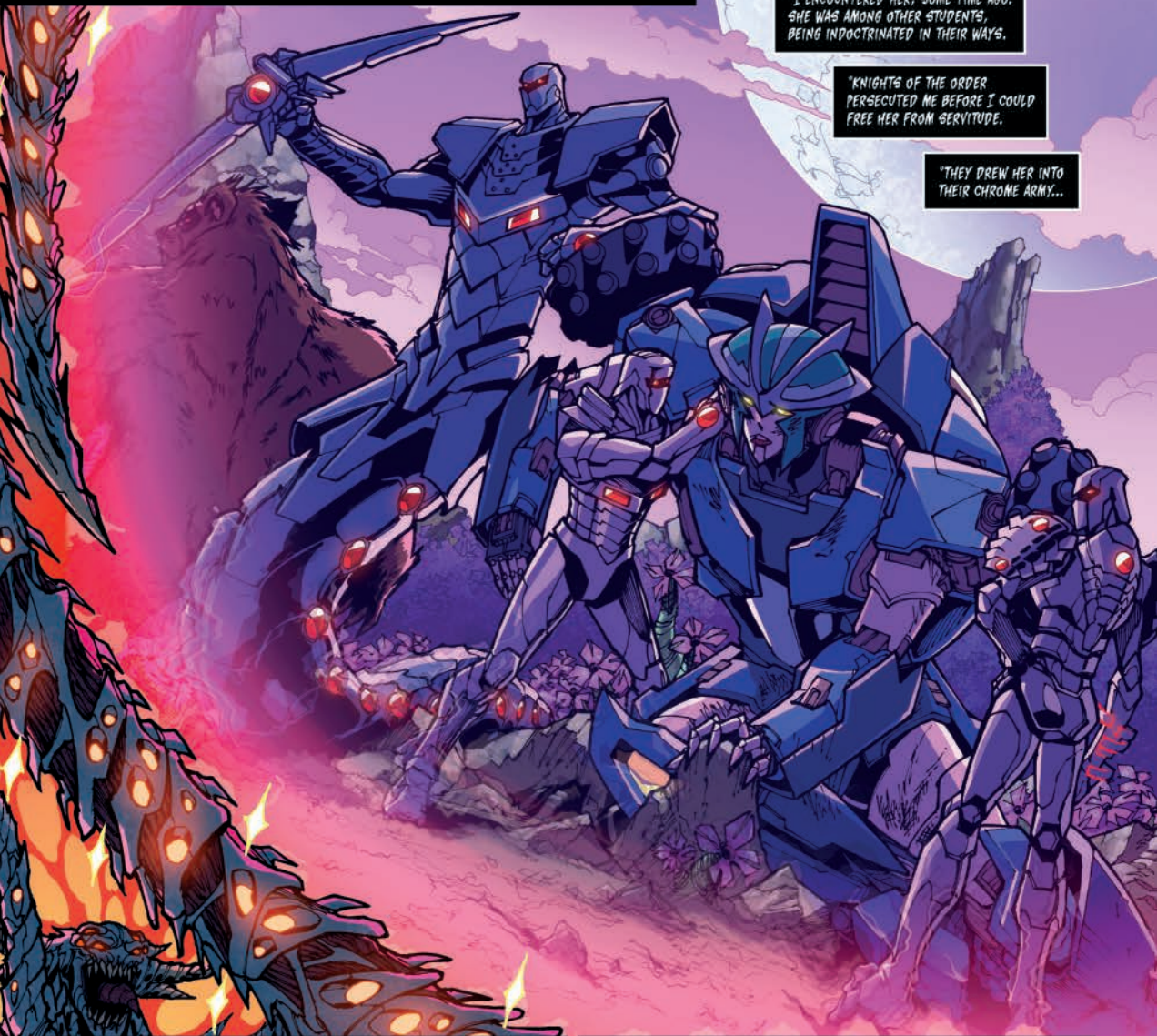
GAZE INTO MY  
MAGICS, MECHANICAL  
CREATURE... AND BEAR  
WITNESS.

"TO WHAT I EXPECT YOU DID NOT  
KNOW... THAT ONE OF YOUR OWN  
SERVES THE SOLSTAR ORDER.

"I ENCOUNTERED HER, SOME TIME AGO.  
SHE WAS AMONG OTHER STUDENTS,  
BEING INDOCTRINATED IN THEIR WAYS.

"KNIGHTS OF THE ORDER  
PERSECUTED ME BEFORE I COULD  
FREE HER FROM SERVITUDE.

"THEY DREW HER INTO  
THEIR CHROME ARMY...



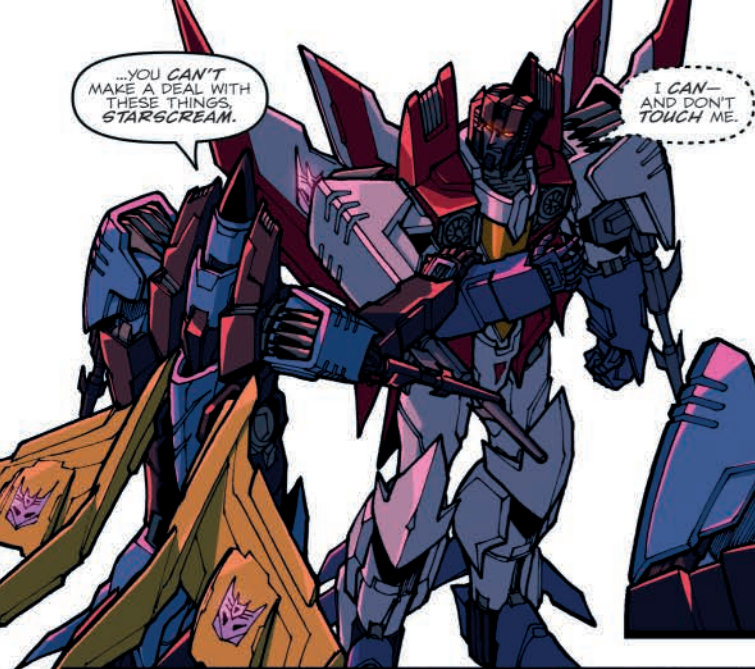
"...THEY MADE YOUR  
CYBERTRONIAN A  
SOLSTAR KNIGHT."

WELL,  
NOW.

MAYBE THAT  
IS SOMETHING.

ONE  
MINUTE,  
BOSS...



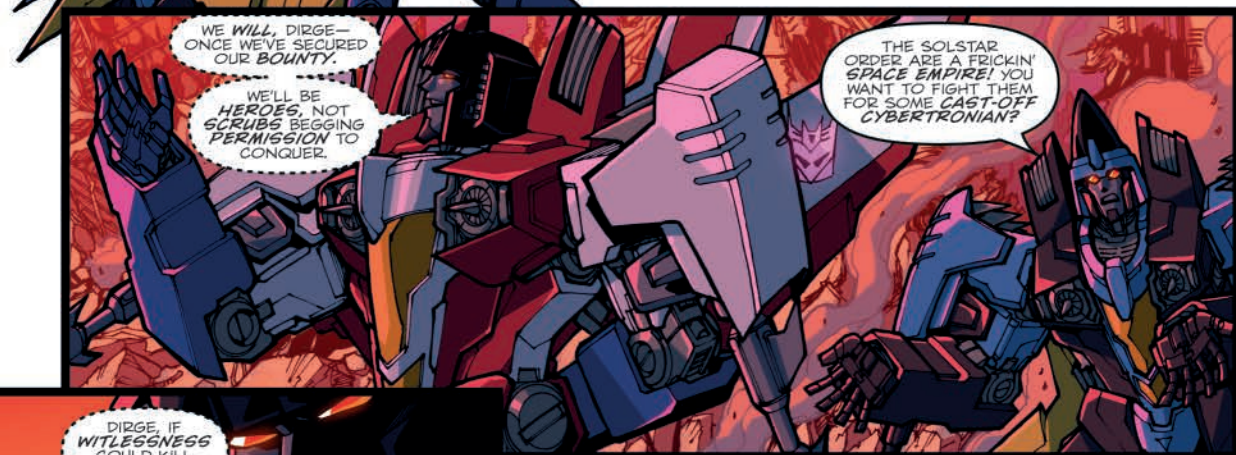


...YOU CAN'T  
MAKE A DEAL WITH  
THESE THINGS,  
STARSCREAM.

I CAN—  
AND DON'T  
TOUCH ME.

OUR ORDERS  
WERE TO LOOK FOR  
ENERGON—NOT SIGN  
TREATIES WITH WEIRD  
LITTLE ORCS.

WE HAVE  
TO TALK TO  
MEGATRON.



WE WILL, DIRGE—  
ONCE WE'VE SECURED  
OUR BOUNTY.

WE'LL BE  
HEROES, NOT  
SCRUBS BEGGING  
PERMISSION TO  
CONQUER.

THE SOLSTAR  
ORDER ARE A FRICKIN'  
SPACE EMPIRE! YOU  
WANT TO FIGHT THEM  
FOR SOME CAST-OFF  
CYBERTRONIAN?

DIRGE, IF  
WITLESSNESS  
COULD KILL  
AUTOBOTS...

...YOU WOULD  
HAVE ENDED THE  
WAR A MILLION  
YEARS AGO.

CRUSHING AN  
ORGANIC EMPIRE,  
HOWEVER BIG,  
WOULD BE AN EASY  
MATTER. BUT I DON'T  
CARE ABOUT THE  
CYBERTRONIAN—

—I CARE  
ABOUT WHAT'S  
KEEPING HER  
ALIVE.

WE GET OUR  
HANDS ON THAT,  
AND SAY GOODBYE  
TO INVADING BACK-  
WATER WORLDS  
LIKE THIS.

THEY MUST HAVE  
SOME INDEPENDENT  
SOURCE OF ENERGON,  
OR—BETTER YET—  
A MEANS OF  
GENERATING IT.



OKAY, WRAITH.  
LET'S SAY I'M  
INTRIGUED.

WHAT DO YOU  
WANT FROM US?  
AND WHAT'S YOUR  
NAME, ANYWAY?

CALL ME VEKTRAL,  
AND FOREMOST...

...WE WILL REQUIRE  
A WAY IN. HEarken  
TO MY PLAN...



## ZUGZWANG CLUSTER.

WE WERE ON MONTH TWO OF DEEP SPACE PATROL—DON'T ASK WHAT I DID TO WIND UP HERE—WHEN WE FINALLY RAN INTO SOME DECEPTICONS.

THEY WERE MESSING WITH WHAT LOOKED LIKE A DOWNED GALACTIC COUNCIL STARSHIP, WHICH COULDN'T BE GOOD.

ULTRA MAGNUS REACTED WITH A LEVEL HEAD, AS ALWAYS.

ANNIHILATE THEM!

I'M ANNIHILATING AS FAST AS I CAN, SIR.

NICE SHOT, SKY BLAST.

I GUESS YOU REALLY EARNED THAT NAME, HUH?

I TRY TO KEEP THINGS LIGHT. SKY BLAST DOESN'T REALLY GET ALONG WITH ULTRA MAGNUS.

LUCKILY, I GET ALONG WITH EVERYBODY.

DON'T YOU THINK THAT WAS A PRETTY GREAT SHOT, MAGNUS?

SCAN FOR SURVIVORS.

WAY AHEAD OF YOU, SIR. NO READINGS.



