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... RIGHT INSIDE THIS BUILDING, THE FIRST TIME WE EVER MET HIM.

I MEAN, IT WASN'T REALLY HIS FAULT—HE WAS KINDA MIXED UP FROM ALL THE BAD STUFF THAT HAPPENED TO HIM WHEN HE WAS A LITTLE TURTLE AT STOCKGEN.

BUT EVEN THEN, WHEN HE WAS TRYING TO SMASH US, YOU COULD TELL THE BIG GUY WAS REALLY JUST A BIG TEDDY BEAR DEEP DOWN INSIDE. SOMEHOW YOU JUST KNEW ALL THAT THICK ARMOR AND THOSE SHARP EDGES HAD A GOOD SOUL.

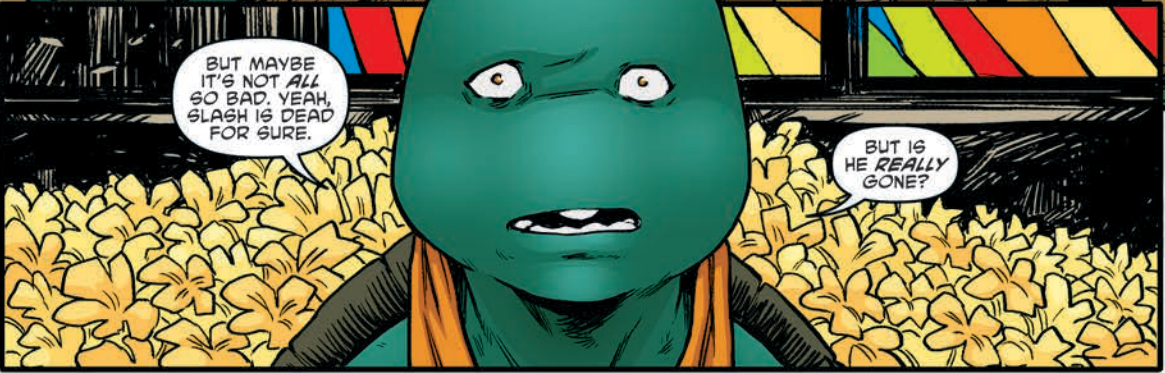
AND LUCKY FOR ALL OF US, EVEN THOUGH LEO ACCIDENTALLY STABBED HIM THAT DAY, WE EVENTUALLY GOT TO SEE THE REAL SLASH—AND, LATER, THE SUPER-SMART SLASH—AND HE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN ANY COOLER OF A DUDE.

HONESTLY, HE WAS LIKE THE BEST OF ALL OF US, AND HE TOTALLY PROVED IT IN THE END WHEN HE DIED TO SAVE ALL OUR LIVES.



BUT MAYBE IT'S NOT ALL SO BAD. YEAH, SLASH IS DEAD FOR SURE.

BUT IS HE REALLY GONE?





ONCE, A REALLY LONG TIME AGO, SHREDDER KILLED ME AND MY BROTHERS. OUR PARENTS, TOO.

BUT, EVEN THOUGH SHREDDER DID WHAT HE DID, ME AND MY BROS AND OUR DAD ARE ALL STILL HERE, ALIVE AND KICKING.

AND THE ONLY REASON OUR MOM'S NOT WITH US IS BECAUSE SHE GOT TO GO LIVE IN A SUPER-AMAZING GARDEN IN HEAVEN—WHICH IS SO COOL, 'CAUSE SOMETIMES WE GET TO VISIT HER THERE...



...AND IT'S THE BEST.



I GUESS WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS, THERE'S GOOD NEWS AND THERE'S BAD NEWS.

FIRST, WE ALL KNOW SOMEONE CAN GET KILLED—WE'VE ALL SEEN IT. THAT'S THE BAD NEWS.

BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS, EVEN THOUGH YOU CAN GET KILLED, YOU'RE NOT GONE FOREVER—YOU JUST GET TO DO NEW THINGS IN DIFFERENT PLACES, LIKE OUR MOM AND US.



AND I'M PRETTY SURE, WHEREVER SLASH IS NOW, IT'S GOT GIANT STACKS OF BOOKS FOR HIM TO READ AND PONDS FULL OF CHOCOLATE FOR HIM TO SWIM IN.



AND I HOPE I GET TO VISIT YOU THERE SOMEDAY, BIG GUY, 'CAUSE I'M TOTALLY GONNA MISS YOU UNTIL I DO.



WHAT A LOAD OF CRAP!

YOU
REALLY THINK
YOU'RE GONNA
FIND SLASH IN
SOME MAGICAL
CANDY LAND?

HOW
STUPID IS
THAT?



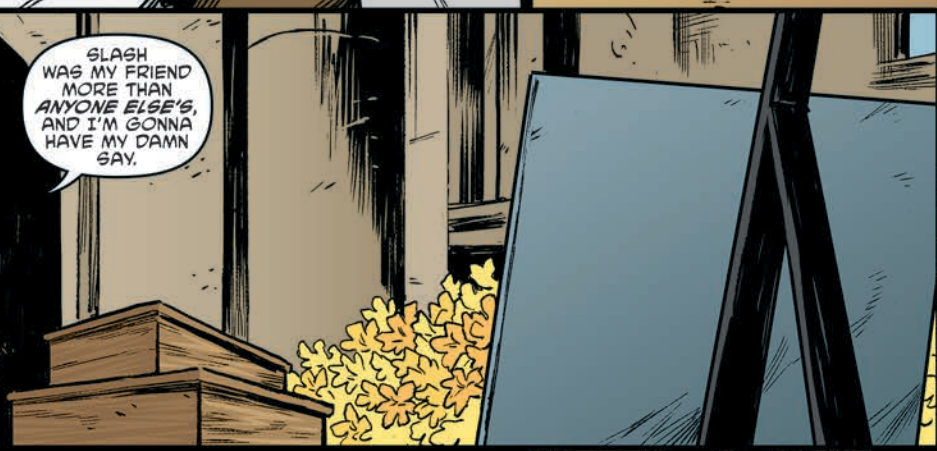
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ON, ROB.
THIS ISN'T THE
TIME FOR
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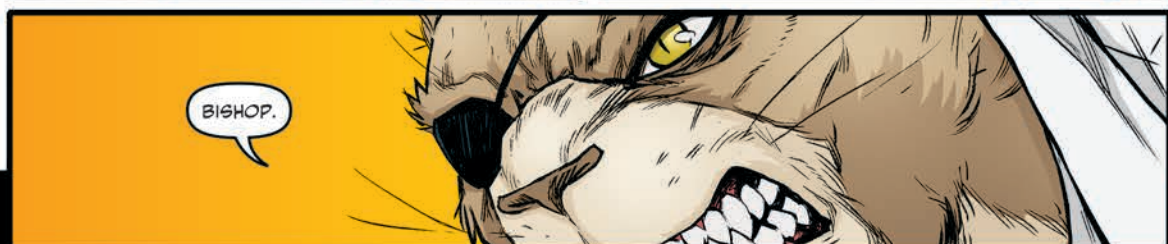


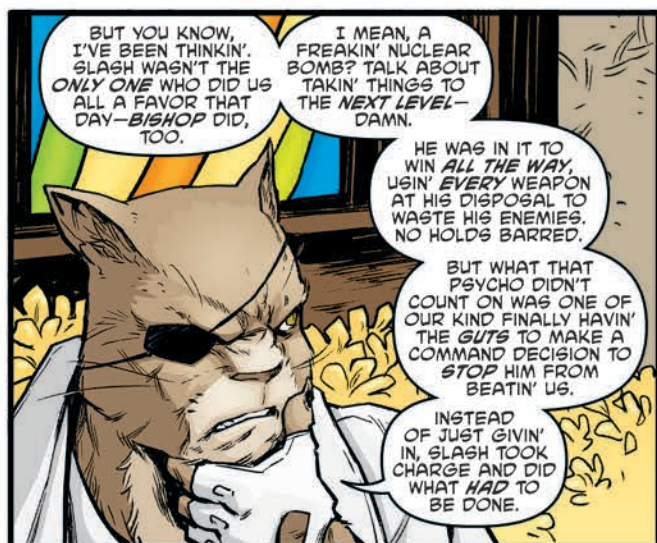
BULL! THIS
IS *EXACTLY*
THE TIME FOR
THIS, SALLY.



SLASH
WAS MY FRIEND
MORE THAN
ANYONE ELSE'S,
AND I'M GONNA
HAVE MY DAMN
SAY.







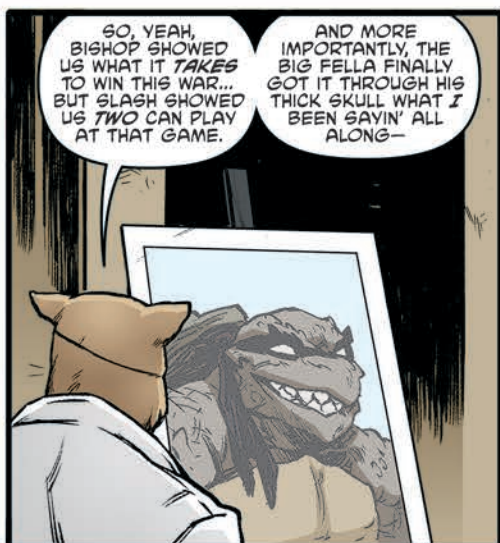
BUT YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN THINKIN'. SLASH WASN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO DID US ALL A FAVOR THAT DAY—BISHOP DID, TOO.

I MEAN, A FREAKIN' NUCLEAR BOMB? TALK ABOUT TAKIN' THINGS TO THE NEXT LEVEL—DAMN.

HE WAS IN IT TO WIN *ALL THE WAY*. USIN' *EVERY* WEAPON AT HIS DISPOSAL TO WASTE HIS ENEMIES. NO HOLDS BARRED.

BUT WHAT THAT PSYCHO DIDN'T COUNT ON WAS ONE OF OUR KIND FINALLY HAVIN' THE *GUTS* TO MAKE A COMMAND DECISION TO STOP HIM FROM BEATIN' US.

INSTEAD OF JUST GIVIN' IN, SLASH TOOK CHARGE AND DID WHAT *HAD* TO BE DONE.



SO, YEAH, BISHOP SHOWED US WHAT IT *TAKES* TO WIN THIS WAR... BUT SLASH SHOWED US *TWO* CAN PLAY AT THAT GAME.

AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE BIG FELLA FINALLY GOT IT THROUGH HIS THICK SKULL WHAT I BEEN SAYIN' ALL ALONG—



—THIS IS US AGAINST THEM. CUT AND DRIED.



AND BY US, I DON'T JUST MEAN MUTANTS. I AIN'T BLIND—WE GOT *HUMANS* HERE HELPIN' US... AND *MORE* OUT IN THE WORLD, TOO. JUST LIKE YOU CAN'T PICK YOUR *ENEMIES*, I GUESS YOU CAN'T ALWAYS PICK YOUR *FRIENDS*.

AND, BESIDES, LIKE I JUST SAID, YOU GOTTA USE *EVERYTHING* IN YOUR ARSENAL IF YOU PLAN ON COMIN' OUT ON TOP, AND THAT'S *EXACTLY* WHAT I PLAN ON DOIN'.

I GOT THE WEAPONS, I GOT THE SCIENCE AND THE TECH, AND NOW, THANKS TO BISHOP AND SLASH, I GOT THE *MOTIVATION* I NEED TO SEE THIS THROUGH ALL THE WAY.

IT'S SIMPLE, REALLY—I'M GONNA TAKE THE WAR TO THEM NOW, NO HOLDS BARRED.

AND WHETHER YOU'RE A MUTANT, HUMAN, ALIEN—OR WHATEVER THE HELL ELSE THERE IS—YOU'RE EITHER WITH ME...