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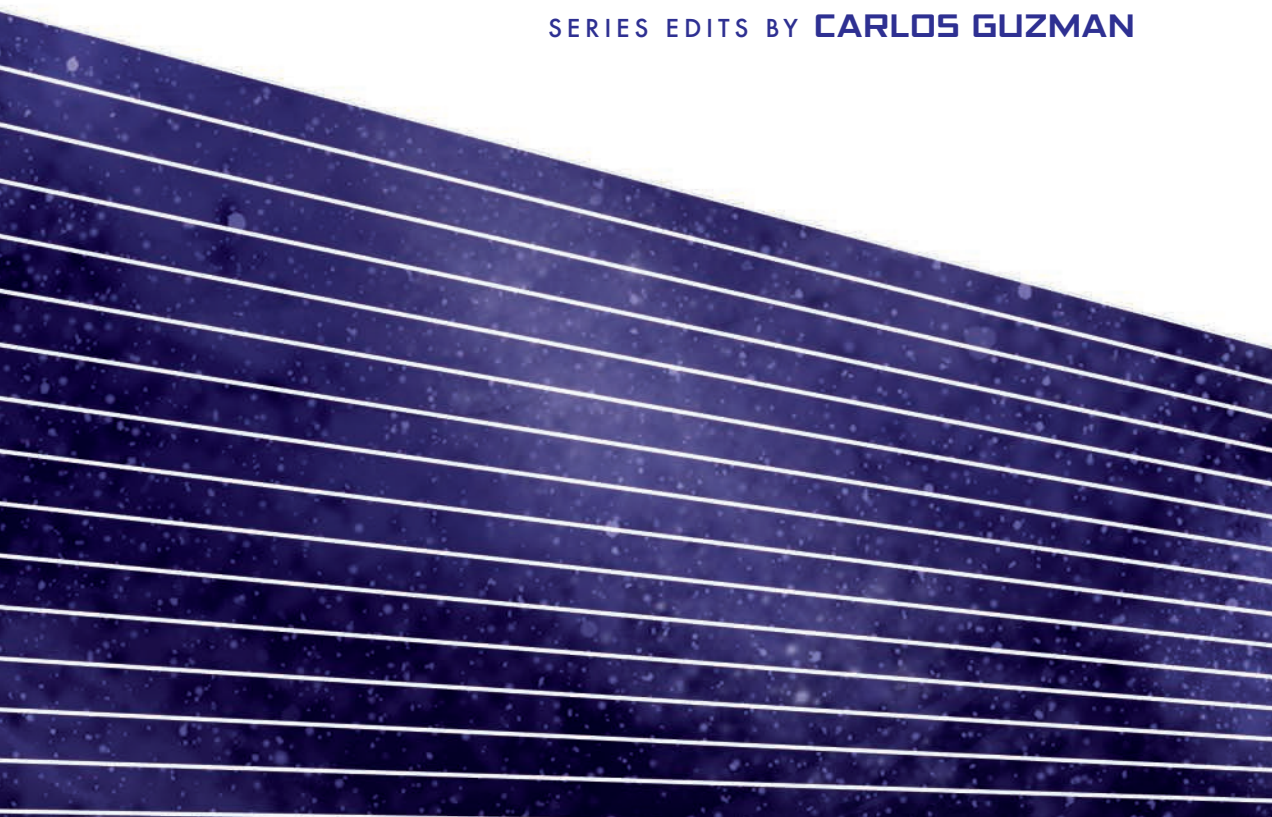
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NECROWORLD.

HEY RUNG, I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND, BUT NIGHTBEAT TOLD US THAT YOU WERE FEELING A LITTLE—

OUT OF SORTS.

YEAH.

SO WE'VE COME TO GIVE YOU AN **ALTERNATE HISTORY LESSON.**

AFTER MEGATRON (A DISSOLUTION EPILOGUE)

LUG—NOW THAT YOU'RE **FULLY GROWN** THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO TELL YOU...

IT'S ABOUT THE **LIGHTHOUSE** AND THE REASON I LEFT CAMINIUS. THE **REAL** REASON.

IMPROBABLE? WHAT D'YOU MEAN IMPROBABLE?

I MEAN, YOU TRANSPORTED AN ENTIRE PLANET FROM ONE UNIVERSE TO ANOTHER USING A **TELEPORTATION WAND** INFUSED WITH **TEMPORAL ENERGY.**

DOESN'T THAT SOUND EVEN A **TINY BIT** FARFETCHED?

BUDDY, THAT WASN'T EVEN THE **THIRD** MOST FARFETCHED THING I DID THAT DAY.

GIVEN THAT WE **MADE IT BACK**, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR POINT IS—UNLESS YOU'RE ACCUSING ME OF **TRICKING SCIENCE.**

YOU'RE JOKING, BUT WHAT IF YOU DID? NOT ON PURPOSE, BUT... WHAT IF YOU **BROKE THE RULES** WITHOUT REALISING IT?

OR... WHAT IF, JUST THIS ONCE, YOU STOPPED TRYING TO INVENT MYSTERIES FOR THE SAKE OF IT?

A **FIGUREHEAD**?

ME?

AN INSPIRATION TO **MILLIONS.**

WELL, WELL, I NEVER.

"SO WHAT'S THE PLAN, EL CAPITANO?"

LATER.

THE PLAN,
WHIRL, IS
WE'RE OFF!

AFTER SEVEN
LONG YEARS
IT'S FINALLY
TIME TO SAY
GOODBYE-SLASH-
RIDDANCE TO
NECROWORLD.

DAYS,
RODIMUS.
WE'VE BEEN
HERE SEVEN
DAYS.

NOT IN
RODIMUS
TIME.

MEGATRON
OF TARN

UM, SIR?

HOW ARE
WE ABLE TO
LEAVE? I
THOUGHT WE
WERE STUCK
HERE.

WE WERE...
UNTIL WE
FOUND SKIP.

HE WAS ONE OF
DEATHSAURUS'S
CREW. HE TURNS
INTO...

ANYONE?
ANYONE WANT
TO HAZARD A
GUESS?

ANYONE...?

ANYONE
APART FROM
SWERVE?

A WORM-
HOLE.

YOU THINK
HE TURNS INTO
A WORMHOLE.

YEP.

A PURPLE
ONE, BECAUSE
DECEPTICON.

YOU THOUGHT
I WAS GOING
TO SAY A SKIP.
DIDN'T YOU?

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
THAT'S THE
LEVEL AT WHICH
YOU THINK I
OPERATE.

HE TURNS INTO A
SPACESHIP.

A LITTLE
DINKY ONE!

AH, BUT
THAT'S WHERE
WE'RE GOING
TO TAKE A LEAF
OUT OF THE
FUNCTIONISTS'
BOOK.

WITH A BIT OF
F.M.D.* HE CAN
ACCOMMODATE
ABOUT TWENTY
OF US.

THE OTHERS
CAN STAY HERE
'TIL WE HAND-
SHAKE WITH
CYBERTRON AND
ARRANGE A
PICKUP.

ONCE WE'RE OFF-
WORLD, WE'LL LOCK
ONTO THE LOST
LIGHT'S QUANTUM
SIGNATURE AND
GIVE CHASE.

ACTUALLY,
NO: WE'LL FLY
TO THE NEAREST
SPACEHUB, GET A
PROPER SHIP, AND
THEN GIVE CHASE.
THE POINT IS, LOOK
OUT, GETAWAY,
YOU THIEVING
BASTARD.

NOW, I'M TOLD
F.M.D. IS MUCH EASIER
IF THE, UM, RECIPIENT IS
IN THEIR PRIMARY MODE.
SO I'LL NEED SOME OF YOU
TO HELP ME RECONFIGURE
SKIP—A MUCH BIGGER
SKIP—MANUALLY.

*FORCED MASS DISPLACEMENT



SO... I'M SENSING THAT NO ONE ELSE IS UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THIS?

I KNOW SKIP WAS AN **ENEMY COMBATANT**, BUT WE'RE STILL TALKING ABOUT **MUTILATING A CORPSE**.



THAT'S AN **INTERESTING PERSPECTIVE**, NAUTICA.

I'M HAPPY TO DISCUSS THE **ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS** OF MY ESCAPE PLAN AS SOON AS WE'VE ESCAPED.

ANY OTHER HELPFUL COMMENTS?



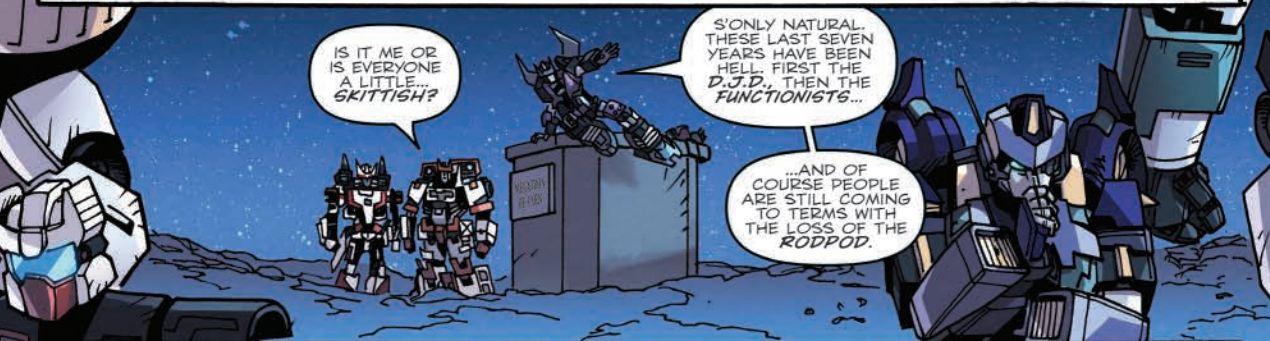
WHIRL...

PERMISSION TO START A PETITION TO LEAVE SWERVE BEHIND.

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS. WHAT A RIDICULOUS THING TO SAY.

YOU DON'T NEED TO BOTHER WITH A PETITION.

ALRIGHTY, THEN! MEETING OVER! DISMISSED! SHOO!



IS IT ME OR IS EVERYONE A LITTLE... SKITTISH?

S'ONLY NATURAL. THESE LAST SEVEN YEARS HAVE BEEN HELL. FIRST THE **D.J.D.**, THEN THE **FUNCTIONISTS**...

...AND OF COURSE PEOPLE ARE STILL COMING TO TERMS WITH THE LOSS OF THE **RODPOD**.



MEGATRON'S ABSENCE ALSO HAS AN EFFECT. THEY CAN **RELAX** AGAIN.

I DUNNO. THEY GOT ON **FINE** WITH MEGATRON—THAT WAS THE **PROBLEM**. THAT WAS THE CREW DECIDED WE WERE **MEGATRON SYMPATHIZERS**.

MAYBE YOU JUST FOUND BETTER WAYS TO COPE WITH HIM BEING IN YOUR LIVES.



BETTER WAYS...?

BETTER WAYS TO CONVINCE YOURSELVES THAT HE WAS NO LONGER A THREAT.

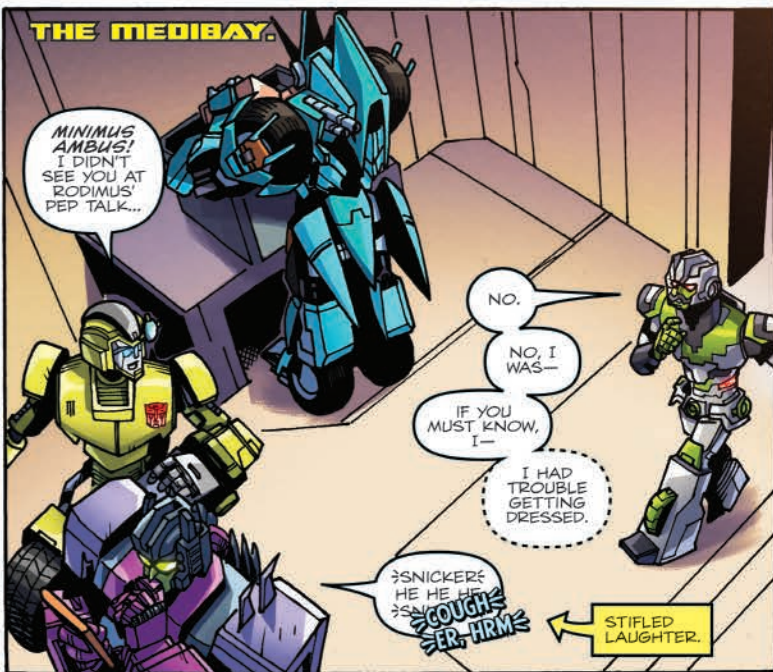
YOU THINK EVERYTHING'S OKAY—YOU **ADJUST**—AND IT'S ONLY WHEN THE THREAT'S REMOVED THAT YOU REALISE YOU WERE ON TENTERHOOKS THE WHOLE TIME.

IN LESS **DRIFTY-Y** TERMS: MEGATRON'S GONE...



"...AND EVERYONE'S PLEASED TO SEE THE BACK OF HIM."

3AHEM



MINIMUS AMBUS! I DIDN'T SEE YOU AT RODIMUS' PEP TALK...

NO.

NO, I WAS—

IF YOU MUST KNOW, I—

I HAD TROUBLE GETTING DRESSED.

3SNICKERS HE HE HE 33

COUGH ER-HRM

STIFLED LAUGHTER.



I'M SORRY, KAPUT, DO YOU MIND IF...?

FANGRY?

HE'S BEEN HELPING ME OUT. BUT IF THE PRESENCE OF A DECEPTICON MAKES YOU FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE...



FANGRY?

COME BACK LATER AND WE CAN TALK SOME MORE ABOUT ESTRIOL POSITIVE AND OTHER DISCREDITED SPARK TYPES.

LOOK FORWARD TO IT, BOSS.



HE SEEMS TO HAVE TURNED OVER A NEW LEAF SINCE HIS ALTERCATION WITH TAILGATE.* IN THE SPIRIT OF POST-WAR RECONCILIATION I THOUGHT I'D GIVE HIM A CHANCE.

SOMETHING I APPLAUD.

BUT I'D RATHER TALK TO YOU ABOUT MY PARTICULAR PROBLEM IN PRIVATE.

AND WHAT PROBLEM IS THAT?



ULTRA MAGNUS IS DEAD.



I'VE BEEN
LOOKING
FOR YOU.

HEY.

HAVE YOU EVER
TRIED TO TURN A
GIANT HAND INTO A
GIANT THRUSTER?
BECAUSE IT'S REALLY
DIFFICULT.

I THOUGHT
YOU MIGHT BE
AVOIDING ME.



AVOIDING YOU?
WHY WOULD I BE
AVOIDING YOU?

I DON'T
KNOW.

IT CAN'T
ALWAYS BE ABOUT
YOU, CYCLONUS.
THERE ARE OTHER
PEOPLE IN MY LIFE—
OTHER PEOPLE I
SPEAK TO FROM
TIME TO TIME.

OF COURSE.



WHO WERE
YOU SPEAKING
TO? OUT OF
INTEREST.

YOU'RE
SERIOUSLY
ASKING
ME THAT
QUESTION.

I WORRY.
AFTER WHAT
HAPPENED WITH
GETAWAY...

AH—YOU
THINK I'M
GOING TO
FALL UNDER
SOMEONE'S
SPELL.



WELL, YOU
NEEDN'T WORRY.
WHAT'S THAT
SAYING SWERVE
INVENTED? "ONCE
BITTEN, TWICE
SHY"?

THESE DAYS
I'M CAREFUL
NOT TO
FALL UNDER
ANYONE'S
INFLUENCE.

ANYONE
AT ALL.



I'LL
SPEAK TO
YOU LATER,
YEAH?