

I REMEMBER THAT DAY. I REMEMBER EVERYTHING ABOUT IT. IT WAS THE FINAL DAY OF HIVE SCHOOL, THE LAST DAY WE'D ALL BE TOGETHER...

YOUR APTITUDE REPORTS ARE IN YOUR DATA-UNITS, YOUNGLINGS.

AND I'D LIKE TO ADD THAT IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO BE YOUR CHIEF INSTRUCTRIX THIS PAST CYCLE.

NOW, LET US END THE CYCLE THE WAY WE BEGAN...

**ALL HAIL EMPEROR KORZAKK!**

IT WAS GREAT TO BE FREE, FOR ONE LAST RECUPERATION-SPAN, BEFORE WE WERE CHOSEN FOR OUR SPECIALTIES.

MY NAME IS ZOZAT, SON OF ZORR AND ZARZA.

HUU!

WA-HA!

RAA!

AND ALL THIS HAPPENED WHEN I WAS STILL JUST BUDDING MY TAIL.

WE TUMBLED ONTO THE SLIDWAYS, HEADED FOR HOME...

WO-HO! RECOOP! RECOOP! NO MORE STUDY, NO MORE TESTS! NO MORE WORSTS AND NO MORE --

ZOZAT! YOUR CLUTCH GOING ANYZONE FOR --

-- WE'RE ALMOST THERE --

IT WAS THE BEST PART OF THE SLIDE HOME.

SST! HUSHA HUSH --

THE PLAZA OF WARLORDS.

I MUMBLED THE OATHS OF OBEDIENCE AND FEALTY, AND HEARD PAZAK AND DROZO DOING THE SAME.

IT WAS BREATHTAKING. IF ONLY I COULD HAVE LIVED IN THEIR TIME -- DIED UNDER THEIR COMMAND.

LIKE EMPEROR KAR-ZIRR, THE WARBEARER, WHO CRUSHED THE ANCIENT AAMIN.

OR WARLORD ZA, WHO CLEANSSED THE VTHULS, MADE THEIR WORLD OUR FIRST COLONY.

AND THEN THERE WAS MY FAVORITE.





KORZINN THE LOST.  
SON OF KORZAKK.  
WHO DEFEATED THE  
HUMAN FILTH -- THE  
FIRST FAMILY -- NOT  
ONCE, NOT TWICE,  
BUT THREE TIMES!

THREE TIMES, BEFORE  
HIS TREACHEROUS  
MURDER. BEFORE THEY  
CAST HIM INTO HOME-  
STAR AND ENDED OUR  
EMPEROR-NEXT.

EVERY TIME I SAW  
HIS MONU-MARKER,  
I WOULD THINK:

HOW GREAT  
HE WAS. HOW  
VILE THEY ARE.

HOW GREAT.  
HOW VILE.

# THE MENACE FROM EARTH

THEY'D BEEN A CLAW IN THE EMPIRE'S SIDE FOR SO LONG.

NEH!

VFF!

I IMAGINED KILLING THEM MYSELF, IN SERVICE OF THE EMPIRE. IMAGINED THE TRIUMPHAL PROCESSION. THE HAILS OF HERO CAST TOWARD ME.

BUT MOSTLY, I IMAGINED SEEING THE EMPEROR SMILE, HIS SON FINALLY AVENGED.

WU-HA!

ONE DAY, I KNEW IN MY HEART, THEY'D SEE JUSTICE.

SOMEDAY, RIGHT?

SOMED --

--AUHH?!

TREACHERS! VILE TREACHERS!

HA! DREAMER ZOZAT! NEVER MAKE A SOLDIER!

HA-BFF!!

WATCH OUT WATCH OUT! BLITZTACK!

DROZ, YOU CHUDBRAIN!



CAN'T FRONTTACK A --

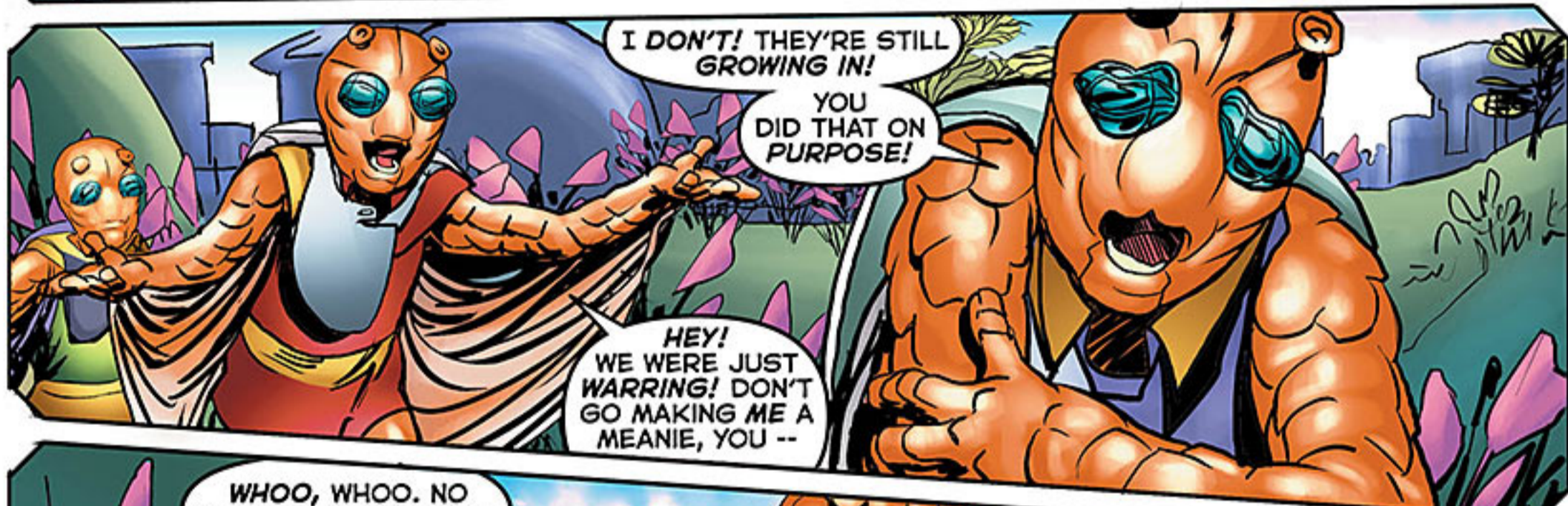
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AAAH!



IG! NO BADTTACKS! THAT REALLY HURT! THAT BURNED!

AW, DROZ, DON'T BE A CLUTCHLING. BIG OL' POUNDER LIKE YOU, GOT THE SCALES TO HOLD OFF A LITTLE FIRE...



I DON'T! THEY'RE STILL GROWING IN!

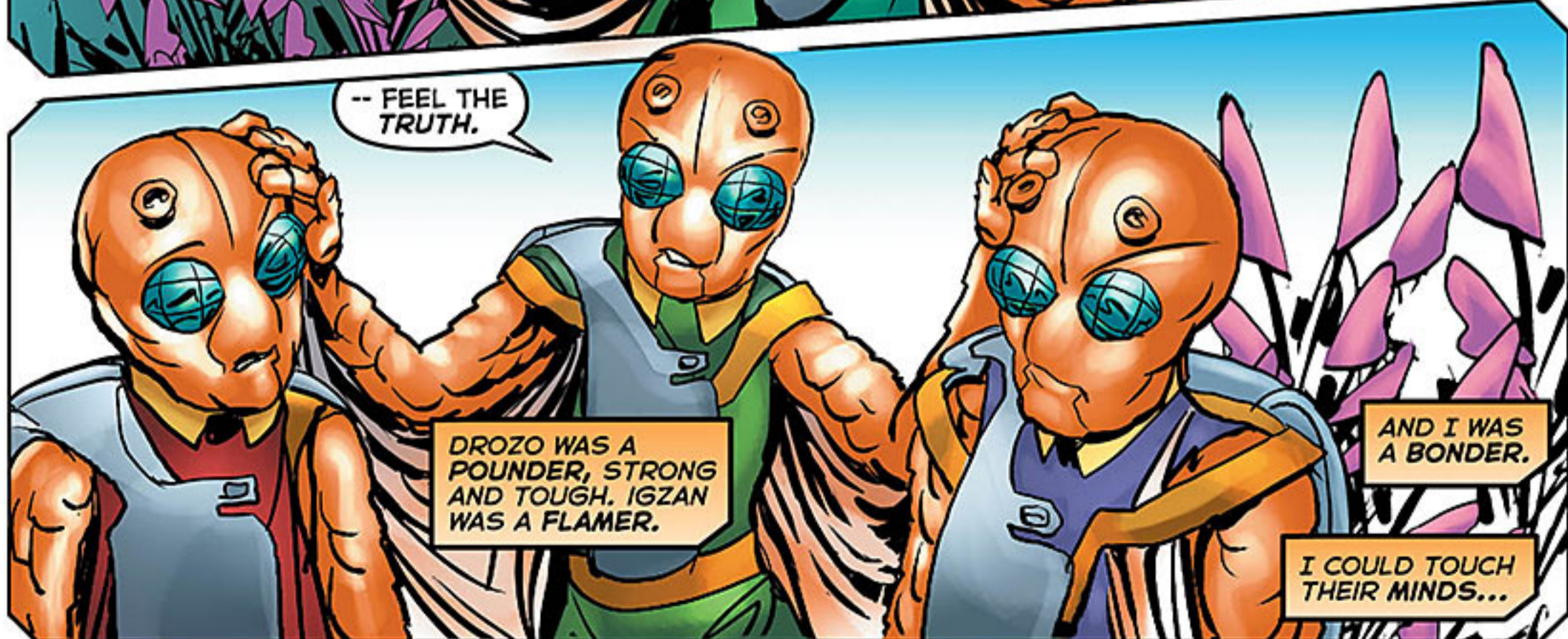
YOU DID THAT ON PURPOSE!

HEY! WE WERE JUST WARRING! DON'T GO MAKING ME A MEANIE, YOU --



WHOO, WHOO. NO SCREAMS, NO SLICES. ALL RETRENCH.

HERE --



-- FEEL THE TRUTH.

DROZO WAS A POUNDER, STRONG AND TOUGH. IGZAN WAS A FLAMER.

AND I WAS A BONDER.

I COULD TOUCH THEIR MINDS...