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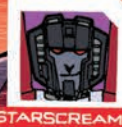
XETAXXIS.
THE EDGE OF SOLSTAR ORDER SPACE.

THEIR MINDS ARE MADE UP.

THE MACHINES HATE THE BIOLOGICALS.

V-VEKKTRAL... YOU IN THERE, BUDDY?

L-LET'S T-TALK THIS OUT!



YOU ARE A MEANS TO AN END, STARSCREAM—NO MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE AUTOBOT I INHABIT.

B-BUT WE H-HAD A DEAL...

I DON'T THINK HE'S GONNA HONOR THE LETTER OF THE AGREEMENT, BOSS!

GET 'EM OFFA ME!

STARSCREAM... KILLED SO MANY AUTOBOTS...

...HE DESERVES THIS.

...HE DESERVES THIS.

KILLING HIM IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO, ULTRA MAGNUS.

MAGNUS! FIGHT THE WRAITH!

WE NEED YOU!

PERHAPS NOW YOU UNDERSTAND THE GRAVITY OF THIS SITUATION, BUMBLEBEE.

I PRAY TO THE GODS OF ELONIA THAT IT IS NOT TOO LATE.

WHAT THEY DON'T KNOW...

...IS WE'RE ALL THE SAME.

HRWUNG!

AT ONE TIME, THAT WOULD HAVE HURT ME, ROM—

—PERHAPS EVEN KILLED ME...

...BUT THINGS CHANGE.

THROUGH METAL AND BIOLOGY—

—SCIENCE AND MAGIC...

...THE DIRE WRAITHS HAVE REACHED OUR NEXT STAGE OF EVOLUTION!

GAH!

YOU'RE EVEN WORSE THAN MAGNUS.

THE SAME, WHETHER STEEL COATED IN SKIN...

...OR FLESH COVERED BY ARMOR.

THAT WRAITH'S GOING TO TAKE OVER YOUR FRIEND.

HE'S NOT MY FRIEND, SATA—

—AND NEITHER ARE YOU.

WHAT?!

LET GO OF ME!

EXTEND YOUR BLADE AS FAR AS YOU CAN.

YOU'RE KIDDING.

THIS IS NO LAUGHING MATTER.

I AM STARDRIVE.

SOLSTAR KNIGHT.

CYBERTRONIAN.

AND SICK TO DEATH OF BOTH THOSE THINGS.



HURRAH!

WUHH-?

THE REST OF YOU—

—STOP THE WRAITHS FROM CREATING MORE OF THESE MONSTERS!



STARSCREAM

WELL...

...I GUESS THAT LITTLE ORGANIC-LOVER WAS GOD FOR SOMETHING...



HE'S ESCAPING!

BUT YOU WERE GOING TO MAKE ME MURDER HIM!

THAT CAME FROM WITHIN YOU.

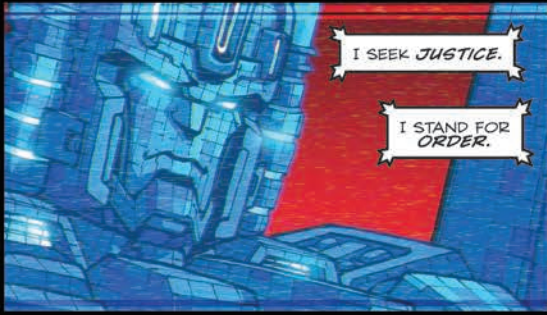
STARSCREAM MEANS NOTHING.

NO...

...I WON'T LET YOU USE ME.

I'M THE DULY DEPUTIZED ENFORCER OF THE TYREST ACCORD.

YOU ARE A TOOL—A VECTOR TO PROPAGATE MY SPECIES.



I SEEK JUSTICE.

I STAND FOR ORDER.



THERE WILL BE PERFECT ORDER...

...WHEN WRAITHS CONTROL ALL.



HEY, WRAITHS!

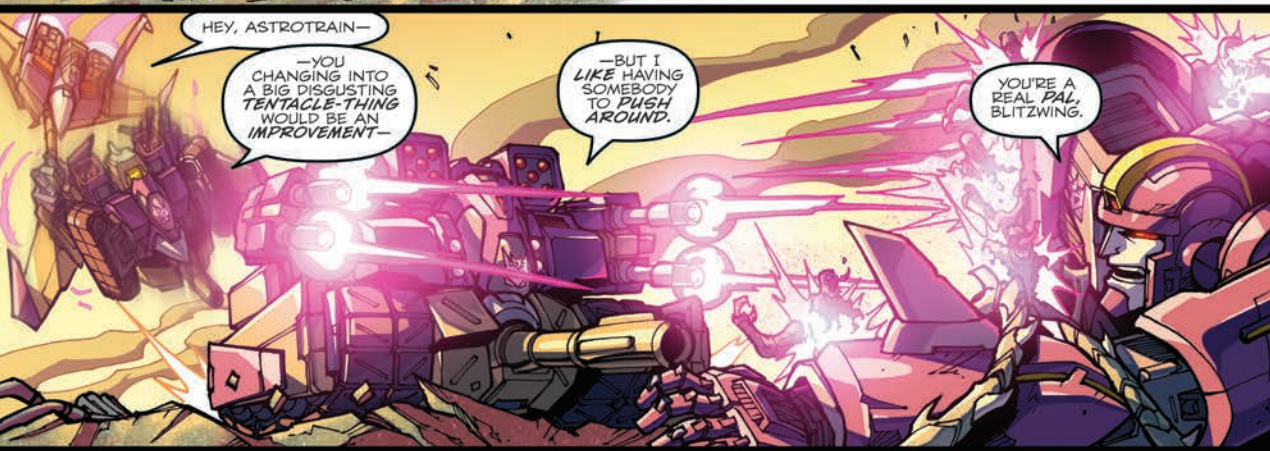
LEGGO OF THOSE GUYS!

YOU DEFEND YOUR OWN MORTAL ENEMIES...

...I AM PLEASED YOUR ROBOT BRAIN CAN CALCULATE THE DANGER POSED HERE.

LOOK, LIVIA, I'M NO FAN OF DECEPTICONS—

—BUT I'M NOT ABOUT TO LET ANYBODY ELSE GET TURNED INTO A MONSTER.



HEY, ASTROTRAIN—

—YOU CHANGING INTO A BIG DISGUSTING TENTACLE-THING WOULD BE AN IMPROVEMENT—

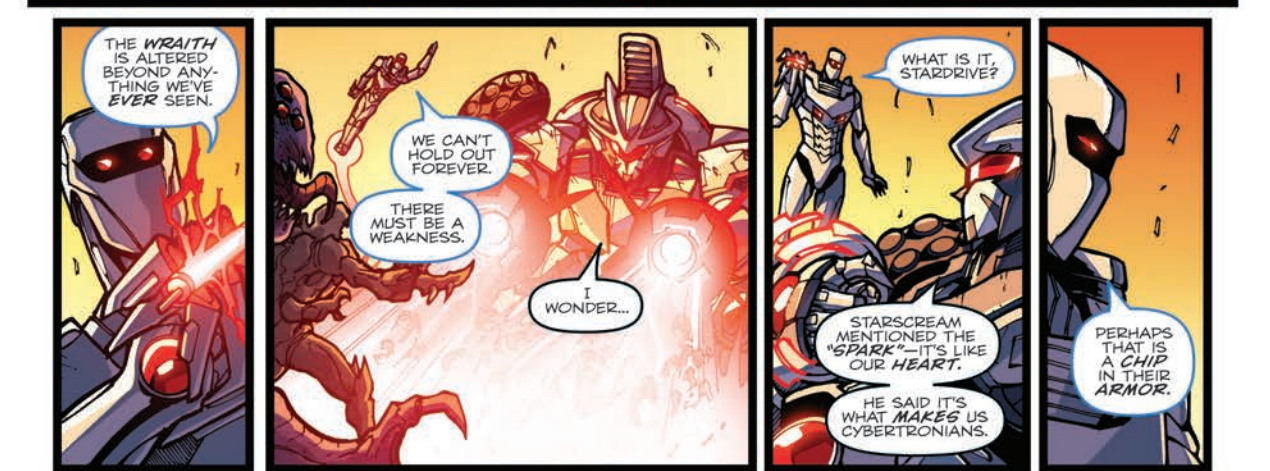
—BUT I LIKE HAVING SOMEBODY TO PUSH AROUND.

YOU'RE A REAL PAL, BLITZWING.



THE CYBER-TRONIANS ARE TAKING CARE OF THEIR OWN—

—BUT MY NEUTRALIZER HAS NO EFFECT ON THE HYBRID.



THE WRAITH IS ALTERED BEYOND ANYTHING WE'VE EVER SEEN.

WE CAN'T HOLD OUT FOREVER.

THERE MUST BE A WEAKNESS.

I WONDER...

WHAT IS IT, STARDRIVE?

STARSCREAM MENTIONED THE "SPARK"—IT'S LIKE OUR HEART.

HE SAID IT'S WHAT MAKES US CYBERTRONIANS.

PERHAPS THAT IS A CHIP IN THEIR ARMOR.

