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THE TRANSFORMERS



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CAPTAIN AMERICA
Legendary super-soldier




SPIDER-MAN
Wisecracking wall-crawler



WOLVERINE
Feral mutant



LUKE CAGE
Steel-hard powerhouse



MS. MARVEL
Alien-altered warrior



THE FALCON
Aerial expert



IRON MAN
Armored industrialist

COUNTDOWN TO LATVERIAN/ SYMKARIAN WAR: T MINUS 2 HOURS, 23 MINUTES.

The Eastern European nations of Symkaria and Latveria stand on the brink of nuclear Armageddon. The cause: an ominous structure called the Array, which is saturating the two countries with a mind-altering "Aggression Wave" emanating from a device known as the Psycho-Prism.

OPTIMUS PRIME and his AUTO-BOTS — extraterrestrial robots who can alter their bodies into vehicles — provide the NEW AVENGERS with protection against the Aggression Wave. Prime explains that the Array is a weapon of MEGATRON and his DECEPTICONS, the Autobots' ancient arch-nemeses. The Decepticons hope to prod humanity into a self-destructive war, then strip Earth of its precious Energon fuel.

Together, the Avengers and Autobots repel a deadly attack by the Decepticons. But now Megatron has charged himself up to an unprecedented level of power — using a serum derived from the blood of SPIDER-MAN, who remains captive inside the Array. Worse: Megatron is now allied with DOCTOR DOOM, despotic ruler of Latveria — in whose laboratory the mind-altering Psycho-Prism was originally developed.

RATCHET and PROWL of the Autobots, along with LUKE CAGE of the Avengers, attempt to destroy the Array from within — but are defeated by Megatron, who then turns on his ally Doom. Now, outside the Array, the Avengers — including IRON MAN in an enormous, specially-built suit of armor — face the full fury of Megatron. And inside, Avengers and Autobots alike may have to depend on an unlikely ally...



OPTIMUS PRIME
Commander in chief



PROWL
Unit commander



BUMBLEBEE
Intelligence



RATCHET
Medic



JAZZ
Communications



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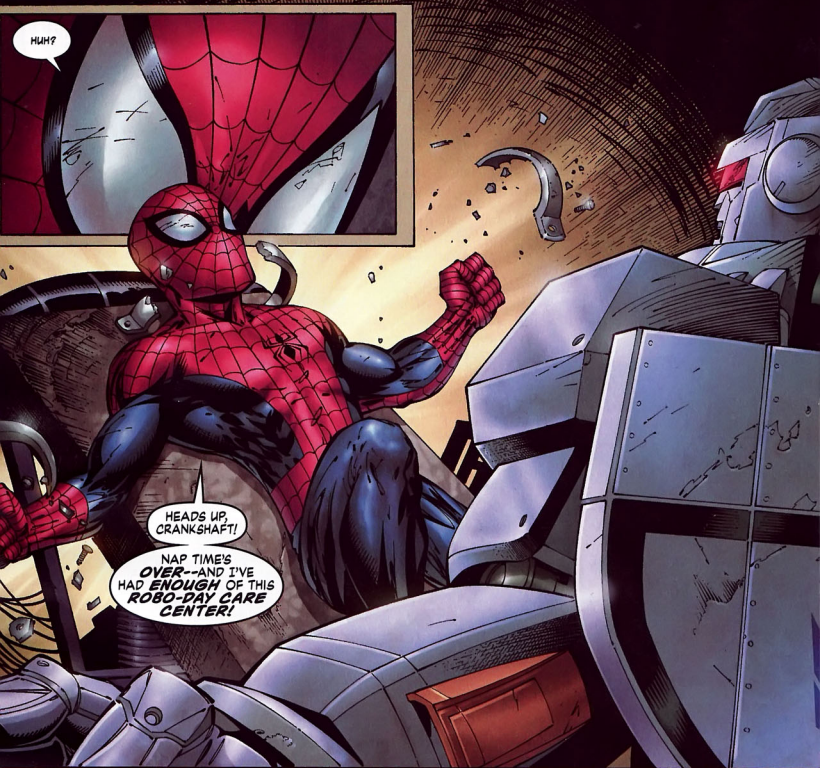
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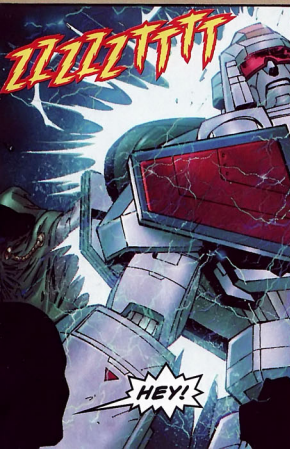
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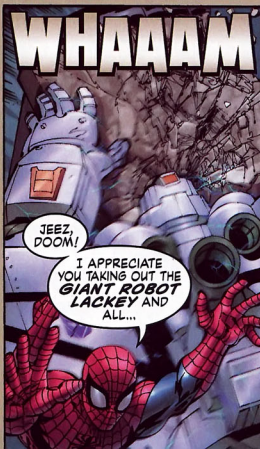
HUH?

HEADS UP,
CRANKSHAFT!

NAP TIME'S
**OVER--AND I'VE
HAD ENOUGH OF THIS
ROBO-DAY CARE
CENTER!**



HEY!



WHAAAM

JEEZ,
DOOM!

I APPRECIATE
YOU TAKING OUT THE
**GIANT ROBOT
LACKEY** AND
ALL...



...BUT
COULD YOU
WATCH YOUR
AIM?

DOOM
WATCHES **ALL**,
INSECT. HE LEAVES
NOTHING
TO CHANCE.



OKAY, NOW I'M OFFICIALLY CONFUSED. ANYBODY GOT A GIANT ROBOT SCORE-CARD...?

UHHHH...

...ENEMIES OF MEGATRON.


WE ENTERED THIS PLACE...TO RESCUE YOU...AND TO DESTROY THE PSYCHO-PRISM...

SPIDER-MAN...? MY FELLOW OFFICER AND I ARE...AUTOBOTS...


RIGHT. THAT CRYSTAL THING THAT'S POWERING THE AGGRESSION WAVE.



WHERE IS MEGATRON, ANYWAY?



OUTSIDE, WHERE HE IS USING HIS NEWFOUND POWER TO **SLAUGHTER** YOUR COMRADES.




HOW ABOUT YOU? ARE YOU ROOTING FOR HIM NOW-- OR AGAINST HIM?



DOOM DOES NOT EXPLAIN HIS ACTIONS.

DOOM SERVES HIS NEEDS-- AND HIS PEOPLE'S-- ACCORDING TO HIS OWN CODE OF HONOR.



SYSTEMS...REGENERATING... I BELIEVE WE CAN STOP MEGATRON, SPIDER-MAN.

BUT I MUST HESITANTLY ASK YOUR ASSISTANCE-- AND YOUR FURTHER SACRIFICE.



GREAT.

WHY DO THE WORDS "SPIDER-MAN" AND "SACRIFICE" ALWAYS APPEAR TOGETHER...?

OUTSIDE...

CEASE THIS RESISTANCE,
HUMANS.

THE WAR YOU
SEEK TO FORE-
STALL IS BUT A
TINY SKIRMISH...

...IN THE GRAND,
BATTLE-STREWN
HISTORY OF
CYBERTRON.

IRON
MAN--

STAY
BACK, CAP--
EVERYONE...

...HE'S
MINE.

Power level:
92%. WARNING:
Capacitors at
maximum.

OH?

I BELIEVE
THIS IS
YOURS, TOO.

EASY,
CAGE... I GOT
YA.

THAT'S IT.

YOU KNOW,
NORMALLY
I PREFER
HOUSE
MUSIC...

Power level: 87%.

...BUT
WHO SAYS
METAL'S
DEAD?!

KA-LAARNG

Power level: 84%.
WARNING: Levels
dropping.

YOU SPEAK--
NONSENSE--

NOT--
AT ALL--

Power level: 63%.
WARNING: power
loss accelerating.

METAL.
IT'S ALL
YOU'RE
MADE OF...
"MEGATRON"

INSIDE, I'M
HUMAN...AND
THAT GIVES ME
THE EDGE.

Power level: 47%.
WARNING: levels
plunging.
WARNING: activating
emergency
power cells.

NO...
HUMAN...

SH-ZARK

Power level: 96%.
Emergency power
levels engaged.
Levels rising.

...IT MAKES
YOU WEAK.

KRANNGGG

Power level: 163%.
WARNING: power
cell safeties damaged.
WARNING: systems
overload imminent.
Unable to disengage.



IRON MAN...
I AM STILL
DAMAGED.

BUT IF YOU
REQUIRE EXTERNAL
POWER INPUT--

NO!

Power level:
183%. **WARNING:**
EMERGENCY
SHUTDOWN.



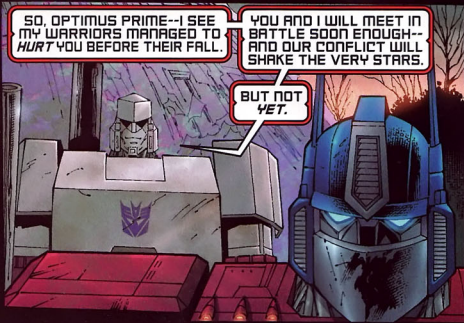
THIS ARMOR'S
ABOUT TO...
OVERLOAD.

HAVEN'T QUITE...
WORKED THE **KINKS**
OUT OF THIS MODEL
YET...

SO, OPTIMUS PRIME--I SEE
MY WARRIORS MANAGED TO
HURT YOU BEFORE THEIR FALL.

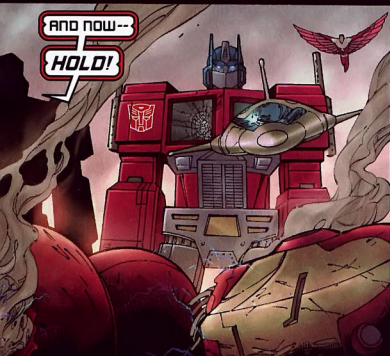
YOU AND I WILL MEET IN
BATTLE SOON ENOUGH--
AND OUR CONFLICT WILL
SHAKE THE VERY STARS.

BUT NOT
YET.

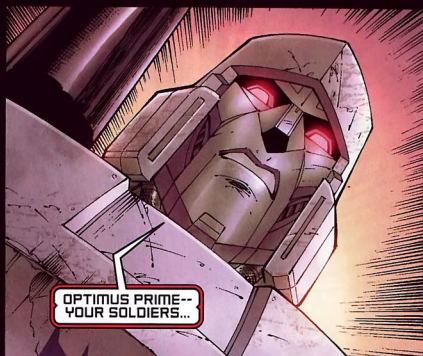




FIRST THINGS FIRST.



AND NOW--
HOLD!

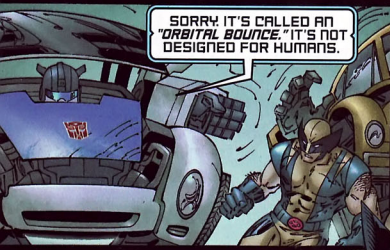


OPTIMUS PRIME--
YOUR SOLDIERS...

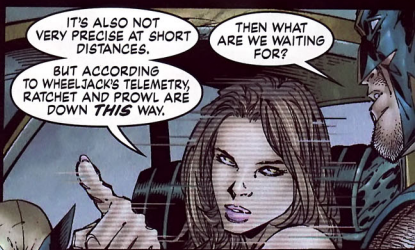
"...WHERE ARE THE AUTOBOTS?"



UNNNH!
MY GUTS ARE ON
FIRE. NICE WAY
TO TRAVEL.



SORRY IT'S CALLED AN
"ORBITAL BOUNCE." IT'S NOT
DESIGNED FOR HUMANS.



IT'S ALSO NOT
VERY PRECISE AT SHORT
DISTANCES.

THEN WHAT
ARE WE WAITING
FOR?

BUT ACCORDING
TO WHEELJACK'S TELEMETRY,
RATCHET AND PROWL ARE
DOWN THIS WAY.

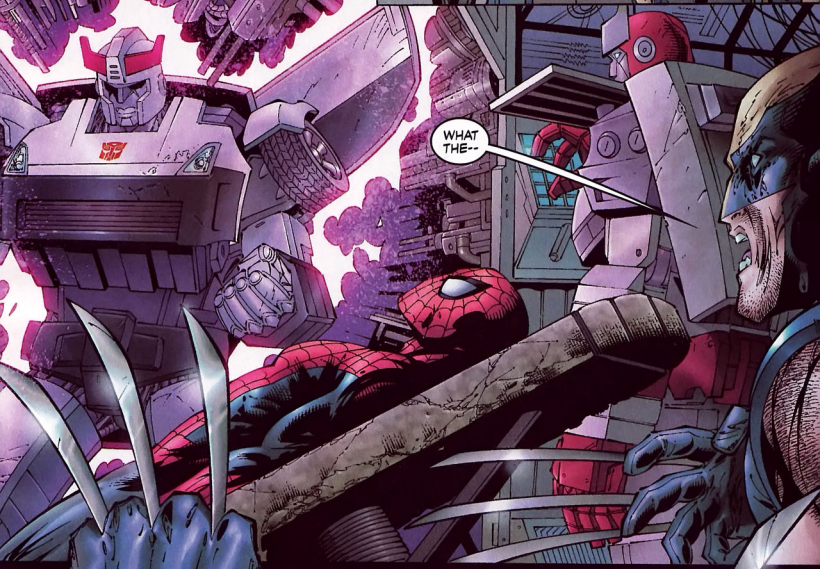


AN' IF
ANY MORE OF THESE
"DECEPTICONS"
SHOW UP...

...I GOT MY
CAN OPENERS
READY.

SNIKT

SNIKT





WOLVERINE!
HOLD IT!

THWIP



I APPRECIATE THE ASSIST, BUDDY-- AND I ADMIT I'M STILL PRETTY WEAK. BUT I VOLUNTEERED FOR THIS.

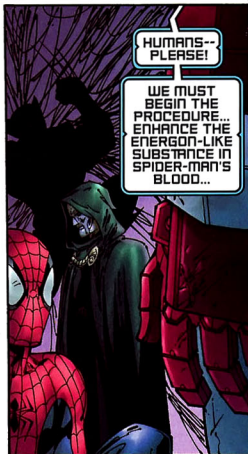
THE ONLY WAY TO STOP MEGATRON IS TO USE HIS OWN POWER-CHARGING PROCESS AGAINST HIM.

THAT MEANS USING MY BLOOD TO BOOST THESE GUNS' STRENGTH!



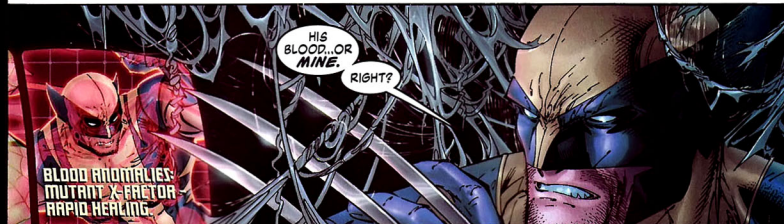
YOUR ALLY--WHO IS NOT AS INTELLIGENT AS HE THINKS HE IS--IS ESSENTIALLY CORRECT.

DOOM... WE GOT UNFINISHED BUSINESS, YOU AN' ME.



HUMANS-- PLEASE!

WE MUST BEGIN THE PROCEDURE... ENHANCE THE ENERGEN-LIKE SUBSTANCE IN SPIDER-MAN'S BLOOD...



HIS BLOOD... OR MINE. RIGHT?

BLOOD ANOMALIES:
MUTANT X-FACETOR
RAPID HEALING

TEN MINUTES LATER...

THANK YOU, HUMAN. YOU MAY HAVE JUST SAVED US ALL.

PEACHY.

BY CYBERTRON... THE POWER!

SHOULD WE CHARGE UP AS WELL?

NO, JAZZ. THERE'S NO TIME.

YOU TWO MUST DESTROY THE PSYCHO-PRISM. I CAN TELL YOU WHERE IT IS--

YOU WON'T FIND IT. MEGATRON HAD IT MOVED.

BUT DOOM CAN LEAD YOU TO IT. COME.

AH, WHAT THE HELL...

BUMBLEBEE AND JAZZ, GO WITH OUR NEW ALLY!

RATCHET AND I WILL RENDEZVOUS WITH YOU LATER...

"...OUTSIDE."

VA-ZARK

SO, A *GNAT*
DRESSED AS
A GIANT, EH?

WHATEVER
YOU SAY,
MEGATRON.

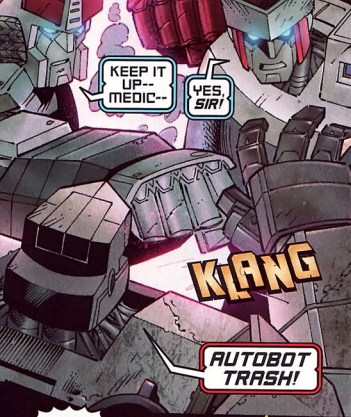
BUT *GNAT* OR
GIANT...MAN OR
MACHINE...

...IT'S
GOOD TO
HAVE A
BACKUP
PLAN.

EH?

OH...H...

...I THINK MY
LUNCH...IS
ABOUT TO
DO ITS OWN
"ORBITAL
BOUNCE."



KEEP IT UP--
MEDIC--

YES, SIR!

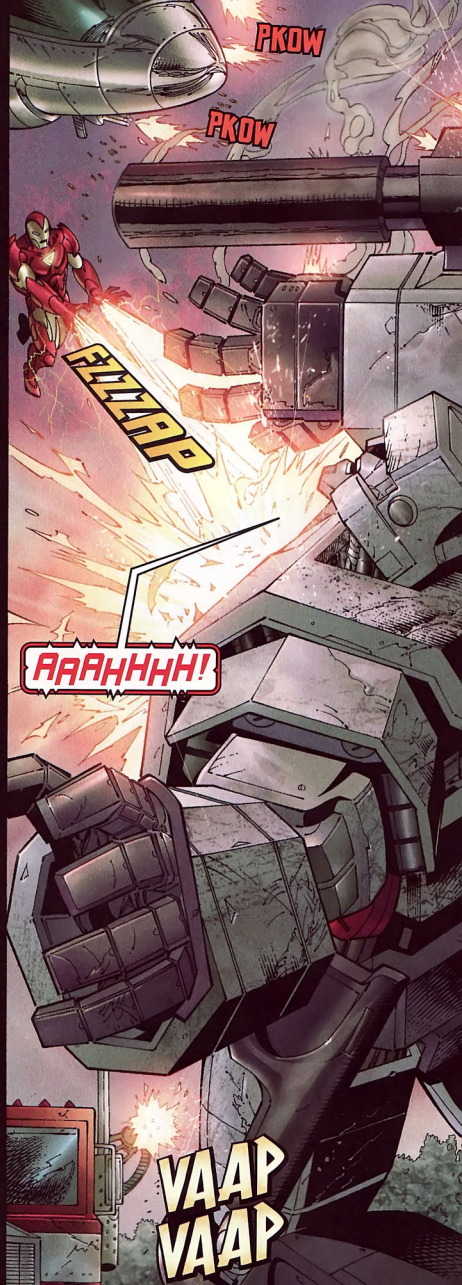
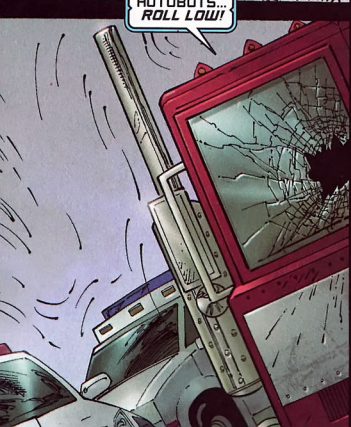
KLANG

AUTOBOT TRASH!



AVENGERS--
HIT 'EM
HIGH!

**AUTOBOTS,
ROLL LOW!**



PKOW

PKOW

BLAZAP

RAAHHH!

**VAAP
VAAP**

KWAAAM

WHAT?
WHO'S--?

RAMJET!

I SUPPOSE
YOU WANT
THE PSYCHO-
PRISM, TOO?

TRUST
ME, SUB...

...HE
AIN'T
GETTIN'
IT.

AH, THE LITTLE
MONARCH. I SEE
YOUR LOYALTIES
HAVE CHANGED
AGAIN.

I THINK I'LL
FOLLOW YOUR
LEAD, THIS
TIME. AFTER
ALL...

SNIKT

...IF MEGATRON'S
PLAN SHOULD FAIL
TODAY--THEN
SOME DAY SOON...

...PERHAPS IT WILL BE
MY TURN TO LEAD
THE DECEPTICONS.



SHOULD WE GO AFTER HIM?

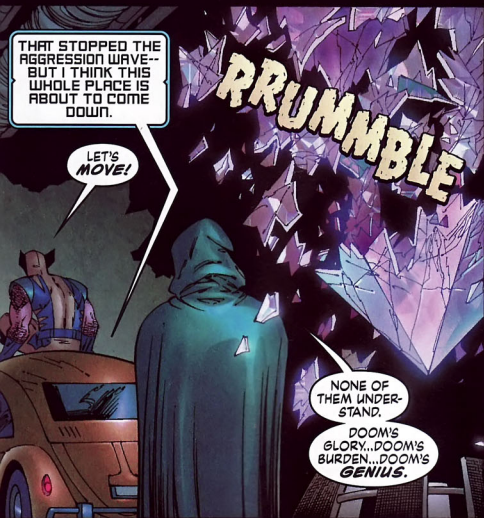
NO TIME. WE'VE GOT EIGHTEEN MINUTES LEFT TO STOP THE HUMAN WAR.

YOU GUYS CAN DEBATE THIS TILL THE NEXT TRACTOR-PULL IF YOU WANT...



...I'M TAKIN' THIS BAD BOY OUT!

KA-RECH!



THAT STOPPED THE AGGRESSION WAVE-- BUT I THINK THIS WHOLE PLACE IS ABOUT TO COME DOWN.

LET'S MOVE!

RRUMBLE

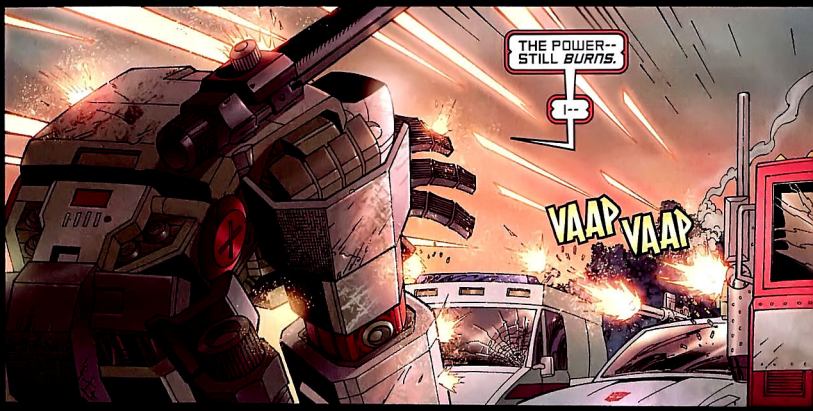
NONE OF THEM UNDERSTAND.

DOOM'S GLORY...DOOM'S BURDEN...DOOM'S GENIUS.



NO MAN...NO MACHINE...

...SHALL TAKE THAT AWAY!



THE POWER--
STILL BURNS.

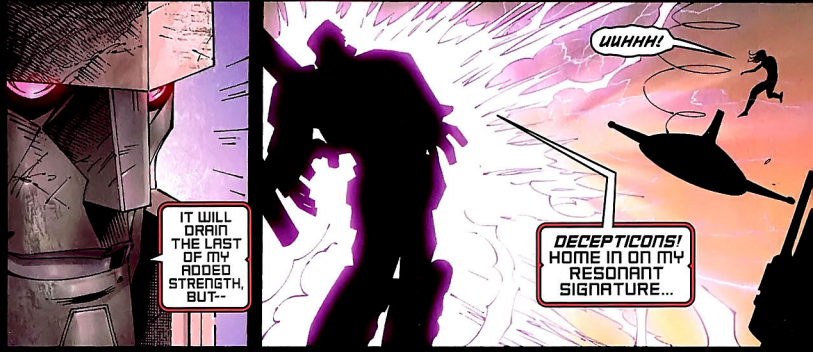
VAAP VAAP



B-KO-O-M

THE
ARRAY!

THE PSYCHO-PRISM
HAS BEEN DESTROYED.
WITHOUT IT--THIS BATTLE
SERVES NO PURPOSE.



IT WILL
DRAIN
THE LAST
OF MY
ADDED
STRENGTH,
BUT--

WUHHH!

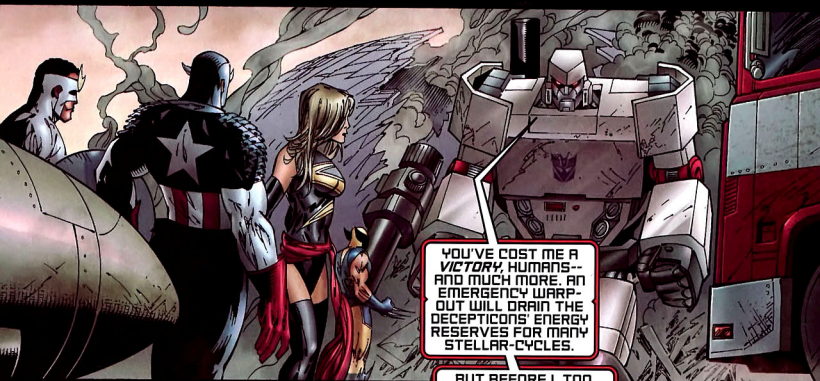
DECEPTICONS!
HOME IN ON MY
RESONANT
SIGNATURE...

"...AND EXECUTE *EMERGENCY WARP-OUT PROTOCOL!*"



"...*TERMINATED!*"

"*THE LATVERIAN PROJECT IS HEREBY...*"

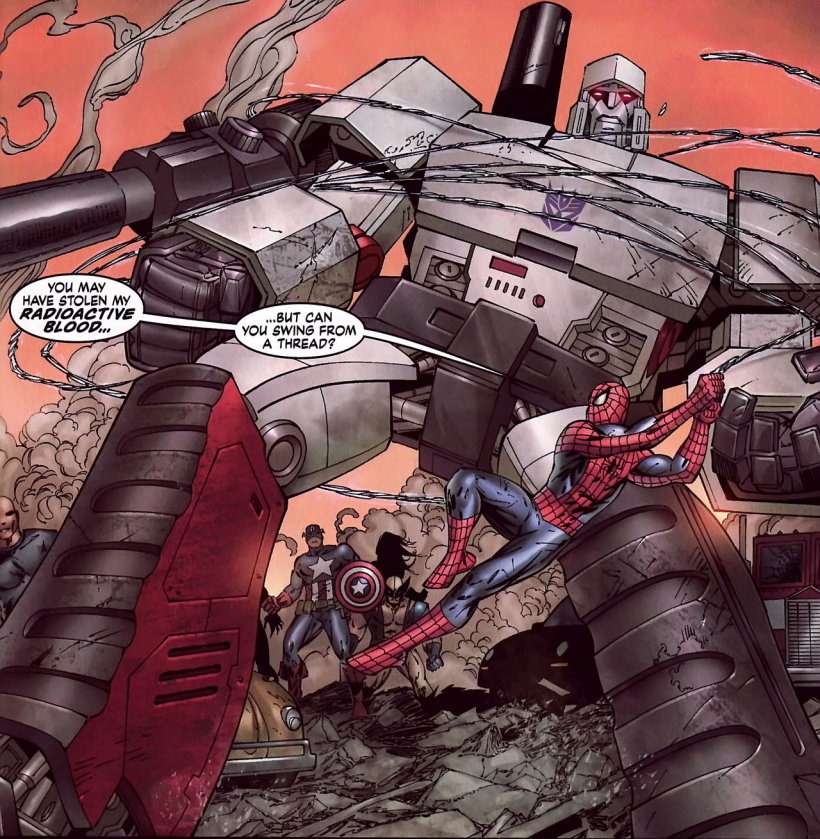


"YOU'VE COST ME A *VICTORY*, HUMANS-- AND MUCH MORE. AN *EMERGENCY WARP-OUT* WILL DRAIN THE *DECEPTICONS'* ENERGY RESERVES FOR MANY *STELLAR-CYCLES*."

"BUT BEFORE I, TOO, DEPART THIS PLACE OF *ROTTING MEAT*--I WILL SEE YOU PAY FOR--"

"HEY, MEGS!"

THWIP



YOU MAY HAVE STOLEN MY **RADIOACTIVE BLOOD...**

...BUT CAN YOU SWING FROM A **THREAD?**



TAKE A LOOK OVER-HEAD!

UHHHH!



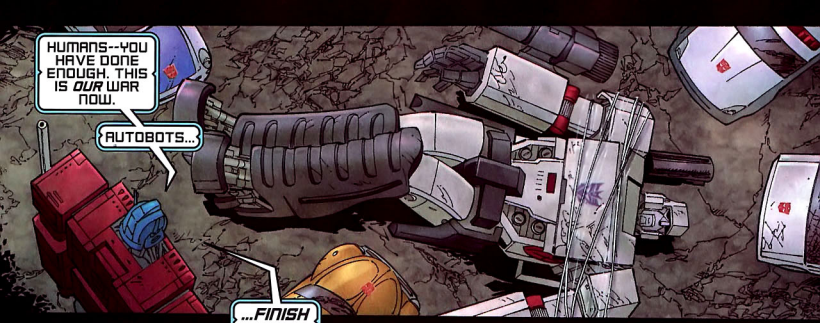
AND JUST TO BACK UP MY BOY IN THE SKY...

...HERE'S THE WORD FROM DOWN HERE ON THE **STREET!**

KLANG



WHOOAAA!



HUMANS--YOU
HAVE DONE
ENOUGH. THIS
IS *OUR* WAR
NOW.

AUTOBOTS...

...FINISH
HIM!



**K-TOOM
K-TOOM**

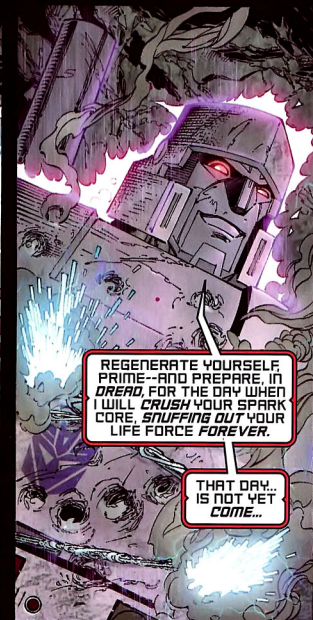
UHHH!

SO--
PRIME...



...I WAS RIGHT ABOUT
YOU. YOU'VE GROWN
OLD...WEAK.

OR YOU WOULD FACE ME
YOURSELF--INSTEAD OF
*HIDING BEHIND YOUR
UNDERLINGS.*



REGENERATE YOURSELF,
PRIME--AND PREPARE, IN
DREAD, FOR THE DAY WHEN
I WILL *CRUSH* YOUR SPARK
CORE, *SNUFFING OUT* YOUR
LIFE FORCE *FOREVER.*

THAT DAY...
IS NOT YET
COME...

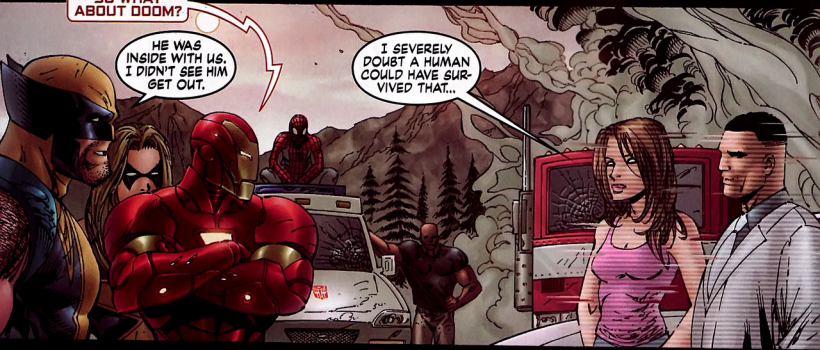


...BUT
SOON...

SO WHAT ABOUT DOOM?

HE WAS INSIDE WITH US. I DIDN'T SEE HIM GET OUT.

I SEVERELY DOUBT A HUMAN COULD HAVE SURVIVED THAT...



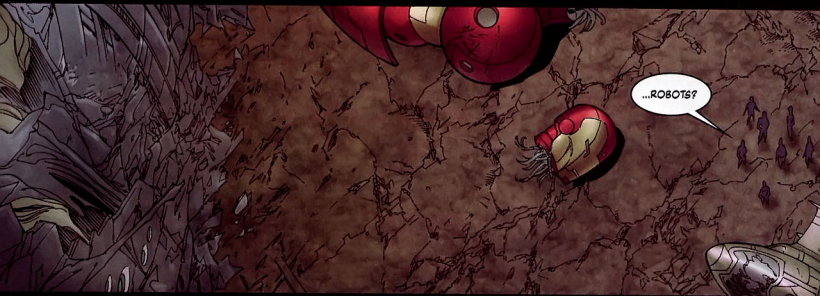
WITH DOOM, YOU NEVER KNOW.

JUST RECEIVED A S.H.I.E.L.D. UPDATE. WITH THE AGGRESSION WAVE DESTROYED, SYNKARIA CALLED OFF THEIR ATTACK.

THE ENGINES OF WAR ARE QUIET AGAIN...FOR NOW.

SO THE EMERGENCY IS OVER?

YES, BUT S.H.I.E.L.D. WANTS A COMPLETE DEBRIEFING--BOTH US, AND THE...



...ROBOTS?

LATER. ARK-19, THE AUTOBOTS' COMMAND SHIP.

SO...ANY NEW DECEPTICONS?

RAMJET HAS ARRIVED ON EARTH.

LOOKS LIKE THE "AUTOBOTS" ARE BACK IN HIDING.

WHERE DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY LAY LOW? BUS TERMINALS?

...SQUARE-CUBE LAW DIMINISHING POWER RESERVES...

...HOW MUCH BIGGER COULD I BUILD IT?

HE'S THE ONLY ONE WE SAW...

SWEET DESIGN ON THE HUMANS' SHIP. LOOKS ALMOST...

HUH. QUINJET'S A LITTLE... SLUGGISH...

SMELLS FUNNY, TOO.

...CYBERTRONIAN?

NAH.

NO WAY...

THE END?

THE NEW AVENGERS

THE TRANSFORMERS FORMERS

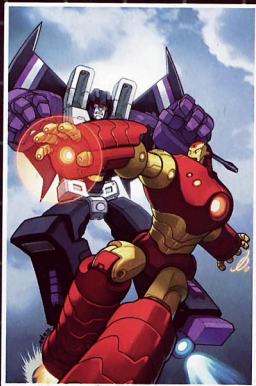
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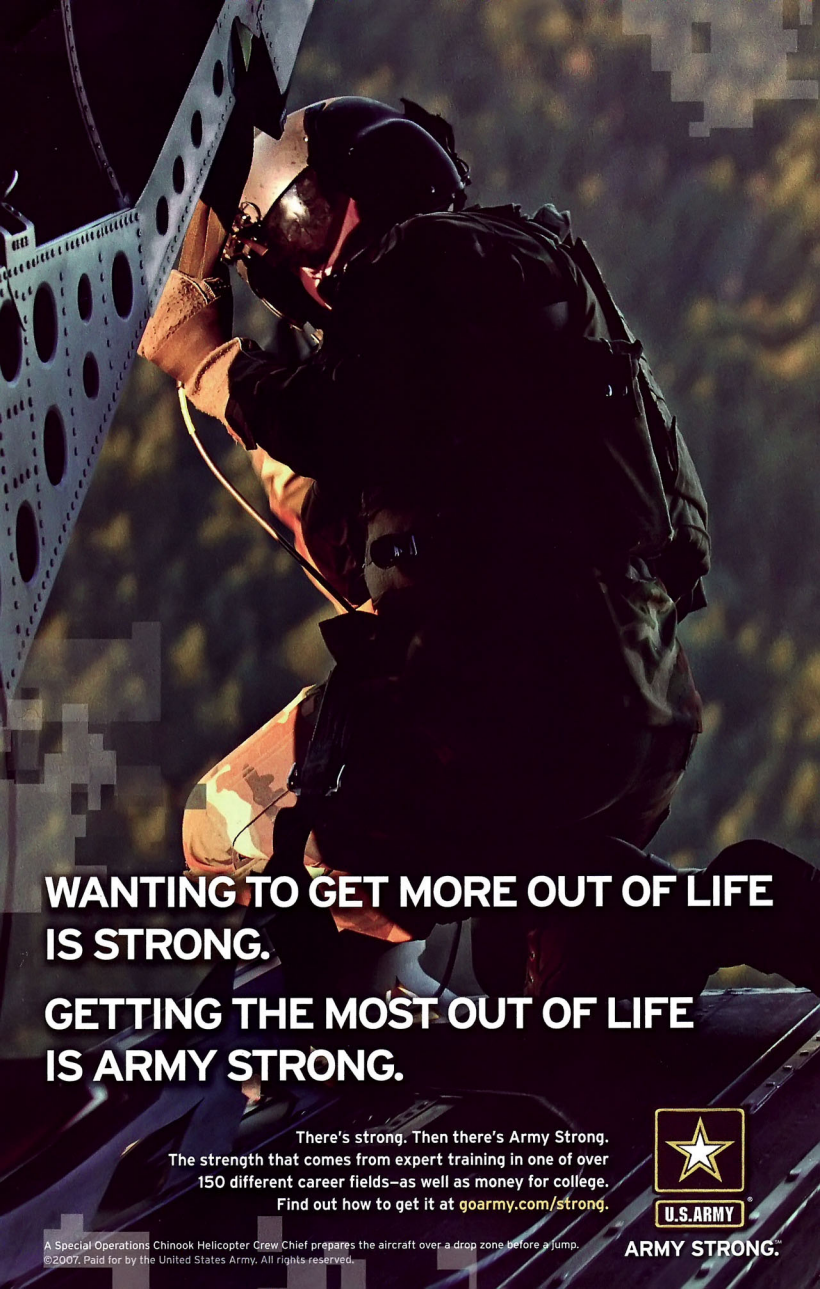
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