

TWELVE
YEARS
AGO

--THE
POWER!!





REINFORCEMENTS.



MENDOR, FAMILY PHYSICIAN.

PRINCE ADAM, YOU CAN LET GO NOW! YOU'VE DONE ALL YOU CAN!

ADAM!

GUARDS! SEE TO THE PRINCE, HE'S NOT WELL!



PLEASE LET ME HAVE SAVED HIM! PLEASE.



--PRINCE IS SECURE, GENERAL, BUT THE KING IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION!

KEEP ADAM SAFE! DO YOU HEAR ME, LT. DAEGAR?? DO NOT RETURN HIM TO THE CITY.

ETERNOS IS IN FLAMES! THE HIGH COUNCIL HAS BEEN MURDERED. REPORTS ARE COMING IN THAT PRINCE KELDOR IS IN OPEN REVOLT AGAINST THE KING!

CREATOR'S GRACE!

I CAN'T HAVE HEARD THAT RIGHT.



THINGS ARE MOVING SO FAST. AND I'M POWERLESS TO STOP IT.

AND THEN I SEE IT. A FALCON. THE TOTEM OF ZOAR. AND SUDDENLY, I FEEL THERE'S HOPE THAT EVERYTHING MIGHT ONE DAY BE AS RIGHT AS IT WAS...

...THIS MORNING.

THE PERFECT
MOMENT.

A FIRST KISS.

IF ONLY I COULD
HOLD THIS MOMENT,
AND LIVE IN IT, MAKE IT
A WORLD OF ITS OWN.

BUT LIFE
MOVES ON.





BLECH!

BLECH? WE KISS AND YOU SAY BLECH?



FIRST OF ALL, DUMDUM--

--WE DIDN'T KISS, YOU KISSED ME.

YOU DARED ME, TEELA!

SOPHISTRY! IS THAT WHAT THEY TEACH AT THE ROYAL ACADEMY?



SECOND OF ALL, I DON'T KISS BOYS. ESPECIALLY BOY PRINCES WHO CAN'T BE BOTHERED TO COMB THEIR HAIR OR BRUSH THEIR TEETH.

OUCH.

I'M AN OFFICER!

A PRIVATE - AN ACTING PRIVATE, COME TO THINK OF IT!

AN OFFICER IN MY FATHER'S ROYAL GUARD.

WHAT WAS THAT? I COULDN'T HEAR YOU OVER ALL THE NEPOTISM.

BESIDES, I THINK IT'S ACTUALLY THE KING'S GUARD. MY FATHER.



LISTEN UP, ADAM AND LISTEN WELL. WHY DO YOU THINK I KICKED MY WAY INTO THE SERVICE?

ER, TO PIN A MEDAL NEXT TO THAT CHIP ON YOUR SHOULDER?

TO PROTECT YOU, DUMDUM!

AND WHY IS THAT?



YOUR SILENCE SPEAKS VOLUMES, MY LADY!

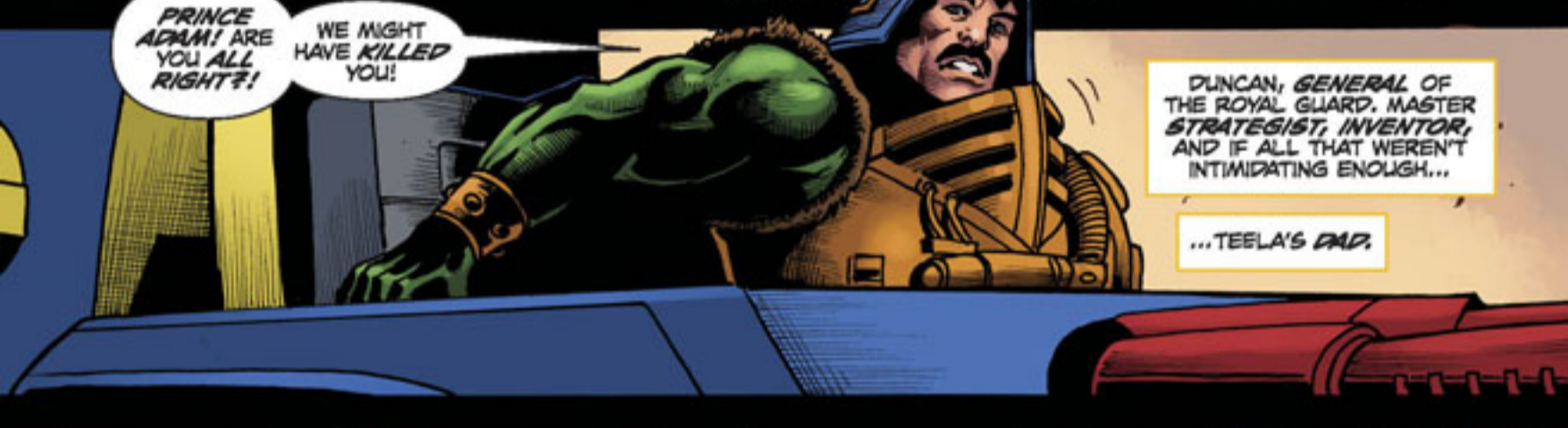
BUT REST ASSURED, YOUR PRINCE IS PERFECTLY SA-

ADAM-



--LOOK OUT!

SCREEEEEECH

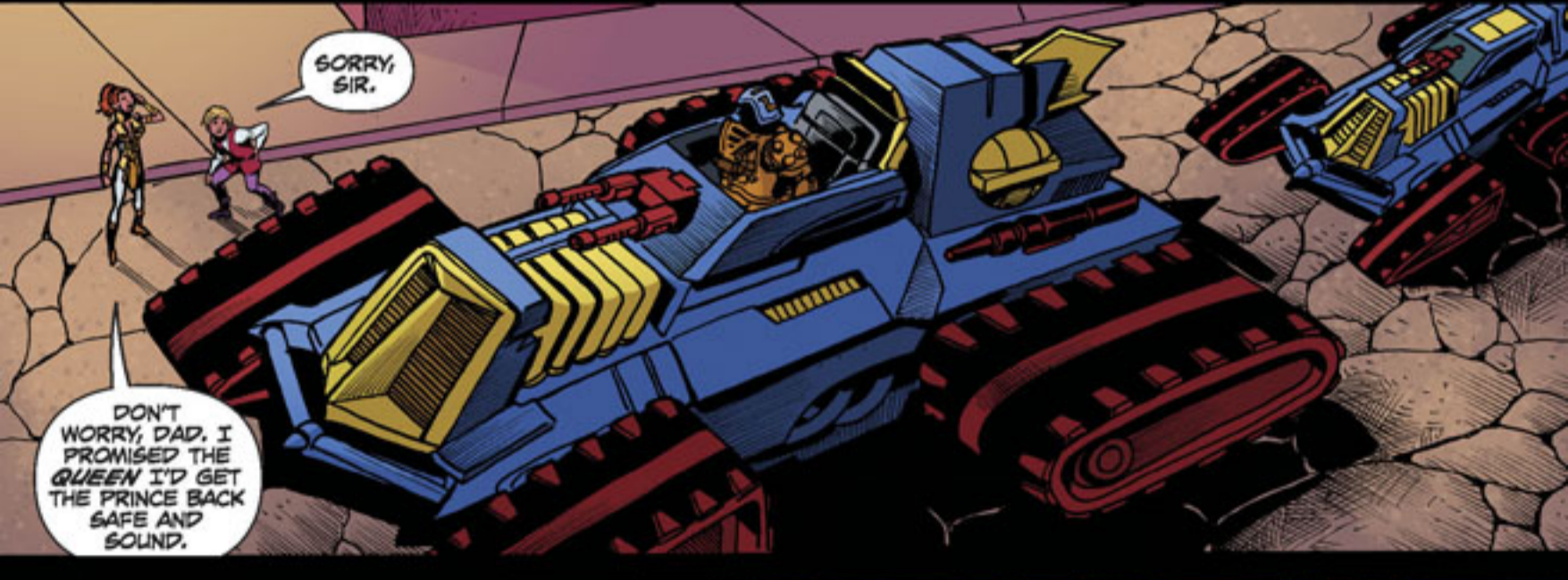


PRINCE ADAM! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

WE MIGHT HAVE KILLED YOU!

DUNCAN, GENERAL OF THE ROYAL GUARD. MASTER STRATEGIST, INVENTOR, AND IF ALL THAT WEREN'T INTIMIDATING ENOUGH...

...TEELA'S DAD.



SORRY, SIR.

DON'T WORRY, DAD. I PROMISED THE QUEEN I'D GET THE PRINCE BACK SAFE AND SOUND.



BIG CONVOY.

YES. THE AVIONS ARE ENGAGED IN A TRADE DISPUTE WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE ADREENID, WHO HAVE BLOCKED THEIR EASTERN SKYWAYS. IF WE CAN'T NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT QUICKLY, IT COULD LEAD TO WAR.

IS MY FATHER SENDING JUST THE GUARD?

NO, NOT JUST THE GUARD...