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OUR
RESPONSE
TEAMS. HE
TOOK THEM
APART.

SCARLETT
WAS RIGHT.
THIS COLTON
IS FAR MORE
DANGEROUS
THAN WE
THOUGHT.



OPTIMUS, WE
HAVE TO GET
STARScream
TO—

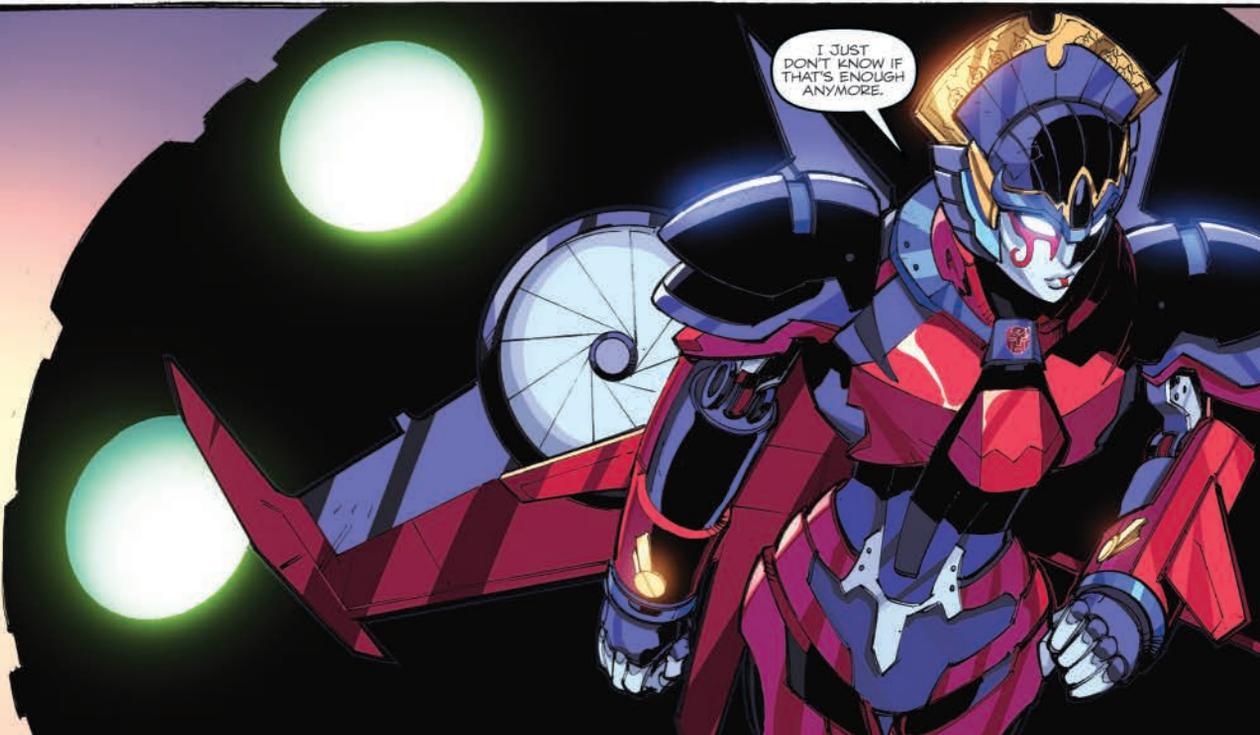
OPTIMUS?
WHERE ARE
YOU?!



OPTIMUS WILL DO
THAT WHICH IS
RIGHT, WIND-VOICE.

CIRCUIT INTEGRITY
QUADRANT 3, SECTOR 9,
UNSTABLE

I KNOW HE'LL
DO WHAT HE
THINKS IS RIGHT,
METROPLEX.



I JUST
DON'T KNOW IF
THAT'S ENOUGH
ANYMORE.

QUITE THE SCRAPHEAD YOU DRAGGED ME BACK INTO OPTIMUS. IS THERE ANY WAY THAT COULD HAVE GONE WORSE?

DESPITE WHAT STARSCREAM, ELITA, AND PYRA THINK ABOUT THE HUMANS, SCARLETT IS THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS THIS JOE COLTON WELL ENOUGH TO CAPTURE HIM.

THEN YOU WISH TO BREAK SCARLETT AND THE OTHER HUMANS OUT OF THEIR IMPRISONMENT.

WHAT?! OPTIMUS, YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!

WOULD YOU RATHER RISK ALL OF CYBERTRON ON STARSCREAM'S FORESIGHT?

I SUGGEST WE NOT INVOLVE ANYONE ELSE. A SMALL TEAM WILL MORE EASILY BREACH THE PRISON. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT BETTER THAN MOST, ARCEE.

THIS ISN'T ABOUT TACTICS. IF WE SPRING THE HUMANS, STARSCREAM IS GOING TO FIND OUT ABOUT IT. THIS IS HIS WORLD NOW.

AND IF YOU WERE TRULY CONVINCED THIS WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO, YOU WOULD HAVE ASKED FOR WINDBLADE'S HELP.

...IF WE SUCCEED, I WILL SUBMIT TO THE COUNCIL'S JUDGEMENT, AND TAKE COMFORT IN THE FACT THAT THEY ARE ALIVE TO JUDGE ME.

NOW TRANSFORM AND ROLL OUT!

IACON PRIMARY
DETENTION FACILITY.



ERK!



HEY, IF YOU STILL WANNA SWITCH SHIFTS, WE—

INTRUDER!



AGH!



OPTIMUS!
I HEARD SHOUTS!
IS IT COLTON?

NO, BUT THERE IS NO MORE TIME TO WAIT IN HIS PURSUIT. WE ARE LIBERATING YOU.



I'M SURE SOMEONE'S MENTIONED THE PART WHERE THIS IS TREASON.

YES, WHICH IS WHY I DO NOT FEEL THE NEED TO STRESS HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THAT YOU FIND AND STOP COLTON TO MITIGATE THE REPERCUSSIONS.

JUST GET ME OUT OF HERE; I'LL FIND JOE.



WHOA! SCARLETT! WAIT UP!

OPTIMUS, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? DROP THE FIELD!



TOO LATE. WE'VE BEEN DISCOVERED!

PICKED THESE UP ON THE WAY IN.

GREAT, BUT I'M NOT LEAVING HALF MY TEAM BEHIND.



AND I WOULD NOT ASK YOU TO.

CRITCH-ZZZ



EYES OPEN! LET'S GO!

WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU THINK WE'RE GONNA MISS?

NOT NOW, JAYE!



SEE? THEY'RE LIKE SCHOOL BUSES WITH FEET. I'D HAVE TO ACTIVELY TRY NOT TO SPOT THEM.

READ THE ROOM!



BOTH OF YOU, GET DOWN!



URK!!



OPTIMUS, I'M NOT SEEING A WAY TO GET EVERYONE OUT OF HERE, YOU GO AHEAD AND--

NO, ARCEE! I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU.



YOU MAY NOT HAVE TO. THIS IS AN EXTERIOR WALL.

I'M WITH YOU, GLORIA.

OPTIMUS! HOW MUCH DO YOU LIKE THAT PAINT JOB?



MORE THAN I SHOULD. LESS THAN YOU WOULD THINK.