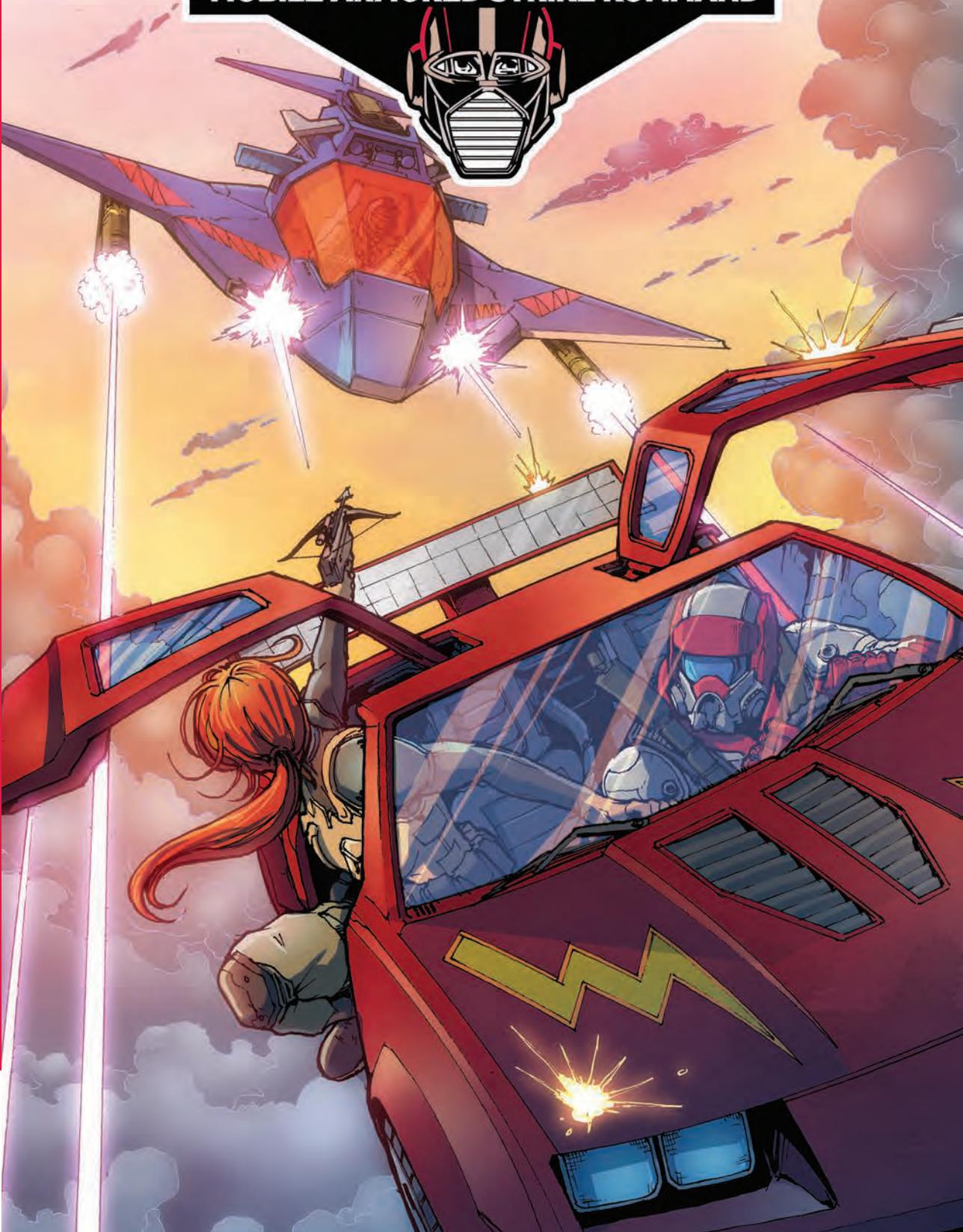


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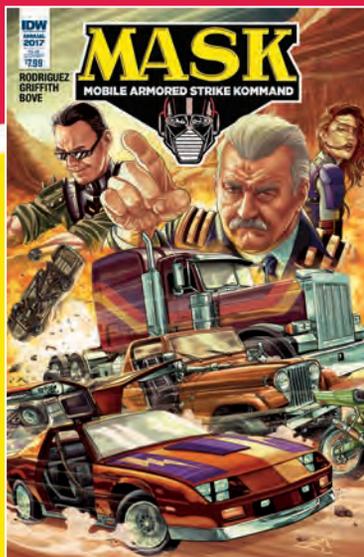
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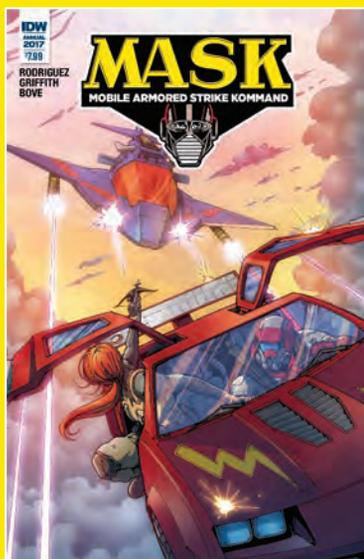
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STAY TIGHT AND KEEP THOSE NEWS TRUCKS PUSHED AS FAR BACK AS YOU CAN.



ANY REPORTER PUNCHES THROUGH MY LINE AND GETS A VISUAL ON THE OBJECT AND I WILL TAKE IT OUT ON YOU DIRECTLY.

AND I DON'T MEAN STANDARD MILITARY DISCIPLINE. I WILL MAKE IT PERSONAL. I WILL COME TO YOUR HOUSE. I WILL CALL YOUR MOTHER. AM I BEING PERFECTLY CLEAR?

YES MA'AM!

ALL RIGHT. MOVE OUT.

STALKER, HOW'S IT LOOKING UP THERE?



THE PRESS IS RESPECTING THE NO-FLY ZONE... SO FAR. BUT I'VE GOT SOME SKYSTRIKERS AT THE READY TO DISSUADE THEM. JUST IN CASE THEY GET IDEAS.

WHICH SHOULD BE ANY MINUTE NOW.

HEY, DON'T TELL ME, TELL LIFELINE. THE SOONER HE AND HIS SQUINTS CLEAR THAT THING FOR EXTRACTION, THE SOONER WE CAN GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE.



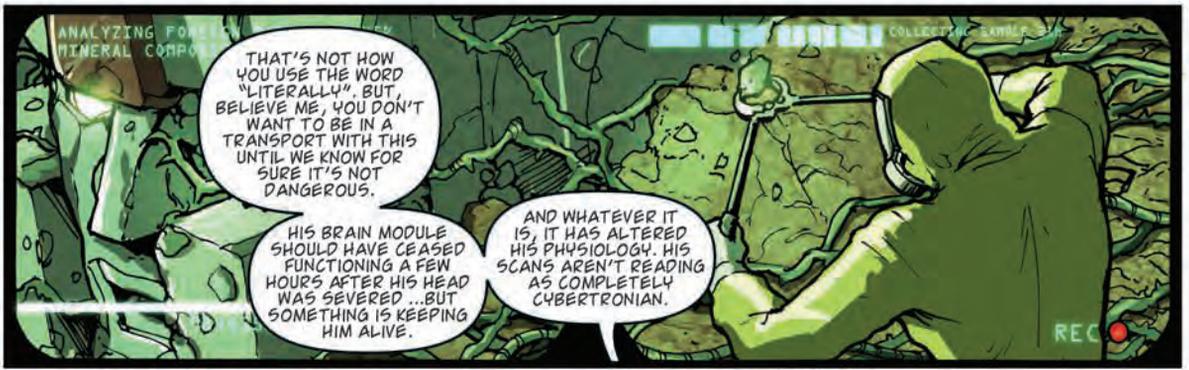
I ASSURE YOU THE "SQUINTS" ARE GOING AS FAST AS THE SITUATION ALLOWS.

THE SITUATION IS 115 DEGREES OF DIRECT SUNLIGHT.

WHEN YOU RUSH SCIENCE, YOU GET BAD SCIENCE. I DON'T ENGAGE IN BAD SCIENCE.

JE VOUS DÉTESTE TELLEMENT EN CE MOMENT, VOUS ÊTES LITTÉRALEMENT LE PIRE.

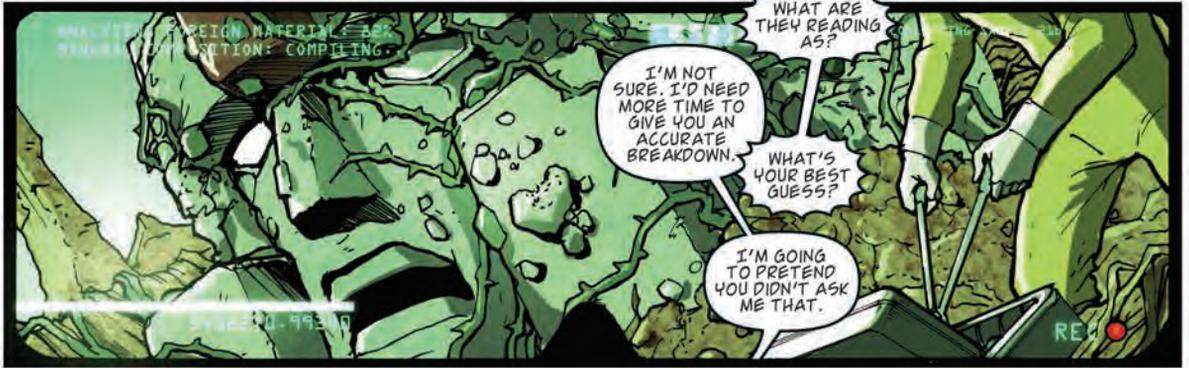




THAT'S NOT HOW YOU USE THE WORD "LITERALLY", BUT BELIEVE ME, YOU DON'T WANT TO BE IN A TRANSPORT WITH THIS UNTIL WE KNOW FOR SURE IT'S NOT DANGEROUS.

HIS BRAIN MODULE SHOULD HAVE CEASED FUNCTIONING A FEW HOURS AFTER HIS HEAD WAS SEVERED...BUT SOMETHING IS KEEPING HIM ALIVE.

AND WHATEVER IT IS, IT HAS ALTERED HIS PHYSIOLOGY. HIS SCANS AREN'T READING AS COMPLETELY CYBERTRONIAN.

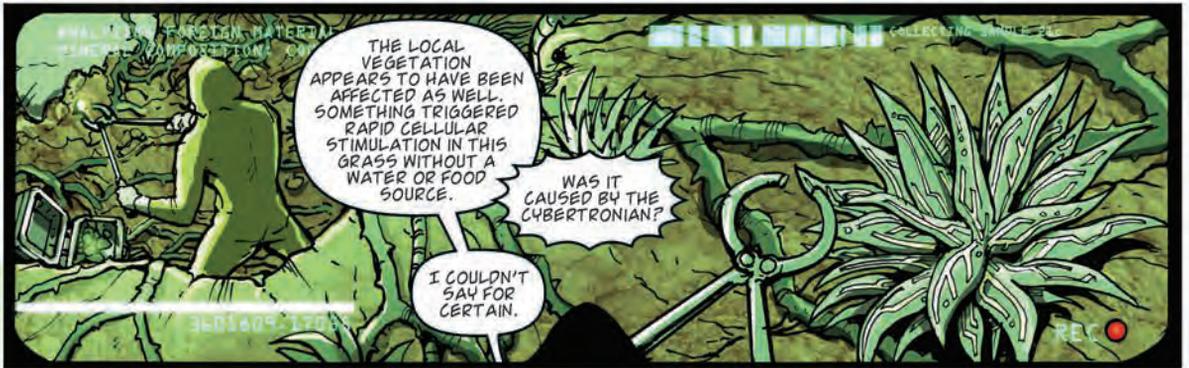


WHAT ARE THEY READING AS?

I'M NOT SURE. I'D NEED MORE TIME TO GIVE YOU AN ACCURATE BREAKDOWN.

WHAT'S YOUR BEST GUESS?

I'M GOING TO PRETEND YOU DIDN'T ASK ME THAT.



THE LOCAL VEGETATION APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED AS WELL. SOMETHING TRIGGERED RAPID CELLULAR STIMULATION IN THIS GRASS WITHOUT A WATER OR FOOD SOURCE.

WAS IT CAUSED BY THE CYBERTRONIAN?

I COULDN'T SAY FOR CERTAIN.



I HONESTLY CAN'T TELL IF YOU'RE DOING THAT ON PURPOSE.

I'LL RUN A COMPARISON ON THIS SAMPLE AND THE HEAD ONCE WE'RE BACK AT THE BASE. YOU'LL GET CONCLUSIVE ANSWERS THEN.

THAT SOUNDS LIKE THE "ALL-CLEAR" TO ME, STALKER. PULL EVERYONE IN AND LET'S GET THE EXTRACTION TEAM GOING. I WANT WHEELS UP IN 10 MINUTES!

ALL RIGHT, LET'S PACK IT...



"EVERYONE GET YOUR HEADS DOWN AND WEAPONS READY! NO ONE FIRES UNLESS I GIVE DIRECT ORDER."

