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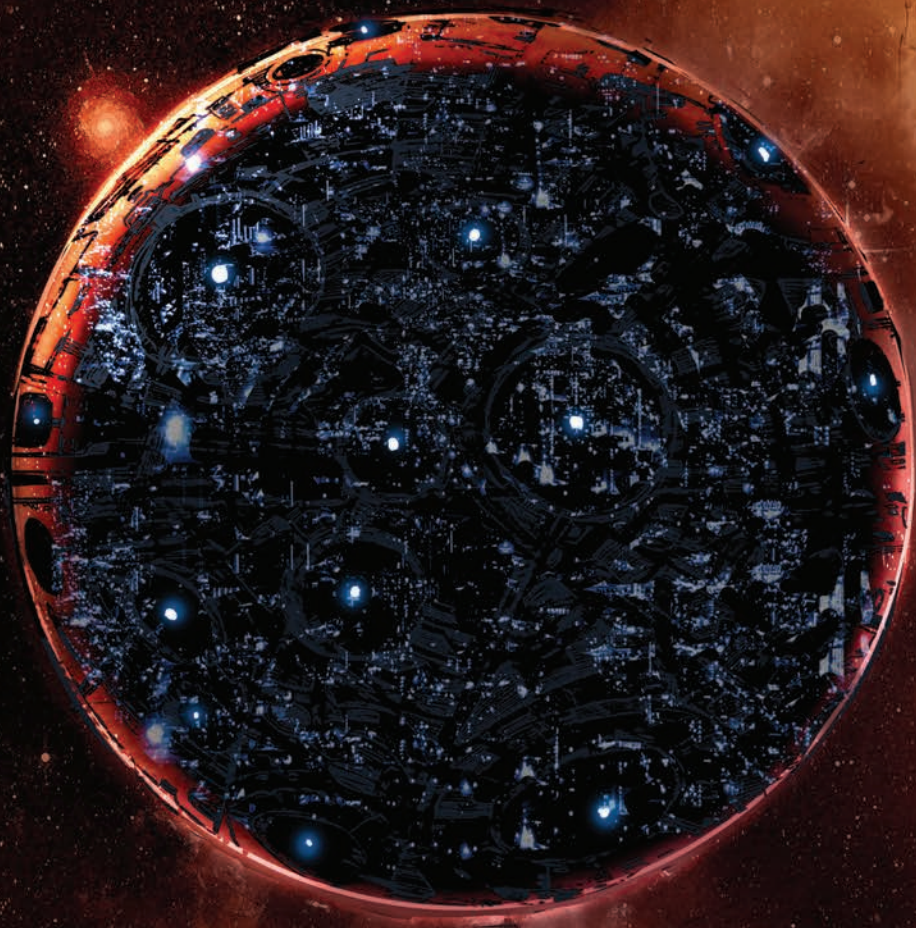
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# CYBERTRON.

THERE WAS AN *EXODUS*.

AND A *CATASTROPHE*.



THE RAMPAGE OF A COLOSSAL,  
PRIMORDIAL *HORROR*.

THERE WAS A MOMENT WHERE THE  
MOST DANGEROUS CYBERTRONIAN  
ALIVE.... *SAVED THE WORLD*.

NOW ALL IS *QUIET*.

BUT THE *PEACE*...  
CANNOT LAST.

## RODION. MACCADDAM'S OIL HOUSE.

"...THE CONCLAVE OF REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT ON THE CRISIS IN HARMONEX IS HERE.

THE REPORT CLAIMS THAT THE PRIME AND HIS AUTOBOTS DEFEATED THE CREATURE NAMED TRYPTICON... BUT WE STILL HAVE NO DIRECT LINE TO ANYONE IN HARMONEX.

SOME HAVE CLAIMED THAT THE MEDIA IS BEING KEPT AWAY FROM THE AREA...

IN OTHER NEWS, THE CONCLAVE HAS DENIED MEDIA REQUESTS TO REVEAL THE TOTAL NUMBER OF 'BOTS WHO FLED CYBERTRON DURING THE RECENT EXODUS...

WELL, HOT ROD—YOU JUST GRADUATED FROM THE AUTOBOT ACADEMY. WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF ALL THIS? YOU REALLY THINK WE CAN TRUST THE GOVERNMENT?

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE CONCLAVE, OR WHATEVER. BUT I BELIEVE IN OPTIMUS. HE'S THE REAL DEAL.

I LEAVE IT TO YOU, VIEWERS—ARE WE LOOKING AT A TOTAL INFORMATIONAL BLACKOUT?

ARE WE BEING LIED TO?

IS OPTIMUS' BURGEONING ADMINISTRATION JUST AS BAD AS ALL THE OTHERS?

WHATEVER.

I DON'T KNOW. SOUNDS LIKE THEY BRAINWASHED YOU AT THAT ACADEMY.

CAN'T IMAGINE WHY YOU'D WANNA GO OFF AND JOIN UP WITH THOSE CLOWNS.

BETTER THAN THE ALTERNATIVE, THE DECEPTICONS JUST WANNA SEE EVERYTHING BURN.

WHAT DO YOU CARE?

I'VE SEEN ENOUGH THINGS BURN.

# OUTSIDE, MOMENTS LATER.



WELL, NOW I'VE SEEN EVERYTHING.

THAT CAN'T BE OL' HOT ROD WEARING AN AUTOBOT SYMBOL ON HIS CHEST?

WHO'S THERE? SHOW YOURSELF!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, HOT ROD...?



...DON'T RECOGNIZE YOUR OL' PAL, SLINGER?

MAN, IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU! BUT...

...YOU LOOK DIFFERENT.



I AM DIFFERENT!

EVERYTHING'S DIFFERENT SINCE YOU BLEW UP NYON!

KRONK

WEARING THAT BADGE IS A DISGRACE TO EVERYONE WHO DIED THAT DAY!

\*SEE TRANSFORMERS: AUTOCRACY.



DON'T YOU JUDGE ME, SLINGER!

YOU WERE RIGHT THERE WITH ME! ZETA PRIME WAS CONSUMING OUR PEOPLE—THEY WERE DEAD EITHER WAY!

IT HAD TO BE DONE AND YOU KNOW IT!



IF THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED TO TELL YOURSELF.

ME, I SEE THINGS DIFFERENT NOW. I THREW IN WITH THE REAL "PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT."

THEY FIXED ME UP. MADE ME A FIGHTER THEY'RE THE REAL POWER, NOW.



SO FROM HERE ON OUT—YOU BETTER WATCH YOUR BACK.

AND TELL YOUR AUTOBOT PALS... THEIR DAY IS DONE.

**THE GRAY-HARAAN GLACIER.  
SOUTHERN POLAR REGION.**

UNFORGIVING *PLASMA STREAMS*  
HAMMER AGAINST PRIMORDIAL  
GLACIERS OF *SOLID ORE* THAT HAVE  
STOOD FOR *FIFTY MILLION YEARS*.

THE WIND SHRIEKS AS IF  
ALIVE... *ELECTRIC. VENGEFUL.*

YOU SURE  
PICKED A  
HELL OF A  
VACATION  
SPOT.

WHEN YOU SAID  
YOU WERE TAKING  
A *SABBATICAL*, I  
PICTURED SOMEPLACE  
A LITTLE LESS...

REMOTE?

DANGEROUS.

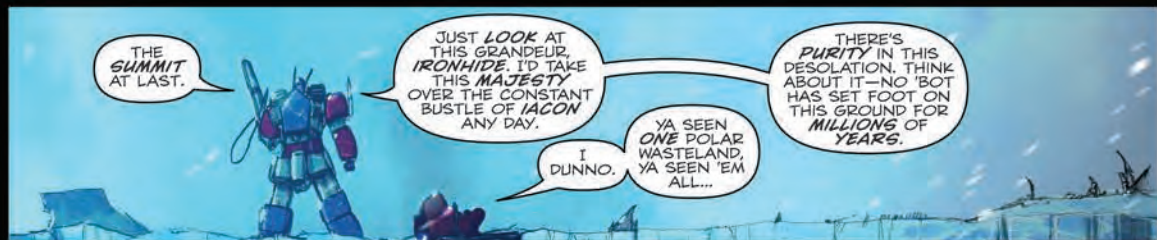
I SWEAR,  
*PRIME*—YOU'RE  
THE ONLY 'BOT I  
KNOW THAT  
*REHABILITATES*  
AFTER A *BATTLE*  
BY PUSHIN'  
HIMSELF EVEN  
HARDER.

I FIND THE  
WILD, OPEN SPACES  
*PURIFYING*. TESTING  
MY LIMITS AGAINST  
*CYBERTRON ITSELF*...  
PUTS EVERYTHING INTO  
PERSPECTIVE.

OUT HERE,  
I'M NOT A  
*PRIME*. JUST...  
MYSELF.

THE ONLY  
BURDEN TO  
BEAR IS  
*SURVIVAL*.





THE  
SUMMIT  
AT LAST.

JUST LOOK AT  
THIS GRANDEUR,  
IRONHIDE. I'D TAKE  
THIS MAJESTY  
OVER THE CONSTANT  
BUSTLE OF IACON  
ANY DAY.

I  
DUNNO.

YA SEEN  
ONE POLAR  
WASTELAND,  
YA SEEN 'EM  
ALL...

THERE'S  
PURITY IN THIS  
DESOLATION. THINK  
ABOUT IT—NO 'BOT  
HAS SET FOOT ON  
THIS GROUND FOR  
MILLIONS OF  
YEARS.



I'M NOT  
SO SURE  
ABOUT THAT,  
BOSS.

I'M DETECTING  
SOMETHING OUT ON  
THE HORIZON LINE.  
THE LINES ARE ALL  
WRONG FOR GLACIAL  
FEATURES.

IT'S  
BIG.

COULD BE AN OLD  
OBSERVATION POST.  
MAYBE A RESEARCH  
FACILITY?



WHATEVER  
IT IS, IT'S GIVING  
OFF A SERIOUS  
ENERGON  
SIGNATURE.

WE'RE NOT  
ALONE OUT  
HERE,  
OPTIMUS.



LET'S CHECK  
IT OUT, BUT  
STAY ALERT.

ANYONE  
DESPERATE  
ENOUGH TO SEEK  
THIS KIND OF  
ISOLATION COULD  
BE CAPABLE OF  
ANYTHING.

YEAH...



...JUST  
LIKE US.



I  
HEARD  
THAT.