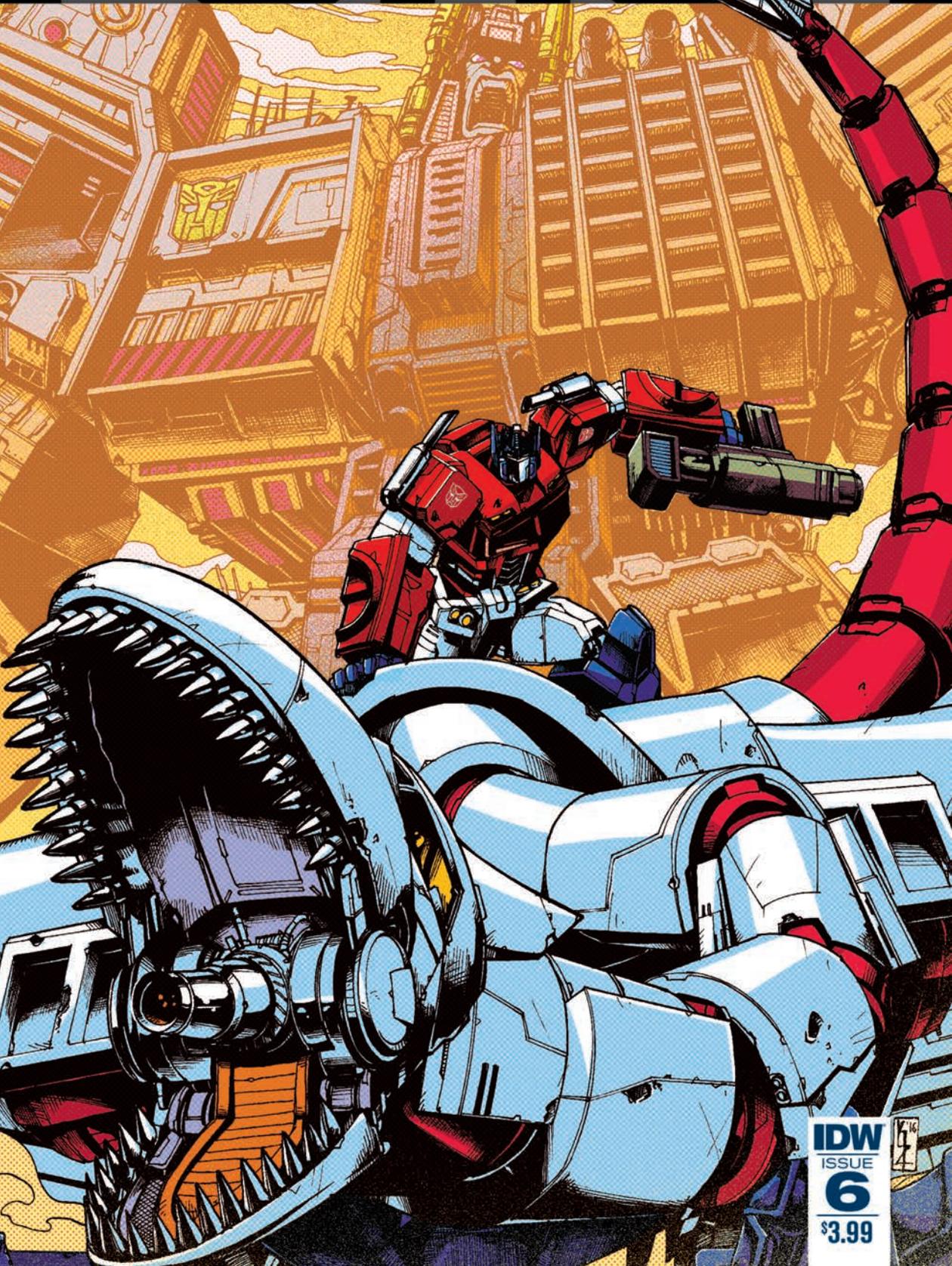


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**ABOVE MATTERHORN MOUNTAIN.
EARTH. TODAY.**



THIS IS IT, BRO—NO REGRETS!

WELL, I KINDA WISH WE'D KILLED MORE AUTOBOTS.

FRENZY.
SONIC
ATTACK.

RUMBLE.
EARTHQUAKE
ATTACK.



UH...?

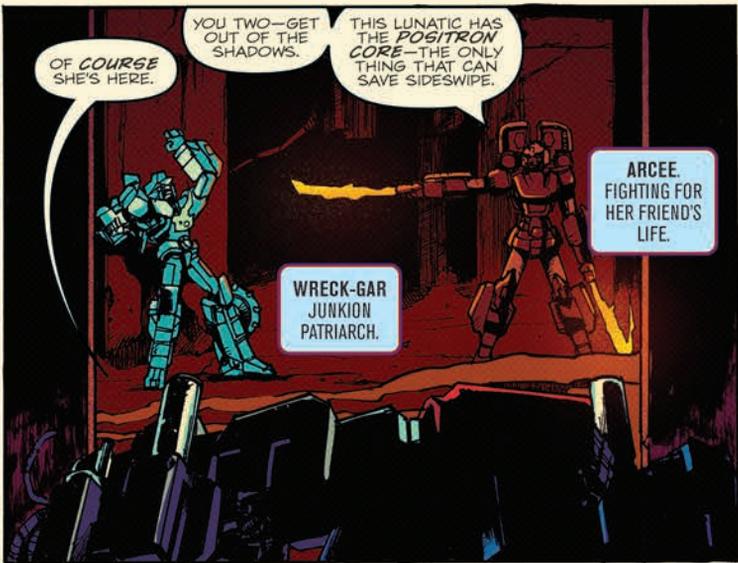
WE'RE NOT DEAD. THEY DIDN'T EAT US.



MAYBE COSMOS TALKED THESE SHARK-O-BOTS OUT OF KILLING US.

ARE YOU KIDDING? THAT GUY'S DEAD AS CHIC CHIPS, DUDE.

HANG ON.



OF COURSE SHE'S HERE.

YOU TWO—GET OUT OF THE SHADOWS.

THIS LUNATIC HAS THE POSITRON CORE—THE ONLY THING THAT CAN SAVE SIDESWIPE.

ARCEE.
FIGHTING FOR
HER FRIEND'S
LIFE.

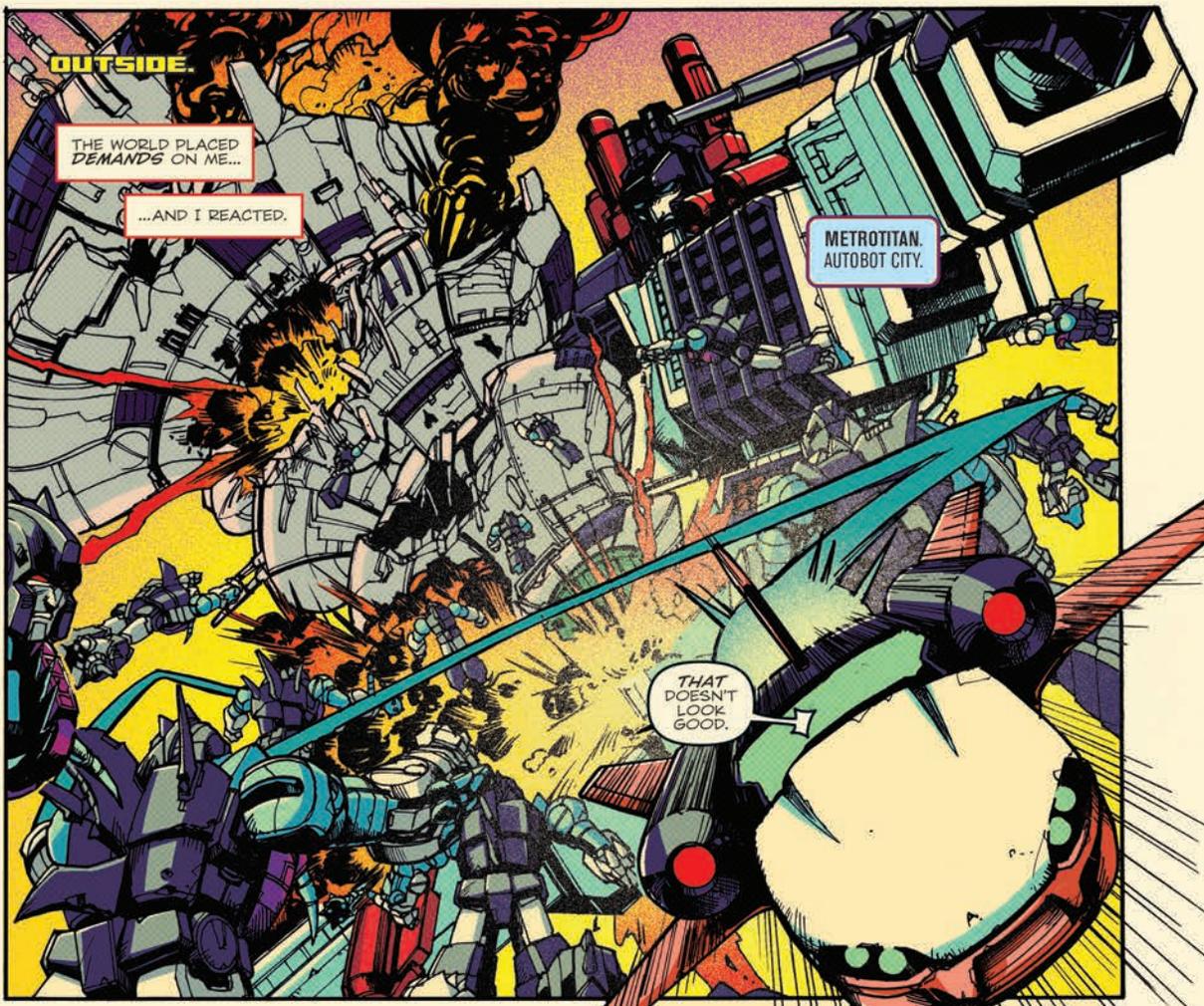
WRECK-GAR
JUNKION
PATRIARCH.



UH, NO OFFENSE, BUT WHO CARES?

YEAH, THAT SOUNDS LIKE THE DEFINITION OF SOMEBODY ELSE'S PROBLEM.

ONCE, I WAS PART OF THE PROBLEM.



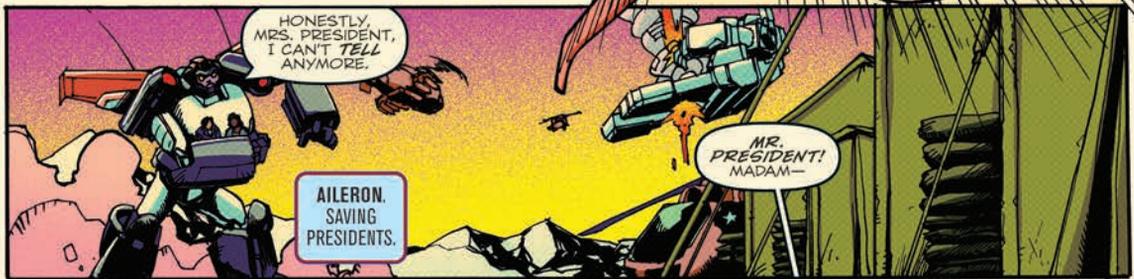
OUTSIDE.

THE WORLD PLACED DEMANDS ON ME...

...AND I REACTED.

METROTITAN. AUTOBOT CITY.

THAT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD.



HONESTLY, MRS. PRESIDENT, I CAN'T TELL ANYMORE.

AILERON. SAVING PRESIDENTS.

MR. PRESIDENT! MADAM—



THERE'S NO TIME FOR PLEASANTRIES, CAPTAIN. WHAT IS G.I. JOE DOING TO STOP THIS?

TALON. G. I. JOE FIELD LEADER.

SIR, THE INVASION IS WORLDWIDE, BUT FLINT AND CHAMELEON SAY THE SITUATION IN ITALY HAS RESOLVED AND THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY.

SCARLETT IS SENDING REINFORCEMENTS.



WILL THAT HELP?

I... I DON'T KNOW.

YOU CYBER-TRONIANIANS HAVE A REAL KNACK FOR DIPLOMACY.

IN TRUTH, WHAT IS THERE BUT DEMAND AND RESPONSE?

WE ARE WHAT WE EXPERIENCE. WE ARE HOW WE REACT TO THOSE EXPERIENCES.

VICTORION COMBINER.

THE SHARKS CHANGED SIDES!

VICTORY IS OURS!

MIDNIGHT EXPRESS

SLIDE.

FOR THE PRIME!

FOR OILER!

GIMLET.

ROULETTE.

AT OUR BEST, WE TELL OURSELVES, WE CAN CHANGE.

CHANGE OURSELVES. CHANGE THE WORLD.

OILER. DECEASED.

BUT WE STRIVE TO BE MORE.

I AM OPTIMUS PRIME...

...AND ONE DAY I HOPE TO SEE THROUGH EVERY DECEPTION.

RUM-MAJ JUNKION MATRIARCH.





**CATEDRALE DI PALERMO,
ITALY.**

FLINT,
WARRANT
OFFICER.

CHAMELEON,
INTELLIGENCE.

THERE
THEY GO.



YOU DON'T HAVE TO
NARRATE, T.C.

I JUST CAN'T
BELIEVE WE'RE
NOT FOLLOWING
YOUR DAD.

HRRRRR.

MARISSA FAIREBORN,
EX-EARTH DEFENSE
COMMANDER.

BUSTER,
DOG.

THUNDERCRACKER,
TAKING IN THE SIGHTS.



AND GET INTO ANOTHER
POINTLESS FIGHT WITH
CYBERTRONIANS?

LOOK
AROUND,
THIS IS ALL
WE GET. THIS
IS ALL THEY
DO.

THEY DESTROY
EVERYTHING.



"THEY"?



HRMF.

ONCE I BELIEVED
IN PEACE...

...BUT PEACE
AT ANY COST
DEMANDS
OPPRESSION.

DECEPTICONS,
DON'T MOVE—
YOU'RE UNDER
ARREST!

LEAKING
LUBRICANTS!

YOU
SOLD US
OUT?!

I—

"LEAKING
LUBRICANTS"?
WHAT ARE YOU,
NEEDLENOSE—A
PROTOFORM?

**CYBERTRON.
FOUR MILLION YEARS AGO.**

IF YOU WANT
TO SURVIVE,
PUT THE GUNS
DOWN AND YOUR
HANDS UP.

THEY'RE NOT
GOING TO
LISTEN—

—THEIR
KIND
NEVER
DOES!

I'LL SHOW YOU
MY KIND!

I BELIEVED IN
EQUALITY.

THIS
IS GONNA
GO BAD.