

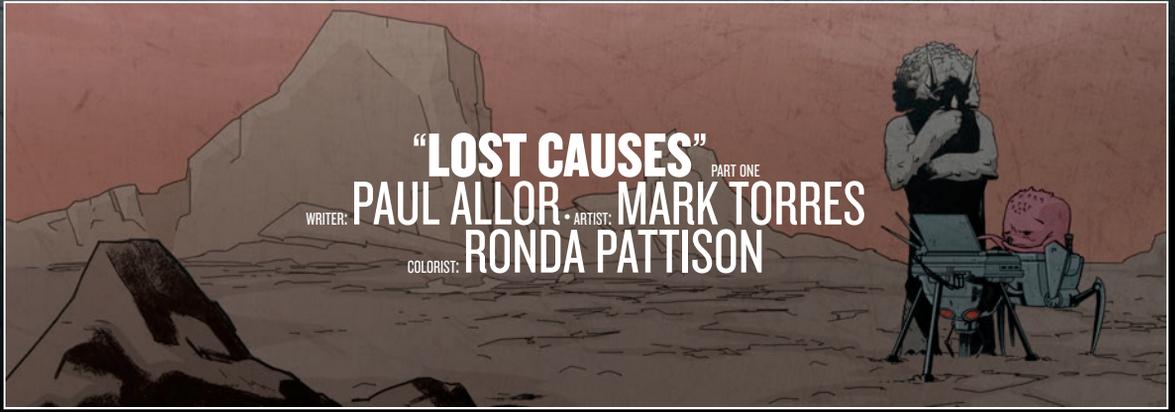
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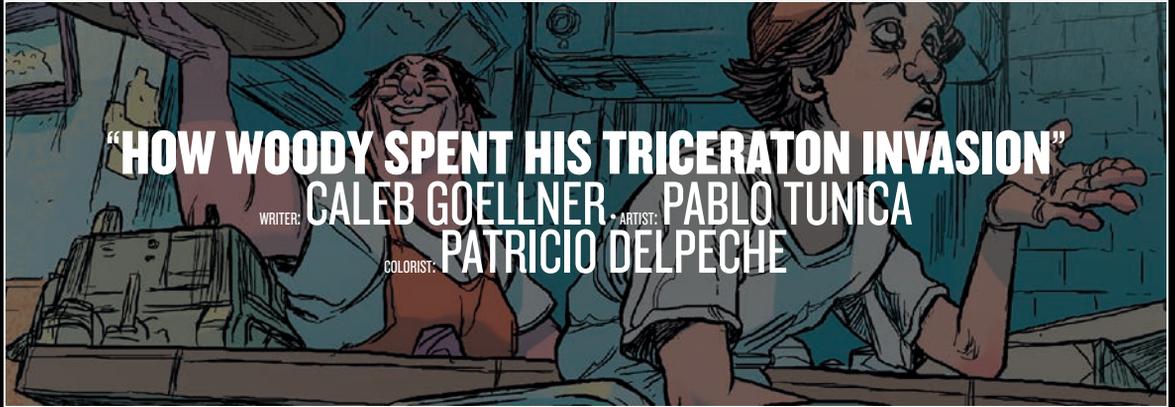
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INTRUDERS!

NO ONE KNOWS
PRECISELY WHAT
HAPPENED.

IT DEPENDS ON
WHO YOU ASK.

AND WHO YOU TRUST.



WE
COME
IN-

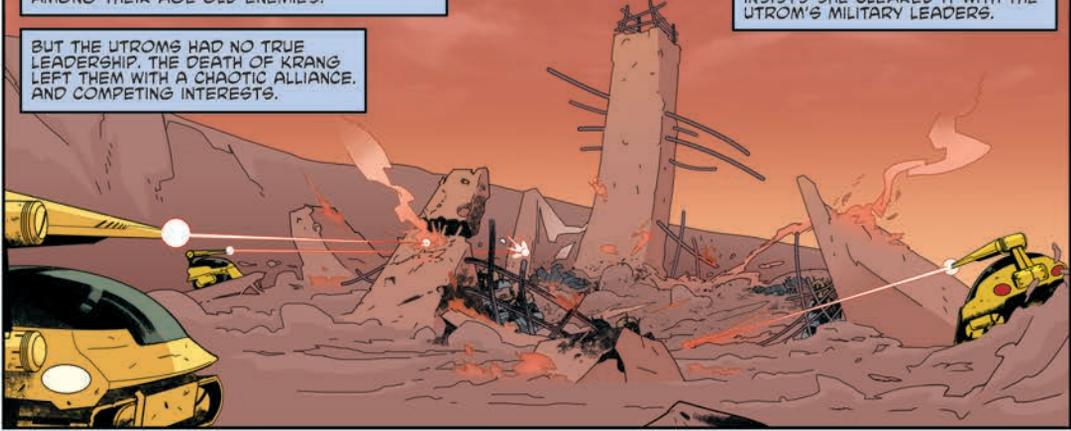
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AFTER THEIR FAILED ATTEMPT TO LIVE AMONG HUMANS, THE TRICERATONS HAD NOWHERE TO GO. IN DESPERATION, THEY SOUGHT REFUGE AMONG THEIR AGE-OLD ENEMIES.

BUT THE UTROMS HAD NO TRUE LEADERSHIP. THE DEATH OF KRANG LEFT THEM WITH A CHAOTIC ALLIANCE AND COMPETING INTERESTS.

MA'RIELL—AN UTROM SCIENTIST—HAD BROKERED THE TRICERATONS' ARRIVAL ON BURNOW ISLAND. SHE INSISTS SHE CLEARED IT WITH THE UTROM'S MILITARY LEADERS.



THE MILITARY LEADERS SAY OTHERWISE.



YOU HAVE TO STOP THIS, LIEUTENANT KLEVE!

STOP WHAT? VICTORY? I'M DEFENDING OUR PEOPLE. AS KRANG WOULD DO. OR CH'RELL.

KRANG IS DEAD. AND MY DEAR BROTHER CH'RELL IS A WAR CRIMINAL WHO WOULD BE IN PRISON IF HE WEREN'T KEPT IN STAGIS.



BUT KLEVE IS RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING; WE DO NEED TO DEFEND OUR PEOPLE. JUST NOT FROM THE TRICERATONS.



THIS ISLAND HAS EXTRAORDINARY DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES, BUT THERE AREN'T ENOUGH OF US TO SUSTAIN AND OPERATE THEM.

THE TRICERATONS WERE A VALUABLE RESOURCE ONCE, AND COULD BE AGAIN... IF WE TREAT THEM AS ALLIES AND NOT AS OUR SLAVES.





THEY--
THEY'VE
STOPPED FIRING!
WHAT ARE
YOUR ORDERS,
COMMANDER
ZOM?

THROW
DOWN YOUR
WEAPONS.



BUT--
NO! THEY
ATTACKED US!
WE MUST FIGHT
BACK WITH
EVERY--



WE ALWAYS
FIGHT BACK WITH
EVERY BREATH. GIVE
NO QUARTER. TRY TO
BLUDGEON OUR WAY
TO PROSPERITY. AND
WHERE HAS IT
LED US?



SO THROW
DOWN YOUR
WEAPONS.
AS I SAID
BEFORE...



WE COME
IN PEACE.

THE UTROMS PLACED MA'RIELL IN CHARGE OF "TRICERATON INTEGRATION."

SHE TREATED THEM AS REFUGEES AND NOT ENEMIES, REGISTERED THEM, PROVIDED TEMPORARY QUARTERS UNTIL THEY COULD BROKER A PERMANENT TRUCE.



NAME?

DREL, THIRD BATTALION TRICERATON SOLARTROOPER.



I DON'T NEED YOUR MILITARY RECORD, TRICERATON. JUST YOUR NAME WILL—



THIRD BATTALION. I LOST MY HOME TO YOU PEOPLE.

HOW NICE THAT YOU HAD A HOME TO LOSE.



THE TRICERATONS
HAVE *FOREVER*
BEEN SLAVES AND
REFUGEES.



SO
YOU'LL
FORGIVE
ME IF—



I WILL NOT
BE LECTURED
TO BY SOME
SCIENCE
EXPERIMENT
GONE *WRONG*.
IF YOU THINK—

ENOUGH!



YOU'RE DONE.
GO CALM DOWN.
AND THEN REPORT
FOR CUSTODIAL
DUTY.

TENSIONS WERE HIGH, ON
BOTH SIDES. THEY NEEDED
A NEUTRAL MEDIATOR. A
SKILLED AND EXPERIENCED
NEGOTIATOR, WHO COULD
DEFUSE THEIR AGE-OLD
ANGER, AND CAREFULLY
GUIDE THEM TO PEACE.



BUT INSTEAD
THEY GOT ME.

UHM...
HEY.
SORRY
I'M LATE.