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**INVASION OF THE TRICERATONS**

**PART FIVE**

The Story So Far: War has erupted between the Triceratons and the Earth Protection Force! Splinter has entered into a secret deal with Bishop to kill the Triceraton leader, Zom. The Turtles are forced to intervene against their father to save Zom's life.

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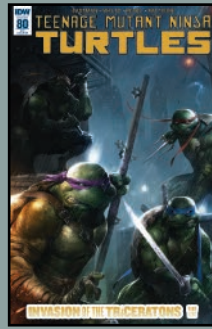
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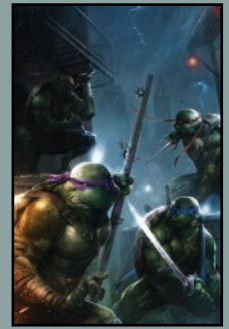
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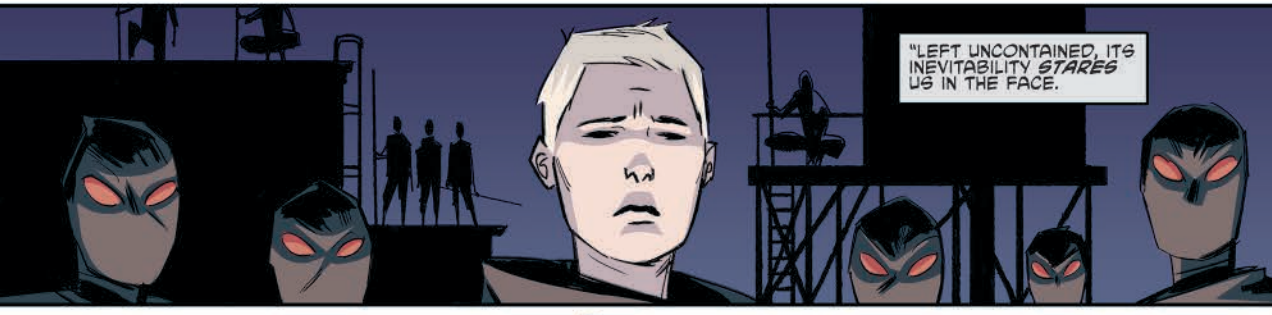
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"TOTAL DESTRUCTION  
LURKS ON THE HORIZON."



"LEFT UNCONTAINED, ITS  
INEVITABILITY STARES  
US IN THE FACE."



"SMALL-SCALE BATTLES  
IN THE STREETS WILL  
FESTER AND SPREAD."



"AND AS A RESULT,  
UNEXPECTED  
ALLIANCES WILL FORM."



"TENUOUS RELATIONSHIPS."



"BOTH DIFFICULT..."



"... AND DISTASTEFUL."



"AND YET—



"—IF WE HOPE TO SURVIVE THIS WAR—



"—NECESSARY.



"AND MAKE NO MISTAKE, THIS IS A WAR THESE CREATURES HAVE BROUGHT TO US..."



...OR DOES SHE APPEAR LIKE ONE WHO COMES PEACEFULLY, MY SONS?  
OR HER SOLDIERS?

WHY? 'CAUSE THEY'RE CARRYIN' WEAPONS?

IF THAT'S YOUR REASONIN' THEN YOU MIGHT AS WELL DUMP US IN THE SAME CATEGORY, 'CAUSE I CAN'T REMEMBER THE LAST TIME ANY OF US LEFT HOME WITHOUT PACKIN' OURS.



THERE IS A DIFFERENCE. YOUR WEAPONS WERE NEVER INTENDED FOR OFFENSIVE PURPOSES— ONLY AS A MEANS TO DEFEND YOURSELVES.

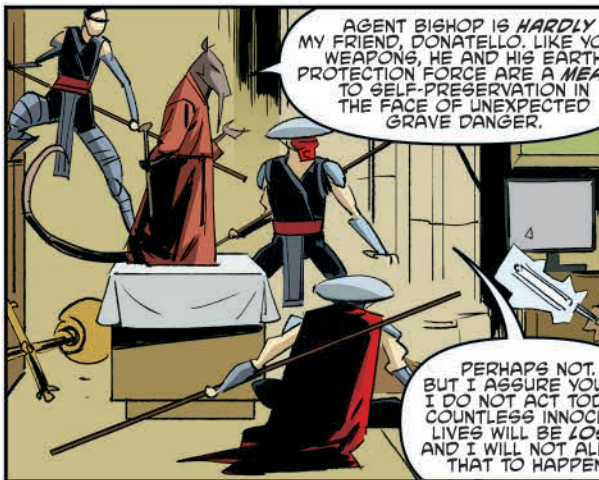
DEFEND OURSELVES?



WHAT DO YOU THINK COMMANDER ZOM AND HER PEOPLE ARE DOING, FATHER? THEY MIGHT BE FIERCE WARRIORS, BUT THEY DIDN'T COME HERE LOOKING FOR A FIGHT.

THAT WAS YOUR NEW FRIEND... BISHOP.

THE DECEITFUL COWARD.



AGENT BISHOP IS *HARDLY* MY FRIEND, DONATELLO. LIKE YOUR WEAPONS, HE AND HIS EARTH PROTECTION FORCE ARE A *MEANS* TO SELF-PRESERVATION IN THE FACE OF UNEXPECTED GRAVE DANGER.

PERHAPS NOT. BUT I ASSURE YOU, IF I DO NOT ACT TODAY, COUNTLESS INNOCENT LIVES WILL BE *LOST*, AND I WILL NOT ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN.



FUNNY, THAT'S *EXACTLY* WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT THE FOOT CLAN WHEN YOU TOOK 'EM OVER. TOLD US IT WAS TO *PROTECT* OUR FAMILY. FOR OUR OWN GOOD AND ALL THAT—

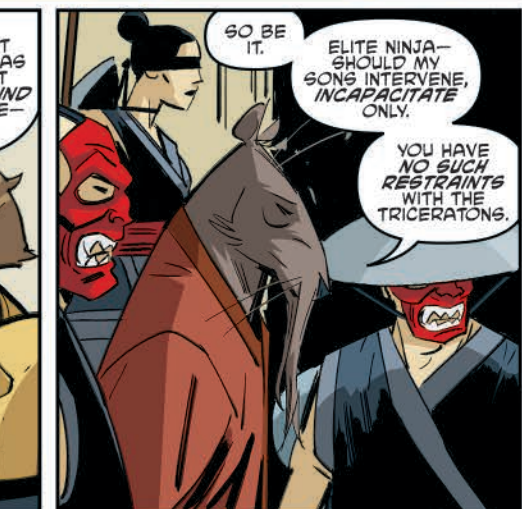
—CEPT IT DON'T FEEL SO GOOD RIGHT NOW, DOES IT?



COMMANDER ZOM, THOUGH I SENSE WHAT YOUR ANSWER WILL BE, AS MASTER OF THE FOOT CLAN, I AM *HONOR-BOUND* TO OFFER YOU A CHOICE— SURRENDER OR DEATH.

HA! I DON'T KNOW WHICH IS *MORE LAUGHABLE*—THE FACT THAT YOU THINK TRICERATON WARRIORS WOULD EVER SURRENDER...

...OR THAT YOU BELIEVE YOU COULD *POSSIBLY* KILL ME.



SO BE IT.

ELITE NINJA— SHOULD MY SONS INTERVENE, *INCAPACITATE* ONLY.

YOU HAVE *NO SUCH RESTRAINTS* WITH THE TRICERATONS.

