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GODS OF ELONIA...

...THE CYBERTRONIAN SURVIVED?

EVERYBODY, HOLD ON.

...TEACH YOU TO SUCKER-PUNCH ME...

I'M REAL GLAD YOU'RE OKAY, MAGNUS—

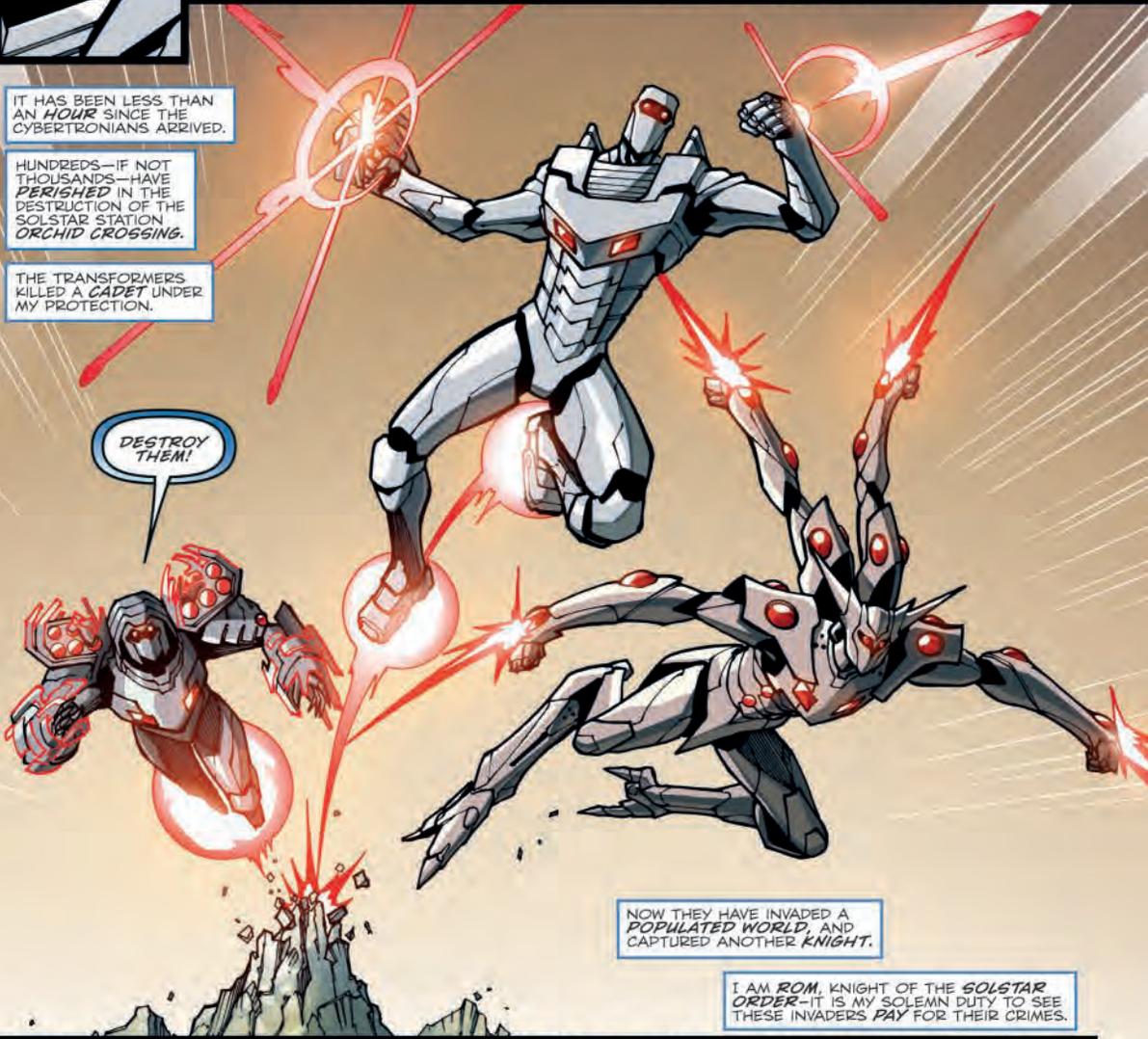
—BUT WE STILL GOT PROBLEMS.

IT HAS BEEN LESS THAN AN HOUR SINCE THE CYBERTRONIANS ARRIVED.

HUNDREDS—IF NOT THOUSANDS—HAVE PERISHED IN THE DESTRUCTION OF THE SOLSTAR STATION ORCHID CROSSING.

THE TRANSFORMERS KILLED A CADET UNDER MY PROTECTION.

DESTROY THEM!



NOW THEY HAVE INVADDED A POPULATED WORLD, AND CAPTURED ANOTHER KNIGHT.

I AM ROM, KNIGHT OF THE SOLSTAR ORDER—IT IS MY SOLEMN DUTY TO SEE THESE INVADERS PAY FOR THEIR CRIMES.



WAIT, DON'T—HEY!

WE CAN HANDLE THIS. BEE?

HANDLING IT.



DO YOURSELF A FAVOR—



—AND DIE EASY.

HRRRRG!



SATA IS INEXPERIENCED—LASHING OUT RASHLY TO AVENGE HER FALLEN FRIEND. BUT LIVIA...

KEEP HIM PINNED DOWN—BLOCK HIS ESCAPE!

...LIVIA KNOWS THIS HAD BEST END QUICKLY.



LET ME TALK TO THEM! THEY'RE MY TEAM!
AND THEY'RE NOT EXACTLY BEING CAREFUL WHERE THEY SHOOT.



WHY IS THE BIG ONE WILLING TO TAKE THOSE HITS?

MERELY TO PROTECT A PRIZE?



THAT...

...THE BEST YOU GOT...

...YOU CHROME-PLATED MEATBAGGS?

ROM, SATA, LIVIA—



—QUIT IT!



I'M NOT ANYBODY'S PRISONER.

THE CYBERTRONIANS WERE IN TROUBLE, SO I SAVED THEM. THEN THEY WERE PROTECTING ME FROM YOU!

BUT THEY ARE DANGEROUS! YOU SAW—



NO, IT TURNS OUT THEY'RE PEOPLE!

SOME ARE DANGEROUS, AND SOME TRY TO HELP!



WAS ANYTHING YOU TOLD ME TRUE?



OR DID YOU JUST LIE SO YOU COULD PARADE ME IN FRONT OF THE GALACTIC COUNCIL LIKE A TRAINED ANIMAL?



THE MACHINE'S FOUND HER VOICE ALL OF A SUDDEN.

SHOULD WE—

SO IT SEEMS.



—AUGH! PUT ME DOWN!

SHYEA, RIGHT.

HEY— WHAT DID YOU SAY YOUR NAME WAS, ANYWAY?



STARDRIVE.

I'VE NEVER MET ANOTHER CYBERTRONIAN BEFORE... BUT I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU.

HOW MURDEROUS YOU ARE INCONSIDERATE OF OTHER LIFE.

HOW UNLIKE THE SOLSTAR ORDER.



AND WE'VE JUST SEEN PROOF OF THAT!

BECAUSE OF THE CYBERTRONIANS, COUNTLESS SOLSTAR OFFICERS ARE DEAD— AND MORE ARE IN ESCAPE SHUTTLES WAITING FOR RESCUE.



BUT SHE HAS A POINT.

WHAT?

STARDRIVE— YOU ARE A MORAL BEING...



...THANKS TO SOLSTAR TEACHINGS.

AND YOU PROJECT YOUR MORALITY ONTO THESE KILLING MACHINES, IN THE VAIN HOPE OF NOT BEING ALONE.

