

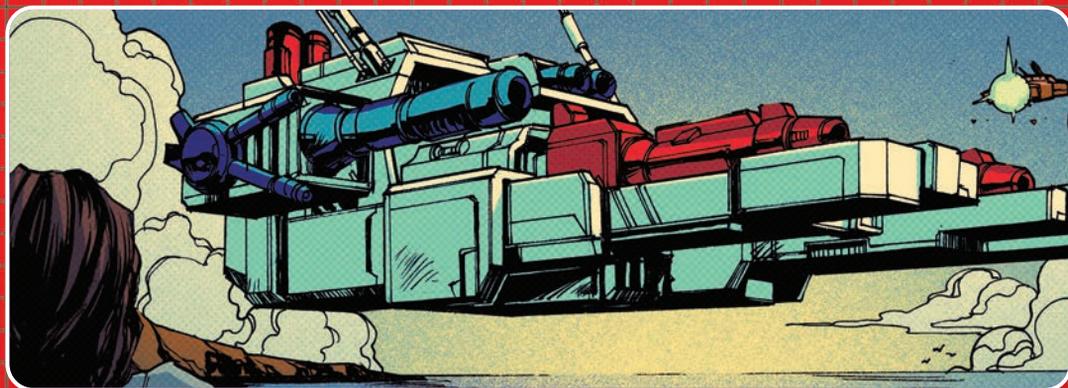
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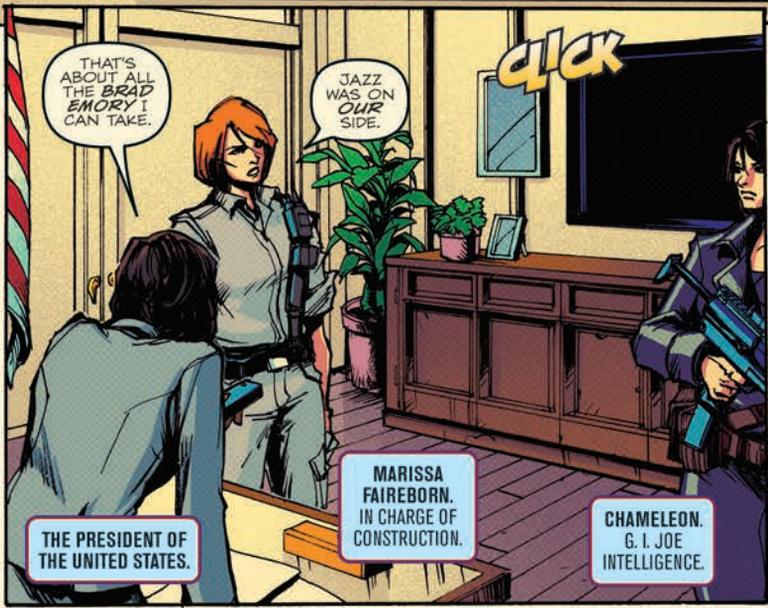
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AUTHORITIES SEARCH FOR THE ALIEN ROBOT KNOWN AS "JAZZ," FOLLOWING THE ABRUPT AND UNUSUAL ENDING TO ITS LIVE INTERVIEW.

CYBERTRONIAN LEADER OPTIMUS PRIME COULDN'T BE REACHED FOR COMMENT, SO WE FOUND THE NEXT BEST THING—FORMER WRESTLER JAKE "THE JACKHAMMER" JACKSON—

ON THE SPOT WITH BRAD EMORY
ISSING CYBERTRONIAN WHILE OPTIMUS PRIME TRAVELS TO HIS HOM



THAT'S ABOUT ALL THE BRAD EMORY I CAN TAKE.

JAZZ WAS ON OUR SIDE.

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARISSA FAIBORN. IN CHARGE OF CONSTRUCTION.

CHAMELEON. G. I. JOE INTELLIGENCE.



I DIDN'T MAKE THE CALL, FAIBORN.

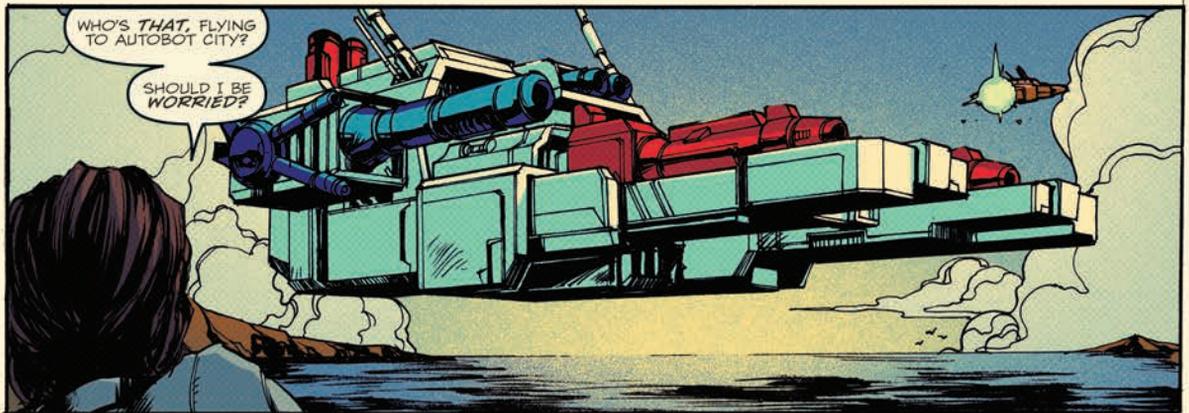
YOU DIDN'T EXACTLY STOP THINGS, EITHER.

I DID WHAT I COULD, AND NOW THE SECURITY COUNCIL OWES ME.



WHICH IS WHAT I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT.

LITTLE CYBERTRON. UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON BIKINI ATOLL.



IT WAS ALL *BLACK*.

OUT THE WINDOW—
THEY'D TAKEN THE
STARS AWAY.

ARCEE
PULLED
ME BACK.

I MEAN, I HEARD HER
GET *HIT*, SO I KNEW
IT WAS DOWN TO ME.

I HID *ALPHA*
TRION AND WENT
TO THE BRIDGE.

THE *DECEPTICONS* WERE GOING
TO CONQUER *ANOTHER* WORLD,
UNLESS I COULD...

...BUT I *COULDN'T*.

I WAS ALREADY
BURNING WHEN
SOMEBODY
SHOT ME.

FLASHES... THEN *ARCEE*
PULLING ME OUT,
LITERALLY THIS TIME.

MY *BROTHER* WAS THERE. I
THOUGHT HE'D STAY AND TRY
TO FIGHT THE *GOOD* FIGHT.

BUT HE *DIDN'T*.

I SAW *HER* WATCHING
ME, LATER ON. SHE
DIDN'T LEAVE ME *ALONE*.

IT'S *NICE* HAVING
SOMEONE WATCH
OVER YOU.

I SHOULD
THANK HER.

BUT I'VE NEVER BEEN
GOOD AT THAT KIND
OF THING.

HEY GUYS.

WHAT'S UP?

THE LIFE OF SIDESWIPE



