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Four heroes—X-O Manowar, Livewire, Eternal Warrior, and Ninjak—banded together with the help of American and British Intelligence to form Unity, a covert superteam dedicated to protecting humanity from all manner of top-secret threats. When extraterrestrial soldiers called the Armor Hunters attacked Earth, the giant alien robot GIN-GR was ordered to destroy all of Mexico City and much of Los Angeles, and Unity stepped into the limelight for the first time to defeat the menace in full public view.

In the wake of the attack, the world's governments took drastic steps toward enhanced global security. The U.S. and U.K. formed the Global Agency for Threat Excision—G.A.T.E.—and swiftly commandeered all technology and weaponry left behind by the Armor Hunters. Unbeknownst to the rest of the world, that included GIN-GR—publicly thought destroyed in battle—for study and to serve as Unity's mobile headquarters.

Hoping to prevent further fear and panic, G.A.T.E. made the existence of Unity public knowledge. Livewire was installed as the group's leader and spokesperson, and the popular, bubbly, photogenic flying hero Faith Herbert (codename Zephyr) was recruited as the team's newest member...while certain information such as GIN-GR remained classified. But on their first mission out, Faith was shocked at the degree of violence meted out by her new teammates.

The seemingly unchecked power at Unity's disposal never sat well with the rest of the international community, and several of the world's U.N. ambassadors resorted to drastic measures of their own...activating a rival team—the United! After failing to extort codes to commandeer GIN-GR from their hostage, Unity's MI-6 liaison Neville Alcott, the United instead dispatched their hardy, highly adaptable agent Ultimo to infiltrate GIN-GR's hangar...and detonate himself like a dirty bomb!

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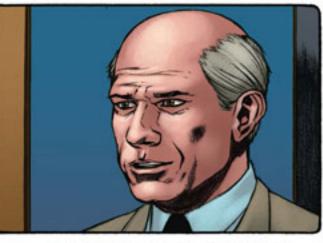




I'M RENEE ROUSSEAUX REPORTING, IF YOU'VE JUST JOINED US. IT'S BEEN AN INTERESTING WEEK, TO SAY THE LEAST. HERE TO HELP US MAKE SENSE OF RECENT EVENTS ARE MY GUESTS...



...GILAD ANNI-PADDA, MEMBER OF UNITY, ADVENTURER, AND THE, UHM... "FIST AND STEEL OF EARTH"?



AND A GUEST WHO SHOULD BE FAMILIAR TO REGULAR VIEWERS--BILL BUTLER--OUR RESIDENT AND SOMETIMES CONTROVERSIAL POLITICAL COMMENTATOR.

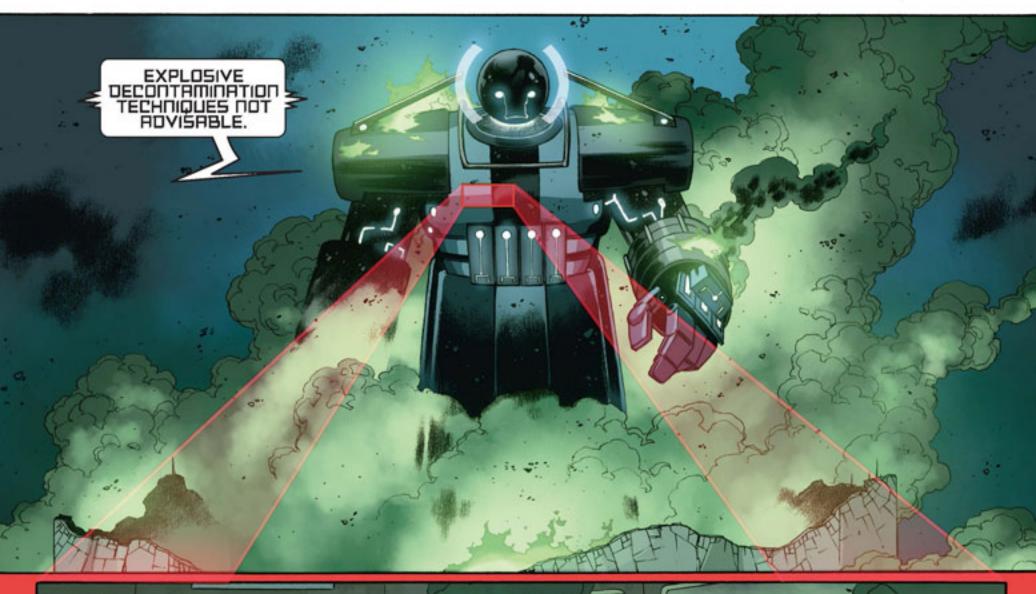


LET'S GET RIGHT TO IT, GENTLEMEN. THE BIG NEWS IS THAT NOT ONLY IS THE ALIEN ROBOT THAT DESTROYED MEXICO CITY AND HALF OF L.A. ALIVE AND WELL...THIS ROBOT WAS BEING USED BY THE NEWLY UNVEILED SUPER-SPECIAL-OPS TEAM, UNITY.

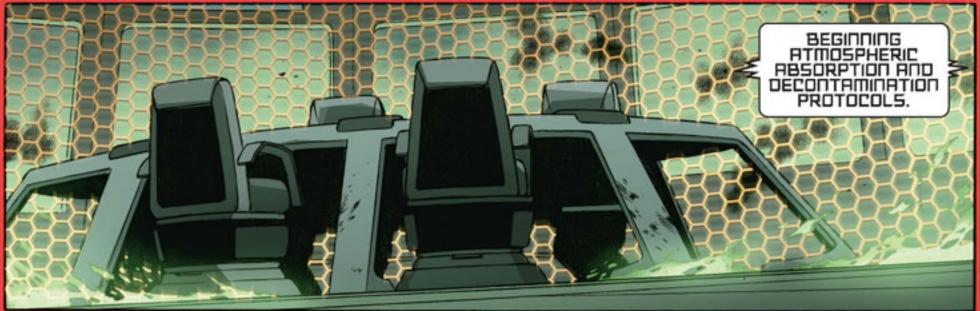
HOW DOES THE GOVERNMENT EXPECT US TO ACCEPT THIS?

IT'S SIMPLE, RENEE. THE "ROBOT" HAS A NAME... GIN-GR. AND SHE'S AN ALLY. JUDGE HER BY HER MOST RECENT ACTIONS. A DIRTY BOMB WAS DETONATED ON U.S. SOIL YESTERDAY, AND WHAT DID SHE DO?

WHAT DID SHE DO?! SHE DESTROYED MEXICO CITY!
AND HOW DO WE KNOW THE DIRTY BOMB WASN'T
ANOTHER ATTACK PERPETRATED BY THIS KILLER
ROBOT? CLEVER HOW YOU'RE ASSIGNING IT A
NAME AND GENDER NOW. DON'T EXPECT THE REST
OF AMERICA TO BUY INTO THAT!









SO WHERE IS THE CONTAMINATION FROM THIS DIRTY BOMB THAT YOUR ROBOT SAVED US ALL FROM?



CHECK THE E.P.A. RECORDS, BILL. THEY SHOW A LETHAL SPIKE IN RADIOACTIVITY IN SOUTHERN FLORIDA AT GIN-GR'S LOCATION.



REGARDLESS. AS LONG AS THAT THING EXISTS, WE WON'T KNOW IF WE'RE SAFE OR NOT. THE MILITARY IS BLINDED BY ITS LUST FOR BIGGER AND BETTER KILLING MACHINES. THIS IS THE DISCOVERY OF THE ATOM BOMB...BUT THIS BOMB HAS A MIND OF ITS OWN!











LOOK. THE REAL FACT IS THAT UNITY, ALONG WITH GIN-GR, AT GREAT RISK TO THEMSELVES, PUSHED BACK WHAT AMOUNTS TO FOREIGN INVADERS ON OUR SOIL.



OKAY. THEN WHERE ARE THESE
MYSTERIOUS "INVADERS"? I SURE WOULD
LIKE TO SEE 'EM. YOU'RE JUST PUSHING
THE NARRATIVE THAT THE
GOVERNMENT WANTS YOU TO PUSH.



THE GOVERNMENT CREATES A
FICTIONAL ENEMY SO WE WILLINGLY
GIVE UP OUR RIGHTS ALL BASED ON
FEAR. WHAT WOULD MAKE US EMBRACE
A GENOCIDAL ALIEN ROBOT?
FEAR OF INVASION. WE'VE SEEN
THIS NARRATIVE BEFORE.





THE INSURGENTS ARE UNDER LOCKDOWN AND INTERROGATION. YOU EXPECT THE GOVERNMENT TO PARADE THEM AROUND LIKE TROPHIES?



FRANKLY? YES. WE AREN'T SEEING THIS "ENEMY" FOR ONE OF TWO REASONS. THEY DON'T EXIST, OR THEY'RE BEING TORTURED AND THEN TAKEN OUT BACK AND EXECUTED. AND WHAT ABOUT THE RUMORS THAT THESE INSURGENTS WERE ACTUALLY SENT HERE BY THE UNITED NATIONS?



BE REALISTIC. IF THE RUMORS OF UNITED NATIONS AGENTS WERE TRUE... THAT WOULD BE THE END OF THE UNITED NATIONS. IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT? FOR THE U.S. TO DROP OUT OF THE U.N.? THE U.N. WOULD CEASE TO EXIST.