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PROLOGUE.

THE TITAN.

HIS VOICE WAS
THE FIRST
THING I HEARD.

MEMORIES.

A PURPLE SYMBOL...

...A FACE...

...AND PAIN.

MALCONTENTS... AND
A REVOLUTIONARY.

THEY WANTED
MY WORLD.

TO TAKE IT FROM
MY AUTOBOTS...

...BUT I WOULDN'T
LET IT HAPPEN.

**CYBERTRON.
THE OUTBACK.**

NOT WHILE I LIVED.

THE HOLY FIRE
OF THE TITANS—

—OF THE
PRIMES—

—WARMS MY
ENERGON.

CLEANSSES ME.

MUCH HAS
CHANGED.

THE TITAN
TOLD ME...

...COLONIES
HAVE BEEN
FOUND...

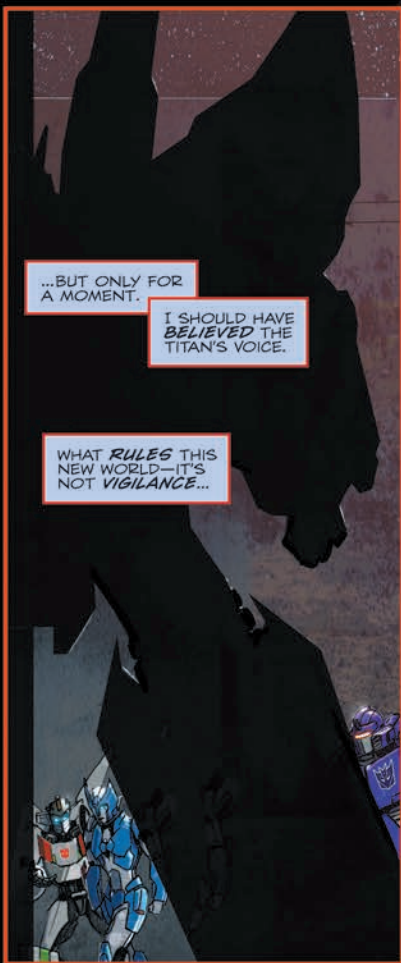
...WARS
ENDED...

...BUT MY
WORLD FELL.

THE GUARDIANS OF
CORRODED CYBERTRON.

THEY ALREADY
KNOW I'M BACK.

I ADMIRE THEIR
VIGILANCE...



...BUT ONLY FOR
A MOMENT.

I SHOULD HAVE
BELIEVED THE
TITAN'S VOICE.

WHAT *RULES* THIS
NEW WORLD—IT'S
NOT *VIGILANCE*...



...IT'S *COMPROMISE*.

COMPROMISE AND
ITS *SISTERS*...

...ACQUIESCENCE,
DILUTION,
WEAKNESS...

...AND *FAILURE*.

DECEPTICONS.

THEY KILLED ME.

AND NOW THEY
WALK WITH
MALFORMED
COLONISTS.



WELL.

IF YOU WANT
SOMETHING
DONE RIGHT...



I'VE HEARD IT SAID THAT WE ONLY GAIN WISDOM FROM SUFFERING—



THE LOST LIGHT. WEEKS AGO.

—AND TONIGHT I INTEND TO MAKE YOU VERY WISE.

THAT SOUNDS LIKE YOU...

DOES IT?

YOUR GLADIATOR VOICE.
SOUNDWAVE CALLED IT THE CROWD-PLEASER.



AND HERE WE ARE.

THIS ISN'T CHROMEDOME AND REWIND'S.

NO, THE SUMMONS—
INVITATION.

—SAYS HALL 6.



AND WHEN YOU'VE CROSSED THE PLANET WITH YOUR LITTLE GANG OF THUGS, WHAT WILL YOU DO THEN?

I WILL CREATE DESOLATION— AND CALL IT *PEACE!*



YOU GOT THE INVITE, THEN.

I APOLOGIZE FOR BEING LATE. I SPENT TOO LONG TRYING TO THINK OF REASONS NOT TO COME.

NO WORRIES. WE PASSED THE TIME BY STARTING WITHOUT YOU.



YOU BROUGHT *NIBBLES!*

IT WAS ONE OF THE *TERMS AND CONDITIONS.*

YOU DON'T SOCIALIZE MUCH, DO YOU, MEGGS?



THIS THEATER WASN'T HERE A WEEK AGO.

MOVIE NIGHT GOT TOO BIG FOR OUR HAB SUITE, SO *BRAINSTORM* CONVERTED THE—

WHAT WAS IT BEFORE, *STORMY?*



THIS PLACE? IT WAS AN *EXHIBITION HALL.*

"THE QUEST FOR THE KNIGHTS OF CYBERTRON: A VISUAL TRAVELOQUE."

RODIMUS WANTED A DEDICATED SPACE FOR ALL THE SOUVENIRS AND TRINKETS THAT WE COLLECT *EN ROUTE* TO *CYBERUTOPIA.*

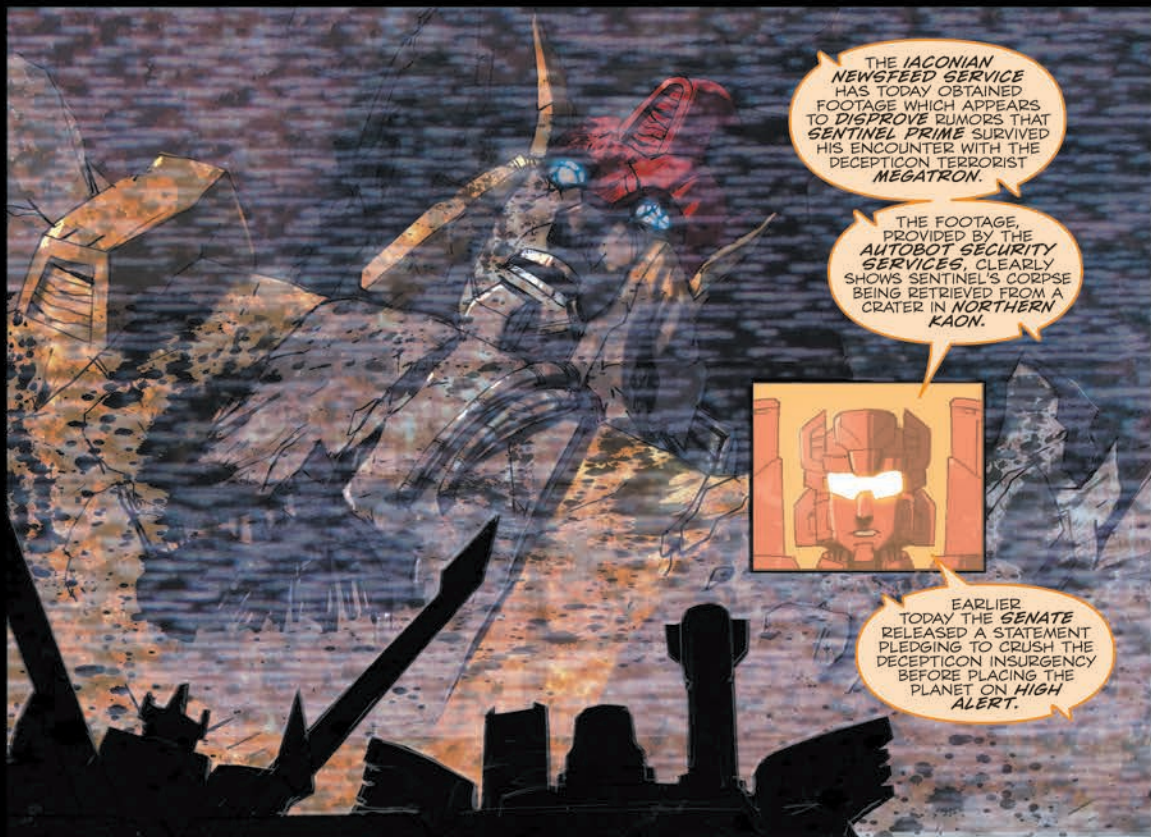


WHERE DID YOU MOVE THE EXHIBITS?

I PUT THEM BOTH OVER THERE.



NOW ZIP IT. I'M TRYING TO *LISTEN.*



THE IACONIAN NEWSFEED SERVICE HAS TODAY OBTAINED FOOTAGE WHICH APPEARS TO **DISPROVE** RUMORS THAT **SENTINEL PRIME** SURVIVED HIS ENCOUNTER WITH THE DECEPTICON TERRORIST **MEGATRON**.

THE FOOTAGE, PROVIDED BY THE **AUTOBOT SECURITY SERVICES**, CLEARLY SHOWS SENTINEL'S CORPSE BEING RETRIEVED FROM A CRATER IN **NORTHERN KAON**.



EARLIER TODAY THE **SENATE** RELEASED A STATEMENT PLEDGING TO CRUSH THE DECEPTICON INSURGENCY BEFORE PLACING THE PLANET ON **HIGH ALERT**.



DO WE HAVE TO WATCH THIS?

IT'S MOVIE NIGHT—WE'RE NOT GOING TO **READ** SOMETHING...

THIS ISN'T A "MOVIE". IT'S A **DOCUMENTARY**—A **BIASED** ONE.

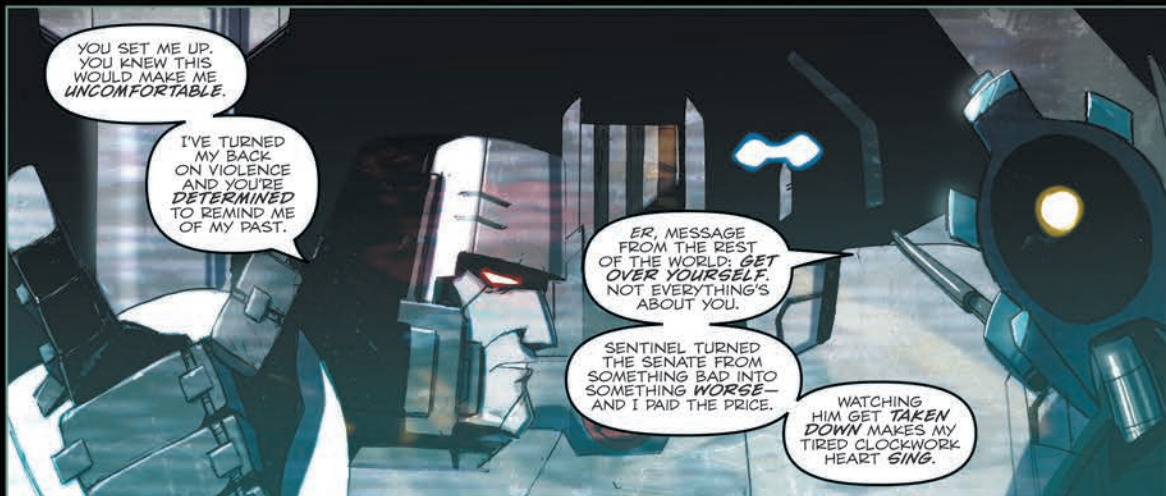


HEY, I MADE THIS—AND I AM **SCRUPULOUS!**

FACT AFTER FACT AFTER FACT. I DON'T TELL THE STORY—THE STORY TELLS ITSELF.

OPTIMUS COMMISSIONED A WHOLE SERIES OF FILMS ABOUT THE **EARLY DAYS**—HE WANTS THE **COLONISTS** TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THEIR HISTORY.

WELL, **OUR HISTORY.**



YOU SET ME UP. YOU KNEW THIS WOULD MAKE ME **UNCOMFORTABLE**.

I'VE TURNED MY BACK ON VIOLENCE AND YOU'RE **DETERMINED** TO REMIND ME OF MY PAST.

ER, MESSAGE FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD. **GET OVER YOURSELF.** NOT EVERYTHING'S ABOUT YOU.

SENTINEL TURNED THE SENATE FROM SOMETHING BAD INTO SOMETHING **WORSE**—AND I PAID THE PRICE.

WATCHING HIM GET **TAKEN DOWN** MAKES MY TIRED CLOCKWORK HEART **SING**.