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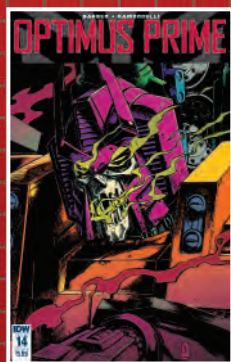
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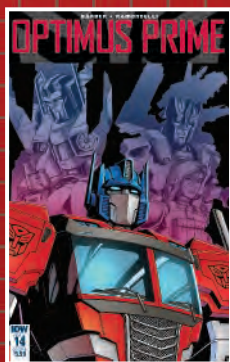
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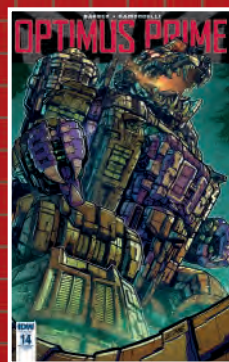
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YOU EVER BEEN PRETTY SURE YOU KNEW HOW THINGS WERE *GOING*...

...THEN THE *SHEET-METAL* GETS PULLED OUT FROM UNDER YOU?

I'LL HANDLE THE AIR—I'VE GOT EXPERIENCE WITH TAKING DOWN *FLIERS*.

DO IT, *STARDRIVE*.

WHEELIE, GARNAK—GET THE *THROTTLEBOTS* BACK HOME. I'LL CLEAR THE PATH.

AYE, *PROWL!*

NEVER *FEAR!* HELP IS *HERE!*

PLANET "BOTINIEA"

A YEAR AGO, I GAVE UP *HOPE*.

AN HOUR AGO, IT WAS ANOTHER NIGHT CLOSER TO THE *END*.

A MINUTE AGO, I WAS SURE WE WERE *DEAD*.

AND NOW...?



PROWL, OF ALL PEOPLE, IS LEADING THE CHARGE TO RESCUE WHAT'S LEFT OF THE *THROTTLEBOTS*?

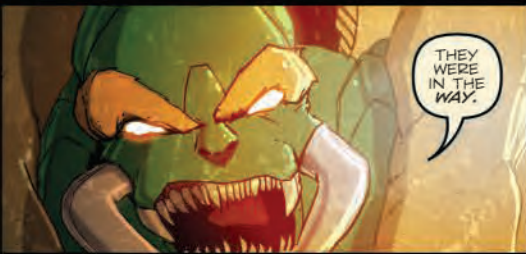
I'M NOT *COMPLAINING*. DON'T GET ME WRONG...



...IT'S JUST BEEN A *WEIRD* DAY.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

WHAT DID THESE PEOPLE EVER DO TO YOU?



THEY WERE IN THE WAY.



KILLING IS ALWAYS THE EASY OPTION, ISN'T IT...



...WHY CAN'T YOU EVER LEARN?!

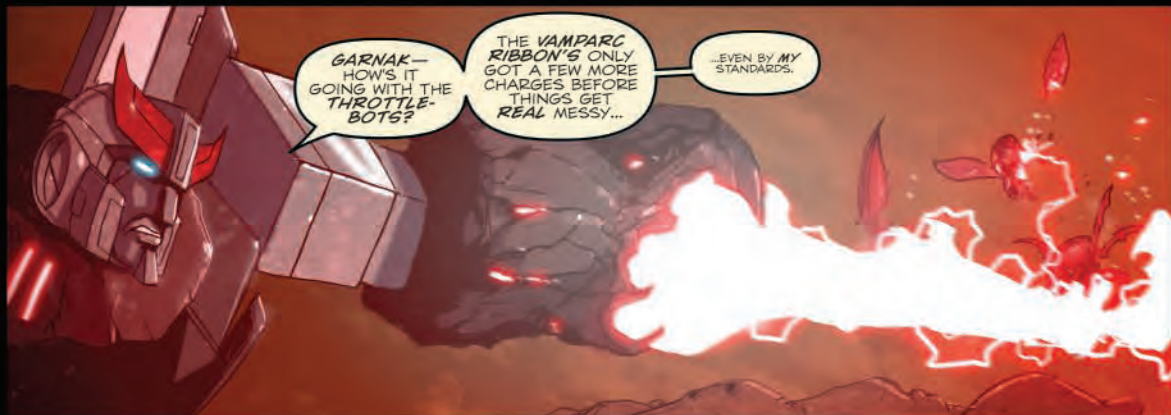
I THOUGHT SHE WAS *CYBERTRONIAN*, BUT THE WRITHING, TWISTING, ROILING *BIOLOGY*...

...WELL, LIKE I SAID—



—*WEIRD* DAY.

STARDRIVE, RUNNING INTO YOU WAS THE *BEST THING* THAT'S HAPPENED IN A LONG TIME.



GARNAK—
HOW'S IT
GOING WITH THE
THROTTLE-
BOTS?

THE VAMPARC
RIBBON'S ONLY
GOT A FEW MORE
CHARGES BEFORE
THINGS GET
REAL MESSY...

...EVEN BY MY
STANDARDS.



WE'S SAVIN'
'EM, PROWL.
JUST NEED
ANOTHER
LITTLE BIT.

I THOUGHT
YOU SAY THEY'S
FAST.

SORRY...
WE'VE BEEN
OUT OF
ACTION FOR
A WHILE...

GARNAK'S
JUST BEING
GRUFF—YOU'RE
GOING FAST
ENOUGH!



I DIDN'T
WANT TO KILL
ANYBODY.

I JUST
WANTED TO BE
AWAY FROM
EVERYTHING.



WHY DID
YOU PULL ME
INTO THIS,
PROWL?

EVERY ONE
YOU PUT DOWN
EQUALS ANOTHER
INNOCENT LIFE
SAVED.

DO THE
MATH,
STARDRIVE.
IT MAKES
EVERYTHING
EASIER.



GUYS—
UH, I DIDN'T
INTRODUCE
MYSELF, BUT
MY NAME'S
GOLDBUG.

AND HERE'S
THE THING. I'M
NOT TRYING TO BE
UNGRATEFUL...



...BUT HOW
DO YOU THINK
WE'RE GOING
TO LEAVE?

MY FRIENDS
AND I CAN
BARELY WALK,
LET ALONE FLY.



PROWL TO PEACEFUL REVOLUTION—

—DE-CLOAK.



OH. AH. YEAH.

OKAY, THIS PLAN CHECKS OUT.

COMPUTER: POWER TO FULL. GET US AWAY FROM REGALIS V BEFORE THEY REGROUP.



GEE... THIS PLANET HAS A REAL NAME?



CHASE MEANS, WE HAVEN'T SEEN ANOTHER CYBERTRONIAN IN YEARS.

IT'S... NICE TO KNOW WE WEREN'T FORGOTTEN.



OPTIMUS AND THE OTHERS COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT YOU, GOLDBUG.

OH.

WELL, TO BE FAIR, THEY ASSUMED YOU WERE DEAD. BUT ME?



I NEVER FORGET ANYTHING.

THE CYBERTRON OUTBACK.

IT SEEMS *FOUR* IS THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF *DINOBOOTS* THAT CAN BE TOGETHER BEFORE THEY START *KILLING* EACH OTHER.

IN CASE ANYONE WAS *WONDERING*.

SLUG!
STOP THIS!
WE CAME
HERE AS
FRIENDS!

OPTIMUS PRIME.
AUTOBOT LEADER.

GARRISON
BLACKROCK.
CYBERTRONIAN
SLEEPER AGENT.

NOBODY'S
MY FRIEND, PRIME—
ESPECIALLY YOU!

PRIMUS.
EVERY
TIME...

ARCEE.
AUTOBOT
WARRIOR.

SLUG.
FORMER DEAD
DINOBOT.

THE DEAD COME HOME

PART 2 (OF 2)

