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Far, far away, in another galaxy, the knights of the Solstar Order, defenders of justice and truth, have been ambushed by the evil magicians, the Dire Wraiths. The Solstar Order has prevailed and is now seeking out their scattered enemies.

One of these knights has followed the trail of the Dire Wraiths all the way to Earth. This one, the Dire Wraiths fear more than all others. This one has hounded them and kept them underground for centuries. This one alone could wipe them off the face of creation.

*He is ROM,
Lord of the Solstar Order.
Rom, the Wraithslayer.*

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I HAVE ALWAYS OPERATED UNDER THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO COMBAT *DIRE WRAITHS* IS TO ENLIST THE HELP OF A PLANET'S POPULACE.

EVEN BETTER WHEN ITS RESIDENTS HAVE POWERFUL FIGHTING CAPABILITIES OF THEIR OWN.

RECENT EXPERIENCE FORCES ME TO *QUESTION* THIS PREMISE.*

*SEE THE JUST-CONCLUDED *REVOLUTION* AND NEXT MONTH'S *REVOLUTIONARIES* #1. -ED.

THE SPACE KNIGHT *ROM* MIGHT HAVE STRANGE METHODS OF COMBATTING HIS FOES...

YES—HE *KILLS*, WE DON'T.

...BUT WITHOUT HIS AID, WE MAY NEVER HAVE DEFEATED THE WRAITHS WE FACED. HE'S EARNED THE RIGHT TO GO IN PEACE.

HE TALKED LIKE THE WRAITH INFILTRATION'S BIGGER THAN WE SAW HERE.

BIGGER THAN OUR OTHER PROBLEMS?

DOUBT THAT.

AGREED. WE SHOULD STAY ALERT, BUT THERE ARE HIGHER PRIORITIES.

PRIME, IF THE *DIRE WRAITHS* DO PROPAGATE HERE...

...THEY REMAIN LESS OF AN IMMEDIATE THREAT THAN THE ONE THAT DEMANDS OUR FOCUS, *SOUNDWAVE*.

SHOULD THE WRAITH SITUATION REACH A CRISIS POINT, *ROM* WILL NO DOUBT BRING IT TO OUR ATTENTION... ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

BEACHHEAD? HEY, YOU OKAY?

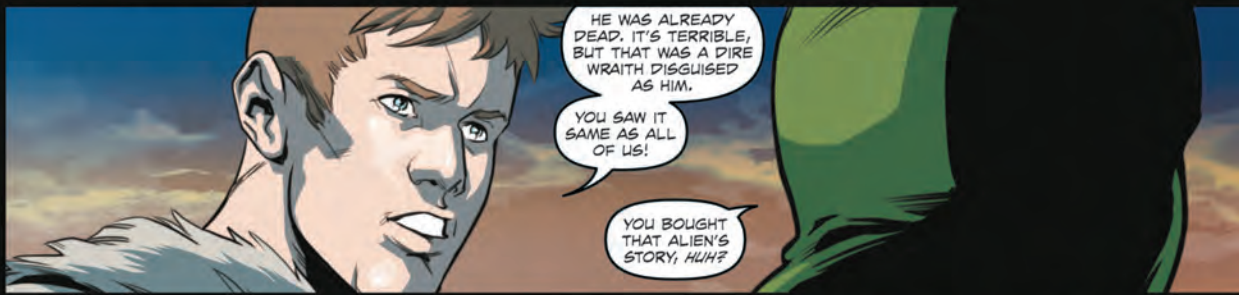
HARDLY.



IS THIS IS OUR NEW NORMAL? ROBOTS BIG AND SMALL RAMPAGING ACROSS THE WORLD WHILE WE PICK UP THE PIECES?

JUST WATCH WHILE THEY KILL GENERAL COLTON AND THEN FLY OFF FREE AND CLEAR?

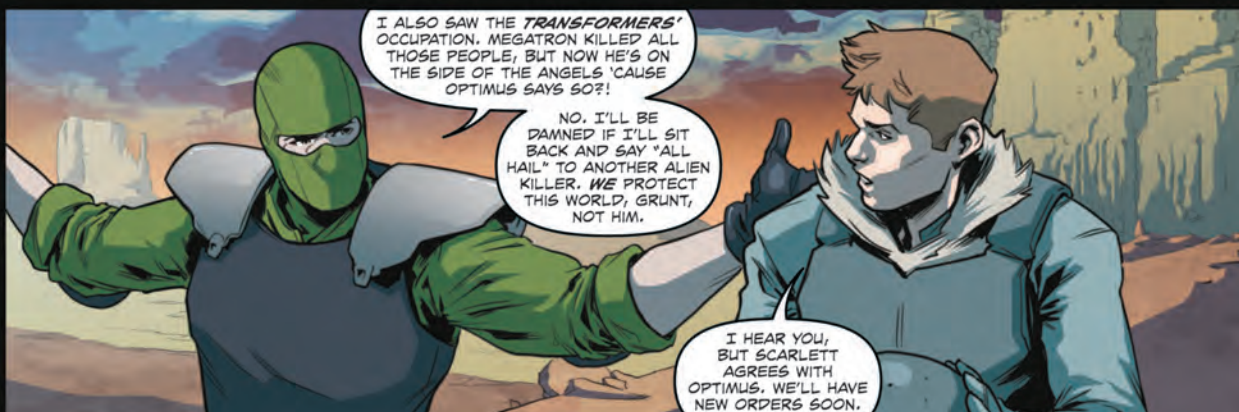
YOU KNOW THAT WASN'T THE GENERAL!



HE WAS ALREADY DEAD. IT'S TERRIBLE, BUT THAT WAS A DIRE WRAITH DISGUISED AS HIM.

YOU SAW IT SAME AS ALL OF US!

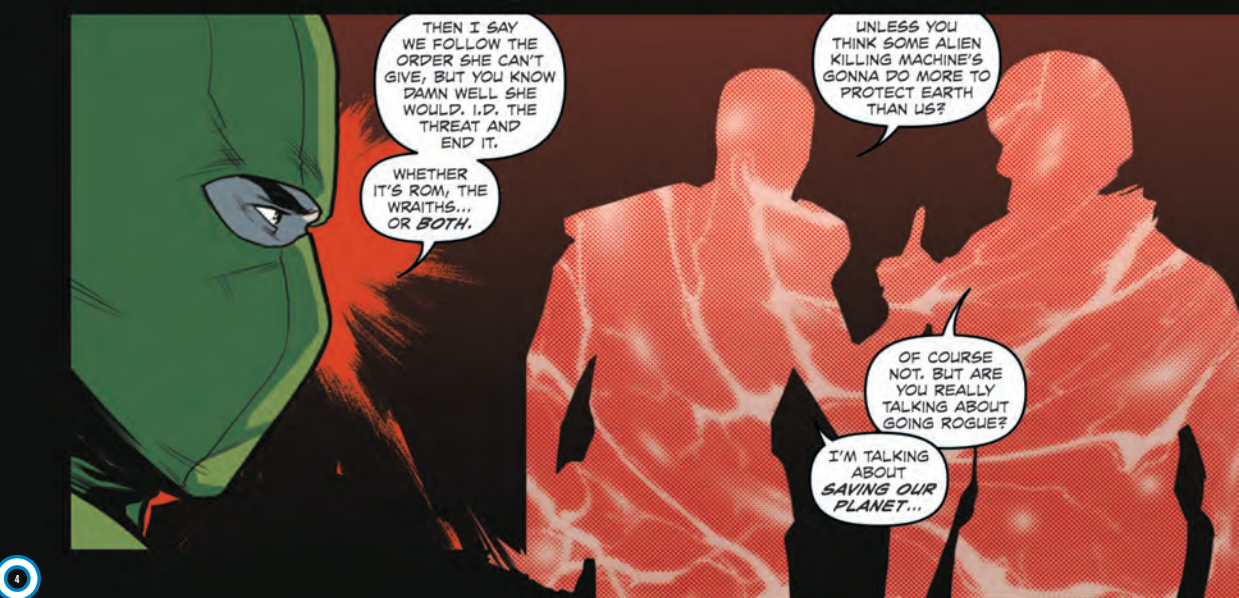
YOU BOUGHT THAT ALIEN'S STORY, HUH?



I ALSO SAW THE TRANSFORMERS' OCCUPATION. MEGATRON KILLED ALL THOSE PEOPLE, BUT NOW HE'S ON THE SIDE OF THE ANGELS 'CAUSE OPTIMUS SAYS SO?!

NO, I'LL BE DAMNED IF I'LL SIT BACK AND SAY "ALL HAIL" TO ANOTHER ALIEN KILLER. WE PROTECT THIS WORLD, GRUNT, NOT HIM.

I HEAR YOU, BUT SCARLETT AGREES WITH OPTIMUS. WE'LL HAVE NEW ORDERS SOON.



THEN I SAY WE FOLLOW THE ORDER SHE CAN'T GIVE, BUT YOU KNOW DAMN WELL SHE WOULD, I.D. THE THREAT AND END IT.

WHETHER IT'S ROW, THE WRAITHS... OR BOTH.

UNLESS YOU THINK SOME ALIEN KILLING MACHINE'S GONNA DO MORE TO PROTECT EARTH THAN US?

OF COURSE NOT. BUT ARE YOU REALLY TALKING ABOUT GOING ROGUE?

I'M TALKING ABOUT SAVING OUR PLANET...

"...BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY."

STATE STREET IN SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA.

SMILE FOR THE KIDS BACK HOME, GUYS.

SUCH CHARMING PLAYERS!

HERE'S A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR YOU.

THANKS, MA'AM. ALWAYS FUN TO JAM FOR SUCH NICE PEOPLE.

YEAH, REALLY. HEY, WHY NOT TAKE A SELFIE TO SHOW YOUR KIDS HOW MUCH FUN YOU HAD?



GRRRR

YEAH, THEY'LL LOVE THIS. COME IN TIGHT NOW.

YOU CALIFORNIANS ARE SO FRIENDLY!

I JUST LOVE IT HERE!

WE LOVE IT, TOO. KNOW WHY?



SHUNK

TOURISTS TASTE SO SWEET.

ARE ARE ARE





NICE TO FEEL CLEAN AGAIN. BEING A FILTHY STREET MUSICIAN WAS WEARING THIN.

THAT'S THE BEAUTY OF OUR CURRENT SITUATION...



...SO MANY PLACES TO GO, SO MANY PEOPLE TO BE.
TAXI!!



GOT ROOM FOR A COUPLE OUT-OF-TOWNERS?

I AM AFRAID WE DON'T ALLOW ANIMALS, SIR.



OH, THAT DISGUSTING THING'S NOT OURS.

AND I HEARTILY AGREE WITH YOUR POLICY.



NO ANIMALS IN THE CAB.

SHKKK



THIS! THIS IS HOW WRAITHS SHOULD BEHAVE ON A PLANET OF CATTLE!

ABSOLUTELY. I WISH THE CURSED CYBERTRONIANS HAD KILLED OUR LEADERS AGES AGO!



THIS IS THE LIFE.

FREE OF THE OLD GUARD'S RESTRICTIONS, ROM OCCUPIED ELSEWHERE...



NO MORE ORDERS, NO MORE STAYING HIDDEN!

AS MY MUSICIAN HOST MIGHT SAY, WE ARE GOING TO BLOW UP THIS TOWN—



BWA-BOOM



OH MY GOD!

IT MUST BE A GAS MAIN! CALL 911!