

"A LONG TIME AGO - 56 MILLION YEARS TO BE PRECISE - SOMETHING HAPPENED."

"THE FIRST FREE-THINKING MECHANICALS SPRANG SUDDENLY AND UNEXPECTEDLY FROM THE SIZZLING GEOSTRATA OF A METALLIC PLANET."

"SPONTANEOUS EVOLUTION: THEY SAY IT JUST HAPPENED."

"AND I WOULD LIKE TO THINK THAT YES, THIS WAS ONLY A MATTER OF CHANCE."



"AS REPORTED IN THE *PORTLAND ORACLE*, SEPTEMBER 20TH, 1984."

"BUT WHAT THE ORACLE FAILS TO MENTION, WHAT IT CANNOT POSSIBLY KNOW, IS THAT THE EXPLOSION REACTIVATED THE ON BOARD COMPUTER

OF AN ALIEN SPACECRAFT THAT HAD BEEN WEDGED AT THE VOLCANO'S BASE FOR FOUR MILLION YEARS."

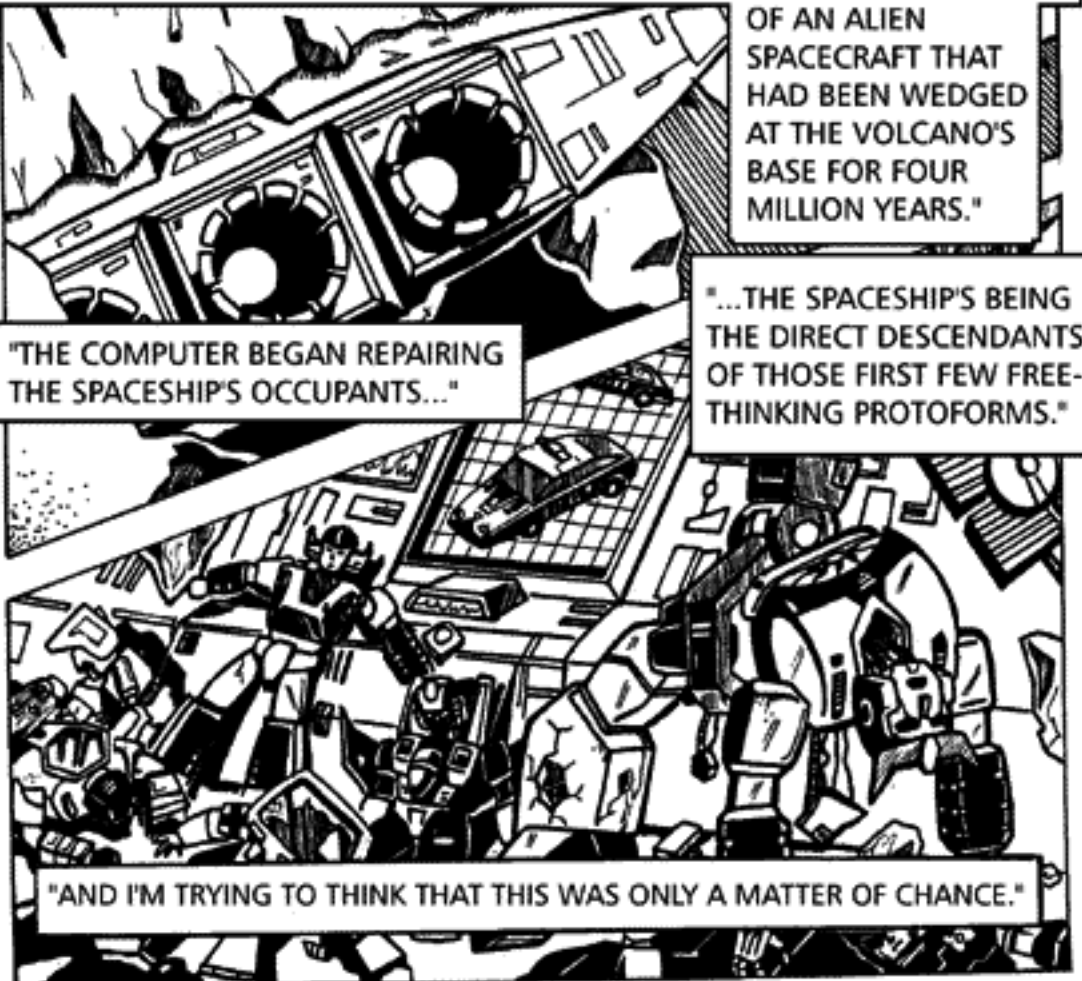
"THE COMPUTER BEGAN REPAIRING THE SPACESHIP'S OCCUPANTS..."

"...THE SPACESHIP'S BEING THE DIRECT DESCENDANTS OF THOSE FIRST FEW FREE-THINKING PROTOFORMS."

"THERE IS A STORY OF A LONG-DORMANT VOLCANO SUDDENLY AND UNEXPECTEDLY SHEDDING ITS LOAD."

"SPONTANEOUS ERUPTION: THEY SAY IT JUST HAPPENED."

"AND I'M TRYING TO THINK THAT THIS WAS ONLY A MATTER OF CHANCE."





"MINISTRY RECORDS DESCRIBE AN INCIDENT THAT OCCURED IN IACON, 2302, AT THE OPEN-AIR SIGNING OF THE ANTIMORPHISM TREATY."



"AN AUDIENCE OF MILLIONS WITNESSES THE SUDDEN AND UNEXPECTED ARRIVAL OF AN ENTIRE CITY-STREET, COMPLETE WITH TERRIFIED PEDESTRIANS."



"SPONTANEOUS MATERIALISATION: THEY SAY IT JUST HAPPENED."



"AND IT IS THE HUMBLE OPINION OF THIS NARRATOR THAT THIS IS NOT JUST 'SOMETHING THAT JUST HAPPENED'; THIS CANNOT BE 'ONE OF THOSE THINGS';"



"THIS, PLEASE, CANNOT BE THAT..."

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TRANSMASTERS UK PRESENTS STAR SABER IN
"LIARS, A TO D" SCRIPT JAMES ROBERTS
ARTWORK MATT DALLAS LETTERS GRAHAM THOMSON

"PARTLY OVERCAST WITH A SLIGHT CHANCE OF RAD ZONE FALLOUT,
FORCE 10 GRIT-WINDS, 67% CHANCE OF GRAVITY WELLS ACROSS THE ORBITAL RIM."

WITH AUTOBASE DESTROYED AND THE SO-CALLED
RESISTANCE IN ITS DEATH THROES, THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A
BETTER TIME TO JOIN THE DECEPTICON ARMY!

EVER SINCE THE SPECTACULAR COUP D'ETAT IN 9TH CYCLE 549, THE
DECEPTICON JUNTA HAS BEEN RECRUITING THOUSANDS OF CIVILIANS,
FROM BUDDING ANARCHISTS TO EX-THEOSCIENTISTS, FIRST CHURCHERS...



...TO NEWLY-SCULPTED PROTOFORMS. HOW ELSE COULD WE HAVE
MAINTAINED CONTROL OF CYBERTRON FOR SO LONG? IF YOU'RE
LOOKING FOR PIECE OF MIND, OR A CHANCE TO INDULGE YOUR BLOOD
LUST, OR JUST GUARANTEE THAT YOU WON'T BE ONE OF THE...

...THOUSANDS KILLED IN THE IMMINENT CULLING OF EVERY CIVILIAN
SETTLEMENT, NOW'S THE TIME TO JOIN UP. WHO RETURNED CYBERTRON
TO ITS ORIGINAL ORBIT IN 2000? THE DECEPTICONS! WHO IS COMMITTED
TO REJUVENATING THIS WORLD? THE DECEPTICONS!



DEEP INSIDE THE NEW AUTOBASE

PLEDGE YOUR ALLEGIANCE TO THE DECEPTICON
CAUSE AND HELP CRUSH THE AUTOBOTS AND
THEIR OUT-DATED, SELF-DEFEATING CODE OF ETHICS

IT'S A BLANKET BROADCAST
HE'S BOMBARDING THE
SOUTHER TERRITORIES.
THERE'S A CONTACT NUMBER,
YOU WANT ME TO CALL?

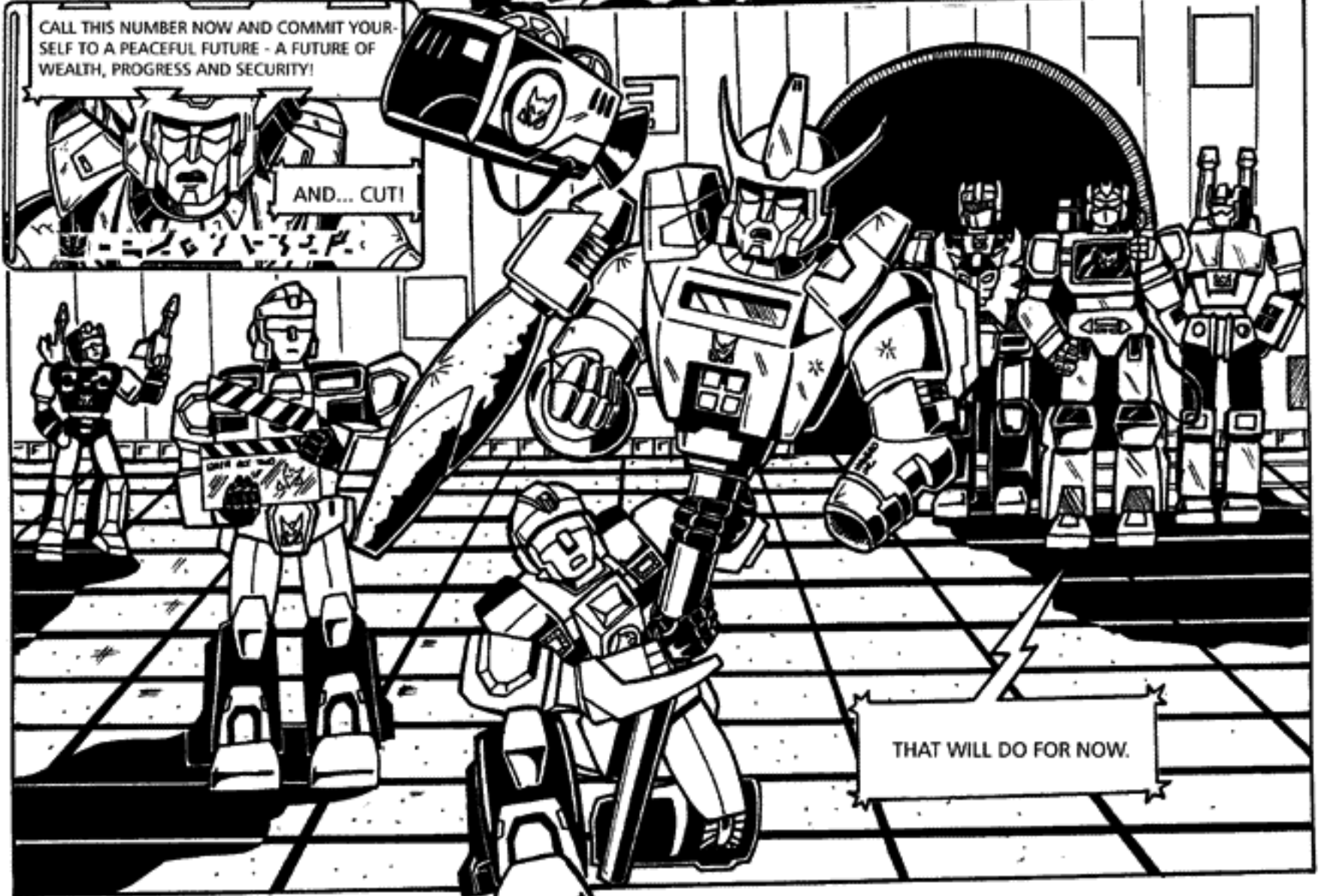
CERTAINLY NOT. YOU
MIGHT AS WELL GO
OUTSIDE AND WAVE A
RED FLAG.





YOU THINK THAT'S ALL THIS IS - A WAY TO FIND OUT WHERE WE'RE HIDING?

I DON'T KNOW. GALVATRON SEEMS SO IMPASSIONED, SO CONSUMED - PERHAPS HE'S FINALLY ABOUT TO MAKE THE BIG PUSH AND END THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL.



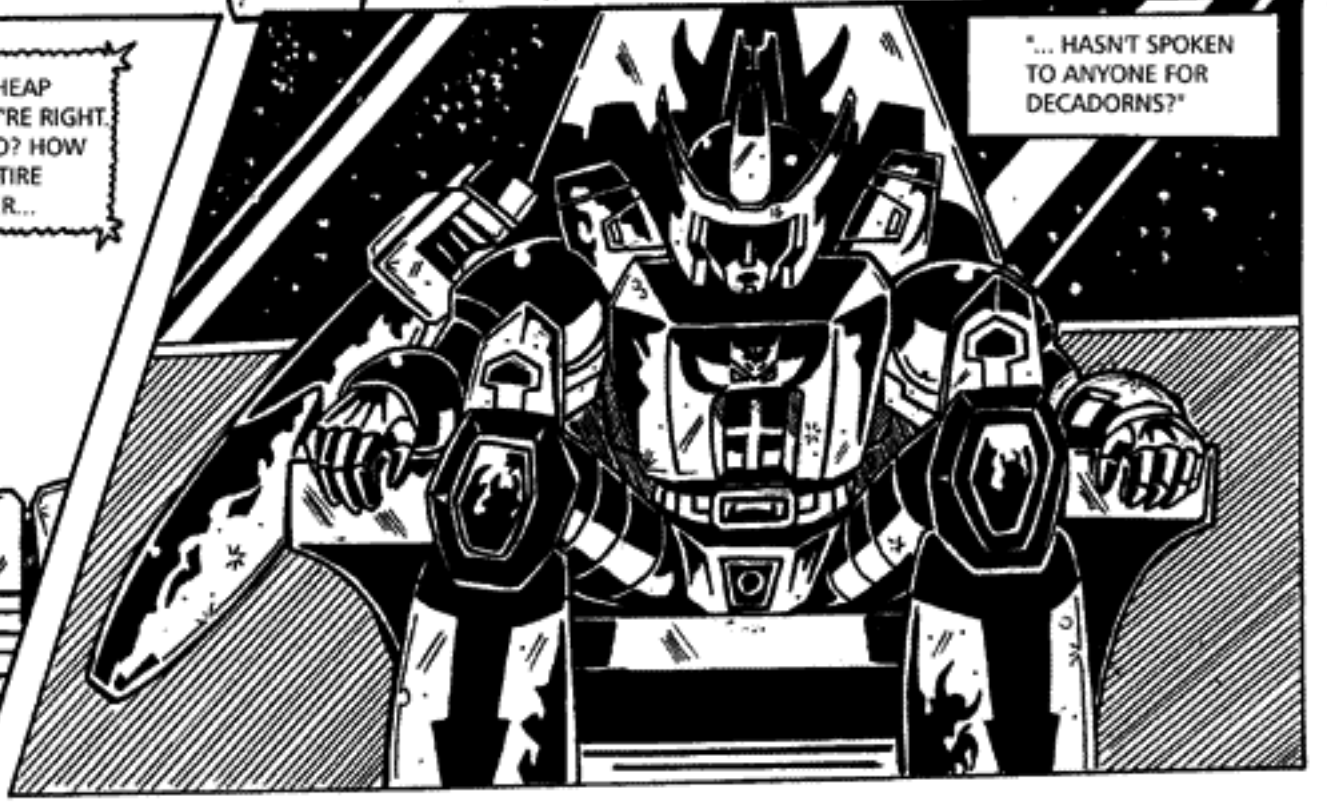
CALL THIS NUMBER NOW AND COMMIT YOURSELF TO A PEACEFUL FUTURE - A FUTURE OF WEALTH, PROGRESS AND SECURITY!

AND... CUT!

THAT WILL DO FOR NOW.

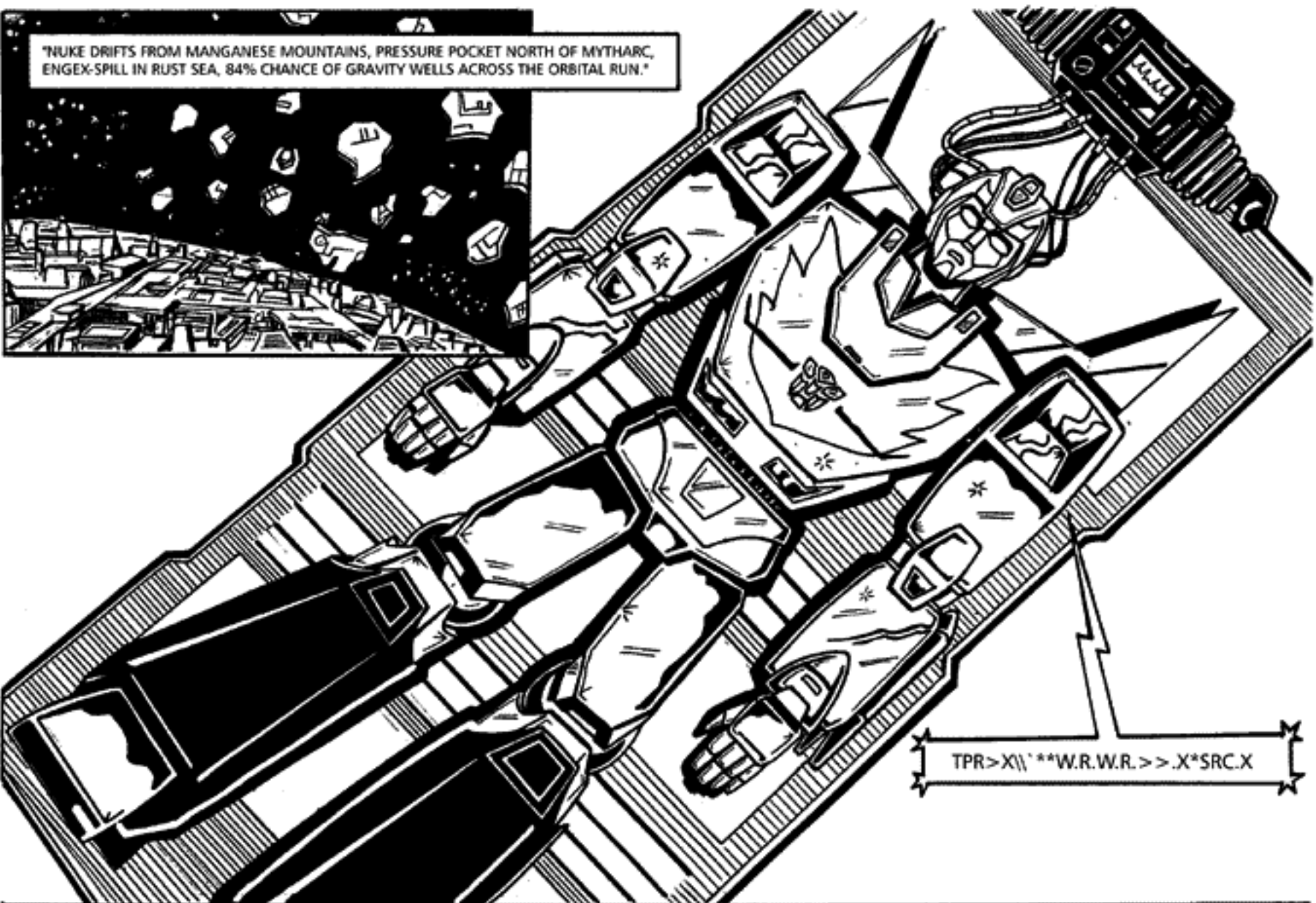


THEY THINK THAT THIS IS CHEAP AND BELITTLING, AND THEY'RE RIGHT. BUT WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO? HOW DO YOU SUBJUGATE AN ENTIRE PLANET WHEN YOUR LEADER...



... HASN'T SPOKEN TO ANYONE FOR DECADES?'

"NUKE DRIFTS FROM MANGANESE MOUNTAINS, PRESSURE POCKET NORTH OF MYTHARC, ENGEX-SPILL IN RUST SEA, 84% CHANCE OF GRAVITY WELLS ACROSS THE ORBITAL RUN."

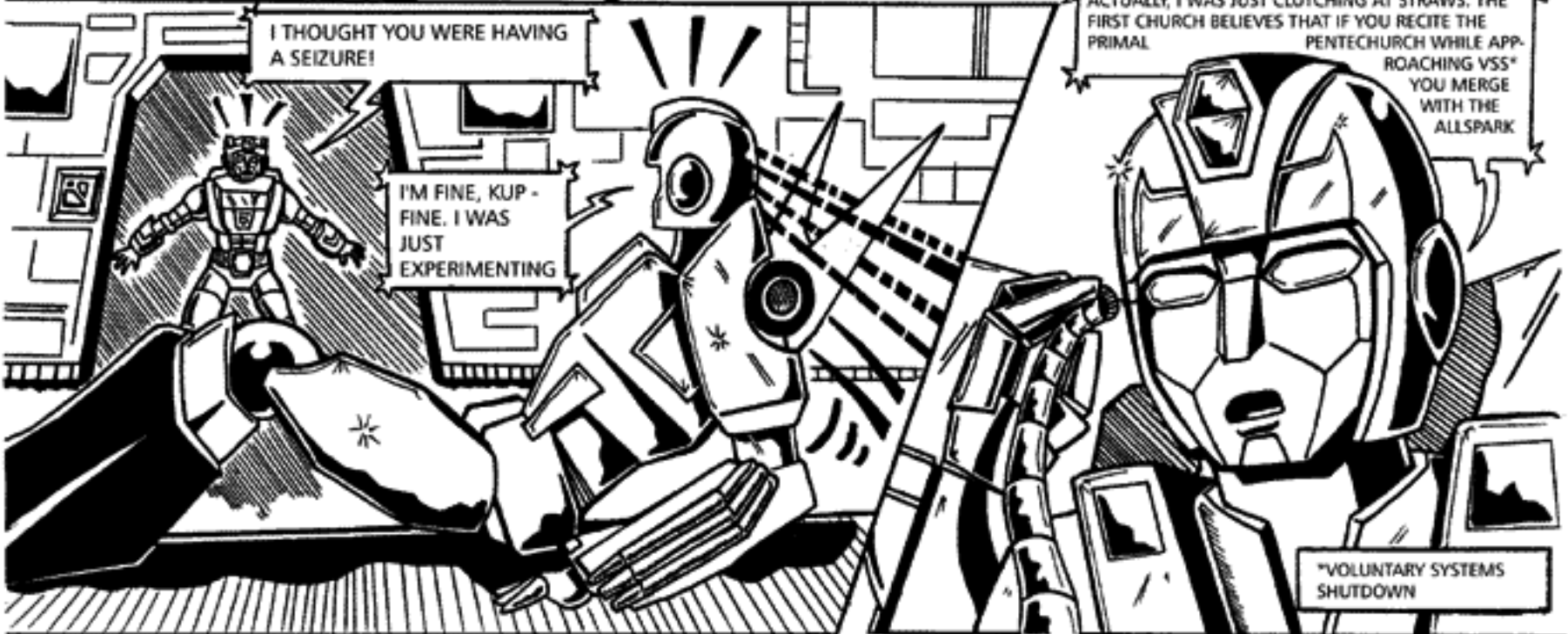


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PRIME!



I THOUGHT YOU WERE HAVING A SEIZURE!

I'M FINE, KUP - FINE. I WAS JUST EXPERIMENTING

ACTUALLY, I WAS JUST CLUTCHING AT STRAWS. THE FIRST CHURCH BELIEVES THAT IF YOU RECITE THE PENTECHURCH WHILE APPROACHING VSS* YOU MERGE WITH THE ALLSPARK

*VOLUNTARY SYSTEMS SHUTDOWN

AND YOU THINK THAT WOULD SOMEHOW BANISH UNICR--

KUPI REMEMBER THE RULES! NEVER USE HIS NAME!

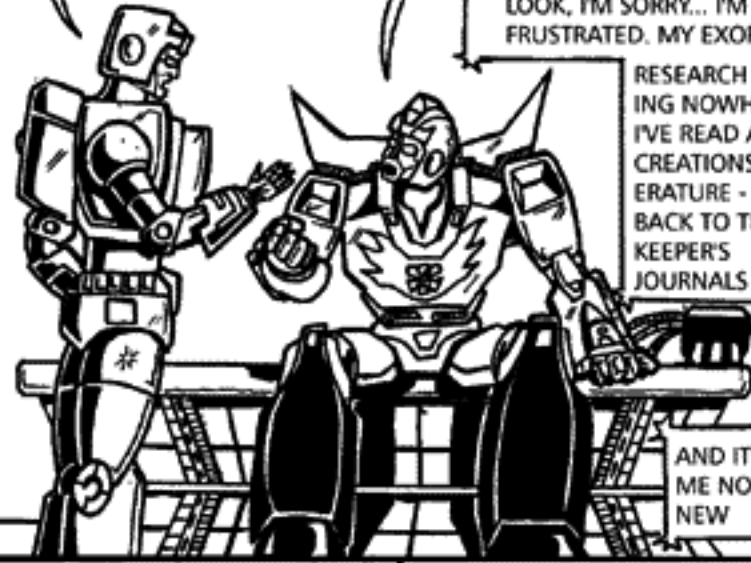
LOOK, I'M SORRY... I'M JUST FRUSTRATED. MY EXORCISM

RESEARCH IS GOING NOWHERE. I'VE READ ALL THE CREATIONST LITERATURE - RIGHT BACK TO THE KEEPER'S JOURNALS -

AND IT'S TOLD ME NOTHING NEW

SORRY TO HEAR THAT. I WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT PERCEPTOR'S ARRANGED NIGHTBEAT'S TRANSFERRAL FROM DELPHI. HE SHOULD BE HERE IN A FEW BREEMS. OH, AND COSMOS HAS DETECTED GEO-FRAGMENTS CLUSTERED AROUND ORBITAL CO-ORDINATES 250/B01 - HE THINKS THEY'RE THE REMAINS OF MOONBASE 2. THEY'VE BEEN HANGING THERE SINCE 2006.

I THOUGHT COSMOS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE WITH MIRAGE AND THE OTHERS.

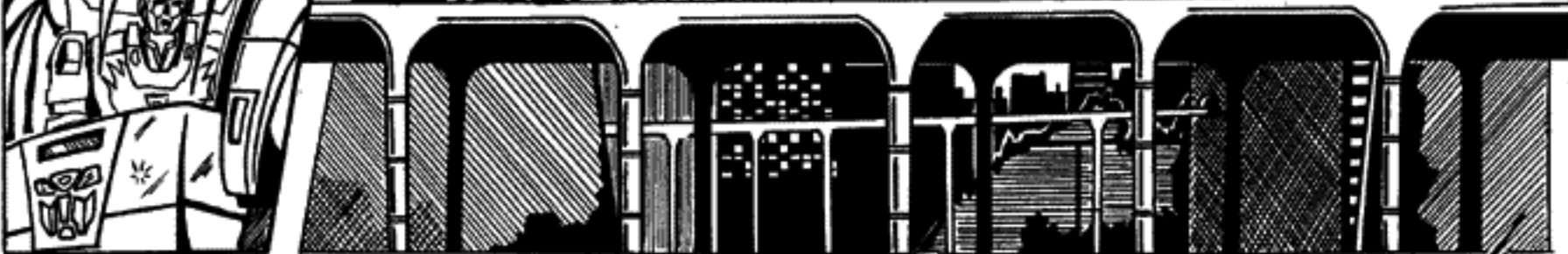
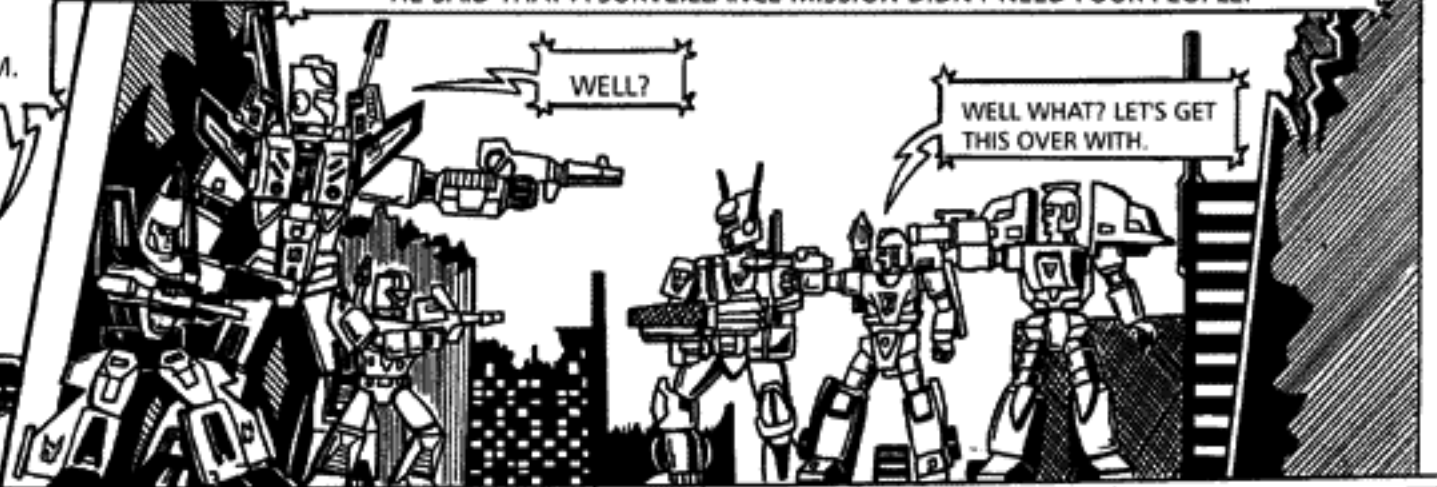


THE HELEX TRIP? NO - THUNDERCLASH DOWNSIZED THE TEAM.

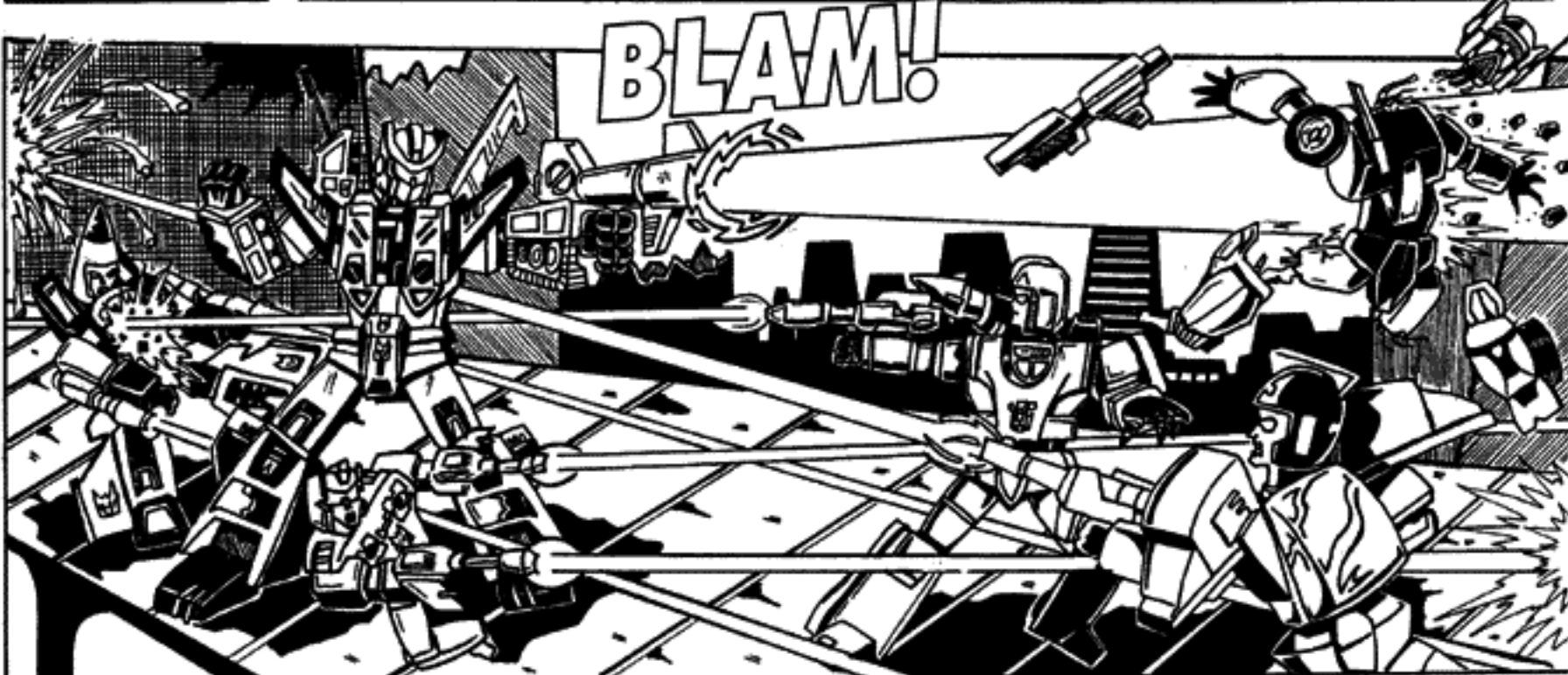
HE SAID THAT A SURVEILLANCE MISSION DIDN'T NEED FOUR PEOPLE.

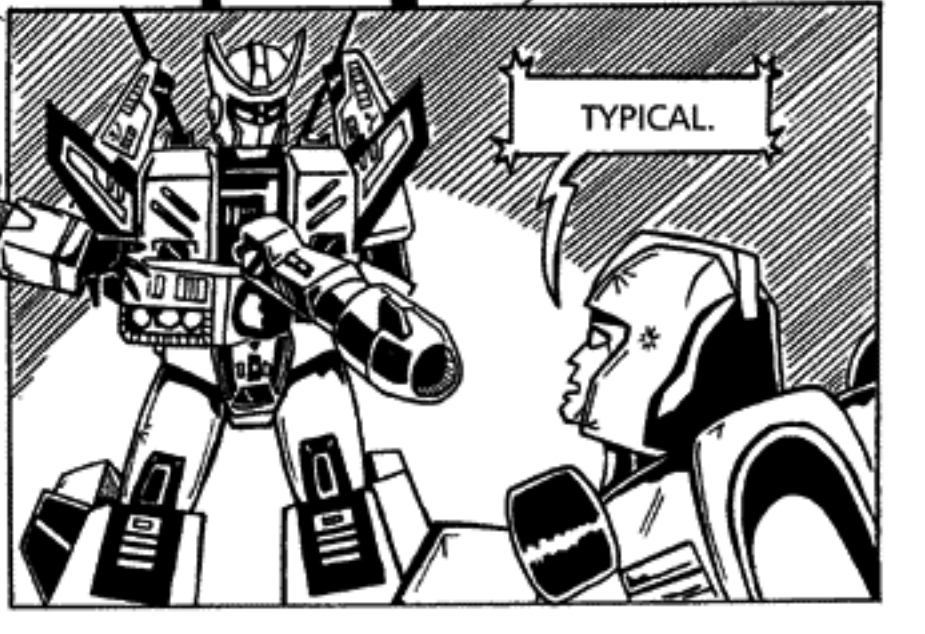
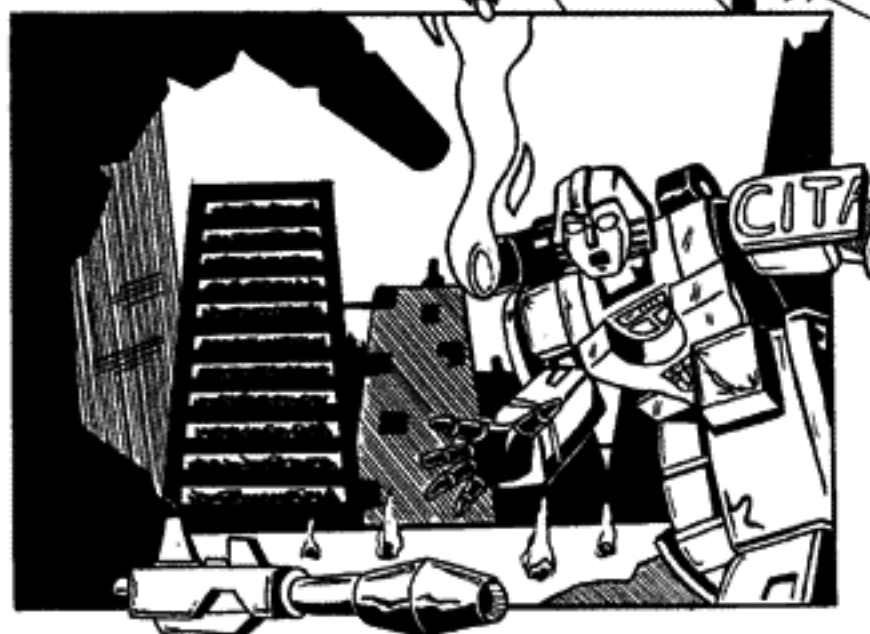
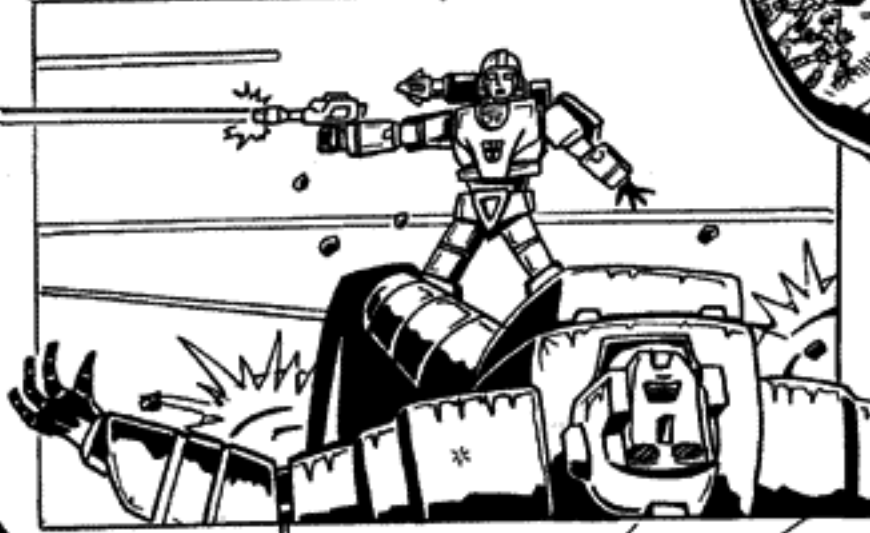
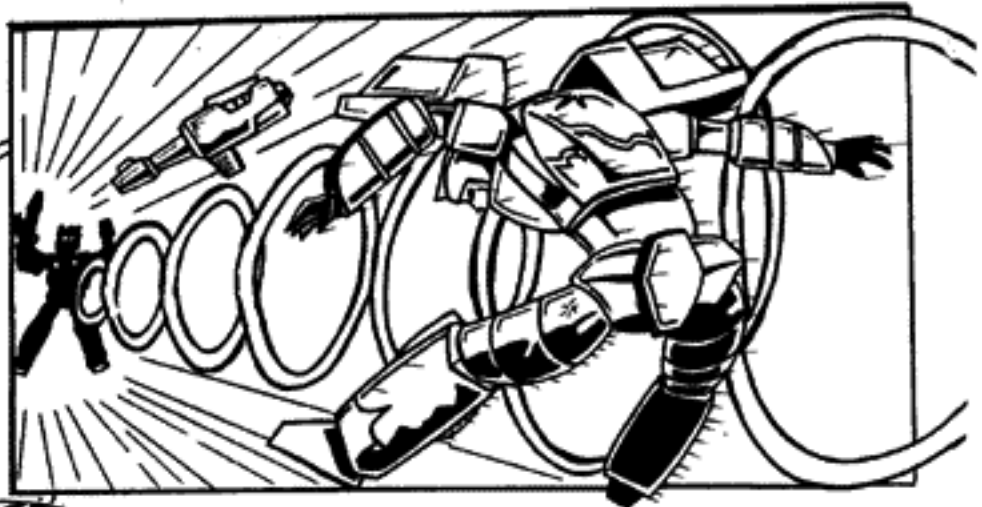
WELL?

WELL WHAT? LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH.



BLAM!





"TECTONIC SLUMP IN TERBIUM PLAINS, RESIDUAL ENERGMON FLARE IN LONIUM, SCALE 2 QUAKE IN THE SONIC CANYONS, 98% CHANCE OF GRAVITY WELLS ACROSS THE ORBITAL RIM."



THEY'RE STILL ON OUR TAIL!



THANK YOU FOR POINTING THAT OUT, FASTLANE!

I DON'T BELIEVE THIS - FIRST TIME OUT THE CANYONS FOR FOUR YEARS AND WE RUN INTO THESE TWO. PERCEPTOR BETTER HAVE A GOOD REASON DRAGGING ME

HALWAY ACROSS CYBERTRON.

NICE ONE, FLYBOY! NOW THEY KNOW WE'RE AFTER THEM! WE COULD'VE TRACKED THEM RIGHT TO THEIR FRONT DOOR IF YOU HADN'T OPENED FIRE!

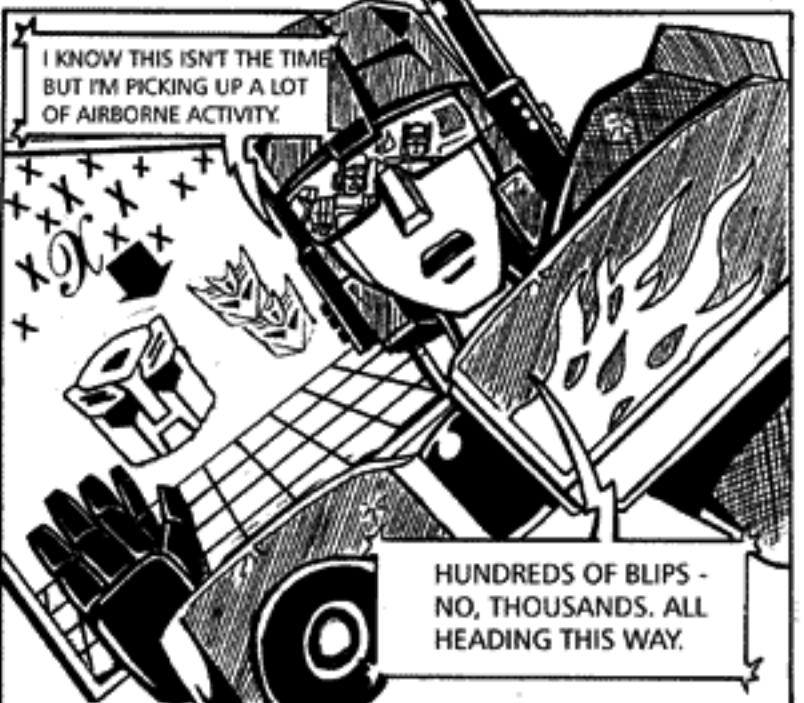


RIGHT NOW, I'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS ON MY MIND!



CLOUDRAKER! WE'VE BEEN --

DON'T EVEN SAY IT, FASTLANE!

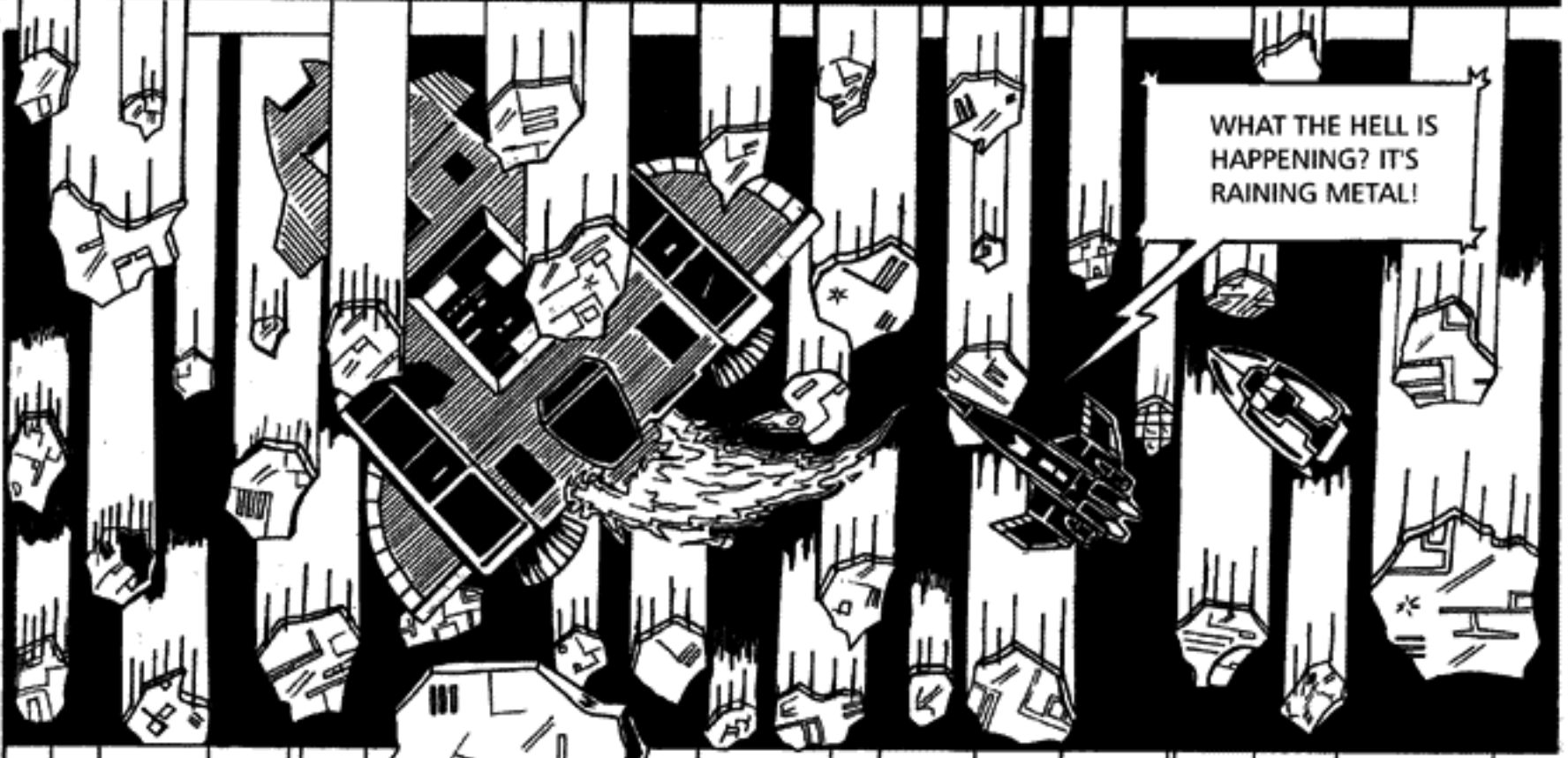


I KNOW THIS ISN'T THE TIME BUT I'M PICKING UP A LOT OF AIRBORNE ACTIVITY.


HUNDREDS OF BLIPS - NO, THOUSANDS. ALL HEADING THIS WAY.



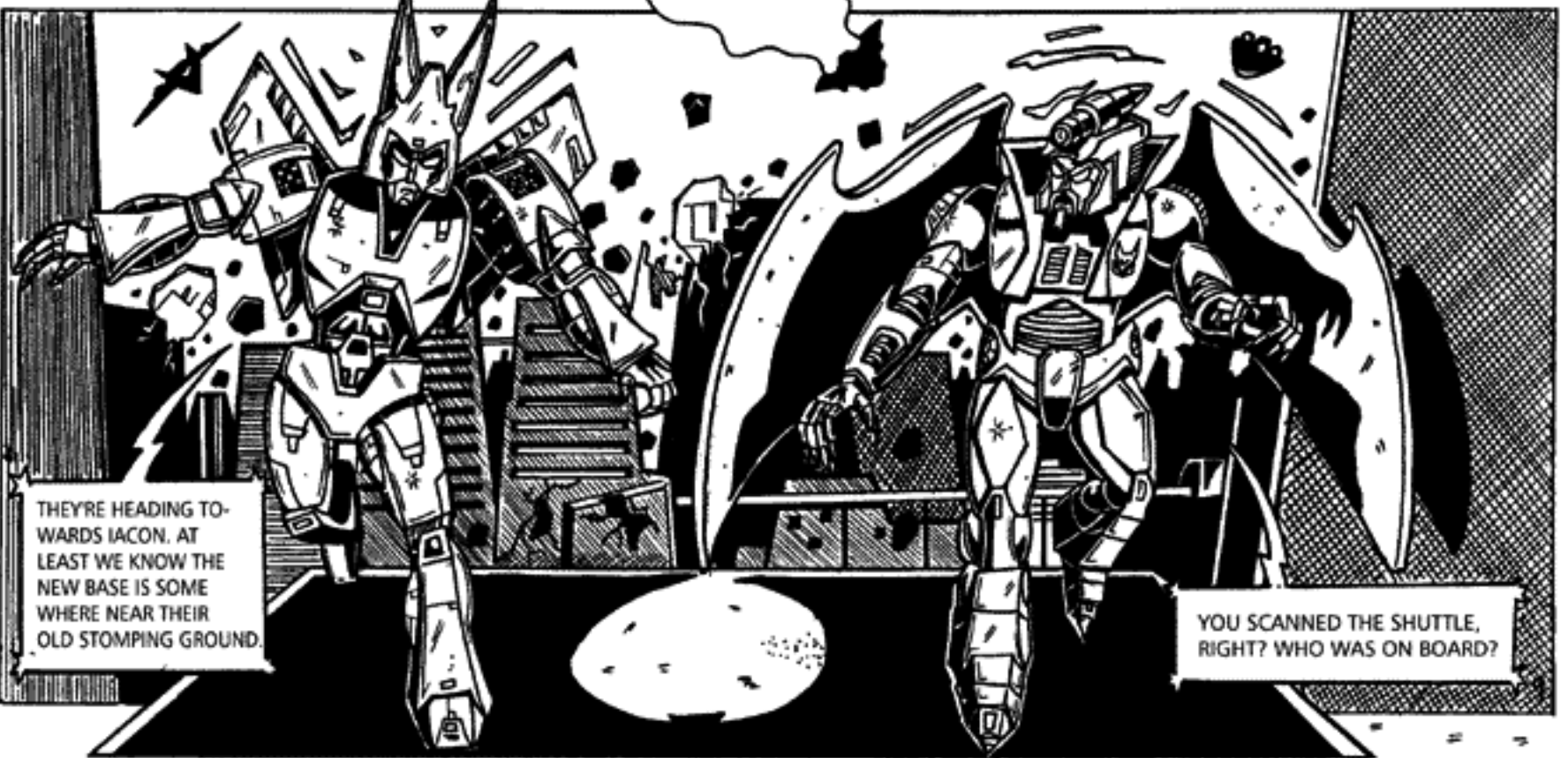
"RISK OF HEAVY SHOWERS."



WHAT THE HELL IS HAPPENING? IT'S RAINING METAL!



BACK OFF! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS.



THEY'RE HEADING TOWARDS IACON. AT LEAST WE KNOW THE NEW BASE IS SOMEWHERE NEAR THEIR OLD STOMPING GROUND.

YOU SCANNED THE SHUTTLE, RIGHT? WHO WAS ON BOARD?

NIGHTBEAT, FASTLANE
AND CLOUDRAKER. WHY?

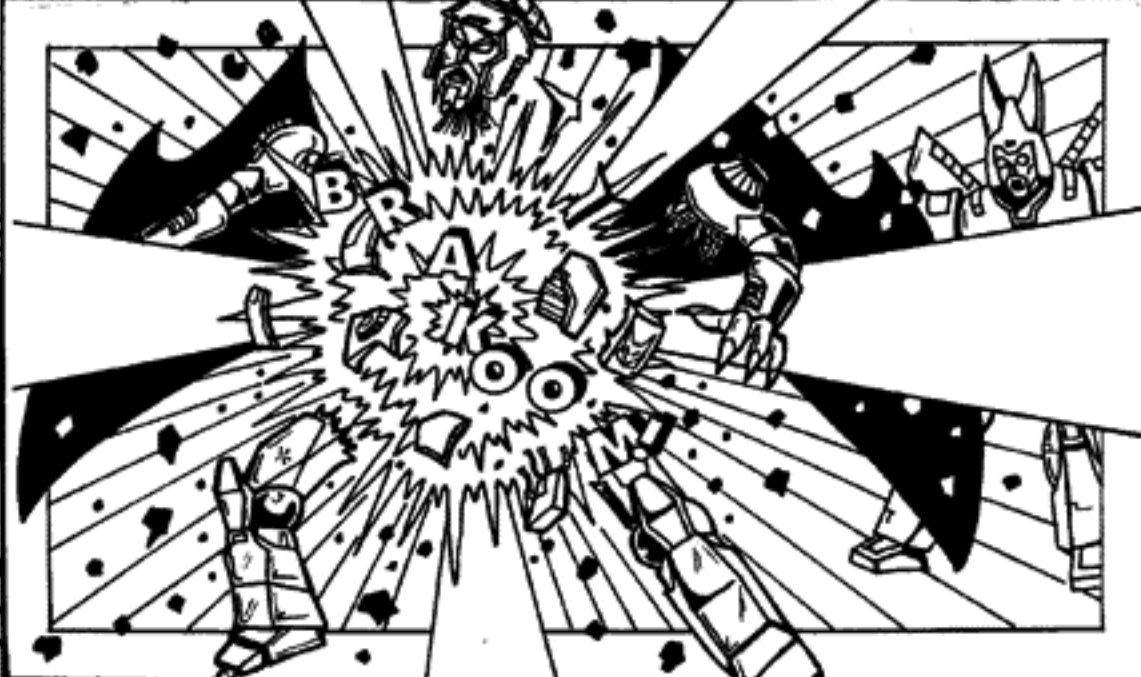


OH, JUST CURIOUS.
NO REASON.

IT'S STARTING, JUST AS I
KNEW IT WOULD.



OH WELL.
HERE GOES.
DRASTIC TIMES
AND ALL THAT...



YOU SHOULDN'T
HAVE HESITATED,
SIX-SHOT.



I WON'T MAKE THE SAME
MISTAKE.

DECEMBER 22ND, 2012

AND YOU SAY THIS PARTICULAR PIECE IS FROM THE VERY CORE OF MOONBASE 2?



YES. IT'S ABOUT 56 MILLION YEARS OLD. A GENUINE PIECE OF PRIMON ERA CYBERTRON! THE CHANCES OF IT SURVIVING PLANETFALL AND LANDING ON OUR DOORSTEP ARE ASTRONOMICAL.



VERY EXCITING, PERCEPTOR, BUT I GET THE FEELING THERE'S SOMETHING YOU'RE NOT TELLING ME.



I EXPECTED THE MARKINGS ON THE FRAGMENT TO RESEMBLE THOSE WE FOUND AFTER THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG IN TENE, BUT THEY DON'T. I'VE CROSS-CHECKED THEM AGAINST EVERY VOCAB-CODE AND DIALECT FROM THE GOLDEN AGE ONWARDS, AND I'M CERTAIN OF ONLY ONE THING. WHATEVER THEY ARE...



... THEY'RE NOT CYBERTRONIAN.



I SUGGEST YOU THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE FOUND BEFORE MAKING YOUR REPORT TO THE REST OF HIGH COMMAND.

WHAT SHALL I DO WITH THE FRAGMENT? I NEED TO STUDY FURTHER.



SEAL IT INSIDE THE SCI-LAB IN EOCRA, WITH ALL THE OTHER EVIDENCE, AFTER ALL...

"... IT'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE."



"SS/LONG/PERSONAL LOG ENTRY: I THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT THAT THE TREATY WOULD BE DERAILED, PUTTING ALL OUR GROUNDWORK TO WASTE. THANKFULLY, HOWEVER, THE DISTURBANCE WAS CONTAINED. SIDESWIPE'S MEN LED THE NEW ARRIVALS - ALL OF WHOM WERE UNDERSTANDABLY TRAUMATISED - TO A PLACE OF SAFETY..."



"...WHERE THEY WERE INTERVIEWED BY OUR BEST COUNSELLORS."



"ALL 13 OF THEM WERE CLEARLY DELUSIONAL. THEY CLAIMED TO BE NEUTRALISTS FROM THE YEAR 2013. THE STREET THAT BROUGHT THEM HERE FORMED PART OF THE SCI-LAB IN EOCRA, AN OLD IACONIAN SUBURB. ACCORDING TO SEISOR, WE'D WITNESSED A TEMPORAL FLASH, WITH A FRAGMENT OF THE PAST BEING SUPERIMPOSED ON THE FUTURE. AT THIS POINT I INTERVENED."



"WHAT STRUCK ME MOST WAS THEIR ATTITUDE. EVEN AFTER THEIR COUNSELLING, THEY MAINTAINED THAT THEY WERE GLAD TO ESCAPE THE YEAR 2013. WHEN ASKED WHY, THEY SAID THAT THEY'D BEEN WITNESSING THE END OF THE WORLD."

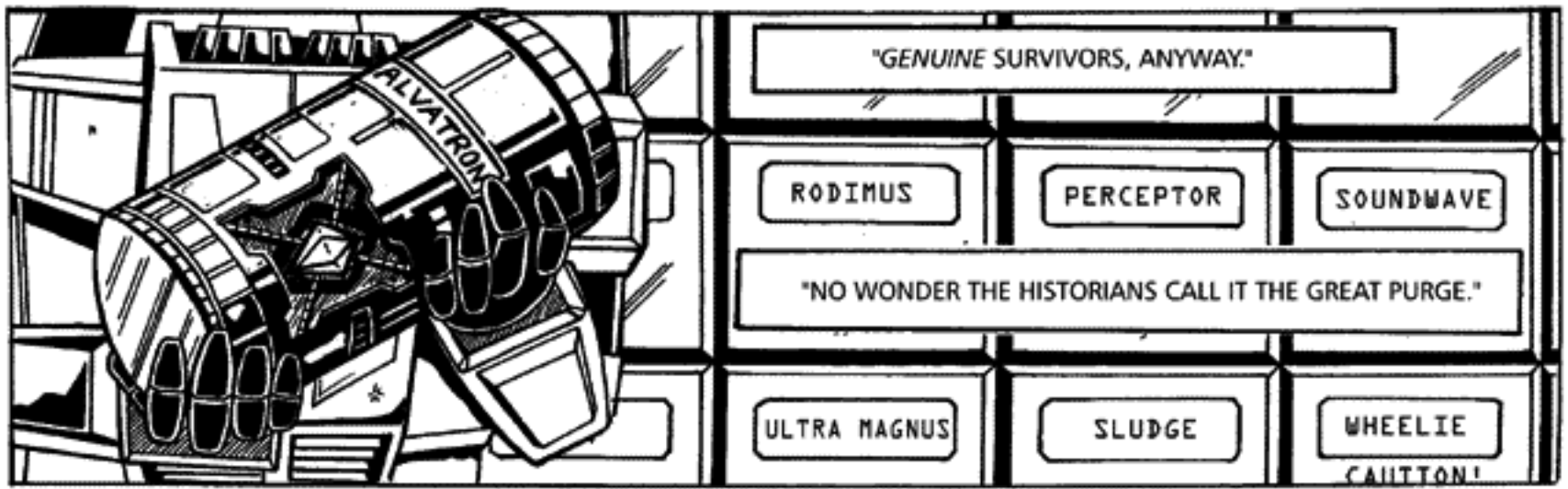
THE END OF
CYBERTRON.



"WHEN I POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS PATENTLY UNTRUE, BECAUSE HE WE WERE, 300 YEARS ON, THEY LOOKED AT ME AS IF I WERE MAD. THEY ASKED HOW I COULD BE SO SURE THAT THIS UNIVERSE WAS THE SAME AS THEIRS."

"CLEARLY, WHATEVER HAPPENED IN 2013, IT WAS SOMETHING BIG. I'LL HAVE TO SEARCH THE MINISTRY'S MEMBANKS FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THAT PERIOD. I'D ASK A TROOPER FOR AN EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNT, BUT THERE SEEMS TO BE SO FEW SURVIVORS FROM THAT PERIOD."





"GENUINE SURVIVORS, ANYWAY."

RODIMUS

PERCEPTOR

SOUNDWAVE

"NO WONDER THE HISTORIANS CALL IT THE GREAT PURGE."

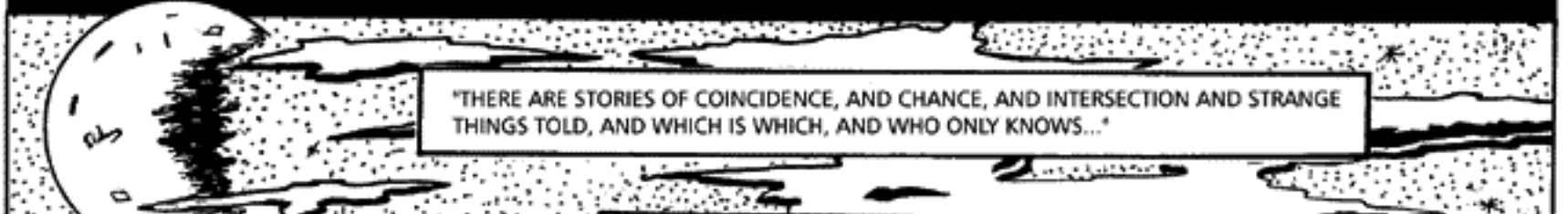
ULTRA MAGNUS

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CAUTION!

POSTSCRIPT

"AND THERE IS THE ACCOUNT OF ALPHA POINT, AND MOUNT ST HILARY, AND THE 13 NEUTRALISTS."



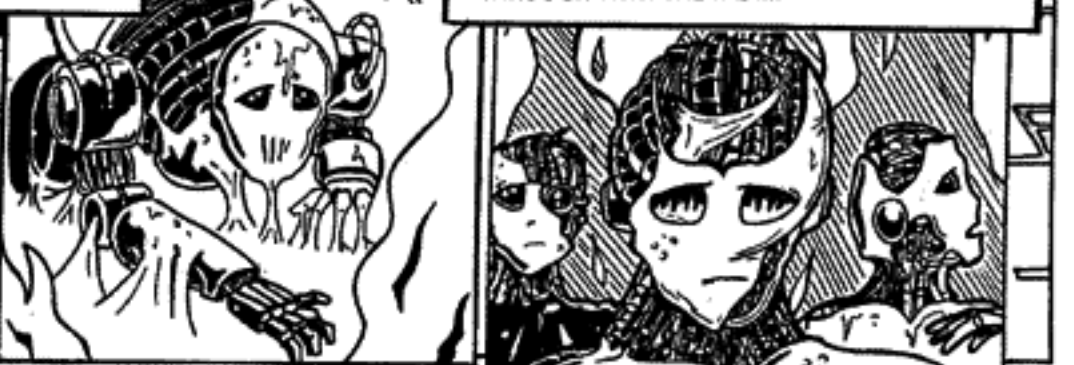
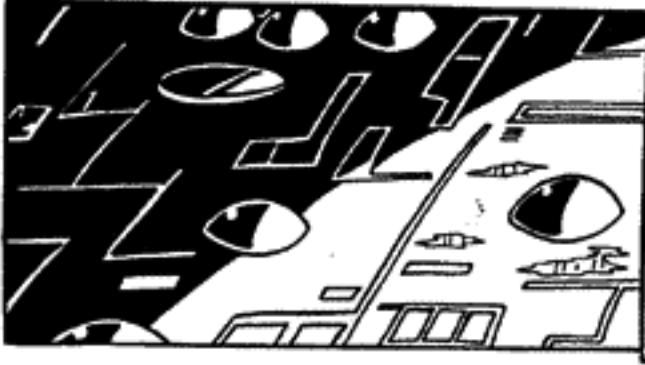
"THERE ARE STORIES OF COINCIDENCE, AND CHANCE, AND INTERSECTION AND STRANGE THINGS TOLD, AND WHICH IS WHICH, AND WHO ONLY KNOWS..."



"AND IT IS THE HUMBLE OPINION OF THIS NARRATOR THAT STRANGE THINGS HAPPEN ALL THE TIME, AND SO IT GOES, AND SO IT GOES."



"AND AS THE OLD TEXTS SAY, WE MAY BE THROUGH WITH THE PAST..."



"...BUT THE PAST ISN'T THROUGH WITH US."



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