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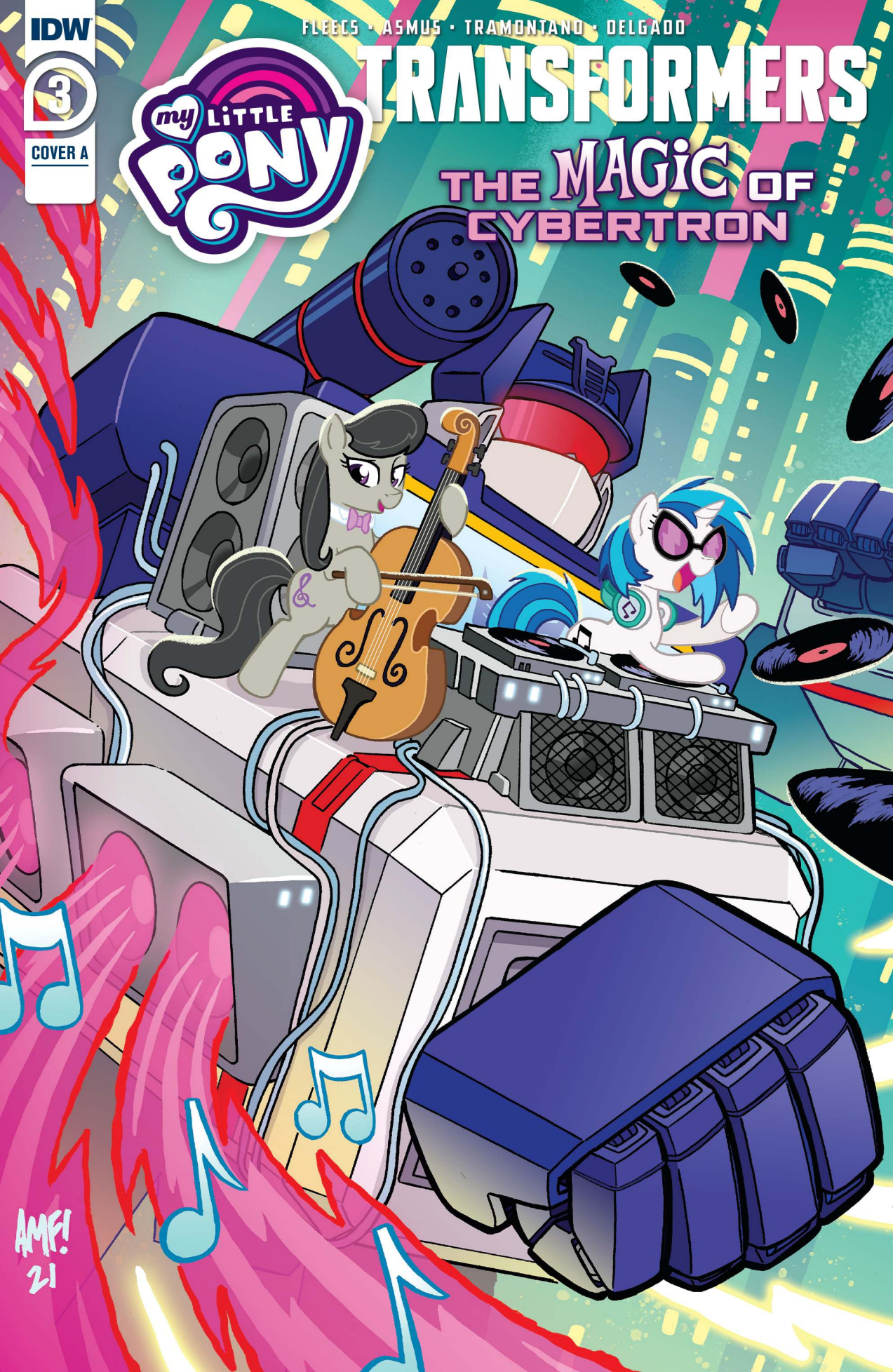
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**ROLL CALL**  
**PONIES**



**OCTAVIA**  
CURATOR OF THE SICKEST MELODIES



**VINYL SCRATCH**  
CURATOR OF THE SICKEST BEATS



**THE YOUNG SIX**  
BEST FRIENDS AND  
YOUNG ADVENTURERS



**RARITY**  
FASHIONABLE AND MAGICAL, DARLING



**ROLL CALL  
ROBOTS**



**SOUNDWAVE  
A DECEPTICON**



**RATCHET  
AN AUTOBOT**



**KNOCK OUT  
A DECEPTICON**



**BREAKDOWN  
A DECEPTICON**

# CYBERTRON.

OR SOMBRA-TRON. OR WHATEVER WE'RE CALLING IT. KING SOMBRA'S BACK AND HE'S IN CHARGE NOW! OH, NO!

KING SOMBRA HAS TWILIGHT AND THE OTHERS!

YES, OF COURSE WE SHOULD HELP THEM, VINYL SCRATCH! BUT WHAT COULD WE EVEN DO?

NO, I DON'T THINK THEY NEED DRAMATIC THEME MUSIC!

I THINK THE ONLY SENSIBLE THING TO DO IS TO STAY HIDDEN AND FIND A WAY BACK--

GAH!





STUDENTS!

HEY, I KNOW YOU! YOU CAME TO OUR SCHOOL!

MISS OCTAVIA!



WHAT ARE YOU ALL DOING HERE? HOW DID YOU EVEN GET HERE?

YOU KNOW, WE CAN'T FIGURE THAT OUT. WE WERE ALL AT COLTCHELLA-- JUST ABOUT TO GROOVE TO SOME SICK, SICK BEATS--

YONA LOVES SICKENING BEATS!

OBVIOUSLY, WE ALL LOVE SICK BEATS.

--THEN THERE WAS THIS BRIGHT LIGHT, AND THEN WE WERE HERE!



WHERE THERE ARE NO SICK BEATS TO GROOVE TO. MAJOR BUMMER.

YONA'S EARS VERY DISAPPOINTED.



MISS OCTAVIA? MISS DJ? WHAT IS THIS PLACE? WE'RE SCARED.

SPEAK FOR YOURSELF, OCELLUS! I AIN'T SCARED OF NOTH--

ZOOOOOM!



SSKKREEEOWWSHHH



WE HAVE TO GET YOU STUDENTS BACK TO EQUESTRIA AND SAFETY. WE CAME HERE THROUGH SOME SORT OF BRIDGE. IF WE CAN JUST GET BACK TO IT, WE CAN--

NOW, WAIT A MINUTE! WE HEARD YOU SAY PRINCESS TWILIGHT WAS IN TROUBLE!

WE HAVE TO HELP HER!

I JUST WANT TO GO HOME!

YEAH, THIS PLACE IS NOT CHILL AT ALL.

YOU FOALS CAN GO RUN AND HIDE IF YOU WANT! ME AND GALLUS ARE GONNA STAY HERE AND FIGHT!

I DON'T LIKE YOUR ENERGY RIGHT NOW, DUDE.

WELL, WE DON'T LIKE YOUR COWARDICE RIGHT NOW... DUDE!

YONA IS BEST AT ARGUING!

**ENOUGH!**

WE'RE TAKING YOU BACK TO THAT SPACEBRIDGE! ALL OF YOU! YOU WILL FOLLOW VINYL AND I. QUICK TEMPO. STAY IN FORMATION, AND WATCH ME FOR CHANGES.

BUT WHY CAN'T SMOLDER AND I JUST STAY HERE?

BECAUSE WE ARE STRONGER WHEN WE'RE TOGETHER... IN HARMONY.

UH...



ARE WE STRONGER THAN THAT?

LORD MEGATRON, STRAY EQUESTRIANS LOCATED. APPREHENDING NOW.

SKKTT

ALL HAIL KING SOMBRA.

SKKTT

RUN!



LORD MEGATRON? PLEASE REPEAT?

SKKTT

~ ~ ~  
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SKKTT

FORGET THAT! WE CAN TAKE THIS GUY! SMOLDER--LIGHT HIM UP!

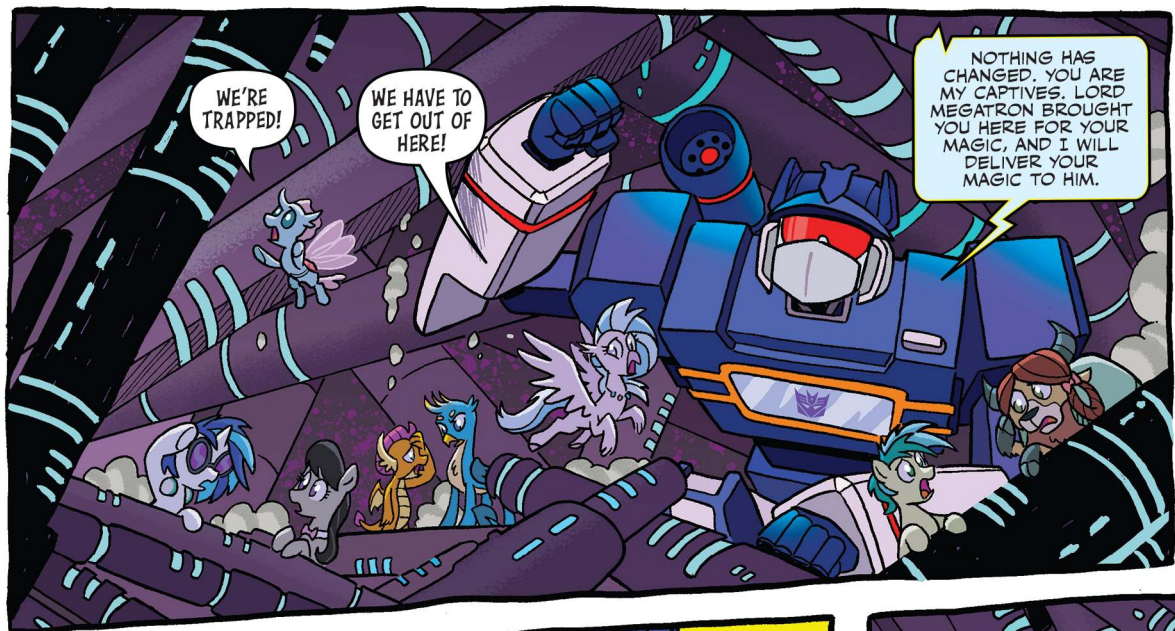


THE PASTEL YOUTHS APPEAR HOSTILE. RETURNING FIRE.

FWOOSH!  
ZAP! ZAP!

CRASH!





WE'RE TRAPPED!

WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE!

NOTHING HAS CHANGED. YOU ARE MY CAPTIVES. LORD MEGATRON BROUGHT YOU HERE FOR YOUR MAGIC, AND I WILL DELIVER YOUR MAGIC TO HIM.

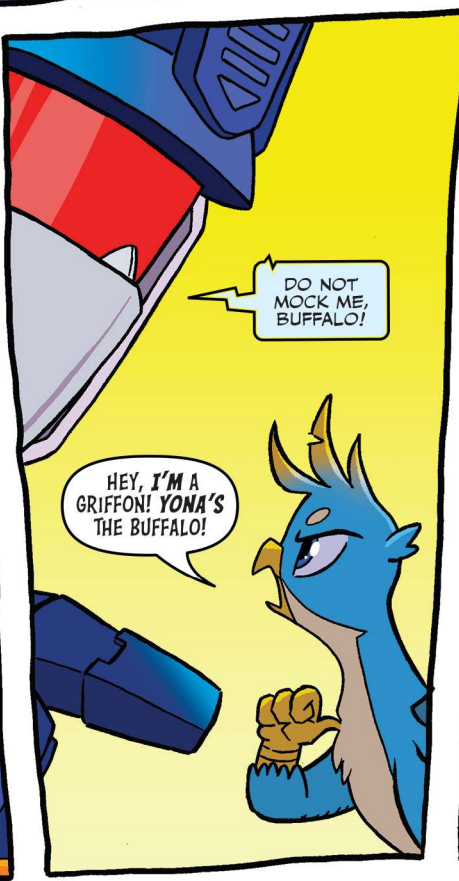


LORD MEGATRON-- I HAVE THE MAGICAL CREATURES. SEND CONSTRUCTICONS TO MY COORDINATES FOR EXCAVATION AND EXTRACTION.

LORD MEGATRON?

SHKTT

IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE HE'S IN RIGHT NOW, GUY.



DO NOT MOCK ME, BUFFALO!

HEY, I'M A GRIFFON! YONA'S THE BUFFALO!



YONA IS YAK! THAT YONA'S WHOLE THING!

STUDENTS, DON'T TAUNT THE GIANT ROBOT!

SILENCE!



WITNESS THE STRENGTH...

...OF SOUNDWAVE!

BZZ

WAAAAWWWWWWW!



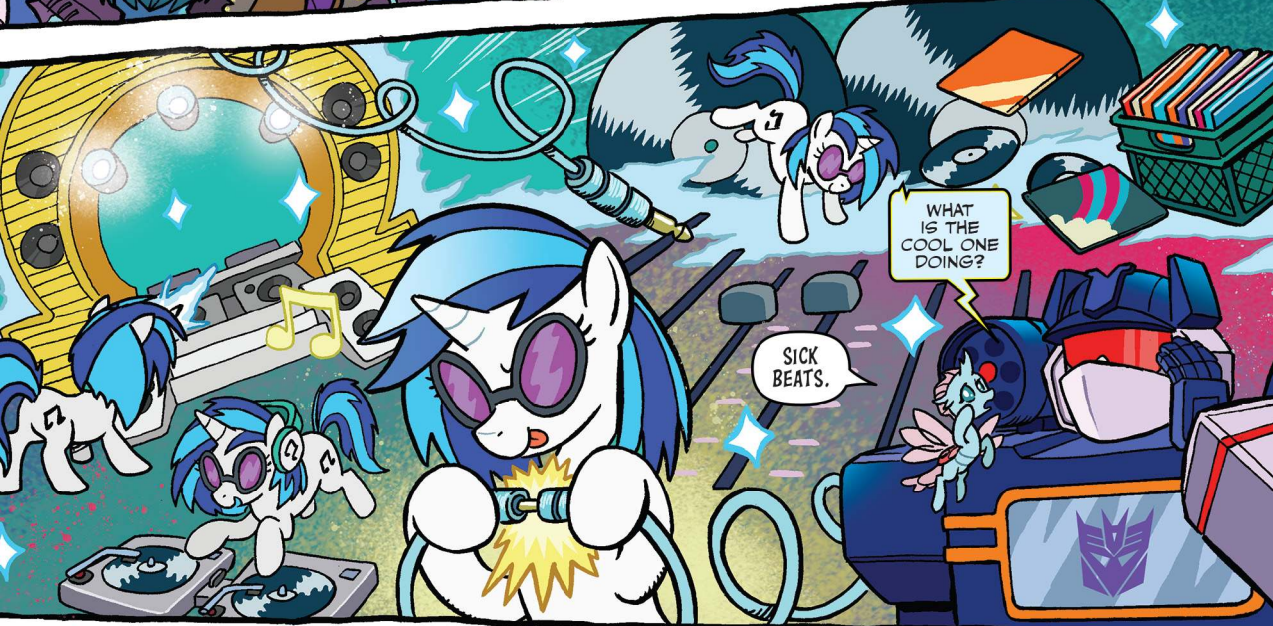
THAT WAS VERY LOUD!

WHAT?

YEAH, BUT HE DIDN'T EVEN MAKE A DENT. CAN WE TAUNT HIM NOW?

WE ARE UNDER 500 TONS OF CYBERTRONIAN STEEL. THIS BARRIER IS COATED IN IMPERVIOUS ALLOY. THERE IS NOT ONE AMONG YOU WHO COULD BREAK THROUGH, EITHER.

A SONIC BLAST IS THE ONLY WAY.



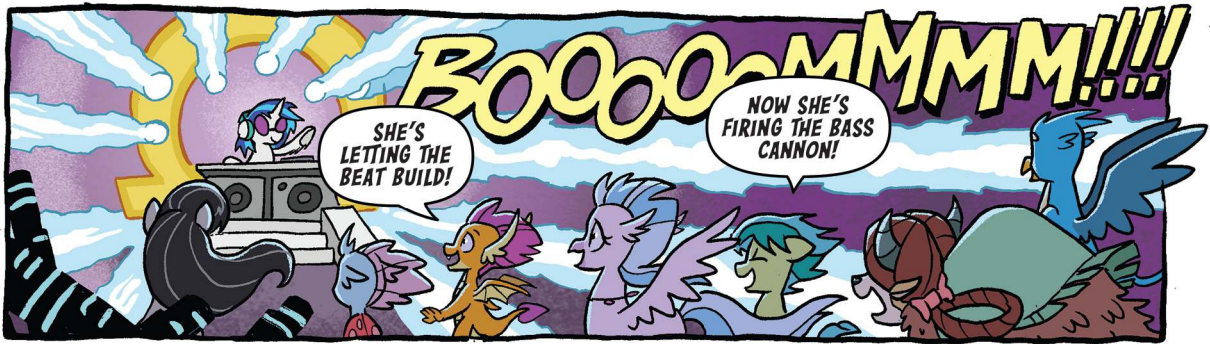
WHAT IS THE COOL ONE DOING?

SICK BEATS.

**BOOOO-MMMM!!!!**

SHE'S LETTING THE BEAT BUILD!

NOW SHE'S FIRING THE BASS CANNON!





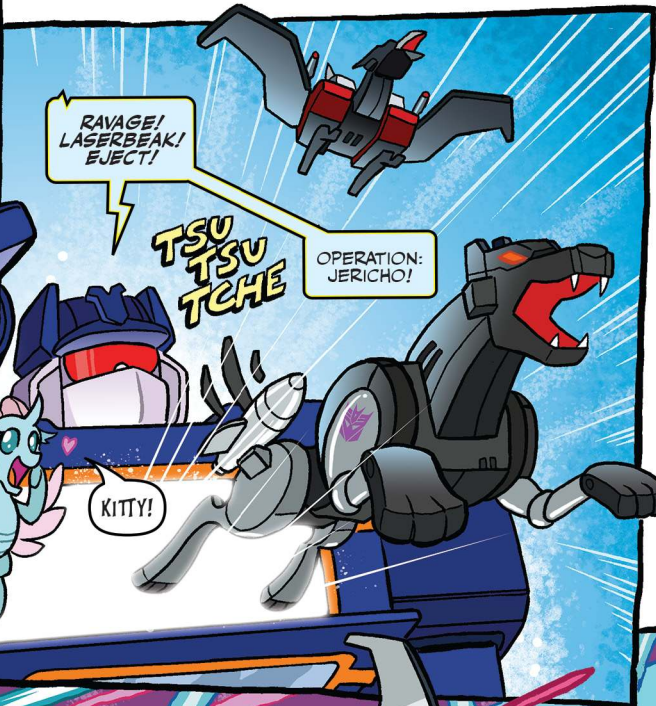


AW, WHAT?!

BOO!



VERY WELL, THEN. TIME TO BRING OUT THE BIG GUNS.



RAVAGE! LASERBEAK! EJECT!

TSU TSU TCHE

OPERATION: JERICO!

KITTY!



TSU TSU TCHE

ZAP ZIP ZAP

KA-BOOOOOOMMM!!!

BRAKKA BRAKKA

WE'RE DOOMED!

WE'RE GOING TO BE STUCK IN THIS ROBOT CAVE FOREVER!

WAIT!

...VINYL HAS AN IDEA!











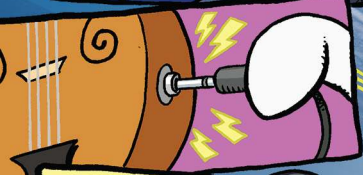
ME? BUT IT'S JUST AN ACOUSTIC...

MISS OCTAVIA, YOU SAID WE'RE STRONGER WHEN WE'RE TOGETHER.



...IN HARMONY.

PERHAPS A TRIO WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR THIS OCCASION.



BZA BZA

**BIZAAAAAZZT!**



OK. READY! AND... 1 AND 2 AND--

THE SICK BEATS!

YOU MEAN A BANGER, YONA! AND IT'S BEAUTIFUL!

YONA THINKS SONG IS BLASTER!



VINYL, DEAR...





...TAKE 'EM TO THE BRIDGE!

**BADABOOOOOM!**



THAT WAS AWESOME!

DID YOU JUST CALL ME "CAT BUTT DAWSON"?!

**TSU TSU TEHE**

BELLS IN YONA'S EARS STILL RINGING!

LORD MEGATRON. SOUNDWAVE REPORTING IN SAFE AND SOUND. THE LITTLE PONIES HAVE--

\*SKKCH\* ALL HAIL KING SOMBRA! ETERNAL RULER OF CYBERTRON! \*SKKCH\*



THAT DOESN'T SOUND GOOD.

I FEAR MY MASTER HAS FALLEN UNDER SOME SORT OF SPELL.

PERHAPS FOR NOW, THE LITTLE CHANGELING IS RIGHT...

...WE MAY BE STRONGER WHEN WE ARE TOGETHER.





SO, A HORDE OF MIND-CONTROLLED AUTOBOTS AND DECEPTICONS UNDER A DARK MAGIC SPELL FROM AN EVIL UNICORN...



...MAY PROVE SLIGHTLY OUTSIDE OF MY EXPERTISE.



DON'T WORRY, RATCHET, DARLING!

YOU'RE USED TO REPAIRING AND TREATING YOUR COMPATRIOTS--

--AND I KNOW... A BIT ABOUT MAGIC!

HOW LITTLE IS "A BIT"?

WELL, MOST OF MY FORMAL STUDY HAS BEEN IN FASHION DESIGN...



...BUT I HAVE AIDED TWILIGHT IN SEVERAL MAJOR MYSTICAL ENDEAVORS!

NOT THAT I RETAINED MUCH, AND SHE, OF COURSE, IS UNDER SOMBRA'S CONTROL...

SO WE'RE STILL IN "PHASE ONE" OF FINDING A CURE?

ABSOLUTELY.









YOU MEAN YOU'RE AN OPPORTUNIST WHO COULDN'T RESIST SOME PETTY THEFT?

PLEASE--YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT THEFT? YOU SHOULD SEE HOW EGREGIOUSLY OVERPRICED THESE DESIGNER RACING TIRES ARE!

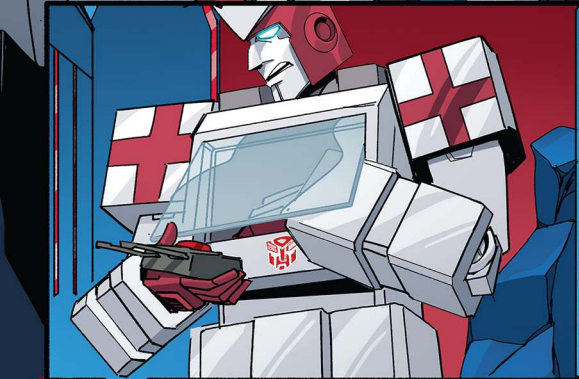


UGH! TELL ME ABOUT IT!

I THINK A FEW COUTURE SHOPS IN EQUESTRIA WOULD LITERALLY CHARGE A HORN AND A LEG IF THEY COULD.

YOU MUST BE ONE OF THESE "PONIES" I HEARD GOSSIP ABOUT! IT CERTAINLY IS REFRESHING TO MEET ANOTHER AESTHETIC APPRECIATOR.

AS EMBARRASSING AS MY MOMENTARY LAPSE IN JUDGMENT MAY BE--



--DON'T LET ME KEEP YOU FROM WHATEVER UNDOUBTEDLY IMPORTANT MISSION THE EVER-RIGHTEOUS AUTOBOTS HAVE YOU ON.



AND SAY, IF YOU DITCH THE CLINICAL TOOL KIT, AFTERWARD I'D LOVE TO TRADE SOME INTER-DIMENSIONAL--

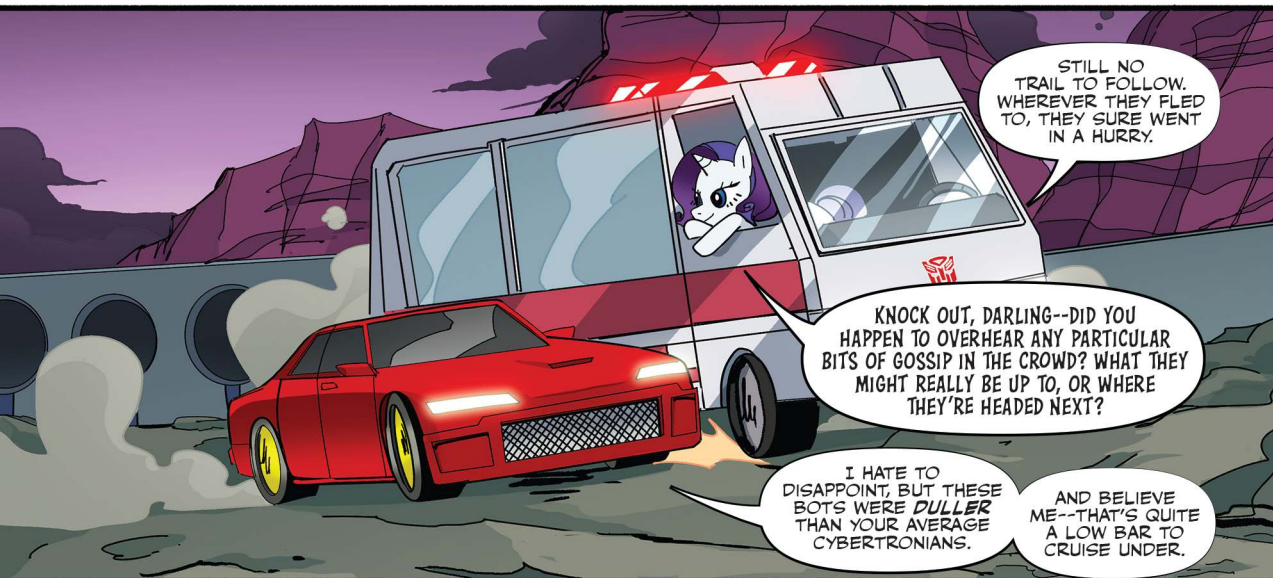


--RATCHET. WHAT IS THAT EYESORE?

CONGRATULATIONS, KNOCK OUT. YOU'VE JUST BEEN ENLISTED TO HELP.

OR I DETONATE THAT LITTLE DEVICE AND BADLY DAMAGE YOUR WELL-POLISHED PAINT JOB.



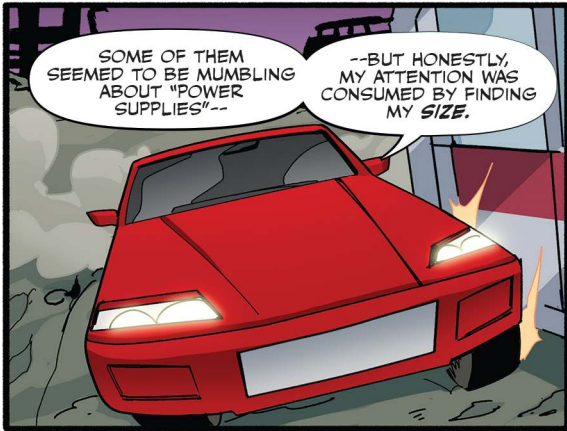


STILL NO TRAIL TO FOLLOW. WHEREVER THEY FLED TO, THEY SURE WENT IN A HURRY.

KNOCK OUT, DARLING--DID YOU HAPPEN TO OVERHEAR ANY PARTICULAR BITS OF GOSSIP IN THE CROWD? WHAT THEY MIGHT REALLY BE UP TO, OR WHERE THEY'RE HEADED NEXT?

I HATE TO DISAPPOINT, BUT THESE BOTS WERE *DULLER* THAN YOUR AVERAGE CYBERTRONIANS.

AND BELIEVE ME--THAT'S QUITE A LOW BAR TO CRUISE UNDER.



SOME OF THEM SEEMED TO BE MUMBLING ABOUT "POWER SUPPLIES"--

--BUT HONESTLY, MY ATTENTION WAS CONSUMED BY FINDING MY *SIZE*.



UNBELIEVABLE. I'VE NEVER MET ANY KIND OF *REPAIR BOT* SO *SELFISH* AND *SHALLOW* THAT THEY'D TURN A BLIND OPTIC TO SO MANY SPARKS IN NEED.



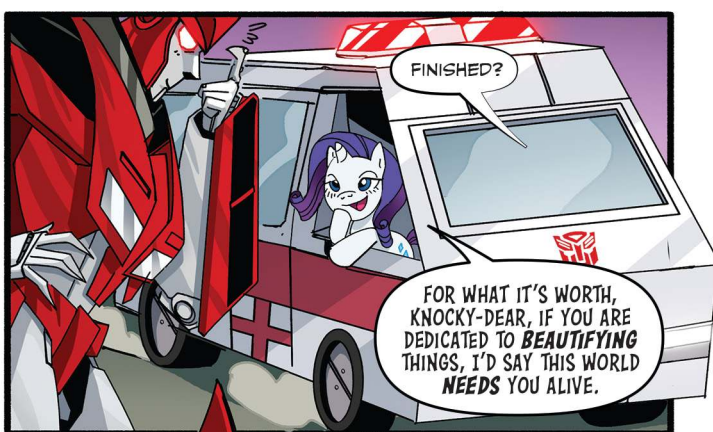
AND I NEVER IMAGINED A *WAR MEDIC* SO *NAIVE*.

IF I ATTEMPTED TO *CARVE OUT* SOME *CORRUPT CIRCUIT*...

...THE REST OF THAT UNWASHED HORDE WOULD HAVE TORN ME BOLTS FROM BUMPER BEFORE I'D FINISHED!

I LEARNED MY *SURGICAL ARTS* TO BRING BEAUTY, REFINEMENT, AND ELEVATED LIVING TO THOSE WHO APPRECIATE IT.

*NOT* TO BECOME SOME... BATTLEFIELD MARTYR.



FINISHED?

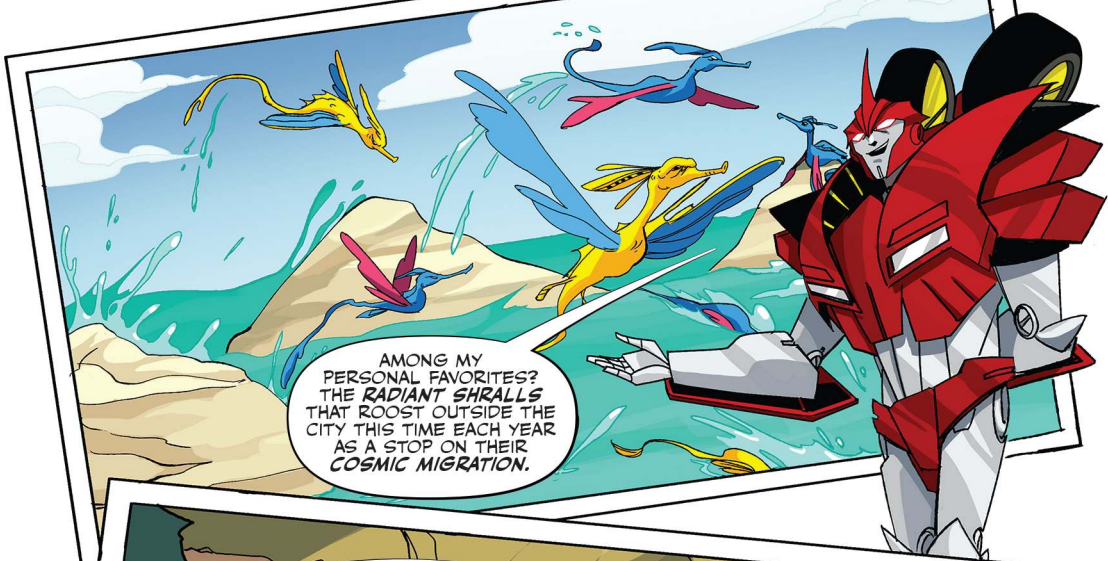
FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, *KNOCKY-DEAR*, IF YOU ARE DEDICATED TO *BEAUTIFYING* THINGS, I'D SAY THIS WORLD *NEEDS* YOU ALIVE.



WAIT A CYCLE... TRUE AS THAT MAY *BE*, I CAN'T LET YOU RETURN TO *EQUESTRIA* THINKING CYBERTRON'S ENTIRELY SO... *BRUTALIST*.

*RATCHET?* IF YOU WANT MY HELP WITH YOUR LITTLE *SCAVENGER HUNT*-- I'M SETTING THE ITINERARY!



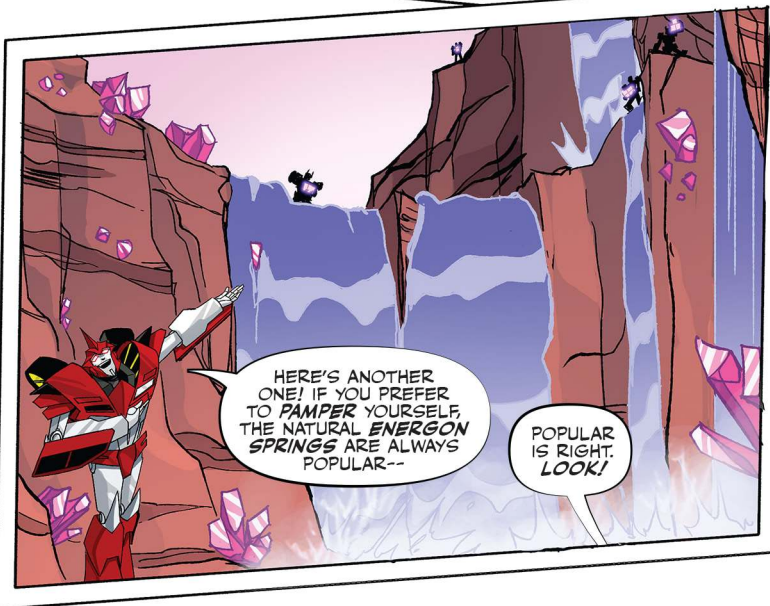


AMONG MY PERSONAL FAVORITES? THE **RADIANT SHRALLS** THAT ROOST OUTSIDE THE CITY THIS TIME EACH YEAR AS A STOP ON THEIR **COSMIC MIGRATION**.



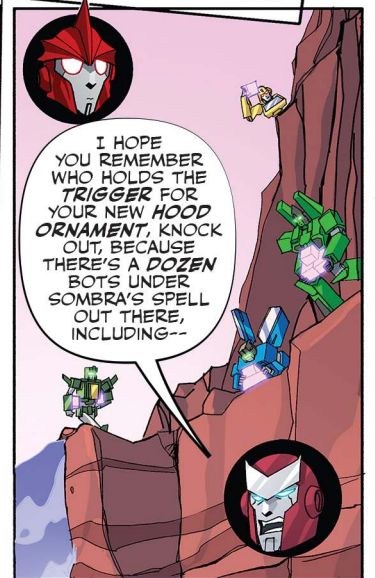
OR THE ANCIENT **TITANS!**

ENORMOUS **SENTIENT BEINGS** CAPABLE OF **CONVERTING** INTO **HUGE, POWERFUL** ROBOT FORMS--BUT MOSTLY CONTENT TO **SLUMBER** AS CITIES, OR OTHER FORMS MORE IN **SERVICE** TO CYBERTRON.



HERE'S ANOTHER ONE! IF YOU PREFER TO **PAMPER** YOURSELF, THE **NATURAL ENERGON SPRINGS** ARE ALWAYS POPULAR--

POPULAR IS RIGHT. **LOOK!**



I HOPE YOU REMEMBER WHO HOLDS THE **TRIGGER** FOR YOUR NEW **HOOD ORNAMENT**, KNOCK OUT, BECAUSE THERE'S A **DOZEN** SOMBRA'S SPELL OUT THERE, INCLUDING--

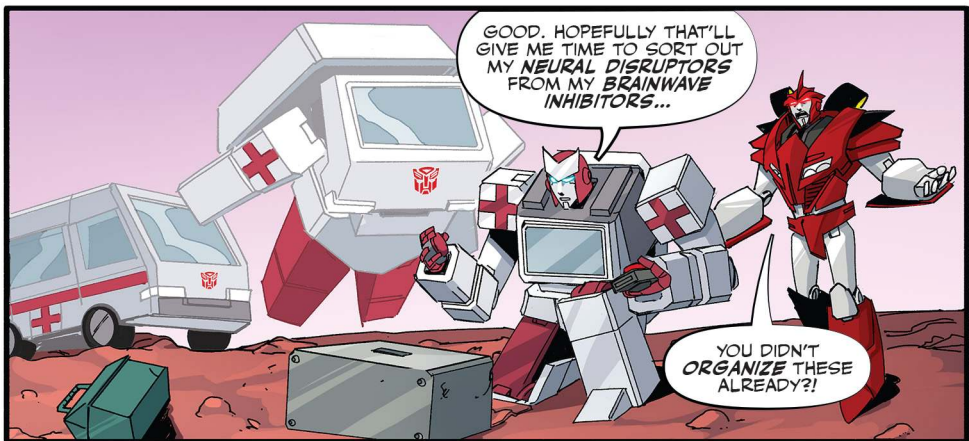
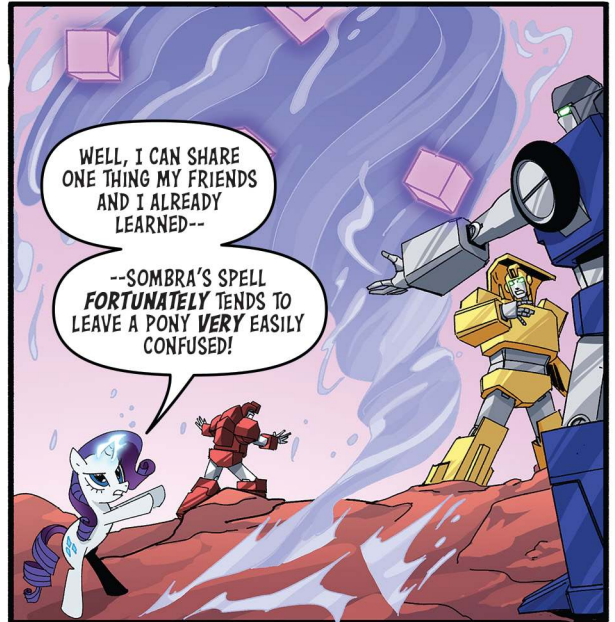
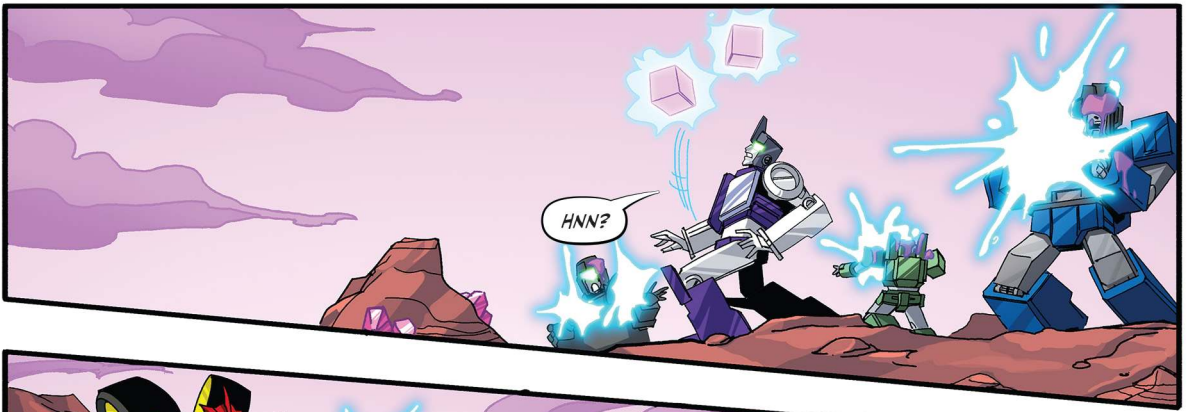


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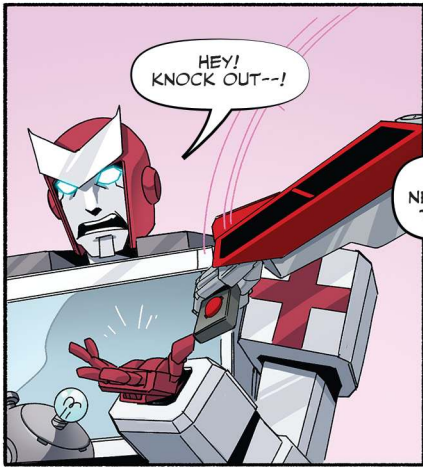
YOU DON'T NEED TO **THREATEN** ME INTO ACTION, RATCHET. MY **PARTNER** IS ONE OF THEM.

JUST TELL ME THE **PLAN**.



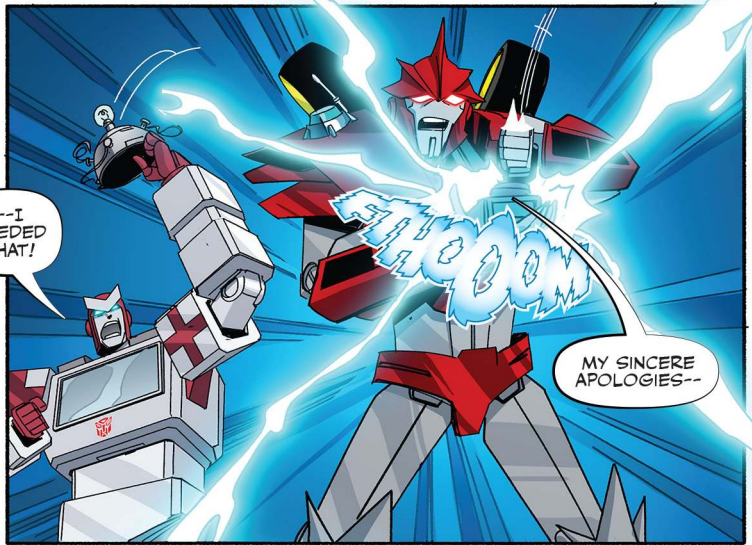




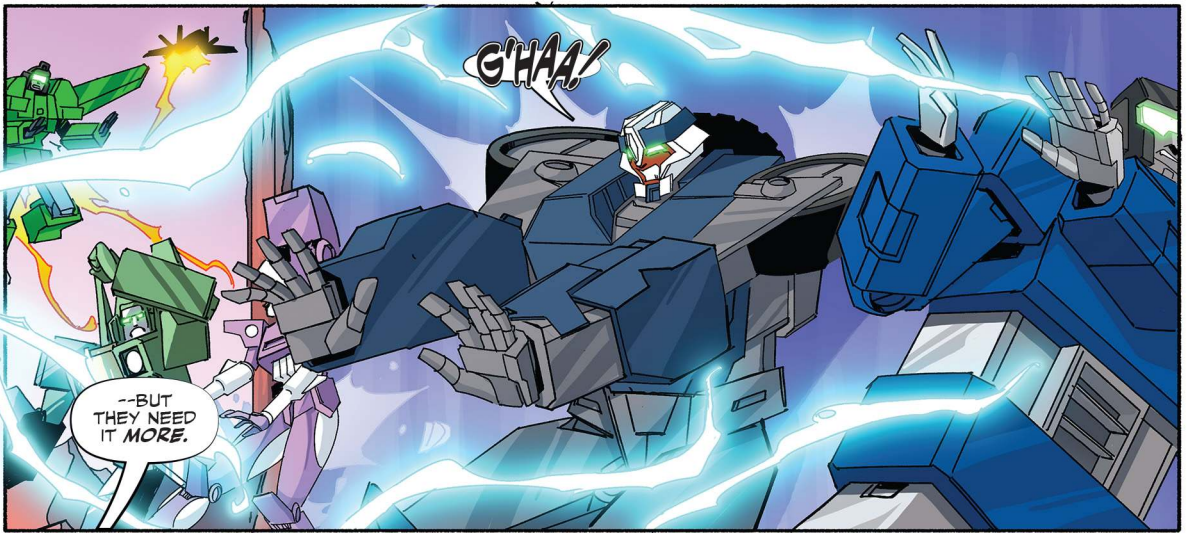


HEY!  
KNOCK OUT--!

--I  
NEEDED  
THAT!



MY SINCERE  
APOLOGIES--



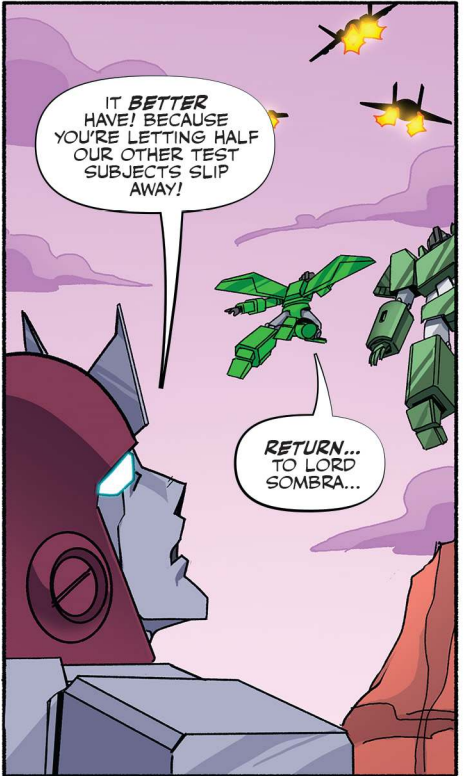
GHAH!

--BUT  
THEY NEED  
IT *MORE*.



WE MUST  
RETURN... TO  
LORD SOMBRA...

BREAKDOWN!  
DID IT WORK?



IT BETTER  
HAVE! BECAUSE  
YOU'RE LETTING  
HALF OUR OTHER  
TEST SUBJECTS  
SLIP AWAY!

RETURN...  
TO LORD  
SOMBRA...





WE MUST RETURN... TO LORD SOMBRA...



I'M AFRAID IT'S GOING TO TAKE MORE THAN A ZAP FROM... WHATEVER CONTRAPTION THAT WAS.



FORGIVE ME, PRINCESS! BUT WE'VE YET TO DISCOVER A WAY TO CONDUCT PURE "FRIENDSHIP ENERGY" OR WHATEVER YOU DO ON YOUR WORLD!



WELL... WHILE I BELIEVE THAT WAS SARCASTIC, I SHOULD MENTION I AM *NOT* A PRINCESS--

--(THOUGH I AM CLOSE, PERSONAL FRIENDS WITH SEVERAL, AND A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL COURT)--

--BUT ALSO, THAT IS ESSENTIALLY HOW WE BROKE SOMBRA'S SPELL BEFORE.



SHE'S A TALKING MAGICAL PONY WITH A FASHION CAREER.

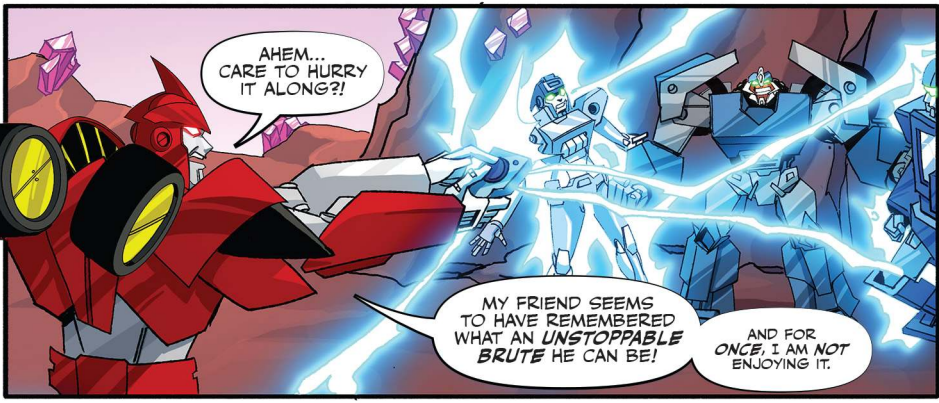
WHY DID I EXPECT ANYTHING LESS?



HEY...

...THINK YOU CAN DO IT AGAIN?





AHEM... CARE TO HURRY IT ALONG?!

MY FRIEND SEEMS TO HAVE REMEMBERED WHAT AN **UNSTOPPABLE BRUTE** HE CAN BE!

AND FOR **ONCE**, I AM **NOT** ENJOYING IT.



HEY-- MAYBE THIS WILL CHEER YOU UP.



OH, MY...

...I HAVEN'T SEEN **MUCH** THAT CAN HOLD BREAKDOWN, BUT... HE'S STILL NOT HIMSELF, SPARKLES.



RIGHT.

BECAUSE IT ISN'T **MY** FRIENDSHIP THAT CAN GET THROUGH TO HIM.

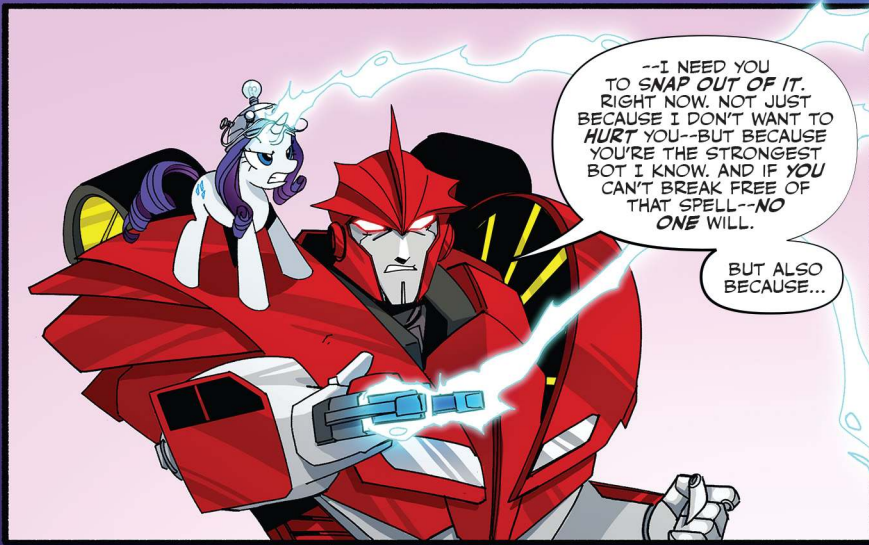


JUST REACH OUT FROM THE **HEART**, DARLING. BETWEEN THE TWO OF US, IT JUST MIGHT WORK.

LET'S HOPE SO...

**LISTEN** TO ME, YOU **BIG HUNK** OF METAL--





--I NEED YOU TO **SNAP OUT OF IT**. RIGHT NOW. NOT JUST BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO **HURT YOU**--BUT BECAUSE YOU'RE THE STRONGEST BOT I KNOW. AND IF YOU CAN'T BREAK FREE OF THAT SPELL--**NO ONE WILL**.

BUT ALSO BECAUSE...



...BECAUSE YOU'RE MY **BETTER HALF** AND FRANKLY, IF I HAVE TO FIGHT TO KEEP THIS WORLD FROM FALLING INTO A **GRIM, UNICORN DYSTOPIA**-- AND WE **LOSE**--



--I'D HATE TO SPEND AN ETERNITY ON A **SCRAP HEAP** NEXT TO ANYONE ELSE.

...HNN? **KNOCK OUT!**



THAT WAS **LOVELY!**

ESPECIALLY SINCE THE SPELL DIDN'T REQUIRE YOU TO SAY ANYTHING!

WAIT-- **WHAT?!**

**KNOCK OUT!** YOU SAVED ME! AND SO **SWEET** ABOUT IT, TOO!



RATCHET, YOU **GENIUS!** THAT LITTLE HEAD THING-A-MABOB REALLY LET ME CHANNEL **KNOCK OUT'S** EMOTIONS INTO MY OWN **MAGIC!**

AND I'D SAY HE'S **EARNED HIS FREEDOM** FROM THAT DEVICE, WOULDN'T YOU?

**PFFT!** I WOULD NEVER **ACTUALLY** PUT **SPARK-THREATENING** TECHNOLOGY ON SOMEBOT! THAT WAS A **MAGNETIZED TRACKING DEVICE**. HE CAN TAKE IT OFF ANYTIME.

BUT IF PIPING YOUR SPELL THROUGH OLD **CYBERTRON TECH** MADE YOU THAT MUCH MORE **POWERFUL**, WE NEED TO SEE WHAT ELSE **WHEELJACK** COULD PUT TOGETHER!

AND **PRAY** TO **PRIMUS** THAT **SOMBRA** DOESN'T FIGURE OUT HOW TO HIMSELF.

TOO LATE FOR THAT, I'M **AFRAID!** **HM-HM-HAAAA!**

**TO BE CONCLUDED!**



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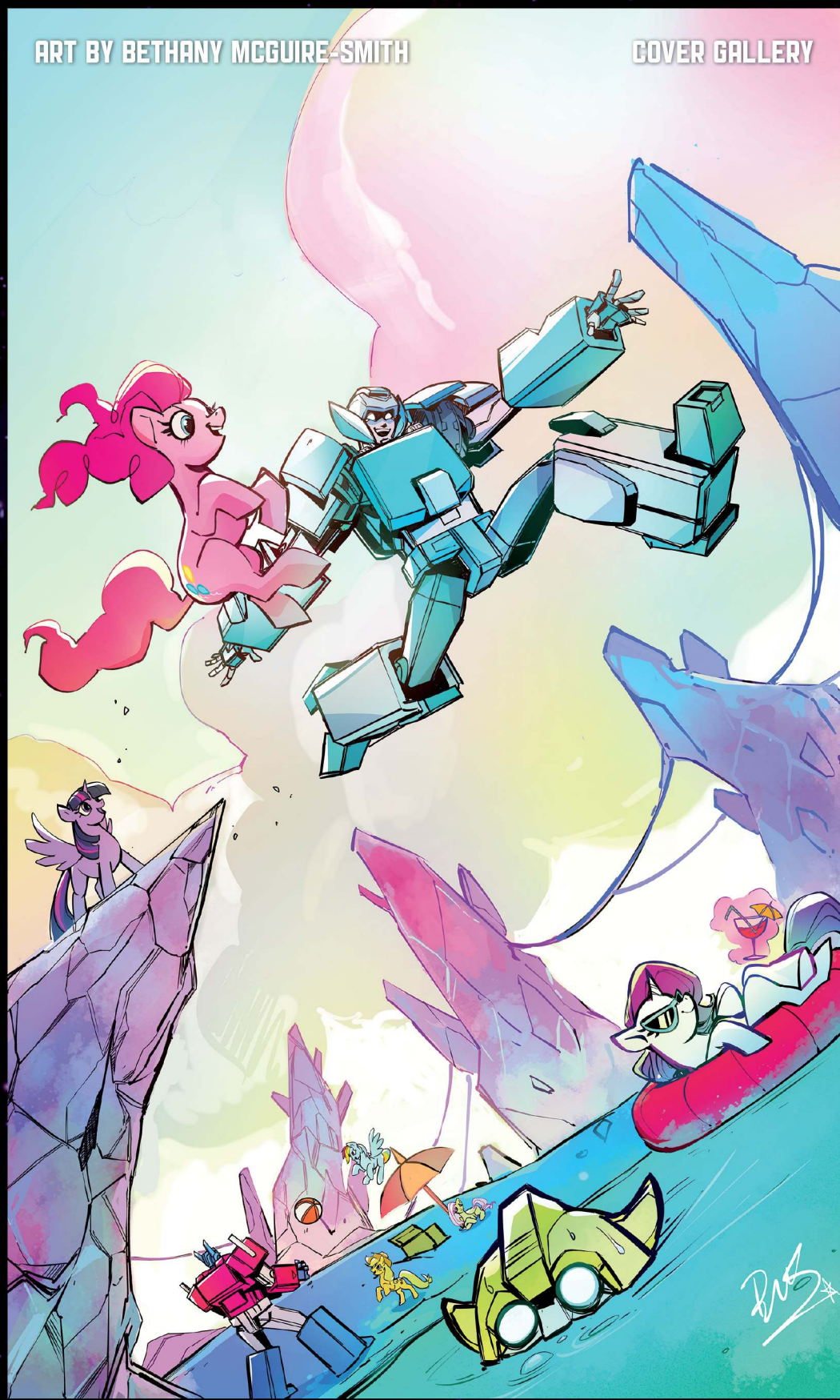


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