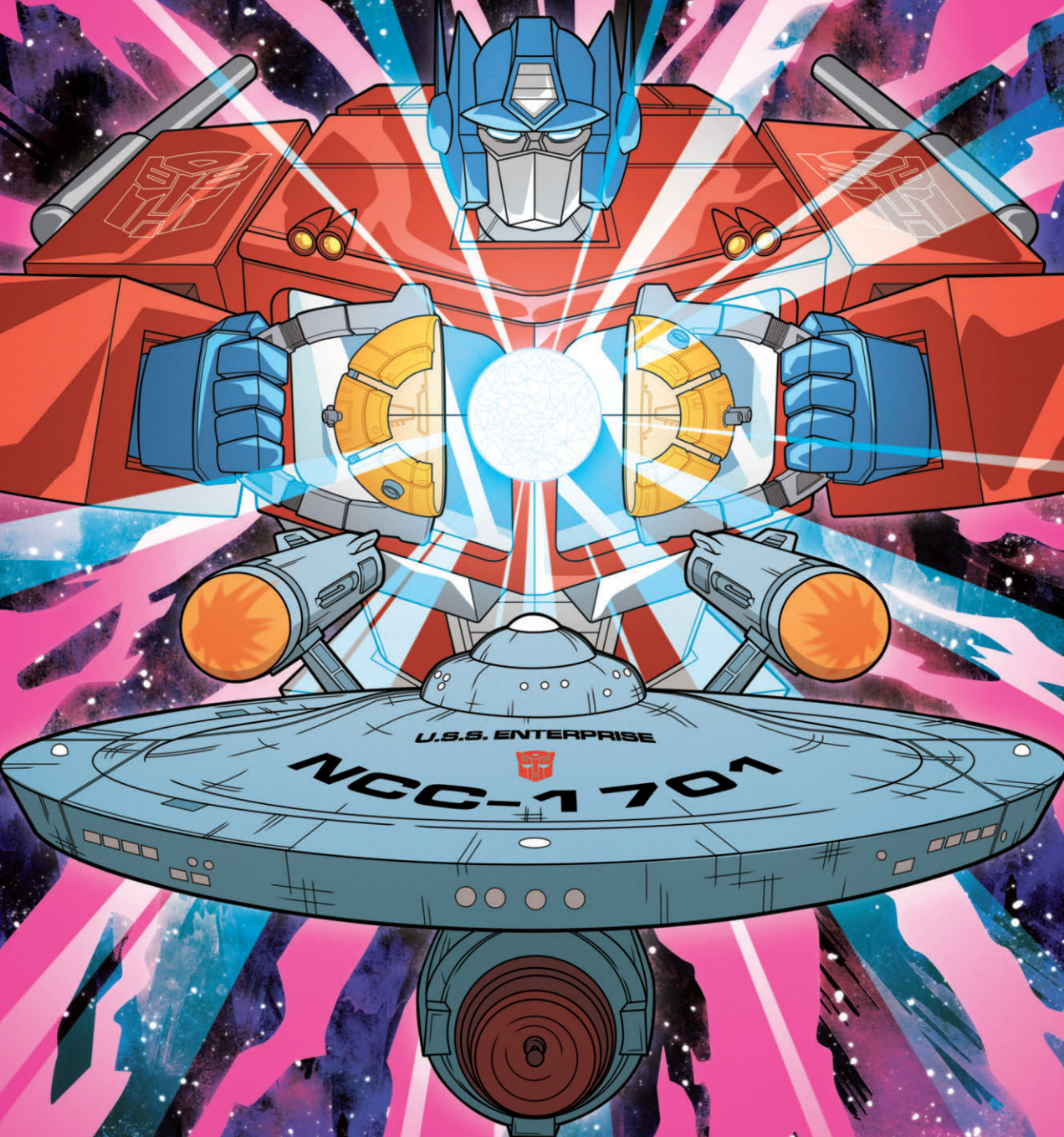


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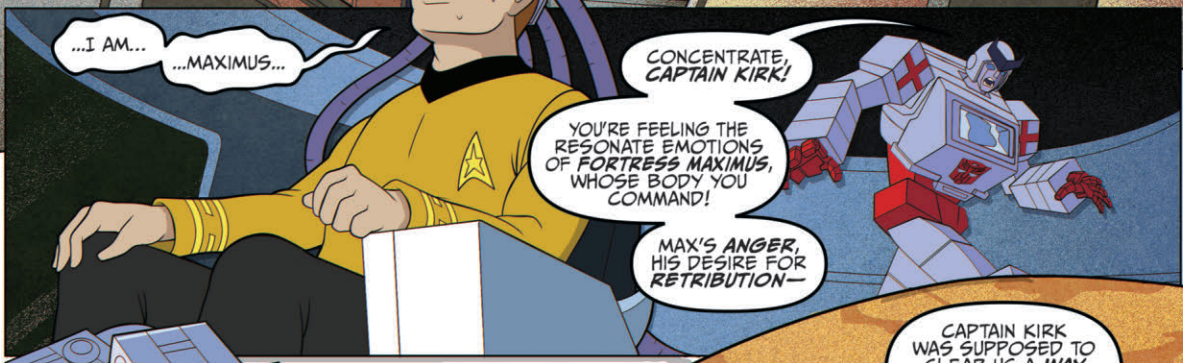


SURRENDER, DECEPTICON—TO **FORTRESS TIBERIUS!**

I HAVE THE STRENGTH—THE POWER OF A FEDERATION STARSHIP!

I CAN DESTROY ALL DECEPTICONS...

...I AM...



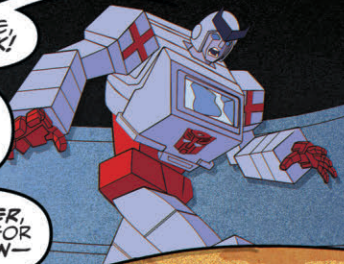
...I AM...

...MAXIMUS...

CONCENTRATE, CAPTAIN KIRK!

YOU'RE FEELING THE RESONATE EMOTIONS OF **FORTRESS MAXIMUS**, WHOSE BODY YOU COMMAND!

MAX'S ANGER, HIS DESIRE FOR RETRIBUTION—

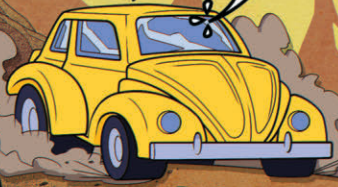


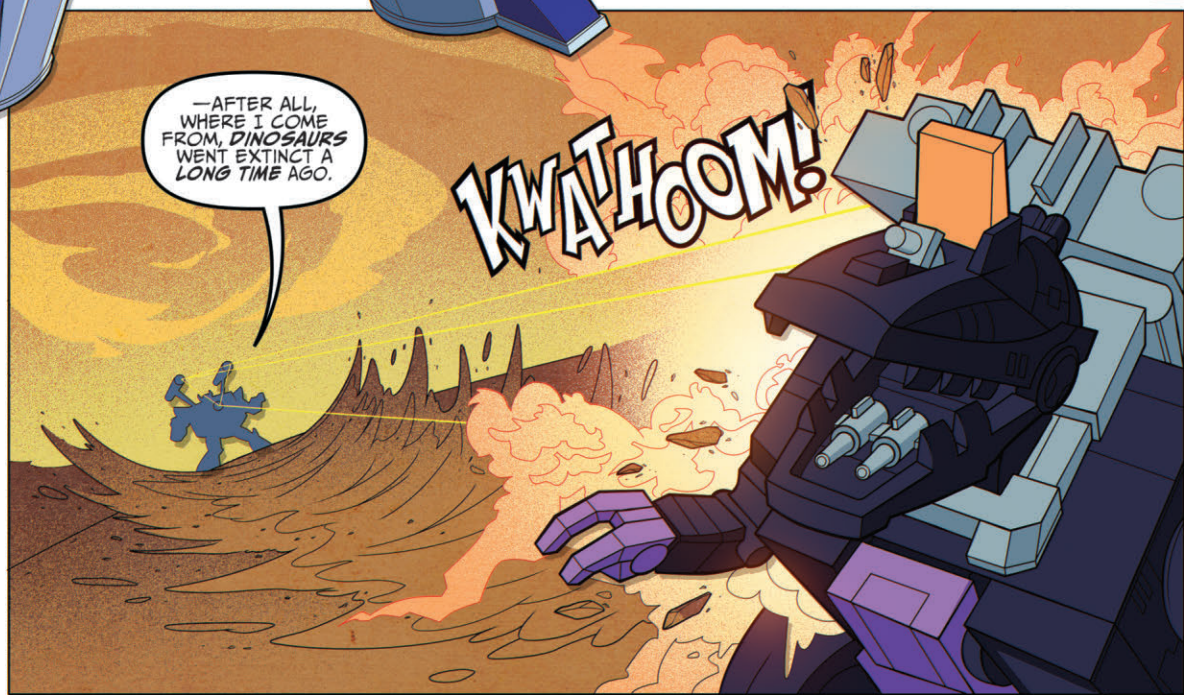
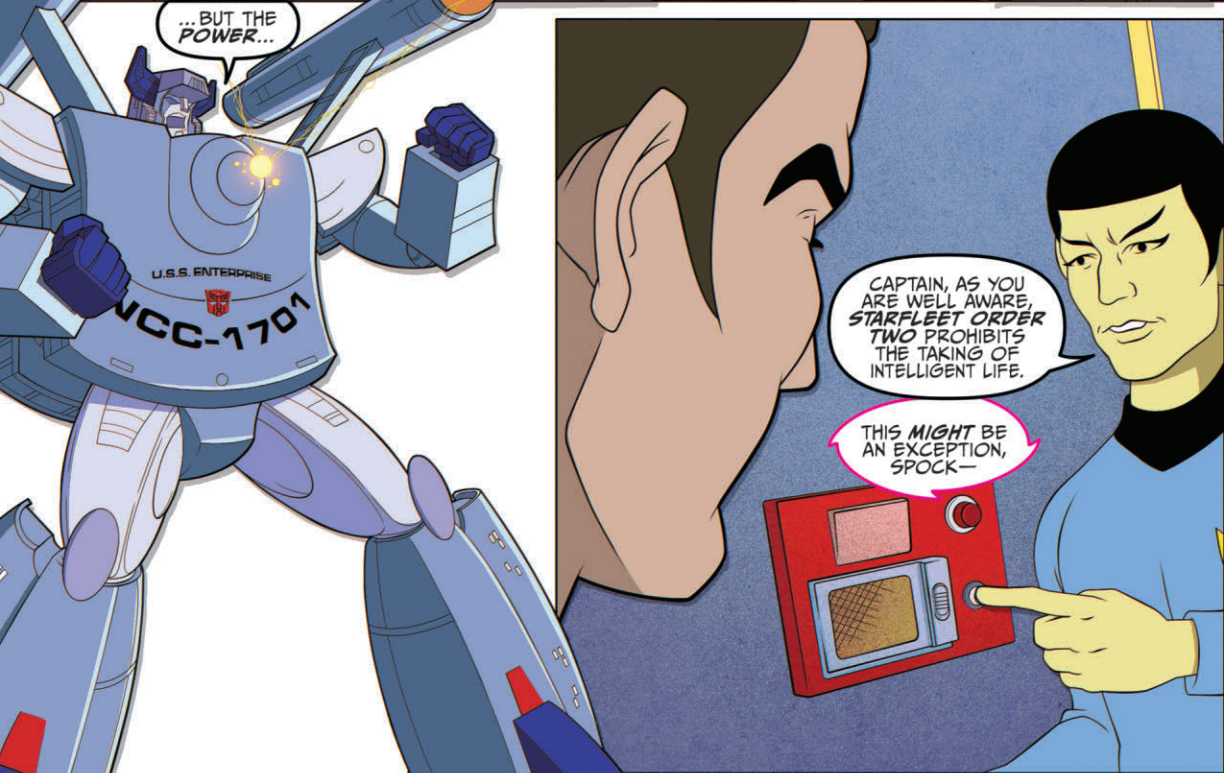
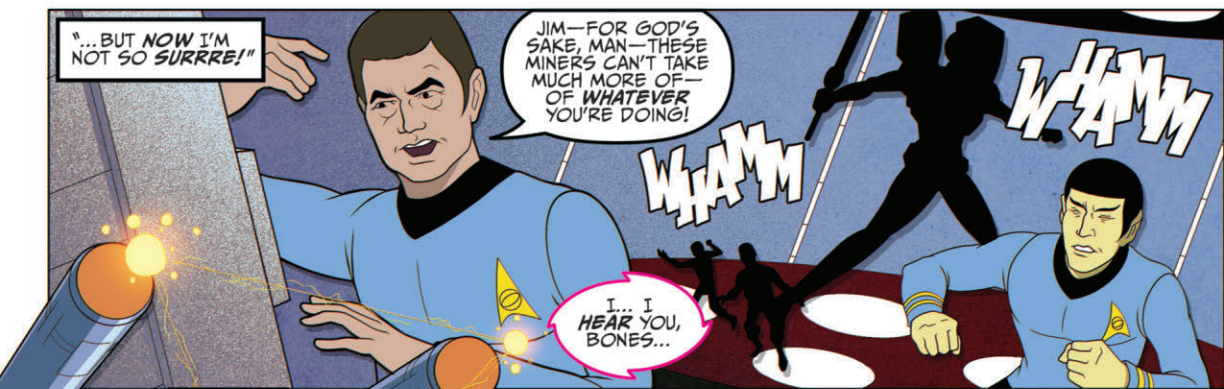
CAPTAIN KIRK WAS SUPPOSED TO CLEAR US A WAY OUT! JUST LIKE A HUMAN TO LOSE CONTROL!

AW, COME ON, JAZZ—NOBODY'S EVER TRIED SOMETHING LIKE THIS. PLUS, HE TRANSPORTED ALL THE HUMANS INSIDE HIM.

MRRRRRRIGHT, BUMBLEBEE— AND THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A SAFE PLACE...

"—DON'T LET IT TAKE OVER!"

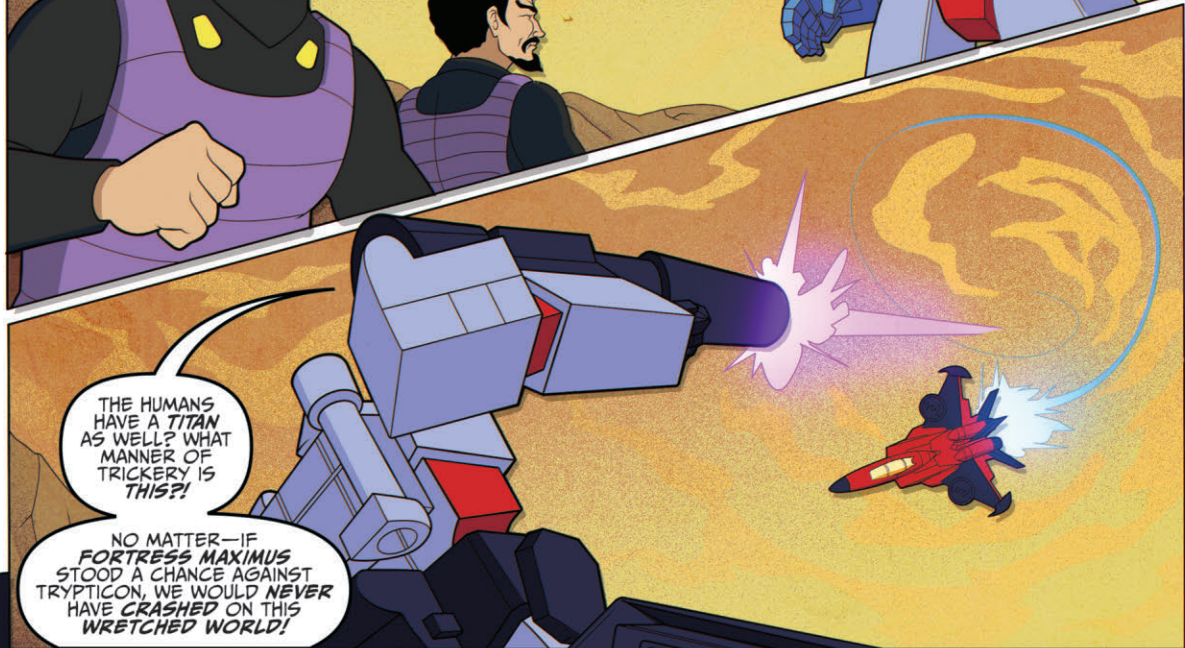






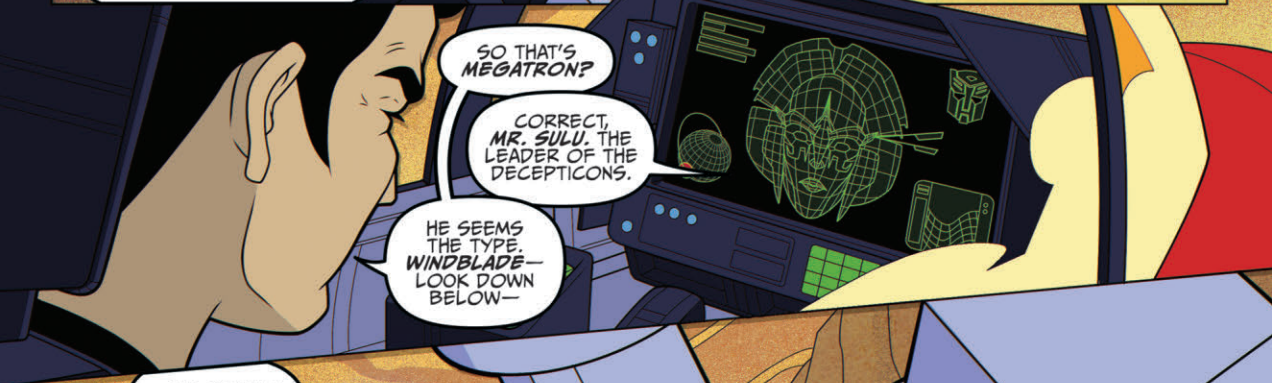
YOU PROMISED
VICTORY,
STARScream! THE
KLINGON EMPIRE
GAVE YOU—

SHH—YOU
DON'T HAVE TO GO
BROADCASTING THAT
EVERYWHERE, KURI.



THE HUMANS
HAVE A **TITAN**
AS WELL? WHAT
MANNER OF
TRICKERY IS
THIS?!

NO MATTER—IF
FORTRESS MAXIMUS
STOOD A CHANCE AGAINST
TRYPTICON, WE WOULD **NEVER**
HAVE **CRASHED** ON THIS
WRETCHED WORLD!



SO THAT'S
MEGATRON?

CORRECT,
MR. **SULU**. THE
LEADER OF THE
DECEPTICONS.

HE SEEMS
THE TYPE.
WINDBLADE—
LOOK DOWN
BELOW—



—WE SHOULD
REGROUP
BEFORE THIS
ALL GETS OUT
OF HAND.

MIGHT BE
A LITTLE
LATE...



WHERE ARE MY
DECEPTICONS?!
STARScream—HAVE
YOU ABANDONED
YOUR **POST?!**



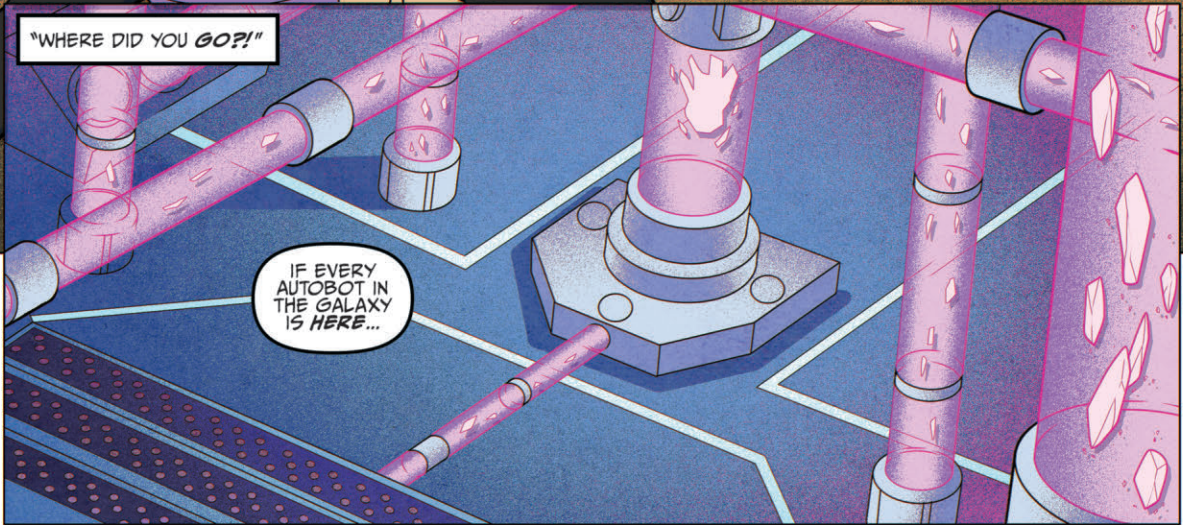
WHAT DOES
YOUR MASTER
BRAY ABOUT
NOW?

STARSCREAM
IS RIGHT
BESIDE M—

—STARSCREAM...?

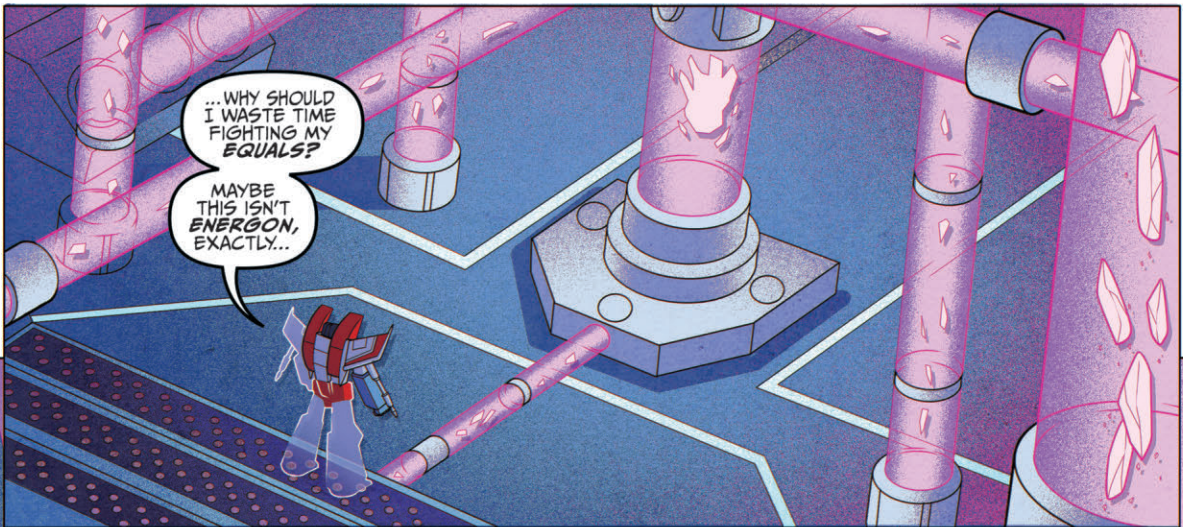
"WHERE DID YOU *GO*?!"

IF EVERY
AUTOBOT IN
THE GALAXY
IS *HERE*...



...WHY SHOULD
I WASTE TIME
FIGHTING MY
EQUALS?

MAYBE
THIS ISN'T
ENERGON,
EXACTLY...



...BUT WITH ENOUGH
DILITHIUM, I'M SURE I
CAN CONQUER ANY
NUMBER OF PUNY
LITTLE FLESHLINGS—

—AND BE
THE RULER I
WAS ALWAYS
DESTINED
TO BE.





I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THIS. MEGATRON'S MAD.

THE KLINGONS TEAMED UP WITH THE DECEPTICONS. THEY MADE THEIR CYBER-BED—LET 'EM ENTER REST-MODE IN IT.

RRRR. YOU MAY HAVE A POINT...

TSCHE CHU CHU

...BUT THE FEDERATION PROTECTS ALL LIFE, WHEN—RRRR—POSSIBLE.

THAT INCLUDES KLINGONS.

I CAN GET BEHIND THAT PHILOSOPHY, M'RESS.

IF YOU WANT TO SAVE LIVES, START WITH YOUR OWN—

—AND DUCK!

WHOA!

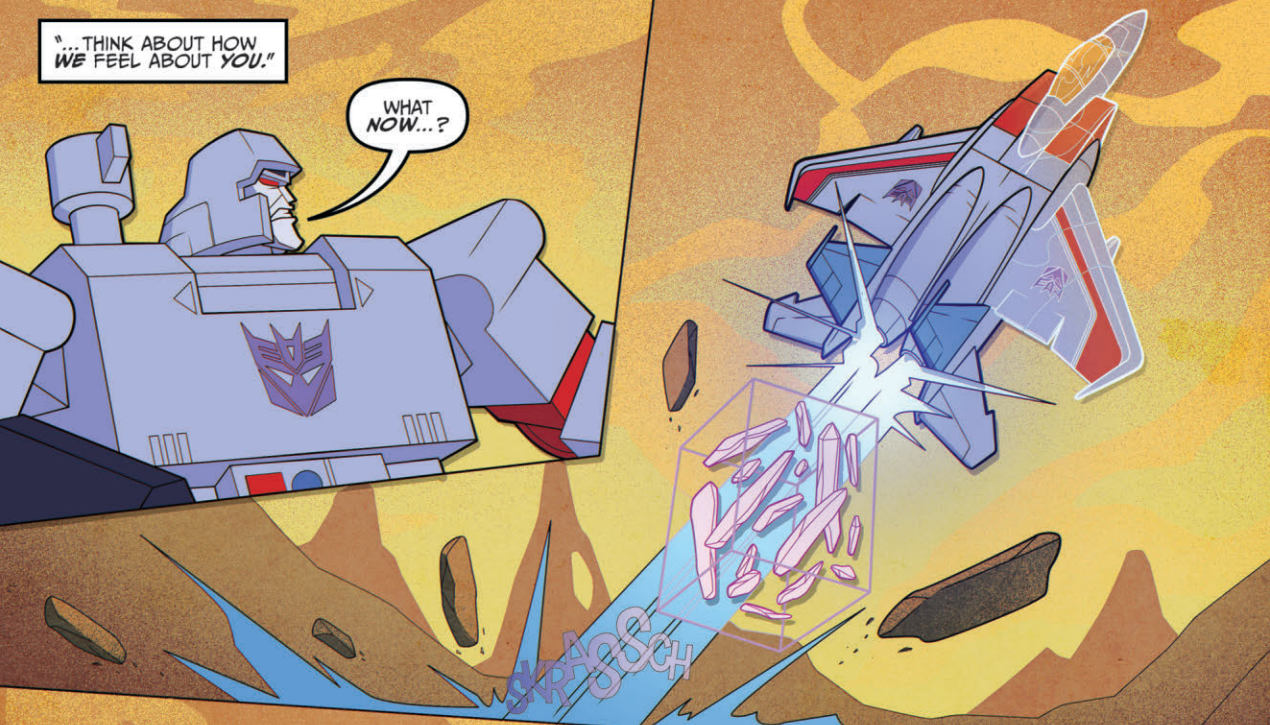
THEY'RE SO GINORMOUS—ALMOST SQUISHED US WITHOUT NOTICING.

REMEMBER HOW MAD YOU WERE AT HUMANS, JAZZ?

WELL...

"...THINK ABOUT HOW
WE FEEL ABOUT YOU."

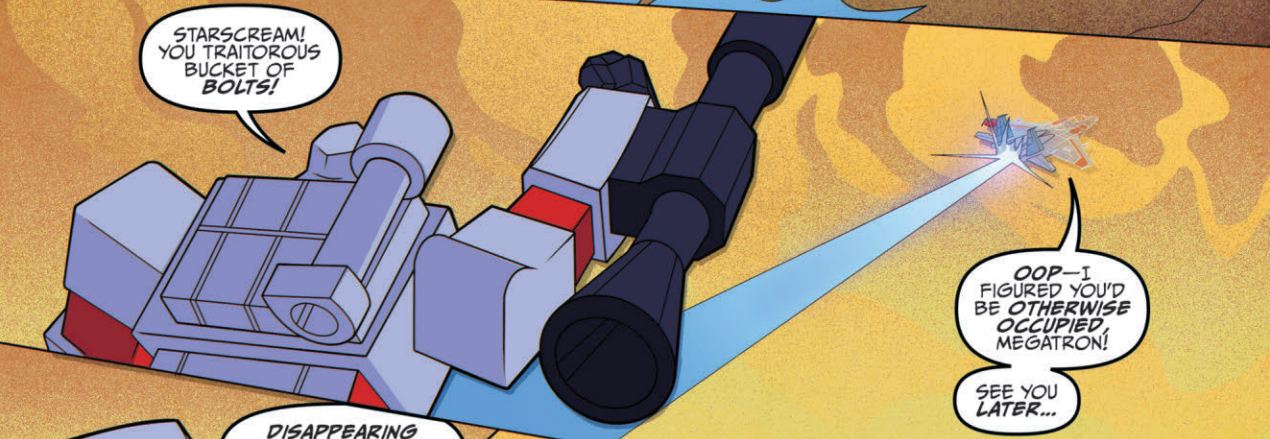
WHAT
NOW...?



STARSCREAM!
YOU TRAITOROUS
BUCKET OF
BOLTS!

OOP—I
FIGURED YOU'D
BE OTHERWISE
OCCUPIED
MEGATRON!

SEE YOU
LATER...



DISAPPEARING
INTO THIN AIR WON'T
HIDE YOU FROM MY
VENGEANCE!

KURI—THIS
IS YOUR
DOING!

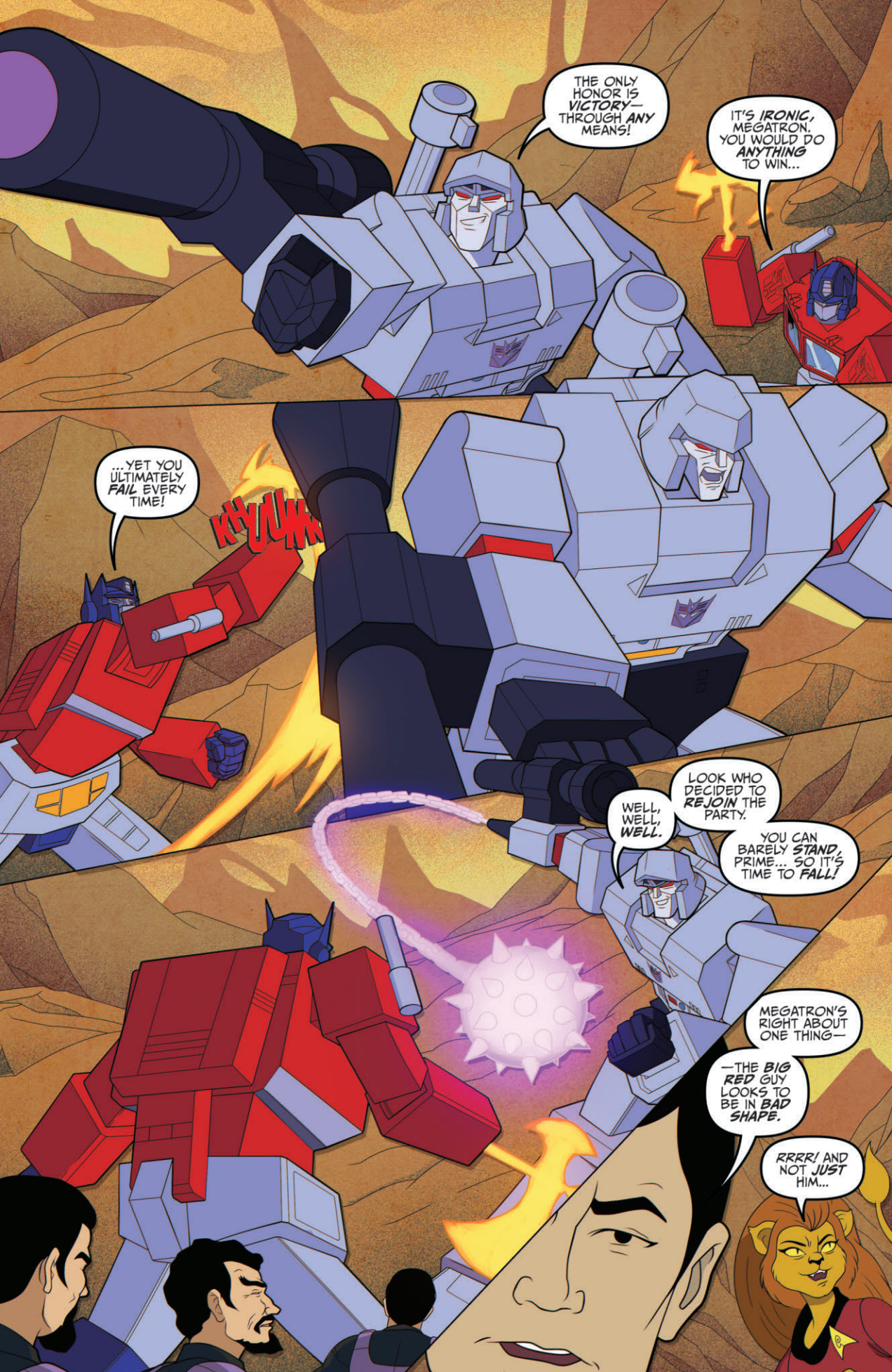
YOU LET
STARSCREAM
GET YOUR
CLOAKING
DEVICE!

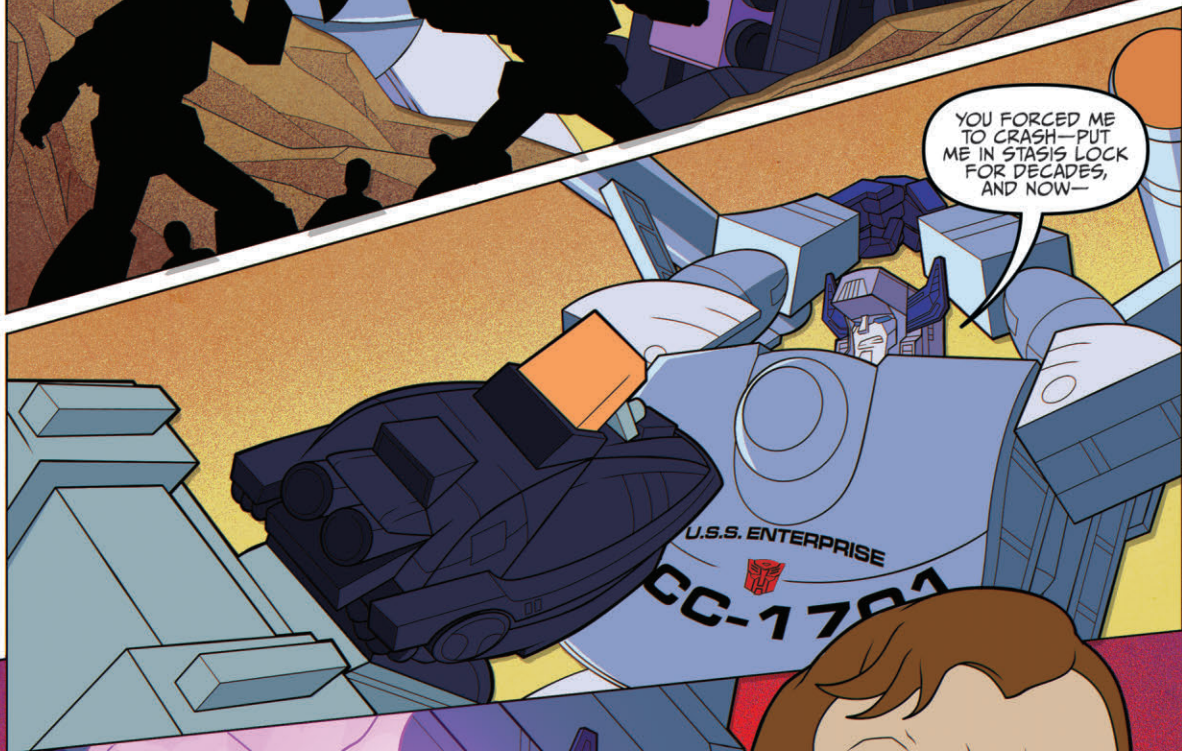
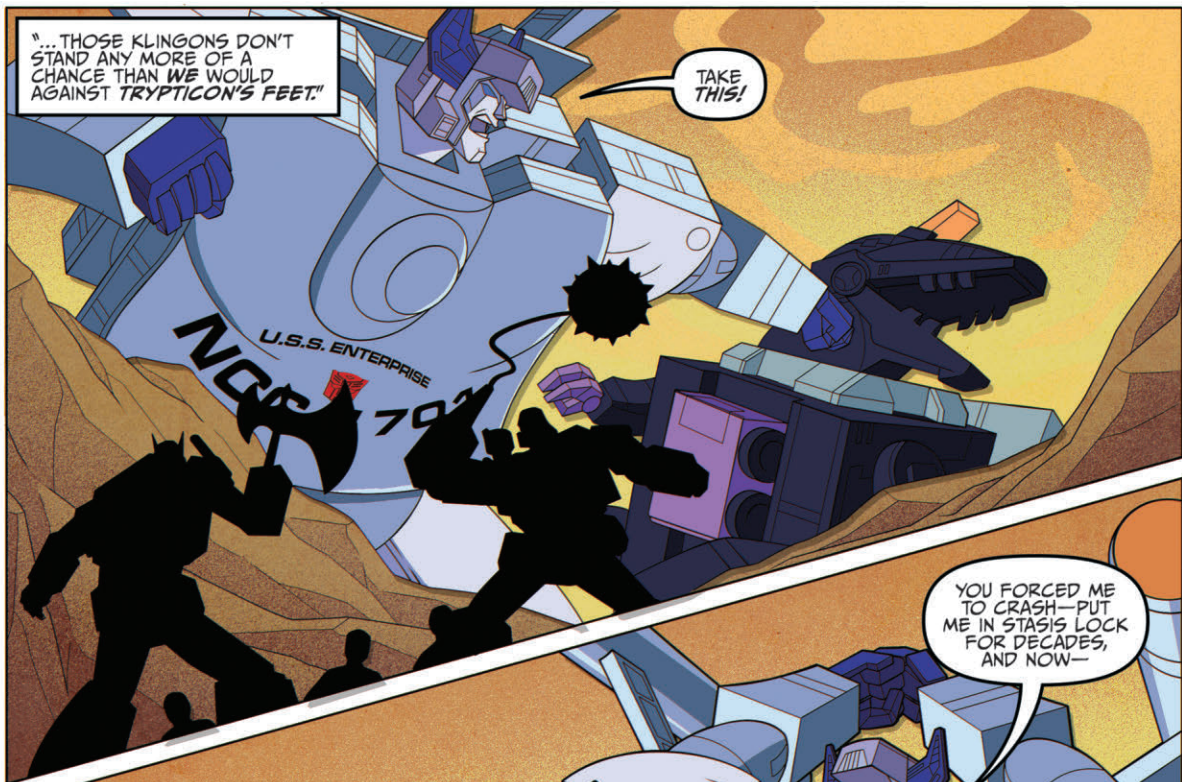
WE WERE
ALLIES! HONOR
DEMANDS—

HONOR?

BAH!





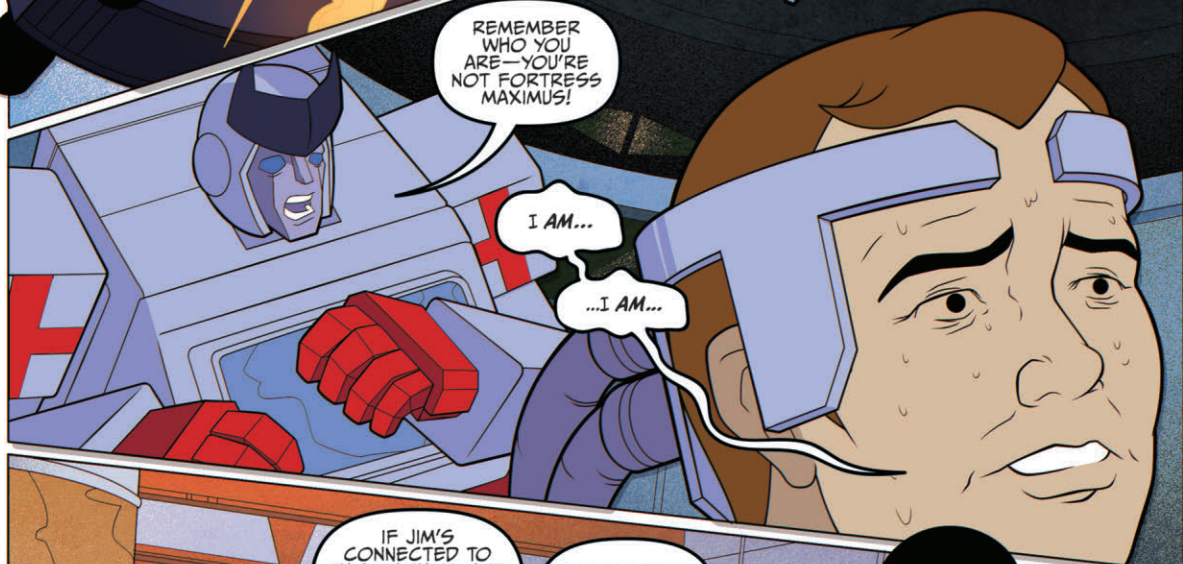




REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE—YOU'RE NOT FORTRESS MAXIMUS!

I AM...

...I AM...



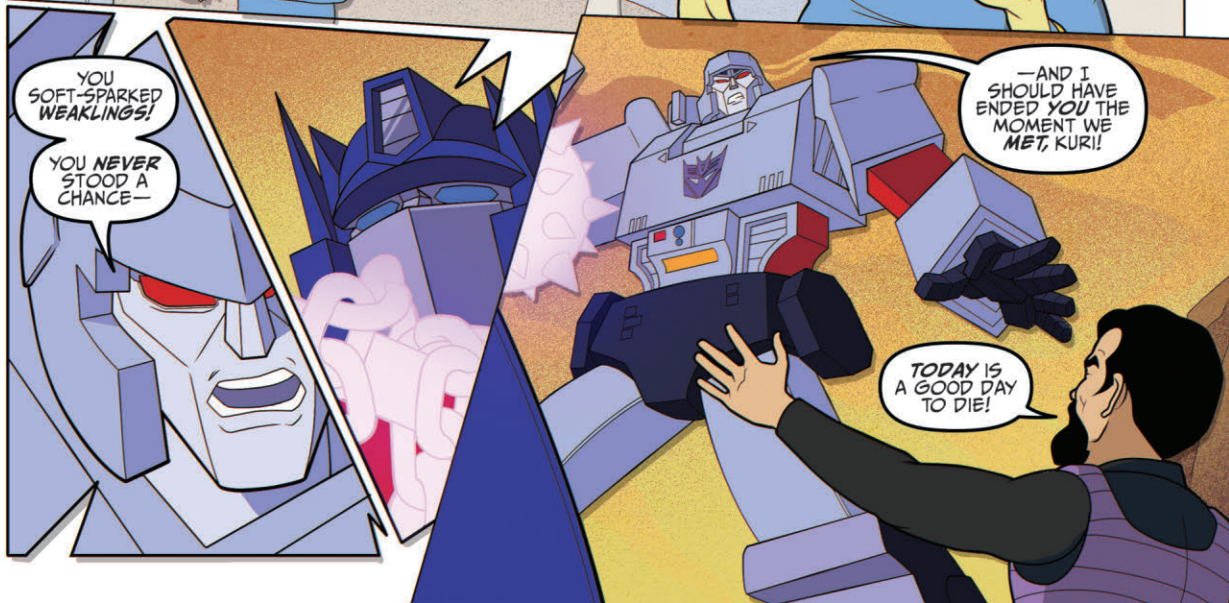
IF JIM'S CONNECTED TO THIS MACHINE, AND THIS MACHINE'S ABOUT TO GET STOMPED INTO OBLIVION...

YES, DOCTOR. LOGIC WOULD INDICATE THAT THE CAPTAIN IS IN SIGNIFICANT PERIL.



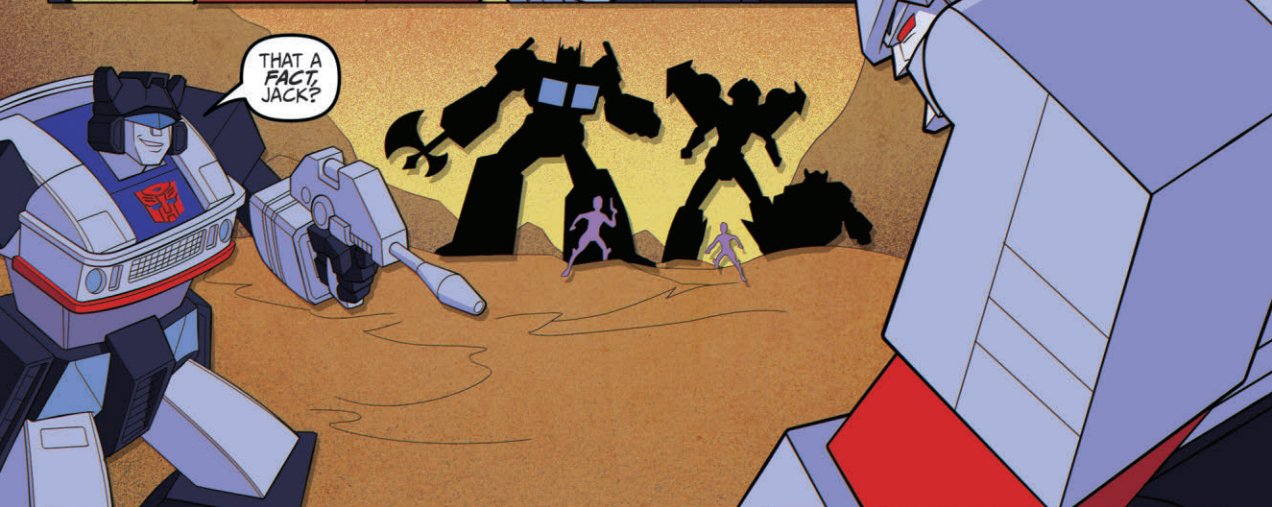
YOU SOFT-SPARKED WEAKLINGS!

YOU NEVER STOOD A CHANCE—



—AND I SHOULD HAVE ENDED YOU THE MOMENT WE MET, KURI!

TODAY IS A GOOD DAY TO DIE!





...I AM...

...JAMES...

...T...

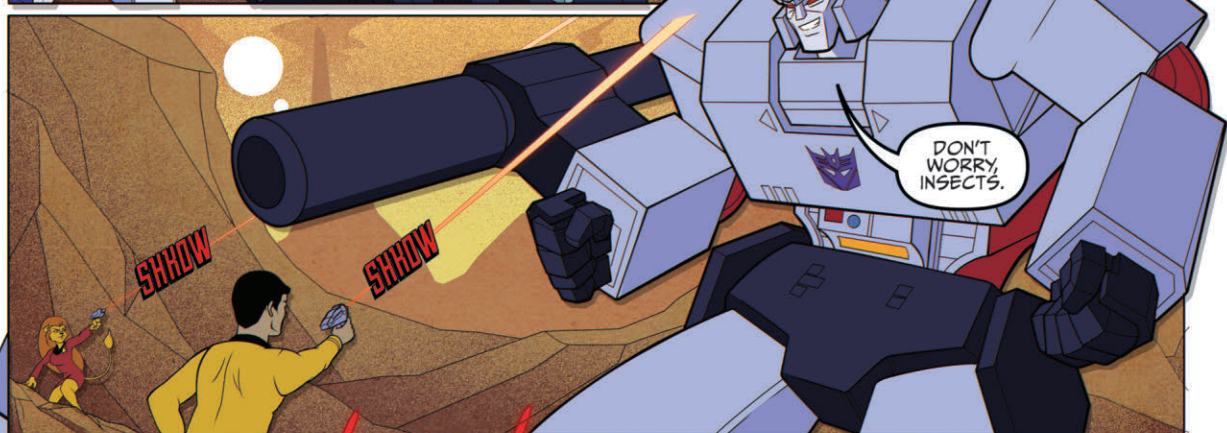
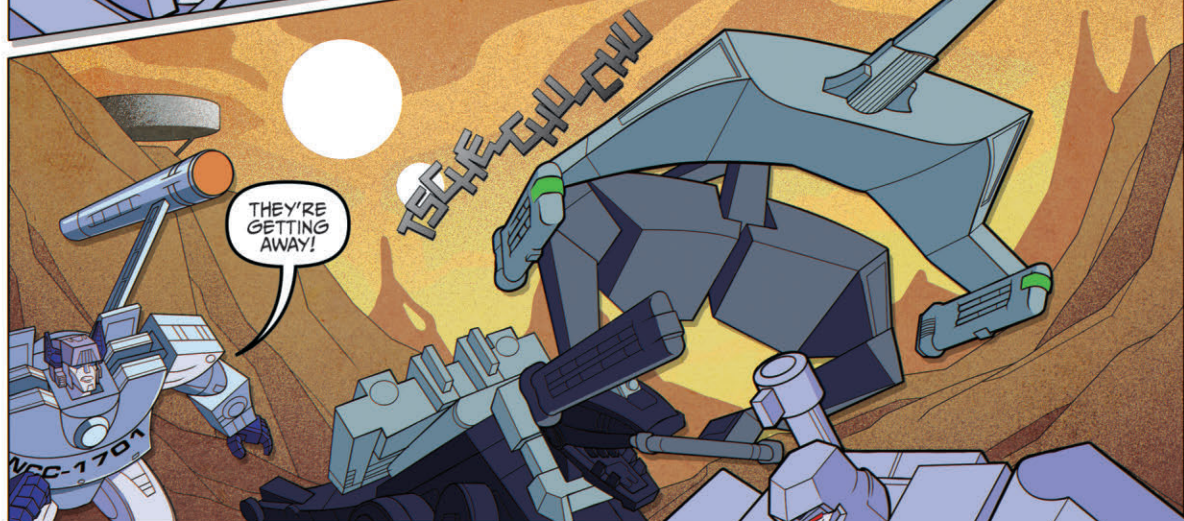
...KIRK—

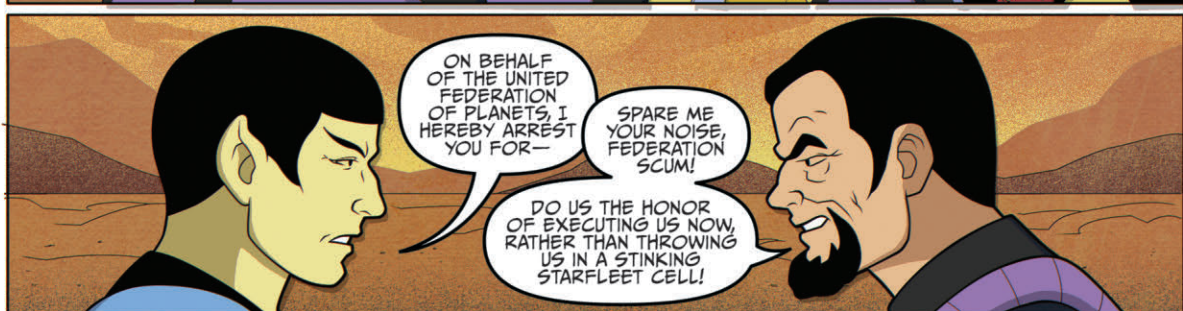
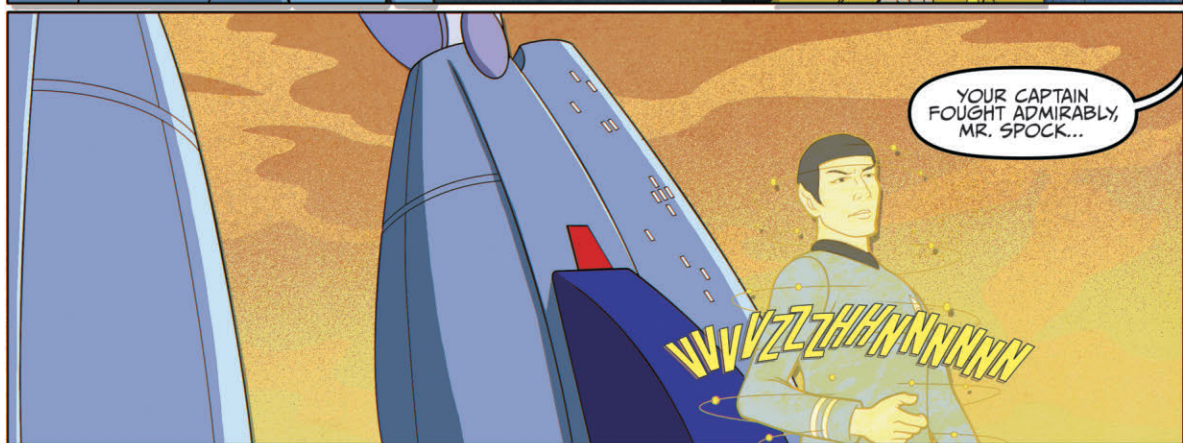
—CAPTAIN OF
THE STARSHIP
ENTERPRISE!

AND I CAME
HERE TO
PROTECT
LIFE!

KROOM

WROOAR!

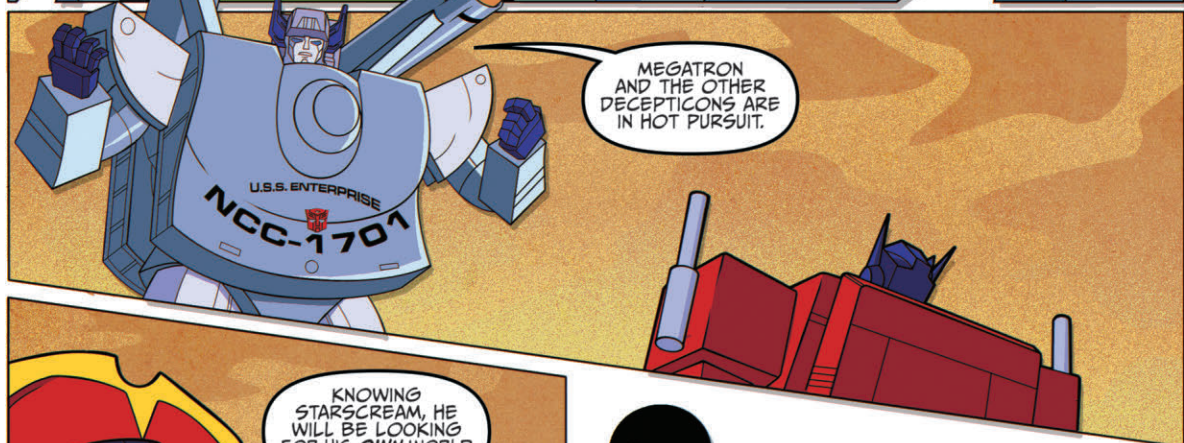






YOU HAVE
A BIGGER
PROBLEM,
COMMANDER
KURI...

MY SCANS PICKED UP
STARScream LEAVING HERE
AND HEADING STRAIGHT
FOR KLINGON SPACE.



MEGATRON
AND THE OTHER
DECEPTICONS ARE
IN HOT PURSUIT.



KNOWING
STARScream, HE
WILL BE LOOKING
FOR HIS OWN WORLD
TO CONQUER.

DESPITE OUR STATUS
AS ADVERSARIES, WE
SHOULD DO WHAT WE CAN
TO PROTECT THE MURDER
OF INNOCENT KLINGONS
BY A HOSTILE POWER.

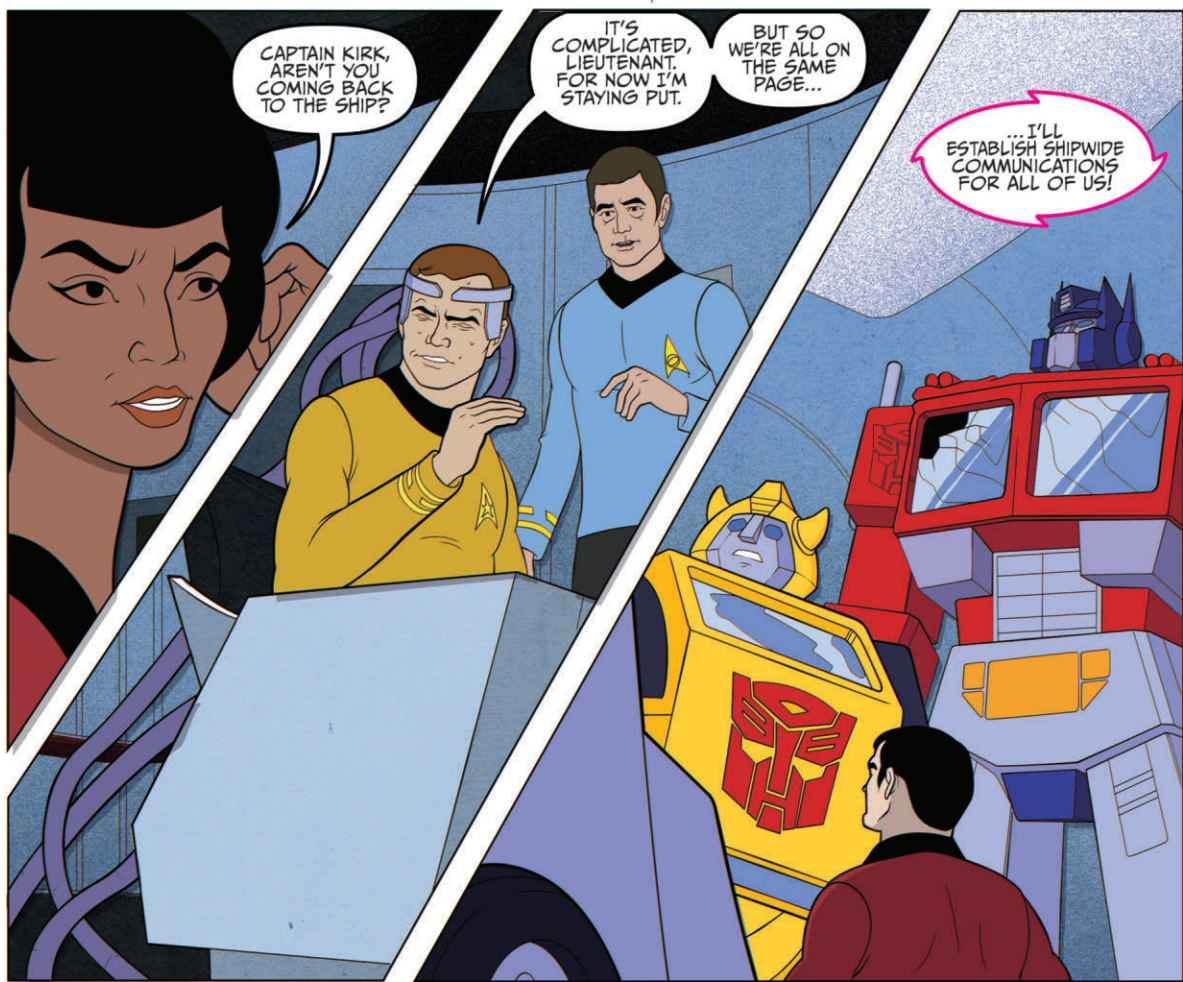
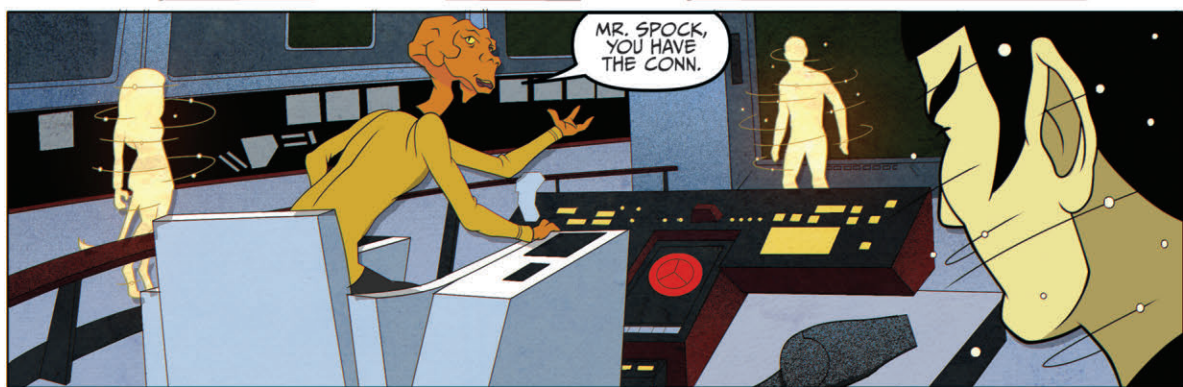
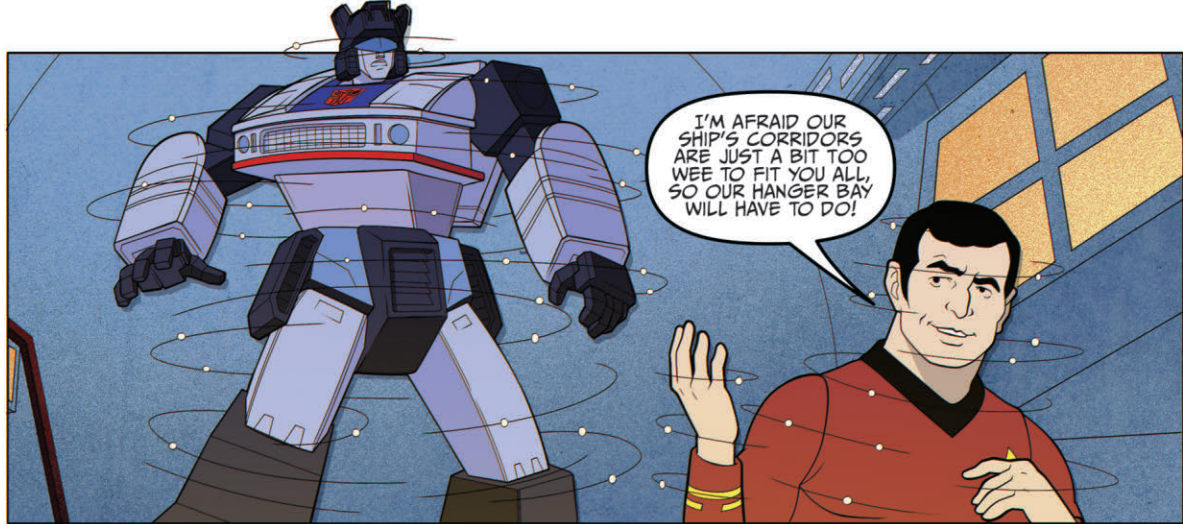
SO A BAD GUY
CONQUERS A WORLD
FULL OF OTHER BAD
GUYS? I DON'T SEE
THE PROBLEM!

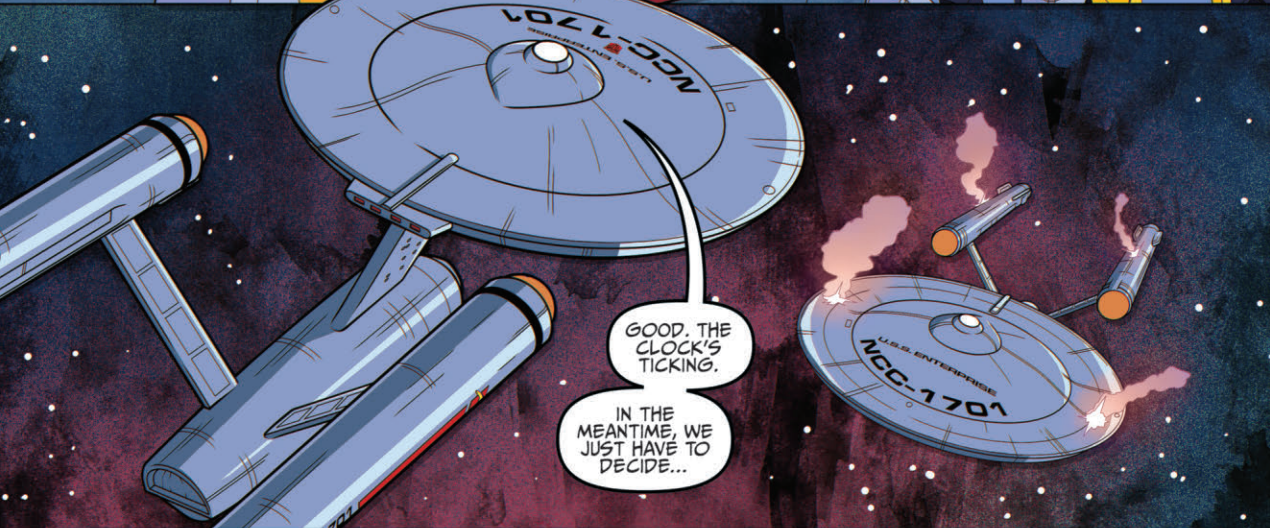
BUT
BEFORE WE
DO THAT...

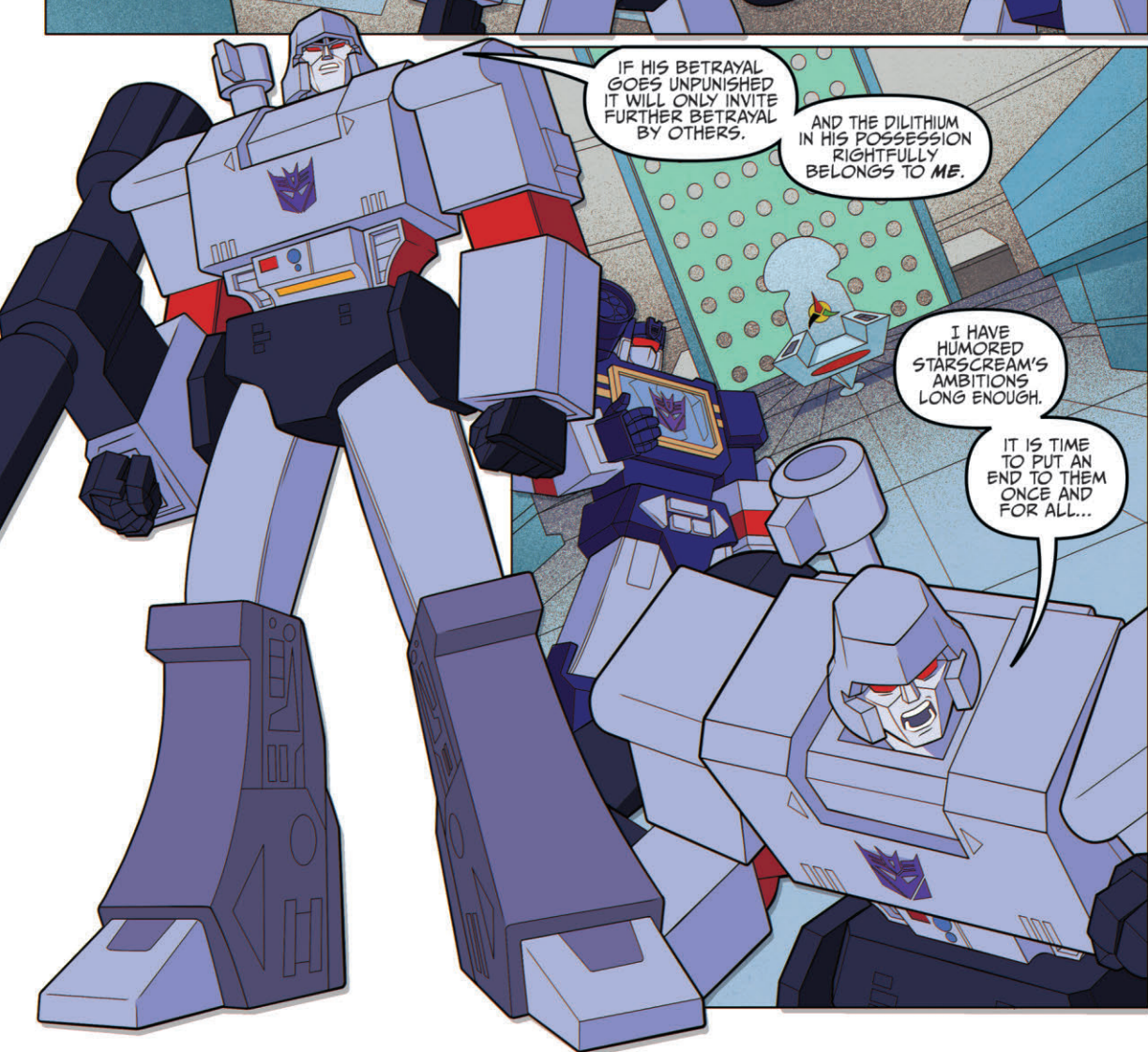
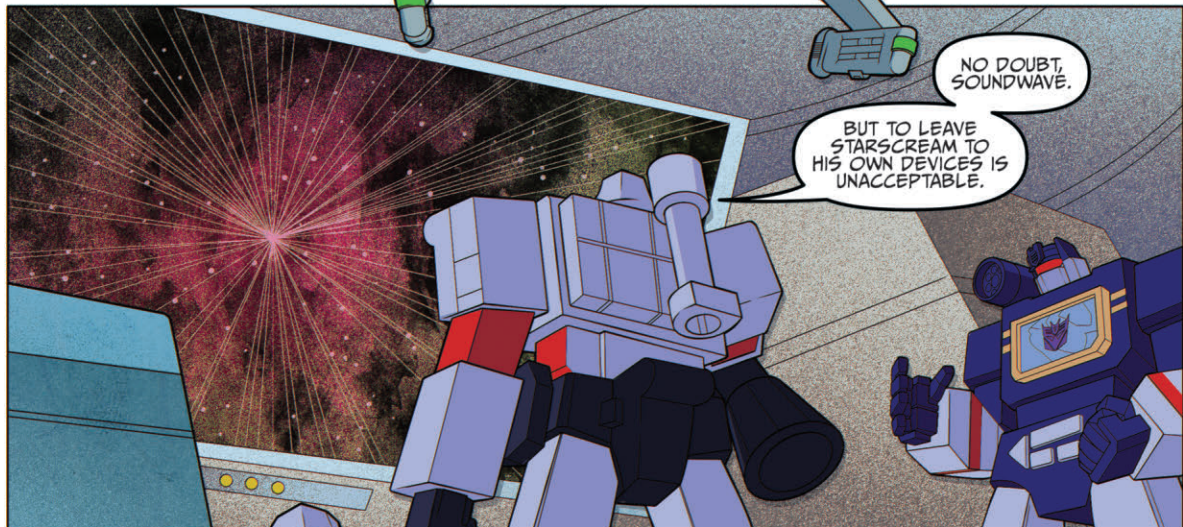
...WHERRRRRE
IS THE REAL
ENTERPRISE?

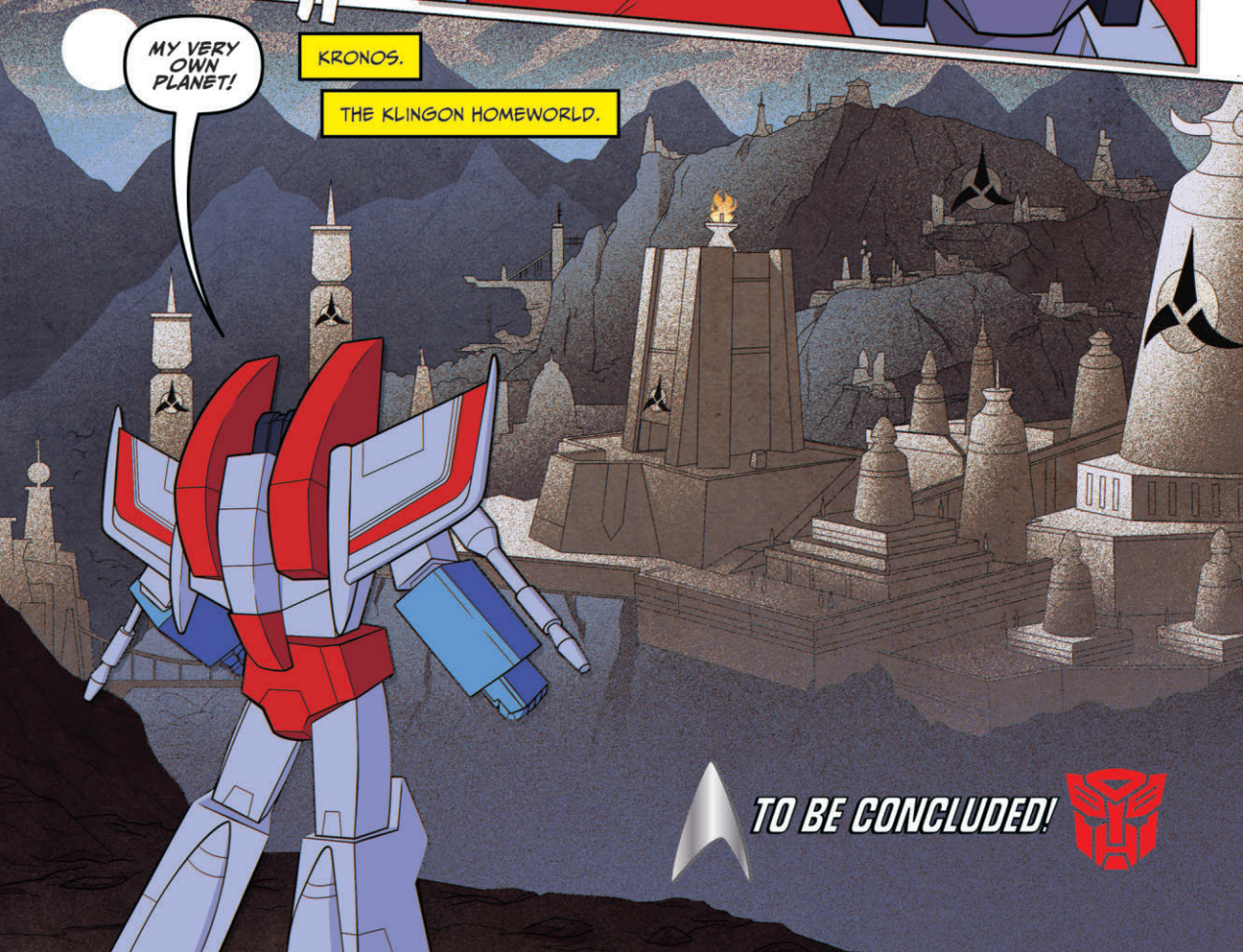
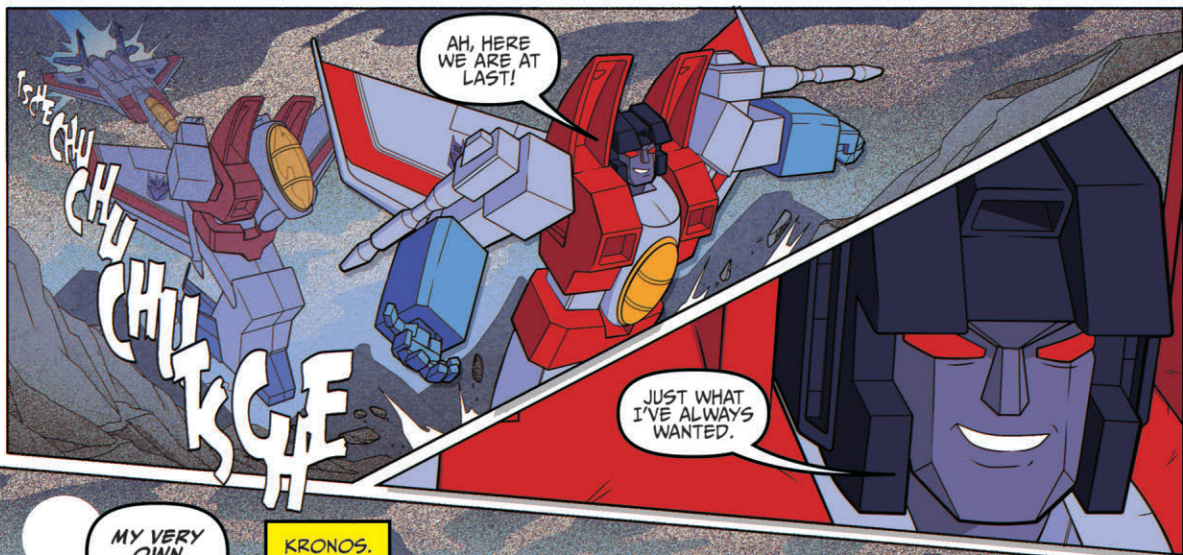












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OPEN CHANNELS

Welcome to "Open Channels," our monthly exploration of the amazing universe of *Star Trek* books at IDW Publishing. December is here, and we've got two fantastic *Trek* books to help you close out 2018 and boldly go into the new year!



First, from writers Mike Johnson & John Barber and artist Philip Murphy, we have *Star Trek vs. Transformers* #4, the penultimate installment of our out-of-this-world crossover! The *Enterprise* has been disabled by the Klingon-Decepticon alliance, and things look dire for Spock, Optimus Prime, and the landing team. But with the Autobots' help, can Captain Kirk come up with a solution to save the day from a massive Cybertronian threat?



Then, from Scott and David Tipton and the art team of Carlos Nieto and Fran Gamboa comes *Star Trek: The Next Generation: Terra Incognita* #6. The latest installment of *THE NEXT GENERATION* Mirror Universe saga comes to a twisted conclusion as Mirror Barclay's ruse is revealed! Worlds collide in this stunning final issue!

In this, my last column for the year, instead of an interview, I wanted to extend a heartfelt thanks to you, the incredible readers of our *Trek* books. Before I began assisting former editor Sarah Gaydos back in March 2017, I was familiar with *Star Trek*, but not with the amazing community of fans that it has. As I've gotten more involved with *Trek* through my work on the comic and traveling to different conventions (of shows I attended in 2017, *Star Trek Las Vegas* was easily my favorite), I can confidently say that *Trek* fans are an amazing group of people – open minded, passionate, intelligent, and friendly. When people come up to me at shows and let me know that they love what IDW is doing with *Trek*, it means the world to me. Thank you for reading our books and thank you for all your kind words throughout the year. Whatever holiday you celebrate this season, I hope it's filled with warmth and joy (and a bit of *Trek*!).



We've got a lot of amazing comics we're getting ready for 2019 – from things we've announced, like *The Q Conflict* and the young Picard story in IDW's 20/20 event, to some top-secret projects that I can't wait to tell you more about, so join us back here next year. I truly hope you all enjoy what we've got in store for you as much as I've enjoyed helping our amazing creators put it together. Until then, send us your questions, comments, or tell us what you love about IDW's *Star Trek* titles, as well as *Star Trek* in general. You can tweet me at @thrilltothechase, or email us at letters@idwpublishing.com. We'd love to hear from you!

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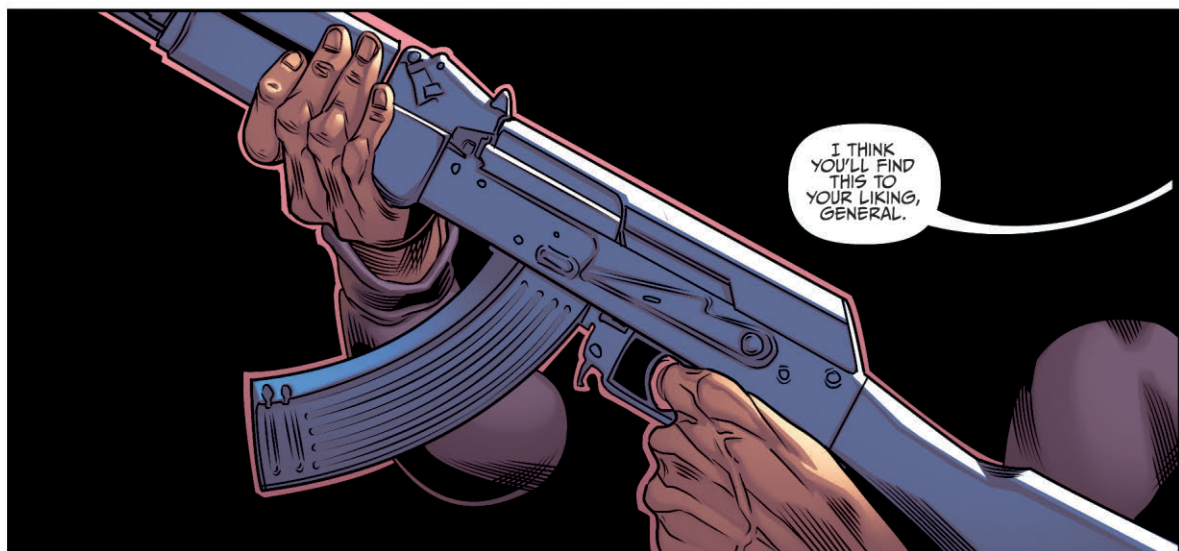
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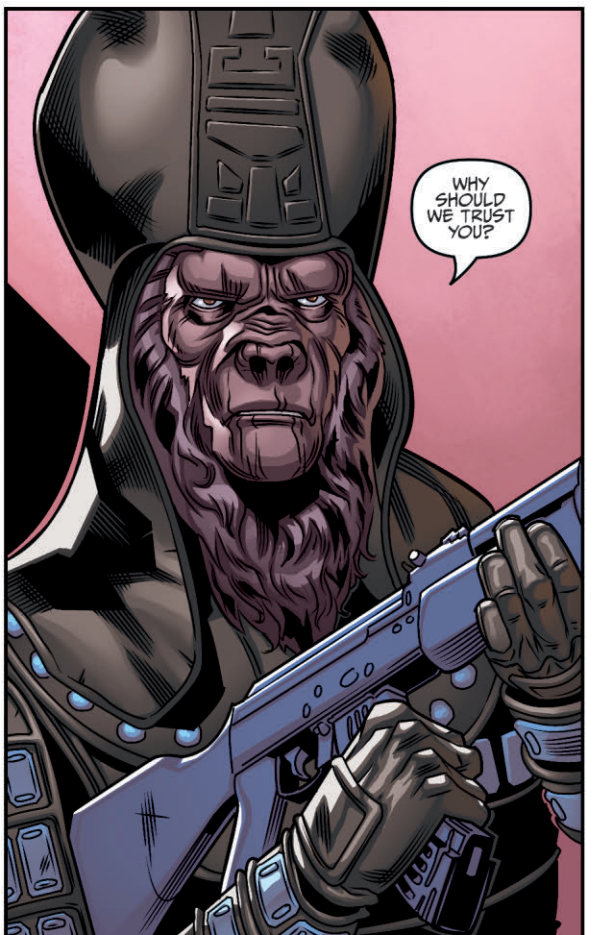
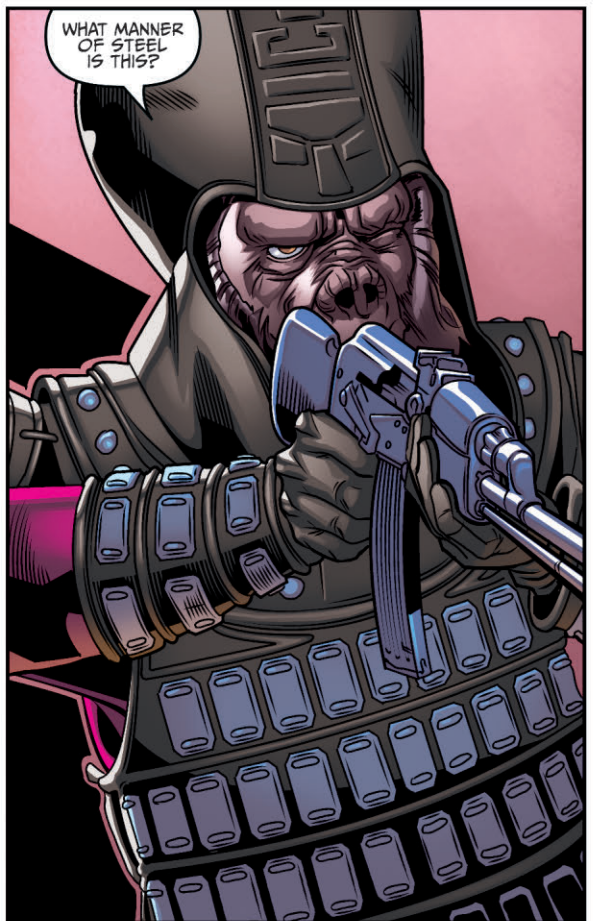
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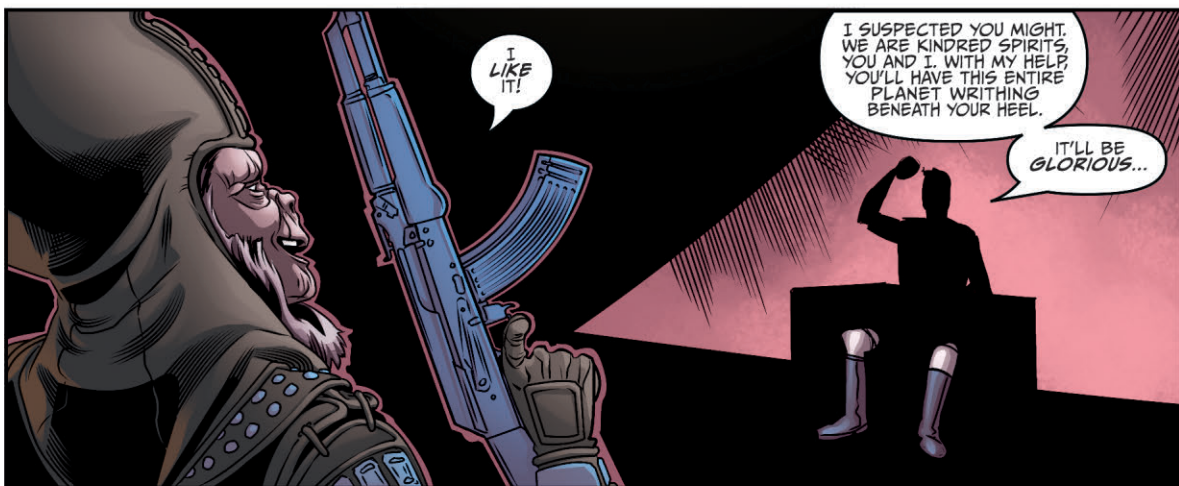
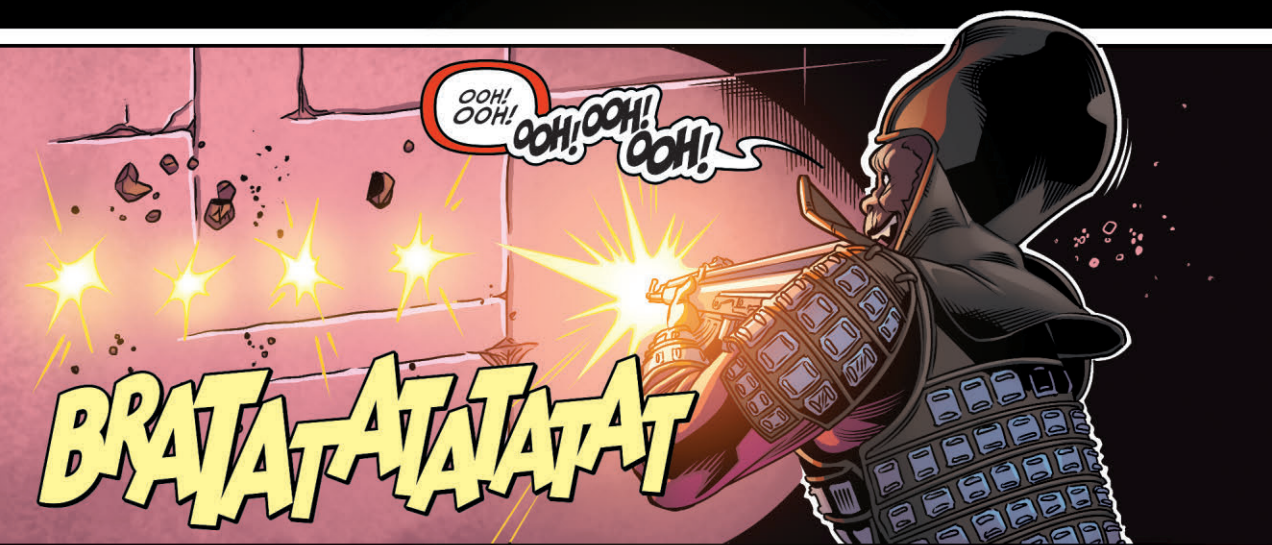
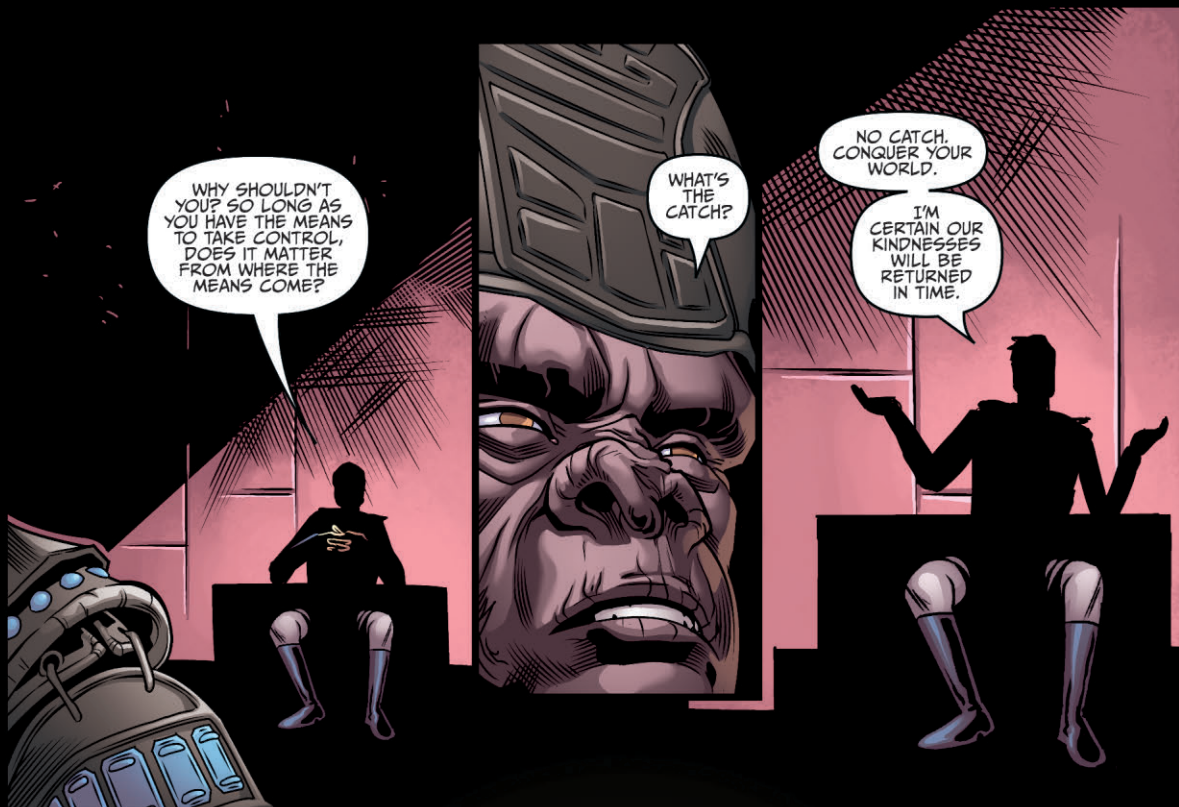


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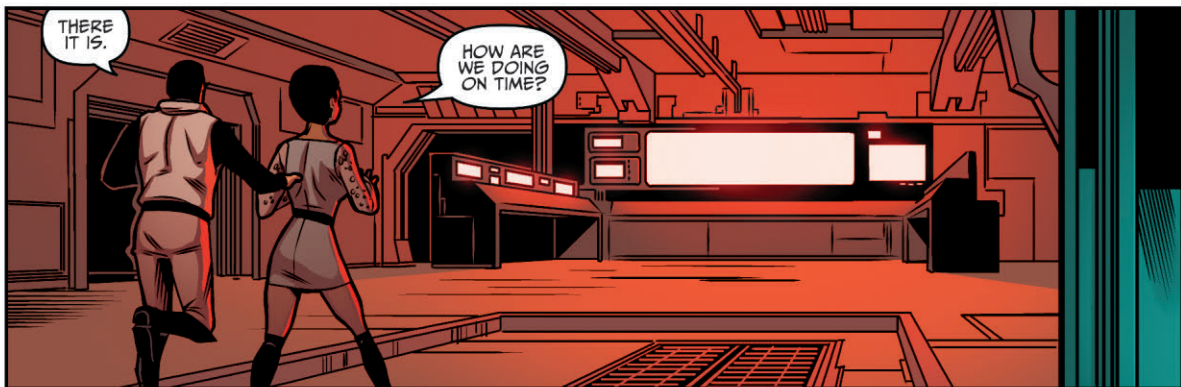
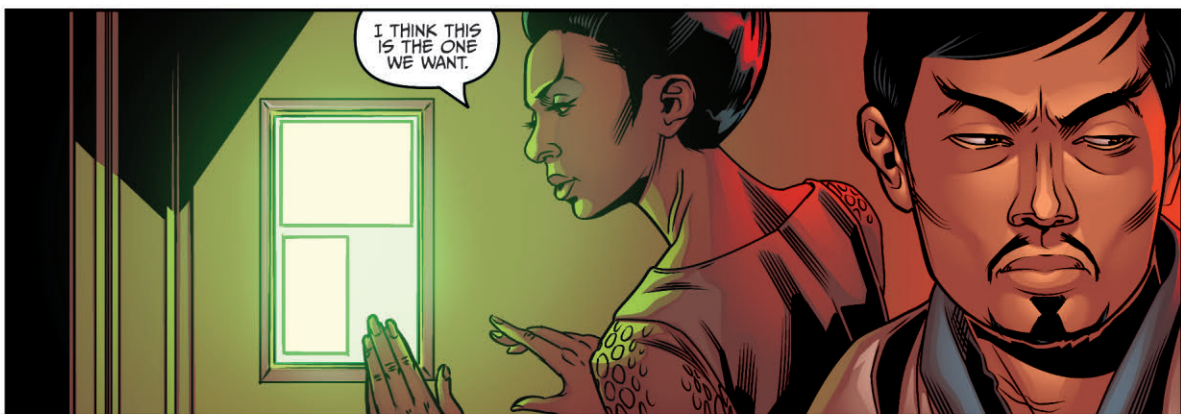






CAPTAIN'S LOG, STARDATE 6815.3. STARFLEET INTELLIGENCE HAS DETERMINED THAT THE KLINGON EMPIRE HAS BEGUN AGGRESSIVE NEW PLANS FOR CONQUEST, IN VIOLATION OF THE TREATY OF ORGANIA. HOWEVER, NO INCURSIONS INTO EXISTING FEDERATION OR EVEN ROMULAN TERRITORY HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED.

UNDER SEALED ORDERS FROM STARFLEET COMMAND, WE HAVE BEEN TASKED WITH INFILTRATING A KLINGON COMMUNICATIONS POST AND DETERMINING THE NATURE OF THESE NEW PLANS, IF THEY EXIST. ACCORDINGLY, I HAVE SENT LIEUTENANTS SULLU AND UHJRA TO RETRIEVE THE INTEL. ALONE.



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