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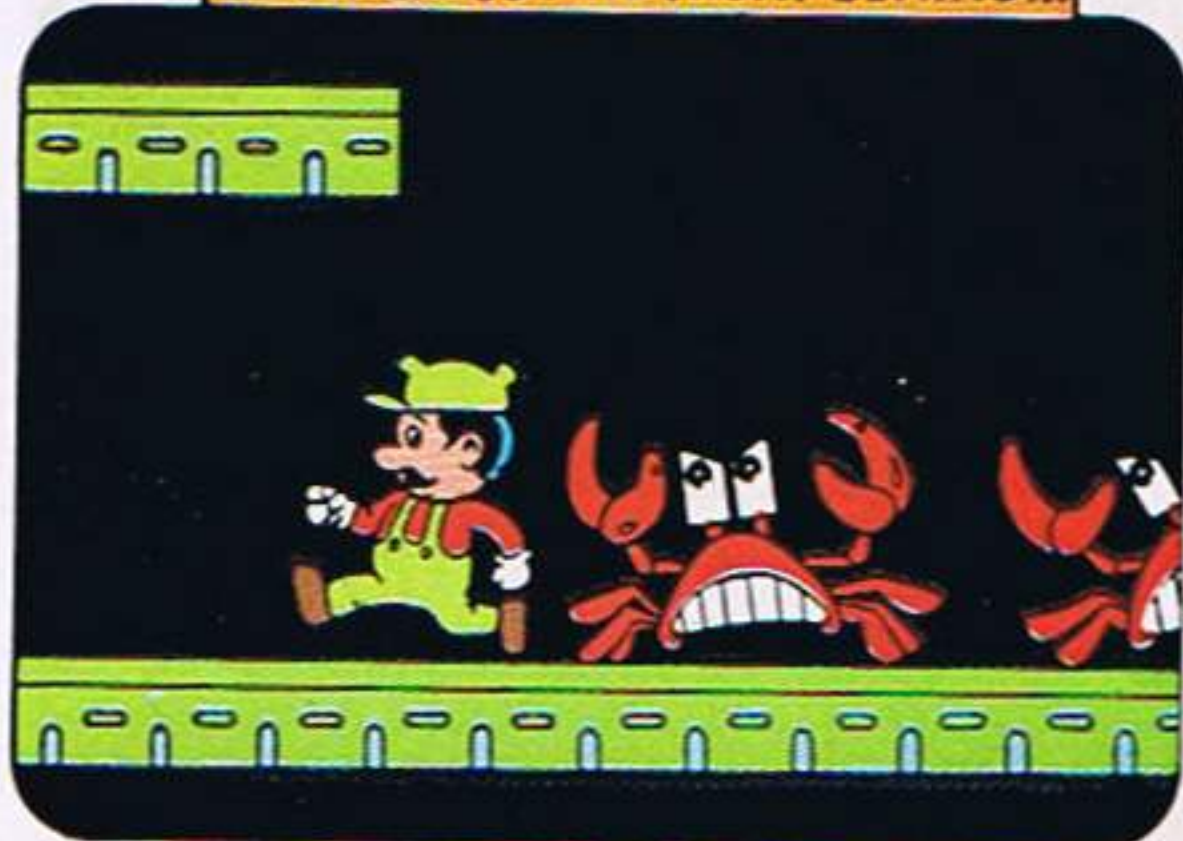
POOR LUIGI'S IN A BIND...



KILLER TURTLES OUT TO GET HIM...



GIANT CRABS ARE RIGHT BEHIND...



FIGHTER FLIES, HOLY CRIPES!
THEY'RE ALL COMING OUT THE PIPES!



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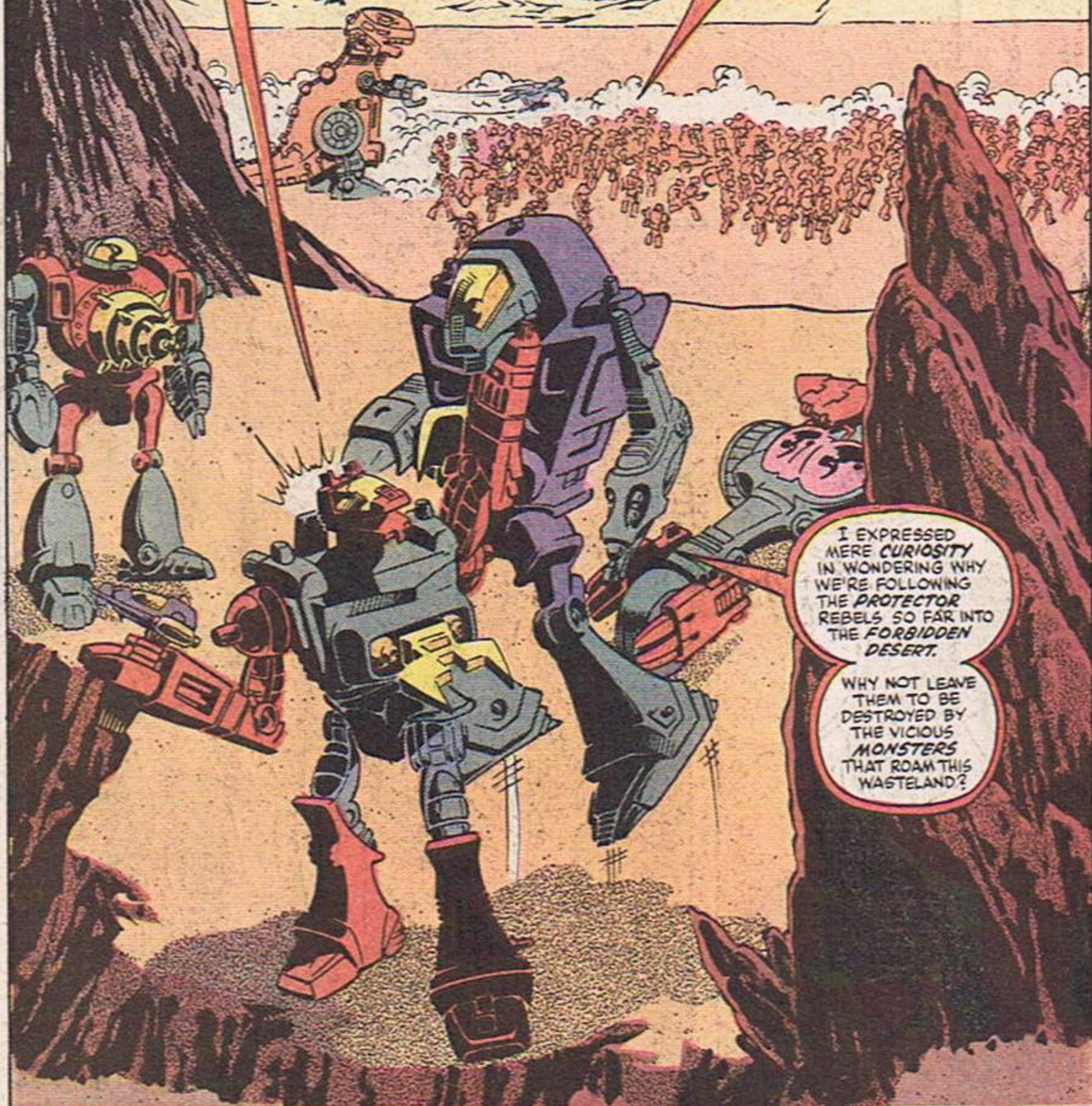
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UNDER FIRE!

YOU DARE TO QUESTION MY ORDERS, SAWTOOTH?

DO YOU THINK ME MAD, SLAUGHTER STEELGRAVE? WOULD I QUESTION THE LEADER OF THE DESTRUCTORS-- THE RACE OF STARRIORS THAT RULES THE EARTH?



I EXPRESSED MERE CURIOSITY IN WONDERING WHY WE'RE FOLLOWING THE PROTECTOR REBELS SO FAR INTO THE FORBIDDEN DESERT.

WHY NOT LEAVE THEM TO BE DESTROYED BY THE VICIOUS MONSTERS THAT ROAM THIS WASTELAND?



DO NOT JEST WITH ME, SAWTOOTH!

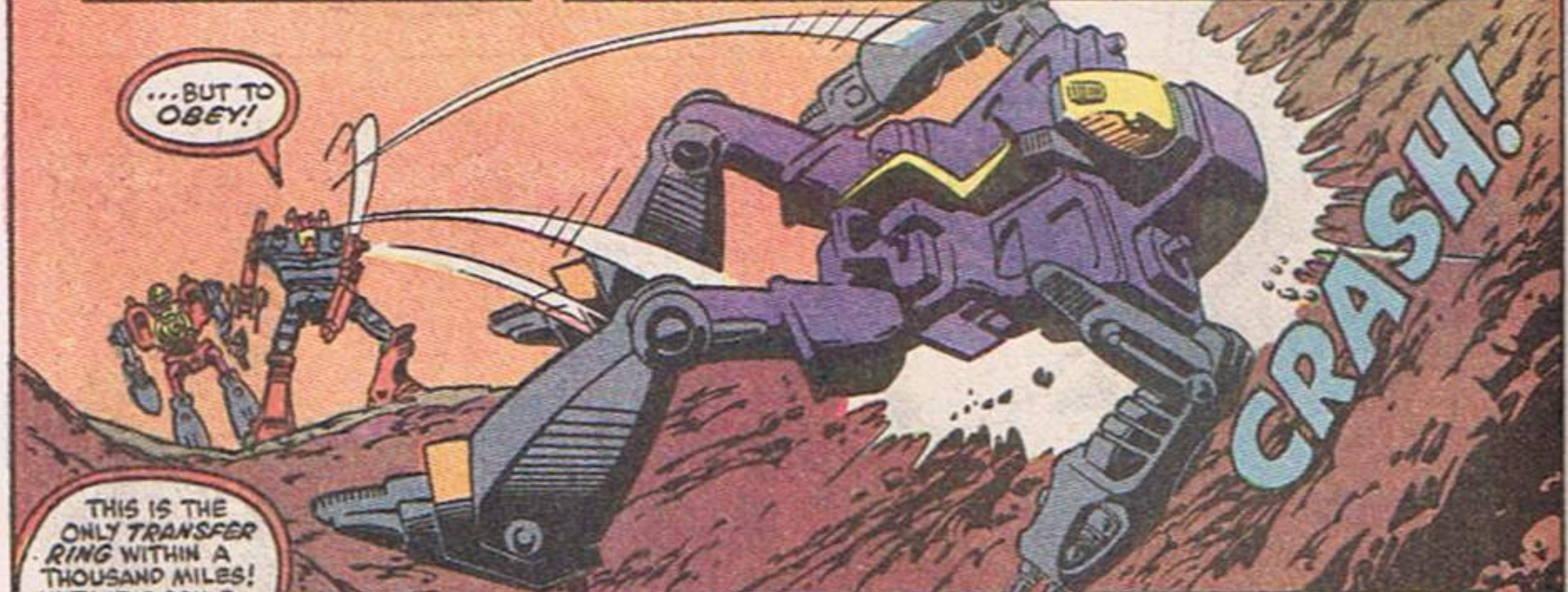


WE WOULD HAVE HAD THEM A MONTH AGO...

...HAD YOU NOT FREED THEM!



YOUR PLACE IS NOT TO QUESTION...



...BUT TO OBEY!

CRASH!

THIS IS THE ONLY TRANSFER RING WITHIN A THOUSAND MILES! WITH IT I COULD TRANSPORT YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS INTO ANOTHER BODY...

...OR ERASE IT ALTOGETHER! DO NOT TEMPT ME TO DESTROY YOU!

THEY AREN'T FLEEING RANDOMLY, ARE THEY, SLAUGHTER? WHERE ARE THEY GOING? WHAT DO THEY EXPECT TO FIND?



SILENCE!

GOUGE! SHATTER THAT PINNACLE OF ROCK WITH YOUR VIBRO-REAM!

SHRAAK!



BURY HIM!





IF ONLY I COULD SHATTER THE RENEGADES' LEADER, **HOTSHOT**, AS EASILY! HE OVERCAME HIS NON-VIOLENT PROGRAMMING! ATTACKED ME WITH HIS LASERS!

I'D GRIND HIM INTO METAL SHAVINGS IF I COULD CATCH HIM! BUT WE'VE LOST THE WHOLE **PROTECTOR BAND**!

THE DESERT'S CRAWLING WITH **MUTANT MONSTERS**, YET DESPITE OUR PRIME DIRECTIVE TO DESTROY THEM, **SLAUGHTER** FORBIDS US TO PURSUE THEM!



HE FOCUSES ON THE DESTRUCTION OF THE **RENGADES** ALONE AND--

CRASH!

HEY! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!

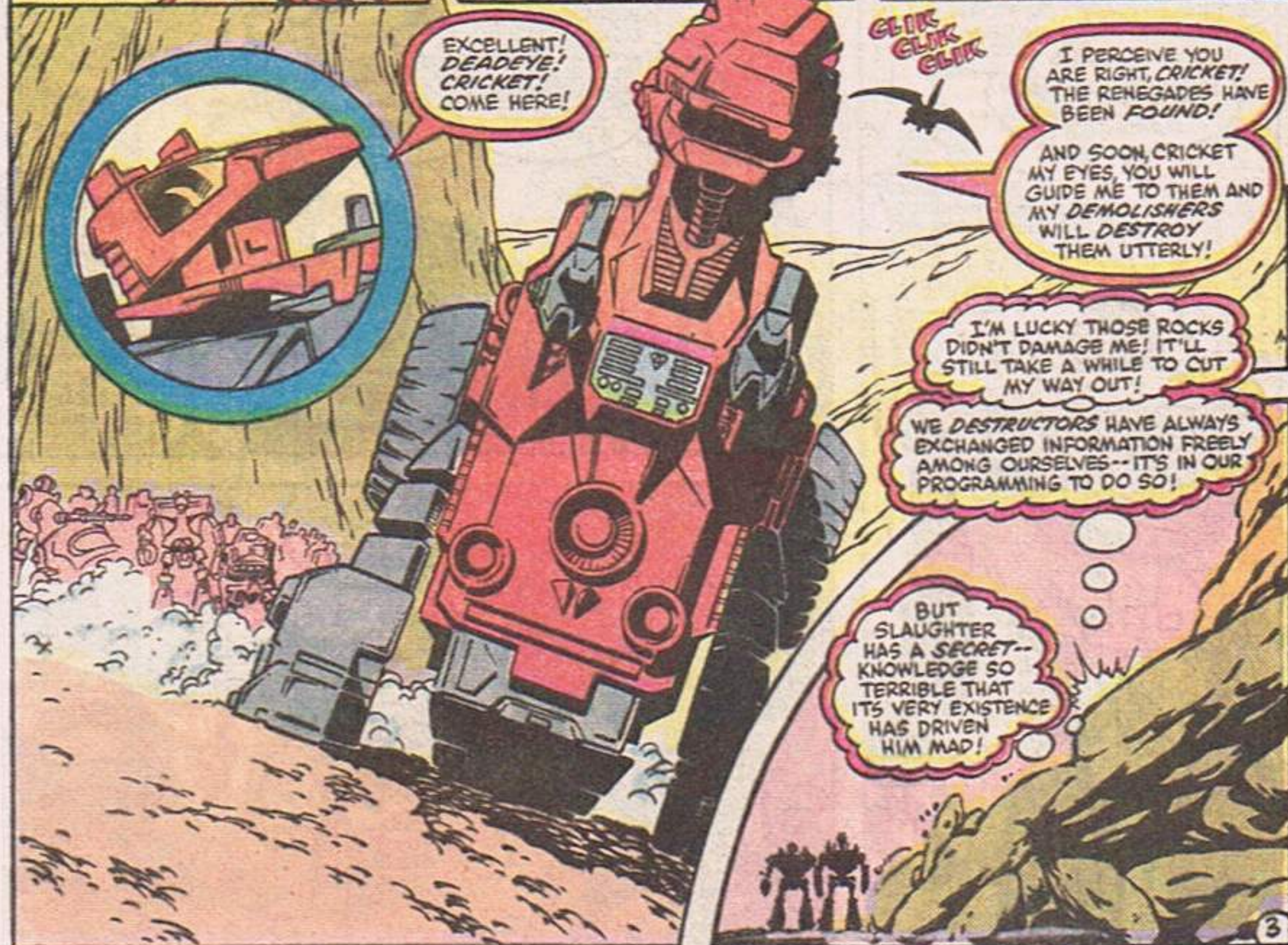


BACKFIRE, YOU DISASTER ON WHEELS! TRIP ME AGAIN AND I'LL TURN MY REAM ON YOU!



AH! **SPEEDTRAP**! YOU'VE BROUGHT WORD FROM OUR SPY?

YES, **SLAUGHTER**! THE **PROTECTORS** CLIMB THE **GLASS MOUNTAIN**!



EXCELLENT! **DEADEYE**! **CRICKET**! COME HERE!

CLIK CLIK CLIK

I PERCEIVE YOU ARE RIGHT, **CRICKET**! THE **RENGADES** HAVE BEEN **FOUND**!

AND SOON, **CRICKET** MY EYES, YOU WILL GUIDE ME TO THEM AND MY **DEMOLISHERS** WILL **DESTROY** THEM UTTERLY!

I'M LUCKY THOSE ROCKS DIDN'T DAMAGE ME! IT'LL STILL TAKE A WHILE TO CUT MY WAY OUT!

WE **DESTRUCTORS** HAVE ALWAYS EXCHANGED INFORMATION FREELY AMONG OURSELVES-- IT'S IN OUR PROGRAMMING TO DO SO!

BUT **SLAUGHTER** HAS A **SECRET**-- KNOWLEDGE SO TERRIBLE THAT ITS VERY EXISTENCE HAS DRIVEN HIM MAD!



ELSEWHERE...

MOTORMOUTH MIGHT NOT MAKE IT UP THE MOUNTAIN OF GLASS, TINKER! HE HAS TERRIBLE VIBES, BUT...

I KNOW, NIPPER! IT'D STILL BE A SHAME IF HE CRASHED!

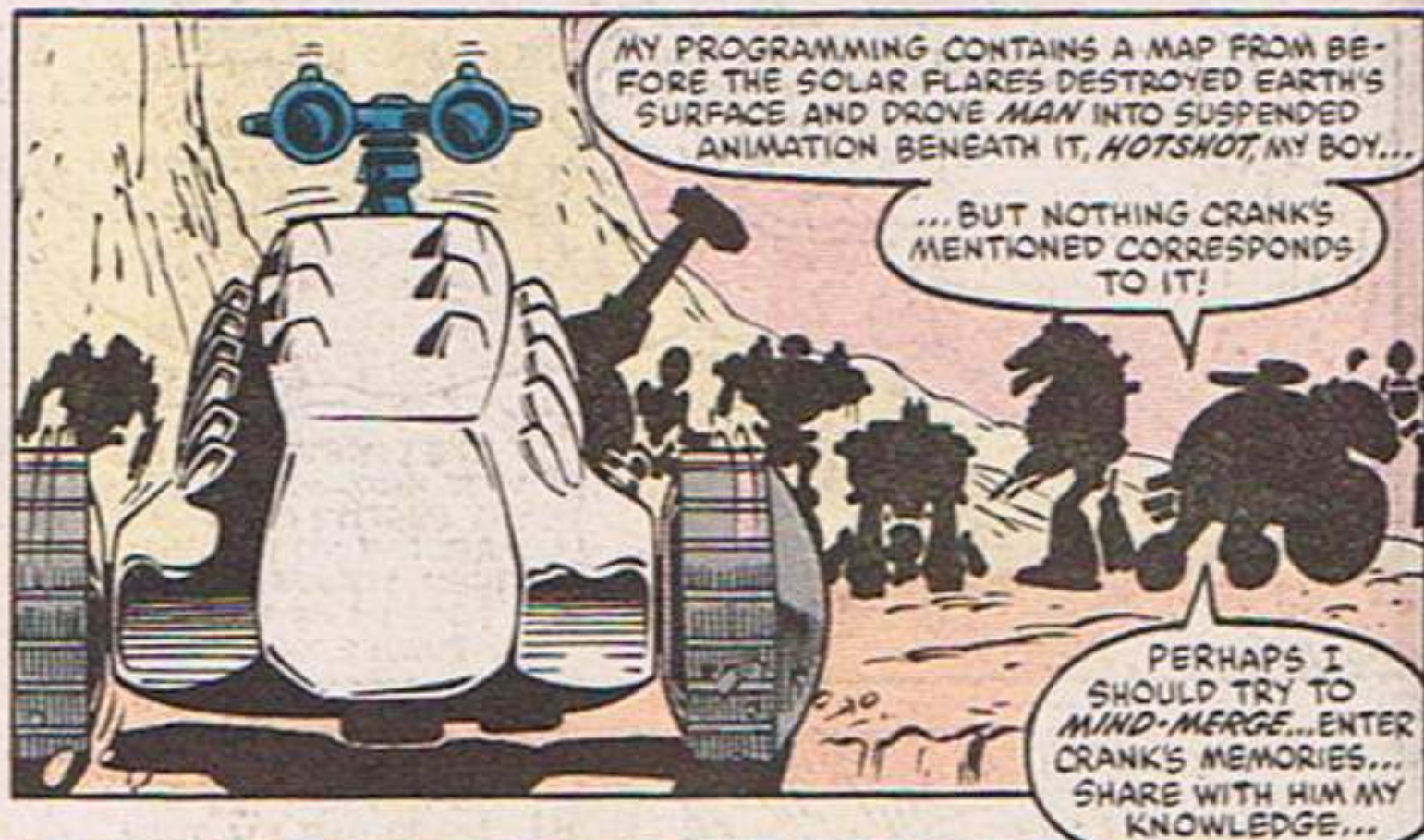
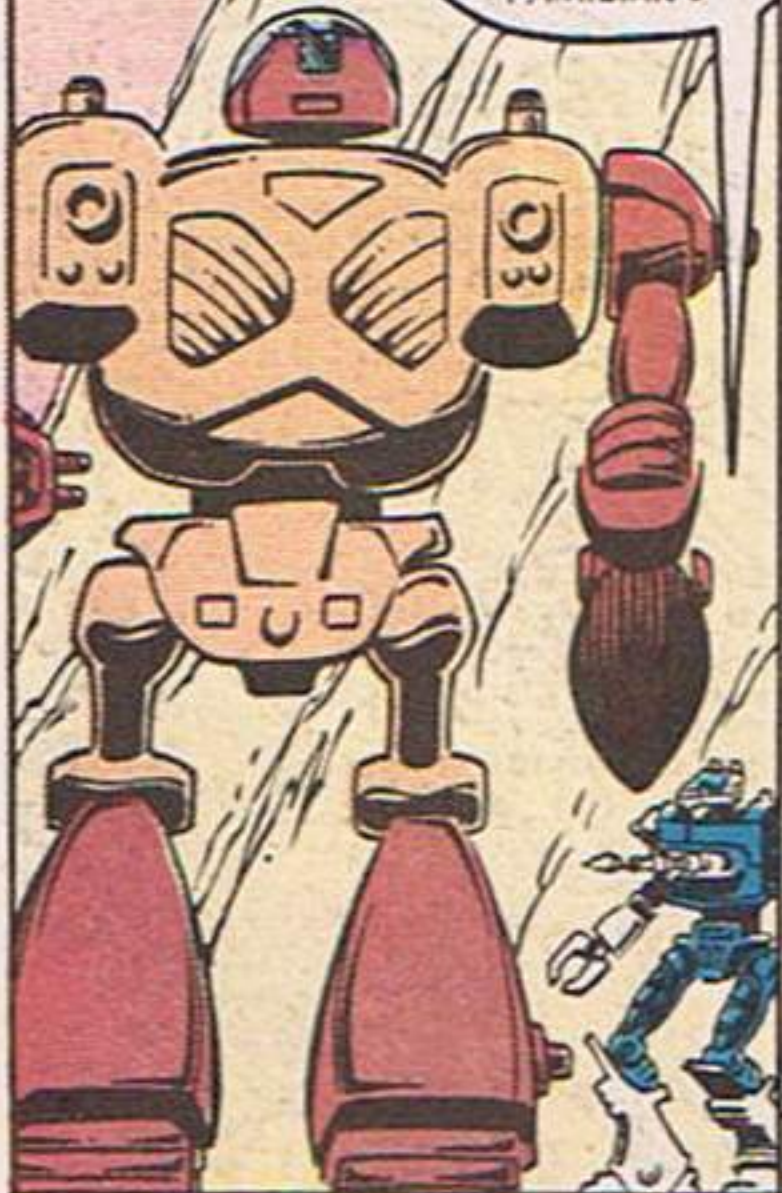
DO YOU SEE THE BATTLESTATION OUT THERE, CRANK?

NO, CUT-UP! BUT LONG AGO I PASSED A BATTLESTATION... SOMEWHERE... NEAR HERE, I THINK!

BUT WHERE? I REMEMBER TOWERING ROCKS, BALANCED STONE ON STONE... A NATURAL BRIDGE...

IF ONLY MY MEMORY CIRCUITS WEREN'T DAMAGED!

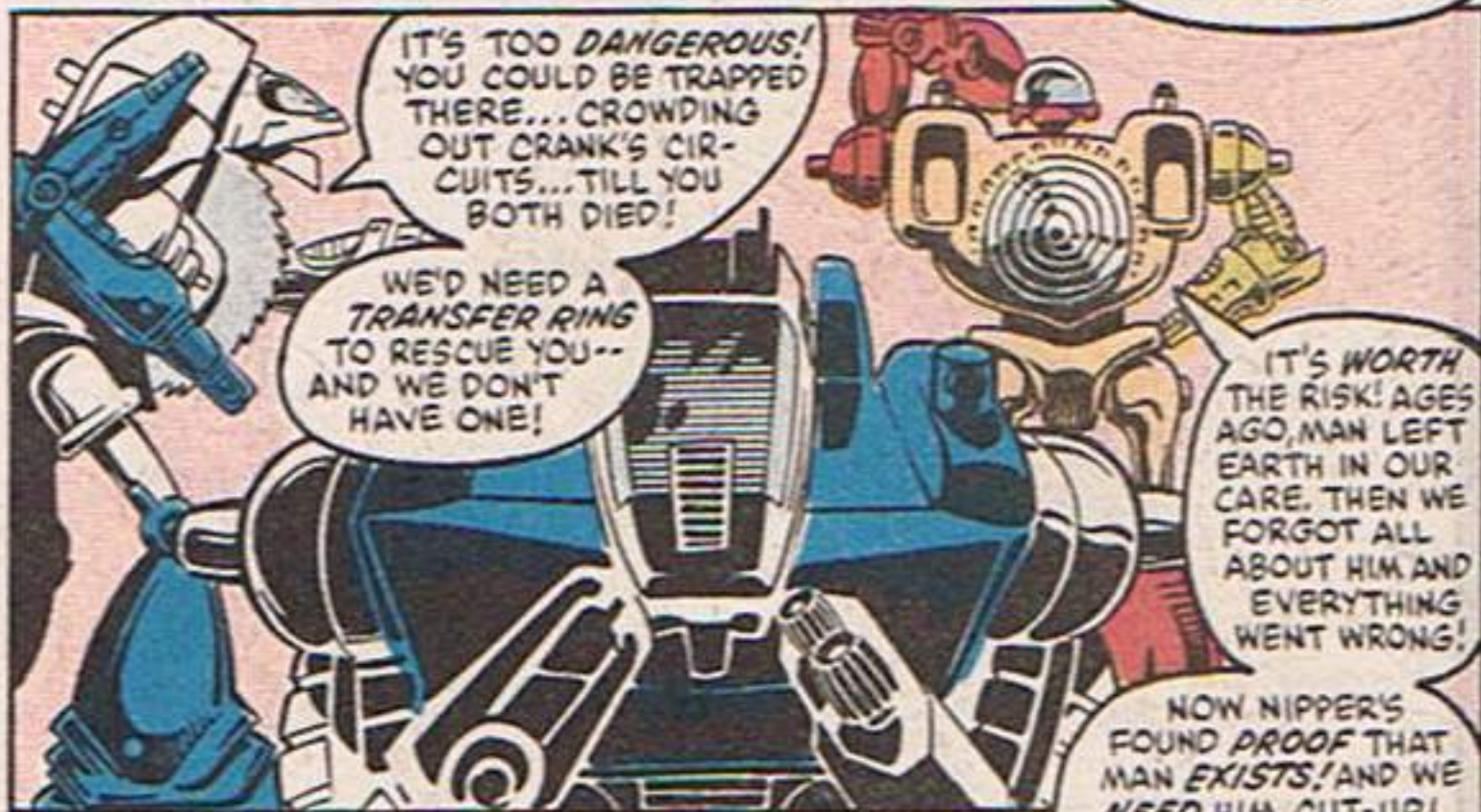
THINKTANK, YOU WERE DESIGNED FOR EXPLORING! ANY OF THAT SOUND FAMILIAR?



MY PROGRAMMING CONTAINS A MAP FROM BEFORE THE SOLAR FLARES DESTROYED EARTH'S SURFACE AND DROVE MAN INTO SUSPENDED ANIMATION BENEATH IT, HOTSHOT, MY BOY...

... BUT NOTHING CRANK'S MENTIONED CORRESPONDS TO IT!

PERHAPS I SHOULD TRY TO MIND-MERGE... ENTER CRANK'S MEMORIES... SHARE WITH HIM MY KNOWLEDGE...

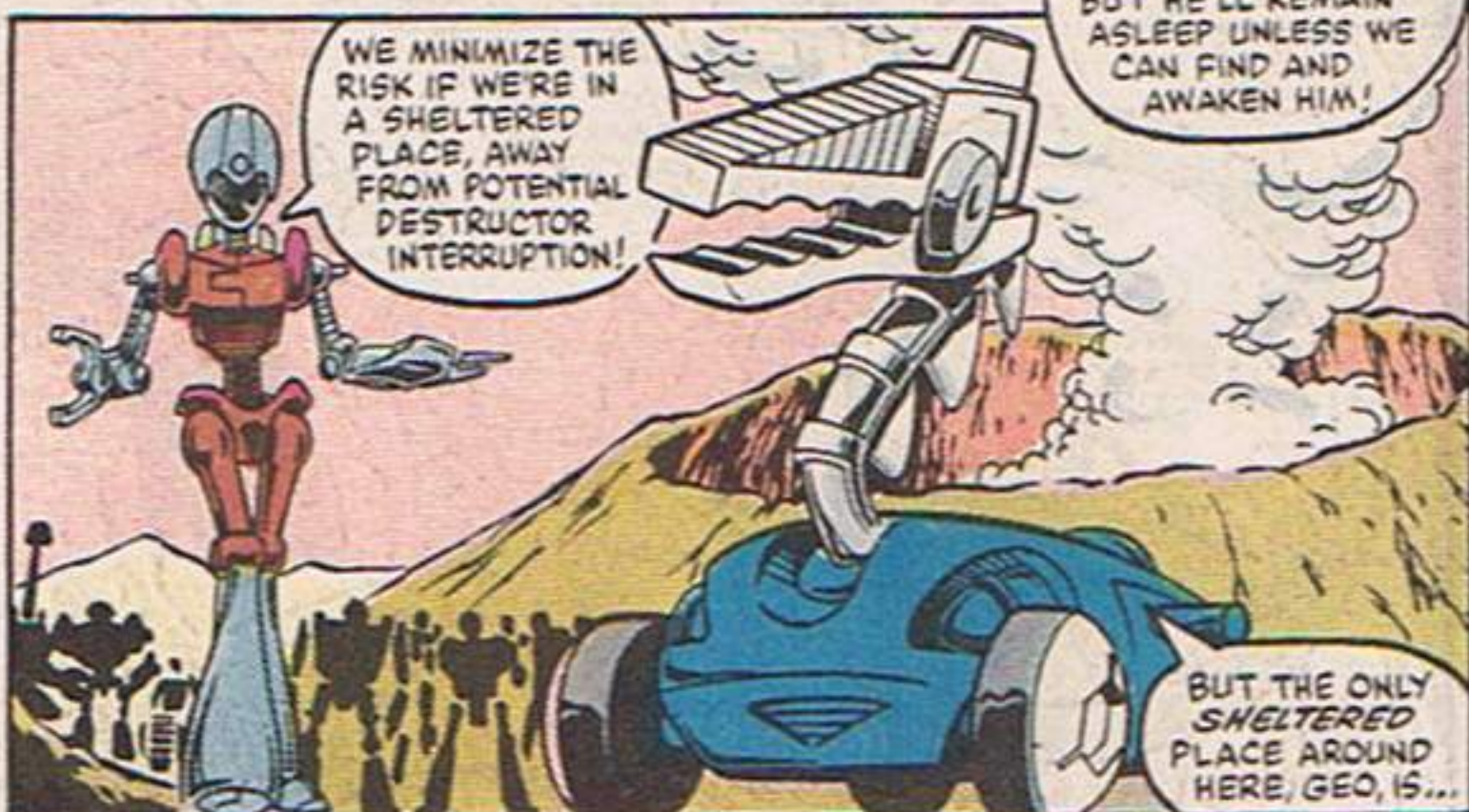


IT'S TOO DANGEROUS! YOU COULD BE TRAPPED THERE... CROWDING OUT CRANK'S CIRCUITS... TILL YOU BOTH DIED!

WE'D NEED A TRANSFER RING TO RESCUE YOU-- AND WE DON'T HAVE ONE!

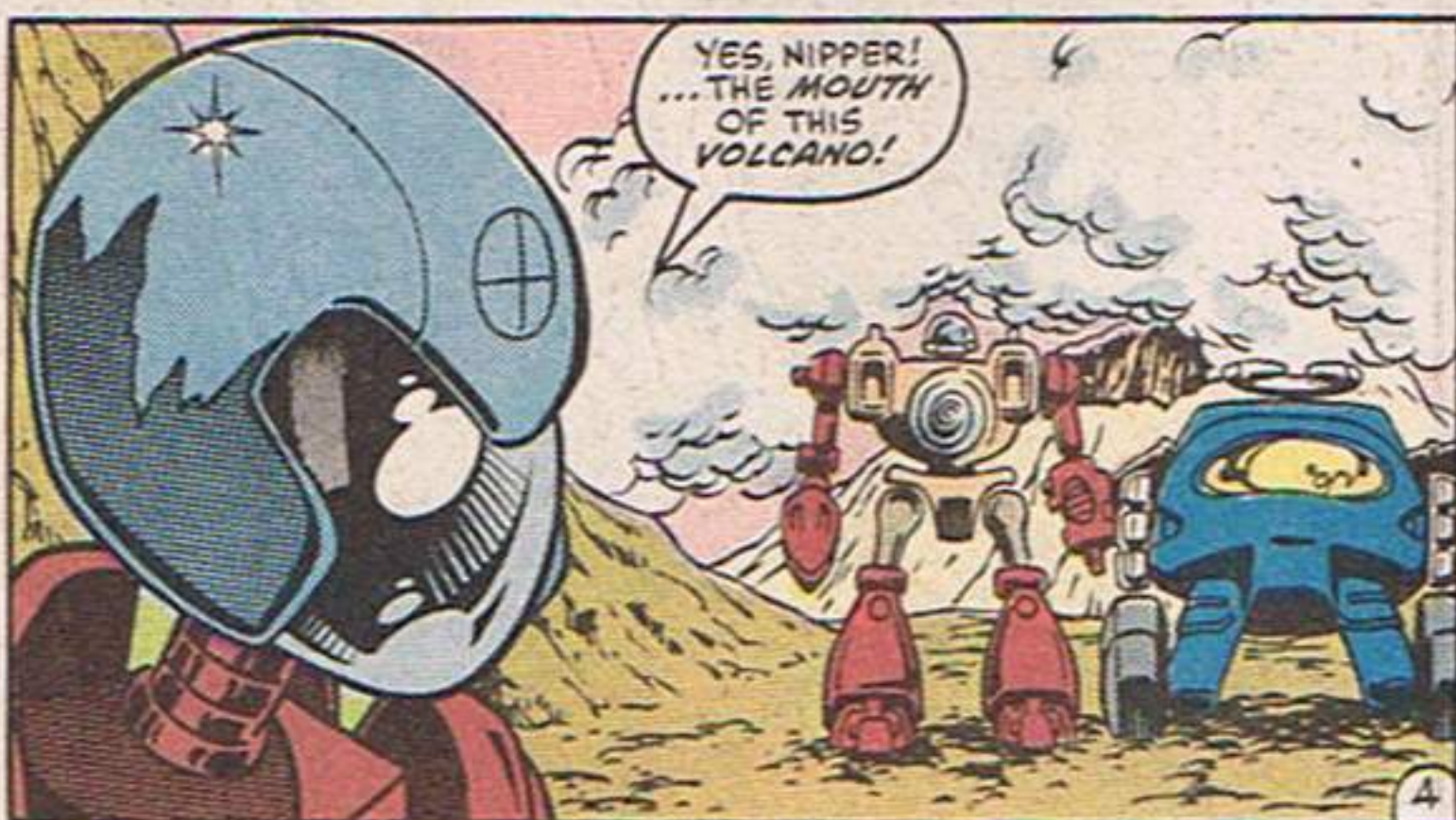
IT'S WORTH THE RISK! AGES AGO, MAN LEFT EARTH IN OUR CARE. THEN WE FORGOT ALL ABOUT HIM AND EVERYTHING WENT WRONG!

NOW NIPPER'S FOUND PROOF THAT MAN EXISTS! AND WE NEED HIM, CUT-UP! BUT HE'LL REMAIN ASLEEP UNLESS WE CAN FIND AND AWAKEN HIM!



WE MINIMIZE THE RISK IF WE'RE IN A SHELTERED PLACE, AWAY FROM POTENTIAL DESTRUCTOR INTERRUPTION!

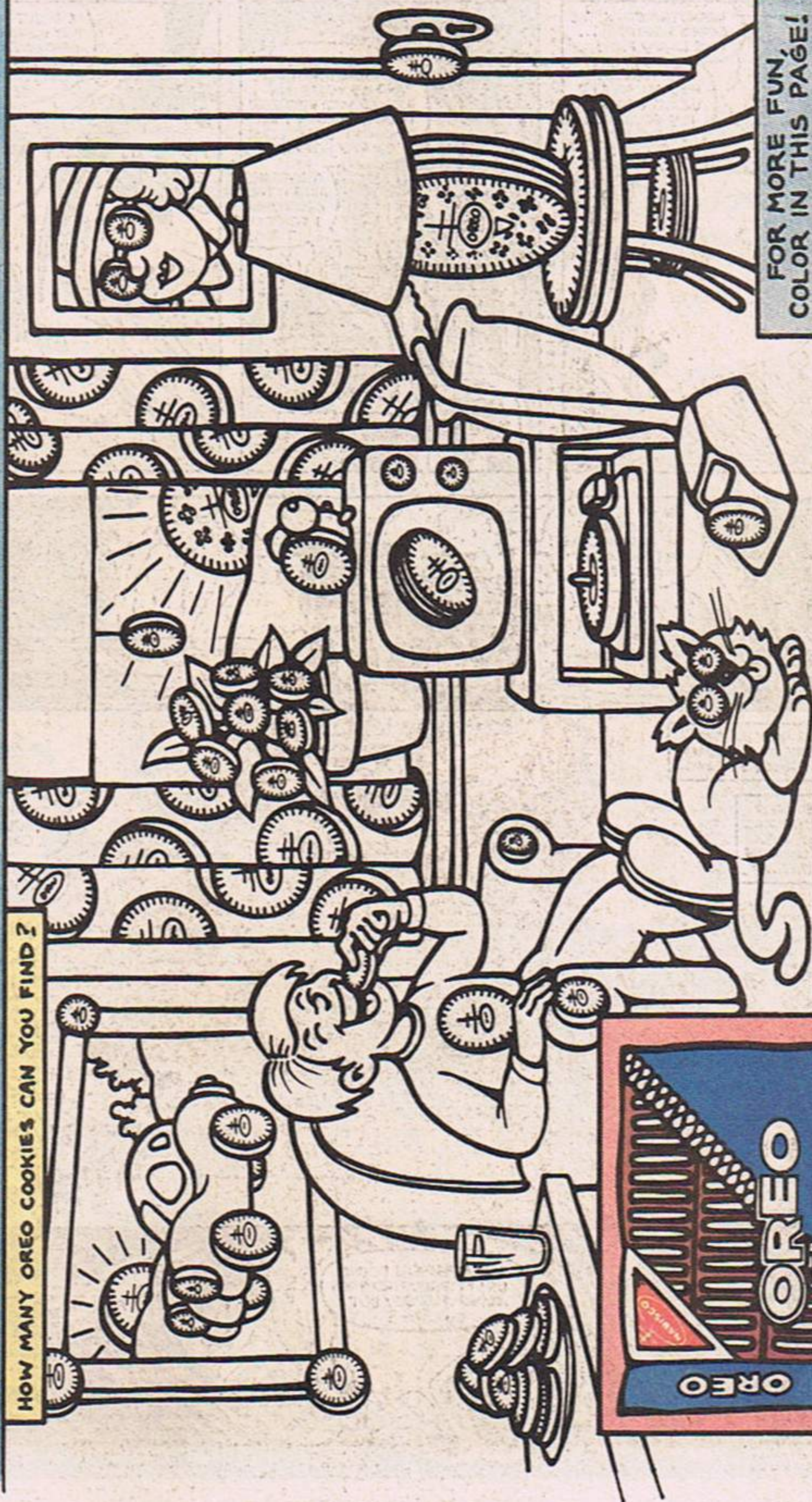
BUT THE ONLY SHELTERED PLACE AROUND HERE, GEO, IS...



YES, NIPPER! ...THE MOUTH OF THIS VOLCANO!

IMAGINE! OREO® COOKIES EVERYWHERE!!

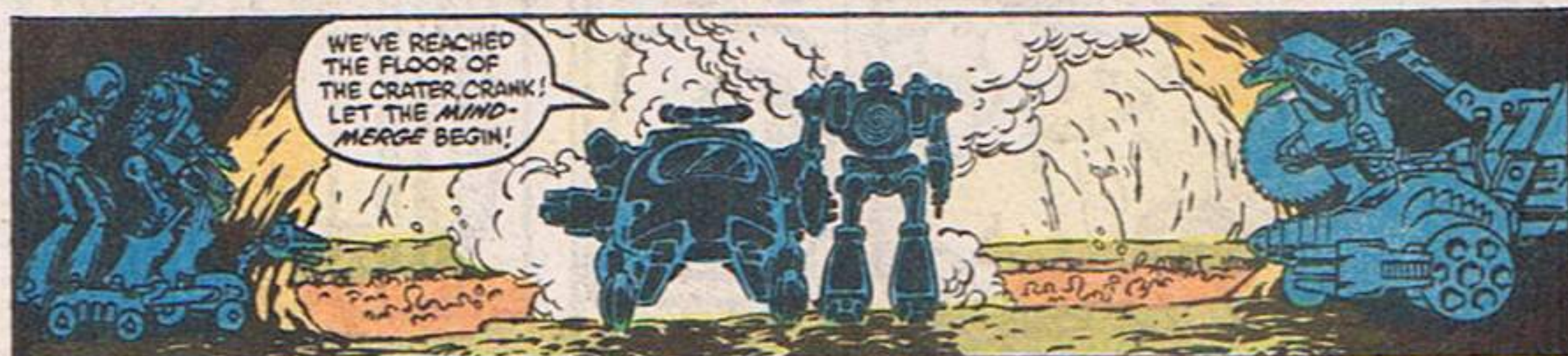
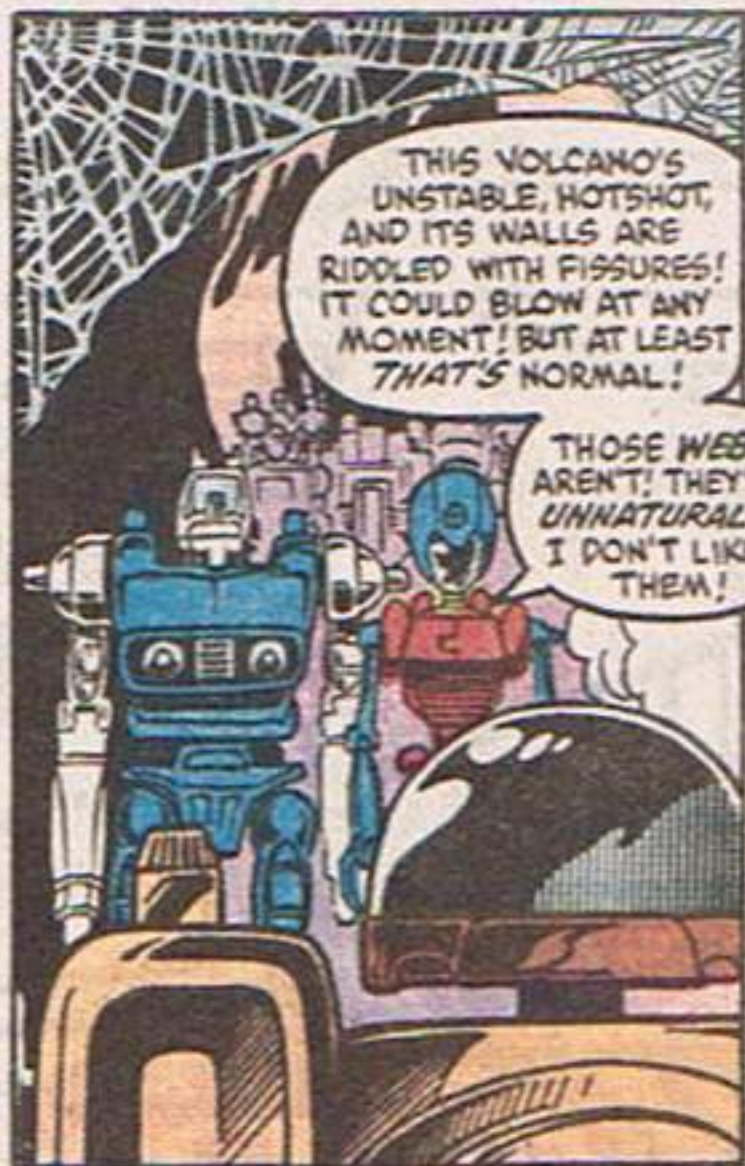
HOW MANY OREO COOKIES CAN YOU FIND?



FOR MORE FUN,
COLOR IN THIS PAGE!

*CREAMY, CRUNCHY, CHOCOLATE OREO
GOES GREAT WITH IMAGINATION!*

ANSWER: 62 OREOS
PLUS 25 IN PACKAGE



BLINDINGLY BRIGHT ENERGY ARCS FROM THINKTANK TO CRANK...

...AS STORED INFORMATION... EXPERIENCE... CONSCIOUSNESS MERGES...

THINKTANK'S INSIDE MY HEAD! I CAN FEEL HIM!

WE'VE FOUND THE BATTLESTATION! HE--

HE WILL DIE!



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Jim Henson's
MUPPET BABIES

GET ALONG GANG

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

**SATURDAY
SUPERFEST**

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**POLE
POSITION**

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CRICKET SURVEYED YOUR POSITION, RENEGADES, AND ADVISED HOW I COULD ENTER MOST--DRAMATICALLY...

...THROUGH A FISSURE IN THE VOLCANO'S SIDE! OUTSIDE SLAUGHTER AWAITS YOUR DESTRUCTION!

THE MIND-LINK IS SEVERED! CRANK'S SHORT-CIRCUITING!

HOTSHOT! WATCH OUT FOR THE EDGE! YOU'LL--

BA-BLDOOIA!



CLICK!

I'VE CAUGHT MYSELF, CUT-UP! I'M SAFE!

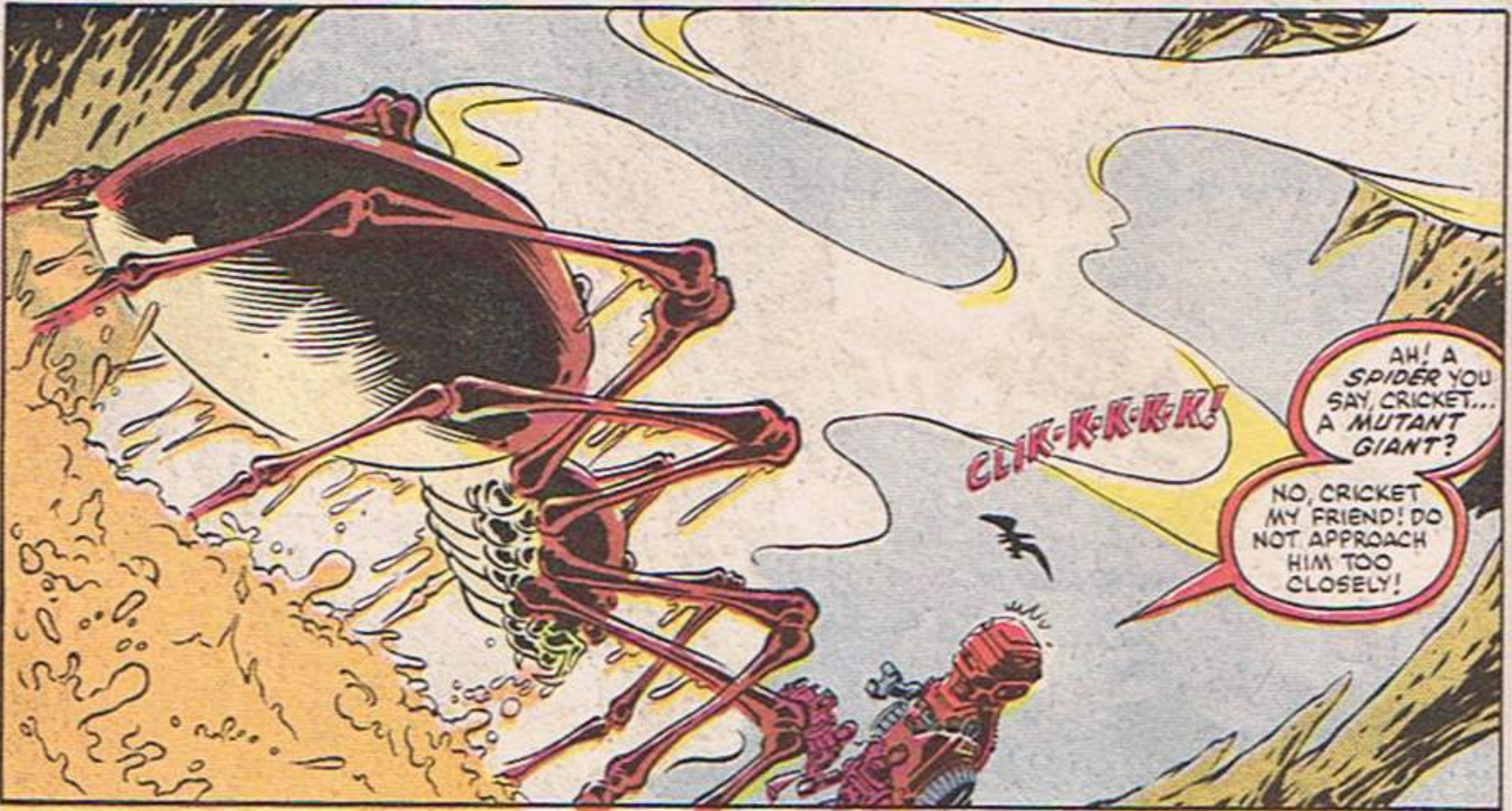


BUT THE PROTECTORS ARE TRAPPED BETWEEN DEADEYE AND THE LAVA!



THE LAVA! IT CHURNS...AS IF ALIVE!

AND FROM IT... SOMETHING RISES...



CLIK-K-K-K!

AH! A SPIDER YOU SAY, CRICKET... A MUTANT GIANT?

NO, CRICKET MY FRIEND! DO NOT APPROACH HIM TOO CLOSELY!



YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT WEAPONS--

CLIK-A-ACK!

FFFFSSSTT!

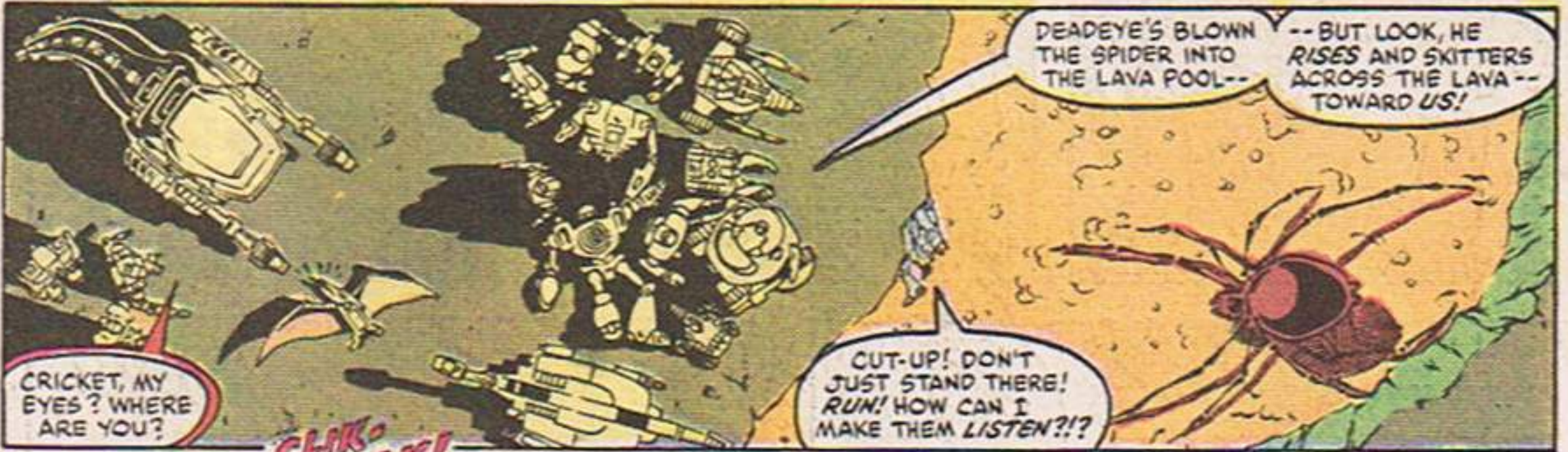


CH-ACK!



NO! LEAVE HIM, MONSTER!

BA-DOOM!



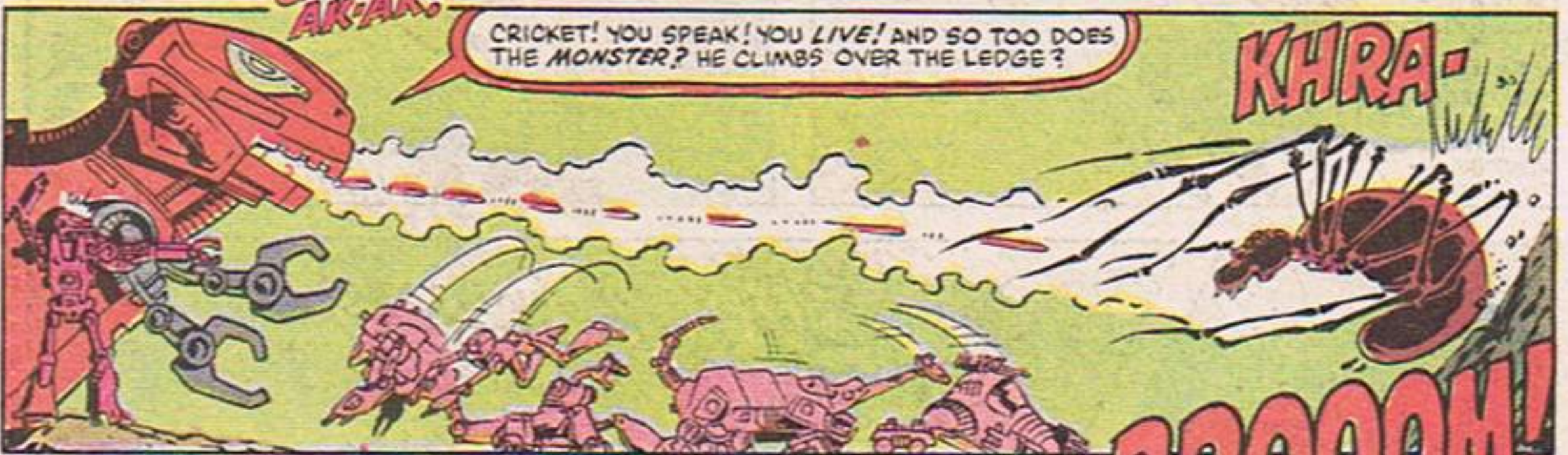
DEADEYE'S BLOWN THE SPIDER INTO THE LAVA POOL--

-- BUT LOOK, HE RISES AND SKITTERS ACROSS THE LAVA -- TOWARD US!

CRICKET, MY EYES? WHERE ARE YOU?

CLIK-AK-AK!

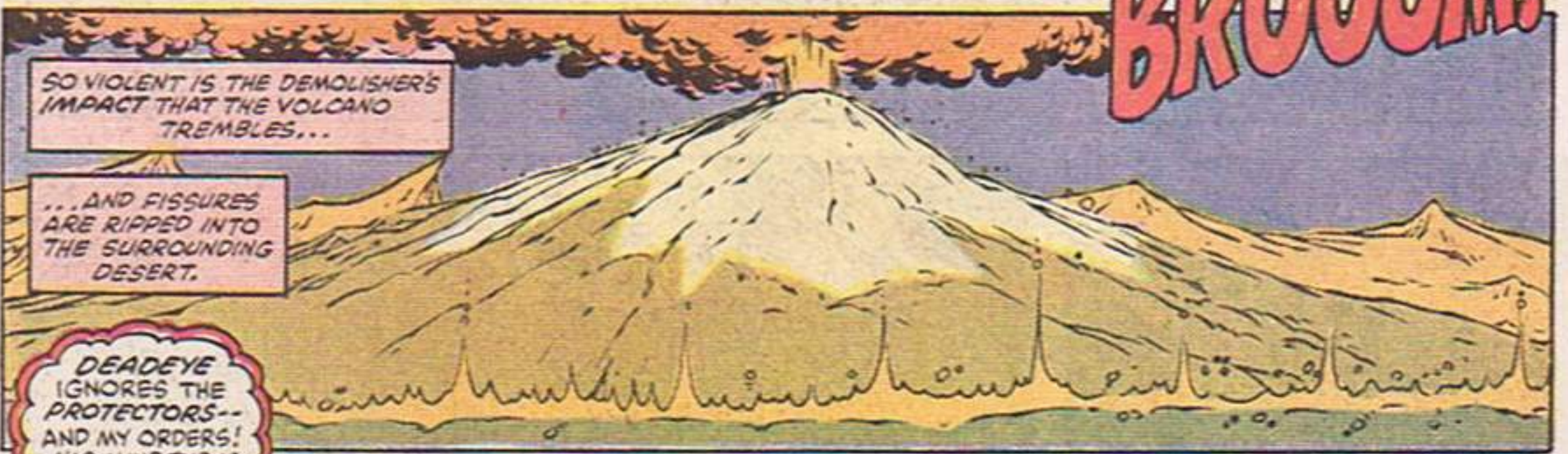
CUT-UP! DON'T JUST STAND THERE! RUN! HOW CAN I MAKE THEM LISTEN?!?



CRICKET! YOU SPEAK! YOU LIVE! AND SO TOO DOES THE MONSTER? HE CLIMBS OVER THE LEDGE?

KHRA-

BROOOM!



SO VIOLENT IS THE DEMOLISHER'S IMPACT THAT THE VOLCANO TREMBLES...

...AND FISSURES ARE RIPPED INTO THE SURROUNDING DESERT.

DEADEYE IGNORES THE PROTECTORS-- AND MY ORDERS! HIS MIND TURNS TOWARD THE MONSTER!

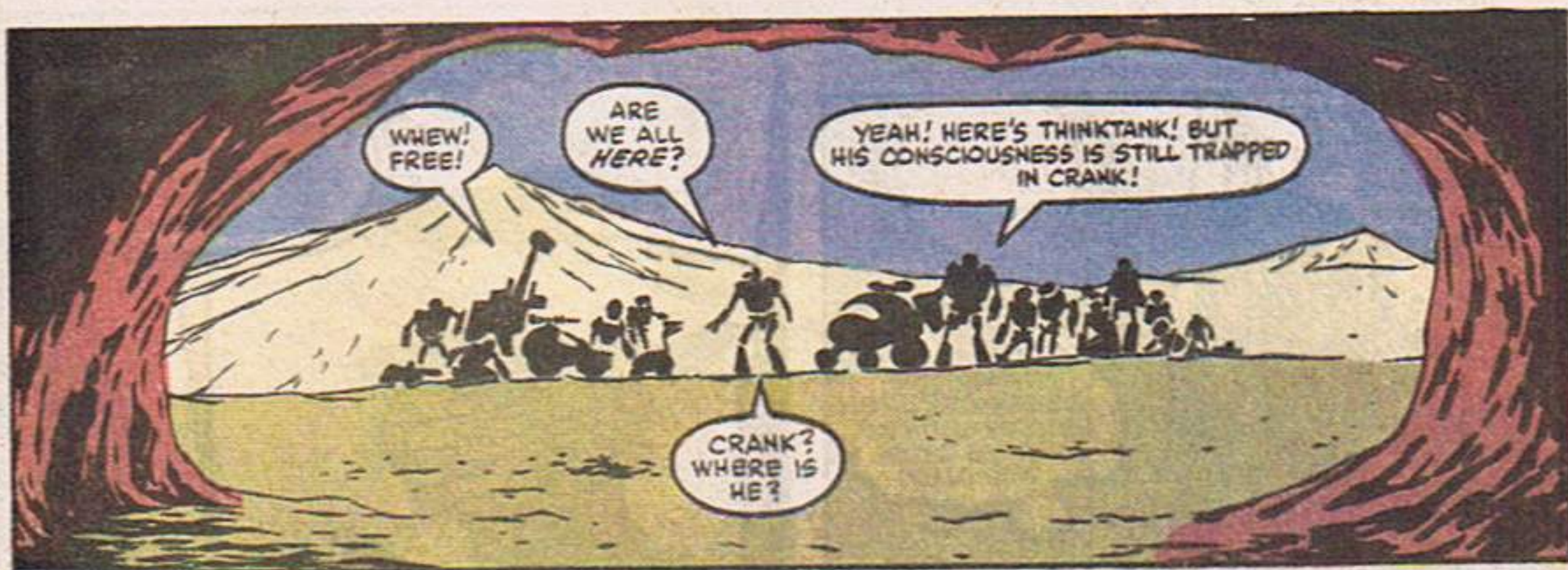


EVEN I FEEL IT-- PROGRAMMED WITHIN ME, THE NEED TO DESTROY IT! BUT I MUST NOT LET IT SWAY ME FROM MY GOAL!

ONCE, LONG AGO, I FOUGHT AND CONQUERED MY PROGRAMMING... AND I MUST DO SO NOW!

DESTRUCTORS-- ENTER THE CRATER! AND DESTROY THE RENEGADES!





WHEW!
FREE!

ARE
WE ALL
HERE?

YEAH! HERE'S THINKTANK! BUT
HIS CONSCIOUSNESS IS STILL TRAPPED
IN CRANK!

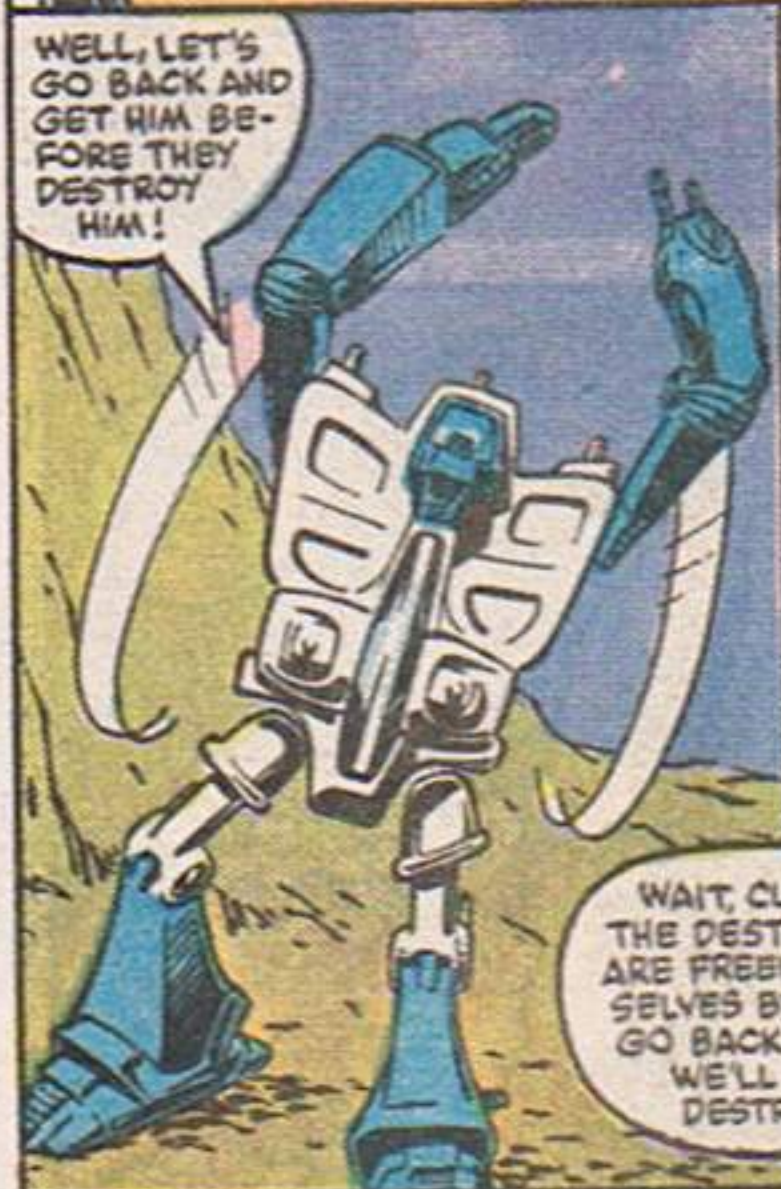
CRANK?
WHERE IS
HE?



CRANK? MY
DARLING! WE...
ABANDONED
HIM?

CRANK RISKED HIS LIFE
TO GET THE LOCATION OF
THE BATTLESTATION--
SUCCEEDED--

--AND
WE LEFT
HIM BACK
THERE?

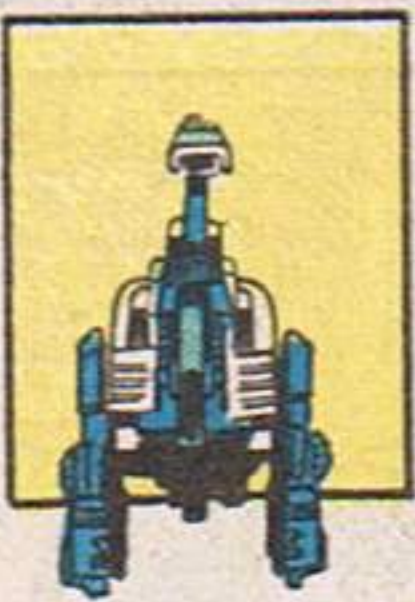


WELL, LET'S
GO BACK AND
GET HIM BE-
FORE THEY
DESTROY
HIM!



WE'LL NEED A TRANSFER
RING TO SEPARATE CRANK'S
CONSCIOUSNESS FROM
THINKTANK'S, AND TO
RESTORE EACH TO
HIS OWN BODY...

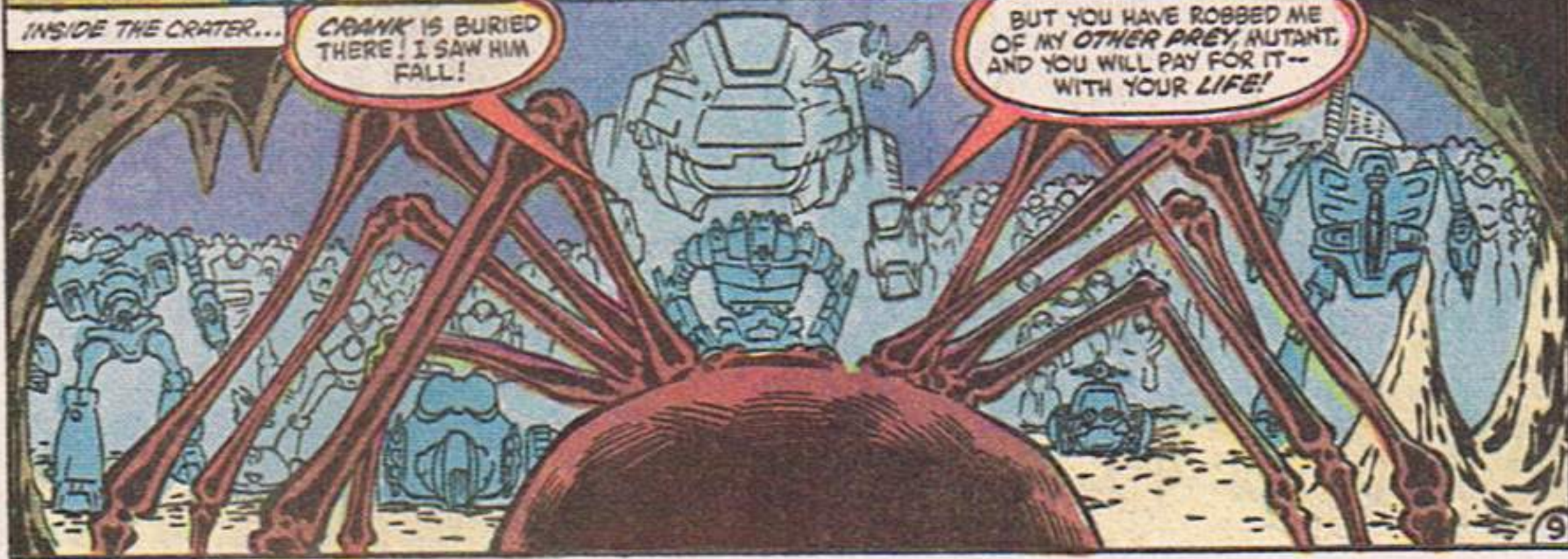
AND TO
GET THE RING--
SLAUGHTER'S
RING-- WE NEED
TO KNOW WHERE
IT'S KEPT!



WAIT, CUT-UP!
THE DESTRUCTORS
ARE FREEING THEM-
SELVES BY NOW!
GO BACK NOW AND
WE'LL ALL BE
DESTROYED!

THE
DESTRUCTORS
KNOW OUR SHAPES
BY NOW! WE NEED
SOMEONE WHOSE
SHAPE IS EASILY
ALTERED...

N-NOT
ME! YOU
CAN'T MEAN
ME!



INSIDE THE CRATER...

CRANK IS BURIED
THERE! I SAW HIM
FALL!

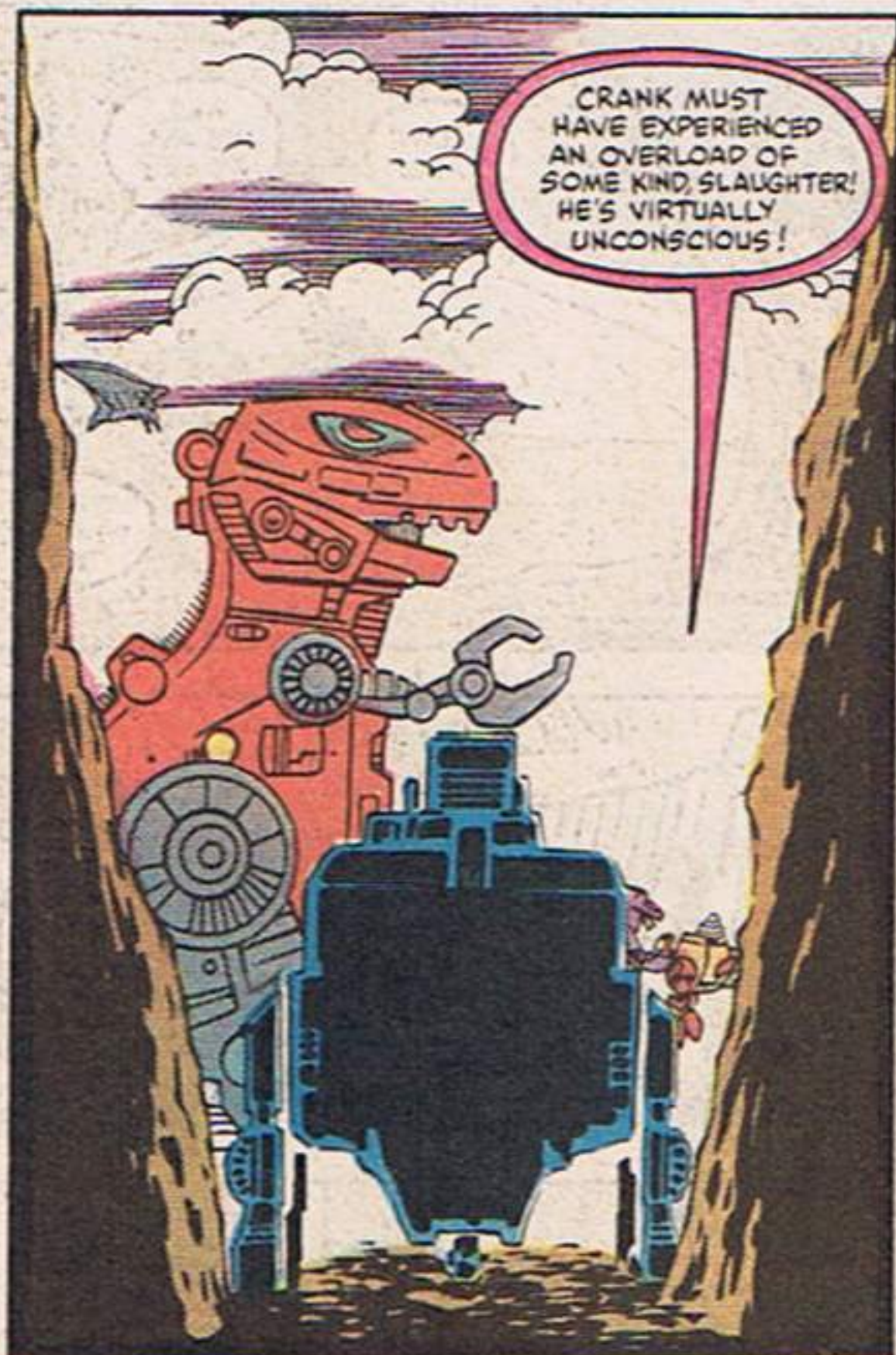
BUT YOU HAVE ROBBED ME
OF MY OTHER PREY, MUTANT,
AND YOU WILL PAY FOR IT--
WITH YOUR LIFE!

LATER, AN ALTERED AND DARKENED RUNABOUT ENTERS THE DESTRUCTOR CAMP AT THE BOTTOM OF GLASS MOUNTAIN...

THIS WHEELS-ON-TOP FORM IS A GOOD DISGUISE, BUT IT MAKES ME FEEL LIKE I'M WALKING UPSIDE DOWN!

OH, HOW DID I LET THEM TALK ME INTO THIS?

THERE'S DEADEYE WITH SLAUGHTER STEELGRAVE! GOUGE AND SAWTOOTH'RE CARRYING CRANK INTO CAMP!



CRANK MUST HAVE EXPERIENCED AN OVERLOAD OF SOME KIND, SLAUGHTER! HE'S VIRTUALLY UNCONSCIOUS!



YES, GOUGE! AND SLAUGHTER REFUSED TO USE THE TRANSFER RING TO REVIVE HIM! CAN HE BE AFRAID OF WHAT CRANK MIGHT REVEAL?

TONIGHT WE TRY HIM BEFORE THE ASSEMBLED DESTRUCTORS AND WHEN HE IS FOUND GUILTY...

... YOU WILL BRING ME THE RING FROM THE RED CENTRAL TENT AND I WILL MIND-WIPE HIM--

-- AND HIS PARTS WILL BE SCATTERED AS A WARNING TO OTHERS!

LEARN FROM THIS, SAWTOOTH! YOU ARE A DESTRUCTOR, BUT YOU ARE EQUALLY VULNERABLE TO MY WHIM!



POOR CRANK! THEY'RE GONNA TORTURE AND DESTROY HIM TONIGHT! AT LEAST I'VE FOUND OUT WHERE THEY KEEP THE RING!

BETTER GET BACK AND TELL THE OTHERS! WE'LL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING -- FAST!



SOON...

SO THAT'S IT, HOTSHOT! WE'LL HAVE TO HURRY IF WE'RE GONNA GET CRANK BACK! AND... I'M AFRAID WE MIGHT HAVE TO FIGHT!

I STILL BELIEVE THAT IT ISN'T RIGHT FOR STARRIOR TO BATTLE STARRIOR!

YET YOU OVERCAME YOUR NON-VIOLENT PROGRAMMING ONCE, TO SAVE CRANK!

I FIRED IN THE HEAT OF PASSION-- I DOUBT I COULD COLD-BLOODEDLY WAGE WAR.



THAT'S WHAT THE *DESTRUCTORS* DO! WE SHOULDN'T BECOME LIKE THEM!

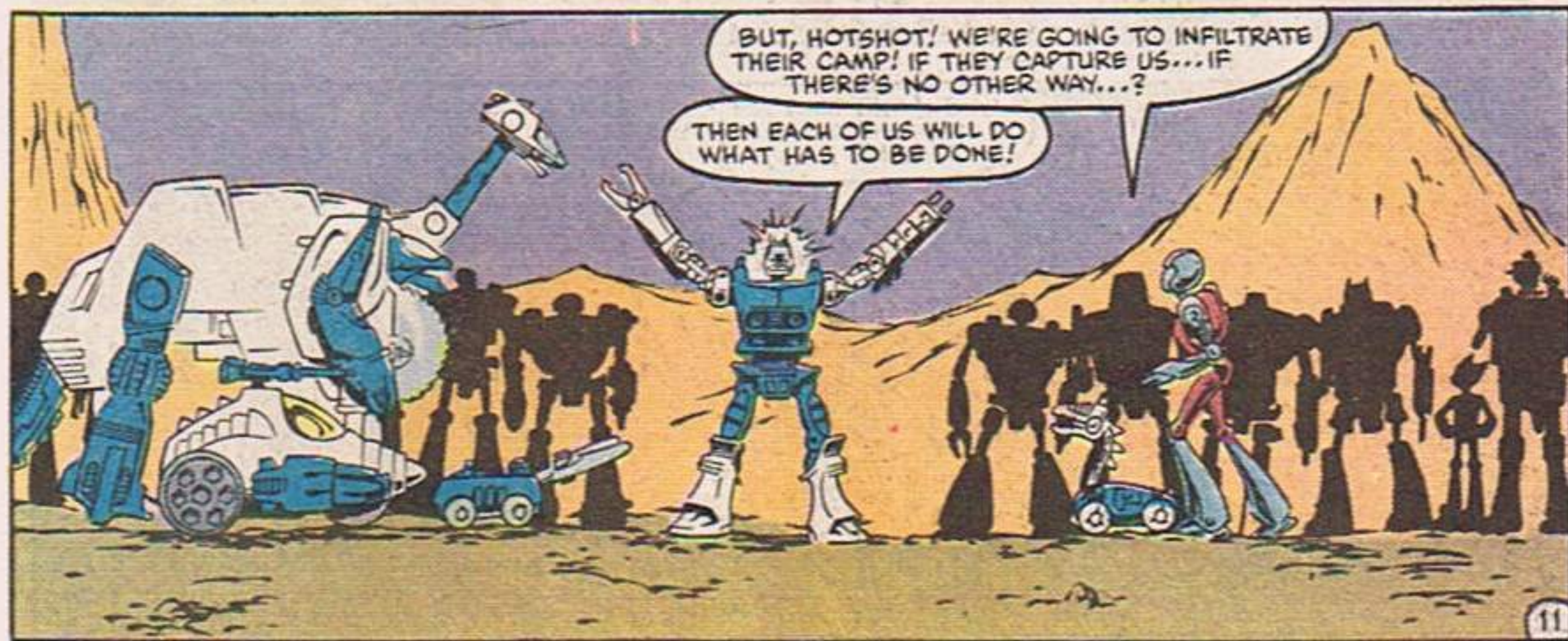
YEAH, BUT THEY WIN! THEY'RE ON TOP! THEY HAVE THE *RING* AND *CRANK* AND, UNLESS WE FIGHT THEM, PRETTY SOON THEY'LL HAVE *US*!



SO FAR I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO OVERCOME MY PROGRAMMING-- TO USE MY SAW BLADE AGAINST THEM!

I THINK IT'S WHAT I *OUGHT* TO DO, BUT MY PROGRAMMING BLOCKS ME! I DON'T SEEM TO HAVE A CHOICE!

NEITHER DO I! NONVIOLENCE IS THE ONLY SANE CHOICE!



BUT, HOTSHOT! WE'RE GOING TO INFILTRATE THEIR CAMP! IF THEY CAPTURE US... IF THERE'S NO OTHER WAY...?

THEN EACH OF US WILL DO WHAT HAS TO BE DONE!

SOON...

THERE'S THE
DESTRUCTOR CAMP
DOWN BELOW!

WE'LL GO IN TWO
GROUPS-- ONE TO
GET THE *TRANSFER
RING*, THE OTHER TO
RESCUE *CRANK*!

THE MOUNTAIN
HAS A FUNNY
BULGE DOWN
THERE! WHAT
IS IT, *GEO*?

A MAGMA-
FILLED BLISTER!
BENEATH IT IS A
FISSURE THAT
LEADS DIRECTLY
TO THE MAGMA
CHAMBER!

WHEN THE
BLISTER BLOWS,
I WOULDN'T
WANT TO BE
BENEATH IT!



LOOK! THE TORTURE
MACHINE IS ALMOST
FINISHED!

ALREADY A CROWD IS
BEGINNING TO GATHER
AROUND IT! WE DON'T
HAVE MUCH TIME!

NO! SEE THE PRISON TENT? RUN-
ABOUT, *TINKER*, *CUT-UP* AND *MOTOR-
MOUTH*-- THAT'S WHERE YOU'LL FIND *CRANK*!

AND THERE'S
THE RED TENT
THAT CONTAINS
THE *TRANSFER
RING*! *GEO*, *NIPPER*--
-- THAT'S OUR
DESTINATION!

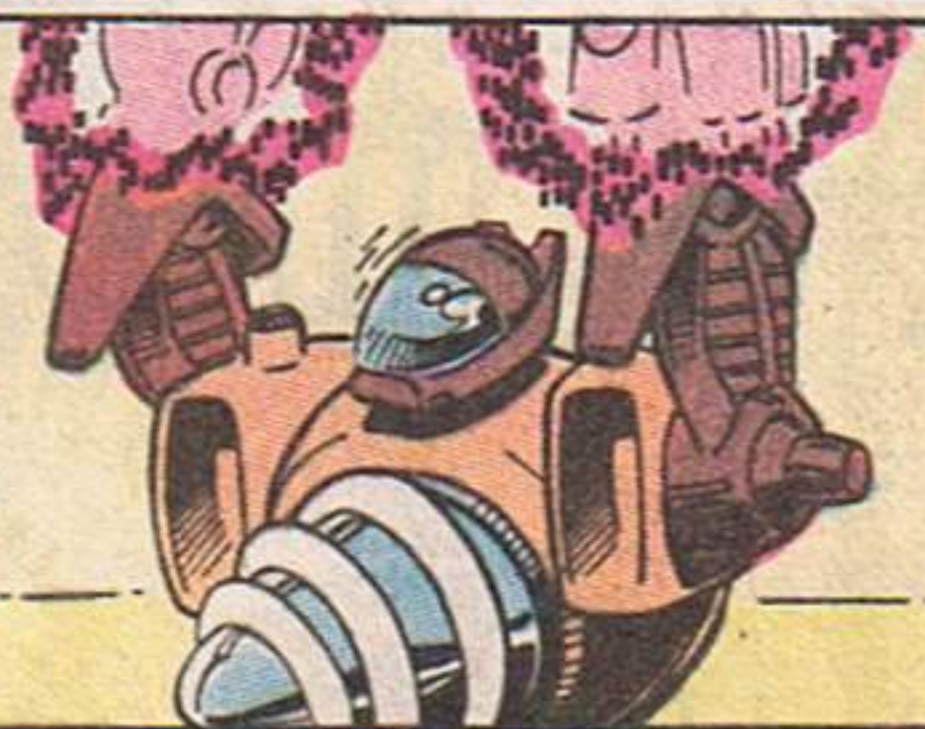
MEANWHILE, IN THE PRISON TENT...

I'M SUPPOSED TO GUARD CRANK! NOT AWAKEN HIM! BUT THIS IS TOO GOOD AN OPPORTUNITY TO PASS UP!

IF SLAUGHTER DISCOVERS I'VE TAKEN THE TRANSFER RING, HE'LL TERMINATE ME...



... BUT I MUST LEARN WHAT'S DRIVING SLAUGHTER! IS HE MAD OR--?



CRANK, LISTEN! WE HAVEN'T MUCH TIME! SLAUGHTER WILL BE HERE ANY SECOND NOW TO TORTURE YOU...



... TO ERASE YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS AND SCATTER YOUR PARTS AS A LESSON TO OTHERS LIKE YOU... AND ME!

CRANK-- TELL ME!

WHY DO YOU PROTECTORS FLEE INTO THE DESERT? WHY IS SLAUGHTER OBSESSED WITH YOUR DESTRUCTION?



MAN... LIVES. SLEEPS... OUT HERE.

HAVE TO FIND HIM... AWAKEN HIM...



THAT EXPLAINS A LOT! SLAUGHTER SEES US DESTRUCTORS AS EARTH'S NATURAL RULERS!

BUT MAN CREATED US! AND IF HE EXISTS IN REALITY, NOT LEGEND AS WE'D SUPPOSED ... AND IF YOU AWAKENED HIM...



... MAN JUST MIGHT WANT HIS WORLD BACK! SLAUGHTER MUST SOMEHOW... PERHAPS THROUGH THE SPY IN YOUR CAMP...

... HAVE LEARNED OF YOUR MISSION. NO WONDER HE'S DETERMINED TO DESTROY YOU!

OBEDIENCE IS STRONG IN MY PROGRAMMING! BUT HOW CAN I CONTINUE TO SERVE HIM NOW?



SATURDAY MORNING



CONSIDER, FOR A MOMENT, THE SURPRISE IN STORE FOR YOU ON SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 15TH. AS YOU LAY SLEEPING YOUR TELEVISION SUDDENLY COMES ALIVE!

HEY, WAKE UP. WAIT'LL YOU SEE WHAT'S COMING ON NBC.



IT'S A WHOLE NEW SEASON!

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NEW SHOW!

SNORKS

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NEXT, YOU'LL SURFACE IN THE PINK PANTHER'S BACKYARD AND MEET HIS KIDS, PINKY AND PANKY, AND THEIR RIVALS - A PACK OF LIONS KNOWN AS "HOWL'S ANGELS".

NEW SHOW!

THE PINK PANTHER AND SONS

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NEXT DOOR, YOU'LL FIND THE SMURF VILLAGE - RIGHT WHERE IT'S ALWAYS BEEN!

IT'S GOING TO BE SMURFIER THAN EVER!

SMURFS

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AS YOU LEAVE, ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS WILL BE WAITING TO ROCK YOUR SOCKS OFF WITH THEIR VERSIONS OF HITS LIKE "BEAT IT" AND "GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN".

Alvin and the Chipmunks

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NEXT, KIDD VIDEO WILL TAKE YOU TO THE FLIP SIDE OF THE UNIVERSE WHERE THE MASTER BLASTER IS WAGING A BATTLE TO RULE THE ENTIRE ROCK AND ROLL WORLD.

NEW SHOW!



KIDD VIDEO

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BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, MR. T WILL TAKE OVER.

PITY THE POOR FOOL WHO MESSES WITH THE CHANNEL CHANGER!

RIGHT, T!



MISTER T

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BY THE TIME HE'S DONE, YOU'LL BE GOING BANANAS WITH A REAL LIFE ORANSUTAN NAMED ROXANNA BANANA.



NEW SHOW!

GOING BANANAS

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THEN SPIDER-MAN AND HIS AMAZING FRIENDS WILL JOIN FORCES TO MAKE THE WHOLE WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY... 'SPECIALLY ON YOUR BLOCK!



SPIDER-MAN
AND HIS AMAZING FRIENDS

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AND FIVE TIMES DURING THE MORNING YOUR FAVORITE NBC STARS WILL GIVE YOU ONE TO GROW ON!

IT ALL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 15TH ON NBC, SO...

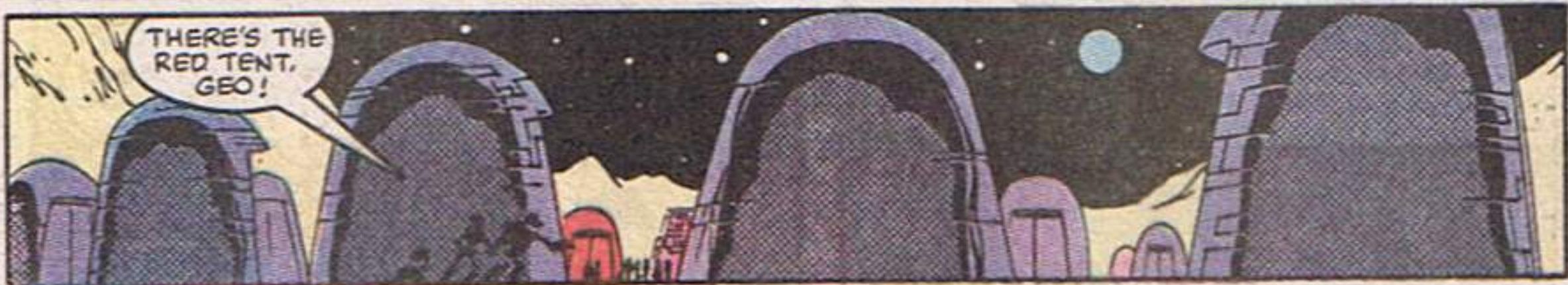
LET'S ALL

BE THERE



ONE TO GROW ON™





THERE'S THE RED TENT, GEO!



WHAT?? THE GUARDS ARE UNCONSCIOUS? CAN SOMEONE HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE US?



THE EXECUTION WILL BE MOST ENJOYABLE, WON'T IT, AUNTIE TANK?

PERHAPS, SPEED-TRAP, BUT--

DRAT! SOMEONE'S COMING! SEE THAT PILE OF EQUIPMENT BEHIND THEM, NIPPER?



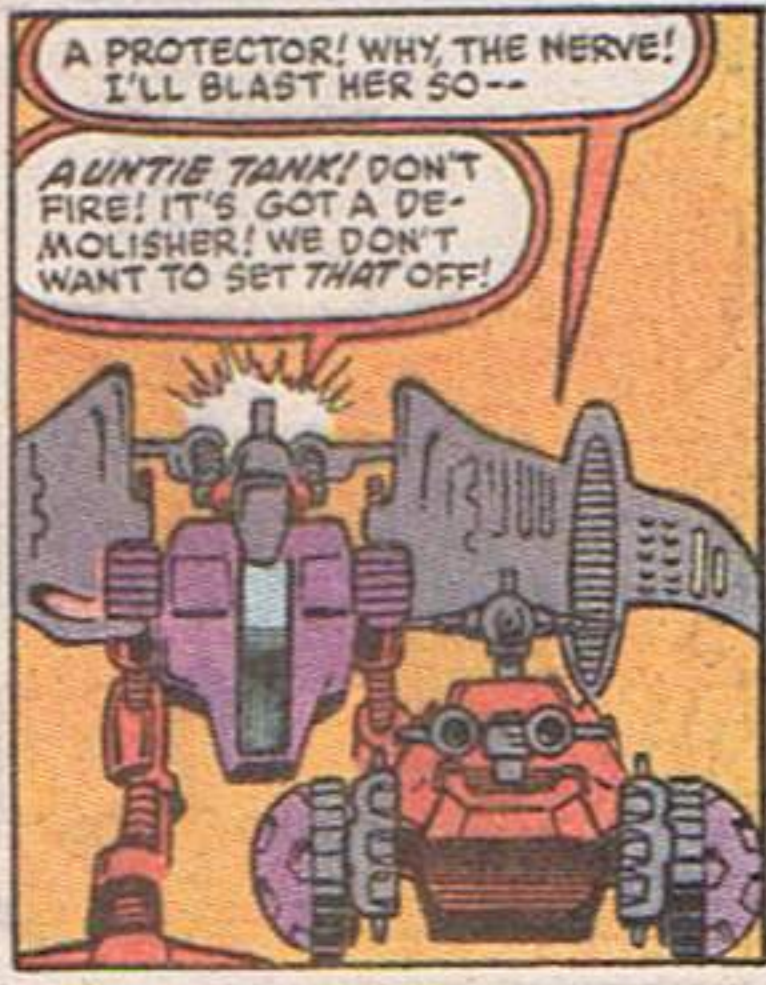
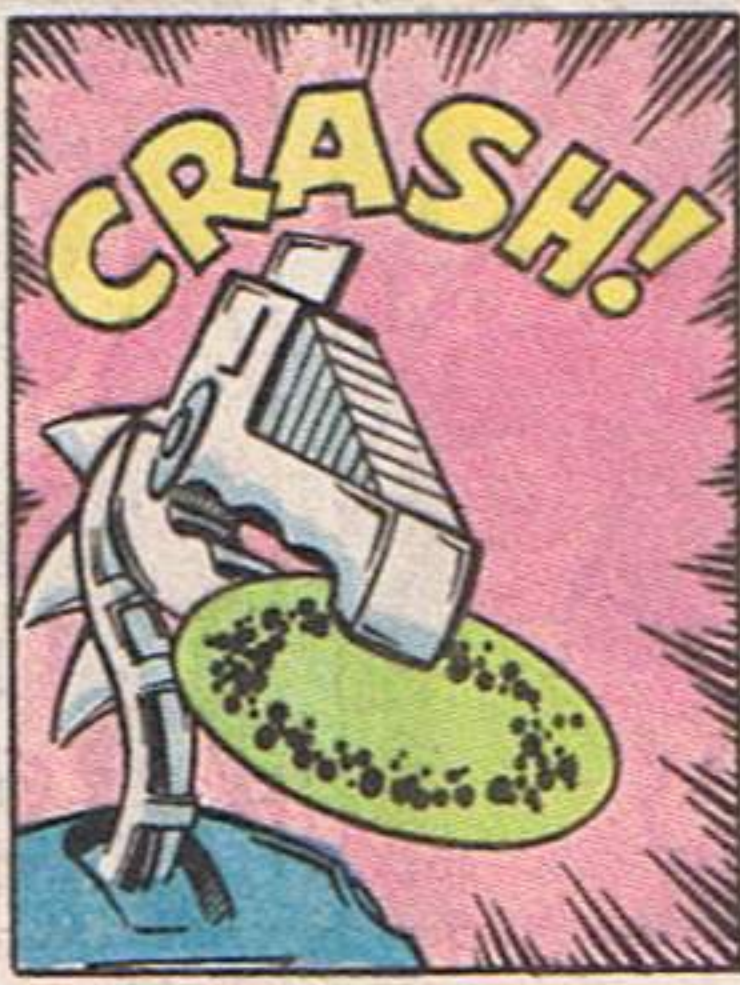
TRY TO KNOCK IT OVER WITHOUT THEM SEEING YOU! THE NOISE SHOULD DIVERT THEM!

HEY! THERE'S ONE OF DEADEYE'S DEMOLISHERS... LYING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PILE!



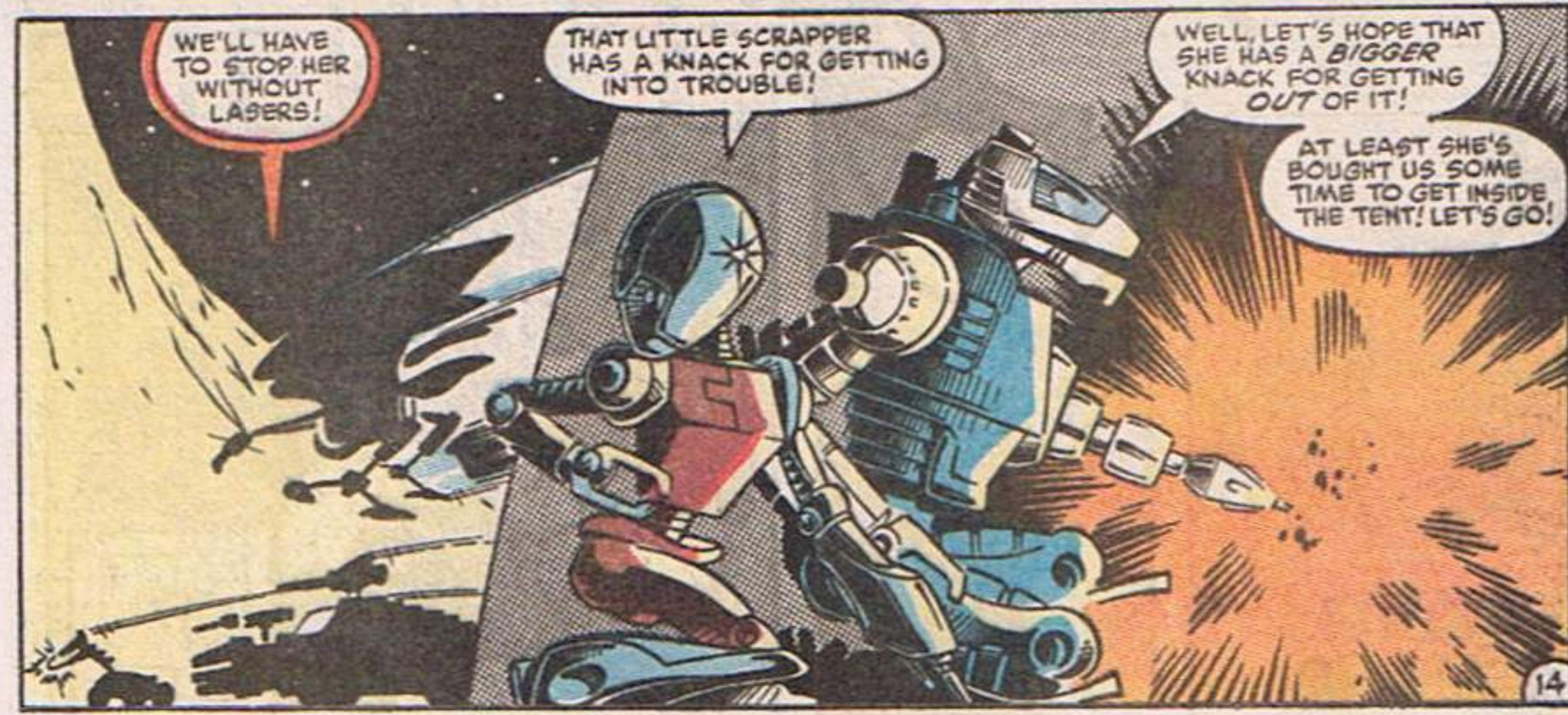
I GET THE MOST TERRIFIC VIBES FROM IT! I'D BETTER JUST GRAB IT AND--

THE WHOLE PILE TUMBLED OVER! OH, WELL, THAT'S WHAT IT WAS SUPPOSED TO DO, I GUESS!



A PROTECTOR! WHY, THE NERVE! I'LL BLAST HER SO--

AUNTIE TANK! DON'T FIRE! IT'S GOT A DEMOLISHER! WE DON'T WANT TO SET THAT OFF!



WE'LL HAVE TO STOP HER WITHOUT LASERS!

THAT LITTLE SCRAPPER HAS A KNACK FOR GETTING INTO TROUBLE!

WELL, LET'S HOPE THAT SHE HAS A BIGGER KNACK FOR GETTING OUT OF IT!

AT LEAST SHE'S BOUGHT US SOME TIME TO GET INSIDE THE TENT! LET'S GO!

MEANWHILE RUNABOUT, TINKER, CUT-UP AND MOTORMOUTH SNEAK TOWARD THE PRISON TENT...

SO HOW DOES IT FEEL, TINKER, TO BE RESCUING YOUR DEAREST NIPPER'S BE-LOVED HERO?

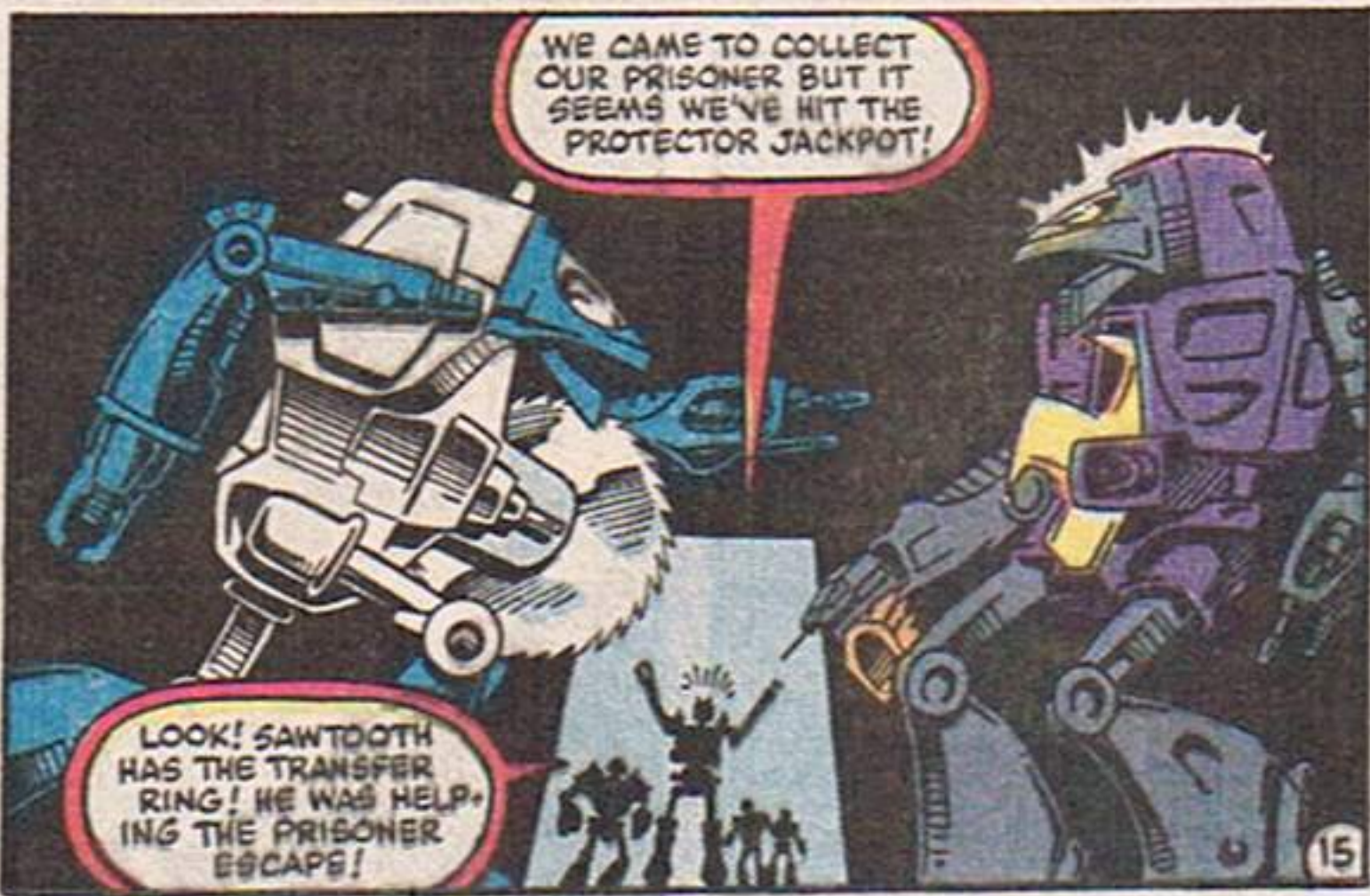
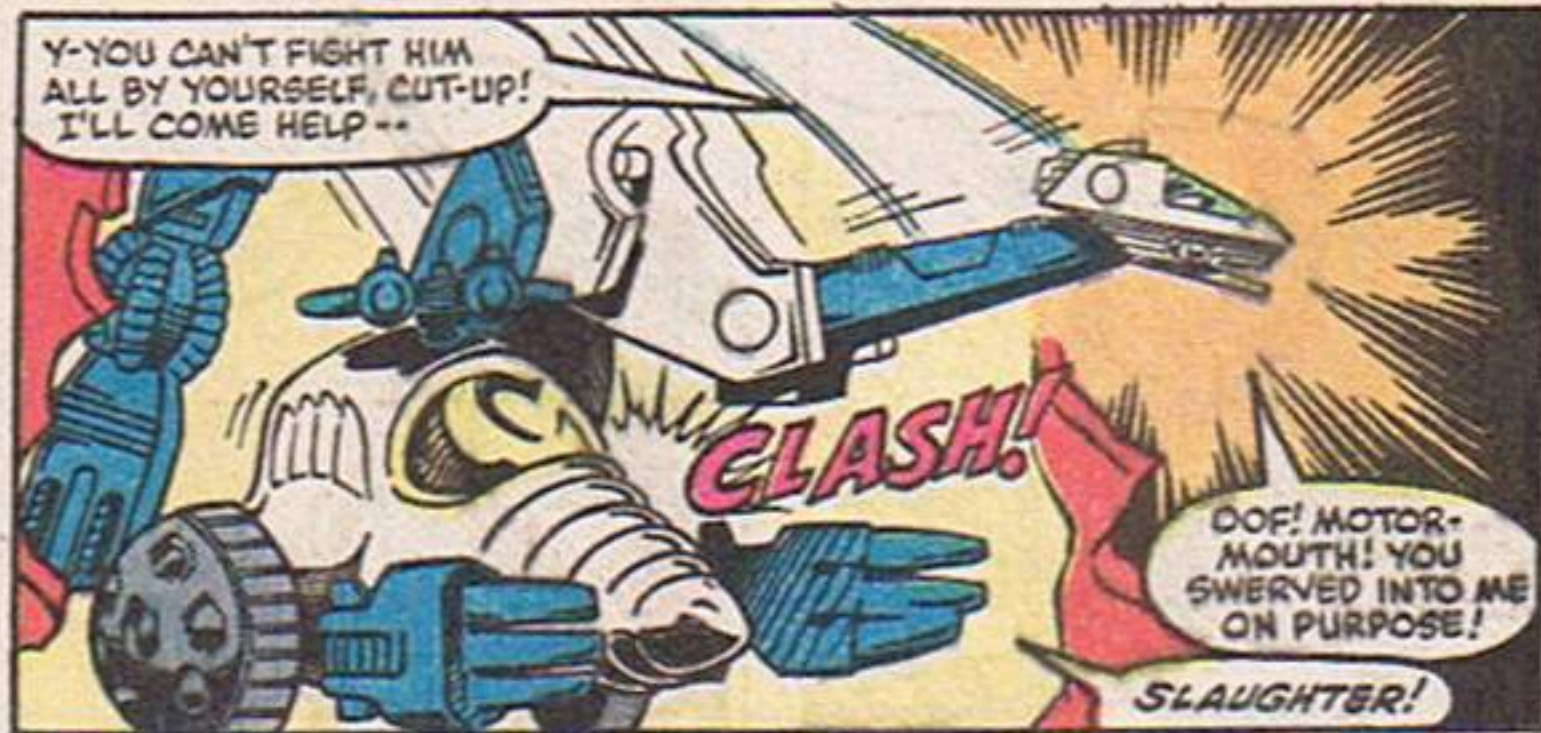
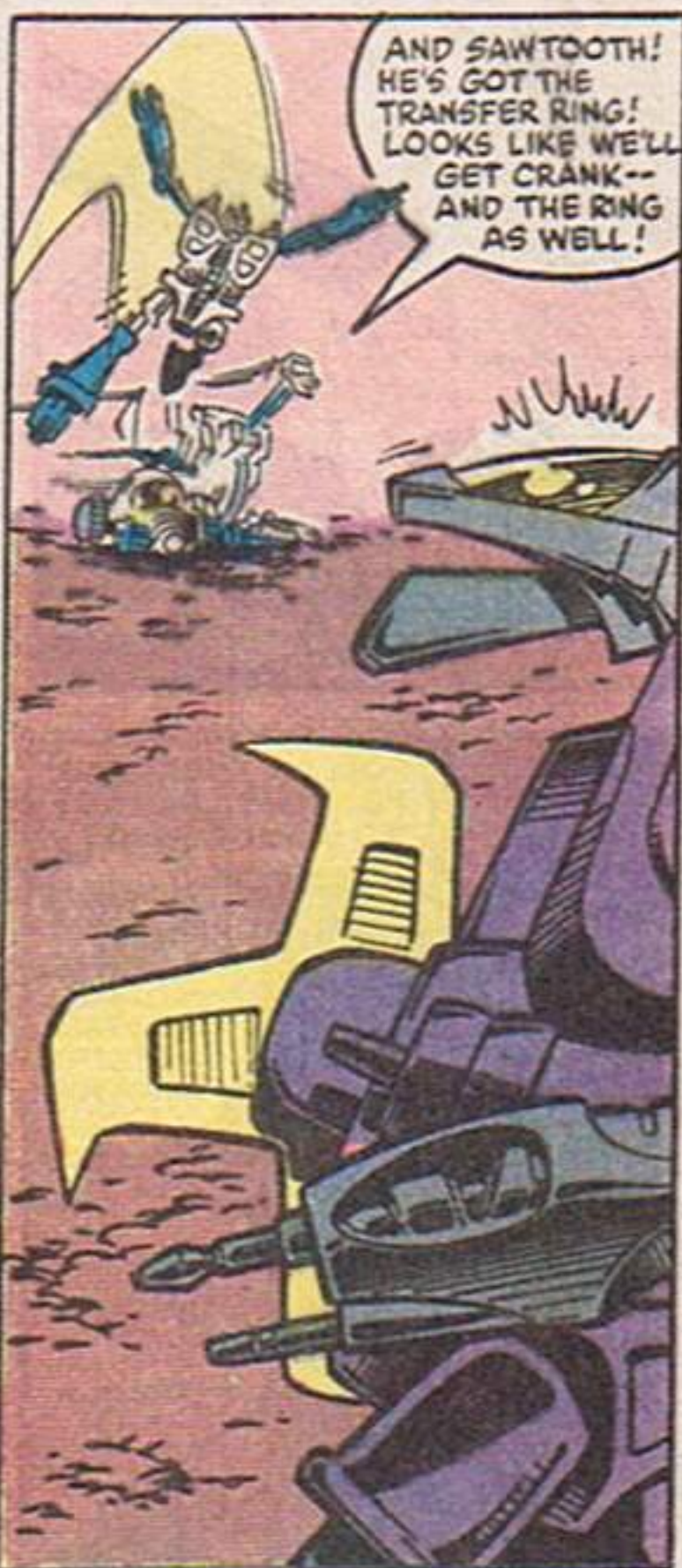
SORRY YOU WON'T GET THE CHANCE TO WIN BACK HER AFFECTION WITHOUT HIS UNWANTED COMPETITION?

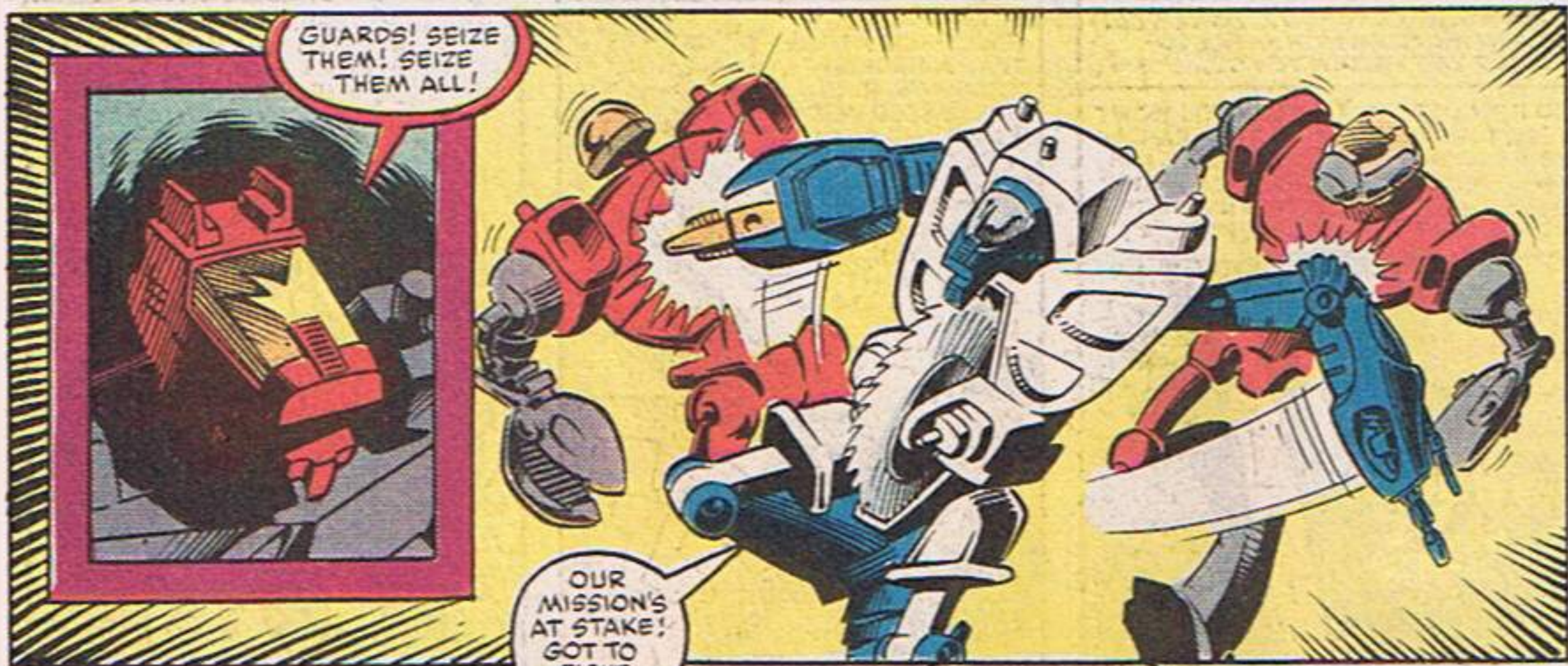
SHUT UP, MOTORMOUTH!

IT ISN'T NIPPER'S FAULT-- OR MINE-- THAT A BROKEN TRANSFER RING SCRAMBLED HER BRAIN AND ERASED HER MEMORY!

OR THAT SHE WOKE UP LOVING CRANK INSTEAD OF ME! THAT DOESN'T STOP ME FROM LOVING HER AND--

YEAH! ANOTHER WORD FROM YOU, MOTORMOUTH, AND I MIGHT LET THIS SAW SLIP AND CUT OUT YOUR CATTY TONGUE!





GUARDS! SEIZE THEM! SEIZE THEM ALL!

OUR MISSION'S AT STAKE! GOT TO FIGHT BACK!

CAN'T...DO IT! CAN'T CUT 'EM!

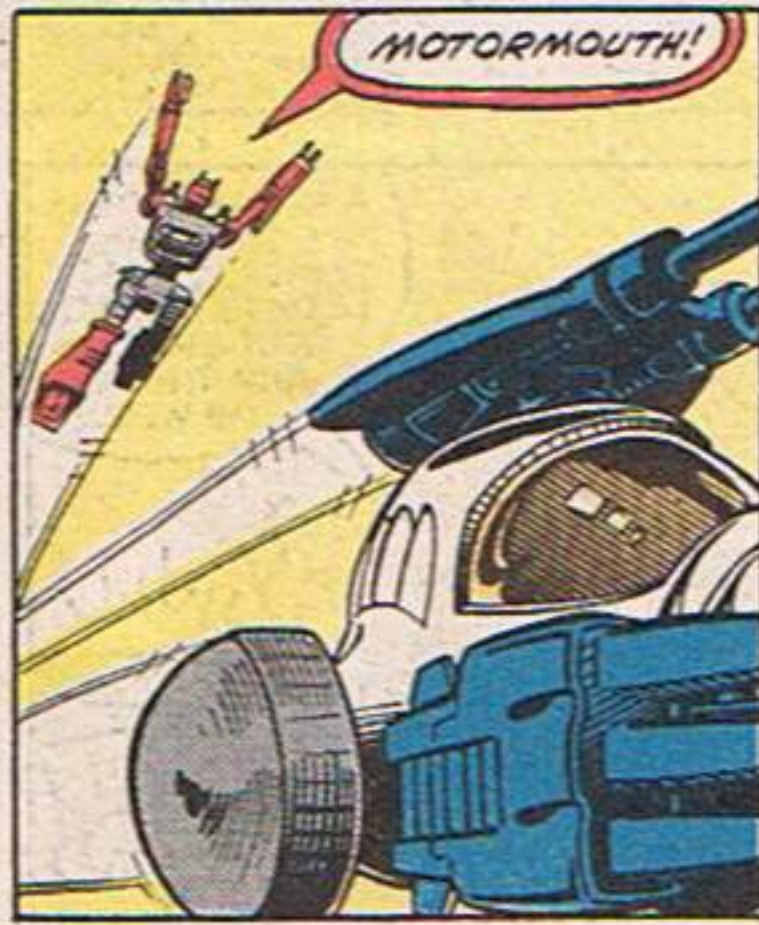


RUNABOUT! YOU OTHERS! DON'T JUST STAND THERE! RUN! GET AWAY!



I-I CAN'T, CUT-UP! THEY HAVE ME SUR-ROUNDED!

DON'T WORRY, RUN-ABOUT! I'LL HELP Y--OOF!



MOTORMOUTH!



WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?



S-SLAUGHTER! D-DON'T HURT ME! LET ME ESCAPE...AND I'LL LEAD YOU TO THE OTHERS!



FOLLOW HIM, GOUGE! HE MIGHT LEAD YOU TO BIGGER GAME!

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MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE RED TENT...

HAVE YOU FOUND IT YET, HOTSHOT? THE BOX THAT HOLDS THE TRANSFER RING?

I'VE FOUND IT, ALL RIGHT, GEO...



...BUT IT'S EMPTY! SOMEBODY WAS HERE BEFORE US... WITH THE SAME GOAL THAT WE HAD!

TRANSFER RING



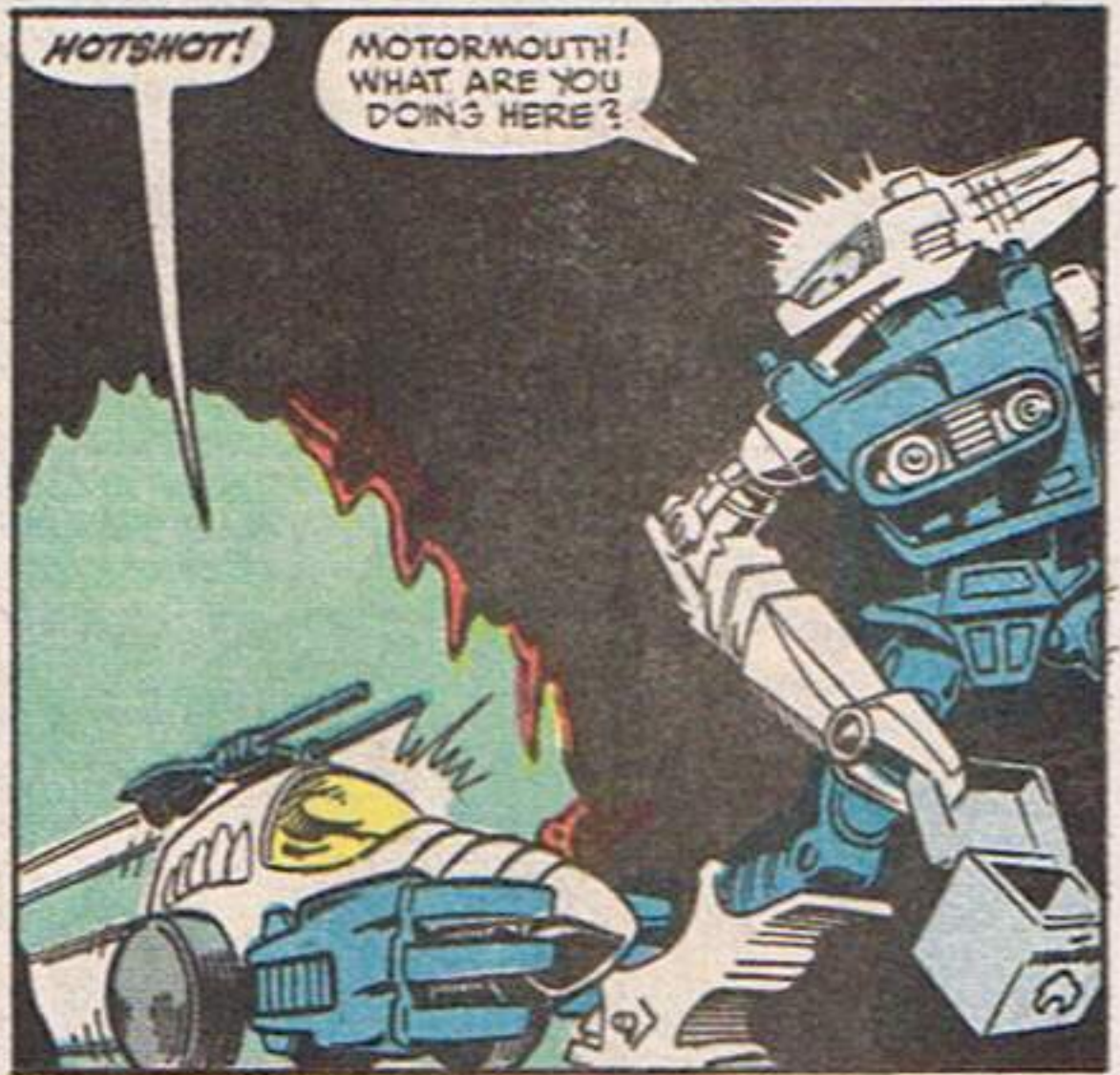
BUT WHO? AND WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

I WONDER IF CUT-UP IS HAVING ANY BETTER LUCK.

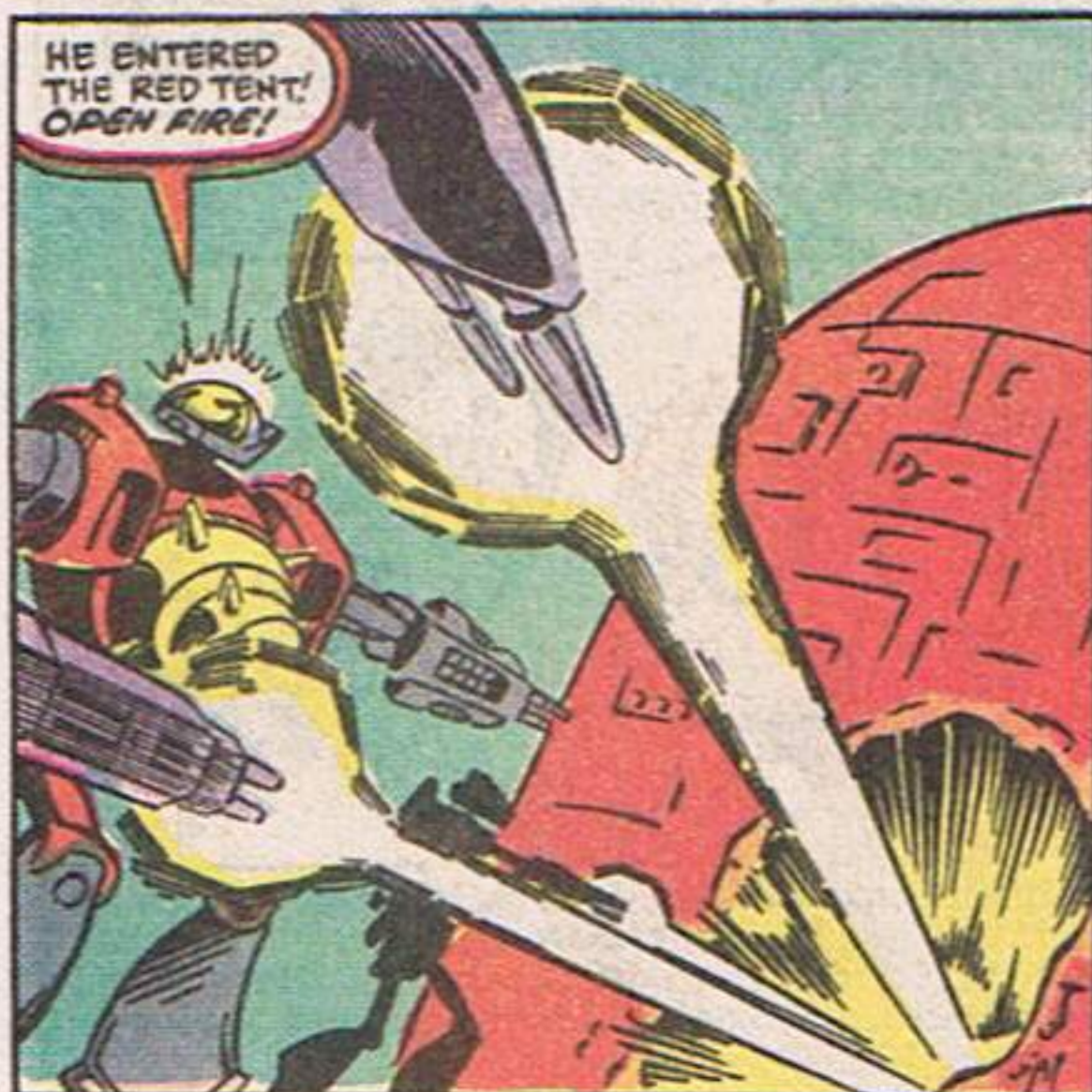


HOTSHOT!

MOTORMOUTH! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?



HE ENTERED THE RED TENT! OPEN FIRE!



THE OTHERS WERE CAPTURED! I ESCAPED! T-THEY MUST HAVE FOLLOWED ME HERE!

THEY'RE TRYING TO KILL ME... ALL OF US!



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BUT EVEN AS THE DESTRUCTORS FIRE AGAIN, CUT-UP, RUNABOUT AND TINKER, BOUND IN CHAINS...

...WATCH AS A BARELY CONSCIOUS CRANK IS PREPARED FOR HIS COMING ORDEAL...

THE RING IS READY, CRANK! YOU WILL BE THE FIRST TO FALL!

BUT I WILL NOT STOP UNTIL YOU ARE ALL HUNTED DOWN AND DESTROYED!

WHILE BACK AT THE SHED...

HOTSHOT! FIRE! USE YOUR LASERS! IT'S OUR ONLY HOPE!

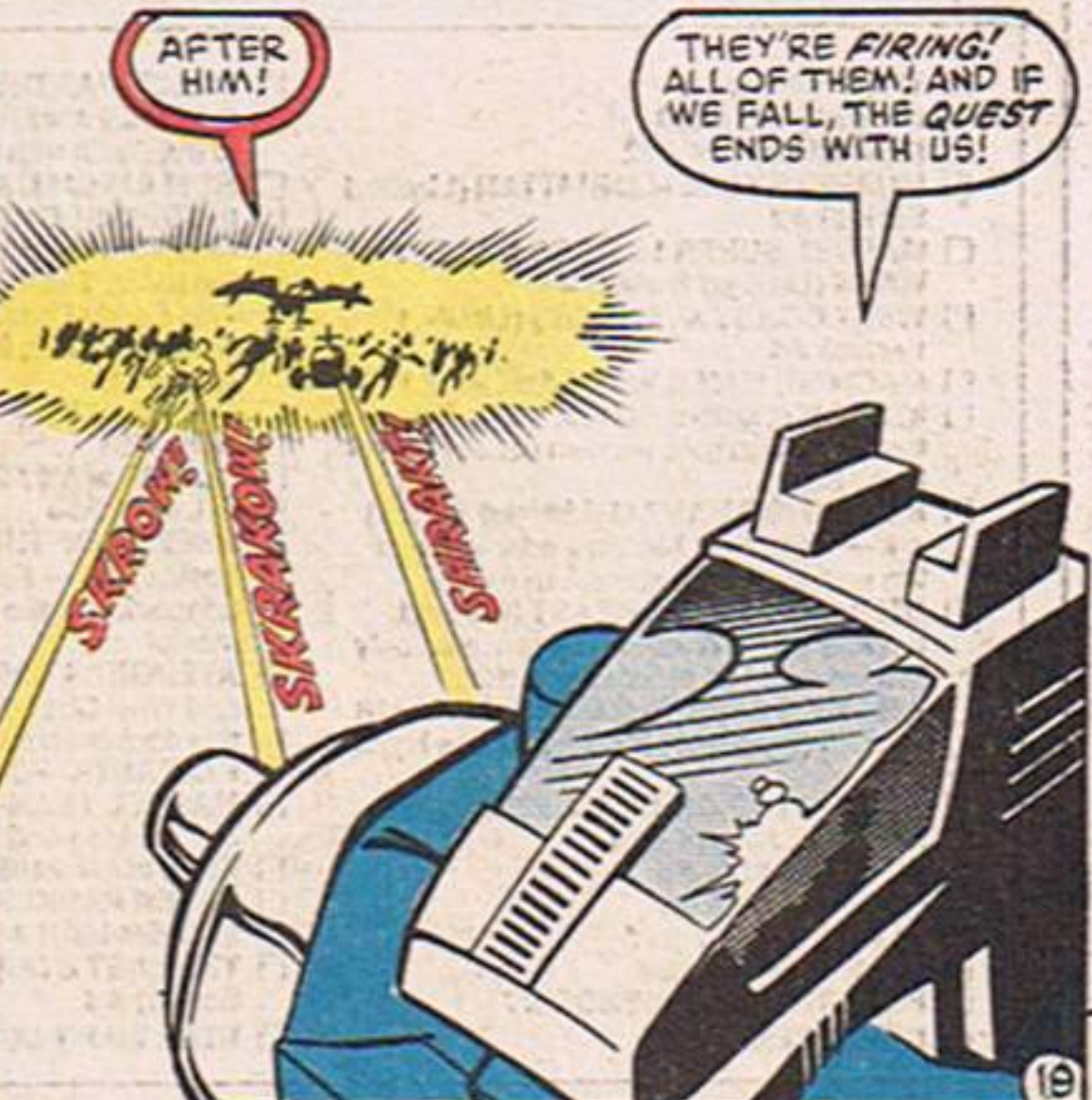
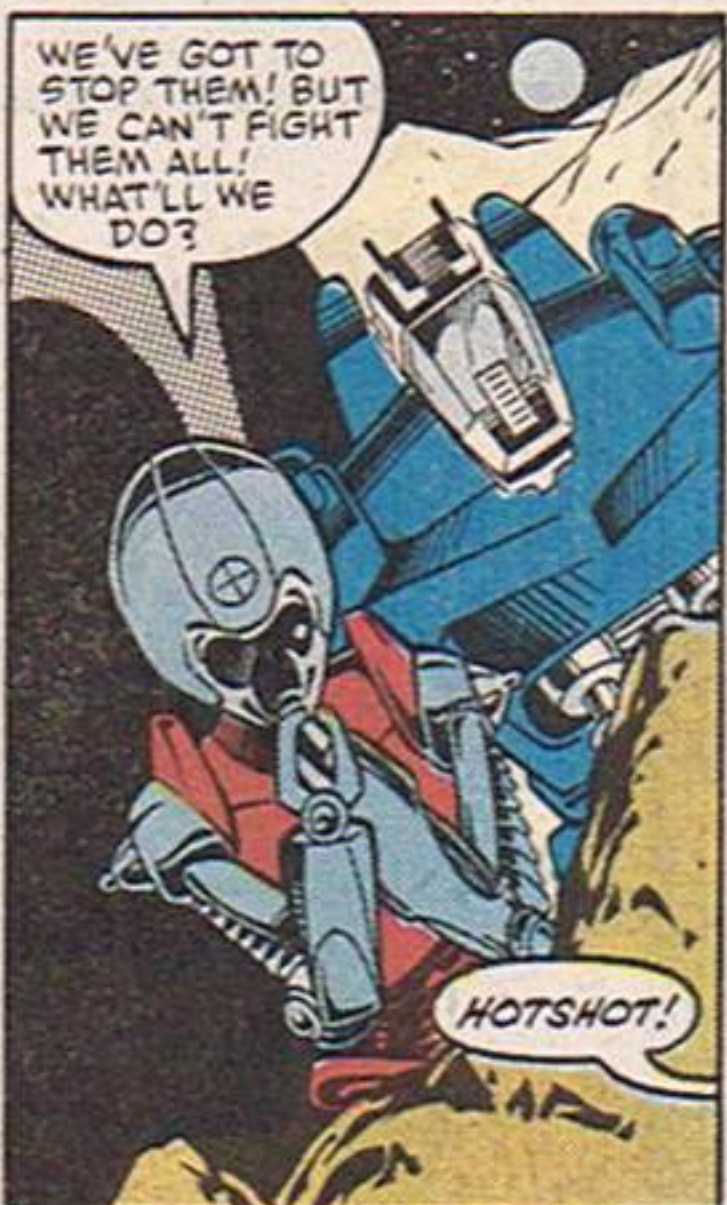
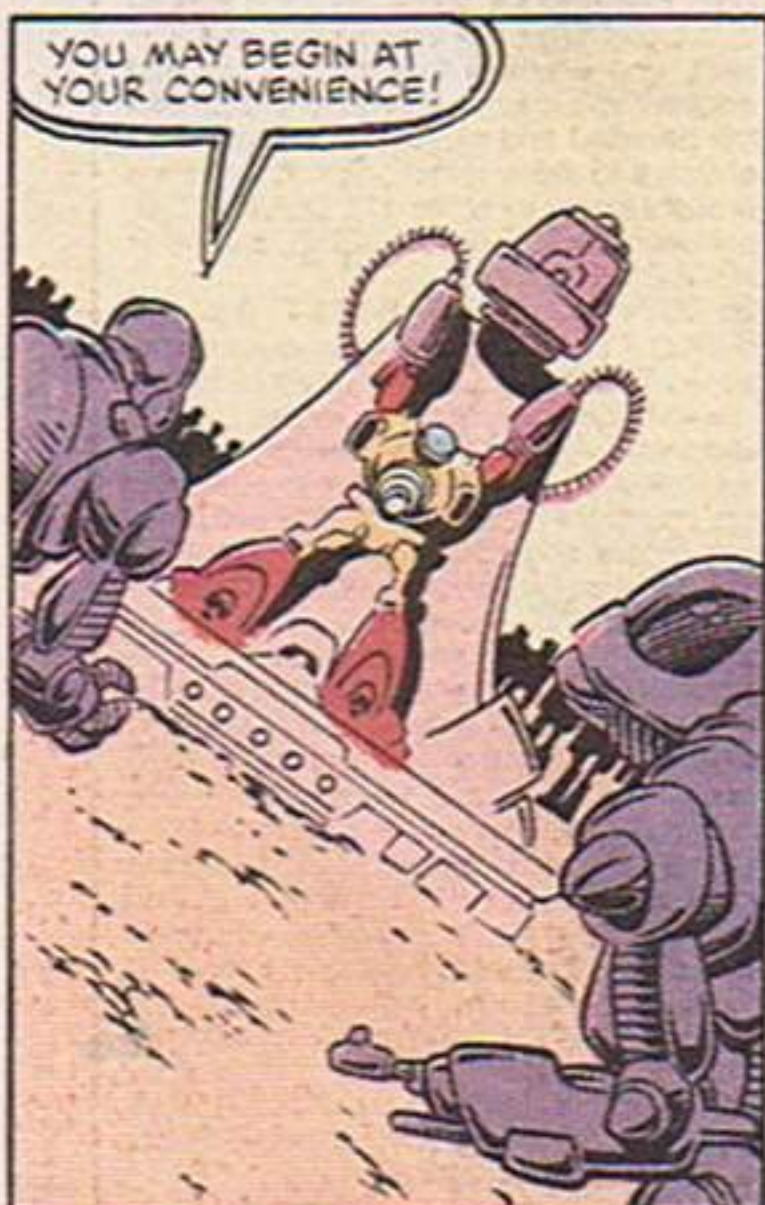
MY LASERS! YES...

SKRA KOW!

MY LASERS CAN COLLAPSE THAT PINNACLE OF ROCK ON THEM!

THAT SHOULD HOLD THEM FOR A WHILE!

TRUE! NOW LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!



Bullpen Bulletins

On Monday, June 4, 1984, Sol Brodsky passed away.

Most of you probably never heard of him, or, if you did, very likely you didn't pay much attention. Sol didn't spend a lot of effort trying to get headlines, or fighting to get his name bigger in the credits. He was too busy getting things done, invariably on time and under budget, so that someone else could get the glory.

Typically, at this point in one of these things, the writer launches into a long and thoroughly boring list of the many behind-the-scenes contributions of the deceased. Forget it. There isn't enough room here, or in a thousand of these columns. Besides, I think Sol would want this short and sweet (and on time, and under budget). Suffice it to say, therefore, that he was one of the all-time biggies in this industry. Sure, he was Stan Lee's right hand during the early years here, but he was no mere backstage helper-outer / man-Friday, you understand. He was a force. A shaper. A builder.

He did a lot to help get us — the comics biz — this far.

Now he's gone. We'll remember him, of course, because of what he did — but more, because of the way he did it. He was a fine, fine man.

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FOR MAN, THEN...

... AND MAY MAN FORGIVE US-- UGH!



GEO! NO! THAT DROVE THEM BACK-- BUT I'LL NEVER STOP THEM ALL!



WE'LL BE OVERWHELMED! DESTROYED! AND...

N-NO! THE DEMOLISHER NIPPER! GIVE IT TO HOTSHOT!

REMEMBER THAT LAVA FILLED BLISTER ABOVE US?



THROW THE DEMOLISHER AT IT! HARD!



IT WORKED! LAVA'S POURING DOWN THE MOUNTAIN!

FIRE-SPIDERS HAVE BEEN SWEEPED OUT WITH THE FLOW! AND LOOK!

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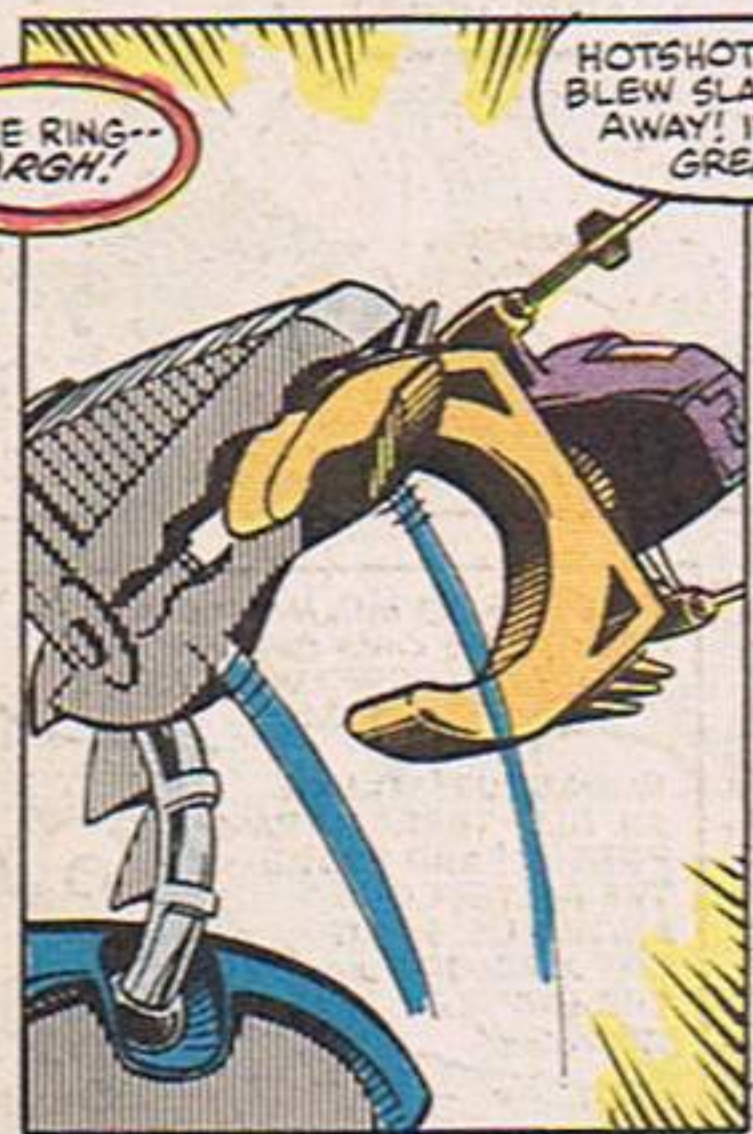
BUT THIS TIME IT WON'T WORK!

WITH THIS RING, I'LL MIND-WIPE FIRST CRANK, THEN THE OTHERS! YOU'LL RESCUE NOTHING BUT SHELLS!

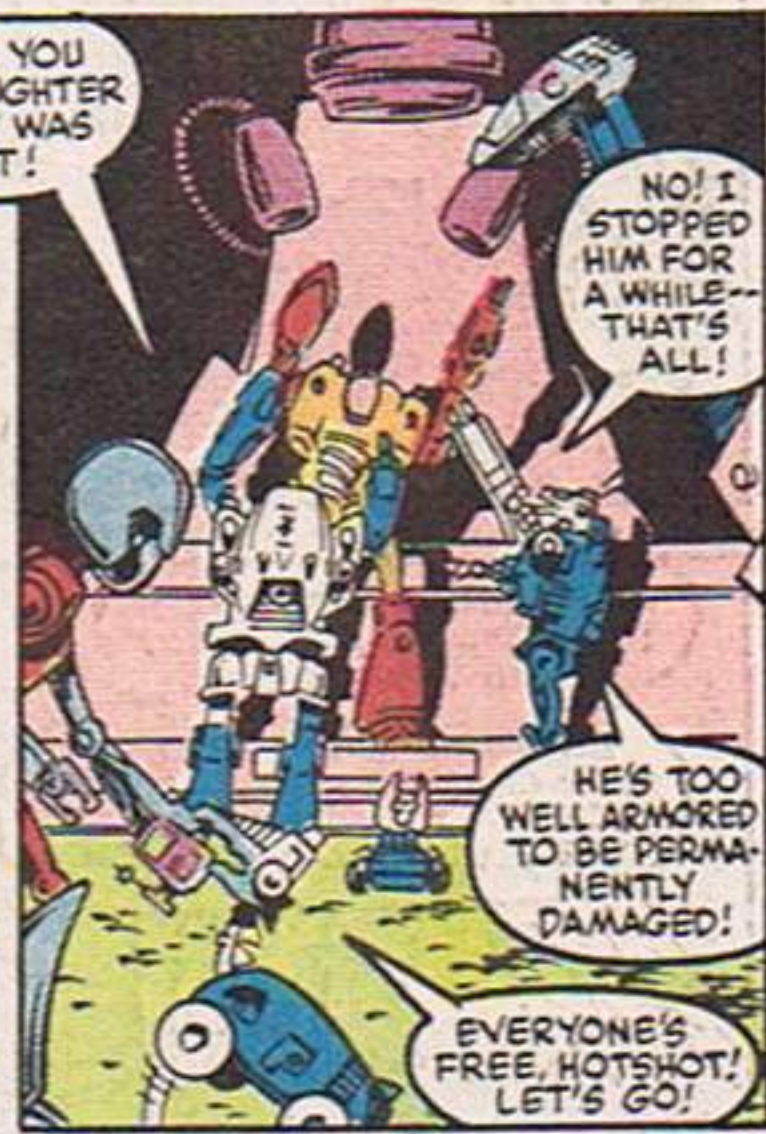


SLAUGHTER! NO!
SHRACKT!

THE RING-- ARGH!



HOTSHOT! YOU BLEW SLAUGHTER AWAY! IT WAS GREAT!



NO! I STOPPED HIM FOR A WHILE-- THAT'S ALL!

HE'S TOO WELL ARMORED TO BE PERMANENTLY DAMAGED!

EVERYONE'S FREE, HOTSHOT! LET'S GO!



S-SAW-TOOTH...! COME... WITH US...?

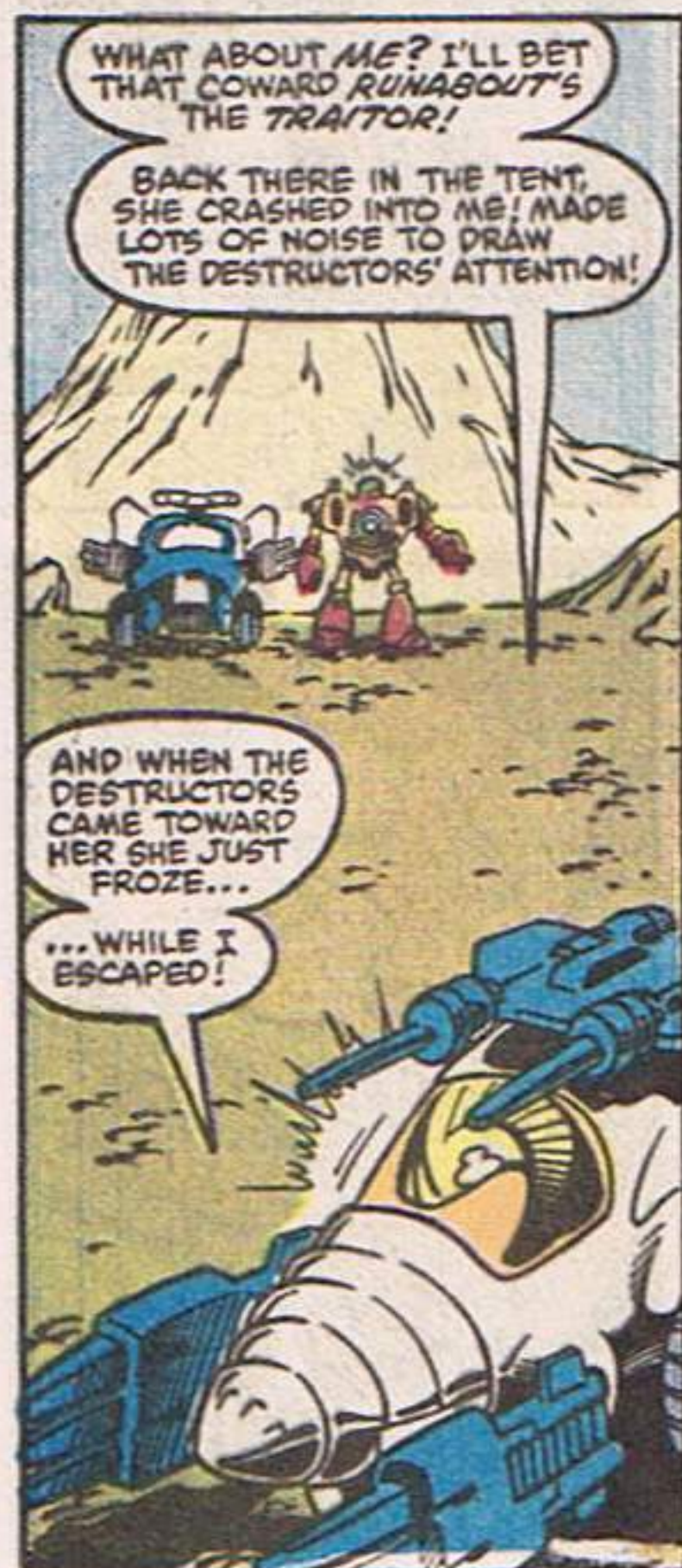
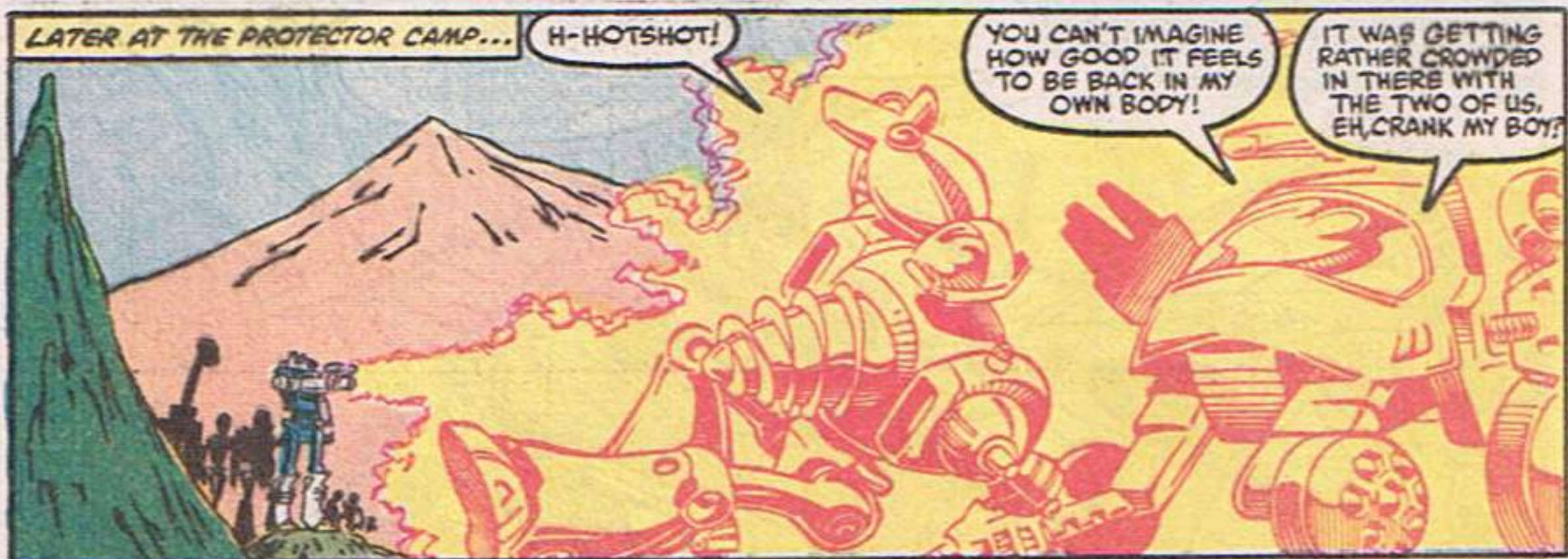
NO, CRANK! I CAN'T BETRAY MY OWN KIND! I NEEDED TO LEARN THE TRUTH...

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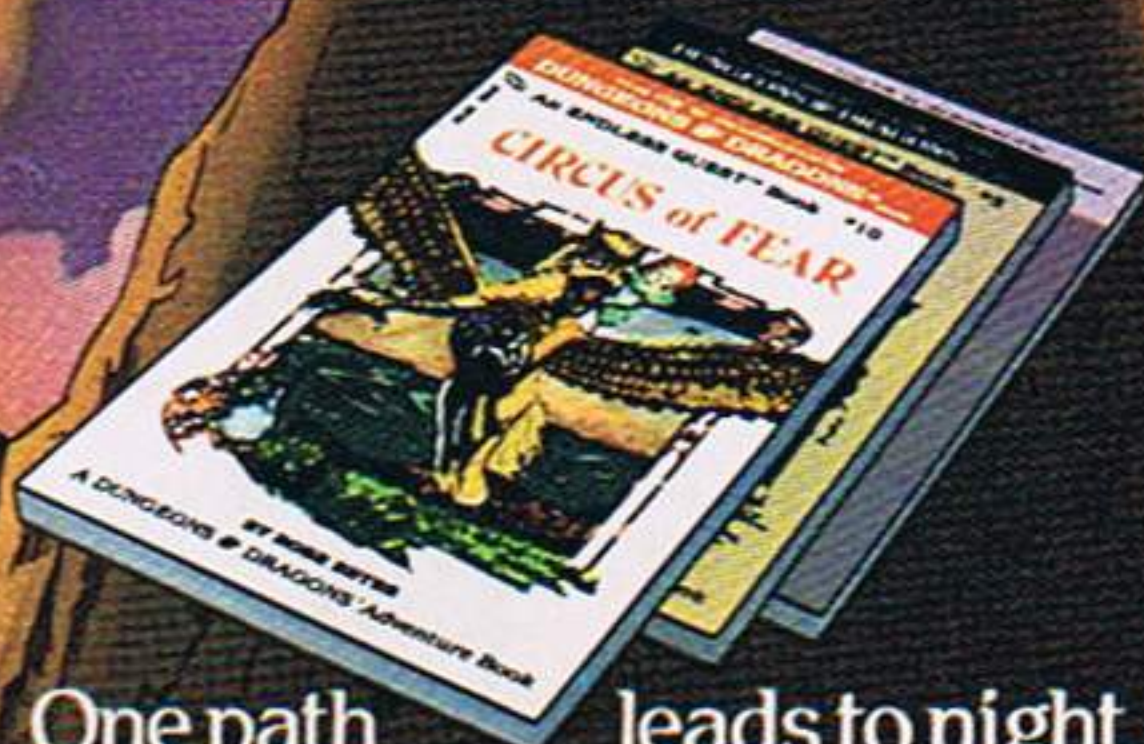
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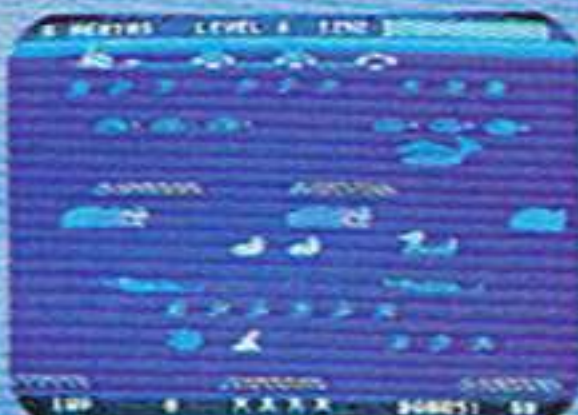
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