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THE  
TRAP

FROM  
TOMY



HOW CAN THE *PROTECTORS*  
FIGHT ON, KNOWING THEY CAN  
BE TRULY DESTROYED...

... WHILE WE  
*DESTRUCTORS* CAN  
TAKE NEW BODIES VIA  
THESE *TRANSFER*  
*RINGS?*

A MEASURE  
OF THOSE  
RENEGADES'  
STUPIDITY!

OR, PERHAPS  
THEIR COURAGE!  
THOSE RENEGADES  
FOUGHT MOST  
BRAVELY IN  
YESTERDAY'S  
BATTLE!

**THE TRAP!**






PLEASE,  
SLAUGHTER! I  
KNOW I CAUSE  
DISASTERS! BUT  
DON'T DO IT!

DO WHAT,  
BACKFIRE?  
GIVE YOU A  
CHANCE TO  
REDEEM  
YOURSELF?  
TO BRING  
DISASTER  
ON OUR  
ENEMIES...  
FOR A  
CHANGE?

SEIZE  
HIM...



... AND LET THE  
TRANSFER  
RING DO ITS  
WORK!

NO! NO!  
DON'T MAKE  
ME ENTER A  
PROTECTOR  
BODY! OH,  
THE SHAME!  
WHY...

ONLY YOUR BRAIN FITS  
THIS DESIGN, SO YOU MUST  
IMPERSONATE *SCOOTER!*

WE WILL FAKE AN  
ATTACK ON YOU BY  
*SPEEDTRAP* TO  
ALLAY THEIR  
SUSPICIONS...

THEN YOU WILL  
SEND THEM INTO A  
GULLY TO THE SOUTH...  
WHERE *DEADEYE* WILL  
DESTROY THEM!



LATER...

SCOOTER!

HE IS UNDER  
ATTACK!

HE THINKS  
I'M ONE OF  
THEM! HOW  
DISGUSTING!

WE  
THOUGHT  
HE'D BEEN  
DESTROYED!  
AND HE  
WILL BE,  
UNLESS I  
SAVE HIM!

OH, THIS  
WILL HURT--  
I'M CERTAIN  
IT WILL!



# CRASH



SPEEDTRAP...  
RUNNING  
AWAY? I CAN'T  
BELIEVE IT!

T-THANK YOU!

I WAS ON A  
SCOUTING MISSION  
TO FIND THE  
BATTLESTATION!  
IF I...

BATTLESTATION...?



SCOOTER,  
YOU DON'T  
REMEMBER?

WHO...?

YOU MUST'VE  
BEEN HIT IN THE  
BRAIN DURING  
YESTERDAY'S  
BATTLE!

YOU'D BETTER  
COME WITH ME!

SOON...

LIFE WAS EASIER WHEN PROTECTORS HAD TRANSFER RINGS, TOO, HOTSHOT!

WE'D GIVE CRANK A NEW BODY, AND USE THIS DAMAGED ONE FOR SCRAP!

HEY, THINKTANK! RUN-ABOUT'S BACK... WITH SCOOTER!



WELCOME, MY BOY! WE FEARED FOR YOU!

THEY'RE GLAD TO SEE ME-- THEY MUST HAVE LIKED SCOOTER A LOT!

HE'S GOT PROBLEMS, THINKTANK! HIS AXLE'S DAMAGED, AND HE DOESN'T REMEMBER WHO HE IS!



LATER...

I WOKE UP ON A BATTLEFIELD, LITTERED WITH BROKEN BODIES AND PARTS... FLED NORTH!

I COULDN'T REMEMBER WHO... WHERE I WAS!

BATTLESTATION? WHERE?

I PASSED A HUGE ABANDONED BATTLESTATION AND...



MORNING...

THERE THEY GO! I'VE BETRAYED THEM, AS *SLAUGHTER* COMMANDED! I'VE SUCCEEDED! THEN WHY AM I SO MISERABLE?

WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT ABOUT THE *BATTLE-STATION* THAT THE WHOLE CAMP HAS GONE TO FIND IT?





YOU'VE FORGOTTEN **EVERYTHING** HAVEN'T YOU?

**MAN** SLEEPS IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION OUT THERE BENEATH A BATTLESTATION -- MAYBE THE ONE YOU FOUND!

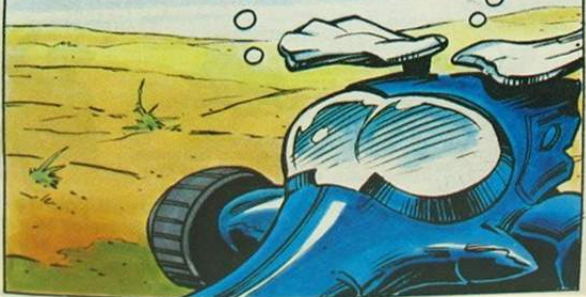
THEY'VE GONE TO CHECK! THEY LEFT US BEHIND BECAUSE WE'RE DAMAGED AND WE'D SLOW THEM DOWN!



SO *THAT'S* WHY THE RENEGADES FLED INTO THE FORBIDDEN ZONE!

CAN SLAUGHTER KNOW WHAT THEY HOPE TO FIND HERE? AND WANT IT KEPT SECRET?

IT'S TRUE--IT MUST BE...




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THERE'S  
DEADEYE  
RIGHT  
BELOW!  
GOT TO  
STOP  
HIM!

IF I  
TELL HIM  
SLAUGHTER'S  
SECRET, AND  
IF HE WON'T  
LISTEN TO  
REASON...



... MAYBE I CAN  
MAKE HIM FIRE  
AT  
ME INSTEAD...

... AND  
WARN THE  
PROTECTORS  
THAT WAY!

DEADEYE!  
STOP!



**CLIK CLIK**

PATIENCE,  
CRICKET!  
OUR TARGETS  
WILL SOON  
APPEAR!

DEADEYE!  
LISTEN!

THE PROTECTORS  
ARE LOOKING FOR  
MAN! THEY'RE  
GOING TO WAKE  
HIM AND--

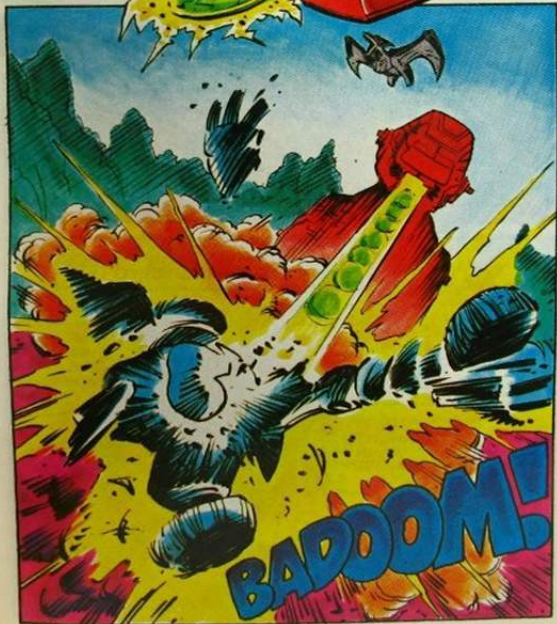


AH,  
BACKFIRE!

SLAUGHTER  
WARNED ME THAT  
THEY MIGHT  
DISCOVER YOUR  
IDENTITY--

--AND FILL  
YOUR HEAD  
WITH THIS  
GREAT LIE!

AND HE GAVE ME  
THE REMEDY FOR  
SUCH FOLLY!





YES, MY FRIEND!  
BACKFIRE WAS ALWAYS  
INEFFECTIVE AND  
GULLIBLE. ALWAYS  
A FAILURE!

CLIK-  
KK!

HOW COULD HE  
HAVE BELIEVED  
THAT RIDICULOUS  
STORY?




LATER...

AH,  
SLAUGHTER,  
YOU SHOULD  
NEVER HAVE  
SENT SUCH A  
WEAKLING  
INTO THE  
ENEMY'S  
CAMP!

THE  
MISSION WAS  
TOO BIG FOR  
HIM. IT IS NO  
WONDER  
THAT HE  
FAILED!






USE THE *TRANSFER RING*,  
SLAUGHTER! RESTORE HIM TO HIS  
OWN BODY, AS A FAVOR TO ME!

LATER... THIS SETTING  
WILL WIPE THIS  
MISSION FROM HIS MEMORY--  
OR I WOULD NOT RESTORE  
HIM.

IF HE TOLD THE  
OTHERS OF *MAN'S*  
AWAKENING, THEY  
MIGHT ALSO  
BELIEVE!

IT IS MY LUCK  
THAT POMPUS  
FOOL, *DEADEYE*,  
DID NOT!







W-WHERE  
AM I? WHAT  
HAPPENED?

YOU FAILED! I SHOULD  
NEVER HAVE SENT YOU ON AN  
IMPORTANT MISSION.

THANK DEADEYE  
THAT YOU STILL LIVE--  
AND BE GONE FROM  
MY SIGHT!



SLAUGHTER GAVE ME  
BACK MY BODY! I'M A  
DESTRUCTOR AGAIN! SO  
WHY DO I FEEL AS IF  
I'VE LOST MY TRUE  
SELF?

THAT I'D RATHER  
BE THAT WRECK BACK  
THERE CALLED  
**SCOOTER!**

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**TOMY.**