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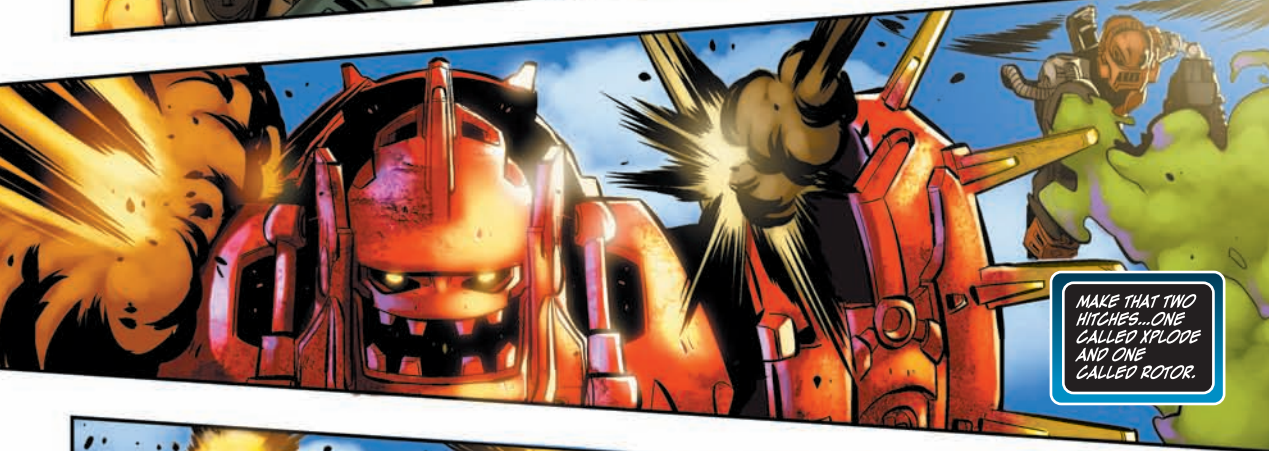
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A blue-bordered box containing the text "ALPHA LEADER'S LOG, STORMER RECORDING:". The background of the entire page shows a large red mecha, Rotor, in the foreground. In the background, other mechs are fighting, with one mech, Furno, visible in a doorway on the left.

ALPHA LEADER'S LOG,
STORMER RECORDING:


OUR MISSION TO GUARD A
CARGO OF C-4000 EXPLOSIVES
NEEDED ON THIS MINING PLANET
HAS RUN INTO A LITTLE...HITCH.

A close-up of the red mecha Rotor's face, showing its eyes and mouth. It has a determined expression.

MAKE THAT TWO
HITCHES...ONE
CALLED XPLODE
AND ONE
CALLED ROTOR.

A scene showing several mechs in a rocky, desert-like environment. One mech is firing a purple laser beam. In the background, there are more mechs and explosions.

TEAM MEMBERS
BULK AND
STRINGER ARE
FIGHTING BACK.

A close-up of the red mecha Rotor's face, looking towards the left. In the background, a doorway shows a smaller mech, Furno, standing there.

I'VE ORDERED
FURNO TO STAY
BACK, OUT OF
THE FIGHT.

HE'S NOT
HAPPY
ABOUT IT...



...BUT THIS IS
NO PLACE FOR
A ROOKIE.

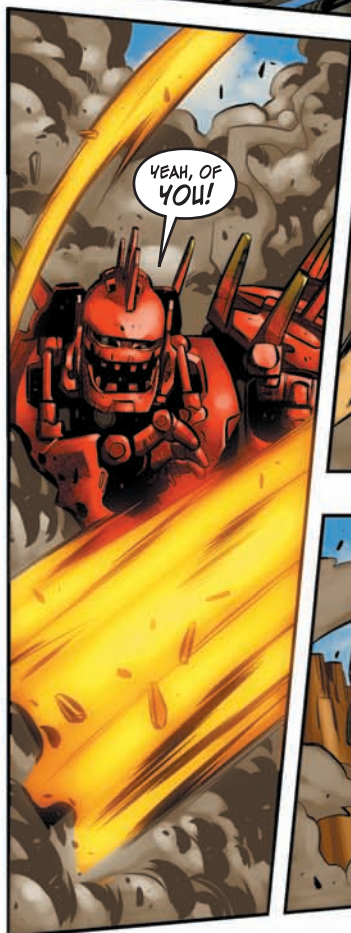
TRIALS OF FURNO

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GOOD THING THEY BUILD US
HERO FACTORY TYPES TO LAST.

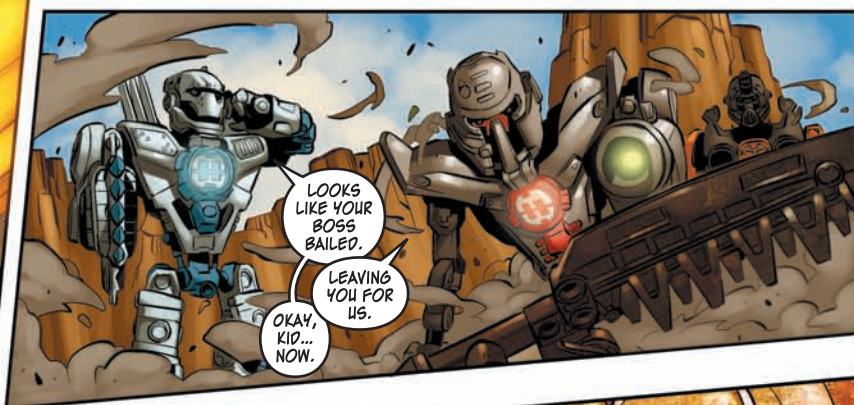
HAD
ENOUGH,
XPLODE?



YEAH, OF
YOU!



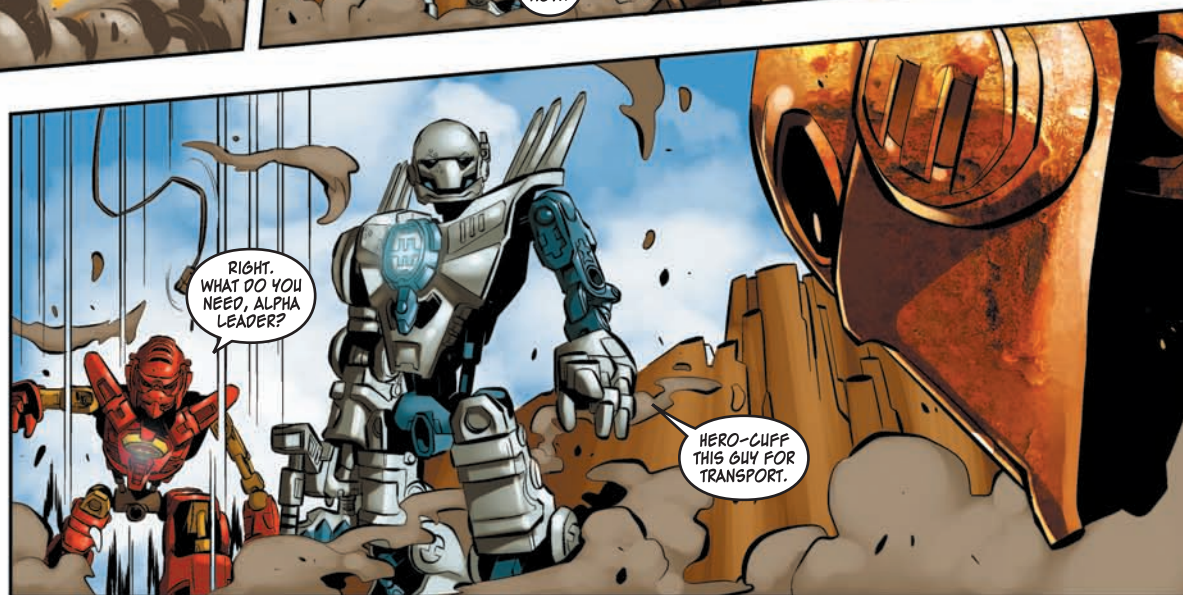
SORRY,
ROTOR, BUT
IT'S EVERY
'BOT FOR
HIMSELF.



LOOKS
LIKE YOUR
BOSS
BAILED.

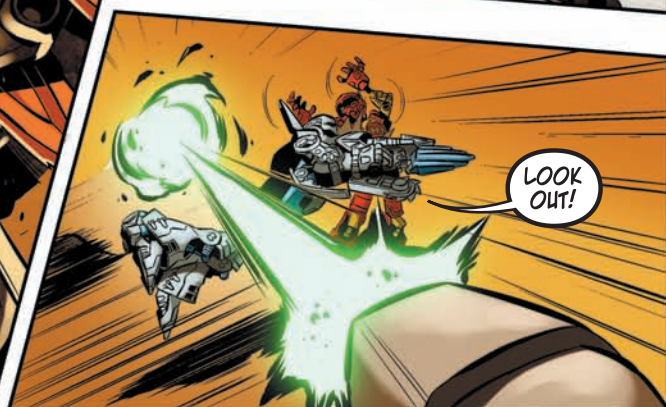
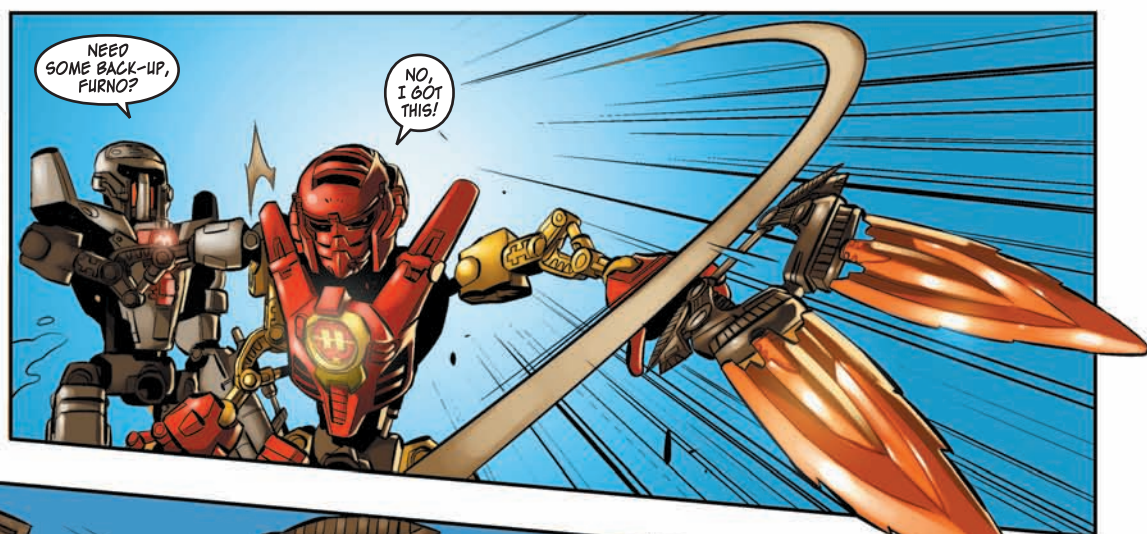
LEAVING
YOU FOR
US.

OKAY,
KID...
NOW.



RIGHT.
WHAT DO YOU
NEED, ALPHA
LEADER?

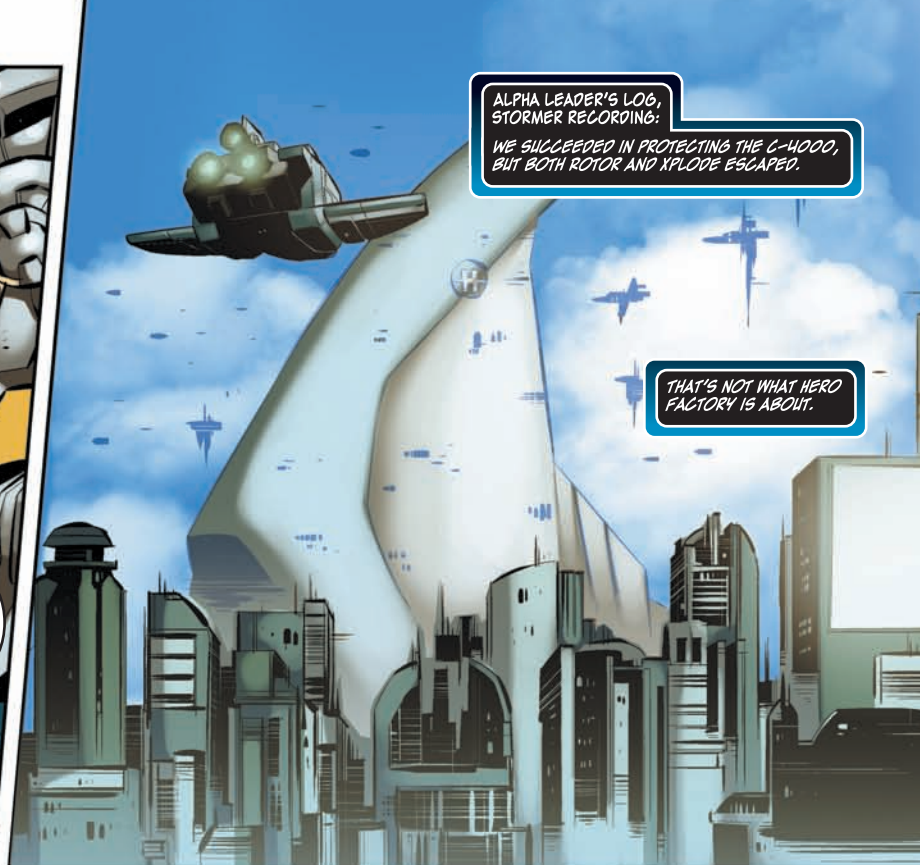
HERO-CUFF
THIS GUY FOR
TRANSPORT.





WHAT WAS THAT? I SAW THE WEAPON. I WAS HANDLING IT.

COULDN'T TAKE THE CHANCE. BUT DON'T SWEAT IT --IT WAS MY FAULT. I SHOULD HAVE LEFT YOU IN THE HERO CRAFT.



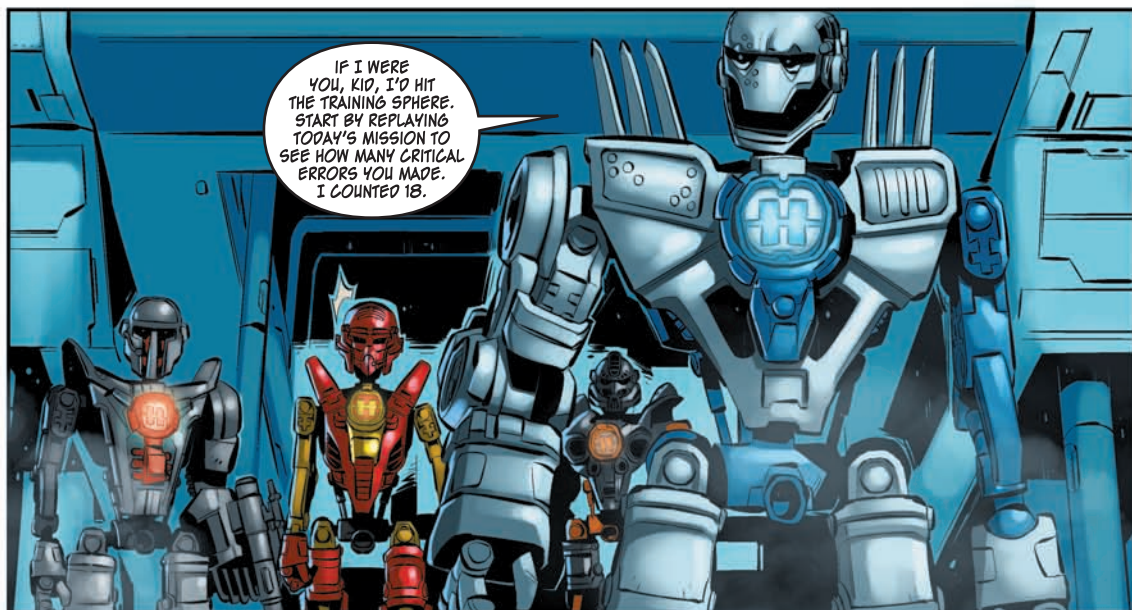
ALPHA LEADER'S LOG, STORMER RECORDING:

WE SUCCEEDED IN PROTECTING THE C-4000, BUT BOTH ROTOR AND XPL0DE ESCAPED.

THAT'S NOT WHAT HERO FACTORY IS ABOUT.



WE WERE MADE TO BE HEROES. IT'S OUR JOB TO HELP ANYONE IN THE KNOWN WORLDS THAT NEEDS IT. WE WEREN'T BUILT TO FAIL.



IF I WERE YOU, KID, I'D HIT THE TRAINING SPHERE. START BY REPLAYING TODAY'S MISSION TO SEE HOW MANY CRITICAL ERRORS YOU MADE. I COUNTED 18.

THE TRAINING SPHERE



YOU'VE BEEN WORKING OUT FOR HOURS. YOU NEED A BREAK.

JUST TRYING TO PROVE SOMETHING TO MYSELF.

TOO BAD YOU CAN'T PROVE IT TO STORMER.



STORMER'S TOUGH ON ALL US ROOKIES. THERE'S NO WINNING WITH THAT GUY.



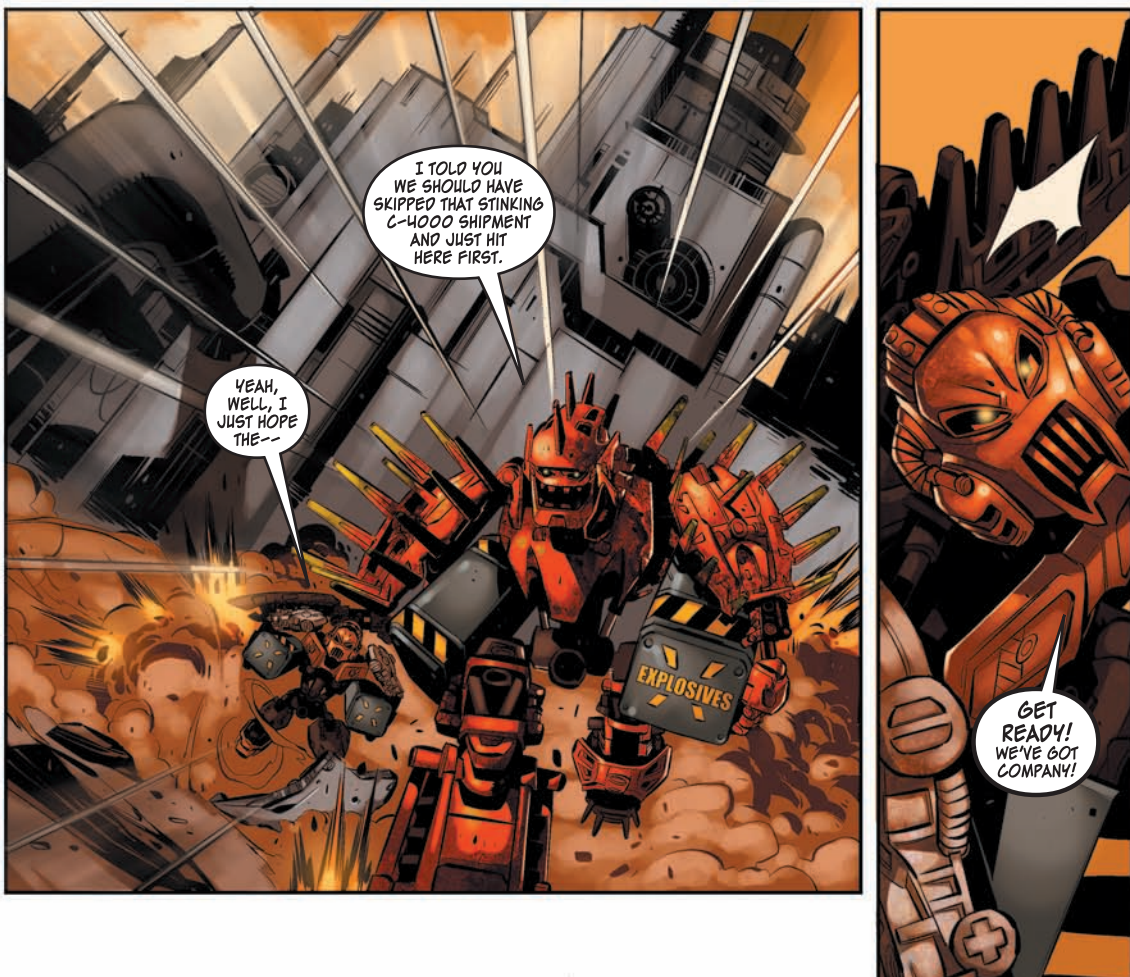
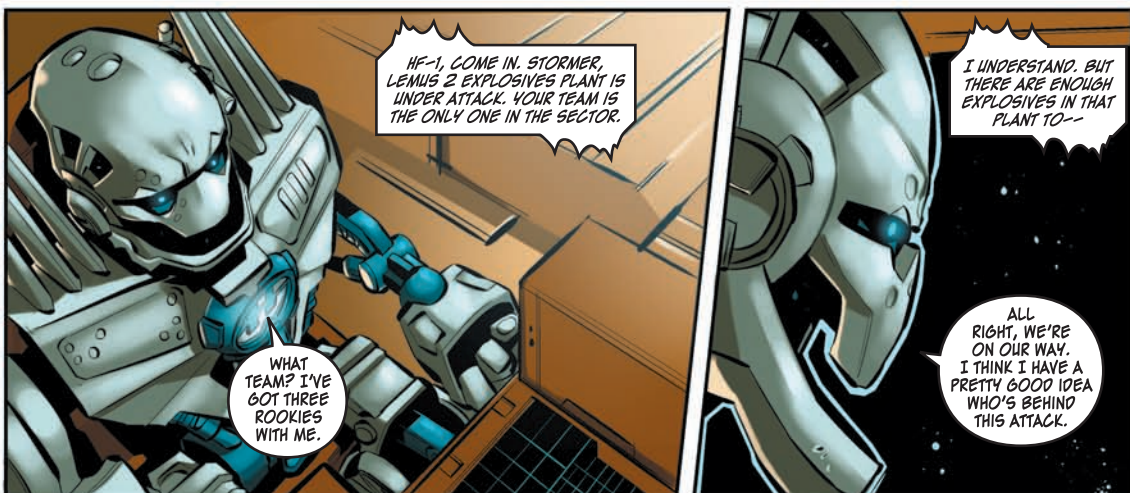
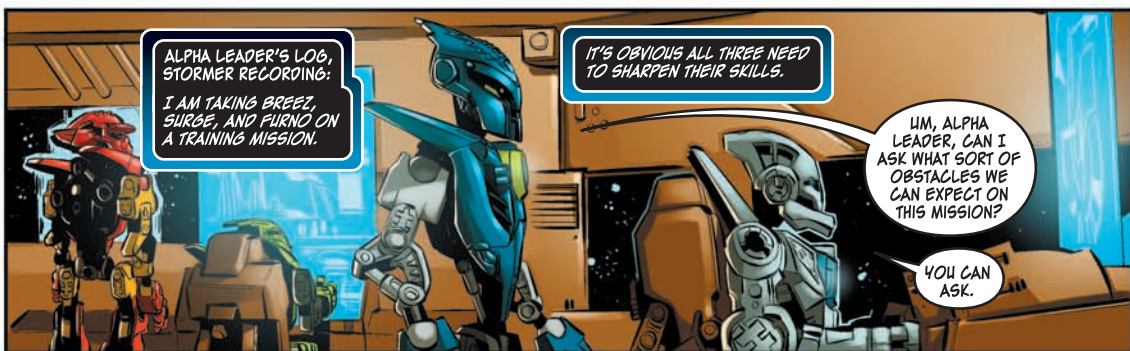
YOU JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND HIM. I'VE STUDIED ALL HIS MISSIONS. HE DEMANDS PERFECTION FROM EVERY HERO...INCLUDING HIMSELF.



AND ONE OF THESE DAYS, I AM GOING TO EARN HIS RESPECT.



OR BURN OUT TRYING...





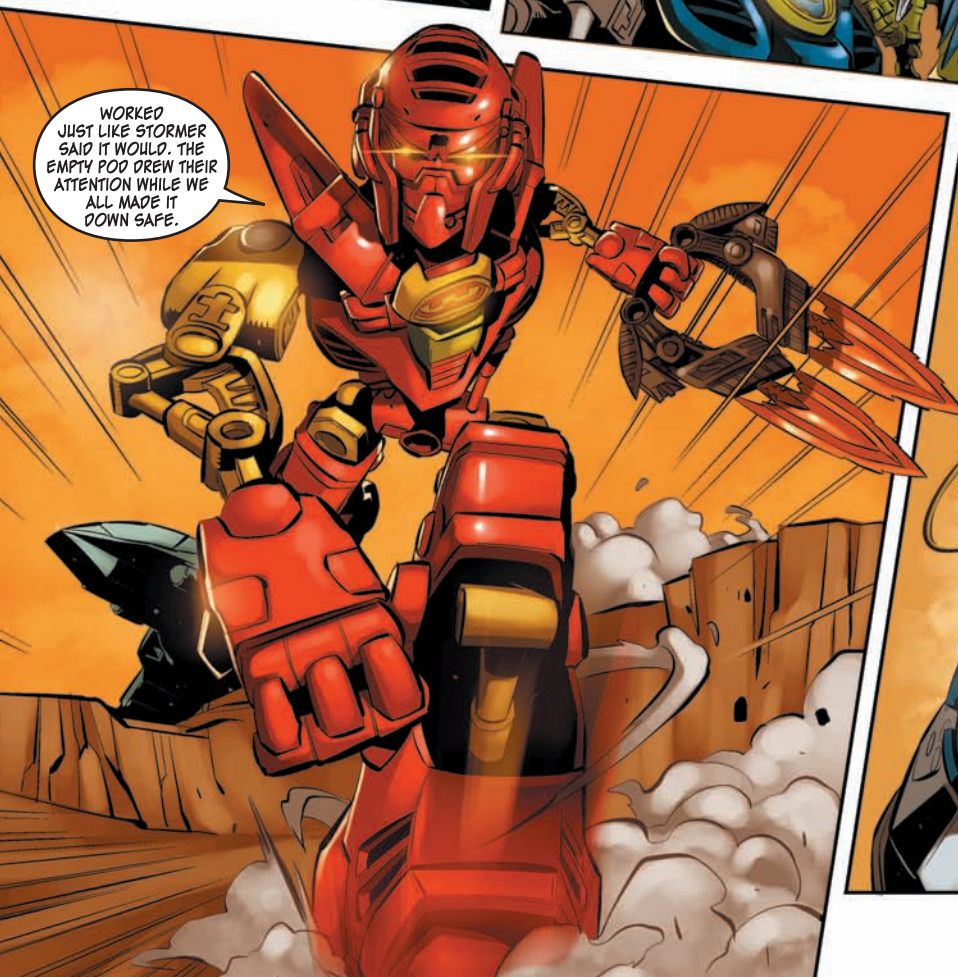
IT'S A
HERO-POD.
I DIDN'T THINK
THEY'D GET
HERE SO
SOON.



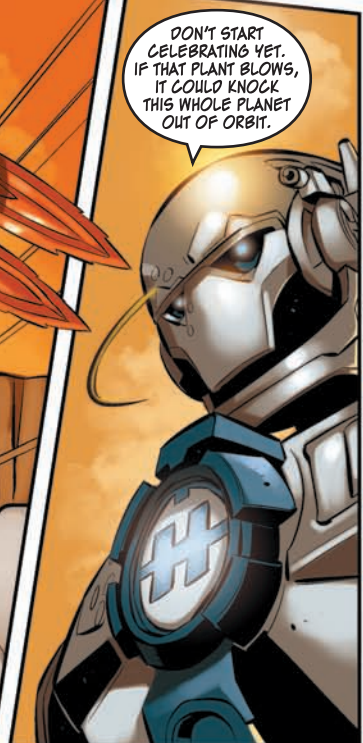
BUT THEY
WON'T BE
STAYING
LONG.



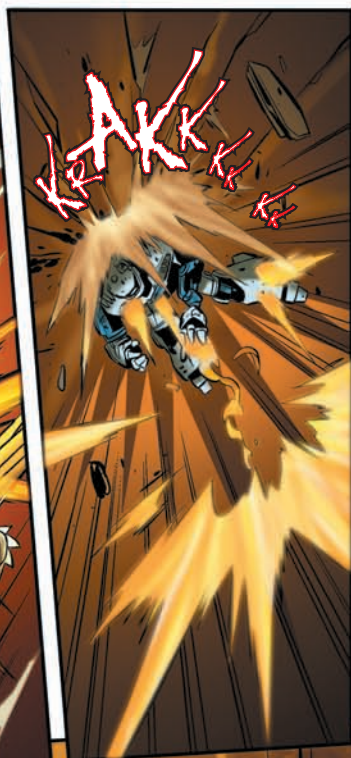
WHOA...
THEY TOTALLY
TORCHED
FURNO'S
HERO-POD.



WORKED
JUST LIKE STORMER
SAID IT WOULD. THE
EMPTY POD DREW THEIR
ATTENTION WHILE WE
ALL MADE IT
DOWN SAFE.



DON'T START
CELEBRATING YET.
IF THAT PLANT BLOWS,
IT COULD KNOCK
THIS WHOLE PLANET
OUT OF ORBIT.





HOPE THIS
WORKS...

SUMMONED BY THE ULTRASONIC
SIGNAL, FURNO'S BIKE RACES
FROM INSIDE THE HERO CRAFT.



NOW
LET'S SEE WHAT
YOU CAN DO IN
A FIGHT!



HIT
HIM!

HE'S
MOVING
TOO
FAST!



I KNOW
WHAT WILL STOP
HIM--THE STUFF
IN THOSE CRATES
WE STOLE.





Next Issue:
CORRODER ATTACKS AS
THE HERO FACTORY TEAM
FACES A CORE CRISIS!