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EXCITING 2 PLAYER ACTION!

Something's gumming up the plumbing...

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!

MARIO BROS.

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YOU DARE TO QUESTION MY ORDERS, SAWTOOTH?

DO YOU THINK ME MAD, SLAUGHTER STEELGRAVE? WOULD I QUESTION THE LEADER OF THE ASTRAKARS— THE RACE OF STARRORS 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!

...But to obey!

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!

Silence!

Bury him!

They aren't fleeing randomly. Are they slaughtering? Where are they going? What do they expect to find?

SOUNCE! Shatter that pinnacle of rock with your vibro-ram!

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

I'LL GRIND HIM INTO METAL SHavings IF I COULD CATCH HIM! BUT WE'VE LEFT 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 RENEGADES ALONE AND... CRASH!

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

AH! SPEEDTRAP! YOU'VE BROUGHT WORD FROM OUR RRP?

YES SLAUGHTER! THE PROTECTORS CLIMB THE GLASS MOUNTAIN!

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

AND SOON CRICKET MY EYES YOU WILL GUIDE ME TO THEM AND MY DEMOLIERS 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 SECRECT 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!

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 DIE!

WE'LL NEED A TRANSFERRER... AND TO RESCUE YOU... AND WE DON'T HAVE ONE!

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?

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

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!

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

YES, NIPPER! THE MOUTH OF THE VOLCANO!
IMAGINE! OREO® COOKIES EVERYWHERE!!

HOW MANY OREO COOKIES CAN YOU FIND?

FOR MORE FUN, COLOR IN THIS PAGE!

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OREO

CREAMY, CRUNCHY, CHOCOLATE OREO GOES GREAT WITH IMAGINATION!
Look, Thinktank! The lava's beautiful... like liquid fire!

And the glass webs all around us... it looks like it's been spun by a giant spider!

This volcano's unstable, Hothot, and its walls are riddled with fissures! It could blow at any moment! But at least that's normal!

Those webs aren't unnatural. I don't like them!

I don't either, Grav! But we need solid information and this may be our only chance to get it!

After all, we've lost the Destorators. For the moment, at least, we're safe!

Clik--click--!

We've reached the floor of the crater. Crank! Let the mindmerge begin!

Blindingly bright energy arcs from Thinktank to Grav...

...As stored information... experience... consciousness merges...

Thinktank's inside my head! I can feel him!

We've found the battlestation! He--

He will die!

No! Deadeye found us! Interrupted the mindmerge! But now--!
SATURDAY'S THE PLACE

Starting Sept. 15 on CBS!
CRICKET SURVEYED YOUR POSITION, RENEGADES, AND NOW I KNOW HOW I COULD ENTER MOST-DRAMATICALLY...

"THROUGH A FIGURE IN THE VOLCANO'S RISE! OUTSIDE SLAUGHTER AWAIT YOUR DESTRUCTION!"

"Hot Shot! Watch out for the ledge! You'll...

BA-BLLOOA!

"CLICK!"

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

BUT THE PROTECTORS ARE TRAPPED BETWEEN DEAD EYE AND THE LAVA!

"THE LAVA! IT CHUBBS... AS IF ALIVE!"

AND FROM IT... SOME THING RISES...

"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"

"CH-AKK!"

"FEEEEESSSIII!

"CLICK-CLICK-CLICK!"
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?

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-

BROOMM!

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

... AND RUINS ARE WIRED INTO THE SURROUNDING DESERT.

DEADEYE IGNORES THE PROTECTORS-- AND MY ORDEALS-- 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!
DOES IT SEEK AN ESCAPE? OR A LEDGE FROM WHICH TO LAUNCH AN ATTACK?

BARROUM!

SMASSEK!

TOO LATE! OVERHEAD--THE SPIDER'S WEB'S SHATTER... BURNING THE INERT CRANK BELOW A TON OF SPLINTERED GLASS!

HOTSHOT! CRANK'S TRAPPED! HUNDREDS OF DESTRUCTORS HAVE ENTERED THE CRATER! WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

WE'RE TRYING. HOTSHOT! BUT CRANK AND THINKTANK ARE BOTH UNCONSCIOUS! WE HAVE TO DRAG THEM AND---

THEY'LL BE KILLED IF I DON'T DO SOMETHING RIGHT! TURN MY LASERS ON THE DESTRUCTORS?

NO! I INDEED ON COURSE TO GIVE CRANK'S LIFE, BUT THERE MUST BE ANOTHER WAY!

SHARDS OF WEBS TRAPPED CRANK! A LASER BLAST SHOULD LOCATE MORE TO IMPEDE THE DESTRUCTORS...

SHRAK-A-BOOM!

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CUT-UP!

YOU DID IT, BUDDY! YOU STOPPED THEM! THEY DON'T CALL YOU A PROFESSIONAL FOR NOTHING!

COME ON! NO WAY ARE WE ABANDONING A GUY AS USEFUL AS YOU ARE!
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--SUCCESSION--AND WE LEFT HIM BACK THERE?

WELL, LET'S GO BACK AND GET HIM BEFORE 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 PREPARING THEMSELVES BY NOW! GO BACK NOW AND WE'LL ALL BE DESTROYED!

INSIDE THE CRATER... CRANK IS BURIED THERE! I SAW HIM FALL!

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

BUT YOU HAVE ROBBED ME OF MY OTHER PREDICAMENT, 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?

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

THERE'S DEAD EYE WITH SLAUGHTER. Steelgrave. Gouge and Sawtooth. Re carrying Crank into Camp!

YES, GOUCE! 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 DESTROYERS AND WHEN HE IS FOUND GUILTY...

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

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!

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

LEARN FROM THIS, SAWTOOTH. YOU ARE A DESTROYER, BUT YOU ARE EQUALLY VULNERABLE TO MY WHIM!
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 OVER-CAME 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!

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

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 INFLICT 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 SNUGGLE DOWN THERE: WHAT IS IT, SEO?

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

WHEN THE BLASTER 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!

AND THERE'S THE RED TENT THAT CONTAINS THE TRANSFER RING! SEO, NIPPER—THAT'S OUR DESTINATION!

NO! SEE THE PRISON TENT? RUN—ABOUT TINKER, COVER ME UP THAT'S WHERE YOU'LL FIND CRANK!
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!

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

CRANK-- TELL ME!

THAT ENV A LOT! SLAUGHTER SEES US DESTRUCTORS AS EARTHS' NATURAL RULERS!

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

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

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

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

CONSIDER, FOR A MOMENT, THE SURPRISE IN STORE FOR YOU ON SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 16TH, AS YOU LAY SLEEPING YOUR TELEVISION SUDDENLY COMES ALIVE!

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NEW SHOW!

SNORKS

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NEW SHOW!

THE PINK PANTHER AND SONS

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

AS YOU LEAVE, ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS WILL BE WAITING TO ROCK YOUR SOCKS OFF WITH THEIR VERSIONS OF HITS LIKE "BEAT IT" AND "SILLY LOVE SONGS".

SMURFS

IT'S GOING TO BE SMURFYER THAN EVER!
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Let's all be there!
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?

TRY TO KNOCK IT OVER WITH THEM SEEING YOU! THE HOSE SHOULD DIVERT THEM!

PERHAPS SPEED-TRAP, BUT--

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

HEY! THERE'S ONE OF DEADLIEST 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!

CRASH!

WE'LL HAVE TO STOP HER WITHOUT LASERS!

THAT LITTLE SCRAPPY 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 BELOVED HERO?

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

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 SAWTOOTH! HE'S GOT THE TRANSFER RING! LOOKS LIKE WE'LL GET CRANK--AND THE RING AS WELL!

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Y-YOU CAN'T FIGHT HIM ALL BY YOURSELF, CUT-UP! I'LL COME HELP--

DOOF! MOTORMOUTH! YOU SWERVED INTO ME ON PURPOSE!

SLAUGHTER!

WE CAME TO COLLECT OUR PRISONER BUT IT SEEMS WE'VE HIT THE PROTETOR JACKPOT!

LOOK! SAWTOOTH HAS THE TRANSFER RING! HE WAS HELPING THE PRISONER ESCAPE!
GUARDS! SEIZE THEM! SEIZE THEM ALL!

OUR MISSIONS 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 CAN'T, CUT-UP! THEY HAVE ME SURROUNDED!

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

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?

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

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

BUT WHEN YOU CATCH HIM, DESTROY HIM... AND ANY OTHER PROTECTOR SCUM YOU FIND!
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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! They must have followed me here!

They're trying to kill me all of us!
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...

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!
LOOKS LIKE ALL THE DESTRUCTORS ARE FOCUSED ON THE CEREMONY TO DESTROY CRANK!

SLAUGHTER, THE PROTECTOR IS NOW SECURED!

YOU MAY BEGIN AT YOUR CONVENIENCE!

WE'VE GOT TO STOP THEM! BUT WE CAN'T FIGHT THEM ALL, WHAT WILL WE DO?

NIPPER! THANK GOODNESS! YOU ESCAPED! YOU'RE SAFE!

THERE'S THE ROTTEN LITTLE TRASHOR!

HOTSHOT!

RENEGADES! GET THEM!

UH-OH!

PROTECTORS? IT'S HOTSHOT!
MORE OF THEM?
THE RENEGADE LEADER!
AFTER HIM!

THEY'RE FIRING! ALL OF THEM! AND IF WE FALL, THE GUEST ENDS WITH US!
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 man during the early years here, but he was no mere back-stage helper. You see, he understood. 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.

Jim Shooter

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SKRA-DOW!

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...

THROW THE DEMOLISHER NIPPER!
GIVE IT TO HOTSHOT!

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

REMEMBER THAT LAVA FILLED BLISTER ABOVE US?

IT WORKED!
LAVA'S FLOWING DOWN THE MOUNTAIN!

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

THE DESTRUCTORS
TURN FROM US TO
ATTACK THE MONSTERS!

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With this ring, I'll mind-wipe first crank, then the others! You'll rescue nothing but shells!

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!

Saw-tooth...! Come with us...?

No, crank! I can't betray my own kind! I needed to learn the truth...

Leave now! Before the destructors' attention returns to you!

...and now that I know it... I have my duty, my role in this force. As you have yours.
LATER AT THE PROTECTOR CAMP...

H-HOTSHOT!

YOU CAN'T IMAGINE HOW GOOD IT FEELS TO BE BACK IN MY OWN BODY!

IT WAS GETTING RATHER CROWDED IN THERE WITH THE TWO OF US, EH CRANK ME BOY!

YEAH! BUT IT WAS WORTH IT! WE FOUND THE BATTLE-STATION HOTSHOT! AT LEAST WE THINK WE HAVE...

BEYOND THE VOLCANO! YEAH! OVER THERE!

WE'LL NEED A SCOUT TO CHECK IT OUT!

WHAT ABOUT RUNABOUT?

WHAT ABOUT ME? I'LL BET THAT COWARD RUNABOUT'S THE TRAITOR!

BACK THERE IN THE TENT SHE CRASHED INTO ME! I MADE LOTS OF NOISE TO DRAW THE DESTRUCTORS' ATTENTION!

SEEMS TO ME, MOTORMOUTH, THAT THE ONLY ONE AROUND HERE OBSESSED WITH BETRAYAL IS YOU!

RUNABOUT! YOU'RE AN ALL-TERRAIN TRANSPORTER! AND YOU'RE THE FASTEST ONE AMONG US! SCOUT OUT A ROUTE TO THE BATTLE-STATION!

YOUR NERVOUSNESS WILL KEEP YOU FROM TAKING UNNECESSARY CHANCES AND WILL BRING YOU SAFELY BACK TO US!

WILL YOU DO IT?

AND WHEN THE DESTRUCTORS CAME TOWARD HER SHE JUST FROZE.

...WHILE I ESCAPED!

AH-ME? BUT MOTORMOUTH'S RIGHT! I AM A COWARD! I'M SCARED OF EVERYTHING! I'M PROGRAMMED TO BE!

FIND THE BATTLE-STATION! OH-YES! I'D LOVE TO!
DESTRUCTORS! OUR CAMP HAS BEEN DESTROYED BY THE LAVA AND SPIDERS RELEASED BY THE PROTECTOR-MOON! WE'VE LOST OUR TRANSFER RING AND OUR REBELLIOUS CAPTIVES!

BUT WE'VE FOUND A MORE TERRIBLE TRAITOR--ONE FROM AMONG OUR OWN RANKS!

SAILTOOTH!

BUT ONLY TO SLAUGHTER STEELGRAVE HIMSELF, FOR I HAVE LEARNED WHY THE REBELS ARE FLEEING INTO THE DESERT...

I AM NO TRAITOR TO THE DESTRUCTORS...

...AND THAT SLAUGHTER STEELGRAVE'S IS THE ULTIMATE BETRAYAL--FOR HE WOULD GO AGAINST...

SILENCE! WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR RANTINGS! AND NOW WE WILL DEAL WITH YOU!

WE NO LONGER HAVE A TRANSFER RING TO MIND-- WIPE YOU, BUT THAT WILL NOT DELAY YOUR DESTRUCTION.

DESTRUCTORS! RIP HIM APART! SCATTER HIS PARTS AND LET HIM LIE THERE, CONSCIOUS BUT UNABLE TO MOVE, GOING MADDER AND MADDER...

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