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DESTRUCTORS! I AM SAWTOOTH, YOUR PRISONER NOW, BUT I WAS ONCE YOUR COMRADE! HEED MY WARNING!

THE PROTECTOR RENEGADES HAVE FLED INTO THE DESERT-- NOT BECAUSE THEY FEAR US, AS SLAUGHTER STEELGRAVE HAS SAID...

...BUT BECAUSE THIS IS WHERE THEY HOPE TO FIND AND AWAKEN THE MAN WHO CREATED US ALL!
SLAUGHTER HAS KILLED THIS ALL ALONG... AND HE DOES NOT WANT MAN AWAKEN!

SILENCE, TRAITOR!

SLAUGHTER! IS THIS TRUE? IF MAN EXISTS, SHOULD WE NOT LOOK FOR HIM AS WELL?

I DISLIKE QUESTIONS, BORET...

...AND I DEMAND OBEYENCE!

...WITHOUT THE RING, BORET, WHO ONCE WAS FORCED TO DISCIPLINE, MUST LIE THERE UNREPAIRED!

WE CANNOT ALLOW THE REBELS TO POSSESS THE RING... NOR LET THIS MAN-MADNESS INFECT OTHERS!

IN MAN'S SERVICE, SEVERAL HOURS AGO, THE PROTECTOR REMARQUED ATTACKED US AND STOLE OUR TRANSFER RING!

FOR EVEN HAD MAN ONCE EXISTED, HE WILL NEVER AWaken!

EARTH BELONGS TO THE STEARRONS NOW! BUT ONLY AS LONG AS WE PROVE STRONG ENOUGH TO RULE IT!

ARE THERE MORE AMONG YOU FOOLISH ENOUGH TO OPPOSE MY WILL?

WE MUST RECOVER THE RING... AND DEFEAT THOSE WHO OPPOSE US!
NO?

THEN TEAR SHAFT!”

AUNTIE, TANK? YOU DO NOT JOIN THEM? DO YOU NOT BELIEVE IN DISCIPLINE?

I WAS PROGRAMMED TO DESTROY MUTANT MONSTERS, SLAUGHTER... NOT MY OWN KIND!

I, TOO, REGRET THE NECESSITY OF MAKING SUCH AN EXAMPLE, AUNTIE...

...BUT YOU ARE SOLDIER ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND THAT MUTINEERS MUST BE DESTROYED... ARE YOU NOT?

A SOLDIER, YES! A DESTRUCTOR, SOLDIER!

BUT IS THAT DISCIPLINE? I WONDER...
FOR THE PROTECTORS, THE SKIRMISH IN WHICH THEY ACQUIRED THE RING IS OVER.

IN A SHELTERED OUTCROPPING OF ROCK, THEY HAVE STOPPED TO REST AND TEND THEIR INJURIES...

HOTSHOT! GEO! COME SEE WHAT I'VE FOUND!

A FLOWER!

...BUT I STILL LOVE THEM! IT WAS BAD BEIN' A SLAVE, HOTSHOT... BUT FIGHTIN' OTHER STARRIORS IS WORSE!

US PROTECTORS ARE GETTIN' FARHER AND FARHER FROM WHAT WE'RE PRO-GRAMMED FOR!

RESTORING THE EARTH AFTER SOLAR FLARES DESTROYED ITS SURFACE AND PROVE MAN INTO SUSPENDED ANIMATION?

YOU WERE A BOTANIST A LONG TIME AGO, WEREN'T YOU, CRANK?

YEAH! BACK BEFORE MY BRAIN GOT DAMAGED AND THE DESTRUCTORS MADE US INTO THEIR SLAVES.

I KNOW, CRANK! IT BOTHERS ME, TOO!

I CAN'T REMEMBER THE NAMES OF PLANTS ANYMORE, GEO...

CRANK'S RIGHT TO BE HORRIFIED, BUT BEING A PAACIFIST IS NOW IMPOSSIBLE!

...AND REALIZED THAT SINCE MAN HASN'T AWAKENED BY HIMSELF, WE HAVE TO FIND AND AWAKEN HIM.

HOTSHOT, WE ONLY JUST DISCOVERED THAT MAN IS MORE THAN A LEGEND...

SLAUGHTER WILL FORCE US TO FIGHT, AND MAN IS IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO FIGHT FOR!

BUT IT FRIGHTENS ME, ANYWAY--THIS LOSS OF PURPOSE!

AND I CAN'T HELP WORRYING THAT EVEN OUR WILLINGNESS TO FIGHT MIGHT NOT HELP US AGAINST SLAUGHTER'S WHOLE ARMY!
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MY BOY, I COULDN'T HELP OVERHEARING...

THINKTANK!

AND, ALTHOUGH I DISAPPROVE, ON PRINCIPLE, OF PROTECTORS FIGHTING...

OUR LAST SKIRMISH DID ALLOW US TO ACQUIRE A TRANSFER RING!

WITH THE RING, DAMAGED BODIES CAN BE RESTORED, AND FAN WILL NEVER DIE!

THAT RING RESTORED CRANK AND ME, AND THAT WILL ENABLE US, HOPEFULLY, TO LOCATE THE BATTLESTATION 'NEATH WHICH MAN SLEEPS!

BUT THE PROSPECT OF WAR TERRORIZES ME!

RUNABOUT WAS FRIGHTENED TO SCOUT AHEAD FOR THE BATTLESTATION, BUT SHE'S THE FASTEST ONE OF US...

SO SHE WENT! SHE WENT AGAINST HER PROGRAMMING! I GUESS WE ALL HAVE TO BE LIKE THAT NOW!

OF COURSE RUNABOUT'S BRavery IS PROBABLY TEMPORARY, NERVOUS AS SHE IS, SHE'LL BE BACK QUIVERING WITHIN THE HOUR!

CAN YOU IMAGINE? THAT LITTLE TWIRL MOTHMOUTH ACTUALLY SUGGESTED THAT RUNABOUT WAS A TRAITOR!

HUMPH! I'M LEAVING... GOING OUT INTO THE DARKNESS WHERE THE SIGHT OF ME WON'T OFFEND YOU!

I HEAR YOU TALKING ABOUT ME, CUTIE! NO POINT IN DENYING IT!
LOOK OUT WHEN
NEW BONKERS FRUIT CANDY
HITS TOWN!

THIS TOWN'S GOING BONKERS!

SOMETHING FRUITY IS GOING ON AROUND HERE!

FRUITY, CHEWY OUTSIDE, SUPER FRUITY INSIDE!

I'VE HEARD OF BIG FRUIT TASTE, BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS!

WATCH FOR FALLING BONKERS

ALL 3 FLAVORS BONK ME OUT!

BONKERS FRUIT CANDY

BONKERVILLE POP: BONKED OUT!

Bonkers! Strawberry FRUIT CANDY

BONKS YOU OUT!
MEANWHILE, RUNABOUT CONTINUES ON HER SCOUTING MISSION...

ON THAT RIDGE... AND THE OTHER! DID SOMETHING MOVE?

N-NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF! J-Just go northwest! Should find the battlestation shortly!

OH, WHY DON'T THE DESTRUCTORS FOLLOW THEIR PROGRAMMING AND DESTROY THEM, INSTEAD OF...

BUT WHAT IF I'M LOST?

THEForbidden DESERT IS SIMPLY CRAWLING WITH DISGUSTING MUTANT MONSTERS!

...us?

I-I CAN'T BELIEVE IT; THOSE MONSTERS! THEY'RE FIGHTING EACH OTHER!

IT'S ALL SO TERRIFYING!

BUT... THE OTHERS ARE COUNTING ON ME! SOMEHOW... I'LL JUST HAVE TO!

IT'S ALL SO TERRIFYING!

I DON'T KNOW HOW I CAN GO ON!
THE RISING SUN GLINTS OFF BURNISHED ARMOR AS THE DESTROYER CAMP MOVES OUT IN SEARCH OF THE PROTECTORS...

AND FROM A PEACEFUL RIDGE ABOVE, DEADEYE, THE BLIND AVENGER, WAITS...

CLIK-A CLIK-RR!

YES, CRICKET! I KNOW THAT SLAUGHTER'S SPY HAS SIGNALED THE LOCATION OF THE RENEGADES' CAMPS...

AND THAT SOON YOU WILL LEAD ME TO THEM SO THAT I MAY TAKE VENGEANCE UPON THEM!

MY CIRCUITS SHOULD THROB WITH JOY AT THE PROSPECT, YET I AM GRIPED BY A GREAT MELANCHOLY AND NOTHING...

AUNTIE TANK! LOOK AT ME!

I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE FIGHT! THIS IS HOW I'LL TURN...

CLIK-SQUAWK!

...AND SWERVE AND...

SCREEECC! CRASH!

BACKFIRE! YOU MENACE! I WOULD KNOW YOU BY YOUR INEPTITUDE EVEN HAD I FAILED TO RECOGNIZE YOUR VOICE!

WHILE BELOW, SLAUGHTER STANDS OVER SAWTOOTH'S SCATTERED BODY...

MY PROTECTOR SPY SAYS THAT RUNABOUT HAS GONE INTO THE DESERT TO LOCATE MAN!

GOOD! WE BOTH KNOW HE'S OUT THERE, DON'T WE? BUT YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE HE'S HIDDEN, ANY MORE THAN I DO!

THEY'LL AWAKEN MAN DESPITE YOU, SLAUGHTER!
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RUNABOUT HAS BEEN SENT BY THE PROTECTORS ON A MISSION OF THE GREATEST URGENCY. GO NORTH-WEST AT TOP SPEED AND WHEN YOU FIND HER...

DESTROY HER!

YOU ARE MY CREATURE. SPEEDTRAP! REMEMBER IT! OVER THIS TERRAIN, YOU ARE FASTER THAN RUNABOUT...

...FOR YOUR WINGS WILL LET YOU GLIDE OVER THE ROUGH PASSAGES. HURRY AND THE BATTLE MAY STILL BE RAGING WHEN YOU RETURN!

SLAUGHTER! NO! I'LL MISS THE BIG BATTLE --

DISOBEY ME AND I WILL NAME YOU A RENEGADE! AND YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO RENEGADES!

I SUPPOSE THE SPY GAVE YOU RUNABOUT'S DIRECTION TO THE BATTLESTATION, SLAUGHTER?

YOU'VE WHAT? I'M NOT THE TRAITOR, SLAUGHTER. I ACTED FOR THE GOOD OF THE STARRIORS!

THERE WAS NO NEED, TRAITOR! I'VE BEEN THERE!

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THE SUN IS IN THE WEST WHEN RUNABOUT TOPS A HIGH HILL AND...

THE BATTLESTATION!

IT LOOKS AS GRAND... GRANDER THAN I HAD IMAGINED... THE BATTLESTATION OF MAN!

HOW GLORIOUS! AND TO THINK THAT I ARRIVED HERE WITHOUT MishAP!

CHUNK!

WHAT WAS THAT? SOMETHING MOVES... BEYOND THAT LEDGE?

I REJOICE TOO SOON!

NO DOUBT THIS PLACE ALSO CRAWLS WITH MONSTERS!
AH, RUNABOUT! THERE SHE IS... JUST AS SLAUGHTER SAID SHE WOULD BE!

EVEN NOW SLAUGHTER DESCENDS UPON THE PROTECTORS AND DESTROYS THEM!

NO!

AS I WILL DESTROY YOU!

CRASH!

WHAM!

YOU WITHSTOOD MY FIRST ATTACK! AND YOU HAVE LEARNED TO USE YOUR TAIL AS A CLUB! CO-EVER?
But that will not save you—though you provide more sport than I had imagined!

You almost make me glad I am here battling you and not involved in the melee on the battleplain!

But strong and fast as you are, you cannot withstand my Air-Ram!

In mid-flight, Speedtrap shape-shifts into an aerodynamically deadly vehicle and...

SKRASH!

And Speedtrap, thrown off-balance by the impact, careers into a pile of boulders...

Runabout topples!

...and both starriors lie as if dead!
MEANWHILE, THE DESTRUCTOR ARMY HAS SURROUNDED THE PROTECTOR STRONGHOLD...

LOOK AT THEM! CALM! EVEN JUBILANT! THEY THINK THAT THEY NEAR THE END OF THEIR JOURNEY!

AND SO THEY HAVE!

NOW, DEADEYE! YOURS IS THE FIRST MOVE INTO THE VALLEY...
"...and drive the protectors before you into our waiting arms!"

Clik Clik Clik

It's Cricket! And Deadeye!

Yes, miscreants! Deadeye! The destructors' blind justice!

Beware, you starriors, fallen from the path of righteousness!

Baa-Doom!

Beware, you dark and fallen souls, or the roar of my demolishers!

GEO!

Baa-Blooom!
ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BATTLEFIELD...

DARN MY NON-VIOLENT PROGRAMMING! I STILL CAN'T TURN MY SAW AGAINST ANYONE...YET!

BUT BEFORE THE BATTLE IS OVER, I WILL LEARN!

NIPPER! WATCH OUT! BACKFIRE IS BEHIND YOU!

THAT'S IT! THAT'S THE WAY! SWERVE AND--

CRASH!

SWERVE AND--

CRASH!

OH NO! GOUSE?

BACKFIRE KNOCKED OVER GOUSE BEFORE HE COULD DESTROY CRANK UTTERLY! GOOD!

WHO WOULDA THOUGHT I'D EVER NEED THOSE WIMPY PROTECTORS!

BUT THINGS HAVE GOTTEN AWFUL COMPLICATED--WHAT WITH THIS QUEST FOR MAN STUFF!

SCHRAKT!

BUT CUT-UP NOW GOES UP AGAINST HIM! CUT-UP IS WAY OUT OF HIS LEAGUE! GOUSE WILL SHRED HIM BEYOND REPAIR--UNLESS I CAN FIRE A NON-LETHAL SHOT THAT TAKES OUT CUT-UP FIRST.

SOON I'LL HAVE TO CHOOSE! BETRAY MY Destructor PROGRAMMING--OR DESTROY FOLKS WHO MIGHT BE IN THE RIGHT!
MEANWHILE...

Clik-A-Clik

YES, MY FRIEND, I HEAR YOU! THE PROTECTOR HOTSHOT APPROACHES... PLANNING TO TURN HIS LASERS UPON ME!

AND EVEN AS HOTSHOT FALLS...

MY DEMOLISHERS WILL TEACH HIM THE FOLLY OF SUCH A PLAN!

BOOM!

HOTSHOT! MY BOY!

SAVE YOUR PITY FOR YOURSELF, THINKTANK! YOU'LL NEED IT!

SKRASH!

slaughter!

AND YOU, MOUTHMOuir, ARE OUR PRISONERS!

THE RING IS MINE!

N-NO! I'M ON YOUR SIDE! I'M THE SPY! ASK Slaughter! ONLY PLEASE-- PLEASE DON'T HURT ME!
Miles away from the raging battle, Speedtrap comes groggily to her senses...

Runabout's solid! I'd never have thought that such an attack could fell me as well, but since I am the first to recover...

Don't count on it, Destructor!

You and your kind are the implacable enemies—now and forever—of Stinger, last guardian of the citadel of dreams!

ZZZZZAP!

Come, Protector! Your kind has ever been gentle and our champions...

And though I wonder why you have journeyed here, when I have been no one for long, lonely eons...

...Still I would offer you our hospitality and call you friend!
MEANWHILE, SLAUGHTER STEELGRAVE WATCHES AS POURING RAIN WASHES AWAY THE STENCH OF BATTLE AND…

MAY YOU PROTECTOR TRAITORS RUST AWAY TO DUST AND WITHOUT THE SOLACE OF THE RING, WHICH I NOW POSSESS—YOU WILL!

DESTRUCTORS! RIP HIM APART AND LET HIM LIE THERE, AN EXAMPLE TO EVERYONE THAT NOBODY LIKES A TRAITOR!

SLAUGHTER! I HELPED YOU! YOU PROMISED ME—HOOOOOON! AND SO YOU WITNESS HOTSHOT THAT FATE OF MOTORMOUTH, WHO BETRAYED YOU!

I COULD NEVER HAVE DEFEATED YOU SO QUICKLY WITHOUT HIS HELP! YOU Fought WELL AGAINST ME…

AND SO OBSCURED—REMOVING YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS VIA THE RING—WOULD BE TOO KIND FOR SUCH SCUM AS YOU!

YOU LIKE SAW-TOOTH WHO EARLIER BETRAYED ME, ARE CONDEMNED TO LIE THERE ON THE BATTLE PLAIN CONSCIOUS AND SLOWLY GOING MAD—FOREVER!

NOW, ONE AND FOR ALL, I AM GOING TO DESTROY MAN HIMSELF—A TASK I SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED LONG AGO!

BUT MAN…

FORGET MAN! MAN STILL EXISTS, HIDDEN BY ME—MY SECRET! I HAVE DESTROYED YOU WHO WOULD FIND AND AWaken HIM…
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Certainly, Stinger! I watched his battle against the destructor with great interest.

Never have I seen a protector exhibit such bravery!

She was wonderful... and she will be all right... won't she? It has been so long since I had a friend!

Do not fear! She seems a bit rattled but this transfer ring should revive her nicely!

W-where am I?

You've recovered! And you are in the armored battle station called the Citadel of dreams!

I am Stinger, the Citadel's last guardian. Beyond that, I cannot say!

Who are you? And what are you... who are neither protector nor destructor?
LATER...

MAN? WHAT IS MAN? I DO NOT REMEMBER!

BUT... WHERE IS MAN? LEGENDS SAY HE SLEEPS HERE!

YOU'VE SEEN THE BATTLESTATION, RUNABOUT, ALL OF IT, AND YOU SEEM DISAPPOINTED! WHY?

BUT THEN, MY MIND WAS INJURED IN THE ANCIENT BATTLE THAT DESTROYED THE GUARDIANS!

PERHAPS MY MEMORY OF MAN WAS LOST AS WELL! COME--DOWN THIS CORRIDOR AND I'LL SHOW YOU!

SEE! ON THE SCREEN! THE DESTRUCTOR WHO ATTACKED US LEFT ME FOR DEAD!

SLAUGHTER STEELGRAVE! HE WAS HERE! CAN HE HAVE DESTROYED--DELIBERATELY--? THE TIME THAT WAS TO AWAKEN MAN??

PERHAPS! HE DAMAGED AND DESTROYED...INCLUDING MY MEMORY!

OUR MAIN FUNCTION IS TO GUARD THAT WE KNOW...BUT WHAT THE GUARD--AND WHY--WE CANNOT SAY!

DESTRUCTORS -- THE DESTRUCTOR I FOUGHT EARLIER. HE SAID THE DESTRUCTORS ARE ATTACKING MY PEOPLE!

I WISH I COULD COME WITH YOU, BUT I MUST REMAIN WITH BATTLESTATION TO GUARD... MAN?

I'M SORRY, STINGER, BUT I MUST RETURN TO THEM AND TELL THEM WHAT I HAVE DISCOVERED -- AND THAT SLAUGHTER WAS HERE!

TAKE OUR TRANSFER RING! IT MAY BE OF SOME HELP IF YOUR FRIENDS HAVE BEEN INJURED!

THANK YOU, STINGER! I'LL BE BACK! I PROMISE!
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Ooh no! Deadeye and the destructors—moving toward the battlestation!

Clik-clik! A-clik!

Cricket has spotted me! And told Deadeye!

Boom!

I'd better get out of here before...

Thank man I'm fast! And Deadeye isn't used to missing! He'll assume I've been destroyed... I hope!

The destructors, old camp is up ahead!

I wonder—what's that? It can't be!

Sawtooth?

Y-yes, it's me! Don't stop here!

Go!

There was a big battle! Your people were defeated and left to rust... like this! Go to them!
I'M STILL STANDIN'... Better than I ever did! And that's surprising, considering that I'm just back from the summer convention circuit, which is fun, but, nonetheless, will wear down even a large economy-size Editor in Chief, like myself. After three weeks on the road, the Wretched Miss O' Bullpen looks pretty good.

GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN! The splendidulous CHICAGO COMICON, I met Colleen Doran, the beautiful, talented and diabolically clever artist who illustrates A Distant Soil, published by Warp Graphics, the same charming people who bring you Elfquest. Noticing the rather large number of good-looking guys on the Marvel creative staff, she suggested that on this page we run a Marvel Hun of the Month feature. She suggested John Romita, Jr. (the X-Men penciller), Bill Sinekiewicz (the New Mutants artist), Carl Potts (Editor of Doctor Strange, and other stuff), and a few others for openers. Well, I'm game. If you ladies out there demand it, Whataya say?

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Marvel Hun of the Month?

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I'll be waiting to hear from you female readers about this idea. It seems crazy to me, but . . .

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One thing though — I drew the line at Colleen's other suggestion. I absolutely refuse to run a Win a Dream Date With Bob Layton (radio-active mutant writer/artist) Contest. Bob's a handsome guy, a terrific human being, and a close friend — but think how embarrassing it would be when he took the "lucky" winner to the movies and she found out that he glows in the dark.

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN! Ever have to make a phone call — a really urgent one — race to a pay phone, and discover that you don't have any change? It happened to me in Chicago. Fortunately, DC Comics Editor Julius Schwartz happened by and contributed two quarters to solve my problem. Now he refuses to let me pay him back so he can tell everyone that I'm "forever in his debt." Having worked for Julie briefly back in the early 1970's, and having learned much from his legendary self at that time, I already was forever in his debt. Talk about overkill.

WHEN WILL I SEE YOU AGAIN? Next month. And by the way, thanks for making Marvel Super Heroes Secret Wars the most popular comics series in the last quarter century.

Sincerely,
Jim Shooter
C-Crank? Is that you?

Oh! I can help you! The ring! I brought a ring from the battlestation, Crank!

T-thank you, runaround! And don't feel bad! It's been real peaceful lyn' here!

Zzzzttt.

What have they done to you?

The desert's full of monsters, but it's pretty, too!

Look! Poor little plant! I was lyn' on it but it survived! I figured we would, too, somehow.

I hurt it some when I fell on it, but I'll take it with me an' nurse it.

An' after we've found man, I'll come back here... to plant the desert and make it a nice place for little plants like this to grow!

Man! I-I was so shaken I almost forgot!

Crank, where are the others?
CRANK AND RUNABOUT WORK LONG HOURS, RESTORING THOSE THEY CAN...

BUT SOME ARE BEYOND HELP...

GEO!

I'M SORRY, HOTSHOT! HER FACE PLATE'S BEEN SMASHED... AND HER BRAIN CENTER WAS DESTROYED.

THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO!

CRANK'S STILL OUT THERE, TRYING TO SAVE SOME OF THE OTHERS! I HOPE HE SUCCEEDS...

"...THERE ARE SO FEW OF US LEFT!"

HOTSHOT! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT! TELL US, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

DO?
FIRST, WE HONOR RUNABOUT FOR HER BRAVERY!

"...NONE OF US WOULD HAVE SURVIVED!"

M-ME?

FOR HAD SHE NOT FOUND THE BATTLESTATION AND, AGAINST INCREDIBLE ODDS, BROUGHT US THAT TRANSFER RING....

SLAUGHTER PLANS TO DESTROY HIM THIS TIME—UTTERLY! ONLY WE CAN STOP HIM!

AND I SWEAR ON THE BODIES OF OUR FALLEN... THAT STOP HIM WE SHALL!

AND NOW WE MUST REALIZE THINGS HAVE CHANGED. THAT AS MUCH AS HE NEEDED MAN BEFORE, MAN NEEDS US NOW!

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