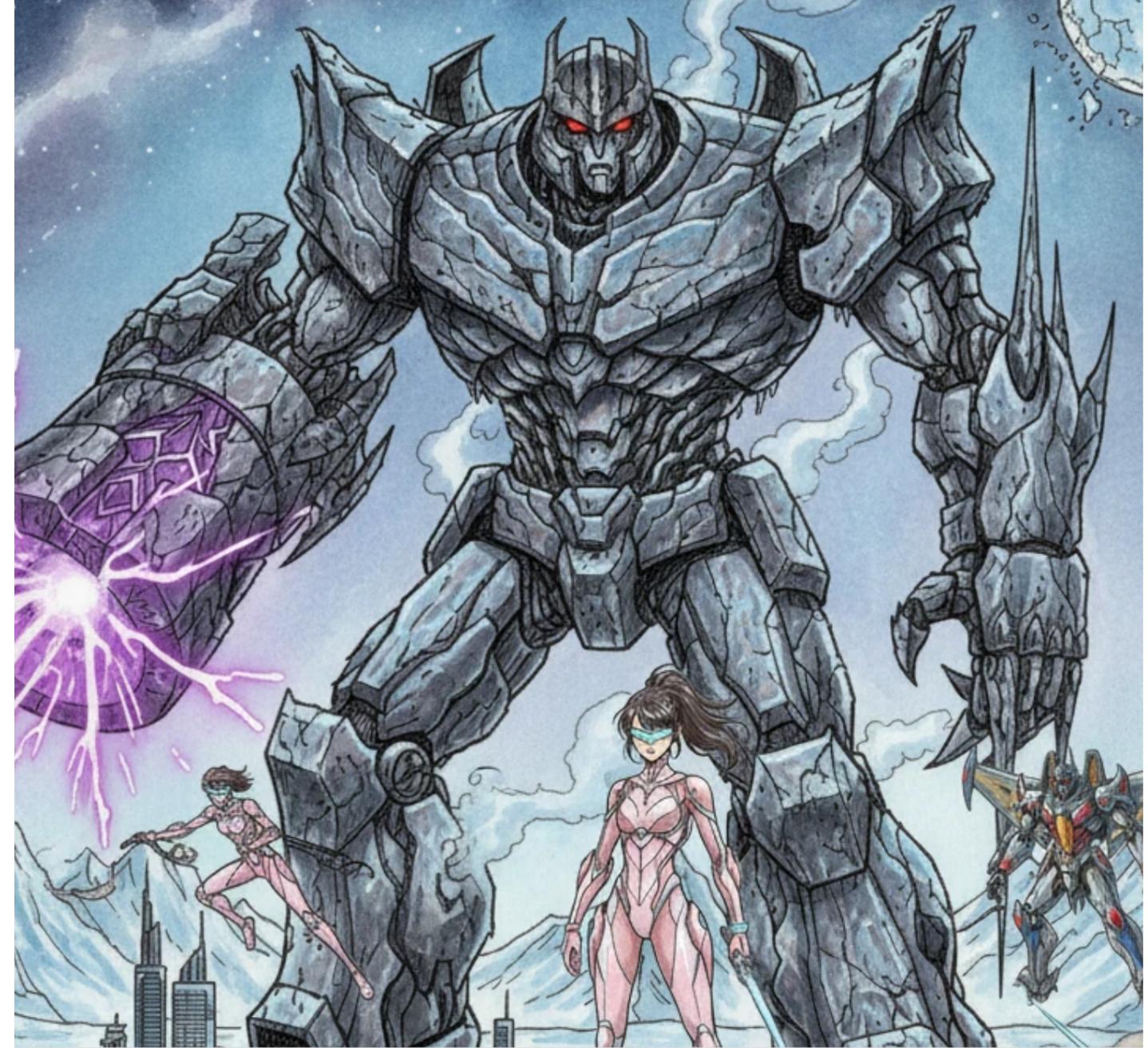


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BOOK ONE: ICE BREAKER



Steel Petals vs. Iron Giants

Aiden Bato



Hana Sato walks through the neon-lit streets of Neo-Tokyo, her school bag slung over her shoulder and a small metallic bracelet glowing on her wrist. The sky is a beautiful hue of violet and orange, but a strange static begins to crackle in the air, making the streetlights flicker.



Suddenly, the sky tears open like parchment, revealing a swirling vortex of dark energy and jagged lightning. Massive, angular shadows begin to descend from the clouds, casting a terrifying gloom over the screaming city as the ground begins to tremble.



Megatron and his Decepticon forces land with a bone-shaking thud, their purple insignias gleaming against their cold, grey metallic bodies. They tower over the skyscrapers, looking down at the organic world with nothing but cold, mechanical contempt and preparing their weapons.



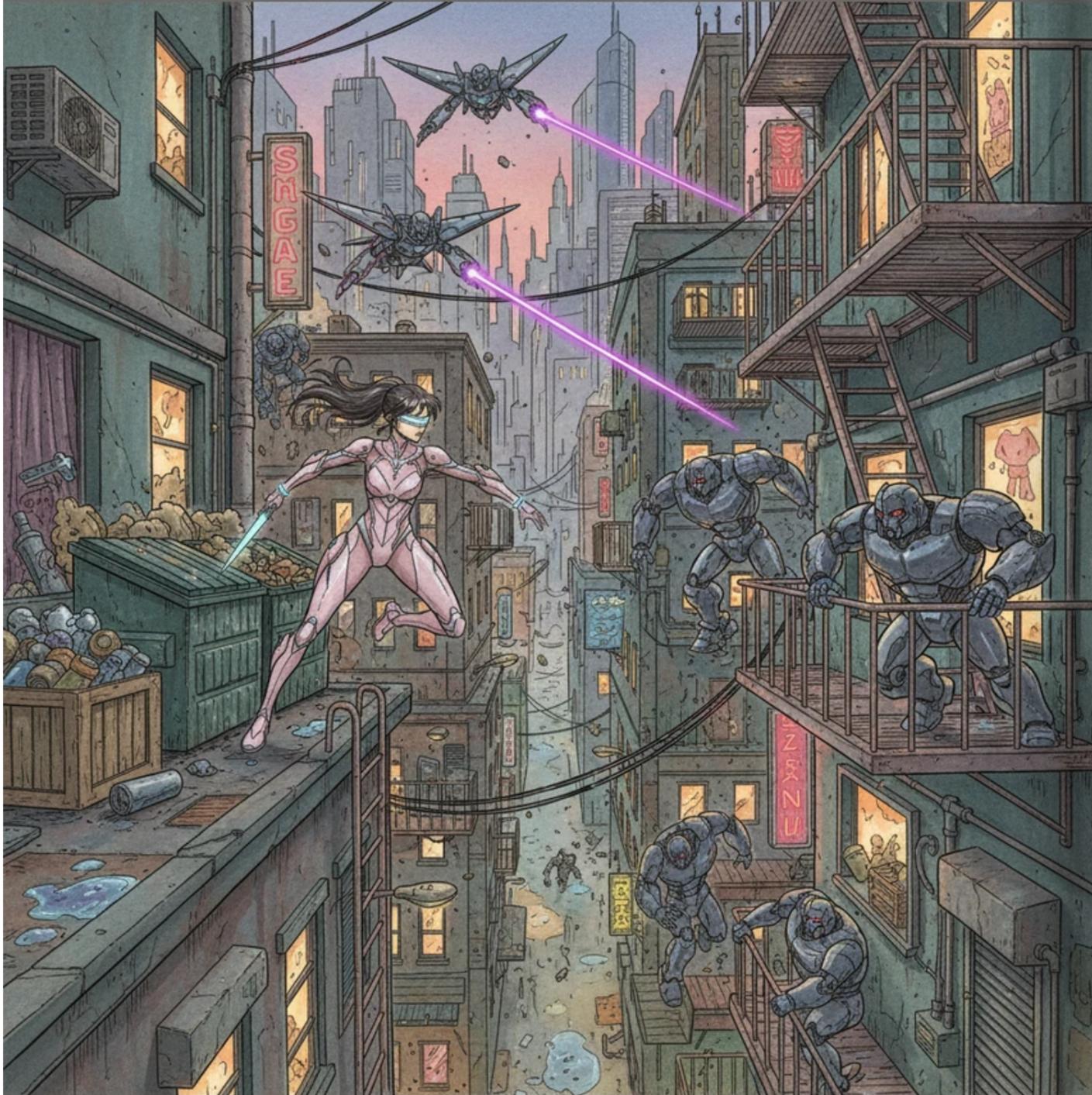
Hana taps her bracelet, and shimmering plates of pink and white carbon-fiber wrap around her body in a flash of light. She stands tall in her sleek Petal-Suit, her visor flickering to life as her teammates join her side, ready to defend their home against the giants.



The tiny defenders look like hummingbirds compared to the mountain-sized Decepticons, but they move with incredible speed and grace. Hana ignites her thrusters, leaving a trail of light as she zips between Megatron's massive legs to distract him from the fleeing civilians.



Starscream shrieks in his metallic voice, transforming into a sleek jet and raining fire down upon the streets below. Hana's squad quickly deploys energy shields, forming a glowing barrier that reflects the Decepticon's lasers back into the sky in a shower of sparks.



Soundwave ejects his cassettes, sending Laserbeak and Ravage to hunt the girls through the narrow alleyways of the city. Hana engages in a high-speed chase, her suit's agility allowing her to navigate the tight turns and obstacles that the mechanical beasts cannot follow.



Recognizing the giants are too durable for standard attacks, Hana focuses her suit's energy into a concentrated high-frequency blade. She strikes at the glowing energon joints of Megatron's knee, causing the massive leader to stumble and roar in mechanical fury as his systems glitch.



The girls link their power cores together, creating a massive pulse of pure harmonic energy that resonates with the Decepticons' internal systems. The overwhelming feedback forces the invaders back toward the rift, their metallic forms sparking and failing under the intense pressure.



As the rift collapses and the giants vanish back into the stars, Hana stands on a rooftop, her helmet retracting to reveal a determined smile. The sun rises over a saved world, and though the threat was unlike anything they had ever seen, the Earth's smallest guardians proved they were its greatest hope.