

Defender of the Universe by art1stic

Chapter 16

Voltron prepares for defense and the pilots are able to see, hear, and feel what Voltron experiences. He and the RoBeast clash. The RoBeast proves to be stronger than Voltron by being able to make an unbreakable grip on one of Voltron's arms. Voltron ends up ripping the RoBeast's arm off, and begins to employ his technological weaponry, which inflicts some damage to the RoBeast, but minimal. The RoBeast ends up blinded, and Zarkon goes down to the planet's surface to become the RoBeast's eyes. The RoBeast is also unable to regenerate the arm that Voltron broke hold from. Haggar also goes down to the planet to attempt to disassemble Voltron in the same way she did 150 years ago. Zarkon assembles himself to the RoBeast and generates a new limb. The entire citizenry of Arus all gather into a large collective to give Voltron elemental control.

Voltron tells the pilots to use their elements together to form the Blazing Sword. The sword forms, and Voltron attempts to finish the RoBeast, but is only able to sever limbs and maim the RoBeast, but not able to kill it, including cutting off its head, which regenerates. Voltron then tells the pilots to concentrate on finding a weakness on the RoBeast as it fights. Allura and Keith notice that the RoBeast especially guards its core. Voltron targets the area and cuts the RoBeast in half vertically, and in half horizontally again. Haggar attempts to inject a virus into Voltron, and the RoBeast reassembles itself again by regenerating connecting points over the cut (cauterized) areas of the RoBeast. Meanwhile, Voltron senses the Arusian support on the ground, and tells the pilots to brace themselves for a super weapon because of this support. The pilots ask what weapon it is and how it works. Voltron replies he doesn't know because he has never used it before but it is enabled with the elements of the planet and united heart of Arus. Voltron begins to state his original pledge... he is not able to complete it.

Haggar nearly has a lock on Voltron's electronics systems when Voltron begins transforming into a living Sphinx! The transformation kills Haggar by crushing her during the transformation. Voltron and the pilots are fully entranced at this point and no longer conscious. The Sphinx takes over, attacking the RoBeast at the core, grabbing ahold of the RoBeast's body and biting down on where the Cyborg lies within the RoBeast body. The RoBeast begins to beat down upon the Sphinx, to no effect. The Sphinx crushes the cyborg with its bite, killing the RoBeast and leaving it frozen in place. Zarkon remains stuck in the RoBeast body, burned out and disabled.