THE TRANSFORMERS: REGENERATION ONE

“The Search, Part 1”

CAST LIST (speaking parts only)

AUTOBOTS:

Hot Rod

Nightbeat

Arcee

Bumblebee

Wheeljack

Minerva

Smokescreen

Drift

Optimus Prime

DECEPTICONS:
Shockwave

Starscream

Runabout

Runamuck

Thunderhoof

Megatron

HUMANS:

Sparkplug Witwicky

Spike Witwicky

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ACT ONE

FADE IN

ESTABLISHING SHOT – AUTOBOT BASE MAIN ROOM

The Autobots are on their daily peaceful routine. Two of them are on their rooms, but on the main room we see OPTIMUS PRIME using TELETRAAN-I, the Autobots’ main computer to check on any Decepticon incursions. We also see HOT ROD and ARCEE with young DANIEL WITWICKY, son of SPIKE and CARLY WITWICKY. They seem to be talking about their lives. We also see NIGHTBEAT taking a stasis nap on his post as well as MINERVA watching WHEELJACK and DANIEL’S grandfather SPARKPLUG with a very youthful curiosity. They are repairing gadgets and building new ones as well, and their mastery really catches Minerva’s youthful attention. We also see SPIKE talking with BUMBLEBEE, the youngest and smallest Autobot around. They’ve been friends for many years. Suddenly, an alarm rings and everybody reacts to that.

OPTIMUS PRIME

Incoming transmission. Put it on the monitor screen, Teletraan-I.

While TELETRAAN is patching into the feeds, two more Autobots show up. DRIFT, former Decepticon agent who now works for the Autobots to atone for his previous wrongdoings, and SMOKESCREEN, a veteran tough-as-nails Autobot soldier with a very charming personality towards his friends.

SPARKPLUG

Wha’s this all about???

OPTIMUS PRIME

We’ll find out in a moment, Sparkplug.

TELETRAAN finally manages to put the transmission to the monitor screen, and we see MEGATRON, Decepticon leader, addressing the Autobots.

SPIKE

Megatron!!!

MEGATRON

(through filter)

Yes, miserable flesh creature!!! I, Megatron, glorious leader of the Decepticons, address you now!!!

SMOKESCREEN

(with a mocking expression)

I address you, too, sweetheart!!!

HOT ROD, ARCEE, MINERVA, BUMBLEBEE, NIGHTBEAT

(laugh)

MEGATRON

(enraged)

You’ll pay dearly for that, you insolent wretch!!! Now, Optimus, I decided to challenge you to a duel on the moon!!! If you win, we Decepticons will leave you and your friends alone, if you lose, we’ll hunt down every single one of your troops and execute them without mercy!!!

OPTIMUS PRIME

(calmly)

Even though I don’t want to risk the life of those close to me, I’ll accept the challenge, Megatron.

MEGATRON

(gloating triumphantly)

Excellent!!! You have two Mega-cycles to face me on the moon. If you don’t, you know what will happen!!! Megatron out!!!

The transmission ends.

NIGHTBEAT

(doubtful)

I don’t like this Optimus. You know how tricky Megatron can be.

HOT ROD

(eagerly)

Yeah, Nightbeat’s right. You should have some backup.

OPTIMUS PRIME

(with an inspiring sound)

I admire your concern, but even though Megatron is somewhat unpredictable, I must accept the duel and fight my best battle with all my energy and my love for all of you. Wheeljack, prepare the shuttle.

WHEELJACK

Roger that, Prime!!!

CUT TO

THE DECEPTICON SHIP – MAIN ROOM

MEGATRON is addressing his troops. We see a lot of VEHICON DRONES of all three types (CAR, JET, TANK) as well as STARSCREAM, SKY-BYTE, QUAKE, THUNDERHOOF, TANKOR, KNOCK OUT and the Battlechargers (RUNABOUT and RUNAMUCK) listening to his speech. Behind MEGATRON stands SHOCKWAVE, who is putting a very strange looking device into MEGATRON’s back without being noticed. It’s a Moleculon Bomb, a powerful explosive that can destroy anything on a 20-mile radius.

MEGATRON

(triumphant)

My fellow Decepticons!!! At last we’ll be able to finish the Autobots forever!!! After Optimus Prime is destroyed, all the other Autobots and whoever stands in our way will follow!!! We’ll finally be masters of the entire universe!!!

DECEPTICONS

(cheering)

MEGATRON

(to SHOCKWAVE)

Take care of things while I’m away Shockwave, and keep a very close eye on Starscream.

MEGATRON flies away.

SHOCKWAVE

(seeing MEGATRON flying away)

Yes, Lord Megatron, I will certainly take better care of things than you do.

CUT TO

THE MOON’S SURFACE

OPTIMUS’ shuttle lands on the moon, and OPTIMUS exits from the shuttle.

OPTIMUS PRIME

Gravitational Field Generator online.

OPTIMUS has activated a built-in Gravitational Field Generator that allows him to walk on the moon (as well as any other planets or moons) just as well as any human walks on the earth. All Transformers are equipped with these Field Generators.

MEGATRON arrives on the scene, and lands on the surface.

MEGATRON

(gloating victoriously)

Finally!!! You’ll see why I am the most powerful Decepticon in the Universe!!!

OPTIMUS PRIME

(calmly yet with a defying tone)

The battle hasn’t even begun, Megatron, and yet, you gloat about victory too soon.

MEGATRON

(with a mocking tone)

Even now, Optimus, in the face of your own demise, you still think you can win!!!

OPTIMUS PRIME

(calmly)

Unlike you, Megatron, I don’t think about winning a battle, because every battle always has the same pattern, yet it never applies just to one side: One Shall Stand… One Shall Fall.

MEGATRON

(enraged)

THEN PREPARE TO FALL!!!!

The battle starts. Both sides are watching the battle through their computer feeds. We get some shots of the Autobots and the Decepticons reacting to the battle in many different ways while also getting some shots on the battle itself.

MEGATRON punches OPTIMUS on the face and sends him to the ground.

DECEPTICONS

(excited)

Hey, lookit dat!!!

Get ‘im, boss!!!

Pulverize ‘im!!!

Use the combination: one, two…!!!

AUTOBOTS, HUMANS

(worried)

Oh, no!!!

C’mon, OP!!! Get up!!!

Hurry, Prime!!! He’s coming towards you!!!

MEGATRON gets closer to OPTIMUS, but OPTIMUS gets up and gives him a powerful kick to the gut which leaves him stunned long enough for OPTIMUS to give him an equally powerful and painful uppercut.

AUTOBOTS, HUMANS

(cheering and celebrating)

Yeah!!!

Kick him hard!!!

Pop ‘im one for me!!!

Take that, Mega-klutz!!!

DECEPTICONS

(angered and upset)

Oh, scrap!!!

C’mon, boss!!! GET DA SCRAP UP!!!

I knew he was going to fail!!!

Shut yer processor up, Starscream!!!

Suddenly, both opponents run toward each other and start clinch fighting like two wrestlers violently throwing each other. During this clinch fight, we cut to SHOCKWAVE, holding a detonator. He presses a button and suddenly, both fighters are engulfed in a deadly mist of fire and smoke. We hear a horrific death scream coming from Megatron while we zoom out to see the catastrophic explosion caused by SHOCKWAVE’S deadly Moleculon Bomb. We see SHOCKWAVE looking triumphantly (yet without showing any emotion) at the explosion.

AUTOBOTS, HUMANS

(shocked and confused)

What happened???!!!

Hey, is this some kinda trick???!!!

Where’s Optimus???!!!

DECEPTICONS

(shocked and out of control)

Hey, wha’???!!!

Th’heck was dat???!!!

Where’s the boss???!!!

Is he pushing Cyber-daisies???!!!

The mist clears, and we start seeing the results of the catastrophic explosion. In the place in which two warriors had been clashing, now there is one lying on the ground, heavily damaged by the explosion. It’s OPTIMUS PRIME. Of MEGATRON, we only see ashes and smoke, as well as his Fusion Cannon lying on the ground.

CUT TO

AUTOBOT BASE – MAIN ROOM

The Autobots are still shocked by the recent occurrence. Nightbeat notices the figure lying on the ground.

NIGHTBEAT

(pointing to the monitor screen)

Look!!!

HOT ROD

(eagerly)

It’s Optimus!!! C’mon, we got to save him!!!

SMOKESCREEN

(trying to warn HOT ROD)

Wait, kid!!! The ‘cons are still there!!!

HOT ROD

(impulsively heading towards a small craft with NIGHTBEAT)

The scrap with that!!!

HOT ROD and NIGHTBEAT enter the craft and lift off.

SMOKESCREEN

(with a very bitter attitude)

(Sigh) I dunno what Prime ever saw on that kid.

ARCEE

(sourly)

If you say anything bad about Hot Rod, you’re gonna be sorry!!!

SMOKESCREEN

(threatened)

Alright!!! Alright!!! I was just sayin’!!! Geez!!!

CUT TO

SPACE – SHUTTLE APPROACHING THE MOON

NIGHTBEAT

There it is, Roddy. The moon.

HOT ROD

(concerned)

And no sign of the Decepticons. Move out slowly, Nightbeat. It could be an ambush.

We see the shuttle landing slowly. HOT ROD and NIGHTBEAT jump out of it. They have their Gravitational Field Generators on. They transform into vehicle mode and roll out. They find OPTIMUS lying on the ground; they transform into robot mode and take him to the ship.

HOT ROD

Okay, let’s get out of here fast!!!

FADE IN TO

AUTOBOT BASE – REPAIR ROOM

MINERVA checks OPTIMUS’ damage levels while HOT ROD, ARCEE, NIGHTBEAT, SMOKESCREEN, BUMBLEBEE, WHEELJACK and DRIFT looking at their commander with grief, yet there’s a hopeful feel on their expressions. Along with the Autobots, we see SPIKE, CARLY and SPARKPLUG comforting young DANIEL, who is crying quietly while hugging his father, who is gently caressing his head. We also see SPIKE’S younger brother BUSTER with his girlfriend JESSE, who have also come to pay their respects.

MINERVA

(with a very sad tone)

I fear his wounds are fatal.

OPTIMUS wakes up one last time and looks at his fellow Autobots and his human friends, looking sadly at the Autobot that they considered a gentle father figure.

OPTIMUS PRIME

(gently, but with an ailing sound)

My fellow Autobots, my human friends. My beloved family. My time is short, and it’s time for a new leader to rise and lead the Autobots to victory.

(looking at SMOKESCREEN and WHEELJACK)

Some of you have fought with me from the very beginning…

(looking at BUMBLEBEE, NIGHTBEAT, HOT ROD, ARCEE and DRIFT)

…while others have joined me as time went on…

(looking at MINERVA and the humans)

…and we also have those whom I have not known long enough, yet have proven themselves in the short time I knew them. All of you have proven to be worthy allies and friends.

(looking at HOT ROD)

Hot Rod, it’s up to you, my young friend. You must find the Creation Matrix and protect it from all evil until that day in which you’ll have to release its power and light our darkest hour.

HOT ROD

(nervously)

Prime, please. I’m not worthy for this task. I’m just not boss material.

OPTIMUS PRIME

(gently)

I wasn’t fit to be a leader, either. I didn’t think I could be able to carry the burden of leadership as well as my predecessors did. But I tried my best, and I know that you’ll do it even better than I ever did.

HOT ROD

(doubtful yet accepting his fate)

I dunno, Prime. I don’t think I’ll ever be the leader you were, but I’ll try and make you proud in any way possible. I accept the burden.

OPTIMUS PRIME

(ailing yet inspiring)

Until that day… ‘Till all are one…

OPTIMUS PRIME, beloved commander and father figure of the Autobots, quietly passes away. All the Autobots are trying to comfort each other as well as the humans.

HOT ROD

(trying to contain his emotions)

He lived a warrior… and died a hero. Let his spark join the Matrix, the greatest of Cybertron.

We fade in to a scene in which the Autobots and humans have a funeral ceremony for OPTIMUS, whose body is being cremated while human planes are executing the “missing man formation”. The Autobots salute their late commander while his ashes fly into the sky.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN TO

SPACE – THE DECEPTICON SHIP

We then see the Decepticons on the ship’s throne room while SHOCKWAVE is making a speech.

SHOCKWAVE

Megatron, thanks to all of his pride and illogical anger, has met his end.

(the Decepticons react with shock towards this revelation)

Because of this, I am taking over leadership of the Decepticons. Anyone who disagrees with what logic dictates is going to be immediately terminated with extreme prejudice.

DECEPTICONS

(nervously)

ALL HAIL SHOCKWAVE!!!

ALL HAIL SHOCKWAVE!!!

ALL HAIL SHOCKWAVE!!!

SHOCKWAVE

Now, all we need is to find out what the Autobots are planning now that Optimus Prime has ceased to function. Starscream, you shall spy on the Autobots.

STARSCREAM

(embarrassed)

Me???!!! The greatest, most sophisticated Decepticon ever created???!!! I’m not going to do that embarrassing spy mission, it’s below me!!!

SHOCKWAVE

You are the only logical choice. You are the only Decepticon equipped with a cloaking device. You either do what logic states or face me.

STARSCREAM

(scared)

Okay, okay, you made your point!!!

STARSCREAM transforms and blasts off into the earth. He then activates his cloaking device in order to remain undetected by any monitoring devices (we see him as an outline, in order to give the illusion of invisibility). He arrives at the Autobot Base and overhears a meeting between the Autobots. He takes an audio recorder out of a storage chamber in his chest and records the entire briefing.

HOT ROD

Well, ‘bots. Thanks to Teletraan-I, we’ve pinpointed possible locations for the Creation Matrix. These power stations are all abandoned, so we won’t have to worry about harming humans. We’ll split into groups. Some of you will have to stay and keep an eye on the base, while I pick a different team for each mission. We have pinpointed these locations so far: A hydro-electric power plant in Oregon, a nuclear power station in Boston, the old electrical plant in Nevada and the abandoned crystal mines of Burma. Our first task is to check the Oregon hydro-electric plant. Wheeljack, Arcee, Minerva… you’re coming with me. The rest will stay here in case the Decepticons attack. Autobots, roll out!!!

STARSCREAM, still invisible, transforms into vehicle mode and takes off triumphantly, heading to the Decepticon ship.

FADE IN TO

THE DECEPTICON SHIP – MAIN ROOM

SHOCKWAVE and STARSCREAM are talking about their new objective.

SHOCKWAVE

Excellently handled, Starscream. Your recording will allow us to ambush and destroy the Autobots at these exact same locations. We cannot allow them to reach the Creation Matrix. According to my datatracks, any Autobot tasked with the mission of finding the Matrix will become the new leader of the Autobots. And we cannot allow that to happen. You will lead this first assault. The Battlechargers and Thunderhoof will join you.

FADE IN TO

OREGON – A DESERT

HOT ROD, ARCEE, MINERVA and WHEELJACK are driving towards the Oregon hydro-electric power plant.

ARCEE

Look! There it is!

HOT ROD

(cautiously)

We still have to be careful, remember that we also have Decepticons to deal with.

MINERVA

(excited)

Golly, I just can’t wait to see some action!!!

WHEELJACK

(laughs warmly) Don’t worry, Minerva. We’re almost there.

STARSCREAM, THUNDERHOOF, RUNABOUT and RUNAMUCK are hiding in a large rock formation near the road to the plant.

STARSCREAM

(hushed)

Here they come. Remember, when they get closer, we’ll jump on them and give them the shock of their lives.

(laughs)

CUT TO

THE AUTOBOT BASE – MAIN ROOM

BUMBLEBEE and NIGHTBEAT are looking at the monitor while DRIFT is looking at the desert through the window. SMOKESCREEN comes out of his room to inform about enemy activity.

SMOKESCREEN

(concerned)

There’s been no Decepticon activity since Hot Rod left, but I can’t help but feel that they’re up to something.

BUMBLEBEE

Yeah, those guys are really nasty pieces of work.

(to DRIFT)

What do you make of it, Drift??? You were a ‘con before, so you must know how they operate.

DRIFT

(calmly)

This peaceful stillness only means one thing, Bumblebee. The Decepticons are preparing an ambush, not toward us, but toward our allies heading for the power plant.

CUT TO

OREGON DESERT – ROCK FORMATION NEAR THE POWER PLANT

The Autobots keep driving toward the power plant, while the Decepticons wait on the rock formation nearby.

STARSCREAM

(hushed)

Here they come!!!

(yelling)

NOW!!!!!!

The Decepticons jump from the rock formation and are now blocking the road to the power station.

HOT ROD

(frustrated and surprised)

SCRAP!!!

The Decepticons stand triumphantly in front of the Autobots, smirking and getting ready to engage.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

FADE IN TO

OREGON DESERT – NEAR THE POWER PLANT

We see STARSCREAM with a very intense angry expression on his face barking orders.

STARSCREAM

(violently screaming)

DECEPTICONS… DESTROY!!!!

The Decepticons advance towards their targets. STARSCREAM engages HOT ROD and both opponents start clinch fighting. The Battlechargers surround WHEELJACK and circle around him laughing maniacally.

RUNABOUT

(laughs) C’mon Runamuck, I’ll run around ‘im and you ram ‘im!!!

RUNAMUCK

(excited)

How ‘bout you ram ‘im and I ram ‘im even harder!!!

RUNABOUT

(excited)

Yeah!!! Let’s do it!!!

The Battlechargers jump on WHEELJACK, but he quickly evades them, making them crash onto each other.

CUT TO

ANOTHER BATTLE SEQUENCE

THUNDERHOOF is targeting ARCEE and MINERVA, but tries a little bit of his womanizing charm before trying to engage them.

THUNDERHOOF

(smirking seductively)

EY-YO!!! Your sweet behinds would make a nice addition to my fun houses!!! So why doncha play nice and come wit' poor, lonely me. You is gonna have fun.

MINERVA

(disgusted)

EWWWWWW!!!!

ARCEE

(replying bitterly to Thunderhoof)

YOU'RE DISGUSTING!!!

THUNDERHOOF

(totally upset and enraged)

EH-OH!!! Tha's no way to treat an expert Gigolo, babe!!!!

MINERVA

(mockingly)

Stick it in your command module, ya unattractive ol’ geezer!!!

THUNDERHOOF

(now really upset)

EH-OH!!! THA’ DOES IT!!! NOW YOU IS GONNA SUFFER!!!

He prepares to engage the two Autobot ladies. MINERVA draws her Shock Blaster.

ARCEE

NO!!! His metal is impervious to firepower!!!

THUNDERHOOF

(charging)

AAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHH!!!!

The two girls look at each other with a playful smirk and nod to each other. Then just as THUNDERHOOF gets closer, ARCEE and MINERVA jump out of his way. ARCEE jumps to the right, MINERVA jumps to the left.

THUNDERHOOF

(just notices the rock wall in front of him)

EH-OH!!!!!!!!!

THUNDERHOOF crashes onto the rock wall and his head gets stuck in it.

THUNDERHOOF

(muffled and very enraged)

Aww, scrap!!! You two girls is gonna see!!! You ain’t seen the last a’ me!!! You’ll be sorry the next time we meet, ‘cause you is gonna answer to ol’ Mr. Lupara!!! I’ll… (keeps babbling and gloating furiously)

MINERVA and ARCEE giggle at THUNDERHOOF’S angry babble, and they congratulate each other with a high five.

CUT TO

STARSCREAM AND HOT ROD FIGHTING

HOT ROD and STARSCREAM are fighting furiously against each other. First, HOT ROD punches STARSCREAM in the face, but then STARSCREAM gets the upper hand. He starts flying around and punching HOT ROD in mid-air, until he finally lands again. He then proceeds to grab HOT ROD and throws him to the ground.

STARSCREAM

(gloating triumphantly)

Now you see why I’m the greatest Decepticon in the universe, ya little punk!!! Any last words???

HOT ROD

(defiantly)

I hope this suffices!!!

HOT ROD instantly gets on his feet, and charges at STARSCREAM. He starts punching the treacherous Air Commander so violently that his head starts spinning around. Then STARSCREAM’S head stops spinning and we see a very comical surprised look on his face. He then falls to the ground. HOT ROD looks at his allies.

HOT ROD

Everything’s under control here???

WHEELJACK

Yup. All Decepticons have been engaged and immobilized.

ARCEE

(smiling)

Situation handled with total efficiency.

MINERVA

(excited)

GOLLY GEE WHIZ!!! THAT WAS SO COOL!!!

MINERVA’S youthful nature and energetic attitude makes her fellow Autobots smile warmly and they can’t help but chuckle with her youthful energy.

HOT ROD

(smiling)

You got spirit, Minerva.

ARCEE

(with the tone of a caring mother)

Yes, thank Primus you’re on our side.

MINERVA

(happily)

Thanks, Arcee, and you too, Hot Rod. Golly, I can’t believe how awesome you guys have been with me.

WHEELJACK

(gently)

 Unlike the ‘cons, Minerva, we Autobots look and care for one another. Sure, Drift can be a pretty quiet guy and Smokescreen can get pretty cranky at times, but we’re all a family. We’ll never abandon each other.

HOT ROD

Indeed, Wheeljack. Now, let’s head for the power plant.

The Autobots transform and roll for the power plant. However, we see that STARSCREAM is getting up. He’s still dizzy and stunned thanks to the clobbering he got from HOT ROD.

STARSCREAM

(dizzy)

That punk!!! He’ll pay for this!!! Luckily, we still have the contingency plan.

STARSCREAM takes a device from his storage container. It’s a detonator.

CUT TO

THE AUTOBOTS ARRIVING THE POWER PLANT

The Autobots transform into robot mode.

HOT ROD

Okay, guys. We need to stay sharp. Remember, if you find anything, give me a call and we’ll join at the plant’s powerhouse.

The Autobots split. We focus on MINERVA. She’s walking through the abandoned dam. She then finds a strange container. She opens it and she finds a piece of a strange device, definitely Cybertronian.

MINERVA

(to herself)

Gee, this is pretty far out.

(raises a wrist communicator and starts talking)

Minerva to Hot Rod. I’ve found something pretty strange in the dam.

HOT ROD

Roger that, Minerva. The Autobots and I will join you at the powerhouse.

FADE IN TO

THE POWER PLANT – POWERHOUSE

MINERVA gives the piece to HOT ROD.

HOT ROD

You’re right, Minerva. This is definitely Cybertronian.

WHEELJACK

Seems like we’re on the right track, Hot Rod. According to my readings, that piece is a part of the Creation Matrix.

HOT ROD

Good thinking, Wheeljack. Now we must get it to the base for safekeeping and---

(a quake interrupts him)

What the---???!!

Outside the power station, we see STARSCREAM. He’s holding the detonator and he has already activated the explosives to instantly destroy the dam and its powerhouse.

STARSCREAM

(gloating triumphantly)

Goodbye, Autobots!!! I hope you find the rubble comfortable!!!

(flies off, laughing maniacally)

We see the Autobots trying to get out of the powerhouse, but they get buried in the rubble. We hear them scream and grunt as the rubble starts burying them continuously.

TO BE CONTINUED

END OF ACT THREE