THE TRANSFORMERS: REGENERATION ONE

“The Search, Part 4”

CAST LIST (speaking parts only)

AUTOBOTS:

Hot Rod

Nightbeat

Arcee

Bumblebee

Wheeljack

Minerva

Smokescreen

Drift

DECEPTICONS:

Shockwave

Starscream

Runabout

Runamuck

Thunderhoof

Knock Out

Tankor

Sky-Byte

Quake

Tank Drone

Jet Drone

Car Drone

Soundwave

Rumble

HUMANS:

G.B. Blackrock

Agent Fowler

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ACT ONE

FADE IN

BURMA MINES – ENTRANCE TUNNEL

We see STARSCREAM, THUNDERHOOF and their TANK DRONE running out of the mines. Suddenly, they stop once they get outside.

THUNDERHOOF

EY-YO!!! Where’s tha little brat that wus lyin’ here???!!!

STARSCREAM

(surprised)

Wha--???!!!

Suddenly, MINERVA jumps from the top of the entrance and fires her Shock Blaster.

MINERVA

(confident)

Eat EMP stun rays!!! Courtesy of my Shock Blaster!!!

(sort of embarrassed at her remark)

Gee!!! That sounded really corny!!!!

STARSCREAM and THUNDERHOOF are hit by the EMP blast and start screaming as if they were spinning.

STARSCREAM, THUNDERHOOF

(stunned by the EMP rays)

BlrbBBlrblrBLRbrlrbrbrL!!!!

MINERVA then kicks both ‘cons into the ground. Then, she engages the TANK DRONE and she hits him with some very graceful ballerina-like moves and kicks, until he falls with his superiors.

TANK DRONE

(like AHNOLD, falling to the ground)

YAAAAAARGGGHHHH!!!!!

STARSCREAM, THUNDERHOOF and the TANK DRONE get up and run in fear from the young nurse.

STARSCREAM

(terrified)

DECEPTICONS, RETREAAAAAAT!!!!!!!!!!

MINERVA

Now, to find my friends.

MINERVA runs into the mines, she finds her friends cuffed and shackled to the cavern’s wall and she also sees the volcanic unit.

MINERVA

(nervous)

I hope this works!!!

MINERVA aims her Shock Blaster at the volcanic unit and fires. The unit stops working and explodes before it even manages to drill through the Earth’s crust. MINERVA then aims at ARCEE’S stasis cuffs and with one well aimed blast, all the stasis cuffs open and the Autobots are free.

SMOKESCREEN

(relieved)

Holy scrap!!! I thought we really had it this time!!!

ARCEE

(concerned)

Minerva, are you okay???

MINERVA

(smiling)

Aside from the clobbering I got from that sneaky snake, I’m fine.

HOT ROD

(thankful)

Minerva, you really are a lifesaver. If it weren’t for you, we would have had a very nasty bath. But thank Primus that you came to our aid.

MINERVA

(blushing)

Oh, it was nothing!!! I mean, golly, it’s natural for us Autobots to be concerned about our comrades.

SMOKESCREEN

(proudly, gently patting MINERVA’S shoulder)

Spoken like a true Autobot.

HOT ROD

Right, Smokescreen. Okay ‘bots, we have to get back to the air base, Agent Fowler’s waiting for us there. Autobots, Transform and Roll Out!!!

The Autobots transform and roll to the Burma Air Base.

FADE IN TO

CYBERTRON – DESOLATED CITY OF IACON

SHOCKWAVE’S shuttle lands in the desolated and ravaged city. SHOCKWAVE, KNOCK OUT and QUAKE come out of the shuttle. QUAKE and KNOCK OUT are shocked and somewhat freaked out at the scenery: a completely destroyed city state filled with the bodies of dead Transformers (both Autobots and Decepticons).

QUAKE

(shocked)

Madre mía!!!!

KNOCK OUT

(somewhat scared)

Uh, let’s go through this again, Shockwave. Why did you bring me here???!!!

SHOCKWAVE

(without showing any signs of either fear or shock)

I brought you here to help me create my ultimate weapon, Knock Out, and if you are planning to leave, you know what will happen to your salary.

KNOCK OUT

(nervously)

Heheheheh, just needed a reminder.

SHOCKWAVE, KNOCK OUT and QUAKE move into the center of the city. Then, SHOCKWAVE finds what he’s looking for.

SHOCKWAVE

Here it is. The Omega Gate!!! We need to enter here in order to activate my weapon.

KNOCK OUT

(trembling)

As long as we’re away from these corpses, I’m happy!!!

SHOCKWAVE, KNOCK OUT and QUAKE enter through the gate and start walking down some stairs that lead into a chamber right beneath the city. QUAKE opens the chamber door with one punch. Then, the Decepticons enter the chamber and SHOCKWAVE finds a special switch that would have been used for emergencies in case of invasion. He also opens a small chamber that gave power to the city. However, the power core was damaged in the Iacon Massacre.

SHOCKWAVE

I have found the nuclear chamber.

(to KNOCK OUT)

Install the power core here. With this city under my control, no one can stand in the way of logic.

FADE IN TO

THE DECEPTICON SHIP – BRIEFING ROOM

We see STARSCREAM, THUNDERHOOF, TANKOR, SKY-BYTE and the Battlechargers receiving a message from SHOCKWAVE.

SHOCKWAVE

Decepticons, we have found the weapon!!! The Autobots will arrive here sooner or later in order to power the Matrix. You will have to hold them back until the weapon is fully charged and ready to engage.

STARSCREAM

(with a treacherous smile)

We’ll give those Autobots the shock of their lives.

RUNABOUT

(excited)

Yeah, and ah’ll pulverize ‘em!!!

RUNAMUCK

(excited)

Yeah, yeah, and ah’ll murderize ‘em!!!

TANKOR

(angry)

TANKOR SMASH ENEMY!!! TANKOR DESTROOOOOOYYYYYYY!!!!!!

SKY-BYTE

(with the flare of a Shakespearean actor)

I will bring victory to the Decepticons by annihilating every obstacle in our path.

THUNDERHOOF

(eagerly)

Mr. Lupara and Mr. Street Sweeper ‘ave been itchin’ for some action.

STARSCREAM

(yelling with authority)

TO IACON!!!!

A JET DRONE piloting the ship then changes the ship’s course and the rest of the Decepticon forces head for Iacon.

FADE IN TO

AUTOBOT BASE – WHEELJACK’S LAB

WHEELJACK is fusing the last piece of the Matrix with the other pieces. Then he comes out of his lab and addresses his fellow Autobots.

WHEELJACK

Well, guys. I’ve finished repairing the Matrix. All pieces have been fused, so all we have to do is charge it with Plasma Energy.

HOT ROD

Awesome, Wheeljack. Now I must travel to Cybertron and activate the Plasma Energy Chamber to power the Matrix. I don’t want to force any of you guys to come, but if there are any volunteers that would like to join me, then step forward.

All the other Autobots (NIGHTBEAT, ARCEE, BUMBLEBEE, WHEELJACK, MINERVA, SMOKESCREEN and DRIFT) step forward.

HOT ROD

(surprised)

I never thought all of you guys would want to risk your lives along with me.

NIGHTBEAT

Roddy, the burden of leadership may have been given to you, but we’re all in this together!!!

BUMBLEBEE

Yup, we’re all gonna stand by you in any way possible!!!

DRIFT

We will fight with honor and pride!!!

SMOKESCREEN

And no one is gonna get in our way!!!

WHEELJACK

‘Cause we’ll be fighting with all our strength and energy!!!

MINERVA

And we will keep pushin’ all the way!!!

ARCEE

No matter what happens, we’ll always be with you!!!

HOT ROD smiles warmly at his friends.

HOT ROD

(holding back his emotions)

I’ve never seen such energy and passion in such a small group of brave warriors. Bless you, my friends. You really are my family.

The Autobots then smile warmly at HOT ROD and start cheering.

HOT ROD

Now we gotta go to the Military Base here in Oregon. Mr. Blackrock has recently developed a Warp Gate that will transport us to Iacon in a matter of astroseconds. Okay, ‘bots. TRANSFORM AND ROLL OUT!!!!

The Autobots transform and roll to the Oregon Military Base.

FADE IN TO

OREGON MILITARY BASE – EXTERIOR

We see AGENT FOWLER and G.B. BLACKROCK waiting for the arrival of the Autobots.

FOWLER

Here they come.

The Autobots arrive and transform into robot mode.

HOT ROD

It’s a pleasure to see you again, Mr. Blackrock.

BLACKROCK

Same here. Well, as I was saying to Agent Fowler, I finally managed to perfect this Warp Gate prototype. I was planning to wait until the shuttle I was building for you was finished, but I felt that it would take longer to do that than it would to just test the prototype.

HOT ROD

You did the right thing, Mr. Blackrock. How long until it’s ready to transport us to Iacon???

BLACKROCK

Just a few more minutes.

HOT ROD

Very well, we’ll be waiting.

FADE IN TO

CYBERTRON – IACON

The Decepticon ship lands in Iacon, right beside SHOCKWAVE’S shuttle. The Decepticons come out of the ship along with some Vehicon drones.

STARSCREAM

(barking orders to the drones)

Okay, ya pipsqueaks. You know what to do, so do it!!!

CAR DRONE

(like JCVD)

Time to gat tha Autobots AWT of tha picture!!!

JET DRONE

(like Christopher Lambert)

Those Autobots won’t know what hit tham!!!

TANK DRONE

(like AHNOLD)

Preparing to terminate Autobot forces!!!

The drones then hide behind some buildings and prepare for the ambush.

STARSCREAM

(to the other Decepticons)

Okay, ya bums!!! Now we’re gonna hide, too!!!

The Decepticons run to their positions and hide behind some other buildings.

FADE IN TO

OREGON MILITARY BASE – EXTERIOR

BLACKROCK’S warp gate is fully charged and ready to transport the Autobots to Iacon.

BLACKROCK

It’s done!!!

HOT ROD

Well, ‘bots. It’s gonna be a tough one, but we all know that this was bound to happen sooner or later, so we gotta be ready and stand tall when we encounter our fallen comrades once again.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN

CYBERTRON – IACON

The Decepticons are in their positions. Suddenly, STARSCREAM sees the Battlechargers laughing at something. He gets somewhat upset and approaches the two bums.

STARSCREAM

(somewhat ticked off)

May I ask what are you two laughing at???

RUNABOUT

(trying hard to contain his laughter)

We’re laughin’ at you, Screamer!!!!

RUNAMUCK

(bursting out in laughter)

Yeah!!!! HAHAHA!!!! Lookie what the spy satellite sent us!!!

STARSCREAM looks at a picture that RUNAMUCK is holding, and he seems completely shocked and embarrassed by it. It’s a picture of him and THUNDERHOOF being defeated by MINERVA.

RUNABOUT

(laughing)

HAHAHAHA!!! Screamer got beaten by a nursebot!!!! HAHAHAHA!!!!

RUNAMUCK

(laughing)

Yeah!!! And worse, it was just a teenage nursebot!!! HAHAHAHA!!!

RUNABOUT, RUNAMUCK

(laughing and mockingly singing in unison)

SCREAMER GOT BEATEN BY A GIRL!!! SCREAMER GOT BEATEN BY A GIRL!!!

STARSCREAM

(completely furious and embarrassed)

STOP THAT, YA BUMS!!!!! You’re here to ambush the Autobots, not to make fun of your superiors!!!

RUNABOUT and RUNAMUCK cover their mouths.

STARSCREAM

That’s better!!! Now, to keep waiting for those meddling Autobots.

RUNABOUT and RUNAMUCK giggle silently because of STARSCREAM’S humiliating defeat.

FADE IN TO

OREGON MILITARY BASE – EXTERIOR

BLACKROCK is at the Warp Gate controls.

HOT ROD

Okay, ‘bots. It’s time to go.

The Autobots go through the Warp Gate and arrive at the outskirts of Iacon.

NIGHTBEAT

Okay, now all we have to do is go through that dreaded place and into the Plasma Energy Chamber.

HOT ROD

Yeah. Well, ‘bots. Get ready to face one of our worst fears.

HOT ROD leads the Autobots into Iacon. Suddenly, they finally see the thing that they’ve dreaded the most. Billions of Transformers (Autobots, Decepticons and neutrals) are seen lying all around the once glorious city state of Iacon. The city is completely desolated, and the once impressive looking buildings are either badly damaged or totally demolished. Bodies lie everywhere, and this instills a very strong sense of dread into the Autobots.

ARCEE

(with a sad tone)

Years have passed, and yet it still haunts our nightmares.

WE FADE INTO A FLASHBACK SEQUENCE OF THE MASSACRE.

SKYWARP blasts a neutral robot standing in the way, THUNDERCRACKER blasts a little boy mourning his father, the Autobots appear and blast SHRAPNEL, KICKBACK and BLACKJACK, but DIRGE, RAMJET, and THRUST blast them back, killing SUNSTREAKER, CLIFFJUMPER, and JAZZ.

FADE BACK TO THE PRESENT.

ARCEE looks over at the body of her deceased friend SPRINGER.

FADE BACK TO THE PAST.

SNARL rips LASERBEAK apart, but is tackled by RAVAGE and has his head ripped off. Then, RAVAGE is rushed by an enraged SANDSTORM, who rips RAVAGE’S head apart as well. ARCEE is injured and is about to be killed by SOUNDWAVE.

SOUNDWAVE

Soundwave: Superior. Arcee: Inferi---!!!

Before he can finish with his sentence, SOUNDWAVE gets swiftly stabbed by SPRINGER. SPRINGER then goes to assist ARCEE, but SKYWARP teleports from out of nowhere and blasts the brave Autobot Triple Changer. Suddenly, SKYWARP falls to the ground, and a gunshot is visible from his head, and MIRAGE is standing behind him, but is quickly terminated by THUNDERCRACKER.

FADE BACK TO THE PRESENT.

SMOKESCREEN looks at his deceased friend JAZZ.

SMOKESCREEN

(with a sad tone)

The day you died, Jazz, was the day the music died on Iacon.

Then, he looks over to IRONHIDE’S corpse, with WHEELJACK and NIGHTBEAT joining him, while BUMBLEBEE gives his fallen friend a salute, WHEELJACK kneels down at IRONHIDE'S body.

WHEELJACK

(with a sad tone)

Fighting isn't the same without you, old friend...

FADE BACK TO THE PAST.

BRAWN grabs THUNDERCRACKER out of the air, and THUNDERCRACKER starts struggling. DIRGE, RAMJET and THRUST blast BRAWN to rescue THUNDERCRACKER, but they accidentally kill him too. IRONHIDE rips FRENZY apart, and then proceeds to kill BOMBSHELL, but his path is blocked.

RUMBLE

I hate to burst your bubble, but you're not getting out of here unless you go through Rumble!!!

IRONHIDE just rips RUMBLE in half, the same way he did to FRENZY, and then gets blasted by DIRGE. IRONHIDE is injured but alive; RATCHET blasts DIRGE, and then proceeds to get IRONHIDE some medical attention. However, both IRONHIDE and RATCHET are blasted by RAMJET and THRUST, who then blast SIDESWIPE trying to avenge them. The Monsterbots (DOUBLECROSS, GROTUSQUE and REPUGNUS) fatally shoot RAMJET and THRUST.

FADE BACK TO THE PRESENT.

MINERVA

(with a sad tone)

This is just awful!!!

MINERVA then sees the lifeless body of the little neutral boy lying under a demolished building. She approaches the lifeless corpse and starts crying with sadness and anger.

MINERVA

(crying)

Those beasts!!! How could they do this to an innocent little boy!!!

(yelling furiously)

I’LL MAKE THEM PAY FOR THIS!!!

MINERVA then collapses and cries again, feeling totally lost and hopeless. HOT ROD and ARCEE approach the young nurse and comfort her.

MINERVA

(crying)

Why??? Why did they do this??? That boy may have had a family, dreams, friends… How could they take his life so violently from him??? It’s just not fair…

HOT ROD

(with a sad tone)

We share your grief, Minerva.

ARCEE

(with a sad tone)

Yeah. We don’t like this, either. But we have to keep fighting to prevent any other horrible event like this from happening.

MINERVA

(getting her head straight, but still emotional)

You’re right. I couldn’t figure out why we were fighting against the ‘cons, but now, after seeing this little boy… I know that I picked the right side. You guys really are the best; you really care about life and peace, and you’re never afraid to fight for freedom and justice.

The three Autobots get up off of the ground, and MINERVA hugs both ARCEE and HOT ROD. Meanwhile, SMOKESCREEN is looking at all the fallen Autobots. DRIFT, BUMBLEBEE, NIGHTBEAT and WHEELJACK approach him.

SMOKESCREEN

(regretful)

I can’t believe all these great warriors were never given a proper burial.

NIGHTBEAT

(with a sad tone)

The same goes for the innocents.

HOT ROD

One day, if we ever get the peace we long for, we will bury our fallen heroes honorably, but for now, we must keep going.

The Autobots move into the city, but suddenly, the Decepticons start jumping out of their hiding places, ready to engage.

HOT ROD

(shocked)

What the--??? AMBUSH!!!!

STARSCREAM

(merrily)

Well, well. The Autobums are here!!! We were wondering if you guys were gonna come to the party!!!

The Autobots are surrounded by the Decepticons, but they stand defiantly against these overwhelming odds.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

FADE IN

IACON – CITY ENTRANCE

The Decepticons are surrounding the Autobots.

STARSCREAM

(maniacally)

DECEPTICONS!!!! DESTROY THE AUTOBOTS!!!!

The Decepticons start engaging in battle. First, a large amount of Vehicon drones engage DRIFT, SMOKESCREEN and BUMBLEBEE. THUNDERHOOF goes against NIGHTBEAT. STARSCREAM decides to engage HOT ROD once again. The Battlechargers engage MINERVA and ARCEE. TANKOR goes against WHEELJACK. First, we focus on DRIFT, SMOKESCREEN and BUMBLEBEE. They’re handling some drones, and after they beat some of them, the Autobots hear a voice coming from behind.

SKY-BYTE

(off-screen, with a taunting attitude)

In this abandoned city, there’s nowhere to run. With all you Autobots down, the shark will have some fun!!!

DRIFT

(calmly)

I know that writing style. Show yourself, Sky-Byte!!!

SKY-BYTE appears from the shadows in shark mode.

SKY-BYTE

(laughing maniacally)

HAHAHAHAHAHHAHA!!!!! SKY-BYTE, TERRORIZE!!!!!

SKY-BYTE transforms into robot mode.

SKY-BYTE

(with a theatrical flair)

Well, well, Drift. It seems like now it’s the time in which I’ll gloriously scrap you!!!

DRIFT

(calmly)

Even though I find your gloating ridiculous, Sky-Byte, you’re the only Decepticon with a conception of honor.

SKY-BYTE

(with a threatening attitude)

PREPARE TO MEET YOUR MASTER!!!

Both opponents bow their heads like martial artists and they immediately start fighting. DRIFT is using one of his swords, while SKY-BYTE is using his hand claw. Then, we see NIGHTBEAT fighting against THUNDERHOOF.

THUNDERHOOF

(angry)

Now, you is gonna suffer for busting up my operations!!!!

NIGHTBEAT

(smiling)

Glad to oblige, deerface!!!

THUNDERHOOF

(furious)

EH-OH!!! THA’ DOES IT!!! NOBODY DISRESPECTS ME LIKE THAT!!! YOU IS GONNA GET IT!!!

THUNDERHOOF charges toward NIGHTBEAT, but he receives a powerful kick in the face from the Autobot detective.

THUNDERHOOF

(sent flying through the air)

EH-OH!!!

THUNDERHOOF then lands with a thud on the ground.

NIGHTBEAT

That’ll teach ya to mess with the law.

Then, we see MINERVA and ARCEE surrounded by the Battlechargers.

RUNABOUT

(excited)

Yo, look. It’s the little girl that beat the scrap out of Screamer and TH!!!

RUNAMUCK

(excited)

Yeah!!! How about we murderize these two!!! Then Screamer won’t be able to boss us around no more!!!

RUNABOUT

(excited)

YEAH!!! TIME TO ROCK!!!!

The Battlechargers run toward ARCEE and MINERVA. The two girls then jump when they are close to them, and they kick the two punks in mid-air. The Battlechargers land beside THUNDERHOOF. MINERVA and ARCEE congratulate each other with a high five.

ARCEE

(victorious)

Awright!!!

MINERVA

(victorious)

Way to go!!!

Then, we see TANKOR going against WHEELJACK.

TANKOR

(roars)

WHEELJACK

(thinking while checking his inventory)

Hmmm. There must be something around here to stop this angry beast.

WHEELJACK then finds some explosive packs and decides to use them.

WHEELJACK

(defiantly)

Okay, ya giant brute, try to pulverize this!!!

WHEELJACK throws the explosive at TANKOR. Then, the explosive detonates and sends TANKOR flying and roaring with rage. He lands in the same place where THUNDERHOOF and the Battlechargers lie.

WHEELJACK

Now that’s what I call a last second idea.

We then see that DRIFT and SKY-BYTE are still fighting one on one. The fight goes in SKY-BYTE’S favor at first.

SKY-BYTE

(gloating)

HAHAHAHAHA!!! You see, Drift??? I’m a better warrior than you’ll ever be. Any last words before I terminate you???

DRIFT

(defiantly)

Just this!!! HIYAAAAA!!!

DRIFT gives SKY-BYTE a powerful kick to the gut and sends him flying to the same place where the defeated Decepticons lie.

DRIFT

(calmly)

Another victory.

We then cut to HOT ROD fighting STARSCREAM. The Decepticon Air Commander has the upper hand, because of his underhanded tactics and flying speed. He punches HOT ROD in mid-air and sends him flying to the ground.

STARSCREAM

(gloating victoriously)

NOW, PREPARE FOR YOUR DOOM!!!

HOT ROD instantly gets up and jumps on STARSCREAM. The Autobot covers STARSCREAM’s eyes and the treacherous Air Commander starts losing control. Then, HOT ROD sends him crashing to the same place all the other defeated Decepticons are.

STARSCREAM

(crashing)

SCRAAAAAAAAAP!!!!!!!!

Then, all the Autobots surround the defeated Decepticons.

HOT ROD

(with a stern tone)

Okay, ‘cons. Now, you’ll pay for all your crimes. This is the end.

Suddenly, an amplified voice comes from the depths of Iacon, shocking every Autobot and Decepticon involved in the battle. And when the voice is heard, the ground starts shaking.

SHOCKWAVE

(off-screen)

Your statement is highly illogical.

Suddenly, a great construct starts rising from the ground. We see the Decepticons react with shock at this reveal.

THUNDERHOOF

(surprised)

Ol’ one eye did it!!!

RUNABOUT, RUNAMUCK

(surprised, in unison)

IT’S AHLAHV!!!!!!

The Autobots react with horror at this new menace.

HOT ROD

(shocked)

It can’t be!!!

SHOCKWAVE

(off-screen)

Autobots, prepare to feel the wrath of the NECROTITAN!!!!

All the Autobots start running in terror from SHOCKWAVE’S new weapon, and suddenly, the NECROTITAN transforms into battle station mode and starts shooting at the Autobots.

TO BE CONTINUED

END OF ACT THREE