THE TRANSFORMERS: REGENERATION ONE

“Logical Comeback”

CAST LIST (speaking parts only)

AUTOBOTS:

Rodimus Prime

Arcee

Minerva

Daytonus

Breakaway

Strongarm

Wreck-Gar

Hosehead

Side Burn

Rev

DECEPTICONS:

Shockwave

Starscream

Runabout

Runamuck

Knock Out

Sky-Byte

Tankor

Quake

Deluge

HUMANS:

Inspector Shayne

Debbie Shayne

Circuit Breaker

Agent Fowler

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FADE IN

THE DECEPTICON SHIP – LABORATORY

DELUGE and KNOCK OUT are finishing up with SHOCKWAVE’S and TANKOR’S repairs. As KNOCK OUT finally attaches SHOCKWAVE’S head to his body, he turns to DELUGE.

KNOCK OUT

It’s done.

DELUGE

Good!!! Now ve prroceed vith the rrevival… stand back, Knock Out.

KNOCK OUT stands back and DELUGE pulls a switch on his control panel. A surge of energy hits both TANKOR and SHOCKWAVE, and they start moving. KNOCK OUT reacts with shock at this while DELUGE just rubs his hands together and has a devious smirk on his face.

DELUGE

(with manic joy)
They’rre alive!!! ALIIIIIIIIIIIIIVE!!! AHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAAAAAA!!!!!

TRANSITION TO

THE DECEPTICON SHIP – THRONE ROOM

STARSCREAM was addressing QUAKE and the Vehicon drones. He was extremely ticked off.

STARSCREAM

(angry)

MORONS!!! IDIOTS!!! FOOLS!!! NINCOMPOOPS!!! BUMS!!! BOOBS!!!

QUAKE

A bit more and we’ll get the diccionario of insultos by el jefe gritón!!!

STARSCREAM

(angry)

GIMME ONE GOOD REASON WHY I SHOULDN’T FIRE YOU?!!!

QUAKE

Uhhhhhh… you lack tropas to insult?

STARSCREAM

If you had brains, you wouldn’t be so ineffective!!!

SHOCKWAVE
(off-screen)

Those were my exact thoughts about you, Starscream.

Just as this last sentence is uttered, STARSCREAM’S eyes bulge out of their sockets as he sees SHOCKWAVE, fully rebuilt and standing in an imposing manner. STARSCREAM now pathetically tries to reason with SHOCKWAVE.

STARSCREAM

(afraid)
C-c-commander Shockwave… I… what a pleasant surprise to see you again… I didn’t expect you to be up again…

SHOCKWAVE

Your attempts at making excuses are… illogical.

Outside, DELUGE, KNOCK OUT and TANKOR are outside as we hear punching and beating noises coming from the throne room. We also hear STARSCREAM comically screaming as he is being beaten.

STARSCREAM

(from inside the throne room)
OWWW!!! OWWWW!!! NOT THE FACE!!!! NOOOOOT THE FAAAAAAAAAAAAACE!!!! UGH!!! HE’S KICKIN’ MY- YAAAAAAAIIIIIIGGGGHHHH!!!!!

Then, STARSCREAM is propelled out of the throne room and crashes into a wall.

SHOCKWAVE

Because of this, Starscream, I am demoting you from second-in-command to infantry trooper… you will be on the frontlines along with Quake and Tankor. From now on, Deluge will be my new second-in-command.

STARSCREAM

Owww… the humiliation of demotion!!!

TRANSITION TO

AUTOBOT HEADQUARTERS – REPAIR BAY

RODIMUS was lying in a repair table after his breakdown. STRONGARM was by his side, concerned for him.

STRONGARM

Rodimus… if there is anything that you haven’t told us… anything that you’re keeping within you… I think now it would be a good time to open up.

RODIMUS

What do you mean by that?

STRONGARM

The Quintessons managed to break you… and they wouldn’t have done it if you didn’t have any previous traumatic incidents. So please… could you at least… level with me?

RODIMUS sighs. He doesn’t know how to tell her about his tough childhood but decides to give it a try. As he tells the story, his voice becomes gradually more anguished as he recalls the tragic events that broke him for the first time.

RODIMUS

It all started when I was a small boy… I never knew my parents… never had anyone to return to… I was sent to the Simfur Academy. I was constantly ignored by every kid there except one… a girl named Velocity. We used to call her Lotty. She was a medical student, and we went to the same Math class.

RODIMUS looks down as he reminisces about her.

RODIMUS

She was the first ‘bot to ever accept me as I was. She didn’t care if I wasn’t attractive, didn’t care if I didn’t have a family… she knew I needed someone to trust. We started going out together until that day when she was captured by Shockwave’s most lethal subordinate: Deluge.

RODIMUS sighs and trembles, but continues the story.

RODIMUS

Deluge planned to use Lotty as a guinea pig for his new brainwashing method and took her out while we were taking a stroll. He knocked me out and took her away. I was young, impulsive and extremely desperate… the only person that had shown me compassion and love was now in danger. This was the first time I knew fear and guilt. I ran to her rescue and took her out of Deluge’s horrible lab. However, that proved to be the biggest blunder I ever made. Shockwave and Deluge had installed a self-destruct mechanism into her head.

RODIMUS starts to fight back tears.

RODIMUS

She tried to warn me, but I was just too focused on getting away with her to listen. I paid the price. The device went off once we reached the academy. She ran to the roof and jumped off. She fell and then…

RODIMUS can’t take it any longer. He breaks up and starts whimpering. STRONGARM then looks at him sadly and hugs him. RODIMUS cries on STRONGARM’S shoulder.

RODIMUS

I failed the very first person who cared about me…

STRONGARM

I’m so sorry... the Quintessons must have found out about this somehow. But who?

RODIMUS

There are only two people that know about my past… and one of them is dismembered.

TRANSITION TO

THE DECEPTICON SHIP – HALL

DELUGE and SHOCKWAVE were having a discussion over tactics.

DELUGE

Although it vasn’t an elegant strrategy, it rreally vorrked. I disguised as the old alien and sent Rodimus and Nightbeat on a vild goose chase. I sent theirr position to the Quintessons just as soon as you verre on yourr vay and they managed to catch you. And vith my new Cortical Psychic Patch built into yourr head, I assume you managed to extrract the data from the Quintessons’ mainfrrame.

SHOCKWAVE

Your assumption is correct, Deluge. My deactivation was all part of our plan to find out the secrets of the Quintessons and to get rid of that illogical nuisance Starscream. And as a bonus, we have managed to break Rodimus Prime’s spirit. Unlike me, Rodimus is mainly guided by emotion and by his illogical drive to protect his people, and this little incident will haunt him for quite a long time. Now that everything is proceeding according to plan, we can finally set our sights on the many Quintesson secrets that we can use to annihilate those illogical Autobots.

KNOCK OUT then comes in.

KNOCK OUT

Commander Shockwave!!! We have made contact with Sky-Byte and the Battlechargers. They said that they’ll gladly come back to our ranks now that Starscream has been demoted.

SHOCKWAVE

Excellent. Did you give them my orders?

KNOCK OUT

Yes, sir!!!

SHOCKWAVE

Good. Now, we will wait. Sky-Byte will bring us a good catch today.

TRANSITION TO

PORTLAND – THE DESERT

ARCEE, DRIFT and SIREN are testing BREAKAWAY’S new security radar.

ARCEE

I hope it picks up Fowler’s test fighter.

Suddenly, three blips show up on the monitor.

ARCEE

What the--? Fowler never said he was gonna bring in three fighters!!!

SIREN turns around and sees something. He points at the three objects coming in. The Battlechargers are driving down the road while SKY-BYTE flies above them.

ARCEE

(with disgust)
Aw, great!!! Fish-boy and the car bums wanna play…

RUNABOUT then swiftly transforms, jumps into the air and lands a kick on DRIFT’S face. DRIFT was about to draw his swords, but the kick took him by surprise.

RUNABOUT

(with manic joy)

AHMMA NINJA MASTAH, BRUH!!! YOU IS GITTIN’ OLD!!!

RUNAMUCK drives in circles around SIREN. The loud, cranky drill sergeant tries to aim his blaster at RUNAMUCK, but the Battlecharger’s speed is formidable. RUNAMUCK swiftly transforms to robot mode and fires a shot at SIREN. SIREN is sent flying by the blast and lands on his back. ARCEE grabs a machine gun from a crate and fires it intensely at the Battlechargers.

ARCEE

(as beads of sweat go down her face)

EAT LEAD, SUCKERS!!!

Suddenly, SKY-BYTE appears behind ARCEE. ARCEE turns around desperately; trying to shoot SKY-BYTE, but the Decepticon martial artist grabs her machine gun with his claw arm and backhands ARCEE.

ARCEE

(getting backhanded)

AAAGH!!!

ARCEE falls to the ground. Then, both Battlechargers approach SKY-BYTE.

RUNAMUCK

Aw, yeh!!! We is numbah one!!!

RUNABOUT

We really showed ‘em, boi!!!

SKY-BYTE

Let’s take these three deactivated Autobots to Shockwave. He will be most pleased with what we have… MHMHMHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAAAAAAAA!!!!

Both RUNABOUT and RUNAMUCK transform into vehicle mode and SKY-BYTE straps DRIFT and SIREN to their roofs. He then grabs ARCEE and takes off with her. The three Decepticons have accomplished their first mission after their exile during the time when STARSCREAM took over. Now, they head to their ship proudly. Once they’re away, Special Agent FOWLER flies in with a special jet. He looks around for ARCEE’S team, but they’re nowhere in sight.

FOWLER

Man… they couldn’t have just up and left…

He then lands his jet and goes to investigate. As he walks around, he looks at the machine gun lying on the ground. He then notices a particular smell.

FOWLER

BLARGH!!! It smells like a mix of rotten fish and San Francisco’s contaminated air. That can only mean one thing…

FOWLER then takes out a communicator.

FOWLER

Fowler calling Autobot Headquarters… we have a situation here.

At Autobot Headquarters, REV is taking a nap just as FOWLER makes contact with them. REV just presses a button.

REV

(sleepy and grumpy)

Autobot Headquarters… make it snappy, Fowler… I need my beauty sleep.

FOWLER

Someone nabbed Arcee, Drift and Siren.

That sentence instantly wakes REV up.

REV

(waking up violently)
WHAT?!!! I’ll go tell the guys…

FOWLER

It might be a trap, you know?

REV

The heck with that. We need to save our guys!!!

REV then runs to the repair bay and finds RODIMUS and STRONGARM.

REV

‘Cons nabbed Arcee and the others.

STRONGARM

Oh, no!!!

RODIMUS then stands up quickly from the operating table.

STRONGARM

Rodimus, wait!!! You gotta rest.

RODIMUS

I can’t… not with Arcee’s life at stake. I… I wouldn’t be able to forgive myself if something happened to her…

STRONGARM

I know how you feel… but we can’t let you go… your mind is still unstable.

STRONGARM turns to REV.

STRONGARM

Get the cops. We’re gonna search for our buddies.

REV walks out of the repair bay.

STRONGARM

(turning to RODIMUS)

Rodimus… just… stay here… we’ll find them… trust us.

RODIMUS

I do trust you, Strongarm…

STRONGARM smiles warmly at RODIMUS and strokes his face. Then, she walks out of the bay, preparing for action.

RODIMUS

(after STRONGARM walks out)
I trust you… but I don’t trust myself… this is my fight. Shockwave took Lotty from me… I can’t let Arcee suffer the same fate. I’m sorry… but I can’t stay.

RODIMUS then walks out of the repair bay, making sure that no one sees him. Then, he transforms to vehicle mode and drives off into the distance, determined to find out if he could have prevented VELOCITY’S tragedy if he had been given another chance.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN TO

PORTLAND – THE DESERT

STRONGARM, DAYTONUS, HOSEHEAD, SIDE BURN and WRECK-GAR are driving around the desert towards the location where their friends disappeared. A police squad, led by Inspector SHAYNE and his daughter DEBBIE, follow them. CIRCUIT BREAKER and BREAKAWAY fly above them.

CIRCUIT BREAKER

(to DEBBIE)

So, copper girl, what’s new on the radar?

DEBBIE

I’m detecting something… multiple energy signatures approaching us. None of them friendly.

STRONGARM

I guess the ‘cons figured out that we would go after our buddies… get ready to engage the enemy.

Suddenly, we see STARSCREAM flying in, followed by a battalion of JET DRONES. Below them, QUAKE, TANKOR and KNOCK OUT follow them on the ground in vehicle mode.

DEBBIE

Begorrah!!! Is that… Tankor?!!!

TANKOR then transforms to robot mode and fires at HOSEHEAD and SIDE BURN. The two young recruits stop, transform to robot mode and comically run away from TANKOR’S rockets.

HOSEHEAD

WHOA!!! BAD DAY!!! BAD DAY!!! BAD DAY!!! BAD DAY!!!

QUAKE transforms to robot mode and heads toward WRECK-GAR.

QUAKE

Get ready to play a harp, vato!!!

WRECK-GAR transforms to robot mode and swings his axe.

WRECK-GAR

IT SLICES!!! IT DICES!!!

Just as WRECK-GAR cuts QUAKE into pieces, QUAKE punches WRECK-GAR and makes him fall apart.

QUAKE

(falling to pieces)

Ayayayayay!!!

WRECK-GAR
(also falling to pieces, doing a sports announcer voice)

I guess the score is tied, folks!!!

DEBBIE drives her jeep towards TANKOR. The jeeps carry special machine guns in the back. Officer STICKSTEIN is operating the machine gun.

DEBBIE

STICKSTEIN!!! SMOKE HIM!!!

STICKSTEIN then starts firing the machine gun at TANKOR. As the machine gun keeps recoiling, STICKSTEIN comically shakes in sync with every recoil motion. TANKOR roars angrily as he is blasted by STICKSTEIN. Meanwhile, BREAKAWAY does a barrel roll as he fires rockets at some of the JET DRONES. CIRCUIT BREAKER joins in and shoots down more JET DRONES. The drones then explode in a spectacular fashion.

BREAKAWAY

Nice shot, Josie!!!

CIRCUIT BREAKER

(with a confident tone)

I know!!! I’m awesome and you love it!!!

CIRCUIT BREAKER smiles playfully and then follows BREAKAWAY. SIDE BURN and HOSEHEAD jump into the air, propel themselves toward STARSCREAM and grab him.

SIDE BURN

GOTCHA, SCREAMER!!!

STARSCREAM

(scared)
GET OFF ME!!!

STARSCREAM then starts doing all sorts of fancy aerial acrobatics in order to get SIDE BURN and HOSEHEAD off of him. HOSEHEAD was getting dizzy.

HOSEHEAD

(struggling comically)

Scrud… I think I’m gonna hurl!!!

HOSEHEAD covered his mouth as his cheeks puffed. STARSCREAM flew off with HOSEHEAD and SIDE BURN still holding onto him.

SIDE BURN

(flying off, holding STARSCREAM)
HOLD ON, HOSEHE-E-E-E-E-E-EA-A-A-A-A-AD!!!!

DAYTONUS jumps up and punches a drone aside.

DAYTONUS

WHOA!!! Hosehead and Side Burn need a bit of help!!!

CIRCUIT BREAKER

I’ll take care of them… you help Breakaway over here.

DAYTONUS

(doing two thumbs up)
Eyyyyyy!!!

DAYTONUS then jumps on top of a JET DRONE.

DAYTONUS

Now dis is what I call “Jumpin’ da Jet”!!!

DAYTONUS then breaks the DRONE’S cockpit and starts using the control module in order to pilot it. The JET DRONE loses control of his actions and starts firing at his allies.

DAYTONUS

YEEEEEE-HAAAAAAW!!!

KNOCK OUT tries to fire his Energon Harvester at the Autobots holding STARSCREAM, but suddenly, he hears a vehicle coming in behind him. He turns and sees Inspector SHAYNE’S jeep going into the air thanks to a naturally formed ramp. KNOCK OUT has a comical expression of despair in his face as the shadow of SHAYNE’S jeep looms over him.

KNOCK OUT

Oh, boy… not my favorite day…

(being smashed by SHAYNE’S jeep)
DAAAAAAIGHHHH!!!!!

SHAYNE

Heh, I hope you enjoy your new paint job!!!

We see KNOCK OUT comically flattened into the ground. His hand twitches in a comical fashion. Meanwhile, STRONGARM is fighting with TANKOR.

TANKOR

TANKOR SMASH COPPERBOT!!!

STRONGARM

Uhhh… Copperbot doesn’t like the look of this!!!

TANKOR then grabs STRONGARM and tosses her to a rock.

STRONGARM

UNGH!!! Okay, big guy… the gloves are off!!!

STRONGARM then charges toward TANKOR and grabs him.

STRONGARM

I may be smaller than you… but people don’t call me Strongarm for nothing!!!

She then spins around while holding TANKOR and then smashes him to the ground like a wrestler.

STRONGARM

Guess it does pay to watch wrestling shows.

Suddenly, STARSCREAM flies in, still trying to get HOSEHEAD and SIDE BURN off of him. He then sees STRONGARM and prepares to fire at her.

STARSCREAM

If I can’t get these Autobots off… I’ll have to take one with me!!!

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

FADE IN TO

THE DESERT – BATTLEFIELD

STARSCREAM is about to fire his rockets at STRONGARM.

SIDE BURN

STRONGARM, LOOK OUT!!!

STARSCREAM fires his rockets, but thanks to SIDE BURN’S warning, she manages to jump aside. CIRCUIT BREAKER flies in and follows STARSCREAM.

CIRCUIT BREAKER

Side Burn!!! Hosehead!!! Get ready to jump once I blast him!!!

STARSCREAM

(recognizing CIRCUIT BREAKER’S voice)

NO!!! THAT VOICE!!! GET ME OUTTA HERE!!!!

STARSCREAM then starts panicking and desperately doing barrel rolls to escape.

SIDE BURN

YAIAIAIAIAIAIAIAIAIAIAIAAAAAAAIIIIII!!!

CIRCUIT BREAKER

I got to get this one exactly right…

CIRCUIT BREAKER carefully aims her hand at STARSCREAM. Then, she fires a blast, hitting STARSCREAM right in the afterburner.

STARSCREAM
AAAAAGHHH!!!

HOSEHEAD and SIDE BURN jump off of STARSCREAM. STARSCREAM starts spinning out of control as he tries to keep himself in the air, but in the end, he just crashes into a rock formation.

STARSCREAM
YOOOOOOWWWWCH!!!

The remaining JET DRONES then grab STARSCREAM, KNOCK OUT, TANKOR and QUAKE’S pieces and start flying away with them.

STRONGARM
Well, that was a pretty good workout.

BREAKAWAY

(transforming to robot mode in mid-air)
Yeah… it’s always fun to beat these bozos.

CIRCUIT BREAKER

I don’t think we should celebrate yet, guys.

DEBBIE drove her jeep in. STICKSTEIN was still shaking comically, even though he had stopped firing the machine gun.

DEBBIE
Josie’s right… we still have to figure out how the heck those guys got Tankor back.

DAYTONUS

Not even Knock Out could have repaired all dat damage by dis time.

Suddenly, STRONGARM’S communicator rings. STRONGARM grabs it and activates it.

STRONGARM

Strongarm here.

MINERVA

(VO, through communicator)
This is Minerva… Rodimus ran away!!!

STRONGARM

What?!!!

BREAKAWAY

(with his typical relaxed tone)
Wuh-oh…

STRONGARM

I guess he really feels guilt about his past… we gotta keep moving… I think he might want to get back at the ‘cons!!!

SIDE BURN
So lemme get this straight… we’re gonna save the ‘cons?

STRONGARM

Well, if Rodimus starts doing what he did to Thunderhoof, then I guess we’ll have no choice.

TRANSITION TO

THE DESERT – OUTSIDE THE DECEPTICON SHIP

RODIMUS is walking toward the Decepticon ship. He’s sweating and his eyes are filled with an insane anger. He advances, when suddenly; he gets shot in the back.

RODIMUS
AAAAAAIIIIGH!!!

RODIMUS falls to the ground and then looks back.

RODIMUS

(angrily)

You again!!!

The figure is revealed to be THUNDERHOOF. He still is heavily damaged. He only has one antler, his eye is black and there are bloody bite marks on the side of his face. His eyes glow as he stands menacingly in front of RODIMUS.

TO BE CONTINUED

END OF ACT THREE