THE TRANSFORMERS: REGENERATION ONE

“The Search, Part 5”

CAST LIST (speaking parts only)

AUTOBOTS:

Rodimus Prime

Hot Rod

Nightbeat

Arcee

Bumblebee

Wheeljack

Minerva

Smokescreen

Drift

Optimus Prime

DECEPTICONS:

Shockwave

Starscream

Runabout

Runamuck

Thunderhoof

Knock Out

Tankor

Sky-Byte

Quake

Car Drone

Jet Drone

Tank Drone

OTHER:

Necrotitan

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ACT ONE

FADE IN

IACON – STREETS

We see all the Autobots running from SHOCKWAVE’S new weapon: the NECROTITAN. The NECROTITAN, now in battle station mode, starts aiming its built-in cannons. Suddenly, a voice comes out from an amplifier addressing the Autobots.

QUAKE

(off-screen)

HONEY!!! I’M HOME!!!

STARSCREAM

(nervous)  
Don’t tell me that sorry excuse of a conga drummer is in control of those cannons.

Suddenly, the cannons start shooting, and all the blasts hit the ground around the Decepticons.

SKY-BYTE

(desperate)

If that terrible aim isn’t a good answer to that, I don’t know what is!!!

RUNABOUT

(desperate)

YOW!!! Look out!!! Friendly fire!!!!

RUNAMUCK

(desperate)

We gotta get outta here!!!

TANKOR

(furious)

TANKOR SMASH ENEMY!!!

THUNDERHOOF

(desperate, to TANKOR)

Forget smashin’, and think ‘bout runnin’!!!

The Decepticons run in fear from the NECROTITAN. However, QUAKE’S last barrage hits them and sends them flying off into the sky in a comical fashion.

STARSCREAM, RUNABOUT, RUNAMUCK, THUNDERHOOF, ET AL

(flying out of our view)

YAAAAAAAAAAAAAAIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII---!!!!!!!!!

We then cut to the inside of the NECROTITAN, and we see KNOCK OUT and QUAKE arguing again.

KNOCK OUT

(frantic, to QUAKE)

You moron, you just shot your own allies!!!

QUAKE

Well, wha’ was I gonna do??!!! They got in my way!!!

SHOCKWAVE

(interrupting them)

Cease this illogical bickering at once!!! Quake, prepare to transform the Necrotitan into robot form!!!

QUAKE pulls a switch on the control board, and suddenly, the NECROTITAN starts changing from a powerful battle station into a massive robot with immense power.

NECROTITAN

(roars)

We then see the Autobots hiding in an alley, although they feel like there’s no hope of victory, HOT ROD suddenly has an idea.

HOT ROD

I hate to do this, but we’ll have to split. Nightbeat and Smokescreen will come with me while the rest of you distract Shockwave.

ARCEE

(confident)

You can count on us.

HOT ROD

(to NIGHTBEAT and SMOKESCREEN)

Okay, time for us to make our move.

ARCEE

(to HOT ROD)

Wait!!! I think you may need this, just in case there are any drones guarding the entrance.

ARCEE gives HOT ROD the sword that once belonged to her friend SPRINGER. HOT ROD accepts her gift and rolls out with NIGHTBEAT and SMOKESCREEN while the rest of the team distracts the NECROTITAN.

ARCEE

(to the other Autobots)

C’mon guys!!! HIT ‘IM WITH EVERYTHING!!!!

The NECROTITAN’S attention is diverted towards its attackers. HOT ROD, NIGHTBEAT and SMOKESCREEN then sneak past the behemoth unnoticed. However, there are two TANK DRONES guarding the entrance to the Plasma Energy Chamber. HOT ROD takes them out swiftly with SPRINGER’S sword.

HOT ROD

(to NIGHTBEAT and SMOKESCREEN)

Okay boys. The coast is clear.

The three Autobots then enter and start running down a long flight of stairs leading to the Chamber. We then cut to the inside of the NECROTITAN.

QUAKE

(surprised)

Look, jefe!!! There’s only five Auto-vandalos there!!!

KNOCK OUT

It seems that your bad aim really paid off!!!

SHOCKWAVE

Excellent, Quake!!! From my analysis, it seems that you have eliminated the three most important members of the team. Let us postpone the demises of these survivors a little bit longer.

(through intercom)

Attention Vehicon squads. Engage the Autobots, but do not terminate them. Just hold them off until their energy is drained.

CAR DRONE

(off-screen, through intercom, like JCVD)

You can count on the AHNSTAPPABLE WAHPONS, my liege!!!

SHOCKWAVE

Excellent.

(to QUAKE and KNOCK OUT)

Now you two rest for a moment and enjoy the last moments of our dreaded enemies’ lives.

KNOCK OUT

(jolly, to QUAKE)

I’ll bring some Cyber-Popcorn for the occasion.

QUAKE

Si, do that. I’m starving.

We then see the Autobots outside, firing at the NECROTITAN when suddenly; they see a large army of Vehicon drones approaching.

MINERVA

(surprised)

VEHICONS!!!!

DRIFT

(calmly)

Shockwave really plans to destroy us by himself. Those Vehicons are not in the standard destroying position.

ARCEE

(with confidence)

If they plan on draining us, then they’ll see how difficult it’ll be for them to do it. Press on, Autobots.

DRIFT

(calm yet regretful)

I really abhor doing this, but I have no choice.

DRIFT then draws his Neutron Assault Rifle. He never likes to use guns, but in this occasion, he has no other choice. The Autobots then fire at the Vehicon drones, BUMBLEBEE and MINERVA aim at the TANK DRONES, WHEELJACK aims at the JET DRONES and ARCEE and DRIFT aim at the CAR DRONES. MINERVA sets her Shock Gun to stun and paralyzes a TANK DRONE.

TANK DRONE

(paralyzed, like AHNOLD)

YAAAAAAAAARGGHHHHHHH!!!!!!!

MINERVA

NOW, ‘BEE!!! GET HIM!!!!

BUMBLEBEE then proceeds to blast the TANK DRONE to shreds with a Nucleon Shock Cannon he took from one of the dead Cybertronians that was lying around Iacon.

MINERVA

(smiling)

Awesome shot, ‘Bee!!!

BUMBLEBEE

(smiling)

Yeah, that Tank Drone really didn’t expect that.

We then cut to the JET DRONES engaging WHEELJACK.

JET DRONE

(defiantly, like Christopher Lambert)

Thar can be only one!!!!

WHEELJACK

(defiantly)

Yeah, but there’s more than one of you guys, so you’re out of the fight!!!

WHEELJACK jumps and fires a missile from his shoulder cannons while kicking a JET DRONE in mid-air!!! The JET DRONE loses control and crashes onto another battalion of JET DRONES, while the missile hits two remaining JET DRONES.

WHEELJACK

See, told ya!!!

We then see SHOCKWAVE, KNOCK OUT and QUAKE inside the NECROTITAN, watching the battle. QUAKE and KNOCK OUT are eating Cyber-Popcorn while watching the whole confrontation. SHOCKWAVE is just looking on at the fight without showing any signs of emotion. He seems to be analyzing the confrontation thoroughly.

KNOCK OUT

(with his mouth full)

Hey, boss. You should try some of these, they’re delicious!!!

(with an embarrassed tone, looking at SHOCKWAVE)

Oh, yeah. I forgot that you don’t have a mouth.

QUAKE

Hey, Knock Out!!! These Cyber-palomitas are delicious!!! No wonder my wife Lucy also cooks these very well!!!

KNOCK OUT

Well of course she cooks them well!!! After all, she’s my sister!!!

FADE IN TO

IACON - DEPTHS

We then go to the interior of Iacon, and we see HOT ROD, NIGHTBEAT and SMOKESCREEN at the end of the flight of stairs.

SMOKESCREEN

(concerned)

It kinda bugs me that Shockwave hasn’t attacked us yet.

NIGHTBEAT

There’s a very good reason for that. He thinks we’re dead.

HOT ROD

Yeah, and because of that, this is a great chance to go and power the Matrix.

HOT ROD then finds a small container with a strange object shaped like a cone stored inside. He immediately figures out what it is.

HOT ROD

It seems like this could be the Key to the Plasma Energy Chamber. We’ll definitely need this in order to activate it.

NIGHTBEAT

(with a thoughtful tone)

Hmmm, you know, I really wonder how scriptwriters can give us these types of dumb luck moments at times.

HOT ROD

Yeah, me too. But for now, let’s take advantage of this plot device.

The three brave Autobot warriors keep moving to their destination.

FADE IN TO

IACON - BATTLEFIELD

Meanwhile, ARCEE and the other Autobots are still engaging a nearly endless amount of drones. ARCEE is carrying a Heavy Machine Gun and starts blasting a whole battalion of TANK DRONES to oblivion. BUMBLEBEE and MINERVA look at ARCEE with an amazed expression. Although they’ve known her for a very long time, they never thought that she had the “Rambo” toughness in her.

BUMBLEBEE

(amazed)

HOLY SCRAP!!!

MINERVA

(amazed and excited)

Gee whiz, THAT WAS SO BOSS!!! GET ‘EM, ARCEE!!!

Then, another barrage from ARCEE’S machine gun sends another battalion to Kingdom Come. Inside the NECROTITAN, QUAKE and KNOCK OUT are amazed by the Female Autobot’s fighting style.

KNOCK OUT

(surprised)

HEY WHA--???

QUAKE

(to KNOCK OUT)

Uh, Knock Out, I’m kinda curious, but can all mujer-bots do that???

SHOCKWAVE

Impressive, but hardly effective. She is just delaying her inevitable outcome.

QUAKE

But jefe, what if she destroys our weapon with that gun???

KNOCK OUT reacts to QUAKE’S question with a facepalm.

KNOCK OUT

(with a regretful tone)

Primus, why did you make my brother-in-law so moronic!!!

FADE IN TO

IACON - DEPTHS

Meanwhile, HOT ROD and his team keep moving forward and finally, they find what they were looking for.

HOT ROD

Here it is!!! The Plasma Energy Chamber!!! Okay ‘bots, it’s time for the Matrix to be powered.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN

IACON - BATTLEFIELD

ARCEE keeps blasting TANK DRONES into oblivion while the other Autobots assisting her shoot at the CAR and JET DRONE armies.

ARCEE

(inspiring)

No matter what happens, let us meet our fate valiantly!!!

Meanwhile, inside the NECROTITAN, KNOCK OUT and QUAKE keep enjoying the show.

QUAKE

Hey, jefe. How are we going to execute them Autobots when their energy runs out???

SHOCKWAVE

In order to show all the power I control, logic dictates that I should atomize the Autobots using the Necrotitan’s firepower. A fitting end for our hated enemies.

KNOCK OUT

(excited)

Oh, I can’t wait for the lightshow!!! THIS IS GONNA BE FANTASTIC!!!!

We then see DRIFT blasting a whole battalion of CAR DRONES with his assault rifle.

DRIFT

(thinking)

This may be a very dishonorable way to fight, but it still is kind of fun!!!

Then, we see ARCEE (strapped with ammo belts and carrying the Heavy Machine Gun on her back) rushing towards three TANK DRONES. She then draws two swords and starts slicing her way toward the behemoths.

TANK DRONE

(shutting down, like AHNOLD)

System failure!!! Systeeeem faaaaaaaIIIIILLLHUHHHHHRRR----!!!

ARCEE

(confident)

That’ll teach ya to never mess with the ladies!!!

FADE IN TO

IACON – PLASMA ENERGY CHAMBER

NIGHTBEAT is sitting at the control panel of the Plasma Energy Chamber. SMOKESCREEN puts the key in a slot while HOT ROD takes the Matrix out of his chest compartment and raises it.

HOT ROD

(with determination)

Okay, Nightbeat, I’m ready!!!

NIGHTBEAT then opens the Chamber, and a giant bolt of Plasma Energy zaps into the Matrix. NIGHTBEAT and SMOKESCREEN are then witnesses to the most amazing transformation of all time. Right there, they see HOT ROD, their friend, standing there while holding the Matrix, but then, they see that he starts growing in size. He now looks slightly older and his body looks a lot more muscular than before. The Matrix not only has been reactivated, but it has also provided the Autobots with a new leader. A battle platform is also created by the Plasma Energy. It will transform into the new leader’s trailer when he’s in vehicle mode. Suddenly, we hear the voice of OPTIMUS PRIME, the previous Autobot leader, introducing the two Autobots to their new leader.

OPTIMUS PRIME

(off-screen, through the Matrix)

Arise, Rodimus Prime!!! Arise and lead the Autobots to victory!!!

Then, the Plasma Energy Chamber shuts down, but one last bolt is fired and it hits the NECROTITAN.

NECROTITAN

(roars in pain)

Meanwhile, inside the NECROTITAN, SHOCKWAVE, KNOCK OUT and QUAKE jump out of their seats in confusion.

QUAKE

(shocked)

Oye, what the---???

KNOCK OUT

(shocked)

What’s happening???!!!!

SHOCKWAVE

(shocked)

This is illogical!!! How can this be!!! Knock Out, Quake: abandon the Necrotitan!!!!

SHOCKWAVE jumps out of the NECROTITAN, followed by KNOCK OUT and QUAKE. After that, the NECROTITAN explodes and sends all the Autobots and Decepticons nearby flying off. All the combatants land on the Iacon Hills.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

FADE IN

IACON – PLASMA ENERGY CHAMBER

We see that HOT ROD’S change into RODIMUS PRIME has finished. NIGHTBEAT and SMOKESCREEN look with astonishment at their comrade in arms. In their lifetime, they had never seen a transformation so amazing like this before.

SMOKESCREEN

(amazed)

Of all the weird things I’ve seen in my life, this one really tops ‘em all!!!

NIGHTBEAT

(amazed yet concerned)

You alright, Roddy???!!!

Then, we hear RODIMUS’ voice for the first time. Although he still talks like the young, brash Autobot of old, his voice sounds more like an experienced veteran soldier with all the warmth, wisdom and fatherly tone of a mentor.

RODIMUS

I’m alright, Nightbeat. The Plasma Energy that the Matrix absorbed changed me. I’m not sure why, but it seems that the Matrix found the Autobot that will lead us to victory. I’m really not sure if I’ll ever be the leader Optimus was, but I’ll try my best.

NIGHTBEAT

(smiling)

Roddy, you really have done an excellent job so far.

SMOKESCREEN

(smiling)

And we know that you’ll keep getting better and better with each passing day.

RODIMUS then feels a lot more confident about leadership thanks to the words of his comrades. But he also notices that there’s a more pressing matter going on.

RODIMUS

Thanks guys. But we still have to help the others outside.

RODIMUS and the others rush to RODIMUS’ battle platform. NIGHTBEAT crouches on the left, while SMOKESCREEN crouches on the right. RODIMUS is standing in the center, manning a twin-barreled cannon. The platform rolls out into battle.

FADE IN TO

IACON – THE HILLS

We see DRIFT, MINERVA, BUMBLEBEE, WHEELJACK and ARCEE lying on the ground. Then, they wake up and rise from the ground, but they’re still dazed.

WHEELJACK

(dazed)

What happened???!!!

ARCEE

I dunno.

(hearing something approaching)

Wait… What’s that noise???

From afar, we see that the Vehicon army is approaching the Autobots at top speed.

ARCEE

(regretful)

I had to ask.

(to the other Autobots)

Well guys, this is it. We’ll stand and fight to the bitter end.

As the Vehicons arrive, the Autobots bravely stand against them one last time. ARCEE swiftly obliterates a TANK DRONE with a blast from her Machine Gun, DRIFT slices through a large battalion of CAR DRONES with his two swords, MINERVA starts taking on some TANK DRONES along with BUMBLEBEE, while WHEELJACK blasts an entire fleet of JET DRONES with his Shoulder Cannons. Vehicons fall one by one, while the Autobots keep fighting with all their strength. However, all combatants cease fighting when they hear a voice ordering the Autobots to surrender. It’s SHOCKWAVE!!! KNOCK OUT and QUAKE are with him, aiming their guns at the Autobots.

SHOCKWAVE

(to the Autobots)

Stop this illogical fight. It is hopeless to continue on. You are outnumbered, why not give up and join us?

ARCEE

(inspiring and defiant)

Never!!! We would rather die than join forces with you!!!

AUTOBOTS

(defiant)

Yeah!!!  
We’ll never betray our ancestors!!!

Go scrap yourselves, ‘cons!!!

SHOCKWAVE

So be it. Vehicons, prepare to execute these Autobots.

The Vehicons slowly advance on the Autobots. Even in this moment where it seems all hope is lost, the Autobots face their impending doom with dignity. Even the younger ones, BUMBLEBEE and MINERVA, face their impending deaths without any signs of fear. Suddenly, the Vehicons’ attention is swiftly diverted towards a sound of a vehicular motor. Then we see the battle platform approaching, and we see that it carries RODIMUS (raising and swinging SPRINGER’S sword victoriously), NIGHTBEAT and SMOKESCREEN. The latter two start blasting all the ground drones, while RODIMUS sets the platform’s cannon to fire at the JET DRONES. SHOCKWAVE, totally overwhelmed by this most recent turn of events, immediately realizes that the fight is lost.

SHOCKWAVE

(shocked)

This is beyond comprehension!!! They were destroyed!!!

(to QUAKE and KNOCK OUT)

Initiate strategic withdrawal!!!

KNOCK OUT and QUAKE swiftly transform into vehicle mode and follow SHOCKWAVE (who just transformed into gun mode and took off). Then we see RODIMUS swiftly swinging SPRINGER’S sword and hitting a whole battalion of Vehicons with it. After all the drones are destroyed, the Autobots start cheering and ARCEE runs toward RODIMUS and gives him a very passionate kiss.

ARCEE

(whispering to RODIMUS)

I always knew you’d make it.

RODIMUS

(with HOT ROD’S attitude, whispering to ARCEE)

It was all thanks to you, babe!!!

Both of them smile and laugh at RODIMUS’ playful remark. After that, RODIMUS addresses the Autobots while holding ARCEE in his arms.

RODIMUS

(victoriously)

Autobots, TRANSFORM AND ROLL FOR HOME!!!

We see MINERVA, WHEELJACK, BUMBLEBEE and DRIFT running behind RODIMUS’ battle platform and swiftly transforming into vehicle mode while running. NIGHTBEAT and SMOKESCREEN are still sitting on the left and right side of the platform respectively, while RODIMUS is standing in the center, holding ARCEE in his arms. The platform and the driving Autobots approach the camera and a cloud of dust covers the view until we fade out.

THE END

END OF ACT THREE