THE TRANSFORMERS: REGENERATION ONE

“Battlechargin’ Fears”

CAST LIST (speaking parts only)

AUTOBOTS:   
Rodimus Prime

Nightbeat

Arcee

Bumblebee

Minerva

Smokescreen

Strongarm

DECEPTICONS:

Shockwave

Starscream

Runabout

Runamuck

Knock Out

Tankor

Quake

HUMANS:  
Sparkplug Witwicky

Daniel Witwicky

Inspector Shayne

John

Marsha

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ACT ONE

FADE IN

SPACE – THE DECEPTICON SHIP

After being defeated by the Autobots, the Decepticons decided to retreat to fight another day. The Decepticons that got dispatched earlier by the NECROTITAN crash-landed on the ship and are still fully functional. Now, we see QUAKE and KNOCK OUT watching TV. Both are crying and holding handkerchiefs.

JOHN

(on TV)

Oh, Marsha!!! You really don’t know how much I love you!!!

MARSHA

(on TV)

Oh, John!!! I also love you, but I don’t know if we can ever be together.

QUAKE

(crying and sniffing)

Ay, que lástima!!!

KNOCK OUT

(crying and sniffing)

Please, Marsha!!! Don’t leave John!!!

Suddenly, their soap opera gets interrupted by static.

QUAKE

(upset)

AWWWWWWWW!!!

KNOCK OUT

(upset)  
NO!!! I want to see what happens to John and Marsha!!!

Suddenly, they hear someone yelling.

RUNAMUCK

(scared)  
MAMAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!!!!

The Battlechargers come bursting into the room. RUNAMUCK is holding a Teddy Bear. They get behind QUAKE and KNOCK OUT. Suddenly, TANKOR comes in, totally enraged.

TANKOR

(furious)

PUNK BOTS STEAL TANKOR’S TEDDY BEAR!!!! TANKOR TURN PUNK BOTS INTO SCRAAAAAAAAAAP!!!!!

KNOCK OUT

(to QUAKE)

You know what I think, right???

QUAKE

(to KNOCK OUT)

Ya think about runnin’ for our vidas???

KNOCK OUT

(to QUAKE)

That’s exactly what I was thinkin’!!!

Suddenly, KNOCK OUT, QUAKE and the Battlechargers run in fear from TANKOR’S rampage.

KNOCK OUT, QUAKE, RUNABOUT, RUNAMUCK

(scared, in unison)  
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHH!!!!!

Then, SHOCKWAVE and STARSCREAM come in and they see TANKOR beating on the four unfortunate ‘cons.

STARSCREAM

(furiously)

STOP THIS NONSENSE, YA BUMS!!!!

TANKOR stops pummeling the four ‘cons.

SHOCKWAVE

(in control, to RUNABOUT and RUNAMUCK)

I have a mission for you, Battlechargers. You are going to assist Starscream in raiding an oil refinery. We need the oil to make more Energon cubes.

RUNABOUT

(excited)

Yeah, man. It was ‘bout time we got some action!!!

RUNAMUCK

(excited)

Yeah, yeah!!! Time to cause some havoc!!!

SHOCKWAVE then activates a warp gate to transport the Battlechargers and STARSCREAM to their destination. The three of them jump through the warp gate.

FADE IN TO

THE AUTOBOT BASE – INTERIOR

We see SPARKPLUG fixing a communicator. SPARKPLUG’S grandson DANIEL comes in and starts asking questions.

DANIEL

(with the curious attitude of every child his age)

Hey, gramps. What’re you doing???

SPARKPLUG

(warmly)

Oh, I’m just fixin’ this communicator. I already fixed the other ones, so this is the last one.

DANIEL

(with a genuine interest)

Cool. Can I help???

SPARKPLUG

(warmly)

Sure thing, squirt.

Suddenly, the alarm rings and RODIMUS, NIGHTBEAT, ARCEE, WHEELJACK, BUMBLEBEE, MINERVA, DRIFT and SMOKESCREEN come in to answer its call.

NIGHTBEAT

It’s my old friend, Inspector Shayne.

Suddenly, we see Police Inspector William J. Shayne on the monitor screen.

SHAYNE

(through filter)

Autobots, we’ve just received reports of a gloating egotist raiding an oil refinery along with two cackling maniacs.

ARCEE

Those descriptions fit Starscream and the Battlechargers perfectly.

SHAYNE

(through filter)

The refinery workers decided to give in not because of the threat, but because they couldn’t stand the egotist’s tantrums. I’ve got a report that says that he started jumping around furiously and whining like a little kid who didn’t get the toy he wanted.

NIGHTBEAT

Yup. It’s Starscream alright.

SHAYNE

(through filter)

It should be easy to find the refinery, because it’s near your base and you can hear ol’ Screamer gloating from afar.

NIGHTBEAT

Don’t worry, Bill. We’ll try to do our best to stop Shockwave’s childish jester and those two punks from taking the oil.

We see that BUMBLEBEE is shaking nervously. He seems to be afraid of something.

RODIMUS

(with an inspirational sound)

AUTOBOTS!!! TRANSFORM AND ROLL OUT!!!!

The Autobots transform and roll for the refinery.

CUT TO

THE OIL REFINERY – EXTERIOR

STARSCREAM and the Battlechargers are filling some special containers with oil.

STARSCREAM

(smirking)

You see, Battlechargers??? Childish tantrums are the best way to get what you want.

(hearing the noise of motors approaching)

What in the Pit is that???!!!

The Autobots arrive and transform into robot mode.

RODIMUS

(with a sardonic attitude)

Well, well. I never thought Shockwave would send his moronic court jesters to do a Vehicon’s job.

STARSCREAM

(enraged)

YOU DARE TO COMPARE ME TO THOSE ACTION MOVIE STAR KNOCKOFFS???!!! I’LL MAKE YOU PAY FOR THAT!!!!

STARSCREAM starts blasting the Autobots furiously. The Autobots scatter and BUMBLEBEE is left alone in a corner. The Battlechargers approach him, and BUMBLEBEE’S fear starts rising when they get closer to him.

RUNABOUT

(excited)

Yo, look!!! It’s the little bug!!!

RUNAMUCK

(with fake sympathy, to BUMBLEBEE)

Oh, did ya lose yo beehive, foo’??? HEHEHEHEHEH!!!

BUMBLEBEE

(horrified)

No, please!!! Lemme go!!! NOOOOOOOOOO!!!!

NIGHTBEAT then kicks the Battlechargers and sends them flying towards the rampaging STARSCREAM.

STARSCREAM, RUNABOUT, RUNAMUCK

(in unison, crashing with each other)

YOOOOOOOOWWWWWWWW!!!

UUUURRRRGGGHHHHH!!!!!!

STARSCREAM then bursts in anger.

STARSCREAM

(furious, to the Battlechargers)

YOU MORONIC DWEEBS!!!! I ALMOST HAD THEEEEEEEEM!!!!!

RUNABOUT

(embarrassed)

Sorry, boss.

RUNAMUCK

(embarrassed)

It was an accident.

RODIMUS

And your next accident is gonna be even worse!!!

The Autobots are pointing their guns at the three Decepticons.

STARSCREAM

Uh… On second thought: RETREEEEEEAAAAAAAAAT!!!!!!

STARSCREAM and the Battlechargers run off in fear. We then see that NIGHTBEAT is looking at BUMBLEBEE. He’s shaking even more and he seems totally terrified.

NIGHTBEAT

(concerned)

‘Bee??? Bee, what’s wrong with ya!!! C’mon, we gotta get back.

ARCEE

(to NIGHTBEAT)

What happened to him???

NIGHTBEAT  
He seems to be in shock. He’s pretty shaky.

RODIMUS transforms into vehicle mode and opens his trailer.

RODIMUS

Get him in here.

ARCEE carries little BUMBLEBEE just like a mother carries her newborn baby.

ARCEE

(gently)

You’re gonna be alright, ‘Bee.

ARCEE puts BUMBLEBEE inside RODIMUS’ trailer. Then, the Autobots transform and roll to their base.

FADE IN TO

THE DECEPTICON SHIP – INTERIOR

SHOCKWAVE is briefing STARSCREAM and the Battlechargers.

SHOCKWAVE

Despite your failure, Starscream, you have actually discovered something that we could use to our advantage.

STARSCREAM

(baffled)

I have???

SHOCKWAVE

When you told me about the little yellow Autobot being afraid of those illogically idiotic Battlechargers, you just gave me a way to dispose of them once and for all.

FADE IN TO

THE AUTOBOT BASE – BRIEFING ROOM

The Autobots are waiting for MINERVA, who is still checking in on BUMBLEBEE. MINERVA comes in and the Autobots are really eager to know what happened to their little buddy. We see that MINERVA has some tears in her eyes.

SMOKESCREEN

(concerned)

Is he alright???

NIGHTBEAT

(concerned)

What could have affected him this much???

MINERVA

(calmly, trying to hold back her emotions)

Well, guys. I just checked him, and the only thing that could have scared him this much would have been the Battlechargers.

SMOKESCREEN

(baffled)

Those two moronic jerks??? I mean, sure, they are raging maniacal pranksters and they do like to destroy things, but they’re just too clumsy to scare anyone.

MINERVA

(still holding back her emotions)

Well, you might be surprised about what ‘Bee’s going to tell ya.

NIGHTBEAT

Wait, he’s ready to talk???

MINERVA

(still holding back her emotions)

He’s more ready than he’ll ever be.

The Autobots come into the room and BUMBLEBEE is sitting on his repair bed. The Autobots look at him with sad and concerned expressions. They always knew him as their cheerful little brother, always eager to help and always optimistic, but now, they see him totally sad and insecure.

BUMBLEBEE

Well, guys. I never wanted to bring this up again. It always brings me awful memories and a lot of pain. But it seems that I have no choice.

The Autobots are really interested about what BUMBLEBEE has to say, but they also know that it isn’t a pleasant story.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN

AUTOBOT BASE – REPAIR ROOM

BUMBLEBEE is sitting on his repair bed. He then starts telling his story to his teammates. They listen to him with genuine interest.

BUMBLEBEE

Well, guys. This is how it happened…

WE FADE INTO A FLASHBACK SEQUENCE OF BUMBLEBEE’S PAST.

We see an adorable little robot walking around a park. It’s BUMBLEBEE. He seems to be in his early childhood days. We then see another adorable friendly robot boy coming to play with little BUMBLEBEE.

BUMBLEBEE

(VO)

It happened after I got out of my Hatchling state. At this time, I must have been what the humans call a toddler. I kept tripping while walking, but I instantly got up and kept learning how to walk. I met another recently hatched Autobot. His name was Bumper. We became good friends. We would always meet at the park and play. However, that all changed one day.

We see both of them running happily around the park, when suddenly, a laser blast stops them. We see the Battlechargers surrounding the two young Autobots while cackling maniacally. The little boys hug each other in terror, worried about what the maniacs plan to do to them. The Battlechargers take BUMPER and they try to grab BUMBLEBEE, who desperately transforms into a small vehicle mode and hides in a dark corner. The Battlechargers then run back to their base to deliver their prize to MEGATRON, and BUMBLEBEE decides to quietly follow them in vehicle mode.

BUMBLEBEE

(VO, continued)

The Battlechargers showed up and took Bumper away. They tried to nab me too, but I was too fast for them. Because of my desperation, I learned to transform at a very early age. I hid in the shadows, while seeing them taking away my friend. I decided to follow them.

We then see the Battlechargers delivering little BUMPER to MEGATRON. We see BUMPER looking at the imposing Decepticon Leader. We then see MEGATRON pointing his Fusion Cannon at the little Autobot, and a powerful blast of energy is launched out of it. We then cut to BUMBLEBEE at the castle’s entrance, desperately trying to find his friend. He then finds something under a pile of scrap, and we see that his expression of hope changes into one of total sadness and horror, and we also see tears flowing down from his eyes.

BUMBLEBEE

(VO, continued)

I followed them all the way to the Darkmount Castle in Polyhex. I saw something sticking out from a pile of old scrap metal nearby. And suddenly, I found what I was looking for, but not in the way I wanted.

WE FADE BACK TO THE PRESENT.

We see that NIGHTBEAT, SMOKESCREEN, WHEELJACK and DRIFT are shocked at learning the reason why BUMBLEBEE fears the Battlechargers so much. RODIMUS and ARCEE are comforting MINERVA, who has started crying after hearing the story once again.

BUMBLEBEE

Those ‘cons exterminated my best friend without any mercy.

NIGHTBEAT

(shocked)  
Unforgivable!!!

SMOKESCREEN

(showing compassion)

I’m so sorry, ‘Bee. I never realized how much you have suffered over the years.

Suddenly, the alarm rings. The Autobots react to it immediately.

NIGHTBEAT

It’s coming from the Police Department.

RODIMUS

Shayne again???

NIGHTBEAT

No, it’s coming from his assistant.

Suddenly, we see STRONGARM, a young rookie from the Cybertron Academy, on the monitor screen. She seems to be almost as young as MINERVA, perhaps even younger, but slightly tougher. She is the Autobot that got assigned to help Inspector Shayne fight crime in the city.

NIGHTBEAT

What’s up, Strongarm???

STRONGARM

Got some reports of two maniacs causing chaos in Portland. You got to go there!!!

RODIMUS

We’re on our way.

(warmly, to BUMBLEBEE)

You want to join us???

BUMBLEBEE

No, I won’t be able to do anything other than jeopardize the mission.

RODIMUS

(warmly)

Okay, you stay and guard the base.

(to the AUTOBOTS)

Okay, ‘bots. TRANSFORM AND ROLL OUT!!!

The Autobots transform and roll for Portland.

FADE IN TO

THE DECEPTICON SHIP – BRIEFING ROOM

We see that STARSCREAM is jumping around with rage and frustration while SHOCKWAVE reacts to this immature temper tantrum with a facepalm.

STARSCREAM

(frustrated, crying and jumping like a spoiled kid)

BWAAAAA!!!! I WANTED TO LEAD THIS MISSION!!! I DON’T WANNA STAY HERE!!! I WANNA GO AND FIGHT THE AUTOBOTS!!!

SHOCKWAVE

Your immature behavior is… illogical.

STARSCREAM

(still crying and jumping like a spoiled kid)  
PLEASE!!! PLEASE!!! PLEAAAAAAASE!!!!!

SHOCKWAVE

(to himself, calmly)

No wonder Megatron told me to keep an eye on this illogically childish moron. He is worse than a hatchling!!!

FADE IN TO

OREGON – PORTLAND

We see the Autobots arriving and transforming into robot mode. The Battlechargers then proceed to jump in front of them and they start firing everywhere.

RUNABOUT   
(excited)

EAT SCRAP, AUTOMORONS!!!!

RUNAMUCK

(excited)

Yeah, we Battlechargers rule this place!!!

NIGHTBEAT

(nervously)

I know there are only two of them, and seven of us, but it feels like we’re seriously outnumbered!!!

SMOKESCREEN

(to RODIMUS)

He’s right; these morons are like a two-robot army!!!

RODIMUS

I know, but we still have to fight—YAAAAAAAAGGGHHHHH!!!!!!

One of the laser blasts from RUNAMUCK’s friction rifle hits RODIMUS in the shoulder. RODIMUS’ shoulder starts melting. ARCEE and NIGHTBEAT run to his aid.

ARCEE

(worried)

RODIMUS!!!!

NIGHTBEAT

(concerned)

You alright, Roddy???

RODIMUS

(strained)

UGH, my shoulder’s melting!!! It will melt even more if I try to move it!!!

RUNABOUT

(excited)  
Looks like ya finally met yo match, Autobozos!!!

RUNAMUCK

(excited)

Yeah, now prepare ta say yo last words!!!

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

FADE IN

PORTLAND – CITY BATTLE

We see that the Autobots are still fighting the Battlechargers. But suddenly, they start being defeated one by one. NIGHTBEAT, SMOKESCREEN, DRIFT and WHEELJACK get hit by RUNABOUT’S high-particle beam rifle. Suddenly, MINERVA gets hit in the leg by RUNAMUCK’S friction rifle.

MINERVA

(in pain)

AAAAAAAAIIIIGGGGHHHHHHH!!!!

ARCEE   
(worried)

MINERVA!!!

ARCEE runs to MINERVA’S aid but RUNAMUCK fires another friction blast, which hits ARCEE in the abdomen.

ARCEE

(in pain)

AAAARRRRRRGGGHHHHHH!!!

We then cut to BUMBLEBEE watching the battle from the base. He feels powerless and afraid, but he realizes that he has no other choice.

BUMBLEBEE

(decisive)

I never thought this day would come. I’ve been hiding from those guys for a long time, but now, it seems that it’s time to stop hiding. I never wanted to suffer the same fate as you, Bumper, but now; I see that my friends might die like you did, and nobody deserves that. So, if I want to prevent deaths like yours from happening, I must risk it all and fight my fear head on, even if I have to go down fighting. I accept the challenge.

BUMBLEBEE transforms and rolls to Portland. Meanwhile, the Battlechargers are taunting the damaged Autobots.

RUNABOUT   
(with false sympathy)

Oh, look at those foos!!! They need repairs.

RUNAMUCK

(with false sympathy)

Oh, that’s too bad. What do ya’ say we fix ‘em for good???

BUMBLEBEE

(off-screen, defiant)

Fat chance, Battlechargin’ bum!!!

BUMBLEBEE arrives in vehicle mode and rams the Battlechargers.

RUNABOUT, RUNAMUCK

(in unison)

WHOOOOOOOOOAAAAAAA!!!!!

The Battlechargers land on the ground, but they get up instantly.

RUNABOUT

(enraged)

THAT YELLAH BUG WILL PAY FOR THIS!!!

RUNAMUCK

(enraged)

Yeah!!! LET’S SCRAP ‘IM!!!!!

RUNABOUT and RUNAMUCK charge towards BUMBLEBEE. The little Autobot decides that it’s time to finally face the thing he’s dreaded most.

BUMBLEBEE   
(decisive)

THIS IS FOR BUMPER!!!!

BUMBLEBEE then jumps on the two punks and starts punching and kicking them. The Battlechargers have met their match. BUMBLEBEE punches RUNAMUCK in the gut and sends him crashing to the ground with a powerful kick to the face. He then grabs RUNABOUT and throws him. RUNABOUT lands at his fellow Battlecharger’s side. They both have comical expressions in their faces and we hear the sound of birds chirping. BUMBLEBEE then goes to check on his teammates.

BUMBLEBEE

RODIMUS???

RODIMUS

(strained)

UGHHH… ‘Bee. I knew you wouldn’t abandon us.

BUMBLEBEE

I just couldn’t let those guys take you to in for execution like they did with Bumper.

RODIMUS replies to BUMBLEBEE’S words with a warm smile. Then, we see that the Battlechargers wake up.

RUNAMUCK

(whispering)

Yo, ah think we should make ourselves scarce!!!

RUNABOUT

(whispering)

Good idea!!!

The Battlechargers transform into vehicle mode and roll off at top speed. BUMBLEBEE notices them, but he decides to let them go.

RODIMUS

Why did you let them go???

BUMBLEBEE

Revenge is not my thing. And besides, even though they were the ones responsible for Bumper’s death, I get the feeling that they may redeem themselves someday. In fact, unless we’re talking about guys like Starscream, I think most beings in the universe can redeem themselves by doing great acts and seeing the error of their ways.

RODIMUS

(warmly)  
Despite being so young, you’re so wise. And I agree. The day will come where the Decepticons will see the error of their ways and make peace with us. But until that day comes, we must keep fighting in order to prevent them from conquering the earth.

FADE IN TO

THE DECEPTICON SHIP – BRIEFING ROOM

STARSCREAM keeps bawling and whining about leading the mission. Shockwave is still reacting to STARSCREAM’S tantrum with a facepalm.

STARSCREAM

(still crying and jumping like a spoiled kid)

I WANNA LEAD!!! I WANNA LEAD!!!! I WANNA LEAD!!!!

SHOCKWAVE

(to himself, calmly)

Logic dictated that I was a logical choice to lead, but it never dictated that I had to deal with childish idiots like Starscream.

FADE IN TO

AUTOBOT BASE – BRIEFING ROOM

We see that the now fully repaired Autobots are having a ceremony. RODIMUS is holding a medal.

RODIMUS

This Medal of Honor goes to Bumblebee, for bravery under fire, helping his teammates out and facing his fears head on for the welfare of others.

RODIMUS puts the medal on BUMBLEBEE’S neck and the Autobots start clapping and celebrating.

SMOKESCREEN, NIGHTBEAT, ARCEE, MINERVA

(cheering, in unison)

Beep, Beep, Hooray!!!

Beep, Beep, Hooray!!!

Beep, Beep, Hooray!!!

We then see BUMBLEBEE, smiling while his fellow Autobots cheer him on. He has finally learned to trust himself more, because even if he’s small, his fellow Autobots will always appreciate him.

THE END

END OF ACT THREE