THE TRANSFORMERS: REGENERATION ONE

“Pop Goes the Screamer”

CAST LIST (speaking parts only)

AUTOBOTS:   
Rodimus Prime

Nightbeat

Arcee

Minerva

Smokescreen

Strongarm

DECEPTICONS:

Shockwave

Starscream

Thunderhoof

Knock Out

Sky-Byte

Tank Drone

Swindle

HUMANS:

Sparkplug Witwicky

Buster Witwicky

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NOTES

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FADE IN

CYBERTRON – POLYHEX

We see STARSCREAM in jet mode, heading for a little shop in Polyhex.

STARSCREAM

(with a scheming tone)

If I find what I’m looking for in this miserable shop, I’ll finally be able to become ruler of the Universe!!!

STARSCREAM transforms into robot mode and enters the shop. Inside the shop, we see a lot of used junk, spare parts and antique ornaments. We also see a short robot looking at some of the merchandise.

STARSCREAM

(to the short robot)

Oh, mister… Mister…

The short robot turns around, with a smile from ear to ear and his big purple eyes wide open.

SWINDLE

(with a jolly attitude)

E-YEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEES???!!!!

STARSCREAM looks to the camera with a very nervous expression.

STARSCREAM

(nervous, to SWINDLE)

Are… Are you the shopkeeper???

SWINDLE

(smiling, with a jolly attitude)

Well, what do you think I’m doing behind this counter, selling kisses???!!!

STARSCREAM looks toward the camera again, totally annoyed.

STARSCREAM

(annoyed)

NOW CUT THAT OUT!!!!

(cooling off)

I was told that you have a map to the location of the Underbase.

SWINDLE

(with a jolly attitude)

E-BINGO!!!! That’ll be 100 Energon Cubes.

STARSCREAM

(surprised)

WHAT????!!!!! 100 Cubes???!!! What a rip-off!!!

SWINDLE

(defiantly)

Well, you’re not gonna get a map like this anywhere else!!!

STARSCREAM, more annoyed than he’s ever been before, decides to give in.

STARSCREAM

(angry)

Oh, alright, here you go, but just you wait ‘till I talk with the Polyhex chief.

(yelling for the chief while heading outside)

Oh, chief!!! Chief!!!

SWINDLE

(off-screen, with a jolly attitude)

E-YEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEES???!!!!

STARSCREAM

(looking back, baffled)

WHA--???!!!!!

SWINDLE then puts on a hat that says “CHIEF” in it.

SWINDLE

(with a jolly attitude)

I’m also the city chief, what seems to be the trouble???!!!

STARSCREAM

(completely fed up)

OH, FOR HEAVEN’S SAKE!!!!!

STARSCREAM then gets out of the store, transforms to jet mode and flies off.

STARSCREAM

Well, that wasn’t a pleasant experience, but at least I got what I wanted.

STARSCREAM then heads to Earth at top speed.

FADE IN TO

EARTH – AUTOBOT BASE

We see RODIMUS, NIGHTBEAT, BUMBLEBEE, WHEELJACK, MINERVA, SMOKESCREEN and DRIFT looking at the monitor for any Decepticon incursions. Then, an alarm rings.

NIGHTBEAT

It’s from the Oregon Police Station.

Then, STRONGARM appears on the screen.

NIGHTBEAT

What’s up, Strongarm???

STRONGARM

Well, I just got word from Inspector Shayne that Starscream is heading for the Oregon desert. Don’t know what he’s doing, but I bet it’s bad. I’m going there to apprehend him.

RODIMUS

We’ll send some Autobots to assist you.

(to the Autobots)

Minerva, you will go along with Drift and Bumblebee.

MINERVA   
(to DRIFT and BUMBLEBEE, with an upbeat attitude)

C’mon guys, let’s make Rodimus proud.

MINERVA, BUMBLEBEE and DRIFT transform and roll to help STRONGARM.

FADE IN TO

DESERT – AN ABANDONED TEMPLE

STARSCREAM is walking inside the temple. He then finds what he’s looking for.

STARSCREAM

At long last… THE UNDERBASE IS MINE!!!

We then see STRONGARM, MINERVA, BUMBLEBEE and DRIFT approaching the temple.

STRONGARM

That’s the place. It’ll be quite easy to get the perp if he hasn’t found what he’s looking for.

MINERVA

Then let’s go and stop ‘im!!!

The Autobots head inside the temple but it’s too late; STARSCREAM is already being engulfed by the Underbase, which will give him all the powers of the Universe as well as the combined knowledge of all Cybertronians.

STARSCREAM

(engulfed with the power)

Yes!!!! I feel it!!! The Underbase fills me!!!! YES!!! I feel the Universe within me!!! I am… I am a part of the cosmos!!! Its energy flows… flows through me!!!

(scornfully looking at the shocked Autobots with a mocking expression)

Of what consequence are you now!!! This planet, its inhabitants, they are nothing to me!!!

(yelling intensely to the Autobots)

THE UNIVERSE IS POWER!!!! PURE UNSTOPPABLE POWER!!! AND I AM THAT FORCE!!! I AM THAT POWER!!!! KNEEL BEFORE YOUR MASTER!!!!!

(the Autobots keep aiming their guns at STARSCREAM)

FOOLS!!! YOU ARE NO LONGER MY EQUALS!!! I AM MORE THAN CYBERTRONIAN!!!! MORE THAN LIFE!!! I AM A… GOD!!!!!

Then, a blinding light engulfs STARSCREAM and he starts growing in size (he’s now the same size as SHOCKWAVE). The Autobots cover their eyes.

STARSCREAM

(engulfed by the light)

AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!!!!!

After the light has dissipated, we see that STARSCREAM is now bigger and that the Underbase has now changed its shape from a data storage cube into a crown that STARSCREAM is wearing.

STARSCREAM

Now… you will… DIEEEEEEEEEEE!!!!!

STARSCREAM blasts STRONGARM with the power of the Underbase. STRONGARM suffers a deadly overload which briefly makes her act differently and she deactivates instantly, completely drained.

STRONGARM

(getting hit by the Underbase)

YAAAAAAAIIIIIGHHHH!!!!!!!  
(getting overloaded)

C’mon, y’all, where’s the party!!!! I wanna PAR-TAY!!!!

I wanna PAR-TEEEEEEEUUUUUUUUUUUUUHHHHHHH---!!!!

MINERVA, BUMBLEBEE and DRIFT run to help STRONGARM.

MINERVA

(running to STRONGARM’s aid)

Don’t worry Strongarm, we’ll--- YAAAAAAAAAAAAGGGGHHH!!!!

STARSCREAM blasts the three Autobots and they deactivate instantly. Then he starts gloating victoriously, but we also see that he has not only gained the knowledge, powers and personalities of various Decepticon rulers, but also those of his recently vanquished foes.

STARSCREAM

(laughing maniacally)

HAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!!!

(like MINERVA)

Golly gee whiz, this is super cool!!!!

(like STRONGARM)

But regulation 59458 says that attacking an officer is punishable by law!!!

(like DRIFT)

Ugh, I hate using guns!!!!

(like BUMBLEBEE)

C’mon, let’s have some fun!!! HAHAHAHAAHAHAHAHA!!!!!!!!!

(with determination)

Now, to face Shockwave!!!!

STARSCREAM flies off to the location of the Decepticon ship. Then, we see that the ship has landed near a waterfall and SHOCKWAVE is making some tests while KNOCK OUT, SKY-BYTE and THUNDERHOOF watch.

SHOCKWAVE

I equipped this device with Autobot energy signatures. Observe.

The device flies around for a few minutes then gets blasted by some cannons nearby.

SHOCKWAVE

With these cannons that Thunderhoof provided for us, this area will become a death trap for the Autobots.

STARSCREAM arrives and starts questioning SHOCKWAVE’S authority.

STARSCREAM

(taunting)

Exactly the sort of plan one of your cowardly stature will concoct, which is why I'm assuming command of the Decepticons!!!

SHOCKWAVE

I thought you learned your lesson about treachery, Starscream.

STARSCREAM

(taunting)

This time I'm the teacher. That is, if you've got the courage.

SHOCKWAVE

I suppose amusement is logical for every being.

SHOCKWAVE transforms into his gun mode and blasts STARSCREAM, who is still floating in midair.

STARSCREAM

(taunting)

That was amusing... in fact it almost tickled, now try this!!!

SHOCKWAVE turns back into robot mode, and starts dodging STARSCREAM’S blasts, then gets hit and knocked off a cliff, onto a landing below. STARSCREAM lands in front of him.

SHOCKWAVE

I will ring out your treacherous hide!!!

STARSCREAM

(taunting)

No need for that.

STARSCREAM fires his Null Ray blaster again repeatedly, knocking Shockwave against the rocks below, and shattering him to pieces, his eye is glowing for a second, and then, it deactivates.

SKY-BYTE

(shocked)

Starscream defeated Shockwave!!!

THUNDERHOOF

(shocked)

EH-OH!!! It can't be!!!

STARSCREAM

Unless you want to join our former commander; you will join me in attacking the Autobot base!!! But first I have other matters to attend to. Sky-Byte will command until I return.

STARSCREAM flies off toward the temple where he found the Underbase.

KNOCK OUT

(to SKY-BYTE)

Well, you’re the boss. What’s your command???

SKY-BYTE looks down at SHOCKWAVE’S battered body and gives his order.

SKY-BYTE

Transform and follow me, we will salvage our true leader!!!!

The Decepticons then prepare to salvage SHOCKWAVE’S parts. Meanwhile, STARSCREAM arrives at the temple and starts talking to himself.

STARSCREAM

(like SHOCKWAVE)

Why should I have those illogically incompetent fools helping me!!!

(like himself again)

I now have the powers of Strongarm, Shockwave, Minerva, Bumblebee and Drift as well as those of the worst tyrants in Cybertronian history. I’ll take on all of the remaining Autobots myself!!!! HAHAHAHAHAAHAHHAHAHAAHA!!!!!

STARSCREAM then flies off towards the Autobot base to take on the remaining Autobots. Meanwhile, RODIMUS, NIGHTBEAT and SMOKESCREEN are concerned about their friends.

RODIMUS

I’m really worried, guys. Strongarm and the others should have been here by now.

Suddenly, the computer picks up a transmission and we see STARSCREAM on the monitor.

STARSCREAM

Greetings, you miserable Autobots!!!

RODIMUS

(shocked)

Starscream!!! What did you do with our teammates???!!!

STARSCREAM

(taunting)

Well, you see, I got possession of this crown and when I touched each one of them, they started falling down!!! HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!!

NIGHTBEAT

(shocked)

That’s… That’s the Underbase!!!

STARSCREAM

(taunting)

Exactly, you miserable detective, and now I’m coming for you!!!

The transmission ends.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN

AUTOBOT BASE – BRIEFING ROOM

RODIMUS, NIGHTBEAT and SMOKESCREEN are preparing to face off against STARSCREAM.

RODIMUS

I just regret that Arcee isn’t with us; she could be of valuable assistance.

NIGHTBEAT

Yeah, I know. But we have no choice, Roddy. We have to face Screamer now.

SMOKESCREEN

He’s comin’ in at top speed.

Then, we see STARSCREAM heading towards the Autobot base. He starts firing beams from his eyes.

RODIMUS

(to STARSCREAM)

Since when do you like to use powers that aren’t your own, Screamer???!!!

STARSCREAM

(to RODIMUS)

Since I was possessed by the ancient Decepticon Atillion!!!

SMOKESCREEN

If you’re really Atillion, then you’d remember the battle where you almost scrapped me.

STARSCREAM

I’m not Atillion; I’m Imperion, Grand Admiral of the Ancient Decepticons.

NIGHTBEAT

Then you’d remember our battle!!!

STARSCREAM

What battle???!!! I’m Lord Straxus, if I fought you, you would’ve been slagged.

RODIMUS

Oh, then you would remember the time where a young punk kid and his female companion scrapped you!!!

STARSCREAM

(like MINERVA)

WHAT ARE YA TALKING ABOUT!!!! I’M MINERVA!!! AUTOBOT NURSE!!! THIS IS GONNA BE SUPER GROOVY!!!

STARSCREAM then blasts the three Autobots and they are instantly deactivated.

RODIMUS, NIGHTBEAT, SMOKESCREEN

(in unison)

YAAAAAAAAAAAIIIIIIIIIGHHHHHH!!!!!!

STARSCREAM

(laughing maniacally)

Heheheheheheh.

(like RODIMUS)

Well, ‘bots. This seems to be the end.

(like NIGHTBEAT)

But we can’t give up now, Roddy!!!

(like SMOKESCREEN)

An ol’ ‘bot like me could use a rest now.

(like a tyrant)

No one can stand in my way; I'll soon be grand ruler of the universe!!! I am Invincitron!!!! HAHAHAHAAHAHAHAHAHAHAAHA!!!!!!!!

STARSCREAM takes off victoriously and laughs maniacally. Then, we see ARCEE driving along with BUSTER and SPARKPLUG. BUSTER is carrying a strange gadget.

BUSTER

I just finished this energy pulse protective shield. It can deflect any type of beam.

SPARKPLUG

Well, I bet the Autobots will have a good use for it, son.

SPARKPLUG and BUSTER get out of ARCEE and she transforms to robot mode. And then, when they enter the base, they receive the shock of their lives.

ARCEE

(shocked)

OH NO!!!!

(she heads towards RODIMUS’ body)

RODIMUS!!! What happened???? Answer me!!! Please, don’t leave me!!!

BUSTER grabs a device and puts it in RODIMUS’ body.

BUSTER

I don’t get it. He looks like he died, but my lifeforce tracker says he’s still alive.

SPARKPLUG

But that’s impossible. I mean, look at these guys. Their sparks are totally extinguished

BUSTER

I know, dad. But still, the tracker says their sparks are somewhere else.

ARCEE

(with determination)

Wherever they are, I’ll find them and bring my friends back to normal.

BUSTER gives his prototype energy pulse protective shield to ARCEE.

BUSTER

(putting the protective shield around ARCEE’S neck)

I got a hunch that you may need this.

ARCEE

Thanks, Buster. I have a feeling I’m gonna need it a lot sooner than I thought I would, wish me luck out there.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

FADE IN

THE ABANDONED TEMPLE – INTERIOR

STARSCREAM is sitting on a throne in the temple. We see that there’s something bothering him.

STARSCREAM

(bothered)

Even though I’ve beaten my enemies and drained their life energy, why do I feel so empty???!!! I feel like there’s someone else out there that can stop my plans, but who could I have missed??? Whoever it is, they must be destroyed.

Meanwhile, we see that ARCEE has arrived at the temple thanks to BUSTER’S lifeforce tracker.

ARCEE

(to herself)

This thing really comes in handy. Now to face whomever stole my friends’ sparks.

ARCEE enters the temple and is shocked to see STARSCREAM sitting in the throne, looking more imposing than ever.

ARCEE

(shocked, to herself)

Holy scrap!!! What happened to him???

ARCEE then presses a button on BUSTER’S protective shield and reveals herself to her foe.

ARCEE

Well, lookie who I’ve found hiding in this old rusty temple.

STARSCREAM

(like RODIMUS)

Ah, Arcee!!! I was waiting for ya, babe.

ARCEE

(baffled)

What did you call me???

STARSCREAM

(like NIGHTBEAT)

Roddy called ya babe!!!

ARCEE immediately figures out what happened.

ARCEE

So, you didn’t just steal the sparks of my friends, you their personalities as well!!!!

STARSCREAM

ALONG WITH THEIR POWERS!!!!

STARSCREAM blasts ARCEE with his eye beams, but even though she is hit, BUSTER’S invention prevents her from getting deactivated.

STARSCREAM

(shocked)

Impossible!!! You should be dead, just like the rest!!!

ARCEE

(playfully)

Once again, Screamer, you underestimated the power of the human race. This protective shield was created by a human.

STARSCREAM

(furious)

I’ll tear that shield generator from your neck and then rip out your spark myself!!!!

ARCEE

(playfully)

Just try and catch me!!!

ARCEE runs outside the temple and shoots a grapple hook towards the roof and holds the rope. Then, she climbs on a large rock formation nearby.

ARCEE

(thinking)

I saw this in a cartoon that Bumblebee likes to watch. I hope it works well in this case.

STARSCREAM then comes out of the temple. We see that he’s totally enraged.

STARSCREAM

(furious)

COME OUT AND FACE YOUR DEATH LIKE THE MISERABLE PIECE OF AUTOBOT SCRAP YOU ARE!!!!

Then, ARCEE comes out swinging on the rope like Tarzan and hits STARSCREAM.

ARCEE

(like the character from BUMBLEBEE’S favorite cartoon show)  
COWABUNGA DUDE!!!!!!!

STARSCREAM

(falling to the ground)

OWWWWWWWWW!!!!

ARCEE lands nearby and looks at STARSCREAM, who is now even more furious than before.

STARSCREAM   
(enraged)

Your juvenile antics are starting to get on my nerves, PREPARE FOR YOUR EXTERMINATION!!!!!!

STARSCREAM then starts lifting off slowly. Floating through the air with a maniacally demonic smile on his face, he flies toward ARCEE and punches her with such power that he sends her flying a few feet away.

STARSCREAM

(charging towards ARCEE)

AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!!!!!

ARCEE

(reacting to the punch)

OWWWWWWWWW!!!!

While ARCEE is still getting up from the ground, STARSCREAM starts gloating victoriously.

STARSCREAM

(to ARCEE)

You still refuse to accept my godhood??? Keep your own god. In fact, this might be a good time to pray to him!!!  
(lifting off and preparing to charge towards ARCEE again, yelling like a maniac)

FOR I BEHELD MEGATRONUS AS HE FELL FROM HEAVEN!!!! LIKE LIGHTNING!!!!!

STARSCREAM then charges toward ARCEE again.

STARSCREAM

(charging towards ARCEE)

AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!!!!!

ARCEE then proceeds to kick STARSCREAM in the face just when he’s about to punch her. The impact sends STARSCREAM flying out of control towards an antenna.

ARCEE

(kicking STARSCREAM)  
HIIIIIIIII-YAAAAAAH!!!!!!

STARSCREAM

(out of control)

NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!

STARSCREAM then crashes on the antenna and an electrical overload hits him. Beams fly out from him and they reach all the deactivated Autobots, reviving them.

STARSCREAM

(overloaded)  
BlrBRLbLRBlbrblrblrrlrbbrlrblr!!!!

Then, the antenna explodes and the Underbase crown is destroyed with it. STARSCREAM is sent flying off and we hear him doing the “Wilhelm scream”.

STARSCREAM

(doing the Wilhelm scream)

AAAAAAAAAAAGH!!!!!

Then, we see STRONGARM, BUMBLEBEE, MINERVA and DRIFT coming out of the temple.

MINERVA

(dizzy)

Gee whiz, what happened???!!!

ARCEE

(to MINERVA)

I’ll tell you on the way home. We’ve got to see if the others are okay.

The Autobots roll for their base.

FADE IN TO

WATERFALL – THE DECEPTICON SHIP

We see STARSCREAM limping and complaining while heading towards the ship.

STARSCREAM   
(complaining)

I WAS SO CLOSE!!! That Autobot will pay dearly for ruining my plans!!!! Well, at least I got rid of Shockwave.

Suddenly, STARSCREAM sees a TANK DRONE coming out of the base followed by a large shadow.

SHOCKWAVE

Well, well, look who’s back!!!

STARSCREAM

(gulps)

TANK DRONE

(to STARSCREAM)  
HASTA LA VISTA, BAYBEEEEEH!!!!!

We then see the ship from afar as we hear STARSCREAM yelling.

STARSCREAM

(screaming)

NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!!

FADE IN TO

THE AUTOBOT BASE – ARCEE’S ROOM

We see that RODIMUS and ARCEE are talking.

RODIMUS

(playfully)

Well, babe. Seems like you saved us all today.

ARCEE

(playfully)

Well, I may have done that, but I’m more concerned about that date you said we were gonna have tonight.

RODIMUS

(smiling)

You’re on, babe!!!

RODIMUS and ARCEE get out of the room and we see them kissing after they get past ARCEE’S door. Then, the door closes.

THE END

END OF ACT THREE