THE TRANSFORMERS: REGENERATION ONE

“Tortured Souls”

CAST LIST (speaking parts only)

AUTOBOTS:

Rodimus Prime

Arcee

Minerva

Smokescreen

Drift

Daytonus

Breakaway

Strongarm

Hosehead

Rev

Side Burn

DECEPTICONS:
Starscream

Knock Out

Quake

HUMANS:

Circuit Breaker

Inspector Shayne

Debbie Shayne

OTHERS:
Tarantulas

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ACT ONE

FADE IN

AUTOBOT BASE – REPAIR BAY

We see RODIMUS on a medical berth. He’s delirious and completely shattered.

RODIMUS

(yelling with despair)
NOOOO!!!! NIGHTBEAT!!! WHY DID THEY DO THIS???!!!! WHYYYYYYY????!!!!!!!!!

ARCEE is looking at the ‘bot she loves the most in a delirious rage, and breaks up. BREAKAWAY comes in with a sad expression on his face.

BREAKAWAY

(with a sad tone)
I just got Minerva’s notes. Rodimus is now suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. Whatever the Quints did to him, must have broken him psychologically. There’s no cure for this… however, we can help Rodimus learn to live with it. It may be another burden for him, but he has to do this.

ARCEE

(crying)
I hope so, Breakaway… I’ll do anything to help him…

Then, MINERVA comes in. She looks blurry eyed from crying so much. She hasn’t slept for days due to being busy trying to put NIGHTBEAT back together and trying to constantly check in on RODIMUS.

ARCEE

(concerned)
How’s Nightbeat, Minerva???

MINERVA

(sobbing)

I dunno… I tried to wake him up… but he just doesn’t respond to anything… What if he dies thanks to the fact that I couldn’t save him???

ARCEE puts her hand on MINERVA’S shoulder. MINERVA breaks up and hugs ARCEE. ARCEE hugs her back and comforts her.

ARCEE

(comforting MINERVA)
Easy there, Minerva… I know you’ll succeed in the end…

MINERVA

(crying)
I really doubt it…

MINERVA breaks up even more. ARCEE and BREAKAWAY look at each other with sad expressions. It pains them to see the light and hope slowly fading away from MINERVA as each day passes. Meanwhile, at the Decepticon ship, STARSCREAM and QUAKE are having a strategic conversation.

STARSCREAM

What are you worrying about, Quake???!!! Those Autobots are completely demoralized!!!!

QUAKE

(doubtfully)

Si… but sooner or later they’ll manage to overcome their grief…

STARSCREAM

Don’t be so sure about that. Without Nightbeat and Rodimus leading them, they’re totally useless!!! Their emotions are eating them up from the inside!!!! Besides, when I receive the location of the new Pulverizer Cannon, they’ll be doomed!!! Especially when we power the Cannon with the Energon we created by mixing the standard Energon with the new Energon X the drones took from Asteroid X.

QUAKE

Well, I still say we must destroy the Autobots before they try anythin’!!! I’m going to seek out an old amigo of mine… in the sewers!!!

QUAKE goes out. Meanwhile, at the abandoned monastery, we see HOSEHEAD, DAYTONUS, REV, SIDE BURN and CIRCUIT BREAKER listening to the words their master, DRIFT.

DRIFT

(with warmth)
My wards. We must help our fellow Autobots. Their pain is increasing and their confidence is at a critical low.

DAYTONUS

(confidently)
Eyyyyyy, don’t worry, Master Drift. We’ll help our dudes out!!!

DRIFT

Remember, Daytonus… the sparks of our allies are in pain thanks to the damage the Quintessons did to our leaders. You must demonstrate to them that they can still fight back, no matter how bad the odds are!!!

DAYTONUS and his fellow recruits bow their heads. Meanwhile, in the sewers, we see robotic spiders crawling all around the place. The atmosphere is quite unsettling. Then, we see QUAKE talking to a strange shadowy figure, concealed within a fedora and a long trenchcoat. The figure’s eyes glow green.

QUAKE

All these armas are yours, if you’ll do as I ask!!!!

TARANTULAS

(angrily)
This hardware would make me master of the sewers, but not master of the city above!!!!

QUAKE

(smirking)
That can be arranged… we’ve been working on a new type of Energon… it can make your pets invincible!!!!

TARANTULAS

THEN I WANT IT!!!!

QUAKE

All in good time… first, complete this task!!!

TARANTULAS

Those Autobots will pay dearly for foiling my plans back at New Orleans!!! It will be a pleasure to put them out of the way!!!! NYEHEHEHEHEHEHEHEHEHEHEHEHEHEHEH!!!!!!!

FADE IN TO

PORTLAND POLICE STATION – TRAINING FACILITY

We see Inspector WILLIAM J. SHAYNE watching as his daughter DEBBIE trains alongside STRONGARM. They’re shooting down some targets.

SHAYNE
Okay, girls… time to rest…

The two girls put their weapons back in their holsters. SHAYNE comes in and compliments them.

SHAYNE

(warmly)

Debbie, Strongarm… you girls have made me proud once again. Ever since you started training together, you’ve improved a lot.

DEBBIE

Gosh, thanks Dad!!!

STRONGARM

Well, it’s always great working with Debbie…

SHAYNE

You’ll make a great team someday, girls.

STRONGARM

Thanks, Inspector.

DEBBIE

Thanks, dad!!!

DEBBIE hugs SHAYNE. Then, STRONGARM and DEBBIE walk out. STRONGARM transforms into vehicle mode.

SHAYNE

Be careful out there, girls!!!

DEBBIE

(entering STRONGARM’S vehicle mode)

Don’t worry, dad. We’ll take good care of ourselves.

STRONGARM drives off while SHAYNE and DEBBIE wave goodbye to each other.

STRONGARM

Say, Debbie!!! How about we go to the arcade center???!!!!

DEBBIE

That sounds fantastic!!!! Let’s go!!!!

STRONGARM heads for the arcade center but she suddenly stops.

STRONGARM
(shocked)
WHOA!!!! Look!!!!!

DEBBIE looks out and sees the strange spider-like creatures we saw before. These are the Arachnoids, and they are TARANTULAS’ pet drones.

DEBBIE

Whoa… strange lookin’ creepos!!!!

STRONGARM

Yeah, I’d better contact the others.

Back at the base, ARCEE, MINERVA and SMOKESCREEN are waiting for something to happen while also being concerned about their disabled leading figures. Suddenly, STRONGARM appears on the monitor.

STRONGARM

(through intercom)

Guys!!!

SMOKESCREEN

What is it, Strongarm???

STRONGARM

(through intercom)

Something very, very strange. There are some creepy spider-like creatures heading towards the sewers. I dunno why, but there’s something very suspicious about all this.

ARCEE and MINERVA look at each other with concern. Is it him again??? In Portland??? Impossible!!! But they’ll find out the answer soon enough.

SMOKESCREEN

We’ll be right there, Strongarm!!!!

ARCEE

(with an inspirational yet shaky tone)

Okay, ‘bots!!!! Let’s go!!!!!

(to herself, filled with doubts)

I just hope we don’t fail this time…

ARCEE, MINERVA and SMOKESCREEN transform and head towards the sewers. We see STRONGARM and DEBBIE waiting for them. They arrive and transform to robot mode.

DEBBIE

(pointing towards the sewer entrance)

They went in there!!!

ARCEE

Then we’ll have to find out where they’re going.

MINERVA

Sheesh… this place smells horrible!!!!

DEBBIE

Of course it does, Minnie!!!! It’s a sewer!!!

SMOKESCREEN

Geez, now I know how a petro-rat feels!!!

They enter the sewer. The place feels unsettling because of how quiet it is, other than the sound of water flowing around the sewer and the Arachnoids walking onwards.

STRONGARM

Gosh… I know it’s just a sewer, but I can’t help but feel freaked out by all this spooky scenery.

DEBBIE

(pointing towards a light)

Look!!!

In the light we see a shadowy figure running towards a room.

ARCEE

Seems like we found our suspect!!!! C’mon!!!!!

ARCEE leads the Autobots through the sewer into the room where the creepy creature entered. When they enter, they see that the room is empty.

MINERVA

It’s… empty…

STRONGARM

Not quite… look!!!!!

Then, they see Arachnoids all around the room.

SMOKESCREEN

YOW!!!! Looks like we got a serious spider problem!!!!

Suddenly, a wall explodes into pieces and then, the creepy figure comes out of the shadows and we finally get our first look of TARANTULAS after the New Orleans incident. We see that the trenchcoat and fedora he’s using are to conceal the damage he received thanks to SWAMP CHOMP chewing him up!!! We see that some of his spider legs have been torn apart and his left shoulder pad is totally wrecked. We also see that half of his face is disfigured. TARANTULAS is now completely angry.

TARANTULAS

(furiously)

Alright, Autobots!!! Prepare to face the wrath of Tarantulas!!!!!

He then starts firing at the Autobots with the Decepticon weapons provided by QUAKE.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN

THE SEWERS – ABANDONED ROOM

We see TARANTULAS approaching the Autobots while firing his blaster.

TARANTULAS

(furious)

This is it, Autobots!!!! I’m going to flush you out!!!!

STRONGARM looks at TARANTULAS with shock.

STRONGARM

(shocked)
Didn’t you tell me he was just a scruffy, lovesick, cackling and whacked out weirdo???!!!

ARCEE

Yeah, only now he’s a lot less scruffy and much angrier!!!

MINERVA

And a lot better armed!!!!

MINERVA grabs STRONGARM and ARCEE and pushes them down before a blast goes off near them.

ARCEE

He’s gonna wreck the place!!!

SMOKESCREEN

Then let’s show ‘im the door!!!!!

The Autobots jump TARANTULAS and throw him into the murky water. TARANTULAS then takes a bomb from inside his trenchcoat.

TARANTULAS

(taking the bomb)
You stupid Autobots won’t stop me!!!! Try this!!!!

TARANTULAS throws the bomb. The Autobots run around before it goes off. After the explosion, we see MINERVA and DEBBIE hanging on a pipe.

MINERVA

(terrified)

I think I liked that jerk better when he was playin’ with his bug boys!!!!

Then, two Arachnoids come in and start chewing the pipe.

MINERVA

(looking at the Arachnoids)
Or… maybe not!!!!

MINERVA and DEBBIE fall down. Meanwhile, ARCEE draws her sword.

ARCEE

This has gone far enough, bugface!!!

TARANTULAS

It will never end!!!! We spiders thrive on chaos and destruction!!!!

ARCEE and TARANTULAS are clashing violently until ARCEE falls down into the water.

TARANTULAS

THERE’S NO PLACE IN THIS WORLD FOR MISERABLE WEAKLINGS LIKE YOU!!!!

TARANTULAS presses a button on his sword and the blade heads for ARCEE. ARCEE evades it, but the blade ricochets around until it goes off near SMOKESCREEN and STRONGARM. A large amount of water is flowing out and starts flushing the Autobots and DEBBIE out!!!!

DEBBIE, ARCEE, STRONGARM, MINERVA, SMOKESCREEN

(in unison)
YOOOOOOOOWWWWWWWWWW!!!!

DEBBIE

(struggling to swim through the flow of water)
Hang on, guys!!! This is gonna be one wild ride!!!!!

TARANTULAS

YES!!!! So much for them!!!! Now, to collect my reward and become master of the city!!!

The Autobots then hold onto a rope that comes down from a sewer grate. They go up through the grate and they see DAYTONUS holding the rope.

MINERVA

Thanks, Daytonus.

DAYTONUS

Ey, no problem, Minnie!!! Ev’rythin’s under control!!!!

SMOKESCREEN

This doesn’t make sense!!! How could we be beaten by a major loon like Tarantulas???!!!!

STRONGARM

Guys… maybe we’re losing our touch!!!

ARCEE

And if we can’t cut it as heroes without Rodimus and Nightbeat, then we’re a bigger threat than the ones we’re facing.

DAYTONUS

(trying to cheer up the team)
So ya got caught wit’ yer metal down… you still have da juice!!!

MINERVA
(disappointed)
Well, I find that hard to believe… considering we just got stomped by a guy who thinks he’s a spider!!!!

DAYTONUS

Man, what a buncha bring-downs!!! Me and my buddies will prove ta ya dat we can still push forward… you’ll see… we still have it!!!!

FADE IN TO

THE DECEPTICON SHIP – BRIEFING ROOM

We see STARSCREAM and QUAKE having a disagreement. STARSCREAM is furious by the fact that QUAKE has made an alliance with TARANTULAS.

STARSCREAM

(furious)

I CAN’T TURN MY BACK ON YOU FOR A SECOND, QUAKE!!!! HOW COULD YOU GIVE OUR VALUABLE WEAPONRY TO A LUNATIC LIKE TARANTULAS????!!!!!

QUAKE

He’s changed… he’ll take care of the Auto-vatos alright!!!

Suddenly, KNOCK OUT appears on the computer monitor.

KNOCK OUT

Yo, Screamer… I think we found the location of your trinket!!!

STARSCREAM

(rubbing his hands with glee)
Excellent!!!

KNOCK OUT

Uhhhh… not so excellent… it’s inside the Westmore Research Center!!!

QUAKE

That place is like a Fortaleza!!! We tried to storm it once and couldn’t put a dent in it!!!

STARSCREAM

(upset)
I MUST GET THAT PULVERIZER CANNON!!!!

Then, TARANTULAS comes in.

TARANTULAS

The Autobots are out of the way, Quake!!! Now, give me the reward you promised!!!!

STARSCREAM

(raising an eyebrow at QUAKE)

Quake??? A reward???

QUAKE

(nervously)
The… uh… new… ummm… Energon mix, but…

(an idea comes to mind)
Jefe gritón!!!! THAT’S IT!!!! We can’t get inside that research facility, but these araña drones can chew through anythin’!!!!

STARSCREAM

Especially if they get a boost from our Super Energon!!!

(to TARANTULAS)

You, Predacon!!!! Give me six of your sturdiest drones!!!

(to QUAKE)
Quake!!! Prepare the Energon!!!! We will commence the procedure at once!!!!

Sometime later, STARSCREAM and QUAKE arrive at the research center along with TARANTULAS.

STARSCREAM

The experiment was an even greater success than I’d hoped!!!!

Then, we see DAYTONUS, HOSEHEAD, REV, SIDE BURN and CIRCUIT BREAKER looking at them.

CIRCUIT BREAKER

Here they come!!!

TARANTULAS

(with an authoritative tone)

Come, my pets!!!!

Then, we see giant Arachnoids come into the scene.

SIDE BURN

WHOA!!!! Giant spider ‘bots!!!!

QUAKE

(noticing the five young recruits)
The Auto-vatos!!!!

TARANTULAS

(to his arachnoids)

DESTROY THEM, MY BEAUTIES!!!!

Then, the giant Arachnoids charge towards the five brave warriors.

REV

(desperate)
Oh, man!!! How come there’s never an exterminator around when ya need one!!!!

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

FADE IN

WESTMORE RESEARCH FACILITY – OUTSIDE

We see the five recruits facing some of the giant Arachnoids. They jump on them and try to hold them back.

HOSEHEAD

Gosh, this ain’t workin’!!! They’re too big for us to stop!!!!

Meanwhile, the rest of the Arachnoids go and chew on the facility’s defenses. We see two guards inside taking care of the cannon. Then, the Arachnoids come in.

QUAKE

(authoritatively)
Clear out of here!!! TODOS USTEDES!!!!

The guards run out in fear from the Decepticons. We see that TARANTULAS heads towards the weapon and takes it.

STARSCREAM

There it is, Quake!!! The Pulverizer Cannon!!! With it, we shall bring this world to its knees!!!! And after that, we--!!!

TARANTULAS

(holding the weapon)

YOU PATHETIC FOOLS!!!!

STARSCREAM

(with shock)
WHADDYA THINK YER DOIN’!!!! THAT’S MY WEAPON!!!!

TARANTULAS

Not anymore!!!

He fires the weapon and he almost hits the Decepticons.

TARANTULAS

You thought I was just some spider obsessed crackpot you could use to your own advantage!!! But now, my Arachnoids and I will rid the city of you vermin AND TAKE OVER!!!!

STARSCREAM

(with frustration)

QUAKE!!! HOW COULD YOU HAVE MADE AN ALLIANCE WITH THAT MANIAC???!!!!

Suddenly, another blast goes off and the two Decepticons run off.

QUAKE

(desperately)
RETIRADA!!!!

TARANTULAS runs off to the city in order to test the cannon. Meanwhile, the Autobots are getting the upper hand now thanks to CIRCUIT BREAKER’S ability, which disables the Arachnoids instantly.

SIDE BURN

Awesome job, Josie!!!!!

CIRCUIT BREAKER

Yeah, never knew I had it in me!!!!

DAYTONUS

C’mon!!! We gotta find da spider-creepo!!!

They run to find TARANTULAS. Meanwhile, TARANTULAS is walking around the city.

TARANTULAS

Now, to find out how powerful this device really is!!!!

He fires the cannon at a nearby building. The building is blown to smithereens.

TARANTULAS

NYEHEHEHEHEHEH!!!! There’s nothing it can’t shatter!!!!

He then starts destroying some apartment buildings with the cannon. He then heads to an insecticide manufacturing plant.

TARANTULAS

Insecticide!!! Yes, this is perfect!!!! For centuries, the humans have tried to destroy us!!! But we spiders are survivors, and now the tables have turned!!! I’ll unleash this insecticide and rid the city of humans!!!!

The young recruits come in.

SIDE BURN

(with shock)
He’s gonna exterminate the whole city!!!!

HOSEHEAD

And we’ll never stop him as long as he has that force ray!!!

DAYTONUS

Remember Master Drift’s teaching, all dat matters is doin’ your best.

DAYTONUS turns around and sees an armored truck nearby.

DAYTONUS

And I’ve got an idea. Josie, head for dat truck while we distract him!!!

The Autobots head towards TARANTULAS while CIRCUIT BREAKER goes to drive the truck.

TARANTULAS

NOW, WE SPIDERS WILL RULE!!!!

REV and HOSEHEAD come in and stand defiantly in front of TARANTULAS.

REV

Not so fast, insect-brain!!!!

TARANTULAS

(angrily)
You meddling Autobots!!!!

He fires the cannon at HOSEHEAD and REV, but they jump out of the way.

TARANTULAS

(getting angrier)

Don’t you ever give up????!!!!! UUUUHHHH!!!!

DAYTONUS swings around and hits TARANTULAS, causing him to fall.

DAYTONUS

Never, dude!!!!

SIDE BURN comes in, taunting TARANTULAS.

SIDE BURN

You’re the one who’s finished bug-breath!!!!

Suddenly, CIRCUIT BREAKER’S voice is heard off-screen.

CIRCUIT BREAKER
(taunting playfully)
Oh, spider-face!!!! Look out behind ya!!!!

Then, the armored truck comes in at top speed. TARANTULAS tries to blast it, but it only manages to tear out the window guard. We see CIRCUIT BREAKER driving it and she winks and smiles at TARANTULAS.

TARANTULAS

Huh??? No!!!! NOOOOOOOOO!!!!!

SIDE BURN

(jumping on TARANTULAS)
YES!!!

TARANTULAS drops the cannon and it falls to the street. The other Autobots grab him and hold him to the ground. CIRCUIT BREAKER jumps out of the truck and it falls on top of the cannon, causing both to explode.

TARANTULAS

(to us)
I take back what I said about the previous writer, this one is much worse!!!!

SIDE BURN

(tying TARANTULAS up)
Not even your spider friends will be able to chew through this, Tarantulas.

REV

(grabbing TARANTULAS and carrying him)
Plus, we got a special place for ya at the Intergalactic Prison.

CIRCUIT BREAKER

Oh, yeah!!! And by the way, spiders don’t rule!!! ‘Bots rule!!!!

CIRCUIT BREAKER, DAYTONUS, REV, SIDE BURN, HOSEHEAD

(in unison)
GO ‘BOT MACHINE!!!!!

The five young warriors merrily run back to the base in order to send TARANTULAS to the Intergalactic Prison.

THE END

END OF ACT THREE