THE TRANSFORMERS: REGENERATION ONE

“The Revenge of Thunderhoof”

CAST LIST (speaking parts only)

AUTOBOTS:

Rodimus Prime

Minerva

Daytonus

Breakaway

Strongarm

Hosehead

Side Burn

Rev

Hot Rod (young)

DECEPTICONS:

Runabout

Runamuck

Thunderhoof

Knock Out

Quake

Deluge

HUMANS:

Inspector Shayne

Debbie Shayne

Circuit Breaker

OTHERS:

Swindle

Velocity

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ACT ONE

FADE IN

ROAD ON THE HILLS – CHASE

On a dusty hill road, the Battlechargers and SKY-BYTE are escaping from the Autobots STRONGARM, BUMBLEBEE, WHEELJACK and SMOKESCREEN. DEBBIE SHAYNE is driving STRONGARM while she holds a bullhorn up to her mouth.

DEBBIE

(through bullhorn)

STOP IN THE NAME OF THE LAW!!!

RUNABOUT

Them Autobots want ta take us in!!!

RUNAMUCK

They won’t, son!!! Ahmma give ‘em a taste of mah special medicine!!!

RUNABOUT and RUNAMUCK turn around and drive at top speed towards the Autobots.

STRONGARM

Those maniacs are heading straight for us!!!

DEBBIE

HIT THE BRAKES, STRONGARM!!!

STRONGARM comes to a sudden stop, her tires screeching as she does this. WHEELJACK, BUMBLEBEE and SMOKESCREEN drive ahead and try to make a desperate attempt to stop the Battlechargers. However, the tough duo is prepared for them. They transform into their robot modes and fire their weapons at WHEELJACK and SMOKESCREEN’S tires. WHEELJACK and SMOKESCREEN lose control of their vehicular modes and violently collide with each other. BUMBLEBEE transforms to robot mode and jumps, evading his two damaged partners and then transforms again to vehicle mode. He steers towards the Battlechargers, but SKY-BYTE comes in, firing his shark missiles and causing BUMBLEBEE to go off the road and crash into a utility pole. Then, after dealing with the Autobot, SKY-BYTE and the Battlechargers run away. We hear the Battlechargers laughing maniacally as they run away.

DEBBIE

Man… we lost ‘em again… we’re gonna have to bring a tow truck to pick up our guys.

STRONGARM

Minerva is gonna be extra busy today… and that isn’t doing her any favors.

DEBBIE

Yeah… too much stress is getting to her, with having to take care of Rodimus and trying to put Nightbeat back together, for someone as young as her, it’s a nightmare.

FADE IN TO

MINERVA’S REPAIR BAY – NIGHTBEAT’S TABLE

DEBBIE (VO)   
(continued)

We’ve all had it rough, but she hasn’t found a way to effectively cope with it.

As DEBBIE finishes her sentence, we see a very blurry eyed and tired MINERVA working on NIGHTBEAT. NIGHTBEAT’S arms and torso are attached, but his head, hands and legs are still being worked on. MINERVA then attaches one of NIGHTBEAT’S legs and then looks at him.

MINERVA

(insecure)

I… I don’t know if I’m doing this right… I… I’ve never worked with a disassembled patient... I wish someone could clue me in… but none of the guys here have any medical knowledge… what should I do?

MINERVA starts trembling and went to her room, locking herself up. She cries without hope.

MINERVA

For the first time in my life, I’m truly helpless…

CUT TO

THE DECEPTICON SHIP – LABORATORY

KNOCK OUT is in his secret laboratory with QUAKE.

KNOCK OUT

Stupid Starscream!!! Not giving me any money for this!!!

QUAKE

Relax, Knock Out… it could be worse.

KNOCK OUT

Worse?!!! HOW COULD IT BE WORSE?!!!

Suddenly, a portal opens up in the laboratory and a robot slightly smaller than KNOCK OUT and QUAKE comes in. Although quite small in stature, the robot seems to scare the two Decepticons.

DELUGE

Vould you believe me if I say that vorrking forr me vithout salarry might be vorrse?

KNOCK OUT

(jolting and hiding behind QUAKE)  
AAAAAH!!!

DELUGE

I thought so.

DELUGE smiled wickedly as he saw KNOCK OUT and QUAKE hugging each other with fear.

KNOCK OUT

(shivering)  
W-w-w-what d-d-d-d-do you want with u-u-u-us?

DELUGE

Vhy, yourr assistance, of courrse… I hearrd you plan to rrevive Shockwave… I vould be villing to help you, underr vone condition… you vill have to vorrk forr me.

QUAKE

(cowering)

Si!!! Anything you say!!!

DELUGE

Good. So it’s all settled… ve shall starrt vorrking on Shockwave’s rresurrrection now!!!

CUT TO

THE DECEPTICON SHIP – THRONE ROOM

STARSCREAM is talking to THUNDERHOOF.

STARSCREAM

Thunderhoof, I need you to attack the Autobot Headquarters!!! I’m going to send Vehicons to Portland for a full-scale assault on the city!!! If my hunch is right, the Autobots will leave the poor little nurse in charge of the base, which will be their undoing, especially considering that she has work to do.

THUNDERHOOF

Just give da order, boss, and I’ll take care of da base and dat little brat… she wus da reason I lost my Portland operation and I want payback!!!

THUNDERHOOF grabbed a steel block that was lying nearby and squashed it, turning it to scrap metal. STARSCREAM smirked as he looked at THUNDERHOOF turning the large block into scrap.

STARSCREAM

If only I had people as loyal as you, we would have won the war a long time ago.

TRANSITION TO

PORTLAND – POLICE HEADQUARTERS

DEBBIE was talking to her father, Inspector BILL SHAYNE.

DEBBIE

They managed to evade us, dad. They really have gotten quite slippery since they got kicked out of the Decepticons.

SHAYNE

We’ll catch them soon, Debbie… however, this does kinda worry me… the Autobots’ haven’t been very effective lately.

DEBBIE

Yeah… they’re still demoralized over having to handle the Decepticon threat without Rodimus.

SHAYNE

I just hope they can manage to get past that… Rodimus wouldn’t want them to despair… he would want them to keep pressing on no matter the odds.

DEBBIE

It’s kinda hard… especially now that the Quintessons, or whatever they are called, have broken Rodimus.

SHAYNE sighed.

SHAYNE

I haven’t seen something like this since Korea… but in there, I have learned that a man who has been broken psychologically can be able to get past all his demons and fight again.

DEBBIE looked at her father.

DEBBIE

Then I guess the Autobots are now living their own Korea...like most veterans with ‘Nam.

Suddenly, the phone rang. SHAYNE answers it.

SHAYNE

Yes? Okay, hold on…

(turning to DEBBIE)

Put it on speakerphone… the court jester is about to speak…

DEBBIE presses a button and then, we hear two all too familiar voices coming out of the speakers.

STARSCREAM

(through phone)  
Hello, operator?

SWINDLE

(with a jolly tone, through phone)  
E-YEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEESSSSS?!!!

There is a moment of pause until STARSCREAM speaks.

STARSCREAM

(through phone)

Have you patched me in with the Police Department?

SWINDLE   
(still jolly, through phone)   
E-YEEEEEEEEEEESSSSS!!! However, you’ll have to pay 25 cents for your call.

STARSCREAM

(through phone)

WHAT?!!! 25 cents for a ransom demand?!!! Who’s holding who ransom here?!!!

DEBBIE

(as STARSCREAM keeps whining)

“El Cheapo” Screamer strikes again…

STARSCREAM

(through phone)

Ugh, hold on a sec, operator…

(yelling to someone)

QUAKE!!! I need 25 cents!!!

QUAKE

(through phone, angrily yelling)  
Mire que u’ted tiene cosa!!! Yo ya le dí veinticinco centavo’ y u’ted quiere mas y mas!!!

SHAYNE

(frustrated as QUAKE just keeps complaining)

Those guys need a child psychologist…

STARSCREAM

(through phone)  
GIMME THAT!!! Just for that, you won’t get any candy today!!!

(talking back to the operator)

Okay, operator, I have 25 cents… now lemme speak with Inspector Shayne!!!

(after a small pause)

Hello?

SHAYNE

(letting out a frustrated sigh)

I’m here, you cheap Benedict Arnold impersonator…

STARSCREAM

(through the phone)

Don’t get smart with me, Shayne!!!

SHAYNE

Of course not… I can’t get smart with someone who’s dumber than Stickstein.

STARSCREAM  
(through phone)  
NOW CUT THAT OUT!!!

DEBBIE let out a stifled giggle as she listened to STARSCREAM’S childish antics.

STARSCREAM

(through phone)

Now… listen to me… I’m going to organize a full-scale assault against Portland. Let the Autobots try to stop us… however; we won’t stop until all of you jerks give me total control of the city!!!

SHAYNE

Screamer… you’re a total joke… the Autobots have kicked your tail before and they will do so again…

STARSCREAM

(through phone)

Oh, I don’t think so, Inspector… this time, I’m prepared for them!!! AHAHAHAHAHAHAHAAAAA!!!

Then, STARSCREAM hangs up.

DEBBIE

Should we take his threat seriously?

SHAYNE

(sigh) I don’t like doing it, but we don’t want to risk the lives of innocent civilians. Call in the Autobots.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN TO

AUTOBOT HEADQUARTERS – BRIEFING ROOM

REV, SIDE BURN, HOSEHEAD, DAYTONUS, BREAKAWAY, STRONGARM and CIRCUIT BREAKER are listening to Inspector SHAYNE’S report.

SHAYNE

(through intercom)

So there you have it… since it’s a ransom demand from the old screaming egotistical cheapskate, I would have ignored it, but I want to know if I should chance the lives of the citizens.

BREAKAWAY

(relaxed)

You ain’t chancing anything, Inspector… ‘Cause we’re goin’ in… even though it’s Screamer we’re talking about, it’s fun to see the guy try and fail to beat us.

CIRCUIT BREAKER

Yeah… just lemme at him and I’ll give him quite the scare.

SHAYNE

Very well, then… I’ll leave it to you. Good luck.

The transmission ends and then, the young Autobots start discussing their next move.

STRONGARM

Well, I think we should do this by the book. We go there, and tell Screamer to surrender. Then we apprehend him.

REV

Oh, sure… just like you tried to apprehend Sky-Byte and the Bozo-Chargers. It went reeeeeeeeeaaaaaal well.

STRONGARM then glared at REV and raised her fists.

STRONGARM

(ticked off)

Try saying that again!!!

REV

GLADLY!!! Just like--

STRONGARM is ready to take down REV as he’s about to repeat his sentence. REV notices this and is about to take on STRONGARM as well. DAYTONUS and SIDE BURN grab STRONGARM while HOSEHEAD and BREAKAWAY get a hold of REV.

DAYTONUS

(holding STRONGARM)

Cool it, coppers!!!

SIDE BURN

(holding STRONGARM)

Hey, it really feels great to grab a bulky copper chick!!!

DAYTONUS

Stop bein’ a sleaze, Side Burn.

HOSEHEAD

(holding REV)

Easy, pal, easy… she’s a lady… you wouldn’t want to hit a lady, would ya?

BREAKAWAY

(holding REV)

Oh, boy… I really hate it when this happens.

CIRCUIT BREAKER

(ticked)

ALRIGHT, CHILL!!! UNLESS YOU WANT ME TO GIVE CHILLS TO YOUR CIRCUITS!!!

The Autobots look at CIRCUIT BREAKER and cease their hostilities.

CIRCUIT BREAKER

That’s better. Seriously, guys… I think it would be better to handle this in our own unique ways… it’s the only way we can succeed. Don’t you see? We’ve all been trying to restrain ourselves because of Rodimus’ condition, and we’ve been trying to do things in ways we’re not accustomed to… I mean, giving chase to the Battlechargers is one thing Strongarm is used to, but the others, Bumblebee, Wheeljack and Smokescreen, they could have handled them in a different way, the only thing stopping them was their own insecurities due to not having their leader around to tell them to do their thing. It’s time to put all that insecurity away and become effective once again!!!

Everyone looks doubtful until CIRCUIT BREAKER speaks up again.

CIRCUIT BREAKER

Trust me; it’s what Rodimus would want us to do. He allowed us to go all out on our enemies, and now, we’re just being held back by our own fears. So I say we do things the best way we can, and the only way you guys did it before: no holds barred.

The Autobots look at each other and then at CIRCUIT BREAKER.

HOSEHEAD

She does have a point, doesn’t she?

DAYTONUS scratches his chin in contemplation at this.

TRANSITION TO

PORTLAND – DOWNTOWN

STARSCREAM flew into Downtown Portland with a few JET DRONES following him. The JET DRONES and STARSCREAM were licking some lollipops, while below, QUAKE grumbled at the fact that he didn’t get a lollipop.

QUAKE

Estupido jefe gritón… me quita mi’ veinticinco centavo’ y no me da dulce’.

On the other side of Downtown Portland, the Autobots were heading to a shopping center.

HOSEHEAD

Do ya really think it was wise to leave Minnie all alone back at the base?

BREAKAWAY

We have no choice, Hosehead… she has to stay with Roddy, Nightbeat’s parts and the guys that got wounded. Besides, the others are out on a mission, and we must hold the fort here.

STARSCREAM notices the Autobots coming in.

STARSCREAM

THERE’S THE BUMS!!! ATTAAAAAAAAAAAACK!!!

The JET DRONES start firing at the Autobots while still licking their lollipops.

DAYTONUS

Aight, guys… let ‘em have it!!!

DAYTONUS charged towards a JET DRONE and punched him away. The JET DRONE’S lollipop falls into DAYTONUS’ hands and he starts licking it.

DAYTONUS

(tasting the lollipop)

Mmmmm… strawberry…

BREAKAWAY fires at another JET DRONE with his sniper rifle. As the JET DRONE is blasted, he drops his lollipop. BREAKAWAY flies toward the lollipop and grabs it.

BREAKAWAY

Thanks for the treat, “jerk” drone!!!

HOSEHEAD was fighting another JET DRONE, but as he attempts to do a high kick, he clumsily trips and falls on top of the drone.

HOSEHEAD

(falling on top of the drone)  
OWWWW!!!!

The drone has a comical unconscious expression on his face, and HOSEHEAD looks at him. He then looks at the lollipop the drone was holding.

HOSEHEAD

(grabbing the lollipop)  
Yummy!!!

REV had brutally beaten another JET DRONE and grabbed his lollipop.

REV

(after tasting the lollipop)  
YUCK!!! I HATE WATERMELON FLAVORED LOLLIPOPS!!!

SIDE BURN, in vehicle mode, rammed another JET DRONE at top speed. The drone drops another lollipop and SIDE BURN’S arm came out of a car door, grabbing the lollipop.

SIDE BURN  
I NOW HAVE THE GRAND PRIZE!!!

STRONGARM pounced on a JET DRONE and cuffed him. She then took his lollipop.

STRONGARM

You’ve been a bad boy, and for that, I’m gonna confiscate your arsenal!!!

She then starts licking the lollipop.

STARSCREAM  
MORONS!!! IDIOTS!!! FOOLS!!!

CIRCUIT BREAKER

(sneaking behind STARSCREAM)

Boo.

STARSCREAM

(scared, dropping his lollipop)  
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHH!!!!

STARSCREAM’S lollipop fell down and QUAKE notices it. He transforms to robot mode and grabs it.

QUAKE

Mmmmmm!!! Dulce!!!

QUAKE then merrily runs away with his recently acquired treat. Meanwhile, STARSCREAM was cowering before CIRCUIT BREAKER.

STARSCREAM

Please!!! Don’t hurt me!!! I’ll be good!!! I’ll sing in the choir!!! I’ll clean up my room!!!

CIRCUIT BREAKER just smirked confidently as STARSCREAM kept begging. She then looks at us with a smile and shakes her head at STARSCREAM’S cowardice. Meanwhile, MINERVA was looking at everything that was going on.

MINERVA

Golly… I wish I could be there to help them!!!

Suddenly, a powerful blast goes off and hits MINERVA’S leg.

MINERVA

AAAAAAAAAAAGH!!!

Then, THUNDERHOOF comes in, with his smoking Plasma Lupara in hand.

THUNDERHOOF

Finally gotcha, girlie!!! We is gonna have so much fun today, ain’t we?!!!

As a diabolical grin is drawn on THUNDERHOOF’S face, the vulnerable MINERVA is totally overcome with fright.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

FADE IN TO

AUTOBOT HEADQUARTERS – MINERVA’S REPAIR BAY

MINERVA was limping as she frantically tried to escape from THUNDERHOOF’S wrath. THUNDERHOOF smirked deviously and then pumped his Plasma Lupara before noticing the parts on the operating table.

THUNDERHOOF

Well, well… whaddaya know? If it ain’t my ol’ pal Nightbeat… dis is just perfect!!! Not only will I whack you, but dis pathetic comatose nuisance as well!!!

MINERVA

NOOOOOOOOOO!!!

MINERVA limps towards THUNDERHOOF and grabs his legs, but THUNDERHOOF backhands her, sending her flying to the wall.

MINERVA

AGH!!!

THUNDERHOOF

You is so puny, chickie… youse gonna have ta do better dan dat to beat me…

Suddenly, a blast went off on THUNDERHOOF’S back.

THUNDERHOOF

EY-YO!!!

(looking back)

What gives?

THUNDERHOOF has a look of fright on his face as he looks at the one who fired the gun. RODIMUS PRIME stands at the entrance to the repair bay. His face is full of rage and hatred, his eyes twitch with insanity and his wrists are bleeding due to the amount of strength he had to use to get free from his restraints.

RODIMUS

(enraged)

Leave my friends alone, Thunderhoof!!!

THUNDERHOOF

(trying to make excuses)

Ey, Rodimus… I din’t know you wus already walkin’ ‘round…

RODIMUS

(cracking his knuckles)

I hope you said your prayers…

RODIMUS then charges toward THUNDERHOOF like a wild beast. THUNDERHOOF tries his best to evade and fight back in self-defense, but RODIMUS grabs him by the shoulders and gives him a head bash.

THUNDERHOOF  
OWWWW!!! MY ACHIN’ MUG!!!

RODIMUS then bites the side of THUNDERHOOF’S helmet.

THUNDERHOOF

(trying to get RODIMUS off)  
AAAAAGHHH!!!! GIT OFFA ME!!!

Meanwhile, back at the battlefield, STARSCREAM was comically running away with fright as he was being struck on the backside by CIRCUIT BREAKER’S electric beams.

STARSCREAM

(running away)  
OWWW!!! SHE’S LITERALLY KICKING MY A—YOOOOOWWWIIIIE!!! RETREEEEEAAAAAAT!!!

The JET DRONES then start flying away. STARSCREAM runs behind them.

STARSCREAM

(frantically waving his arms around as he runs behind the drones)  
WAIT!!! I’M STILL DOWN HERE!!! WAIT FOR ME, YA CRUMBUMS!!! I’M THE BOSS!!! DON’T LEAVE ME HERE WITH THAT GHOST!!!

CIRCUIT BREAKER

(laughing)

Haha!!! That’s it, Screamer… run away.

(turning to her allies)

Y’know… without that guy, life wouldn’t be as entertaining.

BREAKAWAY

I agree. But now, let’s get back to base.

While at the base, RODIMUS is still beating the tar out of THUNDERHOOF. THUNDERHOOF now has a black eye and the side of his helmet is bleeding, while RODIMUS has a bloody lip and a broken shoulder pad. RODIMUS then grabs onto one of THUNDERHOOF’S antlers.

THUNDERHOOF

YOU GIT OFF MY ANTLERS!!!

RODIMUS angrily yelled as he brutally breaks THUNDERHOOF’S antler.

THUNDERHOOF  
EH-OOOOOH!!! YOU BROKE MY ANTLER!!!

RODIMUS  
I’m gonna break more than that.

MINERVA  
Rodimus!!! NO!!!

MINERVA grabs onto RODIMUS’ arm, trying to stop him.

MINERVA

This isn’t you!!! You are not well… you’re letting the trauma inflicted by the Quintessons’ torture cloud your judgment!!! You wouldn’t let any being go through the pain you’ve been through… that much I know…

RODIMUS’ hand trembled and he looked down, defeated. He then started tearing up.

RODIMUS

(crying)  
I… I… I DON’T KNOW WHAT TO DO!!!

RODIMUS clutched his head as the memories of the Quintessons torturing him as well as some long repressed and buried memories of a girl are flashing in front of his eyes. He also hears the girl’s voice in his head.

VELOCITY

(in RODIMUS’ head, with a pained tone)  
I’ll always… love you…

YOUNG HOT ROD

(with pain and sadness, in RODIMUS’ head)

LOTTY!!!

RODIMUS

(clutching his head, feeling extreme pain and sadness)  
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAARRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRGGGGGGGHHHHHHHH!!!

RODIMUS collapsed on the floor. He sat down, crying sadly. MINERVA went to him and hugged him. The damaged THUNDERHOOF looked around.

THUNDERHOOF

It’s time to make my git away!!!

He tried sneaking off, only to be stopped by DAYTONUS at the base’s entrance.

DAYTONUS

Goin’ somewhere, TH?

THUNDERHOOF’S eyes bulged out of his sockets as he saw DAYTONUS in front of him. Then, we cut to the outside of the base and see a figure flying off into the air before disappearing in the distance.

THUNDERHOOF

(flying out of sight)  
EEEEEEEEEEH-OOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!

Then, the other Autobots came in and saw RODIMUS crying while MINERVA comforted him.

HOSEHEAD

Is he okay?

BREAKAWAY

That depends on your definition of okay.

MINERVA looked at them.

MINERVA

He almost snapped… he could have tortured Thunderhoof to death… but he managed to overcome his urge.

RODIMUS then looked up and saw his allies.

RODIMUS  
Some leader, huh? I can’t even control myself…

SIDE BURN

Well, I wouldn’t call that a bad thing… you just have to learn when to let all that anger out…

RODIMUS

If only it was easier… the Quintessons have managed to tap into my most traumatic memories… and I don’t know what will happen next.

TO BE CONTINUED

END OF ACT THREE