THE TRANSFORMERS: REGENERATION ONE

“Masters and Students”

CAST LIST (speaking parts only)

AUTOBOTS:

Rodimus Prime

Arcee

Wheeljack

Minerva

Daytonus

Breakaway

DECEPTICONS:

Shockwave

Starscream

Thunderhoof

Knock Out

Tankor

Quake

Deluge

Blitzwing

HUMANS:

Circuit Breaker

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NOTES

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ACT ONE

FADE IN

DECEPTICON SHIP – KITCHEN

STARSCREAM is walking into a small, dark room where he can barely see anything, carrying bottles in one hand and a large sack in the other, he places the sack down.

STARSCREAM

Why do the others want ME to put away these things? (sighs) At least I found a place to put the Cybertronian Potatoes. Now where to put the Energon Sodas...

STARSCREAM carefully looks around every corner of the room to put them down, but everything's filled with clutter.

STARSCREAM

Ugh, if only I had a flashlight, I gotta put these down somewhere...

STARSCREAM finds a rectangular object on top of one of the shelves, but it's so dark he can't quite tell what it is.

STARSCREAM

Hey, what's this?

STARSCREAM tries to look at it closely, but he still can't get a good look at it, he tries to move it out of the way, only to realize it's a mousetrap when it snaps right on his thumb.

STARSCREAM

GAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!

He clutches onto his hand, dropping the Energon Sodas causing them to spill.

STARSCREAM

OW, OW, OW, OW, OW!!!

STARSCREAM tries to get it off, but it's no use, he waves his arm around frantically and runs out of the basement, THUNDERHOOF walks out of his room.

THUNDERHOOF

'Ey, Screamer!

STARSCREAM

HELLLLLLLLLLLP MEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!

THUNDERHOOF only catches a glimpse of STARSCREAM passing by, who runs down the hallway; he's running so fast that the mobster can't even see the mousetrap.

THUNDERHOOF

What's gotten into ‘im?

STARSCREAM heads into the Command Room, where SHOCKWAVE, DELUGE and KNOCK OUT are located.

STARSCREAM

BOSS!!!

The imposing supercomputer was talking to KNOCK OUT and DELUGE until STARSCREAM barges in, he turns towards him, only showing slight irritation.

SHOCKWAVE

What is it this time, Starscream?

STARSCREAM holds up his hand, the mousetrap clamped down on his thumb.

STARSCREAM

I CAN'T GET THIS STUPID THING OFF!! IT HURTS SO MUCH!!! HELLLLLLLLLP!

SHOCKWAVE

You've been in countless battles, and this is what's hurting you?

(looks down and shakes head)

Highly illogical.

STARSCREAM

WHY DO WE EVEN HAVE MOUSETRAPS IN THE COLD ROOM??? WE DON'T EVEN GET ANY RATS!!!

KNOCK OUT

I dunno, it's working pretty well on one pest right now.

DELUGE

DAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAAAAA!!!

STARSCREAM

NOW'S NOT THE TIME FOR YOUR STUPID JOKES, KNOCK OUT! I NEED HELP!

SHOCKWAVE

Very well.

(looks towards Knock Out)

I believe you have a new patient.

STARSCREAM

Oh no, no-no-no-no, I just need you to take this off, please!

KNOCK OUT

Alright.

(cracks knuckles and draws out a scalpel)

Do you wanna lose the thumb, or the whole hand?

STARSCREAM

(gulp)

TRANSITION TO

THE DESERT – BATTLE AT THE CANYONS

In the canyons of the Portland desert, WHEELJACK, BREAKAWAY and ARCEE are engaging QUAKE, TANKOR and BLITZWING in battle.

QUAKE

Blitzwing, you stupid vato!!! Transform into tank mode and blast ‘em!!!

BLITZWING

(ticked off)
If you’re so smart, why don’t you transform into tank mode?

There is a moment of tense silence until QUAKE speaks up.

QUAKE
Caramba, I never thought of that.

QUAKE transforms to tank mode and starts rolling toward the Autobots.

ARCEE

Here comes Cuban Pete, right on time.

BREAKAWAY

Then let’s show him how a true Autobot fights!

ARCEE and BREAKAWAY fire their weapons at QUAKE. QUAKE’S armor deflects the lasers.

QUAKE

Hahahaha, you vatos can’t handle the might of the great Quake!!!

ARCEE

(aiming her rifle at QUAKE’S treads)
Wanna bet?

ARCEE fires her rifle and as she does it, bullet cartridges fall to the ground every time she fired. The bullets hit the treads and QUAKE comes to a sudden stop.

QUAKE

Ay, no!!!

QUAKE transforms into robot mode, but once he does it, ARCEE once again fires her rifle at him, causing him to fall down to pieces.

QUAKE

AYAYAYYYYYY!!!

ARCEE

Sorry, Quake, but I had to stop you somehow.

BLITZWING

Stupid idiot.

BLITZWING transforms into jet mode and heads toward the three Autobots. BREAKAWAY just stands still.

BREAKAWAY

He’s mine.

BREAKAWAY aims his scoped burst rifle at BLITZWING and fires it. BLITZWING’S engines are hit and he crashes down to the ground. BREAKAWAY then looks at TANKOR.

BREAKAWAY
Now to try and beat the hardest one...

WHEELJACK

No!!! Don’t shoot him!!! Leave him to me.

WHEELJACK then runs toward TANKOR. BREAKAWAY then turns to ARCEE.

BREAKAWAY

Why doesn’t he let us take a crack at Tankor?

ARCEE

Well, first of all, he doesn’t want anything to happen to Tankor’s spark. You see, Tankor is powered by the spark of Wheeljack’s old teacher, Rhinox. Wheeljack has been trying to come up with a way to tap into Rhinox’s spark so…

BREAKAWAY

So he can reawaken and Tankor can switch sides, am I right?

ARCEE

Right. He thinks this is the perfect opportunity to test his device, but if it doesn’t work, he doesn’t know how he’ll be able to go back to the drawing board, ‘cause the materials to build the device no longer exist anywhere in the known universe.

BREAKAWAY
Then let’s pray it does.

WHEELJACK is now facing TANKOR. TANKOR roars angrily when he sees WHEELJACK.

TANKOR

TANKOR SMASH GADGETBOT!!! GADGETBOT TANKOR’S ENEMY!!!

TANKOR charges toward WHEELJACK, but WHEELJACK swiftly jumps aside and evades him. TANKOR’S massive arms hit the ground, shattering it underneath him.

TANKOR

NRAAAAAAAAH!!!

WHEELJACK jumps on TANKOR’S back. TANKOR angrily tries to grab WHEELJACK, but he can’t reach him.

TANKOR

NRAAAAH!!! TANKOR SMASH GADGETBOT!!! TANKOR BASH GADGETBOT!!!

WHEELJACK

YAAAAIIIII!!! THIS IS LIKE RIDING A WILD CYBER-BULL!!!

WHEELJACK tries to hold onto TANKOR as tightly as he can. He then grabs a small device from a storage container and puts it on the back of TANKOR’S head. He then jumps off of TANKOR’S back and runs toward ARCEE and BREAKAWAY.

WHEELJACK

ARCEE!!! THE REMOTE CONTROL!!!

ARCEE takes out a remote control and presses a button on it. Suddenly, sparks and bolts engulf TANKOR as he starts roaring and screaming.

TANKOR

NRAAAAAAAAH!!! TANKOR DESTROY ALL AUTOBOTS!!! TANKOR ANGRY!!!! NRRAAAAAHHHH!!!

WHEELJACK crosses his fingers as he looks at TANKOR angrily yelling and roaring due to the device activating.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN

DESERT – TANKOR LASHING OUT

TANKOR keeps yelling and roaring while the device is tapping into his spark. Suddenly, he stops lashing out and then stands at attention. WHEELJACK, BREAKAWAY and ARCEE all approach him. TANKOR looks down at them and tilts his head, seeming to recognize them.

WHEELJACK

Rhinox?

TANKOR just looks at them and nods. WHEELJACK sighs with relief.

WHEELJACK

Thank goodness…

TRANSITION TO

AUTOBOT HEADQUARTERS – REPAIR BAY

MINERVA is analyzing TANKOR’S systems while DAYTONUS, RODIMUS, ARCEE, WHEELJACK and BREAKAWAY look on.

MINERVA

Well, the good news is that he has regained the intelligence and experience of Wheeljack’s teacher, so we don’t have to worry about him smashing up the place.

RODIMUS

So… what’s the bad news?

MINERVA

The bad news is that the spark tap kinda neutralized the use of Tankor’s vocal receptors, so Rhinox can’t talk at all. Other than that, we got ourselves a new ally.

DAYTONUS

(raising his fist victoriously)

AWWWW, YEH!!! Now da’s what I call cool!!!

RODIMUS

I believe congratulations are in order, Wheeljack.

WHEELJACK

Thanks, Rodimus. Now, if you’ll excuse me, I have to see if my teacher can still build gadgets as well as he did before.

WHEELJACK walks into his lab, followed by TANKOR.

TRANSITION TO

THE DECEPTICON SHIP – REPAIR BAY

KNOCK OUT is fixing QUAKE as DELUGE talks down to him angrily. BLITZWING is also there, hearing DELUGE’S rant.

DELUGE

You fools!!! You let them take Tankor avay!!!

QUAKE
AY!!! We had no choice!!! Blitzwing was down and I was in pieces!!! OW!!!

DELUGE

Once you arre rrepairred, you vill have to go back and rretrrieve him, unless you vant to feel the wrrath of Shockwave.

QUAKE gulped after hearing that threat.

DELUGE
This time, I vill go vith you idiots… and ve’ll take Starscream, the Battlechargers and Knock Out just to make surre you don’t fail again.

TRANSITION TO

AUTOBOT HEADQUARTERS – WHEELJACK’S LAB

WHEELJACK was working on some microchips while TANKOR was building a solar power generator. He was now attaching the solar panels into the generator. WHEELJACK looked at TANKOR.

WHEELJACK

You finished rigging the panels, Rhinox?

TANKOR waved his hand as if to say that he was ready.

WHEELJACK

Good, now I just got to install these chips into the generator.

WHEELJACK starts fusing the microchips into the generator. Moments later, the power generator is ready.

WHEELJACK

That should do it!!! Our new solar power generator will keep our base energized for as long as we fight the ‘cons.

TANKOR puts his hand on WHEELJACK’S shoulder, as if RHINOX wanted to say that he was proud of his student. WHEELJACK turned to him.

WHEELJACK

You know… I’m really glad to have you back. I missed you so much.

WHEELJACK and TANKOR shook hands. DAYTONUS then walks in.

DAYTONUS

Ey, um, is da device ready for field testin’?

WHEELJACK

(turning to DAYTONUS)
Yeah, it is.

DAYTONUS

Cool. Rodimus and Josie are goin’ wit’ ya, since da ‘Cons might try to steal it, or at least try to retrieve deir ol’ comrade.

WHEELJACK

Okay, we’ll be heading out soon.

TRANSITION TO

THE DESERT – DUNES

At the dunes, RODIMUS, WHEELJACK, TANKOR and CIRCUIT BREAKER are preparing to test the new power generator. However, just as WHEELJACK raises the panels and activates the generator, someone else is watching them from afar.

DELUGE

Ahhh, now this is interresting… I’ve managed to trrack Tankor’s enerrgy signature, but I’ve also found out much more than that…

CIRCUIT BREAKER, RODIMUS and WHEELJACK cheer as the power generator starts absorbing energy.

CIRCUIT BREAKER
AWRIGHT!!!

RODIMUS

WAY TO GO!!!

WHEELJACK

WE DID IT!!!

WHEELJACK and TANKOR high-fived each other, extremely proud of their latest success. However, they are suddenly ambushed by DELUGE and the Decepticons. STARSCREAM hits RODIMUS with his null ray.

RODIMUS
DAAAAAAGH!!!

CIRCUIT BREAKER, WHEELJACK and TANKOR look up and see that they are surrounded by STARSCREAM, KNOCK OUT, the Battlechargers, QUAKE and BLITZWING. DELUGE then walks in.

DELUGE
Autobots… you have been a thorrn in Shockwave’s plans for too long… now it is time that ve should bring yourr storry to a… logical conclusion. DAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAAAAAA!!!

In quick succession, we get shots of the Decepticons charging toward the Autobots. First, we see KNOCK OUT and the Battlechargers transforming into vehicle mode and driving toward the Autobots. Then, we quickly cut to QUAKE charging and yelling while preparing to throw a punch. Then, we cut STARSCREAM flying in and firing rockets, and finally, we cut to BLITZWING running, yelling and transforming into tank mode, about to ram one of the Autobots. As BLITZWING charges, we fade to black.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

FADE IN

THE DESERT – BATTLEFIELD

QUAKE charges and throws a punch at WHEELJACK, who quickly evades it.

QUAKE

(about to punch WHEELJACK)
CANNONBALL!!!

(WHEELJACK evades, QUAKE misses)
AY!!!

WHEELJACK kicks QUAKE in the back and sends him crashing to the ground. The stunned RODIMUS stands up, still feeling somewhat groggy until he sees KNOCK OUT and the Battlechargers driving towards him.

RODIMUS

Oh, brother…

RODIMUS takes out a machine gun and aims for their tires.

RODIMUS

It isn’t a good idea to charge at me.

RODIMUS then fires his machine gun at KNOCK OUT and the Battlechargers. KNOCK OUT transforms to robot mode and starts comically evading the bullets while the Battlechargers’ tires get perforated.

KNOCK OUT
OW!!! OW!!! OW!!! OW!!!

KNOCK OUT then starts doing some odd disco moves as the bullets hit the floor around him. Then, he starts moonwalking and jumping around.

KNOCK OUT

DAAAAGH!!! THIS ISN’T FUNNY!!!

KNOCK OUT keeps trying to evade the bullets, and once RODIMUS runs out of ammo, he tosses his machine gun at KNOCK OUT’S face.

KNOCK OUT

(getting hit with the machine gun)
AAAAAGH!!! MY FACE!!!

RODIMUS uses this distraction to his advantage, charging towards KNOCK OUT and punching him, knocking him out.

KNOCK OUT

(getting knocked out)
AAAAAGH!!! The humanity…

After beating KNOCK OUT, RODIMUS is hit with cluster bombs. STARSCREAM is flying above and suddenly, someone taps him on the cockpit. STARSCREAM opens the cockpit window and sticks his head out, looking around for whoever tapped his cockpit, he then looks up and sees CIRCUIT BREAKER waving at him.

CIRCUIT BREAKER

Hi there, Screamer.

STARSCREAM

(looking at CIRCUIT BREAKER)
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!

While STARSCREAM yells, CIRCUIT BREAKER fires beams at his engines, which cause them to sputter as he advances a bit more. Then, he comes to a sudden stop near a canyon and looks at us with comical fright once he stops. He falls right into the canyon.

STARSCREAM

NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!

We hear a comical “splat” sound once STARSCREAM hits the ground. CIRCUIT BREAKER then raises her fist victoriously.

CIRCUIT BREAKER

Circuit Breaker – 4, Starscream – El zippo!!!

TANKOR is now fighting BLITZWING. BLITZWING is struggling a bit due to TANKOR’S sheer strength, but suddenly, he fires a shell from his tank cannon and sends TANKOR flying into the generator. TANKOR is hit by the energy beam and starts jolting and convulsing once he hits the beam.

WHEELJACK
RHINOX!!!

BLITZWING looks at this and covers his eyes once some sparks start coming out of the generator. Then, we see the device in the back of TANKOR’S head overloading and smoking. The device explodes and TANKOR falls down and wakes up. He stands up and we hear him breathing angrily, when suddenly…

TANKOR

(furious)
TANKOOOOOOOR SMAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAASH!!!

TANKOR then fires a rocket at CIRCUIT BREAKER.

CIRCUIT BREAKER

(getting hit)
YAAAAAAAAAAAAAAIIIIIGH!!!

CIRCUIT BREAKER falls to the ground and shakes her head around.

CIRCUIT BREAKER
Boy… remind me never to stand so close to that tank sized menace.

TANKOR tosses RODIMUS aside. WHEELJACK is looking at his former master once again becoming the beast he was before.

WHEELJACK
It wasn’t supposed to end like this…

WHEELJACK then runs toward TANKOR and kicked him. TANKOR landed near BLITZWING.

BLITZWING

(communicating with DELUGE)

Blitzwing to Deluge, Tankor has been retrieved. Unfortunately, the generator was destroyed during the battle.

DELUGE
A pity… but it cannot be helped... withdraw, trroops. We’ll fight the Autobots anotherr day.

The Decepticons instantly retreat along with TANKOR. WHEELJACK looks down sadly. He wanted his master to be his normal self again, but he never expected this to be the way it would all end. The device was destroyed, and since the materials he made it with didn’t exist anymore, he could never make another one. RODIMUS puts his hand on WHEELJACK’S shoulder.

RODIMUS

I… I’m sorry, Wheeljack… I know how much Rhinox meant to you.

WHEELJACK

He wasn’t just a teacher to me… he was… the best father anyone could ever have.

RODIMUS

If only I could do something to help you.

WHEELJACK
Nah… I was just hoping for a miracle. It almost worked… but in the end… it was just false hope that kept me going.

WHEELJACK stood up and walked off as CIRCUIT BREAKER and RODIMUS looked at him. WHEELJACK took something from his container. It was a picture of himself as a young boy (without the mask) and a big green robot holding him on his lap. They both seemed happy. WHEELJACK had always tried to do his best to keep his teacher and father figure RHINOX happy, but now, he felt that he let him down tremendously.

THE END

END OF ACT THREE