



Dark Victory - Part 3

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Episode 3

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Based on the original cartoon series, The Transformers -
that defined the childhood of millions...

... and the original ReAnimated stories by Youseph Tanah and Greig Tansley,
that bridges the gap between the seminal second season and the 1986 Movie,
Transformers ReAnimated X continues the story after the original series.

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PANEL 1:

Recap:

Sweep

No, no - I will talk. I will tell you everything.

PANEL 2:

Hotrod

Good then talk.

PANEL 3:

NOTE: Panel shows flashback scene of Starscream throwing Megatron out of Astrotrain.

(Off-panel)

Sweep

I am Kickback, the real one. Or at least I was. As you all probably heard, after the Battle of Autobot City because of a plot of Starscream, our 'comrades' decided to abandon us in space."

PANEL 4:

Flashback scene of Scourge and two Sweeps being created.

(Off-panel)

Sweep (Kickback)

Unicron found us and turned us into what we are now.

He turned me and Shrapnell into the first two Sweeps, Thundercracker into Scourge,...

PANEL 5:

Flashback scene of two Cyclonus being created next to each other.

(Off panel)

Sweep (Kickback)

... Skywarp into Cyclonus, the one you know...

... and Bombshell into an identical second Cyclonus.

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PANEL 1:

Flashback scene of two Sweeps shooting Insecticon clone-beams from the gun appendages on their foreheads to create a third one.

(Off-panel)

Sweep (Kickback)

Then Unicron for a moment boosted Shrapnell's and mine cloning ability with his own power, to create a third Sweep within seconds.

But even with Unicron's assistance it was a shortened cloning-process and that Sweep ended up a mindless drone.

PANEL 2:

Flashback scene of the Battleship Revenge under Galvatron's command flying away from Unicron's planet-mode.

(Off-panel)

Sweep (Kickback)

Unicron then influenced Galvatron, Cyclonus and Scourge's minds and let them forget that the second Cyclonus had ever existed. Of course we all had other things on our minds back and the identity of one Sweep was probably the least of their worries.

PANEL 3:

Flashback scene of the second Cyclonus staying behind, floating in space next to Unicron.

(Off-panel)

Sweep (Kickback)

So there would not have been much resistance on their part. And everyone believed that the third Sweep had been the one reformed with the rest of us.

PANEL 4:

Flashback scene of the Dinobots blowing up one Sweep at Autobot City.

(Off-panel)

Sweep (Kickback)

he liveless copy was then destroyed a short time later by the Dinobots. Which erased all traces of what really happened to Bombshell.

PANEL 5:

Flashback scene of Cyclonus, Scourge and the Sweeps raising their arms, hailing Galvatron on Chaar.

(Off-panel)

Sweep (Kickback)

We had cloned more Sweeps. But for some reason all Sweeps that were created from then on were completely loyal to Galvatron for some reason instead to the Insecticons.

So Shrapnell and I just played along and pretended to be equally loyal.

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PANEL 1:

NOTE: End Flashback. In the present,

CLOSE SHOT on the Sweep's face.

Sweep (Kickback)

By what Bombshell told us later, Unicron intended to keep the second Cyclonus as some sort of personal agent for himself, but was stopped by the Matrix a short time afterward."

Shrapnell then unfortunately died a short time later when he fell into the Jupiter atmosphere. Not that Galvatron cared much. Which left me the only one who knew about this.

PANEL 2:

TWO SHOT – angry Blitzwing and Rumble

Blitzwing

So we are all taking orders from a deserter, who had possibly been in league with Unicron?

Rumble

And you did not bother to mention any of this until **now**?

PANEL 3:

Sweep (Kickback)

We did not want to cause problems for Bombshell.

Ultra Magnus

You mean to say Bombshell had his own plans and asked you guys to keep your mouths shut about it.

PANEL 4:

Blitzwing

I should simply blow your head off.

Ultra Magnus

No Blitzwing, we don't kill prisoners... no matter how much we feel like it.

PANEL 5:

Blitzwing

Well, I guess we have the information that Soundwave wanted.

Hotrod.

Let me guess? If we just let you go now, you will inform Soundwave about this and he and most other Decepticons will most likely abandon Bombshell?

PANEL 6:

Blitzwing

Most likely - Yes. He will not want to serve Bombshell or the Insecticons, so much is clear.

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PANEL 1:

CLOSE SHOT – Ultra Magnus smiling

Ultra Magnus

With other words, it is only in our own interest to let you go now.

PANEL 2:

Blitzwing and Rumble smile back at him in the same manner, with Laserbeak sitting next to them.

PANEL 3:

CAPTION: Another part of the universe, the Decepticon occupied planet Alera

EXT. A random area close to the Alerian Capital... and to Skorponok's landing site

WIDE SHOT - The five Sweeps are standing together.

With Scourge watching them from some distance and his nebulon partner Fracas standing next to them in robot form.

PANEL 4:

Three of the Sweeps are firing their clone-beams at a pile of scrap metal before them... and slowly the body of a sixth Sweep is being formed.

PANEL 5:

CLOSE SHOT - A few minutes later the optics of the new created Sweep glow up as he came to life.

Their number has now grown to six.

PANEL 6:

Fracas

You know these guys are kind of creepy. I mean they all look exactly like you and they can make other versions of them out of scrap with just this strange beams.

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PANEL 1:

Scourge

They are not so bad. At least they are loyal, in opposite to their Insecticon Ancestors.

Some of them are even competent.

Captioned: He thinks about how the Sweep's 'competence' can range from being scared to face a single opponent to putting up a fight against the Dinobots, Skylinx or Omega Supreme.

PANEL 2:

INT. Inside Skorponok's city-mode, that is currently located at the edge of the alerian capital.

WIDE SHOT - Galvatron is sitting in front of a large screen, with Zarak at his side (who was sitting in smaller humanoid sized chair), talking to a aquatic looking creature with pale white skin, branchiae at it's throat and the side of the face and webs between it's long clawed fingers.

Creature

(in it's native language)

Aehe grah egre kell.

Galvatron

We accept your fealty. Do not worry. From now on you don't need to fear anyone in this sector of space... except us, if you decide to betray us.

PANEL 3:

WIDE SHOT - Cyclonus enters the room behind them. With his nebulon partner Nightstick beside him.

Creature

"Ore ore gah."

Galvatron

"Oh - I know you will not."

PANEL 4:

Cyclonus

"Galvatron."

Galvatron

"Ah Cyclonus – it is good that you are here.

Another planet has just agreed to join us, in exchange for protection from the kyrix. Our Empire is growing."

PANEL 5:

Cyclonus

"Yes - that is good to know.

Well - who would have known that all we needed to finally succeed was a bunch of manical aliens that make us look good in comparison."

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PANEL 1:

WIDE SHOT – Galvatron is sitting in his chair, with Cyclonus standing beside him.

Galvatron

Sarcasm as usual old friend. It seems Skywarp is not dead after all.

Cyclonus

He never was, just burried alive under responsibilities.

PANEL 2:

Cyclonus (cont.)

Galvatron - we have a situation. Nothing serious, but something you should take care of.

Cyclonus looks at his partner Nightstick, since he was the one who had actually taken the call.

PANEL 3:

CLOSE SHOT at Nightstick.

Nightstick

Lord Galvatron, Lord Zarak - Skywing just contacted us.

By what we were told a Decepticon has killed some alerans - a couple soldiers and a few civilians who got caught in the crossfire.

PANEL 4:

TWO SHOT – Galvatron and Zarak

Galvatron

I see.

Zarak

It seems one of your Decepticons has gone a bit over the edge.

Captioned: Neither of them needed to say it. Just a few months ago, the alerians would have been only some primitive organics for the Decepticons and little more than potential slaves to the Hive.

But with so many Decepticons becoming binary bonded to alerians as Head-, Target- or Whatever-masters, this situation could cause dissent in the ranks. Especially if it might repeat.

PANEL 5:

Galvatron

As if your Hive 'warriors' are any better.

Funny, a few months back this would not have been a big deal. But the Head- and Targetmater technology has changed everything.

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PANEL 1:

Zarak

And I thought you hated that technology.

Galvatron

I still do. The entire idea of organics being mentally bonded to Decepticon and carried around in their bodies disgust me.

But even I can not deny it's usefulness.

PANEL 2:

Galvatron (cont.)

Don't misunderstand me. A few months ago the alerian – or the nebulons – would have only been some insignificant organics to us. But the Headmaster process changed everything.

Zarak

(sinisterely)

Yes – it did.

PANEL 3:

Zarak (cont.)

But you should not mistake the Hive for regular nebulons Galvatron. Even before we became Headmasters, we were able to control every of our machines here inside our city with nothing but our minds. And we managed to overpower 10 of your best warriors with them.

Cyclonus

(commenting)

When we were battered and out of energy.

PANEL 4:

CLOSE SHOT - Galvatron smiles.

Galvatron

And before you had upgraded it with **our** technology, we could have easily blown apart your precious city from the outside.

But there is no point in talking about these things. After all, we are allies, right?

PANEL 5:

Zarak

Yes – we **are**.

Captioned: Cyclonus and Nightstick are meanwhile just standing by and watching the antics of their leaders.

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PANEL 1:

CAPTION: A short time later, outside

EXT.

HIGH SHOT - Galvatron and Cyclonus has been flying the distance to the place Skywing had told them in robot-mode and are now landing in the middle of the alerian town.

PANEL 2:

WIDE SHOT - Around them many alerians and several Decepticons are working. Some are working on machines for the energon production or working on maintance of the machines.

In some distance the Constructions are busy with the construction of a building that would become a new factory for space-ship parts.

On the first look, it could be just another conquered planet.

PANEL 3:

WIDE SHOT - A few minutes later they arrive at the place where a group consisting of the recently built female Targetmaster Seeker Skywing and the three Actionmasters Take-Off, Treadshot and Axer is standing around a large green Decepticon who is kneeling with his hands over his head.

Galvatron and Cyclonus recognize him as Fang, a soldier who is not known for much except for being a thug and a bully who often neglected his duties and starts senseless fights with outsiders or fellow Decepticons in his free time.

In a short distance behind them they see the remains of two collapsed and burning houses... and the bodies of a few dead alerians. Two guards and two civilians and possibly more under the rubble.

Standing around them is a crowd of more Decepticons - the Headmaster Skullcruncher and the Targetmasters Slugslinger and Misfire and their nebulon partners, Ramjet and Thrust, the Combaticons Onslaught, Brawl and Vortex and the Stunticons Motormaster and Deadend...
... and hundreds of more alerians, who are watching the entire scene.

PANEL 4:

CLOSE SHOT - Skywing looks to Galvatron.

Skywing

Galvatron - my Lord.

She greets him.

Skywing's partner Aira for her part is currently in her Targetmaster gun-mode and pointed directly at Fang's head.

Captioned: Skywing keeps her voice even, but it is obvious that she is angry. This is not surprising since she is binary bonded to the alerian native Aira. Their minds and also feelings were connected to some level.

Skywing is not the only one. Aside from the two new groups of Target- and Headmasters, a new variation of binary-bonding has also been used for the Actionmasters.

A situation those implications people like Fang were obviously too stupid to understand.

PANEL 5:

CLOSE SHOT

Fang

G-Galvatron. I - I just wanted to have a bit of fun with this worthless organics here. And then the situation went a little bit out of hand when more of them showed up and mouthed up to me.

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Galvatron

Really? Funny - how I see it, you are the one here who is worthless.

Fang

What?

PANEL 2:

Galvatron has raised his arm and shoots Fang in the shoulder.

Fang

Arh!... Why?

Galvatron

Why? Let's see. Because your entire 'tenure' of a Decepticon consists only of a long line of incompetence, insubordination and neglect of duty?

PANEL 3:

Galvatron (cont.)

Because since the day you have been activated, you have done nothing but starting trouble with your fellow Decepticons or with outsiders. But got beaten by any Autobot who was actually to fight back?

PANEL 4:

Galvatron (cont.)

But **more** important, the alerians and the nebulons are the source of our Head- and Targetmasters. And you are too stupid to even understand this?

Galvatron transforms into his cannon-mode and fires again.

The blast hits Fang and his body is burned from the inside out in moments...

PANEL 5:

... and then falls apart into dust. Like it happened to someone else before.

PANEL 6:

WIDE SHOT - Every Decepticon present is watching. But barely anyone actually feels sorry for Fang. He was truly not a popular guy.

All of them however have one name on their minds... Starscream.

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Galvatron turns back into robot-mode and raises his fist.

Galvatron

Let this be an example for any other idiot who has similar thoughts stuck in his head. The alerians and nebulons are our allies **and** useful and valuable assets to the Decepticon Empire.

The Decepticons present are all looking at Galvatron. Some look like they could barely believe the words he has just said.

But they understand where he is coming from.

PANEL 2:

CLOSE SHOT – Cyclonus

Cyclonus

(thinking)

Yes - some things have certainly changed.

PANEL 3:

CAPTION: The Nebulon System

EXT. On the moon of Nebulon

Captioned: Fortress Maximus and the others had retreated off the planet. But the Decepticons had found and followed them.

WIDE SHOT - Fortress Maximus, with the other Headmasters inside his body, is once again cornered by Trypticon and the mind-controlled Omega Supreme...

... and by a number of a hundred Insecticon clones that were attacking him at once. Hitting him with laserfire, thousands of needle-sticks that were weakening his armor.

While the larger opponents were using the larger guns against him at the same time. Fortress had already gotten visible damage.

And it was getting worse.

Highbrow, Chromedome and Hardhead could only watch the fight from inside Fortress Maximus body. There was nothing they could do right now. With the sheer number of opponents they would be overwhelmed instantly if they went outside.

PANEL 4:

LOW ANGLE - Fortress Maximus catches two of the drones, a Shrapnell and a Kickback clone within his fist and crushes them.

But at the same time he is hit by another volley of blasts from the mind-controlled Omega Supreme and several missiles from the Cyclonus clones.

PANEL 5:

In response Fortress Maximus fires his own guns and missile launchers, that tear through several of the Insecticon clones and hit one of the three Cyclonus copies and completely disintegrates them.

But he is hit by another blast from Trypticon into the back.

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CLOSE SHOT - Fortress Maximus now falls to his knees, visibly injured.

PANEL 2:

INT. On the bridge of the Revenge

WIDE SHOT - 'Cyclonus' (Bombshell) is watching the battle on the main-screen, with the Deluxe Insecticons Venom, Ransack and Barrage working behind him on the bridge.

'Cyclonus'

Very good. Don't destroy him. With Fortress Maximus under our control we will be able to destroy the Autobots.

Venom

Bombshell - we just got information that New Quintessa has fallen to the Autobots. You left too few troops behind. You failed.

PANEL 3:

'Cyclonus'

Are you challenging me Venom?

Venom

No.

'Cyclonus'

Good. If we can take over Fortress Maximus, this means nothing.
Don't you see that?

PANEL 4:

Venom

Yes.

'Cyclonus'

Good. Now leave. **All** of you.

He looks to the other Insecticons Barrage and Ransack. They all follow his command and leave the room.

Captioned: As soon as they are outside, a sharp pain cuts through him and burns inside his mind.

PANEL 5:

CLOSE SHOT - 'Cyclonus' standing alone, holding his hands on his head in pain.

'Cyclonus'

Aarhh! (crying out in pain.)

And he hears a deep menacing voice that is speaking to him inside his head, seemingly coming from nowhere.

Voice

You have failed.

`Cyclonus`

I am sorry Master.

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Voice

You have left yourself vulnerable. They are coming for you. Prepare yourself

The pain lessens, then it stops completely.

`Cyclonus`

Who is coming?

PANEL 2:

CAPTION: At the border of the Nebulon System

INT. Inside Metroplex

Optimus

Okay Autobots - Headmaster, Targetmasters and Powermasters - combine.

The Nebulons transform into the Heads, weapons or engine-devices of their Autobot partners.

PANEL 3:

WIDE SHOT - The Autobot Powermasters and also the new second teams of Target- and Headmasters are ready.

Standing beside Optimus and Elita are Goldbug and the Headmasters Brainstorm and Arcee, with her partner Daniel who is eager to save his father.

Daniel

(inside Arcee's head)

I hope Dad and the others are alright.

Metroplex

We are arriving. Get ready to disembark.

PANEL 4:

CAPTION: Space around the Moon of Nebulon.

EXT. Metroplex spaceship-form is approaching the moon and the ongoing battle.

PANEL 5:

INT. On the bridge of the Revenge.

Ransack

Cyclonus - an object is approaching this moon. Identification? - It is Metroplex.

`Cyclonus`

Nonsense. Metroplex can not move from Earth.

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Ransack

It seems he had been modified, a new alt-mode.

`Cyclonus`

I see. Call Soundwave. Tell him to tell Trypticon to engage Metroplex.

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EXT. Metroplex is descending down to the moon's surface.

PANEL 2:

INT. The bridge of the Revenge

Ransack, standing at a computer-console, reports to `Cyclonus`.

Ransack

Bombshell - Trypticon is retreating from the battlefield.

`Cyclonus`

(shouting)

What? Soundwave - what are you doing?

He shouts into the com.

PANEL 3:

Soundwave

(Over the communicator)

Consequences of failure and of deception... Bombshell. Leadership might have been tolerated, **temporally**, if successfull. But result was failure. Decepticons will not be dominated by the Insecticons.

They have found out, `Cyclonus` realizes.

`Cyclonus`

"No. No, it can not end like this."

PANEL 4:

INT. Inside Trypticon,

WIDE SHOT - Soundwave is standing in front of a computer-console. Next to him are Frenzy, Ravage and Ratbat...

... and behind them, assembled in the room, Darkwing, Dreadwind, Bomburst, Skullgrin and the Micromaster Air Strike Patrol.

It was a short time ago that they received Blitzwing's and Rumble's message from New Quintessa. They had also reported that Laserbeak had recorded the Sweep's entire statement.

Soundwave turns around to the other Decepticons.

PANEL 5:

CLOSE SHOT at Soundwave.

Soundwave

We are retreating... for now. But some day our time will come.

Captioned: `When Galvatron returns one day.'

PANEL 6:

INT. The Revenge

Venom

Trypticon and all Non-Insecticons are retreating.

'Cyclonus'

Call back my clones here.

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PANEL 1:

EXT.

WIDE SHOT - The Autobots are exiting Metroplex, who has now nearly reached the surface...
... Optimus Prime, Elita One, Goldbug and the Powermasters, followed by the new Head- and Targetmasters.

PANEL 2:

They are shooting their way through the army of mindless Insecticon clones.

Optimus and Elita are firing at a Shrapnell and two Kickback clones, beside them Arcee and Getaway at a Bombshell and another Shrapnell.

Through their augmented reflexes and power, the drones of the clone army are completely outmatched by the Power-, Head- and Targetmasters.

Behind them Metroplex has now landed and transformed into robot-mode to back up Fortress Maximus.

PANEL 3:

WIDE SHOT - Highbrow, Hardhead, Chromedome and Punch has now also left Fortress Maximus and are taking the Insecticon clones under fire as well.

Highbrow

It is good to see you. And you too Arcana.

Brainstorm

The same to you.

Arcana

We had already feared we would be late.

PANEL 4:

WIDE SHOT - A few moments later however Optimus, Elita, Getaway and Goldbug are standing in front of another opponent, one they could not simply blast away...

... and certainly not **wanted** to... Omega Supreme.

But hopefully they would not need to.

PANEL 5:

CLOSE SHOT – Elita One has a remote-control in her hand, very similar to the one Perceptor had on New Quintessa, built by the instructions Perceptor had send them...

... and she he pushes the button.

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Omega Supreme

Arhh!

Optimus

(thinking)

This should deactivate Bombshell's cerebro-shells. If they used the same technology... and not somehow modified it.

PANEL 2:

Elita

Did it work?

Optimus

Are you alright Omega?

All of them are visibly on guard, just in case it did **not** work.

PANEL 3:

Omega Supreme

I - I am... Thank you.

PANEL 4:

TWO SHOT - Fortress Maximus and Metroplex are now standing side by side, both of the two giants rivalling each other in size.

PANEL 5:

INT. On the Revenge

'Cyclonus'

No. No. I will not let them get away with this. Turn the ship around, aim all weapons at the planet Nebulon.

Venom

This is madness. We are outmatched. We have to flee.

PANEL 6:

'Cyclonus' aims his weapon and shoots Venom right into the chest.

'Cyclonus'

You have challenged me for the last time.

He fires a second time and a third, until the Insecticon is only a smoking lifeless wreck.

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The others were only staring at him in surprise and shock.

'Cyclonus'

What are you waiting for? Follow my orders.

PANEL 2:

EXT. The Nebulon moon's surface

WIDE SHOT - The Autobots have by now wiped out nearly the entire army of Insecticon clones.

And the few that are still left were retreating. The reason was simply that the two sentient clones who are directing the swarm - a Shrapnell and a Kickback clone - have seen that the situation was hopeless, pretty much from the moment the Decepticons had retreated and Metroplex had appeared. The remaining drones follow them automatically.

PANEL 3:

EXT. In orbit

They are quickly joined by the three still living Deluxe Insecticons who had taken a shuttle from the Revenge's hangars and are using it to flee the planet.

'Cyclonus' had not paid enough attention... or maybe simply not cared enough... to stop them.

PANEL 4:

CLOSE SHOT - The shuttle opens its locks and let the two sentient clones and several of the drones with them inside...

PANEL 5:

... before it accelerates and disappears into space.

PANEL 6:

EXT. Back on the surface

WIDE SHOT - The Autobots watch that their remaining opponents have retreated. Just like Trypticon and the other Decepticons had a minute before.

They had already gotten a message from Ultra Magnus and Hotrod's team on New Quintessa. So the falling out between their enemies was no real surprise to them. And it meant that they were winning on both battle-sites.

They are cheering.

In orbit above them, the battleship Revenge is already turning around. On the first look you could think that the ship is just joining the retreat.

But instead it is turning its weapons towards the planet Nebulon.

None of the Autobots realizes in time what it is really doing.

None except one.

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CLOSE SHOT - The battleship activates its weapons, aiming down at the planet.

PANEL 2:

CAPTION : On the surface of Nebulon, in one of the largest towns.

WIDE SHOT - The inhabitants had, since they had like the rest of the planet been freed from the Hive, just been living their normal lives.

Until today, that their planet was suddenly being attacked. Many of them are on the streets or at official meeting points, others are watching what was to see of the ongoing battle on screens in their homes.

They all do not know that in this moment all their lives are about to be snuffed out.

PANEL 3:

The Revenge fires - first one volley of missiles, then another... and a few seconds later a third.

But Omega Supreme in his rocket-mode flies in full speed to move himself between them and the planet.

PANEL 4:

Then he transforms into robot form, trying to stop the missiles.

He uses all his weapons and successfully shoots down the first wave of them.

PANEL 5:

But the second wave hits him.

The programming of the missiles has now switched to Omega Supreme as their main-target. Missiles that were together powerful enough to wipe out cities.

Causing an explosion that is to see all over the sky of Nebulon.

When it dissolves after a few moments, it has left Omega's entire body a damaged mangled mess.

PANEL 6:

Omega sees memories in his mind.

NOTE: Flashback scenes

Being created during the Golden Age of Cybertron as the last of the Guardian Robots more than 9 million years ago.

Omega Supreme standing inside a giant factory building on Cybertron, with his optics coming online.

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... standing next to the Constructicons in front of Crystal City.

PANEL 2:

... standing before the destroyed remains of Crystal City.

PANEL 3:

... arriving on Earth.

Scene showing Omega Supreme landing in rocket-mode in front of the Ark.

PANEL 4:

WIDE SHOT - Omega hearing about the true origin of the Guardian Robots as enforcers for the Quintessons from Rodimus Prime and Ultra Magnus.

Scene showing Rodimus and Ultra Magnus standing on Earth in front of the destroyed Ark and the partly collapsed Mount St. Hillary.

With the imagined overlarge face of a Quintesson Judge seen in the sky behind them.

PANEL 5:

Note: Flashbacks End,

CLOSE SHOT on Omega Supreme's face.

Captioned: Omega Supreme (thinking): 'No - I am... I am not a weapon of terror.'

Omega Supreme hears Optimus voice over his communicator.

Optimus Prime

Omega - do you hear me? Are you...?

Omega Supreme

Optimus... I am a Guardian... I protect.

Optimus hears his last words over the com.

In the same moment the third volley hits Omega Supreme causing a similar explosion like the last time.

PANEL 6:

EXT. The Autobots are looking up at the explosion in the sky above them.

But this time as the explosion ends, Omega is nowhere to see anymore... only burning pieces of burning debris falling down into the planet's atmosphere.

All Autobots, Nebulons and humans are looking in shock at what just happened.

Optimus

Ginrai - you said the second phase of our transformation is ready?

Ginrai

(merged with Optimus)

Yes Optimus.

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PANEL 1:

Optimus

Then let's do it.

CLOSE-SHOT - Optimus materializes his trailer. This alone is nothing new. But this time he and the trailer both transform and merge into a second larger robot form.

Optimus is now more than one head taller, broader build and more powerful than before. And beside his usual gun, he also has two heavy cannons mounted at his sides.

PANEL 2:

Optimus

Metroplex, Fortress Maximus, take out that ship.

Spike

(Inside Fortress Maximus)

You can count on that Optimus.

Fortress Maximus and Metroplex both at the same time fire their weapons at the battleship above them.

PANEL 3:

Their combined fire easily breaks through the shields of the Revenge and the blasts hit hit the hull.

They leave a large hole in the left side of the ship and the entire front area mangled and the vessel crippled.

PANEL 4:

Optimus

Good work. The rest me and Ginrai will do ourselves.

Optimus new form is also capable of flight.

So he lifts off the ground and they are flying towards the crippled leftovers of Galvatron's old flagship.

PANEL 5:

INT. On board of the Revenge

WIDE SHOT - 'Cyclonus' - surrounded by his clones, who are the last what was still left for him - is staring at what had just happened.

First Omega Supreme sacrificing himself, blocking the missiles. Then Fortress Maximus and Metroplex firing at them and crippling his ship.

And then on one of the still working screens, he sees Optimus approaching.

He turns around to his two remaining clones.

'Cyclonus'

PRIME... Clones - intercept him.

PANEL 6:

WIDE-SHOT - 'Cyclonus' and his copies are flying out of the broken ship to engage Optimus in space. All three point their weapons at him, acting in nearly perfect synchronisation...

... and they fire.

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PANEL 1:

Optimus, dodging and using some of the debris of the ship as cover is able to avoid most of the first volley of blasts.

Two blasts however manage to hit and cause light damage on his armor.

PANEL 2:

WIDE-SHOT - But Optimus shoots back

He hits 'Cyclonus' in the side of his chest-plate with his blaster.

And with one of his new shoulder-cannons Optimus hits one of the copies.

The head of the Cyclonus-drone explodes into shrapnell.

'Cyclonus'

I am not a simple Sweep, you should know, I am **nearly** as powerful as the other Cyclonus.

PANEL 3:

`Cyclonus' fires a missile from one of his missile-launchers, that were placed on his forearms in robot-mode.

His last remaining clone followed his example.

But Optimus shoots and blows up both missiles before they reach him.

Optimus

You might be...

PANEL 4:

Optimus fires a blast at him, which `Cyclonus' is forced to dodge...

... and then Optimus throws a large piece of wreckage at the last drone.

Optimus (cont.)

...your **copies** are not.

The piece hits the Cyclonus-drone and throws it off-balance.

Optimus uses the chance to fire couple blasts into the chest of the drone, which fell livelessly down unto the hull of the battleship.

What only leaves the `true' false Cyclonus.

Who is already injured.

PANEL 5:

Optimus charges at him, ramms both his fists into him in full speed...

PANEL 6:

HIGH ANGLE - ... and sends him crashing hard unto the hull of the Revenge.

`Cyclonus' is struggling trying to stand up again.

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PANEL 1:

`Cyclonus'

O-Optimus Prime. No - no please. spare me.

Optimus, who had just landed next to him heard him...

... and can not help to remember:

Caption: "You - who are without mercy..." 'My fault,' Optimus thinks. Megatron should had never gotten his hands on that gun.'

PANEL 2:

'Cyclonus'

I have important information. Something you need to know...

... - ARHH!

But suddenly he cries out loud and holds his own head as if he were in incredible pain.

PANEL 3:

WIDE SHOT - And then 'Cyclonus' raises his arm and aims his missile-launcher at Optimus.

And in this moment Optimus fires. The right side of 'Cyclonus' head explodes and he sinks down lifeless.

Optimus stands in front of him silently.

PANEL 4:

CAPTION: Cybertron, a few days later

EXT. They all were standing assembled at Omega Supreme's funeral.

WIDE SHOT - Optimus, Elita, the other Powermasters, Goldbug, Perceptor, Jazz, Blaster, the Witwicky family...

and Ultra Magnus, Hotrod, Kup, Grimlock, Hound and the others who had by now returned from New Quintessa.

Optimus

Goodbye old friend.

PANEL 5:

CAPTION: A short time later. The funeral is coming to it's end.

Optimus and Hotrod standing next to him.

Optimus

Hotrod – there is something I want to talk with you about.

Hotrod

Yes – Prime?

Optimus

I want to ask you to become my Second in Command.

PANEL 6:

EXT. A picture of Cybertron from space, with a large shadow spreading over nearly half of the globe.

Caption: What none of them noticed or knew about was the dark presence, that was from Vector Sigma slowly spreading out over the rest of the planet.

End

Thank you for reading.

Well, the identity of the `mysterious` presence that had corrupted Vector Sigma and now the rest of Cybertron should be pretty obvious at this point.

The idea of Unicron being able to manipulate memories is based on the marvel comics, particular the `Target 2006` storyline.

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Note: For this story I went with the idea of the Insecticons reformed into Sweeps being the real ones and the ones later appearing being clones. (With this sentient clones being virtually identical to the originals and having the ability to create new clones themselves.)

It could however just as easily been the other way around.