

THE TRANSFORMERS

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'Smaller Conflict'

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Based on the original Transformers cartoon series...

... and inspired by the original Transformers Reanimated stories
Transformers ReAnimated X continues the story after the original series.

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PANEL 1:

CAPTION: The outer layers of the Pyron System.

EXT. Two groups of Autobots and Decepticons are clashing with each other in space.

SKYLINX in 'dinosaur' and SPRINGER in helicopter-mode are from the distance exchanging fire with the Decepticon Powermasters DARKWING and DREADWIND

and HOTROD, with his Partner FIREBOLT in gun form and BLITZWING are firing at the 4 members of the Micromaster AIR STRIKE PATROL who are approaching them in jet-mode.

Hotrod has just fired Firebolt and hit the Micromaster CLOUDBURST in his heck, that is now burning.

While in the middle ULTRA MAGNUS and his Partner MARISSA FAIRBORN are, as a Targetmaster, facing OVERLORD himself and his Partners SNAKE and MICHELLE.

HOTROD

You can truly say this is not going as planned.

BLITZWING

Clearly not.

HOTROD

Overlord – what are your people doing? Do you know how dangerous this creature is?

PANEL 2:

CLOSE SHOT – on Ultra Magnus and Overlord charging at each other in robot-mode.

While Marissa is changing into gun-mode, flying into Magnus hand and Snake and Michelle are transforming as well, taking their place in engine-mode in Overlord's chest-compartments.

OVERLORD

Of course – that is why I am interested in it.

MARISSA

Snake! Michelle!

SNAKE

Ah – Marissa, I see you have discovered the advantage of binary bonding too.

PANEL 3:

FRONTAL ANGLE – Marissa's gun form is firing multiple blasts with Magnus holding it.

MARISSA
(GUN FORM)

Whatever you are trying to do with the Dweller, we will stop you.

PANEL 4:

CLOSE SHOT – on Overlord's upper body with his two transformed Partners. Overlord is able to avoid one of Marissa's blasts, but the second hits him in the shoulder and causes an explosion and visible damage.

OVERLORD
Ahh!

SNAKE
(ENGINE FORM)
Ah! Do I hear some hostility there? You should thank me for what I gave you.

MICHELLE
Ah!

Captioned: As Overlord's bonded Partners, Snake and Michelle share some of his pain.

PANEL 5:

SIDE ANGLE – Overlord and Ultra Magnus are now clashing directly in hand to hand combat with their arms locked with each other.

While Marissa has flown out of Magnus hand and transformed back into 'robot'-mode. Snake has followed her example, while Michelle staid transformed in Overlord's chest.

OVERLORD
You are good Magnus, very good. But it will not be enough.

MARISSA
You have experimented on me: You used me as a lab rat to test your goddamn procedure.

SNAKE

I gave you immortality. Your father should have used it as well. As I heard he had died recently. A shame – he could be here with us.

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PANEL 1:

CLOSE ON – On Marissa and Snake. Marissa is firing at him with her handgun, but misses.

MARISSA

Shut up. I will stop you in his place.

PANEL 2:

Magnus has managed to grab Overlord and throws him over his shoulder.

ULTRA MAGNUS

We will see about that Overlord.

PANEL 3:

CAPTION: Meanwhile on the ship with the Dweller.

The three Pretenders IQUANUS, FINBACK and SKULLGRIN are standing on the hull of the ship right in front of the giant transorganic monster.

Skullgrin is holding something that looks like a giant crossbow with a small device placed on a metallic spear on it. And he is ready to fire it into the Dweller's skin.

IQUANUS

What are you waiting for? Do it.

SKULLGRIN

Yes.

PANEL 4:

CLOSE ON – The spear with the device on it pierces itself through the creators outer skin and a light on the device glows up.

PANEL 5:

CLOSE SHOT, BACK ANGLE – On the three Pretenders standing right in front of the Dweller. That is in exactly this moment waking up. With it's eyes glowing .

PANEL 6:

And it instantly attacks them and begins to drain their energy out of them.

Iquanus, Skullgrin and Finback are screaming in agony as flashes and pure energy surround them as they are sucked out of their bodies.

IQUANUS

Arhh!

SKULLGRIN

No! Ah!

FINBACK

Arhh!

Captioned: In opposite to what Overlord had told them, their pretender-suits do nothing to protect them from the powers of the Dweller. At least not for more than seconds.

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PANEL 1:

WIDE SHOT – On Overlord, Ultra Magnus and Hotrod. With the ship with the now awakened Dweller behind them.

OVERLORD

Nice move Magnus. But this is not over. Ah – it has begun.

HOTROD

Overlord – what have you done?

PANEL 2:

LOW ANGLE – Two Sweeps are meanwhile landing on the surface of the old Quintesson vessel. They are both completely white, since they are covered in heat resistant metal.

Captioned: These Sweeps are mindless drones. Covered in improved heat-resistant metal and remote-controlled...

PANEL 3

INT. The two Decepticons Sweep Number 2 and Octane are sitting inside Skylinx, each in front of a computer-screen that shows the p.o.v of the two Sweep drones they are controlling.

With the Quintesson Judge Klementia and the human scientists Jessica and Gregory Crawford behind them.

OCTANE

I told you we should not have come here.

KLEMENTIA

Stop that now. We have other things to worry about.

Captioned: ... remote-controlled from inside Skylinx.

PANEL 4:

OCTANE

What do we do now?

SWEEP TWO

What do you think? Taking control of this ship. What that we were hired for.

JESSICA

And hoping that our improved metal can actually stop the Dweller.

Captioned: The metal is a new version of the same heat-resistant metal that Jessica's family had originally developed 19 years ago. Improved with some Quintesson and Nebulon tech,

PANEL 5:

CAPTION: The Planet Zone in the Pyron System – Homecolony of the Micromasters.

EXT. A Autobot shuttle is flying high above the surface of an earth-like forest filled planet in it's bright blue sky.

Captioned: During the millions of years of war many Transformers had fled Cybertron and many of them had founded colonies out in space.

PANEL 6:

HIGH ANGLE – they are flying over the burned and broken remains of what had been a number of interconnected bases and buildings, forming a larger city-complex.

Captioned: Some of this colonies perished, either through the war reaching them or through disasters. A few are existing till today. Zone is one of them.

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PANEL 1:

INT. Inside the shuttle OPTIMUS PRIME, ELITA ONE sitting next to him in the co-pilot seat and their Powermaster Partners GINRAI – a.k.a. HI-Q – in a couple of smaller seats behind, are looking at a picture of the destroyed place below them on a screen next to them.

OPTIMUS

It is worse than I thought.

ELITA

This is not your fault Optimus.

GINRAI

You have not known that Overlord would do something like this.

Captioned: Optimus wished he could believe that. Should he have killed Overlord back when he had the chance? When he had first came to life? (*Issue 7)

PANEL 2:

CLOSE ON – On Optimus

OPTIMUS

Did I? Could I truly not have expected what he had become?

Captioned: But killing someone for something he had not even done yet was against everything he believed in. Everything inside him screamed out against something like that. And if they had tried to bring him in alive, the risk for everyone else involved...

PANEL 3:

FRONTAL ANGLE – on Optimus, Elita and Ginrai and Lyra behind them.

ELITA

Killing someone who had not done anything wrong. That is not who you are Optimus.

GINRAI

And trying to capture a Transformer as powerful as Overlord **without** killing him would have been very difficult and put any other Autobot or human around in immense danger.

LYRA

And in the end he might have still escaped. Stop blaming yourself Optimus. I can see that you do.

Captioned: Ginrai and Lyra are a couple, just like Optimus and Elita. And both are binary-bonded to each other.

PANEL 4:

CLOSE ON – On Lyra and Ginrai beside her. Both in their Powermaster suits without their helmets.

LYRA

I know how you feel. Many years ago I had the chance to stop Zarak, before he had even truly started. If I had killed him.

GINRAI

Lyra.

LYRA

It is alright My Love. I want to say this.

PANEL 5:

FLASHBACK:

CAPTION: Many years ago in the old Nebulon City that would later become Fortress Maximus.

INT. A much younger teenage Lyra is standing beside a much younger Zarak in front of a window that shows part of the city and behind the landscape of Nebulon.

LYRA

(CONT.)

(off panel)

Zarak had once only been a politician and the leader of a faction of our people who had developed mental powers and were able to control machines with their minds calling itself the HIVE.

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PANEL 1:

EXT. View on Zarak testing a large combat machine on tracks and with large clawed arms and laser cannons tearing and shooting down trees in one of the forests of Nebulon.

With Lyra and Monzo standing beside him.

LYRA

(CONT.)

(off panel)

But even then he had his ideas to make **all** of Nebulon 'better' by bringing it under their rule. I had one chance, one perfect chance.

But I could not do it.

PANEL 2:

FLASHBACK END:

CLOSE SHOT, FRONTAL ANGLE – Back to Optimus, Elita, Ginrai and Lyra.

LYRA

What followed were 12 years of tyranny over the entire planet. So if anyone here has a reason to blame herself for not taking out a tyrant when she had the chance, it is me.

OPTIMUS

Were you and Zarak close?

LYRA

You could say that. He is my father.

Captioned: She reveals a secret only a few people know about, even under her comrades from Nebulon.

PANEL 3:

EXT. The shuttle is landing on the surface on a large green meadow, a short distance in front of a mobile rocket-base.

Captioned: The Micromasters were an experimental project to create Transformers with smaller robot-modes to save fuel. Ultimately the Autobot Micromasters left to found their own colony.

PANEL 4:

Optimus, Elita and the other Powermasters GETAWAY, SLAPDASH and JOYRIDE along with their nebulonian bonding-partners REV, LUBE and HOTWIRE are stepping outside through the opened exit.

Captioned: But like it happened before, their Decepticon counterparts followed them here and they, like so many times before, ended up bringing the war along with them.

PANEL 5:

REVERSE ANGLE – They are greeted by a group of 13 human-sized Autobot Micromasters waiting for them.

One of them addresses them.

ROADHANDLER

Welcome - I am Roadhandler. This are my comrades Tail Spin, Swindler and Free Wheeler, we are the Race Car Patrol.

Captioned: But after the end of the war fifteen years ago, a truce was made here as well that led to a peace agreement. An agreement that had held... until now.

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PANEL 1:

CLOSE ON – on another one. Standing in front of a group with different rescue-vehicle modes.

FIXIT

I am Fixit. This are Seawatch, Stakeout and Red Hot – we are the Rescue Patrol.

PANEL 2:

On a third one. This one light-brown with a group with tank- and combat-vehicle alt-modes.

BIG SHOT

And we are me Big Shot, Sidetrack, Flak and Sunrunner – the Combat Patrol.

PANEL 3:

Back to Roadhandler who is gesturing to a grey and red robot standing beside him.

ROADHANDLER

... and our Base Commander Countdown.

COUNTDOWN

It is a honor to have you all here Prime.

PANEL 4:

Groupshot of Optimus and Elita with Ginrai and Lyra in front of and Getaway, Joyride and Slapdash standing behind them.

OPTIMUS

The 'honor' is on our side Countdown. We are here to help you free your homeworld.

PANEL 5:

INT. Ginrai, Lyra, Rev, Countdown, Roadhandler and Fixit are standing around a metallic table in front of a screen inside the rocket-base. The human and nebulong having nearly the same size ad the Micromaster, with the mini Transformers just a little taller.

With the larger Optimus, Elita and Getaway standing behind them.

The screen before them shows a map of a landscape.

COUNTDOWN

This is the location of Overlord's base.

GINRAI

Do you have information about the exact defense installations?

Captioned: In this moment they are receiving a message.

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PANEL 1:

The screen changes to a picture of Hotrod's face.

HOTROD

Optimus do you hear me? We have a problem. Overlord is here.

GETAWAY

What?

PANEL 2:

OPTIMUS

How is the situation Hotrod?

HOTROD

When we arrived Overlord was already there, with Darkwing and Dreadwind, 3 Pretenders and a squad of Micromaster jets.

COUNTDOWN

Probably the Air Strike Patrol.

PANEL 3:

CLOSER ON – Hotrod's face on the screen. With Optimus, Ginrai and Countdown looking towards it.

HOTROD

And they awoken the Dweller and it has infected the Pretenders.

GINRAI

Damn it.

OPTIMUS

We will send you help.

PANEL 4:

CLOSE SHOT – on Roadhandler

ROADHANDLER

If Overlord and the others are gone, the defenses of the base are weakened. We can not miss this opportunity.

PANEL 5:

On Optimus with Ginrai, Elita and Lyra and Getaway and Rev standing next to him.

OPTIMUS

We will not. But the Dweller is an even greater threat to this planet than the Decepticons. Getaway, Slapdash, Joyride take the shuttle and go to help Hotrod's team.

GETAWAY

Yes Prime.

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PANEL 1:

HIGH ANGLE – Optimus looks sideways downwards at Countdown and Roadhandler.

OPTIMUS

Me and Elita will come with you to the Decepticon base.

COUNTDOWN

Yes Prime.

ROADHANDLER

Yes Prime.

PANEL 2:

CAPTION: At the same time out in space.

Hotrod is currently fighting the combined jet-form of Darkwing and Dreadwind. He is firing Firebolt's gun form and hits the jet into one of it's wings.

In the background behind them Ultra Magnus is still dueling Overlord and Skylinx and Springer in helicopter-mode are fighting three members of the Air Strike Patrol.

PANEL 3:

On the ship close by the 3 Pretenders that are caught by the Dweller and held by it's tentacle-like appendages are being drained and being turned into it's vampire-like minions.

At the same time the remote-controlled Sweep-drone in front of them is moving closer.

PANEL 4:

CLOSE ON – And the Sweep grabs one of them – Skullgrin – and rips him away from the monster.

But in the process he is touched by the Dweller itself. A large burst of energy surrounds both Skullgrin and the Sweep.

Captioned: While trying to save Skullgrin, the Sweep-drone comes into contact with the Dweller himself. But...

PANEL 5:

INT. Sweep 2 and Octane and the others, controlling the Sweep-drones from inside Skylinx.

SWEEP TWO

The drone is not affected. I still have full energy and control.

GREGORY

It works – our metal works.

KLEMENTIA

As I told you it would. See – I was right.

PANEL 6:

JESSICA

As if you actually know anything about this creature. You practically admitted to the Autobots that you were just bluffing them.

KLEMENTIA

I might not know much about the Dweller or Transorganics in particular, but I have a wide knowledge about Quintesson technology and Transformers in general – don't forget that it was me who had resurrected Optimus Prime.

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PANEL 1:

KLEMENTIA

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I knew exactly how to improve your old heat-resistant metal to best protect the Autobots systems. Without me your work would still be at the start. The Autobots acknowledge this. That's why they hired me after all.

JESSICA

Okay okay.

PANEL 2:

EXT. The Sweep drone had dragged Skullgrin away from the Dweller. But his Pretender Shell is still radiating the same sinister aura as his two comrades who are trapped by the Dweller.

But suddenly the Pretender-Shell is breaking open, revealing the robot inside – the real Skullgrin – who is jumping out.

Still unaffected as it looks.

PANEL 3:

SIDE ANGLE – Skullgrin (his robot form) is standing before the Sweep. While his large Pretender Shell is lurking behind them.

SKULLGRIN

Thank you... Hey are you not able to talk? A drone?

Captioned: He sees the expressionless face and the liveless optics and realize his 'savior' is not alive in the first place.

PANEL 4:

Behind him red light is glowing up in the eyes of the bull-like Pretender Shell and it is starting to move on it's own.

PRETENDER SHELL

Rhoar.

SKULLGRIN

No.

Captioned: While he is not affected, his Pretender Shell is. And it seems to have taken a life of it's own.

PANEL 5:

CLOSE SHOT – on Overlord with the now awakened Dweller on the ship visible behind them in space.

Overlord is holding a remote control in one of his large hands.

OVERLORD

Now let us see.

Captioned: Overlord has fallen back and gotten into a save distance to Ultra Magnus.

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PANEL 1:

WIDE SHOT – Overlord looks over to the strange alien-device he and his men had brought along here and that he had now activated. Hotrod and Ultra Magnus are following his gaze as well.

On the device several lights are glowing up.

PANEL 2:

Skullgrin and the Sweep are now approached by not only Skullgrin's own Pretender Shell, but by Iquanus and Finback as well. All of them turned into energy leeches.

With the Dweller shrieking and raising up its 'arms' behind them.

DWELLER

Kiarr!

Captioned: As a Pretender Skullgrin is connected to his Shell – physically, mentally, but all he feels now is an empty void.

PANEL 3:

While the Sweep drone lunges forward, throwing itself at the drained Pretenders, Skullgrin runs away and transforms into his spaceglider-mode.

Captioned: He transforms and flies away. Or at least he tries to.

PANEL 4:

CLOSE SHOT – Skullgrin is caught by a net the Dweller has shot after him.

While behind him his own Pretender Shell is running towards him, ready to drain and infect him as well.

SKULLGRIN

No!

PANEL 5:

The mindless Sweep is meanwhile being taken apart by the drained Iquanus and Finback, who had just ripped off one of its arms.

With his outer structure damaged however, the protective metal does not longer have an effect and the Sweep is drained and taken over as well. Its eyes are now glowing in the same color as the possessed Pretenders.

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PANEL 1:

WIDE SHOT – Hotrod appears before Skullgrin and shoots his Pretender Shell three times in the head, breaking it's armor and literally blowing up it's head.

Captioned: As a Targetmaster the firepower of Hotrod's Partner Firebolt is greater than of a regular gun. Skullgrin knows he should have felt the destruction of his Shell. But he felt nothing.

PANEL 2:

CAPTION: Meanwhile

CLOSE SHOT, LOW ANGLE – on Overlord. Snake and Michelle have transformed and are standing on his shoulders.

OVERLORD

No effect. It seems the trader who has told us that this was an ancient Quintesson device that can control the Dweller was either cheated us or was simply wrong. Probably the first.

MICHELLE

Since you had killed him instead of paying him, that matter has pretty much solved itself.

PANEL 3:

Overlord is transforming into his spacejet-mode.

OVERLORD

We return to Zone. Decepticons transform.

SNAKE

What about the Dweller? If the ship reaches the surface it is a threat to the entire planet.

OVERLORD

I trust the Autobots to take care of it. And if they don't, we will simply evacuate and abandon the planet, as long as the Autobots don't have it either.

PANEL 4:

CLOSE SHOT – on Ultra Magnus upper body and Marissa floating beside him as they watch Overlord, the combined Darkwing and Dreadwind and the Air Strike patrol flying away.

Magnus is lifting his arm and using his communicator.

MARISSA

They are getting away.

ULTRA MAGNUS

Hotrod, Optimus – do you hear me? Overlord and the others are retreating. It looks like they are returning to Zone.

PANEL 5:

CAPTION: Planet Zone, in front of Overlord's Base. The attack has begun.

WIDE SHOT – Overlord's base is close at the coast of the sea. It is defended by a large tank-vehicle, a similar large helicopter in the air, a few ground facilities and defense-turrets.

All of these units controlled and piloted by Micromasters.

The mobile rocket-base of the Autobot Micromasters has now been moved to a coast line close to the Decepticon stronghold and transformed and transformed into a wider base-mode with several weapon systems.

The rocket-base and the Decepticon installations are exchanging fire from the distance.

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PANEL 1:

SPLASH PANEL – Between the rocket-base and the defense installations, there is also large number of individual Autobot and Decepticon Micromasters fighting each other in robot-, combat-vehicle or jet-mode.

Under them are the Race Car and Rescue Patrol on the Autobot- and the Sports Car and Combat Patrols on the Decepticon side, who are firing at each other.

The large helicopter, with the Decepticon Micromaster Skyhopper as pilot, is firing down on the Autobots, hitting two nameless Micromasters and blowing them to pieces.

At the same time, Roadhandler shoots and hits a Decepticon jet whose cockpit explodes.

Standing in the middle of the attacking micro-sized Autobots however are also Optimus and Elita. With Ginrai and Lyra having taken the form of their engines and Optimus transformed into his super-mode.

OPTIMUS

I hear you Ultra Magnus. I will call Getaway, Joyride and Slapdash back. I had send them to assist you. But now that is no longer necessary.

PANEL 2:

LOW ANGLE – Optimus raises his hand-rifle and shoots the large helicopter.

Blasting through it's windshield and destroying part of it's cockpit, barely missing the pilot... and blasting off it's rotor-blades, sending the machine crashing down.

And with a second shot from one of his shoulder cannons, he a moment later hits the tank-vehicle, blows a large hole in it's side and nearly completely obliterates it.

In both cases sparring the pilots.

OPTIMUS

(CONT.)

Just stop the Dweller. We are taking care of things here.

ROADHANDLER

Yeah – that was great work Prime. With you here we can really end this quickly.

Captioned: If Overlord does not return before that.

PANEL 3:

CAPTION: At the same time in orbit.

HIGH ANGLE – The Autobot Shuttle is just about to re-enter the atmosphere.

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PANEL 1:

CAPTION: Back with Hotrod and the others.

Hotrod is standing beside to Skullgrin on the hull of the old Quintesson vessel. Blitzwing has arrived and is standing next to them.

BLITZWING

Are you ready to assist us?

SKULLGRIN

Yes – thank you. Did I hear that right? That backstabber Overlord is returning to Zone?

HOTROD

Yes. When we are finished here, we will join the others to deal with him.

PANEL 2:

As they look around, they see the drained Decepticon Pretenders moving closer to them.

Iquanus and Finback had now split apart and left their Shells. Both the Shells and the inner robots moving separate from each other and both being drained and under the influence of the Dweller.

One of their own Sweep drones with it's protective armor destroyed has also been turned into an energy leech as well. Which raised their number to 5.

And lurking behind them was the Dweller itself.

HOTROD

Great.

BLITZWING

Run!

PANEL 3:

CAPTION: Inside the Quintesson ship.

The second remote-controlled Sweep drone (this one controlled by Octane) has by now moved inside the ships, through the corridors and is now on the command-bridge.

It is standing just a few meters from the flight console. And it is reaching out to the controls.

PANEL 4:

INT. Inside Skylinx with Octane, Sweep Nmber 2, Klementia, Jessica and Gregory.

OCTANE

I am nearly there. By the way, It was nice that you saved Skullgrin. But because of it I am left here alone. Our job is to take control of this horror-ship and fly into the sun, not to save some idiot Overlord has taken advantage of.

Something I now have to do by myself because you lost the other drone.

PANEL 5:

SWEEP TWO

Don't forget that I was also distracting this energy vampires. It was thanks to me you could slip away unnoticed and get inside the ship.

OCTANE

Okay okay.

Captioned: Sweep 2 remembers how it was when he had been drained by that monster. How the others had left him behind to save themselves.

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PANEL 1:

CLOSE ON – on Jessica, Gregory and Klementia.

GREGORY

Maybe you two should concentrate on the job.

KLEMENTIA

That is a good idea, because something could still happen.

PANEL 2:

CLOSE SHOT, SIDE ANGLE – on Octane sitting at the controls with the screen before him showing the view of the drone on the other ship.

But suddenly a hand is appearing on the screen, reaching for the drone.

OCTANE

And what? What th...?!

PANEL 3:

The body of an Alicon Guard just activated and charged at the Sweep and grabbed it with it's arms. It's body was grey and it's eyes glowing in the same red as the other energy-vampires.

The Guard had obviously been drained by the Dweller when it had taken over this ship years ago and was now being reactivated.

PANEL 4:

The Alicon is holding the Sweep and trying to drain it's energy. But it does not work.

ALICON

Ah Rhaaa

Captioned: The Guard is trying to drain the Sweeps energy while letting out an inhuman cry. But like the last time the metal covering is working.

PANEL 5:

CLOSE ON - A missile suddenly hits the Guard at his neck and blows it up, causing the head to be separated from his body.

Captioned: Until a blast blows it's head from it's body.

PANEL 6:

As the Sweep drone looks around, Ultra Magnus is standing at the entrance, with one of the missiles on his shoulders missing and Marissa standing next to him.

ULTRA MAGNUS

What are you waiting for? Continue.

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PANEL 1:

WIDE SHOT – Hotrod, Blitzwing, Springer and Skullgrin appeared one moment later next to Magnus.

Blitzwing and Skullgrin are firing backwards into the corridor.

HOTROD

Okay – we have distracted them as long as we could. I hope you have it.

PANEL 2:

Followed by the energy vampires who are now appearing out of the entrance.

PANEL 3:

Ultra Magnus and the Sweep-drone are standing at the flight console.

ULTRA MAGNUS

Course is set. And we are starting now. The only thing left is to...

PANEL 4:

CLOSE ON – On the Sweep's hand pushing a button.

PANEL 5:

WIDE SHOT – The entire group is standing around the flight-console, with the energy vampires blocking the entrance.

And at the same time the Dweller is starting to rip a hole into the roof on the other side of the room.

ULTRA MAGNUS

(CONT.)

... get away.

HOTROD

I hoped we wouldn't need to use them. Magnus – energy grenades now!

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PANEL 1:

CLOSE ON – Hotrod and Ultra Magnus are throwing two small cylindrical metallic objects to the ground.

HOTROD

Get off the ground!

PANEL 2:

WIDE SHOT – Blitzwing and Skullgrin have lifted off the ground and are carrying Hotrod between them. Springer has transformed into helicopter-mode and Ultra Magnus is hanging at his side.

Firebolt and Marissa have transformed back into gun-mode and are currently levitating in the air.

While a large outburst of energy is flashing over the ground, hitting the energy vampires, the ship's systems and also the non-sentient Sweep at the console.

PANEL 3:

CAPTION: One moment later.

CLOSE SHOT – on Iquanus and Finback, now back to normal, with their Pretender Shells standing beside them.

IQUANUS

W-What happened?

FINBACK

By the universe.

Captioned: An immensely powerful infusion of energy can negate the Dweller's effect. Something they had learned from the last time.

PANEL 4:

WIDE SHOT – The two Pretenders are looking at Hotrod and the others...

... and behind them at the Dweller that is reaching through the hole it had ripped into the roof of the room with it's appendages.

DWELLER

Shriah!

ULTRA MAGNUS

The controls are fried and the engines are off-line.

HOTROD

Good – that means the Dweller also has no chance to change the course. The ship is moving fast enough. Autobots, Decepticons – get out of here.

PANEL 5:

BACK ANGLE – They have transformed and are driving out of the room. With Magnus and Blitzwing in the lead, followed by Hotrod and Springer in sportscar- and Skullgrin in glider-mode.

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PANEL 1:

Ultra Magnus then fires his second missile and Blitzwing his cannon at the wall in front of them, blowing another hole into the ship's hull.

PANEL 2:

HIGH VERTICAL ANGLE – and they just drive through the hole out into open space.

PANEL 3:

Where Skylinx in shuttle form is already waiting for them.

SKYLINX

I am here to pick you up. I guess the work is done.

HOTROD

You guessed right Skylinx.

PANEL 4:

VERTICAL BACK ANGLE – View on the Quintesson ship with the Dweller on it, with the star of the system in front of it.

Captioned: The ship with the Dweller on board meanwhile continues it's way to the sun.

PANEL 5:

CLOSE SHOT – The Dweller has now pushed itself away from the ship and is drifting alone into space.

DWELLER

Shi Arhhh!

Captioned: Realizing what is happening, the monster makes one last attempt to get away from the doomed ship and it lets out one last desperate scream. But the momentum alone is enough...

PANEL 6:

View on two burning fireballs lighting up close to the sun's surface.

Captioned: ... to carry it and the ship on into the same direction. To their shared doom. As both of them are send into the planet Zone's sun.

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PANEL 1:

CAPTION: Back on Planet Zone's surface.

LOW ANGLE – The Autobot shuttle has meanwhile returned and is hanging over the battlefield.

On the ground below them Optimus, Elita and the Autobot Micromasters have taken out most of the vehicles and defense-installations and the Decepticond are drawing back.

PANEL 2:

CLOSE SHOT, LOW ANGLE – The lock at the side of the shuttle is being opened and Getaway, Slapdash and Joyride are jumping out.

GETAWAY

We are here Prime.

JOYRIDE

Then let us go.

Captioned: The three other Powermasters Getaway, Slapdash and Joyride have returned to join the battle.

PANEL 3:

NORMAL ANGLE – The three fire on a gun-turret and blow up the top of it.

Captioned: They take out the last of the defense-turrets and the Decepticon Micromasters are now fully retreating.

PANEL 4:

CAPTION: But a few moments later.

LOW ANGLE – Overlord and Darkwing and Dreadwing in their combined form are returning, closely followed by the Air Strike Patrol.

They are flying down from the sky from above the shuttle.

PANEL 5:

They fire a barrage of missiles and lasers at the Autobot shuttle.

PANEL 6:

HIGH ANGLE – And they blow large parts out of the middle- and cockpit-section, causing the shuttle to loose control, spin, fall...

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... and to crash on the ground in some distance to the battlefield.

Captioned: To all their luck the shuttle had spun away some distance from the battle before it crashes, instead of falling on the troops – neither the Autobots or Decepticons.

PANEL 2:

WIDE SHOT – The 3 Powermasters Getaway, Joyride and Slapdash are standing in a close formation. With the Race Car Patrol – Roadhandler, Free Wheeler, Tailspin and Swindler – standing right in front of them.

They are firing back at the combined Darkwing and Dreadwind and the Air Strike Patrol who are flying above them and attacking them from all direction.

Captioned: Sometimes things are just not going as planned. This is something Overlord and his two Bonding Partners Snake and Michelle also know all too well.

PANEL 3:

FRONTAL LOW ANGLE – Overlord is meanwhile in his spacejet form flying over the Micromaster rocket-base.

Captioned: Overlord had hoped to control the Dweller. To turn it into a super-weapon to drain and control entire worlds.

PANEL 4:

He fires a volley of missiles and lasers at the red gun-turret in the front section of the base operated by an Autobot Micromaster...

Captioned: But the machine he aquired simply didn't work.

PANEL 5:

... and blows it up. Together with the Micromaster sitting inside of it.

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PANEL 1:

CLOSE SHOT – Overlord transforms into robot-mode and lands right in front of Optimus. With Snake and Michelle transformed inside his chest compartments.

Optimus in his super-form is now facing Overlord.

OVERLORD

Prime. I see you have come to take my planet from me. And that while I was occupied somewhere else.

OPTIMUS

Zone was never yours Overlord. Your too late. We have broken your base defenses. You are already outnumbered. And soon Hotrod and the others will arrive. It is over. Let us stop this before even more people have to die.

Captioned: Snake and Michelle had tried to built up a new COBRA Organization from within the Transformers worshipping Sect called 'Church of Cybertron' with human piloted Transtectors.

PANEL 2:

Overlord is glaring at him with pure hatred. He lifts his handgun and at the same moment untriggers the weapons mounted on his stomach section.

OVERLORD

It will not matter if I kill you before they arrive Great Optimus Prime.
Then **all** Decepticons will follow me.

Captioned: But that too went wrong. Their robots had been destroyed, their followers arrested... and Overlord came to life. So they made the best of what they had.

PANEL 3:

CLOSE ON – But before he can fire, Overlord is hit by a blast in his shoulder.

OVERLORD

Arhh!

PANEL 4:

WIDE SHOT – Behind Optimus... Elita One, Getaway and the Micromasters Flak from the Battle Patrol and Fixit from the Rescue Patrol have appeared and point their weapons at Overlord.

ELITA

Only that you won't do any of this Overlord. Give up or we will destroy you.

Captioned: It is the same situation like 15 years ago. Overlord is cornered, surrounded by Autobots. His troops are busy with the other opponents.

PANEL 5:

CAPTION: At the same time in orbit – Inside Skylinx

INT. Hotrod, Ultra Magnus, Springer, Blitzwing, Skullgrin and Iquanus (in his Shell) are looking out of Skylinx cockpit at the orbit of the Planet Zone before them.

A bright light flashes up in space a short distance before them.

IQUANUS

Don't get this wrong. We are still Decepticons. We are only helping you against Overlord and nothing else.

HOTROD

Of course. Hey – what is that?

SKYLINX

A large object has suddenly appeared before us in space. Out of nowhere as it looks.

PANEL 6:

CLOSE ON – It is Skorponok in his spaceship form.

HOTROD

(off panel)

Skorponok.

Captioned: Sometimes things don't go as planned.

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