



Transformers ReAnimated X
Episode 0

'Shadows of Tomorrow'

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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 planet Cybertron - over 4 million years ago.

EXT. View of Cybertron in space.

NOTE: Text passage

"Cybertron is a metallic world inhabited by living robotic beings. Because of their ability to change their form and take the shape of different vehicles, weapons and other objects... they are also called Transformers.

The conflict between the Autobots and the Decepticons - descended from the ancient worker and warrior lines of Cybertron - had by now been going on for 5 million years. The war had drained the metal-planet of it's once vast energy resources.

And both sides were planning to reach out to other planets for new sources of energy."

PANEL 2:

EXT. View on the large dome-shaped Autobot main-base of Iacon.

Captioned: It is now only a few weeks before the mission of the Autobots spaceship called The Ark would start on it's exploration mission. The construction of the ship is already in it's last phase, hidden below the Autobot Headquarter in the Sector Iacon.

PANEL 3:

In this moment in orbit, high above the planet, something appears. It is an distortion in space, looking like a blue shimmering circle.

Captioned: Something - a rift in the structure of time and space itself has opened. Nearly instantly, sensors on the surface are detecting the anomaly and scan it.

PANEL 4:

CAPTION: Autobot Headquarter

INT. Inside the Autobot base, their Leader OPTIMUS PRIME was standing in the middle of the control room... with the Autobots IRONHIDE, JAZZ and TRAILBREAKER sitting before him at the consoles.

OPTIMUS

Do you get anything Jazz?

JAZZ

Not much Prime, except that it is clearly some sort of distortion in space-time.

PANEL 5:

CAPTION: Decepticon Headquarter

WIDE SHOT - It is a similar picture with the Decepticon Leader MEGATRON, who was sitting on his chair in the command-room, with his Second in Command STARScream and SHOCKWAVE standing next to him...

... and the Communication Officer SOUNDWAVE and the Seekers SKYWARP and THUNDERCRACKER sitting at the consoles before them.

MEGATRON

Do you have anything Soundwave?

SOUNDWAVE

Strong emissions of gravital and chronotic energy. Source unknown.

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PANEL 1:

CLOSE SHOT - A small light blue shimmering sphere made of energy flying freely in space.

Captioned: The anomaly disappears after a few minutes. But something has come out of it.

PANEL 2:

CAPTION: Sector Iacon - 1 week later, the underground tunnels of Cybertron

CLOSE SHOT - A large armored, mostly blue and white colored, vehicle is driving through the tunnel that is leading to the center of the Sector Iacon, the Capital of the Autobots.

PANEL 3:

HIGH SHOT - The vehicle is coming out of the underground tunnel, returning to the surface.

It is now driving on the highway-ramp that leads directly to the Autobot Headquarter. The large dome is visible before the horizon.

PANEL 4:

CAPTION: Autobot Headquarter, main entrance

WIDE SHOT - The two Autobots Hound and Mirage standing at the entrance of the base.

The vehicle arrives before them... and transforms into robot-mode.

It is Ultra Magnus.

Captioned: The two Autobots Hound and Mirage are currently on guard duty, as they are getting a surprising visitor.

PANEL 5:

Both of them are surprised to see the other Autobot arriving.

HOUND

Ultra Magnus?

ULTRA MAGNUS

Hound, Mirage - It is good to see you two again.

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PANEL 1:

HOUND

I thought you are supposed to be at a mission at the Vilnacron border?

ULTRA MAGNUS

I am. But something has happened. I have to talk to Optimus Prime. Or to Prowl if Prime is unavailable. It is a matter of security.

PANEL 2:

MIRAGE

Well, Prime is actually busy right now. Something about an anomaly that has appeared in orbit.

ULTRA MAGNUS

I thought so... Then call someone to bring me to Prowl.

PANEL 3:

CAPTION: A few minutes later

INT. Bumblebee is leading Ultra Magnus inside, through the corridors of the base right to Prowl's office.

PANEL 4:

CLOSE SHOT - They have just arrived. BUMBLEBEE is pressing a button, opening the door to PROWL's office with Magnus standing behind him.

BUMBLEBEE

Prowl - Ultra Magnus has just arrived. He says he has some information he needs to talk with you about.

PROWL

(Off panel)

Alright. Come in.

PANEL 5:

Ultra Magnus looks at Bumblebee.

ULTRA MAGNUS

Alone.

PANEL 6:

Bumblebee just raises his hands in a 'whatever' gesture.

BUMBLEBEE

Alright, I will just go back to my post.

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PANEL 1:

WIDE SHOT - Bumblebee is walking out of the room, while Prowl and Ultra Magnus are looking at each other.

PANEL 2:

CLOSE ON - on Prowl.

PROWL

So? What is so important that you break up your mission suddenly show up here unannounced?

PANEL 3:

CLOSE SHOT - Ultra Magnus standing next to Prowl.

ULTRA MAGNUS

We have an infiltrater. In fact someone is impersonating an high-ranked Autobot.

PROWL

Alright. Who?

PANEL 4:

Magnus smiles.

It is a smile so completely unlike him. Malicious, arrogant... triumphant?

ULTRA MAGNUS

Me.

PROWL

(thinking)

This is not Ultra Magnus voice. It sounds nearly like...

PANEL 5:

CLOSE SHOT - But before Prowl can even react, 'Magnus' has grabbed him by the throat, lifts him up...

PANEL 6:

... and smashes his face hard into the wall. Prowl is knocked out.

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PANEL 1:

CLOSE SHOT - 'Ultra Magnus' is looking down at him... and Starscream's transparent shape is lighting up from his body, overlapping with it.

ULTRA MAGNUS (Starscream)

You know, I would really like to kill you now Prowl. But we both know laserfire would most likely be detected inside here.

PANEL 2:

STARSCREAM

(CONT.)

I bet there are sensors everywhere here. And doing it with my bare hands would be, well - messy and cost time.

So I guess you will just have to die with everyone else here. Not that I mind Scavenger having the honor... but for my future you all have to die today.

PANEL 3:

CLOSE ON - Starscream/Ultra Magnus takes out an object that he had been carrying inside Magnus body and checks it.

Captioned: The device is not very big, but quite dangerous And it is working perfectly. Very good. Starscream remembers, what happened and how he came here to this time.

PANEL 4:

NOTE: Flashback scenes from memory.

CAPTION: The future...

Starscream is flying uncontrollable through space in Cybertron's orbit.

Captioned: He tries to bring his movement under control. He tries to transform. But his new body is already damaged by the explosion that send him here.

PANEL 5:

WIDE SHOT - He comes flying across Galvatron, with Cyclonus, Scourge and one Sweep next to him.

GALVATRON

it's Starscream, blast him!

CYCLONUS

But he's a ghost.

Captioned: Having a new body, he isn't exactly a ghost anymore at that point. But the Decepticons don't know that.

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PANEL 1:

GALVATRON

(shouting)

Die you worthless...

Captioned: Despite that they open fire on him. They are shooting his new body, destroying vital systems beyond repair and 'killing' him once more right again.

PANEL 2:

CLOSE SHOT - Starscream is continuing to fly through space, visibly damaged and still unable to move.

His optics turn dark.

PANEL 3:

His motionless body continues to fly through space... non functional - dead.

While his mind - his spark - separates from it. Becoming a 'ghost' once more.

Captioned: He had reactivated Unicron and made a deal with him in exchange for a new body (putting Cybertron and eventually the entire universe in danger) only to betray Unicron in the last second. And after all that his new body had been destroyed only minutes afterwards.

PANEL 4:

CLOSE SHOT - Starscream's bodiless spark is flying in space.

Captioned: After drifting aimlessly for a long time.

PANEL 5:

EXT. It is approaching a ship.

Captioned: He finally comes across one of the ships that are moving between Cybertron and other planets.

PANEL 6:

INT. Inside the ship

WIDE SHOT - Starscream in his ghost-form standing right next to the human crew without them noticing.

Captioned: Since the crew is human, he can not possess them. But he can watch and listen. He finds out that nearly a year had passed.

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CLOSE SHOT on `Ghost` Starscream's face smiling.

Captioned: During this time however he has come to an realization. He had been killed twice now... but he was still there. He was not just a ghost as he had first thought. No - he was immortal - indestructable. Yes, he was the closest thing to a god.

PANEL 2:

EXT. View of the re-energized golden glowing Cybertron

Captioned: Starscream had been surprised when he heard that somehow Cybertron's energy resources had been restored and that Galvatron and most of the other Decepticons were missing somewhere in space.

PANEL 3:

WIDE SHOT - scene of Autobots celebrating on the surface

Captioned: They called it Cybertron's Second Golden Age. For Starscream, he could not care less, except that the new energy made the Autobots stronger. So to him it was a bad thing.

PANEL 4:

CLOSE SHOT - of Starscream possessing a random mechanoid.

Captioned: In the following years Starscream continued on. Moving from one body to the other.

PANEL 5:

WIDE SHOT - a burning city on a random planet.

Captioned: He caused chaos and destruction where ever he went. Often without anybody even finding out that it was him.

PANEL 6:

CAPTION: Until he found out about the transwarp-technology and finally came across the time-rift.

CLOSE SHOT - Starscream's spark floating next to the rift in space and time...

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PANEL 1:

CAPTION: Orbit of Cybertron 4 million years ago.

... and coming out in space over Cybertron 4 million years earlier.

PANEL 2:

CAPTION: Surface of Cybertron, somewhere in the Sector Vlnacron

CLOSE SHOT - Possessing a silver and brown colored Seeker of the same body-type as Starscream himself.

Captioned: ...and possessess one of the first Transformers he came across. The leader of a low ranked trio of Seekers named Airbound.

PANEL 3:

Scene of Airbound (Starscream) building the device shown in Ultra Magnus hand before.

Captioned: Unimportant, but still a Decepticon officer. So he had access to a few resources.

PANEL 4:

CAPTION: A few days later the device is finished.

INT. Inside the local Decepticon outpost Starscream is trying to convince 'his' two wingmates - a red-brown and an orange colored Seeker - to go to an unauthorized trip to the border of the Autobot territory.

AIRBOUND (Starscream)

I tell you, we should go and take on some Autobots. We've been sitting around here far too long.

Captioned: The reaction of these wingmates - whose names as he had learned by now were ironically Skycracker (red-brown) and Thunderbolt (orange) - was less enthusiastic as he had hoped for.

PANEL 5:

SKYCRACKER

But we have no order to do that.

THUNDERBOLT

Yes - I don't want to get into any trouble.

AIRBOUND (Starscream)

We will not get into trouble if we succeed. If we just kill a few Autobots - maybe even someone important - we will be rewarded. We can even get the attention of Megatron himself.

PANEL 6:

NOTE: TEXT PANEL

"Honestly Thunderbolt and Skycracker (or Skywarp and Thundercracker for poor people, as Starscream secretly called them) were a joke. Their entire existence seemed to spin around showing as little initiative as possible when they are **on** duty and drowning themselves in high-grade energon when they are not. And hoping to stumble over some lucky shot to impress their superiors. But without any of the intelligence or common sense to actually achieve this.

Starscream admits he never really understood how well he was off with his old wingmates, until he got stuck with this two idiots for a week."

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PANEL 1:

THUNDERBOLT

Yeah - let us do it.

SKYCRACKER

Alright.

Captioned: But exactly their stupidity also makes them easy to manipulate.

PANEL 2:

CAPTION: A short time later, Vilnacron border... Starscream can BARELY BELIEVE HIS OWN LUCK.

WIDE SHOT - A group of Autobots is patrolling the area, walking with drawn guns. On the left a grey colored construction bot called Chromeflex, the two on the right are a light blue and a red Autobot with some kind of vehicle alt-modes named Highroad and Gearshift.

... and the one in the middle - Ultra Magnus.

Captioned: „Ultra Magnus - him, here?“

PANEL 3:

BACK SHOT, HIGH ANGLE - From the top of a building, Airbound (Starscream), Thunderbolt and Skycracker are looking down at them.

AIRBOUND (Starscream)

Attack.

PANEL 4:

SKYCRACKER

But we are outnumbered. And the guy in the middle looks like Ultra Magnus. We will get killed.

STARSCREAM

(thinking)

Of course you will, you idiot. That is part of the plan. Removing some loose ends.

PANEL 5:

CLOSE SHOT - Airbound (Starscream) points his guns at his `wingmates`.

AIRBOUND (Starscream)

I said attack. Or I will kill you myself.

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PANEL 1:

The group around Ultra Magnus is suddenly under attack. Laserblasts are hitting the ground around them.

Two typical three-angled Seeker jets are flying in on them.

ULTRA MAGNUS

Decepticons.

PANEL 2:

LOW ANGLE - Magnus and the others are aiming their weapons and open fire up at the Seekers. They fire at least a half dozen blasts into Thunderbolt, what causes the orange Seeker to blow up into shrapnell...

... and Skycracker, who was close behind him and also took a few hits to crash in a close distance to them.

PANEL 3:

CHROMEFLX

Attacking a stronger enemy frontally like this? Who are this idiots?

GEARSHIFT

No idea. Never saw this Cons before.

PANEL 4:

HIGH ANGLE - Airbound (Starscream) is now attacking them from another angle. He fires.

Captioned: Airbound (Starscream) has used this chance. He had used his two 'wingmates' as cover, flew a curve and was now attacking from the other side.

PANEL 5:

WIDE SHOT – As Starscream is flying over them, one of his missiles hits Highroad right into the face and blows up his head.

AIRBOUND (Starscream)

(laughing loud)

Ah ha ha ha ha.

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PANEL 1:

BACK ANGLE, LOW ANGLE - The Autobots fire at him now. In opposite to Skycracker and Thunderbolt however Starscream is able to avoid at some of the blasts.

One shot however hits and blasts off a part of his wing.

AIRBOUND (Starscream)

Damn it - this body is a piece of scrap.

PANEL 2:

WIDE SHOT - Airbound (Starscream) transforms into robot mode and lowers down to the ground in some distance to the Autobots, who instantly point their weapons at him.

At the same time however the crashed Skycracker has come up again and is firing at the Autobots from the other side.

He hits Chromeflex in the back twice...

PANEL 3:

... causing something inside him to explode and him falling down dead.

SKYCRACKER

Ha - I Have killed him! I have actually killed an Autobo...

But Ultra Magnus has already turned and shoots Skycracker clean through his chest, killing him instantly.

While Airbound (Starscream) and Gearshift are firing at each other.

PANEL 4:

CLOSE ON - In this moment Starscream is leaving Airbound's body. And just in the same moment Ultra Magnus and the remaining other Autobot Gearshift fire their weapons and shoot Airbound.

AIRBOUND

What? Where am I? No...!

PANEL 5:

CLOSE SHOT - And a moment later Starscream is possessing Ultra Magnus.

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PANEL 1:

Gearshift sees that Magnus has his weapon pointed at him.

GEARSHIFT

Ultra Magnus?

PANEL 2:

'Ultra Magnus' fires and practically blows off his head.

ULTRA MAGNUS (Starscream)

Nice firepower. If it wouldn't feel so strange possessing an Autobot, I might keep this body.

PANEL 3:

WIDE SHOT - He looks at the dead Autobots and Decepticons around him.

Captioned: Inside a part of Ultra Magnus mind that is still halfway conscious is thinking in horror: 'What have I done?'... before it shuts down as well.

PANEL 4:

CLOSE SHOT, HIGH ANGLE - Ultra Magnus (Starscream) is kneeling and holding a device in his hands.

Captioned: Ultra Magnus (Starscream) is retrieving the device, that he had built during the last days and he had hidden close by during the fight.

PANEL 5:

NOTE: Flashback End

CAPTION: Now

Ultra Magnus (Starscream) is walking out of Prowl's office as if nothing happened.

Captioned: Starscream is heading to the center of the base, where he knows the Ark is being build.

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PANEL 1:

CAPTION: A few minutes later he enters the hangar at the lowest level.

HIGH ANGLE - Ultra Magnus (Starscream) enters the construction-site.

He sees the still unfinished spaceship that fills most of the hollowed out interior of the base and reched upwards over several levels right up to the roof.

Captioned: A single bomb will change the course of history.

PANEL 2:

WIDE SHOT - In front of him Wheeljack and Ratchet are working on the engines.

PANEL 3:

They turn around to greet him... but he opens fire on them.

He hits Wheeljack in the shoulder and Ratchet in the side of his chest.

WHEELJACK

Wha...?

PANEL 4:

CLOSE SHOT - The two damaged Autobots are lying on the ground next to him, damaged but still conscious. Starscream however does not pay much attention to them.

RATCHET

What do you think you're doing?

Captioned: It would be so easy, to kill them again. But why bother?

PANEL 5:

Magnus (Starscream) walks forward and attaches his device on the wall right next to the engines of the Ark, right at the powerlines.

ULTRA MAGNUS (Starscream)

(in real voice)

Don't worry - soon everything will be over.

WHEELJACK

This voice.

Captioned: The device will draw energy from the power-core of the base until it overloads. It will not only destroy the Ark, but the entire base and the surrounding area. This should take only around five minutes.

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PANEL 1:

CAPTION: Prowl's office

CLOSE SHOT - Prowl regaining conscious and pushing a button on the wall close to the door, activating the alarm.

Captioned: The alarms are flaring up.

PANEL 2:

CAPTION: Less than three minutes later.

WIDE SHOT - Optimus Prime, Prowl, Ironhide, Bumblebee, Hound and Mirage are running into the construction-hangar.

At the other side they see Ultra Magnus standing close to the Ark's engines with the injured Wheeljack and Ratchet lying before him.

OPTIMUS

What in the world?

WHEELJACK

Prime - that is not Ultra Magnus.

RATCHET

And he has placed some kind of bomb on the power-lines.

PANEL 3:

ULTRA MAGNUS (Starscream)

It is too late Optimus Prime.

IRONHIDE

Starscream?

ULTRA MAGNUS (Starscream)

Not quite Ironbrain. At least not the one you know.

PANEL 4:

CLOSE ON - on Optimus standing before the possessed Ultra Magnus.

OPTIMUS

Whoever you are, Release Ultra Magnus.

ULTRA MAGNUS (Starscream)

Never - you will all be dead within minutes.

Captioned: But at the same time, Ultra Magnus consciousness was waking up again.

PANEL 5:

WIDE SHOT - Ultra Magnus holding his own head (with his gun in one of his hands) obviously fighting whatever was possessing him.

And the other Autobots watching.

ULTRA MAGNUS

No!

STARSCREAM

(in his mind)

You can not fight me. Your body belongs to me.

ULTRA MAGNUS

NEVER!

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PANEL 1:

NOTE: Flashback

CAPTION: For a moment Ultra Magnus sees something in his mind, a vision or maybe a memory.

WIDE SHOT - Magnus finds 'himself' at an unknown place.

At one side to him he sees a strange anomaly in the air.

At the other side are TWO tall purple colored Decepticons.

The first one has a three-spiked helmet and a large cannon mounted on his right arm (similar to Megatron). The other Decepticon obviously has some kind of jet alt-mode and two large spikes on his head (Galvatron and Cyclonus).

Ultra Magnus can however not recall their names.

GALVATRON

The time-rift. Stop it.

PANEL 2:

CYCLONUS

What are you doing? You could destroy us all.

STARSCREAM

Yes - exactly - Aha ha ha,

Captioned: Magnus heard 'himself' replying and laughing manically.

PANEL 3:

NOTE: Flashback end.

CAPTION: In the 'present'

CLOSE SHOT - Ultra Magnus is struggling for control. He turns his weapon around and points it at himself... and fires.

ULTRA MAGNUS

No.

PANEL 4:

Ultra Magnus falls down. A burning hole in his chest.

The other Autobots watch in shock how something that looks like an disembodied spark leaves his body...

PANEL 5:

... and disappears through the walls of the building.

PANEL 6:

WIDE SHOT - Then they are running forward. Some to help him. The others to remove the device that the being that had controlled him had planted.

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PANEL 1:

CLOSE SHOT - Bumblebee is holding the bomb in his hands. In front of him Ultra Magnus is lying on the ground.

BUMBLEBEE

I have it.

ULTRA MAGNUS

Give - give it to me. I know how to deactivate it.

PANEL 2:

Bumblebee reaches out to Magnus, but then hesitates for a moment. Optimus is standing next to them.

BUMBLEBEE

Can we be sure you are not still...?

OPTIMUS

Do it.

BUMBLEBEE

Okay.

Panel 3:

Magnus pushes a few buttons on the bomb and the lights on it go out.

ULTRA MAGNUS

What have I done?

OPTIMUS

You have saved us all. If you had not resisted whatever this thing was, we might have all died. All Autobots own their thanks to you.

He says to the injured and downridden looking Ultra Magnus.

PANEL 4:

WIDE SHOT – At the Autobots standing around them.

IRONHIDE

Yes - nobody of us will blame you for what this thing made you do.

WHEELJACK

(lying a few meters away from Magnus)

You can say that.

PANEL 5:

Optimus is looking at Ironhide, Prowl, Hound, Mirage, Bumblebee.

OPTIMUS

see that everyone is getting repaired. And make sure that a warning is send to all Autobots about a creature that can possess Transformers, possibly connected to the Decepticons.

IRONHIDE

Yes Optimus.

PROWL

Yes Prime.

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Panel 1:

EXT. Starscream's spark is flying above the Decepticon Headquarter.

Captioned: Starscream is furious. Twarted once again by these mortals. But he has one other contingency plan - if you could call it that.

PANEL 2:

INT. In Megatron's office Skywarp is in this moment reporting to him about the death of three certain Seekers.

SKYWARP

So it looks like Airbound, Skycracker and Thunderbolt have gone hunting for some Autobots and got themselves killed. We have a recording of their group-leader riling them up to it to get, well **your** attention.

We found them next to the corpses of three Autobots.

MEGATRON

(annoyed)

I see.

PANEL 3:

Megatron stands up and turns his back to Skywarp.

MEGATRON

Well - they **certainly** managed to do that. This fools. Three Autobots, well at least they managed to achieve **something** before they removed themselves from our ranks with their stupidity.

In this moment behind him Starscream is possessing Skywarp.

Captioned: This will not rid him of the Autobots, but at least he will finally take over the Decepticons. He will finally get what should have been **his** the entire time. And the ever loyal Skywarp will get the blame.

PANEL 4:

Skywarp (Starscream) is taking aim at Megatron's back.

Captioned: He will simply **take over** his younger self and **guide** him to victory.

Megatron had once told him that a single shot from a Seeker weapon could not kill him (Starscream's Brigade). So he will simply shoot more than **once**.

PANEL 5:

CAPTION: But suddenly...

CLOSE SHOT - Starscream's transparent form is being pushed backwards out of Skywarp.

Captioned: Starscream feels how he is from one moment to the other **thrown out** of Skywarp's body by an invisible force.

PANEL 6:

CAPTION: As Starscream turns back, it is to him as if ANOTHER BEING is looking at him through Skywarp's body.

Skywarp's form is surrounded by a bright aura of glowing energy. With his red eyes lighting up unnaturally high.

Captioned: A being that seems to have no physical form and seems to consist of pure energy. A being like himself? IMPOSSIBLE.

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PANEL 1:

Then it separates from Skywarp and is taking shape in front of him. As the being has halfway taken form, he recognizes him. It is a large purple Jet-Transformer, with parts of his arm and shoulder still not really visible.

STARSCREAM

Cyclonus!?

CYCLONUS

(bodiless form)

You can say that Starscream - 'Sorry', but we can not let you ruin the **entire future**.

Captioned: A being like him - yes. But powerful - much more powerful than himself.

PANEL 2:

Starscream's spark is in full speed quickly flying out of the room and out of the base as fast as he can.

Captioned: Starscream can sense the immense energy radiating from this creature in every fiber of his being. HOW? WHY? this questions cross his mind. But his priority is one thing, getting away from here... FLEEING FOR HIS VERY EXISTENCE.

PANEL 3:

CLOSE SHOT - View at Skywarp from behind with Megatron standing before him.

MEGATRON

(annoyed)

Skywarp, SKYWARP!

SKYWARP

Yes?

MEGATRON

What is wrong with you? You have just been standing there without responding.

PANEL 4:

SKYWARP

Sorry - I can not remember anything. Maybe I should have my systems checked.

MEGATRON

Do that.

PANEL 5:

EXT. Starscream's spark is meanwhile flying out of the outside walls of the Decepticon base into the open.

The figure of Galvatron appears in front of him.

Captioned: But if Starscream had thought he was flying in terror before, it is nothing compared to NOW...

PANEL 6:

Starscream has turned into his 'ghost' form in front of the bodiless form of Galvatron, whose appearance flickers for a moment into that of Megatron...

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PANEL 1:

... then back into Galvatron. Like Cyclonus a formless being like himself now.

STARSCREAM

NO! Impossible. How? Why?

PANEL 2:

Something that looks like tentacles made of pure energy were growing out of Galvatron's form and wringing themselves around Starscream.

GALVATRON

Lets say someone made us an offer. Someone who wanted to stop you and let us take this form. We of course accepted gladly.

STARSCREAM

Arhhh! (howling in pain)

Captioned: It is causing pain to his ghost-form, something that Starscream had thought completely impossible, as he felt his very life-energy drawn away from him.

PANEL 3:

LOW ANGLE - Starscream somehow rippes himself away from the tentacles and flees in pure panic towards the sky.

Captioned: He senses something. The time-rift has opened again. He does not care how or why. Just to get away from here.

PANEL 4:

CLOSE SHOT - Starscream's spark is flying through the time-rift once again.

Captioned: After a few minutes of fleeing in pure panic, he flies through the time-rift once again and it closes behind him. And he is gone.

PANEL 5:

WIDE SHOT - On the ground the incorporal Galvatron and Cyclonus meet with someone else. Before them are the equally incorporal forms of ULTRA MANUS, of RODIMUS and of OPTIMUS PRIME.

CYCLONUS

Thank you for letting **us** deal with him.

GALVATRON

Did your manipulations on the time-rift work?

PANEL 6:

CLOSE ON - View on the ghostly forms of Optimus and Ultra Magnus.

ULTRA MAGNUS

Yes they did. But I still don't understand why HE insisted on sending Starscream somewhere else instead of stopping him for good.

OPTIMUS

He said that it needed to happen. That Starscream has his role to play in another timeline.

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PANEL 1:

On Rodimus, Galvatron and Cyclonus

GALVATRON

Whatever Prime. I will not complain as long as our time is saved and WE have gotten rid of him for good.

CYCLONUS

I guess that means our world will be back to normal when we return.

RODIMUS

And - how is saving the universe, instead of trying to conquer it?

Captioned: Neither Cyclonus or Galvatron respond.

PANEL 2:

OPTIMUS

We will know for sure when we return home and to our bodies.

GALVATRON

We have worked together this time. But that does not mean it will stay that way or that there is peace now. Remember that Autobots.

OPTIMUS

You say that every time it happens Galvatron.

Captioned: The wight of the millions of years they knew each other - both as Megatron and Galvatron - is on them, mostly as enemies, sometimes as allies.

PANEL 3:

CAPTION: 4 Million Years later... Earth, the year 1984 - Mount St Helen.

EXT. Outside view at the vulcano.

Captioned: An eruption reactivates the systems of Teletran One - the main computer of the burried Ark and awakens BOTH Autobots and Decepticons.

It also frees the large engines, that had been hidden beneath the rock for millions of years and at the same time opens a way inside and out.

PANEL 4:

CAPTION: The war between the Autobots and Decepticons continued on Earth

CLOSE SHOT - Optimus Prime and Megatron fighting on SHERMAN DAM.

Captioned: The future is beginning.

PANEL 5:

CAPTION: Somewhere else...

WIDE SHOT - Starscream's spark is drifting over the storm-filled sky of an unknown planet.

Above him there are TWO MOONS in the sky.

Captioned: Where is he? This is not Cybertron and could not be Earth or any other planet Starscream knew of.

Thank you for reading.

As a time-travel story mostly set in the past, Issue 0 plays before the rest of the ReAnimated X stories and even before the original series.

It is also INTENTIONALLY not completely clear if the future seen in ReAnimated X is the ACTUAL future of TRANSFORMERS REANIMATED or an alternate (changed) future.

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The ending scene shows of course Starscream's arrival in Beast Wars.

SHORT NOTE: Beast Wars is (in opposite to what many people think) officially stated to NOT take place in the same continuity as the G1 cartoon. But in one of the many other G1 continuities (universes).

One that is based partly on BOTH the cartoon and the comics.