

# THE TRANSFORMERS FORMERS

ReAnimated X



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Episode 12

'Return of the Tripple Changer'

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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 December of 2025 – Planet Scarvix – Veitrix City

DIAGONAL FRONTAL ANGLE – BLITZWING, SPRINGER, SANDSTORM and ULTRA MAGNUS and his TARGETMASTER PARTNER MARISSA FAIRBORN are walking through the streets of the city that is lined with partly downriden buildings and with different members of various alien species.

Many of them are carrying weapons.

MARISSA

Do you really think this is a good idea?

ULTRA MAGNUS

No – but he might know things that we don't. And a planet is at stake. So we can't be picky who we are working with.

**Captioned:** Scarvix is a mostly lawless world – a center of gambling and criminality, similar to the more well known Monacus – but rarely anyone would dare to attack this group here.

**PANEL 2:**

BACK ANGLE – The group of three Autobots and one Decepticon Tripple-Changer stands before the entrance of a building. Above it is a large sign with the words

'TRITON ENERAGON BAR' written on it.

ULTRA MAGNUS

You are sure it is here?

BLITZWING

This is the place Octane has told us about.

SPRINGER

Yes – but can we really trust Octane?

**PANEL 3:**

REVERSE ANGLE – Showing the group from the front.

SANDSTORM

I don't think he would lie to **both** of us. At least not since we told him that it would pay out for him.

SPRINGER

Whatever. Lets go inside.

**PANEL 4:**

INT. WIDE SHOT – Inside are mostly members of different robotic species sitting at tables of different sizes and drinking energon of different types. But there are also a few organics between them.

Under them are a trio of Lanarqs, sitting on one table, a Junkion, two Skuxxoids and a group of lanky looking, completely metallic silver colored robots.

And the three Autobots plus Blitzwing are standing in the middle, looking for someone.

MARISSA

Do you see them somewhere?

BLITZWING

Yes. They're over there.

Blitzwing points in the direction.

**PANEL 5:**

BACK SHOT – on the group as they approach a table where the Decepticons Octane is sitting at one side and a single Sweep on the other...

... and in the middle between them no one other than a five-faced Quintesson Judge.

BLITZWING

Octane.

OCTANE

Blitzwing, Sandstorm – nice to see you again. How have you been?

**Captioned:** They approach a table where a quite unusual group is sitting.

**PAGE 2:**

**PANEL 1:**

CLOSE SHOT – on Sandstorm

SANDSTORM

Not bad. Ever since the war ended. And you?

**PANEL 2:**

CLOSE SHOT – on Sandstorm and Octane gesturing to the Quintesson beside him.

OCTANE

The same more or less. That's my employer by the way. You wanted to meet him?

BLITZWING

Honestly, I would have never expected you to work as a bodyguard for a Quintesson of all things.

OCTANE

Hey – don't look at me like that. You see, Klementia is not so bad when you get to know him. Besides – he pays well.

**PANEL 3:**

CLOSE ON – Octane is now pointing to the Sweep beside him and the Quintesson.

OCTANE

By the way Blitzwing, you and Ultra Magnus have met my colleague Sweep Number Two, right?

SWEEP TWO

Yes we know each other. But let us not waste time.

**Captioned:** Their last meeting involved Blitzwing shooting him, capturing him and interrogating him together with a group of Decepticons and Autobots. (See issue 2 and 3.)

**PANEL 4:**

CLOSE SHOT – on Ultra Magnus and the Quintesson named Klementia.

ULTRA MAGNUS

I agree here. Alright – Judge Klementia – we are here to make you an offer.

KLEMENTIA

Interesting. And what kind of offer do the Autobots have for me? And for the Decepticons as it looks like?

**PANEL 5:**

On Klementia and Blitzwing.

KLEMENTIA

(CONT.)

Or do you have changed sides after all? Blitzwing – that was your name, wasn't it?

BLITZWING

I have changed **nothing**. The Autobots and Soundwave's Group are cooperating on this mission... for the moment.

**Captioned:** 'Soundwave's Group' – as Blitzwing's words suggest the remaining Decepticons had divided into Soundwave's main force and a few smaller splinter-groups.

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**PANEL 1:**

Back on Klementia and Ultra Magnus and Marissa next to him.

KLEMENTIA

So why are you coming to me for this 'mission'? And why should I agree to help you?

ULTRA MAGNUS

Quite simple. We will pay you.

MARISSA

We can also offer you official protection. By what Octane has told us, you seemed to have use for it.

**PANEL 2:**

CLOSE ON – on Klementia.

He is raising two of his tentacles, pointing to Octane and Sweep 2 at both his sides.

KLEMENTIA

Yes it has its drawbacks to be a member of the most hated species in the galaxy. Luckily I was able to save some resources and hire some competent help.

**PANEL 3:**

WIDE SHOT – On all of them.

ULTRA MAGNUS

Does that really surprise you after all your kind has done to others?

KLEMENTIA

If I am honest no. It was still not fair to blame us for the Hate Plaque. How could we have known that?

**PANEL 4:**

CLOSE ON – on Klementia and Springer

SPRINGER

You only tried to destroy us Autobots. And for that you turned the planetoid that contained it into a giant bomb.

KLEMENTIA

By that logic, is not your Leader Optimus Prime equally to blame, since he was the one who intentionally triggered the bomb?  
Instead he was hailed as the hero who stopped the plaque.

**Captioned:** What follows is an uncomfortable moment of silence.

**PANEL 5:**

CLOSE ON – on Ultra Magnus, Marissa and Klementia.

ULTRA MAGNUS

You are the only Judge acquitted by the Galactic Court Klementia, Exactly for your role in reviving Prime and ending the Hate Plaque. While most of your peers were executed. Don't forget that.

KLEMENTIA

I don't. Yet many people still want me dead.

MARISSA

One reason more to accept our offer.

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**PANEL 1:**

KLEMENTIA

Alright. Tell me about it.

ULTRA MAGNUS

The mission involves an old creation of the Quintessons – a special one. As the last surviving Judge, we hope that you would have some knowledge.

**PANEL 2:**

**CAPTION:** A minute later, after a short explanation.

CLOSE SHOT – on Klementia

KLEMENTIA

Yes – Yes, I think I know one thing or two. The scientists responsible for the old project would of course know more. But sadly they are long gone.

**PANEL 3:**

**CAPTION:** Hall of the 'Great Galactic Trial' on Gorlam Prime... years earlier.

WIDE SHOT – a Quintesson Judge is standing on a podium, surrounded by a large circle of spectator-ranks filled with spectators from different races.

JUDGE

Judge Deliberata was accused of taking part in multiple acts of genocide, planetary destruction, engineering wars and enslavement of sentient species. The verdict?

JURY

Guilty. Guilty. Guilty.

**Captioned:** After the Fall of New Quintessa the Quintessons were placed on trial for their crimes against the other species of the galaxy.

**PANEL 4:**

CLOSE ON – on the Quintesson.

ACCUSER

The sentence?

JUDGE

Death.

**Captioned:** The war and attempted destruction of the planets Lanarq and Xetaxxis, the exploitation of many other worlds, the enslavement of robotic species... and worst of all, the outbreak of the Hate Plaque that everyone blamed them for.

**PANEL 5:**

CLOSE SHOT – Suddenly nobody else than OPTIMUS PRIME is standing on the podium where the Quintesson Judge had been a moment before, at the place of the accused.

ACCUSER

The defendant Optimus Prime is accused of abetting and causing multiple acts of genocide and destruction.

**Captioned:** The voice of the Accuser is one Optimus knows better than anyone.

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**PANEL 1:**

SPLIT-PANEL – Close pictures of MEGATRON and RODIMUS PRIME

ACCUSER/MEGATRON

Neglecting his self-proclaimed duty to protect the `freedom´ of all sentient beings and endangering the galaxy.

RODIMUS

This is absurd. Optimus has cured the Hate Plaque. He saved the entire Galaxy.

**Captioned:** Megatron is the Accuser and Rodimus Prime is the Defender...?

**PANEL 2:**

CLOSE SHOT – on Megatron

MEGATRON

Only that Optimus is partly responsible for the outbreak. Was it not he who triggered the explosion that caused it's release in the first place?

**Captioned:** Megatron looks different, like parts of his Galvatron-self has been incorporated into his body.

NOTE: Megatron's appearance is based on his Action-Master form. With dark blue/purple hands and lower body. And without his fusion-cannon.

**PANEL 3:**

On Rodimus.

RODIMUS

Optimus did not know about that. He tried to draw the Quintesson's fire to himself to help the others escape. And he had been reanimated and mind-controlled. He was barely alive at that point.

**PANEL 4:**

Rodimus and Megatron standing beside each other. With the obscure shadowy form of the Judge in his seat behind them.

MEGATRON

But he was back in control, wasn't he? He merely tried to commit suicide to get out of his own misery and the entire galaxy suffered as a result.

RODIMUS

Optimus could not have known that.

**PANEL 5:**

On Megatron.

MEGATRON

And that was not the only case. What about the times he had let himself be tricked to abandon Earth to the Decepticons out of false pride and sense of 'honor'.

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**PANEL 1:**

Megatron is smiling.

MEGATRON

(CONT.)

Or when Earth had nearly been pushed into the sun and the entire human race nearly died the heat-death. By the same Combaticons he had decided to ignore because he claimed they were not the Autobot's 'business'.

**Captioned:** Optimus can only stand and listen. Every new accusation causes pain in his spark. But he is not even able to respond. He knows Megatron is right.

**PANEL 2:**

On Megatron and Rodimus standing in front of the still obscured Judge.

MEGATRON

(CONT.)

And he knowingly risked the destruction of multiple populated planets because Vector Sigma had promised him a new 'Golden Age' for Cybertron and Cybertron alone.

RODIMUS

That was not Optimus fault. He had been manipulated and brainwashed by Vector Sigma.

MEGATRON

Like Galvatron, you mean?

**PANEL 3:**

CLOSE ON – on Megatron and Rodimus beside him.

MEGATRON

(CONT.)

And at last, he has let the newly alive Overlord go – along with his bonding-partners Cobra Commander and that woman Michelle.

RODIMUS

This new Overlord had just come to life and had not done anything yet. Optimus did not want to risk more lives sending someone after him and maybe turning him into an enemy in the first place.

**PANEL 4:**

Megatron turns to the Judge whose features are now clearly visible. It is ALPHA TRION. But his eyes are glowing deep green instead the usual blue.

MEGATRON

And now he has attacked the planet Micron and plunged it into a new civil-war.

He was binary bonded to two known enemies influencing his mind, designed as a super-weapon for a revived COBRA. It was foolish idealism to think he would ever become anything **but** an enemy.

**Captioned:** Optimus now sees the face of the Judge. But it is not the Alpha Trion he knows.

**PANEL 5:**

MEGATRON

(CONT.)

Once again others paid Optimus negligence and unwillingness to see things how they truly are. with their lives.

Enough of this... Your Honor - what is the verdict?

JUDGE/ALPHA TRION

The verdict is...

**Captioned:** His eyes are green and he is speaking in a deep menacing voice. A voice Optimus only knows from recordings – Unicron’s voice. Optimus never hears the end of his words, because...

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**PANEL 1:**

**CAPTION:** Autobot City Earth, Optimus Prime’s room.

CLOSE SHOT, HIGH FRONTAL ANGLE – Optimus wakes up inside his recharging chamber.

**Captioned:** It was... a dream? Some kind of scenario his brain-module has created. Transformers normally didn’t dream in recharge. But technically it was not impossible.

**PANEL 2:**

**CAPTION:** A few minutes later.

Optimus is meeting his own Powermaster Partner GINRAI, ELITA ONE and her Partner LYRA (who is also Ginrai's wife)

and his Second in Command HOTROD and his TARGETMASTER Partner FIREBOLT in one of the corridors of the City.

OPTIMUS

Hotrod, Elita – how is the situation?

HOTROD

My team is ready Optimus. I just got a message from Ultra Magnus that they recruited the last members.

ELITA

Our team is ready as well.

**Captioned:** Two teams of Autobots, two different missions. Both are missions are important in their own right.

**PANEL 3:**

WIDE SHOT – In another room of the base. View on Optimus and Elita from behind as they walk toward GETAWAY, JOYRIDE and SLAPDASH and their POWERMASTER PARTNERS.

**Captioned:** Optimus and Elita are approaching their team that consists of the Autobot Powermasters Getaway, Joyride and Slapdash and their bonding-partners Rev, Hotwire and Lube.

GETAWAY

We are ready Prime.

OPTIMUS

Good – then let us go.

**PANEL 4:**

**CAPTION:** Hotrod is standing before his own 'team'.

WIDE SHOT – Standing at the left there are Ultra Magnus, Marissa, Blitzwing, Springer, Sandstorm... at the right the group of Judge Klementia, Octane and Sweep Number 2...

... and in front of them two humans. One a middle-aged woman, the other a man with a scar at the side of his face.

It are the two scientists JESSICA MORGAN-CRAWFORD and GREGORY CRAWFORD. (From 'The Return of Optimus Prime Part 1 and 2.)

FIREBOLT

Are you serious Hotrod, Magnus? **This** is our team?

HOTROD

I can hardly believe it myself Firebolt. But yes this is our team.

Judge Klementia – I am glad you are here.

**Captioned:** There was a time Hotrod would have never thought he would say this to a Quintesson.

**PANEL 5:**

CLOSE ON – on Hotrod and Ultra Magnus standing before Klementia, Octane and Sweep 2.

HOTROD

Octane – it is good to see you again. And Sweep Number Two. I hope you two are doing well.

SWEEP TWO

Certainly better since our last meeting. I guess it is not hard to be recognized if you are the only Sweep left in this part of the universe.

**Captioned:** The Sweep remembers how they had interrogated him back then. But that is in the past.

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**PANEL 1:**

Hotrod turns to Jessica and Gregory and bows slightly as he looks at the two human scientists.

HOTROD

It is good to see you again Jessica – and you as well Doctor Crawford.

JESSICA

It is good to see you too Rodimus – ahm I mean Hotrod.

**Captioned:** Jessica Morgan and her husband had both been involved in the Hate-Plaque Crisis. She as an ally, he as a perpetrator. A fact that is mirrored in his tone as he greets both of them.

**PANEL 2:**

CLOSE ON – on Jessica and Gregory.

GREGORY

I can understand that none of you is happy to see me. I can only say that I learned from my mistakes. And I have spend years in prison for my actions.

JESSICA

Gregory has truly changed. He is here to make up for at least some of what he and my father have done. I am sure father would be here to help as well, if he had not died in prison.

**Captioned:** Gregory remembered how he had blamed Optimus Prime for his scar. Which had been the original reason for his resentment to **all** Transformers. It became worse than Jessica had later been caught in another fight and temporally lost the ability to walk.

**PANEL 3:**

SPLIT PANEL – On the left Hotrod and Springer standing beside each other.

And at the right side CLOSE ON – on Gregory's face as he is holding his hand on his scar.

SPRINGER

I can not say I am all too sorry for that Doctor Morgan. Your father and your husband had intentionally released the Hate Plaque just to get us Transformers over some imagined slight.

HOTROD

Enough of this Springer. We all know what happened in the past. But we have the current issue to focus on.

**Captioned:** But it had been no reason – and no excuse – to release a plaque that could have wiped out all life in the galaxy, Gregory thinks back on his own stupidity and arrogance.

**PANEL 4:**

WIDE SHOT – Hotrod, Firebolt, Ultra Magnus, Marissa and Springer on the left and Jessica, Gregory, Klementia and Sweep 2 on the right.

MARISSA

A Quintesson, three Decepticons and one of the scientists who had released the Hate Plaque? What is this – the 'Bad Guys Squad'?

HOTROD

I guess you can call it a Renegade Squad. They are here because they have skills or knowledge that might be useful for the mission.

OCTANE

I would like to know what exactly this mission is in the first place.

**PANEL 5:**

CLOSE SHOT – In front of them Hotrod is walking to a screen at the wall before them-

HOTROD

Alright, I will inform all of you who don't already know.

**PANEL 6:**

He activates the screen. What it shows is a picture of a large transorganic monster somewhat resembling a giant monstrous squid – the so called Dreller – breaking through Cybertron's surface from underground and several unnamed Autobots firing on it.

HOTROD

(CONT.)

19 years ago a group of Quintessons tricked the Decepticons with false information to release a group of transorganic creatures on Cybertron.

SWEEP TWO

They had told Galvatron the tunnel was a secret access to Cybertron's power core.

ULTRA MAGNUS

An interesting detail, but not really important right now.

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**PANEL 1:**

CLOSE SHOT – of Hotrod standing beside the screen. It shows now a picture of Springer, Kup and a Sweep with grey colors, completely drained of energy and with a unnatural red glow in their eyes.

HOTROD

The most dangerous of them was a Creature we came to call the Dweller. That could absorb the energy of entire planets and the life-energy of it's inhabitants, turning them into a sort of energy-vampires.

**PANEL 2:**

FLASHBACK:

CLOSE SHOT – Of Hotrod in the form of Rodimus Prime giving a command to Perceptor who is pulling a lever on the wall.

HOTROD

(off panel)

To prevent the monster from draining and taking over Cybertron, we took drastic measures.

**PANEL 3:**

Scene of a large cylindrical device that is being blasted into space. And with the creature sitting on top of it.

HOTROD

(off panel)

And so I blasted it into space along with our new power-core... But as it turned out, this was not the end of the story.

**PANEL 4:**

FLASHBACK END:

Back to Hotrod standing before the screen. The scene on the screen behind him has changed and shows now the picture of a Quintesson science vessel floating lifelessly in space. With the clearly visible figure of the Dweller sitting motionless on top of it.

HOTROD

(CONT.)

Three weeks ago Autobot scouts detected this. It is on direct way to the Planet Prion – also known as Zone – the home colony of the Micromasters. Our mission is to stop this from happening.

**PANEL 5:**

WIDE SHOT, SIDE ANGLE – Octane, Sweep 2, Klementia, Jessica and Gregory are standing in front of Hotrod and the screen.

SWEEP TWO

What?

GREGORY

Great God.

OCTANE

Forget it. I did not sign for this. Count us out. We don't go anywhere close to a world-destroying monster, right boss?

**PANEL 6:**

CLOSE ON – On Klementia, Octane looking at him and Hotrod.

KLEMENTIA

I will assist you with what I know. But I will not enter the ship with the Creature on board.

HOTROD

That is alright. We won't need you too. Just give us everything you know.

OCTANE

Just great.

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**PANEL 1:**

CLOSE SHOT – Ultra Magnus and Marissa approaching Sweep Number 2.

ULTRA MAGNUS

There is one other thing. You said you are the last Sweep in this part of the universe. Have you tried to clone any new ones?

SWEEP TWO

I can not do it by myself alone. At least not living ones. When I tried, the outcome was always mindless drones.

MARISSA

Drones – exactly that could actually be quite useful for us.

**PANEL 2:**

HIGH ANGLE – Hotrod now looks once again to Jessica and Gregory Crawford.

HOTROD

Well – now let us come for the reason why Doctor Morgan-Crawford and Crawford are here.

**PANEL 3:**

**CAPTION:** Two days later

INT. Gregory and Jessica are both sitting at a computer-console in front of a machine that is in this moment covering the forms of two lifeless deactivated Sweeps with a molten liquified white metal. With Hotrod, Firebolt, Ultra Magnus, Marissa, Springer, Blitzwing, BRAINSTORM (and ARCANA inside his head), Sweep 2 and Judge Klementia standing next to them.

JESSICA

The covering is nearly complete.

BRAINSTORM

We have also used cybertronian and nebulon technology to improve the Antithermium\*.

\* The name I invented for the heat resistant metal from Return of Optimus Prime.

**PANEL 4:**

CLOSE ON – on Firebolt

FIREBOLT

But will it work? That is the question here.

**Captioned:** Firebolt was a professional warrior nearly his entire life. A member of the resistance against the Hive and now a Targetmaster. But world-eating monsters are not part of his experience.

**PANEL 5:**

CLOSE SHOT – on Klementia and Hotrod left beside him.

KLEMENTIA

We have tested all forms of energy-drain that we were able to replicate on the metal. It should be able to block the abilities of the Dweller.

HOTROD

But you are not hundred percent sure?

**Captioned:** Klementia had explained to them that the energy-absorbition of the Dweller came most likely along with transferring a portion of it's own life-essense into into it's victims.

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**PANEL 1:**

WIDE SHOT - On Hotrod, Klementia and Ultra Magnus, Marissa and Springer on Hotrod's other side. With Marissa standing inside Ultra Magnus open hand.

KLEMENTIA

As I told you, this is not really my field of expertise.

MARISSA

Okay Klementia – how much do you actually know about the Dweller? It does not seem to be that much.

ULTRA MAGNUS

I have the same impression.

HOTROD

We are still better off with than without him.

**Captioned:** Which also infected them with it's hunger for energy... and maybe allowed it to control them to some degree. As far as he **knew**. And that is the problem.

**PANEL 2:**

CLOSE SHOT – at Hotrod's who is looking around to Sweep Number 2.

HOTROD

(CONT.)

But I agree that we should not blindly trust on him being right. That is why we have the Sweep-drones. Thank you for helping us creating them by the way.

## SWEEP TWO

No need to thank me, just give me my payment. And remember that you agreed to keep me far away from the Dweller. The one run-in years ago was more than enough for me.

### PANEL 3:

WIDE SHOT – on the entire group. With Ultra Magnus, Marissa, Springer, Jessica, Gregory and Blitzwing standing at the left side, Hotrod and Firebolt in the middle and Klementia, Octane and Sweep 2 at the right.

#### SPRINGER

I have to agree here.

#### HOTROD

If our plan works out none of us will have to.

#### BLITZWING

Then let us hope that it does.

### PANEL 4:

**CAPTION:** Planet PRION a.k.a ZONE – temporally base of Overlord's Decepticon Faction.

View on Overlord's spacebase-mode on the surface in front of a large jungle-landscape.

With the two Powermaster Decepticons DARKWING and DREADWIND and the Pretenders IQUANUS, SKULLGRIN and FINBACK in their monstrous pretender-shells standing close by.

#### DARKWING

Overlord – we are receiving a message from the Air Strike Patrol.

**Captioned:** Overlord himself and Darkwing and Dreadwing – the Decepticon Powermasters and the three Pretenders Iquanus, Skullgrin and Finback.

### PANEL 5:

CLOSE ON – on the platform of Overlord's base form. Where his Bonding-Partners SNAKE and MICHELLE are standing. Both in their Powermaster Armor without their helmets on, showing their faces.

With a number of 8 more **very** small Transformers standing in some distance behind them.

#### SNAKE

They have made contact with the target.

## MICHELLE

About 15 light-minutes away.

**Captioned:** Overlord's Partners Snake – a.k.a Cobra Commander and Michelle.

### PANEL 6:

Groupshot of the 8 Micromasters behind them in two groups of 4. One group with military vehicles as altmodes, the other with sportscars.

**Captioned:** Micromaster Military Patrol – Bombshock, Growl, Dropshot and Tracer... and Sports Car Patrol – Detour, Hyperdrive, Blackjack, Road Hugger

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#### PANEL 1:

FLASHBACK:

**CAPTION:** Two weeks earlier

EXT. View on a blue shimmering earth-like planet.

**Captioned:** The Planet Prion from orbit.

#### PANEL 2:

WIDE SHOT, HIGH ANGEL – A Micromaster Fortress City from the sky. Consisting of a system of individual transformable segments connected to each other, that can separated individually.

With a large number of Micromaster Autobots inside the city, walking or driving in car-form over the many ramps and tunnels and doing their daily business.

#### PANEL 3:

LOW ANGLE – In the sky Overlord, Darkwing, Dreadwind in jet form, the Air Strike Patrol and a number more Micromaster Decepticons in jet- and helipocpter-mode are flying down and are reigning laserblasts and missiles down on the city.

#### PANEL 4:

HIGH ANGLE – The city has turned into a battlefield. With towers exploding, burning holes in the walls and smoke rising up.

Many of the Micromasters were running for cover, with a few lying dead on the ground.

But at the same time the defense-torrets of the city and some of the the bots on the ground are starting to fire back.

**PANEL 5:**

CLOSE ON – on one robot lying dead with a hole through his chest and another close by with his left arm and part of his upper body being ripped off.

**Captioned:** It are the greatest losses since the end of the war.

**PANEL 6:**

LOW ANGLE – View into the sky filled with Decepticon jets, with one of them being hit by the fire of the city and exploding.

**Captioned:** On both sides.

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**PANEL 1:**

FLASHBACK END:

**CAPTION:** Now

EXT. BACK ANGLE – On four Decepticon Jets flying in space towards the abandoned Quintesson Vessel with the Dweller on Board.

NIGHTFLIGHT

We have made contact boss. No detectable energy. The ship is dead in space.

**Captioned:** The Micromaster Ait Strike Patrol – Nightflight, Storm Cloud, Whisper and Tailwind.

**PANEL 2:**

Back on planet Prion Overlord is transforming from base into robot-mode. With Snake, Michelle and their Micromaster allies standing before him... and Darkwing and Dreadwind behind him.

OVERLORD

Good. Keep your distance until we arrive.

**Captioned:** Snake had created Overlord as the leading unit of an army of human-controlled robots for a revived COBRA. It did not turn out as planned.

**PANEL 3:**

CLOSE ON – on Snake and Michelle standing before Overlord's leg.

OVERLORD

(CONT.)

Get ready to start.

SNAKE

Yes Overlord.

**Captioned:** Instead he and Michelle had become part of a new rogue-faction of Decepticons. But all in all the situation is not so bad for them. They gained power... and a prolonged life.

**PANEL 4:**

**CAPTION:** Back with Hotrod's team.

INT. Marissa is sitting before a screen talking to a man. It is her old friend/lover/untrustworthy ally DIRK MANUS. He has aged some years while Marissa looked still the same as 15 years earlier.

DIRK

(on the screen)

Are you sure about this Marissa?

MARISSA

It is my job Dirk and an entire planet is in danger. Besides – if everything goes right we will not even get in contact with the creature.

**Captioned:** They are not the only ones. Before Snake had tested the procedure that turned him and Michelle into part cybertronian cyborgs and gave them quasi-immortality on Marissa.

**PANEL 5:**

CLOSE ON – on Dirk's face on the screen.

DIRK

If it goes right. By what I have heard this thing seems like something straight out of a cosmic-horror movie.

MARISSA

(off panel)

Then I have Ultra Magnus, Hotrod and the others with me. They have dealt with worse things.

**PANEL 6:**

DIRK

I see. But be careful.

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**PANEL 1:**

FLASHBACK:

Marissa and Dirk standing side by side before a grave. The writing on the stone says:

“Dashiel ‘Flint’ Fairborn. Father, husband and friend. Colonel, soldier and Gi Joe. A Hero of Earth.”

**PANEL 2:**

FLASHBACK END:

Back to Marissa sitting before the screen.

DIRK

You know, you are still just as beautiful as when we first met. Quite literally. Maybe I should find a way to become immortal too.

Take care Fairborn. Love you.

MARISSA

I love you too.

**PANEL 3:**

The screen switches off. Marissa is smiling.

**PANEL 4:**

EXT. The Autobot shuttle Skylinx is shown flying through space in front of a group of red and blue glowing stars.

**PANEL 5:**

INT. Hotrod and Ultra Magnus are sitting inside his cockpit.

HOTROD

Skylinx systems say we will arrive in the Prion System within 2 Astrohours.

**PANEL 6:**

In the main corridor of the shuttle Blitzwing, Octane, Sweep Number 2 and Springer are sitting next to each other.

With Marissa, Firebolt and Jessica and Gregory in a human sized row of seats behind them.

SKYLINX

Okay everyone on board, we will arrive in the next 2 Astrohours. I hope you are all enjoying the flight.

SPRINGER

It seems we still have a bit of time before it starts.

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**PANEL 1:**

WIDE SHOT – Springer sitting next to Blitzwing and Octane.

SPRINGER

You know, there is something I wanted to ask you for some time.

BLITZWING

And what?

SPRINGER

How exactly has Galvatron accepted you two back to the Decepticons?

OCTANE

Well, it was actually quite simple in my case.

**PANEL 2:**

FLASHBACK:

CLOSE ON – a fist is being smashed right into Octane's face.

**PANEL 3:**

CLOSE SHOT – on Galvatron standing over Octane lying on the ground before him, with an expression of wild rage on his face.

GALVATRON

(ranting)

So Octane – any **other** plot against me? Any other of your tricks? Or maybe excuses? Tell me – what shall it be? Should I just eliminate you or shall I accept you back into the ranks of the Decepticons? What shall it... be?

OCTANE

Please Galvatron spare me. I will set no foot out of line. I promise I will be a model-soldier.

**PANEL 4:**

Galvatron fires his cannon, the blast passes centimeters from Octane's head.

GALVATRON

Yes – every Decepticon warrior has his worth, hasn't he?

**PANEL 5:**

GALVATRON

(CONT.)

But a warrior who runs off and mutinies all the time is useless. We will see. The next time I even hear anything suspicious about you, it **will** be your head. Is that clear?

**PANEL 6:**

FLASHBACK END:

CLOSE SHOT – Back to Blitzwing and Octane sitting next to Springer.

BLITZWING

In my case it was... more complicated.

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**PANEL 1:**

FLASHBACK:

**CAPTION:** Early in the Year 2005, the Planet Chaar

Blitzwing, with CYCLONUS beside him, is standing before Galvatron sitting on his throne.

Standing around them are SCOURGE, SOUNDWAVE, ASTROTRAIN, RAZORCLAW, ONSLAUGHT and BRAWL.

GALVATRON

Blitzwing – I hear you wish to rejoin the Decepticons.

BLITZWING

Yes I do Galvatron.

**PANEL 2:**

CLOSER ON – on Blitzwing, Cyclonus and Galvatron, who has now stood up and is standing before them.

GALVATRON

You are lucky that Cyclonus has spoken out on your behalf. It is also true that you have always been valuable warrior.

CYCLONUS

Blitzwing has already proven his worth to us again My Lord.

GALVATRON

Yes, by giving us the location of that Autobot base on that planet Athenia.

**PANEL 3:**

On Blitzwing and Galvatron.

GALVATRON

(CONT.)

So I guess we can leave this... misunderstanding behind us.

BLITZWING

Thank you Galvatron. I apologize that I had teamed up with the Autotbots. But I had to do it to save Cyb...

**Captioned:** Before he can even end his sentence...

**PANEL 4:**

Blitzwing is being grabbed by Galvatron by the throat with **one** hand and being pressed against the wall.

GALVATRON

(screaming)

You idiot! Do you think it is about that? You think it is about that? I know you had to work with the Autobots to save us you fool. I... You have pulled a gun on me. You forced me to break off the attack on Cybertron. We - We were winning that fight. We could have won.

**Captioned:** It is as if someone has pulled a switch inside the Decepticon Leader. From well-spoken leader to raging maniac in one moment.

**PANEL 5:**

BACK ANGLE – Cyclonus is grabbing Galvatron by the shoulders while he is strangling Blitzwing.

CYCLONUS

Mighty Galvatron please – you said it yourself, he is an idiot, of course he would not realize this. Don't forget that he helped to save us all from the Quintessons.

GALVATRON

I – I should have listened to you Blitzwing. I... You are right Cyclonus, we should leave this behind us. It – It does not longer matter.

**Captioned:** It switches once again. The entire anger and rage is falling apart into itself.

**PANEL 6:**

CLOSE SHOT – Galvatron is turning to Soundwave and Onslaught.

GALVATRON

Get the troops ready. We are attacking the base right now. Remember the plan.

SOUNDWAVE

As you wish Galvatron.

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**PANEL 1:**

HIGH ANGLE – Blitzwing and Cyclonus are being left alone.

BLITZWING

Thank you. For both times.

CYCLONUS

Let me make one thing clear. I helped you for two reasons Blitzwing. Because you helped to save Cybertron and all of us and because you are a powerful warrior.

**PANEL 2:**

NORMAL ANGLE – on the two standing in the throne room.

CYCLONUS

Not because I personally like you. Or because I want any favors from you Blitzwing.

BLITZWING

You are one of our old comrades who were reformed along with Galvatron. Who have you been before – Skywarp, Thunder...?

CYCLONUS

Funny that you care about this now. **After** you were under the ones who voted to throw us out of Astrotrain in the first place.

**PANEL 3:**

BLITZWING

I... You have to understand. We were afraid for our own lives and...

CYCLONUS

Yes - I am sure you know exactly how it is Blitzwing, when your comrades suddenly turn on you, when you loose everything. And you find yourself... completely alone.

**PANEL 4:**

BLITZWING

I - I see your point. But this is how we Decepticons have always done things. If you become a burden you are left behind.

CYCLONUS

Yes it is. Then like Galvatron said, let us not longer talk about it.

**PANEL 5:**

Cyclonus has turned around and is about to leave, with Blitzwing standing behind him.

BLITZWING

Galvatron, he is insane.

CYCLONUS

Yes. But that is not your matter to worry about. It is mine. Don't ever think about turning against Galvatron again. Or you will have not only him to worry about.

**PANEL 6:**

CLOSE ON – On Blitzwing.

BLITZWING

I understand.

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**PANEL 1:**

**CAPTION:** Some time later.

WIDE SHOT – A battle is taking place before the burning remains of an Autobot base.

In front of it Galvatron, Blitzwing and a number of other Decepticons are fighting the current Autobot Leader Rodimus Prime, Kup, Blurr and the future Powermasters Getaway, Joyride and Slapdash and several other Autobots.

Galvatron is in this moment hitting an unfortunate unknown Autobot with his particle-cannon, burning away part of his chest and shoulder and blasting his head from his body.

While Rodimus is shooting an equally unknown Decepticon with his blaster straight through the head.

Behind them the two Combiners BRUTICUS and PREDAKING are tearing through the ruins and fighting DEFENSOR and SUPERION at the same time.

And above them Cyclonus and Scourge are shooting at the same time at an Autobot jet, blowing him up, leaving nothing of their opponent.

While around them the Seekers and Future Targetmasters SLUGSLAGGER, TRIGGERHAPPY, MISFIRE, NEEDLENOSE and SPINISTER are fighting a number of other Autobot jets and aircrafts.

**PANEL 2:**

**CAPTION:** The battle is over.

Galvatron is standing in front of the remains of the base, that are now completely burned down to a pile of debris and ash. With Blitzwing, Cyclonus and Scourge standing next to him.

GALVATRON

Yes - the beauty of battle and destruction. Take a look at it Blitzwing. Is it not wonderful?

BLITZWING

Yes Galvatron.

**Captioned:** Has he made the right decision to return? Can Galvatron ever be cured? Could he even lead the Decepticons in this state? Blitzwing asks himself.

**PANEL 3:**

In this moment Soundwave, Ramjet, Thrust and Dirge come flying down before them with Astrotrain in shuttle form behind them in the air.

GALVATRON

Ah – Soundwave. Do you have the energon?

SOUNDWAVE

Yes Galvatron. We had no problem breaking into the energon-storage of the base while the Autobots were distracted.

**PANEL 4:**

**CLOSE SHOT** – Galvatron is talking to Soundwave, while Blitzwing is looking at them in surprise.

SOUNDWAVE

(CONT.)

The security systems were no hindrance. We have loaded the entire energon into Astrotrain.

GALVATRON

Very good Soundwave.

**Captioned:** Or maybe there **was** a chance, Blitzwing thought.

**PANEL 5:**

FLASHBACK END:

INT. Back to Springer, Blitzwing, Octane and the others inside the shuttle.

SPRINGER

I remember, this was one of the worst battles we ever had at that time.  
But that is in the past. The war is over, right?

**Captioned:** Is it truly?

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**PANEL 1:**

**CAPTION:** Meanwhile

EXT. Overlord's group has arrived close to the old Quintesson vessel with the Dweller.

Overlord is hanging motionless in space in his jet-mode, with Snake and Michelle – now in full armor – and Darkwing's and Dreadwind's powermaster partners Throttle Hi-Test standing on him, having placed some strange, ancient looking, cylindrical-shaped device on his hull.

The other Decepticons Darkwing, Dreadwind, the three Pretenders Iqganus, Skullgrin and Finback – resembling an reptilian monster, a minotaur and an amphibian monster inside their pretender-shells – and the Air Strike Patrol were assembled around him in robot-mode.

IQUANUS

Remember Overlord – we are only working with you because you paid us well. That does not mean we are part of your group. As soon as the job is done we are out.

OVERLORD

Of course – just do your job and you can leave. And remember, there is no reason to panic, your pretender-shells will protect you from the Dweller's effect even if it. wakes up.

**PANEL 2:**

CLOSE SHOT, BACK ANGLE – of Darkwing and Dreadwind next to Overlord, looking after the 3 Pretenders flying towards the ship.

DARKWING

Will their shells really protect them from the draining effects of the Dweller?

OVERLORD

Who knows?

**PANEL 3:**

CLOSE SHOT, REVERSE ANGLE – on Overlord’s spacejet-mode with Snake, Michelle, Throttle and Hi-Test standing on it and Darkwing and Dreadwind floating behind them.

OVERLORD

The data I showed them was of course completely fabricated.

HI-TEST

My work of course.

DREADWIND

And if their suits don’t protect them?

**PANEL 4:**

OVERLORD

All they need to do is plant the control device into the creature before they are drained – and that should only take a few seconds – and the Dweller is ours to control. And if they get drained in the process we will only get three actually **loyal** soldiers from it.

**PANEL 5:**

**CAPTION:** Hotrod’s team arrive at their destination.

INT. Hotrod, Firebolt, Ultra Magnus, Marissa, Springer, Blitzwing, Klementia, and Sweep 2 are gathered in the cockpit and they see Overlord and the others before them in space next to their target.

SPRINGER

Decepticons.

HOTROD

Overlord.

OCTANE

So much for a not-dangerous mission. Don’t expect us to fight with you.

**PANEL 6:**

CLOSE SHOT, SIDE ANGLE – on Marissa, Firebolt, Hotrod and Ultra Magnus.

ULTRA MAGNUS

We are outnumbered, especially if our Decepticon allies will stay out.

SKYLINX

Don't worry – you have me.

MARISSA

Maybe we won't have to fight them. Maybe they are trying to get rid of it too.

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**PANEL 1:**

HOTROD

I would not count on it. But let us see how they react.

BLITZWING

I am with you if it comes to a fight. Overlord and his men are rogues and if they are hindering this mission they are endangering an entire planet... which population consists half of Decepticons.

**PANEL 2:**

EXT. Overlord, Darkwing, Dreadwind and the Air Strike Patrol are now flying towards Skylinx in their jet-modes.

OVERLORD

Attack – destroy them!

SKYLINX

I guess that answers this question.

**PANEL 3:**

**CAPTION:** Far away, base of Soundwave's Decepticon Faction.

INT. Soundwave, with Laserbeak on his shoulder and Ravage next to him is standing in opposite to two beings resembling a giant bat-creature and another undersea-monster – the Pretenders Bomburst and Submarauder.

SOUNDWAVE

You are saying that your teammates are willingly cooperating with Overlord's plan because he paid them enough energon?

BOMBURST

I am sorry – but, well yes it looks like it.

**PANEL 4:**

Another Decepticon – a Seeker of the typical F15 type – approaches Soundwave from behind.

SEEKER

Soundwave – there is a call for you. It is important. **Really** important.

**PANEL 5:**

Soundwave walks towards a screen and switches it on. And he stares at the face that appears on it.

SOUNDWAVE

Galvatron.

GALVATRON

It is good to see you again as well old friend.

**PANEL 6:**

CLOSE ON – on the screen. Cyclonus and Scourge are visible standing beside Galvatron.

GALVATRON

(CONT.)

Tell me Soundwave – what has happened in our absence?

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