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THE TRANSFORMERS: REANIMATED.
"THE TERROR WITHIN, PART 1."

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Based on the original cartoon series, *The Transformers: ReAnimated*,
bridges the gap between the seminal second season and the 1986 Movie
that defined the childhood of millions.

PAGE ONE:

PANEL 1:

EXT. MT. SAINT HILARY - DAY.

Just outside the AUTOBOT ARK, OPTIMUS PRIME stands with BUMBLEBEE, IRONHIDE, JAZZ and TRAILBREAKER, greeted by the excited pair of RATCHET and WHEELJACK.

WHEELJACK

Optimus, thank you for coming. And just in time, too!

OPTIMUS PRIME

Of course, Wheeljack. What's this I hear about yet another 'miraculous invention'?

IRONHIDE

Another one? Don't ya get tired of havin' these things blow up in yer face?

JAZZ

Heh.

RATCHET

Don't worry, I think you'll all really like this one.

PANEL 2:

CLOSE ON Wheeljack. Over his shoulder, a RUMBLING DUST CLOUD approaches from the HORIZON.

WHEELJACK

That's right, Ratchet. In fact, look, everyone. Here it, or should I say, **they**... come!

PANEL 3:

Bumblebee, Jazz and Trailbreaker lift their hands above their eyes, trying to gain a better view.

TRAILBREAKER

Interesting.

BUMBLEBEE

Hey, what is that?

JAZZ

Some kinda whacked-out dust storm?

PANEL 4:

Ratchet stands proudly beside Wheeljack.

RATCHET

Not at all. Optimus Prime, fellow
Autobots...

WHEELJACK

Allow us to introduce...

PAGE TWO:

PANEL 1:

IN A SPLASH PANEL, a HERD OF ROBOTIC PREHISTORIC CREATURES arrives before the Autobots. They are: HUNTER the Deinosuchus, BLOK the Gigantopithecus (or prehistoric ape), QUATRO the Pterosaur, WHIPCRACKER the Giant Salamander and WINDSPIN the Dracorex.

All are adorned with AUTOBOT BADGES. Wheeljack holds out his hands like an ON-STAGE MAGICIAN, as Ratchet stands nearby with a contented smile.

WHEELJACK (CONT'D)

... the **THUNDERBOTS!**

PANEL 2:

Ironhide, Jazz and Bumblebee appear shocked.

IRONHIDE

What in the world?

BUMBLEBEE

Thunderbots?

JAZZ

You guys built another batch of
Dinobots? More beast machines?

PANEL 3:

Wheeljack and Ratchet continue to stand proud, as the Thunderbots TRANSFORM into various ROBOT-MODES.

NOTE: For the time being, the Thunderbots have AUTOBOT BLUE EYES.

RATCHET

Oh, they're **so** much more than just beasts.

WHEELJACK

Thunderbots, transform!

PANEL 4:

Wheeljack and Ratchet stand beside the TRANSFORMED Thunderbots, each now in robot-mode.

WHEELJACK (CONT'D)

Well, Optimus? What do you think?

PAGE THREE:

PANEL 1:

Optimus Prime WALKS THE LINE OF THUNDERBOTS like a DRILL SERGEANT, as Wheeljack scurries behind.

OPTIMUS PRIME

Very impressive, Wheeljack. I see you've taken your inspiration from some of the more fearsome, prehistoric predators from Earth's past.

WHEELJACK

Yes, exactly. This way, the Thunderbots can act as our very own Decepticon tracking unit.

PANEL 2:

With the Thunderbots now in the background, Trailbreaker and Ironhide converse with Wheeljack. Meanwhile, Ratchet lifts a HAND-HELD COMMUNICATOR up to his 'ear'.

IRONHIDE

A trackin' unit?

TRAILBREAKER

Their prehistoric forms **do** indicate a preference towards stealth and extraction.

WHEELJACK

All that and so much more! But right now, I think a demonstration is in order.

RATCHET
(into his communicator)
Okay, big guys. You're up.

PANEL 3:

High in the sky, five FAMILIAR, DINOBOT-SHAPED SILHOUETTES fly out from behind the mountain.

NOTE: The silhouettes should be of the Dinobots' robot-modes.

PANEL 4:

THE DINOBOOTS: GRIMLOCK, SLAG, SNARL, SWOOP and SLUDGE, land with a THUD. Grimlock in particular, arrives with the stereotypical SUPERHERO LANDING.

GRIMLOCK
Me, Grimlock make snappy entrance.

PANEL 5:

Wheeljack stands with Optimus Prime and Ratchet, between the Thunderbots and Dinobots.

NOTE: Grimlock's posture should emulate his overconfidence.

WHEELJACK
Okay, Thunderbots. Time to show everyone what you can **really** do!

RATCHET
But, remember, Grimlock... we're all Autobots here, okay? Take it easy.

GRIMLOCK
Hrm. Me, Grimlock not impressed.

PAGE FOUR:

PANEL 1:

CAPTION: Several minutes later...

Optimus Prime, Wheeljack and Ratchet watch as the Dinobots (now in dino-modes) FACE-OFF AGAINST the Thunderbots (now also in creature-modes).

OPTIMUS PRIME
You really think these new warriors can outclass the Dinobots, Wheeljack?

WHEELJACK

Perhaps **outclass** isn't the right word.

RATCHET

No, but the Thunderbots certainly have their talents. For instance...

PANEL 2:

In the sky, Quatro ENCIRCLES Swoop with a CORKSCREW-BARREL-LOOP MANEUVER.

RATCHET (CONT'D)

(captioned only)

... Quatro is more aerodynamic than Swoop.

PANEL 3:

Like a pair of BATTERING-RAMS, Blok slams his shoulder into Slag's TRICERATOPS BELLY, while Whipcracker's salamander head knocks Snarl's STEGOSAURUS FORM onto its back.

RATCHET (CONT'D)

(captioned only)

Both Blok and Whipcracker can generate more inertia than Slag and Snarl.

PANEL 4:

With LIGHTNING-FAST SPEED, Windspin RUNS CIRCLES AROUND Sludge's BRONTOSAURUS FORM.

RATCHET (CONT'D)

(captioned only)

Windspin is infinitely faster and more maneuverable than Sludge.

PANEL 5:

Hunter's deinosuchus -mode SQUARES-OFF AGAINST Grimlock's T-Rex-mode.

RATCHET (CONT'D)

And finally, Hunter is every bit as powerful as Grimlock.

GRIMLOCK

Me, Grimlock see about that.

PANEL 6:

As Hunter pounces, Grimlock TRANSFORMS to robot-mode and SLASHES his opponent with his ENERGO-SWORD.

GRIMLOCK (CONT'D)

Bah!

HUNTER

OW!

PAGE FIVE:

PANEL 1:

Grimlock stands over a fallen Hunter (now in robot-mode), who clutches at a SIZZLING SLICE across his chest. Optimus Prime, Wheeljack and Ratchet RUSH INTO FRAME.

OPTIMUS PRIME

Grimlock, stop!

RATCHET

I told you to take it easy!

GRIMLOCK

Puny Thunderbot no match for me,
Grimlock.

WHEELJACK

Don't be so sure of yourself,
Grimlock. The Thunderbots have one
more trick up their sleeves.

PANEL 2:

Wheeljack shouts an order to the Thunderbots, who begin to MERGE TOGETHER.

WHEELJACK (CONT'D)

Thunderbots, unite to form...

PANEL 3:

Now RE-CONFIGURED INTO ONE MASSIVE BEING, the COMBINED THUNDERBOTS stand tall as THE WARRIOR, SAURALUS.

WHEELJACK (CONT'D)

(from off-panel)

...Sauralus!

PANEL 4:

Optimus Prime and the Dinobots stand IN THE SHADOW of Sauralus. Grimlock remains unimpressed, while Ratchet takes note of his BEEPING COMMUNICATOR.

OPTIMUS PRIME
Incredible!

GRIMLOCK
Hrmp. Me, Grimlock ready for new
challenge.

PANEL 5:

As Sauralus and the Dinobots square-off yet again in the background, Ratchet rushes towards Optimus Prime and Wheeljack.

WHEELJACK
Now, **this** is a beta-test worth
watching!

RATCHET
(lifting his communicator
into view)
It's going to have to wait.
Optimus, we've got trouble!

OPTIMUS PRIME
What kind of trouble?

PAGE SIX:

PANEL 1:

EXT. A BATTERED AND DAMAGED WOLF CREEK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT,
KANSAS - DAY.

CAPTION: Later, outside the Wolf Creek Power Plant, Kansas...

Outside a SMOULDERING NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, SOUNDWAVE is creating EMPTY ENERGEN CUBES from his chest. RUMBLE and FRENZY are collecting the Energon, while the CONSTRUCTICONS are loading the cubes for transport.

HOOK and MIXMASTER are in robot-mode, CARRYING FULL CUBES in their hands towards a half-full LONGHAUL (in dump-truck-mode), while SCRAPPER, BONECRUSHER and SCAVENGER (also in vehicle-modes) are transporting more cubes towards Longhaul.

SOUNDWAVE
Megatron, harvesting of Energon is
proceeding faster than anticipated.

PANEL 2:

MEGATRON stands with STARSCREAM and the INSECTICONS:
KICKBACK, BOMBSHELL and SHRAPNEL, surveying the operation.

Over Megatron's shoulder, we can see Scavenger continuing to load Longhaul with Energon cubes.

MEGATRON

Ha! When will the humans learn?
Nuclear energy is only useful in
the hands of Megatron!

STARSCREAM

Yes, Megatron . Soon this entire
plant will be drained of its power,
and we will have all the Energon we
need to build your...

OPTIMUS PRIME

(off-panel)

Not so fast, Decepticons!

PANEL 3:

Hunter (in deinosaurs-mode) VICIOUSLY ATTACKS Soundwave as
Windspin (in dracorex-mode) SETS UPON Starscream. Blok (in
ape-mode) CHARGES THROUGH both Rumble and Frenzy like a
RUNAWAY FREIGHT-TRAIN.

Optimus Prime stands in the background with his ION-BLASTER
in one hand, commanding his troops.

OPTIMUS PRIME (CONT'D)

Thunderbots, attack!

STARSCREAM

What the?! Aaaagh!

RUMBLE

Gah!

FRENZY

Yikes!

PANEL 4:

With the Insecticons beside him, Megatron watches with
ASTONISHMENT as Quatro (in pterosaur-mode) GLIDES INTO FRAME
to PEPPER the Constructicons with MISSILES.

MEGATRON

Who dares?

PANEL 5:

In giant-salamander-mode, Whipcracker CHARGES THROUGH the
Insecticons, sending them HURTLING into the air like TEN-
PINS, before SLAMMING into Megatron like a CANNON BALL.

WHIPCRACKER

We dare!

PAGE SEVEN:

PANEL 1:

WIDE SHOT - Megatron GINGERLY sits up to see various Thunderbots continuing to assault (some of) his troops, while Optimus Prime leads Ironhide, Jazz, Trailbreaker, Bumblebee, Ratchet and Wheeljack into the battle.

RATCHET

What do you think of our new allies, Megatron?

WHEELJACK

They pack quite the punch, don't they?

PANEL 2:

As the battle rages on, Starscream pleads with Megatron.

STARSCREAM

What are you waiting for, Megatron? Signal the retreat, or I'll do it for you!

MEGATRON

You'll do nothing of the sort, you idiot! We're not beaten yet.

PANEL 3:

Megatron issues orders to the Constructicons, who begin SNAPPING TOGETHER as Starscream GRINS a WRY LITTLE SMILE.

MEGATRON (CONT'D)

Constructicons, combine!

STARSCREAM

Your new friends are finished now, Autobots!

PANEL 4:

Optimus Prime stands tall with Wheeljack, as behind them, the Thunderbots (now each in robot-mode) leap into the air.

WHEELJACK

Don't bet on it, Starscream.

OPTIMUS PRIME
Thunderbots, unite!

PANEL 5:

Once again, Sauralus forms in ALL HIS GLORY.

PAGE EIGHT:

PANEL 1:

SPLASH PANEL - DEVASTATOR prepares to take on Sauralus.

DEVASTATOR
Destroy! Destroy!

PANEL 2:

Sauralus reaches back with an ENORMOUS FIST.

SAURALUS
Good idea.

PANEL 3:

Sauralus DRIVES HIS FIST into Devastator's chest, BREAKING HIM APART into his separate Constructicon components.

HOOK
What?!

LONGHAUL
Aaagh!

PAGE NINE:

PANEL 1:

As several Constructicons flee from a towering Sauralus; Jazz, Ironhide and Trailbreaker RAISE THEIR FISTS in TRIUMPH.

TRAILBREAKER
Yes!

JAZZ
Ha-ha, look at 'em run!

IRONHIDE
The big guy is makin' short work of those Decepti-creeps!

PANEL 2:

Away from the carnage, Megatron WHISPERS to Bombshell.

MEGATRON

Bombshell, I believe a **new** strategy is needed. You know what to do.

BOMBSHELL

Yes, Megatron.

PANEL 3:

Bombshell TRANSFORMS into insect-mode, shrinks and flies out of frame.

PANEL 4:

Megatron FIRES a wayward blast from his FUSION CANNON as he lifts off into the air. Soundwave, Rumble and Frenzy join him, while in the background, Starscream (in jet-mode), Kickback and Shrapnel (in insect-modes) have already started to flee the scene.

MEGATRON

Decepticons, we must live to fight another day! Retreat!

PANEL 5:

Optimus Prime, Wheeljack and Bumblebee watch as the Decepticons fly towards the HORIZON, while Sauralus splits back into the separate Thunderbots.

BUMBLEBEE

They're running away! And it's all thanks to the Thunderbots!

OPTIMUS PRIME

Indeed. You've outdone yourself this time, Wheeljack.

WHEELJACK

Aw, thanks, boss. But let's get back to the Ark. After a successful field-test like that...

PANEL 6:

CLOSE ON Hunter's NECK. A tiny, insect-mode Bombshell rests SURREPTITIOUSLY against his metal hide.

WHEELJACK (CONT'D)

... I'm sure the Thunderbots would appreciate some well-earned peace-and-quiet.

PAGE TEN:

PANEL 1:

CAPTION: Back at the Ark...

INT. THE AUTOBOT ARK'S RECHARGING BOOTHS.

Wheeljack leads the Thunderbots (all in robot-mode) into a SAUNA-LIKE ROOM, decorated with several RECHARGE SLABS.

WHEELJACK

Here you go, guys. Put your feet up, take it easy and recharge, knowing you'll be in Megatron's nightmares tonight.

HUNTER

Thank you, Wheeljack.

PANEL 2:

Quatro takes a seat at a recharge slab beside Blok.

PANEL 3:

As Windspin and Whipcracker lie on recharge slabs of their own, Hunter sits down upon his.

PANEL 4:

CLOSE ON the back of Hunter's neck. We can see Bombshell still attached, injecting Hunter with a tiny CEREBRO-SHELL with a 'ZZZZT!' SOUND EFFECT.

PANEL 5:

CLOSE ON Bombshell, injecting a cerebro-shell into Blok's head with another 'ZZZZT!' SOUND EFFECT.

PANEL 6:

WIDE SHOT - All five of the Thunderbots now lie UNCONSCIOUS on their separate recharge slabs with a MUCH LARGER 'ZZZZT!' SOUND EFFECT overlaying the entire panel.

Bombshell (still in insect-mode) flies towards the foreground.

BOMBSHELL

Sleep well, Thunderbots.

PANEL 7:

EXT. MT. SAINT HILARY - OUTSIDE THE ARK - NIGHT.

INSERT PANEL - With Mt. Saint Hilary in the distance, Bombshell flies away from the Autobot Headquarters.

BOMBSHELL

See you soon! Bwa-Ha-Ha-Ha-Haaa!

PAGE ELEVEN:

PANEL 1:

EXT. MT. SAINT HILARY - DAY.

CAPTION: The next day...

BIRD'S EYE VIEW - Wheeljack and Ratchet are again training the Thunderbots.

Hunter (in robot-mode) SLICES a BOULDER in half with his SONIC SWORD, Quatro performs several LOOP-DE-LOOPS in the sky above, while Whipcracker (in giant salamander-mode) SMASHES through a BOULDER of his own.

WHEELJACK

Great work, guys.

RATCHET

Your abilities are progressing nicely.

HUNTER

No kidding.

WHIPCRACKER

Yeah, tell me something I don't know.

PANEL 2:

Wheeljack and Ratchet appear confused.

RATCHET

Uh, okay...

WHEELJACK

Wow, no need to be rude, fellas.

PANEL 3:

Hunter and Blok approach Wheeljack and Ratchet with an AGGRESSIVE STANCE.

HUNTER

Rude? These paltry tests are what's rude! They're beneath us.

BLOK

Yes! Give us a **real** challenge!

PANEL 4:

Wheeljack RAISES HIS HANDS in SUBMISSION, as Ratchet turns to the horizon. Yet another DUST CLOUD is moving towards them.

WHEELJACK

Whoa, easy! What's gotten into you guys today?

RATCHET

Don't worry, Thunderbots, your **new** challenge has arrived.

PANEL 5:

THE PROTECTOBOTS arrive: HOT SPOT, GROOVE, BLADES, STREETWISE and FIRST AID (all in vehicle-modes).

They promptly TRANSFORM into their robot-modes.

HOT SPOT

Protectobots, transform!

PANEL 6:

Ratchet leans towards Hunter with a SMIRK.

RATCHET

And now, Thunderbots...

PAGE TWELVE:

PANEL 1:

SPLASH PANEL - The Protectobots MERGE to form DEFENSOR.

RATCHET (CONT'D)

... meet **DEFENSOR!**

PANEL 2:

The Thunderbots (in robot-mode) stand as one, Hunter front-and-center.

BLOK

Finally, a chance for some fun!

HUNTER
Thunderbots, unite!

PANEL 3:

ANOTHER SPLASH PANEL - The Thunderbots form Sauralus to challenge Defensor.

SAURALUS
Now, **this** is what I'm talking about!

PAGE THIRTEEN:

PANEL 1:

Sauralus and Defensor square-off in the background, as Ratchet and Wheeljack watch.

WHEELJACK
Okay, Sauralus. This is how we catalogue your stamina levels.

RATCHET
Yes, a test of strength versus Defensor will tell us just **how** powerful you really are.

PANEL 2:

Sauralus and Defensor LOCK UP in a PRO-WRESTLING-STYLE GRAPPLE.

DEFENSOR
This is going to be fun. Are you ready, Sauralus?

SAURALUS
I am **always** ready.

PANEL 3:

Sauralus TEARS OFF Defensors's arms (First-Aid and Blades).

SAURALUS (CONT'D)
Are you?

DEFENSOR
(looking horrified at where his left arm used to be)
Yaaagh!

PANEL 4:

Wheeljack and Ratchet also appear horrified.

WHEELJACK

Uh-oh.

RATCHET

Sauralus, what are you doing?!

PANEL 5:

Sauralus delivers an ALMIGHTY UPPERCUT to Defensor, which SEPARATES HIS TORSO (Hot Spot) FROM HIS LEGS (Streetwise and Groove).

SAURALUS

You said it yourself; a test of my **true** strength!

DEFENSOR

Oof!

PANEL 6:

Sauralus STAMPS on Streetwise with one foot, then KICKS Groove LIKE A SOCCER BALL with the other. Arms up in PANIC, Wheeljack pleads with the combiner.

WHEELJACK

Sauralus, stop! This is insane!

PAGE FOURTEEN:

PANEL 1:

FROM ABOVE - Sauralus FLIES OFF INTO THE SKY, leaving Ratchet and Wheeljack dumbfounded on the ground below.

SAURALUS

Insane? Insane would be staying around here. I am destined for more important things.

PANEL 2:

INT. THE AUTOBOT ARK, CONTROL CENTER.

Gathered around TELETRAAN-1, Optimus Prime, Ratchet, Trailbreaker and Jazz watch as Wheeljack TYPES COMMANDS into the COMPUTER PANEL before him.

CAPTION: One hour later...

JAZZ

Any sign of those trail-ridin ' Thunderbots?

WHEELJACK

Not yet, Jazz. *Sigh* I just don't understand what went wrong.

PANEL 3:

Optimus Prime turns to Ratchet.

OPTIMUS PRIME

How are the Protectobots?

RATCHET

They'll be okay. I've patched them up, but Sauralus did a real number on them. They'll need time to fully recover.

PANEL 4:

Optimus Prime and Ratchet turn to see the Dinobots.

GRIMLOCK

Forget about dumb Thunderbots .
Dinobots can destroy them for Prime.

OPTIMUS PRIME

Not so fast, Grimlock . At this stage, we don't know what happened. It may just be a case of...

WHEELJACK

(from off-panel)
Optimus Prime, look!

PANEL 5:

Optimus Prime watches as Wheeljack points to Teletraan-1's DATA SCREEN, which shows how Megatron , Starscream and Soundwave have returned to the NUCLEAR POWER PLANT from earlier.

Rumble can be seen filling more ENERAGON CUBES.

WHEELJACK (CONT'D)

The Decepticons have returned to the nuclear power plant!

OPTIMUS PRIME

They're stealing the Energon again.

WHEELJACK

Oh no, if they drain too much, they
could trigger a nuclear meltdown!

PAGE FIFTEEN:

PANEL 1:

Optimus Prime rallies his troops; Ironhide, Jazz, Bumblebee
and Trailbreaker.

OPTIMUS PRIME

Then the Thunderbots are the least
of our concerns. We must stop
Megatron at once.

PANEL 2:

Optimus Prime TRANSFORMS into truck-mode.

OPTIMUS PRIME (CONT'D)

Autobots, transform...

PANEL 3:

SPLASH PANEL - Optimus Prime, Jazz, Trailbreaker, Ironhide,
Bumblebee, Wheeljack and Ratchet ROLL OUT of the Ark, as the
five Dinobots FLY ABOVE the convoy.

OPTIMUS PRIME (CONT'D)

... and roll out!

PAGE SIXTEEN:

PANEL 1:

EXT. THE WOLF CREEK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, KANSAS - DAY.

Megatron SMILES WITH GLEE as Rumble and Frenzy fill their
Energon cubes.

Meanwhile, Soundwave POINTS A FINGER towards something off-
panel.

MEGATRON

Yes, this nuclear power will serve
our purpose nicely.

SOUNDWAVE

Megatron. We have incoming.

PANEL 2:

The Thunderbots arrive from the sky (in robot-mode). They land opposite Megatron and are no longer wearing their Autobot badges.

HUNTER

Ahem.

PANEL 3:

Hunter stands one-on-one with Megatron.

HUNTER (CONT'D)

So, we got sick of the whole
Autobot goody-two-shoes schtick.
You looking for any new recruits?

PANEL 4:

CLOSE ON Megatron , as his head ROCKS BACK with MANIACAL LAUGHTER.

MEGATRON

Ha-Ha-Ha! Of course, Hunter. I knew
you'd come.

PANEL 5:

Megatron and Hunter turn with surprise to look over their shoulders.

BUMBLEBEE

(from off-panel)
Really, bucket-head?

HUNTER

Huh?

PANEL 6:

Optimus Prime, Bumblebee and Grimlock (in robot-mode) CHARGE FORWARD, ready for battle. Jazz, Trailbreaker and Ironhide can also be seen in the background.

BUMBLEBEE

Were you also expecting **us**?

OPTIMUS PRIME

Autobots, protect the power plant!

GRIMLOCK

Me, Grimlock have score to settle.

PAGE SEVENTEEN:

PANEL 1:

Megatron fires his fusion cannon towards Optimus Prime, as the Autobot Leader fires back with his ion-blaster. Hunter TRANSFORMS into deinosuchus-mode to leap at Grimlock, who has now TRANSFORMED into T-Rex-mode.

MEGATRON

Now, my new warriors, destroy the Autobots!

PANEL 2:

Grimlock attacks Hunter with a TORRENT OF FLAME from his T-Rex jaws, lighting his opponent on fire as Optimus Prime's fist CONNECTS with Megatron's face.

OPTIMUS PRIME

Not today, Megatron!

PANEL 3:

In the sky above, Swoop (in dino-mode) LOOPS BEHIND Quatro (in pterosaur-mode) and BLASTS him with a TWIN-MISSILE ATTACK.

QUATRO

Yaah!

PANEL 4:

Sludge (in dino-mode) SLAPS HIS TAIL into Blok's ape-mode, while Slag SLAMS INTO Whipcrackers's giant salamander-mode.

Meanwhile, Windspin's charging dracorex-mode is DEFLECTED by Snarl and his SPIKED TAIL.

BLOK

No!

WINDSPIN

Ughh!

PANEL 5:

Grimlock and Hunter (both now in robot-mode) are engaged in a MEDIEVAL-STYLE SWORD-FIGHT with both blades CLASHING LIKE LIGHTSABERS.

HUNTER

You dare face **my** sword, Dinobot?
I'll slice you in two!

GRIMLOCK
Me, Grimlock like challenge.

PANEL 6:

Hunter's WILD SWING misses Grimlock's head, as the Dinobot leader STRIKES BACK against Hunter's chest.

HUNTER
What?! No, not again!

GRIMLOCK
Me, Grimlock think you talk too much.

PANEL 7:

Megatron looks back to see Hunter lying at Grimlock's feet. Grimlock holds his sword to Hunter's face.

MEGATRON
Grimlock, you fool. Now you've asked for it! Unite, my new warriors! Unite!

PAGE EIGHTEEN:

PANEL 1:

The Thunderbots MERGE TO FORM SAURALUS. On the ground before him, Grimlock rallies the Dinobots (all in their dino-modes).

GRIMLOCK
Dinobots, destroy him!

PANEL 2:

With his RIGHT HAND, Sauralus CATCHES Swoop in a VICE-LIKE GRIP as he STOMPS on Snarl with his LEFT BOOT.

With his RIGHT FOOT, he KICKS AWAY both Slag and Sludge, as Grimlock LEAPS OVER THEM to attack the combiner.

GRIMLOCK (CONT'D)
Me, Grimlock cut you down to size.

SAURALUS
I don't think so, pea-brain.

PANEL 3:

Sauralus SEIZES Grimlock by his T-Rex neck, as Jazz, Bumblebee and Ironhide look up from the ground below.

SAURALUS (CONT'D)
Poor, delusional Grimlock.

PANEL 4:

Sauralus SWINGS Grimlock by the tail, sweeping the Dinobot into Jazz, Bumblebee and Ironhide like a GOLF CLUB.

SAURALUS (CONT'D)
You have no idea what you're dealing with!

JAZZ
Hey!

BUMBLEBEE
Lookout!

IRONHIDE
Ughh!

PANEL 5:

Starscream (in jet-mode) BEARS DOWN on Trailbreaker, firing NULL-RAYS at the Autobot.

STARSCREAM
Prepare to join your comrades in oblivion, Autobot!

TRAILBREAKER
Uh-oh.

PANEL 6:

Trailbreaker creates a SEMI-TRANSLUCENT FORCE-FIELD around himself, causing Starscream to BOUNCE off its dome with a THUD.

TRAILBREAKER (CONT'D)
Try this on for size, Starscream!

STARSCREAM
Aaah!

PAGE NINETEEN:

PANEL 1:

As Sauralus stands over several beaten Autobots, an OUT-OF-CONTROL Starscream CRASHES into his back.

The power plant's REACTOR DOME can be seen in the background.

STARSCREAM (CONT'D)
Lookout, you oversized fool!

PANEL 2:

Optimus Prime and Wheeljack look on to see Sauralus STUMBLE back into the reactor dome, triggering an ERUPTIVE EXPLOSION.

OPTIMUS PRIME
Sauralus!

WHEELJACK
No! Not the reactor!

PANEL 3:

Sauralus stands ENVELOPED in a GREEN, LUMINOUS GLOW. He SCREAMS IN AGONY.

NOTE: Within this panel, each member of the combiner team's face should be shown screaming in a series of separate, 'magnified' circles, showing each of the team's separate reactions as they writhe in pain.

During these panels, their eyes have now become DECEPTICON RED as they MUTATE into more GRUESOME VERSIONS of themselves.

SAURALUS
Gaaah! Such energy! Such power!

PANEL 4:

CLOSE ON Sauralus, now mutated a more-familiar Decepticon combiner. His eyes have now also switched from BLUE TO RED.

SAURALUS (CONT'D)
I like it!

PANEL 5:

In the background, Sauralus begins to CRAWL FREE of the reactor as Bombshell speaks directly to Megatron in the foreground.

BOMBSHELL
Megatron, look! The radiation has reacted with the cerebro-shells I implanted in the Thunderbots' brains! Not only have they undertaken some kind of mechanical-mutation, but their change in attitudes... should be **permanent!**

MEGATRON

Excellent. Then I now command the most unstoppable fighter of all!

PANEL 6:

CLOSE ON Optimus Prime's face.

OPTIMUS PRIME

Megatron, what have you done?

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PANEL 1:

As Sauralus finally STANDS UP, Optimus Prime approaches him.

OPTIMUS PRIME (CONT'D)

Sauralus, stop all this. Listen to me! Sauralus, please!

SAURALUS

No, not Sauralus. Not anymore.

PANEL 2:

SPLASH PANEL - Sauralus STANDS OVER Optimus Prime with a DYNAMIC, THREATENING POSE.

SAURALUS (CONT'D)

My name... is... **ABOMINUS!**

PANEL 3:

CLOSE ON Optimus Prime's WORRIED FACE.

ABOMINUS

(from off-panel)

And you, Optimus Prime... are doomed!

CAPTION: TO BE CONTINUED...

THE END

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