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THE TRANSFORMERS: REANIMATED.
"PIRANACON, PART 2."

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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. THE PONTOON - DAY.

SPLASH PAGE - The OTHERWORLDLY BEAST known as PIRANACON stands waist-deep in the OCEAN, looming over the water like the LOVECRAFTIAN monster, CTHULHU.

With an elated STARSCREAM on his shoulder (who wears a GLOWING TALISMAN around his neck), Piranacon REACHES down with a massive CLAWED HAND towards a CIRCULAR and METALLIC PONTOON in the foreground.

Standing on the pontoon in UTTER DISBELIEF are SEASPRAY, CARLY, SPIKE and BLASTER, who is pressing a COMMUNICATIONS BUTTON on his chest's CASSETTE COMPARTMENT.

NOTE: As per their appearance in the previous issue, Carly is wearing her SWIMSUIT, while Spike is dressed in RED SHORTS.

STARSCREAM

You see? Nothing can stop me now!
Nothing can stop... **PIRANACON!**

SEASPRAY

Shiver me timbers!

BLASTER

Optimus Prime, do you read me? We
need immediate assistance! You
ain't **never** gonna believe this one!

PAGE TWO:

PANEL 1:

The tips of Piranacon's fingers pinch Seaspray up off the pontoon. Spike and Carly react in HORROR.

SEASPRAY

Hey!

CARLY

Seaspray!

PANEL 2:

FROM ABOVE - Piranacon lifts Seaspray up towards his hideous face, while on the pontoon far below, Spike and Carly watch Blaster point his LASER RIFLE up at the creature.

BLASTER
No way, two can play!

PANEL 3:

FROM BELOW - Blaster FIRES his weapon, striking Piranacon's hand.

SEASPRAY
Yo-ho! Thanks for the assist,
Blaster!

PANEL 4:

ENRAGED, Piranacon HURLS Seaspray down into the ocean, splashing FACE-FIRST into the waves.

SEASPRAY (CONT'D)
Whoaaaa! Ugh!

PANEL 5:

Blaster continues to fire up at Piranacon, now attacking the creature's FACE. Starscream appears CONCERNED.

BLASTER
Ha-Ha-Ha! See, Starscream? Your new
'Sea-Con' ain't so tough! Hope you
kept your receipt!

STARSCREAM
What... what's happening?
Piranacon, **do** something!

PANEL 6:

Blaster looks up as Piranacon responds by UNLEASHING a WAVE OF DESTRUCTIVE, BLUE ENERGY from his eyes.

BLASTER
Oh, man. Looks like I'm about to be
a one-hit-wonder!

PAGE THREE:

PANEL 1:

As the energy wave approaches him from above, Blaster drops to his knees, opening his cassette compartment and WAVING Spike and Carly towards him.

CARLY
Blaster?

BLASTER
C'mon-c'mon! Bebop your way inside
before that thing ruins **all** our
dance plans!

PANEL 2:

With his cassette compartment now sealed, Blaster is STRUCK by the energy wave, engulfing him in AGONY. Spike and Carly can do nothing but react in FEAR for their Autobot friend, PEERING OUT from their cubicle with their hands pressed against its TRANSPARENT WINDOW.

BLASTER (CONT'D)
Aaaaagghh!

SPIKE
Blaster!

PANEL 3:

Now BLISTERED and BURNT, Blaster TOPPLES FORWARD and falls into the ocean.

BLASTER
Urghhh..?

PANEL 4:

EXT. UNDERWATER - DAY.

As an UNCONSCIOUS Blaster begins to SINK, Spike and Carly again peer out of their sealed compartment. The slightest trickle of seawater has begun to LEAK inside.

SPIKE
Blaster? Blaster, are you okay?

CARLY
Blaster!

PANEL 5:

INT. INSIDE BLASTER'S CHEST COMPARTMENT.

While more of the ocean spills in, Spike and Carly can see one of Blaster's COMMUNICATION BUTTONS has LIT UP and is receiving an AUDIO TRANSMISSION.

OPTIMUS PRIME
(echoing within Blaster's
chest)
(MORE)

OPTIMUS PRIME (CONT'D)

Blaster? Are you there? This is Optimus Prime. Please say again... do you require assistance?

SPIKE

Optimus Prime! Yes, we need help! Starscream has summoned some enormous monster, and we're **trapped** in the ocean! Optimus Prime?

CARLY

He can't hear us! With Blaster unconscious, he can't respond. All he can do... is **sink!**

PANEL 6:

EXT. UNDERWATER - DARK.

Lit only by his GLOWING communications button, Blaster sinks further into the OCEAN DEPTHS.

CARLY

(captioned)

And pretty soon, we'll be sunk, too!

PAGE FOUR:

PANEL 1:

EXT. THE PONTOON - DAY.

SWINDLE and BLAST OFF stand on Piranacon's OPEN PALM as he lifts them up to his face to converse with Starscream.

SWINDLE

I can't believe it, Starscream! You did it!

BLAST OFF

Indubitably.

STARSCREAM

That's right, I did! Now, **bow** before your new Decepticon Leader!

PANEL 2:

Swindle and Blast Off do indeed KNEEL.

SWINDLE

Sure, you're the boss, boss. But, uh... don't you think **Megatron** might have somethin' to say about this?

PANEL 3:

CLOSE ON Starscream. His face is nothing if not CONFIDENT.

STARSCREAM

Oh, I'm sure he will. But, maybe we should go see for ourselves?

PANEL 4:

Starscream, Swindle and Blast Off grip Piranacon's SHOULDER as the creature DIVES into the water.

SWINDLE

Whoa! Take it easy, big guy!

STARSCREAM

Oh, 'mighty' Megatron...

PANEL 5:

EXT. UNDERWATER - DAY.

Beneath the surface, Piranacon GLIDES through the water like the ancient POSEIDON.

Swindle and Blast Off seem WORRIED, barely holding onto Piranacon's hide while Starscream rides the monster as though it were a BUCKING BRONCO, smirking with MANIACAL GLEE as only he can.

STARSCREAM

... your time has come! Ha-Ha-Ha!

PAGE FIVE:

PANEL 1:

INT. INSIDE BLASTER'S CHEST COMPARTMENT.

CAPTION: Meanwhile...

Spike struggles to keep his head above water, which has now almost filled the cramped chamber. Carly is looking through the transparent window, having noticed something outside.

SPIKE

We can't keep this up for much longer, Carly!

CARLY

I don't think we'll have to, Spike. Look!

PANEL 2:

EXT. UNDERWATER - DARK.

CARLY'S P.O.V. - Seaspray HEROICALLY SOARS through the water towards the front of the panel, his hand OUTSTRETCHED.

CARLY

(captioned)
Seaspray!

PANEL 3:

EXT. THE PONTOON - DAY.

Now free of the ocean, Seaspray releases Spike and Carly onto the pontoon's floating deck. Carly is now carrying Blaster in boombox-mode.

CARLY

Whatta we gonna do? Starscream's got a **monster** under his control!

SEASPRAY

I don't like it anymore than you do, but with Blaster unable to respond to Optimus Prime, we're going to have to hook that big fish ourselves.

SPIKE

Us? What can **we** do? We don't even know where they went!

PANEL 4:

Spike and Carly LOOK UP at Seaspray as he CLUTCHES his forehead like AQUAMAN to emit SONAR-WAVES from his body.

SEASPRAY

Well, according to my sonar, Piranacon is headed to... well, blow the man down. That'll be fun to see!

PANEL 5:

Seaspray TRANSFORMS to hovercraft-mode, as Spike and Carly (still carrying Blaster) move towards his CABIN.

SEASPRAY (CONT'D)

It looks like Megatron is about to get the world's-worst house guest! Care to take a look, lil' buddy?

SPIKE

Starscream is going after Megatron with that thing? Count me in!

SEASPRAY

What about you, Mary Ann?

CARLY

Sure. I mean, someone's got to keep an eye on this situation, right?

PANEL 6:

EXT. THE OCEAN WAVES - DAY.

Seaspray's hovercraft-mode RACES across the surface of the sea and towards the HORIZON.

CARLY

(captioned)

Let's just hope we survive!

PAGE SIX:

PANEL 1:

EXT. THE DECEPTICON UNDERSEA BASE - UNDERWATER.

Piranacon approaches the DECEPTICON BASE. Starscream, Swindle and Blast Off remain on Piranacon's shoulder.

STARSCREAM

There it is! Megatron's greatest failure! A once proud vessel doomed to the bottom of this putrid ocean, all thanks to his **incompetence!**

SWINDLE

Are you sure about this, boss?

PANEL 2:

INT. INSIDE THE DECEPTICON COMMAND CENTER.

Alongside DIRGE, RAMJET and THRUST, MEGATRON stands before the room's WALL MOUNTED VIEWSCREEN, gazing upon its image of Piranacon (and Starscream standing on his shoulder).

SWINDLE

(captioned)

I mean, you only get **one** shot at Megatron.

RAMJET

What on Cybertron **is** that thing?

DIRGE

Wait, is that..?

THRUST

Starscream?

MEGATRON

What has that idiot done now?

PANEL 3:

EXT. THE DECEPTICON UNDERSEA BASE.

Under Starscream's command, Piranacon TEARS INTO the Decepticon Base, pulling it apart like a TODDLER unwrapping a CHRISTMAS GIFT.

STARSCREAM

That's it, Piranacon! Oh, Megatron?
I'm home! Ha-Ha-Ha-Ha!

PANEL 4:

INT. INSIDE THE DECEPTICON BASE, A CORRIDOR.

The ocean spews into the base, DRENCHING both SCAVENGER and DRAG STRIP, while RUMBLE and FRENZY run into the foreground in a PANIC.

FRENZY

Aaaaaagh!

RUMBLE

This is it! Time to split!

PANEL 5:

EXT. THE DECEPTICON UNDERSEA BASE - UNDERWATER.

SPLASH PANEL, WIDE SHOT - Piranacon (and Starscream) LOOM OVER the Decepticon Base, now SPLIT IN TWO in the foreground. Several Decepticons FLOAT LIFELESSLY from multiple TORN-OPEN FISSURES, including: BOMBSHELL, ONSLAUGHT, BREAKDOWN, ASTROTRAIN and RUNAMUCK.

STARSCREAM

Where are you, Megatron? I've come to take what's mine.

PAGE SEVEN:

PANEL 1:

CLOSE ON Starscream as a FUSION CANNON BLAST narrowly misses his head.

STARSCREAM (CONT'D)

Come out, come out, wherever you...
Aaaaaghh!

PANEL 2:

OVER STARSCREAM'S SHOULDER - In the darkness of the WRECKED Decepticon base, a pair of SINISTER, RED OPTICS shine beside the GLOWING TIP of a fusion cannon.

STARSCREAM (CONT'D)

M-Megatron?

MEGATRON

Oh, Starscream. How it **pains** me to do this.

PANEL 3:

SPLASH PANEL FROM STARSCREAM'S P.O.V. - Now sailing forward towards the front of frame, Megatron leads his troops into a COUNTER ATTACK.

Behind the Decepticon leader and to his left, SKYWARP, THUNDERCRACKER and BLITZWING (all in jet-mode) ZOOM through the water with SOUNDWAVE.

On Megatron's right, Dirge, Ramjet and Thrust (also in jet-mode) are joined by MOTORMASTER and SCRAPPER.

MEGATRON (CONT'D)

Now, **my** Decepticons... **ATTACK!**

PAGE EIGHT:

PANEL 1:

INT. INSIDE THE AUTOBOT ARK.

CAPTION: Meanwhile, within the Autobot Ark...

OPTIMUS PRIME stands before TELETRAAN-1 with RATCHET, WHEELJACK and IRONHIDE. The DATA SCREEN displays FUZZY STATIC, as Optimus Prime continues in vain to connect to his audio transmission.

OPTIMUS PRIME
Blaster? Blaster, do you copy?

WHEELJACK
Somethin' must be seriously wrong with Blaster if Teletraan-1 has **this** level of interference.

IRONHIDE
Well, whatever it is, I say we find out as quick as we can, and punch it right in the kisser.

PANEL 2:

Optimus Prime raises his hand to calm his friend, while Wheeljack TYPES COMMANDS on Teletraan-1's terminal.

OPTIMUS PRIME
All in good time, old friend. Wheeljack, can Teletraan-1 locate the source of Blaster's earlier transmission?

WHEELJACK
Workin' on it now, Prime. It seems to be... whoa.

PANEL 3:

TELETRAAN-1'S P.O.V. - Optimus Prime, Wheeljack and Ironhide LEAN IN CLOSE, staring STRAIGHT AHEAD at the reader.

IRONHIDE
Whoa? What's so whoa about it?

WHEELJACK
Teletraan has found Blaster and Seaspray's location. But, they're headin' towards...

PANEL 4:

REVERSE ANGLE - Optimus Prime, Ironhide, Wheeljack and Ratchet STEP BACK from Teletraan-1, as its data screen now displays an image of Piranacon standing amidst the ruins of the Decepticon Undersea Base, while BATTLING a slew of Megatron's minions. Starscream continues to control the beast from its shoulder.

WHEELJACK (CONT'D)

... that!

RATCHET

No, it can't be.

OPTIMUS PRIME

Whatever it is, it must be contained. Ironhide, prepare the others for battle.

IRONHIDE

But, Prime!

PANEL 5:

Ironhide stands opposite Optimus Prime, CONFUSED.

IRONHIDE (CONT'D)

If that humongous sea-critter is so keen on tearin' up the Decepti-creeps, why should **we** get in its way?

OPTIMUS PRIME

Because if that monstrosity is being controlled by Starscream, it **must** be stopped. Even if we have to save the Decepticons to do so.

PANEL 6:

ION BLASTER in one hand, Optimus Prime points to the distance with the other.

OPTIMUS PRIME (CONT'D)

In which case... Autobots, roll out!

PAGE NINE:

PANEL 1:

EXT. THE DECEPTICON UNDERSEA BASE (WHAT'S LEFT OF IT) - UNDERWATER.

Megatron and Soundwave watch from above as Piranacon makes short work of both Motormaster and Scrapper.

SOUNDWAVE
The creature's power is
immeasurable, Megatron.

MEGATRON
Indeed. If we are to win this
battle, we must take it to the
skies.

PANEL 2:

EXT. THE OCEAN WAVES - DAY.

Megatron begins to burst free of the water.

MEGATRON
Decepticons, to the air!

PANEL 3:

Several Decepticons FLY FREE of the ocean. In jet-mode, Skywarp, Thrust and Blitzwing SHOOT OUT of the water.

Megatron; however, is SEIZED in a VICE-LIKE GRIP by Piranacon's EMERGING HAND.

MEGATRON (CONT'D)
What? No!

PANEL 4:

Piranacon stands holding Megatron between his enormous hands, ready to tear the Decepticon leader in two. Starscream continues to GLOAT from his position on the behemoth's shoulder.

MEGATRON (CONT'D)
Im-impossible! Urghhh!

STARSCREAM
This is it, Megatron. Make a wish!

PANEL 5:

Starscream is BLASTED in the shoulder by a sudden LASER DISCHARGE.

STARSCREAM (CONT'D)
Aaaagh! What is it now?

PANEL 6:

CLOSE ON Megatron's face.

MEGATRON
Who..?

PAGE TEN:

PANEL 1:

SPLASH PANEL - The AUTOBOTS HAVE ARRIVED. Optimus Prime (in truck-mode) LEADS THE CHARGE, sailing over the ocean waves on a set of HYDROFOILS connected beneath his wheels.

Alongside Optimus Prime, with a similar set of hydrofoils, JAZZ (in vehicle-mode) TOWS Wheeljack behind him like a WATER SKIER, while TRAILBREAKER tows WINDCHARGER in an identical fashion. Similarly, SMOKESCREEN tows BUMBLEBEE.

OPTIMUS PRIME
Give it up, Starscream! I'm putting
an end to your reign of terror,
right now!

PANEL 2:

OVER STARSCREAM'S SHOULDER - Looking down at the Autobots, Starscream LIFTS his NULL RAY towards Optimus Prime.

STARSCREAM
Really, Prime? You and what army?

PANEL 3:

SPLASH PANEL - Optimus Prime TRANSFORMS, leaping into the air, ion blaster at the ready.

Meanwhile, his TRAILER opens up to reveal not only its COMBAT DECK, but TRACKS, POWERGLIDE and SIDESWIPE, each of whom ZOOM into the air: Sideswipe with his ROCKET-PACK, Powerglide in jet-mode and Tracks in his flying-car-form.

Also emerging from the combat deck are Ironhide and Ratchet, using their own (toy-inspired) BATTLE PLATFORMS like WARTIME JET SKIS to join the fight.

OPTIMUS PRIME
This one!

PAGE ELEVEN:

PANEL 1:

Both Tracks and Powerglide SHOOT Starscream, knocking him off Piranacon's shoulder and causing the creature to RELEASE Megatron.

STARSCREAM

What? How dare you?

TRACKS

Ugh. Look at that disgusting abomination.

POWERGLIDE

I agree, buddy. And the monster ain't real pretty, either!

PANEL 2:

While Starscream crashes into the ocean with a PLOP, a weary Megatron falls from Piranacon's hands.

MEGATRON

Uggghh...

PANEL 3:

OUT OF NOWHERE, Optimus Prime CATCHES Megatron in his arms.

MEGATRON (CONT'D)

What?!

PANEL 4:

Optimus Prime lands with Megatron on the combat deck. Megatron is naturally BEFUDDLED.

MEGATRON (CONT'D)

Prime? You... **you** saved me?

OPTIMUS PRIME

Yes, Megatron. With Starscream and that creature at large, we need **all** the help we can get. What say you?

PANEL 5:

Together, both Optimus Prime and Megatron FIRE their weapons towards the front of the panel, consolidated in a rare moment of unity.

MEGATRON

Very well, Prime. Like it or not,
we are allies now, against a common
foe.

OPTIMUS PRIME

Whatever floats your boat,
Megatron.

PANEL 6:

Without Starscream, a now-disorientated Piranacon is UNDER SIEGE by a variety of flying Transformers; including Thrust, Soundwave and Sideswipe, while Bumblebee and Ironhide attack from the surface of the water on Ironhide's jet ski.

PIRANACON

UUURRRRGHHHHH!

PAGE TWELVE:

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PANEL 1:

WIDE SHOT - With the battle in the background, Seaspray's hovercraft-mode arrives in the foreground. Carly and Spike (carrying Blaster's boombox) now stand on its deck, surveying the action.

NOTE: Spike has put on a T-shirt, while Carly now wears a pair of shorts over her swimsuit.

SPIKE

Whoa, check it out.

CARLY

Wait, are the Autobots and
Decepticons actually working
together?

SEASPRAY

Aye, looks like even **they've** had
enough of Starscream's mutiny.

PANEL 2:

Starscream LAUNCHES out of the water to ATTACK Seaspray with a null ray blast. Carly, Spike and Blaster fall into the water.

STARSCREAM

You again? I'll teach you to interfere with my destiny!

SPIKE

Carly, lookout!

SEASPRAY

Aaagh! Starscream, you scurvy bilge-rat!

PANEL 3:

Seaspray has now transformed into robot-mode, GRAPPLING with his much-larger Decepticon foe.

STARSCREAM

It's over now, you ocean runt! I'll fly you into the sun for this!

SEASPRAY

Wrong.

PANEL 4:

EXT. UNDERWATER - DAY.

Seaspray DIVES beneath the surface, DRAGGING Starscream underwater and deeper into the ocean. Starscream's SHOCK is equal only to his PANIC, a slew of BUBBLES streaming from his WIDE-OPEN MOUTH.

SEASPRAY

Welcome to **my** world!

STARSCREAM

Guughh!

PANEL 5:

As they sink even deeper, Seaspray TAKES HOLD of the talisman around Starscream's neck.

SEASPRAY

Normally, I'd turn this into a real keelhaulin'. But, all I **really** need to stop you...

PANEL 6:

Seaspray TEARS the talisman from Starscream's neck to take it for himself.

SEASPRAY (CONT'D)
... is this!

STARSCREAM
No!

PANEL 7:

Seaspray rips the talisman into its THREE ORIGINAL SHARDS, much to Starscream's CHAGRIN.

STARSCREAM (CONT'D)
No! Don't you realize what you've done?! Now **nothing** can control Piranacon!

PANEL 8:

EXT. THE OCEAN WAVES - DAY.

WIDE SHOT - Spike and Carly (with Blaster's boom-box) HOLD TIGHT to Seaspray (again in hovercraft-mode), as he SPEEDS towards Piranacon and the others. Starscream pursues them in jet-mode, firing random laser blasts all around the tiny Autobot.

STARSCREAM
I'll get you for this, Seaspray!

PAGE THIRTEEN:

PANEL 1:

Optimus Prime, Megatron and Wheeljack turn to catch sight of Seaspray, as he LEAPS out of the water to TRANSFORM and land on Optimus Prime's combat deck, still holding the three shards of Starscream's talisman. Carly (with Blaster's boom-box) and Spike land safely beside him.

Meanwhile, in the distance, Starscream can be seen approaching from the sky.

OPTIMUS PRIME
Seaspray! What have you been doing out here?

SEASPRAY
No time to explain, Capt'n! We've got to use these pieces of eight to reopen that beastie's portal and send him home!

WHEELJACK
A portal? Oh, boy.

PANEL 2:

With Piranacon in the background, Windcharger stands with Ratchet on his jet ski. Windcharger holds his hands ABOVE HIS HEAD, levitating Trailbreaker into the air with his MAGNETIC POWERS.

TRAILBREAKER
Lift me up, Windcharger! Let's see
if this thing can break through one
of my force-fields!

PANEL 3:

Still FLOATING in the air, Trailbreaker CAPTURES Piranacon in a GIGANTIC FORCE-FIELD bubble. Down below, both Ratchet and Windcharger seem ECSTATIC.

TRAILBREAKER (CONT'D)
Here... we... go!

WINDCHARGER
You're doing it, Trailbreaker!
You're...

PANEL 4:

Piranacon raises his fists like KING KONG, shattering the force-field and sending Trailbreaker SPIRALLING down towards the water. Ratchet and Windcharger now appear DISMAYED.

WINDCHARGER (CONT'D)
... doing it?

RATCHET
Uh-oh.

TRAILBREAKER
Whooooaaa!

PANEL 5:

With Piranacon RENEWING his battle against Skywarp, Powerglide and Dirge in the background, in the foreground, Seaspray, Wheeljack, Optimus Prime and Megatron DIVE from the combat deck and into the ocean.

Bumblebee has also arrived to take care of Spike and Carly.

SEASPRAY

C'mon, there's no time! We gotta get down below and send Piranacon back!

BUMBLEBEE

Don't worry, I'll protect the humans!

PAGE FOURTEEN:

PANEL 1:

EXT. THE OCEAN FLOOR - DARK.

Lit only by their robotic bodies and the three talisman shards, Optimus Prime, Megatron and Seaspray watch as Wheeljack attempts to reintegrate them.

MEGATRON

Can you really reopen a portal to Piranacon's dimension, Autobot?

WHEELJACK

I can if you give me a minute.

PANEL 2:

CLOSE ON Wheeljack's hands. The talisman is again reformed into ONE glowing piece.

WHEELJACK (CONT'D)

There!

PANEL 3:

Optimus Prime, Seaspray and Megatron watch with WONDER as yet ANOTHER PORTAL opens. Wheeljack now holds what looks like a HAND-HELD SCIENTIFIC SCANNER.

OPTIMUS PRIME

Excellent work, Wheeljack!

MEGATRON

Yes, but now we need to get the creature back inside it!

PANEL 4:

As Starscream SNEAKILY APPROACHES, Wheeljack looks down to his scanner. If he had a mouth, he'd be grimacing.

WHEELJACK

Wait, somethin' **else** is about to come through the portal. Somethin' weird!

PANEL 5:

OVER STARSCREAM'S SHOULDER - SIX TRANSLUCENT BEINGS emerge from the portal. They are: BUGLY, BOMB-BURST, FINBACK, IGUANUS, SKULLGRIN and SUBMARAUDER, each of them now represented by their classic G1 'MONSTER PRETENDER' designs.

STARSCREAM

What... What **are** they?!

FINBACK

We are the **ghosts** of your past, Starscream!

IGUANUS

And we have come... for **YOU!**

PAGE FIFTEEN:

PANEL 1:

Starscream stands TERRIFIED as Bugly and Skullgrin LURCH towards him.

STARSCREAM

G-g-g-ghosts? That's impossible!
There's no such thing as **ghosts!**

PANEL 2:

Starscream FIRES his null rays towards the ghosts and the portal as Bugly and Skullgrin CLOSE IN on him. Wheeljack REACHES OUT with concern.

STARSCREAM (CONT'D)

No! Stay away!

WHEELJACK

Starscream, stop! You'll damage the...

PANEL 3:

Struck by the null ray, the talisman SPLITS in two, deactivating the portal.

WHEELJACK (CONT'D)

(off-panel)

No!

PANEL 4:

Megatron and Optimus Prime watch as Starscream (now in jet-mode) FLEES towards the surface with each of the six ghosts in hot pursuit.

STARSCREAM
Aaaaaagh! Stay away from me!

PANEL 5:

EXT. THE OCEAN WAVES - DAY.

Starscream bursts free of the water, still pursued by Finback and Iguanus.

STARSCREAM
No! You'll never take me!

PANEL 6:

WIDE SHOT - As Starscream and the six ghosts DISAPPEAR towards the HORIZON, Powerglide turns to Bumblebee on Optimus Prime's combat deck.

POWERGLIDE
What the heck was that?

PAGE SIXTEEN:

PANEL 1:

EXT. THE OCEAN FLOOR - DARK.

With Seaspray beside him, Wheeljack has now connected the damaged shards of the talisman to his scanner, attempting to RECONSTRUCT the portal.

SEASPRAY
Can you re-reopen that thing?

WHEELJACK
Not exactly. I **can** open a portal, but not to Piranacon's dimension. We're gonna have to make do with whatever we can get.

PANEL 2:

EXT. SPACE, EARTH'S ORBIT.

In his UFO-mode, COSMOS floats above the planet.

WHEELJACK
(captioned)
Wheeljack to Cosmos. Come in,
Cosmos.

COSMOS
I read you, Wheeljack. Go ahead.

WHEELJACK
(captioned)
I need you to relay with Teletraan-
1. Find me a distant planet worthy
of dumping an all-powerful demonic
sea-monster!

PANEL 3:

EXT. THE OCEAN FLOOR - DARK.

Wheeljack has opened the FINAL PORTAL. This time, it glows a DIFFERENT COLOR than before. He stands before it with Megatron, as Optimus Prime looks up to see Seaspray SCUTTling back towards the surface.

COSMOS
(captioned)
Got one. Coordinates locked,
Wheeljack.

WHEELJACK
Thanks, buddy. Now all we need to
do is lure Piranacon into it.

SEASPRAY
Leave that to me!

OPTIMUS PRIME
Seaspray, wait!

PANEL 4:

EXT. THE OCEAN WAVES - DAY.

Piranacon LOOKS DOWN towards the ocean waves as Seaspray SHOOTs UP at him from the water with his TWIN LASER PISTOLS.

PIRANACON
UURGGGHH?

SEASPRAY

Avast, ye matey! Come on down, you oversized, lily-livered mackerel!

PANEL 5:

LOOKING UP - Seaspray PANICS as Piranacon DIVES towards him.

SEASPRAY (CONT'D)

Uh-oh. This ain't no pretty kettle of fish!

PANEL 6:

EXT. UNDERWATER - DAY.

With the mighty Piranacon ON HIS HEELS, Seaspray dives DEEPER into the ocean.

SEASPRAY

But, it's our only chance!

PAGE SEVENTEEN:

PANEL 1:

EXT. THE OCEAN FLOOR - DARK.

Wheeljack looks up to see Seaspray heading towards him and the portal with an ANGRY Piranacon in pursuit.

WHEELJACK

Okay. This is happening now.

PANEL 2:

Wheeljack LEAPS away from the portal. Seaspray PULLS UP and also avoids the inter-dimensional gateway at the last second.

However, Piranacon DOES NOT.

SEASPRAY

A-Ha!

WHEELJACK

That's it, Seaspray! Now we just gotta get him **all** the way through!

PANEL 3:

Optimus Prime and Megatron OPEN FIRE on a ROARING Piranacon, who is now WAIST-DEEP in the portal. With his free LEFT HAND, he reaches out defiantly.

MEGATRON
Leave that to us.

PIRANACON
NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!

PANEL 4:

With one FINAL BLAST from both Optimus Prime and Megatron, the portal CLOSES, taking Piranacon with it as Wheeljack watches EXCITEDLY.

WHEELJACK
You did it, Prime! Piranacon is
gone!

PANEL 5:

Seaspray turns to Wheeljack.

SEASPRAY
Yeah, but gone **where**, exactly?

WHEELJACK
Teletraan-1 pinpointed a savage planet, deep in the far reaches of space. A world **full** of nothing but hideous, grotesque creatures.

PAGE EIGHTEEN:

PANEL 1:

EXT. THE OCEAN OF QUINTESSA - UNDERWATER.

CAPTION: Elsewhere in the galaxy...

SPLASH PAGE - Surrounded by CYBERNETIC SEAWEED, Piranacon DRIFTS beneath the waves of a BRIGHT YELLOW OCEAN, battling no less than five ENORMOUS ROBOTIC SQUIDS, several of their METALLIC TENTACLES now wrapped around various components of Piranacon's limbs and body.

In the background, a HORDE of ALLICONS approach from the TOP LEFT, while a SHOAL of SHARKTICONS rear up from the BOTTOM RIGHT, their RAVENOUS intentions clear.

WHEELJACK
(captioned)
Piranacon should feel right at
home.

PAGE NINETEEN:

PANEL 1:

EXT. THE OCEAN WAVES - SUNSET.

SPLASH PANEL - As the sun begins to set over the horizon, several Decepticons (Thrust, Soundwave and Thundercracker) HOVER in robot-mode over the ocean in the background.

In the foreground, Megatron stands on the LEFT SIDE of Optimus Prime's combat deck, SCOLDING both Swindle and Blast Off, who are now on their knees, BEGGING FOR FORGIVENESS from their true Leader.

On the RIGHT of the combat deck, Optimus Prime stands with Seaspray, Wheeljack, Bumblebee, Spike and Carly. Behind them, Ratchet is attending to a REVIVED Blaster, both standing on Ratchet's jet ski.

BLAST OFF
Please... oh, benevolent Megatron!
Forgive us!

SWINDLE
Starscream **made** us do it!

MEGATRON
On your feet, fools. I'll deal with
your insubordination later. Right
now, we have **other** matters to
attend to.

BUMBLEBEE
Other matters?

WHEELJACK
Oh, man. After all that, **now** we
gotta fight the Decepticons too?

PANEL 2:

Megatron SOLEMNLY approaches Optimus Prime.

MEGATRON
No. Not today, Optimus Prime.

PANEL 3:

CLOSE ON Megatron and Optimus Prime's hands, locked in an ICONIC HANDSHAKE.

MEGATRON (CONT'D)

Today, you have earned Megatron's respect.

PANEL 4:

WIDE SHOT - As Megatron and his minions FLY OFF into the distance, Optimus Prime looks down towards Seaspray, Spike, Carly and Bumblebee, while Wheeljack stands on the other side of the combat deck with Ironhide.

IRONHIDE

Well, I ain't never thought I'd see that!

BUMBLEBEE

Does this mean the fighting is over?

SEASPRAY

I doubt it. That no-good son-of-a-beryllium-biscuit-eater will be trying to hornswoggle us again in no time.

OPTIMUS PRIME

Seaspray is right. Despite the events of today, Megatron's true **monstrous** nature is bound to resurface.

SPIKE

Speaking of monsters, what were those things that came out of the portal? Ghosts?

PAGE TWENTY:

PANEL 1:

EXT. THE OCEAN WAVES - NIGHT.

FROM ABOVE - The translucent forms of the six Pretender Ghosts fly over the waves and towards a TROPICAL ISLAND.

CAPTION: Somewhere in the South Pacific...

SPIKE

(captioned)

And where'd they go?

PANEL 2:

Bugly leads the charge, soaring towards the front of the panel, flanked by Bomb-Burst, Skullgrin and Finback on his left; Submarauder and Iguanus on his right.

OPTIMUS PRIME
(captioned)
I don't know, Spike.

PANEL 3:

EXT. SEAGRASS ISLAND - NIGHT.

FROM BEHIND - As several of the ghosts approach the shore, it is now clear they have found SEAGRASS ISLAND.

Amid its JUNGLE LANDSCAPE, LORD CHUMLEY'S now-shattered GLASS CITADEL (from *The Love of H.A.T.E.*) stands in the background.

OPTIMUS PRIME
(captioned)
But, we'll find them...

THE END

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