

THE TRANSFORMERS: REANIMATED. "A WHITE HOUSE FOR PEACE."

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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 WHITE HOUSE - DAY.

The front lawn of the WHITE HOUSE, a sunny day. UNITED STATES PRESIDENT, RONALD REAGAN approaches a PODIUM to address a seated press.

On either side of the podium stand several AUTOBOTS. Left of the podium: OPTIMUS PRIME, RATCHET, HOUND and WHEELJACK. Right of the podium: IRONHIDE, BLUESTREAK, JAZZ and BUMBLEBEE.

CAPTION: Washington, D.C. Thursday, April 10, 1986.

PANEL 2:

Reagan addresses the press.

REAGAN My fellow Americans, and to the citizens of the world... We are not alone. For some time now, we've shared our planet with these mechanical beings known simply as... **Transformers**.

PANEL 3:

EXT. MOUNT ST. HILARY - DAY.

CAPTION: Four Million Years Ago...

A flashback scene portrays the ARK crashing into MOUNT ST. HILARY.

REAGAN (captioned) As our Autobot friends have explained to me... both they and their enemies, the Decepticons, have been on our planet for millions of our years, the result of a crash-landing in the state of Oregon, near our Mount St. Hilary that left them in a state of paralyzed stasis.

PANEL 4:

INT. INSIDE THE ARK.

Another flashback scene inside the Ark as it repairs and awakens the Autobots.

REAGAN (captioned) They awoken only recently and in that time, we, as a planet, have also experienced our fair share of war with the Decepticons.

PANEL 5:

EXT. THE WHITE HOUSE - DAY.

CUT BACK to Reagan still addressing the press.

REAGAN But, let us not forget, we've also shared peace with the Autobots.

PANEL 6:

Reagan continues to speak at the podium, as Optimus Prime looks on.

REAGAN (CONT'D) That is why today, the United States, along with several other countries, have vowed to work with Optimus Prime and his Autobots. To share technology and resources. To build a better tomorrow for our planet and its citizens today!

PAGE TWO:

PANEL 1:

EXT. DECEPTICON DEEP SEA BASE - UNDERWATER.

The DECEPTICON UNDERWATER BASE sits on the ocean floor.

CAPTION: Decepticon Headquarters.

PANEL 2:

INT. INSIDE THE DECEPTICON BASE.

Deep within the HQ, we see MEGATRON from behind, observing the day's news feeds on several MONITORS before him; specifically, what's happening in Washington, D.C.

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MEGATRON

So, Optimus Prime... you think you can just give Cybertronian technology to the Earthlings, do you? We shall see...

PANEL 3:

WIDE SHOT - Now we can see that Megatron is accompanied by SOUNDWAVE and STARSCREAM.

MEGATRON (CONT'D) Soundwave, is your team in position?

SOUNDWAVE Affirmative, Megatron.

MEGATRON

Excellent! Starscream, assemble your forces. We attack the White House immediately!

STARSCREAM

Do you really think it's wise to attack one of the Earthlings' most prominent locations?

PANEL 4:

CLOSE ON Megatron.

MEGATRON

When I want your opinion, Starscream, I'll give it to you. Now, follow my orders! Unless you'd rather be disassembled for scrap?

STARSCREAM (off-panel) Of course not. As you command, oh mighty Megatron.

PANEL 5:

EXT. THE OCEAN WAVES - DAY.

We see part of the base rise up from beneath the ocean. It resembles a CYLINDRICAL, PERISCOPE-LIKE TUBE.

PANEL 6:

A door opens and Starscream leads THUNDERCRACKER and SKYWARP into the air. They TRANSFORM into jet-mode, as Soundwave and Megatron fly alongside them over the water.

PAGE THREE:

PANEL 1:

EXT. THE WHITE HOUSE - DAY.

REPORTERS start asking Reagan questions as several CASSETTE RECORDERS are raised amidst a sea of FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY.

CAPTION: Washington, D.C.

REPORTER #1

Optimus Prime, Where are you really from? And why come to Earth? Are there others like you out there?

OPTIMUS PRIME

We are an ancient people from the planet, Cybertron, involved in a civil war that traces back millions of your Earth years. Our spaceship, the Ark, was attacked while on a mission to locate new sources of Energon. As a result, my fellow Autobots, as well as several Decepticons, crash landed at the base of Mount St. Hilary over four million years ago.

PANEL 2:

CLOSE ON Wheeljack, as more reporters hurl questions at him.

REPORTER #2 Why haven't you returned home? Do you plan on staying here with us?

OPTIMUS PRIME

(off-panel) The Ark has suffered extensive damage and I'm afraid it will never fly again. For the time being, we are content to call Earth our home.

WHEELJACK

Yes, but thanks to your President and the leaders of many other nations, we shall soon be able to travel freely between Earth and Cybertron, thanks to the sharing and developing of Cybertronian and Human technologies.

PANEL 3:

CLOSE ON Reagan.

REPORTER #3

(off-panel)

Mr. President, can we trust these mechanical aliens? How do we know they won't harm us? How do we know they won't make Earth the center of their war?

REAGAN

We've see the heroism of the Autobots time and time again, protecting us from the Decepticons. The Transformers have been with us since the time of the **Dinosaurs**, and our planet has been a part of their civil war since before man even existed. I've spoken at length with Optimus Prime and so have the leaders of many other nations. I believe in Optimus Prime. I believe that he, like us, wants a brighter future for both man... and mechanical kind.

PANEL 4:

Bumblebee is now asked questions by yet another reporter.

REPORTER #4 What can we do to protect ourselves from the Decepticons?

BUMBLEBEE

At the first sign of Decepticon activity, you should always run to safety first. After that, contact the authorities. We'll coordinate with them to put a stop to whatever Megatron and his goons are up to.

PANEL 5:

Ironhide steps forward to answer the reporter's question, while projecting a hologram of the classic DECEPTICON INSIGNIA from his hand.

REPORTER #5 How can we even spot a Decepticon?

IRONHIDE

They're a tricky bunch. The Decepticons, like us, have the ability to transform and blend into their surroundin's. Cars, planes, construction equipment, you name it. Unfortunately, it's very difficult to spot 'em. But if you see this... (MORE) IRONHIDE (CONT'D) well, that's a clear sign you're dealing with a bona fide Decepticreep.

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PANEL 1:

Yet ANOTHER REPORTER is aghast at the sight of an audio cassette jumping out of his hand-held tape recorder.

It TRANSFORMS before him into the Decepticon, RUMBLE.

REPORTER #6 How many Transformers are walking among- What the?!

PANEL 2:

Rumble stands threateningly before the line-up of Autobots and Reagan, pointing his finger at them.

LASERBEAK and RAVAGE transform out of two other reporters' hand-held cassette recorders, hovering on either side of their fellow Decepticon.

RUMBLE Hey, Prime. Giving away our technology is rather humble. It would be a shame if your plans where to... crumble. So you'd better be careful, or you'll answer to **Rumble**!

PANEL 3:

Optimus Prime watches as Bumblebee turns back to him with CONFUSION.

Ironhide seems ready for action.

BUMBLEBEE Is this guy serious? He's even smaller than I am!

OPTIMUS PRIME This is a peaceful gathering, Rumble. Let's not start fighting in front of all these innocent humans.

IRONHIDE You worry too much, Prime. Let me deal with this small problem.

RUMBLE Hey, I may be small, but I can bring down the house!

PANEL 4:

Everyone loses their balance as Rumble uses his POWER-DRIVERS to create a FAULT-LINE between him and the White House.

RUMBLE (CONT'D)

See?

PANEL 5:

As Jazz and Hound struggle to maintain their balance. Bluestreak TRANSFORMS into his alt-mode.

JAZZ Yo, I don't want to speak for the rest of you cats, but I don't care for these dance moves.

HOUND We've got to stop this before anyone gets hurt!

BLUESTREAK It's like I've always said, guys... Four wheels are better than two legs.

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PANEL 1:

Bluestreak rams into Rumble, knocking the Decepticon onto his back.

BLUESTREAK (CONT'D) Now that's how you make an impact!

PANEL 2:

Optimus Prime kneels beside the Presidential podium and Reagan.

OPTIMUS PRIME Well done, Bluestreak. Bumblebee! Get the President to safety!

PANEL 3:

Bumblebee TRANSFORMS into his alt-mode and opens his passenger door.

BUMBLEBEE Quick, Mr. President! Jump in so I can get you out of here!

PANEL 4:

Reagan dives into Bumblebee's cab as the Autobot speeds off with the President.

PANEL 5:

Rumble stands up in front of Bluestreak.

RUMBLE You're gonna regret you ever did that, rust face.

PANEL 6:

Ironhide confronts Rumble.

IRONHIDE Oh yeah? You and what army, smallfry?

PAGE SIX:

PANEL 1:

SPLASH PAGE - Megatron and Soundwave can be seen flying above the White House, with Starscream, Thundercracker and Skywarp close behind in their jet-modes. They are all firing upon the Autobots, now taking defensive positions on the ground.

MEGATRON Decepticons, attack!

PAGE SEVEN:

PANEL 1:

CLOSE ON the Autobots taking enemy fire.

OPTIMUS PRIME Ironhide, Hound... concentrate fire on the Seekers. Wheeljack, Jazz, Ratchet... bring down Soundwave. I'll handle Megatron.

PANEL 2:

CLOSE ON Megatron as he readies his arm-mounted FUSION CANNON.

MEGATRON I think not, Optimus Prime...

PANEL 3:

Optimus Prime dodges Megatron's cannon blasts.

OPTIMUS PRIME You'll have to do better than that, Megatron!

PANEL 4:

Megatron lands on the ground near Optimus Prime. He lifts his fusion cannon at the Autobot leader.

MEGATRON You've always been arrogant, Prime. It will be your undoing.

PANEL 5:

Both Optimus Prime and Megatron face off, weapons aglow and ready to fire.

OPTIMUS PRIME

You? You speak of arrogance? Look around, Megatron. We are lightyears away from home. We should be working together to better mankind and ourselves, not pursuing a quest for power.

MEGATRON

Your ignorance astounds me, Prime. Even your optics can see that these puny flesh-creatures have nothing to offer us. We should be ruling over them. Not treating them as equals.

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PANEL 1:

EXT. THE SKIES OVER THE WHITE HOUSE - DAY.

Flying in the sky, Soundwave hits his EJECT BUTTON as BUZZSAW and RATBAT fly out of their master's cassette tray to TRANSFORM.

SOUNDWAVE Ratbat, Buzzsaw... Eject and attack. Operation: Suppression.

PANEL 2:

Ratbat and Buzzsaw fire down upon Jazz, Wheeljack and Ratchet, allowing Soundwave to land.

PANEL 3:

Soundwave blasts SONIC WAVES from his SHOULDER MOUNT, forcing Wheeljack, Jazz and Ratchet to cover their ears, while Rumble watches on.

RATCHET

Uugh!

PANEL 4:

Ratchet continues to hold his hands against his head as Rumble moves in to strike.

RATCHET (CONT'D) Wow, Jazz... And I thought **your** choice of music was bad.

RUMBLE Hey, Watch it, metal-mouth! The boss is bringing you 4000 audio bits of awesome!

PANEL 5:

CLOSE ON Wheeljack, also still under audio assault.

WHEELJACK I know you're a Decepticon, Rumble, but you can't actually like this, can you?

PAGE NINE:

PANEL 1:

INT. AN AVERAGE SUBURBAN LIVING ROOM - DAY.

A young BROTHER and SISTER are watching television. A NEWS ANCHOR can be seen on the screen.

CAPTION: The average American home...

NEWS ANCHOR

We interrupt this scheduled broadcast of the GoBots to bring you this breaking news report. The White House has become a scene of battle between the Transformers. We understand the President has been rushed to safety by one of these mechanical beings. We cut now to a live feed in front of the White House...

PANEL 2:

The kids look at one another in shock, as (on the TV screen) Optimus Prime blasts Megatron in the shoulder with his ION BLASTER.

CHILDREN (together) Whoa!

PANEL 3:

Optimus Prime's face appears on the TV screen.

OPTIMUS PRIME I see now peace will never be an option for you, Megatron.

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PANEL 1:

EXT. THE WHITE HOUSE - DAY.

Ironhide and Hound run while shooting up into the sky.

IRONHIDE We gotta draw Starscream and his creeps away from Prime!

HOUND My thoughts, exactly, Ironhide.

PANEL 2:

CLOSE ON the Seekers flying in formation while firing upon the ground below.

THUNDERCRACKER Megatron's been hit, Starscream.

STARSCREAM What a pity, Thundercracker. If I were leader, I certainly wouldn't have subjected us to such a fool's errand.

PANEL 3:

Starscream is hit by an energy blast.

STARSCREAM (CONT'D) Ahhh! Megatron will have to learn to take care of himself! We have our own problems to deal with. Decepticons, attack!

PANEL 4:

Mid-transformation, Starscream tackles Ironhide to take him down, while Hound continues to run and fire his weapon.

NOTE: We should clearly see in this panel - Starscream

transforming to robot-mode and tackling Ironhide in one fluid motion.

PAGE ELEVEN:

PANEL 1:

Megatron holds his wounded left shoulder with his right hand. Optimus Prime lifts his ion blaster at Megatron.

OPTIMUS PRIME Yield, Megatron. Yield and we might still find peace between us and the humans.

PANEL 2:

Megatron aims his fusion cannon at Optimus Prime's hand.

MEGATRON You are a fool, Prime!

PANEL 3:

Megatron shoots the ion blaster from Optimus Prime's hands.

MEGATRON (CONT'D) It will be your undoing!

PANEL 4:

Megatron now points his fusion cannon at Optimus Prime's face.

MEGATRON (CONT'D) This is my proudest moment, Prime. I shall cherish it, always!

PANEL 5:

Soundwave continues to blast sonic waves at Ratchet and Jazz.

RATCHET Can't you do anything about this Jazz? My audio receptors are about to surge out!

JAZZ

I think maybe I can, Ratchet, my man.

PANEL 6:

Jazz reveals STEREO-LIKE SPEAKERS from his shoulders.

JAZZ (CONT'D) Get ready for some audio enlightenment!

PANEL 7:

Soundwave's audio distortion is being absorbed by Jazz's equipment and being blasted back out in some kind of feedback loop.

JAZZ (CONT'D) Hey, Soundwave. Have a taste of your own medicine! In stereo!

PAGE TWELVE:

PANEL 1:

With Jazz's audio-feedback-waves in the background, both Megatron and Optimus Prime writhe in pain on the ground.

MEGATRON

Aaarrrrrgh!

PANEL 2:

Megatron looks up slightly, with his hands on his head.

MEGATRON (CONT'D) My audio circuits are overloading! Decepticons! Retreat!

PANEL 3:

The Decepticons fly away, with Jazz still on the ground, aiming the audio waves at them. The rest of the Autobots are staggering to their feet.

OPTIMUS PRIME Good work, Jazz.

IRONHIDE That should be it for the Decepticons.

PANEL 4:

Optimus Prime stands triumphant, with the other Autobots behind him. In the background, the sun begins to set behind the White House, as President Reagan stands beside Bumblebee's alt-mode.

> OPTIMUS PRIME Don't get your hopes up Ironhide. This isn't the last we'll see of Megatron and his Decepticons.

PAGE THIRTEEN:

PANEL 1:

EXT. QUANTUM LABORATORIES, A U.S. MILITARY BASE - DAY.

CAPTION : Later... Quantum Laboratories. A top secret U.S. Military Research Facility, Portland, Oregon.

NOTE: For reference, Quantum Laboratories appears in the G1 episode, 'Day of the Machines'.

PANEL 2:

INT. QUANTUM LABORATORIES.

CHIP CHASE is talking with DR. SHELTON, a DARK-SKINNED RESEARCHER in a white lab coat, as he types away at a COMPUTER TERMINAL.

DR. SHELTON

Well, as you can see, Chip, thanks to the Cybertronian tech given to us by the Autobots, we're able to advance cellular and internet communications far beyond their original military applications.

PANEL 3:

Chip continues to speak with Dr. Shelton.

CHIP

It's hard to imagine, Dr. Shelton, that in just a few short years, people will be able to communicate with others around the world, whenever they want, right from their home computers! America will be online. The world, even!

DR. SHELTON You're right, Chip. You'll be able to send letters to their destination in seconds rather than days. You could even send pictures! I'm going to send my mother so many pictures of my cat! She'll love it.

PANEL 4:

Chip looks up at Dr. Shelton with a puzzled look on his bespectacled young face.

CHIP

Dr. Shelton, do you really think the public, with access to more computing power then we used putting a man on the moon, is really going to use that to mail pictures of their pets to one another?

DR. SHELTON I don't know what the public will do, Chip...

PANEL 5:

EXT. QUANTUM LABORATORIES - DAY.

Looking down from high above the research facility, we see the CONEHEAD JETS: THRUST, RAMJET and DIRGE, led by Starscream and Soundwave, flying overhead.

> DR. SHELTON (captioned) ... I just know I will.

SOUNDWAVE Research facility directly below, Starscream.

STARSCREAM Right where Megatron said it would be, Soundwave. Decepticons, attack!

PAGE FOURTEEN:

PANEL 1:

As Starscream and the Coneheads open fire at the roof of the research facility, Laserbeak (as a tape) ejects from Soundwave's chest.

We observe the Decepticon TRANSFORMING to also fire down upon the base.

SOUNDWAVE Laserbeak, eject. Operation: Destruction!

PANEL 2:

INT. QUANTUM LABORATORIES.

Inside the facility, Chip and Dr. Shelton look up as they hear a RUMBLING SOUND above them.

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DR. SHELTON Are... are we under attack?

CHIP Decepticons, I know it!

PANEL 3:

With a look of horror, Chip pulls up an EXTERNAL CAMERA VIEW of the base on the COMPUTER before him. It shows the Decepticons firing upon the building.

DR. SHELTON We're a research facility, Chip. We're not equipped to defend ourselves from giant, killer-robots from Cybertron!

PANEL 4:

Chip opens a communications link to TELETRAAN-1 on his computer terminal.

CHIP We may not be equipped for this, Dr. Shelton, but I know who is...

PANEL 5:

INT. THE AUTOBOT ARK.

With Teletraan-1 in the foreground, CLIFFJUMPER, in the distance, is alerted to Chip's call for help via FLASHING LIGHTS and EMERGENCY SOUNDS.

CLIFFJUMPER

Huh?

PAGE FIFTEEN:

PANEL 1:

Cliffjumper calls out to someone off-panel.

CLIFFJUMPER (CONT'D) Prime, you're going to want to see this.

PANEL 2:

On Teletraan-1's VIEWSCREEN, we see Chip Chase appear.

CHIP (from the screen) Hello, Autobots? Do you read me? We're under Decepticon attack! Please, you have to help us! PANEL 3:

WIDE SHOT to show Optimus Prime is now standing before the screen.

OPTIMUS PRIME We read you loud and clear, Chip. We'll be there soon.

PANEL 4:

Optimus Prime turns to address the other Autobots who have gathered around Teletraan-1: Ironhide, alongside POWERGLIDE, BRAWN, PROWL, SUNSTREAKER and SIDESWIPE.

OPTIMUS PRIME (CONT'D) Powerglide, assemble a team and get to Quantum Laboratories as fast as you can.

POWERGLIDE (with a thumbs up) You got it, Prime.

OPTIMUS PRIME Ironhide, Prowl, Brawn, Sunstreaker, Sideswipe... you're with me. Autobots, transform...

PANEL 5:

EXT. OUTSIDE THE ARK - DAY.

In their vehicular alt-modes, the Autobots drive out of the Ark with haste.

OPTIMUS PRIME ... And roll out!

PAGE SIXTEEN:

PANEL 1:

EXT. QUANTUM LABORATORIES - DAY.

Outside the research facility, the Decepticons have finally BLOWN A HOLE in its roof.

STARSCREAM We've blasted a hole in their roof! Decepticons, follow me! We must reclaim our technology!

PANEL 2:

Starscream TRANSFORMS and lands on the roof, followed by Thrust, Dirge, Ramjet, Soundwave and Laserbeak, who perches on Soundwave's arm.

STARSCREAM (CONT'D) Now, follow me.

PANEL 3:

INT. QUANTUM LABORATORIES.

Inside the research facility, Dr. Shelton and Chip look up as the CLANGING SOUNDS of the roof-bound Decepticons permeate the room.

DR. SHELTON

Those noises...

CHIP The Decepticons have broken through! They'll be here any moment!

DR. SHELTON Come with me, Chip. We can hide in my office.

PANEL 4:

EXT. QUANTUM LABORATORIES - DAY.

Outside the research facility, Starscream has started to make his way through the hole in the roof, when the Decepticons are FIRED UPON from above.

SOUNDWAVE Enemy approaching.

STARSCREAM It's the Aerialbots! Thrust, Dirge, Ramjet... attack those Autobots. They cannot be allowed to form Superion!

PANEL 5:

Surrounded by LASER FIRE, the Coneheads TRANSFORM and take off into the air.

DIRGE You got it, Starscream.

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PANEL 1:

EXT. THE SKIES OVER QUANTUM LABORATORIES - DAY.

In the air, we see the AERIALBOTS: SILVERBOLT, AIR RAID, FIREFLIGHT, SKYDIVE, SLINGSHOT (as well as Powerglide), engaged in an intense DOGFIGHT BATTLE with Thrust, Dirge and Ramjet.

More laser fire is flying everywhere, yet no one has been hit.

DIRGE You Aerialbots fly worse than you shoot.

SILVERBOLT We'll see about that.

PANEL 2:

Silverbolt brings the rain down on Dirge, who dodges with a slick BARREL-ROLL. You can see the other characters randomly fighting each other in the background.

SILVERBOLT (CONT'D) Hey, Dirge... dodge this!

PANEL 3:

Dirge SWOOPS AROUND behind Silverbolt and returns fire, striking the Autobot.

DIRGE Nice try, Autobot. How about some of your own medicine?

SILVERBOLT Ahhhh, I'm hit! Can't maintain altitude. Landing gear is busted. Must... transform!

PANEL 4:

Now in robot-mode, Silverbolt crashes into the ground.

PANEL 5:

Dirge TRANSFORMS and lands next to Silverbolt, holding his ARM CANNON pointed at his enemy.

DIRGE What a pity, Autobot, that your friends are too occupied to save you.

PANEL 6:

Silverbolt looks up at Dirge.

SILVERBOLT Dirge, do you know the secret of a really great aerial offensive?

DIRGE Speed? Firepower? Maneuverability?

SILVERBOLT Is that what Megatron has been teaching you all these years? No, the secret to a really great aerial offensive is a strong ground defense!

PANEL 7:

Dirge hears a noise and turns to look behind him in horror, as he sees the MISSILE-ARMED REPAIR DRONE from Optimus Prime's TRAILER COMBAT DECK looking down at him.

DIRGE

Oh, no...

PAGE EIGHTEEN:

PANEL 1:

EXT. QUANTUM LABORATORIES - DAY.

Optimus Prime points to the dogfights in the sky above. As Silverbolt stands beside him.

OPTIMUS PRIME Autobots! Focus your fire on Thrust and Ramjet and let's give the Aerialbots a chance to form Superion!

SILVERBOLT Prime, Starscream and Soundwave have entered the facility through the roof. Chip is still inside!

PANEL 2:

We see the Autobot ground support (Ironhide, Prowl, Sunstreaker, Sideswipe and Brawn) attack Ramjet and Thrust, providing the distraction the Aerialbots need to break away from their dogfights.

> BRAWN I can't wait any longer, Prime. I'm going in to save Chip!

PANEL 3:

As Brawn runs closer towards the research facility, Prime extends his hand with concern.

OPTIMUS PRIME Brawn, no! It's not safe!

PANEL 4:

The remaining Aerialbots swoop down, TRANSFORM and land on the ground beside Silverbolt.

SILVERBOLT Fellow Aerialbots. Merge to form Superion!

PAGE NINETEEN:

PANEL 1:

We see SUPERION over the facility with TRACE-MOTION LINES revealing how each Aerialbot connects to form Superion. Below, Optimus Prime, Prowl, Sunstreaker, Sideswipe and Ironhide remain shooting up into the sky.

PANEL 2:

CLOSE ON Optimus Prime.

OPTIMUS PRIME Superion, can you see into the facility? Do you see Starscream or Soundwave?

PANEL 3:

Superion looks down into the hole in the facility's roof, REACHING IN with his ENORMOUS HAND.

SUPERION

Superion can.

PANEL 4:

INT. QUANTUM LABORATORIES.

Inside the facility, a panicked Starscream is seized (through the hole in the roof) by Superion's hand.

STARSCREAM Soundwave, do something!

PANEL 5:

Soundwave presses his eject button and two TAPE MINIONS fly out to TRANSFORM into Buzzsaw and Ratbat, to join Laserbeak.

SOUNDWAVE Laserbeak, Buzzsaw, Ratbat... Eject. Operation: Swarm.

PANEL 6:

EXT. QUANTUM LABORATORIES - DAY.

The tapes fly around Superion's head like bees, randomly FIRING AT HIS FACE. Superion drops Starscream onto the roof to swat at Laserbeak, Buzzsaw and Ratbat.

PANEL 7:

CLOSE ON Starscream sitting on the rooftop.

STARSCREAM I'm not fighting that monstrosity! Decepticons, retreat!

PAGE TWENTY:

PANEL 1:

All of the Deceptions are seen flying away. The tapes are flying particularly close to Soundwave.

PANEL 2:

Brawn exits the facility with Dr. Shelton and Chip. Optimus Prime can be seen in the foreground.

BRAWN Everyone is safe and accounted for Optimus.

OPTIMUS PRIME Good work, everyone. And thank you, Superion!

PANEL 3:

With Superion and the other Autobots in the background, Dr. Shelton and Chip stand with Brawn before Optimus Prime.

DR. SHELTON Ha-ha, yes! Those Decepti-scum will think twice before attacking Quantum Labs again.

OPTIMUS PRIME I don't know Dr. Shelton...

PANEL 4:

CLOSE ON Optimus Prime's face.

OPTIMUS PRIME (CONT'D) Now that we're openly sharing our Cybertronian technology with the people of Earth, I fear that we may see a lot more attacks like this one.

PANEL 5:

WIDE SHOT - Driving away from the facility in their vehiclemodes but towards the reader, Optimus Prime is front and center, flanked by Ironhide, Prowl, Brawn, Sunstreaker and Sideswipe.

The Aerialbots and Powerglide fly overhead.

OPTIMUS PRIME (CONT'D) (captioned) But, we'll be ready for them...

THE END

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