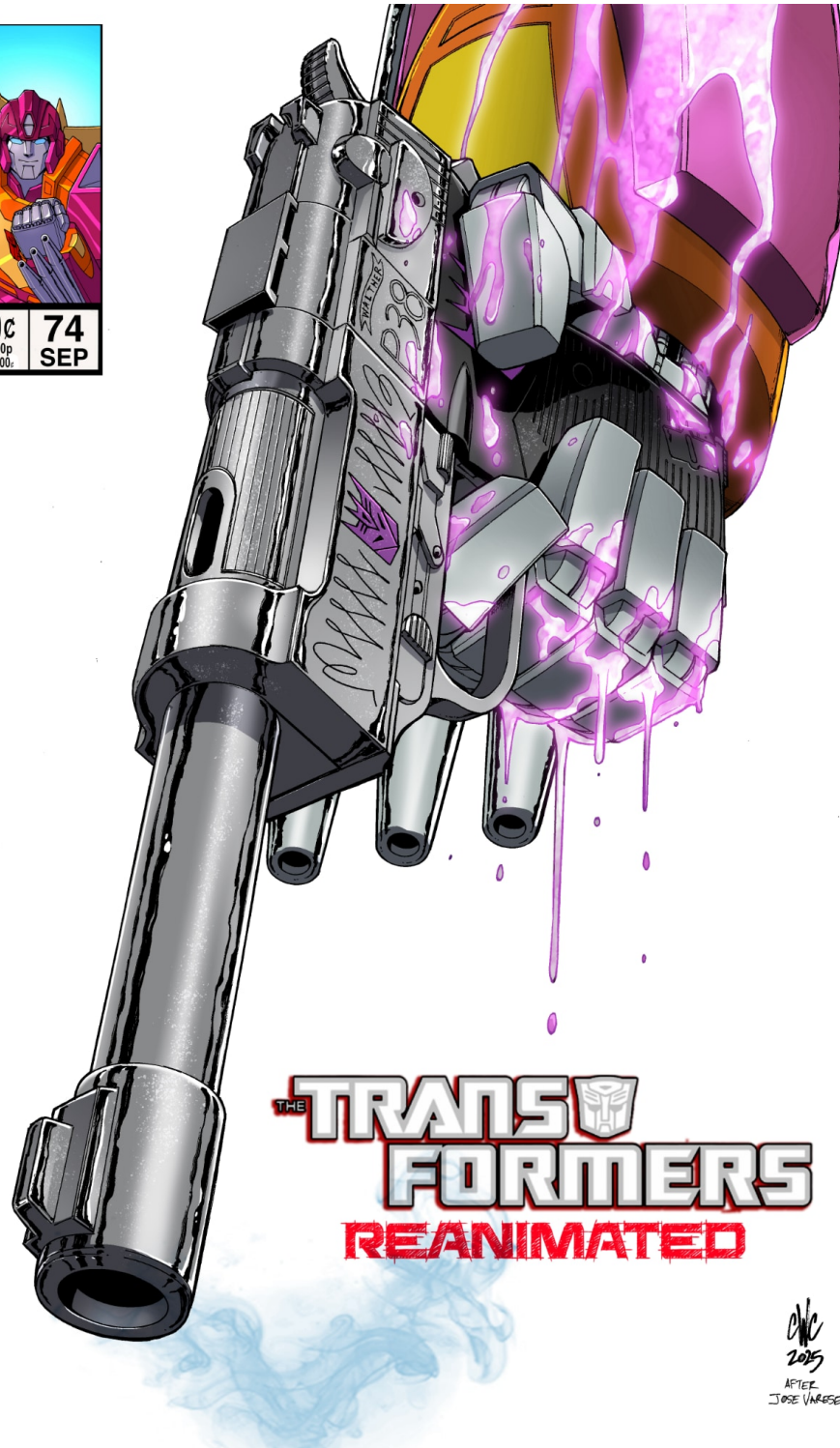




THE TRANSFORMERS REANIMATED

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THE TRANSFORMERS: REANIMATED
"JHIAXUS GOT HIS GUN, 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:

INT. INSIDE THE AUTOBOT ARK, WHEELJACK'S LABORATORY

JHIAXUS drives his fist into SUNSTREAKER'S face.

A WORSE-FOR-WEAR SIDESWIPE sits on his knees nearby.

In the background, within a SEALED, TRANSPARENT DISPLAY CASE, is the gun-mode of MEGATRON'S FORMER BODY.

SUNSTREAKER

Uuugh!

JHIAXUS

Foolish Autobots , your power is
nothing compared to mine!

SIDESWIPE

No kidding.

PANEL 2:

Sideswipe lifts his SWORD high above his head, ready to attack Jhiaxus.

SIDESWIPE (CONT'D)

But, you know what they say. No
pain, no...

PANEL 3:

Jhiaxus catches the sword in his left hand. Sideswipe is obviously CONCERNED.

SIDESWIPE (CONT'D)

... Oh.

PANEL 4:

Jhiaxus PULLS the sword from Sideswipe's grip, delivering a powerful KICK that sends the Autobot crashing into the transparent display case.

JHIAXUS

Enough! I don't have time to waste
on you pathetic automatons.

PANEL 5:

CLOSE ON the Megatron gun, now lying on the floor amid a sprinkling of broken glass.

JHIAXUS (CONT'D)
(off-panel)
I want what I came for.

PAGE TWO:

PANEL 1:

Jhiaxus moves towards the Megatron gun. Behind him, Sunstreaker and Sideswipe have composed themselves and are CHARGING towards the much-larger Decepticon.

SUNSTREAKER
Not so fast, ugly!

SIDESWIPE
Yeah, we're not done with you yet!

PANEL 2:

Jhiaxus turns, seizing Sideswipe by the neck while BACKHANDING Sunstreaker across the panel.

JHIAXUS
Perhaps not.

PANEL 3:

Jhiaxus hurls Sideswipe into the floor with a THUD.

JHIAXUS (CONT'D)
But, I am done with **you**.

PANEL 4:

CLOSE ON the hand of Jhiaxus as he lifts the Megatron gun from the floor.

JHIAXUS (CONT'D)
Now...

PANEL 5:

Jhiaxus stands aiming the Megatron gun towards Sunstreaker and Sideswipe, both beaten and helpless on the floor at his feet.

JHIAXUS (CONT'D)
... Time to meet your destiny.

OPTIMUS PRIME
(off-panel)
I don't think so.

PAGE THREE:

PANEL 1:

SPLASH PAGE, OVER JHIAXUS'S SHOULDER - OPTIMUS PRIME stands HEROICALLY in the doorway of the laboratory.

It is clear from his posture that he has come ready to FIGHT.

JHIAXUS
Prime!

OPTIMUS PRIME
This ends today, Jhiaxus.

PAGE FOUR:

PANEL 1:

Optimus Prime swings an UPPERCUT into Jhiaxus's jaw, causing Jhiaxus to fire a wayward shot with the Megatron gun.

JHIAXUS
Uugh!

PANEL 2:

Optimus Prime drops to his knees to avoid a wild HAYMAKER from Jhiaxus.

Optimus Prime has also clasped both his FISTS together as one, preparing to strike.

JHIAXUS (CONT'D)
You should not have come, Optimus.
I will end your lineage this
instant. History will forget the
name 'Prime' ever existed.

OPTIMUS PRIME
(quietly)
Matrix, help me.

PANEL 3:

Optimus Prime swings both fists up into Jhiaxus to send the Decepticon hurtling into the ceiling.

JHIAXUS
Guugh!

PANEL 4:

EXT. MOUNT ST. HILARY - SUNSET

Outside, BLUESTREAK, WARPETH, BRAUN and PERCEPTOR look up as Jhiexus BURSTS out through the mountainside.

He has dropped the Megatron gun.

In the background, an ORANGE AUTOBOT SHUTTLECRAFT (highlighted by DARK RED accents) has landed on the ground.

PANEL 5:

Jhiexus CRASHES into the dirt.

JHIAXUS
Gaaarghhh!

PAGE FIVE:

PANEL 1:

EXT. OUTSIDE THE ARK - SUNSET

BANZAI-TRON flees towards the center of the panel, pursued by IRONHIDE, MOONRACER, POWERGLIDE and TRACKS.

Both Ironhide and Moonracer chase Banzai-Tron on foot, firing their BLASTERS towards him.

In the air, Tracks and Powerglide follow in their aerial-modes.

IRONHIDE
Hey! Where're you goin'? Come back here!

POWERGLIDE
Don't worry, Ironhide. We'll catch him. Ol' Powerglide loves round-ups!

BANZAI-TRON
Okay, this isn't fun anymore.

PANEL 2:

WIDE SHOT - PROWL stands with HOT ROD, KUP, MAINFRAME and RAD, conversing with Perceptor, HUFFER and WHEELJACK.

WHEELJACK

You guys arrived just in time.

HUFFER

Yeah, but this fight isn't over.
That Jhiaxus guy isn't gonna stop
anytime soon.

PROWL

Prime will take care of Jhiaxus.
Right now, we need to coordinate a
strategic plan of attack to finish
this fight.

HOT ROD

Fight? Fight against what?

PANEL 3:

SPLASH PANEL - Hot Rod looks on as Prowl turns and POINTS to the background, where the combiners, DEFENSOR and LIOKAISER continue their Herculean battle against one another.

PROWL

Against **that**.

HOT ROD

Oh, right.

PAGE SIX:

PANEL 1:

Defensor manages to SMASH his fist into Liokaiser's face.

DEFENSOR

I don't know where you came from,
Decepticon... but I'll send you
back!

PANEL 2:

Liokaiser responds with a PUNCH of his own, catching Defensor in the face with a RIGHT CROSS that lifts the Autobot off his feet.

LIOKAISER

Overconfident Autobot.

PANEL 3:

Defensor crashes to the ground, while a FLASH appears in Liokaiser's RIGHT HAND.

LIOKAISER (CONT'D)
Time to end this nonsense.

PANEL 4:

A DOUBLE-BARRELED BLASTER has appeared in Liokaiser's hand. He fires it (and its two separate energy beams) towards Defensor (still on the ground).

LIOKAISER (CONT'D)
Now!

PANEL 5:

Defensor ROLLS TO THE LEFT to avoid Liokaiser's blast, which has opened up a MASSIVE TRENCH in the ground.

DEFENSOR
I don't think so.

PANEL 6:

WIDE SHOT - In the background, Defensor manages to strike Liokaiser with another punch to the face, leaving behind the CAVERNOUS TRENCH in the foreground.

MOLTEN LAVA has begin to seep up and over the edges of the trench.

DEFENSOR (CONT'D)
I'm not finished yet!

PAGE SEVEN:

PANEL 1:

Optimus Prime runs out of the Ark's entryway with Sideswipe and Sunstreaker.

Prowl turns to greet his leader with Mainframe and Perceptor.

OPTIMUS PRIME
Prowl, report.

PROWL
If we don't figure out a way to bring down that Decepticon combiner, it and Defensor will tear this place apart.

OPTIMUS PRIME
And Jhiaxus?

PANEL 2:

OVER OPTIMUS PRIME'S SHOULDER - He looks upon Prowl, Hot Rod, Mainframe and Perceptor.

PROWL

Down. But, not out.

OPTIMUS PRIME

Then first, we must prevent Jhiaxus from obtaining Megatron's gun-mode.

HOT ROD

But, why does he even want it? If Jhiaxus is so powerful, why does he need another blaster?

MAINFRAME

Megatron's fusion-powered weaponry **could** potentially damage Jhiaxus, even with his current rheanium-coated body. Perhaps he wants that weapon so no one else can wield it against him?

PERCEPTOR

I concur. However, the hypotheses on his prospective **other** uses for said weapon are... incalculable.

PANEL 3:

CLOSE ON Optimus Prime's face.

OPTIMUS PRIME

Then it's more important than ever we stop him.

PANEL 4:

HERO SHOT of Optimus Prime as he TRANSFORMS to truck-mode and races towards the Megatron gun.

Prowl, Hot Rod, Mainframe and Perceptor look on.

OPTIMUS PRIME (CONT'D)

Prowl, take command. I'll handle Jhiaxus.

PAGE EIGHT:

PANEL 1:

Jhiaxus has clambered to his hands and knees. He looks behind him to see the Megatron gun lying in the dirt in the background, and Optimus Prime driving towards it.

JHIAXUS
No. Not today, Prime.

PANEL 2:

Jhiaxus TRANSFORMS to jet-mode to BLAST OFF into the air.

JHIAXUS (CONT'D)
Today, only **Jhiaxus** will be
victorious.

PANEL 3:

Optimus Prime is too late. As he approaches the Megatron gun, Jhiaxus TRANSFORMS back to robot-mode to land almost on top of it.

JHIAXUS (CONT'D)
Ha!

PANEL 4:

Jhiaxus FIRES A SHOT from the Megatron gun towards Optimus Prime, causing him to SWERVE WILDLY to avoid the blast.

JHIAXUS (CONT'D)
You cannot stop me, Prime...

PANEL 5:

Jhiaxus TAKES OFF with his ANKLE BOOSTERS to rocket up towards the peak of Mount St. Hilary.

JHIAXUS (CONT'D)
... I have **destiny** on my side!

PAGE NINE:

PANEL 1:

Liokaiser BLOCKS an attempted PUNCH from Defensor.

LIOKAISER
You are too slow, Autobot.

PANEL 2:

Liokaiser LIFTS A KNEE into the mid-section of Defensor.

LIOKAISER (CONT'D)
Too weak.

PANEL 3:

Liokaiser GRABS HOLD of Defensor's shoulders.

LIOKAISER (CONT'D)
Unlike me.

PANEL 4:

Liokaiser LIFTS Defensor up over his head.

LIOKAISER (CONT'D)
Unlike **Liokaiser!**

PANEL 5:

Liokaiser BODY SLAMS Defensor into the ground near the ever-expanding lava trench.

DEFENSOR
Urrghh...

PAGE TEN:

PANEL 1:

EXT. THE TOP OF MOUNT ST. HILARY - EVENING

As the sun finally sinks behind the HORIZON, Jhiaxus lands at the peak of the mountain.

He holds the Megatron gun in his hand.

JHIAXUS
Enough games.

PANEL 2:

Jhiaxus reaches behind his back.

JHIAXUS (CONT'D)
My future awaits.

PANEL 3:

Jhiaxus attaches a small, COMPUTERIZED ATTACHMENT to the barrel of the Megatron gun. Several LIGHTS and BUTTONS adorn the attachment.

JHIAXUS (CONT'D)
With a little technical knowhow
from the future...

PANEL 4:

Jhiaxus points the Megatron gun above his head and into the air.

JHIAXUS (CONT'D)
... added to this weapon's unique-
but-latent ability to draw upon the
power of a black hole...

PANEL 5:

BIRD'S EYE VIEW - Jhiaxus FIRES the Megatron gun into the sky. Its usual PURPLE FUSION BLAST appears brighter than normal, almost SPARKLING with some kind of ADDED EFFECT.

JHIAXUS (CONT'D)
... My **new** destiny will be
fulfilled!

PAGE ELEVEN:

PANEL 1:

EXT. SPACE, EARTH

The mighty energy beam shoots up out of the planet and past both THE MOON and COSMOS.

COSMOS
Whoa! What was that?

PANEL 2:

EXT. SPACE, MARS

The beam of energy continues past MARS and the ASTEROID BELT.

PANEL 3:

EXT. SPACE, SATURN

The beam soars forward to glide by the ringed planet of SATURN.

PANEL 4:

EXT. SPACE, OUTSIDE THE SOLAR SYSTEM

The beam of energy now passes by PLUTO and the edge of our solar system, continuing on a path towards INTERSTELLAR SPACE.

PANEL 5:

EXT. INTERSTELLAR SPACE

The beam of energy FLUCTUATES to create an odd-looking WORMHOLE / PORTAL in space.

Its edges swirl with an EERIE GLOW, while in its center, lies a doorway to THE UNKNOWN.

PAGE TWELVE:

PANEL 1:

EXT. THE TOP OF MOUNT ST. HILARY - EVENING

Jhiaxus SMILES, staring up into the twilight sky.

JHIAXUS

And now, we wait. The first step in my ultimate victory has begun.

OPTIMUS PRIME

(off-panel)

I'm afraid you're going to have to wait a little longer for victory, Jhiaxus.

PANEL 2:

Jhiaxus turns too late, as Optimus Prime SMASHES his fist into Jhiaxus's face.

OPTIMUS PRIME (CONT'D)

Because **forever** is a long time coming.

JHIAXUS

Ugh!

PANEL 3:

Optimus Prime lifts both fists to UPPERCUT Jhiaxus's jaw.

Jhiaxus LETS GO of the Megatron gun, allowing it to sail over the edge of the mountaintop.

OPTIMUS PRIME

No more! Your temporal tyranny is over, finished!

JHIAXUS

Gaagh! No!

PANEL 4:

The Megatron gun FREEFALLS through the air.

PANEL 5:

EXT. THE MOUNTAIN TRAIL - EVENING

The Megatron gun lands in the dirt of the mountain's HIKING TRAIL.

PAGE THIRTEEN:

PANEL 1:

EXT. OUTSIDE THE ARK - EVENING

Prowl and Hot Rod LOOK UP to see Optimus Prime battling Jhiaxus high on the mountaintop.

Meanwhile, BLASTER, Kup, Huffer and Warpath fire towards the towering Liokaiser.

WARPATH

BOOM! Ha-Ha-Ha-Ha!

HOT ROD

Prime needs help!

PROWL

Stand down, Hot Rod! Prime knows what he's doing!

PANEL 2:

Hot Rod TRANSFORMS to his vehicle-mode to race away from Prowl and towards the mountain trail.

PROWL (CONT'D)

Where are you going? I said, **stand down!**

HOT ROD

Sorry, Prowl. This can't wait!

PANEL 3:

Hot Rod SPEEDS up the mountain's dusty hiker trail.

PANEL 4:

WIDE SHOT - The Megatron gun rests in the trail's dirt in the foreground, as Hot Rod races towards it from the background.

HOT ROD (CONT'D)
Huh?

PANEL 5:

Hot Rod TRANSFORMS back to robot-mode to kneel down and lift the Megatron gun from the ground.

HOT ROD (CONT'D)
So **this** is what all the fuss is about.

PANEL 6:

Hot Rod looks up to the apex of the mountain to see that Jhiaxus has gained the advantage over Optimus Prime, smashing his fist into the Autobot's face.

HOT ROD (CONT'D)
Hold on, Prime. I'm coming.

PAGE FOURTEEN:

PANEL 1:

EXT. THE TOP OF MOUNT ST. HILARY - EVENING

Jhiaxus drives his fist into Optimus Prime's CHEST so hard, it SHATTERS the glass of his truck windows.

OPTIMUS PRIME
Uuugh!

JHIAXUS
I tire of this, Prime. You and these backward mechanisms you call soldiers are beneath me!

PANEL 2:

Optimus Prime falls to his knees. THE MATRIX can be seen through his shattered chest windows.

JHIAXUS (CONT'D)
Destiny has seen fit for me to rewrite history for the better. I have been **chosen**!

PANEL 3:

CLOSE ON Optimus Prime's chest. He looks down to see the Matrix has begun to GLOW BRIGHTER THAN BEFORE.

OPTIMUS PRIME

What?

PANEL 4:

Jhiaxus lifts both hands above his head, ready to smite Optimus Prime.

JHIAXUS

Ha! So, you carry the Matrix. An overrated Autobot bauble. It won't help you today, Prime. Nothing can help you. No one!

HOT ROD

(off-panel)

Don't count on it, pal.

PANEL 5:

Jhiaxus turns to see Hot Rod standing nearby, aiming the Megatron gun towards him.

HOT ROD (CONT'D)

No one can help **you**.

PAGE FIFTEEN:

PANEL 1:

Hot Rod BLASTS Jhiaxus with the Megatron gun. The shot tears through Jhiaxus's chest compartment.

JHIAXUS

Aaaagh!

PANEL 2:

Hot Rod fires THREE MORE TIMES, each of the blasts striking Jhiaxus's body to rip through him.

JHIAXUS (CONT'D)

No!

PANEL 3:

Jhiaxus, now INJURED with SMOKE rising from his wounds, lifts his hand before his face.

The metal around his fingers has begun to CORRODE, peeling back and DISTINTEGRATING before his eyes.

JHIAXUS (CONT'D)
But, the rheanium. No...

PANEL 4:

Jhiaxus is now almost completely covered in CORROSION, causing him to PANIC.

Hot Rod remains holding the Megatron gun.

JHIAXUS (CONT'D)
You fool. This is but a delay. I
will destroy you. I will destroy
all of...

PANEL 5:

FROM BEHIND JHIAXUS - Hot Rod fires the Megatron gun once more, blowing a HUGE HOLE through the Decepticon's back.

JHIAXUS (CONT'D)
... you?

PAGE SIXTEEN:

PANEL 1:

EXT. OUTSIDE THE ARK - EVENING

Blaster, BLUESTREAK and GRAPPLE look up to see Jhiaxus TOPPLE off the mountaintop.

BLASTER
Looks like Jhiaxus was nothin' more
than a one-hit-wonder.

PANEL 2:

Jhiaxus FALLS through the air and towards the open trench of LAVA.

PANEL 3:

With a SPLASH, Jhiaxus sinks head-first into the lava pool.

PANEL 4:

INT. INSIDE THE LAVA POOL

Surrounded by MOLTEN MAGMA, Jhiaxus SILENTLY SCREAMS as his body begins to BURN AWAY.

PANEL 5:

Jhiaxus is now nothing more than an EXOSKELTON, his body having evaporated within the lava.

PANEL 6:

Finally, a SOLITARY, RED-AND-GREEN-STRIPED SPHERE - potentially Jhiaxus's LASER-CORE, BRAIN MODULE or SPARK CHAMBER, sinks UNHARMED to the bottom of the molten quagmire.

PAGE SEVENTEEN:

PANEL 1:

Liokaiser turns, DISTRACTED by Jhiaxus's fall into the lava.

LIOKAISER
What? Jhiaxus?

PANEL 2:

Tracks GLIDES into frame in his flying-car-mode, BLASTING Liokaiser in the face with his BLACK BEAM, blinding the giant robot.

In the background, Defensor is WINDING UP a mighty punch.

TRACKS
All right, can we finish this already? I'm getting bored.

LIOKAISER
Ugh! Can't see!

PANEL 3:

SPLASH PANEL - Defensor DRIVES HIS FIST into Liokaiser, splitting him into his six Destron components: LEOZACK, DRILLHORN, HELLBAT, KILLBISON, JALLGUAR and GUYHAWK.

LEOZACK
Aaaagh!

PANEL 4:

FROM BEHIND - Prowl, Wheeljack and Huffer watch as all six of the Destrons flee in their various vehicle-modes.

LEOZACK (CONT'D)
This battle is lost! Destrons,
retreat!

WHEELJACK
Well, will ya look at that?

PAGE EIGHTEEN:

PANEL 1:

Optimus Prime and Hot Rod drive down the mountain trail (in vehicle-modes) to join Prowl, Wheeljack and Huffer.

Sideswipe and Sunstreaker stand in the Ark's entryway.

Huffer is SOLEMNLY looking off-panel.

HOT ROD
All right! We did it! We made it!

HUFFER
Yeah, not **everyone** made it, kid.

PANEL 2:

WIDE SHOT - HOUND carries the lifeless body of SKIDS, while RED ALERT wanders close behind, his head hung low.

On either side of Hound stands a GUARD OF HONOR, comprised of other Autobots.

On the left: Blaster, GEARS, WINDCHARGER and SMOKESCREEN.

On the right, Grapple, Brawn, Warpath and HOIST.

HOUND
Skids... is gone.

PANEL 3:

Optimus Prime, Prowl, Kup and Hot Rod stand opposite Hound (carrying Skids).

Each and every Autobot is rightfully DEJECTED.

HOUND (CONT'D)
He was a good soldier. He was my
friend.

OPTIMUS PRIME
And we will forever honor him as
the hero he was.

PANEL 4:

Ironhide is blasting the lava trench with his LIQUID NITROGEN HANDS, instantly cooling off the dangerous ditch.

Tracks, Powerglide and Moonracer look on as Mainframe walks up to them.

MAINFRAME

And what of Banzai-Tron?

TRACKS

Escaped, I'm sorry to say.

IRONHIDE

Yeah, that one is slicker than a Cybertronian oil-snake.

PANEL 5:

Prowl POKES Hot Rod in the chest with his index finger, while Kup attempts to intervene.

PROWL

And in the meantime, what were **you** doing, disobeying an **order**, Hot Rod? I should have you...

KUP

Hey, lighten up, Prowl. The lad did what he thought was right. Besides...

PAGE NINETEEN:

PANEL 1:

EXT. OUTSIDE THE ARK - NIGHT

The Ark remains the only source of light amid the otherwise dark, desolate landscape of Mount St. Hilary.

CAPTION: Several hours later...

KUP

(captioned)

... He **did** end up taking care of Jhiaxus for us.

PANEL 2:

Banzai-Tron appears at the edge of the now-frozen lava trench. In his hands, he holds some kind of COMPUTERIZED PAD.

PANEL 3:

CLOSE ON the pad's DATA SCREEN.

A LIFE SUPPORT DETECTOR blips and beeps on the screen.

BANZAI-TRON

Ah, **there** you are. Looks like that
rheanium came in handy after all*.

CAPTION: See issue #71!

PANEL 4:

EVEN CLOSER on the top right of the data screen. Its digital
text reads, BRAIN FUNCTION: ACTIVE. CONDITION: STABLE.

BANZAI-TRON (CONT'D)

Still, isn't this a pickle? Well...

PANEL 5:

Banzai-Tron RUNS OFF into the night. He still holds Skids's
TRANSFORMATION COG.

BANZAI-TRON (CONT'D)

... See you soon, boss.

PAGE TWENTY:

PANEL 1:

EXT. INTERSTELLAR SPACE

CAPTION: Space...

The interstellar portal remains swirling in the middle of
empty space.

PANEL 2:

A CLOUD of BUZZING, BLACK, INSECT-LIKE PARTICLES fly free of
the center of the vortex.

PANEL 3:

It is THE SWARM.

And its turbulent mass moves towards the Milky Way Galaxy.

THE END

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