

TRANSFORMERS

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CAST LIST

AUTOBOTS:

OPTIMUS PRIME
IRONHIDE
JAZZZ
HOUND
RATCHET
CLIFFJUMPER
GEARS
BUMBLEBEE
(TELETRAAN I)

DECEPTICONS:

MEGATRON
STARSCREAM
SKYWARP
THUNDERCRACKER
RUMBLE
SOUNDWAVE
RAVAGE
LASERBEAK
DECEPTICON WORKERS (no dialogue--resemble Skywarp)

HUMANS:

SPIKE
_ SPARKPLUG

SPECIAL GUEST STAR FROM CYBERTRON:

JETFIRE

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FADE IN:

EXT. - AUTOBOT HEADQUARTERS - DAY - UPSHOT

shooting past Spike, his back TO CAMERA, looking up at a huge snowman. Spike is wearing earmuffs and gloves...a light snow is falling.

SPIKE (VO)
Wow! That's the biggest snowman
I've ever seen!

JAZZZ'S VOICE
Hey, man...that's because I'm a
snowbot!

Two robotic arms poke through the snowman figure and flail about as the snowman shakes, sending the snow flying off to reveal Jazzz underneath!

JAZZZ (CONT)
Get the drift?!

ANOTHER ANGLE

to include Bumblebee, Hound, Cliffjumper, and Ratchet gathered around Spike, who is covered with the snow Jazzz shook off.

ALL (BUT SPIKE)
(LAUGHTER)

SPIKE
(groans)
Yeah...I get it -- and you're getting
your own snowdrift!

Spike raises his arm and the Autobots bring up their arms, all loaded with snowballs...

SPIKE (CONT)
Snowball projectile forces --

Spike's arm comes down, signalling...

SPIKE (CONT)
-- fire!!

The Autobots fire, sending a barrage of large snowballs flying O.S...

ANGLE ON JAZZZ

as he runs for cover underneath a ledge which is covered with a snowdrift. The snowballs fly INTO SCENE, SPLATTING against the ledge. Jazz peers out, laughing...

JAZZZ
(LAUGHS)

...and the snowdrift overhead falls down all over him.

JAZZZ (CONT)
(muffled)
S'no fair, guys!

ANGLE ON BUMBLEBEE

Bumblebee scoops up a snowball, preparing to fire O.S.

SPIKE (VO)
Ratchet! Watch out for a surprise
Bumblebee attack!

Bumblebee swings around to Spike, O.S., obviously miffed...

BUMBLEBEE
Hey, General Spike...

ON SPIKE

atop a snow-covered hill.

BUMBLEBEE (CONT-VO)
...c'mon down and join the
enlisted men!

A snowball from below zooms INTO SHOT and SPLATS Spike, causing him to lose his balance and fall down the snowy slope.

SPIKE
Whoaa---!

WIDER

As he tumbles down, Spike becomes a snowball-BLUR, growing larger as he rolls OUT OF SCENE.

ON AUTOBOTS (BUMBLEBEE, HOUND, CLIFFJUMPER, AND RATCHET)

gathered at the bottom of the slope looking up at Spike O.S. They suddenly react to the O.S. snowball...

THEIR P.O.V. -- THE SNOWBALL

as it rolls down INTO CAMERA, filling the screen...

BACK TO GROUP

The snowball rolls INTO SCENE, hitting the Autobots and sending them sprawling as the snowball breaks up, revealing Spike inside. (SFX: SPLAT!!)

ALL

Oooof!!!

ON SNOW-COVERED FORM

as Bumblebee flies INTO SCENE and SLAMS into it. The impact knocks the snow off, revealing a Joshua tree.

BUMBLEBEE

Ooof!

ANOTHER SNOW CLUMP

Hound rolls INTO SCENE and THUDS into the snow clump. The snow fall, revealing a large barrel cactus.

HOUND

Ugh!!

ON SPIKE

standing amidst the shattered remains of the snowball, brushing the snow off...

SPIKE

(LAUGHS) I never thought I'd be in the middle of a snowfight...

The CAMERA PULLS BACK to reveal the scene is being monitored on a video screen in Autobot headquarters. Standing before the console, his back TO CAMERA, is Optimus Prime.

SPIKE (CONT)

...in July -- and in the middle of the desert?!

CLOSE ON PRIME

as he stares down at the monitor O.S. pensively...

OPTIMUS PRIME

(to himself)

But this appears not to be a laughing matter..

ANOTHER ANGLE - WIDER

as he pushes a button on the console. (SFX: ELECTRONIC CLICK!)

OPTIMUS PRIME (CONT)
Teletraan I...I need a full, global
weather report.

CLOSER ON TELETRAAN'S MONITOR

A map of the world replaces the video picture, and several weather symbols appear on the map, showing icy weather crawling in from the two poles.

TELETRAAN I (VO)
Global temperatures average forty
degrees below normal...and falling
quickly. Entire planet is freezing.

BACK TO OPTIMUS PRIME

Now joined by Gears, who stares down at the monitor.

OPTIMUS PRIME
Hmmm. Somehow...somewhere, heat
energy from the earth's core is
being tapped!

ANGLE ON GEARS

As he peers at the monitor, video pictures of snow-covered tropical lands appear on the screen.

GEARS
It must be the Decepticons! I'll
bet Megatron is behind this!

As the video picture switches to a snow-covered landscape, the CAMERA PUSHES IN on the monitor, and we...

WIPE TO:

EXT. - ARCTIC ICEFIELD

(SFX: EXPLOSION!!) and the SCREEN IS FILLED with flying chunks of ice. When the SCREEN CLEARS, the CAMERA PUSHES IN on the frozen landscape and TILTS DOWN to peer into the huge excavation, revealing the jagged end of a hollow crystal shaft--maybe twenty feet in diameter--sticking out of the ice, the jagged edges glowing with heat energy from the core of the Earth. The CAMERA PANS AWAY from the crystal shaft, showing the many tunnel openings in the ice around it, and PUSHES IN on a tunnel opening...where Skywarp stands.

SKYWARP
Detonation completed--another
tunnel blasted out!

CUT TO:

INT. OF TUNNEL - ANGLE ON OPENING

Skywarp can be seen at the tunnel opening, peering down the sloped tunnel. The CAMERA PANS across the length of the tunnel and STOPS at the other end on the crystal shaft--which, here at the end of the tunnel, looks more like a glowing crystal wall.

SKYWARP (CONT-VO)
Begin laying in the new pipe!

A DECEPTICON WORKER (resembling Skywarp and Thundercracker) ENTERS SCENE with the end of a pipe which he shoves into the crystal wall, BREAKING a hole in it. Glowing heat energy can be seen flowing from behind the crystal wall into the pipe and O.S.

SKYWARP (CONT-VO)
Soon we'll be able to fill hundreds
of energon cubes!

STARSCREAM (VO)
All is proceeding on schedule,
Megatron!

The CAMERA PANS along the pipe and STOPS on another WORKER who is filling energon cubes from the other end of the pipe. Stacks of filled and empty energon cubes can be seen behind him. Megatron and Starscream stand nearby, watching the process.

STARSCREAM (CONT)
Finding the crystal shaft under all
this ice was almost impossible...

ANGLE ON MEGATRON AND STARSCREAM

They continue supervising the work O.S.

STARSCREAM (CONT)
But pumping the heat energy from the
Earth's core is like taking candy from
a baby!

MEGATRON
 Soon this planet will be covered
 with ice...

The CAMERA PUSHES IN on Megatron, who grins evilly...

MEGATRON (CONT)
 ...and we will head for Cybertron
 with a huge supply of energon cubes!

CUT TO:

INT. OF ANOTHER TUNNEL - ON RUMBLE

Rumble is enlarging another tunnel, cracking the ice with his jackhammer fists. (SFX: JACKHAMMER) But this wall refuses to pulverize. He stops, perplexed.

SKYWARP (VO)
 What's the matter, Rumble..?

Rumble turns his head toward Skywarp O.S.

ANGLE AT TUNNEL OPENING

Skywarp is at the opening, gloating down at Rumble O.S.

SKYWARP (CONT)
 Can't break the ice?!

ON RUMBLE

He seems angry, embarrassed.

RUMBLE
 Hhmmph!

He turns back to the ice wall, braces himself to take another shot at it, then lets loose with a tremendous BLAST that causes a CAMERA SHAKE!

ON SKYWARP

(CONT. CAMERA SHAKE) The ground-shaking explosion causes Skywarp to lose his footing and fall.

SKYWARP
 Whooooaaa----!

ON ICE WALL

RUMBLE
 Run for it!!

Rumble moves out of the way and O.S. quickly as the wall of ice CRACKS and SHATTERS, filling the tunnel with a rush of falling shards and boulders of ice! (SFX: AVALANCHE)

ANGLE AT OPENING

Rumble dives next to Skywarp, and they both cover themselves as ice fragments fall INTO SCENE over them! Then, when the action's over, they lift up to look back toward the wall O.S.

RUMBLE

What is that..?

ANGLE ON ICE WALL

Through the translucent wall of ice, a mechanical shape can be seen, with part of it sticking out.

SKYWARP (VO)

It's frozen in the ice..!

ANGLE ON TUNNEL OPENING

Starscream stands at the opening behind the two Decepticons.

STARSCREAM

(sharp, accusatory)

What is going on here?!

They turn to see him and scramble to their feet as Starscream moves into the tunnel past them and O.S. towards the ice wall.

SKYWARP

We found something...

Megatron appears at the opening and reacts to what he sees O.S.

MEGATRON

(intrigued)

So you did...

ANGLE ON ICE WALL

Starscream stands before it, studying the strange mechanical shape.

MEGATRON (CONT-VO)

What is it, Starscream?

As Megatron joins him INTO SCENE, Starscream lifts his laser weapon...

STARSCREAM

We shall soon see...

He shoots the ice wall with a laser beam that begins melting the ice around the mechanical shape. (SFX: ELECTRONIC BEAM)

MEGATRON (VO)

It appears to be another robot...

ON RUMBLE

He starts to move forward towards the others O.S.

RUMBLE

Look out--you'll damage him!
Let me do it..

ON STARSCREAM

He turns to shoot a STUN BLAST at Rumble O.S.

STARSCREAM

Stay back---!

ON RUMBLE

...and the Decepticon is knocked off his feet and SLAMMED back into the wall by the BLAST. He shakes his head dizzily...

STARSCREAM (CONT-VO)

We've had enough of your bungling today!

ON STARSCREAM AND MEGATRON

Megatron knocks the weapon out of Starscream's hand, and it CLATTERS to the ground. Starscream appears suprised.

STARSCREAM (CONT)

Wha---?!

MEGATRON

Rumble's right--We must take care not to damage the creature...

ANGLE ON ROBOT IN ICE WALL

Megatron moves INTO SCENE to examine the part of the robot that sticks out of the ice.

MEGATRON (CONT)

We may be able to revive him!
With his size and probable strength...

CLOSE ON MEGATRON

MEGATRON (CONT)

...he will make an excellent
Decepticon!

WIPE TO:

INT. - AUTOBOT HEADQUARTERS

Their backs TO CAMERA, Spike, Jazzz, Hound, and Ironhide, standing alongside Optimus Prime, watch Teletraan's video satellite transmission of the Arctic icefields.

TELETRAAN I (VO)
Abnormally large energy reading in
arctic circle...

CLOSER ON MONITOR

to show the icy landscape in a PANNING DOWNSHOT, from the satellite's P.O.V.

TELETRAAN I (VO-CONT)
...Probable location of planetary
heat loss...

CLOSE ON SPIKE

as he watches the video monitor O.S. Suddenly he reacts to something on the screen and points.

SPIKE
What's that weird light the satellite
just past over?

ON PRIME AND SCREEN

Prime adjusts some controls, and the monitor reverses direction and stops on a glowing spot on the ice--the site of the crystal shaft.

OPTIMUS PRIME
We'll soon find out...

TELETRAAN I (VO)
Heat loss at optimum level...

OPTIMUS PRIME (VO)
That's where the leak is, all right!

ANGLE FEATURING JAZZZ

The other Autobots react, turning to each other..

JAZZZ
Kind of a giant drainpipe! If
Megatron ever hears about this...

TELETRAAN I (VO)
Decepticon activity sighted..

ANGLE ON PRIME

He straightens up from the controls soberly.

OPTIMUS PRIME
As I suspected--he already has!
And if we don't stop him, the earth
will freeze over!

WIDER

as Optimus Prime leads the charge...

OPTIMUS PRIME (CONT)
Autobots...transform and roll out!

CUT TO:

EXT. - ENTRANCE TO AUTOBOT HEADQUARTERS

As each Autobot exits the headquarters, he TRANSFORMS into his vehicle mode and ZOOMS O.S.!

ANGLE ON OPTIMUS PRIME IN TRUCK MODE

Spike and Sparkplug ride in the cab of Optimus Prime. The CAMERA PULLS BACK to include some of the others, following behind in formation.

SPIKE
Off to the Arctic!

Spike gives Prime's horn a BLAST! as we...

WIPE TO:

INT. - DECEPTICON ICE CHAMBER

This is a huge construction/repair center built underneath the ice. The huge body of the robot found in the ice is stretched out on an ice platform. As Megatron and Starscream stand next to the inoperative robot's head, Thundercracker, Skywarp, and Soundwave work on the robot hulk, with various panels opened, transistors being replaced, and magnetic beams from large, futuristic machines focused on various parts in the healing process.

THUNDERCRACKER
Body casing perfect...deep freeze
effect...

SKYWARP
Activity impulse center down...

SOUNDWAVE
Transistors useless...

CLOSER ANGLE ON STARSCREAM AND MEGATRON

Starscream gives orders to the others O.S. as Megatron looks on. A panel in the side of the huge robot's head is open, revealing the memory monitor--a small video screen.

STARSCREAM

We must have massive energy input
to activate the memory monitor...
(yelling)
Give him fifty thousand volts...

ANOTHER ANGLE - ON ROBOT AND THUNDERCRACKER

Thundercracker adjusts controls on a portable machine near the robot's body. Suddenly a beam of energy shoots from the machine...

WIDER ON ROBOT

...and hits the giant robot, causing CRACKLING and SPUTTERING as it surrounds the robot with an energy aura.

ANGLE ON STARSCREAM AND MEGATRON

Megatron speaks from behind Starscream, who stares O.S.

MEGATRON

You take great care with this
creature, Starscream...

Starscream does not avert his stare from the robot, but replies in a softer voice:

STARSCREAM

I knew him once...a long time
ago on Cybertron..
(louder)
Again--this time a million volts!

ON THUNDERCRACKER

He retracts his hand into his wrist, then spins his wrist with his other hand. The wrist becomes a BLUR, then finally stops. It is now large enough to serve as the mouth of a large cannon.

THUNDERCRACKER

Converting wrist unit to nuclear-
fusion cannon...

Then he presses a button on his wrist (SFX: CLICK!)...

THUNDERCRACKER (CONT)

...and firing!

A beam of energy shoots out of his wrist cannon O.S.

WIDE ON ROBOT

Again he glows and CRACKLES with an energy aura--only this time much brighter! The screen FLASHES, silhouetting everyone and everything as the CAMERA SHAKES from the power!

ANGLE NEAR HEAD OF ROBOT

The room is once again lit as Starscream moves in to examine the open panel in the robot's head. The memory monitor is activating...

STARSCREAM
Memory monitor activating..!

Megatron moves INTO SCENE behind Starscream...

MEGATRON
You knew him?!

REVERSE ANGLE

So that again, Starscream is in front of Megatron, but does not look at him.

STARSCREAM
His name is Jetfire! Observe memory recorded before his accident in the ice...

CLOSE ON MEMORY MONITOR

The CAMERA PUSHES IN on the monitor as the picture comes up showing Jetfire and Starscream standing on a platform on the planet Cybertron, both in their robot modes.

STARSCREAM (CONT-VO)
Jetfire and I were both scientist explorers on Cybertron..

Jetfire takes off, soaring O.S. into the sky, followed by Starscream, a beat later...

MEGATRON (VO)
...Of course! Before we could no longer tolerate the disgusting Autobots...

THE PICTURE CHANGES to show Jetfire and Starscream flying out over the planet of Cybertron and TRANSFORMING into aircraft modes. (If we must be particular about this, Starscream should transform into a Cybertron aircraft instead of an Earth-related plane.)

MEGATRON (CONT-VO)
 ...who refused to join us in our
 destiny to rule the universe--

ANGLE ON STARSCREAM AND MEGATRON

As they continue watching the memory monitor...

MEGATRON (CONT)
 ...and declared war on them!

STARSCREAM
 But when the war started, Jetfire
 and I were on an exploratory mission...

ON THE MEMORY MONITOR

Again the CAMERA PUSHES IN past Megatron and Starscream to the screen, where we see Jetfire and Starscream hurtling through the galaxies together.

STARSCREAM (CONT-VO)
 ...on an uncharted planet--obviously
 this one...

...and then, as the planet Earth GAINS INTO PAN, the CAMERA STOPS PAN and the two Cybertron planes descend to the planet.

STARSCREAM (CONT-VO)
 We detected no intelligent life
 on the surface, but Jetfire insisted
 on a closer examination...

THE PICTURE CHANGES again to a PAN of the Earth's atmosphere. Jetfire and Starscream GAIN INTO PAN as they descend quickly. Suddenly they are caught up in a windstorm that whips them around, tossing them wildly..

STARSCREAM (CONT-VO)
 An unexpected windstorm took us
 by surprise--

THE PICTURE CHANGES to Jetfire's P.O.V.--icy land below spinning and coming closer TO CAMERA--then a FLASH! as he hits land, followed by a blackout..

STARSCREAM (CONT-VO)
 --and Jetfire crashed into the
 planet's ice-covered surface...

ANGLE ON STARSCREAM AND MEGATRON

STARSCREAM
 I circled half the globe searching
 for him--without success...

ANGLE ON JETFIRE

As Megatron moves over to Jetfire and closes the head panel, covering the memory monitor.

MEGATRON
And now--millions of years later--
you have found him!

ANOTHER ANGLE

JETFIRE
(GROANS!)

Jetfire's eyes open, and he turns his head slowly...

ANGLE ON STARSCREAM AND MEGATRON

They watch Jetfire as he is revived O.S. in great awe of his size.

JETFIRE (CONT-VO)
(GROANS!) What happened...?

WIDE ANGLE ON JETFIRE

As he weakly sits up and recognizes Starscream.

JETFIRE (CONT)
Starscream...it's you! You have
rescued me!

He looks around the room, mystified...

JETFIRE (CONT)
But where am I? This is not
Cybertron!

DOWNSHOT

to Starscream and Megatron, dwarfed by this newcomer...

STARSCREAM
No--this is Earth...where you
crashed many years ago.

JETFIRE (VO)
How long have my systems been down?

REVERSE ANGLE - UPSHOT

STARSCREAM
Long enough. Much has changed,
Jetfire.

Jetfire stands up--a bit haltingly--but with an eager expression.

JETFIRE

But it will soon be as it was
again when we resume our scientific
explorations!

ON MEGATRON

Who steps forward imperiously...

MEGATRON

I am Megatron, Jetfire. I am now
the leader of all Decepticons...

UPSHOT ON JETFIRE

MEGATRON (CONT-VO)

We are on this planet to collect
energy to revive our dying Cybertron...

The CAMERA PUSHES IN on Jetfire's face as he listens in
surprise and dismay...

MEGATRON (CONT-VO)

...And the Autobots are now the enemy!

WIPE TO:

EXT. - ARCTIC ICE FIELD

The Autobots, lead by Optimus Prime, roll along the ice INTO
SCENE...

SPIKE (VO)

There they are, Optimus! Just like
I told you--the Northern Lights!

ANGLE ON HORIZON

The Northern Lights shine over the horizon--with some brighter
rays coming from a particular direction...

SPIKE (CONT-VO)

Aren't they terrific?!

ANGLE ON SPIKE

in the cab which is Optimus Prime's trans-form...

OPTIMUS PRIME (VO)

They do indeed please my optical
sensors.

CLOSE ON CAB SPEAKER

from where Prime's voice is heard.

OPTIMUS PRIME (CONT-VO)
But my sensors also detect another
source of these lights--

ANGLE ON HORIZON

The Northern Lights continue to shine...

OPTIMUS PRIME (CONT-VO)
--and that is our destination!

...as the Autobot convoy rolls INTO SCENE, heading out to
the horizon.

WIPE TO:

EXT. - ARCTIC - CLOSE ON DECEPTICON SYMBOL

The stylized face, which is the Decepticon symbol, fills the
FRAME...

MEGATRON (VO)
...and this symbol announces to
the universe that you, Jetfire...

...The CAMERA PULLS BACK to show the symbol is now affixed to
Jetfire's chest. Jetfire looks down at it, a bit perplexed.

MEGATRON (CONT-VO)
...are now a member of the exalted
Decepticon forces!

ANGLE ON MEGATRON

Starscream stands nearby. Megatron gives the Decepticon salute--
smashing his fists together... (SFX: CLANK!)

MEGATRON (CONT)
Long Live Cybertron!

WIDE ON SCENE

to include the backs of Megatron and Starscream as Jetfire
returns the salute...

JETFIRE
Long Live Cybertron!

CLOSE ON MEGATRON

He looks up at Jetfire with an evil smile...

MEGATRON
And death to all Autobots!!

CLOSE ON JETFIRE

He hesitates a beat, thinking...

JETFIRE
(more to himself)
Death...

ANGLE ON MEGATRON AND STARSCREAM

MEGATRON
(to Starscream)
Put him on guard patrol...

Then Megatron EXITS SCENE as Starscream watches him leave.

ANGLE ON JETFIRE AND STARSCREAM - DOWNSHOT

JETFIRE (VO)
You are happier being a soldier
than a scientist, Starscream?

STARSCREAM
It is far more exciting...and one
day, I--not Megatron--will be leader
of all Decepticons!

UPSHOT - STARSCREAM TO JETFIRE

STARSCREAM (CONT-VO)
And when I am, you will be my
second-in-command!

Jetfire looks uncomfortable for a moment...

JETFIRE
I am grateful to be freed from my
tomb of ice...

...then stands tall, determined:

JETFIRE (CONT)
I will try my best!

WIPE TO:

EXT. - ICE RIDGE

Jetfire appears over the edge of the ice ridge, patrolling the area with his huge weapon at hand. Suddenly he stops as if he heard something O.S., and looks out...

CLOSER ON JETFIRE'S EYES

His eyes glow as he optical sensors zero in on his target O.S.

JETFIRE
 (hushed, panicked)
 Something approaching from the south!

JETFIRE'S P.O.V.

Through the gridded, telescopic optical sensors, we see the
 convoy of Autobots as it climbs up into view over a ridge..

JETFIRE (CONT-VO)
 Several unusual vehicles...earth
 creatures?!

ANGLE ON JETFIRE

As he readies his weapon...

JETFIRE (CONT)
 Well, it's time for this scientist
 to make his debut as a soldier..

CUT TO:

AUTOBOTS - FEATURE OPTIMUS PRIME

THE CAMERA PANS with the convoy as it rolls along the ice.

OPTIMUS PRIME (VO)
 We are near the location of the
 energy leak!

CLOSER ON SPIKE IN CAB (PAN BG)

Spike suddenly reacts to something ahead O.S. and points--

SPIKE
 Prime! What...is that?!

UPSHOT ON JETFIRE

He points his weapon down threateningly INTO CAMERA...

JETFIRE
 Halt! Identify yourselves!!

DOWNSHOT ON AUTOBOTS - FEATURE PRIME

Spike and Sparkplug jump out of the cab as Prime orders:

OPTIMUS PRIME (VO)
 Autobots...transform!

And the Autobots begin to TRANSFORM to their robot modes!

CLOSE ON JETFIRE

He reacts, realizing whom he has confronted...

JETFIRE
Autobots..?!

WIDE ANGLE ON SCENE

He aims his weapon at them below...

JETFIRE (CONT)
Prepare to die!!

FADE OUT

END OF ACT ONE

ACT II

FADE IN:

SAME SCENE - WIDE ON JETFIRE AND AUTOBOTS

JETFIRE
Death to the Autobots!!

The cannon fires in rapid succession, with particle beams flashing O.S. (SFX: CANNON EXPLOSIONS)

DOWNSHOT ON AUTOBOTS

As they see the particle beams being shot their way...

IRONHIDE
He's a Decepticon!

OPTIMUS PRIME
Scatter!

The Autobots scatter, wildly firing their weapons as they dive behind ice ridges and outcroppings. The particle beams BLAST INTO SCENE on the ice around them.

OPTIMUS PRIME (CONT)
Take cover and return fire!!

ANOTHER ANGLE - FEATURE IRONHIDE

Ironhide aims his weapon from behind cover...

IRONHIDE
You can dish it out, Goliath--but
can you take it?!

...and FIRES his weapon O.S. at Jetfire...

ANGLE ON JETFIRE

He easily dodges the BLASTS from Ironhide's rifle O.S. that SCREAM THROUGH SCENE. Jetfire looks like he's getting angry!

ON SPIKE AND SPARKPLUG (PAN BG)

They are running away from the action, looking for cover that isn't there...

SPARKPLUG
Hit the ice, Spike--he's getting
ready to fire again!

Sparkplug and Spike fall to their bellies as the CAMERA STOPS PAN, but Spike slides on the ice O.S.!

SPIKE
Dad--help!!

(SFX: O.S. SPLASH!!) Sparkplug looks up and reacts in surprise.

WIDER ANGLE

Spike is thrashing around in the cold water at the edge of the ice. Sparkplug races INTO SCENE, arm outstretched...

SPARKPLUG
Grab hold of me, son! Hurry!

Spike reaches for his father's arm, and Sparkplug pulls him out of the water...

ON JETFIRE

As he moves along the ridge, looking for Autobots who haven't taken cover. He raises his weapon and FIRES again...

ON AUTOBOTS

They duck behind their cover as the firebombs BURST INTO SCENE on the ice around them.

ANGLE ON SPIKE AND SPARKPLUG

on their feet again, they start to run INTO SCENE in the opposite direction from the water, but SKID to a stop as more firebombs BURST in front of them! (SFX: EXPLOSIONS!)

SPIKE
Look out!!

The ice where the firebombs hit CRACKS apart, sending the two floating O.S. on an ice floe!

SPIKE (CONT)
We're floating away!

CLOSER ON SPIKE AND SPARKPLUG

SPIKE (CONT)
We'd better jump--!

Spike lurches forward, as if ready to leap for the mainland, but Sparkplug grabs him by the shoulder, restraining him.

SPARKPLUG
No--it's too big a jump! We're trapped until one of the Autobots rescues us!

Spike cups his hands around his mouth and yells:

SPIKE
 (yelling)
 Optimus! Hound! Help!!

ANGLE ON HOUND AND CLIFFJUMPER

They are sharing cover behind some ice and rock outcroppings, exchanging FIRE with Jetfire O.S. Cliffjumper turns to listen:

SPIKE (CONT-VO)
 (distant)
 Somebody---help us!!

SPARKPLUG (VO)
 (distant)
 Hurry!!

CLIFFJUMPER
 Spike and Sparkplug are in trouble!
 We gotta rescue them!

But Hound holds him back with one arm, FIRING his weapon O.S. with the other..

HOUND
 We can't move until that big guy
 stops firing!

ANGLE ON SPIKE AND SPARKPLUG

The ice floe they are on floats farther away from the mainland as both of them yell for...

SPIKE/SPARKPLUG
 (yelling)
 (AD LIB CRIES FOR "HELP!")

CLOSE ON JETFIRE

He stops firing at hearing the strange sounds--his first experience of hearing human voices--and swings around...

JETFIRE
 Life forms! These must be the
 earth creatures!

He moves O.S. towards the voices.

ANGLE AT EDGE OF MAINLAND

Jetfire moves INTO SCENE, avoiding any FIRE that comes his way from the Autobots O.S., and, getting on his hands and knees, reaches out O.S. for the ice floe.

JETFIRE (CONT)
I must examine them, and try to
communicate with them...

ANGLE ON ICE FLOE

as Jetfire's huge hand reaches down INTO SCENE and tries to
grab the humans, who run to the other side of the floe.

SPARKPLUG
Keep your big mitts offa me!

Jetfire's hand finally grabs them and pulls them OUT OF SCENE..

SPIKE
Let go of us--please!!

ANGLE ON JETFIRE

who sits back, examining the small prizes in his hand...

SPARKPLUG
(still yelling!)
Help!! Optimus Prime!

UPSHOT ON JETFIRE

as he brings the humans close to his face...

JETFIRE
Why are you so frightened? I will
not harm you!

Spike points down at Jetfire's chest O.S.

SPIKE
You wear the Decepticon symbol!

Jetfire looks down at the symbol.

CLOSE ON THE DECEPTICON SYMBOL

JETFIRE (VO)
Only Autobots would fear this--My
duty is to battle the evil Autobots!

DOWNSHOT

past Jetfire, to Spike and Sparkplug, in Jetfire's hand.

SPIKE
But the Autobots are not evil--they
protect our planet, and all us humans.
The Autobots fight for what is good!

ANOTHER ANGLE

Sparkplug defiantly points to Jetfire...

SPARKPLUG
You Decepticons are the evil ones!

JETFIRE
(confused)
No...no, that is not true!

ON AUTOBOTS

watching from their cover, waiting for an opportunity to rescue their friends..

JETFIRE (CONT-VO)
I will prove we are not evil!

WIDE ON JETFIRE, SPARKPLUG AND SPIKE

Jetfire stands, protectively holding the humans in his hand.

JETFIRE (CONT)
I will take you to Megatron, my leader. He will show you that there is nothing to fear!

CLOSER ON SPIKE AND SPARKPLUG

JETFIRE (CONT-VO)
I will tell him you are my friends!

They exchange surprised but defeated looks...

ANGLE ON AUTOBOTS

As Jetfire moves THROUGH SCENE (we probably can see only his feet from this angle), the Autobots peer out from behind their cover. Ironhide and Cliffjumper raise their weapons to fire.

OPTIMUS PRIME
No! Hold your fire! We cannot endanger Spike and Sparkplug!
We'll find a way to rescue them...

CLOSER ON AUTOBOTS

Ironhide and Cliffjumper lower their weapons, worriedly..

OPTIMUS PRIME (CONT)
...if we can.

WIPE TO:

INT. OF ICE TUNNEL

At the opening of the ice tunnel, we can see Jetfire's head peering into the tunnel--he is much too big to fit inside.

MEGATRON (VO)

Well done, Jetfire! On your first assignment, you have brought us...

The CAMERA PANS across the tunnel to Megatron and Starscream, who holds the two humans with either hand.

MEGATRON (CONT)

...two who work closely with the Autobots! Take care of them, Starscream!

Starscream throws Spike and Sparkplug O.S. away from the tunnel opening.

ANOTHER ANGLE IN TUNNEL

as Spike and Sparkplug tumble together into a dead end of the tunnel.

SPIKE/SPARKPLUG

Ooof!!

ANGLE ON STARSCREAM

He lifts his laser rifle and fires a LASER BEAM up and O.S.

BACK TO SHOT

The laser beam is directed to several spots in the icy ceiling above Spike and Sparkplug. The ice melts, dripping down into huge stalactites that refreeze almost immediately, like giant cell bars, to imprison Spike and his father in the dead end.

SPARKPLUG

You won't get away with this!

SPIKE

Optimus Prime will save us!!

CLOSE ON JETFIRE

as seen through the tunnel opening. He looks worried, and protests:

JETFIRE

You must not do this! I promised---

CLOSE ON MEGATRON

He turns back to Jetfire, coldly---

MEGATRON

You are overstepping your bounds!

ON STARSCREAM

He crosses his arms in front of him, defiantly.

STARSCREAM

The decision is not yours to make, Jetfire!

ANGLE ON JETFIRE

He reaches into the tunnel opening with his hand, which goes O.S.

JETFIRE

But these are my...my friends...

ANGLE ON STARSCREAM AND ICE PRISON

Starscream faces away from Jetfire O.S. Jetfire's hand reaches INTO SCENE, long enough to knock over Starscream, but not long enough to reach the ice prison. Starscream whirls around and gives the hand a STUN BEAM from his rifle.

STARSCREAM

Do not disobey your command!

AT TUNNEL OPENING

Jetfire removes his hand from the tunnel quickly..

STARSCREAM (CONT-VO)

These puny weaklings have little value to us...

ANGLE ON STARSCREAM

looking very angry now...

STARSCREAM (CONT)

...except to further our purposes!

ANGLE ON SPARKPLUG AND SPIKE

They look out of their ice prison at the action O.S., then look at each other sadly. Sparkplug shakes his head in defeat.

JETFIRE (VO)

But, I don't understand this!

ANGLE ON JETFIRE

JETFIRE (CONT)

I know only of science and learning-- none of this...this war.

WIPE TO:

EXT. - MINING SITE - ON CRYSTAL SHAFT

It continues to emanate heat energy from the jagged crystal ends. The CAMERA PANS AWAY QUICKLY to one of the tunnel entrances, where the Autobots gather around Optimus Prime.

OPTIMUS PRIME
(sotto)
Autobots--transform!

ANGLE ON SOME AUTOBOTS

(Perhaps Hound, Ironhide, and Gears) As they TRANSFORM to their vehicle modes.

ANOTHER ANGLE ON OTHER AUTOBOTS

(Perhaps Jazzz, Cliffjumper, and Bumblebee) as they do the same.

AGAIN AROUND THE TUNNEL ENTRANCE

Only this time, they are all transformed into their vehicle modes, including Optimus Prime!

OPTIMUS PRIME (VO)
Now, move in--quickly--and secure
positions...

Bumblebee leads the pack, rolling into the tunnel entrance, followed by Cliffjumper..

CLIFFJUMPER
Let's go!!

INT. OF TUNNEL

As Bumblebee, Cliffjumper, Jazzz, and Optimus Prime ROAR into the tunnel and PAST CAMERA...

EXT. - ON OTHERS

(including Ironhide, Hound, Gears, and Ratchet) Gears, in the lead, hesitates before entering...

HOUND (VO)
What's wrong, Gears? Get a move on!

GEARS
I just have the feeling we're
falling right into a trap--!

Suddenly the ice around them CRACKS! and BREAKS apart, and the Autobots fall below the surface out of sight as chunks of ice fly all around!

BELOW---ON AUTOBOTS

They are covered with chunks of ice and snow, and do their best to shake it off--still in their vehicle modes.

IRONHIDE

What happened?!

RATCHET

Must be all that weight you're luggin' around, Ironhide!

CLOSER ON GEARS

also in his auto trans-form. He shivers off the snow...

GEARS

Brrrr! I can't take much more of this freezing weather!

ANGLE ON TUNNEL

Hound pulls up INTO SCENE at the head of the tunnel...

HOUND

C'mon, guys--they must've gone down this way!

He races down into the tunnel out of sight, and the others roll INTO SCENE as they start to follow him.

CUT TO:

ELSEWHERE IN THE ICE TUNNELS

Bumblebee races into view down a tunnel as the CAMERA FOLLOWS HIM and stops when he joins up with the others...

BUMBLEBEE

No sign of the others, Optimus!
You suppose they're lost?

ANOTHER ANGLE ON OPTIMUS PRIME AND CLIFFJUMPER

OPTIMUS PRIME

Can't tell--there must be hundreds of tunnels down here!

Suddenly Cliffjumper turns as they hear:

SPIKE/SPARKPLUG (VO)

(distant, echoing)

Help! Help!

CLIFFJUMPER
It's Spike and Sparkplug!

He roars O.S. quickly, before Optimus can slow him down...

OPTIMUS PRIME
Cliffjumper! Not so fast!

...but Prime roars O.S., too--right behind him.

ON FATHER AND SON IN ICE PRISON

They are still "behind bars," as Cliffjumper SKIDS INTO SCENE...

SPIKE
Cliffjumper!

SPARKPLUG
Are we glad to see you!!

ANGLE ON CLIFFJUMPER

as he TRANSFORMS into his robot mode...

CLIFFJUMPER
Hang on, guys--I'll have you out
of there in no time!

He pulls up his laser weapon and fires a LASER BEAM O.S.

ANGLE ON THE PRISON

...melting the ice bars and freeing his friends!

CLIFFJUMPER (CONT-VO)
Lucky for you this thing has a
"defrost" cycle on it!

ANOTHER ANGLE - NEARBY

as Optimus, Jazzz, and Bumblebee race INTO SCENE near the
ice prison and TRANSFORM to their robot modes...

BUMBLEBEE
Now to find the others--!

CUT TO:

ELSEWHERE IN THE ICE TUNNELS

The other Autobots wheel slowly into view from around a tunnel
and behind an ice ridge of ice boulders and snow.. A BEAT later,
they rise above the ridge--transformed into their robot modes
and peer out O.S.

IRONHIDE

(sotto)

Will you look at that...?!

THEIR P.O.V. - THE CRYSTAL SHAFT

A Decepticon worker continues pumping heat energy out of the crystal wall at the end of one tunnel.

HOUND (VO)

(sotto)

Just like Optimus said--they're stealing the heat from the earth's core!

The CAMERA PANS down the pipe to where another Decepticon worker pumps energy into an energon cube and stacks it with the others.

RATCHET (VO)

(sotto)

What I wouldn't give for a stack of energon cubes like that!

ANGLE ON AUTOBOTS

still in hiding. Gears looks awfully worried.

GEARS

We'd better find Prime and the others before the Decepticons find us!

ANGLE ON SOUNDWAVE

He supervises the loading of the energon cubes. Megatron and Starscream move INTO SCENE behind him.

MEGATRON

Ahh...the work progresses! Soon we will have all the energon cubes we need...

CLOSER ON STARSCREAM

STARSCREAM

And this planet will be a solid chunk of ice!

ANGLE ON AUTOBOTS

as they watch from their cover...

STARSCREAM (CONT-VO)

And no one--not even the Autobots will stop us!

ANGLE ON MEGATRON

He turns to Starscream...

MEGATRON

I fear you underestimate them,
Starscream--for they are very close!

He turns away to point O.S.

ANGLE ON AUTOBOTS

MEGATRON (CONT-VO)

Seize them!

Before the Autobots can run, the CAMERA PULLS BACK to show Skywarp and Thundercracker, flanking them on either side with weapons drawn!

ANGLE ON MEGATRON AND STARSCREAM

Megatron moves OUT OF SHOT...

MEGATRON (CONT)

Dispose of them immediately!

STARSCREAM

With pleasure, Megatron!

ANGLE ON SOUNDWAVE AND MEGATRON

Megatron approaches Soundwave...

MEGATRON

Soundwave, I suspect there are more
Autobots in the vicinity. Better
check it out.

The CAMERA PUSHES IN on Soundwave, who presses his eject button..

SOUNDWAVE

Ravage...transform!

A mini-cassette springs out of his holder, and the CAMERA PANS with it as it TRANSFORMS into Ravage, the jaguar!

RAVAGE

(ROAR!!)

MEGATRON (VO)

See that the prisoners are still
behind bars, Ravage!

Ravage moves down a tunnel out of sight...

CUT TO:

ELSEWHERE IN THE ICE TUNNELS

Ravage leaps down the tunnel, then, hearing voices, slows down to a crawl...

JAZZZ (VO)
 (distant, echoing)
 We could be searching these tunnels
 forever--we gotta get us a plan!

The CAMERA PANS ahead down the tunnel to Optimus Prime, Jazzz, Spike, Sparkplug, and the others.

BUMBLEBEE
 I'll settle for an exit!

ANOTHER ANGLE - FEATURING OPTIMUS PRIME

OPTIMUS PRIME
 Keep your circuit chips on, guys!
 We don't want to roll around in circles!

But again, Cliffjumper is too impatient to wait, and he zips O.S. ahead of the others..

CLIFFJUMPER
 I say, he who hesitates is lost!

ANGLE IN TUNNEL

Cliffjumper runs INTO SCENE, but is brought up short by Ravage, who leaps INTO SHOT on top of him, knocking him down!

RAVAGE
 (ROAR!!)

ANGLE ON OTHERS

They react to the action O.S.

SPIKE
 Ravage!

Optimus Prime raises his weapon to fire a STUN RAY O.S.

OPTIMUS PRIME
 Autobots, transform! I'll slow
 'im down!

ON RAVAGE AND CLIFFJUMPER

The STUN RAY hits Ravage, knocking him off Cliffjumper.

RAVAGE
 (PAINED ROAR!)

Cliffjumper gets to his feet and TRANSFORMS, rolling O.S.!

CLIFFJUMPER
He's not gonna slow me down!

ANGLE ON TUNNEL

As the Autobots race down the icy tunnel INTO CAMERA, their headlights shining off the icy walls. (SFX: ENGINE ROARS!) Ravage chases after them, giving out his own:

RAVAGE
(ANGRY ROAR!)

ANGLE ON BUMBLEBEE

He SKIDS to a stop INTO SCENE, TRANSFORMS and fires at the ceiling with his weapon, causing the tunnel to cave in with a ROAR of ice chunks and debris...

BUMBLEBEE
That'll hold you for awhile!!

ON OTHERS

who watch the action O.S.

JAZZZ
Yeah--it'll take him a long time
to just dig out!

WIPE TO:

EXT. - AT SURFACE

The crystal shaft can be seen in the far distance. Ratchet, Hound, Ironhide, and Gears are standing with their backs up against an ice rise. The CAMERA PANS OVER to Starscream and Jetfire, Starscream with his null ray trained on his captives.

STARSCREAM
All those years buried under the
ice must have damaged some of your
loyalty chips, Jetfire!

ANOTHER ANGLE - CLOSER ON STARSCREAM

He lowers his weapon, smiling evilly...

STARSCREAM (CONT)
But I am feeling generous...because
of our old friendship!

ANGLE ON JETFIRE

He looks down at Starscream, puzzled and confused.

STARSCREAM (CONT-VO)
You may have the pleasure of
destroying these Autobots!

Jetfire shakes his head slightly...

JETFIRE
But I'm a scientist! I cannot...

CLOSE ON STARSCREAM

His eyes harden, and the smile disappears..

STARSCREAM
As your Decepticon superior, I
order you to blast them!!

ANGLE ON AUTOBOTS

Some of them look up to Jetfire O.S., and all look worried...

ON JETFIRE

He tightens his expression to one of determination...

JETFIRE
No! I will not!!

ON AUTOBOTS

They listen, surprised...

JETFIRE (CONT-VO)
They have done nothing wrong...

ON STARSCREAM

He is clearly angry now!

STARSCREAM
But you have!--You dare disobey the
command of a superior?! Traitor!

He swings his weapon around and BLASTS up at Jetfire O.S.

ON JETFIRE

JETFIRE
Starscream---

But he is hit by the weapon's RAY and, stunned, slumps to
the ice...

ANGLE ON AUTOBOTS

as they react, stunned...

RATCHET/HOUND

Why, you---/You're insane!

ANGLE ON STARSCREAM

He takes aim at the Autobots O.S....

STARSCREAM

There are some things one must
do himself...

...and BLASTS away!

ON THE AUTOBOTS

The EXPLOSIONS caused by the BLASTS cause chunks of ice and snow to FILL THE FRAME! When the screen clears, we see the scattered pieces of the Autobots on the snow!

FADE OUT

END OF ACT TWO

ACT III

FADE IN:

ON STARSCREAM

His weapon is lowered, and he roars with evil laughter.

STARSCREAM
(EVIL LAUGH!)

ANGLE ON AUTOBOTS

as seen before, in shattered pieces on the ice..

STARSCREAM (CONT-VO)
So long, Autobots!

ON JETFIRE

He lies on the ice, heavily damaged. Starscream moves THROUGH SCENE, showing him no mercy.

STARSCREAM (CONT)
As for you, Jetfire--consider yourself fortunate that you did not end up like your friends..!

ANGLE ON AUTOBOTS

The scene of the shattered pieces of Autobots RIPPLES, then vanishes, revealing the undamaged Autobots behind the illusion.

ON JETFIRE

JETFIRE
(GROAN!)

Ratchet and Hound move INTO SCENE as Jetfire tries to raise up.

JETFIRE (CONT)
But...but he wasted you! I saw him..
..destroy you--before my main systems went down.

CLOSER ON RATCHET AND HOUND

They look at each other with understanding smiles.

RATCHET
No, Jetfire--that was an illusion.
One of Hound's holograms was what you--and Starscream--saw.

WIDER

to include Jetfire, who blinks, trying to stay "conscious."

JETFIRE

Then you are...functioning--alive.
Good. (GROAN)

Then he "passes out," his systems losing power.

HOUND

Yeah--we're functioning. I sure
hope your systems can be salvaged.

Ironhide and Gears join the other two Autobots, and Ratchet turns to Ironhide..

RATCHET

Let's get him behind some cover and
start working on him.

DISSOLVE TO:

AN ICE RIDGE

JAZZZ (VO)

...and we came out the same way we
fell in, earlier!

The CAMERA MOVES UP to peer over the ice ridge, revealing all the Autobots gathered around Jetfire, who lies on the ice unconscious, with the damaged section open. Ratchet is working on the giant robot as the others look on, worried.

BUMBLEBEE (VO)

They'll have to dig Ravage out--
whenever they find him..!

CLOSER ON RATCHET

He is submerged in his work so that we cannot see what he is doing. (SFX: INTERMITTENT LASER WELDING TORCH BLASTS)

OPTIMUS PRIME (VO)

How is Jetfire, Ratchet?

Ratchet emerges from the robot's shell, holding a laser scapel.

RATCHET

Looks pretty grim...He was badly
damaged..

He returns to his work.

ANGLE ON CLIFFJUMPER AND HOUND

CLIFFJUMPER
I don't get it...Why repair a
Decepticon?!

HOUND
He tried to save us from being
terminated--

ON RATCHET

still hidden within the robot's body...

RATCHET (VO)
(muffled)
And was blasted by an old friend.

He emerges once again, and this time shuts off his laser scapel.

RATCHET (CONT)
Well, that's all I can do...

WIDER ON SCENE

The CAMERA PULLS BACK from the sad scene...

RATCHET (CONT-VO)
Now it's all a matter of time--
and luck.

...and PANS UP above to reveal Laserbeak, the robot condor,
circling above. One of his electronic evesdropping devices
is projecting from his body, and we see circular sound waves
being beamed O.S.

LASERBEAK
(CONDOR SHRIEK!)

WIPE TO:

INT. OF UNDERGROUND TUNNEL - ON MEGATRON

Megatron turns to Starscream, angered...

MEGATRON
You disgust me! You had your
orders, and you failed to carry
them out!

ON STARSCREAM

stunned.

MEGATRON (CONT-VO)
 Laserbeak has informed me that the
 Autobots are still alive!

Starscream does a take of realization, then burns angrily.

STARSCREAM
 (spitting it out)
 Holograms! They fooled me with a
 simple illusion!

CLOSE ON MEGATRON

MEGATRON
 We shall not be fooled again!

He turns to order the others O.S.

MEGATRON (CONT)
 Decepticons--prepare to attack!!

FLIP TO:

EXT. - ON STARSCREAM, THUNDERCRACKER, AND SKYWARP

They TRANSFORM into their jet plane modes and take off, with
 Starscream in the lead as they fly O.S. (SFX: JET ROARS!!)

ON JET PLANES (PAN BG)

as they soar over the ice in formation...

STARSCREAM (VO)
 Autobots sighted below--fire when
 ready!

ANOTHER ANGLE

as the Decepticon jets ROAR INTO CAMERA, swerving up and O.S.
 as they drop a load of bombs. (SFX: TO SUIT, paying off with
 EXPLOSIONS and CAMERA SHAKES!)

ON THE ICE BELOW

The Autobots are running for cover as the bombs EXPLODE all
 around them!

CLOSER ON JETFIRE AND RATCHET

Ratchet tries to shake Jetfire's hand to revive him..

RATCHET
 C'mon--get up! I can't leave you
 here like--

A BLAST of laser fire from above hits Ratchet, flinging him O.S.

JETFIRE
(GROANS!)

ON JAZZZ, IRONHIDE, AND HOUND

They fire up into the air with their weapons. (SFX: TO SUIT)
The CAMERA PANS UP as the Decepticon jets ROAR THROUGH SCENE, returning LASER FIRE below.

ON OPTIMUS PRIME

He sees the battle action O.S.

OPTIMUS PRIME
Time for reinforcements!

He TRANSFORMS into his trailer truck mode...

ANOTHER ANGLE

...and with a blast of his HORN, ROARS INTO SCENE, complete with trailer behind him! With BRAKES SKIDDING, he makes a 180° turn on the ice--then the rear doors of the trailer flap open. The ramp flips out and SLAMS down on the ice, and Prime's combat deck rolls down the ramp, firing O.S. above.

ON DECEPTICON JETS ABOVE (PAN BG)

The LASER BLASTS EXPLODE around the jets. One hits Skywarp, flying above the others...His tail section starts smoking...

SKYWARP (VO)
I've been hit!!

STARSCREAM (VO)
Can you pull out?

SKYWARP (VO)
Negative!

He begins an out-of-control dive, CRASHING into Thundercracker below him--

THUNDERCRACKER (VO)
--NO!!

--and they both tumble O.S. in a SCREAMING DIVE!

ANGLE ON ICY WATERS BELOW

...where the two jets SPLASH into the Arctic ocean, disabled!

ANGLE ON OPTIMUS PRIME (CAB ONLY)

He TRANSFORMS back to his robotic mode and steps forward, commanding his troops:

OPTIMUS PRIME
Bumblebee--to your left flank!
Duck, Hound--duck!!

Megatron moves INTO SCENE behind Prime and raises his weapon. Suddenly Optimus Prime swings around and ducks himself, just in time to miss Megatron's fire, which BEAMS over his head!

OPTIMUS (CONT)
Megatron!

Then Prime reaches O.S.

ANOTHER ANGLE

as Optimus Prime RIPS off a long, massive, crystalline shard of ice and swings it at Megatron, who rushes him INTO SCENE.

ANGLE ON MEGATRON

He takes a step back toward another ice cropping and, laughing, RIPS off a club of his own, preparing for battle.

MEGATRON
Very well, Prime--you have chosen
the weapon...

WIDER

Reminiscent of kendo fighters, they engage in a brutal battle, staggering each other with THUNDERING BLOWS.

ANGLE FEATURING OPTIMUS PRIME

With a mighty blow...

OPTIMUS PRIME
(GRUNT OF EFFORT!)

....Optimus SHATTERS Megatron's ice shard, and the force of his impact sends Megatron staggering back O.S.

ANGLE ON MEGATRON

as he falls back against a wall of ice...

MEGATRON
Well, Prime...you outdo yourself!
It seems you have --

He reacts to something O.S. and up...

MEGATRON (CONT)
(sneering, triumphant)
--it seems you have lost!

WIDE ANGLE ON PRIME

as the CAMERA PULLS BACK to show Jetfire moving INTO SCENE behind Optimus.

MEGATRON (CONT-VO)
Jetfire--destroy Optimus Prime!

ANGLE ON MEGATRON

MEGATRON (CONT)
Crush the Autobot once for for all!

UPSHOT ON JETFIRE

as he continues to move toward Megatron, with a determined expression. He RIPS the Decepticon patch off his chest and tosses it aside.

JETFIRE
You will not give me orders!!

ON MEGATRON

As Jetfire moves INTO SHOT and picks him up, tossing him over his head and O.S.

MEGATRON
(PAINED CRY!)

ANGLE ON ICE FORMATION

Megatron flies INTO SCENE and SHATTERS the ice--and is hidden behind it.

ANOTHER ANGLE ON JETFIRE

He turns to face a couple of onrushing Decepticons and sends them sprawling O.S. with a backswipe of his mighty arm. (SFX: TO SUIT) Then, hearing O.S. JET ROAR, Jetfire looks up...

ABOVE - ON STARSCREAM (PAN BG)

The Decepticon jet dives down toward Jetfire O.S. firing LASER BLASTS below!

STARSCREAM
You're a sitting duck, Jetfire!

ON JETFIRE

He shields himself as the laser EXPLOSIONS barely miss him.

JETFIRE
You forget, Starscream--I can
transform, too!

And Jetfire TRANSFORMS into his aircraft mode and takes off O.S.
in pursuit of Starscream with a TREMENDOUS JET ROAR!!!

ON STARSCREAM (PAN BG)

He ROARS ahead, GAINING OUT OF PAN as Jetfire GAINS INTO PAN
directly behind him!

JETFIRE (VO-CONT)
I've got a score to settle with
you, "friend!"

And with that, he begins firing BLASTS and BEAMS ahead O.S.
before he, too, GAINS OUT OF PAN

BELOW - ON SPIKE AND SPARKPLUG

They watch the battle above O.S., cheering Jetfire on...

SPIKE
Get him, Jetfire!

SPARKPLUG
Yeah--go to it!!

ABOVE - ON STARSCREAM (PAN BG)

He flies below a bank of clouds...

STARSCREAM (VO)
Where are you, you traitor?!
Come show your colors!!

The bank of clouds DROP OUT OF PAN, revealing Jetfire flying
over Starscream as the CAMERA PULLS BACK!

JETFIRE (VO)
Right here, you coward!!

Starscream ZIPS ahead OUT OF PAN quickly...

AHEAD - ON STARSCREAM

He zips INTO SCENE, makes a 180° turn and flies OUT in the
opposite direction to meet him head-on!

STARSCREAM (VO)
We'll see who the coward is..!

ON JETFIRE (PAN BG)

The CAMERA PUSHES IN on Jetfire....

ON STARSCREAM (PAN BG)

...as Starscream continues his collision course with Jetfire O.S.!

ON AUTOBOTS ON GROUND

They look above them anxiously...

GEARS
They're gonna crash...!!

ON JETFIRE

He dips a few feet, then flips his wing up as Starscream soars INTO SHOT. Starscream CRASHES into Jetfire's wing and, as Jetfire flies O.S., the Decepticon goes into a tail spin, DIVING O.S. below--out of control!

BELOW - ON THE ICE

Starscream dives INTO SCENE, and the CAMERA PANS with him as he SKIDS along the ice, building up a pile of ice and snow in front of him that ultimately buries him beneath it.

ON JETFIRE

He ROARS INTO SCENE, also damaged...then begins rolling out of control himself!

AUTOBOTS/HUMANS (VO)
(AD LIB CHEERS OF VICTORY!)

BELOW - ON AUTOBOTS

They are waving their arms, cheering as Ratchet points above.

RATCHET
Look! He's losing altitude!

The others are immediately sobered, looking up at Jetfire O.S.
(SFX: JETFIRE'S MOTOR SPUTTERING)

BACK TO JETFIRE

He starts to nose down and into a dive. Then he REVS his MOTOR and pulls up again...

SPARKPLUG (VO)
What's he trying to do?!

BELOW - FEATURE SPIKE AND SPARKPLUG

As they watch above, worried..

SPIKE
Why doesn't he just come in for
a landing?!

ON JETFIRE (PAN BG)

He's sloping down--but going forward determinedly...

JETFIRE
(gasping)
Just...one...more!!

...and fires a HUGE LASER BLAST that FILLS THE FRAME with
its brilliance! (APP. SFX)

ANGLE ON ICE MOUNTAIN

The LASER BLAST EXPLODES against the side of the ice mountain--
part of the fill excavated from the mining site beside it.
The blast causes an AVALANCHE from all the pulverized ice and
snow...

ANGLE ON MINING SITE

Jetfire CRASH LANDS near the crystal shaft as ice and snow
from the mountain avalanche sweeps INTO SCENE like a fast-
moving glacier, covering everything in sight!

ANGLE ON AUTOBOTS, SPIKE AND SPARKPLUG

They react in horror to the sight they have witnessed. Spike
is the first to run out O.S. to where the mining site was...

SPIKE
Jetfire---no!!

The others begin to follow him O.S. as we...

DISSOLVE TO:

CLOSE ON A PATCH OF ICE

It glows from the heat energy once again trapped within..

OPTIMUS PRIME (VO)
He sacrificed all in order to save
us..and the Earth.

The CAMERA PULLS BACK to include the Autobots, with Spike and Sparkplug, gathered around the site where Jetfire crashed.

RATCHET

The energy leak has been stopped...

BUMBLEBEE

The Earth will heat up again!

HOUND

The Decepticons are defeated..

CLOSER ON SPIKE

Spike brushes away a tear as he stares down at the ice.

SPIKE

But Jetfire is...gone!

The CAMERA PULLS BACK as Optimus Prime move IN to console the boy, putting his hand on Spike's back...

OPTIMUS PRIME

--But never forgotten...

VERY WIDE ON SCENE

In the distance, all the Autobots are circled around the site...

OPTIMUS PRIME (VO-CONT)

He shall live forever... Long
live Jetfire!

ALL (VO)

Long live Jetfire!

...and the Northern Lights glow behind them as we...

FADE OUT

THE END