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"Fire on the Mountain

(script)

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To Nelson  
FROM Bryce

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SUBJECT TRANSFORMERS #06

Attached are the changed pages for script #6--"Fire on the Mountain."

Also, please change all references ON PAGE 4 ONLY from "Wheeljack" to "Bumblebee," so that we can use the character Wheeljack in these new pages.

Thanks,

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The scene beginning on the bottom of page 12, and running through the entire page 13 will most likely be TOTALLY REWRITTEN so that it ties in with an earlier script that is not yet finished being rewritten. (WHEN!)

Therefore the material on those two pages will most likely be cut and replaced with new material.

*Bryce*

TRANSFORMERS

"Fire on the Mountain"  
(MP #700-06)

CAST LIST  
(speaking parts only)

AUTOBOTS

OPTIMUS PRIME  
SKYFIRE  
IRONHIDE  
TRAILBREAKER  
WHEELJACK  
BUMBLE BEE  
WINDCHARGER  
BRAWN  
GEARS

DECEPTICONS

MEGATRON  
STARSCREAM  
THUNDERCRACKER  
SKYWARP  
SOUNDWAVE  
REFLECTOR  
RAVAGE  
LASERBEAK

HUMANS

SPIKE  
SPARKPLUG  
LUISA  
OLD WOMAN  
TOWNSMAN  
MAN  
TOWNSPEOPLE  
FOUNDRY WORKERS (U.S.A. & PERU)

(new scene  
referenced in Bryce's  
note.)

EXT. - THE ARCTIC - DAY

The CAMERA PANS across the frozen wasteland...

NARRATOR (VO)

Later, in the frozen regions of the Arctic, Wheeljack and Sideswipe search for an old friend...

...and STOPS PAN on WHEELJACK and SIDESWIPE. Sideswipe is on his knees, using his powerful piledriver arms to CRACK the ice, creating CAMERA SHAKES!

WHEELJACK

Keep poundin', Sideswipe -- He's bound to turn up before long!

CLOSER ON SIDESWIPE

as he POUNDS on the ice, causing it to CRACK apart. The CAMERA FOLLOWS the crack as the ice splits...

SIDESWIPE

He'd better...it's cold out here!

MUCH WIDER

As the ice separates, a HUGE CHUNK of an iceberg rises from the arctic waters underneath. The figure of JETFIRE (in his aircraft mode) is seen dimly within the ice chunk. (NOTE: JETFIRE is incorrectly named SKYFIRE throughout the rest of the script..)

WHEELJACK (VO)

Bingo!!

The CAMERA PUSHES IN on Jetfire through the ice...

SIDESWIPE (VO)

It's Jetfire!!

DISSOLVE TO:

LATER - CLOSE ON JETFIRE

The CAMERA PULLS BACK to show the ice chunk has been dragged up onto the ground. Wheeljack is using his laser rifle to defrost the ice around him. (SFX: LASER) Jetfire groans, moving slightly as if recovering from a long sleep...

JETFIRE

(GROANS!)

WHEELJACK

Jetfire! Can you transform?!

JETFIRE  
(hesitantly)  
I...think so..!

He transforms slowly into his huge robot mode, and the CAMERA PANS UP with him as he stands to his tremendous height!

JETFIRE  
Thanks, Wheeljack! I couldn't  
stand being left on ice much longer!

DOWNSHOT ON OTHERS

as they stare up at Jetfire O.S.

WHEELJACK  
Take us back to Autobot headquarters,  
Jetfire-- We've got work to do!

WIPE TO:

ANGLE - SKY

NARRATOR (VO)  
Later, after picking up the Autobots,  
Jetfire heads out to check on the  
satellite's location...

"Fire on the Mountain"

ACT I

FADE IN

EST. SHOT - INDUSTRIAL TOWN - DAY

PAN across smokestacks, factories, et cetera as two JETS  
(THUNDERCRACKER and STARSCREAM) ZOOM low THROUGH SCENE! JET SFX.

ANGLE - BRAWN AND TRAILBREAKER

BRAWN and TRAILBREAKER are in their AUTO TRANSFORMS, driving  
down a nearby street, monitoring the jets. CONTINUING JET SFX.

TRAILBREAKER

Hey, Brawn, I may be paranoid,  
but those jet planes look kind of  
familiar...

ANOTHER ANGLE - AUTOBOTS - PANNING

As they put on a burst of speed, Brawn GAINS OUT OF SCENE while  
the slower Trailbreaker is left behind. SQUEALING RUBBER SFX.

BRAWN

You're right, Trailbreaker!  
They're Decepticons! I'd  
recognize their slimy contrails  
anywhere! Let's go!

TRAILBREAKER

Hey! Wait for me!

CLOSE ON JETS

As they bank sharply, coming in for a landing.

STARSCREAM

(radio static)  
Okay, Thundercracker...

ANOTHER ANGLE

PAN with the two Decepticon jets as they TRANSFORM while just  
above a vacant lot next door to a steel foundry...

STARSCREAM

Transform!

So they land in their humanoid robot form with EARTH-SHAKING  
THUDS! STOP PAN

ON DECEPTICONS IN ROBOT TRANSFORM - FEATURING FOUNDRY IN BG

Starscream moves towards the foundry, but Thundercracker hangs  
back.

THUNDERCRACKER  
But the steel at this foundry  
won't be strong enough!

Starscream turns to glare at him, and then continues on.

STARSCREAM  
(stridently)  
I'm in charge here, and if I say  
it's strong enough...

CUT TO:

INT. STEEL FOUNDRY

PAN across a glowing river of molten metal as it flows into the forms for steel beams. WORKERS are silhouetted by the glaring light. Huge machines, great contrasts of light and shadow, HEAVY METAL SFX. CONTINUE PAN to a large sliding door, open... which is suddenly filled with the immense forms of the Decepticons! Their CLANGING FOOTSTEPS are heard above the clamor.

STARSCREAM (CONT)  
It's strong enough! Now follow  
your orders...

ANGLE - FOUNDRY

As these two move forward, workers scatter in terror!

STARSCREAM (CONT)  
Megatron is waiting!

WORKERS  
(Ad lib cries of fear)

ANGLE - METAL FORMS

A row of forms where the steel beams are cooling and hardening. A pair of giant hands reaches INTO SCENE. WIDEN ANGLE to reveal the rest of Thundercracker's body as he breaks away one set of forms to free the metal beam. TWISTING METAL SFX

THUNDERCRACKER  
(with resentment)  
Anything you say, Starscream.

But he freezes as he hears...

BRAWN (VO)  
Yeah, but who made him boss?

ANGLE - BRAWN

As he SKIDS to a halt, inside the foundry! He TRANSFORMS into his humanoid robot form and grins up at the much larger Decepticons.



\* BRAWN (CONT)

Cause if you asked me, I'd say you  
should drop that steel and get outta  
here while you still can!

ANGLE - STARSCREAM

He glares back and lets fly with a couple of missiles! *MISSILE SFX*

STARSCREAM

Not until we've taken care of  
you, Autobot!

ANGLE - BRAWN

He has to dive out of the way as the two missiles STREAK INTO  
SCENE and EXPLODE!

ANOTHER ANGLE - BRAWN

As he goes into a tuck and roll and comes up standing... just  
as Trailbreaker SKIDS INTO SCENE in front of him, so Brawn  
comes up short against his friend's hood with a CLANG!

BRAWN

(happily)

What took you so long, 'breaker?  
We've got a fight on our hands!

ANGLE - THUNDERCRACKER AND STARSCREAM

Both Decepticons unleash their full arsenal into the roof and  
its supports... and the rockets WHOOSH off... *And then there's the explosion  
and BLAZES!*

STARSCREAM

Correction, Autobot! You've got  
a whole factory...

ANGLE - ROOF OF FOUNDRY

To EXPLODE amid the "rafters", bringing the whole ceiling  
CRASHING down on our friends, burying them *with appropriate SFX!*

ANGLE - DECEPTICONS

As they pick up their loads of steel beams...

STARSCREAM (CONT)

On your heads!  
(triumphant laughter)

And TRANSFORM, the beams now inside their cargo bays! And with  
that, they TAKE OFF, Starscream's triumphant LAUGHTER fading.

ANGLE - PILE OF RUBBLE

As we see, through the crashed beams and supports, Trailbreaker finally TRANSFORMING into his humanoid robot form. As he does, he's able to clear a pathway for the smaller, but immensely strong, Brawn, who tosses off a few beams as he staggers out!

BRAWN

Nice transform, but a little late,  
'breaker, ole boy! They're already  
gone!

CLOSE ON TRAILBREAKER

A frustrated look on his face.

TRAILBREAKER

(disappointed)

Not again! Well, we'd better roll back  
to Headquarters and make our report!

WIPE TO:

EXT. VOLCANO (AUTOBOT HQ) - DAY

ESTABLISH the volcano, then PUSH IN and -

CUT TO:

INT. AUTOBOT HQ

PAN ACROSS the interior of Autobot HQ, establishing various AUTOBOTS. STOP PAN as we see OPTIMUS PRIME, SKYFIRE, Trailbreaker, and Brawn gathered near the console and viewscreen of Telettraan I,

PRIME

It's too bad they got away.

ANOTHER ANGLE - INCLUDING WHEELJACK AND SPIKE

WHEELJACK and SPIKE are seated at the huge and complicated console of Telettraan I, in front of its main screen.

PRIME (CONT)

Got any suggestions, Wheeljack?

WHEELJACK

(grinning)

I sure do, Prime! Spike, launch  
the spy satellite!

CLOSE ON SPIKE

As his fingers play over the keyboard...

SPIKE

*One satellite, coming right up!*

EXT. VOLCANO

And the SPY SATELLITE rises out of the volcano, THRUSTERS FIRING!

HIGH ANGLE - SATELLITE AND THE EARTH BELOW

The land spreads out below as the satellite gains altitude and begins its first circuit of the globe! ELECTRONIC BEEPING SFX

OTS - PRIME AND OTHERS - ON TELETRAAN'S SCREEN

A panorama of the Earth's surface rapidly unfolds, from the POV of the satellite, as the Autobots watch for signs of their foes.

SPIKE (VO)

If the Decepticons are *up to something*,  
sooner or later we're gonna  
find them!

..

WIPE TO:

EST. SHOT ANDES MOUNTAINS - DAY

PAN across majestic peaks. A small mining town is nestled against one mountain side, as some distance away, atop an even higher plateau, we discover...

NARRATOR (VO)

Meanwhile, high in the Andes  
Mountains of Peru, amid ruins of  
the ancient Incas...

CUT TO:

INCA RUINS

Pretty much like Macchu Pichu (if it were set on a mountain plateau), except that there is a high Meso-American style pyramid, with an open temple structure atop it, that dominates the entire scene. And at the pyramid's base are... the DECEPTICONS!  
(MEGATRON, SKYWARP, SOUNDWAVE & REFLECTOR

NARRATOR (VO) (CONT)

A scene is taking place that an  
archeologist would find hard to believe!

CLOSER - ON SOUNDWAVE

He's holding a large geiger counter-like sensing device, pointing it at the pyramid. The CRACKLING sensor of the machine is going off like a machine gun, louder every time he points it back towards the center of the pyramid.

SOUNDWAVE

Megatron, the legends are accurate! This pyramid is directly on the site of...

OTS - SOUNDWAVE - ON PYRAMID

The Decepticon gestures towards the pyramid... and the camera TILTS up to encompass its steep sides and the temple at the top.

SOUNDWAVE (VO)(CONT)

A huge outpouring of natural energy from the Earth!

ANGLE - MEGATRON

Grinning evilly, he raises his fusion cannon...

MEGATRON

Then the rest of the legend must be true as well...

And FIRES! WIDEN ANGLE as it BLASTS a hole in the base of the pyramid (through a side that's not the front)!

INT. PYRAMID - SHOOTING BACK TOWARDS OPENING

We see Megatron, flanked by Soundwave and Reflector, silhouetted by the sunlight, as they move TOWARDS CAMERA and into the inner chamber of the pyramid, itself!

MEGATRON (CONT)

Which means the Crystal of Power lies within!

THEIR.POV

A huge interior chamber lies before them, and atop a massive altar stone of polished obsidian is the huge faceted sphere of... the Crystal of Power! It glows with CRACKLING ENERGY! WIDEN ANGLE as Megatron moves towards the altar...

MEGATRON (VO)(CONT)

(triumphant)

And so it does!

REVERSE ANGLE - CRYSTAL AND MEGATRON

Megatron appears before the Crystal, his face lit by its weird energy!

MEGATRON (CONT)

And now, its unlimited power is mine!

And as he lifts the Crystal from its altar, a COLUMN OF GOLDEN ENERGY ascends from the altar to the top of the chamber! The Crystal had been absorbing it previously, but now it's free to rise! SFX OF RUSHING ENERGY

C.U. MEGATRON

*(through the energy column)*

PUSH IN on his glinting eyes, as he holds the still glowing Crystal.

MEGATRON

(Evil laughter)

DISSOLVE TO:

MATCHED SHOT OF MEGATRON

PULLING BACK to reveal that he is now atop the pyramid, in the open temple area.

MEGATRON (CONT)

Well, Starscream, let's hope the weapon housing you and Thundercracker have created with your stolen steel...

CONTINUE WIDENING ANGLE as Megatron, flanked by Starscream and Thundercracker, lowers the Crystal in place into what looks like a gigantic high-tech laser artillery piece (created from the steel the two jet transforms brought back), located in the center of the Temple area).

MEGATRON (CONT)

(taunting)

Isn't as feeble as your efforts to challenge my power have been!

ANOTHER ANGLE

As Starscream angrily grabs the Crystal away from his leader...

STARSCREAM

(enraged)

Megatron... without me, your plans would be nothing!

ANGLE - WEAPON HOUSING

And lowers it into the housing himself! The minute it CLICKS into place...

INT. PYRAMID CHAMBER

Back inside the pyramid chamber, the golden COLUMN of ENERGY rising from the altar suddenly changes to fiery RED, and its upward rush (as well as the ENERGY SFX) INCREASES as well, as...

## EXT. TEMPLE - "CRYSTAL GUN"

The Crystal is suddenly charged by this dynamic RED ENERGY, ~~now rushing~~ ; upward from the floor of the temple structure, into the Crystal, itself, causing it to RADIATE such a powerful force, it knocks Starscream off his feet!

WIDEN ANGLE as he lands on his butt with a CLANG! Megatron scornfully helps him back up.

MEGATRON  
(scornfully)  
Forgive me, Starscream! You've  
done an excellent job...

## DRAMATIC ANGLE - MEGATRON

His eyes glint with his lust for power.

MEGATRON (CONT)  
For now the power of the Earth,  
itself, serves the Decepticon cause!

CUT TO:

## EXT. STRATOSPHERE - DAY

As the spy satellite continues on its way, the Andes Mountains, and some familiar, but very tiny-looking ruins appearing far, far below. BEEPING SENSOR SFX

CUT TO:

## INT. AUTOBOT HQ

As Spike watches the scene transmitted by the spy satellite. The ruins are hazily visible but too small to pick out details (such as Decepticons). However, the glowing Crystal is sending out energy waves that show up in computer graphic form!

SPIKE (VO)  
The satellite's over the Andes Mountains  
in Peru..  
(suddenly excited)  
And there's a strange energy reading  
coming from those ruins!

CUT TO:

## ANGLE - HIGH ABOVE RUINS

As LASERBEAK flies INTO SCENE. He looks skyward, his sensors suddenly aware of the satellite, high above...

LASEREEAK

(Caw)

HIS POV

The satellite coming closer into view!

C.U. LASEREEAK

PUSH IN on his eyes as he TRANSMITTS the location of his find via HIGH PITCHED ELECTRONIC PULSE-TONES.

ANGLE - FEATURING MEGATRON

Receiving the signal, he grins evilly...

MEGATRON

(into built-in communicator)

Excellent, Laserbeak!

(to Decepticons around him)

Gentlemen, we have an intruder!

And he swivels the Crystal gun, sights on what, from here, appears to be empty sky...

MEGATRON (CONT)

But not for long!

DRAMATIC ANGLE - MEGATRON AND GUN

And FIRES! A stabbing flame of crimson energy BLASTS skyward! ZIP PAN with it as it streaks through the sky to strike the satellite, destroying it in a nova burst of light! VIOLENT EXPLOSION SFX!

CUT TO:

INT. AUTOBOT HQ - FEATURING SCREEN

The BLINDING LIGHT appears for an instant, then the screen goes blank!

ANGLE - SPIKE AND AUTOBOTS

Amazed!

SPIKE

What happened?!!!

CUT TO:

EST. SHOT - ANDEAN MINING TOWN

Not far from the ruins. As we HEAR continuing EXPLOSION SFX...

ANGLE - TOWNSPEOPLE

TOWNSPEOPLE, in traditional costumes, look skywards in amazement!

TOWNSPEOPLE

Look!

THEIR POV

The burning remains of the satellite plummet to Earth like a falling star! FIERY SFX

ANGLE - TOWNSPEOPLE

A teenaged girl, LUISA, is standing with some of her elders. One of them, a MAN, points towards O.S. in the general direction of the ruins.

MAN

And the power that destroyed it  
came from the ruins!

ANGLE FEATURING AN OLD WOMAN

Wagging her finger, which shakes with fear!

OLD WOMAN

I tell you, the ancient gods have  
returned! We'll all be punished  
for our sins!

ON LUISA

Not as scared as the others, but deeply concerned.

LUISA

No, Grandmother, the ancient gods  
are our friends; but if the Crystal  
of Power has been rediscovered...

PUSH IN CLOSER on her face.

LUISE (CONT)

Then we have much to fear!

WIPE TO:

ANGLE - PYRAMID TOP - MEGATRON

He CROWS with delight!

MEGATRON

Ha! The Crystal has proved  
itself! Unlimited energy for pure  
destruction is mine!



ANGLE - STARSCREAM AND OTHERS

Starscream glares at his leader.

STARSCREAM  
Is ours, you mean.

ANGLE - MEGATRON

Glaring back.

MEGATRON  
You're right -- I have you to  
thank...

WIDEN ANGLE to include the still-glowing Crystal... amid the  
melted and smoking remains of its housing! Megatron gestures  
at it contemptuously!

MEGATRON (CONT)  
For this worthless creation!

FEATURING STARSCREAM

As Skywarp and Soundwave turn to glare at him, Starscream  
points an accusing finger at Thundercracker!

STARSCREAM  
What do you mean? It was  
Thundercracker who selected the  
defective steel!

ANGLE - THUNDERCRACKER

Aghast at Starscream's lies, he starts forward angrily...

STARSCREAM (VO)(CONT)  
It was his fault!

THUNDERCRACKER  
Starscream, you lie!

WIDEN ANGLE

Only to be met by a CRASHING backhand in the chest from Megatron,  
which sends Thundercracker CRASHING down the side of the pyramid!

MEGATRON  
Silence, fool!

ANGLE - BOTTOM OF PYRAMID

And he CRASHES down INTO SCENE!

ANOTHER ANGLE

Thundercracker gets up slowly, as Megatron glares down at him  
from the top of the pyramid.

MEGATRON (CONT)  
 You and Starscream will remain  
 behind to guard the Crystal.

TOP OF PYRAMID

Megatron turns to Skywarp.

MEGATRON (CONT)  
 Skywarp, watch them carefully and  
 see they do no further damage!

Skywarp looks towards Starscream...

SKYWARP  
 (Contemptuous chuckle)

ANGLE - STARSCREAM

Not too pleased! WIDEN ANGLE to include Reflector, Soundwave,  
 and Laserbeak, perched on Soundwave's shoulder, as Megatron  
 strides INTO SCENE and leaps off the edge of the pyramid. His  
 JETS ACTIVATE, and he ZOOMS up and O.S.!

MEGATRON (CONT)  
 There is a mining town near by.  
 The rest of us will raid its  
 stores of metal...

WIDE

As the other Decepticons take off as well! JET PACK SFX.

PANNING WITH MEGATRON AND OTHERS

PUSH IN on Megatron's evilly smiling face.

MEGATRON (CONT)  
 To rebuild our weapon... and  
 destruction awaits any who try to  
 stop us!

WIPE TO:

INT. AUTOBOT HQ

GEARS gestures disparagingly...

GEARS  
 And I tell ya, just cause our  
 satellite malfunctioned...

• ANGEL - SKYFIRE

Who is in the process of TRANSFORMING into his giant jet mode!  
 His JET MOTORS immediately start REVVING UP for take off!

GEARS (VO)(CONT)  
 (having to raise his voice  
 over JET SFX)  
 Doesn't mean that the Decepticons  
 are behind it!

CLOSER ON SKYFIRE

As he wheels around to face the large exit tunnel.

SKYFIRE  
 And I say we'd better check it  
 out! Coming guys?

ANGLE - WINDCHARGER

WINDCHARGER transforms into his vehicle mode...

WINDCHARGER  
 You'd better believe it!

ANGLE - BRAWN

Who also TRANSFORMS.

BRAWN  
 I wouldn't miss this for anything!

WIDE - SKYFIRE

As he lowers his cargo bay, and the two Autobots drive aboard.

SKYFIRE  
 Then let's roll on out!

And with that, the bay CLANGS shut, his ENGINES WHINE higher...

ANOTHER ANGLE

And Skyfire hurtles off, down the passageway, leaving behind a  
 whirling GUST OF WIND, and his ECHOING JET SFX.

ANGLE-- SPIKE AND SPARKPLUG

Buffetted by the wind, SPARKPLUG and his son look down the  
 tunnel after their friend.

SPARKPLUG  
 Now that's what I call a  
 beau-ti-ful sight, eh son?

EXT. VOLCANO

Skyfire comes hurtling out the tunnel and immediately takes to  
 the air, with THUNDEROUS JET SFX!

WIPE TO: 

ANGLE - SKY

With a towering snowy peak in the background to establish our location, we PUSH IN on and PAN WITH Skyfire, who's streaking towards his destination!

SKYFIRE  
~~Hey, guys!~~ Unless my sensors  
 deceive me, there's a flight of  
 Decepticons below!

And with that, he dives.

ANGLE - MEGATRON, SOUNDWAVE, REFLECTOR & LASERBEAK

As they're flying low, heading towards the town. Suddenly, they hear SKYFIRE'S JET SFX! Megatron REACTS as we PULL BACK to reveal the giant jet high above them!

MEGATRON  
 The Autobot jet!

CLOSE - SKYFIRE - PANNING

SKYFIRE  
 Wait a minute, fellas, are you  
sure you don't need any help?

INT. SKYFIRE'S CARGO BAY

Windcharger and Brawn are back in humanoid mode, poised by the open floor hatch, below which we see the countryside flashing by!

BRAWN  
 Are you kidding? You check out the  
 ruins and that mysterious energy  
 source, and when you get back...

ANGLE - WINDCHARGER

He grins...

WINDCHARGER  
 We'll let you pick up the pieces of  
 Megatron and his merry men!

WIDEN ANGLE as he and Brawn look at each other, Brawn gives the thumbs up signal...

BRAWN  
 Okay, Windy! Let's GO!

\*And they leap out through the bay!

LOW ANGLE - MEGATRON AND DECEPTICONS

As above, we see Skyfire peeling away, with THUNDEROUS JET SFX (Brawn and Windcharger too far off and too small to be seen).

SOUNDWAVE

Ha! The Autobot fears to tackle us alone!

ANGLE - WINDCHARGER AND BRAWN

In sky-diving position, hurtling down through the sky, the WIND ROARING about them! PAN WITH THEM...

BRAWN

Wrong again, you giant tape recorder!

ANOTHER ANGLE

As Brawn lands on the back of the amazed Soundwave with a CLANG...

ON REFLECTOR

Windcharger's similarly CLANGS down on Reflector!

WINDCHARGER

We didn't want him to spoil our fun!

And with a mid-air flip, Windcharger whirls Reflector out of the sky, activating his own JET PACK to lower himself to the ground!

REFLECTOR

(Startled cry)

ANGLE - GROUND

As Reflector makes a crash landing with SCREEN-SHAKING THUD!

PANNING WITH SOUNDWAVE AND BRAWN

Meanwhile, Brawn's riding Soundwave like an airborne buckaroo! Soundwave's spinning out of control, with WHINING SFX, as he continues on a low course parallel to the ground...

BRAWN

Yahoo!!!

Finally slamming into a cliff, with a steel-crunching CRASH! A cloud of dust temporarily obscures our view... but a BEAT LATER, the triumphant Brawn comes bounding out!

BRAWN

Yee haw!

(to Megatron)

Alright you airborne scrap-heap!

You're next!

ANGLE - MEGATRON

As he puts on his BRAKING jets and comes in for a standing landing! He shakes his head in amazement!

MEGATRON

Autobot! You're out of your mind!  
There's no way a midget like you is  
going to stop Megatron!

And with that he shoots off a BLAST from his cannon...

ANGLE - BRAWN

Which hits the little Autobot squarely, sending him crashing back into Soundwave, who's just staggered to his feet! The force of the impact knocks Soundwave down again, and they go smashing back into the cliff! SFX: EXPLOSIONS, STEEL CLANGS

SOUNDWAVE

Ouf!!!!

ANGLE - WINDCHARGER

He winces <sup>in sympathy</sup>... and then TRANSFORMS to vehicle mode, and ZOOMS OS!.

WINDCHARGER

Ouch!!! I think old laser breath  
may have a point!

ANGLE - CLIFFSIDE

And as Brawn staggers back to his feet (one of his arms jammed up to the elbow into a crack in the cliff face), Windcharger SKIDS INTO SCENE!

WINDCHARGER (CONT)

Brawn... let's peel outa here!

CLOSER ON BRAWN

As he pulls his trapped arm free from the cliff with a POP!

BRAWN

Are you kidding -- and miss all  
the fun?

WIDER.

But as LASER BLASTS EXPLODE all around them, Windcharger ZOOMS off!

WINDCHARGER

Have it your way...

ANGLE - WINDCHARGER

As he races AWAY FROM CAMERA, EXPLOSIONS bracketing him... and now Laserbeak swoops after him, his lasers BLASTING as well!

WINDCHARGER (VO)(CONT)

But I'm radioing Skyfire. *We may need his help after all!*

WIPE TO:

EXT. RUINS - FEATURING TEMPLE ATOP PYRAMID

Starscream, Thundercracker, and Skywarp are clustered around the glowing Crystal (still HUMMING with power) and its ruined, melted housing when they hear BOOMING JET SFX and look up to see...

SKYWARP

Hey, look! We've got company!

THEIR POV

Skyfire STREAKING towards them!

SKYWARP (VO)(CONT)

It's Skyfire!

DOWN ANGLE - SKYFIRE - ON PYRAMID AND CRYSTAL

Clearly featuring the glowing, HUMMING Crystal and its melted housing. ~~CONTINUING JET SFX~~

SKYFIRE (VO)

Wow! That crystal must be an incredible power source to melt steel like that!

ANGLE - DECEPTICON JETS

As Starscream and Skywarp TRANSFORM and ZOOM off to meet their foe!

STARSCREAM

Transform and attack!

CLOSE ON THUNDERCRACKER

Still in humanoid form.

THUNDERCRACKER

I take no orders from you, Starworm!

ANGLE - SKY

As the two Decepticon jets unleash their heat-seeking missiles!  
MISSILE SFX

STARSCREAM

Well, we don't need your pitiful help, either!

ANGLE - SKYFIRE

As the big Autobot jet goes into a super-fast climb, and the missiles STREAK beneath him!

CLOSE ON SKYFIRE

He does a loop-the-loop, and comes out of it, in a power dive!

SKYFIRE  
Nice try, guys, but no cigar!

CLOSE ON STARSCREAM AND SKYWARP

STARSCREAM  
(cackling)  
The fool forgets those are  
heat-seeking missiles!

ANGLE - MISSILES

Unable to be shaken off so easily, they, too, make sharp rising 180 degree turns and streak back down for...

ANOTHER ANGLE

Skyfire! The missiles are gaining on him as...

CLOSE ON SKYFIRE

He puts on a burst of speed...

SKYFIRE  
The truth is, you fellas forgot  
you're pretty hot stuff...

WIDE

As Skyfire streaks right past Starscream and Skywarp, coming from the top left of screen, and disappearing lower right (as the Decepticon jets head from right to left)...

SKYFIRE (CONT)  
Yourselves!

And the moment he's clear, the missiles, which were hot on his tail, now lock onto Starscream and Skywarp's exhausts instead! And... as we PAN with the Decepticons now...

SKYWARP  
Oh no!!!!

The missiles rapidly close the distance and EXPLODE!

ANOTHER ANGLE - THUNDERCRACKER'S POV

As the two jets, crippled but not destroyed, limp away!

THUNDERCRACKER (VO)  
I guess those idiots need my help...

ANGLE - THUNDERCRACKER

As he TRANSFORMS into his jet mode, and streaks off!



THUNDERCRACKER (CONT)  
After all!

CUT TO:

ANGLE - WINDCHARGER

ZOOMING SCENE with Laserbeak, laser's BLASTING, hot on his trail!

LASERBEAK  
(Caw)

WINDCHARGER  
Whoa! That's getting a little close!

CLOSE ON WINDCHARGER - PANNING

As he activates his communicator.

WINDCHARGER (CONT)  
Skyfire! Come in!

ANGLE - SKYFIRE

As he banks THROUGH SCENE.

SKYFIRE  
Hang on, little buddy...

And Thundercracker follows him! JET SFX

SKYFIRE (VO)(CONT)  
I've got company!

ANGLE - THUNDERCRACKER

The Decepticon jet maneuvers behind Skyfire, but holds fire.

THUNDERCRACKER  
Skyfire... if we weren't enemies,  
I'd congratulate you on taking  
care of that fool Starscream!

ANOTHER ANGLE

As the two jets streak across the sky.

THUNDERCRACKER (CONT)  
But this is Decepticon airspace... so  
leave or face destruction!

ANGLE - WINDCHARGER - PANNING

• With Laserbeak still in pursuit! SFX: LASER EXPLOSIONS, VEHICLE SFX

WINDCHARGER  
Hey, Skyfire, that's exactly what's  
gonna happen to me and Brawn if you  
don't get back here and get us out!

ANGLE - SKYFIRE

SKYFIRE  
Read you loud and clear, little  
buddy! I'm on my way!

And with that, he does a barrel roll away from Thundercracker  
and STREAKS off!

CUT TO:

ANGLE - SOUNDWAVE

As he FIRES a series of BLASTS from his <sup>CONCUSSION</sup> gun... SFX: ECHOING CONCUSSION BLASTS

ANGLE - BRAWN

And Brawn takes them head on, and he's staggered back into the  
mountainside, holding his ears! SFX: CONCUSSION BLASTS, RINGING OF METAL

BRAWN  
Ouch! Hey! That's hard on the ears!

ANGLE - MEGATRON & REFLECTOR

Megatron gestures and Reflector moves in to attack!

MEGATRON  
(evil chuckling)  
Excellent, Soundwave! Reflector, it's  
your turn, next!

CLOSER ON BRAWN

But Brawn, battered, but unbowed, picks up a huge boulder and,  
like a discus thrower, hurls it O.S.!

BRAWN  
(macho growl)  
Big mistake, Megatron! Never  
send in a camera...

ANGLE.- REFLECTOR

As the boulder SMASHES into him, his automatic transform mechanism  
is tripped, and Reflector unwillingly folds up into a CAMERA!

REFLECTOR  
Oh no! He hit my automatic  
transform switch!

ANGLE - BRAWN

As he dusts his hands off...

BRAWN  
To do a robot's job!

MEGATRON

However, TRANSFORMS into his RAY GUN and flips O.S. --

MEGATRON

Fun and games are over, Brawn!

ANGLE - SOUNDWAVE

Into Soundwave's hands. Soundwave fires a series of BLASTS...

MEGATRON (VO)(CONT)

Soundwave, finish him!

ANGLE - BRAWN

And though the BLASTS miss him, they're so powerful, they bring the cliff behind Brawn CRASHING down!

BRAWN

(startled at the gun's power)

Yikes!!!

ANGLE - SOUNDWAVE

He continues to BLAST away! CONTINUING RAY GUN SFX

SOUNDWAVE

(Evil laughter)

ANGLE - BRAWN

He leaps high into the air (towards a small peak, nearby) as the BLASTS create craters where he was a second before! PAN WITH BRAWN as he lands with a THUNK atop the little peak, talking hastily into his communicator.

BRAWN (into Communicator)

Skyfire, Windy, I hate to say it, but if you don't get me outta here fast, I'm not even gonna be good for spare parts!

DRAMATIC ANGLE - SOUNDWAVE

As he raises the Megatron gun for a final blast...

SOUNDWAVE

Well put, little one...

OTS SOUNDWAVE - SIGHTING DOWN GUN

As we see Brawn appear inside the crosshairs.

SOUNDWAVE (VO)(CONT)

Now prepare for the scrap heap!

FADE OUT

END ACT I

FADE IN

ACT II

WIDE - WINDCHARGER

As the speediest Autobot ZOOMS across the landscape...

WINDCHARGER  
(through communicator)  
Brawn, come in!

ANOTHER ANGLE - WINDCHARGER

As he approaches the back side of the hilltop Brawn's trapped atop. While the front side is a more or less sheer drop, the back is a less steep incline, like a ramp. Brawn's at the top, facing his attackers...

WINDCHARGER (VO)(CONT)  
We've got one chance, so be ready!

ANGLE - SOUNDWAVE

He sights the Megatron gun and FIRES!

ANGLE - BRAWN

He dives out of the way of the tremendous BLAST!

BRAWN  
Believe me, Windy, I'm ready!

ANOTHER ANGLE

He gets back to his feet, to see Windcharger ZOOMING towards the back of the hill! Unfortunately, Brawn also spots Laserbeak, ZOOMING in low behind Windcharger, and gaining fast! The robot condor FIRES a series of LASER BLASTS which hit on either side of Windcharger, ZINGING their way closer, towards Brawn, himself!

BRAWN (VO)(CONT)  
Unfortunately, it looks like  
Laserbeak's back on our case as well!

ANGLE - SKYFIRE

STREAKING low through the air.

SKYFIRE  
All right, guys! This is it! Five...

ANGLE - BRAWN

He has to dodge as Laserbeak makes his STRAFING RUN THROUGH SCENE, and the LASER BLASTS explode to either side!

Four... SKYFIRE (VO)(CONT)

ANGLE - WINDCHARGER

As the speedy Autobot starts to ZOOM up the back side of the hill...

ANGLE - SKYFIRE - TRAVELING SHOT

He's really low now, and Brawn's hill is coming up fast! JET SFX

Three... SKYFIRE (CONT)

ANGLE - SOUNDWAVE

As the Megatron gun twists out of Soundwave's hands and TRANSFORMS into Megatron, himself! He uses his JET POWER to ZOOM up and O.S.!

MEGATRON  
I'll take care of this myself!

Two... SKYFIRE (VO)(CONT)

ANGLE - BRAWN

As he whirls towards the front of the hill to spot Megatron JETTING towards him, BLASTING away! He whirls back towards CAMERA to see...

HIS POV

Windcharger, ZOOMING up the backside of the hill!

WINDCHARGER  
I'm comin', Brawn!

One... SKYFIRE (VO)(CONT)

WIDE ..

And Brawn leaps onto Windcharger just as his buddy hits the crest of the hill at full speed! PAN with them as the fast-moving Autobots are launched skyward... just barely flying past Megatron's upward grasp (as Brawn hangs onto Windcharger's roof for dear life)!

BRAWN  
BLAST OFF!!!

ANOTHER ANGLE

And just as Windcharger, with his passenger, starts to arc down, Skyfire STREAKS INTO SCENE, at a slight angle, and Windcharger lands on his wing! The big Autobot jet STREAKS OS.

## CLOSE ON SKYFIRE - PANNING

A hatch slides open, and the two Autobots climb gratefully inside!

BRAWN

Thanks, guys! If either of you had been a second later, I'd have been a candidate for the scrap heap!

## INT. SKYFIRE

As Windcharger and Brawn make themselves comfortable.

SKYFIRE

(over intercomm)

Hey, that's what friends are for!

WINDCHARGER

And speakin' of friends, let's go home and rustle up a few more... I think we've got somethin' big on our hands!

## WIDE - SKY

Skyfire banks and ZOOMS off for Autobot HQ!

SKYFIRE (VO)

I couldn't agree with you more!

## OTS - MEGATRON - ON AUTOBOTS

Still hovering above the ground, as Reflector and Soundwave JET up to join him, watching Skyfire STREAK away into the distance.

MEGATRON (VO)

Let them go! Once we've gotten the steel alloy from the town and reassembled our weapon...

## ANOTHER ANGLE

Pivotting to horizontal, the Decepticons JET off towards the town.

MEGATRON (CONT)

They're welcome to return... to be destroyed!

WIPE TO:

## EXT. AUTOBOT HQ

As the last Autobot (Bumblebee) rolls up into Skyfire's cargo bay, it CLANGS shut, and Skyfire taxis and takes off! JET SFX

SKYFIRE

Okay, everyone! Fasten your seatbelts! We're off to Peru!

WIPE TO:

WIDE - ANDES

PAN across scene, PUSHING IN TO --

ANGLE - MOUNTAIN ROAD

Where Skyfire has landed, off-loading the last of the Autobots.

CLOSER - SKYFIRE, PRIME, SPIKE

Prime pats Skyfire's cockpit affectionately.

PRIME

Thanks for the lift, Skyfire!

SKYFIRE

If I'm right, Megatron's heading for  
the mining town just up the road...  
you can't miss it!

SPIKE

Good luck at the ruins!

Skyfire's JETS WHINE... and he TAKES OFF!

SKYFIRE

I'll need it!

ANGLE - PRIME

PRIME

Autobots, roll out!

With a KLAXON BLAST, Prime leads the way, followed by the rest!

ANOTHER ANGLE - CONVOY

Including Spike inside Bumblebee.

ANGLE - MOUNTAIN PEAK

As Skyfire ZOOMS past, CAMERA pivots to follow him, revealing  
another mountain top, some distance ahead... the site of the Inca  
ruins!

PANNING WITH SKYFIRE

He slows down, TRANSFORMING in mid-air, to land just before the  
ruins in humanoid robot form with a SCREEN-SHAKING THUD! He  
immediately crouches down and moves for cover.

STARSCREAM

(sotto)

I'm a little big to be sneaking  
around like this...

UP ANGLE - STARSCREAM AND SKYWARD

They're standing atop a hillock inside the main part of the ruins, keeping watch, but unaware of their visitor! TILT DOWN to find Skyfire sneaking along behind a megalithic stone wall below them, just managing to keep out of sight!

SKYFIRE

(sotto)

But, unfortunately, I'm the only Autobot who knows what to look for!

CUT TO:

ANGLE - MINING TOWN

PAN across the picturesque white stone houses of the town, the open caverns of mines up on the mountain behind town...

TOWNSPEOPLE & WORKERS (VO)

(Ad lib cries of terror)

ANGLE - FOUNDRY

And when we come to the foundry, located against the mountainside, we see who's been doing all the screaming... as townspeople and FOUNDRY WORKERS alike race away from the factory structure as fast as they can go!

TOWNSPEOPLE & WORKERS (CONT)

(Ad lib cries of terror)

REVERSE ANGLE - ON AUTOBOTS

As they roll into town, Prime in the lead...

PRIME

Well, looks like we've come to the right place!

Brawn pulls next to Prime on one side, Windcharger on the other.

BRAWN

I sure hope so! Me and Windy've got a score to settle!

CLOSE ON PRIME

PRIME

Welcome to the club! Now let's go get 'em!

He BLASTS the KLAXON HORN three times (the signal to attack) and ANGLE WIDENS as the Autobots fan out into a skirmish line across the dirt field separating them from the foundry, downshift, and ZOOM straight INTO CAMERA!



AUTOBOTS  
(Enthusiastic battle cries)

INT. FOUNDRY

Where the Decepticons are ripping steel bars out of casts, as the glow from the forge sheds a demonic light! Suddenly, however, they look up, startled, hearing PRIME'S KLAXON BLAST...

DECEPTICON POV

As Prime, leading the assault, drives right through the double doors into the plant! CONTINUED KLAXON BLASTS!

WIDE

And the big Autobot trailer truck ploughs right into the startled Megatron with a loud CLANG! Prime keeps right on going (CONTINUED KLAXON BLASTS)... PAN with him as he drives across to the other side of the plant, with Megatron pinned to his hood, until he slams on the brakes at the last moment and Megatron continues flying -- CRASHING backwards through the back wall!

MEGATRON  
(Outraged yells)

ANGLE - PRIME

As he quickly TRANSFORMS!

PRIME  
Alright, Autobots! Let's finish 'em off!

ANGLE - WHEELJACK, IRONHIDE & REFLECTOR

But as these Autobots charge Reflector, he blinds them with his REFLECTOR LIGHT BLAST, and they stumble, momentarily sightless!

IRONHIDE  
We'd love to Prime, if we could see  
'em!

ANGLE - SOUNDWAVE

He levels his concussion gun... WIDEN ANGLE as he BLASTS Ironhide and Wheeljack in the back, and they are propelled forward to where they tangle with a still-operating steel pressing machine, which starts mangling them! CLANGING STEEL SFX.

WHEELJACK  
(momentarily blinded)  
Hey! This doesn't feel like a  
Decepticon!

EXT. FOUNDRY

Megatron, having crashed through the back wall, is sprawled on the ground, his fusion cannon lying out of his grasp!

## ANOTHER ANGLE - FEATURING BRAWN

Still in Auto transform, Brawn ZOOMS forward. PAN WITH HIM as he drives right over the cannon... and as his rear bumper goes over it, a grappling hook on a line drops down and catches the cannon with a CLANG, and then snaps it up into his cab!

BRAWN

Just what I always wanted!

## ANOTHER ANGLE

As Brawn puts his Van-Truck into a dusty spin... and when the dust clears, we see he's transformed into humanoid form, holding the *huge* fusion cannon over his shoulder as if it were a bazooka!

BRAWN (CONT)

To give Megatron a dose of his own medicine!

## WIDE

As he BLASTS Megatron... and the big Decepticon is knocked backwards by the force of the blow!

## ANGLE - BRAWN

But Brawn's been knocked on his rear by the recoil, as well!

BRAWN

Hey! This is fun!

WIDEN ANGLE as Laserbeak swoops down from behind Brawn (unnoticed) and, with his steel talons, grabs the cannon out of the tough little Autobot's hands!

LASERBEAK

(Caw)

BRAWN

Oh no!

## ANGLE.- MEGATRON

As Laserbeak flies THROUGH SCENE, dropping the cannon back in Megatron's hands!

MEGATRON

(angry growl)

No one does that to Megatron  
and lives!!!

• He FIRES...

## ANGLE - BRAWN

And Brawn has to dive out of the way, as the *series of* BLAST hits a nearby structure, destroying it! *5FX EXPLOSIONS*

BRAWN  
*(ala Steve Martin)*  
 Well ex-cuuuse me!

INT. FOUNDRY

As Soundwave is preparing to fire into the steel pressing machinery that's still giving Ironhide and Wheeljack a hard time...  
 CLANGING STEEL SFX

SOUNDWAVE  
 Say good-bye, Autobots!

ANOTHER ANGLE

Prime grabs Soundwave from behind and flips him over his head!  
 PAN with <sup>the surprised</sup> Soundwave as he CRASHES through another wall...

PRIME  
 Goodbye, Soundwave!

EXT. FOUNDRY

And lands on the ground with an EARTH-SHAKING CRASH!

ANGLE - IRONHIDE & WHEELJACK

*Meanwhile,*  
 The two Autobots, still unable to see clearly, decides to destroy whatever's attacking them, anyway! They flails away with their mighty arms, and the poor machine doesn't have a chance! It's shattered to pieces, and Ironhide and Wheeljack, rubbing their eyes, stagger free, looking back in surprise at their "attacker"! CLANGING SFX

IRONHIDE  
 (surprised)  
 Hey! That wasn't a Decepticon after all!

EXT. TOWN

*recovering from his spill,*  
 As Soundwave<sub>n</sub> is joined by Reflector, and both of them FIRE...

ANGLE - AUTOBOTS

At Windcharger and BLUESTREAK. The Autobots dodge...

WIDER

But the BLASTS have also hit the tower of the town hall behind them! And as it topples...

ANGLE - LUISA

• We see that Luisa, the young girl met earlier, is in danger!

LUISA  
 Help!

ANGLE - BUMBLEBEE AND SPIKE

They ZOOM off the rescue...

SPIKE  
Roll for it, Bumblebee!

ANGLE - LUISA

And Spike, leaning out the window, grabs Luisa as Bumblebee ZOOMS by... and they're gone just as the falling masonry CRASHES to the ground!

INT. BUMBLEBEE

But as Spike helps Luisa into a seat... an ominous, winged form appears in the rear view mirror!

LUISA  
Thanks! You saved my life!

BUMBLEBEE  
Hang on, kids, we've got company!

WIDE

And with that, Bumblebee digs out... as Laserbeak SWOOPS down after him, lasers BLASTING!

HEAD ON SHOT - BUMBLEBEE

As we're keeping pace with the little Autobot, with Spike and Luisa seen through his windshield. WIDEN ANGLE to include Laserbeak close behind, BLASTING AWAY!

LUISA  
These evil creatures... they are the ones who discovered the Crystal of Power?

ANGLE - CORNER OF BUILDING

As Bumblebee SKIDS around the side of the building, LASER BLASTS barely missing him. A BEAT LATER, Laserbeak SWOOPS around after them...

HEAD ON SHOT - BUMBLEBEE

As he ZOOMS PAST CAMERA, Laserbeak appears, lasers BLASTING, flying right INTO CAMERA... but suddenly, the Decepticon's eyes open wide with fear...

HIS POV

LASERBEAK  
(Terrified squawk)

As we see Bumblebee pulled up next to... BLUESTREAK, in humanoid form! The Autobot FIRES his 80,000 volt electric ray...

BLUESTREAK

Watch the birdie, Laserbeak!

ANGLE - LASERBEAK

And the robot condor is enveloped in a <sup>sizzling</sup> ELECTRICAL BLAST, which sends him spinning out of control, O.S.!

INT. BUMBLEBEE

Spike and Luisa, a bit breathless, continue their conversation!

SPIKE

What's the Crystal of Power?

LUISA

It's hard to explain... but I know a secret way, I can take you there!

ANGLE - MEGATRON

As he strides through the town, AUTOBOT FIRE bouncing harmlessly off his armor! He uses his communicator...

MEGATRON

(into communicator)

Skywarp, the steel alloy is ours...

ANGLE - INCA RUINS - SKYWARP AND STARScream

They're off somewhere in the ruins (not at the pyramid), listening to the transmission. Starscream REACTS angrily.

MEGATRON (VO)(CONT)

(crackle of radio static)

Leave those incompetents Starscream and Thundercracker to guard the Crystal and come immediately!

STARScream

(furious)

Megatron, this time you've gone too far!

ANGLE - SKYWARP

As he TRANSFORMS into jet mode... and TAKES OFF! JET SFX

SKYWARP

(taunting)

And you aren't going anywhere at all!

CUT TO:

ANGLE - SKYFIRE

As the big Autobot, in humanoid robot mode, at the back side of the pyramid, starts to cautiously climb the stairs to the top.

SKYFIRE

(sotto)

From what I saw before, this is where  
their new weapon is located...

But he freezes, and turns slowly, as he hears...

THUNDERCRACKER (VO)

Yeah, but even without our new weapon...

HIS POV - THUNDERCRACKER

Who has his incendiary gun aimed out Skyfire!

THUNDERCRACKER

I could fry your circuits where you  
stand!

WIDE

Thundercracker, however, to Skyfire's surprise, lowers his  
weapon, and joins Skyfire on the side of the pyramid.

THUNDERCRACKER

(with wry humor)

Unfortunately, Megatron would love that!  
~~And~~ that slimy excuse for a Decepticon,  
Starscream, would take all the credit!

~~claim he did it and~~

ANGLE - TOP OF PYRAMID

We see the still glowing Crystal, amid the melted remains of  
the gun housing, as Thundercracker and Skyfire appear IN SCENE.

THUNDERCRACKER (CONT)

On the other hand, if their new weapon  
were destroyed, they'd go crazy...

CLOSE ON THUNDERCRACKER

A malicious smile breaks over his face.

THUNDERCRACKER (CONT)

Which would make me very happy indeed!

Suddenly, though, he freezes as we hear...

STARSCREAM (VO)

Hold it right there, traitor!

And ANGLE WIDENS to reveal Starscream on the steps below them!

ANOTHER ANGLE

Skyfire goes for his weapon, but Starscream FIRES his  
null-ray first --

## CLOSE ON SKYFIRE

And we see that a section in Skyfire's torso is SPARKING and SHORTING OUT! WIDEN ANGLE as, paralyzed, he falls forward with a loud CLANG! PAN with him as he tumbles past Starscream, to the base of the pyramid, lifeless!

## STARSCREAM (CONT)

So much for the Autobot intruder.

## ANGLE - STARSCREAM AND THUNDERCRACKER

His weapon still drawn, Starscream contemplates the lifeless form of the Autobot below, while speaking to Thundercracker.

## STARSCREAM (CONT)

But as for you, traitor... from this point on, you will do everything "this slimy excuse for a Decepticon" tells you to...

## CLOSE ON STARSCREAM

The fires of ruthless ambition in his eyes.

## STARSCREAM (CONT)

Or I'll report your treachery to Megatron, and he'll have you... melted!

WIPE TO:

## HIGH ANGLE - TOWN

As Skywarp flies over the town -- with various Autobots and Decepticons BLASTING each other!

## SKYWARP

(radio crackle)

Skywarp, here, reporting for duty!

## ANGLE - SKYWARP

As he lets loose with a volley of missiles (MISSILE SFX)

## ANGLE - TOWN SQUARE - AUTOBOTS

As Prime, Ironhide, and Wheeljack have to scatter as the missiles EXPLODE all about them!

## ANGLE - MOUNTAINSIDE

Bumblebee is parked near a vegetation covered cliffside, as Spike helps Luisa pull away enough of the tropical vegetation to reveal a stone-framed passageway!

## LUISA

This is the secret passageway to the ruins!

## INT. BUMBLEBEE

As Luisa and Spike get in and Bumblebee starts down the passageway.

LUISA (CONT)

Hurry... if the evil robots use the full power of the Crystal, I'm afraid your friends will be destroyed!

## ANGLE - CLIFFSIDE

As we see Bumblebee disappear into the tunnel. WIDEN ANGLE to reveal Soundwave, who's been watching them!

SOUNDWAVE (VO)

(sotto evil laughter)

## ANGLE - SOUNDWAVE

As he pops the RAVAGE CASSETTE, and it TRANSFORMS into the jaguar robot!

SOUNDWAVE (CONT)

Follow them, Ravage, and when you learn where that tunnel leads... destroy them!

## ANGLE - RAVAGE

The jaguar leaps into the passageway and is gone.

RAVAGE

(Electronic snarl)

## ANGLE - TOWN

As Megatron rises up over the town...

MEGATRON

(amplified)

Decepticons, we have obtained the metal alloy we need!

## ANGLE.- OUTSIDE OF FOUNDRY

Reflector loads the last of the steel into Skywarp's cargo bay.

MEGATRON (VO)(CONT)

Let's move out!

## HIGH ANGLE - TOWN

As all the Decepticons (except for Ravage), Skywarp included, JET up into the air, pursued by Autobot FIRE...

## CLOSE ON MEGATRON

He brings his fusion cannon to bear on the mountainside above the town...



MEGATRON (CONT)

While I leave our friends a going  
away present they won't forget!

And FIRES MULTIPLE BLASTS...

ANGLE - MOUNTAIN ABOVE TOWN

And, as the BLASTS hit it, huge boulders are knocked free, and  
with AVALANCHE SFX and SCREEN SHAKES, they start rolling down  
on the defenseless town below!

ANGLE - TOWNSPEOPLE & AUTOBOTS

Looking up in alarm! CONTINUING AVALANCHE SFX (THROUGH OUT  
SEQUENCE)

TOWNSPEOPLE

(Ad lib cries of fear...)

THEIR POV

The huge boulders are bouncing down the mountainside, heading  
directly towards their town... and them!

DRAMATIC UP ANGLE - DECEPTICONS

As they fly overhead, the mountainside and avalanche in the  
background. SFX: JETS, AVALANCHE. PUSH BACK IN on the  
AVALANCHE.

WIDE - TOWNSPEOPLE

Scared faces... with the Decepticons seen in the BG, flying  
back to the ruins.

TOWNSPEOPLE

(Confused cries of fear)

OLD WOMAN

We're doomed!

FADE OUT

END ACT II

FADE IN

ACT III

WIDE TOWN AND MOUNTAIN SLOPE

As we see the boulders continue to tumble down towards the town! AVALANCE SFX

ANGLE - TOWNSPEOPLE AND AUTOBOTS

The townspeople look up in fear as Optimus Prime takes charge and the Autobots raise their weapons! SFX: "BOLT ACTION" of WEAPONS.

TOWNSPEOPLE  
(Ad lib cries of fear)

PRIME  
Autobots! Weapons ready...

THEIR POV

The boulders RUMBLING closer!

ANGLE - AUTOBOTS

Towering above the townspeople, they unleash a SALVO of LASER FIRE!

PRIME (CONT)  
Fire!!!

ANGLE - BOULDERS

As the boulders are SHATTERED into pebbles by the BLASTS!

ANGLE - TOWNSPEOPLE

And the people CHEER as a miniature avalanche of harmless pebbles bounces around their feet!

TOWNSPEOPLE  
(Ad lib cheers)

CUT TO:

INT. SECRET PASSAGEWAY

PAN with Bumblebee, who's driving along with his lights on!

SPIKE  
Are you sure this will take us to  
the ruins?

LUISA  
Yes, I've come this way before...

STOP PAN as Bumblebee drives on. A BEAT later, Ravage comes bounding silently after them!

## INT. CHAMEER INSIDE PYRAMID

PAN with Starscream and Thundercracker as they carry Skyfire's limp body past the obsidian altar and its column of rising energy (ENERGY SFX CONTINUE THROUGH SEQUENCE), finally dropping the Autobot with a CRASH. Megatron accompanies them, looking pleased.

## MEGATRON

Starscream, you and Thundercracker have surprised me! Skyfire is an excellent catch!

## ANGLE - STARSCREAM AND THUNDERCRACKER

As they head back for the main exit, they exchange glances, and we can see that there's no love between these two!

## MEGATRON (VO)(CONT)

(ironically)

And in fact, once we've rewired his circuits, he may even become as loyal a Decepticon...

## ANGLE - MEGATRON

Smiling to himself.

## MEGATRON (CONT)

As the two of you!

WIDEN ANGLE as they exit the chamber.

## ANGLE - SKYFIRE

Sprawled out, motionless. The CAMERA PUSHES IN past him, to the far wall, where we see a stone panel slowly CREAK outward... and Bumblebee's headlights shine into the room! Spike is quickly out of the car, staring!

## SPIKE

(sotto)

Bumblebee, look! It's Skyfire, and he's hurt!

## ANGLE - TOP OF PYRAMID

Where Soundwave holds his hands over the new gun construct for the Crystal, created out of the stolen alloy steel. A weird HIGH PITCHED ELECTRONIC SOUND emanates from him, making the entire steel structure HUM as well, as it slightly alters its shape. When the SOUND cuts off, it looks stronger than before... and the Crystal glows even more brightly.

## SOUNDWAVE

That should do it! My ultrasonic welding means the housing for the Crystal will not melt...

WIDEN ANGLE as Megatron, Starscream, and Thundercracker look on.

SOUNDWAVE (CONT)

(pointedly to Thundercracker)

As before!

ANGLE - MEGATRON

He pivots the giant high-tech artillery piece around, sighting on a nearby mountain peak, and FIRES the weapon...

MEGATRON

That's exactly what I wanted to hear!

ANGLE - FEATURING CRYSTAL

And the stabbing ray of crimson energy STREAKS out (CRYSTAL GUN SFX)

ANGLE - MOUNTAIN PEAK

And SLAMS into the mountain peak, destroying it utterly! (EXPLOSION SFX)

ANGLE - CRYSTAL GUN

It's in great shape, ready for more destruction! Megatron's delighted, wheeling it around to point it INTO CAMERA, FIRING off another test BLAST!

MEGATRON (CONT)

(evil laugh)

CUT TO:

ANGLE - MOUNTAIN ROAD

Where the Autobots, in auto transform, RUMBLE along!

INT. PRIME'S CAB

He's in the lead, and we see the mountainous terrain through his windshield, with the start of the ruins appearing ahead!

PRIME

Okay, guys! Spike just contacted me... Skyfire's hurt, and we can expect big trouble...

HIGH ANGLE - SHOOTING DOWN ON AUTOBOT CONVOY

CAMERA TILTS UP to follow the cars and trucks, as they RUMBLE by!

PRIME (VO)(CONT)

Dead ahead!

WIDEN ANGLE to include Laserbeak, who's flying, unnoticed, above!

LASERBEAK (VO)

(Caw)

CUT TO:

INT. PYRAMID CHAMBER

Bumblebee and Luisa are looking at the energy column in amazement. CONTINUING ENERGY SFX.

BUMBLEBEE

This is unbelievable, Spike! There's more energy here than 10 power plants!

LUIA <sup>modern</sup>

My ancestors knew much <sup>modern</sup> scientists still haven't learned!

ANGLE - SPIKE AND SKYFIRE

Spike has a tool kit out, and is working on the ruined control panel in Skyfire's chest.

SPIKE

Forget scientists! I just wish I were a better mechanic!

Suddenly, however, Spike whirls around upon hearing...

RAVAGE (VO)

(Electronic snarl)

SPIKE

Oh no!!! We've got company!

HIS POV

Ravage has bounded in the same secret entry and is poised to spring!

RAVAGE

(Electronic snarl)

WIDEN ANGLE as Bumblebee heroically leaps between Ravage and Spike...

BUMBLEBEE

Keep working, Spike, and I'll...

But the big cat leaps and bowls the little Autobot over! The two of them wrestle on the floor! CLANGING SFX

RAVAGE

(Continuing snarls)

BUMBLEBEE (CONT)

Keep him occupied!

ANGLE - SPIKE AND LUISA

Spike does just that, as Luisa watches the battle, horrified!

LUISA

Bumblebee!!!

CUT TO:

ANGLE - AUTOBOT COLUMN

As the column RUMBLES closer to its destination, PUSH IN on BRAWN and WINDCHARGER.

BRAWN

Hey, look, Windy!

INT. BRAWN - SHOOTING UP THROUGH WINDSHIELD - ON LASERBEAK

The robot condor is soaring overhead, going a bit faster than the Autobots.

BRAWN (CONT)

It's our old pal, Laserbeak!

ANGLE - BRAWN AND WINDCHARGER - PANNING

First Windcharger, then Brawn, hit the gas and ZOOM out of their place in the column, chasing Laserbeak from the ground!

WINDCHARGER

Let's go get him!

BRAWN

Yee-hawww!!!

*Pan with them*

As they quickly outdistance the column, and now the first of the ruins are starting to appear (note: the entire complex is on a higher level than the road, so we can't see much at all, and the pyramid is entirely out of our line of view).

OTS - MEGATRON - SIGHTING ALONG GUN

The outskirts of the ruins are in his sights, although he can't see the lower part of the road. Suddenly Laserbeak rises into sight from the lower part of the ruins, soaring up above his firing line!

LASERBEAK

(Caw)

MEGATRON (VO)

(low, evil laugh)

ANGLE - BRAWN AND WINDCHARGER

Still chasing Laserbeak, as the robot bird draws ahead and disappears from view! PAN with our two over-eager Autobots as they prepare to crest the hill that is the start of the main plateau of the ruins... (HIGH REVVING SFX)

BRAWN

Hurry up, Windcharger, we're gonna lose him!

REVERSE ANGLE - MAIN PLATEAU - SHOOTING TOWARDS BRAWN & WINDY

But just as our two heroes dive over the top and INTO VIEW... they HIT THE BRAKES and SCREECH to a halt!!!

WINDCHARGER

(suddenly horrified)

Uh, Brawn... we just found him again!

THEIR POV

Megatrons glaring down at them from the top of the pyramid, the gun sighted, and Laserbeak contemptuously flapping his wings from his perch on Megatron's shoulder!

LASERBEAK

(Caw)

And with that, Megatron FIRES the gun, and a blinding FLASH of CRIMSON ENERGY stabs out towards them...

ANGLE - AUTOBOTS

And Windy and Brawn SCREECH out to different sides as the ENERGY BLAST EXPLODES where they were a second ago, leaving a gaping crater!

ANGLE - AUTOBOT COLUMN

It RUMBLES up the same hill at full speed. SFX: KLAXON BLASTS

PRIME (VO)

Autobots! Prepare for battle!

ANGLE - MEGATRON

And now Megatron really starts BLASTING away with the Crystal gun!

MEGATRON

Ha! I'll give you a battle you won't forget!

WIDE - RUINS

The Autobots are scattering throughout, as the ENERGY BLASTS are toppling stone structures (SFX: STONE CRUNCHING CRASHES) and kicking out fresh craters in the ground!

CLOSER

As a huge stone wall sustains a direct BLAST and collapses on Trailbreaker and Wheeljack, burying them! SFX: STONE CRASHING METAL

ANGLE - MEGATRON

He lifts his arms in victory!

MEGATRON  
(victorious laugh)  
Such is the fate of all who oppose  
Megatron!

ANGLE - COLLAPSED WALL

As pile of rocks suddenly starts to move, and Trailbreaker and Wheeljack, now in humanoid mode, force their way through the top, weapons already BLAZING back!

TRAILBREAKER  
Yeah, but as far as fates go, I'd  
say yours is gonna be a lot worse!

ANGLE - MEGATRON

However, their shots merely RICOCHET off his armored body, and the Decepticon leader continues to BLAST away!

MEGATRON  
Decepticons, destroy them!

WIDE - RUINS

And suddenly, Reflector and Soundwave appear from one part of the ruins, weapons BLASTING...

ANOTHER ANGLE

Ditto Skywarp and Starscream (WEAPONS SFX)...

IRONHIDE & PRIME - PANNING

As these two Autobots drive behind a massive stone structure as it's hit by WEAPONS FIRE... and when they come out the other side, they've already transformed, and are RETURNING FIRE themselves!

IRONHIDE  
Let 'em have it, Autobots!

CUT TO:

INT. PYRAMID CHAMBER

As Bumblebee and Ravage are still wrestling... with Ravage clearing winning!

RAVAGE  
(Savage electronic snarls)

BUMBLEBEE  
Spike... I can't hold out much longer!



ANGLE - SPIKE

As he makes a final connection in Skyfire's panel and there's a FLASH of electrical power!

SPIKE

There... I think I've got it!

ANGLE - RAVAGE AND BUMBLEBEE

As Ravage SWATS Bumblebee O.S. and springs INTO CAMERA!

BUMBLEBEE

I sure hope so!!!

RAVAGE

(Roar)

ANGLE - SPIKE AND LUISA

But as the two kids REACT in horror, Spike suddenly breaks into a grin as he sees...

SPIKE

Skyfire!

WIDE

Skyfire, still lying down, but holding Ravage suspended in mid-air with one mighty hand... and with a GRUNT OF EFFORT, the mighty Autobot hurls him away!

SPIKE (CONT)

You're okay!

SKYFIRE

(Grunt of effort)

ANGLE - WALL OF CAVERN

Ravage CLANGS into the wall, lands on his feet, and scampers out the opening to the outside!

RAVAGE

(Scared "meowing")

ANGLE - SKYFIRE

Grinning down at Spike, tousling his hair.

SKYFIRE

I sure am... thanks to you!

ANGLE - BUMBLEBEE

Gets stiffly to his feet, pointing towards the outside.

BUMBLEBEE

C'mon, guys! There's a battle out there and I think they can use our help!

ANGLE - SKYFIRE

As he TRANSFORMS to jet mode...

SKYFIRE

Then let's hit it!!!

EXT. ANGLE - OPENING INTO PYRAMID

As Skyfire flies out... arching up and away (and if the opening isn't wide enough for his wings, they SMASH through the walls anyway)!!! Brawn and Windcharger are on the back side of the pyramid, and, seeing their pal, they REACT joyfully!

BRAWN

Skyfire!!! All right!!!

ANGLE - PRIME AND IRONHIDE

Meanwhile, these two warriors are charging up the front side of the pyramid, WEAPONS BLAZING!

IRONHIDE

Optimus, ole buddy...

ANGLE - MEGATRON

Up top, he's BLASTING DOWN on them with the Crystal gun!

ANGLE - PRIME AND IRONHIDE

Sustaining massive damage, as the CRIMSON ENERGY BEAMS SLAM into them! But they keep right on coming!

IRONHIDE (CONT)

This is where they separate the robots from the androids!

ANGLE.- BRAWN AND WINDCHARGER

As these two start charging up from their side!

BRAWN

Ain't no one calling me an android!

ANGLE - TOP OF PYRAMID

As Starscream (still in humanoid form) levitates down to the pyramid top to cover Megatron's back... BLASTING away at these two Autobots trying to come up the back way!

ANGLE - WINDCHARGER AND BRAWN

Windcharger's hit by a BLAST that knocks him back down!

WINDCHARGER

Yiiii!!!!

CLOSE ON BRAWN

But this only makes Brawn mad! WIDEN ANGLE as, with a mighty leap...

BRAWN

No one does that to my buddy!

ANGLE - STARScream

He tackles Starscream around the head! Starscream's next BLAST goes wild, and he's thrown off balance to collide with Megatron, throwing off his aim as he FIRES the Crystal gun again!

MEGATRON

Watch it, you, fool!

ANOTHER ANGLE

Just as Ironhide, first up the pyramid from that side, and narrowly avoiding that off-the-mark BLAST, tackles the Decepticon leader!

IRONHIDE/MEGATRON

(Grunts of effort)

HIGH ANGLE - RUINS - PANNING

The struggle continues atop the pyramid, with other battles taking place below, as Skyfire STREAKS low through scene, CANNONS BLAZING, forcing Soundwave and Reflector to dive out of the way!

TOP OF PYRAMID

As Starscream is overbalanced by Brawn, and the two of the topple down the pyramid with loud CLANGING CRASHES!

BRAWN

You're washed up, Starscream!

ANGLE - MEGATRON AND IRONHIDE

Unfortunately, however, Megatron is able to hurl Ironhide from him... PAN OVER as the big Autobot CRASHES into Prime, who's just made it up the slope! They've both staggered back as...

PRIME

Arrghhh!

OTS - MEGATRON - ON PRIME AND IRONHIDE

• Megatron gets back to the Crystal gun, and whirls it to aim, point blank, at our two heroes! As the POWER CRACKLES in the Crystal, and Megatron prepares to fire...

MEGATRON (VO)(CONT)  
Autobots! This is your end!!!

C.U. MEGATRON

DEAFENING JET SFX sound, and Megatron suddenly looks up in fear...

UP ANGLE

As Skyfire SWOOPS DOWN INTO SCENE, CANNONS BLAZING...

WIDE

And the Crystal, sustaining a direct hit, EXPLODES in a blaze of glory! Megatron is knocked to one side, as the energy from within the pyramid, no longer focused, shoots skyward in a geyser-like stream! ENERGY GEYSER SFX

SKYFIRE

zooms off as...

ANGLE - MEGATRON

Megatron staggers to his feet, but as he raises his fusion cannon to shoot Skyfire...

MEGATRON  
Skyfire, you die!!!!

Optimus Prime rushes INTO SCENE, tackling Megatron -- and taking him so much off guard...

PRIME  
Guess again, Megatron!

ANOTHER ANGLE

That the biggest and strongest of the Autobots is now able to lift Megatron up over his head -- and heave him right off the pyramid!

MEGATRON  
(Terrified cry of defeat)

ANGLE - BASE OF PYRAMID

As Megatron CRASHES to the bottom, he staggers back to his feet, and then activates his JET PACKS and ZOOMS away!

MEGATRON (CONT)  
Decepticons! RETREAT!

WIDE - RUINS - PANNING

And from different parts of the ruins, the Decepticons break off their battles and take to the air! JET PACK SFX

ANGLE - SKY

Thundercracker, in jet mode, catches up with the very battered-looking Megatron and Starscream. JET SFX

THUNDERCRACKER

What's the matter, fearless leader? You and Starscream look beat! Maybe the Autobots are better fighters, after all!

And with that, Thundercracker ZOOMS away, O.S., breaking the soundbarrier with a deafening SONIC BOOM as he goes!

CLOSE ON STARSCREAM

If possible, he assumes a pained expression. CONTINUING JET SFX

STARSCREAM

Does he have to make that awful noise? I've got a headache!

CLOSE ON MEGATRON

Grimacing in anger.

MEGATRON

(disgusted)

And they call themselves Decepticons! But they'll learn...

WIDE

As the Decepticons STREAK away, overhead.

MEGATRON (VO) (CONT)

As will the Autobots, for I shall return!

WIPE TO:

APEX OF PYRAMID - NIGHT

As Spike, Bumblebee, & Luisa are gathered atop the pyramid... with Wheeljack and Skyfire holding a futuristic energy-capping device, standing next to the skyward shooting GEYSER OF ENERGY! ENERGY SFX THUD SOUND

CLOSER - LUISA AND SPIKE

The Peruvian girl looks nervously towards the energy geyser.

LUISA

Do you think Wheeljack's invention will work? Without the Crystal to regulate the energy, the whole mountain could explode!

SPIKE

(shrugging nervously)

I sure hope so... but with Wheeljack's inventions, it's better to wait and see!

ANGLE - WHEELJACK AND SKYFIRE

They raise the energy-capping device."

WHEELJACK

Okay, Skyfire, let's do it!

And place it over the geyser. The skyward-shooting energy stream stops immediately, but now, Wheeljack's device is starting to glow, until... happily, with WINDING DOWN ENERGY SFX, the glow disappears...

INT. PYRAMID CHAMBER

As does the upward column of energy, inside the pyramid chamber! It disappears from the obsidian altar, as it withdraws back into the Earth! CONTINUED WINDING DOWN ENERGY SFX to SILENCE.

EXT. PYRAMID - TEMPLE AREA - NIGHT

Without the light from the energy geyser, it's almost pitch black, and we can barely make out the forms of Skyfire, Wheeljack, and the others.

SKYFIRE (VO)

Wheeljack, you did it! If I could see you, I'd shake your stainless steel hand!

BASE OF PYRAMID

As we see the dim shapes of the other Autobots, in vehicle transform, their front wheels on the lower steps of the pyramid.

BRAWN (VO)

Hey, guys! That's our cue!

And with that, their HEADLIGHTS swith on...

ANOTHER ANGLE - AUTOBOTS

Ditto...

ANGLE - TEMPLE AREA

Bathing the top of the pyramid in their light! And, as Wheeljack and Skyfire, do, indeed shake hands...

WHEELJACK

Thanks guys!

(to Skyfire)

You know, it sure is nice when one of my inventions actually works!

TILT DOWN TO Luisa and Spike, who exchange glances.

SPIKE

Yeah, well... it's not that we don't trust your invention, Wheeljack...

LUISA  
(also a bit nervous)  
But you don't suppose we could...

WIDEN ANGLE as Bumblebee obligingly TRANSFORMS into auto-mode!

BUMBLEBEE  
Get a ride back to town?

He pops open his doors and as the two kids start to get in...

BUMBLEBEE (CONT)  
Hop in! We're on our way!

WIPE TO:

ANGLE - ROAD AWAY FROM RUINS

PAN from the rear to the front of the Autobot column, catching up to Prime, who hits a couple of KLAXON BLASTS!

And TILT DOWN to find little Bumblebee driving right next to him, Luisa and Spike inside! And, echoing his leader, Bumblebee hits a couple of his little HORN BEEPS as well!

INT. BUMBLEBEE

As Luisa pats Bumblebee's dashboard.

LUISA  
And when we get back home, I  
want Bumblebee to meet my brother's  
convertible! We call her Juanita...

ANGLE - SPIKE AND LUISA

The girl smiles conspiratorially at Spike.

LUISA (CONT)  
And I think the two of them will  
get along just fine!

HEAD ON SHOT - BUMBLEBEE

As he cracks a bashful grin...

BUMBLEBEE  
Aw, shucks!

FADE OUT

THE END