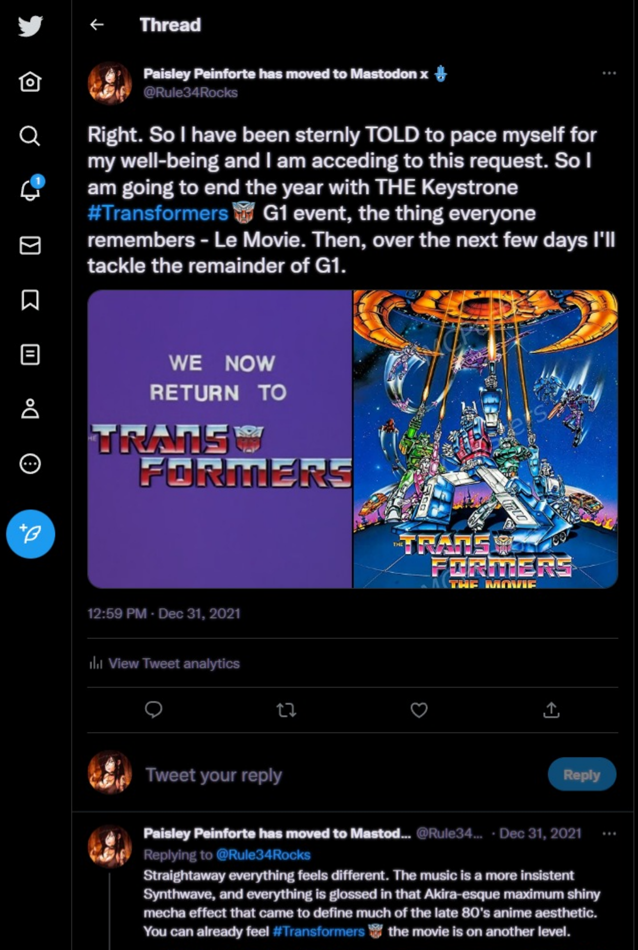

Paisley Peinforte has moved to Mastodon x
@Rule34Rocks

Right. So I have been sternly TOLD to pace myself for my well-being and I am acceding to this request. So I am going to end the year with THE Keystrone #Transformers G1 event, the thing everyone remembers - Le Movie. Then, over the next few days I'll tackle the remainder of G1.

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Replying to @Rule34Rocks

Straightaway everything feels different. The music is a more insistent Synthwave, and everything is glossed in that Akira-esque maximum shiny mecha effect that came to define much of the late 80's anime aesthetic. You can already feel #Transformers the movie is on another level.

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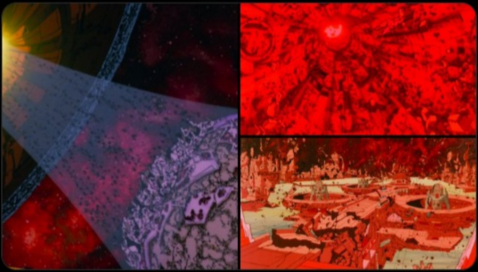
You really get the sense Hell is being unleashed. And that's a bloody planet-eater! How are the #Transformers supposed to fight something like THAT?!

God I wish I'd been able to see this in the cinema.



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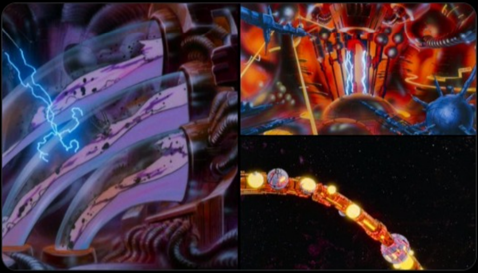
You even get to see the hapless victims being DIGESTED, as if to hammer home how inevitable this all is. The spectre of death is already looming over the #Transformers and we are not even three minutes in.



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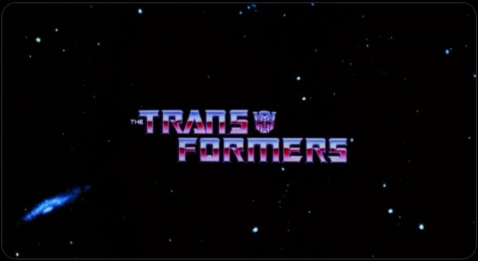
Then heavy metal music starts in and we get the #Transformers logo on screen. There's not even anything happening yet but it feels like a punch the air moment for those who have been following these heroes for two years now.



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Oh. Oh this is so metal. You can already feel this is an EVENT.

SQUEE

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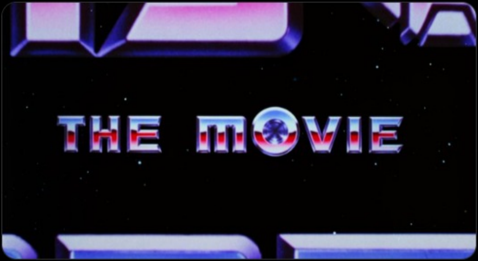

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1980's in full attack mode! And are those electronic wiring diagram symbols in the synthwave vortex?

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ERIC IDLE
as Wreck-Gar

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This movie was not fucking around.

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LEONARD NIMOY
as Galvatron

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REALLY not fucking around.

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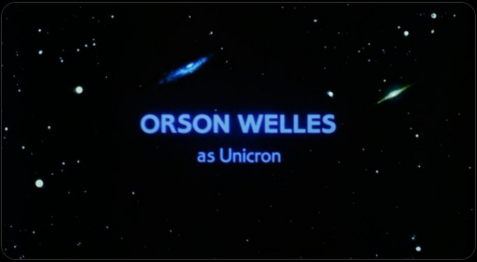

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"It is the year 2005".

Never before has the announcement of a timeskip felt so epic.

And just as it was in the beginning of it all, Laserbeak is spying on the Autobots on [the moon of] Cybertron.

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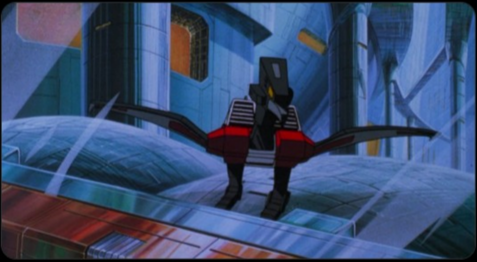

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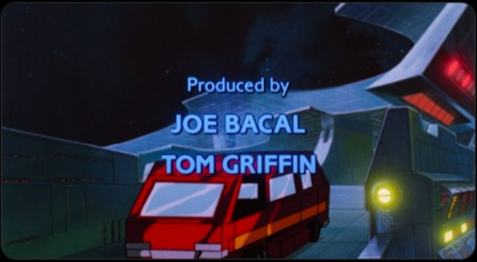
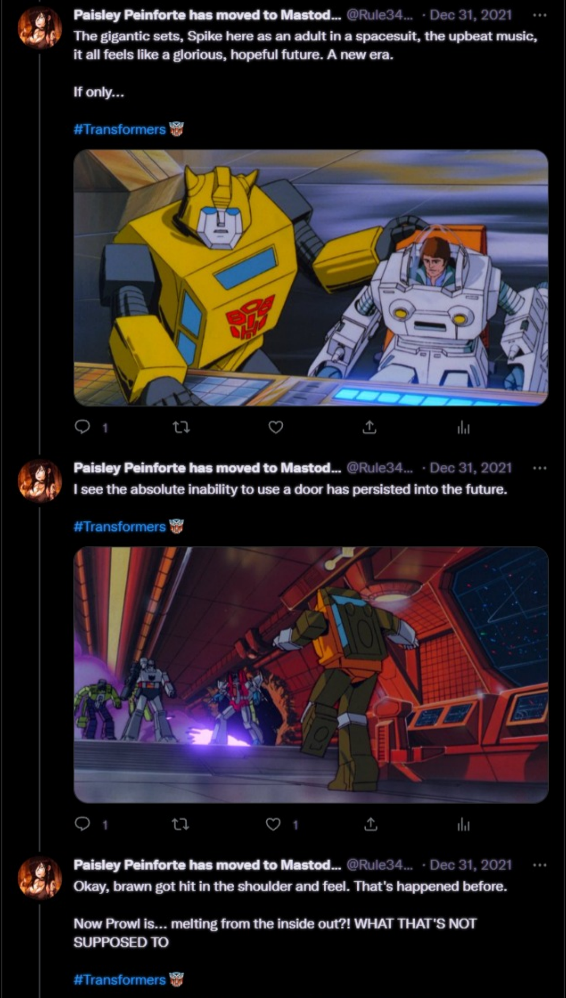
In a neat reversal from the pilot miniseries we see the Autobots cruising around Cybertronian environs in Earth Vehicle form.





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The gigantic sets, Spike here as an adult in a spacesuit, the upbeat music, it all feels like a glorious, hopeful future. A new era.

If only...

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I see the absolute inability to use a door has persisted into the future.

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Okay, brawn got hit in the shoulder and feel. That's happened before.

Now Prowl is... melting from the inside out?! WHAT THAT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO

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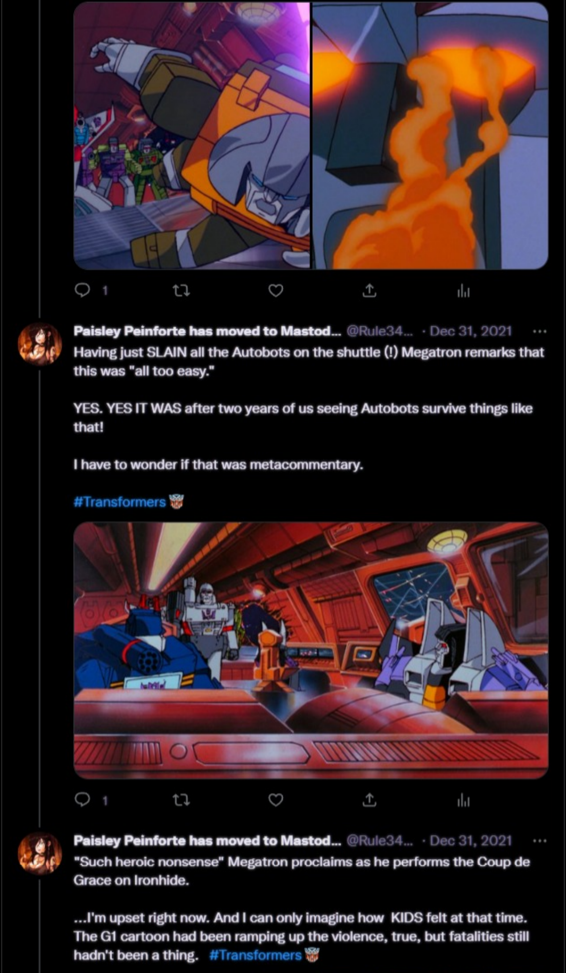

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Having just SLAIN all the Autobots on the shuttle (!) Megatron remarks that this was "all too easy."

YES. YES IT WAS after two years of us seeing Autobots survive things like that!

I have to wonder if that was metacommentary.

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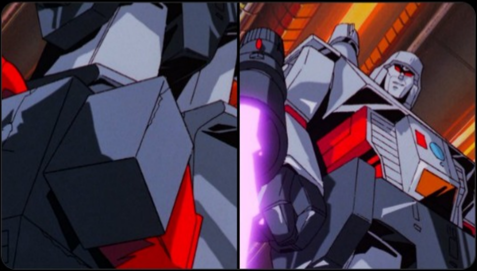
"Such heroic nonsense" Megatron proclaims as he performs the Coup de Grace on Ironhide.

...I'm upset right now. And I can only imagine how KIDS felt at that time. The G1 cartoon had been ramping up the violence, true, but fatalities still hadn't been a thing. #Transformers



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I've been told the comics routinely killed characters off, usually to coincide with character toys going off-market. (how brutally capitalist!)

But if one had only gone by the cartoon, like me just now, this would have been a severe shock to the system. #Transformers

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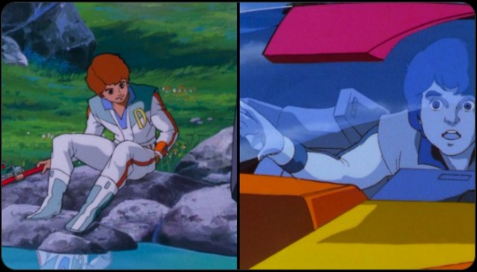
Spike now has a son, Daniel. Deaths aside, the future just feels crackling with possibility. The soundtrack really helps convey that too. War aside, this is the 2005 I would have wanted to live in. #Transformers



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So... are these Cybertronian alt-modes or "this is what we think 2005 Earth Cars will look like" alt modes?

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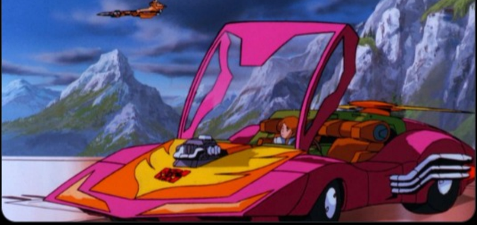

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One thing I love is that the Transformations are being used practically - i.e. turn into an automobile quickly to cover ground fast, then snap back into robot mode for action, then back again. Making full use of their abilities.

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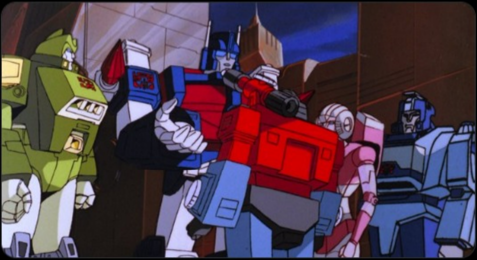
We're quickly introduced to the new toy line-- erm, generation of #Transformers with an impressive mix of narrative efficiency and action.



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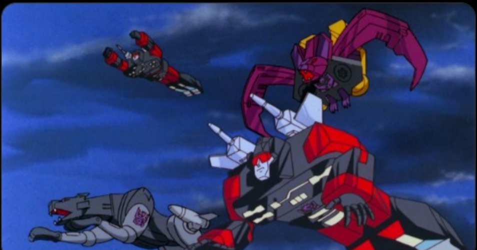
There's so much happening so quickly, it really feels like the heat of battle, with ebbs and flows and punches, counterpunches. The soundtrack again, serves the narrative extremely well. You don't have time to process, just experience. #Transformers



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CASSETTE VS CASSETTE BATTLE!

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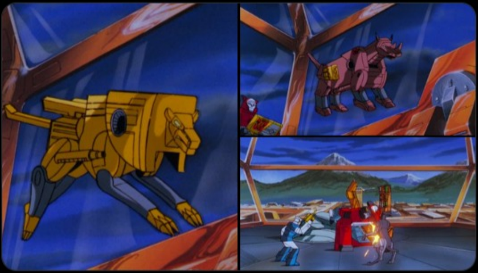

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Come on 😭

These were my friends!

This really is merciless in a manner beyond mere scriptwriting.

This was Game of Thrones before that was a televised thing.

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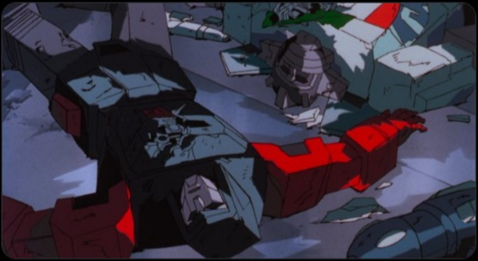

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SPRINGER: "I've got better things to do tonight than die."

SO DID THE OTHERS, ARSEHOLE 😭

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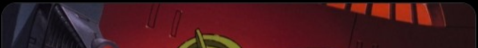

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Say what you will this is the first time I think that the Cybertronian war actually FEELS like a war, brutality and chaos and fire and all as opposed to the light touch for most of G1 (Golden Lagoon aside).

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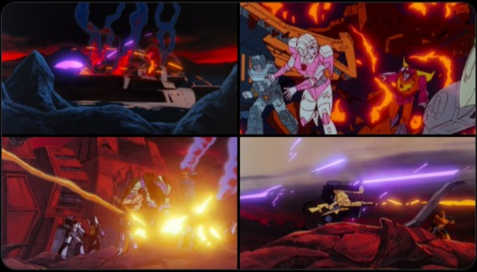

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Perhaps that's it. While the cartoon skirted around the messiness and horror of war, this film IS a full-on war movie with all the suffering and trauma that entails.

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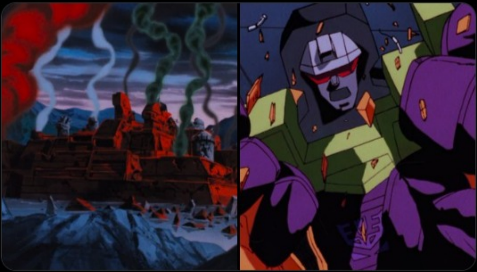

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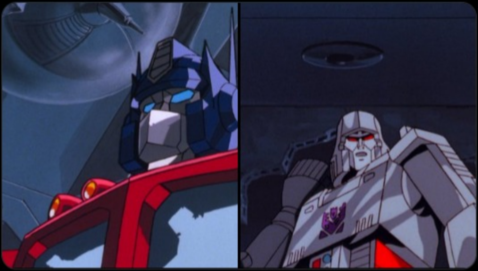
Bloody hell I know where this is going.



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no no no no no

(and in as crass a commercial move as you can make, you can buy his dead body now)

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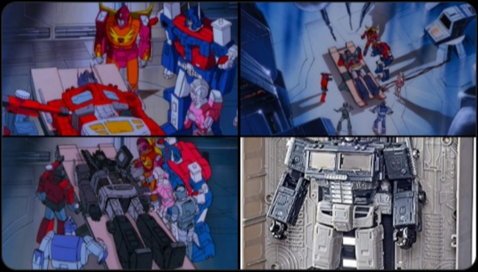

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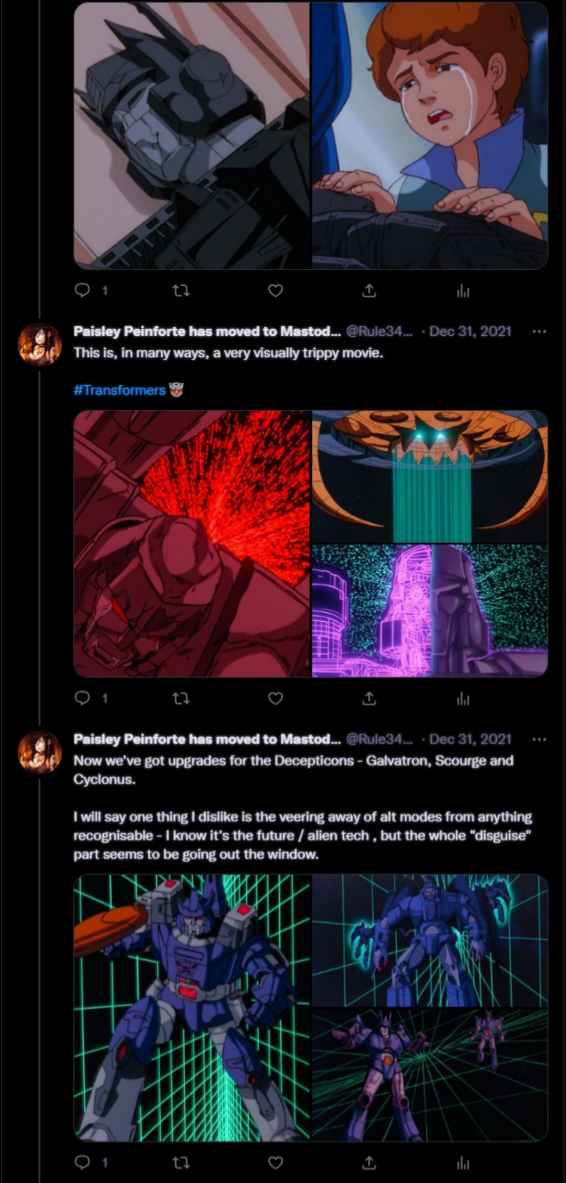
I know Daniel, I know. I'm right there with you. I'm really ready for something new now that the old #Transformers toyline has been ruthlessly deprecated.



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This is, in many ways, a very visually trippy movie.

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Now we've got upgrades for the Decepticons - Galvatron, Scourge and Cyclonus.

I will say one thing I dislike is the veering away of alt modes from anything recognisable - I know it's the future / alien tech , but the whole "disguise" part seems to be going out the window.

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Ugh and as I work through this movie which is very much about Death and Rebirth, the day before the dawn of a new year, I find out Betty White has passed on two weeks shy of her centennial. RIP

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Starscream finally gets what he wants.

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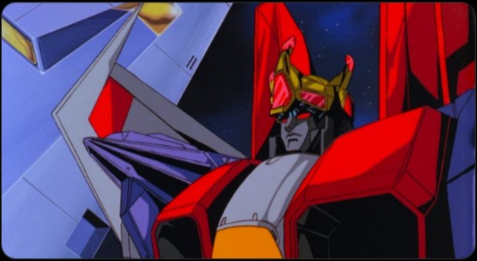

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Then he just gets it. Reign time, less than a minute.

While I hate this on the one hand because it is another crass toy deprecation, on the other hand Megatron should have done this DAY ONE so I'll allow it.

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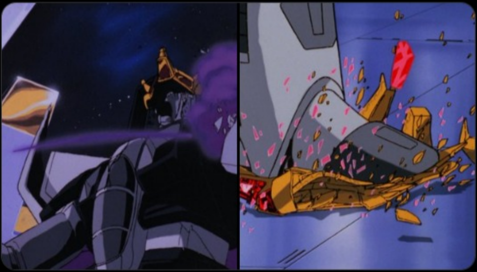

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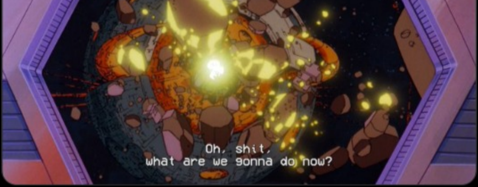
Well with the toyline adjustment out of the way I suppose this would be the next logical question. Also, what must parents have thought hearing that line in the cinema?


Oh, shit,
what are we gonna do now?

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Galvatron is an aggressive driver.

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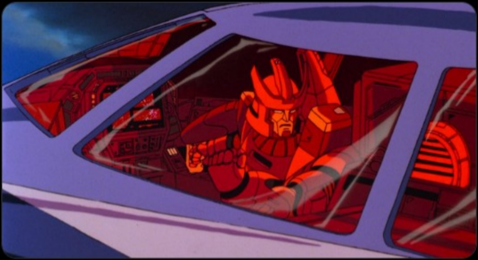

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And this is just adorable.

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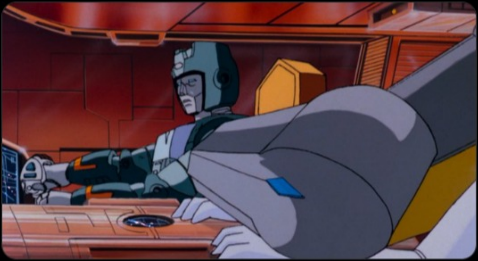

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Arcee DOES have Princess Leia hair

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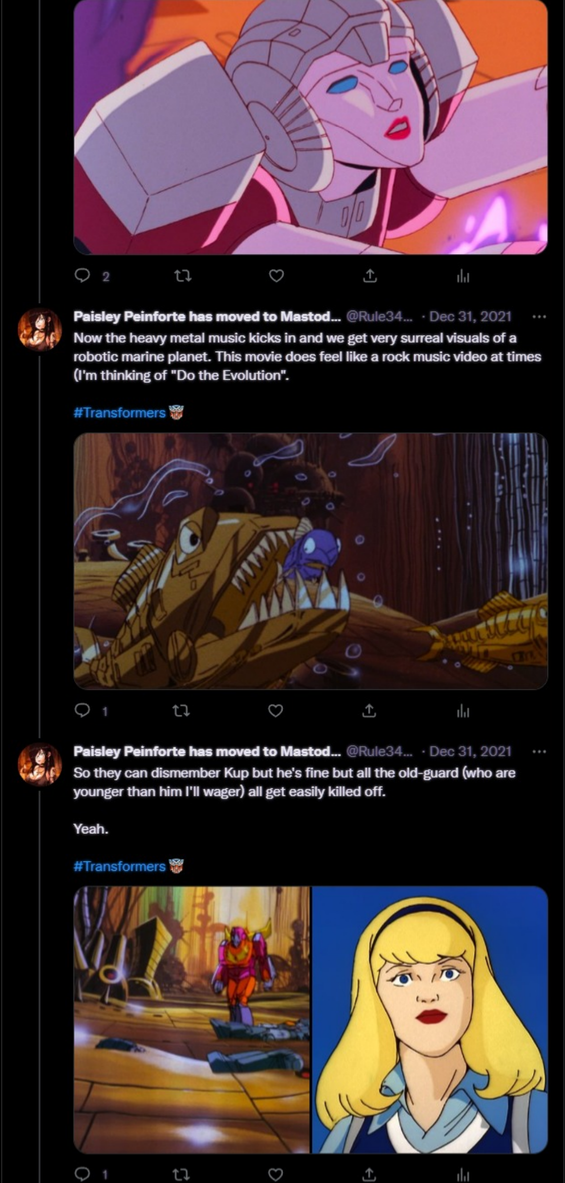

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Now the heavy metal music kicks in and we get very surreal visuals of a robotic marine planet. This movie does feel like a rock music video at times (I'm thinking of "Do the Evolution".

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So they can dismember Kup but he's fine but all the old-guard (who are younger than him I'll wager) all get easily killed off.

Yeah.

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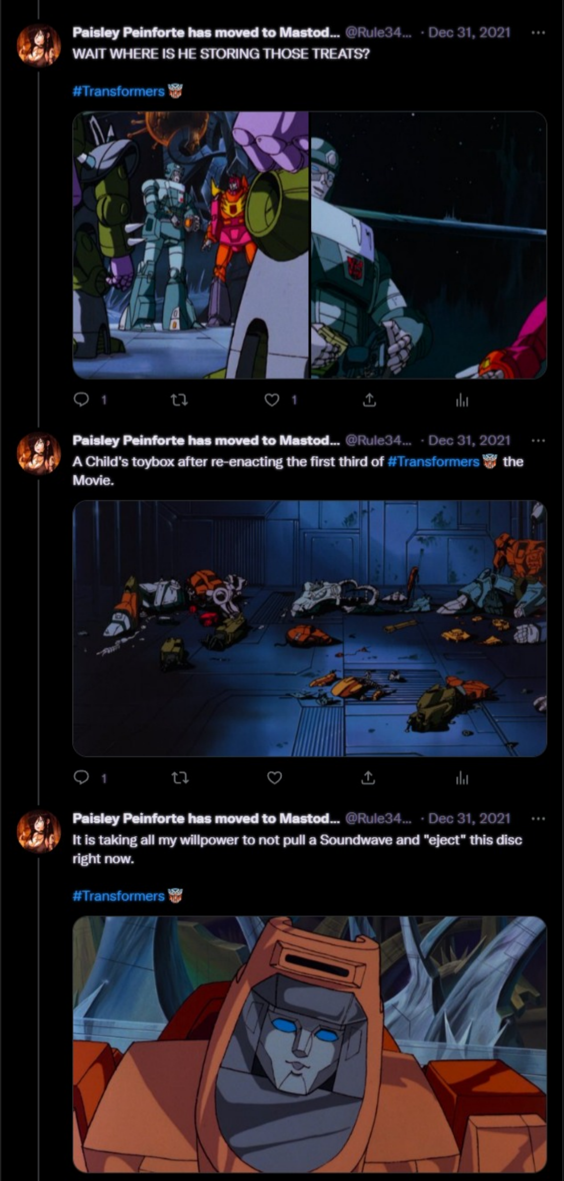

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WAIT WHERE IS HE STORING THOSE TREATS?

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A Child's toybox after re-enacting the first third of #Transformers the Movie.

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It is taking all my willpower to not pull a Soundwave and "eject" this disc right now.

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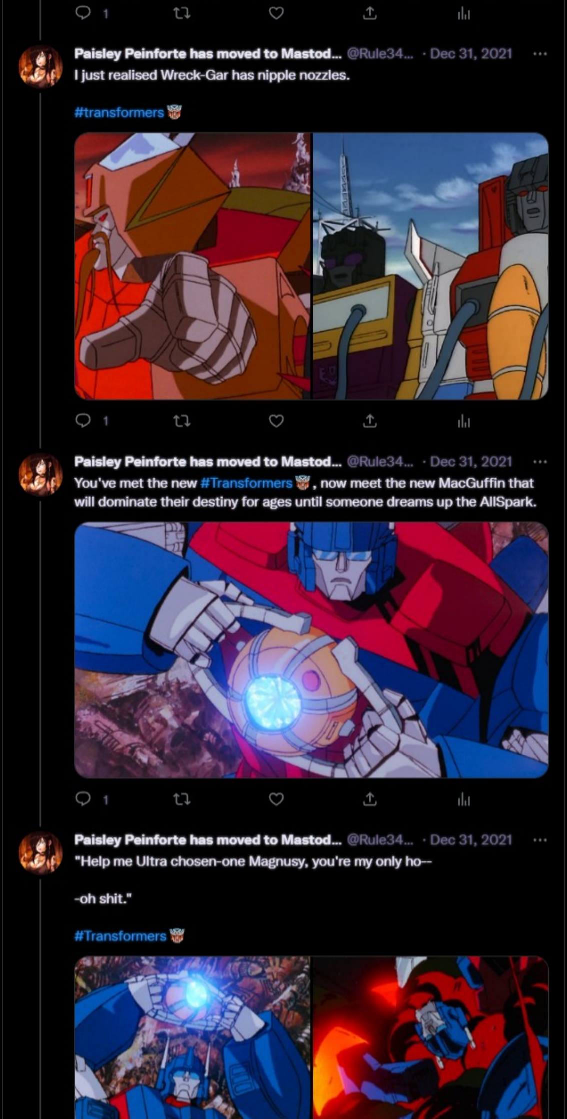

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I just realised Wreck-Gar has nipple nozzles.

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You've met the new #Transformers, now meet the new MacGuffin that will dominate their destiny for ages until someone dreams up the AllSpark.

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"Help me Ultra chosen-one Magnusy, you're my only ho--

-oh shit."

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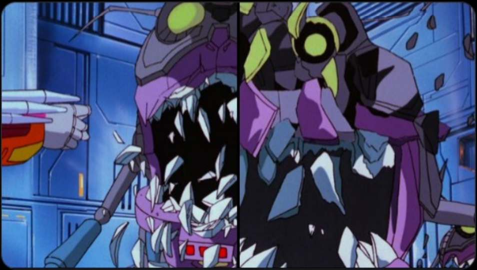
To its credit, #Transformers the movie rarely pulls its punches.



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This is a punch the air moment. Loveable lunks to the rescue.

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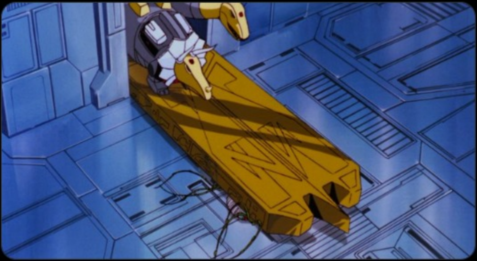

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Him Grimlock KING.

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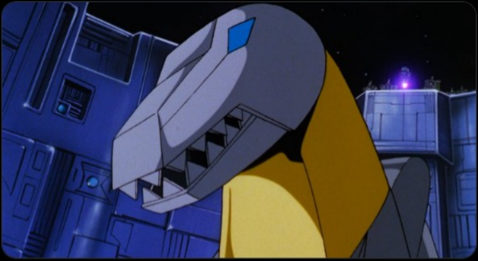

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I love how the Junkions ride EACH OTHER and switch back and forth. It really is a wild, disconcerting mode of battling. I also get a cavalry vibe from it which isn't hurt by the fact that Wreck-Gar looks like a Mongol warrior.

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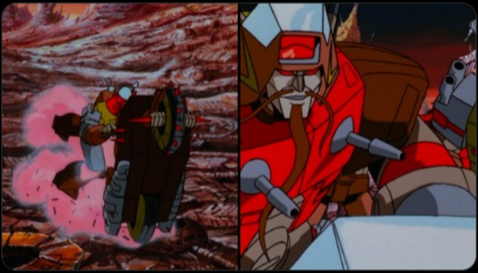

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I resent how easily Ultra Magnus is repaired given the fates of the others earlier.

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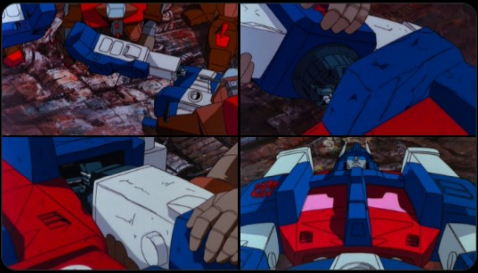

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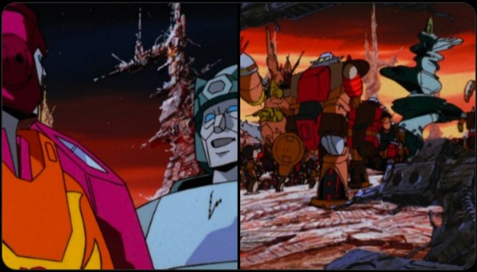
"Yes, friends. Act now, Destroy Unicron. Kill the Grand Poobah! Eliminate even the toughest stain. No fuss, No muss! Hurry Hurry Hurry, sale must end, rush right on down and test drive latest model with no obligation." #Transformers



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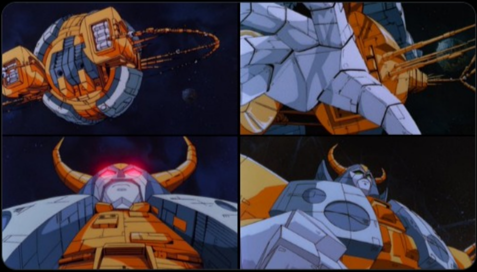
Looks like Unicron was harbouring one last great secret. I wonder what it must have felt like to see this massive transformation in the cinema... #Transformers



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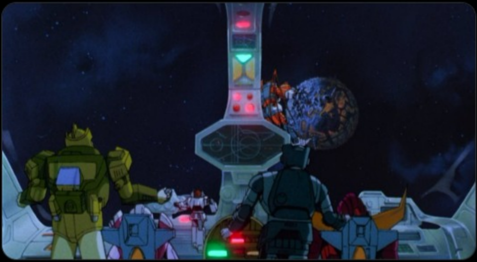
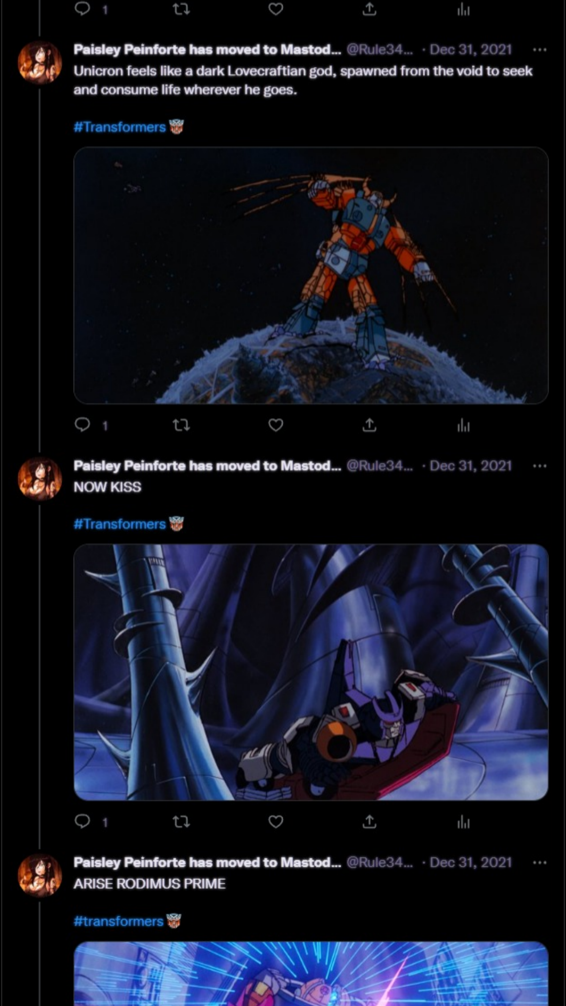
No one can accuse #Transformers the Movie of not having an epic scale.





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Unicron feels like a dark Lovecraftian god, spawned from the void to seek and consume life wherever he goes.

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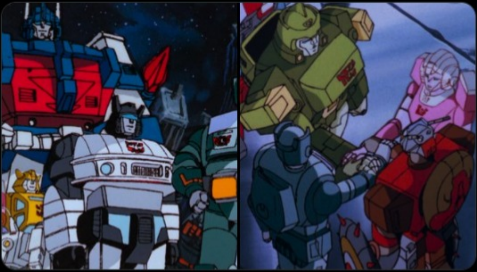

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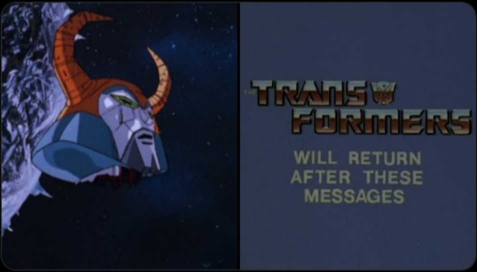
That low "Whoosh" as Unicron's severed head becomes a new moon of Cybertron and the movie's theme kicks in... what a rush. This was fantastic.

Beyond Good. Beyond Evil. #Transformers

And with that I will take a break to celebrate New Year's before starting post-timeskip G1!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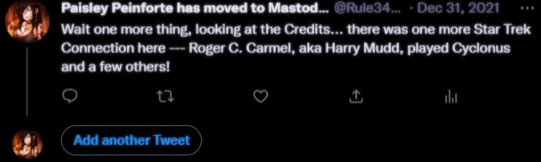

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Wait one more thing, looking at the Credits... there was one more Star Trek Connection here --- Roger C. Carmel, aka Harry Mudd, played Cyclonus and a few others!