



Concept: The crew from the Arc landed on earth billions of years ago and didn't get reactivated until the '80's. The Dark Ages is war between the Autobots and Decepticons that continued fighting on the energy deficient planet Cybertron.

Marketing: Transformers: The Dark Ages will be written as a stand alone 4 part story, it could either be published as a limited series or the beginning of a Transformers themed rotating creative team book much like Spider-man's Tangled Web or Star Wars Tales.

Protagonist & Antagonist: Basically any G1 (mostly series 4) character not seen in the first season of the cartoon is fair game. In trying to keep with the continuity, the Headmasters and Target masters will not yet have their Nebulan enhancements. Other characters will experience fleshed out origins based on the idea that Transformers are a species, and hence evolve, adapt, and survive.

-Part one -
The Launch

Establish the continuity of Dark Ages. The Arc launches, the Decepticons make a ground assault, but Omega Supreme and the others fight them off. The Autobot feeling of victory is short lived when they realize the ground assault was a distraction.

Omega Supreme, Cosmos and some others rush into space to defend the Arc from its pursuers. The Decepticons send some of their number to slow down the cavalry. They battle in the asteroid belt, Omega Supreme and Cosmos decide to try and follow the Arc.

End with time elapse of asteroids obscuring Cybertron.

-Part two -
Depleted

The asteroid belt completely obscures ambient light from Cybertron; the planet must rely entirely off of its own energy. Decepticons build satellite station that sits outside the asteroid field but it does no good because it takes too much energy to transport, and the meteors make broadcasting impossible. The war rages on between Autobot and Decepticon. Both factions have more and more members who are forced to go into stasis from lack of energy. On the last page Shockwave walks into a room full of Monster bots feeding on Decepticons.

-Part three -
Survival

Autobots are concerned with the way Transformers have been adapting to the lack of energy. Autobots that were formally hover vehicles have taken on wheels to conserve energy. Several Transformers are now sharing bodies to keep from going into stasis (Dou cons and Cog).

There's even a rumor that a group of Autobots have gone cannibalistic. It is decided to have Punch send a message through Counter-Punch. The two brothers who are on opposite sides meet in a remote location, exchange information, and return to their factions.

-Part four -
True Sacrifice

Autobots decide to hunt the Monster bots, but once they confront them, they realize they can not afford to be honorable in this war. The Autobots and Monster bots join forces to fight Mindwipe and the Terrorcons. Punch kills his brother and begins to work both sides.

Aftermath

If Transformers: The Dark Ages goes over well, I have already given some thought to possible sequels. One would be a story about Omega Supreme and Cosmos, which would be the robot equivalent to a buddy flick.