

IT CAME FROM THE VIDEO STORE

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Orson Welles directed and starred in the undisputed greatest movie of all time: *Citizen Kane*. But his career went beyond overwhelming critical acclaim. Besides, it's hard to play "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon" from *Kane*.

Perhaps Welles had that game in mind when he agreed to be the voice of Unicron in *Transformers, the Movie*. With other voices including Robert Stack (as Ultra Magnus), Leonard Nimoy (as Galvatron), and Judd Nelson (as Rodimus Prime), connecting Orson Welles to Kevin Bacon is a snap. Judd Nelson, for example, was in *The Breakfast Club* with Molly Ringwald, who was in *Sixteen Candles* with John Cusack, who was in *Con Air* with John Malkovich, who was in *Of Mice and Men* with Gary Sinise, who was in *Apollo 13* with Kevin Bacon. Pow. Six degrees baby. Orson Welles to Kevin Bacon.

But I digress. That's not what it's about. *Transformers, the*

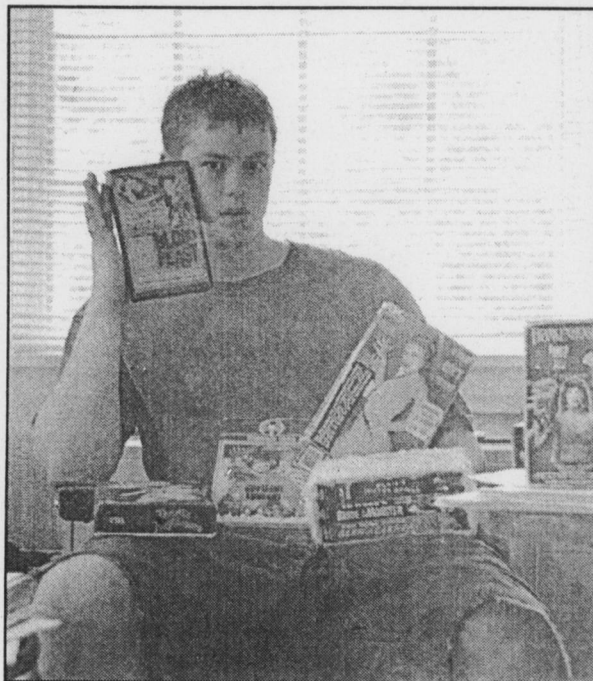
Movie is the greatest movie of all time. It's a timeless tale of loss, struggle, and ultimate redemption. Hot Rod proves worthy of the matrix (not Keanu's Matrix but Optimus Prime's matrix) and evolves into Rodimus Prime and then kicks the Decepticons' big metal asses. It's inspiring.

The only problem I have with *Transformers* is that all of a sudden they have a girl Transformer. Where did this come from? They're friggin' robots! There aren't any girl robots! I mean, the maid on "The Jetsons," but that's all. I mean, how do robots reproduce? I've got all these weird sexual images in my head now. Do they get pregnant? She drops a baby robot out of her crankcase and lactates oil or something.

And she's pink! What kind of sexist futuristic robot society is this? The boy robots are every color of the rainbow but the girl has to be pink? Let me tell you something: nobody respects a giant pink robot who transforms into a little pink car. Who drives that sh*t? Barbie? Great. A symbol of unattainable femininity driving a

pink-ass robot. Susan B. Anthony would spin in her grave. It's better to have no girl ro-

But back to the original point of this movie being more inspiring than *Rocky IV* (you know, the one where he fights the Russian?). Hot Rod gets in Optimus Prime's way when he is fighting Megatron, and Megatron kills Optimus Prime. Hot Rod is sad, because he's the moron who just got the Autobot leader killed. But Optimus Prime opens up his chest and hands Hot Rod the matrix before he dies, and Hot Rod puts it in his own chest and becomes Rodimus Prime, the new leader of the Autobots.



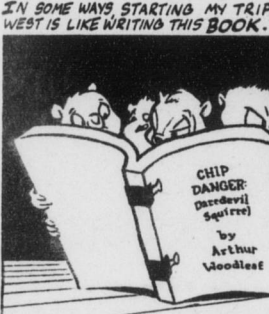
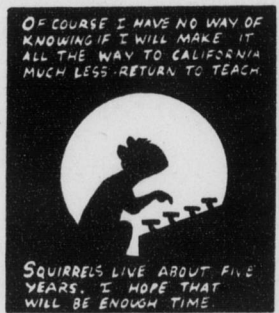
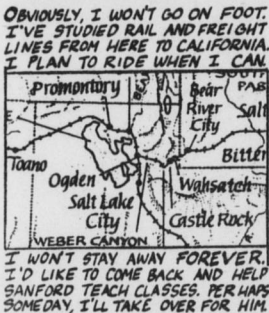
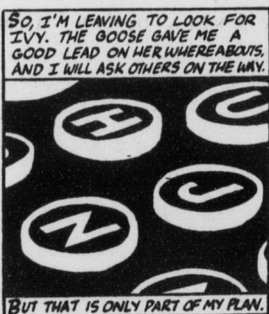
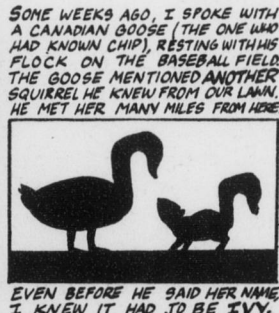
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In my dreams I'm a Hot Rod, and I kick big metal asses.

bots at all than to have a stereotypical token. I mean, they don't have any gay robots. Although, now that I think about it, Hot Rod walks a fine line...

Lesson: if you kill the leader, you become the new leader. Where's that McNemar guy live again?

Anyway, this is the last "It Came From the Video Store." Thanks for reading.



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