

## ACTRON: THE END

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It went about as well as could be expected. Nobody wanted to be laid off. They turned on him instantly.

Dimension Man: "I just don't see why we're cutting headcount in a record profit year."

Sonic Boom: "We've been speculating about this all day, and boy are my arms tired."

Eva: "I can't believe I'm even still sitting here."

Super Sonic: [Glancing at Eva] "Let's go."

They exit.

Raven: "Ha ha. All this because the coke turned black?"

No, that wasn't it.

Nobody had gotten laid off. You're confusing it with that other time.

Tom slapped himself.

Snap out of it, idiot.

He tried again.

It went about as well as could be expected. Nobody said anything rash. He was heartened by their expression of absolute support.

Dimension Man: "I figure, they're not going to cut headcount in a record profit year."

Sonic Boom: "The suits are picking up the bill!"

Eva: "I was sure we were all fired."

Super Sonic: [Snoring]

Raven: "Ha ha. So what do we do with all the black coke?"

And so on, in this vein.