

The Transforming Soldier
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Albert entered the toy department store with his mommy. It was his 7th birthday!

Albert loved to roam the aisles and look at all the toys!

Albert liked to look at all the games and toys, just like all the other girls and boys.

Albert looked

and looked

and looked.

All of the kids looking at the toys were happy. The toy store was fun for everyone!

Albert looked at big toys,

baby toys,

silly toys,

toys for big kids,

computer toys,

lots of dolls-big and small,

remote control toys,

cars for kids you can drive,

and blinking robots with flashing lights!

Albert walked down the aisle marked 'new toys'!

Albert saw a lot of different toys that he had never seen before.

Albert did not understand most of the new toys, but he liked to look at them.

Some of the new toys looked strange.

Some of the new toys were unique.

One toy was called 'Smiling Candy'. It was an electronic clown's head. You press the red nose of the clown, and different kinds of candy come out the clown's mouth as it laughs.

Albert found a large and tall box marked **Transforming Soldier. Experimental Toy.**

A magnificent toy soldier appeared in the plastic window of the front of the toy box!

Albert looked back at the shelf where he found it. There were no other toys like this one.

Albert's mommy bought him The Transforming Soldier. It cost \$1000. Mommy had promised Albert whatever toy he wanted in the store he could have for his birthday.

Albert took The Transforming Soldier home.

Albert brought the unopened box with The Transformer Soldier to his living room.

Daddy opened the box for Albert, and took out The Transforming Soldier, a battery pack, and a remote control.

Albert and Dad looked inside the box for a booklet of instructions, but there wasn't any.

Albert's daddy plugged in the battery pack and the remote control to charge them. They had unfolding plugs. After plugging them in, they had blinking red lights.

The next day, Albert came home from school and saw that the battery pack and the remote control both had blinking green lights.

Albert unplugged the battery pack and the remote control.

Albert popped the battery pack into the slot in the back of The Transforming Soldier.

A large green button marked **ON** began to flash on the remote control. Albert pushed it.

The Transforming Soldier opened its eyes. It began to move! Lights began to flash on it.

A large blue button marked **PUSH** began to flash on the remote control. Albert pushed it.

The Transforming Soldier transformed itself into a big cruise ship with flashing lights!

The large blue button marked **PUSH** began to flash on the remote. Albert pushed it.

The Transforming Cruise Ship transformed itself into an airplane with flashing lights!

The large blue button marked **PUSH** began to flash on the remote. Albert pushed it.

The Transforming Airplane transformed itself into a huge dinosaur you could play with!

The large blue button marked **PUSH** began to flash on the remote. Albert pushed it.

The Transforming Dinosaur transformed itself into a flashing motorcycle chopper!

The large blue button marked **PUSH** began to flash on the remote. Albert pushed it!

The Transforming Motorcycle Chopper transformed himself into a Roman soldier!

The large blue button marked **PUSH** began to flash again! Albert pushed it.

The Transforming Roman Soldier transformed himself into a beautiful flying bald eagle!

The large blue button marked **PUSH** began to flash on the remote. Albert pushed it.

The Transforming Bald Eagle transformed itself into a funny clown juggling!

The large button marked **PUSH** began to flash on the remote. Albert pushed it.

The Transforming Clown transformed himself into a magnificent little fire truck!

The large blue button marked **PUSH** began to flash on the remote. Albert pushed it.

The Transforming Fire Truck transformed itself into a gigantic friendly gorilla!

The large blue button marked **PUSH** began to flash on the remote. Albert pushed it.

The Transforming Gorilla transformed itself into a moving ten speed bicycle!

The large blue button marked **PUSH** began to flash on the remote. Albert pushed it.

The Transforming Bicycle transformed itself a flashing fort with cowboys and Indians!

The large blue button marked **PUSH** began to flash on the remote. Albert pushed it.

The Transforming Fort transformed itself into pineapple trees with glowing pineapples!

The large blue button marked **PUSH** began to flash on the remote.

The Transforming Pineapple Tree transformed itself into a flashing light palace!

The large blue button marked **PUSH** began to flash on the remote. Albert pushed it.

The Transforming Palace transformed itself into a flashing ice cream truck with music!

The large blue button marked **PUSH** began to flash on the remote. Albert pushed it.

The Transforming Ice Cream Truck transformed itself into a flashing shopping mall!

The large blue button marked **PUSH** began to flash on the remote. Albert pushed it.

The Transforming Shopping Mall transformed itself into a long flashing snake!

The large blue button marked **PUSH** began to flash on the remote. Albert pushed it.

The Transforming Snake transformed into a flashing playground with miniature kids!

The large blue button marked **PUSH** began to flash on the remote. Albert pushed it.

The Transforming Playground transformed itself into a smiling bouncing sunshine ball!

The large blue button marked **PUSH** began to flash again on the remote. Albert pushed it.

The Transforming Sunshine Ball transformed itself a happy monster you could play with!

The large blue button marked **PUSH** began to flash again on the remote. Albert pushed it.

The Transforming Monster transformed into the Abraham Lincoln Lincoln Memorial.

The large blue button marked **PUSH** began to flash on the remote. Albert pushed it.

The Lincoln Memorial transformed itself into a small desk, a sitting chair and a lamp.

The desk could be used for homework. The Transforming Chair was very comfortable.

The large blue button marked **PUSH** began to flash on the remote. Albert pushed it.

The Transforming Chair transformed itself into a flashing board game with little cars, street lights, stores, game cards, and moving kangaroos, hippopotamuses and penguins! Albert didn't know how to play the game, but it looked like fun anyway.

The large blue button marked **PUSH** began to flash on the remote. Albert pushed it.

The Transforming Board Game transformed itself into a tennis game, with a miniature tennis court an electronic scoreboard, a moving ball and two little tennis rackets. One racket was held by a small robot. The other racket was loose. You could hold the little racket and play tennis with the robot. This game Albert could play right away!

The large blue button marked **PUSH** began to flash on the remote. Albert pushed it.

The Transforming Tennis Game transformed itself into the New York City skyline!

An electronic billboard pointed out many historical sights to Albert that he had never seen or known about before: The United Nations, City Hall, Yankee Stadium, Shea Stadium, The Empire State Building, The Broadway Theatres, The Chrysler Building, The George Washington Bridge, The Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Central Park, The 9/11 Memorial, Gracie Mansion, The Time Warner Building, Madison Square Garden, Columbia University, New York University, Greenwich Village, The New York Public Library, Rockefeller Center, J.F.K. Airport and much more. Albert was fascinated.

The large blue button marked **PUSH** began to flash. Albert pushed it.

The New York City skyline transformed itself into a flat screen television set with many different electronic games for one or two players.

A yellow button marked **GAMES** flashed on the remote control. Albert pushed it.

The flat screen television displayed a list of games to play.

A game board popped out of the middle of the remote control.

The large blue button marked **PUSH** began to flash on the remote. Albert pushed it.

The Transforming Television transformed itself into a sitting racecar game with a screen.

Albert drove the racecar on the racecourse and had a lot of fun!

The large blue button marked **PUSH** began to flash on the remote. Albert pushed it.

The Transforming Racecar Game disappeared. The Transformer Television Reappeared.

An orange button marked **COUNTRIES** flashed on the remote control. Albert pushed it.

The Transforming Television offered a list of countries.

A second orange button marked **SELECT** flashed on the remote control.

By pressing it once, Albert scrolled through a list of countries with a moving yellow bar.

By pressing it twice, Albert could pick the country and get a historical tour on the TV. Albert watched a show on Italy and saw all of the sights in Rome for the first time.

The large blue button marked **PUSH** began to flash on the remote.

The Transforming Soldier returned. Albert pushed a purple button marked **ON/OFF**.

Albert hugged his Transforming Soldier. What a magical thing! Albert was very happy.

Albert slept with The Transforming Soldier. It was the greatest birthday present any little boy could ever have.

