

Ah, Transformers. I love them. Transformers is everything. But, you hardly see them anymore. You sure don't see them in SCD debates. But why? There's Batman. There's Spiderman…why not shockwave? Why not Megatron? Why not Optimus? I guess it's time. Time to make some of the most overpowered characters in SCD. I will cite the comics, because scans aren't easy to make. Each set of feats will be categorized by the comic they appear in. I'll also have this little key down here-

Senator - Feats that occurred during Shockwaves role as a Senator, and student.

Decepticons- Shockwave during his time with the Decepticons, one most are familiar with.

Regenesis- Shockwave 600,000 year plan to make Cybertron an everlasting planet.

Human Factor- Shockwaves time interacting on earth with Humans, as well as reuniting with his fellow Decepticons after the start of his Regenesis Plan.

Shockpoint- Shockwaves final time with the Decepticons before abruptly leaving to start on Dark Cybertron.

Dark Cybertron- The prophecy which would restart history making the actions of the universe full circle, the result of Shockwaves Regenesis Plan

Onyx Prime- Feats performed during Shockwaves reign as Onyx Prime after being sent back in time, around 12 million years before Senator Shockwave

The End Of Everything: The finale of IDW's 2005 Transformers run which saw every timelines and story concluded.

All life **is** equal. I merely assign it a **quantifiable value**—zero.

—Shockwave, "...And the Damage Done"

Cybertronian Biology/Overwhelming Might-

To start off simply, instead of diving straight into Shockwave's intel feats himself, I'll cover Cybertronian biology in general, as well as just how important Shockwaves overall power is in an outsmarting scenario. The most important part of Cybertronian biology is them having information analysis in their optics. Note in the scan, it processes physical aspects of the person they are analyzing. This can be anything from cracked armor, cloudy optics, split circuitry, etc. This could prove very effective in analyzing physical attributes, which can lead to making conclusions. In the scan, you can see the Chromedome, The Transformer, can identify that the Cybertronian with the K-Frame is a military bot.

(Analysis + Perception)

I'll also cover that, since Shockwave is a giant robot with a gun, it's sufficient to say that his threatening capabilities are through the roof. Shockwave, when in contact with the US government, implied he could lay waste to earth in under 24 hours. Note, this isn't a standard US government, this is a government who's been aware of the Transformers, and has attempted thousands of countermeasures, and were still scared by Shockwaves threat. Furthermore, Megatron and Optimus Prime, both comment on just how overwhelmingly powerful Shockwave is, and that he's one of the most powerful Decepticons. Shockwave tends to abuse his power as well, such as when he coerced Soundwave in exchange for saving his mini cassettes

(Threats+Coercion+Blackmail+Influence+Aura)

Scaling-

Real quick would like to add some feats for some other IDW characters, whom Shockwave scales above or has outsmarted before.

- Orion Pax, Optimus before he was Optimus, as a police officer was able to deduce the cause of death of a Cybertronian in a matter of seconds.
- Both Optimus and Megatron can command a thousand battles all at once. This was done using an Omni Globe which gave them full surveillance of the battlefield. Everything, all at once. From a single soldiers energon reserves to the wind direction of the area. Described as the "Totality of Information"
- Megatron spent years planning the original decepticon revolution, and planning everything that occurred after the Autobot uprising
- Megatron has a contingency for everything, and Ravage goes into more detail saying that Megatrons smarter than everyone else. Stealing Trailcutters forcefield despite it being a biological

ability. Ravage also says he's smarter than someone who built a time machine out of briefcases, with Ravage also saying Megatron stole one as contingency (Still got outsmarted by Shockwave)

- Megatron manipulated his trial using a legal loophole, even though it was only a contingency.
- Megatron corrupted Damus, a very loyal Autobot, into one of the most feared Decepticons alive. His words were also enough to move a vast amount of Cybertrons Population.
- Had Shockwave turn his old body into guns that mind controlled humans, knowing the Autobots wouldn't do anything to them.
- Thirteen idiosyncratic individuals of the Multiverse forging the fundamental aspects of creation as we know it. Beings above the prosaic concepts of time and space, distance and scale, existing on a metaphysical level, molding and maintaining the laws and concepts that the Multiverse operates upon. Created by Primus to inhibit Unicron's chaos and destruction, Vector's mind exists on a plane infinitely beyond the reaches of any mortal, the Astral Plane, which lies well beyond the aforementioned concepts (time, space, distance, scale, etc.). Furthermore, Vector's conscious is capable of comprehending "all moments and all probabilities" concurrently, of which there are infinity, with an infinite amount also manifesting with every passing action/moment. Moreover, Vector exists all throughout time, knowing not only of events that haven't happened yet in the Transformers Multiverse, but of *fiction that hasn't been created in the real world* (Ask Vector Prime).

(Transformers: Robots in Disguise #17)

Shockwave once studied under the great Jihaxus, a Cybertronian Scientist. He learned about the Dark Cybertron Prophecy from him. After a failed experiment, Jhiaxus left Cybertron before the disgrace of his experiments could touch him, with that, Shockwave took command of his post on the senate. Our first feat comes from Shockwave before the war between the Autobots and the decepticons. It's both a show of academic ability, as well as leadership. He opened an academy to honor his former teacher. Later in Shockwaves origin comic, he was able to foresee an Energon crisis coming to Cybertron. Due to this foresight, Shockwave began to think of ways to prevent this crisis, but was halted by the Senate, who deemed he would become a cruel scientist like Jhiaxus and that his findings would lead nowhere. **(Academics+Leadership+Influence+Anticipation+Planning+Strategical Thinking+Knowledge)**

Years would soon pass, and the Cybertronian race would soon become divided. Due to this, Shockwave, in secret, gathered individuals he knew could bare the Matrix better than the corrupt Senate. This includes beings like Orion Pax, who would indeed later become the last Prime. This is actually an extremely impressive feat. Not only was Shockwave able to narrow down potential candidates of the matrix, this it was done with very surface level knowledge of the Matrix and its capabilities. It's unknown how large Cybertrons population is, but considering its at least 2 times bigger than earth, which all it's inhabitants being able to live for thousands of years and new Transformers being made by the Functionists, there would be at least 12,000,000,000 cybertronians including Shockwave. So Shockwave, through at least twelve billion candidates, was able to deduce that Orion Pax was the most worthy. Furthermore, Shockwave was able to deduce that Proteus and Sentinel both secretly had Nominous, the current Prime at that time, killed to illegally control the senate.
(Deduction+Logical Reasoning+EQP+Observation+Strategy+Planning+Knowledge+FSIQ (FRI))

This got him killed. But, not in the traditional sense. Shockwave would become a victim to Shadowplay, an experiment which, through his words, literally removed what the Senate's persuasion could not do. Rebuilding his mind and removing his emotion emitters, Shockwave would not be the same. While this was done to control, Shockwave was instead free. Proteus used Shockwave to turn the senate against Dai Atlas, another senator. This was due simply to logic. Despite Dai using Shockwave's previous observations, Shockwave instead denied these beliefs, calling Dai delusional and turning the rest of the senate against him and to the side of proteus. Even Starscream, one of the best deceivers in Transformers, compliments Shockwaves lying.
(Deception+Direct Manipulation+Cunningness+Logical Thinking)

Everything Shockwave does is derived by logic. Every action, ever word spoken, will only be what logic dictates. His research and studying under Jhixus and being experimented on with Shadowplay are the main factors here.
(Logical Thinking+Logical Reasoning+Fluid Intel+Crystalized Intel+Knowledge)

This Shadowplay, instead of imprisoning Shockwave, freed him. He didn't care about others beliefs, he only cared about his own benefit. I'd also like to add that due to Shadowplay, Shockwave can't get arrogant, he can't get cocky, and therefore has no exploitable emotional weakness. This plays into Shockwave joining the Decepticons. It's revealed that not only has Shockwave turned some of the Cybertronian Senate against Dai Atla, but it's revealed Shockwaves been using the Proteous for his own

personal goal, yet lacked the resources to properly exploit them. He voted with Proteous, but didn't stand with him.



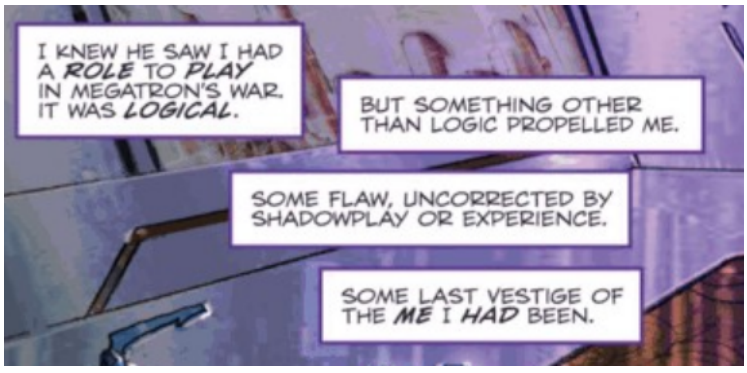
(Lateral Thinking+Abstract Reasoning+Deception+Direct Manipulation+Strategy+Tactics+Planning)

Now, Shockwaves with the decepticons. Megatron provides him with resources and a lab to make a combiner, something only done by Shockwaves teacher. While Shockwave agrees, he abuses the lab Megatron provides for his own goal. In his monologue, Shockwave comments that Megatron asked him whether he viewed him as a terrorist or a freedom fighter, Shockwave comments in his mind that Megatrons an opportunity.



(Deception+Manipulation+Perception+Resourcefulness+Tactics+Info Gathering)

Our next big event is the killing of the senate. Shockwave dons new arms, one blaster and one hand. He reveals that despite what Shadowplay had done, there was a flaw. He wasn't devoid of emotions like he previously believed. But instead of being controlled by emotions, or logic, he controlled himself. He describes it as one moment of sentimentality.



(Self Regulation+Self Managment, EQM+EQE)

During the Decepticon uprising, Shockwave fulfilled Megatrons goal, but his plan remained in motion. He seeded thirteen planets with experimental ores which would evolve into energon, and become something greater. These ores siphoned the powers of the universe, Time, Uncontrollable cold, Pure destruction, Power, and resurrection.

(Long term-Strategy, Long Term Planning, Knowledge)

(Transformers: Robots in Disguise #34)

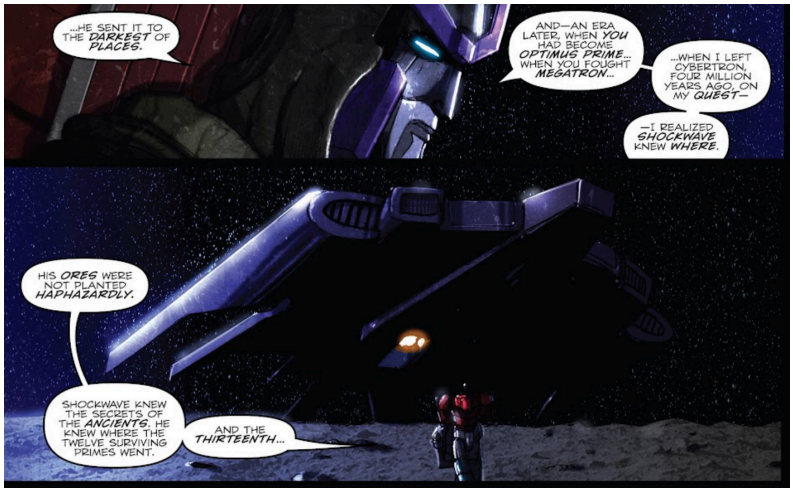
We jump from a prologue to an epilogue, kind of. This takes place after Shockwaves 600,000 year plan Regenesis was stopped by the Autobots and Decepticons. It's noted by Alpha trion and Optimus, that Shockwaves plan was to infect planets with ores, and eventually destroy the Universe by flooding all its recourses into Cybertron, making it a planet that would last for eons



(Long Term Planning + Tactics)

It's revealed by Alpha trion, that Shockwaves Ores weren't thrown around randomly. Instead, Shockwave was able to deduce what planet the remaining Thirteen primes landed and planted each Energon seed in that location. The 13 Primes traveled to many worlds, fought in many galactic wars, and so on. We know this version of Shockwave studied Cybertrons immense history (At minimum 10 Million years worth) and targeted the planets that contained the most traces of the 13.

It's important to note that this would span many, many galaxies. And a single Universe in transformers can span to infinity, with innumerable amounts of galaxies and planets inhabiting them.



(Abduction+Logical Reasoning+Knowledge +FRI)

(Optimus Prime #18)

Shockwave talks with Orion about his past; he describes Shadowplay, the experiment that removed his emotions, as freedom, rather than a Shackle. How he wasn't tied to arrogance or pity.

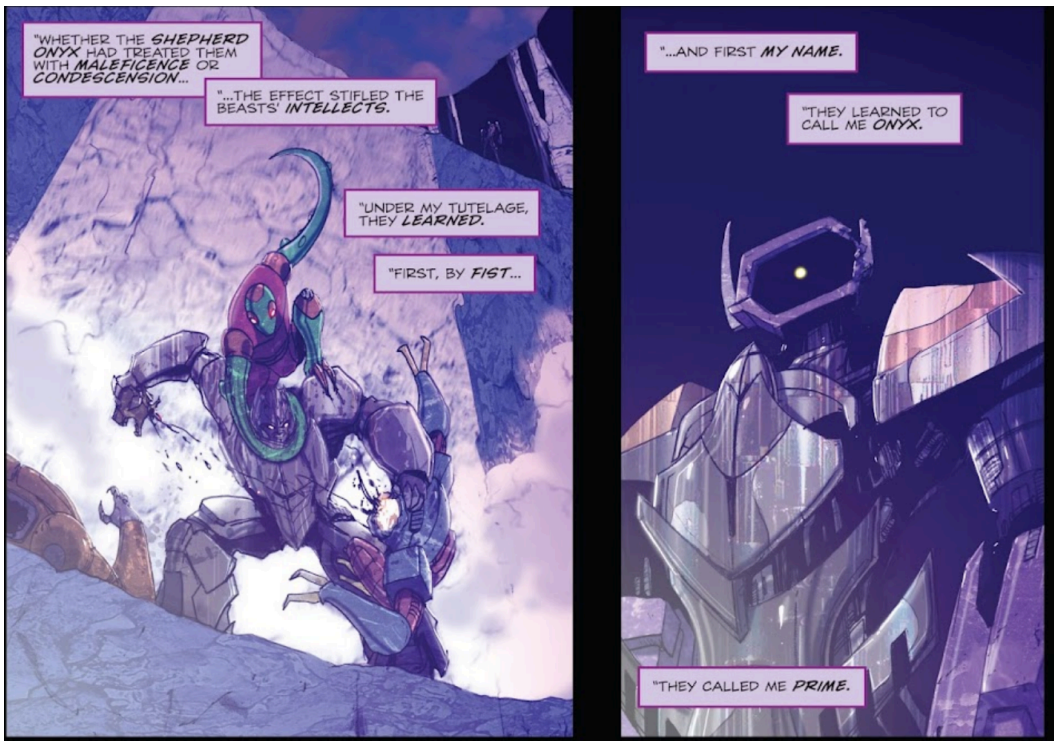
(Self Awareness)

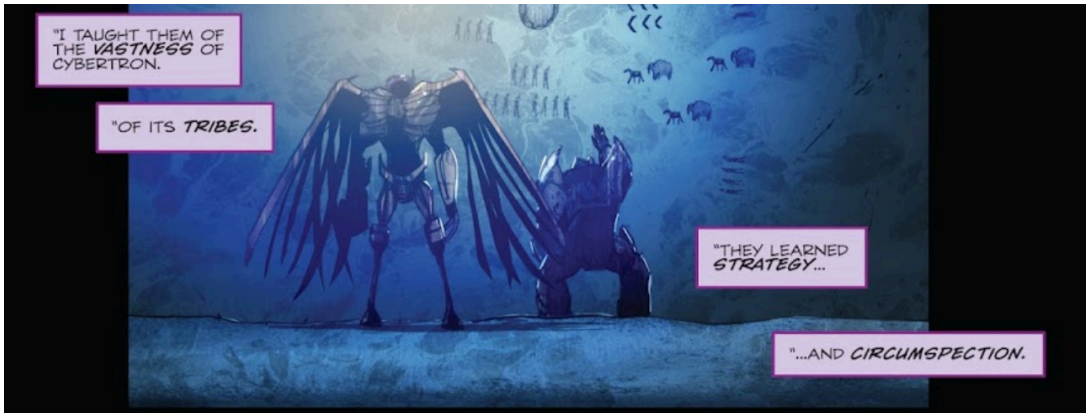
It's revealed after the events of Shockwaves death, that he became anchored to Cybertron. Sent back in time 12 Million years from the events of his death. By simply gazing up at the stars in the sky, Shockwaves was able to figure out he was exactly 12 million years in the past.



(Observation+Deduction+Perception)

He walked for what he claimed to be years, searching for Energon. He finally comes across Onyx, one of the original 13 Primes. Onyx offers him spare Energon, and Shockwave kills him. It was at this moment, Shockwave would plan everything. He would take up the Onyx frame, and control his followers and teach them as though he actually was Onyx. Teach them Strategy, history, culture. But not their culture. No, he taught them about the Cybertron **he** knew. Shockwave would create Megatronus, who Megatron would name himself after, he created the origin of Dark Cybertron Prophecy, he implanted the cruel and evil thoughts of Megatronus, he







(Mass Manipulation+Direct Manipulation+Strategy+Planning)

Shockwave soon realizes that all this time, he was studying his own history unknowingly. He manipulated Megatronus into doing his actions and setting the events of the first great Cybertronian war between the 13. The war of the headmasters, The Consolidation of Peripheries, The Dynast Rising, every conflict and war that played a role in the battle between the 13 Primes.

This means around 2 million years worth of conflicts. We know the Primes banded 12 million years before Shockwaves Regenesis plan ended, and we know they died 10 million years before the aforementioned plan, so for a minimum of two million years, Shockwave manipulated 13 mystical and godly beings, as well as thousands of wars.

(Logical Manipulation+Mass Manipulation+Planning+Strategy)

When the 13 Primes finally came together, Shockwave's plan moved forward. He manipulated the war between the titans the ultimately lead to inner arguments of the Thriteen, he engineered the organization of the Primes even when he knew it was doomed, the events that occurred 8 million years before the War Between Optimus and Megatron were all Shockwaves.



(Long Term Planning+Long Term Strategy+Mass Manipulation+Influence)

As stated earlier, the war between the 13 erupted. He organized the events of Liege Maximos betrayal and banishment, as well as Megatronus war ravaged killing where he killed Solus and Prima, finally in the end killing and betraying him. Megatronus himself states he had followed his orders for eons. He would tell Alpha trion what Alpha trion told Shockwave in his youth, essentially, planting and cementing the stories of cybertron.



(Planning+Individual Manipulation+Strategy+Influence)

At the end of this comic, Shockwave states that he still see's much of himself in Orion, as he does with the variety of other Primes who came before him. He states that he made Optimus a Prime for a reason, meaning Shockwave would further set the standards and manipulate who exactly was capable of holding the Matrix of leadership. Let me be clear, Shockwave was able to manipulate who exactly was capable of holding an artifact that grants the user the ability to sense all life in the universe, as well as the universe itself. Shockwaves not talking about manipulating Prime here, no, he's talking about how he manipulated the matrix.

(Manipulation+Analysis+Perception+Observation+Profiling+EQP)

<u>(The Transformers: #23)</u>

We get an introduction to Orion Pax, who stormed into a Senate meeting with accusations of corruption amongst its ranks, Shockwave saw this potential in him. The damaged Pax was apprehended after his tirade, but Shockwave arranged for his release and repair, adding a Matrix chamber to his chest. After his release, Pax met his secret benefactor in front of the *Ark-1* memorial, where Shockwave warned him that factions within the senate had arranged for a recent attack on Nominus Prime in an attempt to gain control of the Matrix's power. When Orion asks what they should do, Shockwave reveals Nominus holds a fake matrix, and that the real one is somewhere in Cybertron.

(Deduction)

<u>(The Transformers: More Than Meets The Eye #10)</u>

Here, we see interactions between Optimus, Shockwave, and Ratchet as they discuss the newly diseased Nominus. It's revealed that, while Nominus held the title of Prime, the Matrix he wielded in his chest as a fake. Shockwave, unlike the rest of the senate, had already come to that realization. Shockwaves able to deduce that Sentinels next plan involve the Decepticons, who at the time were a political group organized by Megatron.

(Deduction)

Shockwave, Orion Pax, Ratchet, Prowl, and Chromedome all gather after Orion is tipped off that there will be an attempt on Shockwaves life. Here, they try to figure out and analyze the earlier recorded Senate meeting. While it's Orion who explains everything, though it's implied Shockwave is already aware of this. There's about 14 panels in this one page, so I'm actually gonna try and go more in depth with every panel, going through all the observations, and deductions made with the group. I'd count this as a shared feat (Optimus and Shockwave), pretty good considering that there was no actual evidence of this, Prowl even mentioning this as a "conspiracy".

Panel 2/3: Earlier in this book, we are told Shockwave found a short list of Cybertronians who had recently become associated with the Decepticon uprising. However, Shockwave didn't have any clue as to why this list was here. In the third panel, as the group of Cybertronians watch over the Senate news, Shockwaves able to immediately recognize the list thats presented despite it have multiple additional names, identifying it as the Decepticon registration act.

Panels 4/5 : Ratchet questions why the institute would be interested, but then says that the answer is obvious. Chromedome finishes Ratchet's thoughts, by saying that the Senate wants to Lobotomize the Decepticons, surgically remove their will to rebel, so that the Senate can be in complete control. Ratchet states that there's too pretext, they can't arrest or apprehend the Decepticons without cause, Chromedome states they will pin the deaths of Sherma and Nominus.

Panel 6: Shockwave says otherwise, he states that the deaths of Sherma and Nominus were to small of an event to justify that course of action. He states that, logically, the Proteus would have no actual reason to kill the two senators before registration closes, because then they'd get weary. He states he wants to get as many Decepticons to register as possible. Here, Prowl states that the group is on a conspiracy. Note,

Prowl is the head detective on Cybertron, so the fact he can't reach this conclusion like the others is very impressive for Shockwave and Optimus specifically.

Panel 7-11: Optimus stops the group. To quote specifically- "Okay, lets say the D.R.A (Decepticon Registration Act) is the senates way of flushing out the enemy. But the Decepticons don't trust the senate, why would they? After all the propaganda. So Registration is poor"- To break it down, Optimus mentions how the Decepticons wouldn't have any actual reason to join registration by itself, since they had been protesting for years now. The next panel, Optimus breaks down Proteus' thought process. Optimus says that Proteus organized for Sherma and Nominus' death, knowing the Decepticons would think the Senate would blame them. Instead, Optimus states Proteus would use the deaths to advance his political view. Instead of jumping to conclusions, Proteus would convince the skeptics as though he's no longer "Anti Decepticon". Gaining the trust of the protesters. He states that he needed to draw attention to the investigation, assigning Scrupulous investigators (Prowl and Chromedome, they investigated the deaths), he'd use this as an illusion that he's looking for "the truth". The investigators would come to the conclusion the Decepticons aren't to blame, and Proteus would be a model of Probity. This would give way more registrants to the D.R.A.

Panel 8-13: Chromedome states thats why Flatfoot, Prowls superior, was so quick to send Prowls investigation to the senate. Prowl loses his mind, his exact quote is "Flatfoots in on this too?! Of Course! Why not?!", showing he still has no idea whats going on. Chromedome states the senate expected Prowls investigation methods and eventual conclusions. Ratchet says that if enough Decepticons register, Proteus is obligated to make them a political party, Optimus stated that wouldn't matter if the Decepticons show their true colors. Shockwave says that they'd use a bomb, one Prowl and Whirl found earlier but was inactive, to blame the Decepticons. Allowing Sentinal and Proteous to arrest all Decpeticons and brainwash them. Chromdome states that they have no way to identify where the bomb is, but Shockwave corrects him, pointing to the TV.

Final Panel: Optimus and Shockwave identify that the fake Matrix in Nominus' body is the bomb, a bomb that will kill thousands and destroy an ancient Cybertronian landmark.

(Deduction, Data Analysis, Observation)

(The Transformers: More Than Meets The Eye #11)

This comic covers the idea of outliers. Outliers are Transformers that have certain abilities others don't, being able to shut down technology by touching it, having literal electromagnetic fields in their arms, etc. Shockwave states that the Jhiaxus academy is a safe haven for them, with it being able to allow him to help the outliers hone their skills. He does this to save them from the Functionists. Shockwave, through

no actual contact with them, knows that Functionists hate and despise outliers, and knows exactly why. Mode determinism dictates what a Cybertronian's job in society is, but outliers don't follow this track. Also, It's stated that the outliers who show up at Shockwaves academy, need to only hear his name to get on board. His master's teachings drove Shockwave in his work, as he focused on myriad ways of advancing the Transformer race: in addition to repeatedly voting to bring back Nova Prime's spark-splicing programs.
(Observation + Influence)

(Transformers: Robots in Disguise #21)
Soundwave and Shockwave don't interact much, but Soundwave had cautioned Megatron of Shockwave multiple times. Not because he saw anything disloyal, but because he didn't see anything at all. Soundwave, whos able to read many Transformers, couldn't read the Shadowplayed Shockwaves mind, he saw nothing, causing him to become weary of the Decepticon.
(EQM)

It's revealed Shockwave designed a weapon to imprison Transformers in their alternate modes, the reason for this was because he wanted leverage over Soundwave, who the weapon was used on. When they met once more, Soundwave used his minicons to try and force Shockwave, but Shockwave was unthreatened. Shockwave stated that in turn for returning Soundwaves minicons to normal, he wanted Soundwave to intercept and decode a frequency. Humans, after multiple failed attempts, implanted a bomb in Shockwaves head that, if Shockwave attempted to even remotely try and think about removing, would detonate. The only way to deactivate it would be to access the codes which the humans disposed off and only knew of through their word.
(Blackmail+Negotiation+EQM+Planning)

Soundwave reveals he is aware of Regenesis, just not what it actually is. He knows through Starscream who had found and used Ore-13. Shockwave states that he had wanted to end the trail with the Herald Bludgeon, whom he killed and rebuilt with no memory of Regenesis. Just FYI, Soundwaves hacked and decoded planetary levels of technology, so the fact he couldn't even find out what Shockwaves plan was, is a nice boost for Shockwave.
(Deception)