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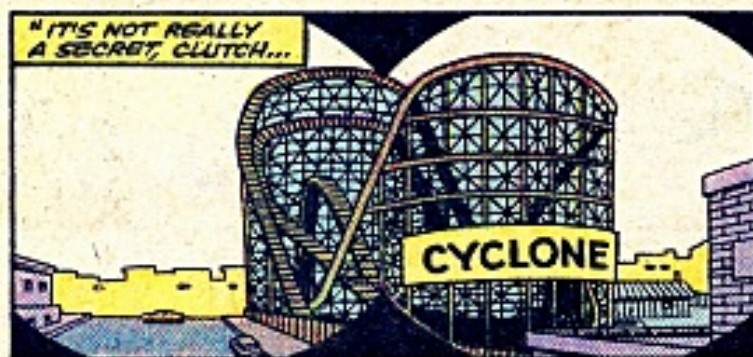
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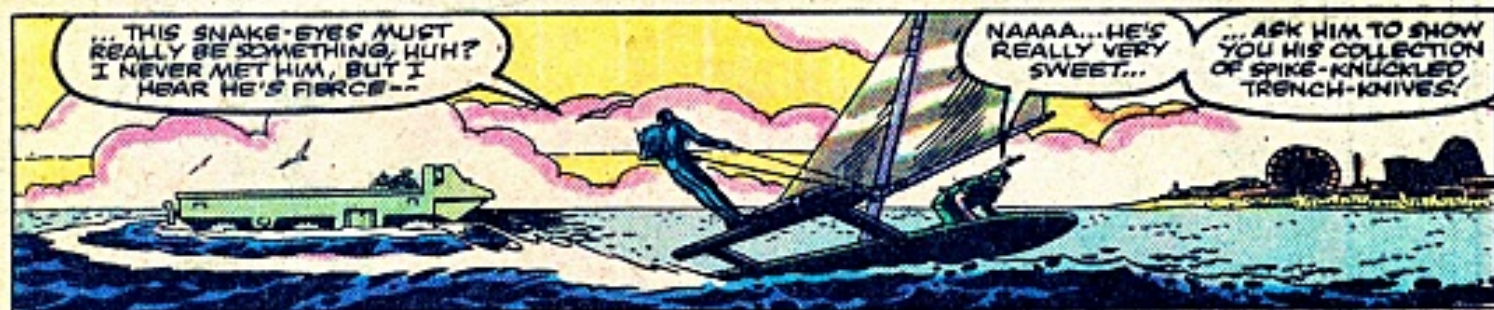
COONEY ISLAND ISN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE, BUT IT'S STILL THERE -- FEESTERING OFF THE COAST OF BROOKLYN LIKE THE REMAINS OF AN ANCIENT BIRTHDAY PARTY...

THAT PLANE, HAWK! IT'S SPORTING COBRA INSIGNIA!

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"...I CAN SEE THE SUNLIGHT GLARING OFF THAT STAINLESS STEEL MASK FROM HERE!"



"THAT'S DESTRO..."



"AND HE'S HEADING FOR 'COASTER UTILITY SHED THAT SCAR-FACE CALLS HOME!"



"DOLLARS TO DOUGHNUTS, DESTRO'S THE LAST PERSON ON EARTH SCAR-FACE WANTS SHOWING UP AT HIS FRONT DOOR RIGHT THIS MOMENT..."



DESTRO...



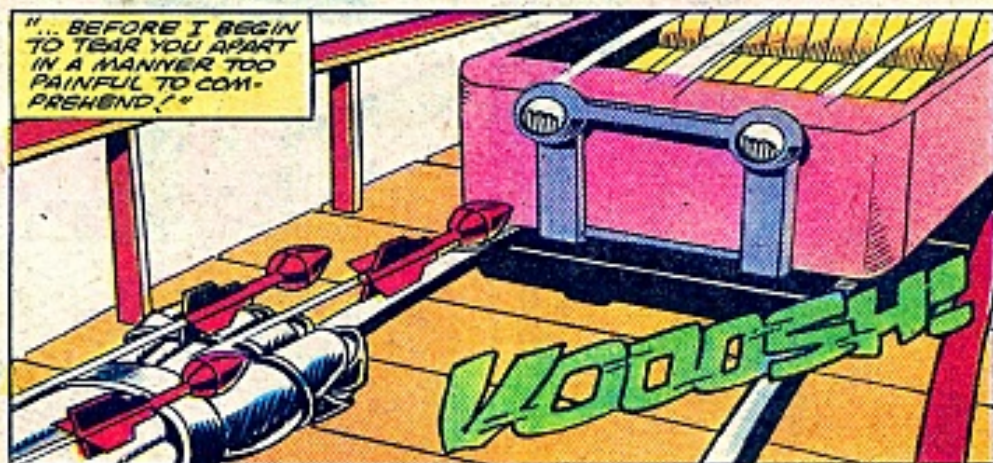
I DON'T THINK HE'S GONNA BE TOO CRAZY ABOUT SEEING US, EITHER!

YOU THINK HE'S GONNA BE OVERJOYED TO SEE KWINN AND SNAKE-EYES? THIS IS A VERITABLE REUNION OF THE "HAVE-IT-IN-FOR-SCAR-FACE-CLUB"

LOOKIT! A GARBAGE-SCOOP WITH WHEELS!

DON'T GET TOO CLOSE, TIMMY... YOU'LL CATCH A DISEASE...













HECK, MURRAY... YOU GONNA LET THAT BOZO KNOCK YOU DOWN AND TAKE YER ICE CREAM TRUCK?

YIP, OL' MURRAY ALWAYS MAKES IT A POINT NEVER TO CONTRADICT ANYBODY WITH A STAINLESS-STEEL HEAD!



EVERYBODY BACK IN THE A.P.C./ DESTRO IS CHASING SOMEBODY AND MY BET IS THAT IT'S SCAR-FACE!



CHECK THIS OUT! THERE'S SOME KIND OF CAR CHASE GOING ON DOWN THERE!

THAT MUST BE HIM UP THERE! IN THE PINK CADILLAC!



AWH, IT'S PROBABLY FOR A MOVIE LIKE IN THE "FRENCH CONNECTION."

Nicki

I DON'T KNOW... THOSE GUYS DON'T LOOK LIKE THEY'RE FOOLIN' AROUND...



LET'S PUT THE PEDAL TO THE METAL, CLUTCH! WE GOTTA CATCH UP TO THAT JOKER.--

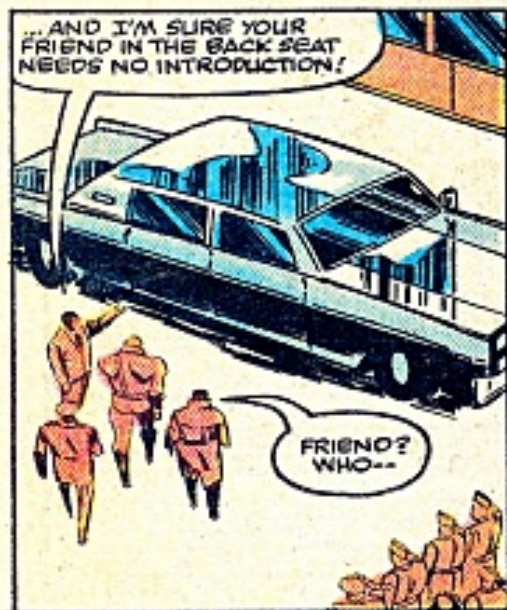
NO PROB! YOU JUST STOP HIM FROM CHUCKING GRENADES AT US AND I'LL CATCH UP TO HIM!

BA-DOOM!

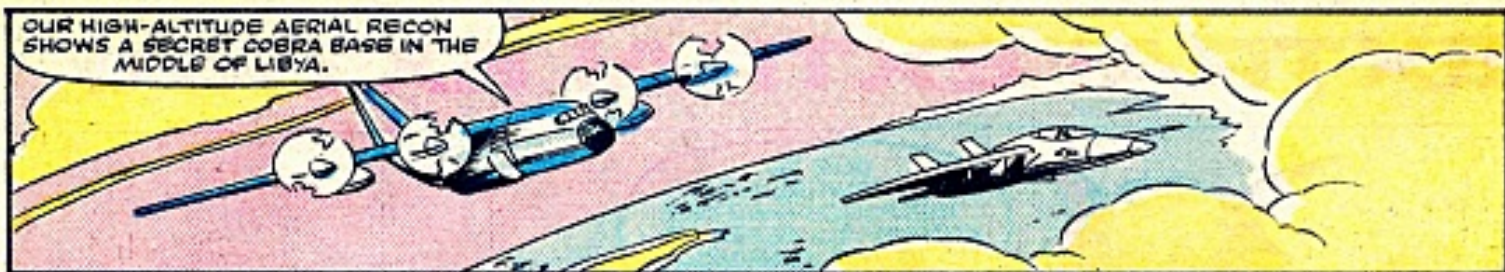








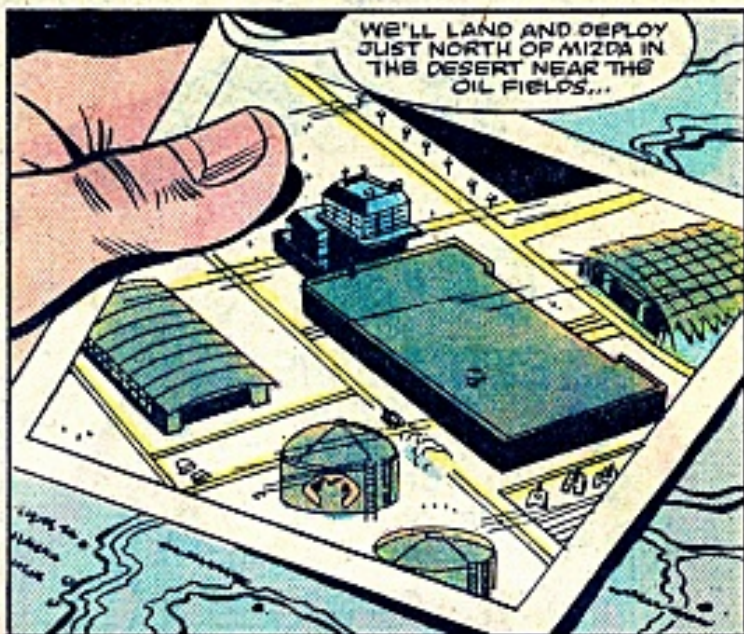
OUR HIGH-ALTITUDE AERIAL RECON SHOWS A SECRET COBRA BASE IN THE MIDDLE OF LIBYA.



...IT'S AT A PLACE CALLED MIZDA, 100 MILES SOUTH OF TRIPOLI. IT'S A SAFE BET THAT MIZDA WILL BE SCAR-FACE'S DESTINATION AFTER TOUCHING DOWN IN TRIPOLI.



WE'LL LAND AND DEPLOY JUST NORTH OF MIZDA IN THE DESERT NEAR THE OIL FIELDS...



TRIPOLI

SO, YOU HAVE SEEN TO IT THAT SCAR-FACE HAS BEEN INJECTED WITH THE TOXIN?



YES, COBRA COMMANDER. HE IS NOW A BIOLOGICAL TIME-BOMB. HE IS DORMANT NOW, BUT WITHIN TWO WEEKS HE WILL BE SPREADING AN UNSTOPPABLE INFECTION...

... THAT WILL ERADICATE EVERY LIVING SOUL IN G.I. JOE HEADQUARTERS!

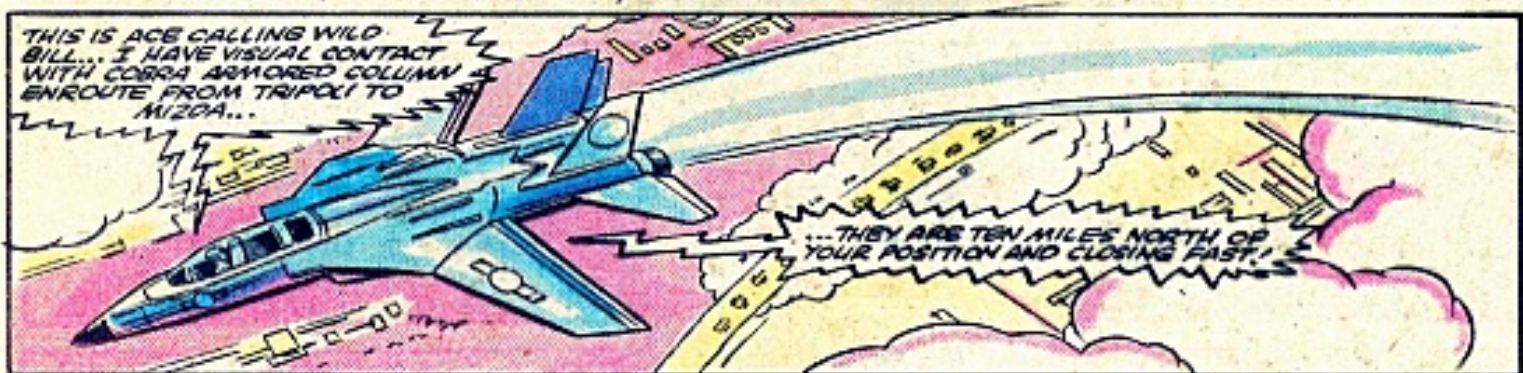
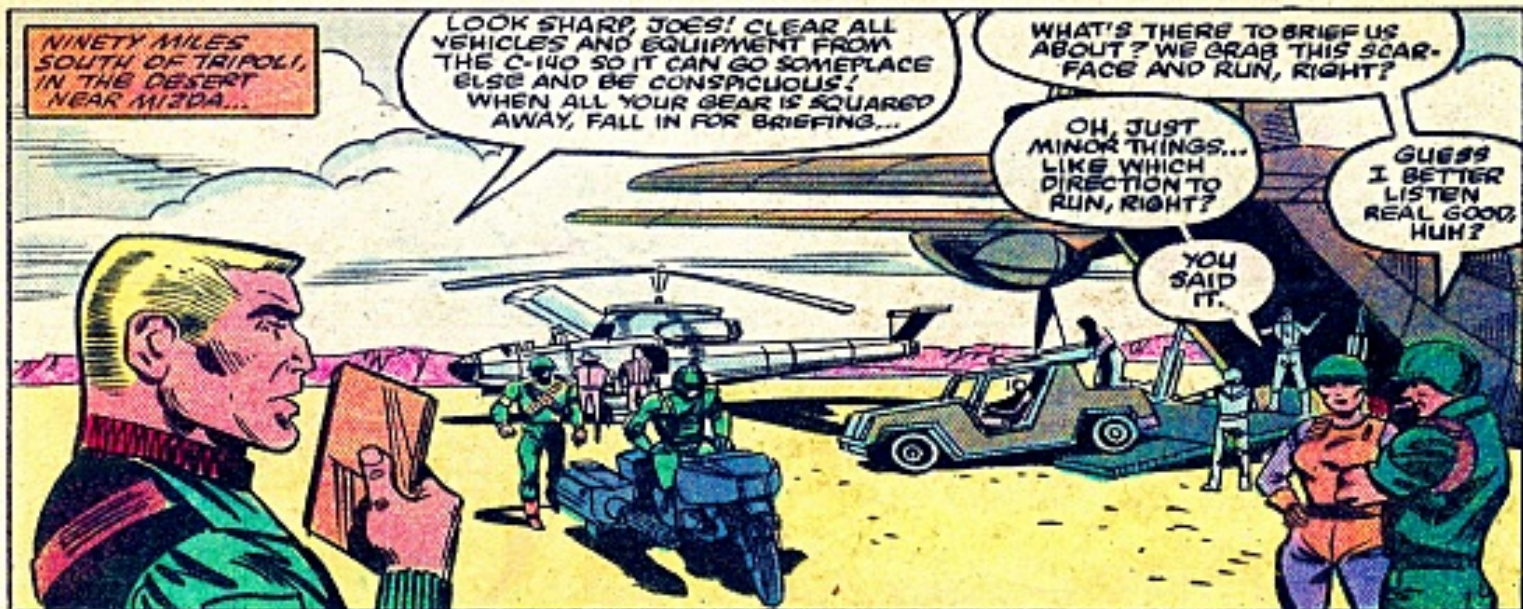
YES, PROVIDING YOU CAN GET HIM INTO G.I. JOE HEADQUARTERS!

WE'LL HAVE TO...



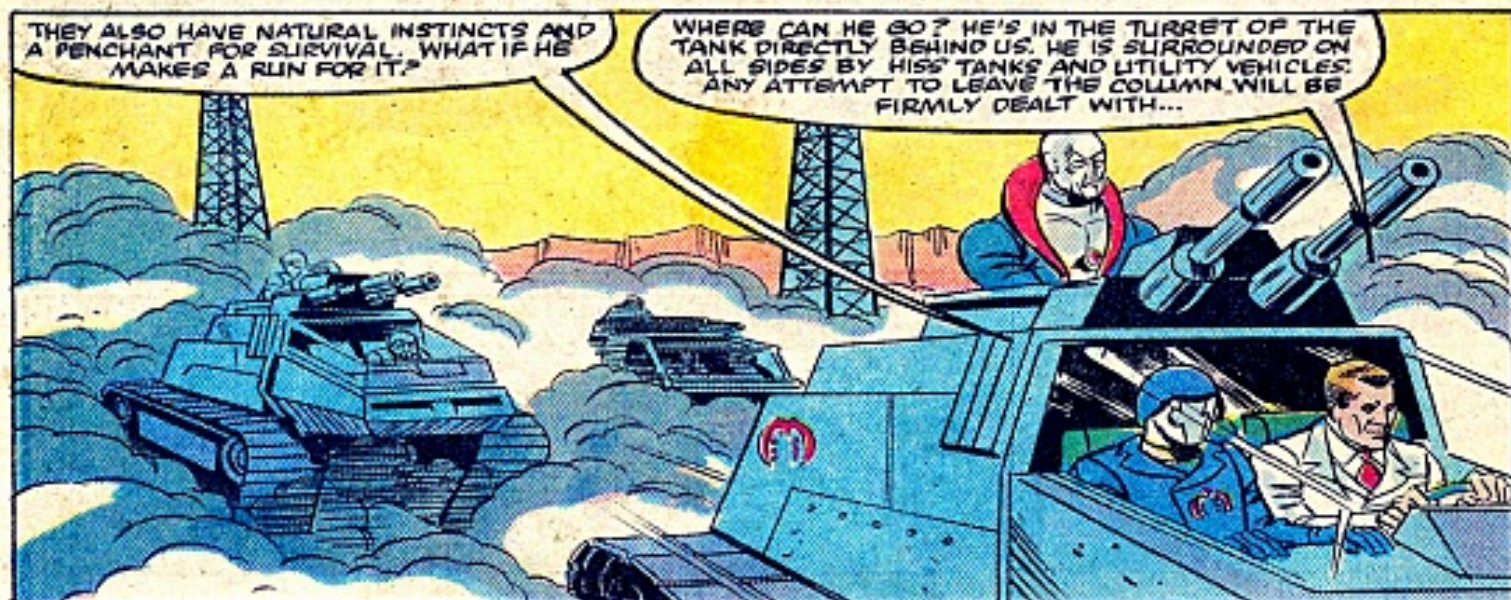
IF HE'S NOT IN THEIR HANDS WITHIN TWO WEEKS, WE'LL HAVE TO KILL HIM OURSELVES.







NONSENSE, COBRA COMMANDER... SCAR-FACE IS AS STUPID AS HE APPEARS TO BE. THE IGNORANT DO NOT DEDUCE, THEY SURMISE--



THEY ALSO HAVE NATURAL INSTINCTS AND A PENCHANT FOR SURVIVAL. WHAT IF HE MAKES A RUN FOR IT?

WHERE CAN HE GO? HE'S IN THE TURRET OF THE TANK DIRECTLY BEHIND US. HE IS SURROUNDED ON ALL SIDES BY HISSE'S TANKS AND UTILITY VEHICLES. ANY ATTEMPT TO LEAVE THE COLUMN WILL BE FIRMLY DEALT WITH...



HEY-- YOU IN THE UTILITY VEHICLE!

SORRY, TROOPER! HARD TO SEE IN ALL THIS DUST, YOU KNOW?!

YOU'RE DRIFTING TOO CLOSE! MAINTAIN YOUR DISTANCE!

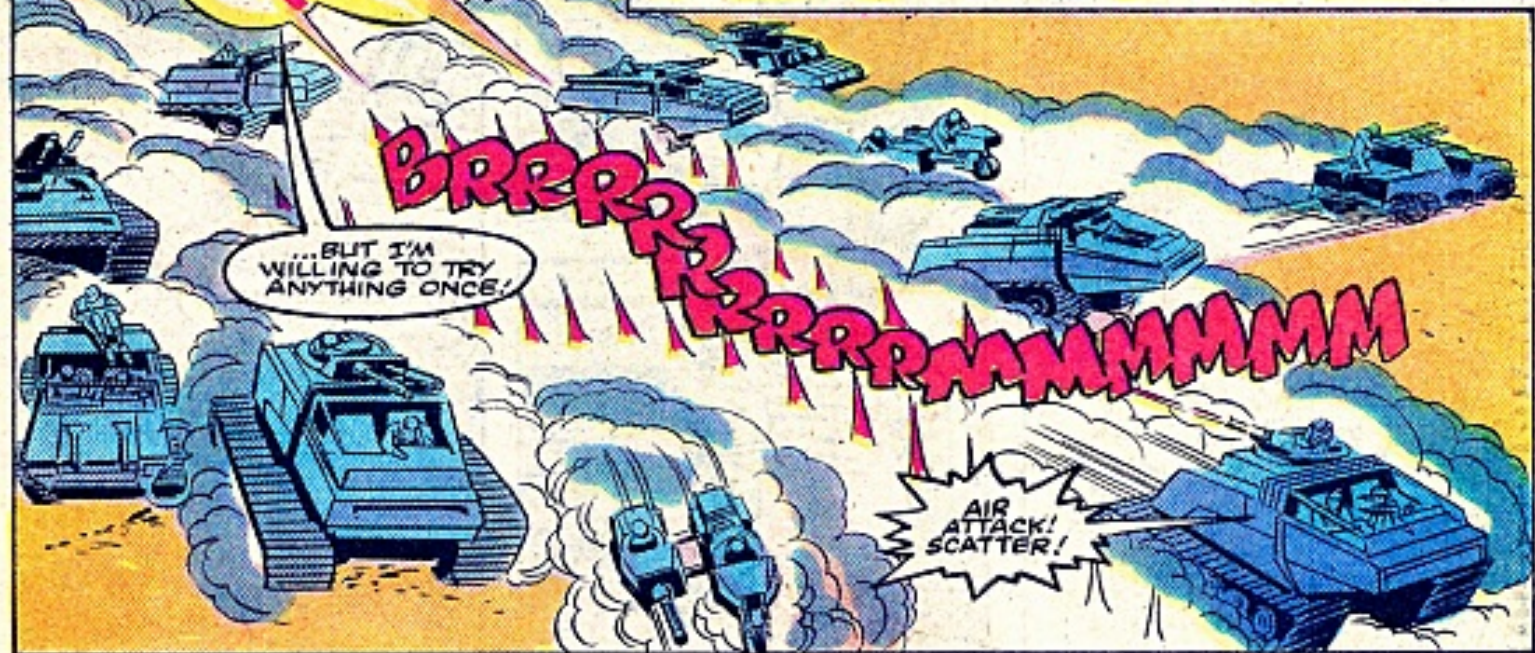


WELL, CLUTCH-- IS THAT THE GUY WHO SHOT YOU IN SAN FRANCISCO?

A-FLIPPIN'- AFFIRMATIVE. I'D RECOGNIZE THAT VOICE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WEST POINT CHOIR.



I'LL HAVE HIM SING A SONG FOR YOU, BUT FIRST I HAVE TO FIND OUT WHAT KEY HIS HEAD IS IN...







THIS IS GOING TO BE CLOSE. DESTRO RECOVERED A LOT SOONER THAN WE FIGURED HE WOULD!

COME ON, SCARLETT... JUMP FOR IT!

WOULD YOU STOP FOR ME IF I FELL?



NO.

THANKS, STALKER! YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO MAKE A GIRL FEEL SECURE.

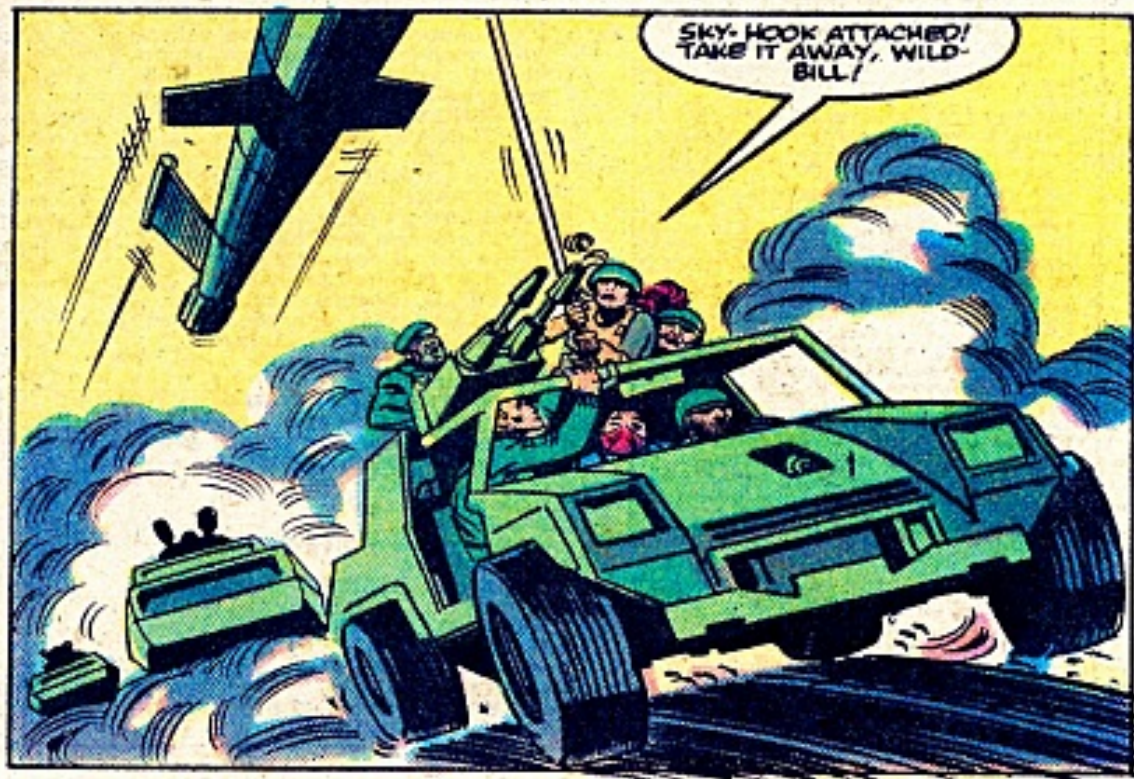
HEY! I DIDN'T SAY I WOULDN'T FEEL BAD...

STALKER... STOP WHILE YOU'RE AHEAD!

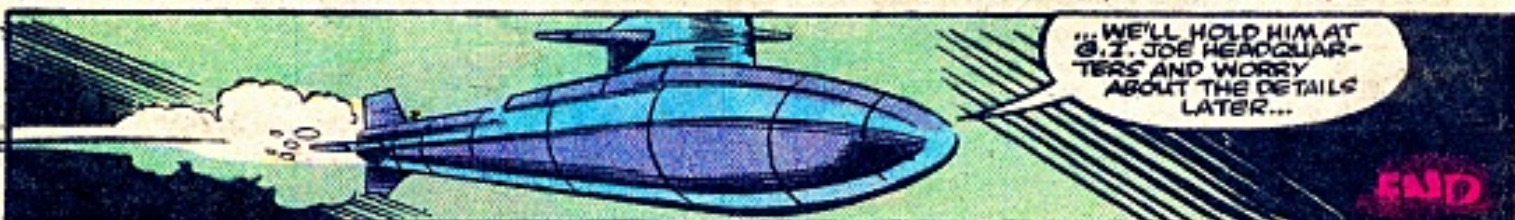


LOOK, I DON'T CARE WHAT EITHER OF YOU THINK! JUST CATCH ME!

LESS TALKING AND MORE ATTACHING OF SKY-HOOK, PLEASE!



SKY-HOOK ATTACHED! TAKE IT AWAY, WILD-BILL!



NEXT
ISSUE:

JOE TRIUMPHS!
--BUT A JOE DIES...

POSTBOX: THE PITY

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Dear Joes:

I thoroughly enjoyed issue #15 of G.I. JOE. The storyline was terrific! Even if you didn't pick up the last few issues, you could comprehend the plot. The dialogue by Larry Hama was understandable and dazzling, to say the least. I can't wait to hear more about Major Bludd in upcoming issues.

I haven't said anything about the artwork — it was excellent! Mike Vosburg made the characters come to life.

Well, that's it. Move out!

Kevin Creighton
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Dear Joes:

I just wanted to tell you that G.I. JOE is a great comicbook. The reason is that a comic should be realistic, exciting and funny, and G.I. JOE is all three! By the way, I would like to see some more of Grand Slam.

Ross Burns
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Thanks, Ross. We hope you caught Grand Slam's exploits in issue #17.

Dear Joes:

I'm just writing to you about G.I. JOE #15. When I got to the part when Snake-Eyes, Kwinn and Dr. Venom were stealing the World War II bomber, I could really see the desperation in Dr. Venom's face as he tried to get that one rotor started for take-off. I would like to congratulate Larry Hama, Mike Vosburg and Jon D'Agostino on the realistic effects. I hope G.I. JOE is around long enough for my kids to read it!

Barry Cape
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So do we, Barry!

Dear Marvel:

G.I. JOE #15 was neat. It showed the real personality of Dr. Venom, and it was awesome seeing Major Bludd in this book. I just loved the story! Thanks for a great comic.

Jordan Yerman
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Dear Joes:

I read #15 and it's excellent. But, why didn't Snake-Eyes let Kwinn kill Dr. Venom — especially since Venom is Snake-Eyes' arch-enemy as well?

Stephen Scott
No Address

As Kwinn said, Stephen, "A man who whips a dog will pull his own sled someday..." Put another way, Snake-Eyes realizes that eventually Dr. Venom will get what he deserves.

Dear Joes:

I have just finished G.I. JOE #15, and it was great! I love the way you mix comedy and danger — it makes the comic seem almost real. I started reading this book with issue #1, and it's gotten better ever since.

All the characters have had time to develop. Keep up the fantastic work.

Damon Purlak
No Address

Dear Marvel Men:

I really enjoy G.I. JOE comics, and I think the art by Mike Vosburg and Jon D'Agostino is great. But I have noticed a couple of mistakes.

In issue #14, Dr. Venom told the renegades that he had caved Kwinn's head in with a wrench, but in #15 he said that Kwinn had accidentally hit his head on the door frame.

Another mistake I noticed is in #15. In order to lighten the plane, Dr. Venom tells Snake-Eyes and Kwinn to throw out everything that is not essential to flight and navigation. On page 18, panel 14, what looks like Kwinn's .30 caliber air-cooled Browning is seen plunging into the ocean. But on page 22, panel 1, one of the policemen states about Kwinn, "This big lunk was carrying a .30 caliber air-cooled for Pete's sake."

F. John Szatkiewicz Jr.
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In the first case, John, the answer is obvious: Dr. Venom was lying! As to what became of Kwinn's gun in issue #15, well, he never did throw it out of the plane. Look closer at the gun being thrown out on page 18 and you'll see that although it resembles Kwinn's, it is actually an aircraft mounted machine gun that is plunging into the ocean!

Dear Denny and Linda,

I enjoyed #15, the penultimate chapter of the Kwinn/Snake-Eyes/Dr. Venom saga. I knew neither Snake-Eyes nor Kwinn were really dead. I've always liked stories where enemies are forced to work together for their mutual survival. Such temporary truces usually lead to the enemies either despising each other even more or else starting to respect each other. That respect is often the foundation of a new friendship. I wouldn't be at all surprised if Kwinn enlisted in the Army, skipped boot camp, and was immediately assigned to the Chaplain's Assistant School at Fort Wadsworth.

The Baroness/Destro subplot is fascinating. I can't wait to see what Larry Hama does with it next.

Susan M. Murrle
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Dear Marvel,

I loved G.I. JOE #15. It's the best issue since #1 (at least in my opinion). The best part is when Snake-Eyes, Kwinn and Dr. Venom are in the Lancaster and are being chased by a Spitfire, which is one of my favorite planes. All in all, #15 was a great book.

John Hall
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Dear Mighty Marvelmen:

I'm very glad you brought back Snake-Eyes and Kwinn! Issue #15 was the best one yet, and I can't wait for #16. I am going to subscribe to G.I. JOE this month because although I have tons of comicbooks, I think G.I. JOE is the best. Snake-Eyes, Destro and Major Bludd are my favorite characters. Keep up the good work for many years.

Ruben Padilla Jr.
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Dear Joes:

Issue #15 is excellent! I'm glad you brought in Major Bludd this time. I hope he does something about Destro — then G.I. JOE will lose their toughest enemy.

I have a question about this story. If both Snake-Eyes and Kwinn were hanging from the bomb-bay door, how could Dr. Venom go from the cockpit to the bomb-bay door and stay there for about three minutes without the plane crashing into the ocean?

Marc Morin
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Easy, Marc — he put the plane on automatic pilot!

Dear Joes:

I think that you guys have the hottest comicbook ever made. I have every issue from #1 to #15. But, one thing — please stop picking on Snake-Eyes! Other than that, keep up the good work.

Raymond M. Rodriguez
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San Marcos, TX

Listen, Raymond, nobody picks on Snake-Eyes — he just happens to get into a lot of trouble!

That's it for this month, troops. You won't want to miss next issue when the Joes win big — but lose one of their own. Be here for "Joe Triumphs!"

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in this world...or any other.





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