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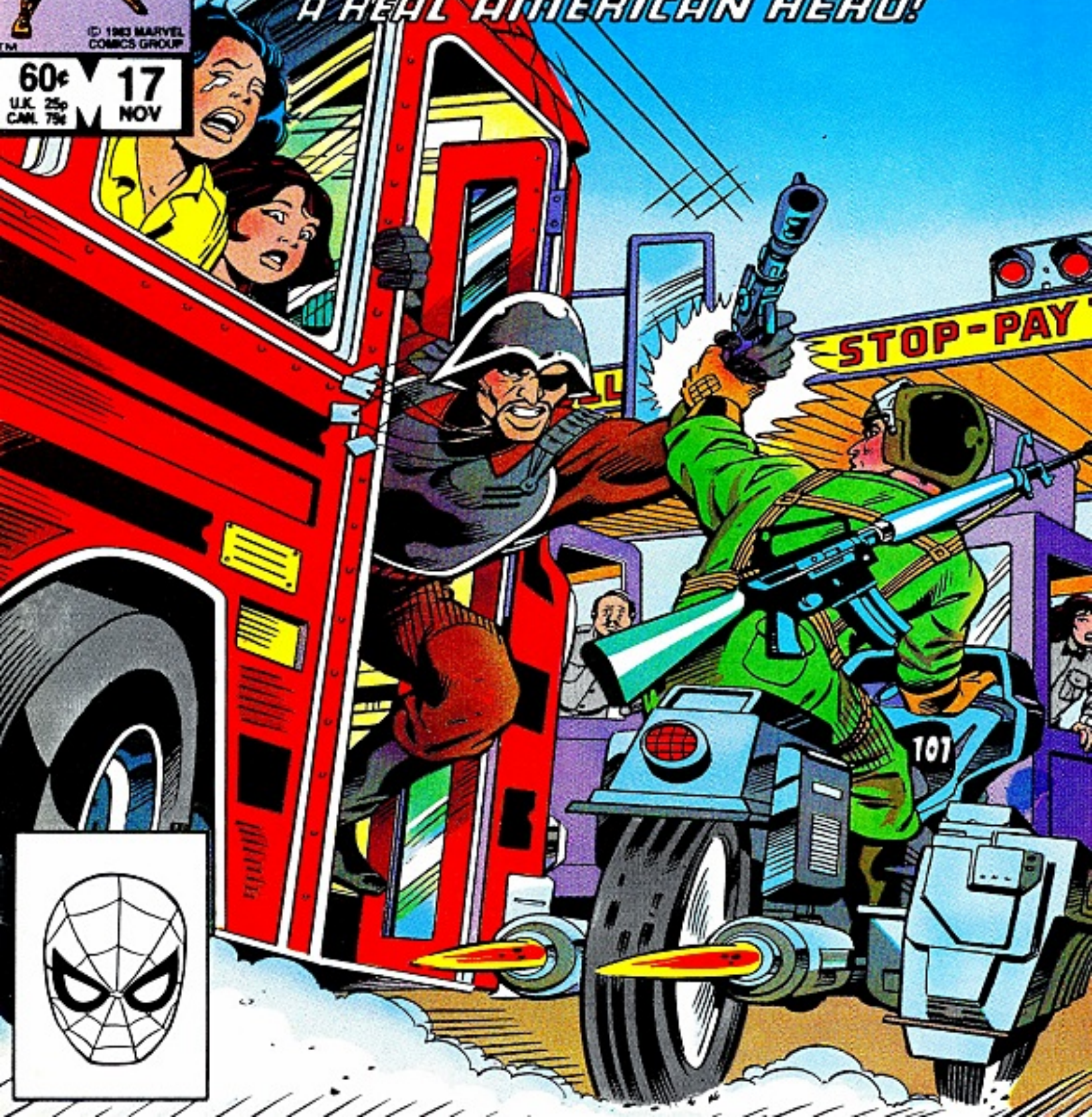
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A REAL AMERICAN HERO!



Stan Lee
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DAWN: THE NORTHERN OUTSKIRTS OF WASHINGTON, D.C....

CLUTCH! HAWK IS STILL ALIVE! B-BUT I SAW COBRA COMMANDER SHOOT HIM IN THE BACK THREE TIMES!!
HOW--

WHEN HE SAW HOW BAD THE ODDS WERE AGAINST US ON THIS MISSION, HAWK DECIDED TO STACK THE DECK WITH AN ARMORED VEST UNDER HIS UNIFORM...

...BALLISTIC NYLON MIGHT PREVENT BULLET PENETRATION BUT IT DOESN'T SOFTEN THE IMPACT MUCH. HAWK'S STILL IN A WORLD O' HURT--

IF WILD BILL AND DOC CAN'T MEDEVAC HIM OUT OF HERE ASAP™ INTERNAL BLEEDING MIGHT DO HIM IN--

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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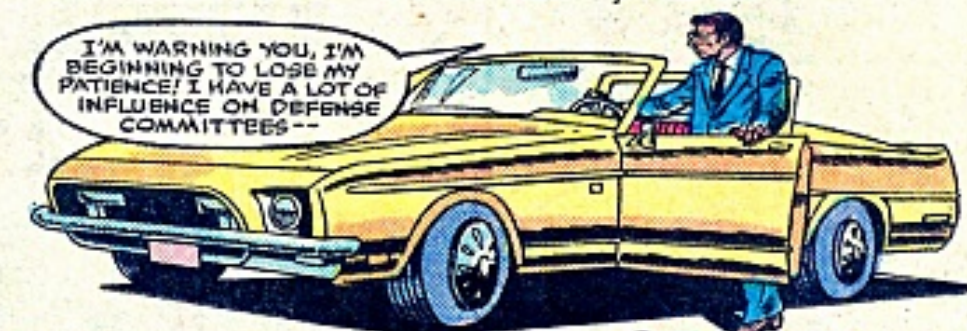
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"SHE WAS HIS REASON FOR EXISTENCE. ALL HIS AMBITION AND ALL HIS SKILLS WERE BENT TO ONE PURPOSE: TO WIN HER EVERLASTING LOVE."

"HE THOUGHT HE HAD TO WIN HER LOVE. HE HAD TO PROVE HIMSELF TO HER. IT NEVER OCCURRED TO HIM THAT THE THING HE WANTED WAS ALWAYS THERE. HE MUST HAVE REALIZED THE TRUTH AT THE MOMENT SHE SACRIFICED HERSELF TO SAVE HIM FROM MAJOR BLUDD!"

"NOW HIS TRAIN OF LOGIC PLODS INEXORABLY TOWARDS THE NEXT OBVIOUSLY GLARING QUESTION: WHY WOULD MAJOR BLUDD TRY TO KILL DESTRO?"

THE FIRST ANSWER TO COME TO MIND MIGHT BE: "BECAUSE COBRA COMMANDER ORDERED HIM TO." THAT'S LOGICAL.

DEADLY LOGIC...

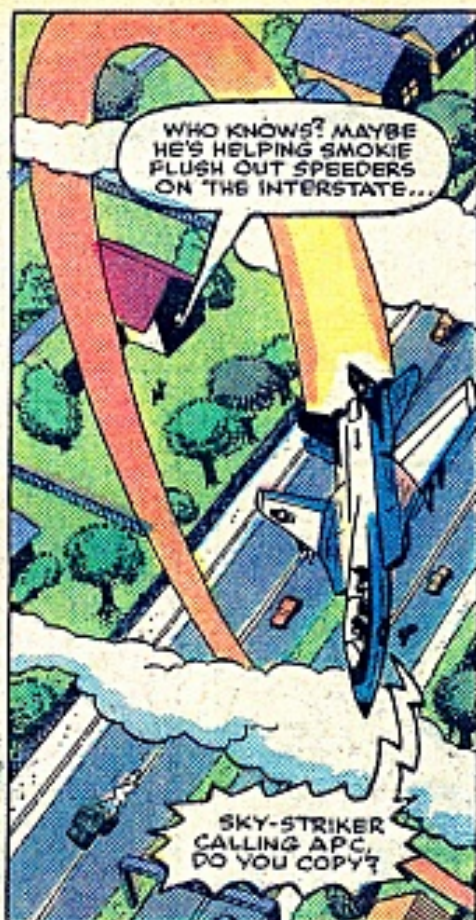
BUT NOT THE TRUTH.

NO?

MAJOR BLUDD WAS IN LOVE WITH THE BARONESS. KILLING YOU WOULD HAVE ELIMINATED HIS ARCH RIVAL FOR HER AFFECTIONS. WHEN HIS ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT WAS FOILED BY THE BARONESS HERSELF, HE KILLED HER IN SPITE SO NO ONE COULD HAVE HER!

OF COURSE! HE WANTED HER FOR HIMSELF! I WAS BLIND. BLIND!

BLUDD WILL NOT ESCAPE MY WRATH. THERE IS NO SAFE PLACE ON EARTH FOR HIM. I SWEAR IT. HE IS MINE!!





MEANWHILE IN MIAMI,
WHERE SNAKE-EYES AND
THE ESKIMO MERCENARY
KVINN ARE STILL JAILED
AFTER CRASH-LANDING
A STOLEN BOMBER ON
THE BEACH...

...SO, SHADOW-MAN,
NEITHER OF US HAVE AN
EXPENSIVE LAWYER TO
TRADE PAPER FAVORS
FOR OUR FREEDOM LIKE
DR. VENOM DID...



... BUT I SUSPECT
YOU TOO HAVE A HIDDEN
RESOURCE THAT THEY
KNOW NOTHING ABOUT!



MINE IS A SAW-BLADE,
HIDDEN IN A HOLLOW
HEEL...



... AND YOURS
I SEE IS A
HUNDRED
DOLLAR
BILL!

NOT MUCH
USE TO US
IN THIS CELL,
I'M AFRAID...



... BUT
THEN WE WON'T
BE HERE FOR
TOO MUCH
LONGER!

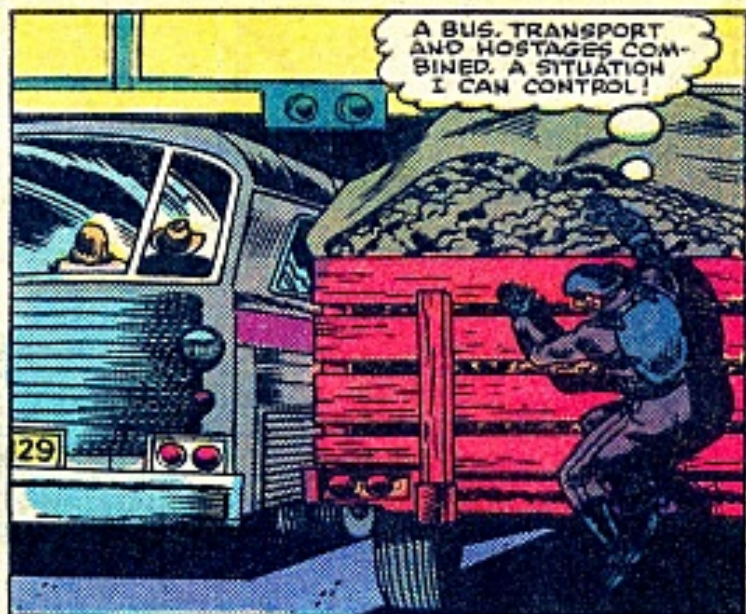


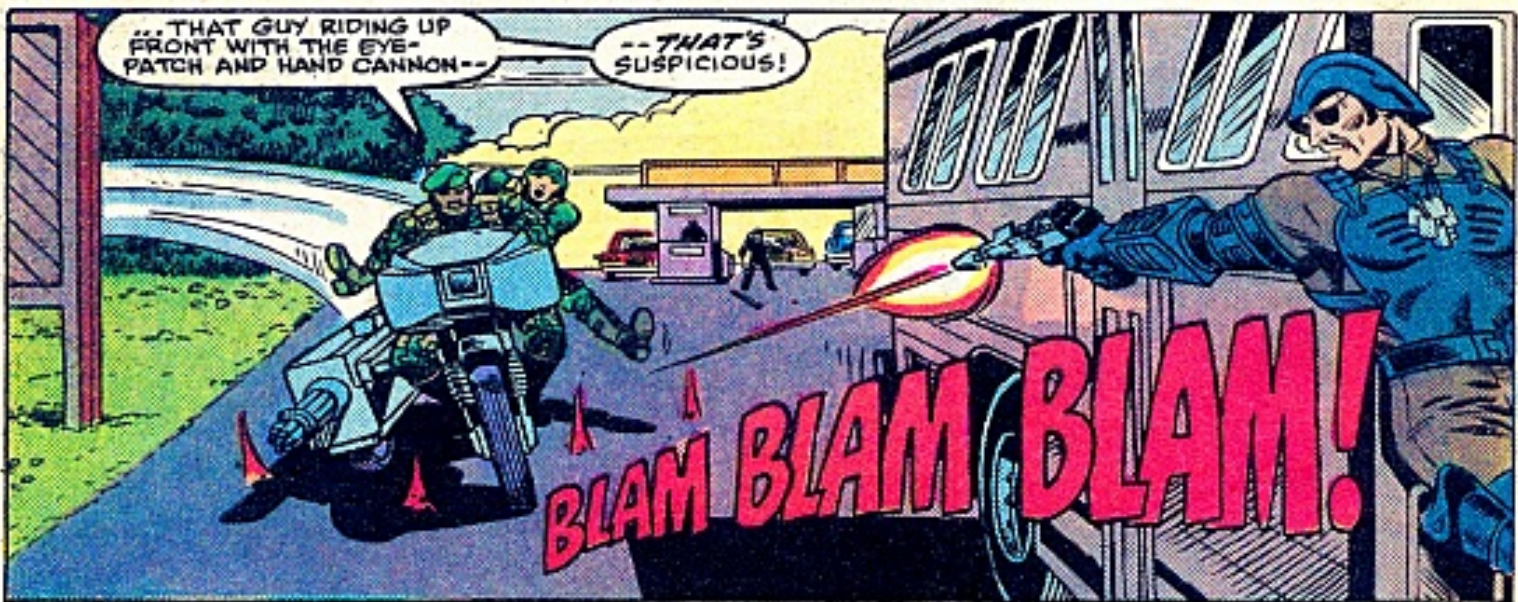
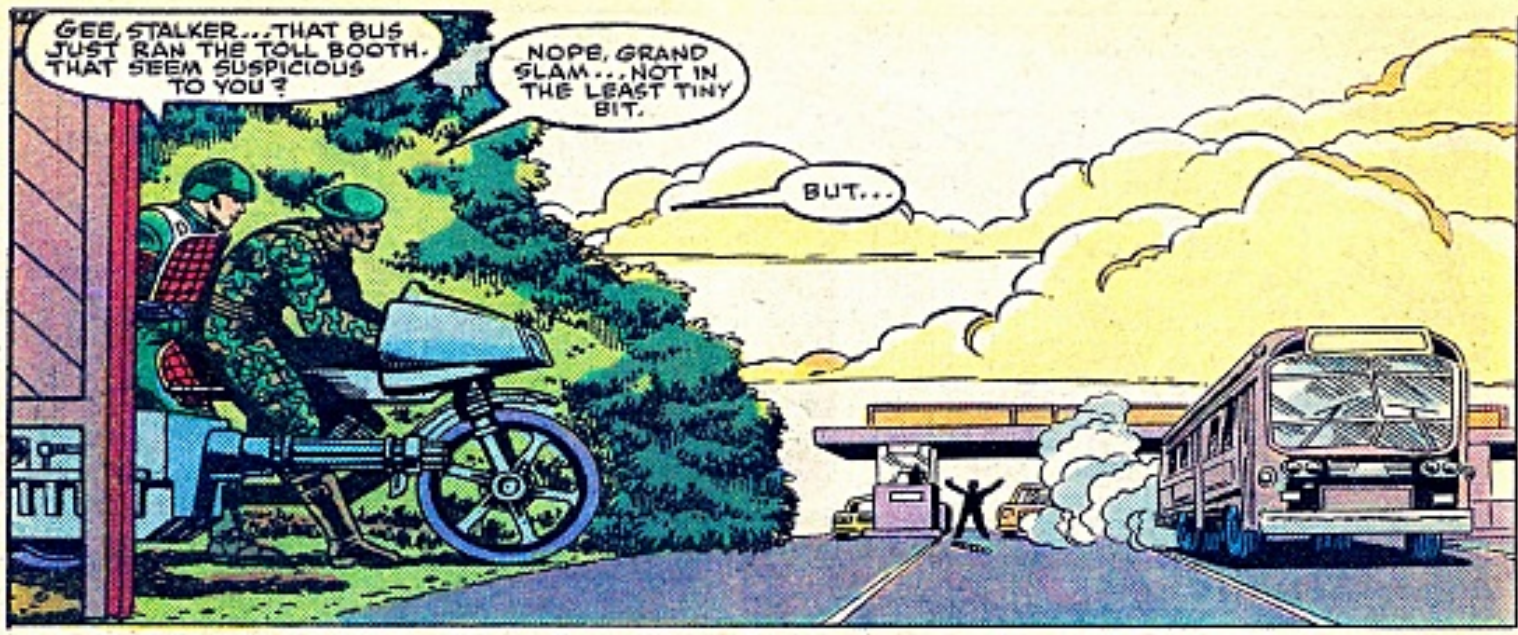
AT A TOLL BOOTH
NEAR BALTIMORE...

... TOO MANY VARIABLES AT
PLAY HERE! THIS PRODUCE
TRUCK IS A TRAP, I CAN'T
CONTROL THE SITUATION...

NEW YORK CITY
TRUCKS & BUSES
LEFT LANE

TOLL TAKERS TOLL BUS









...YOU'VE GOT AERIAL COMPANY COMING IN LOW AND FAST!

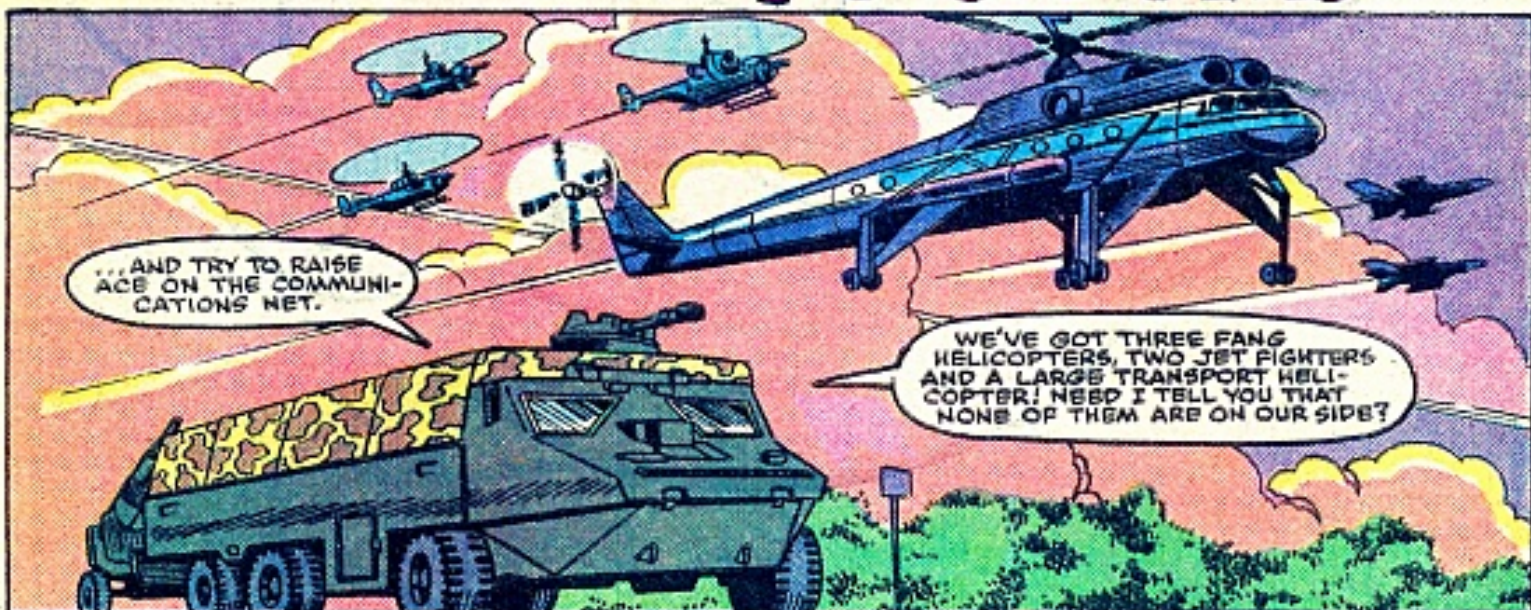


HOW MANY AND WHAT-

VOOOOM!



DISREGARD LAST MESSAGE BREAKER...



...AND TRY TO RAISE ACE ON THE COMMUNICATIONS NET.

WE'VE GOT THREE FANG HELICOPTERS, TWO JET FIGHTERS AND A LARGE TRANSPORT HELICOPTER! NEED I TELL YOU THAT NONE OF THEM ARE ON OUR SIDE?



YOU HEAR THAT, ACE? TAKE SOME HEAT OFF OUR BOYS WHY DONTCHA?



I'M ON THE CASE, BREAKER!



"MISSILES ARMED AND READY..."



SAFETY OFF ON THE GATLING GUN...



...AND A WEE BIT OF EXTRA ALTITUDE FOR THAT DISTINCT ADVANTAGE IN THE ART OF DOG-FIGHTING.



WE CAN'T DODGE BULLETS FOREVER, STALKER!





ROAAAAAAR!



WHUP WHUP WHUP

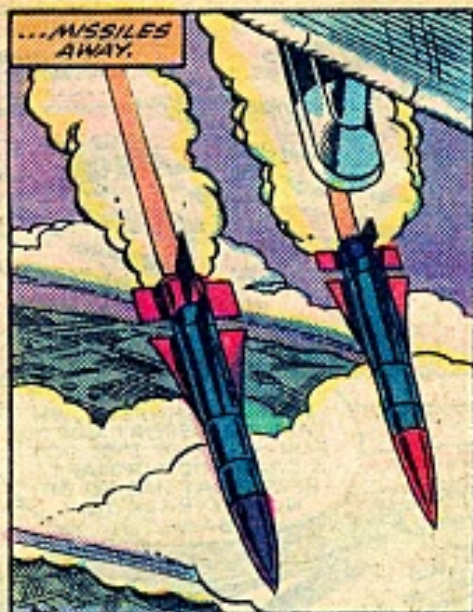
WHUP WHUP WHUP



BUT THE BIG FISH ARE GETTING AWAY! THAT TRANSPORT COPTER JUST PICKED UP THE HISS TANK CARRYING COBRA COMMANDER, DESTRO AND DR. VENOM!



WE STILL HAVE OUR "ACE" IN THE HOLE!





SORRY, JOES, I'D LIKE TO CHASE DOWN THAT TRANSPORT COPTER FOR YOU BUT I'VE GOT A DAMAGED AIRCRAFT HERE THAT HAS TO BE NURSED BACK TO BASE!



SEE YOU BACK AT THE PIT!



ALL THIS AND COBRA COMMANDER STILL GETS AWAY. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO SAY TO HAWK?

WE TELL HIM "GET WELL" AND WE GO ABOUT TRACKING DOWN THIS COBRA CREEP AND DRAG HIS SORRY CASE BACK TO STATEN ISLAND!



FURTHER SOUTH...

THAT WAS A FINE PLAY SHADOW-MAN. WINNING ALL THEIR MONEY WAS SIMPLY A RUSE TO FORCE THEM TO PUT THE CAR UP AS THE FINAL WAGER. I STILL THINK IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A GESTURE OF GOOD WILL TO HAVE LEFT THE MAN HIS HAT...

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HRAPH! WHAT HYPOCRISY! HERE I AM, RIDING THE ROAD TO VENGEANCE AND I SPEAK OF GESTURES OF GOOD WILL... IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO KNOW THE WEASEL SPIRIT IN YOURSELF, MY FRIEND...

... YOU MUST WRESTLE WITH THE WEASEL AND THROW HIM DOWN. YOU MUST KEEP HIM FROM WHISPERING REVENGE IN THE EAR OF YOUR SOUL FOR ALL YOUR WAKING HOURS!

BUT I AM THROUGH WRESTLING WITH THE WEASEL. WE GO TO COMEY ISLAND, SHADOW-MAN. WE TAKE THE FIRST STEP--

--TOWARDS VENGEANCE.

MEANWHILE, IN SPRINGFIELD...

WE'RE HOME, DESTRO. THE HELICOPTER HAS LANDED...

HE DOESN'T HEAR YOU, COBRA COMMANDER...

... HE'S LOST IN HIS THOUGHTS AND HIS SORROW AGAIN.

YOU'D BETTER HOPE AND PRAY THAT MAJOR BLUDD IS DEAD...

... BECAUSE IF DESTRO GETS BLUDD ALIVE AND THE MAJOR LETS SLIP THAT IT WAS YOU WHO ORDERED THE KILLING...

BETHESDA NAVAL HOSPITAL...

WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS MAN? LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY USED HIS FACE FOR A TRAMPOLINE!

HOSPITAL



TAKE THIS PATIENT INTO THE EMERGENCY OPERATING ROOM IMMEDIATELY! WE'LL NEED WHOLE BLOOD AND THE FRACTURE TEAM!

I TOLD YOU TO SUBDUE THE MAN, NOT TAP-DANCE ON HIS HEAD! MAJOR BLUDD HAS GOT TO DO SOME SERIOUS TALKING. IF HIS JAW IS BUSTED--

CUT ME SOME SLACK, STALKER! I ONLY HIT HIM ONCE OR TWICE... THREE OR FOUR TIMES AT THE MOST. HONEST! HALF A DOZEN TOPS!



WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?

THAT PATIENT IS A DANGEROUS TERRORIST AND--

SURGERY



HE'S IN CRITICAL CONDITION! HE'S NOT GOING TO JUMP UP AND BE A THREAT TO ANYBODY FOR A LONG TIME!

ATTENTION! ALL EMERGENCY TEAMS REPORT TO THE BURN UNIT! FEMALE PATIENT HAS ARRIVED WITH 3RD DEGREE BURNS OVER 80% OF BODY SURFACE!



EIGHTY PER-CENT! BOTH THESE GUYS CAN WAIT! SHE'S PRIORITY!

NURSE! WATCH THESE TWO. ONE OF 'EM IS SUPPOSED TO BE A DANGEROUS CHARACTER!

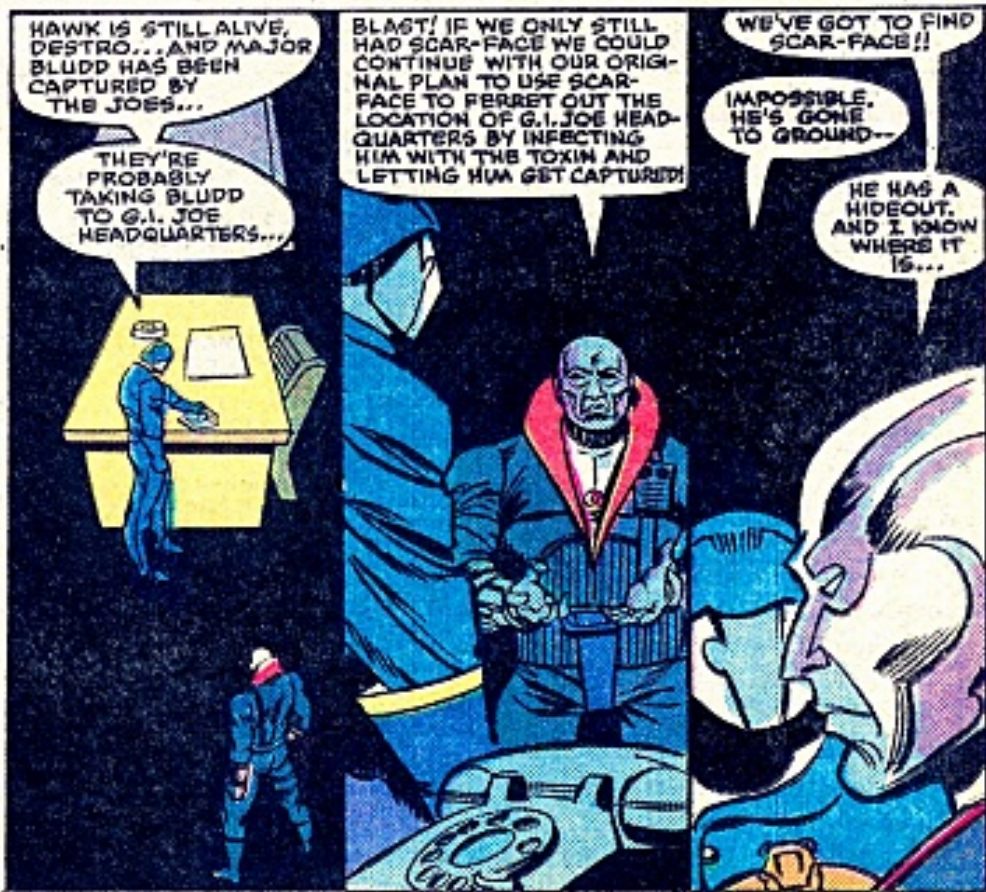


OBVIOUSLY, THEY WERE SPEAKING OF ME! MY WOUNDS WERE MORE PRETENSE THAN FACT NOW SHOW ME THE PARKING LOT OR I SHALL BE FORCED TO DEMONSTRATE THE DANGEROUS QUALITIES THEY--



I THINK NOT, BLUDD...

THE DANGEROUS CHARACTER THEY WERE REFERRING TO WAS ME!



THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE ON THE HUDSON RIVER BETWEEN FORT LEE, NEW JERSEY AND NEW YORK CITY...

YOU SEE, SHADOW-MAN... SCAR-FACE IS THE KEY. SCAR-FACE KNOWS WHERE SPRINGFIELD IS. AND SOMEBODY IN SPRINGFIELD KNOWS WHERE DR. VENOM IS...



I MAY NOT KNOW WHERE SCAR-FACE IS AT THIS MOMENT BUT I KNOW WHERE HIS HIDEY-HOLE IS...

SAY, FRIEND... HOW DO I GET TO CONEY ISLAND?

WEST SIDE HIGHWAY TO THE TUNNEL, BELT PARKWAY ALL THE WAY, CAN'T MISS IT.



PORT AUTHORITY

TAXI!

WHERE TO?



CONEY ISLAND!



RINGFIELD AIRPORT

I WANT THE HARRIER FUELED AND READY FOR FLIGHT IN HALF AN HOUR.

I NEED FLIGHT PLANS AND AUTHORIZATIONS--



YOU'LL NEED NEITHER. I'LL FLY THE PLANE THERE, YOU'LL FLY IT BACK.

FROM WHERE?

CONEY ISLAND.

NEXT ISSUE

CONEY ISLAND!

POSTBOX: THE PITY!

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Dear Joes:

I've read issue #14 twice now, and I'm intrigued by all of the double-crosses. First Dr. Venom double-crossed Cobra Commander, then he double-crosses Kwinn, and then Destro double-crosses Cobra Commander. Poor Cobra Commander! With followers like that, who needs enemies? It'll be interesting to see how Cobra Commander takes revenge on these two trouble makers.

Also interesting is the spotlight on Snake-Eyes. Let's see more details on individual Joes.

I especially enjoyed the by-play between Destro and the Baroness. I'm sure you'll develop this further in future issues. Until Scarlett makes a pass at Clutch, make mine Marvel!

Steven Smith
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Dear Denny:

I just received G.I. JOE #14 and I thought it was fantastic. The artwork of Mike Vosburg and Jon D'Agostino was superb and detailed. Larry Hama was unbelievable - he kept me in suspense until the last page and kept me in anticipation for the next issue. The ending was perfect. I'm glad to see Kwinn alive. I was also glad to see Destro in command of Cobra troops instead of Cobra Commander. Let's see more of Breaker, Grunt and Short-Fuse. Keep up the great work in the best comic - G.I. JOE!

Christopher Ruddy
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Dear Joes:

G.I. JOE #14 was fantastic! I do have a question, though, regarding this issue. I have never received a No-Prize, but I think I might earn one now. In G.I. JOE #12 Snake-Eyes is caught in a fire and his mask is burned off. Yet on page 1 of #14 he is seen with his mask and goggles on! Do I win a No-Prize?

Scott Kerschensko
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No, Scott. You see, Snake-Eyes carries an extra mask in his pocket. He hates being seen without his mask - so he carries an extra with him in case of an emergency.

Dear Joes:

I have subscribed to G.I. JOE and just received issue #14. The art was great, both the cover and the insides. I have seen the Baroness in many stories - will there be an action figure of her?

Well, I give G.I. JOE an A plus, and congratulate the Joe staff for a superb comic. It's certainly the best on the market.

David Melcher
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Thanks, David. By the way, there is a Baroness action figure in the works.

Dear Joes:

I love G.I. JOE. I especially like the fact that everything in this comic is so realistic.

I'm glad that Wild Bill, Airborne and Gung-Ho are permanent members of the team. Are Ace and Torpedo going to be permanent Joes as well?

As I said, your comics are great, and if I had to rate G.I. JOE on a scale of 1 to 10, I'd give it a 15!

Jason Jones
Milwaukee, WI

Thanks, Jason! Regarding your question, Ace and Torpedo have permanently joined the G.I. JOE ranks and, in fact, they were on active duty this issue!

Dear Editor:

When I saw the first issue of G.I. JOE in a store, I looked at it and decided to buy it. I really enjoyed it and then subscribed to your magazine. Each issue I got seemed to be even better than the one before it, and I renewed my subscription because I still enjoy reading it! All I can say is, "Keep up the good work, Joes." I like everything you do.

Jonathan Goff
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Dear Joes:

I have all the G.I. JOE comic books, and I especially liked the cover of #14 - it was superb. Also, there was a lot of suspense in this issue, for example, when everyone thought Kwinn had drowned in the bunker, but he was actually alive. Keep 'em coming!

Chris Raliner
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You bet, Chris!

Dear Denny:

I have just finished reading G.I. JOE #14. It was excellent as usual. I think Mike Vosburg is the best G.I. JOE artist so far, and I hope I'll be seeing more of him in future issues. Before G.I. JOE, I used to think of

combat comics as dull and lifeless - but you have changed my whole attitude towards combat comics. Keep up the good work.

James Toscano Jr.
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Dear Joes:

You're great! I've never read a better comic than G.I. JOE! When I first heard of this book, I thought, "Oh, just another army comic." But I became addicted with number eight, and I've collected every issue since then. I loved #14, "Destro Attacks," for many reasons: 1) I like the idea of the Baroness being in love with Destro, 2) The APC is real neat, and 3) the Sky Striker is great! My hobby, now is collecting G.I. JOE comics and figures.

Lance Andrea
No Address

Dear Joes:

I just read G.I. JOE #14 and found it very exciting! The plot by Larry Hama was excellent. I think that Destro is a great character. It's nice to see one of Cobra's own men plot against the Commander. I really like Destro's suit of armor. Don't stop the great work.

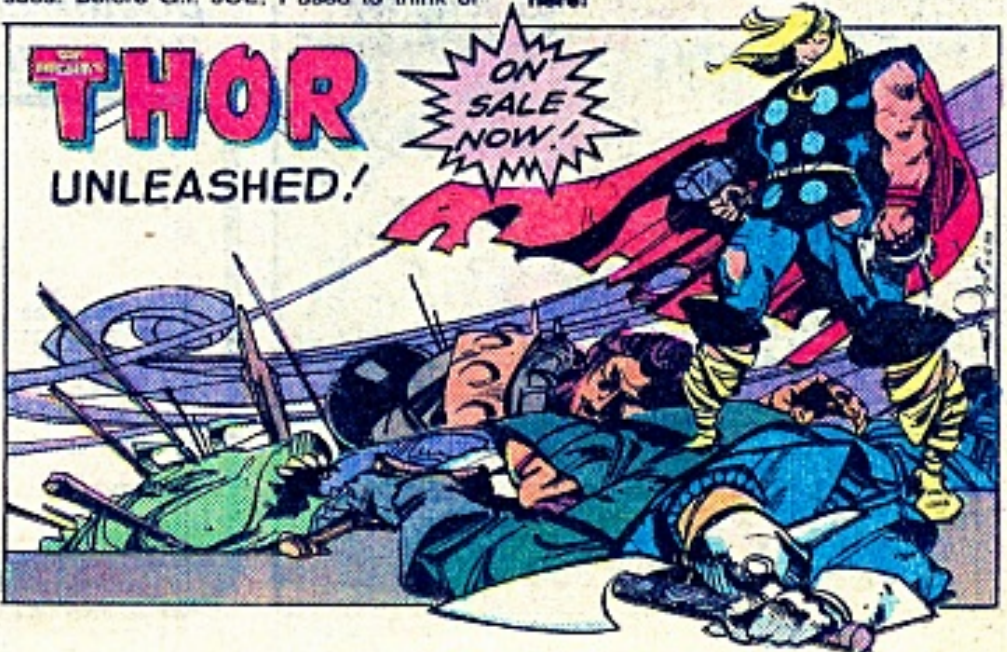
David W. Johnston
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Dear Denny:

G.I. JOE #14 was neat! Destro must really love the Baroness - he went through all that trouble just to save her. I hope I'll see more of Destro in upcoming issues, and I can't wait until the next issue where Kwinn gets even.

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We'll see you, Ezra, and the rest of our readers, back here in thirty days for "Destro Returns!" The Joes and Cobra converge on Coney Island, and Kwinn and Snake-Eyes pursue Scar-Face. Be here!





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