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**S**NAKE-EYES AND DR. VENOM ESCAPE FROM THE SUNKEN BUNKER IN SIERRA GORDO ONLY TO BE CAPTURED BY THE COBRA HIT SQUAD THAT HAD BEEN MASQUERADING AS RENEGADE GOVERNMENT TROOPS...

THE BARONESS TOLD COBRA COMMANDER THAT SHE HAD KILLED THE TWO OF YOU. I GUESS IT'S UP TO ME TO SHOW HER UP AND FINISH OFF THE JOB GOOD AND PROPER.

NO! PLEASE! I'LL DO ANYTHING! I'LL GIVE YOU MONEY! I HAVE MILLIONS HIDDEN IN ZURICH! JUST DON'T SHOOT ME!

LET'S DO THE WORLD A FAVOR AND FINISH OFF THIS CREEP BEFORE HE CONTAMINATES THE GENE POOL...

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WAIT, COBRA COMMANDER'S GONNA WANNA SEE THEIR BODIES. WE SHOOT 'EM HERE, WE GOTTA CARRY 'EM. LETS MAKE 'EM WALK TO THE AIRFIELD AND SHOOT 'EM THERE!

WHAT WE GONNA DO WHEN WE GET TO THE AIRFIELD? AIN'T NONE OF US CAN FLY A PLANE, NO-HOW!

AH, BUT I CAN! I AM A FULLY QUALIFIED FIXED WING PILOT WITH SINGLE AND MULTI-ENGINE CERTIFICATIONS!

GET ME A PLANE AND I CAN FLY US ALL OUT OF THIS WRETCHED JUNGLE AND--

-- AND WHERE, DR. VENOM? TO A DESTINATION OF YOUR CHOICE WHERE ALL SORTS OF UNPLEASANTNESS CAN HAPPEN TO THE LIKES OF US? NO THANKS! WE'VE SEEN WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR 'FRIENDS'...

...WHERE'S YER MERCENARY PAL, KWINN? FEEDING FISHIES ON THE RIVER BOTTOM WITH A KNIFE IN HIS FAT ESKIMO BACK?

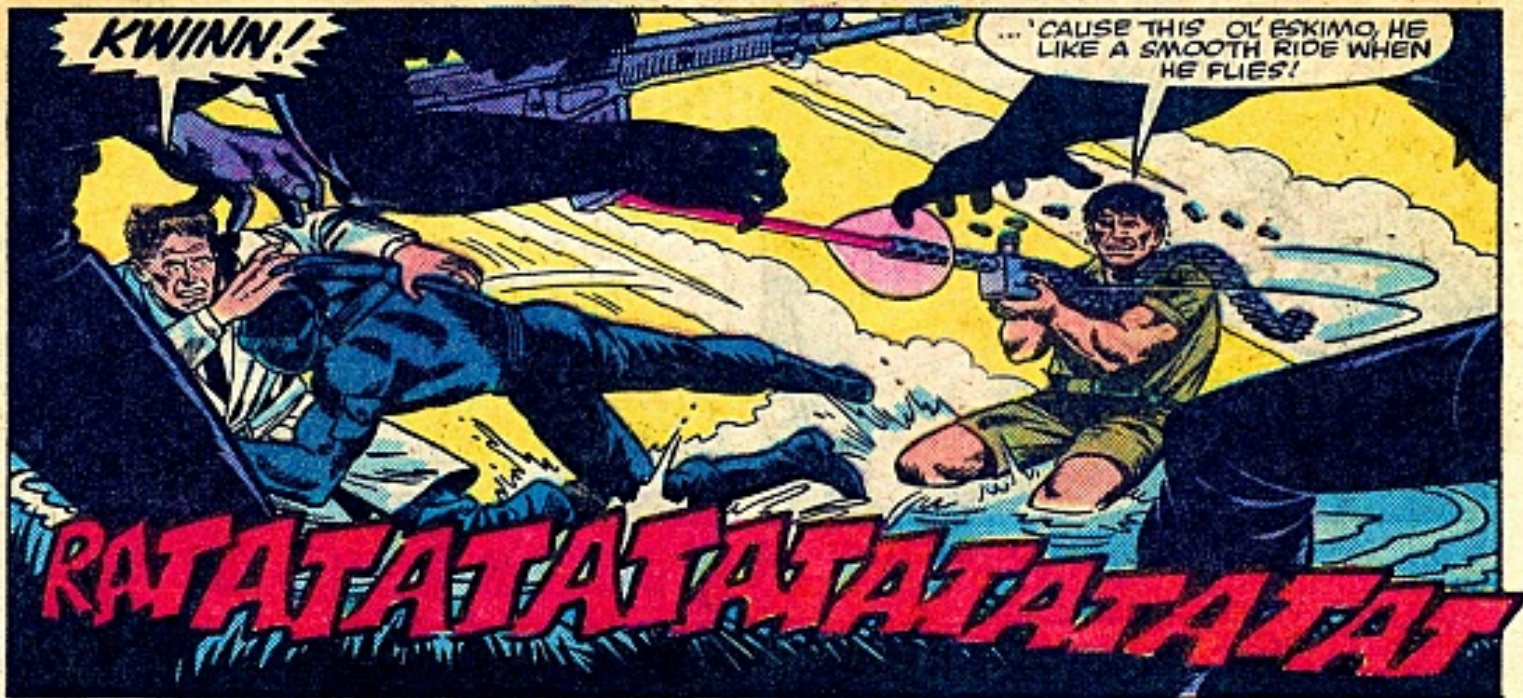
KWINN WAS A TROUBLE-MAKER! HE ACTUALLY HAD SCRUPLES! BESIDES, IT WAS AN ACCIDENT...

HE HIT HIS HEAD ON THE DOOR FRAME! I TRIED TO SAVE HIM BUT IT WAS TOO LATE!

ESKIMOS CAN'T SWIM ANYWAY! THEY NEVER LEARN HOW. IF YOU FALL INTO THE WATER IN THE ARCTIC CIRCLE, YOU DIE.

SO THERE'S NO REASON TO MISTRUST ME! I CAN FLY THE PLANE WHEREVER YOU WANT, AND I AM AN EXCELLENT PILOT.

--YOU HAD BETTER BE A GOOD PILOT, VENOM!



THAT NIGHT AT THE AIRFIELD...

GUARDS AND SEARCHLIGHTS. SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED HERE!\*

\* SEE G.I. JOE # 13 -- Denny.

TWO MACHINE-GUNS IN THE TOWER AND AN ASSAULT RIFLE AT THE BASE OF THE TOWER. NOT GOOD.

AND ANOTHER GUARD AT THE PLANE WE WANT!

PABLO! YOU WANT SOME OF THIS SANDWICH?

NO. BUT I THINK I JOIN YOU FOR A WHILE. THE BUGS ARE EATING ME ALIVE IN THIS LIGHT!

WE WANT THE BIG PLANE. IT'S A WW-II BRITISH AVRO LANCASTER BOMBER. THE SPITFIRES NEXT TO IT DON'T HAVE THE CAPACITY OR THE RANGE WE REQUIRE...

SHHHH!  
THE GUARDS ARE GETTING TOGETHER...

GIWME SOME MATCHES. I'M GOIN' AROUND THE BACK OF THE PLANE AND SNEAK A SMOKE...

YOU TAKE THE SMOKER. I'LL HANDLE FATSO...





STARBOARD OUTBOARD AND INBOARD ENGINES RUNNING SMOOTHLY.

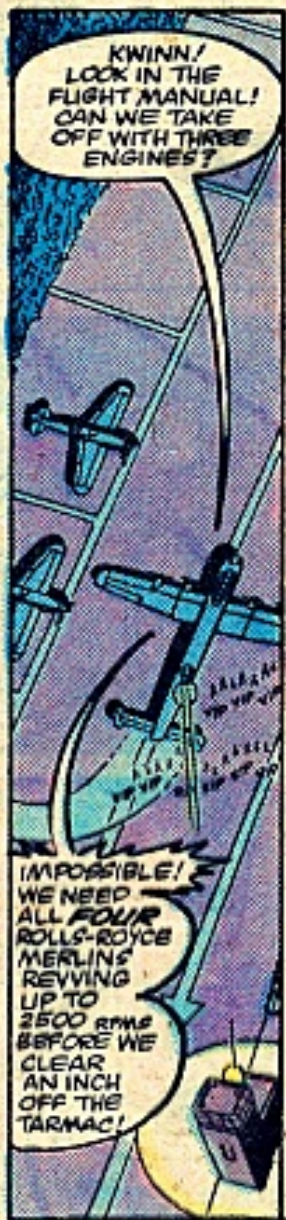
KEEP AN EYE ON THE TOWER, SNAKE-EYES--THEY KNOW SOMETHING'S WRONG NOW!

PORT OUTBOARD ENGINES RUNNING... CURSES!!

PORT INBOARD ENGINE ISN'T TURNING OVER!!



STOP THOSE SKYJACKERS, JULIO! I'LL CALL HEAD-QUARTERS!



KWINN! LOOK IN THE FLIGHT MANUAL! CAN WE TAKE OFF WITH THREE ENGINES?

IMPOSSIBLE! WE NEED ALL FOUR ROLLS-ROYCE MERLINS REVVING UP TO 2500 RPM BEFORE WE CLEAR AN INCH OFF THE TARMAC!



I'VE GOT A PLAN, BUT I HAVE TO LET THE OTHER THREE ENGINES WARM UP A BIT SO WE MIGHT AS WELL GO BACK FOR A MOMENT AND TAKE CARE OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS.



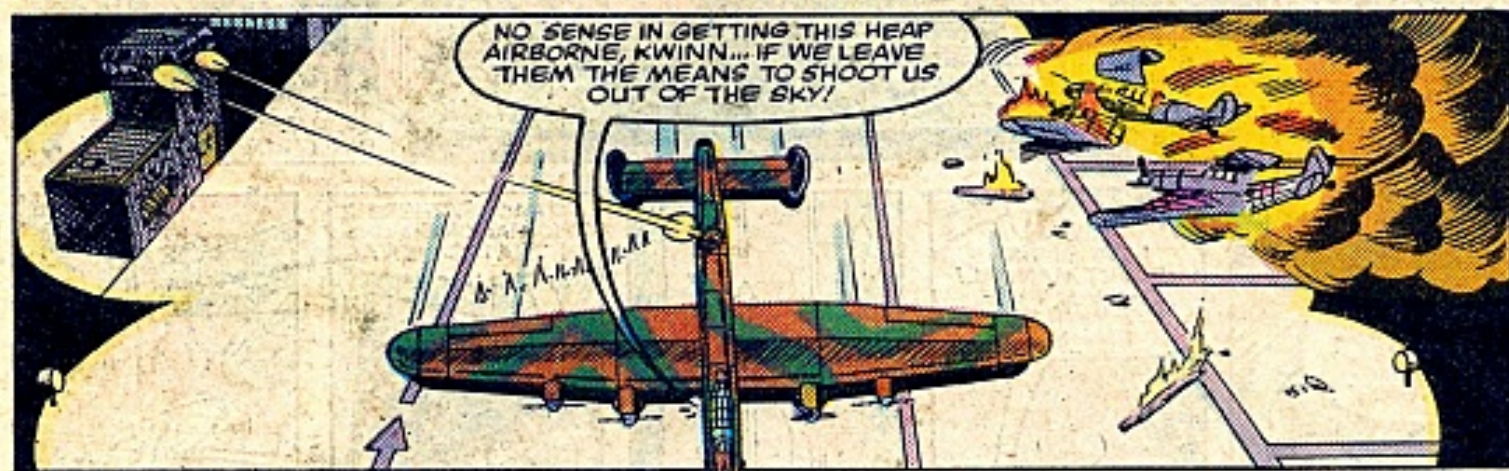
GO BACK?! THERE'RE TWO MACHINE-GUNS IN THAT TOWER!

YES, BUT THERE ARE TWELVE MACHINE GUNS IN THE WINGS OF THOSE PARKED SATIRES...



YOU MAY FIRE WHEN READY, SNAKE-EYES!

RATATATA!





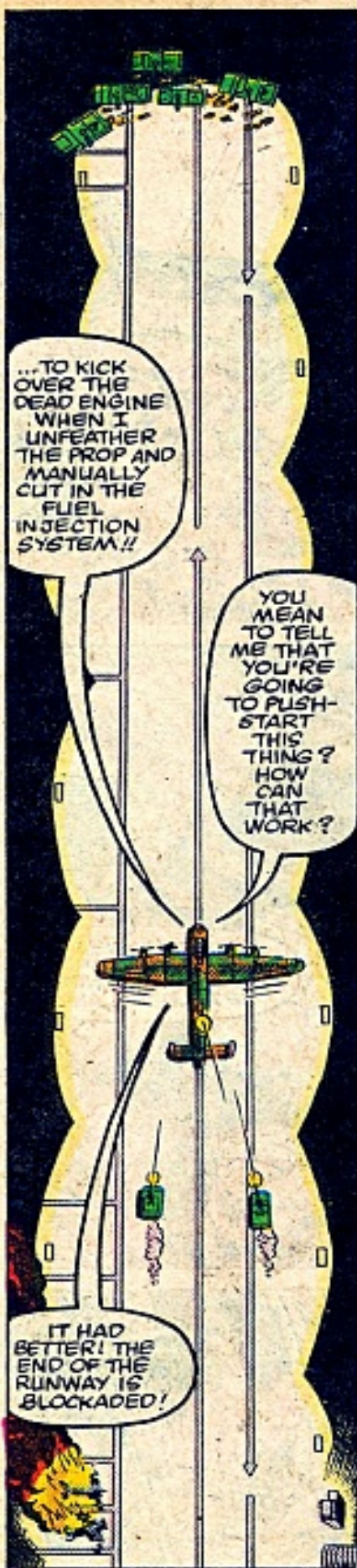


... AND THEY'VE GOT US BOTTLED IN FROM THE REAR!



NOW! PROP UNFEATHERED! FUEL MIXTURE ON...!

TURN OVER, CURSE YOU--TURN OVER!!



...TO KICK OVER THE DEAD ENGINE WHEN I UNFEATHER THE PROP AND MANUALLY CUT IN THE FUEL INJECTION SYSTEM!!

YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT YOU'RE GOING TO PUSH-START THIS THING? HOW CAN THAT WORK?

IT HAD BETTER! THE END OF THE RUNWAY IS BLOCKADED!





...YOU CAN SIT HERE AT THE RADIO OPERATOR'S STATION AND STUDY QUIETLY, BUT I'M WARNING YOU, VENOM--



--THE SLIGHTEST HINT OF TREACHERY FROM YOU WILL RESULT IN EXCESSIVE PAIN AND PERMANENT DAMAGE...

DON'T BE PARANOID, KWINN, WHAT HARM COULD I DO WITH THE RADIO?

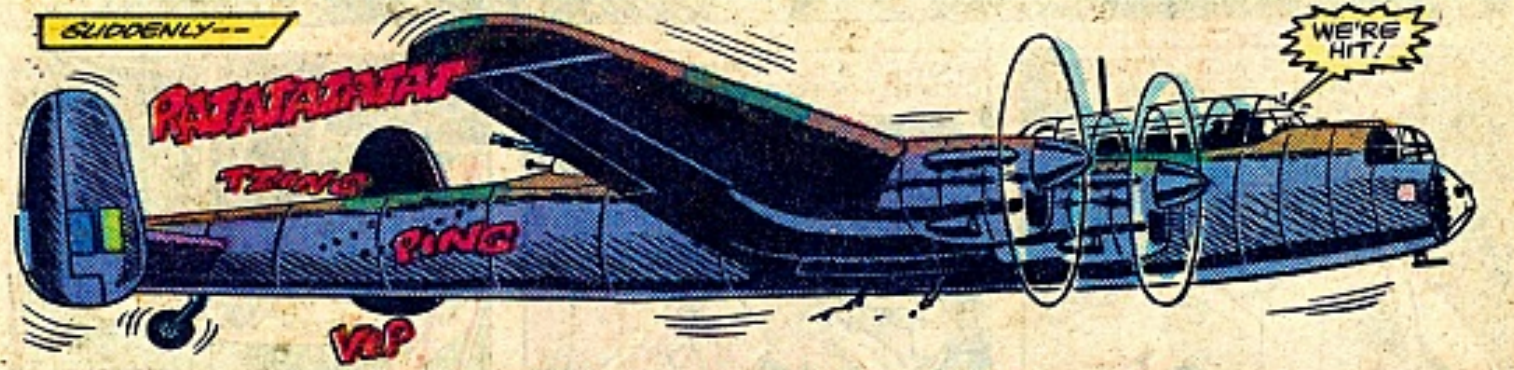


I'M HARDLY IN THE POSITION TO EXPECT HELP FROM COBRA EVEN IF I WAS ABLE TO SEND THEM A MESSAGE IN MORSE...

**TAP TAP**



THEY'RE HEADING DUE NORTH! GET ALL THAT SCRAP METAL OFF THE RUNWAY AND GET THAT SPARE SPITFIRE OUT OF THE HANGAR AND INTO THE AIR!



**SUDDENLY--**

**WE'RE HIT!**



HOW? WE'RE ABOVE THE RANGE OF ACK-ACK FIRE!

NO GROUND-FIRE! WE'RE UNDER ATTACK BY ANOTHER AIRCRAFT!



THERE IT GOES! IT'S A SPITFIRE!

I THOUGHT SNAKE-EYES KNOCKED THEM OUT ON THE GROUND!!





YOU ARE A GOOD PILOT, VENOM. TOO BAD THE WEASEL SPIRIT LIVES IN YOUR BELLY LIKE A CANCER...

I MIGHT HAVE TO CARVE IT OUT FOR YOU SOMEDAY.

MEANWHILE, IN COBRA HEADQUARTERS...

... THIS IS WONDERFUL NEWS, DESTRO! WE MUST TELL COBRA COMMANDER IMMEDIATELY

COMMANDER! DR. VENOM IS ALIVE! WE'VE RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM HIM IN MORSE CODE. HE HAS THE FORMULA FOR THE SERUM THAT WILL STABILIZE OUR PLAGUE TOXIN...

... AND HE'S WILLING TO FORGET PREVIOUS, UM-- INDECRETIONS IF WE WILL ARRANGE FOR A CAR AND A LAWYER TO MEET HIM IN MIAMI!

OF COURSE! YOU WERE A BIT HASTY WITH HIM IN SIERRA GORDO, MY DEAR BARONESS.

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT A CRAFTY DEVIL LIKE HIM WOULD COVER ALL THE PROBABILITIES! HE NEVER GAVE US THE COMPLETE TOXIN... THAT'S WHY THE VERMONT EXPERIMENT\* WENT AWRY!

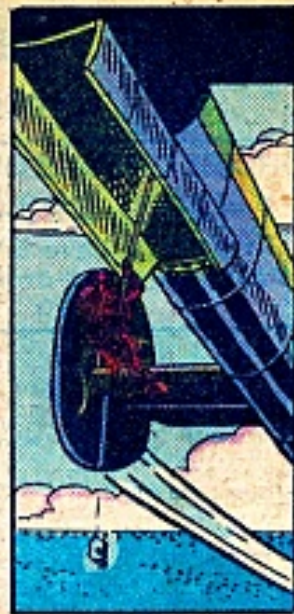
\* LAST ISSUE!  
-- DENNY.

... THAT STILL DOESN'T EXPLAIN HOW YOU WERE ABLE TO ANTICIPATE THE G.I. JOB ATTACK ON THE FURNITURE FACTORY DOES IT, DESTRO?

IT WAS SCAR-FACE WHO TIPPED US ON THAT ONE.

MORNING, OVER THE GULF OF MEXICO...

THE BOMB-BAY DOORS SEEM TO BE SLIPPING. IF THE OPEN, THE EXCESS DRAG WILL DECREASE OUR RANGE-- ENDANGER OUR CHANCES OF REACHING FLORIDA...









ELSEWHERE IN COBRA HEADQUARTERS, DESTRO AND THE BARONESS ARE ALSO DISCUSSING PROBLEMS...

... SO, THAT'S ALL OF IT. I SWITCHED THE CLUES IN SIERRA GORDO TO BAIT THE TRAP IN VERMONT. I SET UP COBRA COMMANDER TO BE CAPTURED BY THE G.I. JOE TEAM--

I DID IT ALL FOR YOU.

WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS? I DON'T WANT TO KNOW THESE THINGS.

I DIDN'T ASK YOU TO DO ALL THIS AND I CERTAINLY HAD NO WISH TO BE PRIVY TO YOUR TRAITOROUS SECRETS...

...HOW CAN I FACE HIM, KNOWING THESE THINGS? DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE PREDICAMENT YOU'VE PUT ME IN? YOU'RE FORCING ME TO MAKE A CHOICE. BUT I WON'T BETRAY COBRA COMMANDER. I OWE HIM TOO MUCH...

DO YOU LOVE HIM?

I LOVE YOU.

WOULD YOU BETRAY ME?

DESTRO, I--

NO.



LOW OVER THE GULF WATERS...

A BOAT! THEY'VE SEEN US AND THEY HAVE A RADIO MAST! WE HAD BETTER NEUTRALIZE--

NO, DR. VENOM, YOU CAN'T KILL SNAKE-EYES AND THIS OLD ESKIMO, SO YOU'LL SETTLE FOR ANYBODY. BUT I WON'T LET YOU SLAUGHTER INNOCENT FISHERMEN FOR SPORT. FLY ON.

LOOK! THAT BOMBER'S HEADED STRAIGHT FOR US!

WELL THEY AIN'T TAKING ME IN ON NO SMUGGLING RAP!

LOAD ME, DOG-BREATH! THEY AIN'T TAKIN' IN NOBODY AFTER THEY FLY INTO A FEW HUNDRED ROUNDS O' STEEL-JACKETED ARMOR-PERCIN' .50 CAL.!

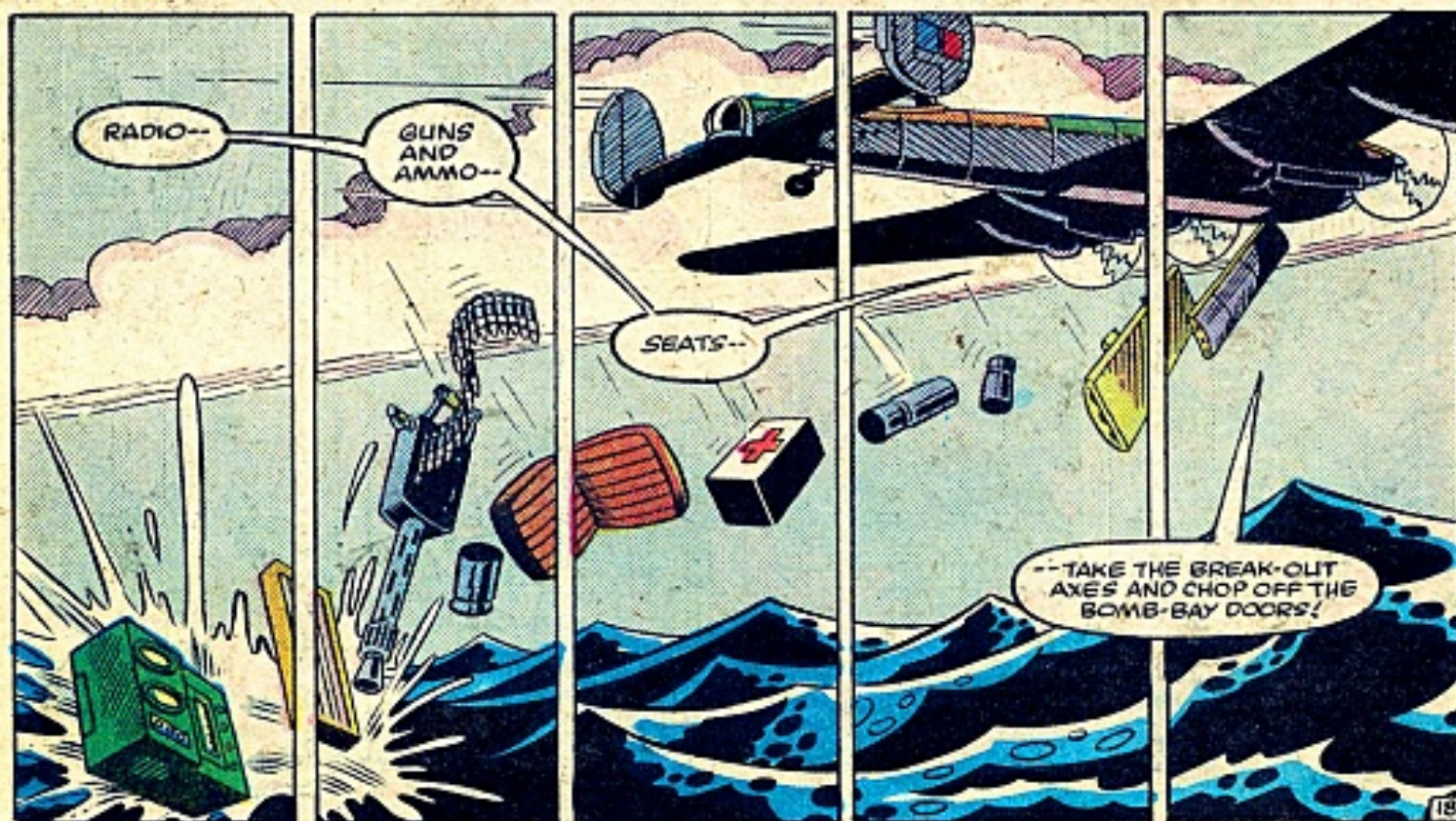
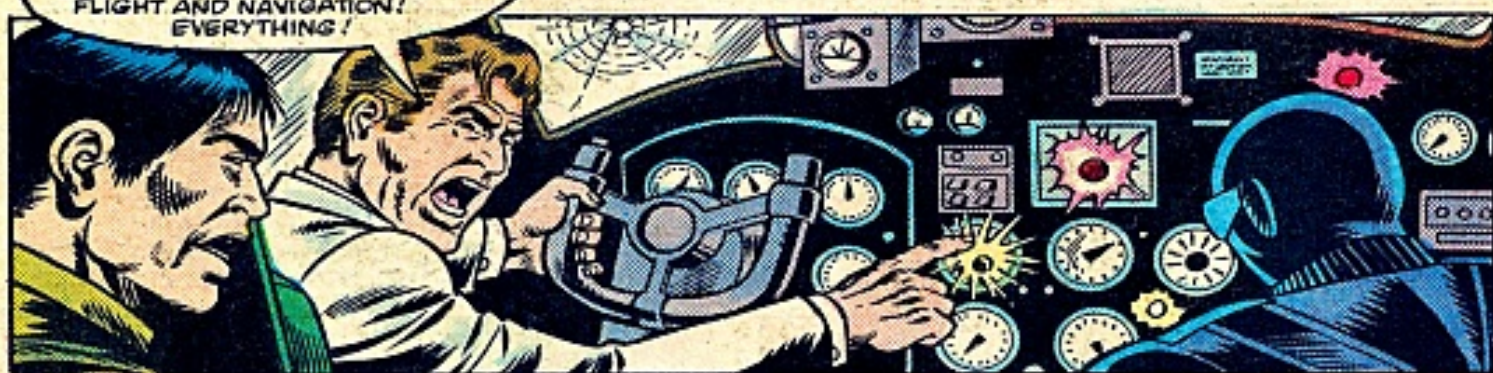
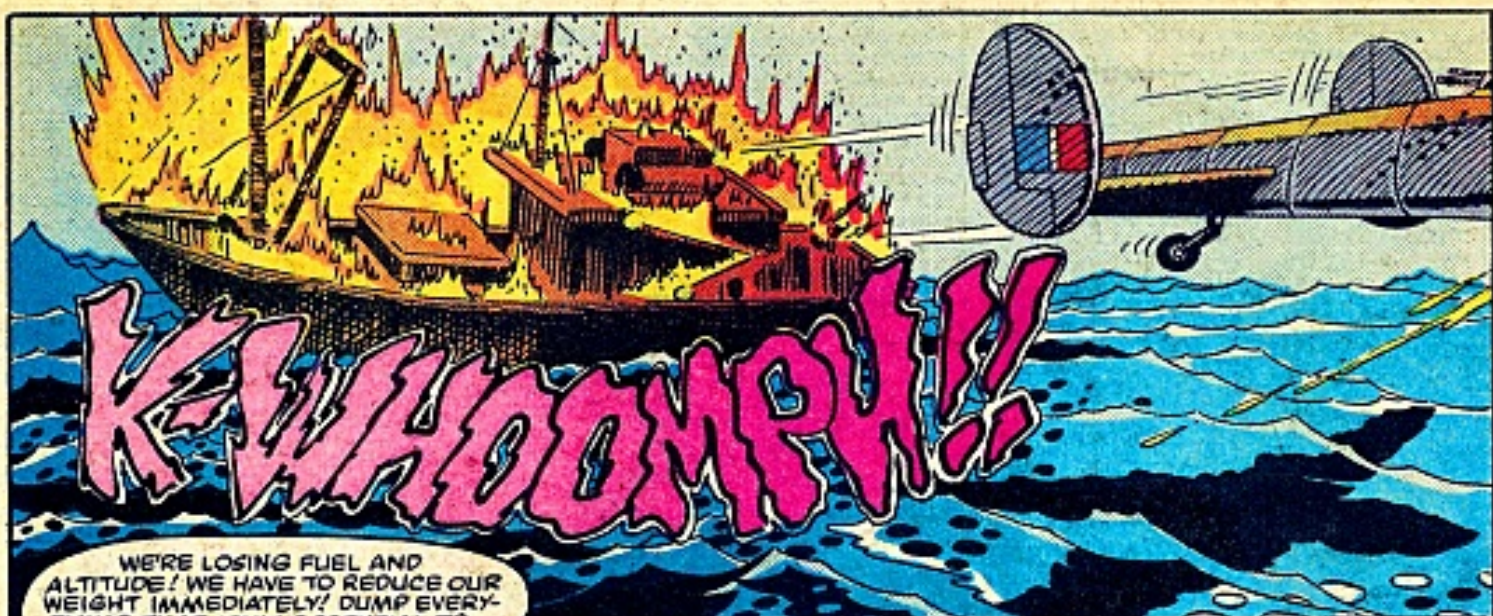
SOMEBODY MUST'VE TOLD THE COAST GUARD ABOUT THAT LOAD OF CONTRABAND IN OUR HOLD!

RATATATATA

KWINN! THOSE INNOCENT FISHERMEN OF YOURS ARE TRYIN' TO KILL US! I TOLD YOU--

SHUT-UP, VENOM! JUST FLY THE PLANE!

WE'VE HIT HER FUEL TANKS! SHE'S LEAKING AVIATION GAS ON US! CEASE FIRE BEFORE THE MUZZLE-FLASH IGNITES--





... START ON THE SIDE PANELS!  
EVERY SINGLE OUNCE WILL WEIGH  
AGAINST OUR MAKING IT TO  
FLORIDA!



MIAMI AIRPORT...

HAS HE ARRIVED YET?

NO, BUT COBRA  
HEADQUARTERS  
IS KEEPING US  
INFORMED...



I'M SURE THEY ARE. TAKE ME  
TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS...



MIAMI BEACH...

WOULD'JA LOOKIT THAT?  
'HAVEN'T SEEN A SIGHT LIKE  
THAT IN FORTY YEARS! A  
LANCASTER, LIMPING IN ON A  
WING AND A PRAYER, DIDN'T  
THINK THERE WERE  
ANY LEFT...

THAT THING ON THE HORIZON?  
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT,  
SHELDON? THAT'S A BIG BIRD,  
A SEAGULL, OR SOMETHING...



NOPE, I WAS IN DOVER  
FOR SIX MONTHS BEFORE  
NORMANDY. SAW THOSE  
LANCS WHEEL BY THE  
CLIFFS ON THEIR WAY  
BACK FROM FASIN'  
KRAUT ROLLER BEARING  
FACTORIES EVERY  
MORNIN'...

HMMM, IT DOES APPEAR TO  
BE SOME SORT OF BIG AIR-  
PLANE IN TROUBLE...



WE'VE GOT NO LANDING GEAR, VENOM! AND NO 'CHUTES! HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET THIS THING DOWN WITHOUT KILLING OURSELVES?!

WE'LL SKIP IT ACROSS THE WAVES WITH ALL THE FLAPS DOWN AND HOPE THAT IT SLOWS US DOWN ENOUGH TO BEACH IT.



-- WITHOUT LOSING HULL INTEGRITY...

IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE GOING TO DRAG TAIL IN THE WATER AND HOPE WE DON'T SPREAD OURSELVES ALL OVER THE BEACH!

EXACTLY.



DOVER? I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE IN DOVER DURING THE WAR! ISN'T THAT WHERE THE SOLE COMES FROM? AND WASN'T THERE A SONG? HOW DID THAT GO? DUM DE DUMM DUMM...

IT WAS A SCARY TIME, ESTELLE. I GUESS I WAS TOO YOUNG AND STUPID TO KNOW HOW SCARY IT WAS...



YOU WERE NEVER STUPID, SHELDON. DO YOU THINK I WOULD HAVE MARRIED A STUPID PERSON?

I WAS PRETTY DUMB, ESTELLE. I REMEMBER SITTING THERE AND THINKING ABOUT HOW DANGEROUS IT WAS TO GO UP IN ONE OF THOSE FLACK-TRAPS AND RISKIN' GETTIN' YOUR B.V.D.'S SHOT OFF!



THAT'S NOT DUMB, SHELDON. SOUNDS PRETTY SMART TO ME!

ESTELLE, WHEN I WAS THINKING THAT, I WAS SITTING IN LANDING CRAFT WAITING TO GO IN WITH THE FIRST WAVE OF RANGERS ON OMAHA BEACH!

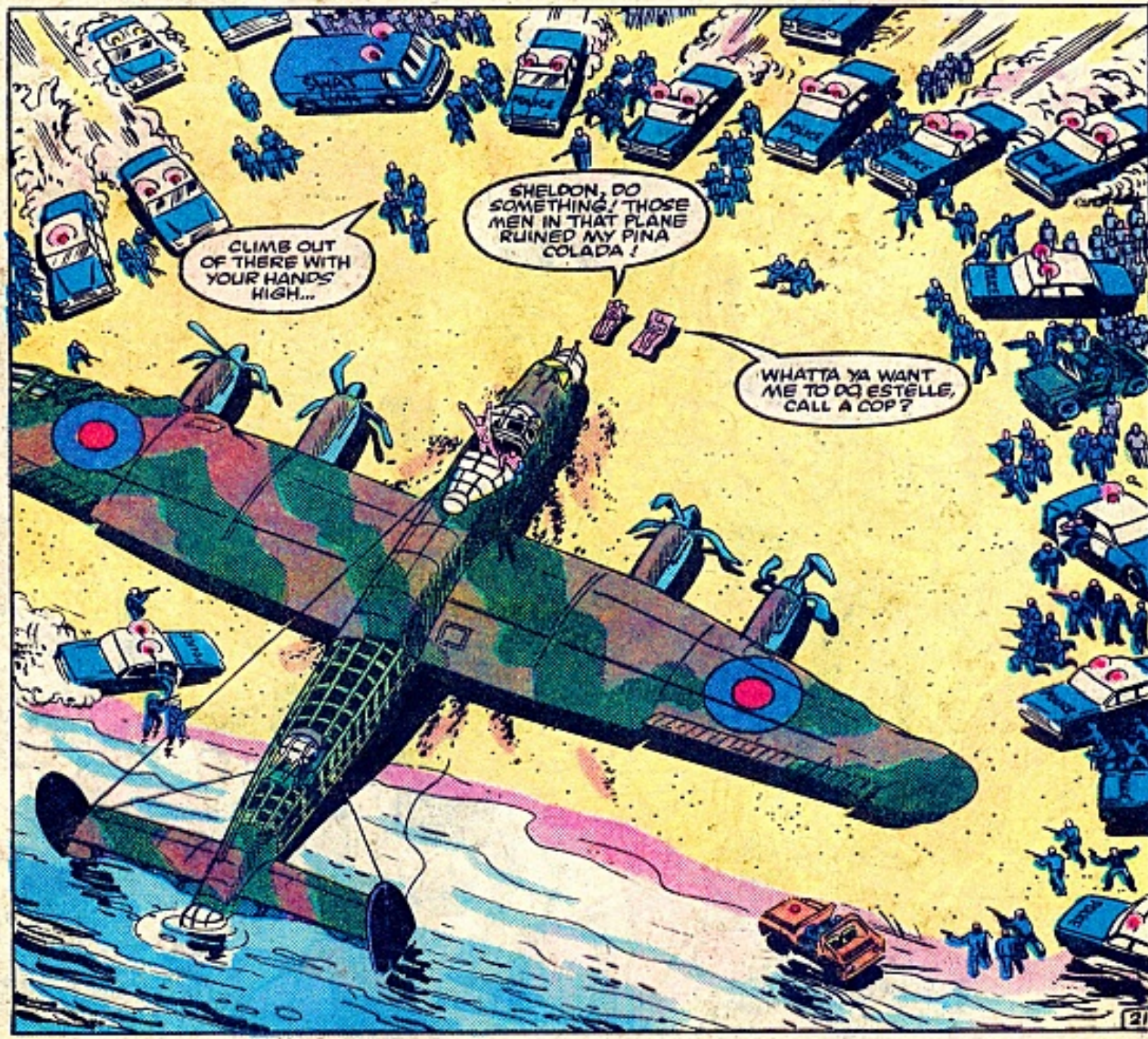
WHEN THE OTHER GUYS DID IT TO US, WE CALLED IT A SUICIDE ATTACK. WHEN WE DID IT, IT WAS JUST THE FIRST WAVE.



IT JUST SHOWS TO GO YOU...  
NOTHIN'S VERY SCARY 'LESS  
YOU KNOW IT'S SUPPOSED  
TO BE...

SHELDON!  
THERE'S  
SAND IN  
MY DRINK!

WHOMP!



CLIMB OUT  
OF THERE WITH  
YOUR HANDS  
HIGH...

SHELDON, DO  
SOMETHING! THOSE  
MEN IN THAT PLANE  
RUINED MY PINA  
COLADA!

WHATTA YA WANT  
ME TO DO ESTELLE,  
CALL A COP?



NEXT: SOMEONE WILL DIE DURING THE...  
**"NIGHT ATTACK"!**

# POSTBOX: THE PIT!

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Dear Denny:

I congratulate you on your latest G.I. JOE. Issue #12 was the greatest. I can't wait for #13. I just have to find out if Snake-Eyes is alive or dead.

Keep up the good work.

Willie Miller  
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Dear Denny:

I have been collecting Marvel Comics for over three years, and G.I. JOE tops them all. I have just received #12 (Three Strikes For Snake-Eyes). It had a great theme and plot. This comic is realistic and in some ways futuristic. I liked how Cobra disguised the MX Missile Guidance Chips as video game chips.

Oh, one more thing. Snake-Eyes isn't really dead, is he? I hope not, because he's my favorite Joe.

Emery J. Braznai  
4988 Edgewood St.  
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Dear G.I. Joe Guys,

Well, you have done what I have been dreading, namely trapping Snake-Eyes (along with Kwinn and Dr. Venom) beneath a rushing river in dangerous territory. Please keep Snake-Eyes in the storyline!

Still, you guys sure know how to keep a fellow Joe rootin' for 'ya.

Lee Jamison  
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Dear Marvelous Marvelman,

I can sum it up in one word: terrible! Killing Snake-Eyes? I have seen bad things before, but this takes the cake. Please bring him back. He was my favorite Joe. Still, all in all, I have to give G.I. JOE a 10.

Chris Facis  
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Sacramento, CA

Dear Denny and Company:

Issue #12 was great! I was glad to see the return of Dr. Venom and Kwinn. As for them being blown up, I will not be angry. I will wait a few more issues, and then if Snake-Eyes

still isn't back, then I'll get angry. I can't believe it! You guys have one of the hottest comics I've ever seen, and you're killing one of the star members! Unless you bring him back, you might lose some readers! No! No! No! You really shouldn't have done that to Snake-Eyes.

But, this is still a great comic. You guys never cease to amaze me. I'm glad you got some new recruits.

Jason Eif  
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Dear Denny!

I resent the killing of Snake-Eyes in #12. Is there any way you can bring him back? If so, please (sob, sob) bring him back.

Ryan Sealey  
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By now, Ryan, you and all the other concerned readers who wrote to us know that Snake-Eyes is still alive - barely.

Dear Denny:

My six and a half year old son, Ian, is a big fan of G.I. JOE, and we've been readers since issue #2 (the vocabulary is still a little too much for him). His favorite Joes are Snake-Eyes, Flash and Stalker. I had to do some explaining at the end of #12: "He'll probably come back in the next issue. Honest." So now it's up to you guys.

Otherwise, Ian thinks the dialogue is witty, fun and snappy, and the heroes are neat-o keen cool. He's happy, and what more can a real American mom ask for? So, Ian says, "Thanks, keep up the good work, and keep Snake-Eyes!"

C.W. Wyatt  
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Thanks for writing, C.W. We're glad to have both Ian and you along for the ride.

Dear Denny,

Issue #12 had superb artwork by Mike Voeburg and Jon D'Agostino, a terrific story by Larry Hama, and surprises! Bringing back Kwinn and Dr. Venom makes the story even better. The chase after Scar-Face was also good, and page 18, panel 4 was surprising. The ending was the best of any

piece of literature I have ever read (I read tons of books, so I should know).

Thomas Huskey  
Hamilton, OH

Dear Marvelous Marvelman:

G.I. JOE is a great book. I have every issue. #12 was fantastic, but I'm afraid you guys may have made a small mistake.

On page 13 the scene of the burning building reminded Dr. Venom of the Asian Ninja temple he "saw" when he was probing Snake-Eyes's memories in issue #10. The problem is that Dr. Venom never saw that memory - it flashed on the screen when he was running upstairs to stop Zap and Scarlett in the video arcade. More proof is that, if Venom had seen that memory, he would have known Snake-Eyes was really alive, but he didn't.

Alas, don't fear because I have a clear explanation. The whole system at Springfield in issue #10 was linked to computers. These computers had to store the information on Snake-Eyes' memories, and later Dr. Venom just rescanned those memories in search of The Pit.

I will gladly accept my "No Prize."

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And we'll gladly send you one, Andre. Thanks for providing that nifty explanation to get us off the hook!

Dear Joes,

G.I. JOE #12 was excellent! The storyline and the art were perfect. I was wondering, exactly where do you get all your military information (i.e. types of guns, aircraft and other weapons)? Do you have a former G.I. on your staff, or does one of you happen to own a library card?

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Actually, Dean, Larry Hama is our in-house military expert, but we also use a great deal of reference material in order to be sure that the weapons and military vehicles and aircraft are accurate.

That's it for this month, troops. Next: NIGHT ATTACK!

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