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# G.I. JOE

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# DESTRO ATTACKS

FIFTY FEET BELOW A JUNGLE RIVER IN SIERRA GORDO, SNAKE-EYES IS TRAPPED IN A SUNKEN COBRA BUNKER WITH THE EVIL DR. VENOM AND THE ESKIHO MERCENARY KWINN...

I CAUGHT HIM TAPPING ON THE DOOR! HE WAS TRYING TO SIGNAL THE OTHER G.I. JOE TEAM MEMBERS!

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE WHO GETS US OUT OF HERE AS LONG AS WE GET OUT? IT'S OBVIOUS THAT YOUR COBRA FRIENDS AREN'T GOING TO HELP US, DR. VENOM... THEY'RE THE ONES THAT TRIED TO KILL US BY BOMBING THE BUNKER!

IF WE'RE GOING TO GET OUT OF THIS MESS, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CO-OPERATE AND FORGET PERSONAL ANIMOSITIES AND--



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FORGET?! NEVER!!! I SHALL KILL THIS SNAKE-EYES WITH MY BARE--



KRAK!



NNNNNGGG!!



STOP IT! DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? WE EITHER HELP EACH OTHER OR ELSE WE ALL DIE!



FEAR? NO, I'D CALL IT A HEALTHY RESPECT...

DO YOU FEAR DEATH, KWINN?

THERE ARE DEATHS THAT ONE SHOULD FEAR, KWINN...



... PROLONGED, AGONIZED, WRETCHED EXPIRATIONS--

-- SUCH AS ARE CONTAINED IN THIS VIAL, THE PLAGUE TOXIN THE BARONESS MISTAKENLY ASSUMES TO BE IN SCAR-FACE'S BRIEFCASE!

IN G.I. JOE HEADQUARTERS DEEP BELOW FORT WADSWORTH IN STATEN ISLAND...

THIS MICRO-DOT MAP FRAGMENT THAT STALKER FOUND IN THE COBRA RESEARCH STATION IN SIERRA GORDO, IS LABELED IN CODE...

... WE'VE BEEN RUNNING A MATCHING PROGRAM WITH EVERY KNOWN MAP IN THE WORLD WORKING FROM GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES ALONE...



HAWK, BREAKER'S GOT A PRINT-OUT...



THIS IS THE ONLY CLUE WE HAVE TO WHERE THE BARONESS WAS TAKING SCAR-FACE AND HIS MYSTERIOUS BRIEFCASE...

... AND OUR ONLY SHOT AT EVENING THE SCORE FOR SNAKE-EYES!



LET'S RUN IT UP ON THE LARGE MONITOR SO EVERYONE CAN--



LORDY! THAT'S A JACKPOT MAP IF I EVER SAW ONE!

BREAKER, GET GENERAL FLAGG ON THE HORN...



MEANWHILE IN COBRA HEADQUARTERS...

MUST I CALL YOU BY THAT AWFUL NAME? EVEN IN PRIVATE?

YES, YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE HERE WHO KNOWS MY REAL NAME, MY REAL PAST... AND I AM THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS THE TRUTH ABOUT YOU... BARONESS.

I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO SAY IT. I SHOULDN'T EVEN BE TALKING TO YOU. THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW. IT CAN'T BE LIKE IT WAS BEFORE. SORRY. I MUST REPORT TO COBRA COMMANDER AND--

YOU WON'T BETRAY ME?



HOW CAN YOU ASK THAT? OF COURSE NOT!

LISTEN. DON'T GO. THERE WILL BE DRASTIC CHANGES SOON... THE SITUATION SHALL BE COMPLETELY ALTERED...



I'M LATE...

PLEASE, JUST SAY MY NAME, MY NEW NAME...



IS IT THAT IMPORTANT TO YOU?

YES.



DESTRO.



BACK IN THE BUNKER...

WHY KILL US? IT WAS THE BARONESS THAT TRIED TO DO YOU IN! PROBABLY UNDER ORDERS FROM COBRA COMMANDER HIMSELF!



ALL THREE OF US HAVE A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH COBRA COMMANDER. LET'S CALL A TRUCE AND HELP EACH OTHER GET REVENGE...



...AND FURTHERMORE-- WHY ARE YOU TURNING THAT VALVE?



...YOU'RE OPENING THE VENTS! THE BUNKER IS FLOODING!!



...THIS BETTER BE IMPORTANT, CLUTCH. I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF A CONFERENCE WITH THE JOINT CHIEFS--

GENERAL FLAGG...



...IF WHAT WE HAVE DOWN-STAIRS PANS OUT--



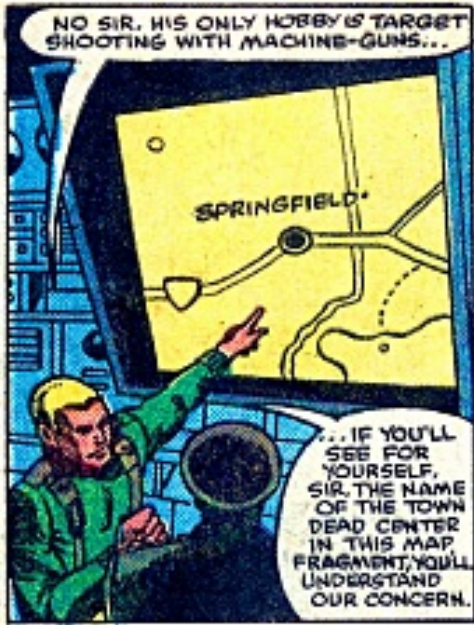
--YOU WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE JOINT CHIEFS...

...YOU'LL BE ONE!



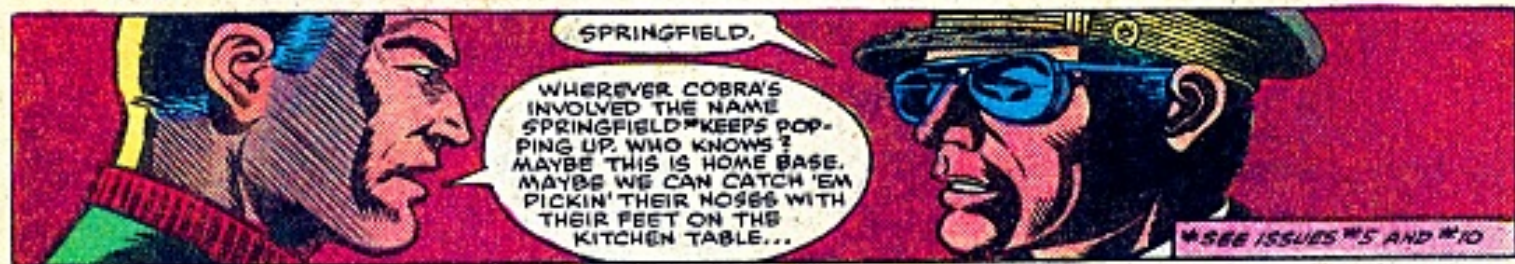
MOMENTS LATER...  
...WE HAVE AN EXACT COMPUTER MATCH-UP. THE COBRA MICRO-DOT MAP FRAGMENT SHOWS A FIVE MILE SQUARE SECTION OF VERMONT...

COULD MEAN ANYTHING, HAWK. MAYBE COBRA COMMANDER LIKES TO SKI...



NO SIR, HIS ONLY HOBBY IS TARGET SHOOTING WITH MACHINE-GUNS...

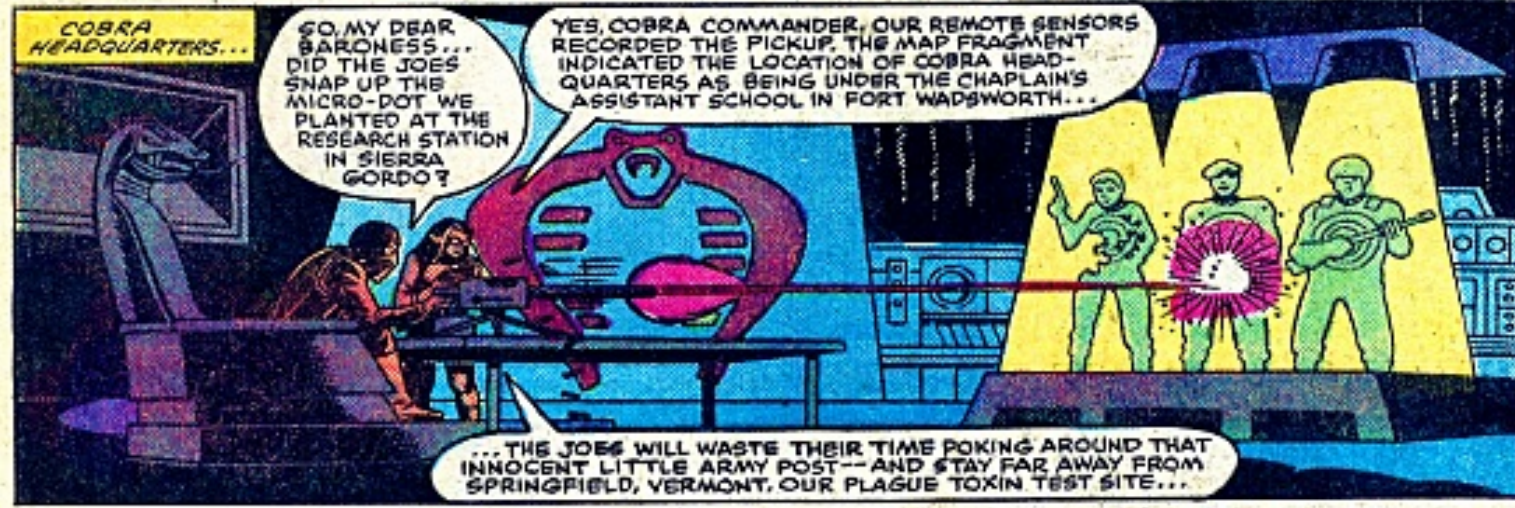
...IF YOU'LL SEE FOR YOURSELF, SIR, THE NAME OF THE TOWN DEAD CENTER IN THIS MAP FRAGMENT, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND OUR CONCERN.



SPRINGFIELD.

WHEREVER COBRA'S INVOLVED THE NAME SPRINGFIELD\*KEEPS POPPING UP. WHO KNOWS? MAYBE THIS IS HOME BASE. MAYBE WE CAN CATCH 'EM PICKIN' THEIR NOSES WITH THEIR FEET ON THE KITCHEN TABLE...

\*SEE ISSUES #5 AND #10



COBRA HEADQUARTERS...

SO, MY DEAR BARONESS... DID THE JOES SNAP UP THE MICRO-DOT WE PLANTED AT THE RESEARCH STATION IN SIERRA GORDO?

YES, COBRA COMMANDER, OUR REMOTE SENSORS RECORDED THE PICKUP. THE MAP FRAGMENT INDICATED THE LOCATION OF COBRA HEADQUARTERS AS BEING UNDER THE CHAPLAIN'S ASSISTANT SCHOOL IN FORT WADSWORTH...

...THE JOES WILL WASTE THEIR TIME POKING AROUND THAT INNOCENT LITTLE ARMY POST-- AND STAY FAR AWAY FROM SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT, OUR PLAGUE TOXIN TEST SITE...



DOES SCAR-FACE KNOW WHAT HE CARRIED IN THE BRIEFCASE?

NO.

AND YOU'RE SURE DR. VENOM IS DEAD?

CERTAIN. ALONG WITH SNAKE-EYES AND KWINN.



DID YOU PLANT THE MICRO-DOT YOURSELF?

OF COURSE. WHY SHOULDN'T I?

ELSEWHERE  
IN COBRA  
HEADQUARTERS...

TELL ME, SCAR-  
FACE... WERE YOU  
SUCCESSFUL IN  
SWITCHING THE  
MICRO-DOTS?

OF COURSE, DESTRO!  
THE BARONESS DIDN'T  
WANT TO GO TRAMPING  
THROUGH THE JUNGLE  
SO SHE LET ME DO IT...

AND YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT  
WAS IN EITHER MICRO-DOT?

HOW COULD I,  
DESTRO? WHERE  
COULD I GET A  
MICROSCOPE IN  
THE MIDDLE OF  
THE JUNGLE?

LEAVE THE VALVE ALONE! THE ONLY  
WAY WE CAN GET THE DOOR OPEN IS  
TO LET IN ENOUGH WATER TO EQUAL-  
IZE THE PRESSURE. THERE'S FIFTY  
FEET OF RIVER ABOVE US PUSHING  
ON THE DOOR WITH HUNDREDS OF  
POUNDS OF WATER PRESSURE...

... EVEN THEN, YOU ARE THE  
ONLY ONE STRONG ENOUGH  
TO MOVE THE DOOR, KWINN...

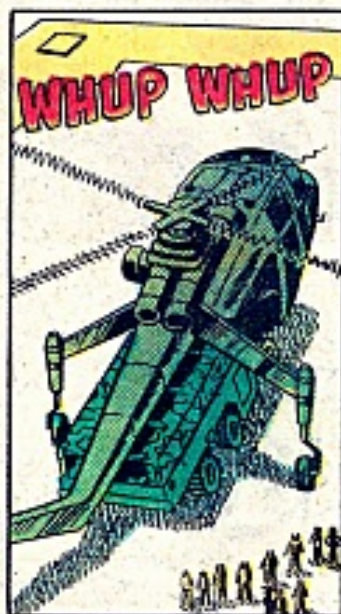
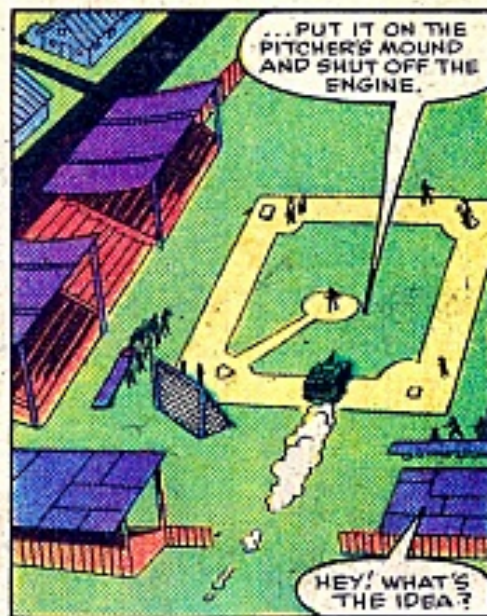
-- BUT IN ORDER TO DO THAT,  
YOU'LL HAVE TO LEAVE YOUR  
GUNS AND FLASHLIGHT WITH ME!

THE HEAVY EQUIPMENT  
LEVEL OF "THE PIT"...

SCARLETT, BREAKER, DOC, STALKER, GUNG-HO, GRUNT  
AND ZAP! INTO THE REAR OF THE PERSONNEL CARRIER!

YO, HAWK,  
WHAT ABOUT  
ME AND  
CLUTCH?

ROCK 'N ROLL, YOU  
MAN THE GUN TURRET,  
CLUTCH DRIVES AND I  
RIDE SHOTGUN. ANY  
OTHER STUPID  
QUESTIONS?





COBRA HQ...

IN A MATTER OF MOMENTS THE ROCKET PLANE WILL LIFT OFF OUT OF THE SILO TO CARRY COBRA COMMANDER TO MEET HIS... DESTINY.

DESTINY? THAT'S PRETTY POETIC, DESTRO! HE'S JUST GOING UP TO VERMONT TO OVERSEE SOME SORT OF EXPERIMENT...

ONE NEVER KNOWS, SCARFACE. PERHAPS THE WINDS OF CHANGE ARE BLOWING STRONG TODAY. PERHAPS IT IS TIME FOR A NEW ORDER...

YOU TALKING TO ME? IF YOU ARE, I'M LOST...

JUST RAMBLING. I TRUST THE COMMANDER WILL HAVE A SAFE TRIP?

OF COURSE. THE BARONESS IS AN EXCELLENT PILOT...

THE BARONESS?

IS THERE AN ECHO IN HERE?

DON'T JOKE WITH ME, WORM! COBRA COMMANDER WAS SUPPOSED TO GO TO VERMONT ALONE!

S-S-SURE! COBRA COMMANDER ALWAYS TRAVELS ALONE! BUT --

-- THE BARONESS ALWAYS PILOTS THE PLANE!

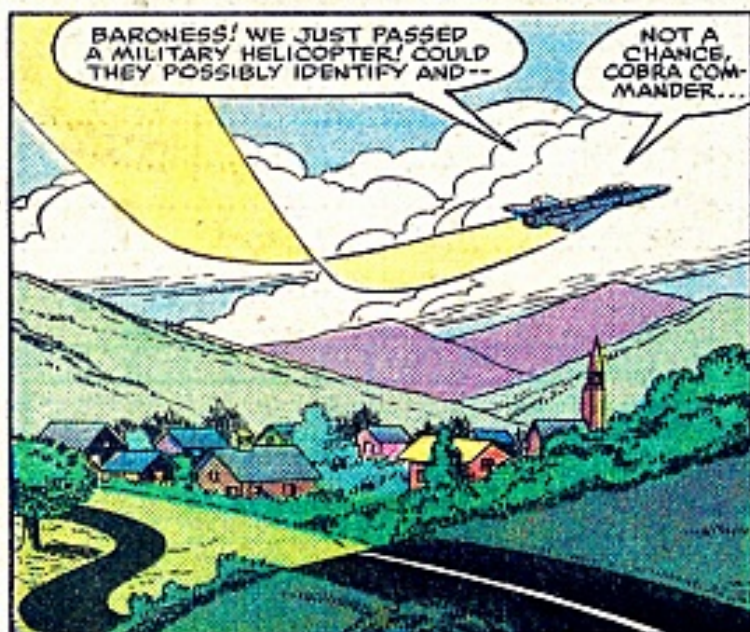
WATER'S ALMOST TO THE CEILING...

TIME FOR YOU TO TRY THE DOOR. I'LL WATCH YOUR GUNS AND LIGHT. YOU DON'T WANT TO BURDEN YOURSELF NEEDLESSLY WHILE YOU STRAIN WITH OUR ESCAPE PORTAL...

IT'S NO BOTHER, DR. VENOM. REALLY.





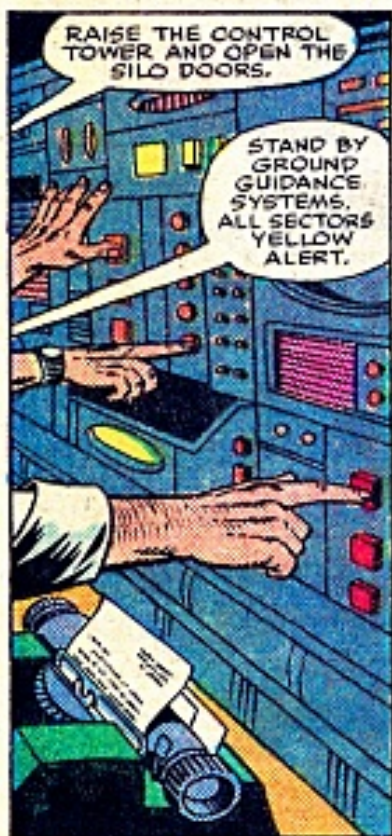




YES, BARONESS... ALL HAIL MIGHTY COBRA!

HE'S HERE!

I'LL ALERT THE OTHERS!



RAISE THE CONTROL TOWER AND OPEN THE SILO DOORS.

STAND BY GROUND GUIDANCE SYSTEMS. ALL SECTORS YELLOW ALERT.



BLOCK INCOMING ROADS AND COMMENCE RADAR JAMMING...



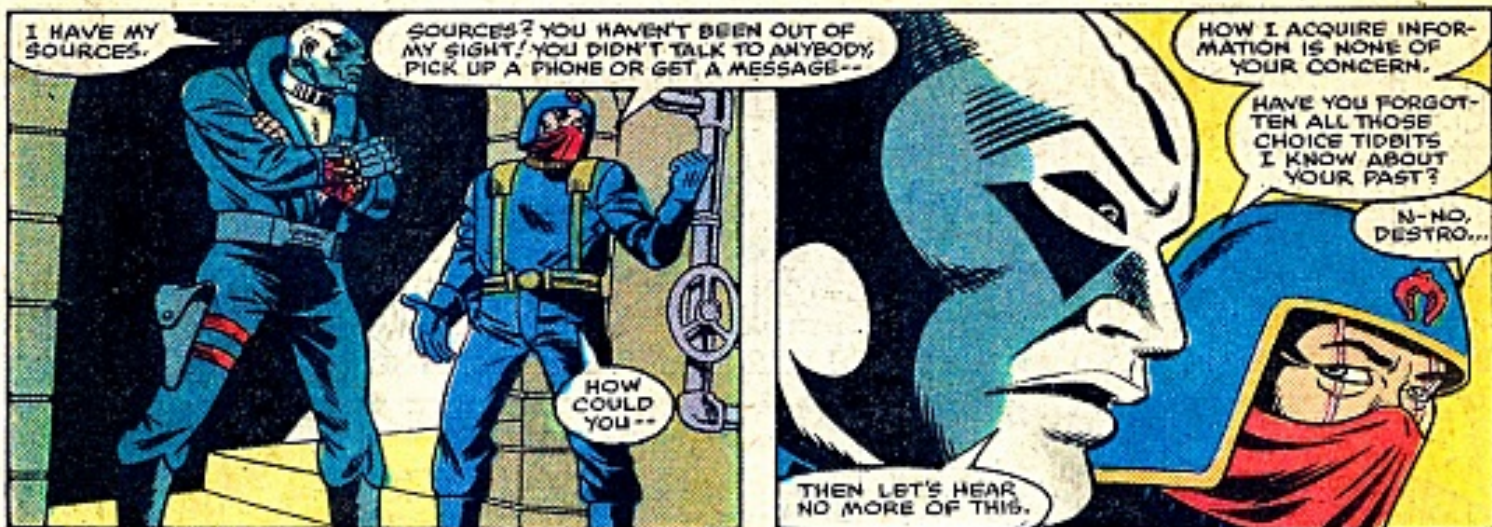
AUTOMATIC LANDING GUIDANCE SYSTEMS LOCKED ON AND FUNCTIONING COMMENCE DECELERATION...

ALL SECTIONS. STAND BY TO GREET THE COMMANDER!



BACK IN COBRA HEADQUARTERS...

I DON'T GET IT, DESTRO. WHY ARE WE DROPPING INTO VERMONT WITH A SQUAD OF AIRBORNE TROOPERS? HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT COBRA COMMANDER IS IN DANGER?





WE'RE COBRA TROOPERS. WE CAME INTO THE JUNGLE DISGUISED AS RENEGADE GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS TO RESCUE A G.I. JOE TEAM FROM THE REAL RENEGADES. THE JOES LEFT BEHIND A WHOLE CLEARING FULL OF BOOBY TRAPS. CHEWED US UP BAD. SOME THANKS WE GOT, HUH?

★ LAST ISSUE.



THIS IS WHERE I LEAVE YOU, PARDS! JUST FOLLER THIS ROAD UP OVER THE MOUNTAIN AND SHE'LL BRING YOU RIGHT INTO SPRINGFIELD...



...GOOD HUNTING.

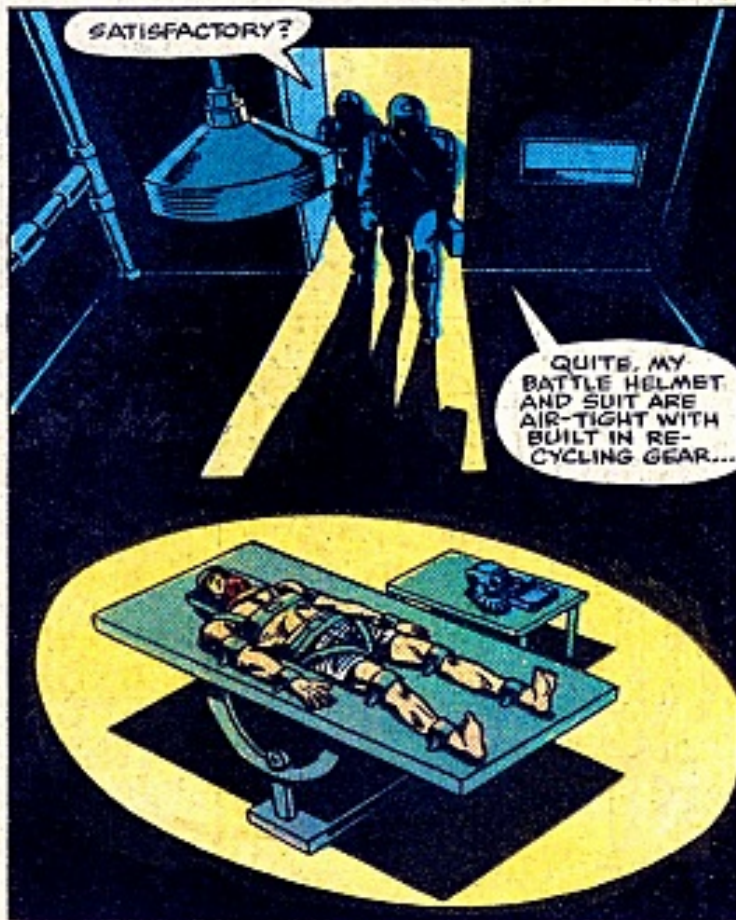


INSIDE THE FURNITURE FACTORY...

ALL HAIL MIGHTY COBRA!

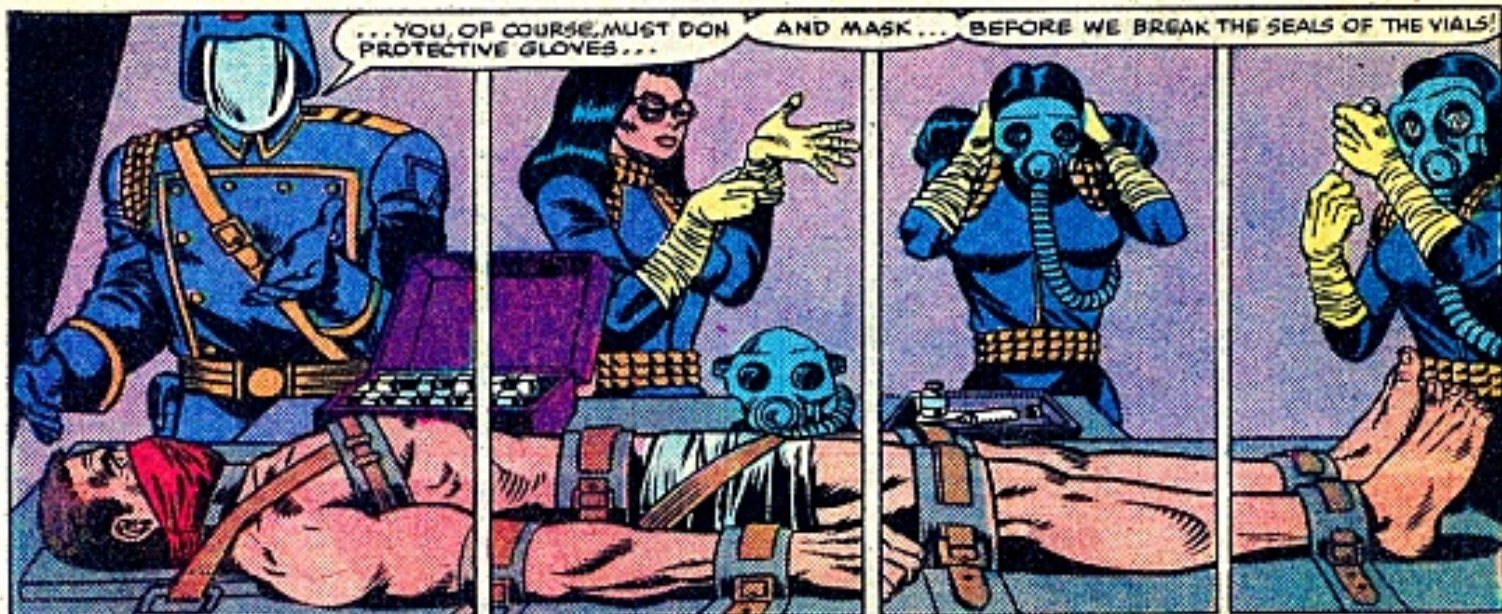
HAS THE VOLUNTEER BEEN PREPARED?

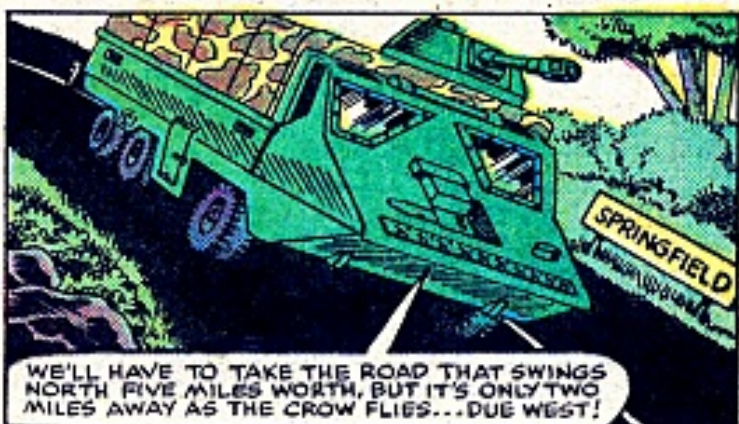
YES, COBRA COMMANDER. A SEALED ROOM HAS BEEN PUT AT OUR DISPOSAL...



SATISFACTORY?

QUITE, MY BATTLE HELMET AND SUIT ARE AIR-TIGHT WITH BUILT IN RE-CYCLING GEAR...









DESTRO! THIS PACE WILL KILL US!

NO. IF THE JOES BEAT US TO SPRINGFIELD, I'LL KILL YOU!



WAIT! IF WE SHOOT THEM HERE, WE'LL HAVE TO CARRY THEIR BODIES BACK AS PROOF!



IT WOULD BE MUCH EASIER ON US IF WE MADE THEM WALK BACK TO THE AIRFIELD AND SHOOT THEM BEFORE TAKE-OFF!

I LIKE IT. I WAS JUST GOING TO SHOW COBRA COMMANDER THEIR HEADS, BUT THIS IS MUCH NEATER!



YES, MY BOY... THIS IS AN HISTORIC MOMENT. YOU HAVE BECOME MY LIVING INSTRUMENT OF DESTRUCTION AGAINST THE G.I. JOE TEAM!

DID YOU RE-SEAL THE TOXIN VIAL, BARONESS?

YES, COBRA COMMANDER, EVERYTHING IS QUITE SAFE AGAIN...



...THE FACTORY SHOULD BE IN SIGHT AS SOON AS WE CREST THAT NEXT HILL.



DESTRO! ONE OF THE MEN IS FALLING BEHIND...

SHOOT HIM, SCAR-FACE, THEN FALL BACK TO THE LAST POSITION AND ADMINISTER THE SAME TO ANY OTHER LAGGARD.





COBRA  
AMBUSH!

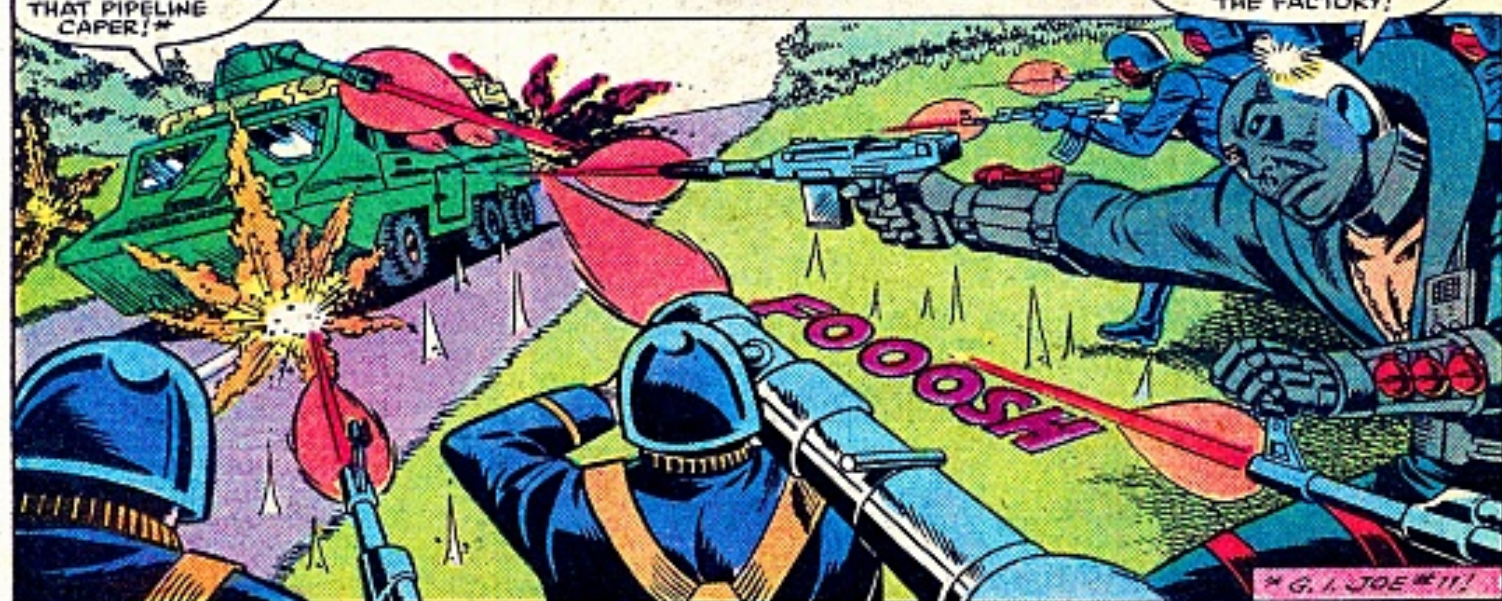
NO COVER ON EITHER  
SIDE OF THE ROAD!  
WE'LL HAVE TO BARREL  
ON THROUGH!

DO YOU SEE WHO'S  
LEADING THAT PACK  
OF VIPERS?

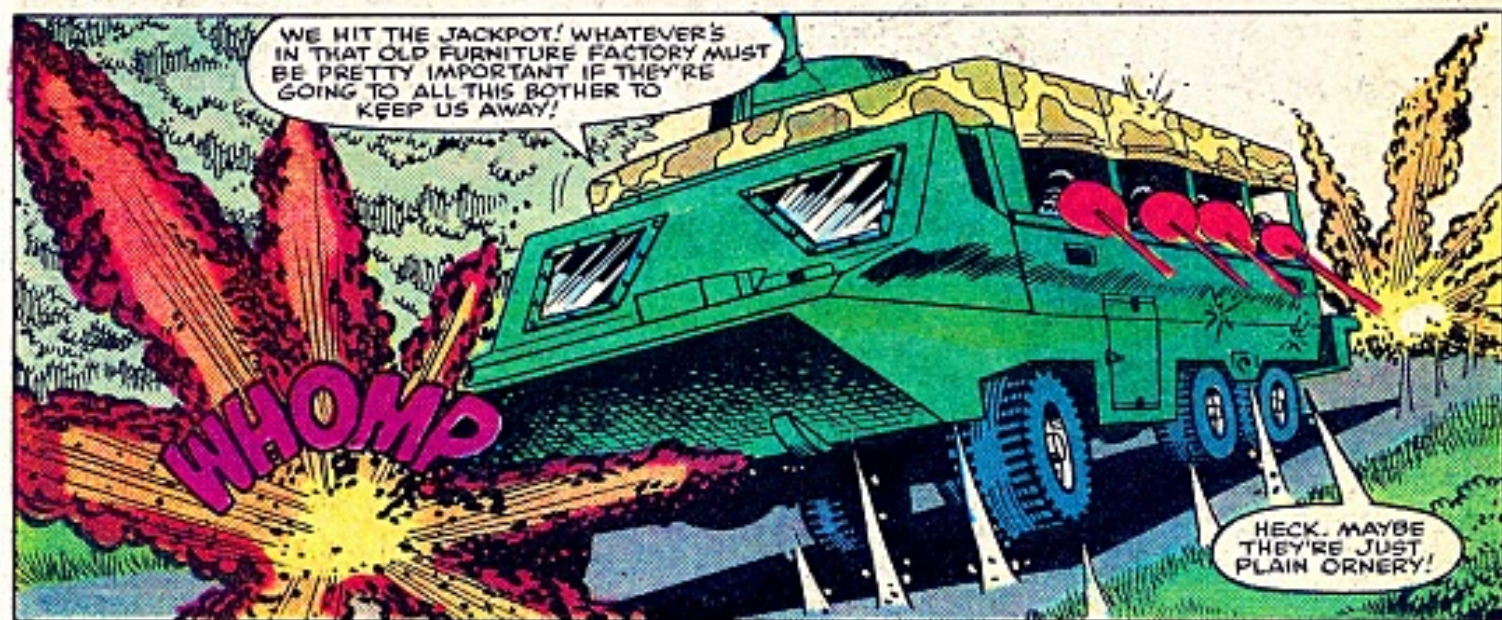
WHAAAA!

IT'S THAT COBRA  
BIG-SHOT WE RAN  
INTO IN ALASKA ON  
THAT PIPELINE  
CAPER!\*

HOLD THEM BACK!  
THEY MUST NOT REACH  
THE FACTORY!



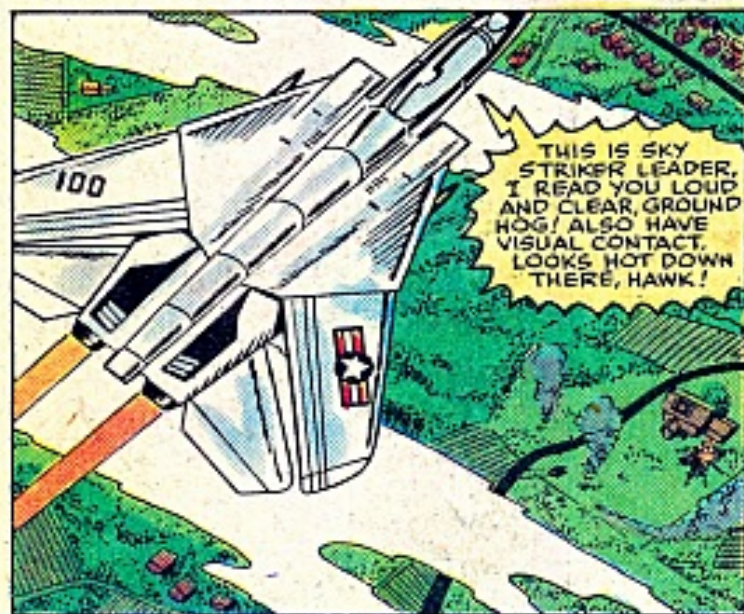
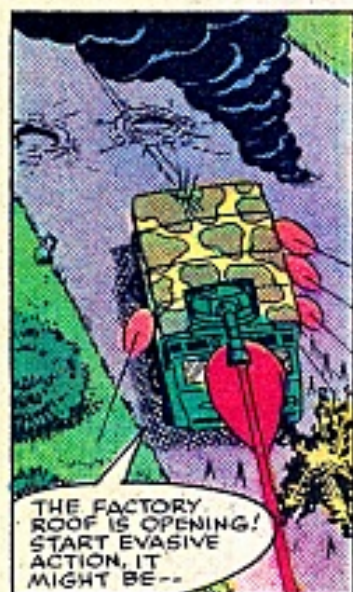
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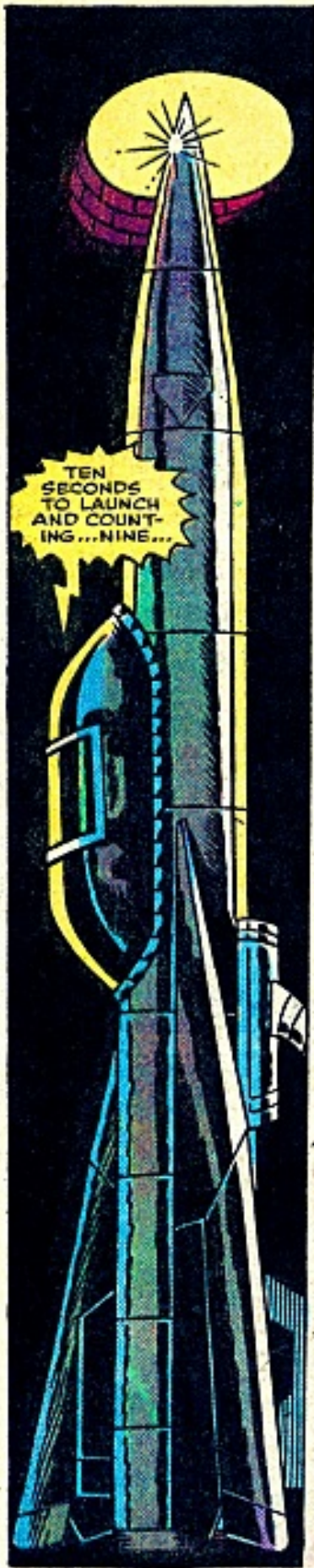


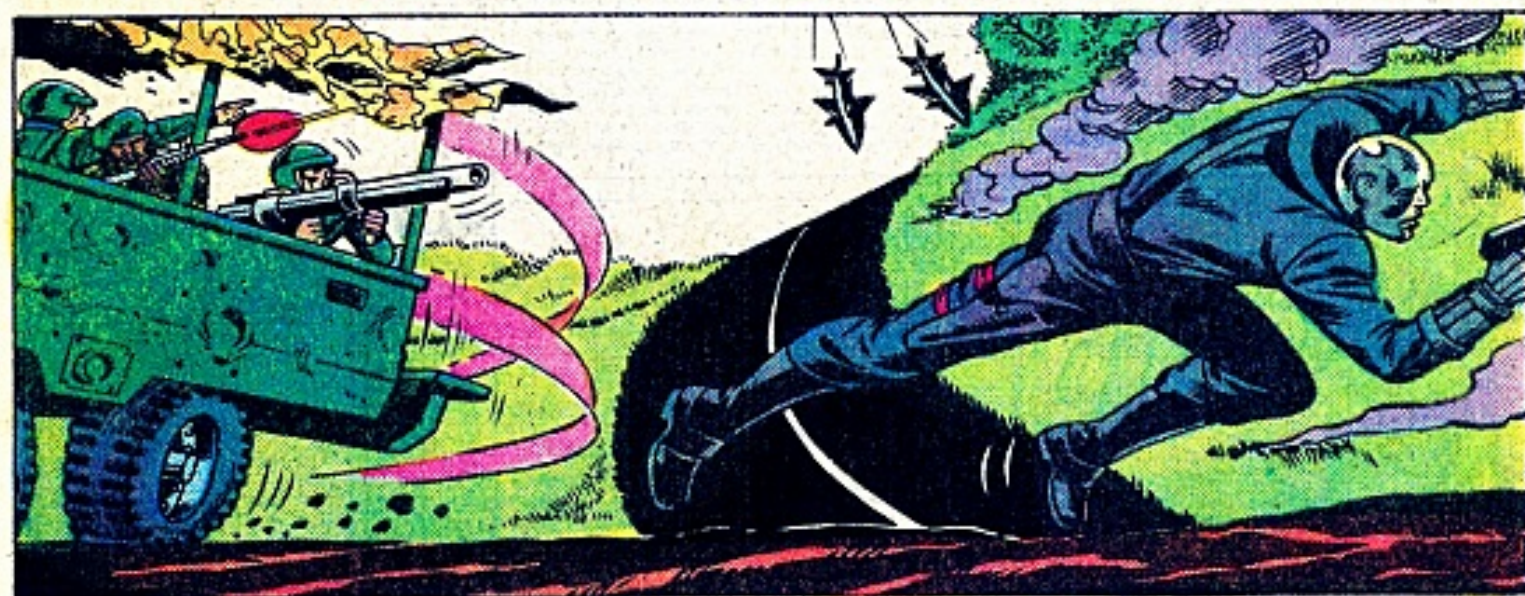
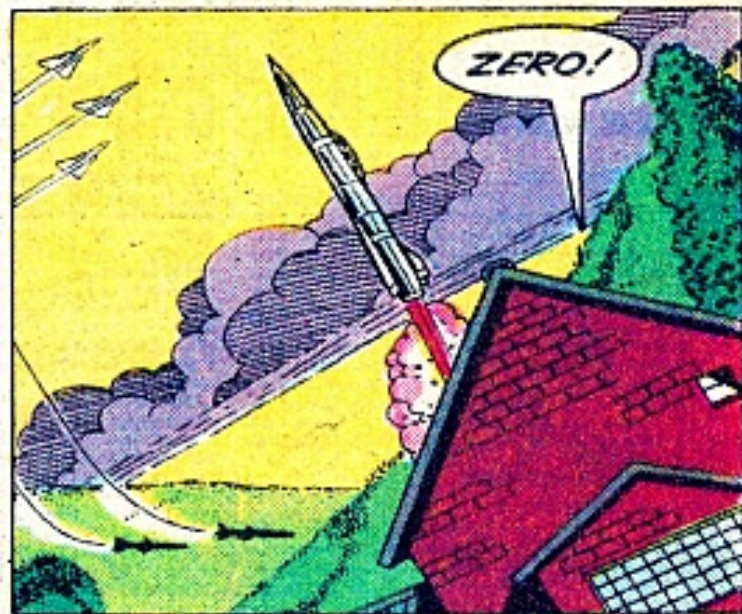
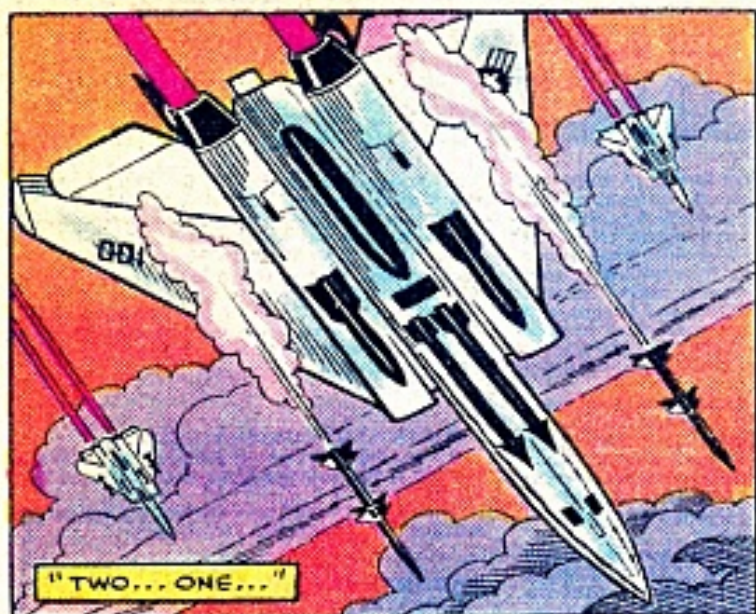
WE HIT THE JACKPOT! WHATEVER'S  
IN THAT OLD FURNITURE FACTORY MUST  
BE PRETTY IMPORTANT IF THEY'RE  
GOING TO ALL THIS BOTHER TO  
KEEP US AWAY!

WHOMP

HECK, MAYBE  
THEY'RE JUST  
PLAIN ORNERY!





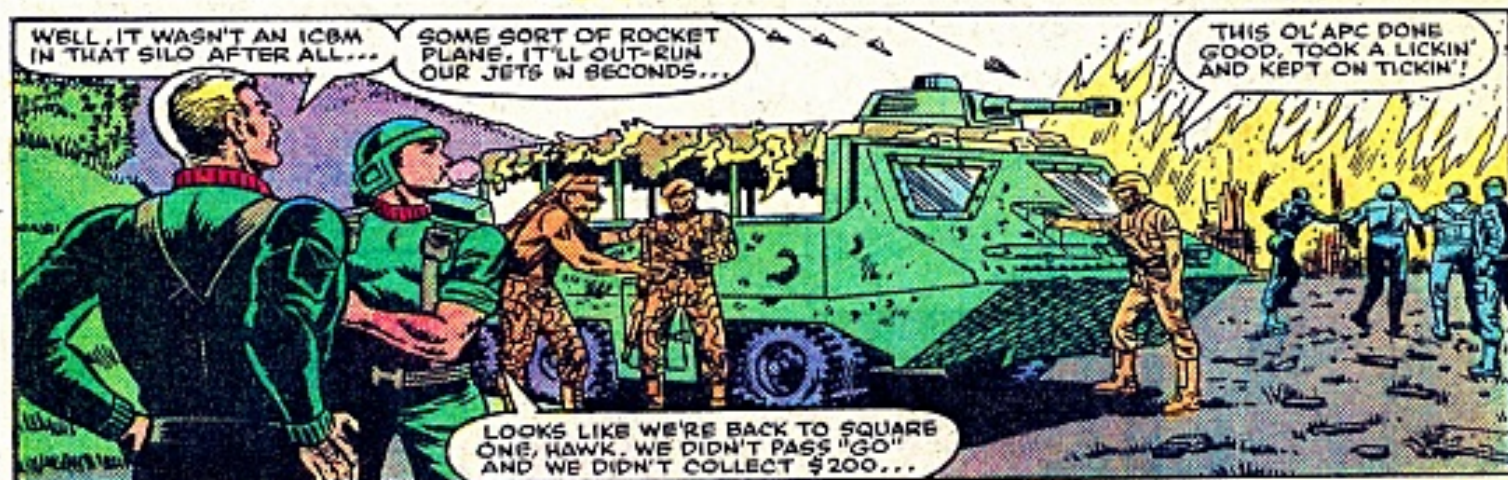




TH- THE ROCKET PLANE GOT AWAY... THE BARONESS IS SAFE...

YOU DID IT, DESTRO. YOU SAVED COBRA COMMANDER!

YES... THAT TOO...



WELL, IT WASN'T AN ICBM IN THAT SILO AFTER ALL...

SOME SORT OF ROCKET PLANE. IT'LL OUT-RUN OUR JETS IN SECONDS...

THIS OL' APC DONE GOOD. TOOK A LICKIN' AND KEPT ON TICKIN'!

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE BACK TO SQUARE ONE, HAWK. WE DIDN'T PASS "GO" AND WE DIDN'T COLLECT \$200...



BACK IN SIERRA GORDO...

WAIT. WEREN'T THERE THREE OF YOU IN THAT BUNKER? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ESKIMO, KWINN?

I CAVED IN THE BACK OF HIS HEAD WITH A WRENCH...



... HE'S DEAD.

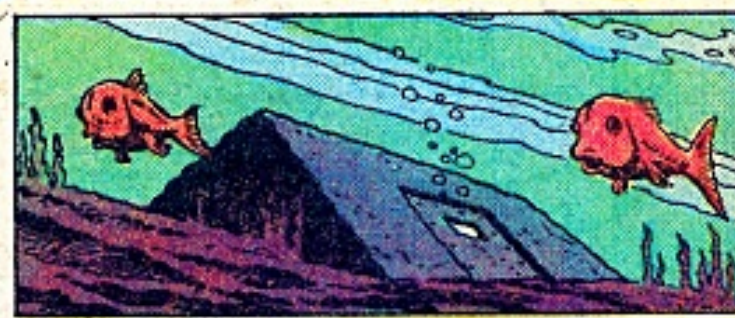
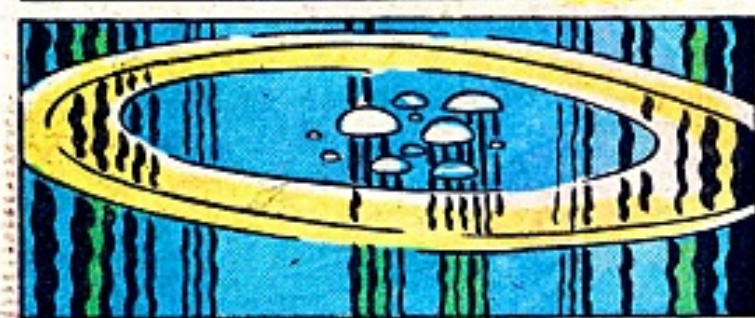
YOU HAVEN'T TOLD US THE TRUTH SO FAR, WHY SHOULD WE BELIEVE --

KWINN'S DEAD...



... IF HE HASN'T COME UP BY NOW, HE'S DROWNED FOR SURE!

TO THE AIRFIELD THEN!



**NEXT ISSUE:** KWINN GETS EVEN IN "REDEYE TO MIAMI!"

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Dear Joes:

G.I. JOE #11 was excellent! This book has finally hit its stride with the full scale battle between the Joes and Cobra. It was also very realistic having the team members injured.

I enjoyed the introduction of the four new Joes, and I hope they will appear semi-regularly. The cover by Bob Camp was great. I'm looking forward to seeing more of his work, preferably on the inside of G.I. JOE.

There are a few things I would like to see in this book. One: a few more stories that don't take place on American soil. After all, the Joes are based on the U.S. rapid deployment forces. Two: how about a few multi-part stories? Three: stories spotlighting single members of the team, such as Scarlett, Snake-Eyes, or Stalker. Four: more background on the Joes and why they were selected or volunteered for the team.

One last thing, why is there no mention of the Joes or Cobra in the handbook of the Marvel Universe?

Bill Craig  
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New Castle, IN 47362

Sorry, Bill, we'd like to provide more details on the Joes, but for security reasons most of that information is classified!

Dear Soldiers:

I just picked up G.I. JOE #11, and it was great! The battle action was just superb. The battle bear was neat — it had missiles and all. My favorite characters are Gung-Ho and Airborne. I also hope to see more of them in other issues. Also, could you please put the M.O.B.A.T. in upcoming issues? I'm just crazy about tanks! Keep up the good work.

Neil Shiroma  
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Dear Joes:

Issue #11 of G.I. JOE was the best one since #1. The idea of Joes protecting the Alaskan pipeline was just marvelous.

I've got a few questions:

1. Are Wild Bill, Snow Job, Gung-Ho, Doc and Airborne going to be in any future issues?
2. Will there be an annual this year?
3. Any chance of a story set in Canada?

Jason Longden  
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Jason, the new Joes you mentioned have become permanent members of the team and you can be sure you will be seeing more of them. We haven't scheduled a G.I. JOE annual for this year, but we promise you so much action and adventure in the monthly stories that you won't even miss it. As for a story in Canada, well, it all depends on where Cobra turns up next!

Dear Marvel:

I just loved G.I. JOE #11. Wow! I liked the way you popped in those new characters. I especially liked Airborne, Snow Job, and Gung-Ho. All in all, this was a great issue.

Eric Hundis  
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Vancouver, WA

Dear Joes:

I just finished reading issue #11, and I think it's great. I have read all your issues, but this is the best yet. I missed Stalker and Clutch, but you guys made up for it with those great replacements you added. They sure have the qualifications to be in the G.I. Joe team.

I'm glad you assigned Hawk on a combat mission: he is a good leader. Thanks for the best comic on the market.

Jaime Puig  
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Van Nuys, CA 91405

Dear Marvel:

I am writing you about issue #11, "The Pipeline Ploy." Everything about it was great. I hope the coming issues will have the same calibre of writing and art.

Patrick Gabriel  
26 Grayston St.  
Westbury, NY 11590

No doubt about it, Patrick, since our crack creative team — Larry Hama, Mike Vosburg and Jon D'Agostino — will be reporting here every month.

Dear Joes:

G.I. JOE is an excellent book. I've seen the ads on T.V. for this comic, and they do quite a job. They have my friends hooked.

How about having the Joes team-up with a super hero? Or battle a super-villain? Cobra has been in almost every issue. Don't get me wrong — if it's action you crave, the pages of G.I. JOE is the place to find it. These are just suggestions from a pleased reader. Just keep up the good work. I know whatever you turn out will be to my liking.

Wally Mannix  
Patterson Hgts.  
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Dear Joes:

This is my first letter to Marvel, and it brings good news. G.I. JOE is an excellent comic! I would like, though, to see a story giving Grand Slam a major part (and this time don't knock out more of his laser cannons — they don't grow on trees, y'know!). By the way, isn't Grand Slam a little injury prone?

David Weber  
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Could be, David. We'll have to keep an eye on him and see.

Dear Denny:

G.I. JOE #11 is my second favorite comic (surpassed only by #8). I liked the new replacements — will there be action figures for them?

I think Short-Fuse, Grunt, Grand Slam and Steeler should appear more often. I am getting tired of seeing so much of Snake-Eyes, Stalker and Scarlett.

I have collected G.I. JOE #1-11, and I hope it will last as long as Marvel does.

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Charley, the new replacements will soon be available in action figures — watch for them!

NEXT ISSUE: Snake-Eyes, Dr. Venom and Kwinn go home... the hard way! Don't miss "The Red-Eye To Miami!"

JOHN BYRNE'S

# ALPHA

# FLIGHT

--IS COMING THIS SPRING! 'NUFF SAID, EH?





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