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# G.I. JOE

A REAL AMERICAN HERO!



IF SCARLETT SHOULD FAIL...  
**WAR!**

MIKE + CHIC

Stan Lee  
PRESENTS:

# G.I. JOE™ A REAL AMERICAN HERO™

FRONTLINE:  
NEBRASKA.

1...2...3...

THE LITTLE FARMHOUSE LOOKS  
PEACEFUL IN THE MORNING SUN, BUT  
AS THE JOE NAMED STALKER KNOWS--

## THE DIPLOMAT

-- LOOKS CAN  
BE DECEIVING!

GO!

WE FINALLY  
CAUGHT THESE  
COBRA BOONS  
WITH THEIR PANTS  
DOWN!

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THE ENTIRE  
INSTALLATION--  
SURROUNDED BY  
G. I. JOE  
SQUADRONS!

ALL STATIONS  
TERMINATE  
OPERATIONS!

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BREAKER!  
GET TO THE  
COMPUTER!

**THOM!**

THE INFORMATION  
IN IT COULD BLOW THIS  
TERRORIST ORGANIZATION  
WIDE OPEN.



NO SWEAT,  
STALKER!

EXCEPT THIS CREEP  
ALREADY STARTED  
THE ERASE  
SEQUENCE.

**WOK!**



WELL, NOTHING I  
CAN'T HANDLE.  
THERE!

MOST OF THE DATABASE  
IS STILL INTACT. SHOULD'N'T  
BE HARD TO GET IT ALL ON  
TAPE.



OF COURSE, IT'LL  
TAKE ME A FEW  
MINUTES...

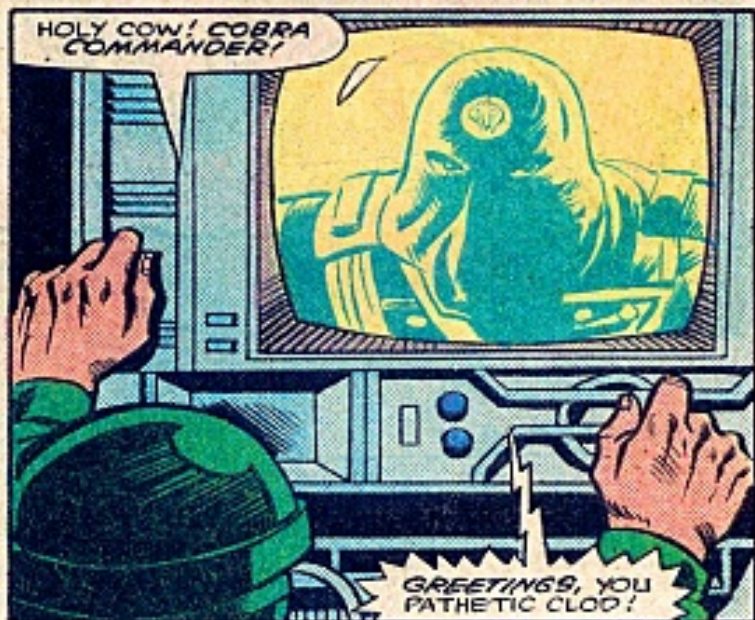
SO IF YOU'D LIKE  
TO DO THE ADVORS,  
STALKER.



BE GLAD TO.

**WAK!**

HUHT I'M GETTING  
SOME KIND OF  
INTERFERENCE!



HOLY COW! COBRA  
COMMANDER!

GREETINGS, YOU  
PATHETIC CLOD!





THE TAPE BREAKER GOT UP WAS **SPOTTY!** BUT IT MENTIONED AN UPCOMING **ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT.**

IT ALSO CONCERNED **BRIAN HASSELL,** A STATE DEPARTMENT DIPLOMAT INVOLVED IN TALKS WITH THE PERSIAN GULF NATION OF **AL-ALAWI.**



THESE TALKS COULD SWING **AL-ALAWI** INTO THE U.S. SPHERE OF INFLUENCE. IF **HASSELL** WERE KILLED, THE TALKS WILL BE JEOPARDIZED. THAT WOULD SUIT **COBRA** FINE.



**CLUTCH!** **SCARLETT!** YOU ESCORT **HASSELL** TO THE TALKS.



**STALKER!** **SNAKE-EYES!** TRY TO TRACK DOWN SOMEONE WHO CAN CONFIRM **COBRA'S** PLAN.

LIKE **COMMANDER COBRA** HIMSELF?

HE'D DO.



**HAWK'S** DO I HAVE TO TEAM UP WITH **CLUTCH?** ISN'T THERE ANYONE ELSE?

YOU HAVE YOUR ORDERS, **SOLDIER.**



**COBRA-CENTRAL!**

**COBRA-COMMANDER!** **BAD NEWS!**



UN-OH! HE'LL FLIP OUT.

GLAD IT'S NOT ME DELIVERING THAT MESSAGE.

UH-HH... G.I. JOE HAS LEARNED OF OUR PLANS FOR HASSLELL.

TOO BAD WE'RE IN THE ROOM.



THEY'RE ESCORTING HIM?

HAH! EXCELLENT!

WHEW!

INITIATE ATTACKS IMMEDIATELY! THIS WILL MAKE A MOST AMUSING GAME.



THE FRENCH RIVIERA:

LOOK, SCARLETT-- OR WHATEVER YOUR NAME IS -- I DO NOT NEED PROTECTION, AND I'M NOT ABOUT TO GIVE UP WHAT'S LEFT OF MY VACATION!

SORRY YOU FEEL THAT WAY, MR. HASSLELL-- BUT ORDERS ARE ORDERS.



SHUT UP, CLUTCH.

I TAKE MY ORDERS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT, NOT THE MILITARY--

-- AND FRANKLY, I'M NOT CONVINCED THIS "COBRA" IS AFTER ME, OR EVEN THAT THEY EXIST--



--AT ALL

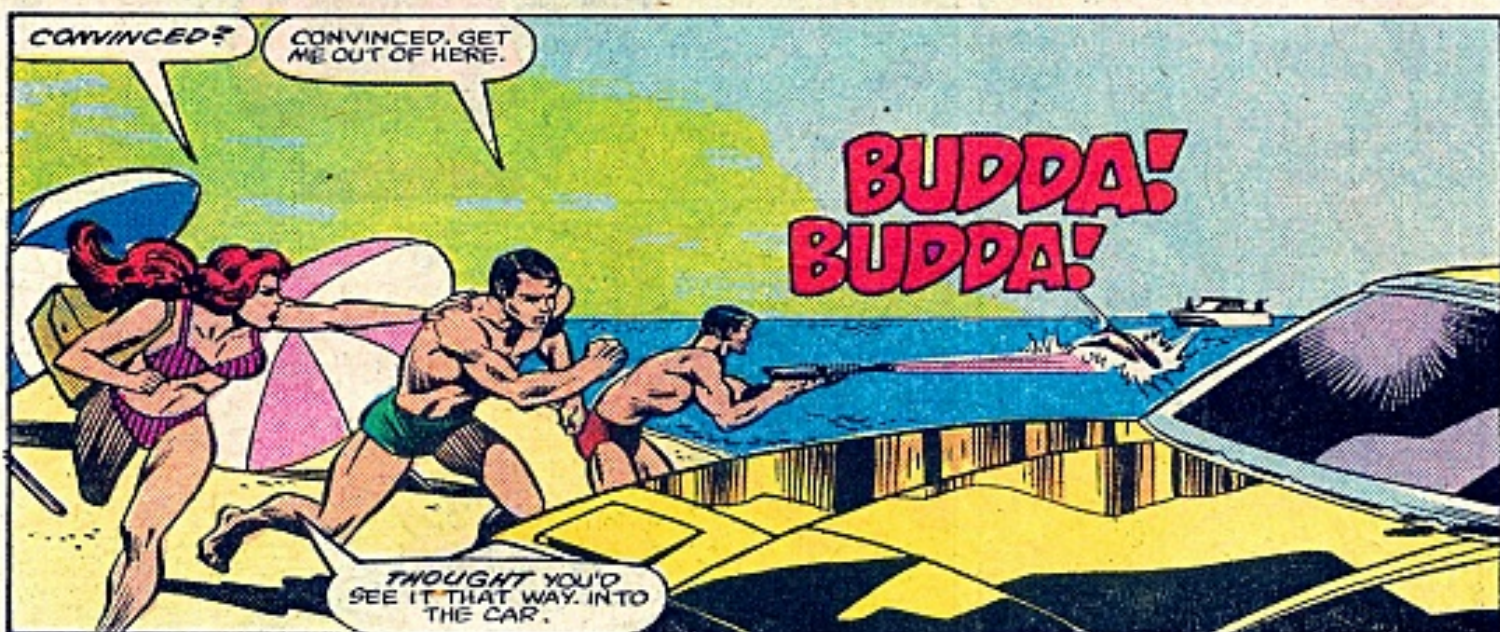
THERE THEY ARE!



KILL THEM!

HOW'S THAT FOR PROOF?

THAT'S TELLIN' HIM, SCARLETT.



MINUTES LATER, AT HASSELL'S HOTEL...

GET A MOVE ON, HASSELL. IT'S A CINCH COBRA KNOWS WE'RE HERE!

WE'RE JUST LUCKY THEY HAVEN'T PRESSED THEIR ATTACK!

HASSELL! ARE YOU TAKING A BATH IN THERE, OR WHAT?

SORRY! ALMOST FORGOT MY BRIEFCASE. YOU COULD SHOW A LITTLE PATIENCE I'VE NEVER ENGAGED IN THIS KIND OF THING BEFORE.

UH-OH. THIS DOOR WON'T OPEN.

WHAT--?!

SHHH! LISTEN!

TIK TIK TIK TIK TIK TIK TIK TIK

BOMB. W-WE'RE TRAPPED.

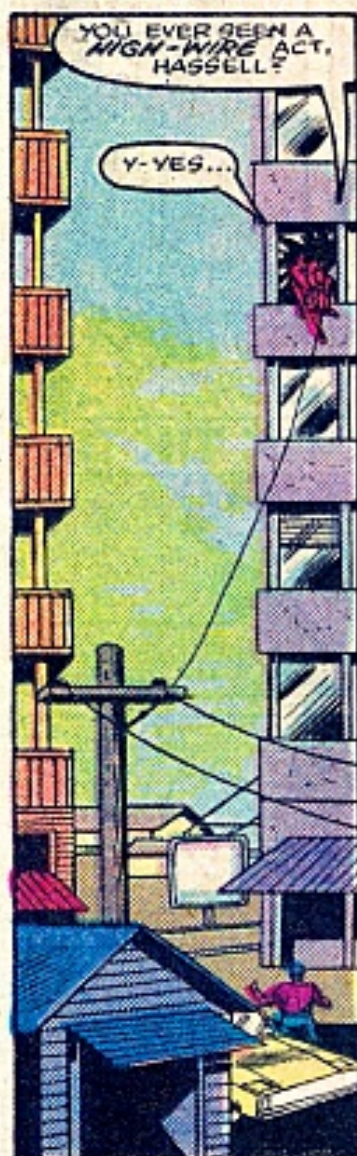
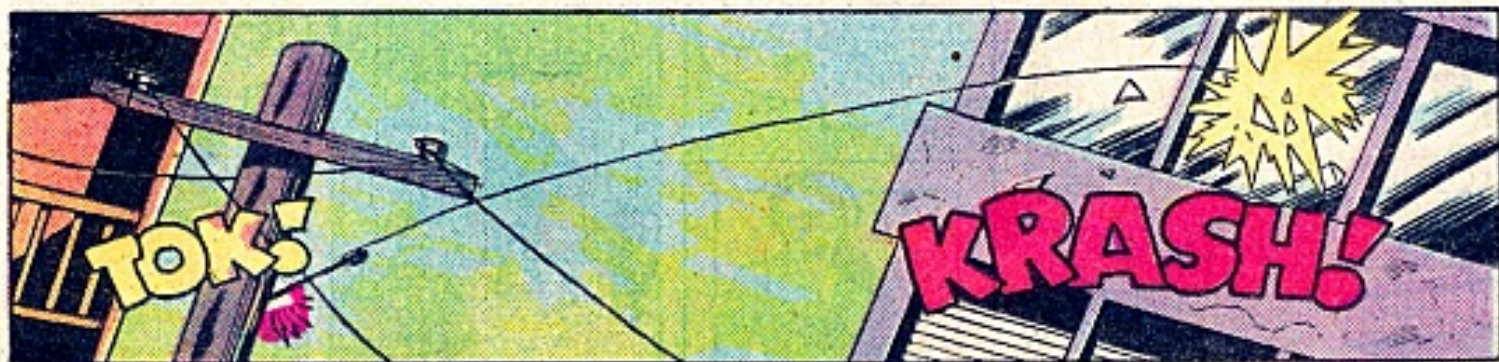
AS LONG AS I CAN GET INTO MY BAG--

SWIP!

SWIP!

-- WE'RE NEVER TRAPPED. SWIP!





LONDON, ENGLAND, HOME OF SUTHERLAND MUNITION WORKS, SUPPLIER OF WEAPONRY TO NATIONS LARGE AND SMALL --



-- AND IT IS RUMORED, TO TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS WHO CAN MEET THE PRICE.

AFTER A LUNCH OF CHIPS AND BRASHERS, OWNER DEREK SUTHERLAND RETURNS TO HIS OFFICE.



HE WILL SOON LEARN HE HAS VISITORS...

MUCH TO HIS REGRET.

JOVE!



TELL ME WHAT I WANT TO KNOW, DEREK, AND MY FRIEND WON'T PULL THAT TRIGGER.



I THINK...

WE KNOW ABOUT YOUR DEALINGS WITH COBRA. TELL US WHERE TO FIND THEM.



AFRAID YOU'VE GOT ME WRONG, OLD BOY!



A COBRA'S A POISONOUS INDIAN SNAKE, ISN'T IT? OR IS IT AFRICAN?



OKAY, YOU'RE OFF THE HOOK. I BELIEVE YOU.

I FIND OUT OTHERWISE, WE'LL BE BACK. UNDERSTAND?

INDUBITABLY.

BUT, ONLY SECONDS LATER...



SUTHERLAND CALLING COBRA CENTRAL. THE CODE WORD IS COURIER.

PROCEED.

G. I. JOE HAS BEEN GIVEN YOUR MESSAGE AND ARE ON THEIR WAY.









EVERYONE'S GOTTA DIE SOMETIME, RIGHT?

BESIDES - THAT LITTLE PIECE OF PROPERTY'LL DO AS A MAKE-SHIFT LANDING STRIP.



BETTER GRAB SOMETHING SOLID, HASSELL!



THIS'LL BE ROUGH!



**THUMP!**



**SKRIT! SKRIT!**



**SKREE!**



YOU CAN OPEN YOUR EYES NOW, HOTSHOT.

INTO THE CAR AGAIN.



THIS MIGHT BE A STROKE OF LUCK. NO ONE KNOWS WHERE WE ARE.



BY THE TIME THE PILOT WAKES UP AND WALKS DOWN THE MOUNTAIN, WE'LL BE AT OUR DESTINATION.

AMSTERDAM



BY ALL MEANS,  
LET US DO IT  
THE HARD WAY.



YOU MIGHT AS WELL  
DROP YOUR HIT ON  
HASSELL, KING SNAKE.  
WE KNOW ALL ABOUT  
IT.



REALLY?



DID YOU KNOW  
THAT HASSELL IS  
THE ASSASSIN?

WHAT?!



GAS! GOT TO HUG THE  
FLOOR... BUY TIME WHILE  
IT FILTERS DOWN.

HASSELL IS OUR MOLE,  
PLANTED YEARS AGO  
FOR SUCH AN OCCASION.



HIS MURDER OF THE  
AL-ALWAI REPRESENTATIVE  
WILL DESTROY AMERICAN  
CREDIBILITY WITH THE  
THIRD WORLD.

AND G. I. JOE IS  
ESCORTING HIM.  
SOME JOKE, EH?



VERY  
FUNNY.

COME NOW, I WOULDN'T  
BE TELLING YOU THIS IF  
THERE WERE ANY WAY OUT  
OF THE ROOM.



GOODBYE,  
STALKER.

COBRA COMMANDER--  
OR A HOLOGRAM  
OF HIM ANYWAY.  
AND THE DOOR  
CLOSED BEHIND  
ME.



IT'S A TRAP!

SNAKE  
EYES!



BOOM!



KOFF!  
KOFF!

WE'LL  
WORRY ABOUT  
THIS DUMP  
LATER.

WE HAVE TO STOP  
SCARLETT AND  
CLUTCH-- BEFORE  
THEY MAKE A  
TERRIBLE  
MISTAKE.





THE ITALIAN ALPS, JUST SOUTH OF THE FRENCH BORDER:



MORE COMPANY. CLUTCH, BETTER SPEED IT UP.

UH-UH, I'VE GOT THE PEDAL TO THE METAL RIGHT NOW.

YOU'LL HAVE TO HANDLE IT.

I THOUGHT YOU SAID THEY WOULDN'T FIND US!

WE WERE WRONG. WE'LL PUT IT IN OUR REPORT, OKAY?

MORE TROUBLE AHEAD.

A COUPLE OF CARS, TRYING TO SQUEEZE US OFF THE ROAD.

LOOKS TO ME LIKE THEY'RE UP FOR A GAME OF CHICKEN.

WHAT? NO! YOU CAN'T!

DON'T SWEAT IT, MAN. I DID THIS ALL THE TIME WHEN I WAS GROWING UP IN JERSEY. NEVER LOST ONCE.

NEVERT!

WELL... ONCE.



CHOPPERS COMING IN OVERHEAD.





MAYBE YOU'RE JUST LOOKING IN THE WRONG PLACE!

YOU?



AIEEE!



BEAUTIFUL! THIS BABY WILL EASILY GET US TO OUR DESTINATION-- MONTREAUX, FRANCE.

ODD THAT AFTER ALL COBRA'S EFFORTS WE'RE STILL ALIVE, THOUGH. THEY'VE NEVER BEEN INEPT BEFORE.



YEAH, IT'S LIKE THEY WANTED TO GIVE US THE RINGAROUND-- BUT WANTED HASSELL AT THE TALKS.



TOO TRUE-- BUT TOO LATE.

KEEP THIS WHIRLYBIRD HEADING FOR MONTREAUX-- AND YOU'LL LIVE A LITTLE LONGER.



I SHOULDA GUESSED THAT'S HOW COBRA KEPT FINDING US! THERE'S A HOMING DEVICE IN THE BRIEFCASE. ISN'T THERE?

I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO FIGURE IT OUT AT ALL. YOU ACTION TYPES AREN'T RENOWNED FOR YOUR BRAINS.

LAND IN THAT CIRCLE DOWN THERE.



ACTUALLY, THINGS WORKED OUT RATHER WELL FOR COBRA.

AFTER ALL, IT ISN'T EVERY DAY WE CAN IMPLICATE G.I. JOE IN AN ASSASSINATION PLOT.



AND WE ESCORTED YOU RIGHT TO YOUR QUARRY

REMEMBER-- YOU INSISTED.



"... IF HASSELL HADN'T GOTTEN TO THE AMBASSADOR YET."

MR. AMBASSADOR I'M BRIAN HASSELL.



YES-- THE AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE.



I WAS SO HOPING FOR HENRY KISSINGER.



LOOK! A JOE PLANE! THEY MUST'VE TUMBLED BY HASSELL.



THEY'LL NEVER LAND IN TIME TO BE OF ANY USE, WHICH MEANS...



IT'S STILL UP TO ME!



YOU HAVE A GIFT FOR ME, MR. HASSELL?

A VERY SPECIAL GIFT-- HANDPICKED BY MY SUPERIORS.



TURN AROUND, AMBASSADOR.





YOUR TONGUE IS GOLDEN -- BUT YOUR WORDS ARE **CROSS**.

HE'S ALIVE!



TAKE **THIS** MESSAGE TO YOUR COBRA MASTERS, PIG!

IN MY LAND, ASSASSINATIONS ARE A **FACT OF LIFE!**



SO ARE **BULLETPROOF VESTS!**



YOU MAY TAKE HIM AWAY NOW!

I FAILED -- BUT COBRA WILL NEVER BE STOPPED!

YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS! YOU'LL PAY!



COBRA-CENTRAL: COBRA-COMMANDER! **BAD NEWS!**

OH?



HAGGELL WAS CAPTURED? THE TALKS GO ON?

HOW UN-FORTUNATE.

YOU ARE NOT... ANGRY?



SHOULD I BE? IT WAS ONLY A GAME.

AND THERE WILL ALWAYS BE... **ANOTHER GAME.**

**NEXT ISSUE: "A NICE LITTLE TOWN LIKE OURS!"**

# POSTBOX: THE PIT!

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Dear Codename: creators—

I just got the fifth issue of G.I. JOE and liked it a lot. But I'm afraid I missed a couple earlier issues—can I get them? As for #5, I particularly liked how COBRA tried to get the MOBAT. Any chance you guys may make G.I. JOE an animated Saturday morning cartoon series, like SPIDER-MAN and THE HULK?

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Much as we'd like to be able to help you, Brett, Marvel publishes so many magazines a month that it's just impossible for us to be able to offer back issues (that's why you should never miss your favorite Marvels on the newsstand!). However, for those occasional unavoidable moments when you do miss an issue, we recommend contacting a comics specialty shop which provides back issue service. Several such are listed in small ads right here in Marvel Comics. Tell 'em we sent you, okay?

As for a G.I. JOE animated feature, as you may be aware, Brett, Marvel Productions animated the G.I. JOE commercial, that appeared on TV a while back. We're now at work on five 30-second animated TV commercials for the G.I. JOE comic—you'll be seeing them on the air this winter. We'd like nothing better than to bring you a G.I. JOE Saturday morning series—but that's a decision up to the networks, not us. So write them, already!

Dear Marvel,

The first six issues of G.I. JOE are great. Just recently, I subscribed, and can't help wondering if the subscription includes annuals?

Daniel Hilkemayer  
PO Box 61  
Cecilia, KY

Since annuals are considered special editions, Danny, they aren't included in the subscription rate. However, we currently have no plans to publish a G.I. JOE annual, so just relax, settle back, and enjoy the regular monthly issues. And, by the way, thanks for the good words!

Dear G.I. Joes,

G.I. JOE #6 was a good comic. The idea of G.I. JOE having counterparts in Russia was excellent, but this phoney who's impersonating Hawk reminds me of Agent Bron-

son in some old issues of SHIELD. There were a couple mistakes, though. On page six, panel 5, the mission members are: Stalker, Scarlet, Clutch, Steeler, Grand Slam, and Breaker. But in the story, Grand Slam wasn't there—Flash was! And nobody can grow a beard overnight like Steeler did. All in all, it was a good story—so until Thor gets a punk rock haircut, Make Mine Marvel!

Anthony John Subla  
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Well, Tony, you caught us on at least one count. The listing of mission members should have said Flash, not Grand Slam. As for growing a beard overnight, if you think it's impossible, just ask Ralph Macchio—he manages to do it every day from the time he shows up at the Marvel Bullpen 'til he leaves!

Dear Larry Hama:

I picked up G.I. JOE #1 out of curiosity and have become hooked. It's great! I've collected every episode and have enjoyed every one. The storylines are beauts, and the characters are excellent, too. I hope you continue with this mag for a long time, it's a surefire winner. Even if I am a dinkum Aussie, I still think they're ace. (Any chance of a story set in Australia?)

Paul Bilson  
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Chances are more than good that the Joes will work their way down under eventually, Paul. In the meanwhile, we salute our farflung "foreign legions" of readers, wherever they may be around the world!



Dear Mr. Shooter,

I'm a very pleased collector of G.I. JOE, and your other comics, such as SPIDER-MAN, HULK and ROM. I think it would very interesting to have the G.I. JOE team fight with Gamma Base against the Hulk, or help Rom banish the Dire Wraiths. In addition to just fighting the October Guard and Cobra Command. This is only a suggestion, from a very pleased collector.

Shayne Price  
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Marvelman:

As soon as I finished G.I. JOE #7, I had to write to tell you how much I enjoyed it. It was the best G.I. JOE yet. The cover was great, too. Keep up the good work.

Dan Smith  
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Dear Joes:

Wow! G.I. JOE #7 was great! I'm glad Breaker was in action. He's my favorite Joe. Keep up the good work.

Jim Koral  
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Range River, OR 97537

Men:

Attention! This is no drill! When it comes to G.I. action, I'm glad you've opted not to go "straight" military, but have instead given the series a futuristic cast. This is what war will be like—terrorists are likely to be the enemy, and besides, it makes for a far more Marvel-oriented action title this way. The only thing I find strange is the fact that, in a book called G.I. JOE and sub-titled "A Real American Hero" there is actually no character called G.I. JOE. It makes me wonder which of the team the sub-title refers to. Keep the technological super-weapons coming, and remember to Face Front—otherwise the enemy's likely to shoot you in the back!

"Scrapper" Whiff  
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Rabun County, GA 30525

Well, that wraps it for this issue, troops. You're all on 30-day furlough—but be here for the next issue. We'd hate to find you A.W.O.L.! Next time around, we have an action epic called: "A Nice Town Like Ours." It'll have you snapping to attention.

Dismissed!

JOHN BYRNE'S

# ALPHA FLIGHT

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





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