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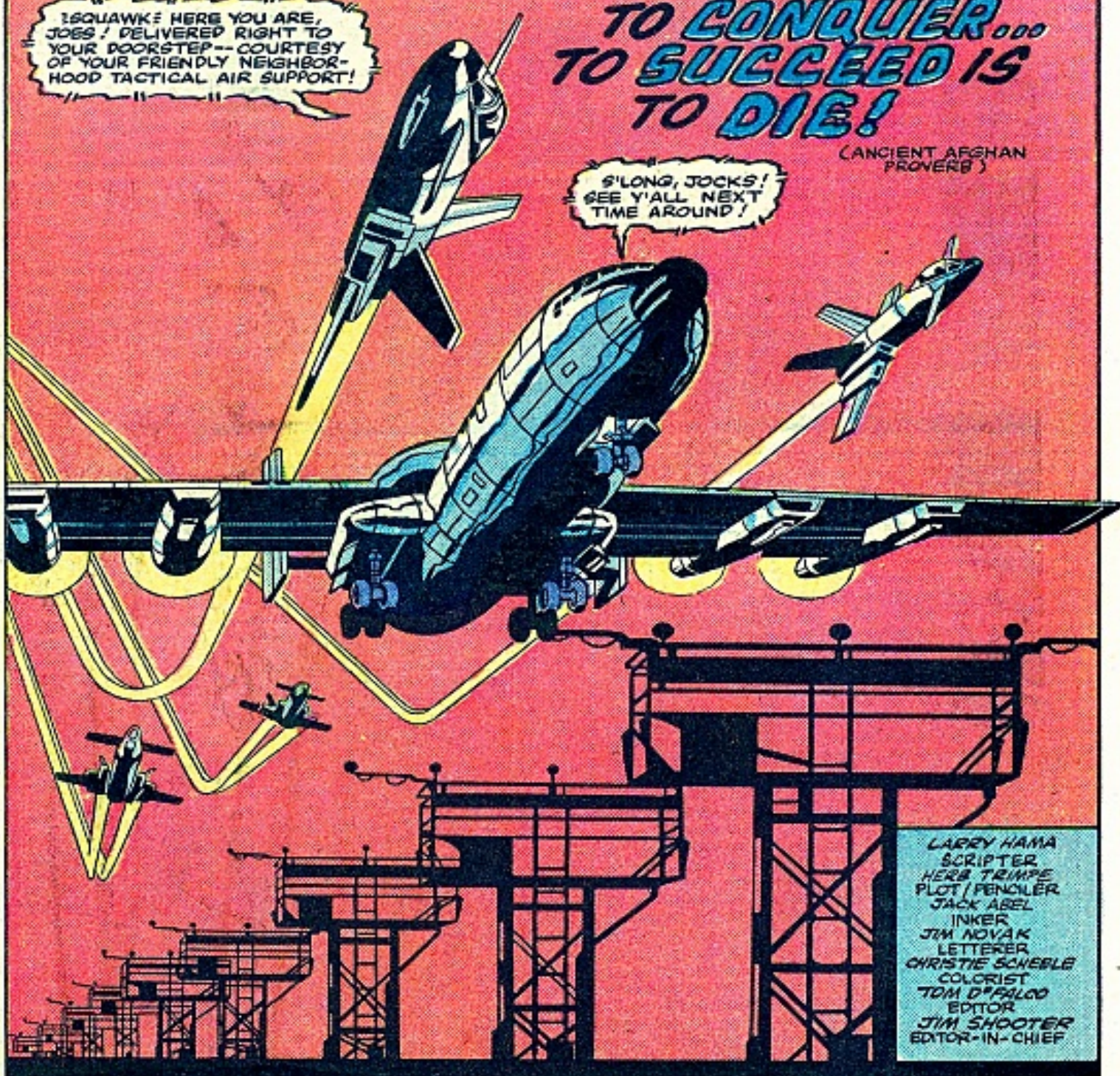
MC GUIRE AIR FORCE BASE,
NEW JERSEY...

"ISQUAWKE HERE YOU ARE,
JOES! DELIVERED RIGHT TO
YOUR DOORSTEP-- COURTESY
OF YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR-
HOOD TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT!"

TO FAIL IS
TO CONQUER...
TO SUCCEED IS
TO DIE!

(ANCIENT AFGHAN
PROVERB)

"S'LONG, JOCKS!
SEE Y'ALL NEXT
TIME AROUND!"



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NO LIE, MAN! THAT LAST MISSION WAS A ROUGH ONE!

YOU THINK THAT WAS HAIRY! WAIT'LL YOU SEE HOW CLUTCH DRIVES US BACK TO FORT WADSWORTH!



FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER...

DON'T SLOW DOWN NOW, CLUTCH! YOU MIGHT GIVE THE STATE TROOPERS AND M.P.'S A CHANCE TO CATCH UP TO US!



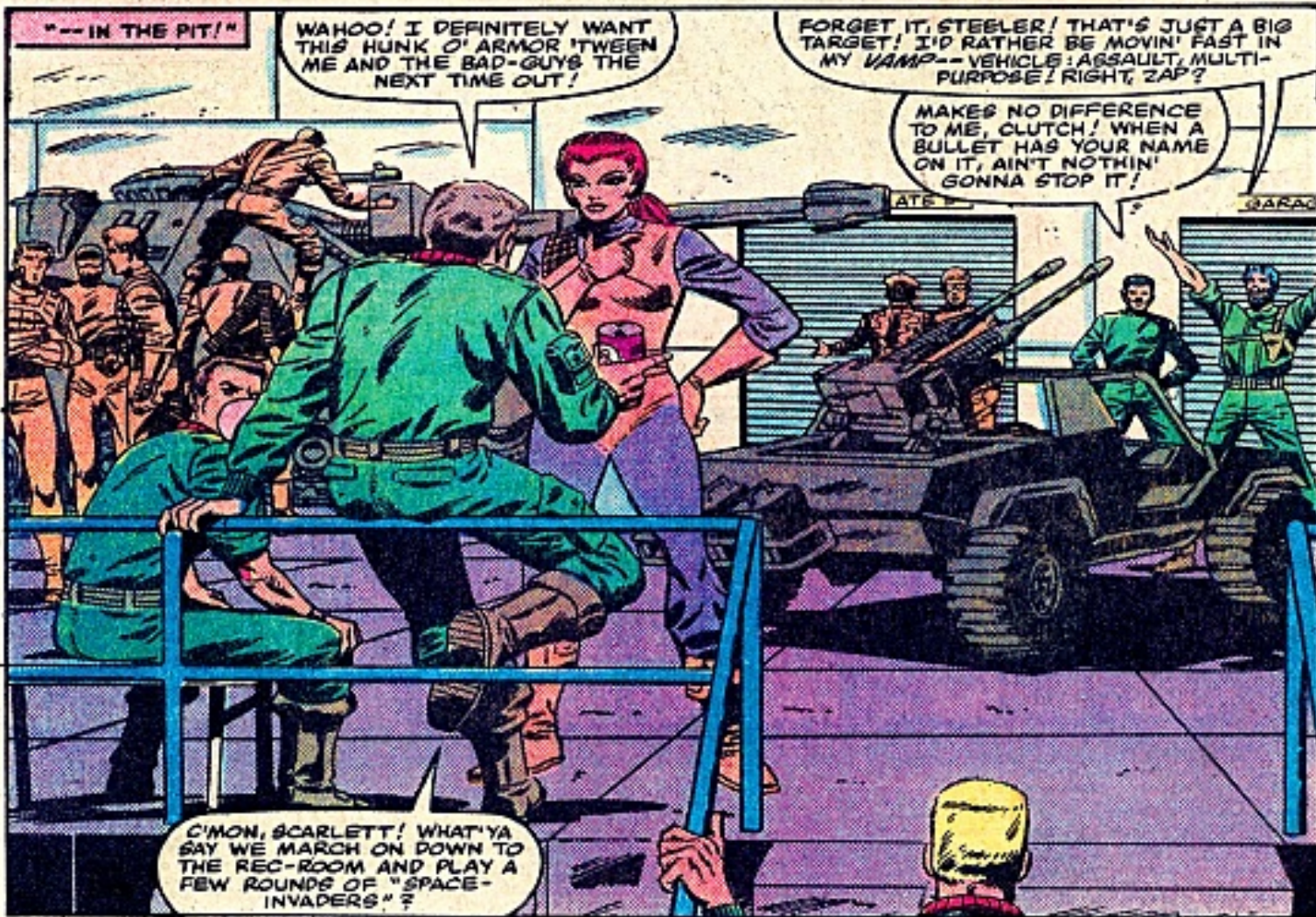
THAT'LL BE THE DAY! 'SIDES, I AIN'T STOPPIN' 'TIL WE'RE THREE LEVELS UNDERGROUND--

"-- IN THE PIT!"

WAHOO! I DEFINITELY WANT THIS HUNK O' ARMOR 'TWEEN ME AND THE BAD-GUYS THE NEXT TIME OUT!

FORGET IT, STEELER! THAT'S JUST A BIG TARGET! I'D RATHER BE MOVIN' FAST IN MY VAMP-- VEHICLE: ASSAULT, MULTI-PURPOSE! RIGHT, ZAP?

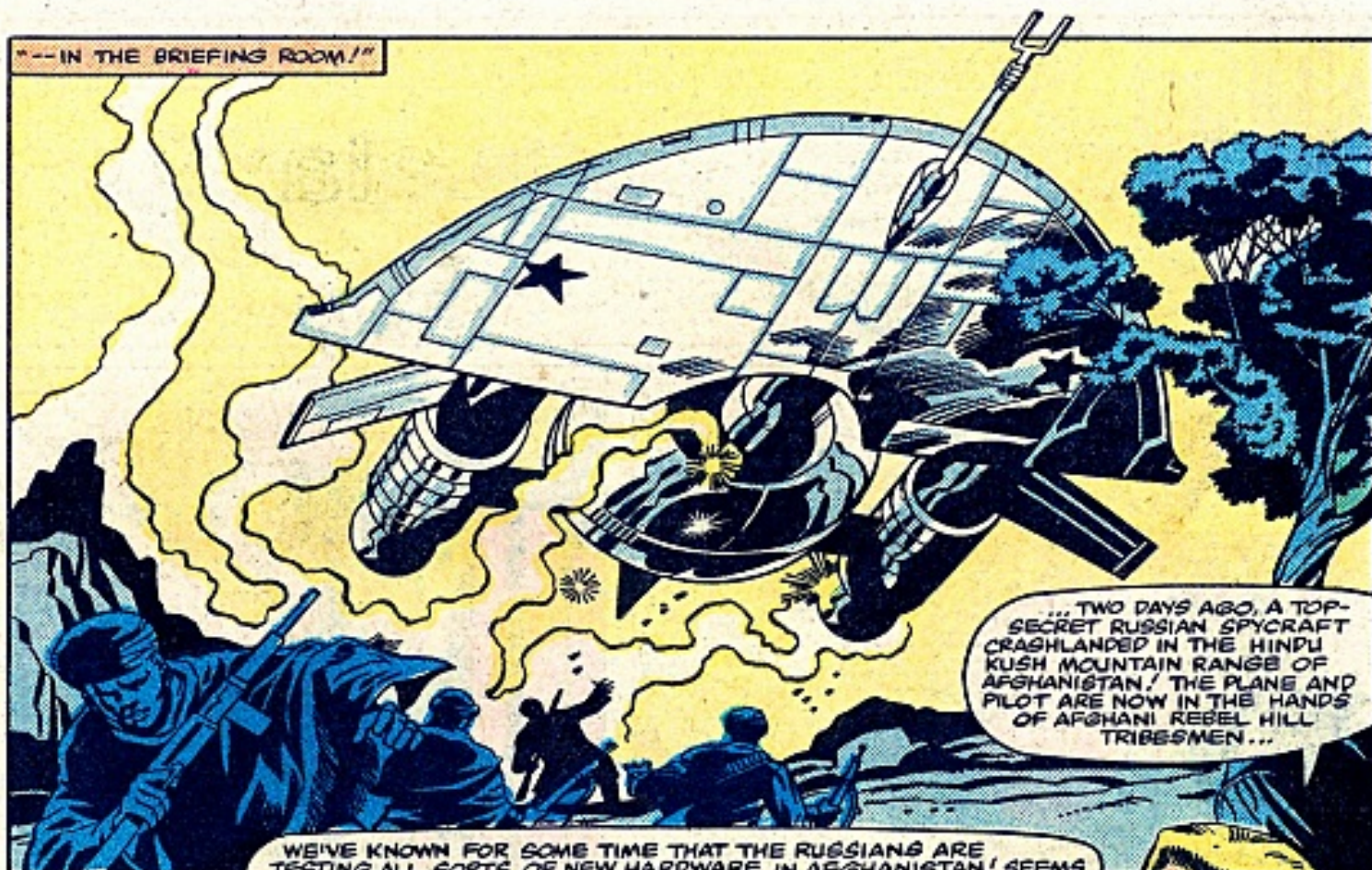
MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TO ME, CLUTCH! WHEN A BULLET HAS YOUR NAME ON IT, AIN'T NOTHIN' GONNA STOP IT!



C'MON, SCARLETT! WHAT'YA SAY WE MARCH ON DOWN TO THE REC-ROOM AND PLAY A FEW ROUNDS OF "SPACE-INVADERS"?



--IN THE BRIEFING ROOM!--



...TWO DAYS AGO, A TOP-SECRET RUSSIAN SPYCRAFT CRASHLANDED IN THE HINDU KUSH MOUNTAIN RANGE OF AFGHANISTAN! THE PLANE AND PILOT ARE NOW IN THE HANDS OF AFGHANI REBEL HILL TRIBESMEN...

WE'VE KNOWN FOR SOME TIME THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE TESTING ALL SORTS OF NEW HARDWARE IN AFGHANISTAN! SEEMS THEY WERE USING THIS PROTOTYPE ANTI-GRAVITY DEVICE TO FERRET OUT REBEL BASES! THE REBELS HAVE IT NOW, AND THEY'RE WILLING TO LET US CART IT AWAY--



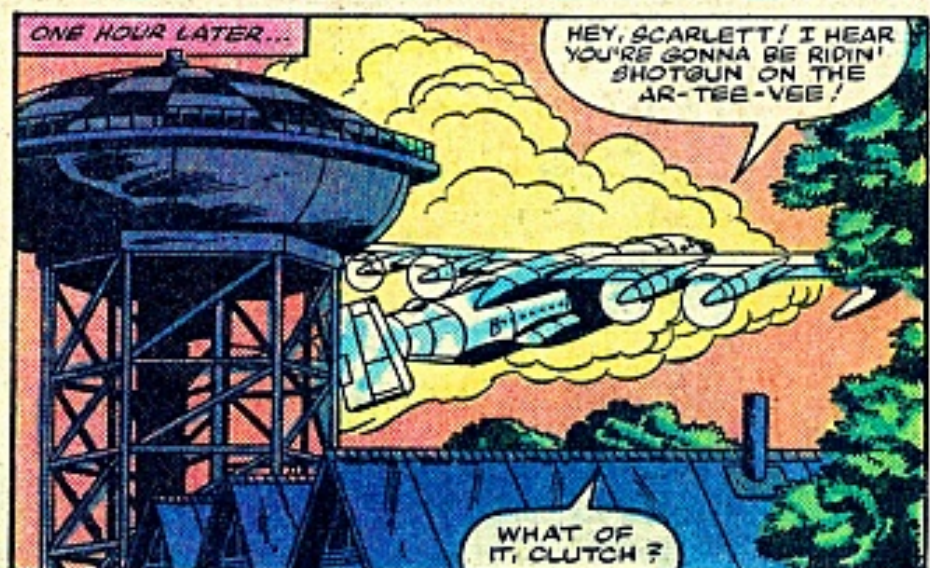
--IF THE PRICE IS RIGHT!

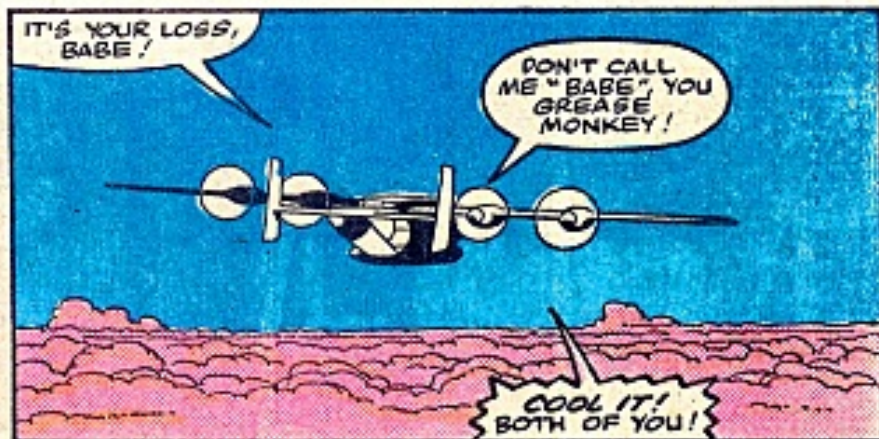
WE'VE GOT A CIA LIAISON TEAM THERE RIGHT NOW, GETTING THE PLANE READY TO GO-- BUT THE RUSSIANS ARE CLOSING IN FAST-- AND WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT COBRA COMMAND, THE WORLDWIDE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, IS IN ON THE HUNT TO BOOT!

OUR JOB IS TO BEAT BOTH IVAN AND COBRA TO THE PUNCH!



SOUNDS LIKE A STACKED DECK TO ME...





HOURS LATER, HIGH ABOVE THE TOWERING HINDU KUSH MOUNTAINS IN NORTHERN AFGHANISTAN...

RED LIGHT!
ON YOUR FEET!

HOOK UP!

CHECK EQUIPMENT!

GREEN LIGHT!

GO!

LOOKS LIKE WE MISSED THE DROP ZONE BY A COUNTRY MILE! NOT A SOUL IN SIGHT!

PLEASE TO GIVE PASSWORD!

REBELS! I THOUGHT THEY WERE ROCKS!

THE PASS-WORD--?

QUICKSNATCH!
THE COUNTER-PASSWORD--?

I AM AHMED, CHIEF OF THIS HUMBLE TRIBE! PLEASE TO ACCEPT APOLOGY FOR BEING TOO CAUTIOUS! RUSSIANS ARE VERY TRICKY! THIS MAN-- HE IS YOUR C/A LIAISON...

LOOKS LIKE THESE HIMALAYAN HILLBILLIES REALLY CAUGHT YOU GUYS WITH YOUR PANTS DOWN!

GIANT KILLER!

IF THEY'D BEEN THE **OCTOBER GUARD**, THE TOP RUSSIAN ASSAULT TEAM -- YOU'D BE BUZZARD MEAT RIGHT NOW...



LOOK, YOU TEND TO YOUR BUSINESS AND WE'LL TEND TO OURS! YOU WANNA BE HELPFUL, YOU GIVE A HAND WITH THE CRATES! AND, IF THAT AIN'T EXCITING ENOUGH FOR YOU--



--YOU CAN JUST GRAB A MACHINE-GUN AND JOIN OUR TEAM!



PAY SMALL ATTENTION TO YOUR CIA MAN! WHEN HE ARRIVE, WE SCARE HIM SO BAD HE DROP HIS GUN AND SURRENDER BEFORE HE REMEMBER PASSWORD!



COME, MY FRIEND! LET ME SHOW YOU TO YOUR CARGO! WE HIDE IT GOOD-- IN DEEP MOUNTAIN CAVE!



HERE! WE PACK RUSSIAN PLANE IN CRATE YOUR CIA MAN BRING US! WE WORK HARD TO BRING PLANE HERE! CARRY BY HAND! BUT ALL FOR GOOD CAUSE IF WE CAN HURT RUSSIANS!

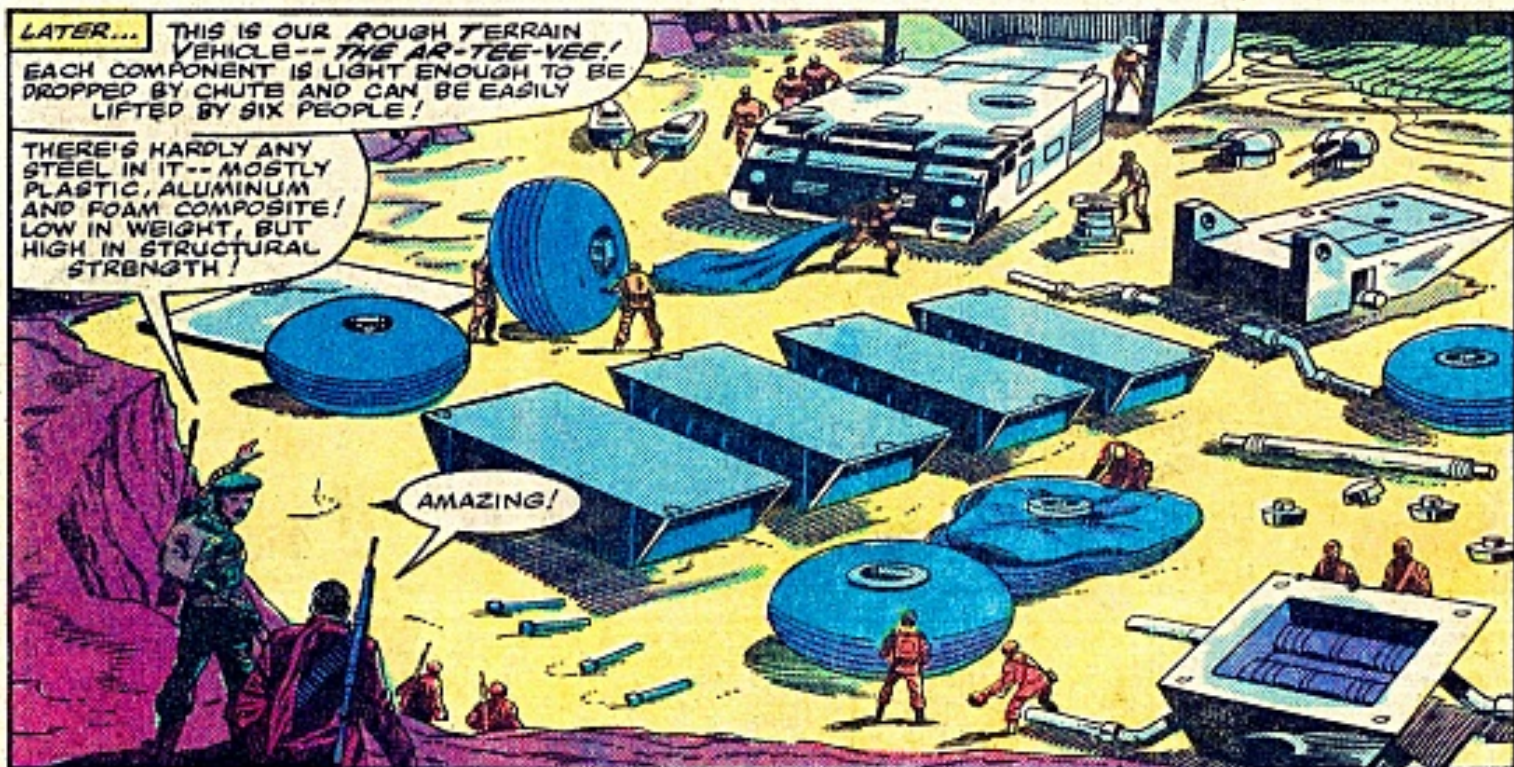
RUSSIANS HAVE PLANES AND TANKS! WE HAVE RIFLES AND KNIVES! WE LOSE MANY BROTHERS, BUT STILL WE FIGHT...



WHEN YOU GO BACK AMERICA -- YOU REMEMBER US, HAH? SEND US FEW THOUSAND ANTI-TANK GUNS AND MAYBE SOME GROUND-TO-AIR MISSILES, HAH?



THINK YOU MIGHT SETTLE FOR A COUPLE OF AWACS PLANES?



LATER... THIS IS OUR ROUGH TERRAIN VEHICLE-- THE AR-TEE-VEE! EACH COMPONENT IS LIGHT ENOUGH TO BE DROPPED BY CHUTE AND CAN BE EASILY LIFTED BY SIX PEOPLE!

THERE'S HARDLY ANY STEEL IN IT-- MOSTLY PLASTIC, ALUMINUM AND FOAM COMPOSITE! LOW IN WEIGHT, BUT HIGH IN STRUCTURAL STRENGTH!

AMAZING!



LET'S SEE HOW LONG IT TAKES TO PUT IT TOGETHER...



"FIVE MINUTES..."

EASY NOW-- SLIDE THIS PIECE OVER!



"TEN MINUTES..."

ONE UNIVERSAL JOINT-- COMIN' RIGHT UP!



"FIFTEEN MINUTES..."

THIS MUST BE THE ECONOMY MODEL-- NO HUBCAPS!

HUB-CAP?

FORGET IT!

"TWENTY-THREE MINUTES --
AND READY TO ROLL!"

WHAT'RE WE WAITIN'
FOR? LET'S GET THIS
SHOW ON THE ROAD!

TAKE IT EASY, STEELER!
SCARLETT'S GOT TO GET OUR
CARGO LOADED FIRST!

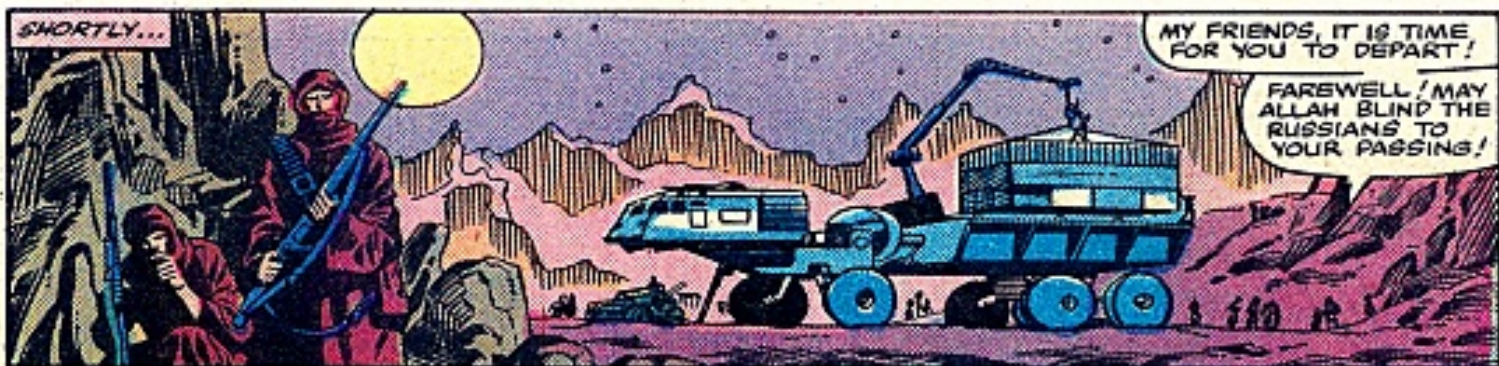
ALIGN THE CRATE WITH
THE BACK OF THE
CARGO PLATFORM!

STEELER!
YOU CAN
RAISE THE
CRANE
NOW!

BREAKER! STAND
BY WITH THE
ATTACHMENT
RING!

LOWER
THE CRANE,
STEELER!

YO!



SHORTLY...

MY FRIENDS, IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO DEPART!

FAREWELL! MAY ALLAH BLIND THE RUSSIANS TO YOUR PASSING!



THANK YOU, AHMED! I CAN'T PROMISE ANYTHING, BUT I'LL DO MY BEST TO SEE THAT YOU GET YOUR ANTI-TANK GUNS --

--AND YOUR GROUND-TO-AIR MISSILES!

I'M SURE YOU WILL, MY FRIENDS!



STALKER'S JUST A TWO-BIT LINE INFANTRYMAN... HE CAN'T PROMISE YOU ANYTHING!



HE IS A FIGHTING MAN!

SO?

I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND!



MANY MILES LATER...

HOW'S SHE HANDLING, STEELER?

NOT BAD, SCARLETT, A LITTLE SLAGGISH ON ACCELERATION...



... BUT WE'RE NOT OUT TO WIN THE INDY 500!

IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR A COMMUNICATIONS CHECK!

RIGHT YOU ARE!



THIS IS **STEELER** IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT! ALL STATIONS REPORT IN!



THIS IS **BREAKER** MANNING THE COMMUNICATIONS PANEL! ALL CHANNELS OPEN AND CLEAR!



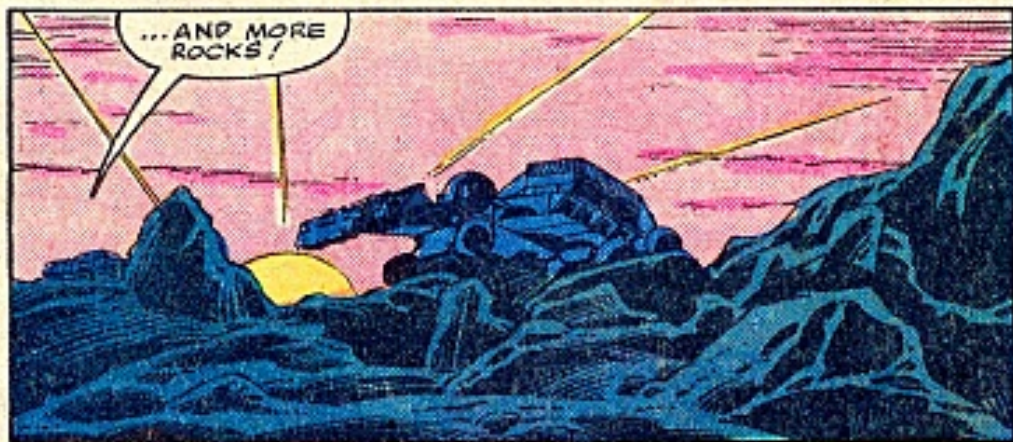
FLASH HERE AT THE WEAPONS CONTROL STATION! ALL TURRETS LOCKED AND LOADED!



SCARLETT AT NAVIGATION CONSOLE! DIRECTIONAL BEAMS FUNCTIONING AND MAP READOUTS HOLDING TRUE!



STALKER AND **CLUTCH** RIDING POINT! NOTHING AHEAD BUT ROCKS...



...AND MORE ROCKS!



OCTOBER ONE, THIS IS **OCTOBER TWO**! THEY ARE HEADED OUR WAY...

WE SHALL PROCEED TO OUR PRE-DESIGNATED POSITION!





KAPOW!

HEY! I WAS JUST KIDDIN', SCARLETT!

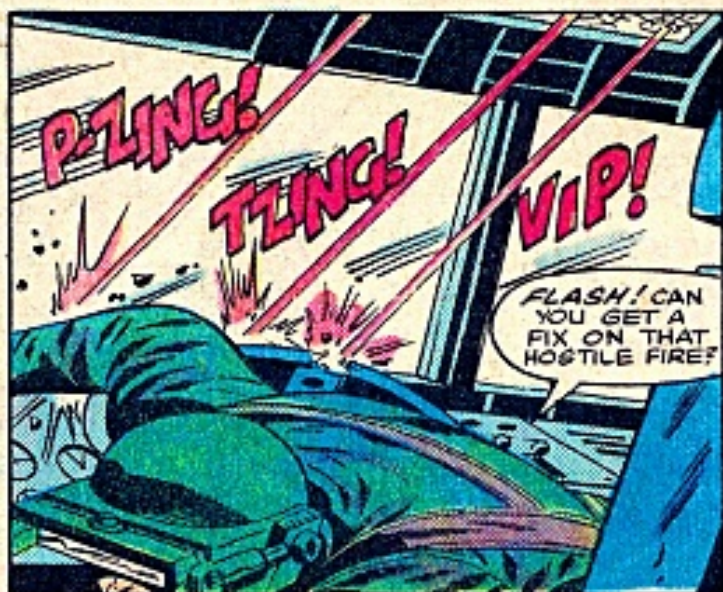


THAT'S NOT SCARLETT! THAT'S A RUSSIAN AK-47 ASSAULT RIFLE!

'SCUSE MY DUST!



WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE?

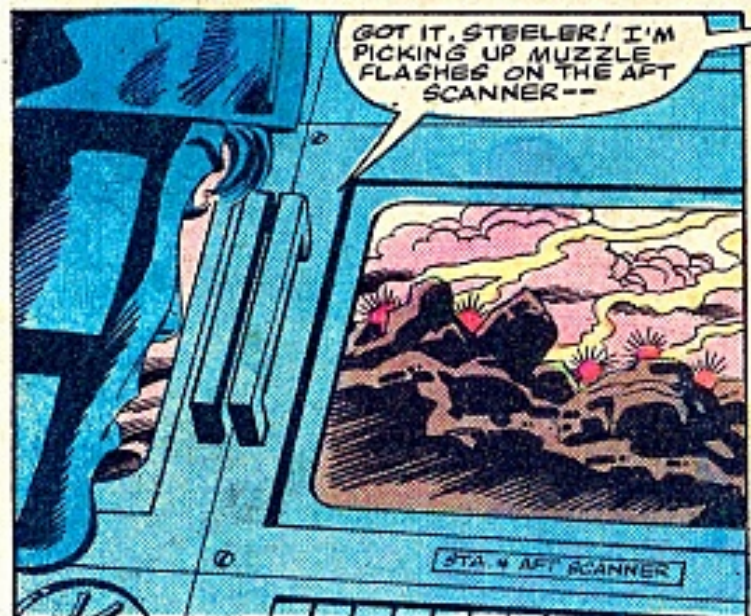


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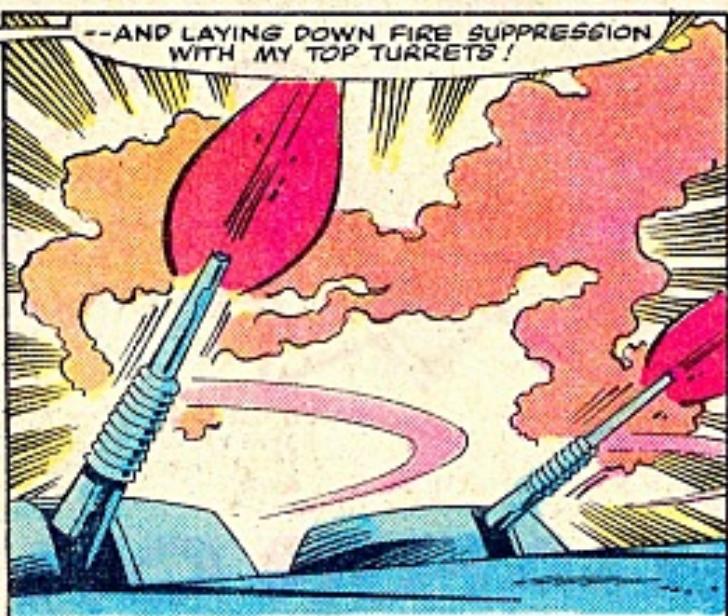
TZING!

VIP!

FLASH! CAN YOU GET A FIX ON THAT HOSTILE FIRE?



GOT IT, STEELER! I'M PICKING UP MUZZLE FLASHES ON THE AFT SCANNER--



--AND LAYING DOWN FIRE SUPPRESSION WITH MY TOP TURRETS!



NO! AMERIKANSKI DOGS!
LAY DOWN YOUR ARMS!
YOU ARE PINNED DOWN
AND CANNOT ESCAPE!



NUTS! GET STEELER ON
THE HORN AND TELL HIM
TO SHIFT THAT OVER-
GROWN BEACH-BUGGY
INTO ACTION!

HE HEARD
YOU, STALKER! THE
COMM-LINE'S OPEN!



SORRY, GUYS! I CAN'T HELP YOU WITHOUT
EXPOSING OUR CARGO TO THEIR FIRE!

-- BUT MAYBE
I CAN DRAW
THEM OUT INTO
THE OPEN!



HOP ABOARD
YOUR VAMP
AND HANG
ON!

YOW! I
THINK I KNOW
WHAT STEELER
HAS IN MIND--



--AND I DON'T
LIKE IT!

JUST
KEEP FIRING
AND DON'T
LOOK DOWN!



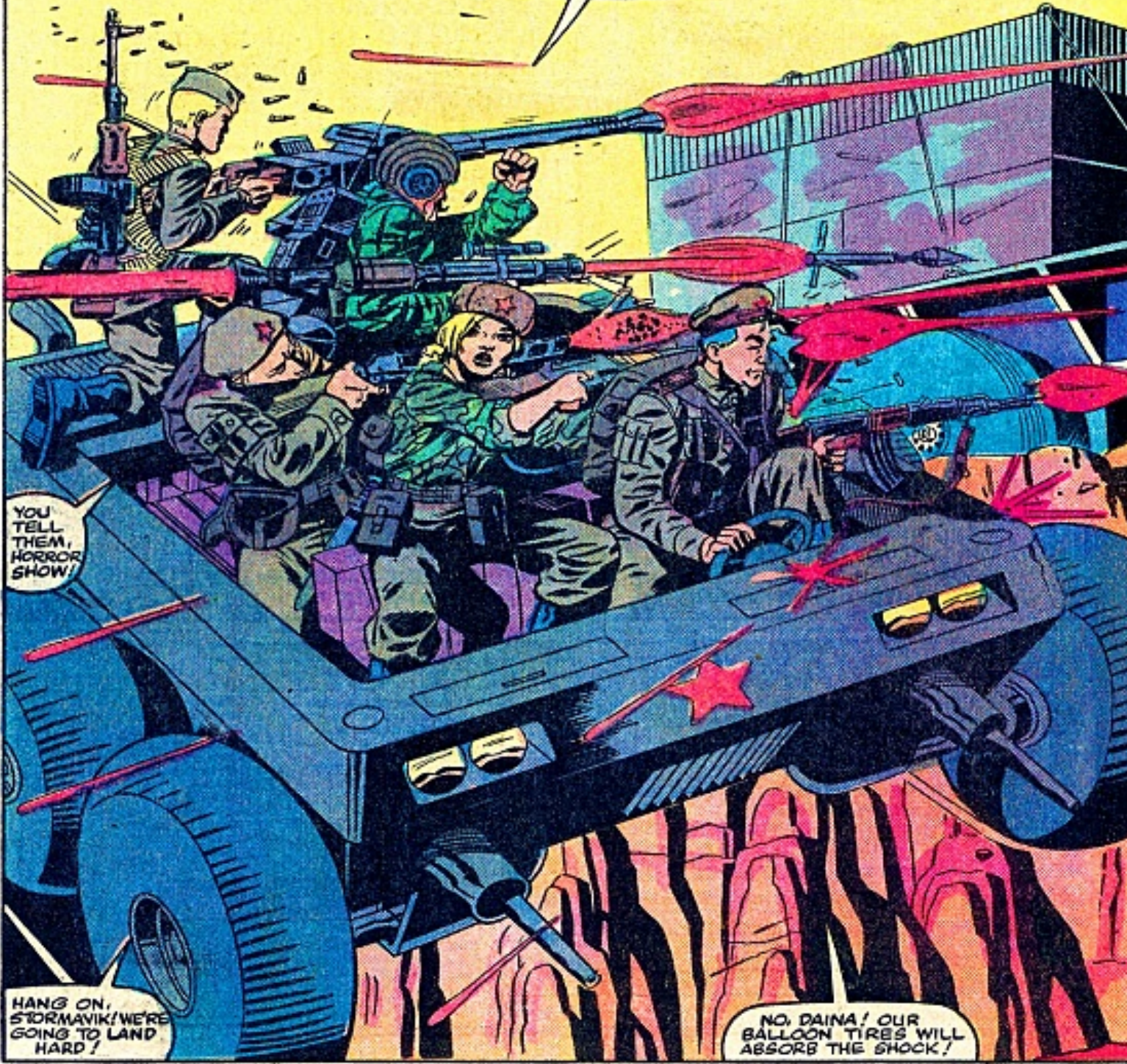
COLONEL BREKHOW!
THEY ARE ESCAPING
ACROSS THE
CREVASSE!

I'M NOT BLIND,
SCHARGE! BRING
UP OUR VEHICLE!
WE'RE MOVING OUT!



UH-OH! HERE COME THE RUSSIANS!

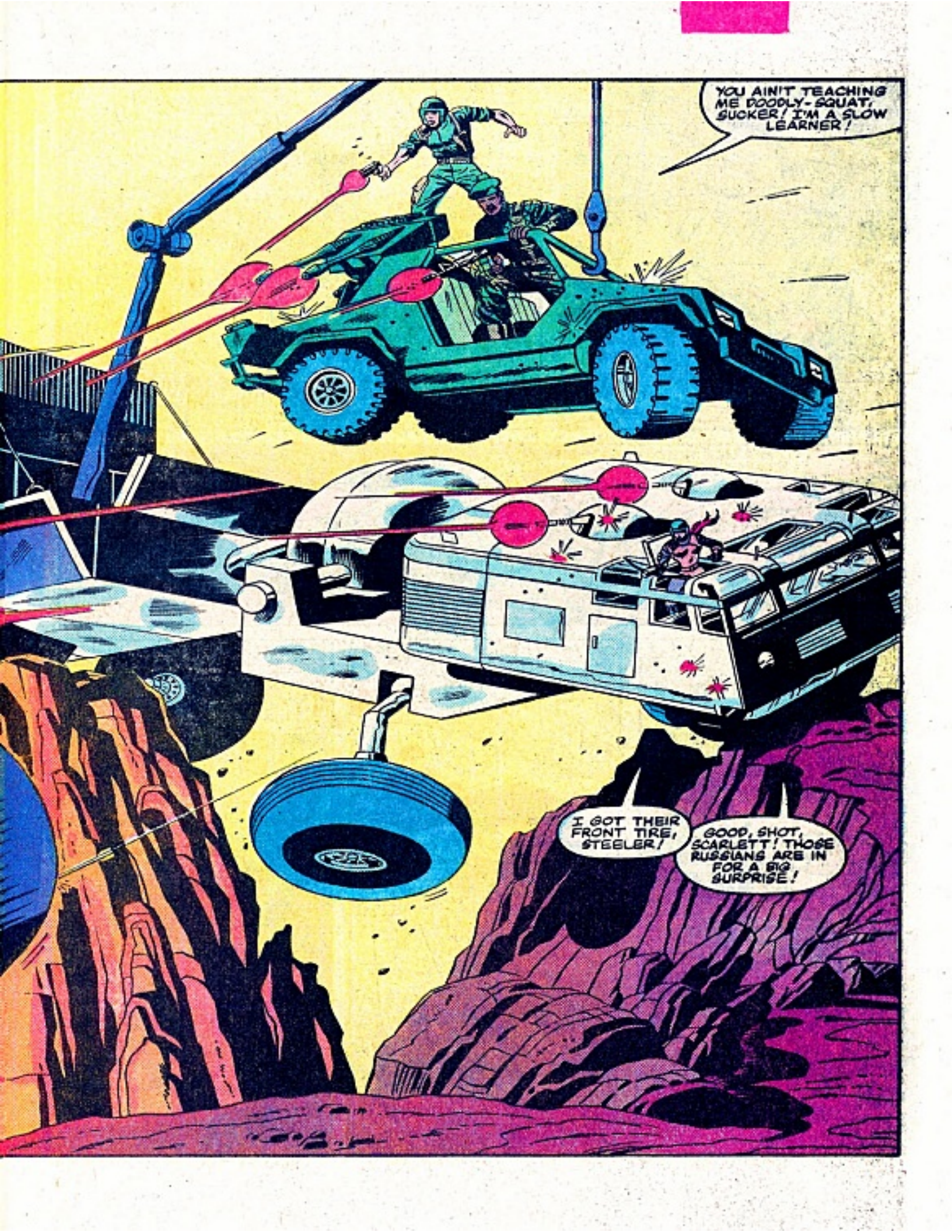
AMERIKANSKI FOOLS! THE OCTOBER GUARD WILL TEACH YOU THE ERROR OF YOUR CAPITALIST WAYS!



YOU TELL THEM, HORROR SHOW!

HANG ON, STORMAVIK! WE'RE GOING TO LAND HARD!

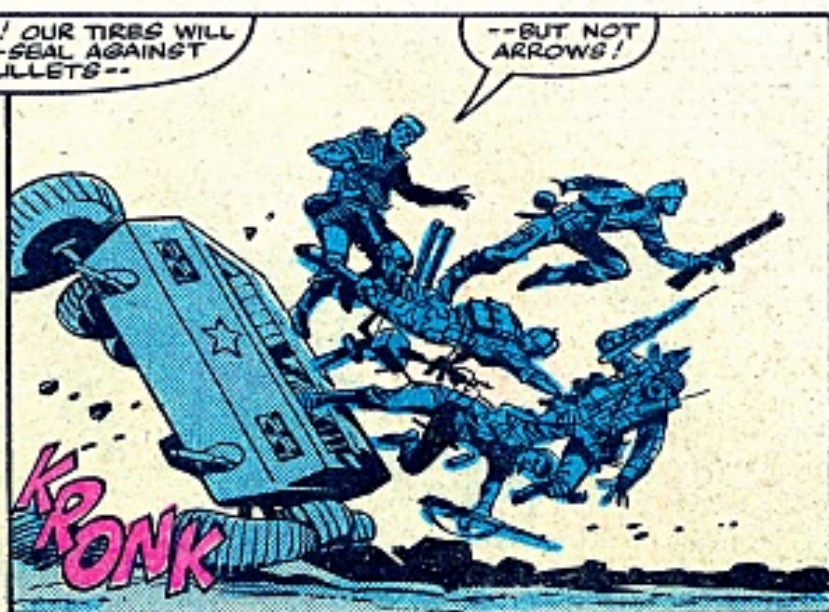
NO, DAINA! OUR BALLOON TIRES WILL ABSORB THE SHOCK!



YOU AIN'T TEACHING
ME DOODLY-SQUAT,
SUCKER! I'M A SLOW
LEARNER!

I GOT THEIR
FRONT TIRE,
STEELER!

GOOD, SHOT,
SCARLETT! THOSE
RUSSIANS ARE IN
FOR A BIG
SURPRISE!



I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS! IT'S TIME TO PULL AN OLD CHESTNUT OUT OF THE TEXTBOOK!



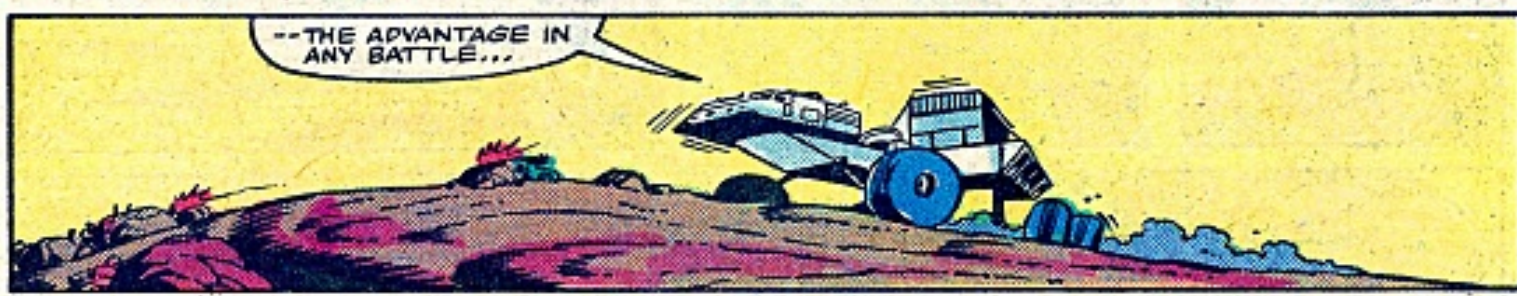
FLASH! STAND BY ALL GUN TURRET CONTROLS!



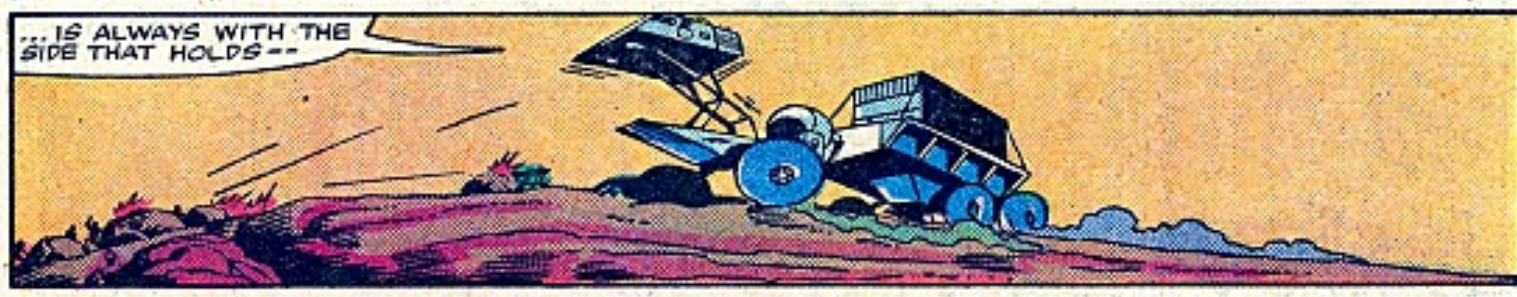
READY TO FIRE, STEELER!



THE TEXTBOOK SAYS--



--THE ADVANTAGE IN ANY BATTLE...



...IS ALWAYS WITH THE SIDE THAT HOLDS--



--THE HIGH GROUND!



COLONEL BREKHOV! WE'RE PINNED DOWN! WHAT'S OUR PLAN OF ATTACK?

OUR PLAN, HORROR SHOW?

OUR PLAN WILL BE TO DO WHAT WE WERE TRAINED TO DO!



TO DO WHAT MY FATHER DID AT STALINGRAD / WHAT MY GRAND-FATHER DID AT THE EASTERN FRONT--



--ATTACK!!!



GET READY, JOES! IT'S GONNA BE HAND TO HAND--



--AND TOOTH AND NAIL!

STORMAVIK TAKES NO PLEASURE IN DEFEATING A WOMAN!



C'MON, YA UGLY LITTLE RUNT! Y'ALL HAVEN'T BEATEN ME YET!



UGLY?!

RIGHT DOWN TO THE BONE--



--AND YA CAN'T FIGHT EITHER!



NEED HELP, HORROR SHOW?

NYET, DAINI! I'M HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME-- BUT SCHRAGE, MAYBE HE IS HAVING SOME PROBLEMS!



PIG! YOU ARE BECOMING VERY ANNOYING!

YOU'RE GONNA BE MORE ANNOYED WHEN I PLANT A KNUCKLE SANDWICH IN YER FLAPPIN' YAP!



NICE TRY, COLONEL! BUT THAT TRICK'S OLDER THAN YOUR GEORGIAN YOGURT SUCKERS!

LOOK! BEHIND YOU, A--



NO TRICK! IS THAT YOUR BACK-UP TEAM?

WHA--? NO!



AREN'T THEY RED ARMY REINFORCEMENTS!

NYET!



PACK IT IN, JOES! THEY'VE GOT A REINFORCED REGIMENT OUT THERE...

AS MARSHALL ZHUKOV ONCE SAID: "DISCRETION IS THE BETTER PART OF VALOR..."



A WISE DECISION, GENTLEMEN! SERGEANT, COLLECT THEIR ARMS...

YES, COBRA-COMMANDER!



THEN, YOU MAY LINE UP ALL THE PRISONERS BY THE RAVINE --



THE WALLS OF DEATH!



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