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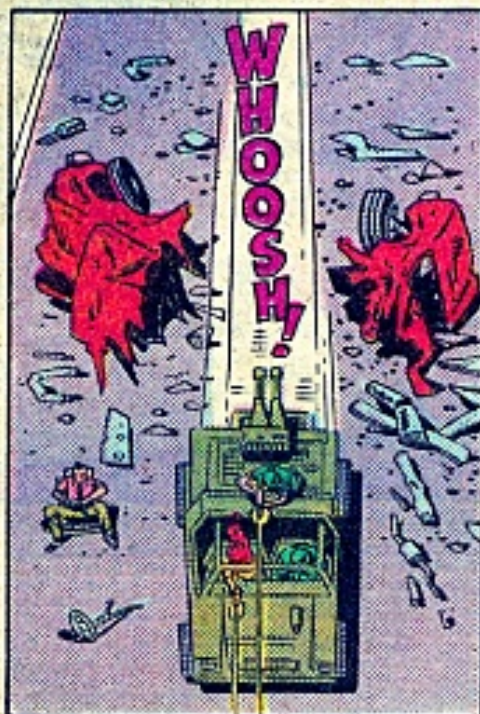
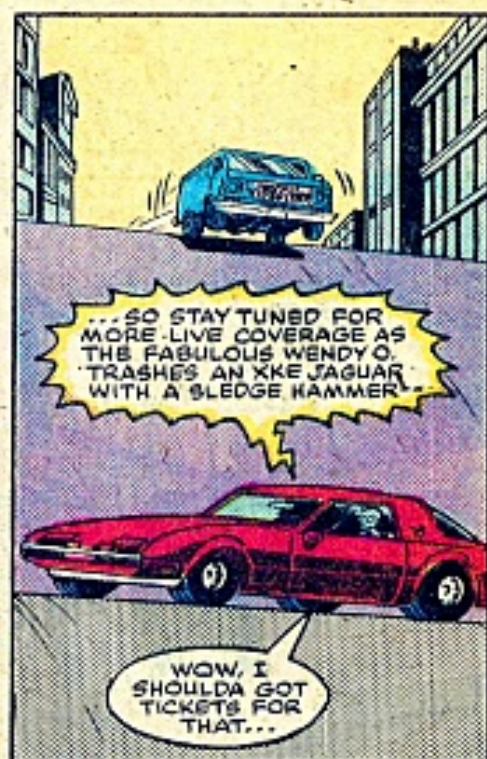
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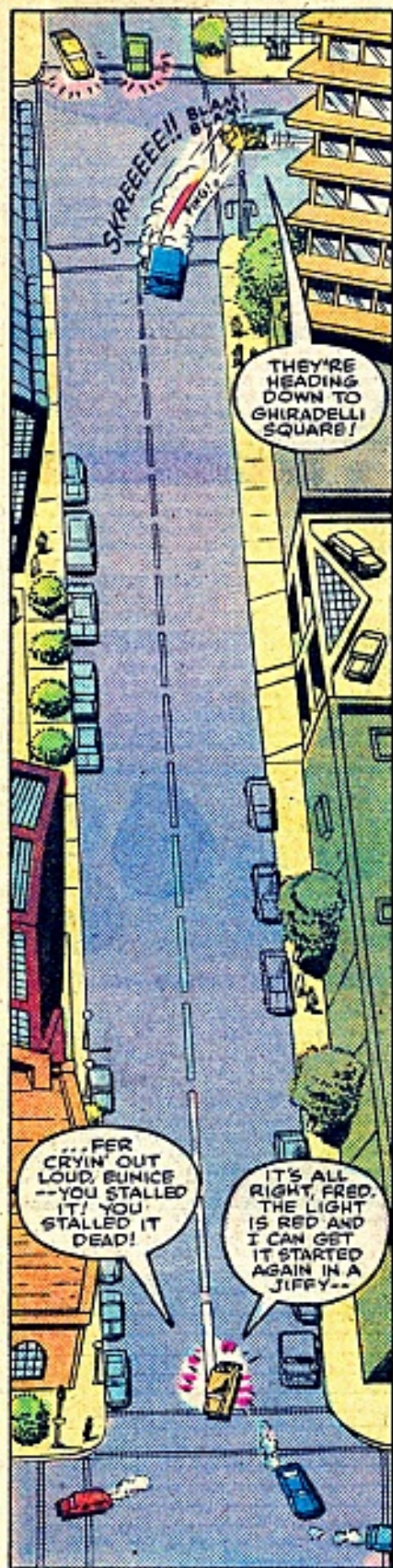
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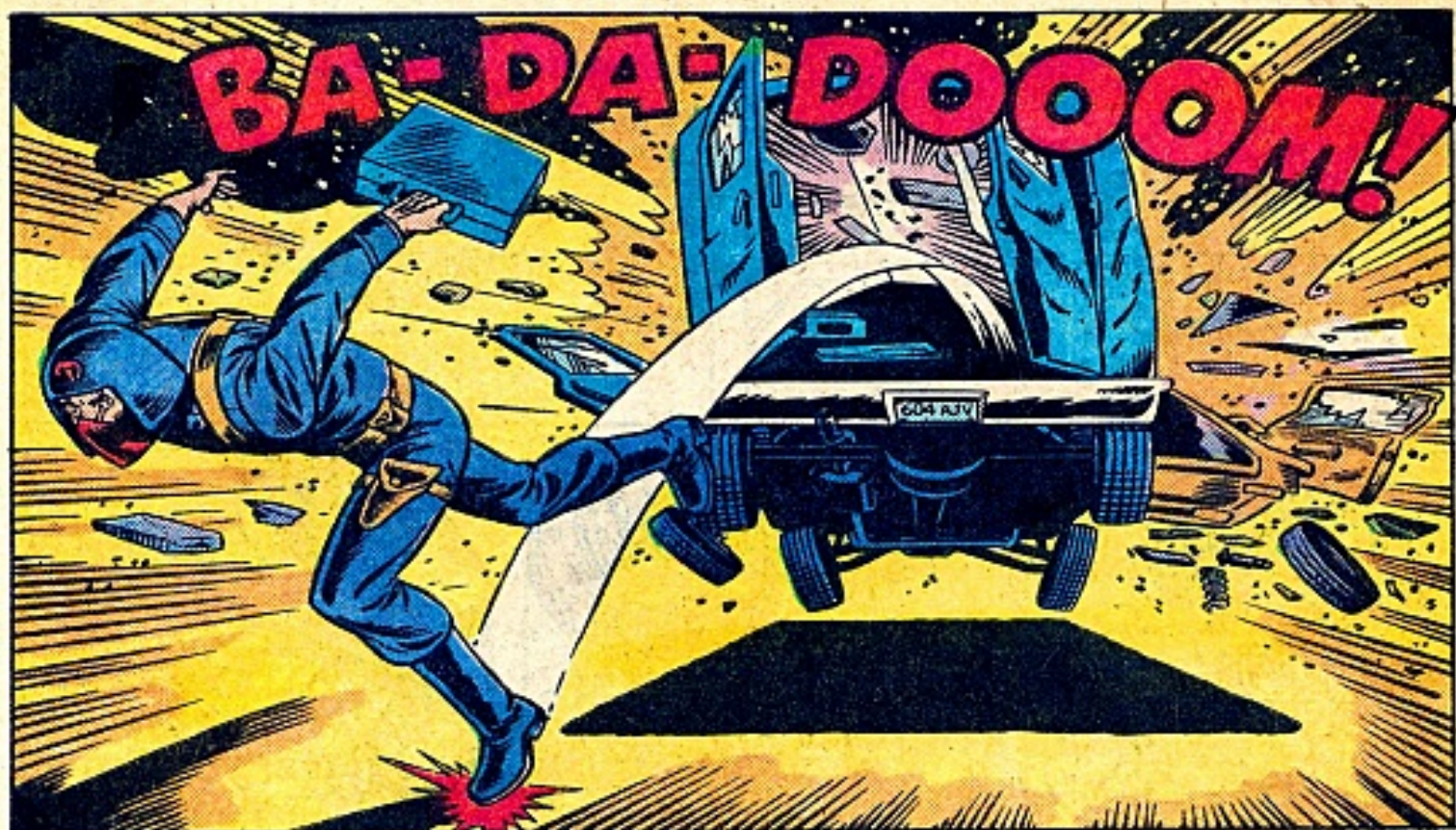


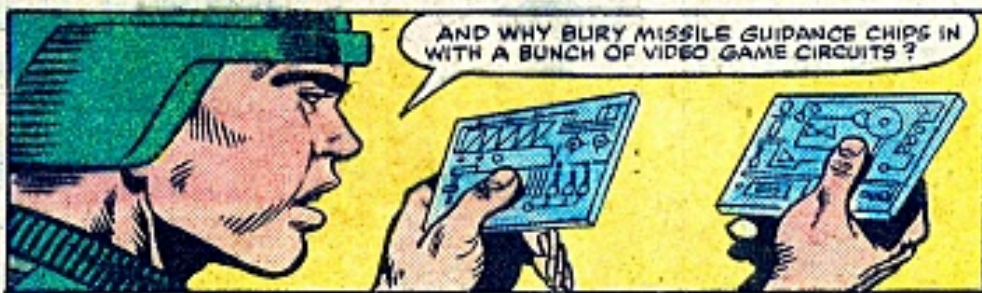
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IN WASHINGTON D.C. THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS ARE IN BLOOM ALONG THE TIDAL BASIN...

-- IN A SECRET SUB-BASEMENT OF A CERTAIN FIVE-SIDED OFFICE BUILDING...

... TIME WAS WHEN CITIES LIKE CAIRO, VIENNA, LISBON AND ZURICH WERE CRAWLING WITH SPIES. TODAY, IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY SNOOP WORTH HIS SALT IS FLOCKING TO "SILICONE VALLEY" IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA!

COMPUTER "CHIP" TECHNOLOGY KEEPS US IN FRONT, HAWK... AND EVERYBODY'S TRYING TO STEAL OUR CHIP SECRETS. IT'S INTOLERABLE. IT'S GOT TO CEASE.

ORLANDO, PATCH IN THAT DIRECT VIDEO VISUAL FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

I'M PUNCHING IT UP ON THE BIG MONITOR, GENERAL FLAGG...

LOOKS LIKE A PIECE OF SINGED PACKING CRATE...

IT WAS ON ITS WAY TO SOUTH AMERICA WRAPPED AROUND A LOAD OF HOT CHIPS. I THINK THE "JOES" SHOULD INSERT A SMALL TEAM. CASUAL STUFF. JUST A LOOK-SEE.

SIERRA GORDO'S HAVING A REVOLUTION. COULD GET HOT DOWN THERE...

DESTINATION:
NAJA TRADING CORP.
PLAZA DE LA SERPIENTE
RIO LINDO, REPUBLIC OF SIERRA GORDO
ATT: SENOR K. WINN

HOT? IT COULD EXPLODE!

A HARD JOB REQUIRES HARD MEN. GOT ANY CANDIDATES?

I SUGGEST A FOUR MAN TEAM...

... ACROSS THE POTOMAC IN NEARBY ARLINGTON, A MEETING IS TAKING PLACE BETWEEN HAWK AND GENERAL FLAGG --

... BREAKER GOES AS OUR ELECTRONICS EXPERT. HE'S ALSO THE ONLY ONE WHO GOT A GOOD LOOK AT THAT SCAR-FACED COBRA COURIER --

-- STALKER, SNAKE-EYES AND GUNG-HO WILL BACK HIM UP. BY THE WAY, GENERAL... DID YOU KNOW THAT NAJA HANNA MEANS KING COBRA IN HINDI?





MORNING, YOU'VE GOT VIDEO GAMES AND WE'VE GOT MONEY. THINK WE CAN DO A DEAL?

BLUNT, I LIKE IT. COME IN.

SNAKE-EYES' GLIMPSE OF THE FACE IN THE DOORWAY IS MOMENTARY, BUT IT IS ENOUGH. THE FACE HAD BEEN BURNED INDELIBLY INTO HIS MEMORY SOME MONTHS BEFORE IN A NICE LITTLE TOWN CALLED SPRINGFIELD...

*SEE G.I. JOE #10 - DENNY.



...IT IS THE FACE OF DR. VENOM--

--TOP COBRA SCIENTIST AND INVENTOR OF...



...THE BRAIN-WAVE-SCANNER, AN INSIDIOUS TORTURE DEVICE--



--THAT SNAKE-EYES IS PERSONALLY FAMILIAR WITH!

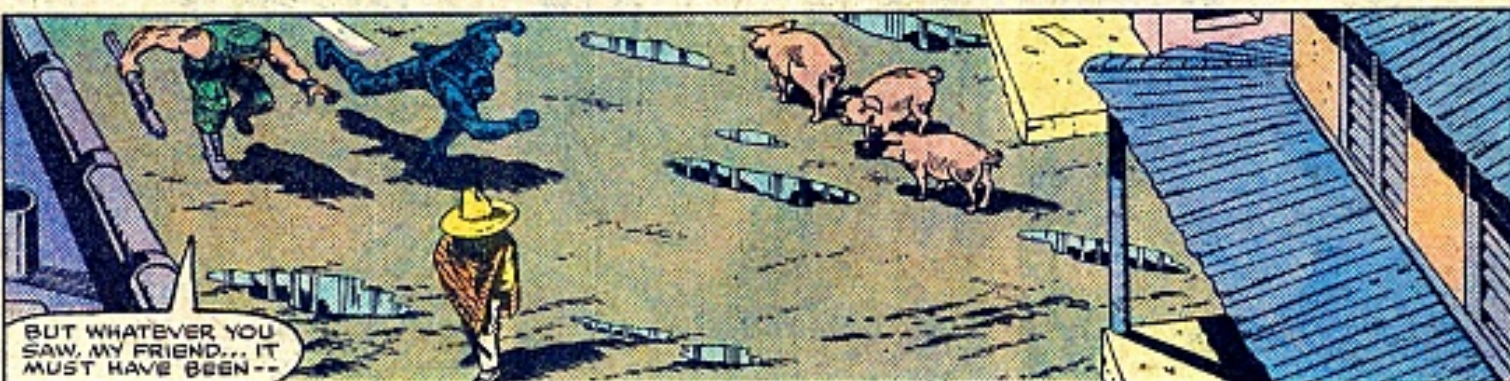


ALORS! WHAT DID YOU SEE? WHAT--

--WHAT AM I ASKING FOR?



...THE MAN CAN'T ANSWER ANYWAY!



BUT WHATEVER YOU SAW, MY FRIEND... IT MUST HAVE BEEN--



OOF!

THUDD!



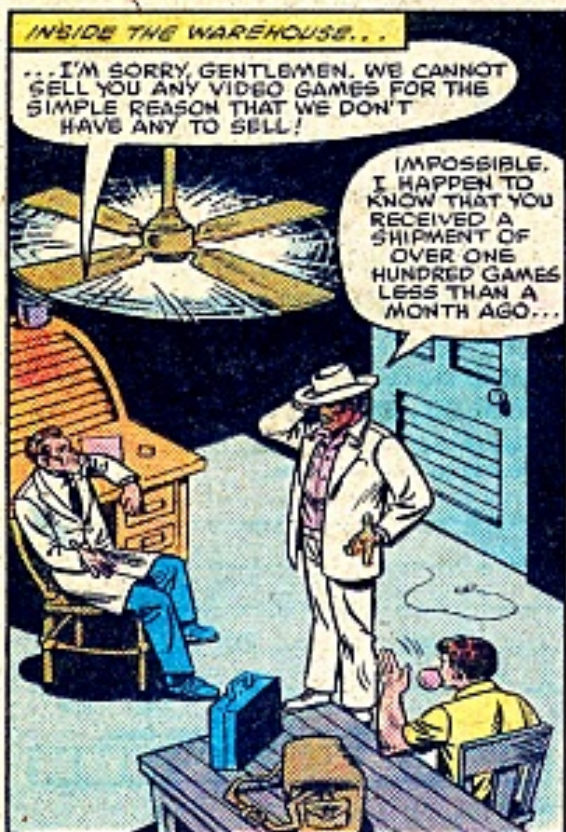
SORRY, SENOR--

-- THAT SCAR! YOU MUST BE THE COBRA COURIER WHO SHOT CLUTCH!



LET GO, SNAKE-EYES! THAT COCHON *IS GETTING AWAY--

*PIG



INSIDE THE WAREHOUSE...

... I'M SORRY, GENTLEMEN. WE CANNOT TELL YOU ANY VIDEO GAMES FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANY TO SELL!

IMPOSSIBLE. I HAPPEN TO KNOW THAT YOU RECEIVED A SHIPMENT OF OVER ONE HUNDRED GAMES LESS THAN A MONTH AGO...



WELL NOW, ISN'T THAT INTERESTING? THE ONLY WAY YOU COULD POSSIBLY BE PRIVY TO THAT BIT OF INFORMATION IS IF YOU WERE WORKING FOR EITHER COBRA OR G. I. JOE...

UMMM...

UHHH...



... AND SINCE I AM CERTAIN THAT YOU ARE NOT IN THE EMPLOY OF COBRA--

SNAP!

--THE LOGICAL CONCLUSION IS UNFORTUNATELY FATAL!





HARDWARE ON THE FLOOR. HANDS IN THE AIR! MOVE IT!

STALKER, BREAKER... YOU FELLAS OK?



WE'RE FINE, GUNG-HO. I THINK WE HOOKED US ONE CLASS-A COBRA BIG-SHOT HERE...



RATATATATATAT!!!



DON'T WORRY. YOU'RE NOT EVEN SCRATCHED.

THIS OL' ESKIMO KWINN IS DEAD ACCURATE WITH HIS .30 CAL. AIR-COOLED BROWNING!



AH, THE SHADOW-MAN HESITATES TO SHOOT. PERHAPS HE REMEMBERS HOW I SPARED HIS LIFE IN THE ARCTIC...



OR PERHAPS HE IS WONDERING WHY I DIDN'T DISARM HIM AS I DID THE OTHERS?



THE BOLT ON YOUR UZI IS LOCKED BACK INDICATING A DRY MAGAZINE...



...THROW DOWN YOUR WEAPON AND NOBODY WILL DIE.



CLICK! CLICK!



THOK!

ED NOTE: KWINN MET STALKER, SNAKE-EYES AND BREAKER IN G.I. JOB #2!



LATER...

KWINN, TAKE THE PRISONERS DOWN TO THE RIVER AND PUT THEM ON THE BOAT. WE SHALL BE TRAVELLING UP RIVER SHORTLY...



...I SHALL BE DETAINING SNAKE-EYES MOMENTARILY FOR-- QUESTIONING...



YOU, YOU MADE A FOOL OF ME IN SPRINGFIELD. COBRA COMMANDER WAS BESIDE HIMSELF WITH DISPLEASURE. BUT THE TRUE APEX OF YOUR FOLLY, THE ULTIMATE INDIGNATION, WAS WHEN YOU RAISED YOUR HAND AGAINST ME--

--AND STRUCK ME WITH YOUR FILTHY FIST!!



NOBODY...

WHAP!



DARES TO STRIKE...

BAP!



--DR. VENOM!!!

CHOK!



HOLD IT.



IT OCCURRED TO ME ON THE BOAT, HOW DO YOU "QUESTION" A MAN WHO CANNOT SPEAK? I GAVE MY WORD THAT NO ONE WOULD DIE. KWINN ALWAYS KEEPS HIS WORD--

MAY I REMIND YOU THAT YOU HAVE A CONTRACT WITH COBRA?

--NO RESPIRATION OR PULSE. THIS MAN'S DEAD. WE'LL LEAVE HIM IN THE WAREHOUSE...



I KNOW I HAVE A CONTRACT WITH COBRA, AND YOU KNOW THAT KWINN NEVER RENEGES ON A DEAL... BUT IT IS YOU WHO WILL FACE ME WHEN MY CONTRACT EXPIRES!

WE SHALL DISCUSS THIS UP RIVER...



...WHERE YOU MAY AIR YOUR GRIEVANCES WITH THE BARONESS, I ASSURE YOU ADEQUATE... SATISFACTION.

NOW, TORCH THE WAREHOUSE AND PREPARE TO CAST OFF!



LOOK, KWINN! THE WHOLE WAREHOUSE IS SMOLDERING. SOON ALL THE SHIPPING RECORDS AND INVOICES OF THE NAJA HANNA VIDEO CORP. WILL BE REDUCED TO ASHES...

...AS WILL THE CORPSE OF SNAKE-EYES.



STRANGE. IT ALMOST REMINDS ME OF INCENSE SMOKE...



"...RISING FROM AN ASIAN TEMPLE--"



--OR A NINJA TEMPLE LIKE THE ONE SNAKE-EYES STUDIED...



"...THE SECRETS OF HEARTBEAT AND BREATHING CONTROL!!"



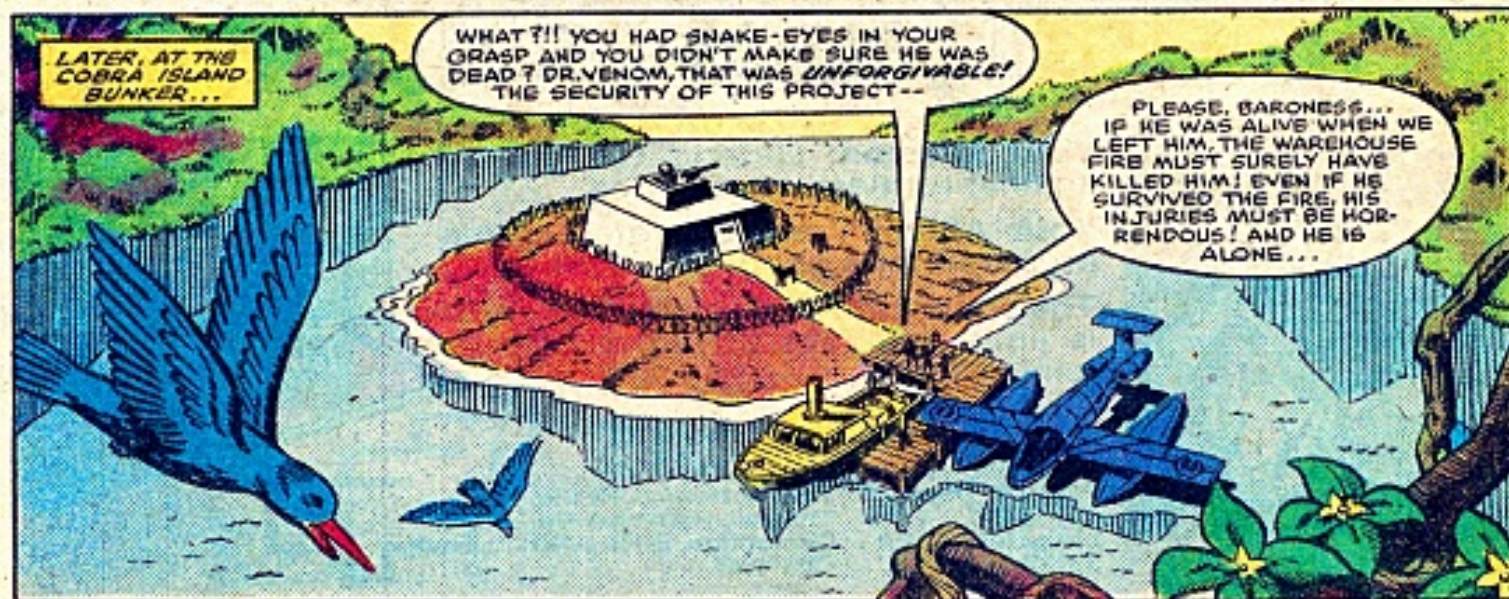
THAT INSUFFERABLE ENIGMA! HE... HE.



HE LIVES!!

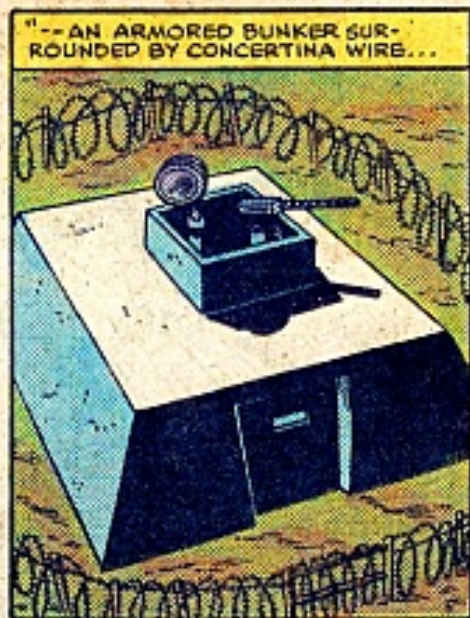








"... AND UNARMED! WE HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF THREE CRACK COBRA COMMANDOS, A MISSILE FIRING SEA-PLANE--



"-- AN ARMORED BUNKER SUR-ROUNDED BY CONCERTINA WIRE...



"... AND A PAIR OF VICIOUS DOBERMANS!"



NO, BARONESS. WE HAVE NO MORE TO FEAR FROM SNAKE-EYES! LET US PROCEED TO THE BUNKER AND CONCLUDE OUR BUSINESS ...

AND THE PRISONERS?

THE THREE COBRA COMMANDOS CAN GUARD THEM. I AM REQUIRED BY CONTRACT TO BE WITHIN THE BUNKER DURING THE TRANSACTION.



THAT COBRA OFFICER WHO WENT INTO THE BUNKER WITH THEM... THAT WAS SCARFACE, THE ONE WHO SHOT CLUTCH IN SAN FRANCISCO!

POSITIVE.

YOU'RE SURE?

HOW ARE THE RATS DOING?



"ALMOST THERE..."





...AND SOME-BODY HAS TO STAY BEHIND TO NEUTRALIZE THE BAD GUYS!

SNAKE-EYES ELECTED HIMSELF FOR THE JOB!

I DON'T LIKE IT.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO LIKE IT. JUST START THE ENGINES AND LET'S GET GOING...



...NOW, THE VIRUS STRAINS YOU BROUGHT FROM SAN FRANCISCO ARE QUITE HARMLESS--



--UNTIL THEY ARE EVER SO SLIGHTLY MUTATED BY THIS SERUM!



IT TOOK US NEARLY TWO YEARS TO DEVELOP THIS SERUM AT OUR RESEARCH STATION ON THE RIVER JUST SOUTH OF HERE AND THIS ONE VIAL IS ALL THAT EXISTS IN THE WORLD...

THE COURIER HAS NO NEED OF THIS INFORMATION, DR. VENOM!



AH, BUT HE SHOULD KNOW THAT THE SERUM MUST NEVER TOUCH THE VIRUS! CORRECT?

CORRECT.



THE CONSEQUENCES WOULD BE... UNCOMFORTABLE, TO SAY THE LEAST!



QUIET!



HE'S HERE!

RATATATAT!



HE'S GONE!

BUT HE FREED THE OTHERS AND THEY'RE ESCAPING WITH THE BOAT!



BRING THE VIRUS AND SERUM!
WE'LL PURSUE THE BOAT IN THE SEAPLANE...



... KWINN WILL STAY ON THE ISLAND WITH DR. VENOM AND FERRET OUT THAT INSUFFERABLE SNAKE-EYES!

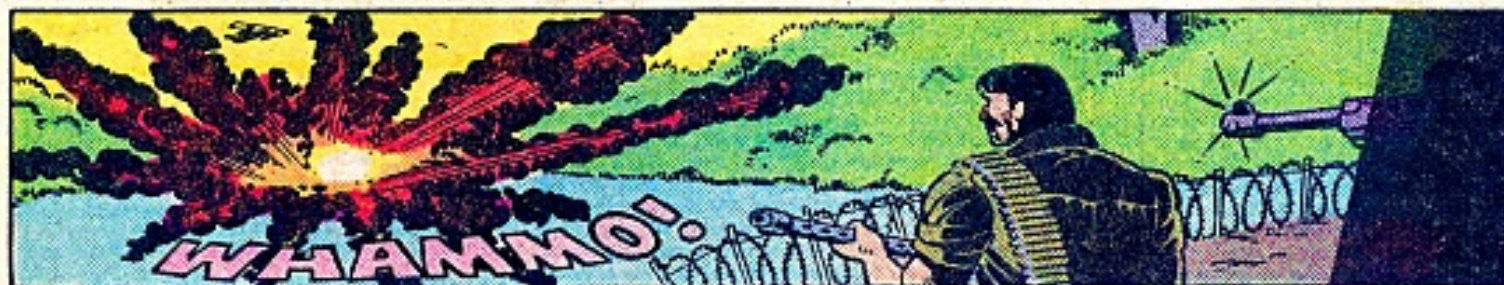
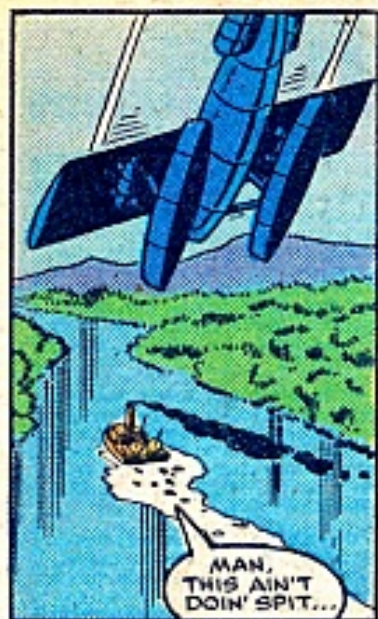


TOO BAD. THOSE JOES ON THE BOAT HAVE LESS OF A CHANCE THAN SNAKE-EYES DOES...



HERE SHE COMES, BREAKER!
TRY TO LEAD IT--

YOU'RE KIDDING! THE ONLY GUY WHO CAN KNOCK DOWN AN AIRPLANE WITH A SUB-MACHINE GUN IS SGT. GRANITE OF DIFFICULT COMPANY!





NEXT: DON'T MISS THE LAST PLANE FROM RIO LINDO!

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Our letters page is back! Since last month's story ran an extra two pages, we didn't have room to print your comments. But you kept writing, and here's what you had to say (with barely an interruption from us)...

Dear Denny:

Wow! G.I. JOE is terrific! Whenever I read it I hang on the edge of my seat from excitement (just like a James Bond movie). I've been waiting for a good military comic, and this is it!

I enjoy G.I. JOE's excellent story lines and realism. I also enjoy how each Joe has his own personality — not the regular ol' tough guy type. Keep up the great stories and artwork.

Robert Garcia
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Dear Marvel:

Thank you for giving us G.I. JOE. I wanted something new, and boy did I get it. I have every issue up to #9. You've got a hot comic on your hands and also my subscription until issue 20. Then I'll re-subscribe. Until next month, I salute you!

Jason Eiff
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New Market, VA 22844

Dear Denny:

I just wanted to compliment you on your latest G.I. JOE. #9 has to be your best yet. The cover was excellent. The splash page was superb and the ending was the greatest. And the art by Mike Vosburg and Chic Stone — ooh la la!

John Sunday
2106 Marlin Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89101

Mike and Chic did the cover, John.

Dear Denny:

I saw the commercial for G.I. JOE and I thought about buying an issue. Then I went to my friend's house, and he had every comic up to #6. After that I bought #8 and #9, and I will keep buying them because I thought the last two were excellent.

Jimmy Putney
5891 27th Terrace N.
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Dear Marvel:

I am a new current subscriber to G.I. JOE and it's great! I have been following Marvel for years and have especially liked CAPTAIN AMERICA and THE AVENGERS, and now this! You guys are amazing.

I really liked #9 by Steven Grant and Mike Vosburg. It's good when you show a little bit of each member of the team. Please keep Stalker and Snake-Eyes, my two favorite Joes, together a lot. Also, keep up the comedy here and there as you have been doing.

Bill Zamojcin
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Dear Denny:

I am a fan of a lot of comics, but when G.I. JOE came out it topped them all. I like the realistic art and writing very much.

Brandon Poole
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Dear Joes:

I thought G.I. JOE #9, "The Diplomat," was great! It was packed with action and adventure. Also, I liked the way the plot was developed, culminating in the surprise ending.

Dave Cockingham Jr.
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Dear Joes:

Marvelous! Outstanding! Those words describe G.I. JOE #9. The cover, story and art were great. Having Clutch and Scarlett team up to escort Brian Hassell to a diplomatic conference made for a very interesting story.

Aaron Wilson
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Dear Marvel:

I just got G.I. JOE #9. I thought it was great. One of my favorite parts was when Scarlett came crashing through the window on a pair of skis.

I have got all the issues up to #9 and think this is the best comic book yet.

Robert Daniels
Box 303
Germansville, PA

Dear Denny:

I liked G.I. JOE so much I subscribed to make sure I would get every issue! I just received #9 through the mail. What a story! Mike Vosburg's art is fantastic! I hope he continues to pencil. I especially liked #9 since Clutch and Snake-Eyes are my favorite Joes. Keep up the good work.

Scott Kneeland
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Rest easy, Scott — Mike Vosburg has been permanently assigned to the G.I. JOE art team.

Dear Denny:

So far so good, guys. It may be a little superficial, but on the whole G.I. JOE is a pretty good comic. You need to give some background to your characters, though. You need to put some everyday life into them. I'd like to see events included in the stories that would show the characters' humanity and the sides that don't come out during warfare.

Well, once again, thanks for a good comic.

Shari Cross
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Dear Marvelmen:

I thought G.I. JOE #9 was great. It was neat when Clutch popped out of the sand and repelled the Cobra frogmen. I found it particularly funny when Scarlett said "I guess it's a toss up" and tossed a hand grenade out the car window.

By the way, why not have another "team" mission? Or a heavy romance? Or why not something about Snake-Eyes?

Well, I give G.I. JOE a 10.

Clay Blancett
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Dear Marvel:

I just finished reading G.I. JOE #9. I compliment you on your fantastic artwork and excellent cover. My favorite Joe is Scarlett. She combines feminine subtlety with superior training, and that makes for a great character! How about the charming way she blows that Cobra jeep to Timbuktu on page 14, or the cute way she smashes through the window on page 27? Super!

Richard Allen Lessman
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NEXT: The city is in flames and the Joes are dead unless they catch the... LAST PLANE FROM RIO LINDO!



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