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THE CHAPLAIN'S ASSISTANTS RETURN FROM THEIR TRIP TO SAN FRANCISCO UNAWARE OF THE MAJOR BATTLE THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE AT FORT WADSWORTH...

HOLY SMOKE! THE ENTIRE MOTOR POOL HAS DISAPPEARED! BUILDINGS, VEHICLES, AND ALL!

THERE'S NOTHING HERE BUT A HOLE IN THE GROUND.

WHAT HAPPENED?

A BOILER EXPLODED.

ALL THE BOILERS EXPLODED.

ALL THE PROPANE TANKS TOO, IN FACT, EVERYTHING IN THE MOTOR POOL THAT COULD POSSIBLY EXPLODE, EXPLODED!

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A BOILER EXPLOSION? YOU CAN COME UP WITH A BETTER FIB THAN THAT, CLUTCH...

LIKE WHAT, BREAKER? A SMALL NUCLEAR ACCIDENT? METEOR SHOWER? IF I TOLD THEM THE TRUTH, THEY'D NEVER BELIEVE ME--

--YEAH, WE JUST FOUGHT OFF THE COMBINED COBRA LAND AND AIR FORCES IN A PITCHED BATTLE ON THE CHAPLAIN'S ASSISTANTS' CROQUET COURTS... SURE, UH-HUH, NOD NOD, WINK WINK...

... SPEAKING OF WINKS -- HOW'S MY FAVORITE LITTLE INFILTRATOR? SCARLETT, YOU JUST HAVEN'T BEEN THE SAME SINCE SNAKE-EYES HAULED YOU BACK FROM WHEREVER YOU DISAPPEARED TO *

WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY: "ABSENCE MAKES THE HEART GROW FONDER."



REALLY? IF I HAD KNOWN YOU FELT--



--IN YOUR CASE, I GREW FONDO OF YOUR ABSENCE.

* LAST ISSUE -- DENNY.



YOU WALKED RIGHT INTO THAT ONE, CLUTCH!

YEAH. THANKS FOR THE WARNING, BREAKER.

HAWK, THE CHAPLAIN'S ASSISTANTS ARE BACK...

WRONG ON TWO COUNTS--

... THAT'S GOING TO MAKE IT HARDER FOR US TO WORK ON RESTORING THE "PIT."



-- THEY'LL JUST KEEP US ON OUR TOES, SHARPEN OUR EYE FOR SECURITY, AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO SIMPLY RESTORE THE "PIT." WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IT BETTER AND MORE IMPREGNABLE WITH MORE EFFICIENT SURFACE ACCESS AND HARDER DEFENSES...







I THINK YOU GUYS ARE MESSIN' WITH MY HEAD! YOU DIDN'T RATTLE THE ROOF ON PURPOSE DID YOU?

WHO LIST?

NOT HARDLY.

BETTER GET THE JET-PACK, TURKEY.



FOUR LEVELS DOWN...

COVER GIRL, I'LL BET YOU'RE WONDERING WHY I VOLUNTEERED TO HELP YOU AND TRIP-WIRE GET THE LIVING QUARTERS BACK INTO SHAPE.

THE QUESTION NEVER CROSSED MY MIND, SNOW JOB-- BUT I'M SURE YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME ANYWAY.



YOU BET. YOU MIGHT THINK A MACHO GUY LIKE ME WOULD FIND HAULING AROUND POTS AND PANS TO BE A SISSY JOB. THAT'S YOUR FIRST MISTAKE. I'M NOT A MALE CHALVINIST PIG LIKE ALL THE OTHER GUYS..

YOU'RE NOT?



RIGHT/ I'M FOR WOMEN'S LIBERATION ALL THE WAY. EQUALITY, THAT'S THE TICKET! I MEAN, WHY SHOULD THE GUY HAVE TO PAY FOR EVERYTHING ON A DATE?

BROTHER! YOU ALMOST HAD ME GOING FOR A MOMENT THERE--



HBY! I'M BARING MY SOUL AND--

TRIP-WIRE!

KEE-RRAASH



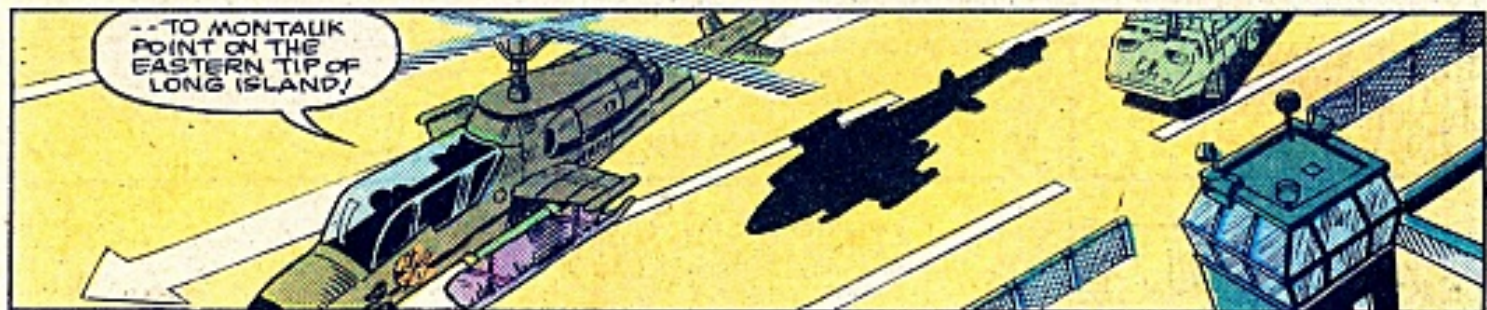
MEANWHILE IN THE COMPUTER BAY...

I WISH TORPEDO WOULD HURRY UP AND FIX THE WATER LEAKS SO WE CAN GET THE JUICE TURNED BACK ON DOWN HERE. WE COULD HAVE A SHORT IN EVERY CIRCUIT...

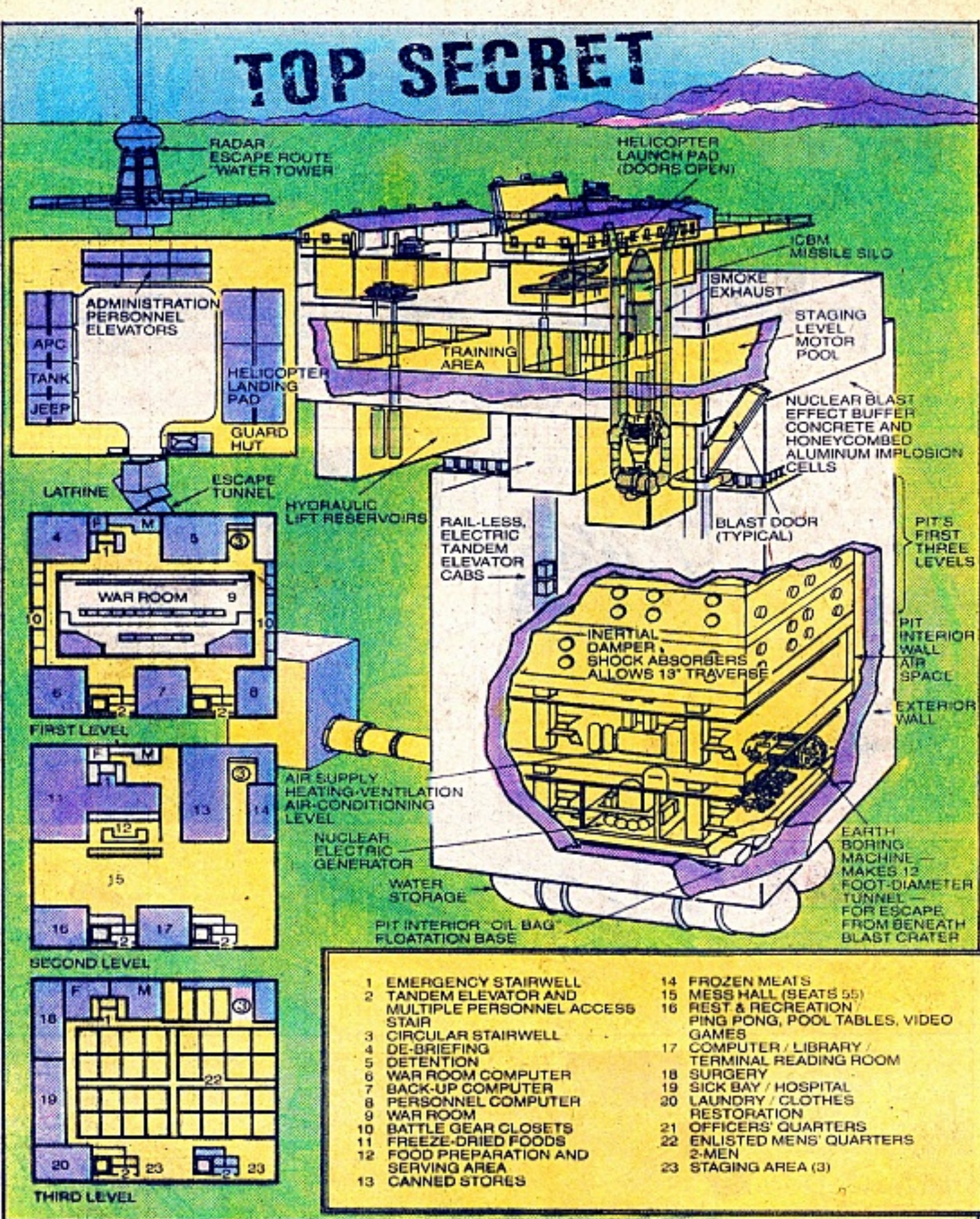
RIGHT NOW, YOU'VE GOT A "SHORT-FUSE" ON THIS CIRCUIT, HAR-HAR!

GET IT, FLASH?





TOP SECRET





MAN, GUNG-HO GUZZLES THAT MESS-HALL FRUIT PUNCH AS IF HE LIKES THE STUFF!

HE DOES. HECK, HE EVEN LIKES C-RATION HAM AND LIMAS!

DIS-GUSTING!

HI, COVER-GIRL! FANCY MEETING YOU HERE! I WAS THINKING ABOUT VOLUNTEERING FOR KITCHEN DUTY AGAIN AND--

LISTEN UP, JOES!

OOPS!

FORGET IT, SNOW JOB...



TRY TO GET AS MUCH DONE TODAY AS POSSIBLE. WE'RE KNOCKING OFF TOMORROW TO FLY DOWN TO WASHINGTON FOR GENERAL FLAGG'S FUNERAL...



DEEP IN COBRA HEADQUARTERS...

**POW!
POW!
POW!**

ANOTHER BULLSEYE! BRING OUT A TARGET OF THAT NEW JOE. WHAT'S HER NAME? COVER-GIRL?

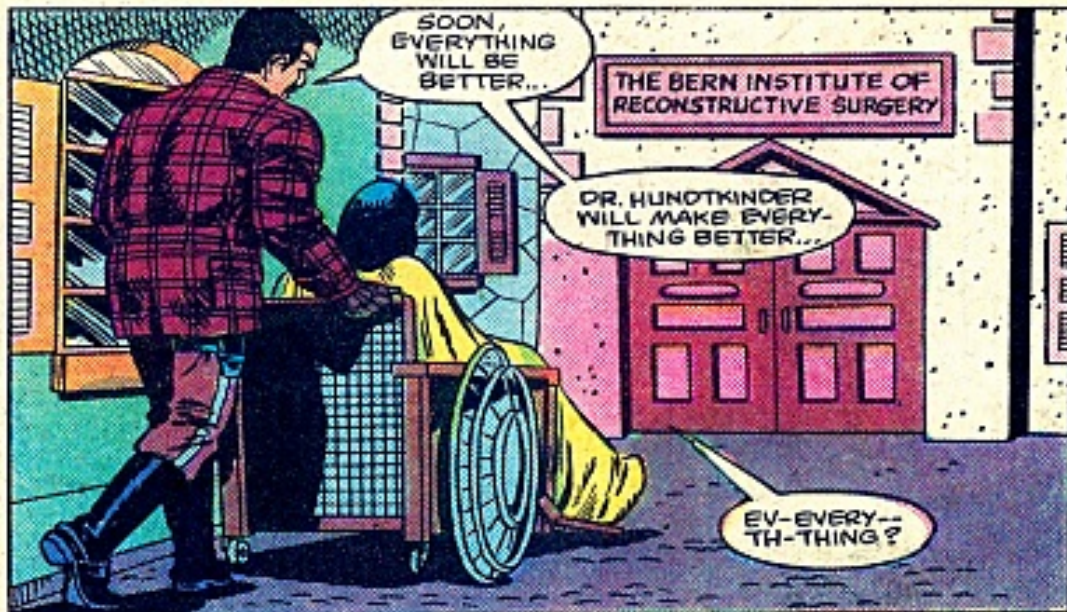
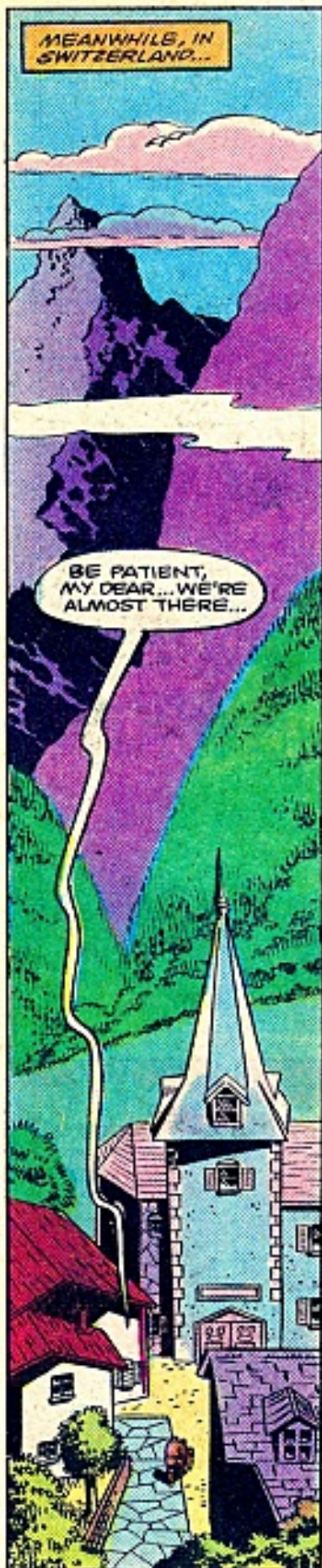


COBRA COMMANDER! I'D LIKE A WORD WITH YOU--

I'M BUSY, DESTRO!

GET THAT TARGET UP THERE!





THERE SHE IS,
SNAKE-EYES--
THE LIGHTHOUSE
AT MONTALK
POINT, THE CURRENT
OFF THE BREAKERS
HERE SWEEPS
NORTH INTO THE
ARCTIC...



STRONG ENOUGH TO CARRY
A FALLEN WARRIOR INTO THE
COLD CLEAN REALM OF ETERNAL
ICE.



THE WARRIOR'S
FRIEND RETURNS A
GIFT FOR THE FINAL
VOYAGE...



AND LAYS THE
WARRIOR'S WEAPON
ON HIS BREAST.



AT THE WARRIOR'S FEET,
THE FRIEND PLACES THE
WEAPON OF THE DEFEAT-
ED ENEMY...



... SO HIS SOUL WILL SERVE
HIM FOREVER IN THE NEXT
WORLD.



GOOD-BYE,
KWINN,



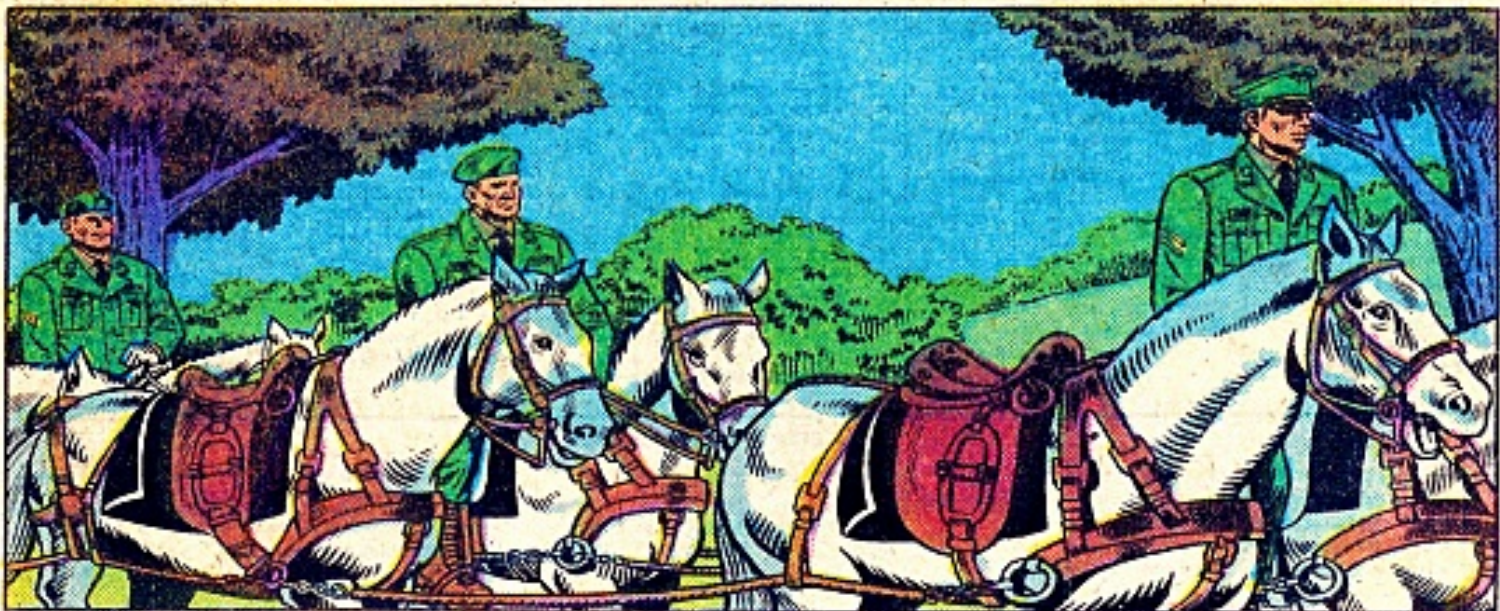
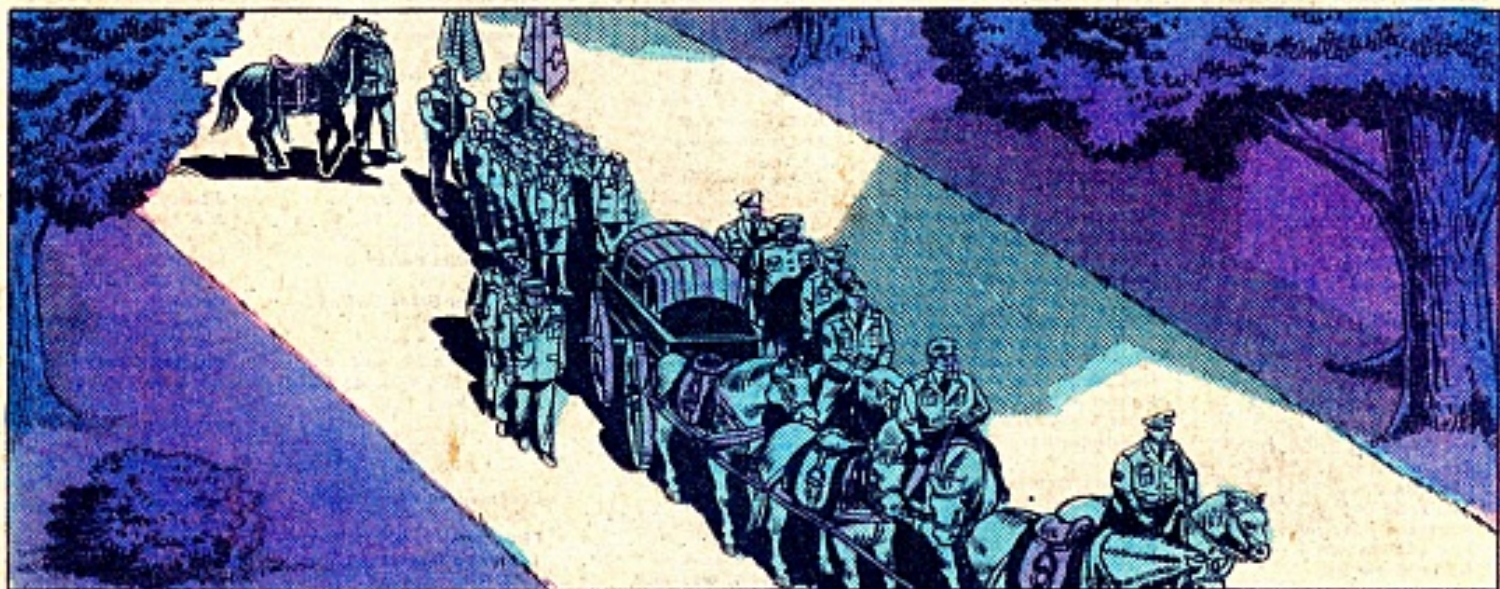
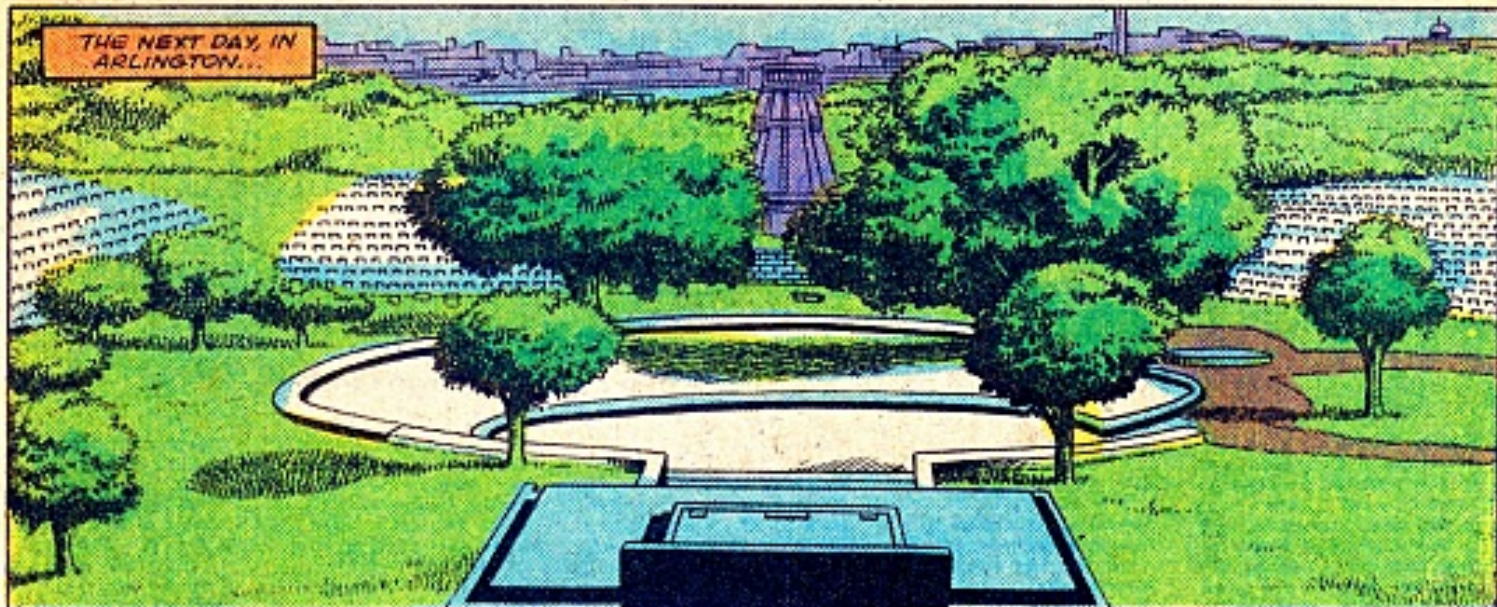
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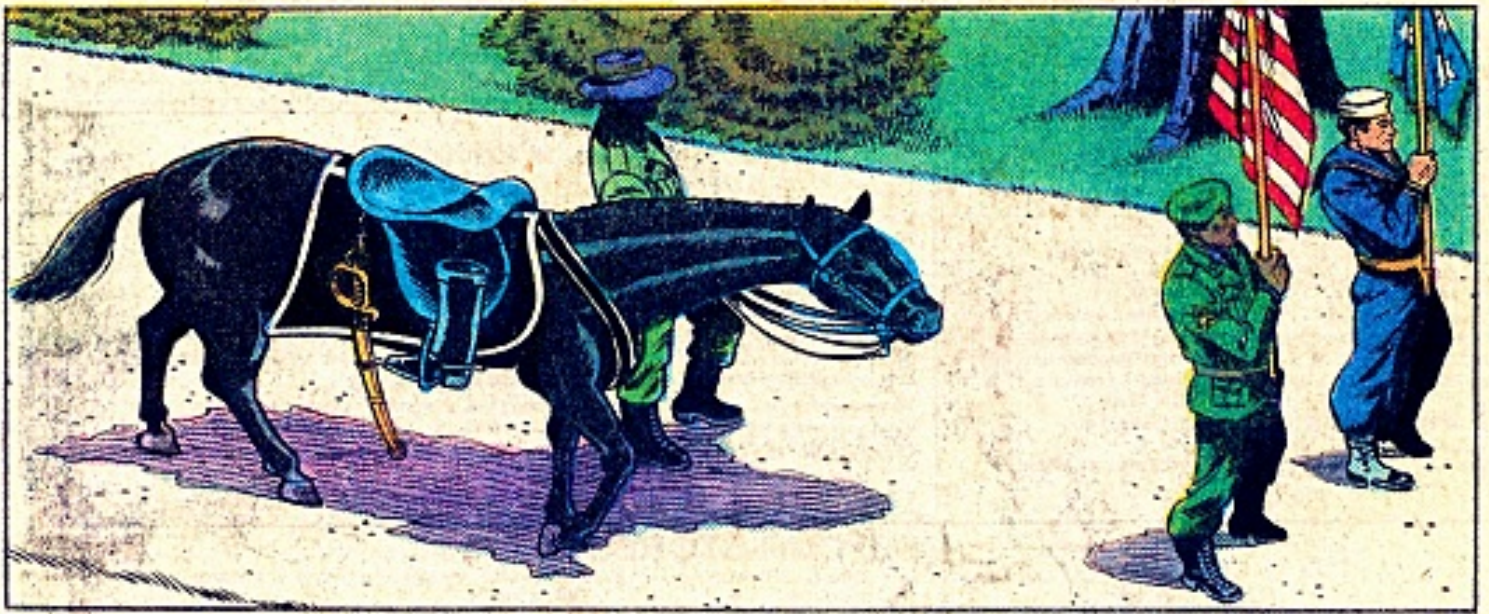
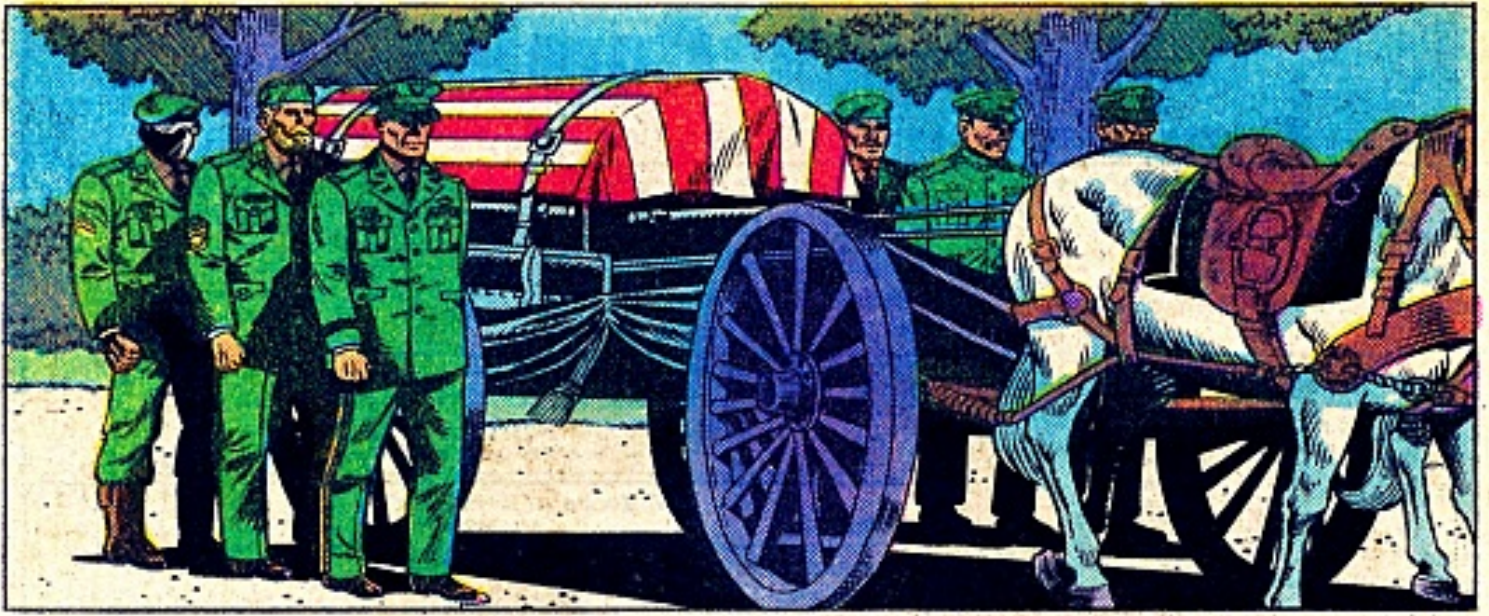


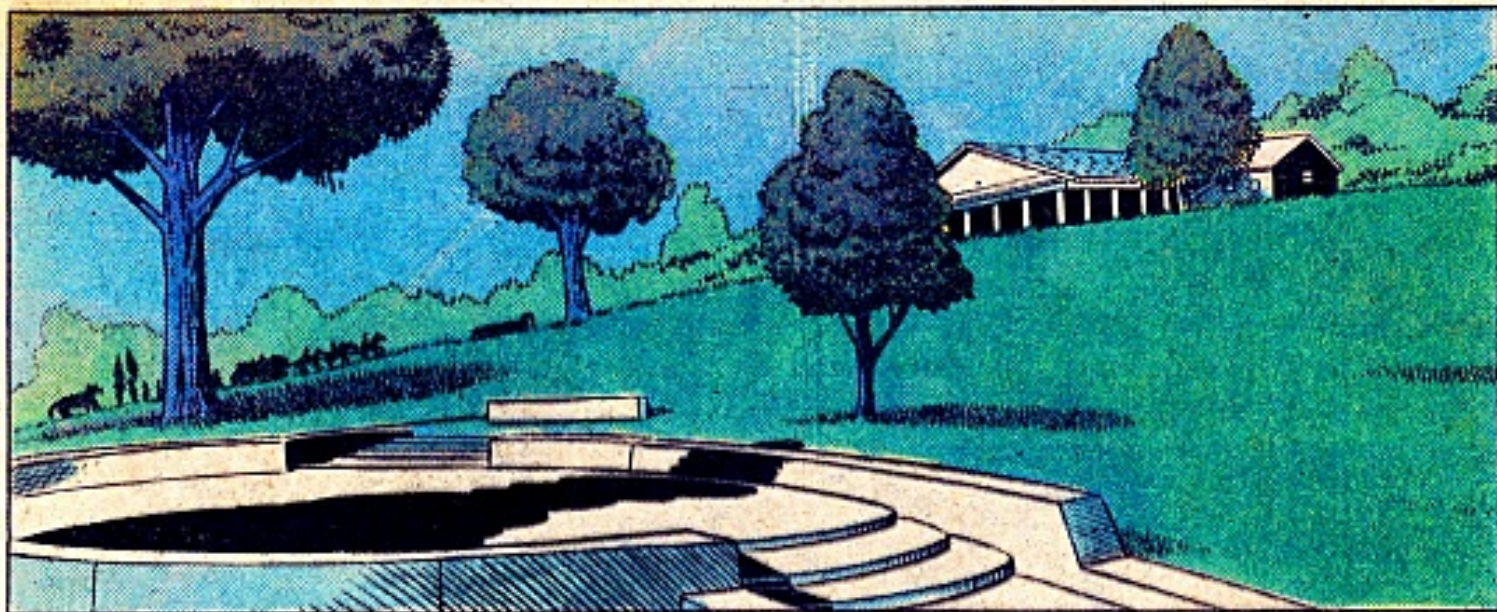
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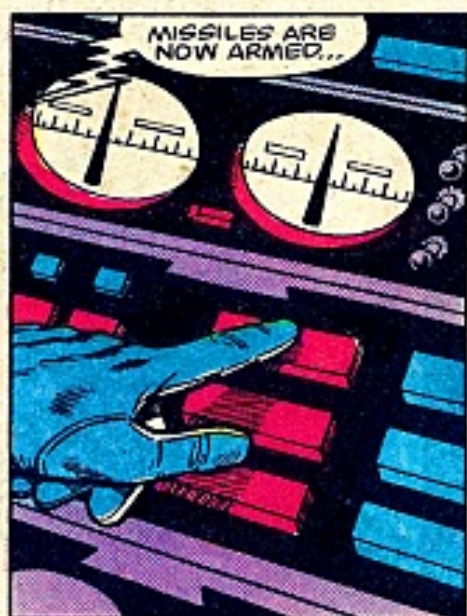
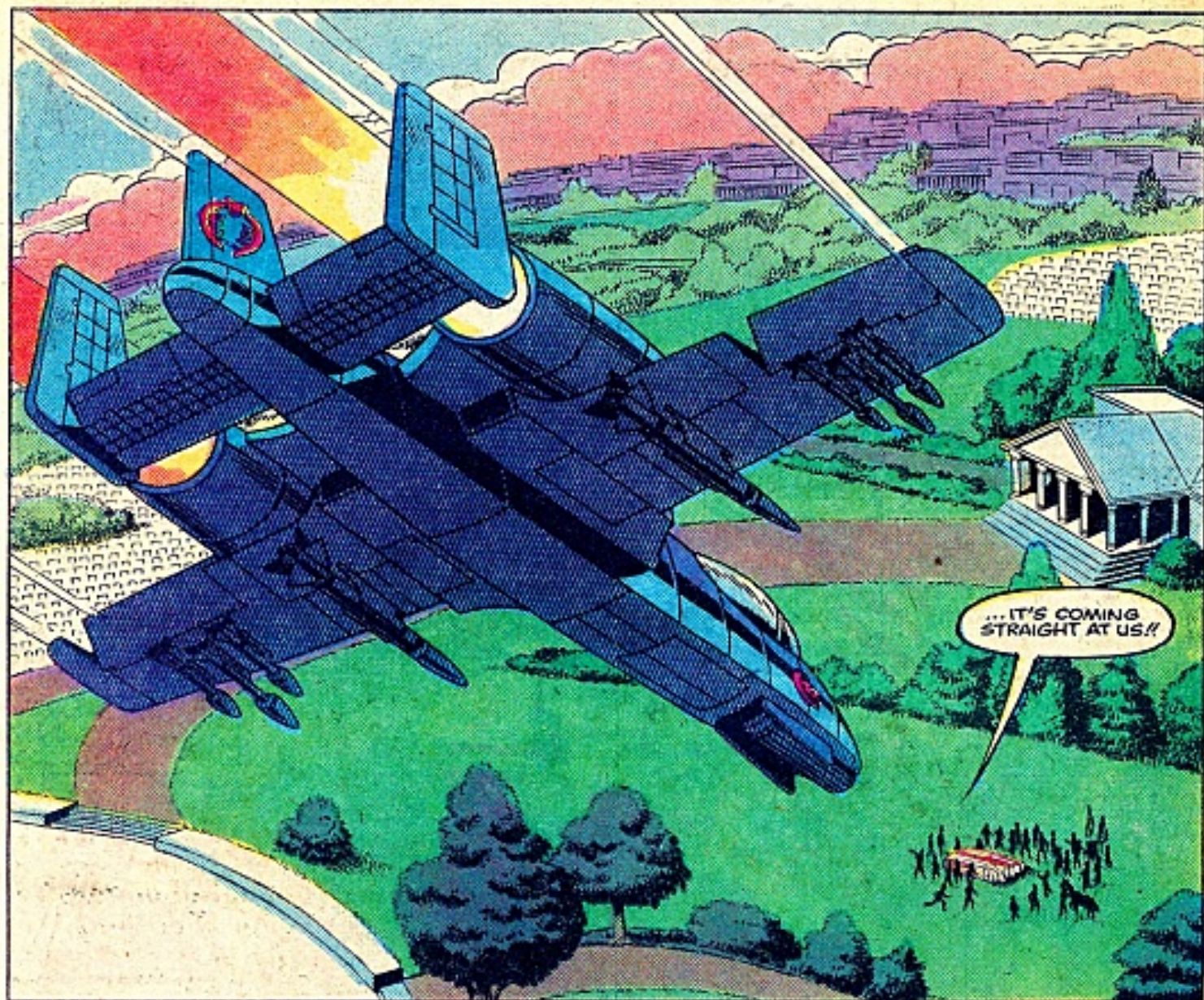


THE NEXT DAY, IN ARLINGTON...

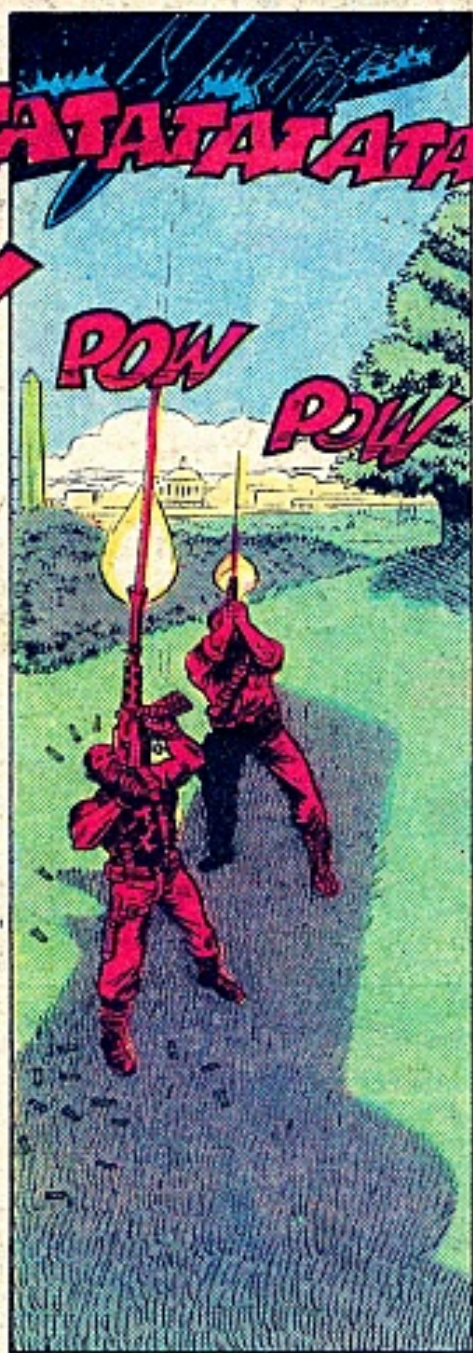


















I'M DUKE, THE NEW TOP-SERGEANT AROUND HERE, AND THINGS ARE GOING TO BE DIFFERENT FROM NOW ON...

I'M GOING TO MAKE THE SORRY LOT OF YOU INTO SOLDIERS!



CITY ISLAND,
NEW YORK...

POTTER'S FIELD

I STILL SAY THIS IS A CREEPY JOB, MAX--

IT SURE BEATS MAKING LICENSE PLATES IN THE PRISON METAL SHOP. WE GET TO BE OUTDOORS, SEE THE GRASS AND THE TREES.



NEXT ISSUE **COBRA COMMANDER CAPTURED**

POSTBOX: THE PIT!

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DENNY O'NEIL
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Dear Mr. O'Neil:

Kwinn died with honor, with his soul at peace. He took Dr. Venom along with him. Snake-Eyes finally arrived home safely (at least, as safe as he ever is). After all Snake-Eyes has been through, he deserves a month's leave.

Who will replace General Flagg? Will Hawk be promoted? Will some paper-pushing Pentagon bureaucrat replace Flagg? Maybe some old-fashioned, spit-and-polish general who thinks we need Army soldiers, not inter-service anti-terrorist commandos (especially female commandos) will be assigned to the Joes.

Only a poet like Sebastian Bludd could create a simile comparing an air-to-ground missile to "the Angel of Death belching through a penny whistle." Freedom is purchased with blood. Rest in peace, Kwinn and General Flagg.

Susan M. Murrie
No Address

No replacement has been chosen for General Flagg. Susan Hawk will not be promoted, however. He will maintain his current status as commanding officer, with Duke serving under him as top-sergeant.

Dear Marvel:

I have every single issue of G. I. JOE since #3 and I think that issue #19 is by far the best one that I've ever read. I especially liked the part where Dr. Venom got what he had coming to him, although it's kind of sad that Kwinn had to die too. I was kind of sorry to see General Flagg die, particularly at the hands of Major Bludd. I wonder if Scar-Face might have been better off if he didn't kick the gun out of Flagg's hand?

I don't know how this book will be the same without the characters who died this issue, but I will continue to buy it anyway. I can't wait 'till next month to see what happens next. By the way, thanks for the Snake-Eyes pinup.

Mitchell Haferbecker
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Dear Marvel:

G. I. JOE #19 "Joe Triumphs" was one of your best issues yet. The artwork by Mike Vosburg was terrific. I'm glad to see Breaker, my favorite Joe, back after an absence from #18.

There was one thing I found totally disappointing: the death of Kwinn. Kwinn was one of my favorite characters. I was also saddened by the loss of General Flagg.

I have one question for you. When the fake G. I. JOE headquarters was blown up, was Scar-Face inside it?

Victoria Del Principe
No Address

Yes, Victoria, and he was killed in the explosion.

Dear Linda:

G. I. JOE #19 was great. I think it was the best issue published so far.

Another thing, sometimes Assistant Editor's Month can result in messed up or distorted stories, but this one by Larry Hama was good! Instead of having a dumb story in the back, you ran that really good pin-up of Snake-Eyes. The only thing bad was that Kwinn and General Flagg were killed. Also, the Pit was destroyed and Bludd got away.

I was wondering if there will be a new Joe with a dog?

Marc Holt
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As a matter of fact, Marc, the Joes have recruited Mutt, a dog handler. He and his dog Junkyard report for duty in issue #25.

Dear Joes:

Nothing personal, but have you guys got rocks in your heads? Why didn't you prevent the killing of Kwinn and General Flagg? I don't mind Dr. Venom dying — he could have won the "best creep in the world" contest by a landslide. Kwinn's gentle threats to Dr. Venom, things like "I'm going to make you swallow this grenade," or "Bear want weasel dead" and General Flagg's "Ets and Uhs" are gone forever. Sob, sob. Please don't try to replace them, but instead give them a good burial.

Otherwise G. I. JOE is a good comic, and issue #19, in particular, had a lot of action and excitement. Keep it up.

Steve Craton
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Dear Joes:

I enjoyed G. I. JOE #19 very much. It had a lot of action and featured many of my favorite characters. I have a number of questions to ask you:

1. When is Destro going to find out the Baroness is alive?
2. Is Scar-Face dead?
3. Could you let Kwinn live?
4. If Kwinn is dead, can Snake-Eyes hunt Dr. Venom?

5. Will there be figures for Dr. Venom, General Flagg, or Kwinn?

Tarek Rogers
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In order, Tarek, here are the answers to your questions:

1. Soon.
2. Yes.
3. Unfortunately Kwinn is dead and there's nothing we can do to change that.
4. Dr. Venom is dead. He died when Kwinn's grenade exploded at his feet.
5. No, but the Joes have new recruits you'll be meeting shortly, and figures for them are in the works.

Dear Denny:

Issue #19 was one of Marvel's best ever! I loved the action!

As he stated in issue #12, "Kwinn always keeps his word." He did not kill Dr. Venom while he was alive.

How does Larry Hama do it? He keeps getting better and better. And the art — oooh-la-la!

Keith Stebleton
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Dear Commander:

Just received and read issue #19 and boy, am I relieved that Hawk wasn't the Joe to die. Really, I wish that no one had to die, but that is life. #19 was a great issue. I really like seeing the big battles, and I just love the equipment that Cobra uses to carry out their evil deeds.

Robert Shaver
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Dear Joes:

G. I. JOE would have been better if you hadn't killed Kwinn. I think he and Snake-Eyes made a great team. Other than that, #19 was a spectacular issue. It kept me hanging on the edge of my chair.

By the way, I'm a real Snake-Eyes fan. I'm sure there are a lot of people, besides me, who want to know why Snake-Eyes wears a mask. Please show us how the disfiguration of his face occurred.

Bryan Simmons
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Bryan, in issue #10 we learned that Snake-Eyes had been in a helicopter accident that left him disfigured. More on his origin will be revealed in issue #26. Reserve your copy now!

NEXT ISSUE: A wild car chase in the Swiss alps leads to Cobra Commander's capture! Be here in thirty days, troops!



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--AND GETTING HOTTER EVERY 60 DAYS!
FROM MIGHTY MARVEL-- NATCH!



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