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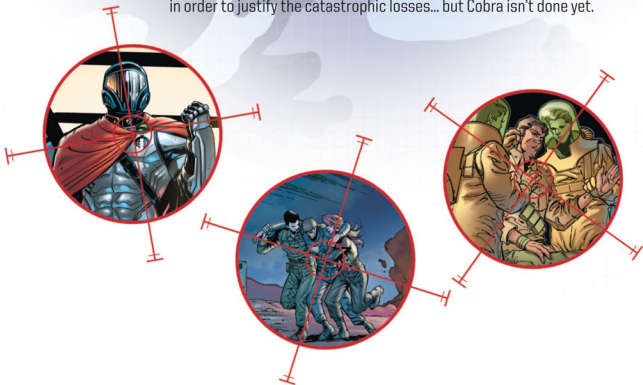
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COBRA COMMAND **GI JOE**

When Cobra Commander was killed by an undercover G.I. JOE agent, the Cobra council began a contest to find a new Commander. The rules were simple: whichever member of Cobra High Command caused the most damage to G.I. JOE would be elected the new leader of Cobra. At the end of the contest, it was Krake who had amassed the most destruction, and he ascended to the role of Cobra Commander.

Meanwhile, G.I. JOE has been hit hard: they lost the Pit and had to find a new base of operations, their Washington, D.C. installation was infiltrated by a Cobra double-agent, and Duke was almost eliminated by a deadly virus developed by a member of Cobra High Command. Now, Hawk must answer to his superiors in Washington in order to justify the catastrophic losses... but Cobra isn't done yet.



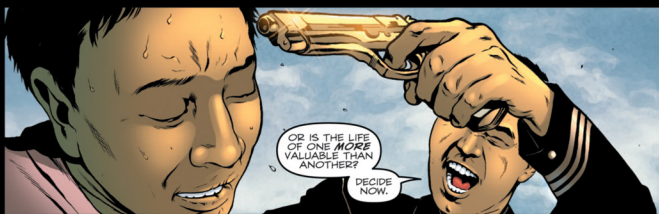


NANZHAD, FORMERLY HYUNNAN.

THE BAI DALI GOLD DEPOSIT IN BAGAN PROVINCE.

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IN YOUR
HEARTS, YOU
KNEW THIS
DAY WAS
COMING.







WASHINGTON, D.C.

"THE REDUCTION IN FORCES BY UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES IS UNFORTUNATE, GENERAL."

"BUT I'M SURE THAT YOU'VE ANTICIPATED, MOVING FORWARD, THAT RECENT EVENTS WILL RESULT IN A SEVERE CUTBACK TO YOUR FUNDING AS WELL AS YOUR MISSION."

"REDUCTION IN FORCES BY UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES."

"A DAINTY WAY OF REFERRING TO THE FACT THAT I HAD TO BURY A LOT OF JOES."

"IT IS WHAT IT IS, **GENERAL HAWK**. I APPRECIATE YOUR FEELINGS OF LOSS."

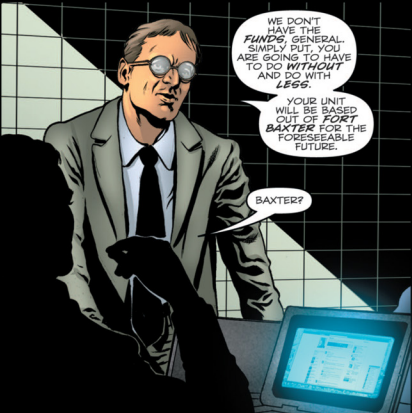
"DO YOU?"

"SENTIMENT ASIDE, WE HAVE **REALITIES** TO DEAL WITH."

"DESTRUCTION OF THE PIT."

"THE LOSS OF THE CAPTURED ENEMY VESSEL."

"THE **COMPROMISE** OF THE BEAR LAKE FACILITY."



WE DON'T HAVE THE **FUNDS**, GENERAL. SIMPLY PUT, YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DO **WITHOUT** AND DO WITH **LESS**.


YOUR UNIT WILL BE BASED OUT OF **FORT BAXTER** FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

BAXTER?




FOR VEHICLES AND ORDNANCE, YOU WILL BE RESTRICTED TO **CURRENT STORES**. YOU WILL **ADJUST** YOUR MISSION GOALS TO THIS NEW PARADIGM.

IT'S THE DAY **AFTER CHRISTMAS**, GENERAL. NO **NEW TOYS** UNTIL NEXT YEAR.



HOW DOES A **SECRET** UNIT MADE UP OF PERSONNEL WHO OFFICIALLY DO NOT **EXIST** OPERATE OUT OF A WORLD WAR TWO-ERA CAMP IN THE MIDDLE OF **KANSAS**?



A WORLD CONSPIRACY WITH UNLIMITED RESOURCES THAT'S BEHIND **EVERY** DEFEAT AND **EVERY** SECURITY BREACH YOU SUFFER?

REALLY?

USE YOUR **IMAGINATION**, GENERAL.

AND WILL **COBRA** DO THE SAME?

I THINK THIS ENTIRE "COBRA" THEORY IS **PROOF** OF YOUR VIVID IMAGINATION.



UM... GENERAL? SIR? WE HAVE A STATUS DEEP RED.



CONDITIONS CONTINUE TO DETERIORATE AS THIS SURPRISE ATTACK ON NANZHAO'S CAPITAL OF DYARAVATI REACHES THE CITY CENTER.



A LIGHTNING ATTACK BY HELICOPTERS AND PARATROOPS TOOK THE AIRPORT IN THE PRE-DAWN HOURS, CO-ORDINATED WITH AN AMPHIBIOUS LANDING BY ARMORED VEHICLES.



THE NATIONALITY OF THIS ARMY IS UNKNOWN AND NANZHAO'S NEIGHBOR NATIONS VEHEMENTLY DENY INVOLVEMENT AS THEY MOVE TO STRENGTHEN THEIR OWN BORDERS.



EVEN THE MARKINGS ON THE INVADERS' VEHICLES AND PERSONNEL HAS NOT BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH ANY SOVEREIGN NATION IN THE AREA.



WE'LL CONTINUE TO BRING YOU THESE ISOLATED CELL PHONE IMAGES AS WE CAN, WHILE...

MY GOD...

DVARAVATI, NANZHAD.

"REPORTING STATUS
OF OCCUPATION AT
C-MINUS SIX HOURS.

"CAPTURE AND/OR
NEGATION OF EIGHTY
PERCENT OF THE TARGET
ARMED FORCES, BOTH
REGULAR AND MILITIA.

"CAPTURE/NEGATION
OF RULING POLITICAL
CLASS AND RELATED
PARTIES.

"IMMEDIATE CONTROL
OF TWO MAJOR
POPULATION CENTERS."





"THE NANZHAOESE
ARMY IS IN DISARRAY
WITH ITS COMMAND AND
CONTROL DEVASTATED."

"THE CIVILIAN AND
MILITARY LEADERSHIP
WHO'VE ESCAPED OUR
NET HAVE ALREADY FLED
TO INDIA AND CHINA."

"WE'RE PROJECTING *ONE
HUNDRED PERCENT*
OCCUPATION WITHIN
THE WEEK..."

"SHOULDN'T
YOU BE *CLOSER*
TO THE CENTRAL
ACTION,
COMMANDER?"

"I AM IN FULL
COMMAND FROM
WHEREVER I
AM, SAVANE."

"BUT TO
PUT IN AN
APPEARANCE—"

"I HAVE NO
NEED OR DESIRE
TO SHORE UP MY
AUTHORITY WITH
THEATRICALS."







TO THE
WORLD WE
WILL BE SEEN
AS EXPEDIENT,
RUTHLESS AND
DETERMINED.

BUT WE ARE
ALSO REMOVING A
BRUTAL REGIME AND
DESTROYING BILLIONS
OF DOLLARS IN
HEROIN FIELDS AND
STOCKS.



THE
WEAKLINGS
WHO CREATE
GLOBAL POLICY
AND LAW WILL
BE CONFUSED,
CONFLICTED.

A TOXIC MIX
OF DOUBT AND
FRIGHT WILL
IMMOBILIZE
THEM.



AND
COBRA WILL
HAVE SEIZED
CONTROL OF
A SOVEREIGN
NATION.

ALL WHILE
DRIVING UP
THE VALUE OF
COBRA'S OWN
ILLEGAL DRUG
COMMODITIES.

FORT BAXTER, KANSAS.

IT'S
HYUNNAN.
OR
NANZHAO.

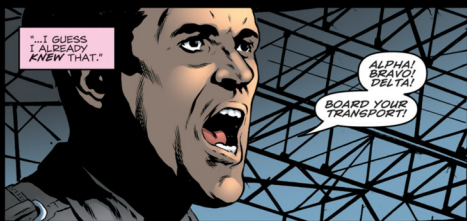
OR
WHATEVER
COBSA
RE-NAMES
IT.

YOU'RE
NOT ON
THE DUTY
ROSTER.

YOUR UNIT
IS STILL
RECOVERING
FROM YOUR
LAST OP.

YOU
COULD SIT
THIS ONE
OUT.

YEAH...



"...I GUESS
I ALREADY
KNEW THAT."

ALPHA!
BRAVO!
DELTA!
BOARD YOUR
TRANSPORT!



YOU'LL GET
YOUR BRIEFINGS,
ORDERS, RULES
AND SHOTS
ENROUTE!

HUSTLE!



HELIX?
ICEBERG?

WHAT'S
FOXTROT
DOING
HERE?

SPECIAL
ORDERS,
FLINT.

YEAH,
KEEP YOUR
BERET
ON.



"WE FIND OURSELVES IN A *UNIQUE* STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL SCENARIO."



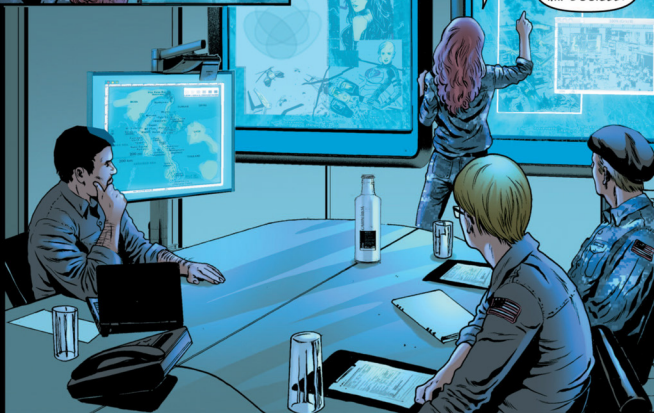
NANZHAO IS A TOTALITARIAN DICTATORSHIP *NOT* ALLIED WITH ANY PARTICULAR IDEOLOGY OR THEOLOGY.

ITS LEADERSHIP IS *CONDEMNED* BY MOST NATIONS AND WORLD BODIES.

IN SHORT, IT HAS *NO* FIRM ALLIANCES IN THE REGION AND *NO* FRIENDS IN THE WORLD.

A *GLOBAL* RESPONSE TO THE COBRA INVASION WILL BE SLOW IN COMING, IF AT ALL. THESE COALITIONS ARE DIFFICULT TO BUILD IN DEFENSE OF *SYMPATHETIC* COUNTRIES.

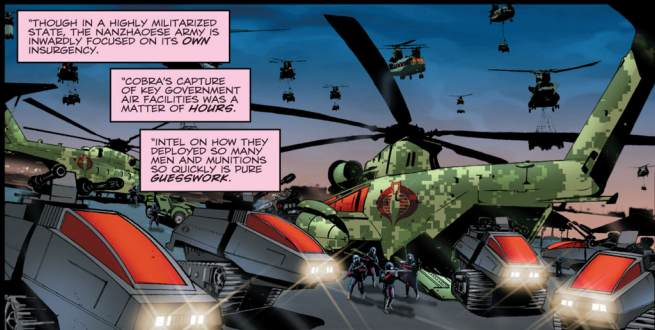
IN THE CASE OF NANZHAO, IT WILL BE NEARLY *IMPOSSIBLE*.



YOU'RE SUGGESTING THAT THE WORLD WILL JUST LET COBRA *TAKE* A SOVEREIGN NATION, SCARLETT.

THAT'S THE *POLITICAL* REALITY, SIR. COBRA HAS CHOSEN *WELL*.





"THOUGH IN A HIGHLY MILITARIZED STATE, THE NANZHAOESE ARMY IS INWARDLY FOCUSED ON ITS *OWN* INSURGENCY.

"COBRA'S CAPTURE OF KEY GOVERNMENT AIR FACILITIES WAS A MATTER OF *HOURS*."

"INTEL ON HOW THEY DEPLOYED SO MANY MEN AND MUNITIONS SO QUICKLY IS PURE *GUESSWORK*."



"WITH *AIR* SUPREMACY ESTABLISHED, THE PRESIDENT AND HIS MINISTERS WERE EITHER KILLED OR CAPTURED IN AN EARLY-MORNING STRIKE ON THE CAPITAL.

"COMMUNICATIONS CENTERS, CELL TOWERS AND INTERNET SERVERS WERE TAKEN OFF-LINE, *DIGITALLY* CUTTING NANZHAO FROM THE WORLD."

"AGAIN, NO CLUE AS TO *WHERE* THESE SHORT-RANGE ATTACK PODS WERE HIDDEN PRIOR TO THE OPEN HOSTILITIES."



"COBRA HAS *ALSO* ENLISTED THE AID OF THE PRO-DEMOCRACY *KAREN* *REBELS* TO CHOK OFF ROADWAYS CONNECTING NANZHAO WITH ITS NEIGHBORS."

"THE KARENS ARE LOOKING AT SHORT-TERM GOALS ONLY. COBRA IS AN *APOLITICAL* ORGANIZATION AND MUST LOOK LIKE A BETTER DEAL THAN THE CURRENT REGIME IN DVARAVATI."

"ELEMENTS OF COBRA WERE IN-COUNTRY FOR *MONTHS* SETTING THIS UP."



THE FIRST
QUARTER GOES
TO **COBRA** AND
THEY'VE RACKED UP
A BIG SCORE. A WIN
SEEMS **INEVITABLE**
IN THE NEXT FEW
WEEKS.

WE'LL HAVE
TO WAIT TO SEE
WHAT THEY MEAN
TO **DO** WITH THIS
PRIZE. **THAT'S**
THE SITUATION.



OUR ORDERS
ARE TO DEPLOY
TO A FRIENDLY
NEIGHBOR NATION.
WE'LL STAGE FROM
THAILAND.

WE'RE THERE
TO BRING OUT
ANY **AMERICANS**
CURRENTLY IN
NANZHAO AND WAIT
READY WHILE STATE
AND THE PENTAGON
ASSESS THE
SITUATION.



I'LL WORK
UP MODELS
OF WHAT
MIGHT COME
NEXT BASED
ON **COBRA'S**
HISTORY.



SHIPWRECK

WE'RE MAKING
SPEED FOR THE
ANDAMAN SEA TO
FORWARD-DEPLOY AND
KEEP AN EYE ON
OCEAN-GOING
TRAFFIC.



FLINT

ALPHA, BRAVO
AND DELTA ARE EN
ROUTE. SHORT STOP
AT DIEGO GARCIA
AND WE'LL BE **IN**
THEATER.

OH, AND A
SMALL ELEMENT
OF FOXTROT HAS
STOWED AWAY.



I AUTHORIZED
TEAM FOXTROT,
FLINT.

SNAKE
EYES HAS
BEEN ON THE
GROUND IN
THE AREA.

"THAT MAKES HIM AN
INVALUABLE ASSET
ON *THIS* MISSION."

EVER
BEEN?

WHERE? ON A
GLOBEMASTER?

NAW,
YOU POGUE.
SOUTHEAST
ASIA.

HEARD
IT'S HOT.

OH,
WE HAVE A
SCHOLAR
ON THE
REGION.

I LOOKED UP
THE ***LAST*** TIME
THE JOES WERE
IN THIS REGION.
EVERYTHING
WENT WRONG.

OPERATION
BOARHOUND.

DETAILS
ARE KIND OF
SPOTTY.

WELL, THE
REASON FOR
THAT IS—

—ONLY ***ONE***
JOE KNOWS
WHAT WENT DOWN
IN RANGOON.

"...RANGOON."





NANZHAD.
THE PROVINCE
OF CHING MAI.

THE PRESIDENT
HAS PROMISED ME THE
FULL PROTECTION OF
THE ARMY TO THE
MALAY BORDER,
GENERAL.

I ASSURE
YOU, MINISTER,
THAT—



—EVERY
EVENTUALITY
HAS BEEN
ANTICIPATED.

IBLIS
YANG ANDA
KATAKAN!





I TOLD YOU
I WOULD NOT
NEED YOUR
ASSISTANCE.

STILL, IT
WAS AN HONOR
TO WITNESS AN
EXHIBITION OF
YOUR SKILLS—



—OYABUN
STORMSHADOW.



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NANZHAO.

SOUTH OF THE SALWEEN RIVER
NEARING THE THAI BORDER.

2









FLINT TO BAXTER RELAY!
WE JUST ORDERED
TAKEOUT FROM
THE THAIS!

BAXTER
TO FLINT—GO
FOR HAWK.



STRATJOE
PROJECTIONS
WERE RIGHT.
GENERAL VIPERS
MAKING A STRIKE
INTO THE
TRIANGLE.

SO, IS THIS
THING ABOUT THE
DRUG TRADE OR
NATION-BUILDING
COBRA STYLE?



GODSPEED,
FLINT.

BREAKING
CONTACT.
CONTINUING
MISSION.

I'VE **GOT**
TO BE ON THE
GROUND
OVER THERE.



THIS REMOTE
COMMAND IS
BULL—

GENERAL,
YOU NEED TO
SEE THIS.

WE'VE BEEN USING
FACIAL RECOGNITION
PROGRAMS ON AIRPORT
SURVEILLANCE VIDEOS
GOING BACK A WEEK.



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AND THIS
POPPED UP.

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KAYAH DIVISION.

THIS IS
MARVELOUS
TANK COUNTRY!

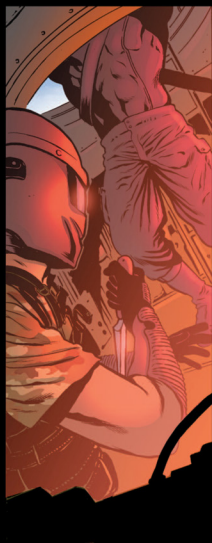
I THOUGHT
NANZHAO WAS
ALL JUNGLE.

CHECK
YOUR SAT MAPS.
THE CENTRAL
HIGHLANDS
ARE ARID.

WHAT A
TERRAIN FOR
ARMOR-ON-
ARMOR.

WIDE OPEN.
CLEAN LINES OF
FIRE. NO CIVILIANS
IN THE WAY. WARFARE
IN ITS PUREST
FORM.

TOO BAD
THERE'S NOT
AN ENEMY IN
SIGHT.



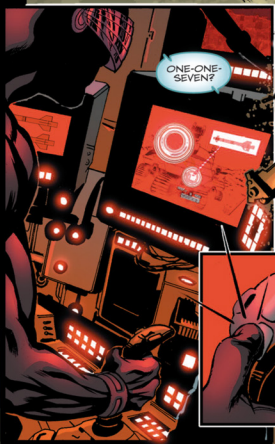


UNIT
ONE-ONE-SEVEN...
ARE YOU HAVING
MECHANICAL
TROUBLE?

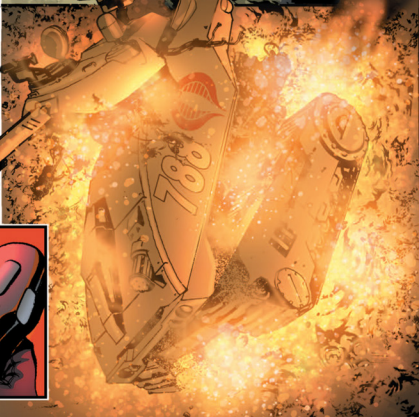
ONE-ONE-SEVEN...
THIS IS ROUTE
COMMAND...



...ONE-ONE
SEVEN,
RESPOND.



ONE-ONE-
SEVEN?







DAMN.

NINJA VERSUS
TANK COLUMN.
NINJA WINS.

GLAD I SAW
IT. 'CAUSE I'D
NEVER BELIEVE IT
OTHERWISE.



HE'S THE
ONLY PRO I'D
CADDY FOR.

BUT I'M STILL
WONDERING—WHAT'RE
TWO GUYS NAMED
ICEBERG AND ALPINE
DOIN' IN A PLACE
THIS HOT?

BERG, AFTER
SEEN' WHAT I
WAS JUST
SEEN'—



—I BELIEVE
MY MAN COULD
MAKE IT *SNOW* IF
HE WANTED.



YOU
WRECKED THE
LAST RIDE. WE
WALK FROM
HERE,
RIGHT?

RIGHT.



I'M HEADING
DOWNRANGE
AND I NEED
SOMEONE TO
MIND THE
STORE.



ARE YOU
ASKING ME OR
ORDERING ME,
GENERAL?

DOES IT
HAVE TO BE
THAT WAY,
DUKE?

IT DOES,
SIR.



IF YOU
ORDER ME,
THEN YOU'RE
SURE I'M ONE
HUNDRED
PERCENT.

IF YOU ASK
ME, IT MEANS
YOU'RE CONCERNED
MY HEALTH IS
STILL AT ISSUE.



IT'S AN
ORDER.

AND I'D RATHER
HAVE YOU AT
FIFTY PERCENT THAN
ALMOST ANYONE
ELSE FULLY
FUNCTIONAL.



SO, HAVE YOU
TOLD SCARLETT
I'M TAKING OVER
THE COMM-CEN?

I THOUGHT
YOU MIGHT
ENJOY RELAYING
THAT TO HER.



I LOOK
FORWARD
TO IT, SIR.



THAT ARMORED
COLUMN BACKTRACKS
TO HERE.

BUT
THERE'S NOT
A TWO-LEGGED
SNAKE IN
SIGHT.



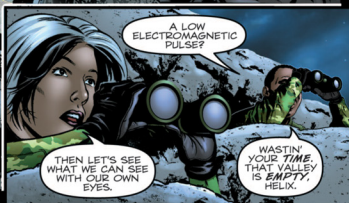
JUST ROCKS,
ROCKS, AND MORE
ROCKS, AND ONLY
ONE WAY IN.

AND ONE
WAY OUT.



I CAN'T PULL
UP ANY SATELLITE
MAPPING. WE'RE BEING
JAMMED ON ALL
FREQUENCIES.

WHAT CAN
JAM A SAT
SIGNAL?



A LOW
ELECTROMAGNETIC
PULSE?

THEN LET'S SEE
WHAT WE CAN SEE
WITH OUR OWN
EYES.

WASTIN'
YOUR TIME.
THAT VALLEY
IS EMPTY,
HELIX.



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EMPTY,
BERG?





YOU'RE
RIGHT, AL.
NOTHING ON
MY WALKIE.

WE'RE SHUT
DOWN. AND
THAT ARMOR
COULD JUMP OFF
ANYTIME AND HIT
US WHERE WE
AIN'T.



ONE OF US IS
GOING TO HAVE
TO RUN BACK TO
COMMAND.

OR AT
LEAST OUT OF
RANGE OF THE
JAM FIELD.



THAT
WOULD BE
ME.

I'M BETTER ON
ROCK THAN ANY
OF YOU. AND I
HAVE MY NEW
KICKS.



GPS IS
DOWN TOO,
RIGHT?

BUT I
CAN MARK THE
POSITION ON OUR
TOPO MAP. THAT
ARTILLERY CAN
USE THIS FOR AN
AIMING POINT.

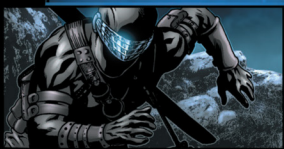


I MARKED ON
THE JOEPAD THE
TARGET LOCATION.
ONCE THE JAWWERS
OFFLINE I CAN RADIO
ADJUSTMENTS.

GOT IT.

AND MY
WATER, YOU'RE
GONNA NEED
IT.

THANKS,
BERG.



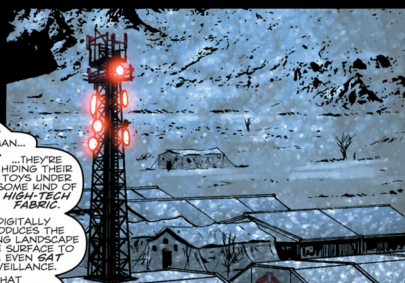


MAN...

...THEY'RE
HIDING THEIR
TOYS UNDER
SOME KIND OF
HIGH-TECH
FABRIC.

IT DIGITALLY
REPRODUCES THE
CHANGING LANDSCAPE
ON THE SURFACE TO
FOOL EVEN SAT
SURVEILLANCE.

THAT
ANTENNA MUST
BE BROADCASTING
THE JAMMING
SIGNAL.



WHAT'S OUR
NEXT—

—OKAY.







ONCE THAT TOWER'S DOWN, THIS BASE WILL SHOW UP LIKE NEON. THEN, ALL HELL WILL RAIN DOWN.

I HOPE WE'RE NOT HERE WHEN THAT HAPPENS.

HEY!



FORT BAXTER, KANSAS.

"NEW" HOME FOR JOE-COMM.

YOU KNOW
WHAT'S *WEIRD*,
MAINFRAME?

THAT THERE'S
NO LINE FOR
CHOW NOW THAT
EVERYONE'S
DEPLOYED?

COBRA'S
CHOICE OF *TIME*
FRAMES.

YOU'RE
LOSING ME,
DEE-TEE.

THEY DID
EVERYTHING
RIGHT. INTEL.
INVASION STRATEGY.
COMMUNICATIONS
BLACKOUT.

BUT
THEY MADE
ONE HUGE
SCREAMING
ERROR.

COBRA'S MADE
A *MISTAKE*? I SAY
LET'S *ENCOURAGE*
MORE OF THAT.

MAYBE
THERE'S NO
HISTORIAN
AT COBRA,
SCARLETT.

NAPOLEON INVADED
RUSSIA IN *JUNE* TO
GET A JUMP ON WINTER.
THE NAZIS DID THE SAME
THING IN '41. NOT THAT
IT HELPED *EITHER*
OF THEM.

SO WHY IS COBRA
INVADING NANZHAO
TWO WEEKS *BEFORE*
THE START OF
MONSOON
SEASON?

SOUNDS MORE
LIKE THEY NEED A
WEATHERMAN.

THIS IS
SIGNIFICANT.
MAINS.

THE NEW
COMMANDER
HASN'T
STUMBLER
YET.

"AND I DON'T EXPECT
HE WILL."

I WAS
TOLD YOU
WISHED TO
SEE ME.

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
EMBASSY, SULANAMI.

YOU ARE THE
COMMANDER
HERE?

I AM THE
SUPREME
COMMANDER OF
ALL COBRA
FORCES.

THEN YOU
ARE THE ONE
TO WHOM I MUST
ADDRESS MY
CONCERNS.

OUR
PRESIDENT
AND MILITARY
COMMISSION
WISH TO KNOW
YOUR INTENTIONS
TOWARD OUR
BORDERS.

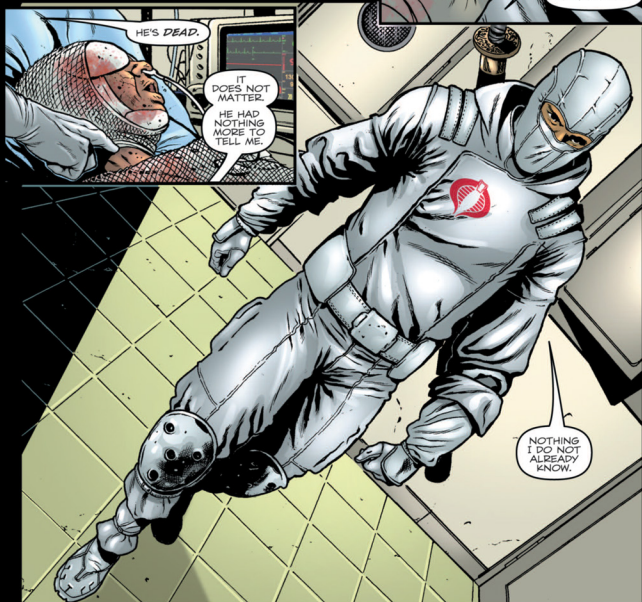
AND WILL YOU
LEAVE INTACT AS
MUCH OF NANZHAO'S
INFRASTRUCTURE AS
RELATES TO THE
PEOPLE'S
BUSINESS?

I WILL OPERATE
WITHIN THE CURRENT
BORDERS OF NANZHAO
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
AN INCURSION INTO THE
GOLDEN TRIANGLE
REGION INSIDE LAOS
AND THAILAND.

AND YOUR PORTS IN
DVARAVATI AS WELL AS
THE RAIL LINES FROM
THE REFINERIES TO
BAGAN WILL REMAIN
UNMOLESTED.

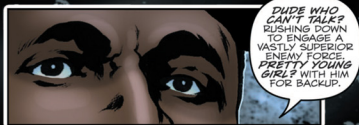
SO.
BUSINESS
AS USUAL,
THEN.

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MAN...
G.J. JOE.

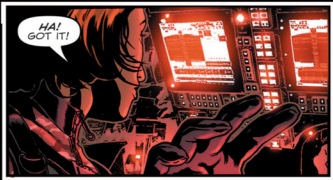


"SOMETIMES THIS JOB'S
ALL ABOUT EXCITEMENT."

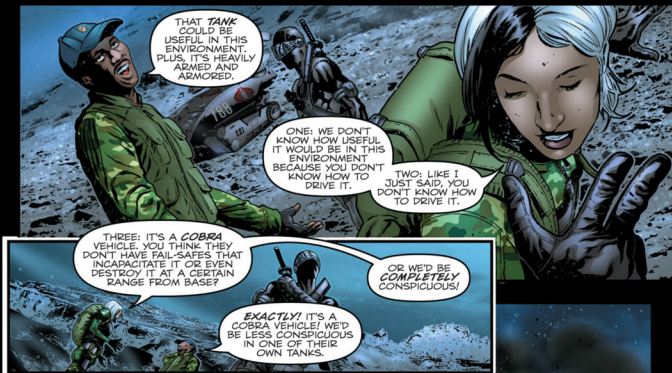














HOW MANY
MEN DID WE
LOSE?

"MEN." NOTHING.
HOW MANY OF THOSE
SEVENTY-FOUR-MILLION-
DOLLAR MECHS?



THOUGH, IF
ONE BLIND MAN
WITH A SWORD CAN
TAKE THEM OUT,
PERHAPS WE
OVERPAID.



HE'S NOT
BLIND, YE
UNBELIEVABLE
IDIOT.



ENOUGH, BLUDD.
GET OUT OF MY
SIGHT BEFORE
I KILL YOU.

REPUBLIC OF INDIA EMBASSY,
NANZHAD.

"WE NEED
ASSURANCES."

I UNDERSTAND
VIKRIM KHALLIKAN
HAD A POSITION RATHER
HIGH UP IN YOUR
ORGANIZATION.

I **KNEW** VIKRIM
KHALLIKAN. HE IS
NOT A MAN I WOULD
HAVE TRUSTED TO
DO ANYTHING
IMPORTANT.

THEN YOU'LL
BE PLEASED TO
KNOW THAT
KHALLIKAN IS DEAD.
INCOMPETENTS
DON'T LAST LONG
IN COBRA.

OUR
CONCERNS
DO NOT EXTEND
BEYOND THE
COUNTRY WE
OCCUPY. WE WILL
NOT EXPAND TO
YOUR BORDERS.

WITH RESPECT,
MISS. INDIA COULD
BRUSH YOU ASIDE
WITH MUCH THE SAME
EFFORT AS YOU
TOOK ON THE
TATMADAW.

WHAT CONCERNS US
IS NOT A FEW THOUSAND
SOLDIERS CROSSING OUR
BORDERS, BUT HUNDREDS
OF THOUSANDS OF
REFUGEES.



AS I EXPLAINED
TO YOUR NEIGHBORS,
THE CHINESE, THE
NORTHERN BORDERS
WILL BE CLOSED
FROM WITHIN.

THE REFUGEES WILL
HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO
FLEE INTO COUNTRIES WHO
DO NOT ENJOY SUCH A
MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL
RELATIONSHIP WITH US.

THAT IS
INDEED GOOD
NEWS, THOUGH
IT BRINGS ME
TO OUR NEXT
CONCERN.

IT IS
KNOWN TO US
THAT YOU ALSO
HAVE A "MUTUALLY
BENEFICIAL"
RELATIONSHIP WITH
CERTAIN GROUPS
WITHIN YOUR
BORDERS WHOM DO
NOT... KEEP THEIR
INTERESTS AS IN
LINE WITH OUR
OWN AS YOU
MIGHT.

PERHAPS
A TRIP TO MY
HEADQUARTERS
WOULD SET YOUR
MIND AT EASE.

AH, REGRETFULLY,
PRESSING BUSINESS
CONSPIRES TO KEEP
ME HERE, BEHIND MY
OWN WALLS

YOUR AIDE, THEN,
ALLOW HIM TO WITNESS
A DEMONSTRATION OF
OUR INTENTIONS, AND
HE CAN REPORT BACK
TO YOU.

THAT...
WOULD BE
ACCEPTABLE. I
LOOK FORWARD
TO THIS
ANSWER.



YOU'RE IN HIGH SPIRITS, BLUDD, FOR SOMEONE WHO'S JUST BEEN THREATENED BY ONE OF HIGH COMMAND'S MOST DANGEROUS HOMICIDAL MANIACS.



OH, THEY'RE ALL HOMICIDAL MANIACS - TOMAX. GETTING UNDER THE BARONESS' SKIN IS THE BEST PART OF THESE LITTLE GET-TOGETHERS.



ONE DAY, SHE ACTUALLY *IS* GOING TO KILL YOU.

WELL, NOT *TODAY*.



WHILE SHE'S GOING OVER HER CAST-IRON BOYFRIEND'S GREATEST BLUNDERS, I'M ATTENDING DIPLOMATIC MEETINGS ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE.



OUR NEW COMMANDER MIGHT BE *BOLD*, TOMAX, BUT HE'S STILL A *BUSINESSMAN*. MEN LIKE US WILL ALWAYS FLOURISH.

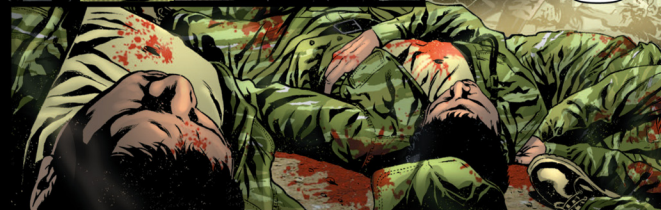




WHAT...
WHAT IS
GOING
ON?!



THERE.



YOU CAN
NOW ASSURE
YOUR SUPERIORS THAT
COBRA HAS NO LASTING
INTEREST IN ALLIES
THAT MIGHT THREATEN
INDIA'S AGENDA.



THAT WAS
JUST TOTALLY
SENSELESS! THOSE
WERE MY MEN! I
BOUGHT THEM!

WITHOUT THEM
TO OVERSEE THEIR
OWN FIELDS, HOW AM
I SUPPOSED TO BE
REIMBURSED?



YOU'RE
NOT.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!



AS I WAS SAYING: THE REBELS WERE ONLY EVER TOOLS TO ACCELERATE OUR CAPTURE OF THE COUNTRY. WE HAVE NO DESIGNS ON THEIR DRUG TRADE.



BEGIN THE FLYOVERS.



OF COURSE.









BARONESS.



IT'S A
REMARKABLE THING,
ISN'T IT? MANY WOULD
SAV THAT THE VALUE OF
THIS COUNTRY IS IN THE
FIELDS. AND THEY WOULD
NOT BE WHOLLY WRONG...
BUT THAT IS A **VENAL**
PERSPECTIVE.

THE **REAL**
WEALTH OF THIS
NATION IS RIGHT
HERE. AND IT ALL
FITS INTO ONE
SMALL ROOM.



COMMANDER:
DESTRO IS, AS WE
SPEAK, DESIGNING
IMPROVEMENTS UPON
HIS MOBILE-ARMOR
SUITS TO ENSURE
THAT SUCH AN
ATTACK—

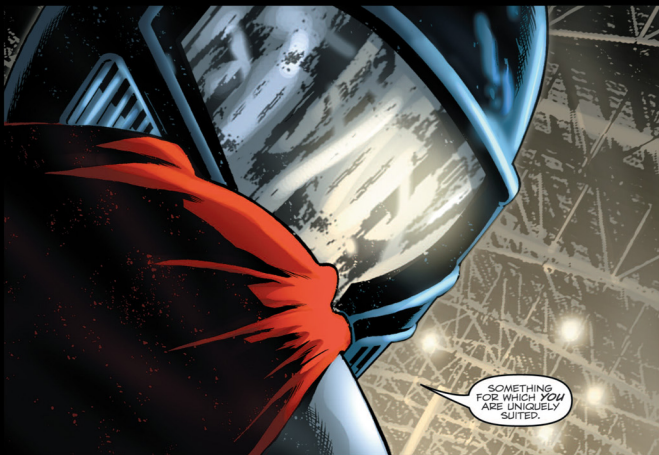


NO, THOSE
MACHINES ARE
ALL BUT *OBsolete*
NOW. WE NEED HIM
FOCUSING ALL HIS
ATTENTIONS ON
PREPARATION FOR
THE FINAL
PHASES.



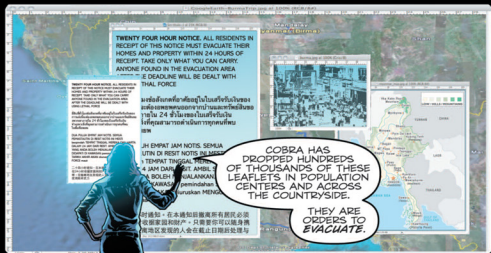
I'LL TELL
HIM AT
ONCE.

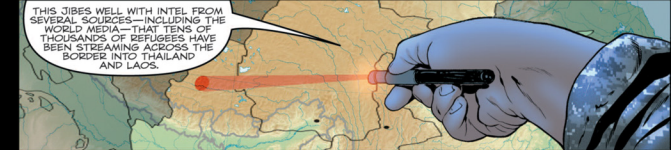
NOT YOU,
BARONESS. I
HAVE ANOTHER
JOB FOR
YOU.



SOMETHING
FOR WHICH *YOU*
ARE UNIQUELY
SUITED.

FORT BAXTER, KANSAS.






THIS JIBES WELL WITH INTEL FROM SEVERAL SOURCES—INCLUDING THE WORLD MEDIA—THAT TENS OF THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES HAVE BEEN STREAMING ACROSS THE BORDER INTO THAILAND AND LAOS.



SO WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? COBRA IS TAKING CONTROL OF AN ENTIRE COUNTRY AND THROWING EVERYBODY OUT?

WHAT THEY NEED MORE ROOM FOR THEIR HOMES TO HAVE POOLS AND TENNIS COURTS?



IT'S A LOT WORSE THAN THAT. COMBINING THIS INTEL WITH OTHER FACTORS LIKE THE TIMING OF THE INVASION, THE LACK OF ANY CONCERN FROM THE REGIONAL POWERS... WE DON'T THINK THAT *OCCUPATION* IS COBRA'S GOAL.



THEY DON'T INTEND TO *STAY* IN NANZHAO.

THEY'RE PLANNING ON *DESTROYING* IT.

Cobra #98 by **Antonio Fuso**
Colors by **Arianna Florean**



GI JOE #108 by **Wil Rosado**
Colors by **Romulo Fajardo, Jr.**



ROSADO

HEY! I'M
WITH YOU
GUYS!

YO
JOE!

ALPINE?

NANZHAO, ONCE CALLED HYUNNAN IN THE DAYS WHEN IT WAS FREE.
SOUTHWEST OF PHTAO ON THE NORTHERN PLAIN.



TEAM
FOXTROT
WITH
YOU

THEY SENT
ME BACK WITH
COORDINATES FOR
A CONCENTRATION
OF COBRA
FORCES.



YEAH,
THAT'S BEEN
DEALT
WITH.

I'M
DIGGIN'
THE NEW
KICKS,
AL...

UNCLE
SAM BOUGHT
EM FOR ME.
HARD DRIVE.



YOU STICK
WITH US
SNAKE EYES IS
OFF ON HIS
OWN PLAY...
AGAIN.

FLINT,
THEY'VE BEEN
DROPPING
THESE ALL
OVER.

LEAFLET
CAMPAIGN,
HUH?

TWENTY FOUR HOUR NOTICE.
ALL RESIDENTS IN RECEIPT OF
THIS NOTICE MUST EVACUATE
THEIR HOMES AND PROPERTY
WITHIN 24 HOURS OF RECEIPT.
TAKE ONLY WHAT YOU CAN
CARRY. ANYONE FOUND IN
THE EVACUATION AREA AFTER
THE DEADLINE WILL BE DEALT
WITH USING LETHAL FORCE

DUA PULUH EMPAT JAM
NOTIS. SEMUA PEMASTAUTIN
DI RESIT NOTIS INI MESTI
BERPINDAH TEMPAT TINGGAL
MEREKA DAN HARTA DALAM 24
JAM DARI RESIT. AMBIL
SAHAJA APA YANG ANDA BOLEH
MENJALANKAN.

APA DIDAPATI DI KAWAS
YAHAN SELEPAS TARIKH
AKAN DIURUSKAN
UNAKAN FORCE MAT

THEY WANT
THE POPULATION
OUT OF
NANZHAO AND
PRONTO.

TWENTY-
FOUR HOURS
TO LEAVE YOUR
WHOLE LIFE
BEHIND.



FLINT!
YOU NEED
TO SEE
THIS!





ALPHA
LEADER
TO HAWK
BASE.

GO FOR
BASE.

WE ARE AT
MAP REFERENCE
"D" FOR DOG,
ONE-THREE-
FIVE.

WHAT'S
YOUR
SIT-REP,
ALPHA?

HOLEEEEE...



"LOUSIER AND
GETTING MORE
LOUSY BY THE
SECOND."

"WE HAVE SOME KIND
OF CARGO CRAFT
UNLOADING WHAT
LOOKS LIKE A MAJOR
OFFENSIVE MOVE."

"FOOT TROOPS IN
SUPPORT OF ARMOR."



THE
MACHINERY
OF WAR...

...THERE IS A
SIMPLE *ELEGANCE*
TO IT. AYE
CREATIONS WITH
BUT A SINGLE
PURPOSE.

BUT
IT IS *MEN*
WHO MAKE
WARS, LAIRD
DESTRO.

FOR
NOW.



BUT YE
CANNOT DENY
THAT, MORE
AND MORE, IT IS
MACHINES THAT
WIN WARS.

THERE
WILL COME
A DAY...





"...WHEN THE ONLY HUMANS ON THE BATTLEFIELD WILL BE THE DEAD."

THOSE POOR PEOPLE.



FIRST THE JUNTA CRUSHES THEM AND NOW COBRA.

THESE ENEMY UNITS—WHAT'S THEIR HEADING, FLINT?

STRAIGHT FOR THE NORTH-SOUTH HIGHWAY, SIR. MOVING FAST.

THE REFUGEES. HAS TO BE.

COLONEL KII!

YES, GENERAL HAWK!



WE NEED A DEFENSIVE PERIMETER TO OUR WEST BETWEEN THE NORTH-SOUTH HIGHWAY AND THE HON MANG FLOOD PLAIN.

ON ME!

SIR!

WE'RE SADDLING UP AND MOVING TO THE FIGHT!

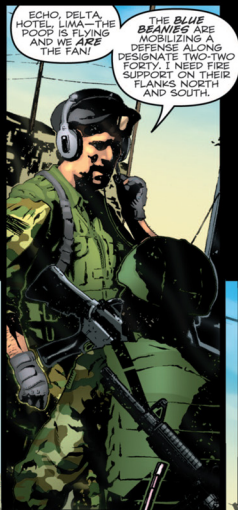


JOE! GET THE R.O.C.C. MOBILE!

YES, SIR!

GET ME OUR FORWARD UNITS ON AN ALL-HAIL!

*R.O.C.C.: ROLLING OPERATIONS COMMAND CENTER



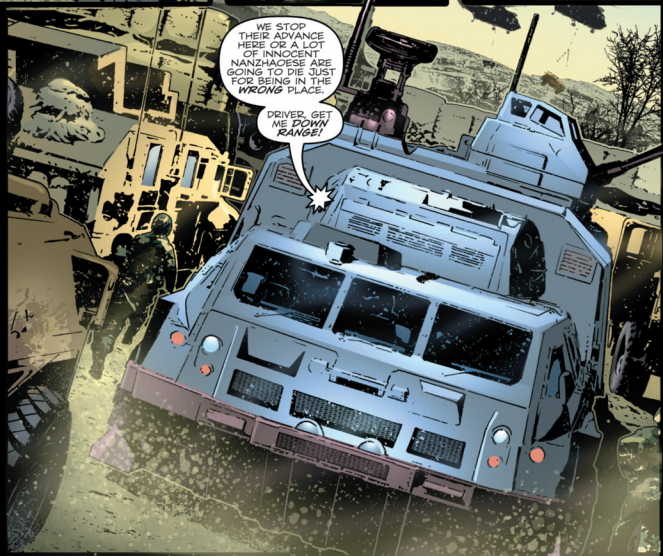
ECHO, DELTA, HOTEL, LIMA—THE POOP IS FLYING AND WE ARE THE FAN!

THE BLUE BEANIES ARE MOBILIZING A DEFENSE ALONG DESIGNATE TWO-TWO FORTY. I NEED FIRE SUPPORT ON THEIR FLANKS NORTH AND SOUTH.



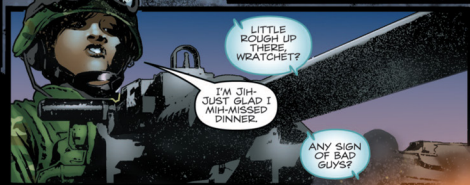
I AM MOVING FROM CAMP TICONDEROGA TO FORWARD POSITION BLUE DOG NINE. YOU WILL *CO-ORDINATE* WITH YOUR ASSIGNED UNITED NATIONS UNITS.

COBRA IS MAKING A MAJOR PUSH TO CUT OFF THE NORTHERN REFUGEE EVACUATION ROUTES.



WE STOP THEIR ADVANCE HERE OR A LOT OF INNOCENT NANZHAOSES ARE GOING TO DIE JUST FOR BEING IN THE *WRONG* PLACE.

DRIVER, GET ME *DOWN* RANGE!





EVERYBODY
OUT!



GET THE
ONE-OH-FIVE
UNLIMBERED!

AND THE
HELLFIRE
LAUNCHERS!
WE MIGHT
HAVE FLYING
COBRAS!



GET THAT
WEAPON
SECURED!
THE CLOCK
IS TICKING,
JOES!

WHAT'S OUR
TARGET?



I'M NOT
SURE...

I *SEE* THE
DUST CLOUD.
IS IT ARMOR?
MOBILE
INFANTRY?



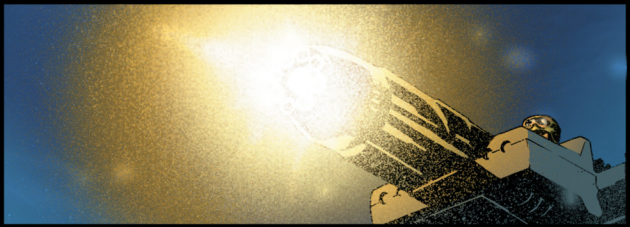
YOUR
GUESS IS
AS GOOD
AS MINE,
WRATCHET.

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DROP THE
BARREL! TO
HELL WITH FUSE
SETTINGS!

LINE OF
SIGHT! FIRE
WHEN READY,
JOES!



GET SOME!
COME ON AND
GET SOME!

GUNNERY
UNIT
HOTEL SIX
TO BASE!

WE ARE
UNDER HEAVY
ATTACK BY
FAST ATTACK
VEHICLES! WE
WILL NEED AIR
SUPPORT!

FORT BAXTER, KANSAS.

YOU NAILED
THIS SCENARIO,
DIAL-TONE.

COBRA IS
DISMANTLING
THE COUNTRY.
THEY'RE TAKING
WHAT ISN'T
BOLTED DOWN
AND WASTING
THE REST.

I'VE NEVER
BEEN SO SORRY
TO BE RIGHT,
MAINFRAME.

BUT
WHY ARE THEY
ONLY ALLOWING
REFUGEES TO
EMIGRATE TO
THE EAST AND
SOUTH?

I THINK WE NEED
SCARLETT TO
HELP WITH THE
ANALYSIS.

SHE'S OFF
DUTY UNTIL
OH-TWO-
HUNDRED.

SHE NEEDED
SOME REST.
SHE'S BEEN
PUSHING ALL
WEEK.

WHY DON'T
YOU JUST
TELL HER
HOW YOU
FEEL?

HUH?

COME ON,
MAINS.

BECAUSE
MAYBE I DON'T
THINK I HAVE A
CHANCE, OKAY?
SHE GOES FOR THE
TROUBLED GUYS
LIKE SNAKE EYES
OR THAT EGO-
DRIVEN DUKE.

WHAT? YOU
KNOW HER
WHOLE DUTY
SCHEDULE?

REALLY?

MPHHHT!



SO, YOU
KNOW MY
TYPE, DO YOU,
MAINFRAME?

OH,
MAN...

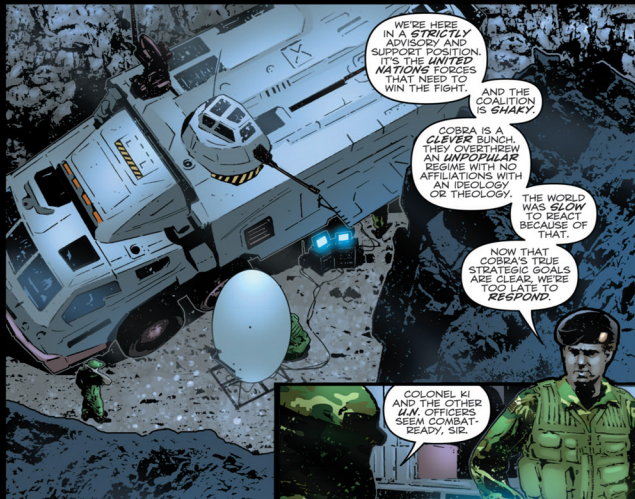
NANZHAD.



THE
DRONE IS
DOWN,
SIR.

IT WAS ALL
BAD NEWS
ANYWAY.

COBRA IS
MASSING FOR A
MAJOR ASSAULT
AND ROLLING UP
OUR FORWARD
UNITS.



WE'RE HERE
IN A **STRICTLY**
ADVISORY AND
SUPPORT POSITION.
IT'S THE **UNITED**
NATIONS FORCES
THAT NEED TO
WIN THE FIGHT.

AND THE
COALITION
IS **SHAKY**.

COBRA IS A
CLEVER BUNCH.
THEY OVERTHREW
AN **UNPOPULAR**
REGIME WITH NO
AFFILIATIONS WITH
AN IDEOLOGY
OR THEOLOGY.

THE WORLD
WAS **SLOW**
TO REACT
BECAUSE OF
THAT.

NOW THAT
COBRA'S TRUE
STRATEGIC GOALS
ARE CLEAR, WE'RE
TOO LATE TO
RESPOND.



COLONEL KI
AND THE OTHER
U.N. OFFICERS
SEEM COMBAT-
READY, SIR.



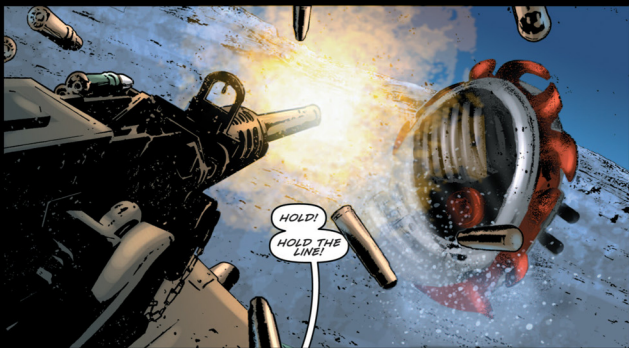
THEY **ARE**.
BUT COBRA HAS
THE INITIATIVE
AND A SIMPLE
ENDGAME.

ANNIHILATION.

"IF THEY WIN—
EVERYBODY **DIES**."

**ENEMY IN
RANGE!**

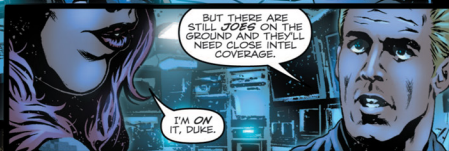
**PREPARE
TO ENGAGE!**

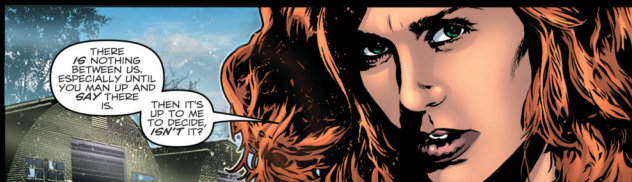












NANZHAO.

CLEAR
THIS AREA.
WATCH FOR
SNIPERS.

THESE ARE
JOES? I HEARD
THEY WERE
TOUGH.

HUNH!

WHAT'S
YOUR UNIT?
WHERE'S YOUR
COMMAND AND
CONTROL?

ASK YOUR
MAMA,
SNAKEHEAD.

YOU HELP ME
AND I'LL HELP
YOU AND YOUR
COMRADE.

HE HATES
SNAKES,
TOO.

SO,
YOU WON'T
ANSWER ANY
QUESTIONS,
JOE?

GUESS
NOT.

HAVE
IT YOUR
WAY.







OUR
FORMER
BROTHER
IS AMONG
US.

HE
MUST BE
FOUND.



BUT HE
IS **NOT** TO
BE KILLED. HE
IS **MINE**. HIS
DESTINY IS TO
DIE ON **MY**
SWORD.

YOU WILL **DRAW**
HIM TO ME. YOU
WILL MAKE A **PATH**
THAT HE BELIEVES IS
OF HIS OWN CHOOSING
EVEN AS EACH STEP
BRINGS HIM CLOSER
TO HIS GRAVE.



**STORM
SHADOW**, MY
CYABUN, HOW
ARE WE TO
ACCOMPLISH
THIS IF OUR
QUARRY IS
SO WARY?

WITH
BLOOD.

WITH YOUR
LIVES.

SNAKE
EYES MUST
MEET ME
AND **DIE**.



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