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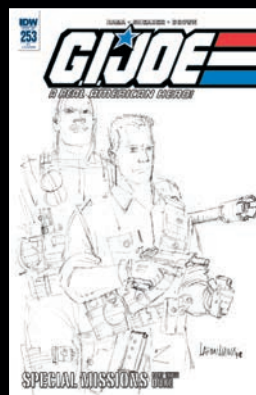
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SOME TIME BEFORE THE FORMATION OF THE G.I. JOE TEAM, IN THE EMIRATE OF TRUCIAL ABYSMIA.

U.S. FORCES ARE SUPPORTING THE EMIR, WHO IS ENGAGED IN A CIVIL WAR WITH THE SECESSIONIST FORCES OF COLONEL SHARIF.

I THOUGHT RUNNING A RESUPPLY CONVOY UP TO OUTPOST JULIET WOULD BE A *BREEZE*, BUT HIGHWAY ONE IS JAMMED.

WHAT'S WITH ALL THE *TRAFFIC*, DUKE?

SHARIF'S BAD BOYS ARE PRESSING *HARD* UP HERE, ROADBLOCK. THAT'S WHY OUTPOST JULIET NEEDS TO *STOCK UP* ON AMMO, GAS, AND MRES.

I DON'T LIKE THIS TERRAIN, TOP. SOME TEXTBOOK SET-UPS FOR *AMBUSHES* AROUND HERE.

IT'S THE *BAD GUYS' JOB* TO AMBUSH US, SPECIALIST HENNESEY.

IT'S *OUR JOB* TO KEEP IT TO AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL.



AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THE ACCEPTABLE LEVEL IS *ZILCH*.

THE ONLY AIR SUPPORT WE CAN COUNT ON IS THE EMIR'S AIR FORCE, WHICH OPERATES *ANCIENT SU-7 FROGFOOTS* BOUGHT ON THE CHEAP FROM THE RUSSIANS BEFORE MOSCOW DECIDED TO START BACKING SHARIF.





MY LUCKY CHARM WILL GET US THROUGH! IT WON'T LET DOWN A TWO-DIGIT-MIDGET SHORT-TIMER LIKE ME!

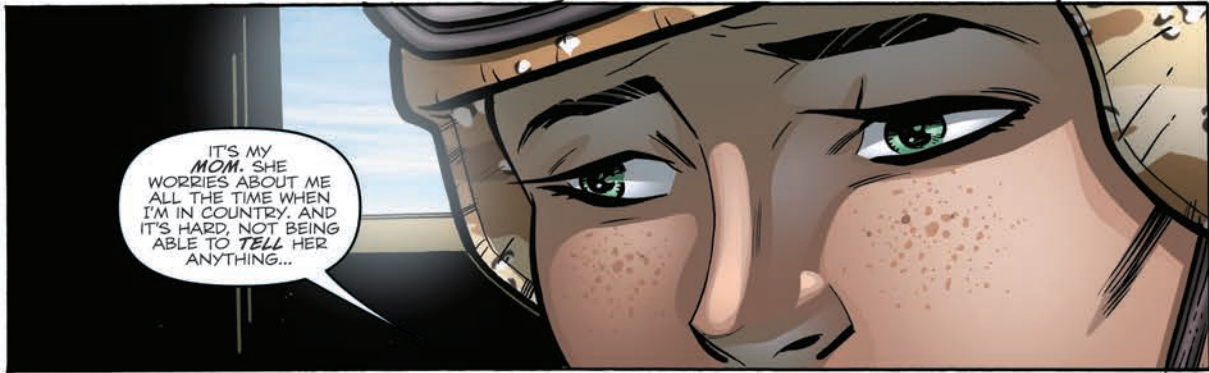
I'LL BE BACK HOME IN BROOKLYN WORKING THE STICK IN MY BROTHER'S BAR BEFORE THE MONTH IS OUT.



WHAT? YOU'RE NOT GOING LIFER? YOU'RE GOING TO MISS OUT ON ALL THE BENNIES.

NO WAY! I'M GOING TO BARTENDER SCHOOL ON THE G.I. BILL.

I'M GONNA SHAKE SOME MEAN MARTOONIES.



IT'S MY MOM. SHE WORRIES ABOUT ME ALL THE TIME WHEN I'M IN COUNTRY. AND IT'S HARD, NOT BEING ABLE TO TELL HER ANYTHING...

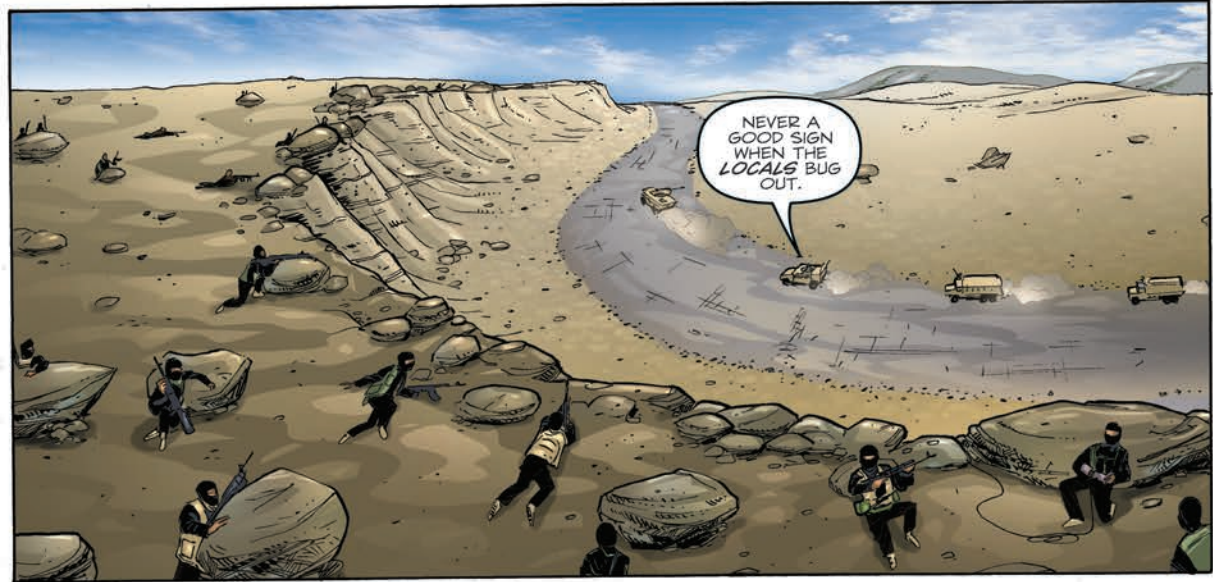
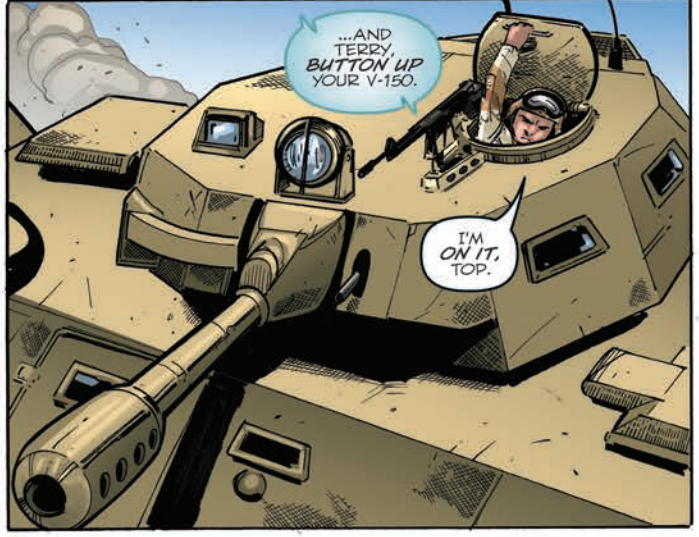
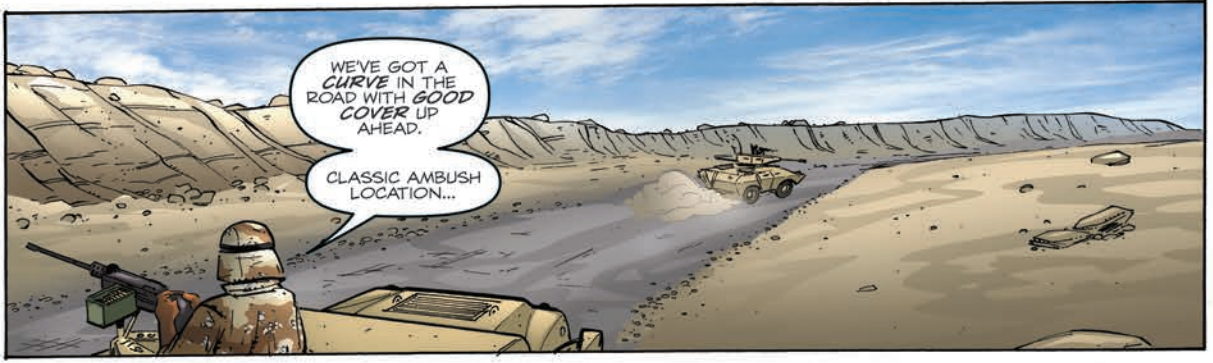


SO, IF ME AND THE FIRST SHIRT DROP BY YOUR BROTHER'S FINE ESTABLISHMENT, MAUREEN, DO WE GET A BREAK ON DRINKS?

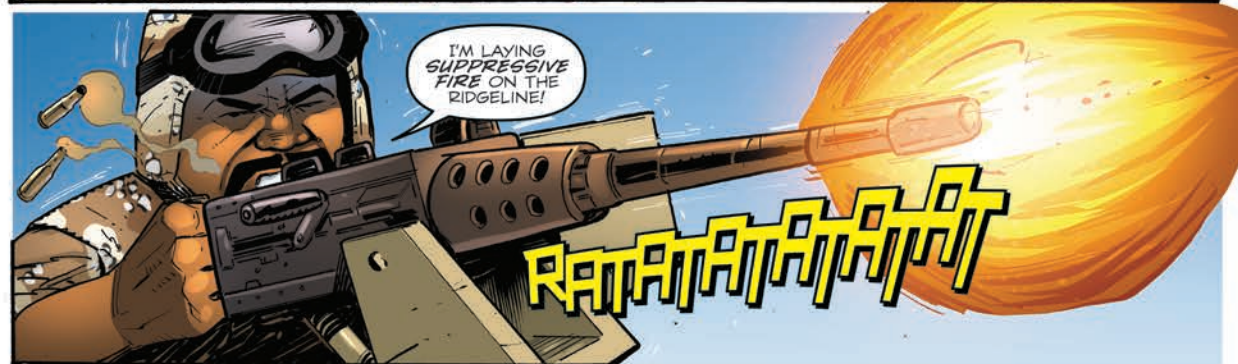


ABSOLUTELY! BUT ONLY IF IT'S GUINNESS AND JAMESONS!













UNGH!

MAUREEN!

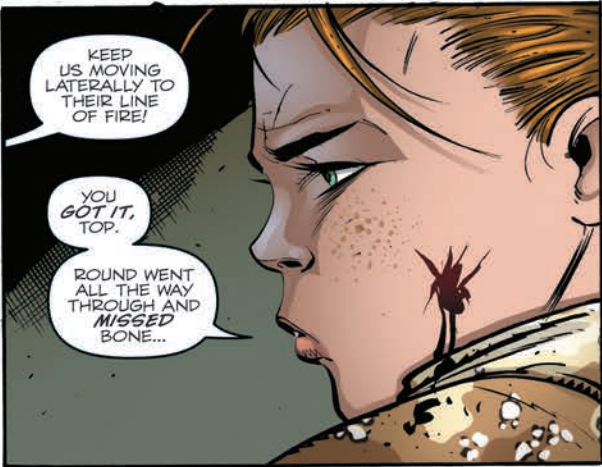
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YOU KEEP RETURNING FIRE, DUKE! I GOT THIS UNDER CONTROL.



KEEP US MOVING LATERALLY TO THEIR LINE OF FIRE!

YOU GOT IT, TOP.

ROUND WENT ALL THE WAY THROUGH AND MISSED BONE...



...I CAN SUCK IT UP, AND CHARLIE-MIKE, NO SWEAT.



WE NEED AIR SUPPORT—PRONTO!

QUARTERBACK ALPHA, THIS IS ROMEO CHARLIE ONE-NINER. WE ARE ON HIGHWAY ONE IN SECTOR G-5 AT THE 90-DEGREE BEND.

SMOKE PLUME FROM BURNING V-150 AT HEAD OF COLUMN. OVER.

ROGER THAT.