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Dawn Moreno stole the Arashikage sword Morning Light...
but Storm Shadow soon finds her.

Deep Six and Cutter's fight against Cobra's Battle Android Troopers
in Broca Beach comes to an end...

Bombstrike, momentarily presumed dead by the Black Major,
is found out in the desert by two scavengers who help her along...

And Claire manages to save Faoud in Benzheen... only to find themselves
both surrounded by the Juggler's damage control
team. Duke and Roadblock arrive just in time,
but can they extract everyone from this
tricky situation?



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IN BENZHEEN.

IT SEEMS LIKE CAPTURING TERRORIST MASTERMIND **FAOUD ALIVE** WASN'T ON THE TO-DO LIST AT BLACK OPS CENTRAL.

AND WE JUST MIGHT BE THE "DAMAGE" THAT THIS DAMAGE-CONTROL TEAM HAS BEEN SENT TO RECTIFY.

AN ASTUTE BUT WRONG-HEADED OBSERVATION AS USUAL, **DUKE**. YOU'RE IN THE WRONG, GOODNESS AND VIRTUE ARE ON MY SIDE...



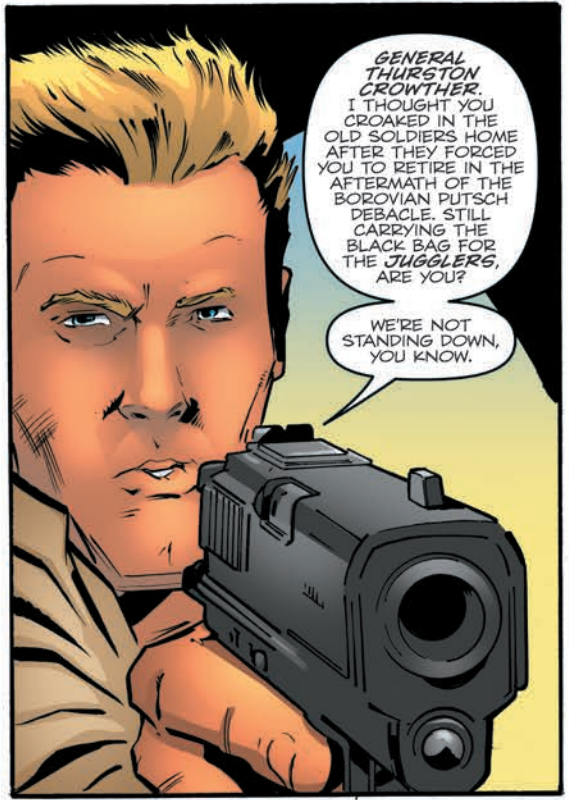
...AND YOU NEED TO STAND DOWN, OR GET "RECTIFIED."

YOU'RE NOT ACTUALLY GOING TO TRY TO PREVENT US FROM SHOOTING **FAOUD** WHILE HE'S RESISTING CAPTURE, ARE YOU?



GENERAL THURSTON CROWTHER. I THOUGHT YOU CROAKED IN THE OLD SOLDIERS HOME AFTER THEY FORCED YOU TO RETIRE IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE BOROVIAN PUTSCH DEBACLE, STILL CARRYING THE BLACK BAG FOR THE **JUGGLERS**, ARE YOU?

WE'RE NOT STANDING DOWN, YOU KNOW.

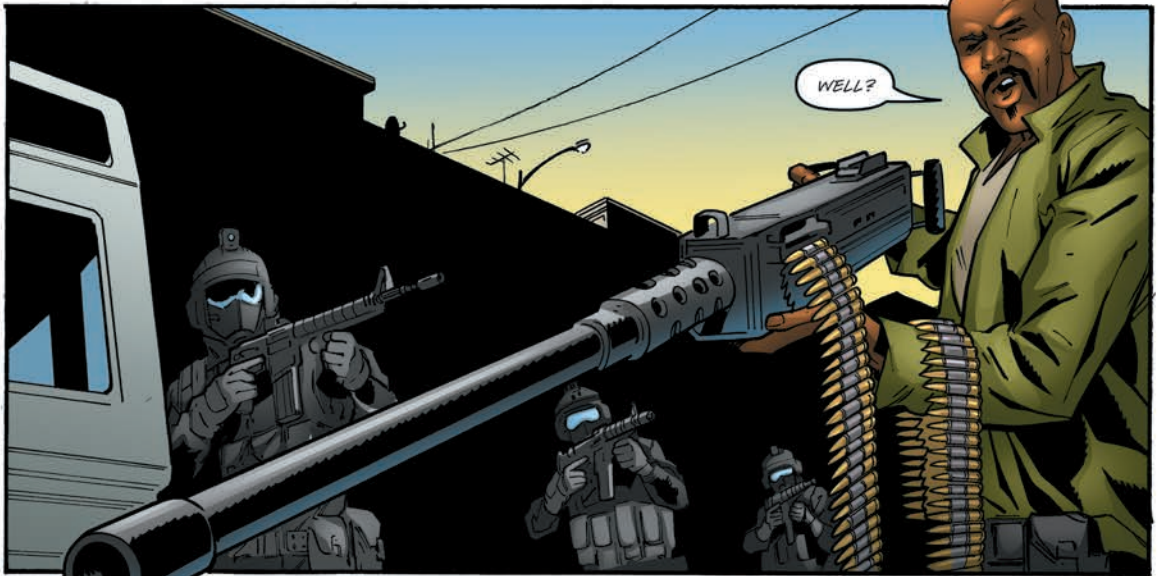




YOUR HANDLERS ARE EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED IN YOU, *MRS. HAUSER*. YOUR ACTIONS HAVE UNRAVELED AN OPERATION THAT TOOK YEARS TO PUT TOGETHER. YOU ARE A DISGRACE AND A—



WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, SIR, YOU *WILL* DISPLAY THE PROPER COURTESIES WHEN ADDRESSING THE LADY.



WELL?

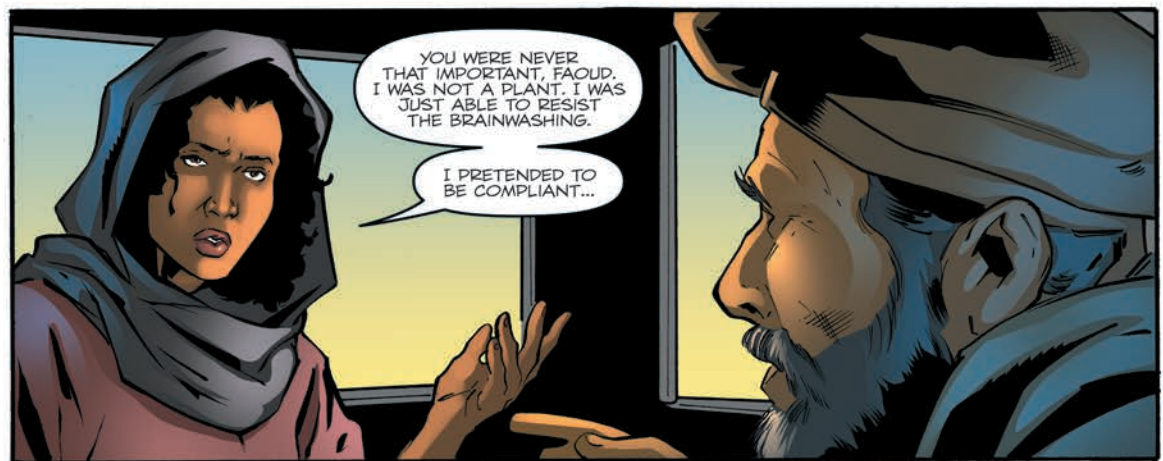


I MAY HAVE SPOKEN RASHLY—



RIGHT.

IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE YOUR BOYS POP A SIX-PACK OF FIREFIGHT, YOU NEED TO STOP IMPEDING PROGRESS.





I GOT BRIEFED BY JANE IN NEW YORK. SHE DID SOME DIGGING AFTER HER MEETING WITH CLAIRE.

AN ULTRA BLACK SPECIAL OPS AGENCY WAS HANDLING CLAIRE, BUT JANE DIDN'T KNOW THAT THE JUGGLERS WERE PULLING THE STRINGS. IT MAKES SENSE, THOUGH...



THEY LIED TO ME ABOUT EVERYTHING. THEY SAID THAT AFTER I LED THEM TO FAOUD, HE WOULD BE CAPTURED ALIVE. THEY KNEW I WOULD NEVER GO ALONG WITH BOMBING A CLINIC.



AND YOU DECIDED TO SAVE THE CHILDREN EVEN THOUGH YOU KNEW THAT DOING SO WOULD BETRAY YOUR INTENTIONS AND FORFEIT YOUR OWN LIFE.



WHAT OTHER CHOICE COULD I MAKE? HOW COULD I LIVE WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT I HAD BROUGHT HARM TO THOSE CHILDREN? HOW COULD YOU USE THOSE SAME CHILDREN AS YOUR SHIELD, FAOUD?



I WAS NOT USING THEM AS A SHIELD. I AM THEIR DOCTOR. I AM THERE TREATING THEM EVERY DAY.

