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Cobra has been gearing up for a big operation. G.I. Joe anticipates a big move from the villainous organization soon...

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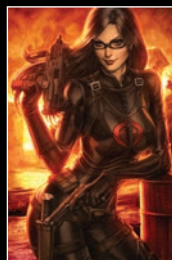
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SOMEWHERE NEAR THE DARKLONIA/BOROVIA BORDER.

THE NIGHT RAVEN IS ALL FUELED UP, ARMED, FLIGHT-CHECKED, AND READY TO ROLL OUT...

...YOU HAVE TO FLY THIS MISSION! WE'VE GONE TO A LOT OF TROUBLE TO SECURE THIS AIRSTRIP IN DARKLONIA, AND CLEAR THE OVER-FLY OVER BOROVIA! COBRA COMMANDER HIMSELF IS MONITORING THIS MISSION FROM THE SILENT CASTLE.

SHOW ME THE MONEY, DOC.

DR. MINDBENDER, YOUR RENTAL TIME ON MY AIRSTRIP IS ABOUT TO RUN OUT. YOU REALIZE THERE ARE OVERTIME PENALTIES?

ERG!

GIVE THE MONEY CASE TO THE STRATO-VIPER! MAKE SURE HE COUNTS IT AND SIGNS THE RECEIPT.

I DON'T NEED TO COUNT IT. I TRUST YOU, DR. MINDBENDER.

YOU WERE GIVEN THE MISSION BRIEF. THERE WILL BE SOME EMERGENCY SUPPORT ALONG THE WAY.

THERE ARE TWO TERROR DROMES, AND A COBRA TRANSPORT HELICOPTER PAD ADJACENT TO YOUR ROUTE, SO AN EXTRACTION IS POSSIBLE IF YOU HAVE TO DITCH.

ME, DITCH? NEVER.



HANGAR DOOR IS OPENING!

CLEAR THE TAXIWAY!

AIRCRAFT ON RAMP!



SET UP THE ROADBLOCKS!
PREPARE TO CONVERT HIGHWAY TO RUNWAY!



YOU HAVE A TWO-MILE STRAIGHTAWAY ON THE DARKLONIA/BOROVIA HIGHWAY OF PEACE AND SOLIDARITY.

THIS RUNWAY REVERTS TO A HIGHWAY IN 4.32 MINUTES.



PUNCHING IN WAYPOINTS ON NAVIGATION CONSOLE.

RPMS AND ENGINE TEMPS ARE GOOD.



CLEAR RUNWAY FOR TAKE-OFF!



THROTTLE TO FULL AFTERBURNER, WHEEL BRAKES OFF!



VRRRRROOOOOON



KSHOOOSH

AT THE PIT.

WE HAVE A
COBRA NIGHT
RAVEN HEAT
SIGNATURE IN
QUADRANT
57A...

...LOOKS LIKE IT
JUST TOOK OFF FROM
THAT SUPPOSEDLY SECRET
AIRSTRIPE DARKLON BUILT
ON THE BOROVIAN
BORDER.

ENOUGH DATA
TO EXTRAPOLATE
FLIGHT PATH,
LADY JAYE?

IT'S LOCKING
ON A COURSE
TAKING IT OVER THE
POLE. VECTORS WITH
WASHINGTON D.C.
TOO DEAD-ON FOR
COINCIDENCE,
DUKE.

MAINFRAME,
CALL HANGAR
DECK AND HAVE
THE X-19 PREPPED
FOR TAKE-OFF.

I'M
MEETING
THE PILOT ON
THE FLIGHT
LINE.

ON THE HANGAR DECK.

MAKE THAT HIGH-PRESSURE STEAM CONNECTION SECURE, STEAMROLLER!

WHERE IS WHAT'S-HIS-NAME? HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE HERE FOR THE BRIEFING—

