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In Springfield, Granny Demon, Storm Shadow, Zartan, the New Snake-Eyes, the Collins family, Dawn Moreno, the Dreadnoks, and Senator Ling-Torres have escaped the clutches of Cobra Commander and soon part ways, with Granny and Storm Shadow promising to care for the troubled Dawn, who still holds the memories of the original Snake-Eyes in her mind.

Meanwhile, Dr. Venom, having possessed Dr. Mindbender's body, proves to a doubtful Cobra Commander and his nefarious entourage that he is truly who he claims to be, exposing Zartan's double-cross at the same time.

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And in Trucial Absymia, Leatherneck, Airborne, Long Shot, and Rock & Roll are inserted into the failed state to rescue U.S. Ambassador McCrory and his bodyguards from the besieged U.S. embassy. But the stealthy insertion quickly goes FUBAR, forcing the JOEs and the Ambassador's team to switch to Plan B. But what Plan B is exactly, nobody knows…

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IN THE FAILED STATE OF TRUCIAL ABYSMIA.
"THERE'S BEEN NO FIRE OR VISIBLE ACTIVITY FROM THE COMPOUND FOR OVER AN HOUR. DO YOU THINK THEY'RE ALL DEAD?"
"THIS IS A CLEVER STRATEGY OF LIARS AND PREVARICATORS. I'M SURE THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AND HIS RUNNING DOG MAFOOD ARE QUITE UNHARMED, COWERING IN THEIR ARMORED BUNKER, GUARDED BY THEIR CONTINGENT OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS KILLERS..."

...AKBAR IS SMARTER THAN THEM, AND CAPABLE OF SEEING THROUGH THEIR BASE DECEPTIONS.
AFTER ALL, HE DID FORGE AN ALLIANCE OF SEVEN MILITIAS WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN AT EACH OTHER'S THROATS—
IT LOOKS LIKE AKBAR IS ABOUT TO ORDER AN ATTACK!
ALI! LEAD THE ASSAULT ON THE MAIN GATE!
"HAMID! ATTACK THE REAR GATE!
"YASIR! LEAD YOUR MEN TO SCALE THE WEST WALL!"

LOOK AT THESE ELEGANT FURNISHING AND CARPETS! MAFOOD HAS GROWN WEALTHY KISSING THE BEHINDS OF THE WESTERN PIGS!
NOT SO ELEGANT NOW, EH? THIS WILL MAKE A GOOD BACKGROUND WHEN WE DRAG HIM OUT AND CHOP HIS HEAD OFF FOR THE CAMERAS!
SO MANY FALLEN BROTHERS HERE, HAMID!
WE'LL MAKE THE AMBASSADOR SCREAM IN AGONY FOR EVERY ONE!
THEY'RE NOT SHOOTING AT US, YASIR! MAYBE THEY REALLY ARE ALL DEAD?
THAT WOULD BE TOO EASY. AND THAT WOULD DEPRIVE US OF THE PLEASURE OF MAKING THEM SUFFER!
SHALL WE ORDER THE MAIN ASSAULT, AKBAR?
LET US WAIT TO SEE WHAT TRANSPIRES WITH ALI, HAMID, AND YASIR.
YOU ARE A WISE AND CAUTIOUS LEADER, AKBAR.

PERVERSION AND BLASPHEMY! THEY HAVE STRIPPED AND DESECRATED THE BODIES OF OUR FALLEN COMRADES!
DESPICABLE! HAVE THEY NO SHAME?
THIS IS AN OUTRAGE!
WHAT OTHER HEINOUS DISRESPECT HAVE THEY COMMITTED ON THE BODIES—?
PING
PING
PING

WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
IT WAS A TRAP!
OUR BROTHERS SHALL NOT GO UNAVENGED!
CHARGE!
ABDUL! COVER US WITH THE DSHK!
YES, AKBAR!
TOY