

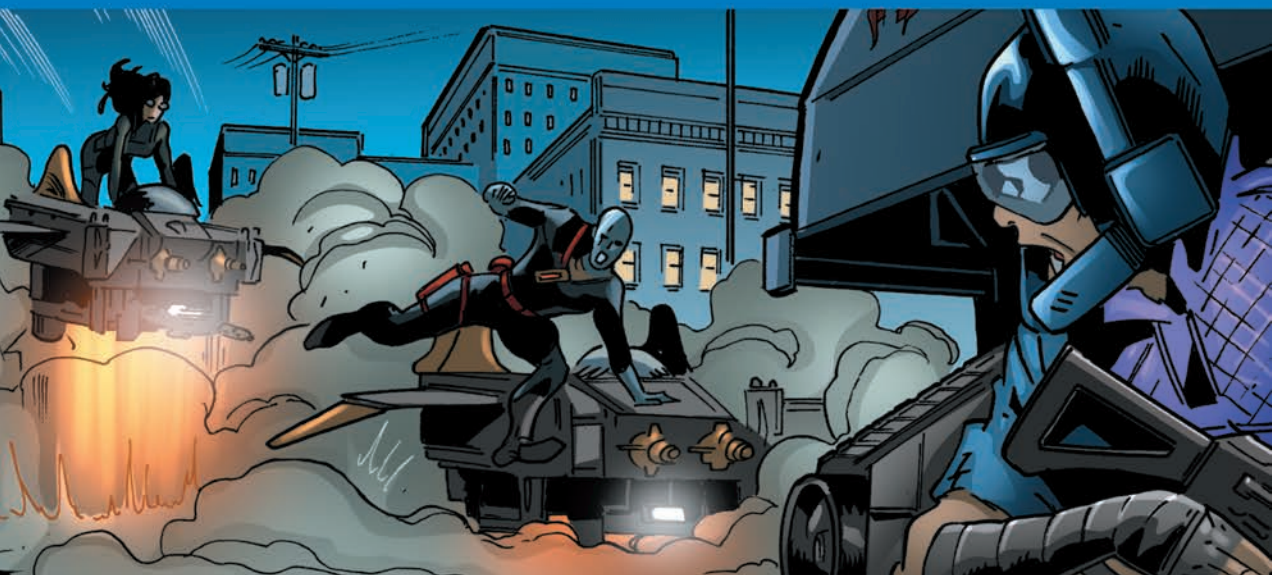
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SITREP

In Darklonia, the JOEs join Darklonian resistance fighters in a massive firefight against Blue Ninja soldiers. Sneak-Peek is badly wounded during the battle, requiring immediate evac. Despite Lady Jaye's desperate pleas to the contrary, Roadblock, Spirit, and the resistance fighter Grosz remain behind to protect the extraction's six from enemy reinforcements.

Meanwhile, Dawn continues to cleverly (and sometimes violently) evade her Cobra stalkers as she makes her way to Springfield and to those she blames for infesting her mind with Snake-Eyes' dark memories.

Little does she know, however, she hasn't so easily fooled her other pursuers, as Granny Demon, Storm Shadow, the New Snake-Eyes, and Zartan are hot on her trail. But it's Heather Collins who corners Dawn first, proposing a partnership to save Heather's parents and destroy Cobra's nefarious brainwave scanner once and for all...



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WE NEED REINFORCEMENTS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER ASAP!

WE NEED THE HEAVY HITTERS! WHOEVER IS INSIDE THERE JUST CHEWED UP TWO SQUADS OF ALLEY VIPERS, A FRAG VIPER TEAM, AND A HALF-DOZEN B.A.T.S!



WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? I WANT A SITUATION REPORT RIGHT NOW!

DESTRO! NOT MUCH HARD INTEL TO REPORT—



—ALL WE KNOW FOR CERTAIN IS THAT DR. MINDBENDER IS IN THE **BASEMENT** WITH WENDY LING-TORRES, WADE COLLINS AND HIS WIFE, AND A SMALL CONTINGENT OF VIPERS AND TECHNO-VIPERS.

THERE WAS **SUPPOSED** TO BE A BRAINWAVE SCANNER SESSION, BUT AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF UNIDENTIFIED HOSTILE OPERATORS **TOOK OVER** THE BUILDING AND REPELLED ALL ATTEMPTS TO LIBERATE IT!



WHAT ABOUT **SURVEILLANCE CAMS**?! WHAT ABOUT THE **FAIL-SAFES** AND **SECURITY MEASURES**?!



ALL THE **SURVEILLANCE CAMS** AND **SECURITY MEASURES** IN THE **COMMUNITY CENTER** HAVE BEEN **DISABLED**. **COBRA** **CENTRAL COMPUTER** HAS BEEN **PENETRATED** AND **POWER** AND **UTILITIES** FOR THE **ENTIRE TOWN** HAVE BEEN **CUT OFF**.

SIGNAL PROCESSING FOR **SECURE COMMO** IS **DOWN** AS WELL.

ALL OUR **RADIO COMMS** ARE NOW IN THE **OPEN**!

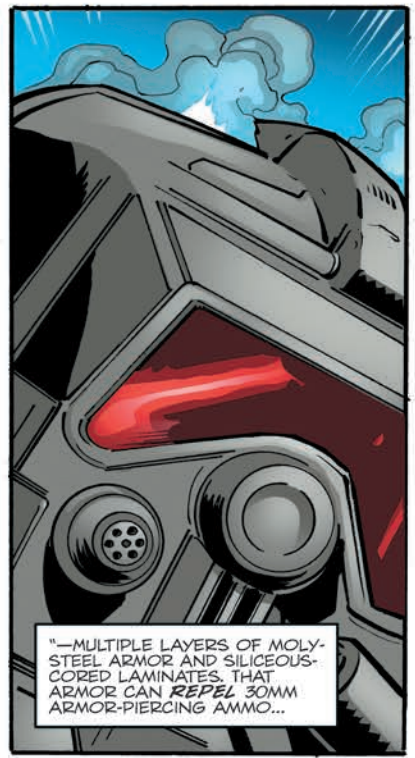


WE HAVE TO GET **EYES INSIDE** THERE BEFORE WE CAN COME UP WITH ANY SORT OF **PLAN**.

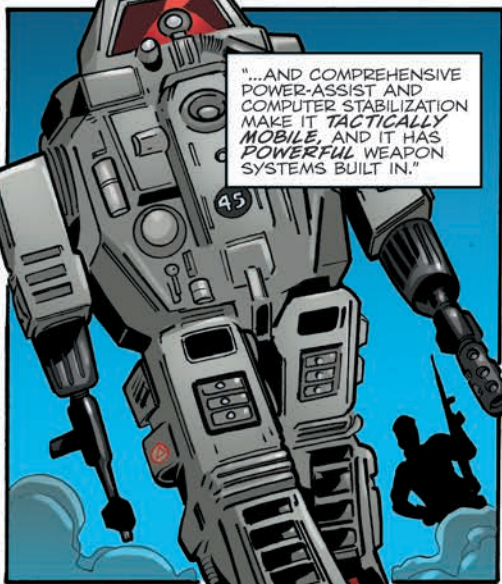


WE HAVE A VIPER VOLUNTEER SUITING UP IN *S.N.A.K.E.** ARMOR TO DO A RECON INSIDE THE BUILDING—

*SYSTEM NEUTRALIZER ARMED KLOAKING EQUIPMENT.



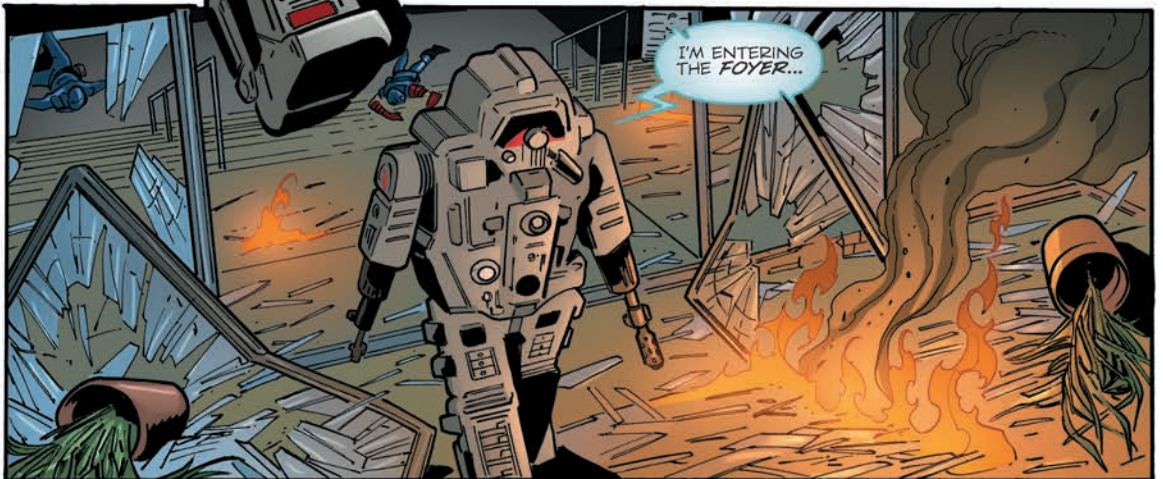
"—MULTIPLE LAYERS OF MOLY-STEEL ARMOR AND SILICEOUS-CORED LAMINATES. THAT ARMOR CAN *REPEL* 30MM ARMOR-PIERCING AMMO...



...AND COMPREHENSIVE POWER-ASSIST AND COMPUTER STABILIZATION MAKE IT *TACTICALLY MOBILE*. AND IT HAS *POWERFUL WEAPON SYSTEMS* BUILT IN."



EVEN IF IT CAN'T *OUTFIGHT* WHOEVER IS INSIDE, IT CAN SEND US BACK A *SOLID VISUAL* FROM ITS INTEGRAL CAM SET-UP.



I'M ENTERING THE *FOYER*...



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...THE CARNAGE IN HERE IS INCREDIBLE. WHAT COULD HAVE POSSIBLY DONE ALL THIS? THE ALLEY VIPERS ARE ELITE TROOPS!

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AND THE B.A.T.S WERE THE LATEST MODEL WITH ALL THE NEWEST BELLS AND WHISTLES...



THE STEEL DOOR TO THE BASEMENT STAIRS IS BLOWN CLEAR OFF THE HINGES—

—WAIT! SOMEBODY IS COMING UP THE STAIRS.



IT LOOKS LIKE—

THUNK



WHAT WAS THAT THING THAT JUST TOOK OUT AN ARMORED BATTLE SUIT?

IT WAS A PRADA BAG.

SIGNAL LOST

IN DARKLONIA.

I WOULD GLADLY GIVE MY LIFE FOR KATYA AND DARKLONIAN FREEDOM, BUT WHY ARE YOU AND SPIRIT STAYING TO FACE THE COBRA ARMORED COLUMN, ROADBLOCK?

I DON'T PLAN ON DYING, GROSZ.

NOT IN MY CARDS, EITHER.

THIS IS THE PATHETIC REAR GUARD THE REBELS LEFT BEHIND TO CONFRONT US? WE'LL JUST RUN RIGHT OVER THEM!

ARE WE READY FOR THIS? I'M POPPING A M682 ON THEM.

BLOOP

THUMP

WHA? SMOKE?!