

Krim, Dr.

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DR. KRIM. An elderly farmer in Southeast Asia encountered by the G.I. Joe team. Krim had actually been the head of the philosophy department of his country's largest university. After the country became communist, a group "liberation cadres" arose, intent on ridding their country of western exploiters. They rounded up and killed the people they considered intellectuals, including Krim's brothers, sisters, wife and children, leaving him alone. Joe team members Chuckles, Scarlett, Snake-Eyes and Iceberg were making their way down the Mekong river in a small boat, unobtrusively making their way to an extraction site after a mission. They spotted Krim on the riverbank being beaten up by local bandits and intervened. Krim let them hide in his small home to wait for their extraction chopper, but the Joes' altercation sent the bandits to their chief and revolutionary, Big Tep. Tep and his forces -- assisted by Destro's Iron Grenadiers -- were heading for Krim's farm when they ran into communist forces led by General Lom and members of the October Guard. In the fight that followed, Lom carelessly destroyed much of Krim's farm with his armored vehicles, while the Joes watched from a hiding place in Krim's home. Tep's men forced Lom to flee the area, but they took the farm over and threatened Krim to tell them where the Americans were. Despite Chuckles' fears, the old farmer refused to give up the Joes. The Joes killed Tep's men and saved Krim. Some time later, the extraction chopper arrived. Chuckles offered to bring the old man back to the States with them since he had nothing left in his country. He declined, explaining, "For better or for worse, this is my land and someday I will be a part of it." Dr. Krim's current status is unknown.

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