

T'Jbang

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T'JBANG. The code name used by U.S. Army Sergeant First Class Sam LaQuale. Born in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, T'Jbang is Storm Shadow's second cousin and learned the art of ninjitsu from his family. He learned to use a sword from the clan's master swordsman. He forged his own sword, precisely balanced for the secret technique known as "Silent Backlash". In the Army, T'Jbang became a helicopter pilot. For reasons unknown, he has taken an oath of silence. He was eventually recruited for the G.I. Joe Ninja Force by Storm Shadow. On Ninja Force's first mission, T'Jbang and his teammates Dojo and Nunchuk fought Cobra Night Creepers in Beirut while helping Destro to avoid assassins hired by Cobra Commander. Continuing their protection of Destro, the Ninja Force and other Joes traveled to the Silent Castle in Trans-Carpathia, where they fought Cobra Vipers and a group of Red Ninjas. It was the Ninja Force who discovered Firefly's connection to the Arashikage ninjas when the mercenary appeared in command of the Red Ninjas. The team later helped liberate the Cobra-controlled town of Millville from Cobra, fighting a band of Night Creepers. Shortly before the G.I. Joe team was shut down, T'Jbang and the Ninja Force opened up a martial arts training school on the site of the Soft Master's restaurant where T'Jbang's teammate, Dojo, had been trained many years before. The school was free to the underprivileged young people living in the neighborhood.

(GI 117, 118, 120-124, 126, 128-131, 135-137, 140, 141, 144, 145; GIv2 27; MA 1, 2, 4; AE 8-15; Figure: 1)