

Part 3: The Marvel Era (1)

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1982 After completing her work for the United States "Doomsday" project, scientist Dr. Adele Burkhart has a change of heart, and begins to speak out against this top secret military project.

Prior to "Operation: Lady Doomsday" (GI 1).

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Special Missions: The Enemy - Pages 14-16 "Hot Potato" (GI 1)

"Panic at the North Pole" (GI 2)

"The Trojan Gambit" (GI 3)

"Operation: Wingfield!" (GI 4)

"Thanks for the Memories" (GI 5)

"To Fail is to Conquer... To Succeed is to Die!" (GI 6)

"Walls of Death" (GI 7)

"Code Name: Sea-Strike!" (GI 8) Zanya, daughter of Zartan, is born. Zartan will have little to do with his daughter's upbringing. Devil's Due G.I. Joe convention special. Zanya is nineteen years old in 2001. 1983 "The Diplomat" (GI 9)

"A Nice Little Town Like Ours..." (GI 10)

The Pentagon decides to expand the G.I. Joe team after learning that Cobra's secret headquarters is somewhere in the United States. Wild Bill and Doc are assigned to the team -- after working with the Joes in the past -- along with Snow Job and Airborne. A member is also added from each of the armed forces: Gung-Ho (Marine Corps), Torpedo (Navy) and Ace (Air Force)

James McCullen Destro, owner of MARS -- Military Armaments Research Syndicate -- becomes Cobra's main weapons supplier. Cobra Commander also hires Destro on as a military advisor. Prior to "The Pipeline Ploy" (GI 11).

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"Three Strikes for Snake-Eyes" (GI 12)

"Last Plane from Rio Lindo" (GI 13)

"Destro Attacks" (GI 14)

"Red-Eye to Miami!" (GI 15) Cover Girl and Tripwire are assigned to the G.I. Joe team. Prior to "Night Attack!" (GI 16).

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"Loose Ends" (GI 17)

"Destro Returns!" (GI 18)

"Joe Triumphs!" (GI 19)

"Home is Where the War Is!" (GI 20) 1984

"Silent Prelude" (SE:Decl. TPB) "Silent Interlude" (GI 21)

"Silence Between Borders" (Hasbro 21B) Duke is assigned as first sergeant of the G.I. Joe team. Other new members include Roadblock, Cutter, Mutt & Junkyard, and Deep Six. Prior to their first appearances in the following issues. "Like Chimney Sweepers Come to Dust..." (GI 22)

"Cobra Commander Captured at Last!" (GI 23)

"The Commander Escapes!" (GI 24)

"Zartan!" (GI 25)

"Snake-Eyes: The Origin" (GI 26)

"Snake-Eyes: The Origin Part II" (GI 27)

"Swampfire!" (GI 28)

"Beached Whale" (GI 29)

"Darkness" (GI 30)

"All Fall Down!" (GI 31) General Austin decides to reassign most of the original members of the G.I. Joe team to administrative duties at The Pit. New members are set to replace them: Blowtorch, Lady Jaye, Recondo and Ripcord. Prior to "The Mountain!" (GI 32) and "Celebration!" (GI 33). "The Mountain!" (GI 32) 1985 "Celebration!" (GI 33)

"Shakedown!" (GI 34) In the wake of the assassination attempt against Cobra Commander, the town of Springfield is effectively "shut down" while an investigation takes place.

"Twin Brothers" (GI 37). "Drednoks on the Loose!" (GI 35)

"All the Ships at Sea!" (GI 36) Flint is added to the G.I. Joe team on the recommendation of Duke.

Footloose also joins the team. "Twin Brothers" (GI 37). "A Bad Day at the Circus" (Hasbro 36 1/2) "Twin Brothers!" (GI 37)

"Judgments" (GI 38)

"Walk Through the Jungle" (GI 39)

"Hydrofoil" (GI 40)

"Strategic Diplomacy" (GI 41)

"Ties That Bind" (GI 42)

"Crossroads" (GI 43)

"Improvisation on a Theme" (GI 44) After completing their final training mission, several new members are added to the G.I. Joe team: Bazooka, Heavy Metal, Crankcase and Airtight. Other additions include Alpine, Quick Kick, Beach Head, Wet-Suit and Sergeant Slaughter. After "Improvisation on a Theme" (GI 44); prior to the other members' first appearances in later issues. 1986

"In Search of Candy" (GI 45)

"Who's Who on Cobra Island" (GI 46)

"Sea Duel" (GI 47)

"Slaughter" (GI 48) "Best Defense" (GI 50). (Back-up SM story) More new members join the G.I. Joe team: Leatherneck, Slip-Stream, Lift-Ticket, Cross Country and Dusty. All but Cross Country and Dusty will see immediate action during the invasion of Springfield. "Serpentor" (GI 49); "Thunder Machine" (GI 51); Dusty first appears very briefly in "Triple Play" (YB 2). "Serpentor" (GI 49)

"The Battle of Springfield" (GI 50)

Special Missions: The Enemy - Pages 17 & 18 "Thunder Machine" (GI 51)

"Snap Decisions" (GI 52) "Triple Play" (YB 2) G.I. JOE and the Transformers #1-4

"That Sinking Feeling" (SM 1) "Pit-Fall" (GI 53)

The G.I. Joe team is taken off suspension. Low-Light, Dial-Tone, Lifeline and Mainframe become the team's newest members. Prior to their first appearances in the following issues. "Words of Honor" (SM 2) "Launch Base" (GI 54)

"Unmaskings" (GI 55)

Special Missions: The Enemy - Page 19 Serpentor hires Major Bludd to pose as Destro and infiltrate his castle in order to take back Destro's copy of the Terror-Drome plans. (At the time, Serpentor believes Destro is dead.) Some time prior to "Strange Bedfellows" (GI 57), but after Destro's presumed death in "Pit-Fall" (GI 53). "Jungle Moves" (GI 56)

Special Missions: The Enemy - Page 19 "Hush Job" (YB 3)

"My Dinner with Serpentor" (YB 3) 1987

The prime minister of Frusenland purchases several Terror-Dromes from Cobra, though his nation has little use for the launch bases. "Cold Snap" (GI 67). Outback and Tunnel Rat are assigned to the G.I. Joe team. Prior to their first appearances in the following issues. "Strange Bedfellows" (GI 57) Spy satellites detect what appears to be the infrared signature of a Cobra Terror-Drome hidden in an oil storage tank in the middle east. The G.I. Joe team sends Dusty and Mainframe to investigate. Shortly before "Desperate Moves" (GI 58) "Desperate Moves" (GI 58) "Burn-Out" (SM 3)

"No Holds Barred" (SM 4) "Divergent Paths" (GI 59) "Showdown!" (SM 5) Flint, Lady Jaye, Snake-Eyes and Scarlett plan to take a vacation together. Flint chooses Grenada as their destination. Some time prior to issue #61, since the trip is apparently planned before Stalker and the others travel to Borovia. "Cross Purposes" (GI 60)

"Beginnings...and Endings" (GI 61)

"Evasion" (SM 6) Snake-Eyes and Scarlett formulate a plan to rescue Stalker, Quick Kick and Snow Job from the Borovian gulag. They contact the Blind Master who will meet them in Grenada while the pair vacation with Flint and Lady Jaye. "Transit" (GI 62) and "Going Under" (GI 63). Shortly after Stalker and the others are arrested. Back Stop, Chuckles, Falcon, Fast Draw, Frostbite, Hard Top, Iceberg, Law & Order, Payload, Psyche-Out and Sci-Fi are assigned to the G.I. Joe team. Prior to their first appearances in the following issues. "Transit" (GI 62)

"Going Under" (GI 63) After faking their deaths in Grenada, Scarlett, Snake-Eyes and the Blind Master board a ship and eventually will make their way to Marseilles, France. Between G.I. JOE #63 and #64. "The Old Switcheroo" (SM 7) After failing to stop terrorists attacking the Cobra Consulate, the Baroness is removed as commander of the facility by Serpentor. She is replaced by Zarana. Between Special Missions #7 and G.I. JOE #64. "Manuevering for Position" (GI 64)

"Shuttle Complex" (GI 65) Newly-elected Prime Minister Volff begins his term in Frusenland. He puts a stop to his predecessor's dealings with Cobra.

Some time before G.I. JOE #67. "Ambush" (SM 8) "The Tenth Letter" (GI 66)

"Cold Snap" (GI 67) "Plausible Denial" (SM 9) "Cut and Freeze Dried" (GI 68) "Trade-Offs" (YB 4)