

Big Boa

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BIG BOA. The man known as Big Boa comes from a long line of prizefighters. His father was an Army boxing champion and when he came back from Vietnam, he introduced his four-year-old son to the boxing ring. By age sixteen, Big Boa was on his way to a successful boxing career, but began staging illegal bare-knuckle "tough man" competitions. Hoping to force his son to straighten out his life, Big Boa's father sent him to military school, but he only became the school bully and was thrown out for everything from insubordination to fighting. He began his illegal competitions once again and traveled to stage them in various towns. Big Boa eventually made his way to Cobra, becoming a trainer for the organization's troops. His loyalty to Cobra Commander has led to the theory that he owes some debt to him. He worked mostly in the background for years before Cobra was scattered in the 1990s. When the Commander rebuilt his organization in 2001, Big Boa returned to train the new troops. While in Cobra's town of Delhi Hills, Big Boa fought a group of Joes who were trying to escape custody. He fought the Joe named Bazooka with his bare hands, but was beaten and the Joes escaped. He was later involved in Cobra's battle against Serpentor's forces on Cobra Island. Some time later, Big Boa had been working with Cobra in Brazil when a team of Joes discovered he had been killed by an unknown assassin. It was later revealed that he was one of several Cobra and G.I. Joe members murdered by the Red Shadows.

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