

## Buzzer

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BUZZER. Not much about Buzzer's past is certain, but he is rumored to have once been Richard Blinken-Smythe (aka Dick Blinken), a sociologist from Cambridge, England who went to Australia to study biker gangs and never came back. It is believed he ended up joining a gang and eventually joined the Dreadnoks. Buzzer's high opinion of himself and his own intelligence often got him into trouble. His weapon of choice is a diamond-toothed chainsaw that can tear through almost anything. He was one of the three Dreadnoks who traveled to the United States with Zartan, who began working for Cobra. For a time he was the informal leader of the Dreadnoks. After stealing Zartan's motorcycle and joyriding with Ripper and Torch, Buzzer was captured by the Joes. After a long stay at Joe headquarters, Buzzer was taken from the Pit by a military police bus, along with another prisoner named Candy. Candy had been Ripcord's girlfriend and was now a suspected Cobra agent due to her father's involvement in Cobra. Buzzer took an immediate liking to the young woman, but she was disgusted by him. Buzzer managed to get control of the bus and nearly killed the guard and driver. He took off, with Candy still on board the bus. She was terrified and upset that she'd now appear to be working with Buzzer to escape. Buzzer stole a pick-up truck and forced Candy to go along with him. Eventually, Candy found a shotgun in the pickup truck and forced Buzzer out of the truck at gunpoint. Buzzer pleaded for his life by the side of the road, but was surprised that Candy just drove off, leaving him there. Buzzer walked the rest of the way to Springfield, where he was soon involved in the murder of the Hard Master, and the incidental death of Candy. Buzzer eventually lost the role of unofficial Dreadnok leader to Zartan's sister, Zarana.

After working with Cobra for years, the Dreadnoks were reorganized into a national biker gang led by Zartan. In 2001, they began working again with Cobra and renewed their fight against the G.I. Joe team. After a battle in the streets of Washington against the Joes and an new, advanced BAT, Buzzer and many of the original Dreadnoks were arrested and held in Blackwater Prison. They were eventually freed due to the legal machinations of Tomax and Xamot and went on to join in the battle against the forces of a revived Serpentor on Cobra Island. They later freed Zartan from a military facility where he was being held prisoner. Over a year later, he and others fought Duke and General Rey when they came looking for information about Rey's past from Zandar.

(for more information about Buzzer, see Dreadnoks)

(GI 25, 28, 30, 32, 33, 35, 40, 42, 43, 47-52, 54, 55, 60, 73-77, 79, 81, 89-91, 93, 98, 99, 145; YB 3; SM 21; OB 3; Glv2 2, 3, 6, 11-13, 27, 31, 38; BF 2; FL 1, 2, 10; AE 5, 6, 19, 10; Figures: 1, 2, 3, 4)