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Editor: Andy Schmidt Summary: In the Pit's experimental weapons laboratory designated Sector Nine (better know as "The Fobbit Hole"), a team led by the Joe researcher name Brainstorm tests out the cannon-like Broadcast Energy Teleporter (BET). The device successfully provides wireless power to a nearby stereo, and can do the same over great distances. General Hawk, observing, doesn't seem as thrilled by the success as Brainstorm's team. They are interrupted by Dusty, asking for help analyzing the mysterious machine taken from a sunken freighter.

In Manila, in the Phillipines, Stalker, Leatherneck and Recondo are tracking down Nico Mandirobilis, the owner of the freighter. The Joes take off after the man in a car driven by a local named Nestor as Nico runs into an alley. Their car swerves out of control after a figure in black cuts a clothesline with a sword and drops laundry onto their windshield. After Nico escapes, Stalker sees Snake-Eyes running off over the rooftops. At the Pit, an upset Duke asks Scarlett why Stalker's team was sent after Nico instead of Duke's. He then questions her use of intelligence brought to her from an AWOL Snake-Eyes. She offers no explanations and heads to a lab where Doc is analyzing the strange weapon and powder sent to her by Snake-Eyes. The weapons is made of ceramics and plastic instead of metal and fires needles of compressed air. The powder contains elements found in the human body, and both it and the gun are disintegrating, coming apart on a molecular level.

Back at the Pit, Brainstorm and Dusty's team continue analyzing the cube-shaped machine. The entire time, they are being watched on a bank of monitors by technicians at a castle in Scotland -- Glynis and Rory -- and their boss, who they call "M'laird". He recognizes Brainstorm as the a presumed dead physics professor. He was hoping to pay back the American agency that spoiled his Istanbul deal, but now sees they've found something more important. Meanwhile, a woman in Scuba gear infiltrates the castle from the water below. She removes her wetsuit, revealing she's the Baroness, and walks on with a gun in her hand.

Meanwhile, Brainstorm and Dusty's team can't find a way to open the machine and decide to call it a night and attack the problem fresh in the morning. After they leave, the box opens up, revealing two insect-like robots. In Scotland, it's discovered that the machine's GPS signal is being blocked but is somewhere underground, but the technicians can still remotely control the robots. In the Pit, the Joe named Bankshot and his roommate Sparks try to choose a DVD to watch. When Bankshot leaves to borrow a movie from Wild Bill, he comes face to face with one of the robots, which opens fire and kills him. Other Joes rush from their quarters to see what's happened.

Back in Scotland, the laird of the castle is trying to boost their satellite signal saying that failure is not an option. He's interrupted by the Baroness, pointing a gun at him. "Fear you're all out of options, Laird James McCullen. Or do you prefer -- Destro?"

First appearances:

- G.I. Joe team: Brainstorm (Ward Michaelmas); Doc; Bankshot; Sparks; Wild Bill (mentioned); Flint ?; Cover Girl ?
- Other characters: Destro; Baroness (unnamed); Glynis; Rory
- Geography: Castle Destro (unnamed); Sector Nine/The Fobbit Hole

Alternate covers: This cover by Adam Hughes was originally intended for an issue of Devil Due Publishing's America's Elite, but was rejected by Hasbro.