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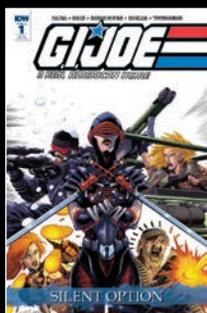
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I'M RETIRED SPECIAL FORCES, AND CAROL WAS AN MMA FINALIST, SO WE THOUGHT WE HAD WHAT IT TOOK TO FOSTER A KID WITH SPECIAL NEEDS...



...BUT, WE DIDN'T RECKON ON HOW SPECIAL HER NEEDS WERE. WE NEVER REALLY CONNECTED WITH HER. THERE WAS ALWAYS A WALL UP.

BOB AND I UNDERSTOOD. THOUGH, WE DIDN'T TAKE IT PERSONALLY. WE STILL CARED FOR HER DEEPLY. HER PAST...

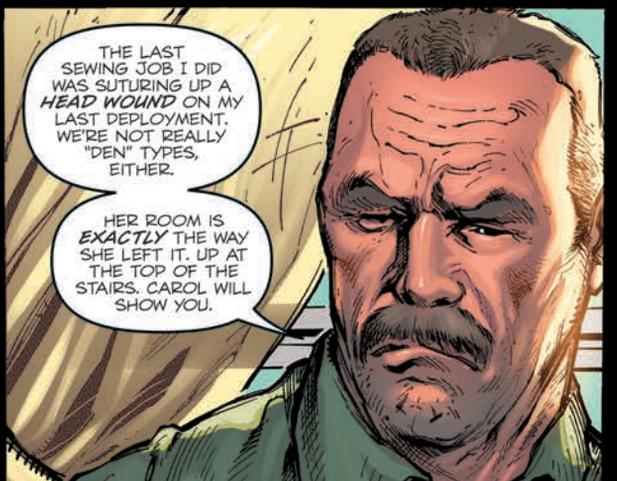
WE'VE BEEN ASSIGNED TO FIND HER, AND TO DO THAT, WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND HER. GET INTO HER HEAD.

I DON'T THINK ANYBODY CAN DO THAT. SHE'S— SHE'S...



WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR DAWN AND ME TO SEE HER OLD ROOM?

YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED IT INTO A SEWING ROOM OR DEN, HAVE YOU?



THE LAST SEWING JOB I DID WAS SUTURING UP A HEAD WOUND ON MY LAST DEPLOYMENT. WE'RE NOT REALLY "DEN" TYPES, EITHER.

HER ROOM IS EXACTLY THE WAY SHE LEFT IT. UP AT THE TOP OF THE STAIRS. CAROL WILL SHOW YOU.



WOW, THIS IS AMAZINGLY **NEAT**. IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THE ROOM OF ANY TEENAGED GIRL I EVER KNEW. IT LOOKS LIKE A DISPLAY IN A MODEL HOME.

WHAT DO WE HOPE TO LEARN FROM THIS ANYWAY, **BOMBSTRIKE**? SHE MOVED OUT **FOUR YEARS** AGO.

I'LL LEAVE YOU TO YOUR WORK. THERE'S TOO MUCH **EMOTIONAL BAGGAGE** HERE FOR ME TO DEAL WITH.



SHE'S **COMPULSIVELY NEAT**. SHE LIKES ORDER. SHE IS PROBABLY A RECORD KEEPER. WHERE ARE THE **ARTIFACTS** OF HER OBSESSIONS?

PEOPLE LIKE HER USUALLY **COLLECT** THINGS, OR DO SOMETHING TO **MANIFEST** THEIR ACUTE SENSE OF ORDER.



SHE SURE DID **READ** A LOT.

SHE'S GOT ALL OF JOHN KEEGAN'S MILITARY HISTORIES, THUCYDIDES, SUN TZU, MUSASHI, CLAUSEWITZ, FMS, TMS, **SMALL ARMS OF THE WORLD**, AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR MANUALS, ADVANCED TEXTS ON CODING—

—WHAT WAS SHE GETTING **READY** FOR?



SHE HAD ALL SORTS OF STUFF FOR **HANGING** THINGS UP—

—BUT WHERE IS ALL THE **STUFF** SHE HUNG UP?



I THINK THE **BOOKCASE** OPENS UP...



GIVE ME A HAND AND LET'S GET IT OPEN...



IT'S A GALLERY OF MISSING KIDS!

HELIX WAS PRETTY OBSESSED, HUH?

THERE'S NAMES, DATES, AND NOTES ATTACHED TO EACH PHOTO.

THESE MUST BE GIRLS WHO WERE TRAFFICKED, JUST LIKE HER!

WANTED

FOUND DEAD

WANTED

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A LOT OF THE NOTES REFER TO TRUCIAL ABYSMIA...

THAT'S WHERE HER STORY BEGAN.

AND THAT'S WHERE SHE MIGHT HAVE GONE TO PICK UP OLD TRAILS.



ALPINE? PACK YOUR CIVVIES AND A "DIPLOMATIC" PASSPORT.

I'M SENDING YOU AND DAWN TO TRUCIAL ABYSMIA.

THE NEXT DAY, IN TRUCIAL ABYSMIA.

I GUESS I'M NOT GOING TO SEE ANY CAMELS, GOAT CARTS, OR SOUKS, HUH?

AVERAGE PER-CAPITA INCOME HERE IS HIGHER THAN BEVERLY HILLS.

OIL MONEY.

HAWK DID A TRACE ON ALL OF HELIX'S ALTERNATE IDS AND PASSPORTS. SHE'S BEEN REGISTERED AT THE ROYAL ARMS HOTEL FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS AS A THEA ELLIS LAWRENCE.

YOU'RE NOW HER BEREAVED SISTER ALICE, COME TO COLLECT THEA'S BELONGINGS AS HER NEXT OF KIN.

THE STORY IS, SHE GOT FOOD POISONING IN BENZHEEN...

"...AND I'M THE FAMILY LAWYER."

HOTEL

SERVICE ENTRANCE IS AROUND THE BACK—

WE'RE GUESTS.

HELLO—WE CALLED EARLIER. I'M THEA LAWRENCE'S SISTER, AND I'VE COME TO—

OH, VERY WELL. IT'S PENTHOUSE SUITE A.

ONE SHOULD NEVER SULLY ONE'S PALATE WITH FILTHY BENZHEENI FOOD.



THE
PENTHOUSE,
HUH? I'M
IMPRESSED!

HELIX APPARENTLY
FINANCED THIS ROGUE
EXPEDITION OF HERS BY
HACKING THE OFFSHORE
BANK ACCOUNTS OF
MAJOR TRAFFICKERS.

ANOTHER
REASON WHY THEY
ARE ALL **BEAUCOUP**
HONKED-OFF
AT HER.

TWO OF THEM,
CLAIMING TO BE THE
SISTER AND THE LAWYER
JUST SHOWED UP, AND
THEY ARE HEADING
UPSTAIRS TO THE
PENTHOUSE...



DAG, THAT
GIRL BELIEVED
IN LIVING
LARGE.

THIS MUST
COST **MORE** PER
DAY THAN ANY OF
US MAKES IN
A YEAR!



NOTICE
ANYTHING
DIFFERENT
ABOUT THIS WALL
OF PHOTOS?

HELIX DIDN'T
COME HERE
TO **LOOK** FOR
THE GIRLS...

MOSTLY PICS
OF SKEEVY,
EVIL-LOOKING
MEN.