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G.I. JOE DOSSIERS

- **Duke:** Conrad S. Hauser was born in St. Louis, Missouri and is a skilled polyglot, being fluent in English, French and German, as well as sign language. He was at the top of his class at Fort Benning, has undergone Special Forces training, and worked with Pashtun tribesmen during the Afghanistan War. He was also an instructor in four different Special Forces schools, earning multiple awards and being regarded as one of the most decorated soldiers in the entire U.S. Army. Duke was regarded as a national hero and a true patriot amongst his peers and superiors in the military. A role model that everyone else in the military aspires to. Yet despite his accomplishments, Duke has repeatedly turned down any officer commissions higher than a field sergeant offered to him. The highest promotion he has ever accepted was First Sergeant (E8). He believes a leader's place is in the trenches with his troops, not behind the battle lines. But he is respectful about this philosophy when around General Hawk, who is well aware of Duke's stance on hands-on leadership. In fact, Duke has nothing but the highest respect for Hawk, as is shown by his trust and reliance on the seasoned general. Duke is the field commander and second-in-command of the G.I. Joe branch after Hawk. In which he was forced to finally accept a higher station than sergeant in order to fulfill his duty as the structured and level-headed leader G.I. Joe was in need of. So he reluctantly followed in Hawk's footsteps as the next Colonel of the Joes. In this role, Duke has served as a rugged leader by example, a precise giver of orders, a source of history and knowledge, and a fair settler of disputes. As the team has fluctuated in size and structure over the years, Duke has supervised the training of the G.I. Joe Greenshirts, as well as leading special units.
- **Scarlett:** Shana M. O'Hara was born in Atlanta, Georgia. Her primary specialty for G.I. Joe is counterintelligence. Scarlett is additionally skilled in martial arts and acrobatics. She started training at the age of 9 with her father and three brothers, who were all martial arts instructors, and she earned her first black belt at age 15. Scarlett also passed her Bar Exams to practice law, before moving into the military. She graduated from Advanced Infantry Training and Ranger School, and received special education in Covert Ops School, Marine Sniper School, Special Air Service School, and Marine Tae Kwon Do Symposium.
- **Snake Eyes:** Snake Eyes' real name, place of birth and service number are all classified. All that is known for certain is that Snake Eyes holds the rank of Sergeant First Class (E-7). His primary specialty is infantry, and his secondary specialty is hand-to-hand combat. Snake Eyes was trained at the MACV Recondo School (Nha Trang), and served in LRS (Long Range Surveillance) in Afghanistan, eventually leaving the service to study martial arts with the Foot Clan. He has undergone drill sergeant training, and is a former U.S. Army Special Forces and Delta Force operator. While in Special Forces, he served alongside Tommy Arashikage and Duke. On a particular mission, a heavy firefight with the Taliban resulted in the deaths of many of his teammates. When a helicopter arrived to pick up the surviving team members, the pursuing Taliban opened fire, severely injuring Snake Eyes. Despite a direct order from Duke to leave him, Tommy went back

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for Snake Eyes, and was able to get his comrade safely aboard the helicopter. On the way back to base, their helicopter is hit with a rocket launcher and crashes in the desert. Duke is trapped in the burning helicopter and Snake Eyes stays behind to save him, but a window explodes in his face, scarring him and damaging his vocal cords. Despite his injuries, Snake Eyes survives and undergoes extensive plastic surgery to heal his face, but his left eyelid is completely gone, and several gruesome scars remain. Snake Eyes is then honorably discharged and flown back to the U.S. Upon returning home, Snake Eyes met with Hawk (Colonel at the time), who informed him that his parents and twin sister had been killed in a car accident on their way to pick up Snake Eyes from the airport. Drowning in a mixture of grief and alcohol, and having no foreseeable purpose in life anymore, Snake Eyes found himself meeting Cobra Commander, who was a con man at the time operating under the name Ironblood. He tracked down Snake Eyes at a bar and saved him from an oncoming truck, earning the ninja's friendship. Snake Eyes and Ironblood traveled from state to state, acting as vigilantes, which is when Snake Eyes assumed his new name and took up his future callsign. One night, Ironblood took Snake Eyes to the house of a corrupt judge. The judge had convicted Ironblood's older brother Dan of arson and insurance fraud, resulting in the ruin of Dan's life, causing his downward spiral into alcoholism, and ultimately the car accident that claimed both Dan's life and the lives of Snake Eyes' family. Snake Eyes agreed to accompany Ironblood, but at the last minute refused to go along with the plan. Ironblood then killed the judge and swore revenge against Snake Eyes, later on assuming the mantle of Cobra Commander. Continuing his life of vigilantism, Snake Eyes accepted an offer to study the ninja arts with Tommy and his family after Tommy had reached out to his old friend. Snake Eyes and Tommy (who adopted the name Storm Shadow) learned the way of Ninjitsu together and over time, they became sword brothers, and unintentional rivals for the favor of the Hard Master, the current leader of the Foot Clan. During one of Snake Eyes' training sessions, the Hard Master expressed his desire for Snake Eyes to take over the Foot instead of his nephew Tommy. Snake Eyes refused, but then Zartan – hired by Cobra Commander – mistakenly killed the Hard Master instead of Snake Eyes, using an arrow he stole from Storm Shadow. With Storm Shadow being framed as responsible for the death of the Hard Master, the Foot Clan split, and the defectors formed the Arashikage Clan under the leadership of Storm Shadow. Snake Eyes was living a life of strict self-denial and seclusion in a cabin in the High Sierras with a pet wolf named Timber, when he was recruited by Duke and Hawk for the G.I. Joe Team. He is a black belt in 12 different fighting systems (including Ninjitsu) and is also highly skilled in the use of edged weapons, especially in katana and trench knives, but is equally qualified with and willing to use firearms and explosives. Snake Eyes is quiet in his movements, and rarely relies on one set of weapons to the exclusion of others.

- **Flint:** Dashiell R. Faireborn was born in Wichita, Kansas and holds the rank of Chief Warrant Officer Four (CW-3). With a degree in English literature, Flint graduated with top honors from Airborne School, Ranger School, Special Forces School and Flight Warrant Officers School. As a master tactician, he also oversaw several strategically important rescue missions. Because of his credentials, Duke brought him into the G.I.

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Joe team. Flint earned a reputation as an uptight by-the-book stickler, but Flint's skills usually back up his annoying overreliance on protocol. This initially brought him into conflict with the rest of the team, especially with teammate Lady Jaye, and the two fought an attraction for one another for years. But they eventually gave in and expressed their feelings for each other. The two shared a tenuous relationship until G.I. Joe was disbanded, at which time Flint and Lady Jaye married and went into semi-retirement. The marriage seems to have had a positive effect on Flint, as he seems to have mellowed out a great deal. Just as Flint is starting to write a book on his experiences in G.I. Joe, he is called back into action. When the team was reinstated, Flint chose to accept a position as the team's primary tactical planner rather than return as a field commander.

- **Leatherneck:** Wendell A. Metzger, and his rank is that of gunnery sergeant, USMC (E-7). Leatherneck was born in Stromsburg, Nebraska. Leatherneck's primary military specialty is infantry, and his secondary military specialty is drill instructor. Before joining the G.I. Joe Team, Leatherneck was a corporal in Gitmo, a drill instructor on Parris Island, and a gunny at Camp Lejeune. He earned a reputation for toughness in all of these places, and while he may not come off as likable, he has proven himself trustworthy. As a drill instructor, Leatherneck assumes the role of an enemy when training cadets, turning himself into an insurmountable obstacle. He brings that same antagonism to the Joes, where it causes a lot of unnecessary tension and conflict amongst the team. Leatherneck is proof that you don't need to like your fellow soldiers, in order to fight beside them. Leatherneck is ill-tempered, obnoxious, and holds irrational grudges against those who don't fit his definition of "worthy". The only teammate he seems to connect with is Scarlett, and according to rumor, the two can't stand each other. Their rivalry stems from sexism within the military, but their constant bickering conceals a shared respect.
- **Mutt:** Stanley R. Perlmutter is a native of Iselin, New Jersey, and holds the rank of army specialist SP- 4 (E-4). His primary military specialty is dog handler and his secondary military specialty is infantry. Mutt's service record includes graduation from Jungle Warfare Training School, attachment to a cadre to the Special Ops School and a role as adviser to the Security and Enforcement Committee. Mutt is characterized as a natural with animals and as having had several pet dogs in his youth, which he trained exceptionally well. The smartest of these was Junkyard, who accompanied Mutt into the army. It is suggested that Junkyard is more popular than his master, since he is friendlier than Mutt. Due to being neglected by his parents, Mutt found the company of animals able to fill the void that was left from an unloving family. Following the retirement from the service of the initial Junkyard, his offspring Junkyard Junior/JJ – who is as loyal, smart, and well-trained as his sire – is now Mutt's partner. Mutt later becomes a member of the Rawhides as the senior officer due to his experience.
- **Roadblock:** Marvin F. Hinton was born in Biloxi, Mississippi. Roadblock grew up with a large extended family, but was shy despite being a Boy Scout and singing in the church choir. Before he enlisted in the US Army, Roadblock wanted to be a gourmet chef, and was working as a bouncer to earn enough money to attend Escoffier School in France.

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An army recruiter convinced him that he could learn to be a chef in the Army. After enlisting, Roadblock found Army food appalling, and transferred to infantry where he excelled at using heavy weapons due to his strength. Roadblock is one of the biggest and strongest members of G.I. Joe, able to carry a fully loaded M2 Browning machine gun as a personal weapon, which can weigh up to 134 lbs, which usually requires a dedicated squad to transport and operate. Despite working in infantry, he still maintains his passion for making good food, and indulges in it while engaging in his secondary duty. His primary function on the team is to act as a heavy machine gunner and his secondary function is as a cook. Roadblock's cousin Lamont also joined the Army and to each of their surprise, became a member of G.I. Joe when Lamont was recruited to be the branch's armorer and weapons specialist under the codename "Heavy Duty". When G.I. Joe temporarily disbanded, Roadblock finally took the opportunity to become a gourmet chef. He wrote several cookbooks that became best-sellers, endorsed a line of cooking products under his name, and briefly hosted his own television cooking show. But when the team was reinstated, he happily hung up his chef's hat and rejoined them once again.

- **Spirit:** Charlie Iron-Knife was born to a poor Native American family in the Taos Pueblo Reservation in Taos, New Mexico. Because of this busy city life within the Reservation, Spirit lost touch with his Native American heritage, but still found himself being held to traditional Native American stereotypes such as when the military automatically assigned him as a tracker based on his ethnicity. Throughout high school, Spirit was a hunting guide and served in Afghanistan as a sniper after joining the military's LRS (Long Range Surveillance) unit. He returned to civilian life to complete his education and then inexplicably returned to service when he was recruited by General Hawk to replace Shooter's role as the sniper and later tracker in the G.I. Joe team. Spirit wields a Remington sniper rifle, a military-grade bow and arrow, and a kukri knife. Spirit's gear, as well as his long hair and green bandana, have earned him the nickname "Rambo" amongst the rest of the Joes.
- **Bazooka:** David L. Katzenbogen was born in Hibbing, Minnesota and served as a tank driver within an armored division during the Afghanistan War. After seeing how an illiterate farmer enlisted by terrorists could disable and destroy a war vehicle as dangerous as a tank with a simple RPG, Katzenbogen put in for a transfer immediately. Bazooka trained at the Advanced Infantry School, Fort Benning, Armor School, and Fort Knox, becoming qualified and trained in all manner of RPG and anti-tank weaponry. Being a man of few words and possessing a simple and straightforward style of combat often paints Bazooka as a trigger-happy jarhead. But those who know Bazooka understand that this persona betrays the man's true worth. While it is true that academics have never been Bazooka's strength, he is far from stupid. Rather, he is quite cunning when it comes to street smarts and clever resourcefulness on the battlefield. His quiet creativity combined with his brute strength and raw firepower makes him the ideal heavy hitter everyone wants on their team. When he's not busy, he likes to engage in his passion for fishing.

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COBRA DOSSIERS

- **Cobra Commander:**
- **Destro:** Born in Callander, Scotland, Destro's full name is James McCullen Destro XXIV, and he is Laird of Castle Destro in the Scottish Highlands. The Destro clan has designed and sold weapons for centuries, and Destro is the faceless power behind their current incarnation – M.A.R.S. (Military Armament Research Syndicate), a state-of-the-art weapons manufacturer and one of the largest multinational corporations in the world. Artyom Darklon, a relative of Destro's, serves as Destro's puppet by being the public face of M.A.R.S. As far as most people are concerned, Darklon is the CEO of M.A.R.S., which suits Destro, since on paper he still retains full ownership of the business through his true identity as James McCullen. None know of Destro's true alias. All of M.A.R.S.' black market contacts know Destro as the representative seller and arms dealer for M.A.R.S., working under the employ of Darklon. When the truth couldn't be any more different. As a businessman, Destro is cutthroat and unyielding and is able to maintain apartments or office buildings in most major cities of the world. Destro was an early investor in Macau and has other potentially lucrative speculative real estate holdings in developing areas of the world. War is his business and passion; Destro believes in the spoils of war and the vast wealth M.A.R.S. provides. He hires his own private army of mercenaries known as Iron Grenadiers to stir up conflict in dangerous regions, then provide high-tech arms to any side able to meet his price. Continuing a tradition started by the first Destro, he will even sell to both sides of the same war. It is M.A.R.S. that designed the H.I.S.S. (High Speed Sentry) tank, the F.A.N.G. helicopter, the C.L.A.W. jetpack glider, the S.N.A.K.E. drones, and their more advanced successors, the B.A.T.s (Battle Android Troopers). In the modern age, M.A.R.S. is experiencing a challenge when it comes to finding the right energy source for their increasingly advanced weapons. Finding the proper fuel that is strong yet also stable enough to power their high-tech arms has become a concerning issue that could potentially risk sales for M.A.R.S. Destro's key characteristics are his sense of honor, a calm demeanor, and love for Cobra's second-in-command, the Baroness. He wears a mask forged from beryllium steel, a tradition dating back to the Wars of the Three Kingdoms, when an ancestor of his was caught by Cromwell's men in the act of selling weapons to both sides. Forced to wear a steel mask for his crimes (neither side wanted to execute the ancestor because they still wanted the weapons he sold), the Destro clan has since turned the metal mask into a symbol of pride, passing it down from father to son for over 20 generations. He also wears a chain necklace bearing his family crest, an ancient Scottish emblem symbolizing absolute power.
- **Baroness:** The spoiled offspring of European aristocrats, Anastasia Cisarovna was first involved in student radicalism, dabbled in extremist fringe groups, and finally graduated to international terrorism. She is believed to have been trained as a spy and saboteur at an exclusive facility run by a former Soviet intelligence agency. Officially the head of Cobra intelligence operations, the Baroness is a world-class expert in cryptography, psychological warfare, and bio-chemical skin-irritants. She also has old ties and loyalties to Destro and is the only one who knows his secret identity.

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- **Tomax and Xamot:**
- **Major Bludd:**
- **Storm Shadow:**
- **Zartan:**
- **Dr. Mindbender:**
- **Copperhead:**
- **Scrap-Iron:**