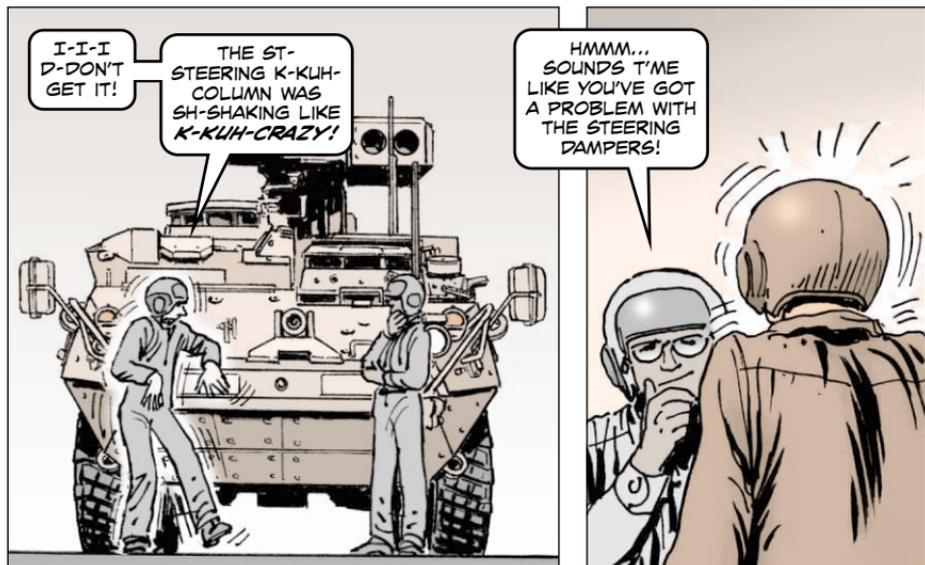


Spare the Rod, Spoil the Steering



Drivers, your Stryker is strong and rugged. But even it has a few soft spots.

Take the steering dampers, for example. The dampers are like mini shock absorbers that act as a stabilizer for the steering system. Without 'em, the steering column can shake enough to loosen your fillings.

Since the rod on each damper is only about 1/4-in thick, rough terrain, rocks, and heavy brush can take a toll. So you need to crawl under your Stryker to visually inspect them. Look for a bent or broken rod or evidence of oil on the rod that could indicate a leaking wiper seal. Report any problems to your mechanic.

