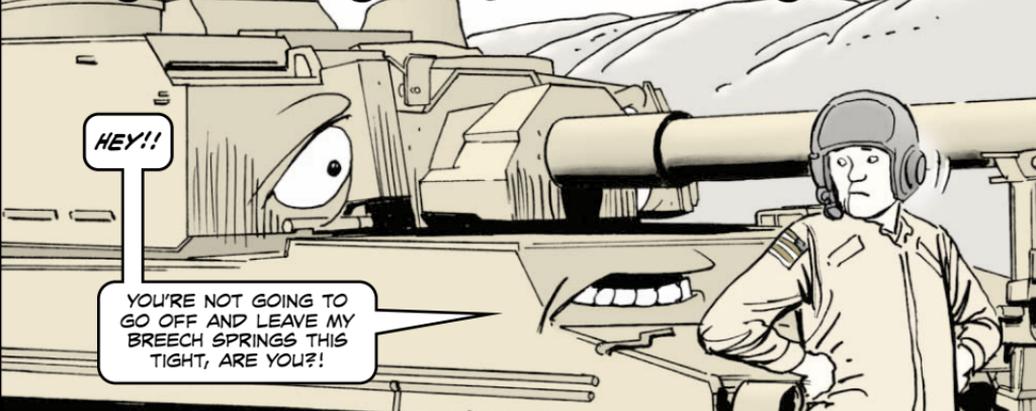


# Sprung Springs Are a Spoiler



The breechblock on your Paladin is no lightweight, crewmen. That's why it's important to have good closing springs to help you swing it shut. Once those springs wear out, you've got a much tougher job closing the breechblock.

A lot of crewmen keep the springs under full tension. That lets the breechblock close firmly, but the constant pressure wears on the springs and leads to early failure. It can also close with enough force to damage the breechblock detent plunger and stop surface.

Your best bet is to apply only enough pre-load tension to the springs to securely close the breechblock at the loading elevation (less than 300 mils). Most times, that means adjusting the springs to half-tension.

Just push in the plunger and rotate the spring adjuster clockwise to release the tension. If the breechblock won't close at loading elevation, return the springs to full tension.

