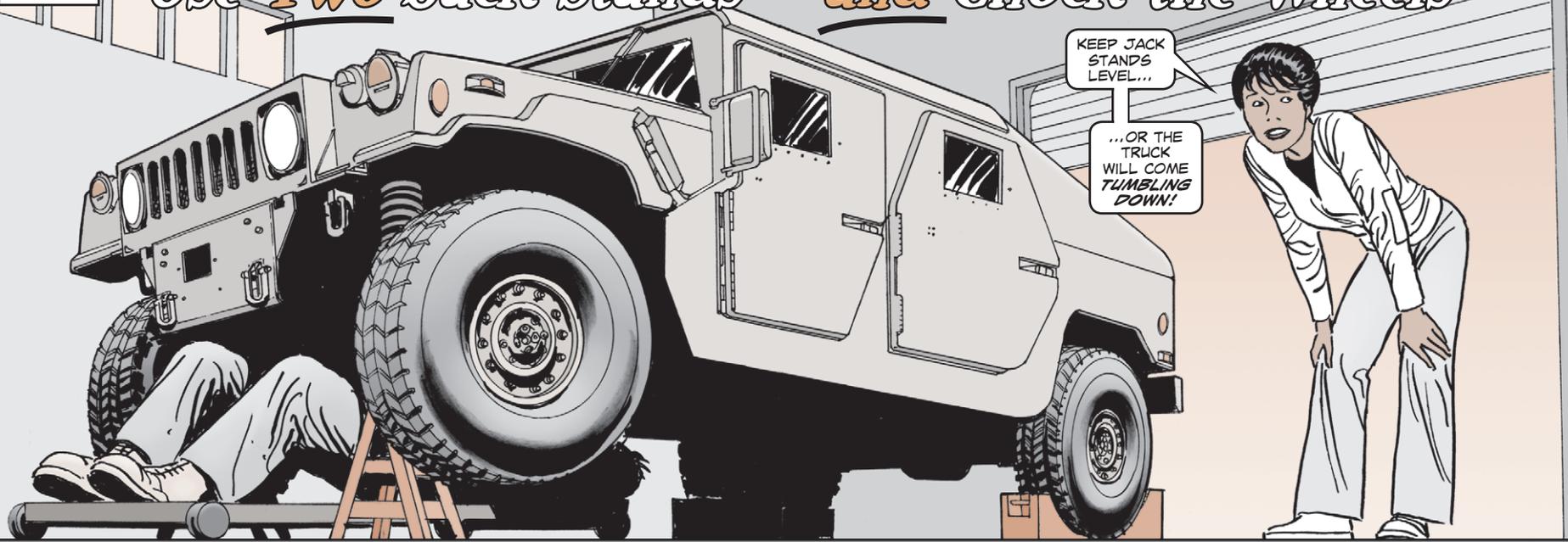


Hydraulic
Jacks...

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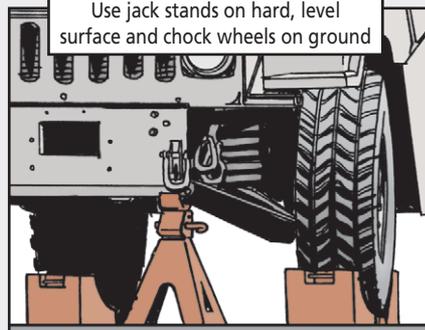


Dear Bonnie,

A Soldier was recently killed in a maintenance-related accident in Afghanistan. The mechanic was performing maintenance on the front brake calipers of an up-armored M1114 HMMWV sitting on two "bottle-jacks" and one jack stand when the vehicle shifted and fell on him. The Soldier was taken to a local medical facility where he died.

There is a right way to support a vehicle. Use two jack stands and chock the wheels. The warning summary in TM 9-2320-387-24-1 spells out safe procedures very clearly. It says:

Hydraulic jacks are used for raising and lowering, and are not used to support vehicle. Never work under vehicle unless wheels are blocked and it is properly supported. Injury or damage to equipment may result if vehicle suddenly shifts or moves.



Warnings and cautions in the technical manuals are there to protect users from injury or death. When the standard is ignored, Soldiers are at risk. Please remind your readers to go by the book. Army safe is Army strong!

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READERS, *YOU* CAN'T BE REPAIRED AS EASILY AS YOUR VEHICLE, SO MAKE SURE YOU USE HYDRAULIC JACKS THE RIGHT WAY.

AND REMEMBER TO INSPECT THE JACKS USING THE GUIDANCE IN TB 43-0142, SAFETY INSPECTION AND TESTING OF LIFTING DEVICES.

THANKS FOR THAT SOBER REMINDER, CHIEF.

