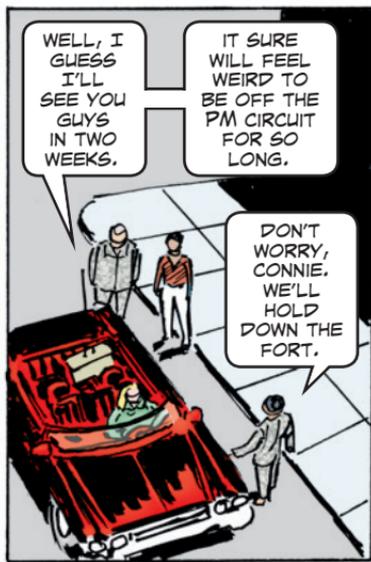
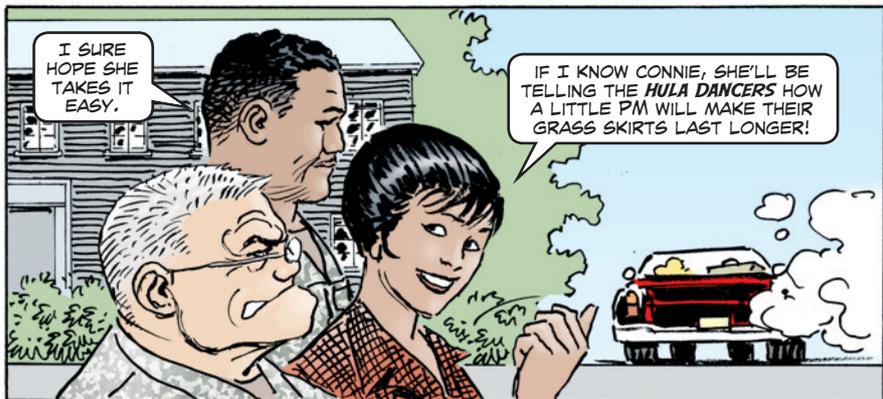


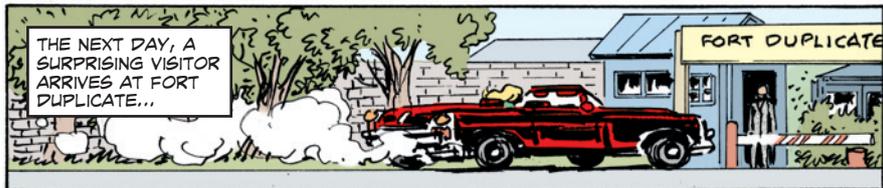
Out-Classed **AGAIN!**





I SURE HOPE SHE TAKES IT EASY.

IF I KNOW CONNIE, SHE'LL BE TELLING THE HULA DANCERS HOW A LITTLE PM WILL MAKE THEIR GRASS SKIRTS LAST LONGER!



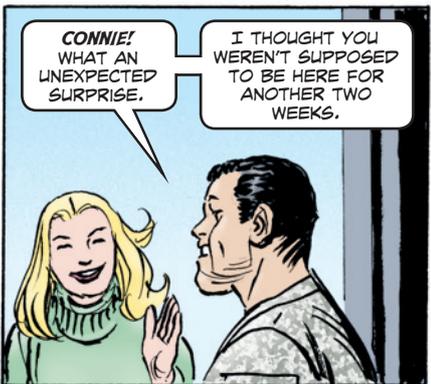
THE NEXT DAY, A SURPRISING VISITOR ARRIVES AT FORT DUPLICATE...



PRIVATE... I'VE GOT AN APPOINTMENT WITH ONE OF YOUR UNITS TODAY.

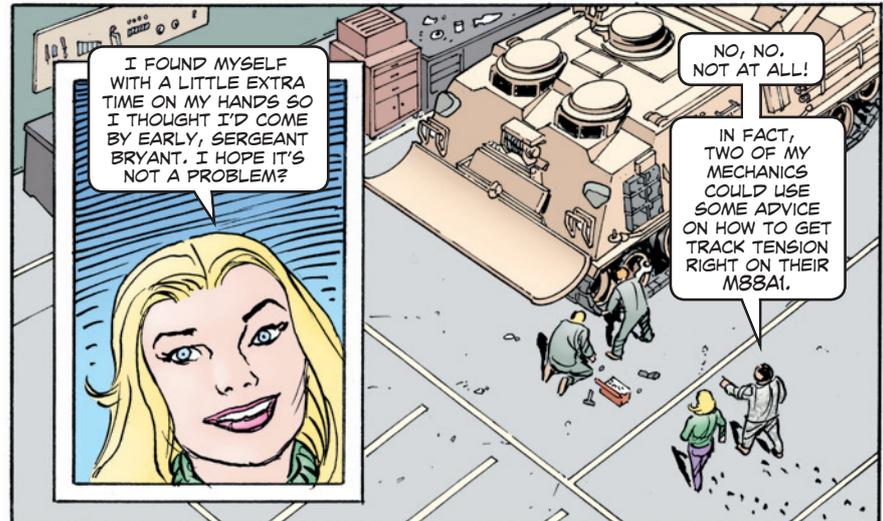
HOLY COW! YOU'RE CONNIE RODD FROM PS MAGAZINE.

THIS IS A REAL HONOR! DRIVE ON THROUGH, MA'AM!



CONNIE! WHAT AN UNEXPECTED SURPRISE.

I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE HERE FOR ANOTHER TWO WEEKS.



I FOUND MYSELF WITH A LITTLE EXTRA TIME ON MY HANDS SO I THOUGHT I'D COME BY EARLY, SERGEANT BRYANT. I HOPE IT'S NOT A PROBLEM?

NO, NO. NOT AT ALL!

IN FACT, TWO OF MY MECHANICS COULD USE SOME ADVICE ON HOW TO GET TRACK TENSION RIGHT ON THEIR M88A1.



NAH! THAT'S TOO TIGHT!

BUT WE DON'T WANT IT TOO LOOSE.



HEY, GUYS... TIGHTER IS ALWAYS BETTER!

NOW GET ON THAT WRENCH AND GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT!

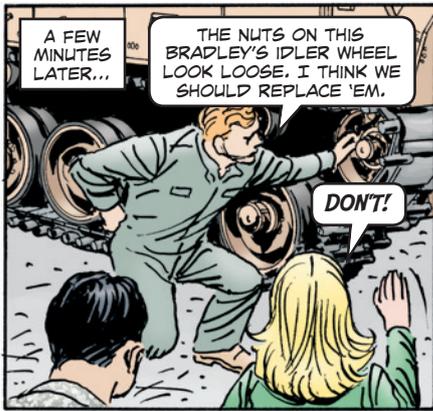


HMM... THAT DOESN'T SOUND RIGHT!

TRACK THAT'S TOO TIGHT CAN WEAR OUT SPROCKETS AND END CONNECTORS.



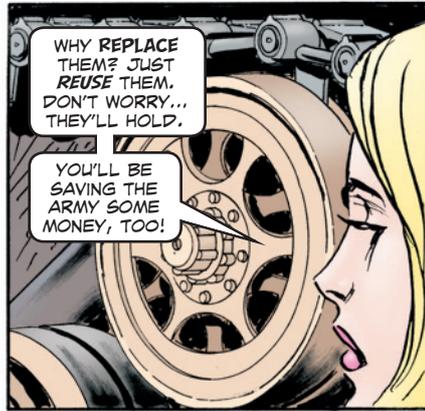
BUT... SURELY CONNIE KNOWS WHAT SHE'S DOING!



A FEW MINUTES LATER...

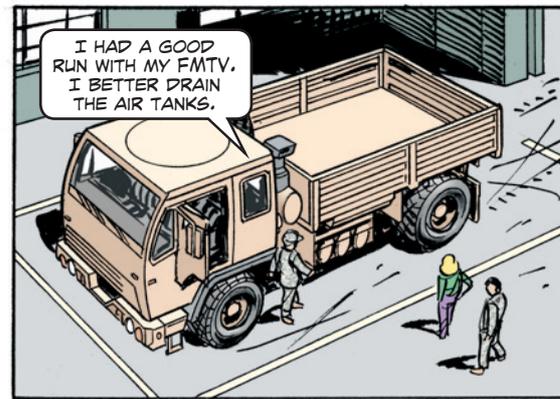
THE NUTS ON THIS BRADLEY'S IDLER WHEEL LOOK LOOSE. I THINK WE SHOULD REPLACE 'EM.

DON'T!



WHY REPLACE THEM? JUST REUSE THEM. DON'T WORRY... THEY'LL HOLD.

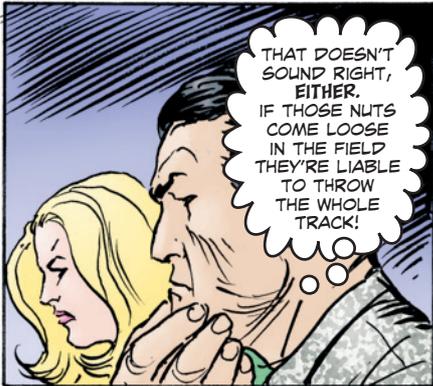
YOU'LL BE SAVING THE ARMY SOME MONEY, TOO!



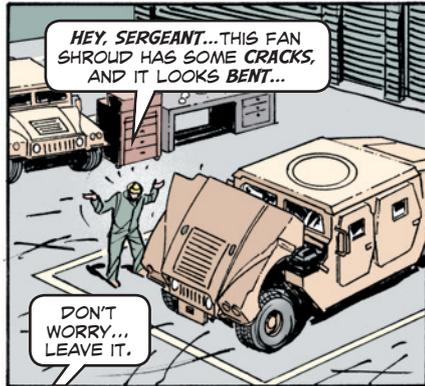
I HAD A GOOD RUN WITH MY FMTV. I BETTER DRAIN THE AIR TANKS.



DON'T DO THAT! YOU'LL WEAR OUT THE VALVES IF YOU DRAIN IT MORE THAN ONCE A MONTH.

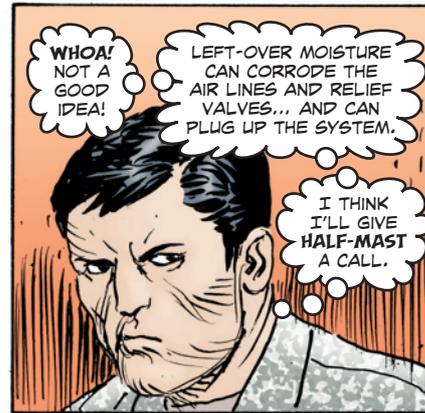


THAT DOESN'T SOUND RIGHT, EITHER. IF THOSE NUTS COME LOOSE IN THE FIELD THEY'RE LIABLE TO THROW THE WHOLE TRACK!



HEY, SERGEANT...THIS FAN SHROUD HAS SOME CRACKS, AND IT LOOKS BENT...

DON'T WORRY... LEAVE IT.



WHOA! NOT A GOOD IDEA!

LEFT-OVER MOISTURE CAN CORRODE THE AIR LINES AND RELIEF VALVES... AND CAN PLUG UP THE SYSTEM.

I THINK I'LL GIVE HALF-MAST A CALL.



...WAIT A MINUTE, SERGEANT. LET ME PUT YOU ON THE SPEAKER PHONE.

...AND SHE'S GIVING ADVICE THAT CAN DAMAGE EQUIPMENT.



THOSE SHROUDS ARE MADE TO LAST!



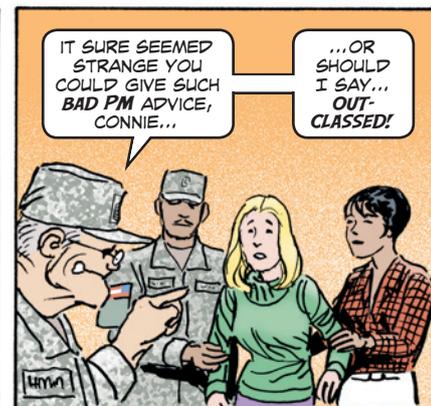
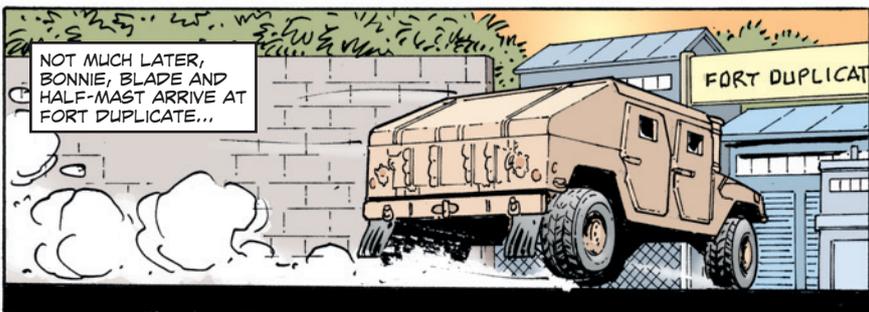
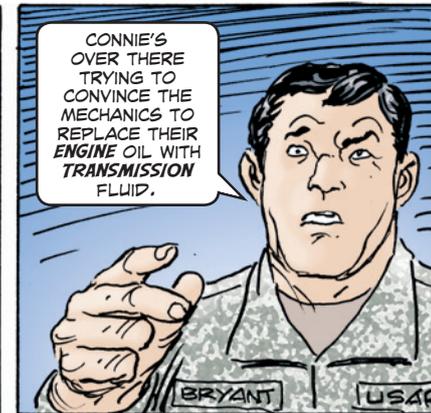
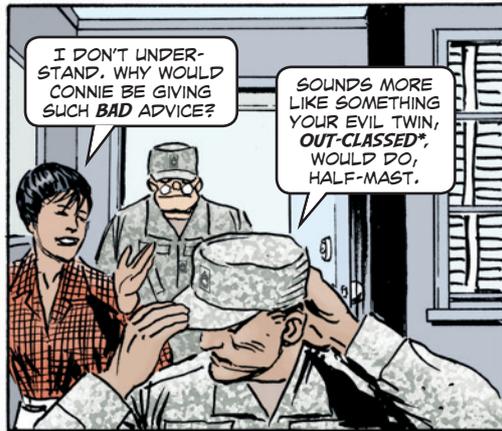
THAT SHROUD MAY BE DAMAGED ENOUGH TO HIT AND BREAK THE FAN BLADES... LEAVING THE VEHICLE STRANDED!



THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE! CONNIE SHOULD BE VACATIONING IN HAWAII!!



BELIEVE ME, IT'S HER! SOMETHING'S DEFINITELY WRONG!

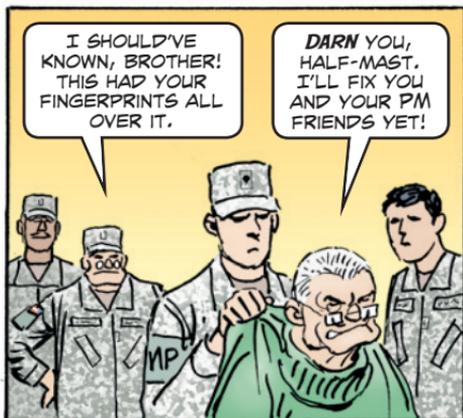


* HALF-MAST'S EVIL TWIN!? SEE PAGES 27-34 OF PS 690 (MAY 10)
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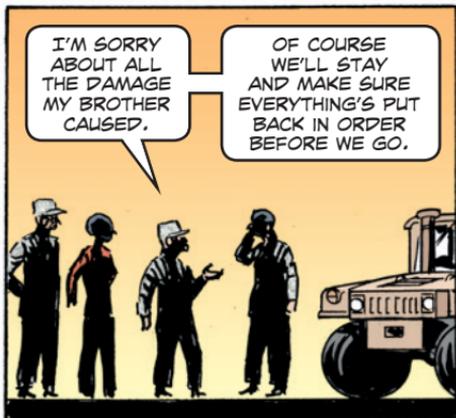
IT'S *NOT* CONNIE!

IT'S *OUT-CLASSED MCCANICK!*



I SHOULD'VE KNOWN, BROTHER! THIS HAD YOUR FINGERPRINTS ALL OVER IT.

DARN YOU, HALF-MAST. I'LL FIX YOU AND YOUR PM FRIENDS YET!



I'M SORRY ABOUT ALL THE DAMAGE MY BROTHER CAUSED.

OF COURSE WE'LL STAY AND MAKE SURE EVERYTHING'S PUT BACK IN ORDER BEFORE WE GO.



BUT...THERE'S *NO WAY!* H-HOW DID HE FIT...?

AM I GOIN' *NUTS?*



HEY! CAN'T YOU GUYS LET ME *CHANGE* FIRST? THIS GIRDLE IS *KILLING* ME.

OH, THERE'S AN *ORANGE* JUMPSUIT THAT'LL FIT YOU JUST FINE!