

Mistress Armada

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MISTRESS ARMADA. The daughter of wealthy British bureaucrats, Lilian Osborne was born in Henley-on-Thames in Oxfordshire. Lilian became an incredibly spoiled teenager and was never satisfied with what her parents gave her. When they cut back on her allowance, she simply stole from them. Her father was fed up and sent Lilian to the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. She took to the military life surprisingly well and graduated with top honors. She moved on to the British Army where she was trained in counter-intelligence and explosive ordnance disposal (EOD). While serving in the army, Lilian had a chance meeting with a charismatic civilian named Alexander McCullen. The young man's tales of the storied history of his family -- the Destro clan -- persuaded Osborne to leave the army and help in his quest to take over his family's arms-dealing business. She soon discovered that Alexander's claims of military experience and underworld connections were exaggerated to say the least, but she stuck with him, believing his plan had merit. Plus, her interest in McCullen was becoming more than just professional. McCullen was actually unknown to his father, Destro, and when he arrived at his home found his father bedridden by a family illness. Alexander seized his opportunity and took over the business, hoping to prove himself to his long lost father, even posing as Destro. When the fugitive Cobra Commander returned to America in 2001 with a renewed Cobra organization, he put a call out to his former high command. Alexander posed as Destro, arriving with the Baroness in tow. He quickly seized control of the organization and had the Commander locked in a padded cell and infected him with stolen nano-mite technology to drive him insane.

Lilian, dubbed Mistress Armada, served as his chief military strategist, and many were surprised to see that "Destro" now had a close relationship with Armada instead of the Baroness. Using nano-mites to cripple the nation's infrastructure, Alexander and Lilian began their plan to take over America, and soon had to fight the reinstated G.I. Joe team. Lilian came to realize Alexander had become obsessed with proving his worth to his father, and began to question his sanity. When the Joe team foiled their plans, Lilian and Alexander were "rescued" by the Baroness, only to be jailed by Destro in his castle in Trans-Carpathia. Destro vowed to make his son and Lilian pay for what they had done in his name. After his castle was attacked by Cobra Commander, Destro revealed that it was his son who took control of Cobra, and offered Lilian to the Commander as his prisoner. She served as the Commander's servant, doing menial tasks and waiting on him. Eventually, while Destro controlled Cobra in the Commander's brief absence, Lilian was freed. After Destro had her tested to rule out any brainwashing at the Commander's hands, Lilian began working for Destro alongside Alexander. Their first assignment was to track down the mercenary known as Wraith and hire him to work for Destro. Destro continues to keep a close eye on Lilian, and neither are completely convinced they can trust one another. Recently, Destro took control of Cobra and partnered Armada with Major Bludd as one of the commanders of Cobra's forces in Europe.

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