

Candy

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CANDY. Candy was the daughter of the Cobra scientist and Crimson Guardsman, Professor Appel. Candy was the head of a party balloon business started by her father. She delivered balloons to parties dressed as "Bongo the Balloon Bear." While parked at a Staten Island shopping mall, Candy's van was confiscated by members of the G.I. Joe team, Blowtorch, Ripcord and Spirit. The Joes used the van to try to apprehend a suspected Cobra agent. Candy and Ripcord became friendly and got along well. The Joes later helped Candy deliver balloons to the Arbco Brothers Circus. The Joes discovered that the Circus was actually a front for Cobra activities. Candy had never known her father was a Cobra agent. She discovered this when a group of Joes tried to apprehend Professor Appel at his home in Staten Island. A battle ensued, and Candy arrived to find her home in ruins and her father missing.

The Joes took Candy into custody suspecting that she was also involved with Cobra. Candy was very upset and could not convince the Joes that she didn't know her father was a member of Cobra. Candy was being transported on a bus in military police custody when the other prisoner, the Dreadnok known as Buzzer, knocked out the two military policemen on the bus and escaped with Candy still trapped on the bus. After several attempts at escaping, Candy eventually got away from Buzzer. She was picked up by a drunk hitch-hiker, who also picked up the son of Cobra Commander, Billy, who was trying to find his father in Springfield. The driver caused an accident when he swerved to avoid colliding with the Soft Master who was being chased by Cobra agents. The car crashed and caught on fire, trapping Candy and the others inside. The Cobra agents, Scrap-Iron, Firefly and Buzzer fired a missile at the Soft Master when he tried to help the trapped passengers. The car was destroyed and all were killed except for Billy, who remained in a coma for years. The Joes and Ripcord did not find out about the deaths of Candy and the Soft Master until Billy came out of his coma. Candy's father never knew what happened to his daughter, dying shortly after the accident.

Yes, it's true. Her name really is "Candy Appel".

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