

## Scanner

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SCANNER. The code name used by Scott Sturgis. Sturgis was an amateur journalist and conspiracy theorist who began investigating the reinstated G.I. Joe team shortly after their battle with a revived Serpentor. He lived in Arizona, not far from the site of the Joes' newest headquarters known as the Pit. When Sturgis was spying on a number of Joes playing baseball in the desert, he walked away from the game to reload his camera and found an empty desert when he returned a moment later. When he shared some of his information while chatting with friends online, the Defense Department tracked him to his home.

Two Joes disguised themselves as Cobra Vipers and staged an attempted kidnapping, which led to a "rescue" by other Joes. Sturgis awoke in the Pit, where Duke briefed him on the history and status of G.I. Joe and its battle with Cobra. To keep tabs on Sturgis, and to make use of his skills, Duke recruited him and assigned him to a Joe team field office in Reykjavík, Iceland that was essentially a listening post. Under his new code name, Scanner, he oversaw satellite surveillance and other communications monitoring. Later, when the committee of corrupt generals, The Jugglers, tried to reign in and take control of the Joe team in Hawk's absence, rogue agents Duke, Snake-Eyes and Scarlett joined Scanner at the newly-established underground base in the frozen wilderness of Iceland. While they monitored Cobra activity, the mercenary Mikhail Derenko, aka Overlord, infiltrated the base and mortally wounded Scanner. Overlord captured the Joes, but Scanner, with only moments to live, sealed the others in a secure, armored room and set off explosives that killed both Overlord and himself. Much of the base was destroyed, but the other Joes survived. (GIv2 26, 40, 41)