

Croc Master I

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CROC MASTER. A former alligator wrestler and burglar alarm salesman, Croc Master founded Guard-Gators Inc. in an attempt to commercialize the use of trained alligators in home security. His ad in Florida newspapers was spotted by Cobra. The Baroness hired Croc Master to handle some of Cobra Island's security on a trial basis, claiming he came highly recommended. Croc Master brought a number of crocodiles to the island, all deliberately trained to fast, hostile, man-eating and psychotic. Many of the island's swamps and waterways were stocked with the viscous animals, while Croc Master spent much of his time dozing in the same waterways with only his nose breaking the surface. As brutal and amoral as his crocodiles, he referred to them as "his girls", and gave them female names including Chelsea, Lolita, Melissa, Tara and Tiffany. The G.I. Joe team first came into contact with Croc Master when Torpedo and Wet Suit followed members of the October Guard sneaking onto the island at night to discover what they were up to. Both the Joes and the Soviets were surprised to find themselves under attack from Croc Master's guard crocs. He was very upset when Horrorshow managed to blow up a crocodile by feeding her a number of hand grenades. Croc Master did not manage to keep the island completely secure, as the fishing boat captain Minh avoided Croc Master while he was living in the swamps and planning to kill Cobra Commander. During the Cobra Island civil war, Croc Master supported Serpentor and helped blaze a trail through the swamps for a G.I. Joe armored column. He continued to guard the island for over a year before being one of the unfortunate people trapped in the island's landlocked freighter when Cobra Commander locked many of his enemies inside and buried it under a volcano. A small number of those trapped managed to survive and escape. Croc Master was one of the unlucky ones who died in the freighter.

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