

EXPLORING THE CLASSIFIED

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One of the things that we always wished we could have done more, is to develop lesser known characters into fleshed-out, three-dimensional people. With a cast of hundreds, there just was no way to get to everyone enough camera time with the limitations of the various Joe titles.

Enter Sam Damon, again harassing us to fill in the blanks... (the guy just doesn't know when to quit!). He sent us a list of a few characters and asked us to create a paragraph or two of their backstory.

None of this is set in concrete, of course, as we aren't telling active Joe stories any more. But if we were, the below paragraphs are some possibilities we could have seen play out with these characters.

MAYDAY: Paige I. Adams is the only child of a Republican Senator mother and veteran father, who both instilled their daughter with deep-abiding respect and admiration for the U.S. armed forces. Paige's mother worked tirelessly to defend G.I. Joe within the U.S. government; supporting them became her personal and political mission, and growing up hearing of the Joes, Paige came to idolize them. Following his service, Paige's father went into law enforcement, then took an early retirement to aid soldiers that returned from overseas deployment wounded and/or handicapped. The constant flow of soldiers staying at their house and coming in and out of her family's life left a lasting impression on Paige, and she decided to enlist in the Army following high school graduation. However, the Joes were decommissioned before she could join their ranks, devastating Paige. She instead attended college, studying politics and international relations. When the Joes were reinstated, Paige re-enlisted, and annoyed superior officers with her constant drive to make it onto the Joe team - which she ultimately did. Ironic conflict arose between Paige and her parents, who had a tough time with their daughter being in constant danger with G.I. Joe - a double standard that frustrates Paige. They're still working through this conflict as Paige continues to serve with G.I. Joe in a reserve per-mission capacity.

MARINER: David Adcox was born to environmental parents who embraced a life of organics and respect for nature, passing all of that onto their oldest son. Adcox's mother often jokes that David's water-birth resulted in his lifelong fascination and affinity with water, and says David could swim before he could run. An avid comic book and animation fan, Adcox adopted Aquaman as his personal super-hero, and after winning state and national competitions on his high school swim team, his parents allowed him to tattoo an image of Aquaman on his arm. Adcox eventually joined the Navy, intending to serve others, see the world and explore the oceans, all while taking advantage of governmental funding for education of servicemen. Upon completion of his marine biology degree, Adcox successfully petitioned for membership of the newly reinstated G.I. Joe team, hoping to serve alongside respected nautical legend, Shipwreck. Adcox is a lifelong vegetarian, and coaches swimming at the collegiate level.

