

# Metal Gear Solid Cheat Sheet

**Arsenal Gear** is a submersible mobile fortress that can control internet communications. It is also equipped with nuclear weapons. It houses GW.

**The Beauty and the Beast Unit** is a group of female soldiers outfitted with advanced suits. Each suffers from intense PTSD, and believe that killing Solid Snake will ease their anguish. They are each hired by various PMCs as field commanders. The unit consists of Laughing Octopus, Raging Raven, Crying Wolf, and Screaming Mantis.

**Big Boss** (*Real name John, AKA Jack, Snake, Naked Snake, Boss*) is the main playable character in Metal Gear Solid 3. Considered to be the greatest soldier to ever live, he eventually betrays the United States in an effort to create Outer Heaven. He was cloned several times as a part of the Les Enfants Terribles project, and is ultimately killed by one of these clones (Solid Snake) in Zanzibarland. During Operation Snake Eater, he wears a bandana belonging to The Boss. He also wears an eye patch on his right eye due to it being shot out during the operation.

**The Big Shell** is (seemingly) an offshore cleanup facility constructed after the sinking of an oil tanker off the coast of Manhattan. In reality, the Big Shell is a front for Arsenal Gear.

**The Big Shell Incident** was an incident where Dead Cell took hostage of President Johnson and several others aboard the Big Shell. They supposedly demanded \$30 billion, and threatened to destroy the Big Shell otherwise, which would theoretically lead to an ecological disaster. It is slowly revealed that the entire event, including the sinking of the tanker that necessitated the Big Shell's construction, Dead Cell's takeover of the facility, and the individual deaths that occurred during the incident, were orchestrated by the Patriots as a part of the S3 Plan.

**The Boss** (*AKA The Joy*) is the “Mother of Special Forces,” the leader of the Cobra Unit, and the mentor of Big Boss. She defects to the Soviet Union, and Big Boss is sent to kill her as a part of Operation Snake Eater. Her philosophy has a major influence on Big Boss’s thoughts and actions throughout his life.

**The Cobra Unit** was a World War II special forces unit consisting of soldiers named after the emotions they experienced on the battlefield. The members were The Pain, The Fear, The End, The Fury, The Sorrow, and The Joy.

**Colonel Campbell** is Solid Snake’s commanding officer during the Shadow Moses Incident. For much of the Big Shell Incident, he is also seemingly the CO of Raiden, but it is eventually revealed that Raiden has actually been communicating with a Patriot AI impersonating the Colonel.

**Cyborg Ninja** may refer to any of three characters that become cyborg ninjas throughout the series: Gray Fox, Olga Gurlukovich, or Raiden.

**Dead Cell** is a terrorist organization consisting of Solidus Snake, Vamp, Fortune, and Fatman. Originally a government anti-terrorist training group, they were framed for civilian deaths by the Patriots, which drove them to commit real acts of terrorism. During the Big Shell Incident, they supposedly demand \$30 billion, but their real goal is to take control of Arsenal Gear and overthrow the Patriots.

**Decoy Octopus** is a member of FOXHOUND and a master of disguise. It is eventually revealed that he died near the beginning of the Shadow Moses Incident while he was disguised as Donald Anderson due to exposure to FOXDIE.

**Donald Anderson** (*AKA Sigint*) is a radio contact of Big Boss during the Virtuous Mission and Operation Snake Eater. He later becomes the chief of DARPA and is involved in the production of Metal Gear REX. Solid Snake seems to meet him near the beginning of the Shadow Moses Incident, and he explains REX’s deactivation procedure. However, it is later revealed that he actually died while being tortured by Ocelot before Snake’s deployment (this was intentional on Ocelot’s part, as Anderson knew Ocelot’s true allegiance). The man Snake actually met was Decoy Octopus, who

actually gave him REX's activation procedure, leading Snake to unwittingly activate REX.

**Drebin** is an arms dealer who is able to bypass the Sons of the Patriots system. Solid Snake is able to send weapons to Drebin, who overrides their ID locks for a fee. Fun fact: he's named after Frank Drebin from *The Naked Gun*, because he gives Snake... naked guns. Get it?

**Emma Emmerich** (AKA *E.E.*) is Otacon's step-sister. She is the creator of GW. She also develops a worm cluster to destroy GW during the Big Shell Incident. She is afraid of water because when she was a child, Otacon slept with her mom, and her step-dad was so overwhelmed at being cuckolded by his own son that he drowned himself and nearly drowned her. This is brought up out of nowhere while she is dying in Otacon's arms and then never mentioned again.

**The End** is a member of the Cobra Unit. He is a 100-year-old sniper with the ability to lie dormant for weeks waiting for a shot on his target. This is because he was infected with a parasite that allows him to photosynthesize. The player can eliminate him either by fighting him in a prolonged stealth-based boss fight, by sniping him at a specific time before the fight, or by saving the game, waiting a week in real time, then starting the game again (by which point he will have died of old age).

**EVA** (AKA *Tatyana, Matka Pluku, Big Mama*) is one of Big Boss's contacts during Operation Snake Eater. She eventually becomes the surrogate mother to the clones of Big Boss.

**Fatman** is a member of Dead Cell. He is an overweight explosives expert who travels on roller skates. Yes, I'm serious.

**Fortune** is a member of Dead Cell. She has a supernatural ability to not die; bullets curve around her, and grenades thrown at her fail to explode. Unfortunately (ha) for her, her greatest desire is to die. In lieu of that, she walks around shooting people with a railgun. It is eventually revealed that her luck is brought on by a device unknowingly planted on her by the Patriots. Ocelot deactivates this and kills her.

**FOXDIE** is an engineered virus, programmed to target specific people. Victims appear to die via heart attack. It was deployed during the Shadow

Moses Incident to kill the members of FOXHOUND and the president of the company developing Metal Gear REX. However, Naomi Hunter also programmed the virus to target Solid Snake.

**FOXHOUND** is a United States military unit founded by Big Boss, and led at various points by Big Boss, Colonel Campbell, and finally by Liquid Snake as a rogue unit. Solid Snake and Gray Fox are both members of this unit before the Shadow Moses Incident. The rogue unit is comprised of Liquid Snake, as well as Revolver Ocelot, Vulcan Raven, Sniper Wolf, Psycho Mantis, and Decoy Octopus.

**Gekko** are Metal Gear-like fighting vehicles. Unlike other Metal Gears, their legs are made out of artificial muscle, making them more mobile. They are not capable of launching nuclear weapons. Also, their muscles build up lactic acid, which they eject by shitting. Also, they moo for some reason.

**Gray Fox** (*Real name Frank Jaeger, AKA Deepthroat*) is a former member of FOXHOUND. He is seemingly killed by Solid Snake before the Shadow Moses Incident, but returns as a cyborg ninja during the incident. He is killed by Liquid Snake, but not before imparting some final words of wisdom on Snake: "We're not tools of the government, or anyone else. Fighting was the only thing I was good at, but at least I fought for what I believed in." Snake later refers to him as a great friend, even though they tried to kill each other multiple times. C'est la vie.

**GW** is one of the Patriots' AIs. It is responsible for the censoring of digital information, and the Big Shell Incident is orchestrated as a testing ground for its capabilities. It also controls the weaponry (including nuclear) of the United States military.

**Johnny Sasaki** (*AKA Akiba*) is a soldier working for FOXHOUND during the Shadow Moses Incident and for Dead Cell during the Big Shell Incident. His only defining character trait is his irritable bowel syndrome. In Metal Gear Solid 4, they decide to make him an important character for some reason, even though his defining character trait is still his IBS.

**James Johnson** is the president of the United States during the Big Shell Incident. His election was orchestrated by the Patriots, as is the entire democratic process. He is killed by Ocelot after revealing the existence of the Patriots to Raiden.

**Les Enfants Terribles** (*French: "The Terrible Children"*) was a United States government project that created clones of Big Boss. Two twins, Solid and Liquid Snake, were born, along with Solidus Snake. All three had their genes modified to make them sterile and experience accelerated aging as a fail-safe in case they betrayed the government (Solidus's is more rapid, making him appear older than the other two despite being the youngest). Furthermore, Solid and Liquid's genes were modified to make them "inferior" and "superior" clones, respectively. Solidus, other than the stated modifications, is an exact clone of Big Boss.

**Liquid Ocelot** (*AKA Liquid*) is the name given to Liquid Snake when his spirit is possessing Revolver Ocelot's body. After this occurs, he seeks to overthrow the Patriots by seizing control of the Sons of the Patriots system. The possession occurs because Ocelot's hand was cut off by Gray Fox, and he replaces it with Liquid's corpse's hand. However, Ocelot is also the son of The Sorrow, a medium, which lets Liquid possess him. So it make sense when you think about it.

**Liquid Snake** (*AKA Liquid*) is a clone of Big Boss and the twin brother of Solid Snake. He has been led to believe that he was constructed to be the "inferior" clone of Big Boss, while Solid Snake was the superior (in reality, the opposite is true). He deeply resents this, and it drives him to surpass his supposed genetic destiny. He is ultimately killed by FOXDIE. However, his spirit later possesses Ocelot's body. Unlike his brothers, Liquid never wears an eye patch.

**Little Gray** is Drebin's pet monkey. He has an addiction to soda and cigarettes.

**Metal Gear** is a class of bipedal tanks, typically capable of launching nuclear weapons.

**Metal Gear RAY** is a model of Metal Gear utilized by Dead Cell during the Big Shell Incident. It is not capable of launching nuclear weapons, and was designed more as an "anti-Metal Gear" after REX's data was leaked.

**Metal Gear REX** is a Metal Gear model utilized by FOXHOUND during the Shadow Moses Incident. It is capable of launching nuclear weapons undetectable by early alert systems by using a railgun. It is ultimately destroyed by Solid Snake. After the incident, its technical details were leaked by Ocelot, which led to the proliferation of Metal Gears.

**Master Miller** is (seemingly) one of Solid Snake's radio contacts during the Shadow Moses Incident. Snake knows him from previous missions. However, it is later revealed that Miller was killed before the incident, and the radio contact is actually Liquid Snake in disguise.

**Nanomachines** are small machines that can modify humans in numerous ways, including enhancing combat abilities, restricting speech, and even rapidly healing otherwise fatal wounds.

**Naomi Hunter** is one of Solid Snake's radio contacts during the Shadow Moses Incident. She is the adoptive sister of Gray Fox, and secretly resents Snake for seemingly killing him before the incident. Because of this, she reprograms FOXDIE to kill Snake at some random time in the future in addition to the other targets. She later regrets this and encourages Snake to "live" while he can.

**Next-Generation Special Forces** (*AKA Genome Soldiers*) are a military unit that serve as the reserve members of FOXHOUND. They operate under Liquid Snake's command during the Shadow Moses Incident, thanks in part to brainwashing by Psycho Mantis. They have undergone gene therapy using Big Boss's DNA to make them more elite soldiers. Because of this, Liquid regards them as siblings. FOXHOUND demands the remains of Big Boss to help the soldiers, who are suffering from genetic disorders due to their treatments. Despite their advanced genetic makeup, they are frequently confused by footprints in the snow and moderately loud noises, and are unable to spot Solid Snake if he is not immediately in front of them.

**Olga Gurlukovich** (*AKA Mr. X*) is a Russian mercenary. Her Gurlukovich forces, led by her after her father's death, work with Dead Cell during the Big Shell Incident. She is later revealed to be the cyborg ninja who has been helping Raiden in his mission. This is because the Patriots are holding her child hostage, who will be killed if Raiden fails his mission.

**Operation Snake Eater** was a mission undertaken by Big Boss after the failure of the Virtuous Mission. The objectives of the mission were to eliminate The Boss and Volgin, and destroy the Shagohod.

**Otacon** (*Real name Hal Emmerich*) is an engineer and the chief architect of Metal Gear REX. After the Shadow Moses Incident, he works with Solid

Snake to rid the world of Metal Gears. He has a bad habit of falling in love with girls who pay even the slightest bit of attention to him and then blubbering like an idiot when they die. Also, look at his first name. Guess who he's named after! And he works with a guy whose real name is Dave?! Metal Gear is awesome.

**Outer Heaven** is a concept originated by Big Boss that broadly refers to his dream of a world where soldiers won't be used as pawns of their governments.

**The Patriots** (*AKA The La-li-lu-le-lo*) are a secret organization that controls the entire United States, including its economy, politics, and military. By the time of the Shadow Moses Incident, the Patriots are purely a set of AIs. Certain people aware of the Patriot's existence are forced by their nanomachines to refer to them as the La-li-lu-le-lo to keep the organization's real name a secret.

**The Philosophers** were a precursor to the Patriots. They were a secret organization of the most powerful figures in the United States, the Soviet Union, and China who formed a pact to create a new world order. The group eventually dissolved.

**The Philosopher's Legacy** is a \$100 billion dollar fund amassed by the Philosophers to finance research and operations. When the group dissolved, the money was divided and hidden across the world.

**Psycho Mantis** is a member of FOXHOUND with telekinetic, mind-reading, and brainwashing abilities. He is able to move the player's controller while flat on the ground and tell what games the player plays. He can be defeated by switching the controller from port 1 to port 2, rendering him unable to read Solid Snake's movements ahead of time.

**Raiden** (*Real name Jack, AKA Jack the Ripper, White Devil, Snake (briefly)*) is the main playable character in Metal Gear Solid 2. He is deployed during the Big Shell Incident to resolve the terrorist threat. However, over the course of the incident, Raiden learns that very little about his mission is what it seems. Namely, the leader of the terrorist group is actually his adoptive father who made him fight in the Liberian Civil War as a child soldier, his commanding officer is an AI, his girlfriend was planted to spy on him, and the entire incident was planned by the Patriots to see how

well they could control him. This all causes him to question his reality and ultimately become a cyborg ninja.

**Revolver Ocelot** (*Real name Adamska, AKA Ocelot, Shalashaska*) is a Russian gunslinger. He is a member of FOXHOUND during the Shadow Moses Incident, where his hand is sliced off by Gray Fox. It is revealed after the incident that he was actually a double agent, working for Solidus Snake. Several years later, he works with Solidus during the Big Shell Incident, and has replaced his hand with Liquid's corpse's hand. It is then revealed that he is again a double agent, and is truly working for the Patriots. However, he is then possessed by Liquid through his hand. During the Virtuous Mission and Operation Snake Eater, he works under Volgin.

**Rosemary** is Raiden's girlfriend, and one of his radio contacts during the Big Shell Incident. It is eventually revealed that their chance encounter where they first met was orchestrated by the Patriots, and Rose was really just there to keep tabs on Raiden. However, she eventually caught real feelings for him.

**The Shadow Moses Incident** was an incident where Next-Generation Special Forces and FOXHOUND, under the leadership of Liquid Snake, took over Shadow Moses Island. They demanded \$1 billion and the remains of Big Boss, and threatened the launch of a nuclear weapon. Solid Snake was deployed to stop the threat. During the mission, he learned of the existence of Metal Gear REX. He also eventually learns that before the mission, he was infected with FOXDIE in an attempt by the United States government to retrieve REX undamaged. With the exception of Revolver Ocelot, every member of FOXHOUND was eliminated, either by Snake or by FOXDIE. REX was also destroyed. Consequently, the United States planned to bomb the island to cover up the events of the incident, but this is narrowly called off. Later, one of the members of Snake's radio team wrote a book exposing what occurred during the mission.

**Shagohod** is an early competitor to Metal Gear. Unlike a Metal Gear, the Shagohod is not bipedal. It launches nuclear weapons by accelerating to high speeds, extending its range.

**Sokolov** is a scientist and lead architect of the Shagohod.

**Solid Snake** (*Real name David, AKA Snake, Iroquois Pliskin*) is the main playable character of Metal Gear, Metal Gear 2, Metal Gear Solid, part of Metal Gear Solid 2, and Metal Gear Solid 4. He is one of the products of the Les Enfants Terribles project. Unlike his brothers, Snake accepts his origins as a clone. He seeks out a life of his own, refusing to be chained to fate. Several believe that he enjoys killing, although he denies this. He also denies being a hero, declaring that he simply fights for what he believes in. He typically wears a bandana when deployed. Later, Snake wears a hi-tech eye patch over his still-functioning left eye to give him advanced data during deployment.

**Solid Snake Simulation** (*AKA the S3 Plan*) is a secret plan carried out by the Patriots during the Big Shell Incident. It turns out that the entire incident was constructed by the Patriots to be similar to the Shadow Moses Incident in key ways. For instance, both incidents are spearheaded by a "Snake," both carry the threat of a nuclear strike, and both involve the appearance of a cyborg ninja, among numerous other similarities. Ocelot eventually reveals that this was all to test the feasibility of turning any soldier into a soldier on par with Solid Snake.

**Solidus Snake** (*Real name George Sears, AKA Solidus, Solid Snake (briefly)*) is the president of the United States during the Shadow Moses incident. He is a product of the Les Enfants Terribles project. His resentment of the Patriots and his desire to be remembered by history drives him to lead Dead Cell to take over the Big Shell. He loses his left eye during the incident and wears an eye patch as a result. He also kills Raiden's biological parents and forces him to fight as a child soldier. He also has wears a suit with mechanical tentacles. You also have a sword fight with him at the end of MGS2. Metal Gear is awesome.

**Sons of the Patriots** is a system of the Patriots that controls the world's soldiers in various ways through nanomachines. The system enhances and regulates their experiences on the battlefield, and also controls their access to weapons by ID-locking them. However, gun launderers like Drebin are able to bypass this component of the system.

**Vamp** is a member of Dead Cell. He is a bisexual vampire who is seemingly immortal.

**The Virtuous Mission** was a failed operation undertaken by Big Boss to extract Sokolov from the Soviet Union. The mission ended with the defection of The Boss and a nuclear warhead being fired at the Soviet Union by Volgin, necessitating Operation Snake Eater to ease the resulting tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union.

**Volgin** is a GRU colonel who seeks to overthrow Khrushchev. After The Boss's defection, he fired a nuclear warhead at the Soviet Union, framing the United States for it. He possesses a microfilm containing records of where the Philosopher's Legacy is hidden. His body carries a permanent electric charge, and he can control this charge to electrocute people.

**The War Economy** is a new economic structure instituted by the Patriots which turned war into a business. This led to the proliferation of private military companies fighting never-ending wars. The Sons of the Patriots system artificially controls the intensity of these wars.

**Zero** (*Real name David Oh, AKA Major Tom (briefly)*) is Big Boss's commanding officer during the Virtuous Mission and Operation Snake Eater.

## Quotes

“Life isn’t just about passing on your genes. We can leave behind much more than just DNA. Through speech, music, literature and movies... what we’ve seen, heard, felt... anger, joy and sorrow... these are the things I will pass on. That’s what I live for. We need to pass the torch, and let our children read our messy and sad history by its light. We have the magic of the digital age to do that with. The human race will probably come to an end some time, and new species may rule over this planet. Earth may not be forever, but we still have the responsibility to leave what trace of life we can. Building the future and keeping the past alive are one in the same thing.”

“War... has changed. It’s no longer about nations, ideologies, or ethnicity. It’s an endless series of proxy battles fought by mercenaries and machines. War, and its consumption of life, has become a well-oiled machine. War has changed. ID-tagged soldiers carry ID-tagged weapons, use ID-tagged gear. Nano-machines inside their bodies enhance and regulate their abilities. Genetic control, information control, emotion control... battlefield control. Everything is monitored and kept under control. War — has changed. The age of deterrence has become the age of control. All in the name of averting catastrophe from Weapons of Mass Destruction. And he who controls the battlefield, controls history. War has changed... When the battlefield is under total control, war becomes routine.”

**Selection for Societal Sanity** (*AKA the S3 Plan*) is a secret plan carried out by the Patriots during the Big Shell Incident. It turns out that the entire incident was constructed by the Patriots to be similar to the Shadow Moses Incident in key ways. For instance, both incidents are spearheaded by a "Snake," both carry the threat of a nuclear strike, and both involve the appearance of a cyborg ninja, among numerous other similarities. These similarities were so the incident could serve as an extreme test case for the Patriots' ability to control the flow of information, and consequently bend human thoughts and actions as they see fit. They feel that information control is necessary to avoid trivial information drowning out truth as humanity enters the digital age. Ocelot is unaware of this aspect of the plan, believing S3 stands for Solid Snake Simulation. This is all explained to Raiden in a 15 minute radio call, cited by some as one of the most profound moments in video game history, and is immediately followed by a sword fight with Solidus Snake.