

# KIMBO

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Meet KOGURYO KIM as he works the fertile soil of his FARM. His well-muscled body sweats against a verdant emerald backdrop, making a picture postcard of the North Korean agricultural dream.

That evening, he dines with SOO-YI, his loving and adoring wife, and their beautiful five-year old twins, DO-SAN and DAN-GUN. Despite a wall covered in clippings and his medals from his national service, Kim is now a man who has everything he needs: a family, and simple needs that he can fulfil. This is their little piece of heaven.

One day, Kim's prized bull falls sick - it needs medical attention which is only available in the nearest town - a three day return-trip. It's a simple enough decision: Kim is tearfully seen off, Soo-Yi telling him that she has a surprise for him on his return.

MAKGI is your typical rural Korean town: main street, stores, temple. Kim keeps to himself; he only wants his bull to get well.

A few miles out from home, he sees a thin trail of black smoke over the horizon - and knows that something terrible has happened. When he gets there, he finds the farm ransacked, his home burnt to the ground, and his stock slaughtered. But he finds no bodies of his family.

In a corner of his property he finds signs of what happened: that a helicopter landed and disgorged troops who did this. Soldiers with large boot sizes. The soles of which have left an imprint on the soft ground: *Made in the U.S.A.*

Kim unearths an ARMS CACHE and begins equipping himself: ASSAULT RIFLE, GRENADES, PISTOL, and ROCKET PROPELLED GRENADE (R.P.G.) LAUNCHER. He hears something and turns, weapons ready to deal death -

- but it's GENERAL KWANG-GAE, his old commander: *I know where your family are.*

Welcome to HWA-RANG BASE: Kwang-Gae escorts Kim, passing MASS CALISTHENICS, a formidable OBSTACLE COURSE crawling with soldiers, a FIRING RANGE rattling with gunfire, and a parade area packed with TANKS, ARMOURD PERSONNEL CARRIERS (A.P.C.s), GUNSHIPS and JET FIGHTERS.

Here is where the iron fist of the North Korean military resides. The best of the best. Where Kim graduated from - and is remembered for his feats of strength, speed and willpower, and held up as a North Korean example of *being all you can be.*

Kwang-Gae takes Kim to the ULTRA-HIGH SECURITY AREA where he sees a rescue operation being mounted: a team of hand-picked SPECIAL OPERATIONS

(SPEC OPS) SOLDIERS will rescue his family. It's the least they can do for North Korea's favourite son. Kim wants to go with them but the general pulls rank on him. *The closest you'll get will be on one of the chopper.*

Kim goes in with the choppers as the team is inserted just over the DEMILITARIZED ZONE (D.M.Z.). But as the choppers head back for Hwa-Rang, they hear that things have gone to shit: there's two companies of SOUTH KOREAN REGULAR ARMY in the area - and they're tearing into the team.

Kim demands the pilots turn back to help their comrades but they have their orders: the leadership doesn't want a border incident. Each second passes with agonising slowness as Kim hears the spec ops fighting with the ferocity of ten times their actual number. But they don't have the fire support that the South Koreans can call on: GROUND SUPPORT AIRCRAFT are called on their position.

Kim takes charge of his chopper and turns back towards the drop-zone -

- where the outnumbered and outgunned spec ops team, surrounded on all sides, prepare to make their last stand. Kim's chopper arrives - taking out some ground armour and one of the ground support aircraft on the way - and swoops on the team's position. But the incoming fire is too heavy and Kim's chopper goes down!

Although the spec ops team is joined by Kim in killing South Koreans and Americans, they realise that it's futile. They reluctantly surrender.

At a secret South Korean location, Kim and the survivors of his spec ops team - WON-HYO and TOI-GYE - are handed to U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS. They're spooks of the highest order, with plausible deniability their code of honour. They're headed by GENERAL MCMAHON (U.S.A.F. RET.), and Kim's arrival is all their Christmases come at once.

Kim is forcibly examined and studied by numerous WHITE COATS. He fights every inch and every second of this. He's told that he has all the baseline attributes an excellent warrior. It is his D.N.A. that they're going to harvest from him to build the ultimate soldier.

McMahon's right hand-man, CAPTAIN GRANT (U.S.M.C. RET.) is in charge of Kim's interrogation. They want to know the status of Project Chon-Ji. This means nothing to Kim. Grant brings in Toi-Gye and tortures him in front of Kim. Kim can't tell him what he doesn't know. When Grant's relentless torture kills Toi-Gye, he sizes up his interviewee. *Who's left?* he asks an off-sider. Kim doesn't hear the answer - only Grant's response: *Bring her in.*

Soo-Yi is wheeled into Kim's torture chamber: although she is conscious, she is on full life-support, all of her limbs removed so that she is only a head on top of a torso - that swells with pregnancy.

Grant offers Kim a deal: give them what they want, and he can have his wife back.

*And my children?* Kim whispers. Off another off-sider, Grant shrugs: *They didn't make the D.N.A. harvesting.* Despite his battle-wounds, and the days of exhausting examinations and interrogations, KIM EXPLODES out of his torture-rack! Within

seconds, he kills or disables every one in the room. Grant hasn't even cleared his pistol from the holster when Kim looms over him.

Kim takes his wife out of the installation, using Grant as an unwilling accomplice - but just as they're about to ride into the sunset, Grant trips the alarm and a fusillade of automatic fire opens up on Kim's party! He uses Grant as a human shield - killing him in the process - and he and his wife flee into the surrounding woods.

But without the life-support equipment, she is beginning to die - and Kim sees that a stray bullet has gone through her belly, killing their next batch of children. *The children...* Soo-Yi whispers. He holds his wife close to his chest as she dies.

Meanwhile, McMahon rallies his troops - MERCENARIES support South Korean regular infantry - and sends them after Kim.

Kim stands over his wife's body - she lies in peace, her eyes closed. Behind him are the sounds of klaxons and orders being shouted. He stands very still, as if absorbing the energy from the air around him, a human black hole...

In a clearing, a SQUAD OF SOLDIERS suddenly find Kim amongst them and before anyone can get a shot off, he kills them all with his bare hands. Now he has weapons.

A PLATOON OF SOLDIERS, supervised by a MERCENARY, sweep an area of the forest - when one of their squads disappears in a flash of HIGH EXPLOSIVE (H.E.). The remaining platoon reacts professionally - when another squad trip another GRENADE and are vaporised. The two remaining squads fall back on the Mercenary only to find him hanging by his neck from a tree... and someone trips another H.E. GRENADE.

McMahon sees the forest outside the camp crackle with gunfire and almost regularly flare with explosions.

Kim watches from the vegetation, his body slick with the blood and viscera of his enemies, as the retired general calls in an AIR STRIKE.

McMahon watches as JET FIGHTERS drop NAPALM CANISTERS on the forest and a wall of flame rises into the sky. *That should get the son-of-a-bitch*, he mutters to an aide - only to find Kim watching the fireworks beside him, McMahon's party of bodyguards and aides already dead.

McMahon tries to reason with him - but it's too late. Kim kills him slowly but surely with his bare hands.

He looks up from his work, nothing behind his eyes but a pure hatred now. Here is the birth of a legend. A man who has gone beyond vengeance and become a killing machine. Here is KIMBO - the ultimate soldier.

## THE BEGINNING