Flight Into Fear

MIDNIGHT grinned and was about to break his radio silence to confer his congratulations on Blueduck Leader.

Ahead of him, white streaks were arcing up from the water from several places. Japanese patrol boats like the one he buzzed earlier. They were throwing up a skein of cannon and machine-gun fire. The Avengers were still making their homeward turn and hadn't gained the kind of tude they needed to fly safely over the barrage was Nips were sending skyward.

Midnight gunned his gines and rocketed back down to wave-top level. The roar of his big Detroit engine echoed back of his from the Cam's surface. It sounded like thunker.

He put one property of the patrol boats in his gunsights and depressed pring button on the top of his stick. The juddering of the six Browning fifties in his wings acted like an airbrake as he sent streams of hot slugs at the deck and crew of the Japanese skimmer. Sparks flew from the bridge and railings as armor piercing rounds found the torpedo tubes. The resulting blast lifted the small craft from the water and flipped it full over sending the shrieking crew into the current of the swiftly running Cam. Midnight lined up on his second target.

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