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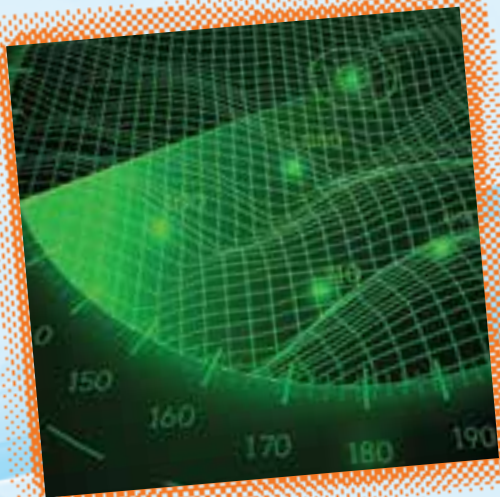
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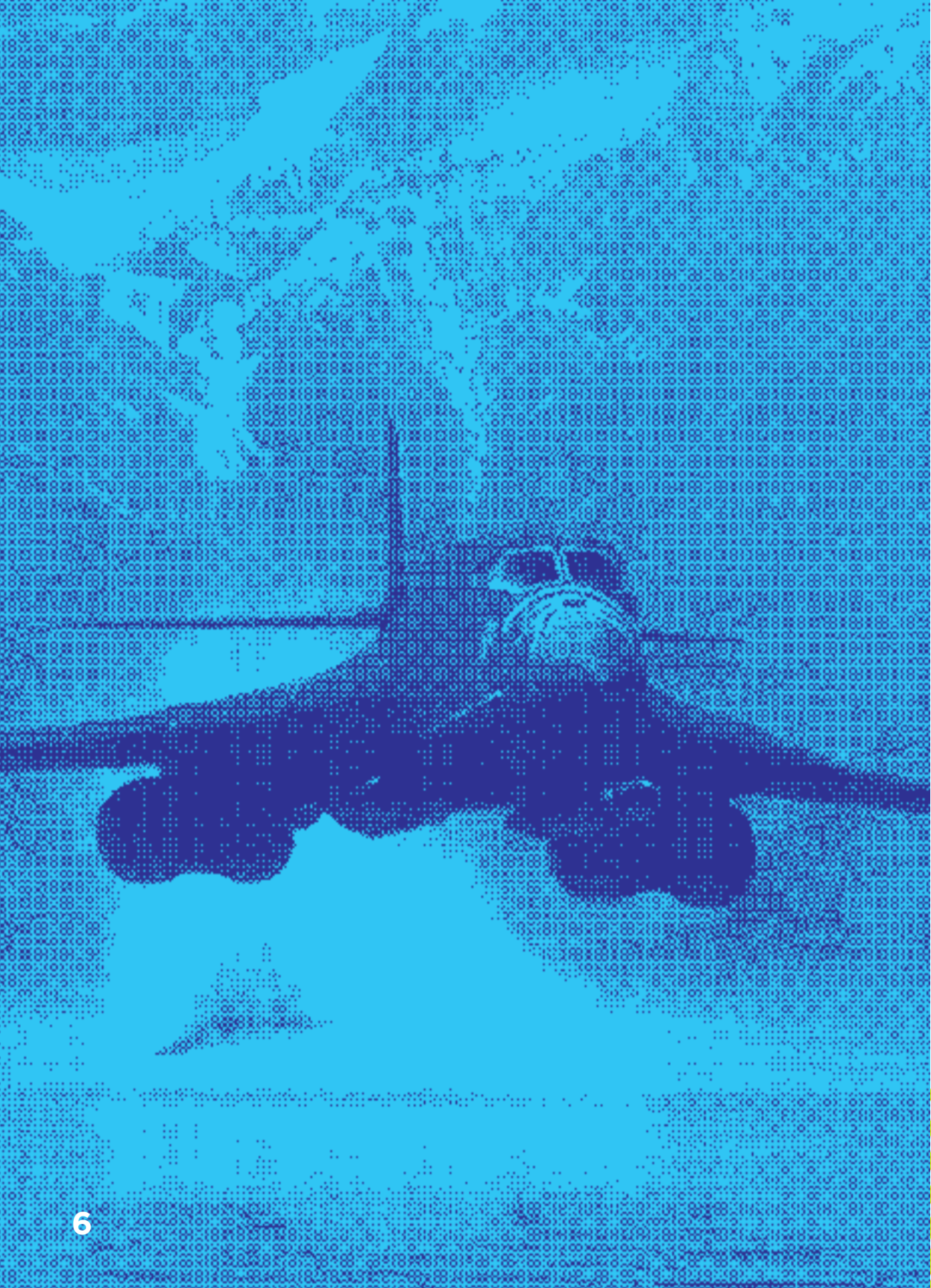
HIDING

in Plain Sight

A B-1B Lancer bomber soars over enemy land. Its engines roar. Suddenly,

- an alarm beeps. **Radar** spotted a
- fighter jet coming close. Bombers are
- unarmed. The B-1 can't defend itself.





Taking Action

The bomber's crew takes action. The pilots lower the plane. They drop to 500 feet (152 meters) above ground. Enemy radar can't see the plane this low. The bomber stays safe.

The B-1 is nicknamed the "Bone." The name comes from joining "B" and "one."

HISTORY

of the B-1B Lancer

Engineers designed the B-1 in the 1970s. The U.S. Air Force needed a plane to drop **nuclear** bombs. It also needed to go on long missions. The scientists created a plane that could do those things.

