



**BREAKING NEWS**

**CAPTAIN AMERICA VS. CAPTAIN AMERICA?**

...je our nation?... **OTHER NEWS:** Partisan Captain America ruffles feathers with controversial press conference



**SAM WILSON @CAPTAINAMERICASW**

After Steve Rogers was drained of the Super-Soldier Serum that kept him young and strong, he passed his shield to me, Sam Wilson, A.K.A. The Falcon. Now I fight the good fight as Captain America.



**Wing Watch @WeStandWi...** 10s  
"We're in this together. Be the one in your neighborhood, on your street, that takes a stand. Take it to the hotline." @CAPTAINAMERICASW



**GALACTUS WAS RIGHT @REDWHITEA...** 30m  
Why @CAPTAINAMERICASW's new hotline is part of his socialist agenda: [link] #NotMyCaptainAmerica



Reply from @CAPTAINAMERICASW: You're welcome for defeating, like, 90% of Hydra.



**The NY Bulletin @NewYorkBu...** 1h  
More controversy for @CAPTAINAMERICASW...was he REALLY arrested by Steve Rogers at the Mexican Border??



Reply from @CAPTAINAMERICASW: For the last time, I WAS NOT ARRESTED. I was answering a call from the hotline.



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ALL RIGHT, FIRST THINGS FIRST. I WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR--

NO. I DID NOT GET ARRESTED.



WELL... TWITTER DISAGREES.

IMAGINE THAT. LOOK, STEVE ROGERS CAN'T ARREST ME. I HAVE IMMUNITY.

WHY?



WHY?! DON'T EITHER OF YOU GUYS READ THE PAPER? WATCH THE NEWS?

LIM, AGAIN-- TWITTER?

YEAH, THIS IS THE PROBLEM.



BUT PEOPLE ARE CURIOUS--HOW DID STEVE ROGERS, THE ORIGINAL CAPTAIN AMERICA, AND SAM WILSON, THE NEW CAPTAIN AMERICA, GO FROM THIS--



--TO THIS?

FINAL WARNING, SAM. SHOW'S OVER.

TRUTH IS, IT'S A COMPLICATED, MESSY STORY. BUT THIS IS THE SHORT VERSION--

SIX MONTHS  
AGO.

SHOCKING DEVELOPMENTS OUT OF WASHINGTON THIS MORNING, AS SIXTY-THOUSAND PAGES WORTH OF CLASSIFIED S.H.I.E.L.D. FILES WERE LEAKED TO THE PUBLIC--

--REVEALING THE EXISTENCE OF A FAR-REACHING, TOP-SECRET SECURITY PROGRAM UNDER DEVELOPMENT, CODENAMED **KOBIK**--WHICH WOULD ENABLE AUTHORITIES TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE VERY FABRIC OF REALITY WITHOUT PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE--

S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER

IF THESE DOCUMENTS ARE REAL, IT MEANS S.H.I.E.L.D. HAS BEEN STOCKPILING **COSMIC CUBE** FRAGMENTS--

HARRY CALLAHAN scientist

A COSMIC CUBE IS A THING OF IMMENSE, ALMOST UNIMAGINABLE POWER--

ALREADY THE REVEAL HAS BEEN MET WITH UNIVERSAL CRITICISM FROM SECURITY ANALYSTS, PRIVACY ADVOCATES, AND ETHICISTS EVERYWHERE--

THIS MEANS THEY COULD LITERALLY CHANGE ANYTHING ABOUT ME, ABOUT YOU, ABOUT ANYONE OR ANY GROUP OF US--ENEMIES OF THE STATE, DISSIDENT GROUPS, CRITICS.

IF THIS PLAN CAME TO FRUITION, THEY COULD SIMPLY WIPE ANY OF THESE OUT OF EXISTENCE--

FRANK MARHUENDER ethicist

--AND THEY WOULD DO SO WITH VIRTUALLY NO OVERSIGHT OR ACCOUNTABILITY. IT'S TERRIFYING!

WHILE THERE'S BEEN NO OFFICIAL RESPONSE FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OR THE WORLD SECURITY COUNCIL, ALREADY EMBATTLED S.H.I.E.L.D. DIRECTOR MARIA HILL STRUCK A DEFIANT TONE--

BULL-PUCKY!

THESE ACCUSATIONS HAVE GOTTEN COMPLETELY OUT OF HAND. FIRST OF ALL, KOBIK WAS A PROPOSAL, NOTHING MORE. I HAVE A LOT OF PROPOSALS ON MY DESK. IT DOESN'T MEAN THEY BECOME REALITY, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE THE CHOICE OF WORDS THERE.

BEYOND THAT, FOR ALL THOSE CRITICIZING EVEN THE INTENT OF THIS PROPOSAL-- GIVEN WHAT JUST HAPPENED TO US--THE RECENT INCLUSION CRISIS--

IF WE COULD PREVENT THAT KIND OF TRAGEDY--OR WORSE--WITH A MINOR, CAREFULLY CONSIDERED USE OF THIS PROGRAM, SHOULDN'T WE? ISN'T THAT OUR OBLIGATION?

WHAT WE SHOULD BE DISCUSSING TODAY IS THE CRIMINAL WHO LEAKED CLASSIFIED INTELLIGENCE AND, IN DOING SO, PUT LIVES AT RISK.

BECAUSE, REST ASSURED, FINDING WHOEVER DID THIS JUST BECAME MY FAVORITE PRIORITY.

THERE ARE NO EASY ANSWERS, IS MY POINT.

FINDING THE PERPETRATOR MAY NOT BE QUITE SO EASY. THE HACKER ACTIVIST KNOWN ONLY AS "THE WHISPERER" ISSUED A SHORT STATEMENT CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LEAK, CALLING THE PROGRAM "CRIMINAL IN NATURE AND INTENT."

AND HE'S NOT ALONE ON THAT FRONT--

--SAM WILSON, THE NEW CAPTAIN AMERICA-- WHO RECENTLY GENERATED CONTROVERSY OF HIS OWN WITH A NEWS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE TOOK SIDES ON A NUMBER OF PARTISAN POLITICAL ISSUES--HAD THIS TO SAY TO S.H.I.E.L.D. LEADERSHIP ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

SHUT IT DOWN. NOW.

AND IF YOU'RE THINKING AT THIS POINT "OH, I GET IT-- THE NEW CAP OPPOSED THIS KOBIK THING, AND THE OLD CAP DIDN'T, THAT'S WHAT GOT THEM ALL MAD AT EACH OTHER"--

--THEN YOU DON'T KNOW STEVE ROGERS AT ALL.



COMMANDER ROGERS! SAM WILSON, YOUR HANDPICKED SUCCESSOR AS CAPTAIN AMERICA, HAS BEEN CONDEMNED WIDELY FOR INSERTING HIMSELF IN A POLITICAL DEBATE-- SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE EVEN CALLED ON HIM TO **RESIGN**. DO YOU SUPPORT THOSE CALLS?

WHAT? NO--



LISTEN--WHEN I HANDED THAT SHIELD OVER TO SAM, IT DIDN'T COME WITH A RULE BOOK. I TRUST HIM TO DO WHAT HE THINKS IS BEST FOR OUR COUNTRY.

BUT WHEN YOU WERE CAPTAIN AMERICA, YOU NEVER--

WHAT I DID IS **IRRELEVANT**. WOULD I DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY TODAY? MAYBE. EITHER WAY--IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO COMMENT. SAM DOESN'T NEED ANY SECOND-GUESSING FROM AN OLD MAN.



DOES THAT MEAN YOU AGREE WITH HIS STATEMENTS--

NO, THAT MEANS I'M NOT COMMENTING ON THEM.

BUT WHAT ABOUT HIS CRITICISM OF THE KOBIK PROGRAM EARLIER TODAY?

NOW, ON THIS, I CAN SAY SOMETHING--AS IT'S A LITTLE MORE IN MY WHEELHOUSE--



I HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THIS KOBIK INITIATIVE. IF I HAD, REST ASSURED, YOU WOULD'VE KNOWN ABOUT IT AS WELL.

I'VE SEEN FIRSTHAND THE DANGER OF THESE COSMIC CUBES. I'VE DEVOTED A GREAT DEAL OF MY CAREER TO DESTROYING THEM. WHAT S.H.I.E.L.D. WAS DOING HERE IS WRONG, AND I'M GOING TO **PERSONALLY** MAKE SURE THEY'RE HELD ACCOUNTABLE.

SO, YES, ON THIS, CONSIDER ME ON THE RECORD--



--I STAND WITH SAM.

YEAH--



--THOSE WERE THE DAYS.

STAND DOWN, SAM.