

**NOW.**

*From the journal of Doctor Erik Selvig:*

*These last few months have been quite the whirlwind.*

*My job once had been watching after Kobik--the living embodiment of the Cosmic Cube--supposedly on behalf of S.H.I.E.L.D.*

*But in truth I served the Red Skull and Hydra--until he tired of me and ordered my death, that is--*

*--at which point I came to serve someone new.*

*I have grown to admire this man who saved me, and I believe in what he is trying to do for the glory of Hydra--*

*--but even he makes mistakes sometimes.*

AH, THERE HE IS. DOCTOR SELVIG--





CAPTAIN...

AS YOU CAN SEE, WE HAVE A NEW ALLY. **HELMUT ZEMO** HAS AGREED TO JOIN OUR CAUSE--AND I COULD NOT BE MORE PROUD.



NOW, I HAVE TO GO DEAL WITH SOME **S.H.I.E.L.D.** BUSINESS--BUT I WANT YOU TO ASSIST HIM IN ANY WAY HE DEEMS NECESSARY. WE HAVE A LOT TO GET DONE, AND VERY LITTLE TIME IN WHICH TO ACCOMPLISH IT.

THANK YOU, STEVEN. AND DOCTOR, BEFORE WE BEGIN, I'D LIKE TO **APOLOGIZE** FOR ALL THAT EARLIER UNPLEASANTNESS--

DO YOU MEAN DRAGGING ME THROUGH THE HIMALAYAS ON A LEASH AS YOUR PRISONER? OR PLANNING TO KILL ME AFTER YOU UNCOVERED ALL THE SECRETS OF THE COSMIC CLUB?



CAN WE SAY **BOTH?**

CAPTAIN, YOU CANNOT EXPECT ME TO WORK WITH THIS MAN!

I CAN AND I DO, DOCTOR. WHATEVER DIFFERENCES THE TWO OF YOU MAY HAVE HAD BEFORE, IT'S TIME TO PUT THEM ASIDE.



WE ARE ON THE **SAME TEAM** NOW. AND IT'S WE FEW AGAINST THE MANY. SO, DOCTOR, I EXPECT YOU TO PUT YOUR LOYALTY TO HYDRA ABOVE YOUR OWN PERSONAL GRIEVANCES.

AND YOU, HELMUT. I UNDERSTAND THE DOCTOR MAY TAKE SOME TIME TO COME AROUND, AND THAT MAY COME TO FRUSTRATE YOU, BUT, NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU MAY WANT TO--



--DO NOT VAPORIZE HIM WHILE I'M GONE.



HMPH.



Personal Log of Maria Hill:

Okay, I will admit it--  
I'm desperate.

Since getting kicked out of  
S.H.I.E.L.D., I've been trying to  
find something--anything--that  
can get me back in the action--

Which led me  
here--to Bagalia--  
the nation of  
super-criminals.

Got a dark net invitation, some  
anon making big promises. But  
like everything in Bagalia--

--it's probably  
a trap.

**TASKMASTER!**

HEYA,  
MARIA. LONG  
TIME, NO--

--TRY TO  
KILL ME. @#!\$  
NEOCONS.

I JUST  
WANNA  
TALK!

YOU  
SHOULD  
LISTEN TO  
THE MAN,  
HILL--





--YOU'RE GONNA WANT TO HEAR WHAT HE HAS TO SAY.

O'GRADY?!

--WE CAME HERE TO MAKE A DEAL. WE GOT THINGS WE WANT, AND WE GOT THINGS YOU NEED.

HEY--IT'S THE **BLACK ANT**. WE STICK TO **CODENAMES** IN BAGALIA.

IDENTITY THEFT IS A REAL PROBLEM AROUND HERE.

RELAX, MARIA--

**SERIOUSLY?** WHAT COULD I POSSIBLY NEED FROM YOU TWO INCOMPETENT MORONS?

**INCOMPETENT?** CAN I JUST POINT OUT BOTH OF US ARE FORMER **S.H.I.E.L.D.** EMPLOYEES?



S'TRUE--THOUGH THE ORGANIZATION AIN'T EXACTLY WHAT IT **USED** TO BE.

HOPE YOU AT LEAST GOT A DECENT REFERENCE.

any Bugle  
**SHIELD SHAKE UP:**  
MILL FIRED, CAP HIRED



YEAH, I APPRECIATE YOU NOTICING I GOT FIRED. SO UNLESS THIS OFFER IS A MONSTER.COM LISTING--

**BETTER.** WHAT IF WE TOLD YOU WE HAD A SLAM-DUNK, NO-LOSE WAY FOR YOU TO GET YOUR OLD JOB BACK?

NOT ONLY THAT--BUT YOU GET TO BRING DOWN THE GUY I'M BETTIN' YOU HATE THE **MOST** RIGHT NOW--



"--CAPTAIN AMERICA."

SORRY I'M LATE, EVERYONE.