

S.H.I.E.L.D. BASE CAMP.  
NORTHEAST COAST OF GREENLAND



...I'M JUST SAYING WE NEED TO MOVE NOW.

WHAT I NEED NOW IS FOR YOU TO BE A LITTLE LESS OVER-EXCITED.

I'M NOT OVER-EXCITED, I'M AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF EXCITEMENT, BUT A GLACIAL SHIFT IN THE COMING MONTHS IS AN ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY, WHICH MEANS THAT AT ANY MOMENT...

RELAX, COULSON. WE'LL FIND YOUR FAVORITE ACTION FIGURE.

PHIL COULSON  
AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D.

DIRECTOR FURY...



...THERE WAS A CALL FROM THE WORLD SECURITY COUNCIL.

SCHEDULE A RETURN CALL FOR TOMORROW NIGHT.

ACTUALLY, THEY'VE ALREADY SCHEDULED THE CALL. IT WILL TAKE PLACE IN 12 HOURS...AND THEY'LL BE CALLING YOU AT HQ IN NEW YORK.



THAT WON'T WORK, WE'RE LOOKING AT ANOTHER 2-4 WEEKS FOR THIS EXPEDITION.

I KNOW, SIR. BUT...THE WORLD SECURITY COUNCIL GAVE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER TO SHUT DOWN, PACK UP CAMP, AND HEAD HOME. THEY SAID THEY'D EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO YOU ON THE CALL.





**S.H.I.E.L.D. HQ, NEW YORK**  
12 HOURS LATER...

DIRECTOR FURY, THANK YOU FOR MAKING TIME IN YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE TO TAKE THIS CALL.

DIDN'T LEAVE ME MUCH CHOICE WHEN YOU PULLED THE PLUG ON MY FROSTBITE MISSION.

WERE YOU ABLE TO LOCATE THE SUPER-SOLDIER?

NO. WE DID LOCATE AN IMPORTANT CLUE THAT COULD HAVE POINTED US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, BUT WITH THE EVER-SHIFTING TOPOGRAPHY OF THE GREENLAND ICE SHEET, I IMAGINE WE'LL BE STARTING FROM SCRATCH AGAIN.

A PITY.

YOU WANT TO TELL ME WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT?



WE'D LIKE TO HAVE AN OPEN DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF S.H.I.E.L.D. AS AN AGENCY AND OF YOU AS ITS DIRECTOR.

YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE TESSERACT.

REIGNITING THE TESSERACT. THAT IS CORRECT.



HEY, NO ARGUMENT HERE. I LOVE THAT OBJECTIVE, IT'S DEFINITELY ONE OF MY TOP THREE OR FOUR FAVORITE OBJECTIVES IN THE WHOLE DAMN HANDBOOK!

BUT AFTER TRYING NUCLEAR, GEO-THERMAL, ELECTRIC, MAGNETIC, ELECTROMAGNETIC, STATIC, KINETIC, SOLAR, AND ABOUT 47 OTHER MIXED VARIANT ENERGY SOURCES WITHOUT ANY RESULTS... WE'RE A LITTLE SHORT ON IDEAS.



THERE IS A WAY, DIRECTOR FURY, BOTH HISTORY AND LEGEND CAN ATTEST TO IT. INSPIRATION WILL STRIKE.

AND WE HOPE TO EXPEDITE THIS PROCESS MOVING FORWARD NOW THAT THE LION'S SHARE OF S.H.I.E.L.D. RESOURCES WILL BE DEDICATED TO THE TESSERACT.



SAY THAT AGAIN?



A PROSPECTUS OUTLINING NEW BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS WILL ARRIVE SHORTLY. IN KEEPING WITH THE AGENCY'S MANDATE, THE MAJORITY OF FUNDING, EQUIPMENT, AND MANPOWER WILL BE DEDICATED TO ANALYSIS OF THE TESSERACT, CODED AS PROJECT P.E.G.A.S.U.S.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS REDISTRIBUTION IS TO TAKE FOCUS AWAY FROM CURRENT WASTEFUL PROGRAMS AND REDIRECT IT TO P.E.G.A.S.U.S.

WHAT "WASTEFUL PROGRAMS"?