

# S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER *ILIAD*, (EXACT LOCATION CLASSIFIED.)



WE'RE COMING UP ON IT **NOW**--MOVE FAST, FELLAS, CAMERAS ARE ONLY DOWN FOR ANOTHER FORTY-FIVE SECONDS--



ALL RIGHT, THIS IS IT THEN--

BRANSON, YOU KEEP A LOOKOUT. NO ONE GETS THROUGH THIS DOOR. UNDERSTOOD?

YES, SIR.

ONE SWIPE OF A MASTER OVERRIDE ACCESS CARD AND--



WOW. COMMAND CENTRAL.

KINDA IMPRESSIVE, RIGHT?

NEVER SEEN IT **EMPTY** BEFORE.

DOWN FOR "**UPGRADES**" THIS MONTH. WHICH I MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH. NOW, LET'S GET TO WORK, SHALL WE?



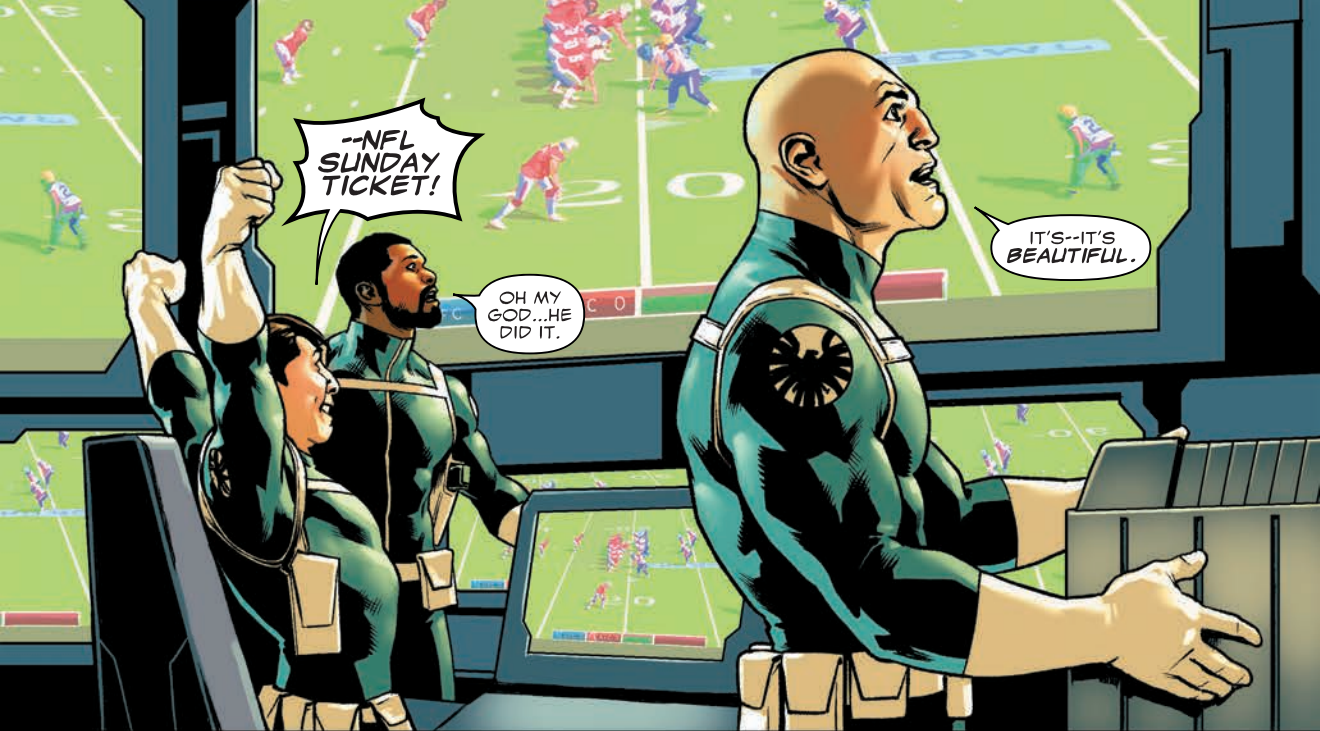
YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN PULL THIS OFF, HAUSER?

HE DAMN WELL BETTER. I'VE GOT A LOT RIDING ON THIS.

THOMAS, PLEASE. I CAN HACK ANYTHING.

THIS IS THE S.H.I.E.L.D. MAINFRAME--ONE OF THE MOST SOPHISTICATED COMMUNICATIONS AND SURVEILLANCE NETWORKS EVER BUILT BY MAN.

MORE THAN CAPABLE OF GETTING US WHAT WE CAME HERE FOR--



--NFL SUNDAY TICKET!

OH MY GOD...HE DID IT.

IT'S--IT'S BEAUTIFUL.



CRACK OPEN THOSE COLD ONES, BOYS--SENTRY SHIFT JUST GOT A LOT MORE INTERESTING!

SO MANY SCREENS!

DIBS ON THE BIG BOY CHAIR!



"I'M MARIA HILL--THIS IS A BLACK OPS INSTALLATION WITH NO COMMUNICATION TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD PERMITTED! SCREW YOUR FANTASY LEAGUE!"

TAP TAP TAP

HEY, YOU GUYS HEAR THAT TAPPING NOISE? IS THAT THE SPEAKERS?





NO--  
--THAT WAS NOT THE SPEAKERS.



BUT DID I JUST HEAR YOU SAY YOU COULD HACK ANYTHING?

"SO THEN WHAT DID YOU DO?"



WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I HACKED ANYTHING. HE'S A GUY WITH A METAL ARM AND A GIANT GUN. I WORK PRIMARILY IN I.T.

HE TOOK ME TO LEVEL NINE AND HAD ME EXTRACT SOME FILES. AT GIANT GUNPOINT.

AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT WAS IN THOSE FILES?



NO CLUE. HE MADE ME WIPE THE SERVERS CLEAN AS SOON AS I WAS DONE.

INSERT BAD HILLARY CLINTON JOKE HERE.

THANK YOU, PRIVATE--



--YOU'VE BEEN A REAL HELP.

MY NAME IS STEVE ROGERS. I'M A S.H.I.E.L.D. COMMANDER AND THE FORMER CAPTAIN AMERICA--



--AND I AM HAVING A VERY BAD WEEK.

ANOTHER INTERROGATION, ANOTHER DEAD END. WHAT ARE YOU UP TO, **BUCKY?**



BUCK AND I GO BACK A LONG WAY, BACK TO THE WAR, IN FACT.



HE'S LIKE A **BROTHER** TO ME, BUT THAT'S NOT TO SAY IT'S ALWAYS BEEN EASY--

--HE'S BEEN THROUGH A LOT, MORE PAIN THAN I COULD EVER IMAGINE.

AFTER THE WAR, HE WAS SNATCHED UP AND BRAINWASHED INTO BECOMING A DEADLY ASSASSIN ON BEHALF OF SOME **TRULY** EVIL FORCES.



BUT EVENTUALLY HE BROKE FREE, BECAME A HERO AGAIN, BECAME MY **BEST FRIEND** AGAIN.

HE'S BEEN AWAY FOR A WHILE--CHARGED WITH PROTECTING THE EARTH FROM EXTERNAL THREATS, BUT NOW HE'S BACK FROM OUTER SPACE--

WE'VE SERVED TOGETHER, FOUGHT TOGETHER, SAVED EACH OTHER'S LIVES MORE TIMES THAN I CAN **COUNT**.



--AND IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S BECOME A THREAT **HIMSELF**.



ATTACKING FOUR CLANDESTINE S.H.I.E.L.D. OUTPOSTS IN THE LAST SIX DAYS.



THERE ARE A NUMBER OF POSSIBLE SCENARIOS HERE, **NONE** OF THEM GOOD--

THE WORST POSSIBILITY BEING THAT HIS OLD WINTER SOLDIER PROGRAMMING IS SOMEHOW REASSERTING ITSELF.

I DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE THAT'S THE CASE HERE--BUT HOW ELSE CAN I EXPLAIN THIS?

IT'S NOT JUST THAT HE'S TARGETING HIS ALLIES-- IT'S THAT I KNOW, IF BUCK WERE HIMSELF AND HE WERE DOING SOMETHING THIS RISKY--SOMETHING THAT LOOKED THIS BAD--

--HE'D TALK TO HIS BEST FRIEND ABOUT IT FIRST.

THAT'S WHAT'S BEEN DOGGING ME AS I'VE CHASED HIM ACROSS THESE BLACK OPS SITES--

--AT LEAST IT'S SOMETHING.

LH, COMMANDER ROGERS?

--BUT HERE, I FINALLY GET THE HOPE I'VE BEEN DESPERATE FOR--EVEN IF IT IS JUST A GLIMMER--

BUT IF THERE'S ONE THING I'VE LEARNED--

LH, BEFORE I GO, SIR--I WAS JUST WONDERING--IS THERE ANY CHANCE YOU COULD NOT TELL DIRECTOR HILL ABOUT THE FOOTBALL THING? SHE...DOESN'T REALLY HAVE THE BEST SENSE OF HUMOR ABOUT THIS STUFF.

AND I CANNOT GO BACK TO SUBSTITUTE TEACHING.

--IT'S THAT THINGS CAN ALWAYS GET WORSE.