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THE AVENGERS CREATED BY STAN LEE AND JACK KIRBY



AVENGERS UPDATE

FIRST APPEARANCE: [concept] *Iron Man* (2008); [actual] *Marvel's The Avengers* (2012)

Following S.H.I.E.L.D.'s apparent dissolution, the Avengers reassembled to retrieve Loki's scepter, stolen by Hydra. Under Captain America's leadership, they destroyed several hidden Hydra bases and became close friends. To protect bystanders during their battles, Tony Stark created the Iron Legion, drones controlled by his artificial intelligence (A.I.) aide JARVIS. Eventually, the team recaptured the scepter during an assault on Baron Strucker's Sokovian base, but he had already used it to turn two locals—twins

Wanda and Pietro Maximoff—into superhumans. During the raid, Wanda's mental manipulation abilities showed Stark a vision of his greatest fear: the other Avengers slain by the Chitauri in another attack on Earth. Examining the scepter back at Avengers Tower, Stark discovered an apparent intelligence that he hoped could complete his Ultron project, a secret plan to create a defense against any future extraterrestrial incursions. A few days later, while the Avengers threw a party to celebrate locating the scepter, Ultron achieved sentience; he

swiftly concluded that to protect Earth, humanity should be eliminated. He apparently destroyed the disagreeing JARVIS, then attacked the Avengers with the Iron Legion to cover his escape with the scepter.

Tracking Ultron, the Avengers learned he had allied with the Maximoffs and was seeking the exceptionally rare metal Vibranium. Suspecting that Ultron would pursue illegal arms dealer Ulysses Klaue to obtain it, the Avengers traveled to Klaue's freighter salvage yard off the coast of Africa, where they came into conflict with Ultron and the Maximoffs. Wanda incapacitated most of the heroes with visions dredged from their darkest memories, and sent an enraged Hulk rampaging



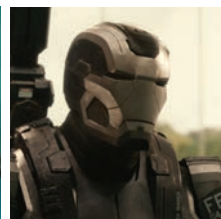
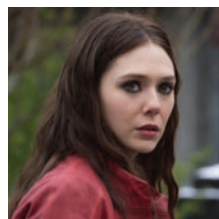
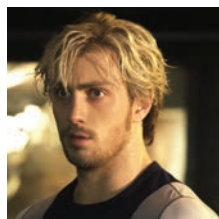
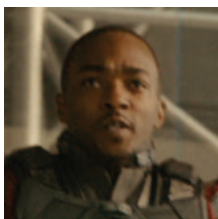
FACT SHEET

- ▶ THOUGH CAPTAIN AMERICA OFFICIALLY LED THE AVENGERS, STARK WAS HAPPY TO REMIND HIM WHO PAID THE BILLS AND DESIGNED THEIR EQUIPMENT.
- ▶ THE NEW AVENGERS FACILITY HOUSES A LARGE SUPPORT STAFF, INCLUDING CHO AND THOR'S SCIENTIST ALLY DR. ERIK SELVIG.

RECOVERING AFTER BATTLE



BELOW: FALCON, QUICKSILVER, SCARLET WITCH, VISION, WAR MACHINE Active: *Avengers: Age of Ultron* (2015)



towards nearby Johannesburg. Iron Man subdued his maddened teammate, but not before their battle demolished a large swath of the city. With world authorities looking for them, the team hid at Hawkeye's secret farm. Advised by Nick Fury that someone was blocking Ultron's attempts to hack the U.S.'s nuclear launch codes, and realizing Ultron intended to

“evolve” by using Avengers’ associate Dr. Helen Cho’s synthetic tissue research to create an enhanced android body, the team split up. While Stark discovered Ultron’s internet nemesis was a surviving JARVIS, Cap, Black Widow, and Hawkeye checked on Cho in Seoul, South Korea. Finding Ultron, the trio were assisted by the Maximoffs, who had learned

of Ultron’s true plans, and stole the finished android before Ultron could upload his consciousness into it. Believing Ultron feared JARVIS, Stark downloaded his A.I. into the android, creating the Vision, who agreed to help stop his genocidal progenitor. Using a Vibranium engine and a magnetic field, Ultron launched a huge portion of Sokovia skyward, intending to drop it as a meteor and trigger an extinction event. While battling an Ultron drone army, the Avengers evacuated the flying conurbation with assistance from Iron Man’s ally War Machine and a S.H.I.E.L.D. Helicarrier Fury had procured. Though Pietro Maximoff died saving Hawkeye and a local boy, the heroes ultimately prevailed, destroying Ultron. Bruce Banner, afraid his alter ego would continue to endanger others, departed in a Quinjet; Thor returned to Asgard; and Hawkeye retired. The remaining team relocated to upstate New York and recruited new members: War Machine, Vision, Falcon, and Wanda, the Scarlet Witch. 🌀

AT BARTON'S FARM





UPSTATE FACILITY

AVENGERS HEADQUARTERS

FIRST APPEARANCE: [As Stark Tower] *Marvel's The Avengers* (2012); [Avengers Tower] *Marvel's Avengers: Age of Ultron* (2015); [Upstate New York facility] *Marvel's Avengers: Age of Ultron* (2015)

Following the Battle of New York, Tony Stark and Pepper Potts immediately began work repairing Stark Tower, damaged during the clash with Loki and his Chitauri allies. Sometime later, Stark converted the building into Avengers Tower, which served as a high-tech headquarters for

the Avengers. Still run by Stark's computer systems, the artificial intelligence JARVIS, and Avengers ally Maria Hill, the redesigned Tower now housed advanced laboratories for Stark and Bruce Banner, storage docks for Stark's Iron Legion drones and their automated repair systems, a state-of-the-art medical bay,

and a stylish living area where the team could congregate for rest, recreation, and social events. Stark provided customized facilities for each Avenger, such as an archery equipment practice and storage area for Hawkeye. The Tower's extended platform was changed to a sophisticated landing pad for the

AVENGERS TOWER



AVENGERS TOWER LABS



Avengers' Quinjet aircraft, and the center of the Tower's massive, stylized Avengers "A" logo served as the entry and exit portal for the Iron Legion.

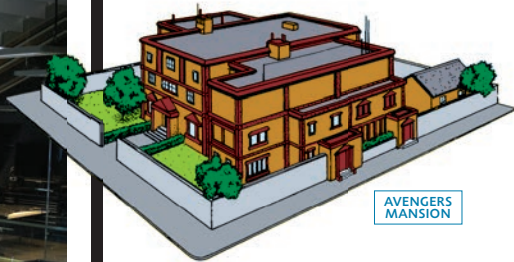
After defeating Hydra's Baron Strucker and reclaiming Loki's scepter, Stark and Banner's rogue artificial intelligence, Ultron, created a body from spare Legion parts and attacked the team during a celebratory gathering. The battle between the heroes and the Ultron-controlled Legion left the interior of the building and the Legion destroyed. After Ultron fled the building via the internet and later erased much

of the information the team needed to locate him, they utilized the backup paper files stored in the Tower. Following Ultron's defeat, the Avengers relocated to a multi-level headquarters in upstate New York. This facility, partially below ground, was converted from a Stark Industries warehouse and offered much of the same features and functionality as Avengers Tower, but also now included a spacious grass field surrounding the facility and dozens of employees and support staff, among them Avengers allies Dr. Helen Cho, Dr. Erik Selvig, and Maria Hill. [A](#)

AVENGERS TOWER LIVING SPACE



IN THE COMICS



AVENGERS MANSION

THE AVENGERS HAVE OPERATED OUT

of various headquarters over the years, including the long-serving Avengers Mansion and Avengers Tower in Manhattan, California's Avengers Compound, Hydrobase, a floating island off the New York coast, and the sub-atomic Infinite Avengers Mansion. In modern times, the team's various squads maintain individual bases, with Avengers Idea Mechanics active on Avengers Island, the Unity Squad within the Schaefer Theater, and another squad using an old Stark hangar.

FIRST APPEARANCE:
 (AVENGERS MANSION) *AVENGERS* #2 (1963);
 (AVENGERS COMPOUND) *AVENGERS* #246 (1984);
 (HYDROBASE, AS AVENGERS ISLAND): *AVENGERS* #262 (1985); (STARK/AVENGERS TOWER) *NEW AVENGERS* #3 (2005); (INFINITE AVENGERS MANSION) *MIGHTY AVENGERS* #27 (2009); (CURRENT AVENGERS ISLAND) *NEW AVENGERS* #1 (2015); (SCHAEFER THEATER) *UNCANNY AVENGERS* #1 (2015); (STARK HANGAR) *ALL-NEW, ALL-DIFFERENT AVENGERS* #4 (2016)



FACT SHEET

- ▶ THE CELEBRATORY PARTY IN AVENGERS TOWER INCLUDED GUESTS WAR MACHINE, FALCON, AND SEVERAL ELDERLY VETERANS—PRESUMABLY ACQUAINTANCES OF THE TIME-LOST CAPTAIN AMERICA.
- ▶ THOR'S DEPARTURE FROM THE AVENGERS' UPSTATE FACILITY LEFT A RUNE-SHAPED PATTERN ON THE FACILITY'S LAWN.



BARON STRUCKER

FIRST APPEARANCE:
Captain America: The Winter Soldier (2014)

Baron Wolfgang von Strucker, a S.H.I.E.L.D. agent and secret Hydra operative, obtained Loki's scepter following the New York Chitauri invasion and took it to his Sokovian Hydra facility. There, he supervised human experiments using the scepter to empower humans, but only a set of twins, Pietro and Wanda Maximoff, survived and gained

superhuman powers. After Captain America exposed Hydra's corruption of S.H.I.E.L.D., the Avengers hunted down Hydra facilities. When they found the Sokovia facility, Baron Strucker ordered all the research data deleted. As the Maximoff twins battled the Avengers, Iron Man breached the base's energy defense field and stopped the deletion, saving most of the data. Baron Strucker was arrested, and the twins escaped.

When Tony Stark and Bruce Banner created an artificial intelligence, Ultron, in the hopes of ushering in world peace, it quickly became genocidal and constructed a body for itself. Ultron allied with the Maximoff twins, planning to use them to distract the Avengers while he engineered an extinction-level event, believing doing so would complete his programming to create peace. Seeking Vibranium to construct a stronger body, Ultron visited Baron Strucker in



IN THE 1930S, BARON WOLFGANG

von Strucker joined the Nazi party, becoming infamous as one of Hitler's top commanders. After clashing with Sgt. Nick Fury and his Howling Commandos several times, Baron Strucker fell out of favor with Hitler and fled Germany to Japan, where he joined forces with both a subversive group and Hand ninjas to found Hydra. Baron Strucker survived into the current day with an age-retarding serum his scientists developed, overseeing Hydra's growth for decades. Baron Strucker orchestrated Hydra's infiltration of S.H.I.E.L.D. but was eventually discovered by Fury, who started an extended war with Hydra and ultimately defeated their forces.

FIRST APPEARANCE:
*SGT. FURY AND HIS HOWLING
COMMANDOS #5* (1964)



FACT SHEET

- ▶ BARON STRUCKER SHAVED HIS HEAD AND WORE A MONOCLE ON HIS RIGHT EYE.
- ▶ IN ADDITION TO LOKI'S SCEPTER, BARON STRUCKER'S HYDRA CELL WAS ALSO RESEARCHING CHITAUURI WEAPONS AND ARMOR, AS WELL AS A LEVIATHAN CORPSE.
- ▶ BARON STRUCKER OFTEN EMPLOYED DECEPTION AS A STRATEGIC TACTIC: WHEN CAPTAIN AMERICA EXPOSED HYDRA'S CORRUPTION OF S.H.I.E.L.D., STRUCKER EXPOSED SOME OF HIS FACILITIES TO DRAW ATTENTION AWAY FROM SOKOVIA; WHEN THE AVENGERS FOUND HIS SOKOVIA FACILITY, HE OFFERED THEM HIS HYDRA WEAPONS, HOPING THEY WOULDN'T SEARCH FURTHER AND FIND LOKI'S SCEPTER.

prison; Baron Strucker told Ultron he could get Vibranium from black-market arms dealer Ulysses Klaue. Ultron then murdered Baron Strucker and left a taunting message for the Avengers written in his blood: "peace." 