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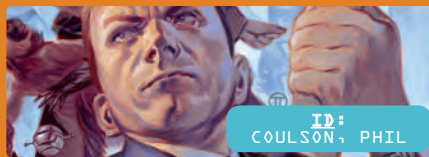
STRATEGIC HOMELAND INTERVENTION ENFORCEMENT LOGISTICS DIVISION

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DARK DIMENSIONS

# S.H.I.E.L.D.

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S.H.I.E.L.D., the Strategic Homeland Intervention, Enforcement and Logistics Division, mitigates and confronts threats to the security of the Earth and its people. Its highly trained agents detect and defend against any menace that might rear its ugly head among us — such as the powerful mystic being Dormammu, who's infected much of the world's population with a magical mindless plague. Combatting this plague are S.H.I.E.L.D. agent Phil Coulson and veteran agent Melinda May a.k.a. "The Cavalry" (Note: Do NOT call her that to her face). Already infected are their partners: xenobiologist Jenna Simmons and self-proclaimed "gadgeteer" Leo Fitz. Coulson, May, and their fellow S.H.I.E.L.D. agents will encounter mutants, monsters, villains, gods, and the best and worst of humanity as they endeavor to carry out S.H.I.E.L.D.'s mission and save our world.



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**BAXTER BUILDING.  
MANHATTAN.**

"ABOUT FOUR HOURS  
AGO, THE 'MINDLESS  
PLAGUE' BEGAN  
ITS WORLDWIDE  
INFECTION.

"THE FIRST PEOPLE HIT WERE  
THE PLANET'S GREATEST  
INTELLECTS--YOUR  
RICHARDS FAMILY, YOUR  
VON DOOMS AND AMADELIS  
CHO-LEVEL BRAINS--

**STARK  
ISLAND.  
SAN  
FRANCISCO  
BAY.**

"--ALL MAGICALLY  
TRANSFORMED INTO  
BARELY SENTIENT  
KILLING MACHINES.

"SINCE THEN,  
THE INFECTION'S  
BEEN WORKING  
ITS WAY DOWN  
THE I.Q. CHAIN.

"EVEN AT A ONE-IN-A-  
HUNDRED-THOUSAND  
CONVERSION RATE,  
WORLD GOVERNMENTS  
AND ECONOMIES ARE  
ALREADY THREATENING  
TO COLLAPSE.

"I'D RECRUIT FITZ  
AND SIMMONS TO  
HELP US ISOLATE  
THE EFFECT AND  
FIND A COUNTER-  
MEASURE--"



**MASSACHUSETTS  
INSTITUTE OF  
TECHNOLOGY.**

S.H.I.E.L.D.  
CENTRAL  
MANHATTAN.

--BUT,  
REALLY TO NO  
ONE'S SURPRISE,  
THEY WERE AMONG  
THE FIRST  
VICTIMS.

YOU  
AND I ARE  
GOOD FOR A  
FEW HOURS YET,  
DIRECTOR  
HILL.

I'LL  
TRY NOT TO  
TAKE THAT  
PERSONALLY,  
COLLSON.

THAT WASN'T  
A DIG. I RECRUITED  
S.H.I.E.L.D.'S ESPER  
UNIT TO PUT MENTAL  
BLOCKS ON ALL ESSENTIAL  
UNINFECTED PERSONNEL.  
THAT SHOULD KEEP US  
"OURSELVES" FOR A  
WHILE LONGER.



UNFORTUNATELY,  
THEY DON'T HAVE THE  
TELEPATHIC OOMPH TO DO THE  
SAME FOR THE OTHER SIX BILLION  
PEOPLE ON EARTH WHO ARE  
ALL-TOO-QUICKLY  
TRANSFORMING.

INTO  
WHAT?



"THE VIOLENT FRENZY, THE OPTIC  
BLASTS--I SAW CREATURES LIKE  
THIS LAST TIME I CHECKED ON  
DOCTOR STRANGE. HE CALLED  
THEM MINDLESS ONES."





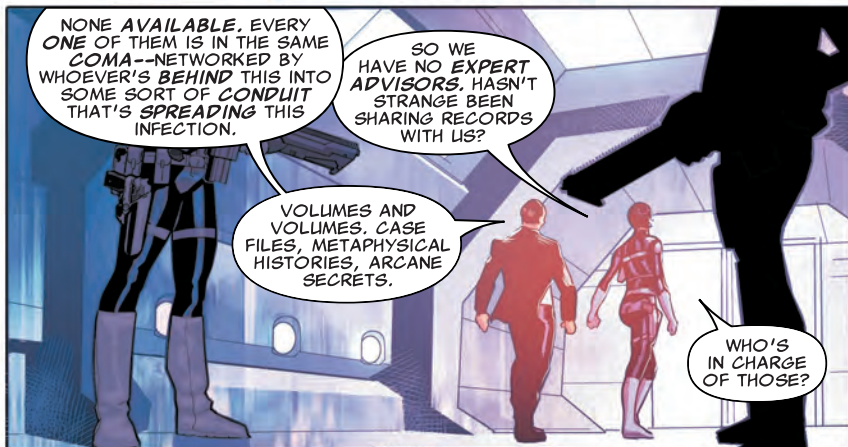
PETS OF HIS?

NO. MONSTERS FROM SOME OTHER DIMENSION. IN FACT, STRANGE WAS ANXIOUS TO CHECK IN ON THEM. SAID SOMETHING WAS STIRRING.

I IMAGINE THIS WAS IT. UNFORTUNATELY, WE'VE NO WAY TO REACH STRANGE NOW, SO OUR BEST BET IS TO GO FIND HIM.

MAY, I'M TEXTING YOU A LIST OF EMERGENCY RECRUITS. ROUND THEM UP.

OTHER SORCERERS?



NONE AVAILABLE. EVERY ONE OF THEM IS IN THE SAME COMA--NETWORKED BY WHOEVER'S BEHIND THIS INTO SOME SORT OF CONDUIT THAT'S SPREADING THIS INFECTION.

SO WE HAVE NO EXPERT ADVISORS. HASN'T STRANGE BEEN SHARING RECORDS WITH US?

VOLUMES AND VOLUMES. CASE FILES, METAPHYSICAL HISTORIES, ARCANE SECRETS.

WHO'S IN CHARGE OF THOSE?



AGENT JEREMIAH WARRICK, AND--

ELEVATOR, TAKE US TO AGENT WARRICK.



--AND I SHOULD WARN YOU. WORKING WITH STRANGE'S ARCHIVES HAS...CHANGED WARRICK, AND HE'S TOUCHY ABOUT IT.

WARRICK, J.  
NEVER, EVER DISTURB

CHANGED HIM HOW?



KNOCK, PLEASE?

MY WORK REQUIRES CONCENTRATION! HOW DO YOU EXPECT ME TO DO ALL THIS TRANSCRIBING WITH CONSTANT INTERRUPT--



--TIONS--

DIRECTOR... DIRECTOR HILL...!

FORGIVE ME! I'M JUST... PARTICULAR ABOUT MY WORK.

IF YOU EVER FIND YOURSELF KEYBOARDING A MAGIC SPELL, DO IT SLOWLY. TYPOS ARE MURDER.



I--WE NEED EVERYTHING YOU HAVE ON THE MINDLESS ONES.

AGENT.

WARRICK.



YOU TOLD HER TO ACT NORMAL, DIDN'T YOU? IF ANYTHING, THAT'S EVEN MORE INSULTING THAN THE TIME I TURNED INTO A SPARKLY UNICO--

WE'RE PRESSED FOR TIME, WARRICK. DO YOU HAVE INTEL OR NOT?



COME IN. COME IN. WATCH WHERE YOU STEP, PLEASE. THESE DOCUMENTS ARE ON LOAN.