



**FROM THE DESK OF
DUM DUM DUGAN...**



I've set up shop at S.T.A.K.E.—that's S.H.I.E.L.D.'s special division for Supernatural Threat Analysis for Known Extranormalities—and have been put in charge of a rag-tag group of monsters who I'm calling the Howling Commandos. I'm gonna help 'em earn that name, one mission at a time.

We tend to investigate the weirder side of S.H.I.E.L.D.'s case files, and our most recent mission was no exception. While searching for a missing subway car, we found a girl with the ability to summon spirits that resemble ancient Egyptian monsters...she isn't able to control 'em, so we had to bring her back to base for evaluation. Now we've gotten word of a supernatural attack on an Egyptian museum, and I'm startin' to feel this might all be connected...



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IT SEEMS WE WERE MISTAKEN, MY APPRENTICE. THE ARTIFACTS WE SEEK ARE **NOT** HERE.

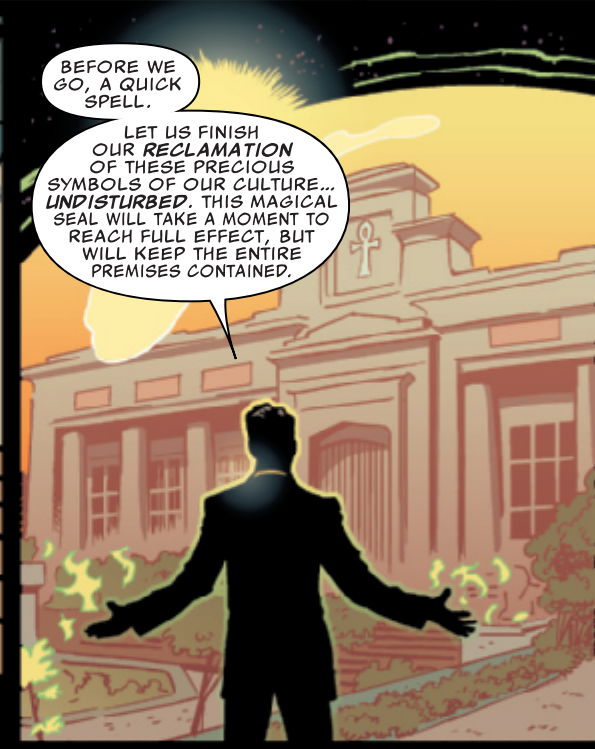
LET US CONTINUE OUR SEARCH ELSEWHERE.



THESE "CURATORS" HAVE NO RIGHT TO CLAIM ANY PIECE OF OUR HISTORY AS THEIR OWN.

THE NERVE OF THESE AMERICANS, TO DISPLAY SUCH **PRICELESS ARTIFACTS** OF POWER AS MERE "ART"...

THEY TRULY **DESECRATE** OUR CULTURE, MY LORD SPHINX.



BEFORE WE GO, A QUICK SPELL.

LET US FINISH OUR **RECLAMATION** OF THESE PRECIOUS SYMBOLS OF OUR CULTURE... **UNDISTURBED**. THIS MAGICAL SEAL WILL TAKE A MOMENT TO REACH FULL EFFECT, BUT WILL KEEP THE ENTIRE PREMISES CONTAINED.



EXCELLENT THINKING, COME, MY APPRENTICE. OUR SOLDIERS WILL CONTINUE TO STRIP THE RELICS FROM THIS "MUSEUM." WE HAVE OTHER MATTERS TO ATTEND TO... AS WELL AS OUR **NEXT TARGET**.

THERE IS... SOMETHING ELSE, MILORD.



I CAN SENSE SOMETHING APPROACHING FROM THE SKY. IT APPEARS OUR RECOVERY MISSION HAS ATTRACTED **UNWANTED ATTENTION**.

ABOVE...

COMMANDER DUGAN TO S.T.A.K.E. HQ. WE'RE APPROACHING THE SITE OF THE SUPERNATURAL ENERGY ANOMALY ORRGO PICKED UP EARLIER TONIGHT.

LOOKS LIKE HE WAS RIGHT, AS I'VE GOT EYES ON A NUMBER OF STRANGE ENTITIES SWARMING THE AREA, AS WELL AS SOME KIND OF ENERGY SHIELD FORMING AROUND THE MUSEUM ITSELF.

WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO INFILTRATE IMMEDIATELY. WE DON'T WANNA GET SEALED OUTSIDE THE MUSEUM, AND OUR SENSORS INDICATE THE SHIELD WILL ONLY BE VULNERABLE TO FORCED ENTRY FOR ANOTHER FEW MOMENTS.

SITWELL, HIT MONKEY... I'M COUNTING ON YOU BOYS TO GET THE JOB DONE.

YOU'LL NEED TO GET TO A VANTAGE POINT FOR SOME PRECISE SHOOTING, HIT MONKEY, AND SITWELL... WELL, TRY NOT TO SHOOT ME WITH A ROCKET LAUNCHER AGAIN.*

LRRRGHHHH.

*AS HE DID IN ISSUE #1--K.K.



SKREE!

SO WE'RE GOING TO JUMP RIGHT INTO A TRAP? SOUNDS LIKE A SUICIDE MISSION TO ME, DUGAN. BUT I GUESS YOU'RE GIVING THE ORDERS NOW...

I KNOW KRAYE PUT YOU IN CHARGE OF S.T.A.K.E.'S FIELD DIVISION, WARWOLF. BUT I'VE GOT A LOT OF EXPERIENCE WITH BATTLE-FIELD OPERATIONS MYSELF, SO YOU NEED TO TRUST ME.

WE'LL WORK ON TRUST AFTER WE'RE ON THE GROUND, DUGAN. ASSUMING WE DON'T SPLATTER LIKE BUGS ON A WINDSHIELD...

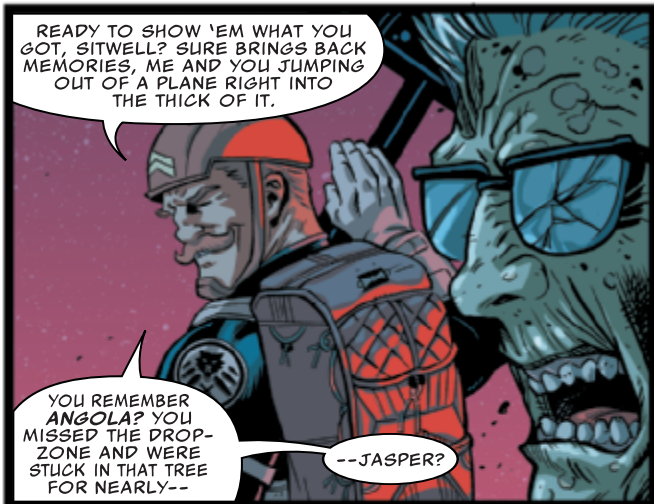


...NOT THAT ANYONE WOULD MISS YOUR CREEPY PET ZOMBIE.

WATCH IT, PAL. SITWELL'S A VALUABLE MEMBER OF THIS SQUAD, JUST LIKE YOU.

SKREE!

AND THE MONKEY!



READY TO SHOW 'EM WHAT YOU GOT, SITWELL? SURE BRINGS BACK MEMORIES, ME AND YOU JUMPING OUT OF A PLANE RIGHT INTO THE THICK OF IT.

YOU REMEMBER ANGOLA? YOU MISSED THE DROP-ZONE AND WERE STUCK IN THAT TREE FOR NEARLY--

--JASPER?



RRGH



SIGH. C'MON, SOLDIER. YOU'VE GOTTA BE IN THAT BAG OF BONES SOMEWHERE...



...GUESS I'LL HAVE TO SPEED THINGS UP A BIT.

UP AND AT 'EM, SITWELL!



JUST DON'T FORGET TO PULL YOUR CHUTE!

NRRRGH HHHH!