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# PHIL COULSON UPDATE

FIRST APPEARANCE: *Iron Man* (2008)

**A**fter being appointed director of S.H.I.E.L.D., Phil Coulson devoted much of his time rebuilding the now-fugitive organization. Coulson's recruitment efforts appeared to divert much of his time and attention away from his agents and the mercenaries he hired to fill their ranks; in actuality, he was working with Nick Fury on the top-secret Theta Protocol, which would reinstate Helicarrier No. 64 to operational status. Coulson secretly hid captive Grant Ward in a cell in S.H.I.E.L.D.'s Playground headquarters and directed Skye to research mysterious alien symbols they had encountered. Only Agent May was informed of the symbols' source: Coulson himself was carving them during manic episodes, and had begun seeking treatment through May's ex-hus-

band, psychologist Andrew Garner. When the team learned Hydra was seeking a vastly powerful obelisk affiliated with the symbols, Coulson focused on stopping them. Also seeking to stop Hydra, independent

operative Raina stole the obelisk and gave it to Calvin Johnson, Skye's volatile father. However, Johnson used it to gain entry to Hydra as part of his revenge plan against Hydra leader Daniel Whitehall, whom he believed killed his wife years before.

When Skye learned from Ward that former agent John Garrett had carved the same symbols after exposure to the alien drug GH-325 (also used to save her and Coulson's lives), she confronted Coulson, who owned up to his carvings and revealed his belief that Skye was not suffering the same effects because her body had already contained alien DNA. After Skye realized the symbols were a map, Coulson used the Theta wave machine to trigger his memory, learning that GH-325 had been used to resurrect fatally injured S.H.I.E.L.D. agents, who subsequently went mad; S.H.I.E.L.D. wiped their memories and gave them new identities. While investigating Hank Thompson and Sebastian Derik, the two surviving T.A.H.I.T.I. patients, Coulson encountered a 3-D depiction of the symbols and realized it was a blueprint for an ancient underground city founded by the alien



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Kree, who had come to Earth to genetically create super-powered cannon fodder for their empire.

When Hydra kidnapped Skye and Raina, Coulson and his team tracked them to San Juan, the city above the alien city, where Coulson fatally shot Whitehall. Escaping with Skye and Agent Triplett in pursuit, Raina activated the blue crystals inside the obelisk; the resulting mist transformed Raina and Skye—both unknowingly Kree descendants—but killed the human Triplett. After sowing false information to manipulate a civil war within Hydra's leadership that eliminated the majority of Hydra's figureheads, Coulson arranged to hide Skye—now able to generate

vibrational waves—in a S.H.I.E.L.D. safehouse. However, when a second faction of S.H.I.E.L.D. attacked, mistrusting Coulson's leadership, Skye was rescued by Inhumans while Coulson briefly became a fugitive. Following the Avengers' Battle of Sokovia, Coulson revealed his participation in the Theta Protocol and his loyalty to the still-alive Fury, then unified S.H.I.E.L.D. by agreeing to be monitored by a council of advisors, including those who didn't fully trust him.

Soon after, Jiaying, Inhuman leader and Skye's mother, tried to incite a war with S.H.I.E.L.D., intending to release the Terrigen Mist and transform all latent Inhumans, killing any normal

humans. When she seized control of S.H.I.E.L.D. aircraft carrier *Iliad*, Coulson forced Johnson to confront the truth—that Jiaying was using him and Skye to gain power for herself—and recruited him to S.H.I.E.L.D.'s cause. Skye used her powers to knock a jet containing dozens of transformative crystals into the ocean to keep them away from Jiaying, whom Johnson reluctantly killed to prevent her from vengefully killing Skye. Elsewhere, Coulson saved his team by catching a falling Terrigen crystal; the contact began to calcify his body, killing him, but he was saved when Agent Alphonso Mackenzie cut off his arm with an ax, preventing the spread. Later, grateful for Johnson's help and empathetic to his suffering at Jiaying's hands, Coulson ordered his memories wiped and set him free in a new life as a kindly veterinarian. After visiting Johnson (now Dr. Winslow), Skye—having adopted her real name, Daisy—accepted Coulson's assignment to recruit Inhumans for a secret S.H.I.E.L.D. squad. Both remained unaware the sunken Terrigen crystals were infusing fish with their transformative properties, and were becoming available for mass consumption via fish oil tablets. ☼

#### FACT SHEET

- ▶ COULSON TRICKED AGENT 33 INTO REVEALING SHE WASN'T AGENT MAY BY GETTING HER TO AGREE TO GO FOR COFFEE, KNOWING MAY HATED COFFEE.
- ▶ MANITOWOC, WISCONSIN IS COULSON'S HOMETOWN. HIS FATHER WAS A HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACH THERE.
- ▶ COULSON LIKES KANGAROOS.
- ▶ AGENT MAY BEGRUDGINGLY ADMITTED SHE LIKED DANCING WITH COULSON WHILE UNDERCOVER—BUT ONLY A LITTLE BIT.
- ▶ COULSON HAD DIFFICULTY REMEMBERING TO CALL DAISY BY HER NEWLY DISCOVERED GIVEN NAME, REPEATEDLY REFERRING TO HER AS SKYE.





# LEO FITZ UPDATE

FIRST APPEARANCE:

*Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D., Season 1, "Pilot" (2013)*

**W**hen Leo Fitz awoke after being comatose for nine days, it became clear that hypoxia had caused damage to his temporal lobe, affecting his coordination and memory. Though the ability to talk returned, Fitz struggled to recall specific words and lacked fine motor control of his right hand. Random scientific principles eluded his recall, and he felt his friends were treating him as broken, with even Simmons acting differently, though this was actually because Fitz had admitted his romantic interest in her during their near-death experience. Hoping Fitz

would recover better if she were absent, Simmons left, secretly going undercover for S.H.I.E.L.D. Director Phil Coulson. However, her seeming abandonment devastated Fitz, and he began visualizing that she was still there, a coping mechanism that he treated as real, despite knowing otherwise.

As Coulson rebuilt a Hydra-shattered S.H.I.E.L.D., the sidelined Fitz became determined to return to field work. Wary of trusting new people following Ward's betrayal, Fitz was won over by mechanic Alphonso "Mack" Mackenzie and field specialist Lance Hunter, both

blunt talkers who treated him as a normal and still-valued teammate. Simmons' eventual return unsettled both her and Fitz, both desperately missing their former close friendship but unsure how to resolve their mixed emotions. When an alien artifact mutated their friend Skye, Fitz hid her secret, fearing the others, Simmons included, would overreact due to negative statements many of them had made towards similarly transformed individuals. His lies upset Simmons when the truth came out, but Fitz soon felt another personal betrayal when Mack proved to be a mole for a rival S.H.I.E.L.D. faction. Patching things up with Simmons when the rival faction seized control of their base, Fitz subsequently aided the fugitive Coulson and Hunter until the two factions resolved their issues and merged. Soon after, Simmons admitted that she reciprocated Fitz's romantic feelings and agreed to go on a date. However, when he left her alone in the lab, an alien monolith they were studying engulfed her, leaving her fate uncertain. ☒

## FACT SHEET

- ▶ WHEN FITZ AND SIMMONS GRADUATED IN THE SCI-TECH CLASS OF '04, SENIOR AGENT ROBERT GONZALES SOUGHT TO RECRUIT THEM, BUT COULSON CONVINCED ACADEMY HEAD AGENT WEAVER TO ASSIGN THEM TO HIM INSTEAD, ALLEGEDLY VIA CUPCAKE BRIBES.
- ▶ LEO FITZ AND JEMMA SIMMONS REFER TO ONE ANOTHER BY THEIR SURNAMES, EVEN WHEN CONVERSING BETWEEN THEMSELVES. WHEN ANGRY AT EACH OTHER, THEY SWITCH TO FIRST NAMES.
- ▶ LEARNING COULSON WAS HOLDING WARD PRISONER, FITZ CUT OFF THE CELL'S OXYGEN SO THE TRAITOR COULD EXPERIENCE HYPOXIA, BUT STOPPED SHORT OF KILLING HIM.
- ▶ MACK NICKNAMED FITZ "TURBO" AND ENCOURAGED HIM TO PLAY VIDEO GAMES TO IMPROVE HIS DAMAGED HAND-EYE COORDINATION.





**LANCE HUNTER WAS THE HEAD OF** Britain's S.T.R.I.K.E. (Special Tactical Reserve for International Key Emergencies), and later became chairman of the UK's Joint Intelligence Committee, overseeing Britain's intelligence services. He enjoys an intermittent romance with Mockingbird (Bobbi Morse).

FIRST APPEARANCE:  
CAPTAIN BRITAIN #19 (1977)

# LANCE HUNTER

FIRST APPEARANCE:  
*Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D., Season 2, "Shadows" (2014)*

Lieutenant Lance Hunter of Britain's Special Air Service earned five commendations for distinguished service, but left the S.A.S. behind to become a mercenary for hire thanks to a romantic liaison with undercover S.H.I.E.L.D. Agent Bobbi Morse. The two fell in love and were married; but while their mutual attraction drew them together, the secrets Morse kept drove them apart, and their relationship ended in divorce. Through Morse, Hunter befriended S.H.I.E.L.D. Agents Alphonso "Mack" Mackenzie and Isabelle "Izzy" Hartley.

After S.H.I.E.L.D.'s collapse, Morse, Hartley, and Mack joined a secret surviving faction led by Agent Robert Gonzales. Mack and Morse subsequently infiltrated Director

Phil Coulson's team. Unaware of the existence of Gonzales' S.H.I.E.L.D., Hunter teamed up with Hartley and Idaho, another mercenary, offering their services to Coulson. When Carl Creel slew both Hartley and Idaho, Hunter went rogue to kill Creel. During the fight, Creel got the upper hand. Hunter survived thanks only to Coulson's intervention. Understanding Hunter's motives, Coulson forgave the betrayal and offered Hunter a place at S.H.I.E.L.D.

Reunited, Hunter and Morse resumed their romance, despite Hunter's deduction that she and Mack were hiding something from him. Trying to get Hunter to leave before Gonzales' plan to attack Coulson's faction was set into action, Morse cooled off their rela-

tionship. Hunter threatened to take his suspicions about their secret affiliation to Coulson, forcing Mack to abduct him. Refusing to accept Gonzales' claims that Coulson was dangerous, Hunter escaped. Gonzales seized control of S.H.I.E.L.D., but Hunter assisted the now-fugitive Coulson until he was able to resolve the two factions' issues. Hunter forgave the apologetic Mack, but remained angry with Morse until she was captured by Grant Ward. Hunter led a rescue mission that found him in danger of being killed by a booby trap set by Ward. Morse threw herself in front of Hunter, suffering life-threatening injuries to protect him. Hunter stayed by her hospital bed until she awoke, when Morse weakly informed him she could not continue their relationship. ☒

## FACT SHEET

- ▶ TO SIGNAL HIS CHOICE TO BACK COULSON OVER GONZALES, HUNTER SYMBOLICALLY SIGNED A NAPKIN IN LIEU OF A FORMAL CONTRACT.
- ▶ HUNTER CLAIMS HE DOESN'T TRUST ANYONE—HE JUST MISTRUSTS SOME PEOPLE LESS THAN OTHERS.
- ▶ HE LIKES EACH MISSION'S GOALS TO EXPLICITLY INCLUDE "DON'T DIE OUT THERE."
- ▶ HUNTER CLAIMED HIS MARRIAGE FAILED TO WORK "BECAUSE INTERSPECIES RELATIONS ARE HARD. I WAS HUMAN, WHEREAS SHE WAS A DEMONIC HELL-BEAST."

