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The Avengers formed to fight the foes that no single hero could withstand! Together, they utilize their astonishing powers and abilities to defend the planet from ever-escalating dangers.

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YEARS AGO.

SOMEONE
GRAB HER! IF WE
CAN DRAG HER
DOWN--

IF YOU COULD,
I WOULDN'T
HAVE SURVIVED PAST
THE AGE OF 7...AND I
WOULDN'T BE THE
BLACK WIDOW.

TO HELL
WITH THIS!
DEPLOYING
SONIC
CANNON!





ENOUGH!

IF I WANTED MY PEOPLE IN THE INFIRMARY, I'D PUT THEM THERE.



AND I HAVEN'T MADE UP MY MIND ABOUT YOU YET, AGENT TWENTY-SEVEN. A SONIC CANNON? IN CLOSE QUARTERS COMBAT?

YOU WOULD'VE TAKEN OUT EVERYONE *BUT* THE WIDOW.

SORRY, I GOT CARRIED AWAY, DIRECTOR FURY. I STILL THINK OF HER AS THE *ENEMY*.



SEEING HOW SHE'S KEEPING HER RUSSIAN CALL SIGN INSTEAD OF TAKING A S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENT NUMBER LIKE THE REST OF US...

...NOT TO MENTION WATCHING HER BEAT UP FELLOW AGENTS...DIDN'T DO MUCH TO HELP WITH THAT.



SHE JUST TOOK ON TEN OF OUR BEST, AND SHE WOULD'VE WON. YOU WANNA LET THAT MOTIVATE YOU TO DO BETTER, GREAT.

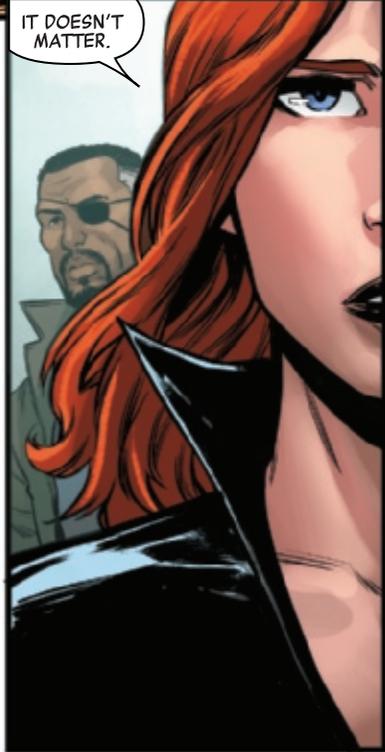
BUT AGENT ROMANOFF IS GOING TO BE A VALUABLE ADDITION TO S.H.I.E.L.D., AND YOU WILL TREAT HER LIKE THE ASSET SHE IS.



YEAH, A RUSSIAN ASSET...

THAT'S IT, FOURTEEN! YOUR LEAVE'S CANCELED, AND UNLESS YOU WANT TO SPEND THE NIGHT IN THE BRIG, YOU'LL APOLOGIZE TO--

DIRECTOR FURY... LEAVE IT.



IT DOESN'T MATTER.



I'M NOT SAYING YOU NEED TO BE LUNCH BUDDIES WITH THOSE PEOPLE. BUT I NEED MY TEAMS TO HAVE UNIT INTEGRITY.

OF COURSE. IN THE RED ROOM, WE TRAINED TO FIGHT AS A PRECISION MACHINE... AND TO TRUST NO ONE, INCLUDING EACH OTHER.



YEAH, WELL, IF THEIR METHODS WERE SO WONDERFUL, I'M GUESSING YOU WOULDN'T HAVE COME OVER TO US.

AND YOUR OFFICER TRAINING HERE IS GONNA BE DIFFERENT.



DID YOU SAY...
...TRAINING?

I HAVE BEEN **TRAINING** SINCE I WAS **5 YEARS OLD**. I JUST DOMINATED YOUR BEST, FURY.

EASY, ROMANOFF. NO ONE'S QUESTIONING YOUR ABILITY.

BUT WE DO THINGS A SPECIFIC WAY HERE. YOU WANNA GO INTO THE FIELD WITH MY PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY IN A COMMAND ROLE, YOU NEED TO KNOW HOW **WE** OPERATE.



AND THIS IS THE GUY WHO'LL SHOW YOU. AGENT ROMANOFF, MEET OUR COMBAT COHESION OFFICER--

TONY MASTERS. IT'S A PLEASURE.



I EXPECT I'LL LEARN AS MUCH FROM YOU...



...AS YOU WILL FROM ME.

MAYBE THIS **WON'T** BE A TOTAL WASTE OF TIME.

