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# LINCOLN CAMPBELL

FIRST APPEARANCE:

*Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D., Season 2, "Afterlife" (2015)*

**W**hen promising young med student Lincoln Campbell left school for undisclosed reasons, he fell into alcoholism and would have killed himself but for the intervention of benevolent stranger John Donnelly. At some point, the Inhuman leader Jiaying learned Campbell had Inhuman heritage and sent teleporter Gordon to secretly watch over him. When a drunk Campbell caused a car accident that almost killed his girlfriend, Gordon rescued the pair and took Campbell to the hidden Inhuman city Afterlife, where he found acceptance and began healing. Campbell joined Alcoholics Anonymous under

Donnelly's guidance and returned to med school, medically assisting Afterlife residents when Gordon teleported him there. Eventually, Campbell was chosen to undergo Terrigenesis, which unlocked his Inhuman DNA and granted him electricity-generating abilities.

In Afterlife, he befriended S.H.I.E.L.D. Agent Daisy Johnson, who had recently discovered her own Inhuman lineage. Though initially loyal to Jiaying, Campbell joined S.H.I.E.L.D.'s efforts to stop her after learning she intended to start a war against humanity. Campbell grew to despise his powers and tried to resume his medical career, but a run-in with the Inhuman predator Lash at the hospital where he worked left him exposed. Campbell became a fugitive, from both Lash and the Advanced Threat Containment Unit (A.T.C.U.). He sought refuge with Donnelly, but when he learned of Campbell's powers, Donnelly suffered a fatal heart attack. Campbell had secretly

stayed in contact with Johnson, however, and S.H.I.E.L.D. enlisted his help against Lash. Subsequently, he joined S.H.I.E.L.D.'s Inhuman Secret Warriors team. Campbell found it difficult to gain acceptance as a S.H.I.E.L.D. agent due to his anger issues, which worsened after Johnson fell under the parasitic Hive's brainwashing. Frustrated over his inability to join missions due to all Inhumans' susceptibility to Hive's powers, Campbell volunteered as a test subject for a vaccine against the alien entity's parasites. When S.H.I.E.L.D. Director Phil Coulson refused, Campbell inoculated himself regardless—needlessly damaging his immune system, as the vaccine failed. Johnson hacked S.H.I.E.L.D. to communicate with Campbell, who had been quarantined for recovery, and talked him through an escape. However, Campbell was secretly working with Agent Melinda May to learn Johnson's location; in his stead, they sent a now-cooperative Lash to battle Hive. Lash sacrificed himself to rescue Johnson, and Lincoln joined her and S.H.I.E.L.D. in opposing Hive's plan to transform humanity into his mindless servants. Realizing Johnson intended to sacrifice herself to stop Hive, Lincoln took her place. He trapped himself and Hive aboard a Quinjet and piloted it into space—where its nuclear payload exploded, apparently killing them both. ☒

## FACT SHEET

- ▶ CAMPBELL WAS FROM CINCINNATI, OHIO.
- ▶ AGENT LANCE HUNTER DUBBED THE JOHNSON/CAMPBELL DUO "SHAKE AND BAKE."
- ▶ CAMPBELL DECLARED HIS LOVE FOR JOHNSON MOMENTS BEFORE HIS DEATH.



# PHIL COULSON UPDATE

FIRST APPEARANCE: *Iron Man* (2008)

**N**ow equipped with a highly realistic robotic hand, Director Phil Coulson and S.H.I.E.L.D. began working against the Advanced Threat Containment Unit, which was aggressively pursuing Inhumans. Led by former Intelligence Agent Rosalind Price, the A.T.C.U.'s presidentially sanctioned purpose was to neutralize Inhumanity's potential threat against humanity; S.H.I.E.L.D. believed they were killing the Inhumans they captured. Coulson also assigned Agent Lance Hunter to kill S.H.I.E.L.D. traitor Grant Ward.

To protect Agent Daisy Johnson, whose Inhuman powers were known to the A.T.C.U., Coulson struck a truce with Price;

the groups reluctantly worked together to hunt the Inhuman Lash, the true culprit behind the Inhuman deaths. Price later revealed that the A.T.C.U. kept the Inhumans they captured in

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peaceful comas until a cure could be found for their transformations, a move she considered merciful; the death of her husband from cancer drove her compassion, though Johnson took issue with Price's treatment

of Inhuman gifts as a disease. Bonding over mutual traumas, Coulson and Price eventually became lovers. However, Coulson discovered the A.T.C.U. was being manipulated by powerful businessman and secret Hydra leader Gideon Malick, who was trying to build an Inhuman army. Coulson confronted a distraught Price, who was unaware of the A.T.C.U.'s true purpose. Price promised to help bring down Malick, but before she could act, she was fatally shot by Ward in his quest to hurt Coulson. Enraged, Coulson tracked Ward and followed him through a portal to Maveth, an alien planet that housed the parasitic Inhuman Hive, whom Hydra had worshiped for centuries. There, Coulson vengefully executed Ward and returned to Earth,



unaware Hive had possessed Ward's body and escaped to join Hydra on Earth.

President Matthew Ellis appointed Brigadier General Glenn Talbot as the new head of the A.T.C.U. and placed them under Coulson's authority, sanctioning S.H.I.E.L.D. as a black-ops organization. Agents Hunter and Bobbi Morse tracked Malick to Russia, but were arrested while preventing his plan to stage a coup of the Russian government; to prevent hostilities between the countries, Coulson was forced to disavow the duo, later joining his team in a silent goodbye to them from across a crowded bar. When the hate group the Watchdogs began hunting Inhumans with weapons

secretly supplied by Malick, Coulson learned they were led by disgruntled former S.H.I.E.L.D. Agent Felix Blake, but was unable to confront him directly. S.H.I.E.L.D. eventually learned of Hive and that S.H.I.E.L.D. ally Andrew Garner was Lash. S.H.I.E.L.D. raided Hydra's base and arrested Malick, but Agent Johnson was infected and brainwashed by Hive's parasites; she killed Malick and attacked S.H.I.E.L.D. headquarters with her seismic abilities, inadvertently fracturing Coulson's leg with falling concrete. On a failed mission to prevent Hive from also using Inhuman Alisha Whitley, Coulson revealed a new robotic hand built by Agent Fitz, which included a projected energy

shield styled after the one carried by Coulson's hero, Captain America.

After S.H.I.E.L.D. intel helped the U.S. military apparently destroy Hydra across the globe, Coulson's team sent the now-cooperative Lash to rescue Johnson, whom Coulson viewed as a daughter; Lash cleansed her of Hive's parasites, but was killed by the Inhuman Hellfire. With a deeply distraught but free Agent Johnson back with S.H.I.E.L.D., Coulson then focused S.H.I.E.L.D.'s efforts on stopping Hive from using a nuclear warhead to distribute a serum that would transform humans to subhuman Primitives into Earth's atmosphere. They were successful thanks to the sacrifice of Johnson's lover, Inhuman S.H.I.E.L.D. ally Lincoln Campbell, who flew Hive and the activated bomb into space, where both were apparently killed and the serum was harmlessly dispersed. Six months later, S.H.I.E.L.D. had appointed a new director, and Coulson resumed fieldwork as Agent Coulson, partnered with Alphonso "Mack" Mackenzie. Coulson led S.H.I.E.L.D. in tracking Johnson—now the fugitive known as 'Quake'—who had started her own violent, public campaign against the enemies of Inhumanity. ☒

#### FACT SHEET

- ▶ ON HIS OFFICE WALL, COULSON DISPLAYED A MORBID TROPHY: THE AX MACK USED TO CHOP OFF HIS ARM, SAVING HIS LIFE.
- ▶ COULSON AND PRICE HAD THEIR FIRST DRINK AT THE HALF MOON PUB; PRICE KEPT A BOOK OF MATCHES FROM THERE.
- ▶ COULSON'S PROSTHETIC HAND WAS PARTIALLY DESIGNED BY THE TECH COMPANY TRANSIA CORP, AND FEATURED DIGITAL CONTROL PANELS FOR S.H.I.E.L.D. EQUIPMENT AND SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH.
- ▶ COULSON'S FAVORITE BURGER JOINT IS D.J.'S IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

#### ENERGY SHIELD PROJECTED FROM PROSTHETIC HAND





## LEO FITZ UPDATE

FIRST APPEARANCE:

*Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D., Season 1, "Pilot" (2014)*

**S**.H.I.E.L.D. Agent Leopold Fitz devoted himself to the search for lost friend and fellow Agent Jemma Simmons when a stone monolith of alien origin suddenly liquefied then engulfed her—moments after she agreed to a long-awaited date. After six months of chasing leads around the world, Fitz tracked down an ancient scroll he hoped might reveal the truth about the monolith. He was disheartened to find it inscribed with a single Hebrew word: “death.” S.H.I.E.L.D. Director Phil Coulson reluctantly ordered Fitz to stop searching, concluding Simmons was likely dead. But when the monolith again temporarily liquefied, Fitz discovered it left behind sand older than the Earth itself. Convinced the monolith was a portal to another world, Coulson’s team located a castle in Gloucestershire, England, that had once housed it. There, they found ancient equipment designed to open the portal. Fitz rescued Simmons from the planet

Maveth, though the monolith was destroyed.

Simmons revealed she had encountered a stranded NASA astronaut named Will Daniels. Trapped together and endangered by a hostile entity, the pair had become intimate. Loving Simmons enough to help her rescue Daniels, Fitz sought to reopen the portal without the monolith. Fitz-Simmons learned that Hydra had been using the portal to send sacrifices to the entity for centuries. When Hydra discovered that Fitz had brought someone back through the portal, they captured the two scientists. Hydra forced Fitz to open the portal using monolith fragments and travel with S.H.I.E.L.D. traitor Grant Ward’s team to Maveth, but Coulson followed. They found that Daniels had been possessed by the entity—actually the ancient parasitic Inhuman Hive. Fitz destroyed his body with a flare, while Coulson killed Ward. Coulson and Fitz then escaped back to Earth, unaware

Hive did the same after possessing Ward’s body.

Fitz and Simmons soon began a romantic relationship. As Hive’s threat increased, the pair approached transhuman scientist Holden Radcliffe in hopes of recruiting his aid, and subsequently assisted in Hive’s destruction. ☒

### FACT SHEET

- ▶ FITZ WAS 16 WHEN HE MET THE 18-YEAR-OLD SIMMONS. SHE FELT HE WAS QUIET, SHY, AND PASTY—BUT ALSO INCREDIBLY SMART.
- ▶ FITZ MODIFIED SIMMONS’ PHONE BATTERY TO LAST MORE THAN FIVE WEEKS.
- ▶ FITZ DESIGNED A SERIES OF BIONIC HANDS FOR COULSON. THE MOST RECENT MODEL FEATURED A SUPERHUMAN GRIP, BUILT-IN ENERGY SHIELD, AND DIGITAL DISPLAY WITH QUINJET REMOTE CONTROL—ALL CONCEALED WITHIN AN ARM THAT COULD PASS AS HUMAN. FITZ’S WORK IMPRESSED RADCLIFFE, WHO FELT SOMEWHAT PATERNAL TOWARD FITZ, REMINDED OF HIMSELF WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER.