

AVENGERS MOUNTAIN.
THE NORTH POLE.
WEEKS AGO.

ARE YOU QUITE CERTAIN THIS IS A GOOD IDEA? BY THAT I MEAN--IF I MAY BE SO BOLD, SIR--IT DOES FEEL A TAD...

...INDECENT, DOES IT NOT? MAKING ONE'S HEADQUARTERS INSIDE WHAT IS ESSENTIALLY A HUMONGOUS CORPSE?

IT'S WHAT THE CELESTIALS WANTED, ACCORDING TO GHOST RIDER. IT'S WHY THEY RAISED THE REMAINS OF THIS ANCIENT PROGENITOR FROM THE SEA FLOOR.

WELL, YOU CERTAINLY HAVE OODLES OF ROOM. MAKES THE OLD MANSION SEEM A BIT PEDESTRIAN, DOESN'T IT? MY HEAVENS, THE TIME IT WILL TAKE FOR VACUUMING ALONE.

EDWIN JARVIS.
AVENGERS BUTLER.
SEMI-RETIRED.

I DO HOPE YOU'RE NOT EXPECTING ME TO RELOCATE TO THE NORTH POLE, YOUR HIGHNESS. OF COURSE I ALWAYS WANT TO BE OF SERVICE TO THE AVENGERS, BUT I'M AFRAID AT MY AGE I PREFER NOT TO GO TRAIPSING THIS FAR OUTSIDE THE CONFINES OF MANHATTAN.

I WANTED YOU TO BE ONE OF THE FIRST TO SEE THE FINISHED MOUNTAIN, JARVIS. AND TO KNOW THAT YOUR PRESENCE AND ADVICE WILL ALWAYS BE WELCOME HERE.

ADVICE? ON WHAT, SIR?

FOR MANY YEARS, YOU WERE A ONE-MAN SUPPORT STAFF FOR THE AVENGERS. BUT WITH THIS PLACE AND THESE AVENGERS...

AH, YOU'RE QUITE RIGHT. NO ONE INDIVIDUAL COULD EVER HOPE TO REPLACE ME.

YOU'LL NEED AN ENTIRE TEAM OF THEM, NO DOUBT. NOTHING BUT THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST WILL DO.

SO TELL ME, SIR CHAIRMAN, WHO IS THE FIRST DISTINGUISHED NAME ON YOUR LIST?

TIMBUKTU.

YOU HAVEN'T COME TO KILL ME, HAVE YOU?

BECAUSE IF SO, I'M AFRAID I'LL FEEL COMPELLED TO TALK YOU OUT OF IT. FOR YOUR *OWN* GOOD, CERTAINLY NOT *MINE*.

I HAVE NO REASON TO KILL YOU, MR. HALE...THAT I KNOW OF.

EXCELL

HEH. OH, THEY ALL GOT A REASON. EVERY TWO-BIT MERCENARY AND DESPERATE DEADBEAT WHO COMES LUMBERING OUTTA THE SHADOWS WITH A GUN IN THEIR HAND. ONE AWFULLY BIG REASON.

KILL ME AND YOU'LL NEVER GET SICK, NEVER GROW OLD. KILL THE *GORILLA-MAN* AND YOU LIVE FOREVER.

SOUNDS LIKE A PRETTY SWEET DEAL, RIGHT? YEAH, I THOUGHT SO TOO.

ONCE UPON A DAMN TIME.



THE LEGEND KINDA GLOSSES OVER THE FACT THAT YOU'LL BE SPENDING ETERNITY AS A TALKING GORILLA. YOU KNOW HOW MUCH BEER IT TAKES TO GET A GORILLA BLACKOUT DRUNK?

ME NEITHER. BUT I'M STILL TRYING TO FIND OUT. HEY, KOFI. KEEP 'EM COMING OVER HERE.

WHAT ARE YOU DRINKING, YOUR HIGHNESS?



I AM NOT HERE TO KILL YOU OR TO INDULGE YOU IN KILLING YOURSELF, MR. HALE.

I CAME BECAUSE I KNOW YOU WERE ONCE AN ACCOMPLISHED AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D., AND AFTER THAT, AN OPERATIVE OF SOME RENOWN AND INFAMY FOR THE ATLAS FOUNDATION.

I CAME TO OFFER YOU A JOB. ASSUMING YOU'RE FIT FOR DUTY.



WELL, HELL. WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO, CHIEF? AND NO OFFENSE, BUT IT'S ABOUT DAMN TIME.

KEN... ABOUT THIS TAB...

SEND IT TO TONY STARK. DIDN'T YOU HEAR, KOFI? I'M A DAMN AVENGER NOW!

THIS ISN'T ABOUT THE AVENGERS. NOT EXACTLY.

SKRATCH!
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YEAH? WELL IF YOU AIN'T HIRING ME TO BE AN AVENGER, THEN WHAT THE HELL AM I GONNA BE?



WELCOME TO WAKANDA.




WELCOME TO A WORLD WITHOUT S.H.I.E.L.D.

CAN'T SAY AS I'M GONNA MISS THEM. FELT LIKE WE ALWAYS SPENT A LOT OF TIME CLEANING UP THEIR MESSSES.

IF THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING TO RE-CREATE HERE, T'CHALLA, THEN I'M SUDDENLY A LOT LESS INTERESTED.

DON'T LET THE HELICARRIER FOOL YOU. I HAVE NO INTENTION OF GOING BACKWARD. THOUGH I'VE FOUND THAT, SOMETIMES, THE BEST WAY TO FORGE AHEAD...



...IS WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN THERE SINCE THE BEGINNING.

HA! THAT'S YOUR NICE WAY OF SAYING I'M OBSOLETE. YOU SURE YOU DIDN'T MEAN TO CALL THE YOUNGER, FLASHIER VERSION OF ME?

THERE IS ONLY ONE JANET VAN DYNE. AND SHE IS WHO I NEED.

OKAY, WELL, YOU GOT YOUR FANCY NEW HELICARRIER AND YOUR FANCY NEW AVENGERS. WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU NEED A SALTY OLD ORIGINAL WASP FOR?