

Chatting recently with Crave Online, 'Agent Phil Coulson' actor Clark Gregg, speaks somewhat revealingly on the fate of his role in The Avengers, teases the superhero ensemble's alien invaders, and also dishes on his Marvel One-shots. Also further seemingly confirming returning for Iron Man 3, read on below. When you took the part [of S.H.I.E.L.D. Agent Coulson], did anyone know he was going to be an important character in the franchise? When we were doing the panel for Thor at Comic Con, [and] right before we went on stage, Joss Whedon comes over and introduces himself, and says, "I wrote you a really big part in The Avengers, um... Can I introduce you as part of the cast of The Avengers, with Robert Downey, Jeremy Renner, Mark Ruffalo? Everyone's here." And I was like, "Yeah, I think that would be okay." (Laughs) – So it's just been a kind of like a

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