

With a little over a month to go until Marvel's The Avengers is finally released in cinemas, speculation is still at an all time high when it comes to exactly who or what makes up Loki's mysterious army. Talking to Entertainment Weekly at the SXSW festival, director Joss Whedon has stamped out the Skrull/Kree rumours once and for all, going so far as to reveal why exactly he chose to use neither of them in the film. "I will say only this: It is not the Kree or the Skrulls. Those two aliens are Marvel mainstays and have enormous backstories. They have a big life of their own that just could not be contained in a film where I already had seven movie stars." "The Skrulls — they can shape change. That's a whole thing. I've already got Loki. He's got magic. Once you got magic along with your Iron Man and

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