

Following earlier coverage, the May 2012 issue of Total Film magazine offered up even more from Marvel's The Avengers helmer Joss Whedon. Now discussing movies that had an influence on the script, potential Easter eggs, and the film's Mark Ruffalo-inspired Incredible Hulk, Whedon also weighs in on the Spidey rumor. "The first movie I referenced when Marvel asked me what I'd do if they gave me the script was 'The Dirty Dozen,'" Whedon reveals. "People forgot, but that movie is an hour-and-a-half of training and 20 minutes of Nazi fighting. It helped me to say, you can have time to let these people get to know each other; their conflict can be as interesting as their conflict with the villain." But it was Ridley Scott's 'Black Hawk Down' that really "unlocked" The Avengers. "That's when I realised we needed a war movie. With this many heroes, the only way

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