



# EXTREMIS SOLDIERS

FIRST APPEARANCE: *Iron Man 3* (2013)

**A**dvanced Idea Mechanics (A.I.M.) CEO Aldrich Killian recruited crippled military veterans including Ellen Brandt, Chad Davis, Drew Grey, David Samuels, Eric Savin, and Jack Taggart to take the next step in human evolution by taking Maya Hansen's Extremis biotechnology. The first illegal test injections on June 25, 2009, showed its effectiveness when it regenerated Brandt's left arm, but also its instability when

another soldier's body rejected Extremis and exploded. A.I.M. tried to keep the Extremis subjects stable with regular injections while working to fix the flaw. After Sgt. Chad Davis exploded in his hometown of Rose Hill, Tennessee, killing himself and five others, Killian secretly hired an actor to play the part of the Mandarin, an international terrorist who took credit for eight more subjects' explosions.

Following an Extremis soldier's

explosion in Kuwait's Ali Al Salem Air Base's chapel, U.S. President Ellis sent Lt. Col. James Rhodes in the Iron Patriot armor after the Mandarin. Suspicious of Savin after encountering him at Stark Industries, Stark Head of Security Happy Hogan confronted Savin at Hollywood's Chinese Theater where Savin had just met with Taggart. However, Taggart's body rejected Extremis, violently exploding, leaving Hogan gravely injured. Believing the explosion to be another terrorist attack, Tony Stark challenged the Mandarin on live TV. Savin, having survived the Hollywood explosion, led an attack on Stark's home, and after destroying it, accompanied Brandt to Tennessee to retrieve Davis'



SAVIN



BRANDT

## FACT SHEET

- ▶ EXTREMIS SOLDIERS POSSESS SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH, DURABILITY, ENHANCED SPEED, AND IMMUNITY TO PAIN. THEY CAN REGENERATE MISSING LIMBS AND HEAL MOST WOUNDS WITHIN SECONDS.
- ▶ THEY CAN CHANNEL MASSIVE HEAT THROUGH THEIR SKIN, GENERATING TEMPERATURES HIGH ENOUGH TO MELT MOST METALS.
- ▶ WHEN A SUBJECT'S BODY REJECTED EXTREMIS OR THE WRONG DOSAGE WAS INJECTED, THEY WOULD EXPLODE, CAUSING TEMPERATURES OF 3000°F, WHICH WOULD INCINERATE ANY OTHER LIFE FORM WITHIN A FEW DOZEN FEET.



TAGGART



EXTREMIS REGENERATION

and brought him to Killian in Florida. Tracking the “Mandarin” to Florida, Stark learned he was actually actor Trevor Slattery; during this discovery, Savin captured Stark and delivered him to Killian before departing in Iron Patriot’s armor to infiltrate *Air Force One*. Savin abducted President Matthew Ellis by placing him in the Patriot armor and sending it to Killian. After which, Savin was killed by an escaped Stark, who fired a repulsor blast through Savin’s chest via a remote-controlled Iron Man armor. Locating Ellis at the derelict Roxxon oil tanker *Norco*, Stark and Rhodes rescued him before Killian could execute him, so A.I.M. supporter Vice President Rodriguez could ascend to the presidency. During a massive battle at the *Norco*, the remaining Extremis soldiers apparently perished fighting the JARVIS-controlled Iron Legion (dozens of Iron Man armors) and Killian was apparently killed in battle against Iron Man and a temporarily Extremis-powered Pepper Potts. 🌟

A.I.M. personnel file from his mother. Posing as a Department of Homeland Security agent, Brandt encountered Stark, who had also journeyed to Tennessee to investigate the Davis incident. She tried abducting him, but when local authorities intervened, she was distracted by attacking them, allowing Stark

to escape. Catching up with him in a nearby diner, Brandt apparently died in a gas explosion caused by Stark. After incapacitating Savin, Stark left Tennessee with Davis’ file.

In Afghanistan, a female Extremis soldier captured Iron Patriot in a trap set up in a sweatshop

## IN THE COMICS



**INVENTED BY MAYA HANSEN** while she sought to mimic the Captain America-creating Super-Soldier serum, Extremis could hack the brain’s repair center and completely rewrite a subject’s genome. Though the process was painful, it could grant the injected specimen not only improved organs, but also superhuman levels of healing, strength, speed, durability, and the power to breathe fire.

**FIRST APPEARANCE:**  
*IRON MAN #1 (2005)*



**FEELING NEGLECTED BY HER** husband, scientist Ted Sallis, pregnant Ellen Brandt betrayed him to Advanced Idea Mechanics, who wanted his work on recreating the Super-Soldier serum. Sallis injected himself with the serum, involuntarily becoming the monstrous Man-Thing. Instinctively lashing out, Man-Thing unintentionally left Brandt horribly scarred; Brandt gave up their newborn son for adoption. Years later, Brandt and Man-Thing mystically merged as the Nexus of Realities.

**FIRST APPEARANCE:**  
*SAVAGE TALES #1 (1971)*



**MERCENARY JACK TAGGART** piloted the government-sanctioned Firepower armor created by industrialist Edwin Cord, whom he aided in bankrupting Stark Enterprises. Iron Man saved Taggart’s life when the damaged Firepower armor malfunctioned.

**FIRST APPEARANCE:**  
*IRON MAN #230 (1988)*



**LT. COL. ERIC SAVIN WAS** forcefully turned into the cyborg Coldblood after a mine explosion during investigations of Project: Ultra-Tech’s illegal activities. Aided by scientist Gina Dyson, he broke free of Ultra-Tech’s control and became a mercenary. Imprisoned for opposing the Superhuman Registration Act (SHRA), he vanished after a mass breakout from the SHRA’s Prison 42.

**FIRST APPEARANCE:**  
*MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS #26 (1989)*

COVER SHOWN: *DEATHLOK #20 (1993)*



# MAYA HANSEN

FIRST APPEARANCE: *Iron Man 3* (2013)

**B**iogeneticist Maya Hansen created Extremis, a genetic treatment designed to enhance the immune system and rapidly speed healing. Attending the Bern Tech Summit on New Year's Eve 1999, Maya Hansen connected with genius inventor Tony Stark, hoping to show him Extremis. The couple was approached by Aldrich Killian, who sought for them to join his start-up think tank, Advanced Idea Mechanics. Stark rudely dismissed Killian, but Hansen expressed interest. After Hansen showed Stark her Extremis research, the two spent the night together; Stark was gone by morning, but left a note with some suggestions for improving her work. Wanting to see her work help mankind, but also realizing Stark had no more interest in her than as a one-night stand, Hansen turned to Killian and joined A.I.M. as a biological DNA coder.

Years later, when a programming glitch resulted in illegal human Extremis test subjects violently exploding, A.I.M. secretly hired an

actor to play the part of the Mandarin, an international terrorist who claimed responsibility for the "bombings." Following Stark's public threats against the Mandarin, Hansen approached Stark at his Malibu estate to ask him to help fine-tune Extremis. Before they could talk, the house was attacked by Extremis troops reporting to Killian, separating Stark from her and Stark Industrialist CEO Pepper Potts. Later, after feigning friendship with Potts, Hansen handed her over to Killian, suggesting they use Potts to blackmail Stark into working for them.

When Stark was later captured by A.I.M., Hansen pleaded with him to help fix the volatile Extremis, but Stark dismissed Hansen, questioning her morality. When Killian revealed he was injecting Extremis into Potts to force Stark's cooperation, Hansen demanded Killian let Stark go, threatening to inject herself with a lethal dose of Extremis and leave her work incomplete. Angered by this betrayal and dismissive of the consequences, Killian shot and killed Hansen. 🌸

## IN THE COMICS



### MAYA HANSEN WORKED

alongside scientist Aldrich Killian to develop Extremis, an attempt to create super-soldiers by genetically rewriting the body's healing ability. To generate military contractor interest, Hansen secretly allowed the serum to fall into the hands of terrorists, who weaponized it. When Iron Man (Tony Stark) was later injured in battle with the Extremis-enhanced terrorist Mallen, Hansen injected Stark with Extremis, healing him; Stark then defeated Mallen. Hansen was imprisoned when her part in releasing Extremis to terrorists was revealed. Stark, now director of S.H.I.E.L.D., eventually released Hansen from prison to help when he started experiencing Extremis-induced hallucinations. Later, Hansen was kidnapped by A.I.M. and forced to create a new Extremis strain, but was killed while trying to escape.

FIRST APPEARANCE:  
*IRON MAN* #1 (2004)

## FACT SHEET

- ▶ HANSEN ATTENDED THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, WHERE HER RESEARCH GAINED NOTORIETY IN SCIENTIFIC CIRCLES AND GAINED KILLIAN'S INITIAL INTEREST.
- ▶ HANSEN'S FIRST EXTREMIS TEST SUBJECTS WERE PLANTS, ONE OF WHICH EXPLODED AFTER STARK'S BODYGUARD HAPPY HOGAN PULLED OFF A BRANCH.
- ▶ HANSEN COMPARED HERSELF TO WERNHER VON BRAUN, THE GERMAN AEROSPACE ENGINEER WHO DREAMED OF SPACE TRAVEL BUT ENDED UP BUILDING MISSILES FOR THE NAZIS.



# IRON MAN/ TONY STARK UPDATE

FIRST APPEARANCE:  
*Iron Man (2008)*

**T**ony Stark developed acute post-traumatic stress following the Avengers' battle with the extraterrestrial Chitauri in New York, which manifested in insomnia, anxiety attacks, and a compulsion to build new Iron Man armors, a veritable "Iron Legion" of 35 additional suits, many of which were stored in a bunker beneath his wine cellar. Stark rebuffed any overtures of help, even from friend and military liaison Lt. Col. James Rhodes and romantic partner Pepper Potts, who moved in with him sometime after the events in New York.

Stark dismissed the concerns of Happy Hogan, now Stark Industries' security chief, over Potts' meeting with



Advanced Idea Mechanics head Aldrich Killian, who Stark had callously rebuffed at a 1999 conference in Switzerland. When Potts returned home, she was irritated when she learned the armor she believed Stark was in was being remotely operated while Stark was working in his shop. Though Stark assured her that his distractions would not affect their relationship, the Mark XLII, triggered by Stark's nightmares, threatened Potts as she slept. Despite Stark waking and stopping the armor, Potts was further infuriated.

When a suspicious Hogan was gravely injured while shadowing Killian's henchman Eric Savin, a vengeful Stark publicly challenged international terrorist the Mandarin, who claimed culpability in the explosion that injured Hogan. Stark began to research the Mandarin's activities, finding a suicide bombing similar to the one that injured Hogan in Rose Hill, Tennessee, but before he could act on this, a trio of helicopters destroyed the Estate. Though Stark, using the Mark XLII, saved Potts and the visiting biogeneticist Maya Hansen, the Estate toppled into the ocean with Stark inside. Though believed killed, Stark's artificial intelligence JARVIS saved Stark and flew him to Rose Hill, but the armor's low power



reserves caused him to crash outside town.

Stark dragged the inert armor into the garage of young gadgeteer Harley Keener, who allowed Stark to recharge the armor there. After Keener told Stark about Rose Hill's suicide bomber, a local war hero, Stark met with the vet's mother, who gave him a file on A.I.M.'s Extremis, a serum that enhanced the human body's healing, strength and durability, but Savin and A.I.M. operative Ellen Brandt, both empowered by Extremis, attacked him. Stark killed Brandt and subdued Savin before leaving Rose Hill in Savin's car, telling Keener to safeguard the Mark XLII.

With the help of Rhodes and a TV news cameraman, Stark hacked into A.I.M.'s mainframe to learn more about Killian's Extremis experiments, then called Keener, who, with JARVIS' help, pinpointed the Mandarin's broadcast location as Killian's Miami mansion. Armed with improvised weapons, Stark broke into the mansion and discovered the Mandarin was actually troubled actor Trevor Slattery, hired by A.I.M. to pose as the Mandarin. Savin subdued and captured Stark, then Killian taunted Stark by showing a video of Potts, captured with the help of Hansen, Killian's secret compatriot, being injected with Extremis.

When Hansen threatened to kill herself to stop Killian, he shot Hansen dead. Stark summoned the Mark XLII to his location and fought his way out of the mansion, but could not prevent Savin from using the captured Iron Patriot armor to abduct U.S. President Matthew Ellis from *Air Force One*. Though Savin sent Ellis to Killian in the Iron Patriot armor, Stark, remotely controlling the Mark XLII, killed Savin and rescued the passengers and crew that had fallen into open sky through a rupture in the plane's fuselage.

Aided by Rhodes (who rescued President Ellis) and dozens of JARVIS-controlled Iron Man armors (the "Iron Legion"), Stark combated Killian's Extremis-powered soldiers and Killian himself, whom he encased in the Mark XLII and ordered JARVIS to detonate with Killian inside. Though Killian survived due to his Extremis abilities, Potts killed him with one of the armors' repulsors. As a gesture for Potts that he was setting aside distractions to focus on health, Stark ordered JARVIS to initiate his "clean slate" protocol, which caused all of the armors to self-destruct. Later, Stark had the shrapnel surgically removed from his chest, rewarded Keener with a well-equipped upgrade to his garage, then relayed recent events to fellow Avenger Bruce Banner (a.k.a. the Hulk). 🌟

#### FACT SHEET

- ▶ STARK INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO KEENER AS "THE MECHANIC."
- ▶ STARK CONTINUALLY DEFLECTED MENTIONS OF THE EVENTS IN NEW YORK OR THE WORMHOLE THROUGH WHICH HE FLEW TO DESTROY THE CHITAUURI INVADERS, ALL OF WHICH TRIGGERED ANXIETY ATTACKS.
- ▶ BRANDT TAUNTED STARK FOR EMPLOYING A "CHEAP TRICK AND A CHEESY ONE-LINER" AGAINST HER; STARK QUIPPED THAT COULD BE THE TITLE OF HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY.
- ▶ THE STARK ESTATE WAS LOCATED AT 10880 MALIBU POINT.