



AVENGERS ISLAND
AVENGERS IDEA MECHANICS HQ
Located 13 miles off the coast of California in international waters.

Roberto Da Costa bought the villainous organization A.I.M. and transformed it into Avengers Idea Mechanics, a group dedicated to high-tech heroics and international rescue operations. They were tolerated by the international community...until they illegally rescued an infamous hacktivist from S.H.I.E.L.D. custody.

When S.H.I.E.L.D. retaliated, Roberto, A.I.M. and a handful of New Avengers retreated to Avenger Base Two in the Savage Land--while Songbird, Roberto's secret triple agent, remained embedded in S.H.I.E.L.D. But when a new Inhuman with the ability to see the future revealed that Songbird would be at Roberto's funeral in a month, Agent John Garrett used an army of hacked Dum-Dum Dugan life-model decoys to attack and interrogate Songbird for the location of Avenger Base Two.

Roberto sent Cannonball, Power Man and Dr. Max Brashear to break her out, leaving the Savage Land base vulnerable to the Maker and his New Revengers, as well as a S.H.I.E.L.D. missile that will hit the location Songbird gave up within minutes. But Roberto still has a few aces up his sleeve...including Toni Ho's new version of the Rescue armor, and one of Roberto's oldest friends: the New Mutant, Warlock!

AVENGER BASE TWO.

A.I.M.'s secret Savage Land hideaway.

QUERY!

DOES SELFEMYENTITY **OMNITRONICUS** POSIT THAT RANDOM FACTORS EXIST IN SELFEMYENTITY'S FAVOR?

MISSION CONTROL.

WARLOCK.

Mutant techno-organic alien shape-shifter. Talks funny.

WELL... *DOES* SELFEMYENTITY?

ADDITIONAL DESIGNATION: **PUNK?**

PAH!

RESIST THE "MECHANO-FORCE" IF YOU CAN, CREATURE--I KNOW YOUR MASTER'S SECRET!

HE HAS LOST HIS **POWERS**--AND SOON HE WILL LOSE HIS LIFE!

O.M.N.I.T.R.O.N.I.C.U.S.

Machine-controlling A.I. supermind. Talks funnier.

ROBERTO DA COSTA.

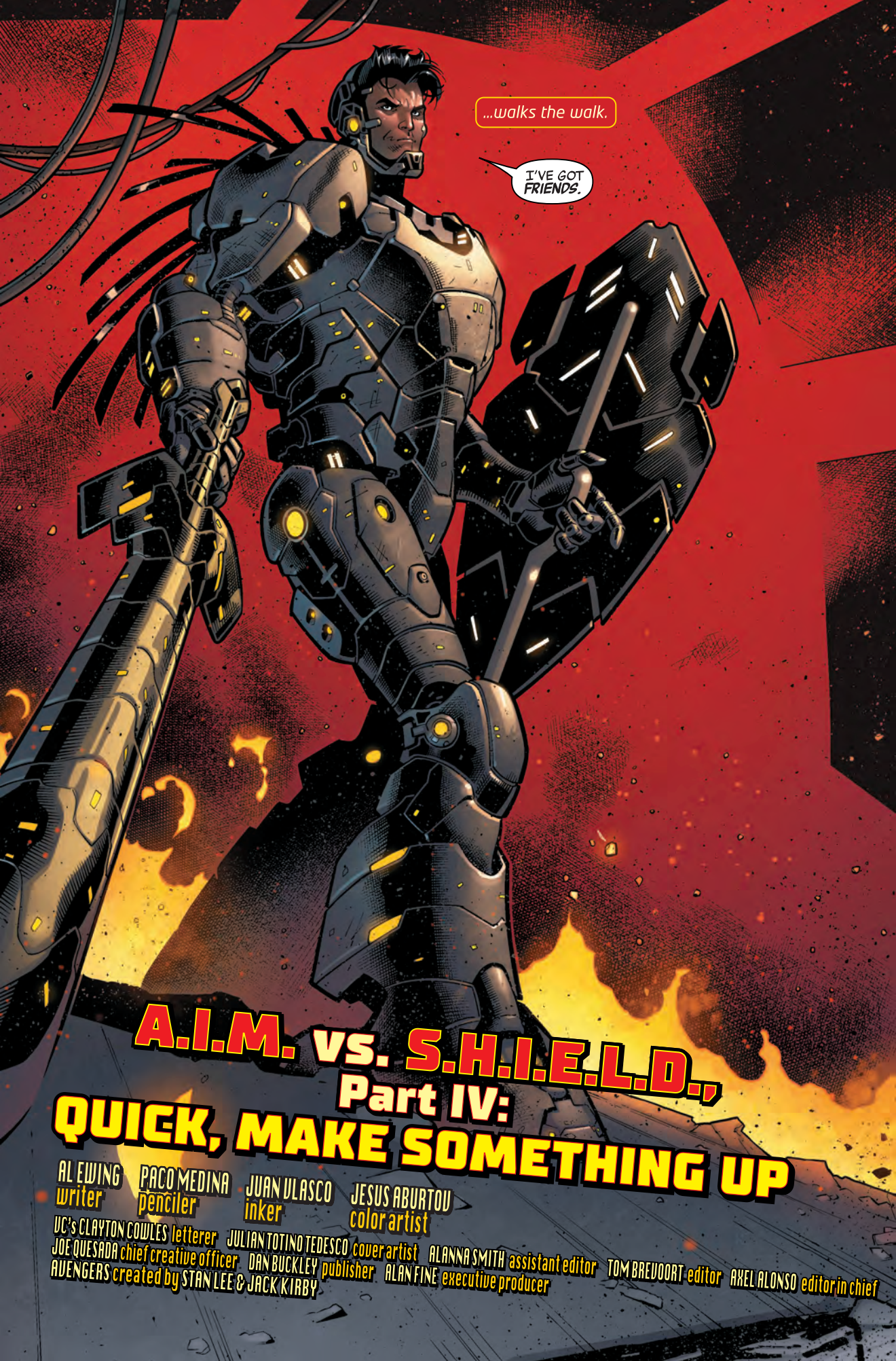
Supreme Leader of A.I.M. and ex-New Mutant. Talks the talk...

DECLARATION: SEZ YOU.

BUT...LET'S SAY YOU'RE **RIGHT**, OMNITRONICUS.

WHAT...?

WHY WOULD I NEED **POWERS?**



...walks the walk.

I'VE GOT FRIENDS.

A.I.M. vs. S.H.I.E.L.D., Part IV: QUICK, MAKE SOMETHING UP

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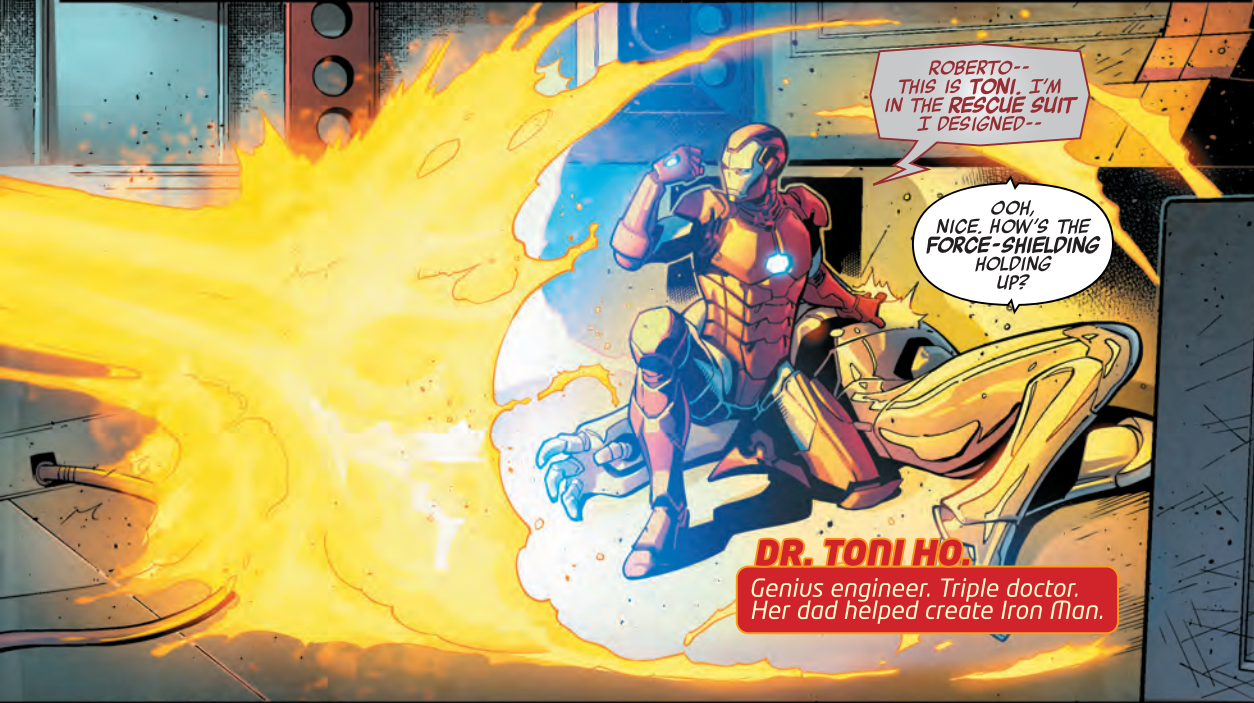
BIG BOSS DA COSTA TO ALL POINTS--

ENGINEERING SECTION.
Under attack by the Maker and Skar.



--I UNDERSTAND WE HAVE GUESTS.

STATUS REPORT, PLEASE.



ROBERTO-- THIS IS TONI. I'M IN THE RESCUE SUIT I DESIGNED--

OOH, NICE. HOW'S THE FORCE-SHIELDING HOLDING UP?

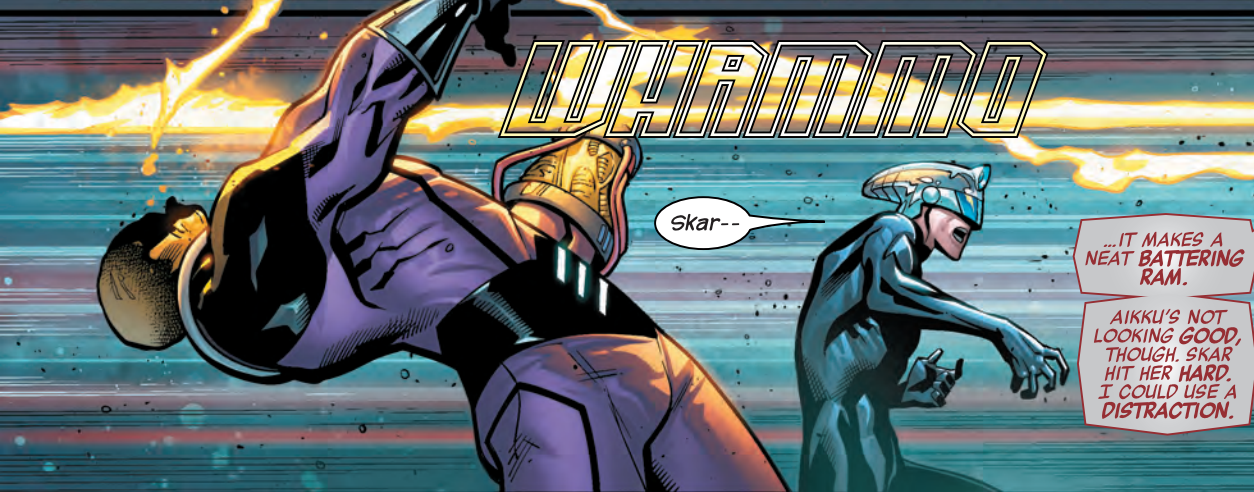
DR. TONI HO.
Genius engineer. Triple doctor. Her dad helped create Iron Man.



I'M FINDING SOME NEW USES FOR IT.

FOR INSTANCE, IF I FLICK IT OUT LIKE THIS...

WHAMMO



Skar--

...IT MAKES A NEAT BATTERING RAM.

AIKKU'S NOT LOOKING GOOD, THOUGH. SKAR HIT HER HARD. I COULD USE A DISTRACTION.



DON'T WORRY, ACCORDING TO THE S.H.I.E.L.D. CHATTER I'M PICKING UP--

--WE'RE ABOUT DUE FOR A **BIG** ONE.



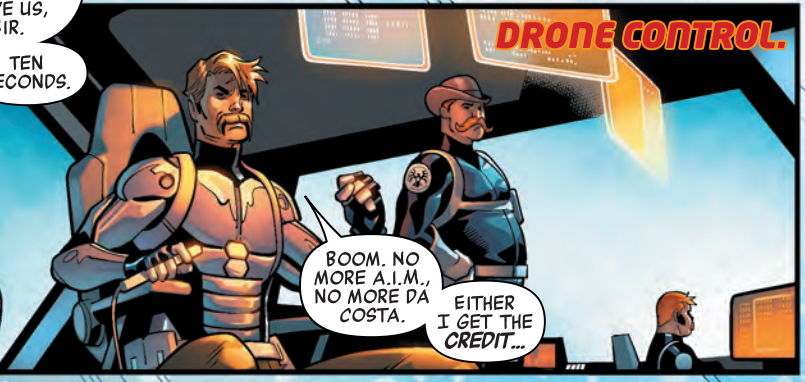
S.H.I.E.L.D. TOTAL ANNIHILATION DRONE.

Death from above or your money back.



WE'VE TARGETED THE LOCATION **SONGBIRD** GAVE US, SIR.

TEN SECONDS.



DRONE CONTROL.

BOOM. NO MORE A.I.M., NO MORE DA COSTA.

EITHER I GET THE CREDIT...



...OR **MARIA HILL** GETS THE BLAME.

GOD, I LOVE THE PATRIARCHY.

JOHN GARRETT.

90% robot, S.H.I.E.L.D. agent in charge of anti-A.I.M. operations. Gave the order to blow up Avenger Base Two...