

INVINCIBLE IRON MAN

ANOTHER STARK INNOVATION



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Billionaire playboy and genius industrialist Tony Stark was kidnapped during a routine weapons test. His captors attempted to force him to build a weapon of mass destruction. Instead he created a powered suit of armor that saved his life. From that day on, he used the suit to protect the world as the invincible Avenger **IRON MAN**.

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FRIDAY'S LOG:

RECENTLY COMPLETED AGENDA ITEMS:

- FAKE YOUR OWN DEATH TO INFILTRATE A JAPANESE TERRORIST CELL.
- KIDNAP THE NEW INHUMAN KNOWN AS ULYSSES WHO CLAIMS HE CAN SEE THE FUTURE AND FIND OUT HOW HE DOES IT.

IN-PROGRESS AGENDA ITEMS:

- APOLOGIZE TO YOUR INVESTORS AND AMARA FOR FAKING YOUR OWN DEATH.
 - RESPOND TO PRESS CONCERNS THAT YOU'RE PLANNING TO START A WAR WITH CAPTAIN MARVEL OVER ULYSSES.
 - TALK TO SOMEONE ABOUT RHODEY'S DEATH BEFORE YOU DO SOMETHING STUPID (I MEAN IT, TONY).
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STARK TOWER
(FORMER).





WHAT IS HE DOING?



JUST SITTIN' THERE.

NO, I CAN SEE THAT.

WHY IS HE JUST SITTING THERE?

IT'S WEIRD.

IT'S DAMN WEIRD.



TAKE A PICTURE.

DUPE. I TOOK TEN.

WE CAN SELL THEM.

I CAN SELL THEM.

THEY'LL FIRE YOU.



HELL! FOR WHAT I'LL MAKE ON THE PICTURE, I CAN BUY MY OWN--

MR. STARK?

I ASKED FOR KETCHUP.

MR. STARK, CAN I GET YOU TO--?



CAN SOMEONE GET ME SOME KETCHUP?

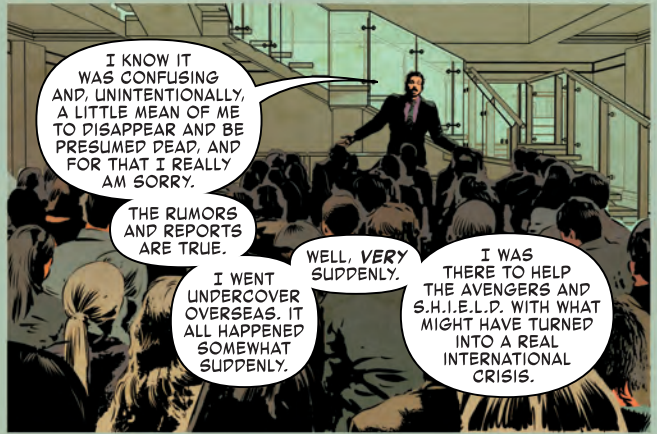


TONY STARK IS BACK.

STARK TOWER. THREE WEEKS AGO.

IN COMPANY NEWS, STARK (STRK) SHARES ARE FLAT AS TONY STARK--

I HAVE RETURNED!



I KNOW IT WAS CONFUSING AND, UNINTENTIONALLY, A LITTLE MEAN OF ME TO DISAPPEAR AND BE PRESUMED DEAD, AND FOR THAT I REALLY AM SORRY.

THE RUMORS AND REPORTS ARE TRUE.

I WENT UNDERCOVER OVERSEAS. IT ALL HAPPENED SOMEWHAT SUDDENLY.

WELL, VERY SUDDENLY.

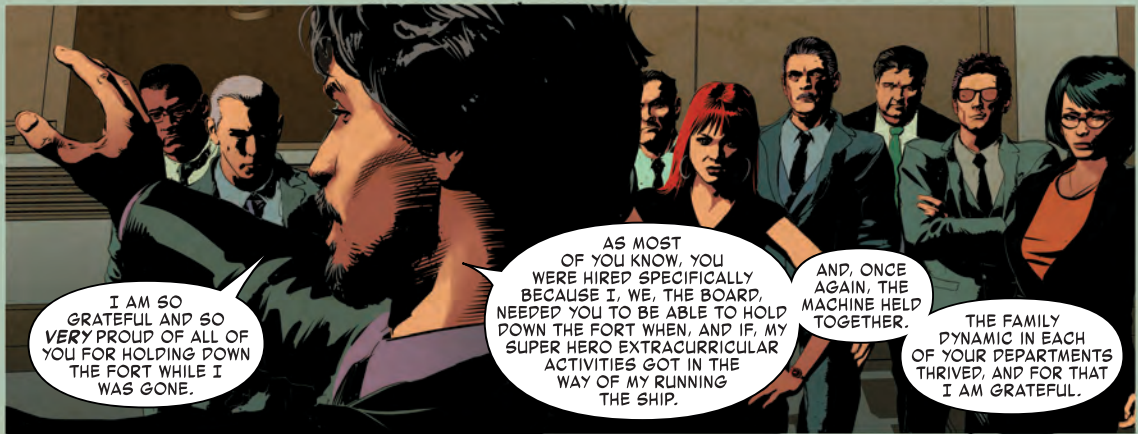
I WAS THERE TO HELP THE AVENGERS AND S.H.I.E.L.D. WITH WHAT MIGHT HAVE TURNED INTO A REAL INTERNATIONAL CRISIS.



BUT CRISIS AVERTED!

SO IT'S BACK TO NORMAL HERE AT STARK HEADQUARTERS.

(WHATEVER CONSTITUTES NORMAL AROUND HERE.)

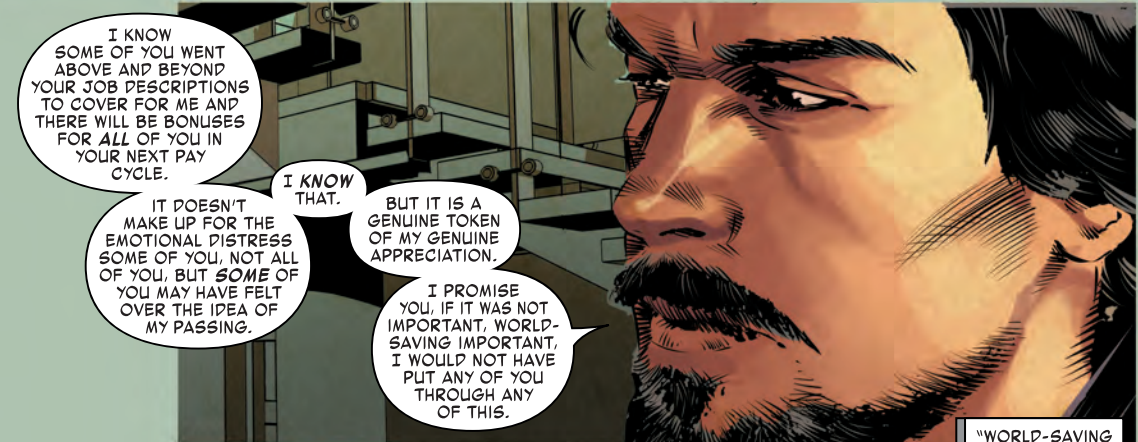


I AM SO GRATEFUL AND SO VERY PROUD OF ALL OF YOU FOR HOLDING DOWN THE FORT WHILE I WAS GONE.

AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, YOU WERE HIRED SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE I, WE, THE BOARD, NEEDED YOU TO BE ABLE TO HOLD DOWN THE FORT WHEN, AND IF, MY SUPER HERO EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES GOT IN THE WAY OF MY RUNNING THE SHIP.

AND, ONCE AGAIN, THE MACHINE HELD TOGETHER.

THE FAMILY DYNAMIC IN EACH OF YOUR DEPARTMENTS THRIVED, AND FOR THAT I AM GRATEFUL.



I KNOW SOME OF YOU WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND YOUR JOB DESCRIPTIONS TO COVER FOR ME AND THERE WILL BE BONUSES FOR ALL OF YOU IN YOUR NEXT PAY CYCLE.

I KNOW THAT.

IT DOESN'T MAKE UP FOR THE EMOTIONAL DISTRESS SOME OF YOU, NOT ALL OF YOU, BUT *SOME* OF YOU MAY HAVE FELT OVER THE IDEA OF MY PASSING.

BUT IT IS A GENUINE TOKEN OF MY GENUINE APPRECIATION.

I PROMISE YOU. IF IT WAS NOT IMPORTANT, WORLD-SAVING IMPORTANT, I WOULD NOT HAVE PUT ANY OF YOU THROUGH ANY OF THIS.

"WORLD-SAVING IMPORTANT?"