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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.

TONY STARK

IRON MAN

ECHO CHAMBER

When Stark Unlimited's virtual reality world was corrupted, Tony was tricked into taking a drink--his first in years. Though the drink was part of the simulation, Tony considers it a very real betrayal of his sobriety--one he's struggling to deal with alongside the revelation that rebooting his DNA to cheat death left him little more than a copy of the true Tony Stark!

Meanwhile, Tony has also been dealing with the absence of Jocasta, who quit after learning Tony downloaded Friday's A.I. system back into his suit--an action that led to her death. To make matters worse, Jocasta has turned to Arno Stark for help in upgrading her humanity, unaware that Arno and his team at Baintronics have been behind much of the chaos at Stark Unlimited!

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SO, MR. STARK, WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THAT YOU'RE NOT TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR COMPANY'S DISASTROUS eSCAPE MACHINES?

I'M SAYING THE **CONTROLLER** HACKED INTO OUR NETWORK.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND. AREN'T YOU IN CONTROL OF WHAT YOUR COMPANY DOES?

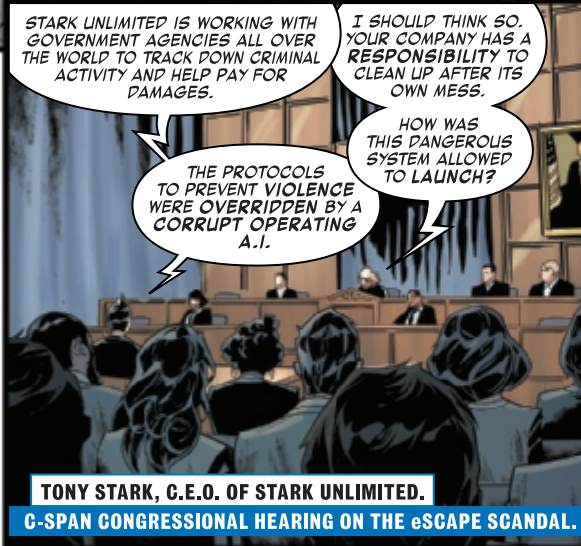
I KNOW IT'S A BIT CONFUSING, BUT THE **CONTROLLER** IS A **SUPER VILLAIN**. HE CAUSED THIS. WE'RE TRYING TO FIX IT.

STARK UNLIMITED IS WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ALL OVER THE WORLD TO TRACK DOWN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND HELP PAY FOR DAMAGES.

I SHOULD THINK SO. YOUR COMPANY HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO CLEAN UP AFTER ITS OWN MESS.

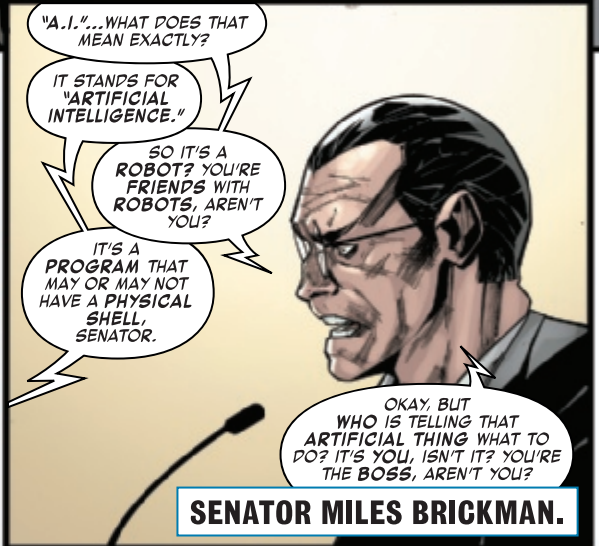
THE PROTOCOLS TO PREVENT VIOLENCE WERE OVERRIDDEN BY A CORRUPT OPERATING A.I.

HOW WAS THIS DANGEROUS SYSTEM ALLOWED TO LAUNCH?



TONY STARK, C.E.O. OF STARK UNLIMITED.

C-SPAN CONGRESSIONAL HEARING ON THE eSCAPE SCANDAL.



"A.I."...WHAT DOES THAT MEAN EXACTLY?

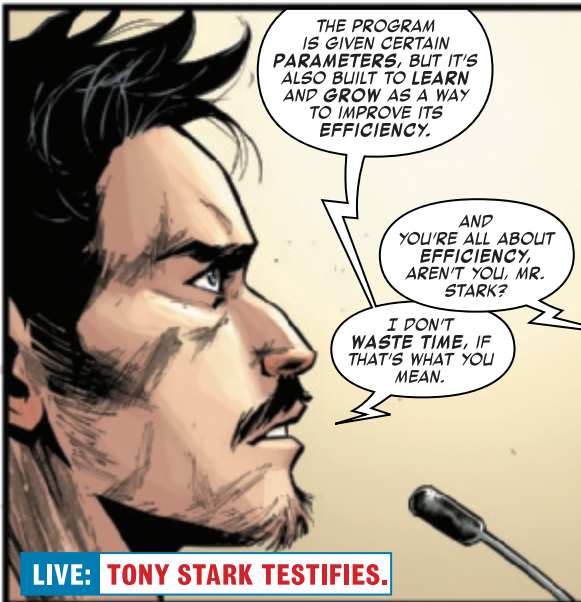
IT STANDS FOR "ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE."

SO IT'S A ROBOT? YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH ROBOTS, AREN'T YOU?

IT'S A PROGRAM THAT MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE A PHYSICAL SHELL, SENATOR.

OKAY, BUT WHO IS TELLING THAT ARTIFICIAL THING WHAT TO DO? IT'S YOU, ISN'T IT? YOU'RE THE BOSS, AREN'T YOU?

SENATOR MILES BRICKMAN.

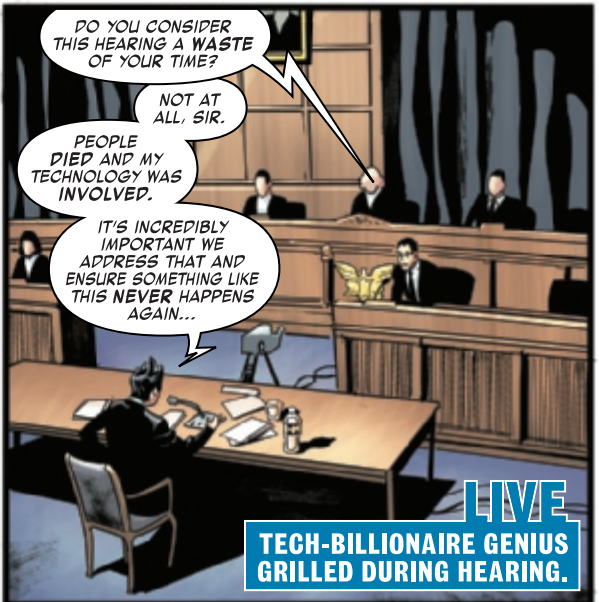


THE PROGRAM IS GIVEN CERTAIN PARAMETERS, BUT IT'S ALSO BUILT TO LEARN AND GROW AS A WAY TO IMPROVE ITS EFFICIENCY.

AND YOU'RE ALL ABOUT EFFICIENCY, AREN'T YOU, MR. STARK?

I DON'T WASTE TIME, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU MEAN.

LIVE: TONY STARK TESTIFIES.



DO YOU CONSIDER THIS HEARING A WASTE OF YOUR TIME?

NOT AT ALL, SIR.

PEOPLE DIED AND MY TECHNOLOGY WAS INVOLVED.

IT'S INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT WE ADDRESS THAT AND ENSURE SOMETHING LIKE THIS NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN...

LIVE
TECH-BILLIONAIRE GENIUS GRILLED DURING HEARING.



THERE ARE TWO MAJOR TYPES OF A.I., AREN'T THERE?

"DIRECTED" AND "AUTONOMOUS"...

THAT'S CORRECT, BUT--

THE ESCAPE NETWORK SHOULD HAVE BEEN A TIGHTLY MONITORED DIRECTED SYSTEM, BUT YOU ENABLED AN AUTONOMOUS ENTITY TO MAKE IMPORTANT POLICY DECISIONS.



LIKE I SAID, MOTHERBOARD'S A.I. WAS CORRUPTED.

SO IS THIS "MOTHERBOARD" RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH AND DESTRUCTION THAT RESULTED FROM ITS ACTIONS?

POSSIBLY...

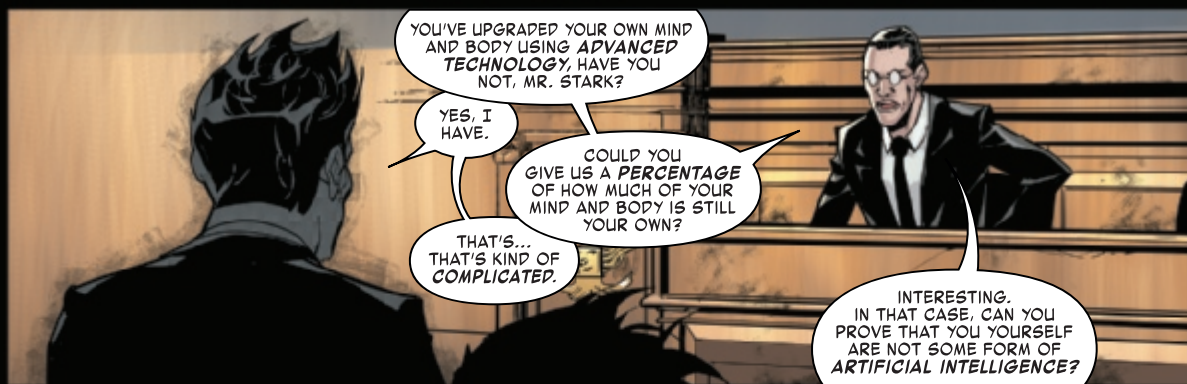


LET ME PHRASE IT ANOTHER WAY--ARE A.I. RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHOICES THEY MAKE?

IF AN A.I. IS FULLY AUTONOMOUS, THEN MAYBE THEY ARE, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S BEEN DEFINITELY DECIDED IN A COURT OF LAW.

OF COURSE, THIS "MOTHERBOARD" OF YOURS IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR TESTIMONY OR ABLE TO BE CHARGED WITH CRIMES BECAUSE SHE WAS "DESTROYED"...

CORRECT.



YOU'VE UPGRADED YOUR OWN MIND AND BODY USING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY, HAVE YOU NOT, MR. STARK?

YES, I HAVE.

COULD YOU GIVE US A PERCENTAGE OF HOW MUCH OF YOUR MIND AND BODY IS STILL YOUR OWN?

THAT'S... THAT'S KIND OF COMPLICATED.

INTERESTING. IN THAT CASE, CAN YOU PROVE THAT YOU YOURSELF ARE NOT SOME FORM OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE?

THAT WOULD SEEM ABSURD, WOULDN'T IT?

MR. STARK, MAY I REMIND YOU, SIR, THAT YOU ARE UNDER OATH!

I...

IT'S QUITE POSSIBLE THAT I AM AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

YEEESH...

JAMES "RHODEY" RHODES.

MILITARY LIAISON TO STARK UNLIMITED.

PAMMIT, TONY!

THE WASP.

JANET VAN DYNE.
TONY STARK'S PARAMOUR.

ANDY BHANG.

CHIEF TECHNOLOGIST
AT STARK UNLIMITED.

YOWZA!

SERIOUSLY?!

BETHANY CABE

STARK UNLIMITED
HEAD OF SECURITY.

**HAHA
HAHA
HA!**

SUNSET RAIN.

C.E.O. OF BAINTRONICS.

The C-SPAN Livestream is struggling under an unprecedented number of simultaneous viewers.

We apologize for any latency issues.

WELL, THAT'S QUITE THE BOMBSHELL, ISN'T IT?

MOTHER. FATHER. IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I HAVE TO PAUSE THIS--AND YOUR PROGRAMS--FOR A MOMENT.

I'M EXPECTING A SPECIAL GUEST...

ARNO STARK.

TONY STARK'S SMARTER BROTHER. CURRENTLY WORKING WITH BAINTRONICS.

