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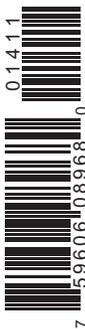
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IRON MAN



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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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STOLEN MOMENTS

Recently, Stark Unlimited's virtual reality, the e5cape, was hacked by the Controller. Tony and his team freed the VR world, but while Tony was under the Motherboard A.I.'s control, he also had a drink--his first in years. To make matters worse, Motherboard confirmed Tony's deepest fear: that after rebooting his DNA to cheat death, he's merely a simulation of the true Tony Stark!

Back in reality, Tony now has to grapple with this revelation while also 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.

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YOU WON'T REMEMBER THIS. IT'S FROM THREE HOURS AGO.

YOU WERE FLYING BACK FROM AVENGERS MOUNTAIN WITH CAPTAIN MARVEL.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU CAN'T BE MY A.A. SPONSOR ANYMORE? TONY, DID YOU START DRINKING AGAIN?

VIRTUALLY.

WHAT?!

WHILE I WAS TRAPPED IN A VIRTUAL REALITY WORLD, THE ESCAPE, I WAS TRICKED INTO HAVING A FEW DRINKS. IT WASN'T REAL, CAROL, BUT IT SURE FELT THAT WAY.

AND IT'S NOT JUST THAT. IN THE ESCAPE, I ALSO CONFIRMED MY WORST FEARS... I'M NOT THE ORIGINAL TONY STARK.

EVERY BIOLOGICAL SCRAP OF ME IS GONE. I'M A GENETIC SIMULATION WITH DIGITAL MEMORIES.

A FLAWED COPY THAT FELL OFF THE WAGON. UNTIL I CAN WRAP MY MIND AROUND THAT, I CAN'T BE ANYONE'S SPONSOR.

PAUSE. AND THAT'S WHEN IT HIT YOU. OR RATHER, ME. WELL, THE ME OF THREE HOURS AGO.

ONE OF MY PROBLEMS PROVIDED A SIMPLE SOLUTION TO THE OTHER: DIGITAL MEMORIES CAN BE ERASED.

ALL I HAD TO DO WAS DELETE EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED BACK TO THE POINT BEFORE I TOOK THOSE DRINKS-- AND I'D LITERALLY BE WIPED CLEAN AND SOBER.

OF COURSE, THEN I'D HAVE TO MAKE A RECORDING OF ME EXPLAINING ALL OF THIS TO MYSELF. BIT OF A WIN-WIN, THOUGH...

UGH. DO I ALWAYS SOUND THAT SMUG?

...BECAUSE I DO LOVE THE SOUND OF MY OWN VOICE.

YEAH. I DO.



SO HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU'VE MISSED. TAKE NOTES. RECENT EVENTS...

YOU BUILT A MIND DEVICE TO "FIX" YOUR ALCOHOLISM BUT DIDN'T FOLLOW THROUGH WITH IT.

YOU FOUGHT A DRAGON. WHICH WAS AWESOME.

THEN YOU HELPED THOR AND THE AVENGERS FIGHT ELVES, TROLLS AND GIANTS. DID SOME GOOD WORK THERE. SAVED THE WORLD.

THOSE ARE THE BROAD STROKES. HERE AT STARK UNLIMITED, THINGS COULD BE... BETTER.



THE ESCAPE WAS A TOTAL FIASCO. YOU'RE FACING A MILLION LAWSUITS. JOCASTA QUIT. AMANDA LEFT...

WAIT! SLOW DOWN!

BUT ON THE PLUS SIDE: THINGS ARE GREAT WITH JANET, RHOPEY'S STANDING BY YOU, THE CONTROLLER'S DEFEATED AND...

...YOU GOT TO KILL YOUR VIRTUAL PARENTS, WHICH WAS VERY THERAPEUTIC. GO YOU.

WHAT?!



I KNOW THAT'S A LOT TO TAKE IN, BUT ONE LAST THING. SINCE YOU'RE ALL BETTER NOW...

...I CALLED CAROL AND SAID YOU COULD BE HER SPONSOR AGAIN. SHE'S ON HER WAY.

THAT'LL GO WELL.

I THINK IT'LL GO WELL.

SHUT UP.

TONY!



I JUST GOT YOUR STUPID SMIRKING MESSAGE!

YEAH, CAROL, I KNOW. I'M JUST CATCHING UP MYSELF HERE.

PAST ME IS ANNOYING, BUT YOU'VE GOTTA ADMIT IT IS A PRETTY CLEVER SOLUTION TO THE WHOLE ALCOHOLIC THING...



THERE IS NO "CLEVER SOLUTION" TO BEING AN ALCOHOLIC!

YOU CAN'T JUST FIX THIS WITH A SNAP OF YOUR FINGERS!

I MEAN, IT WASN'T JUST A SNAP, CAROL. THERE'S A LOT OF BLEEDING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY INVOLVED, AND--

ANYWAY, YOU'VE GOT LOTS TO WORK ON, SO I'LL WRAP MYSELF UP, SELF-DELETE AND LEAVE YOU TO IT.



IF YOU NEED ANY SPECIFIC DETAILS FROM THE PAST TWO WEEKS' WORTH OF YOUR MEMORIES, CONSULT THIS CONVENIENT PORTABLE MEMORY ENGRAM HARD DRIVE RIGHT HERE...



GOOD LUCK!

WHERE'S THE HARD DRIVE, TONY?

IF THIS IS A PRACTICAL JOKE I'M PLAYING ON MYSELF, I'M KIND OF IMPRESSED, BUT--



INTRUDER ALERT!

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OH GOOP.

INTRUDER ALERT!

INTRUDER ALERT!

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OUT OF THE WAY!

HEY! WHAT ARE YOU--

STARK SECURITY! YOU, IN THE STEALTH TECH!

WHOEVER THE #%%& YOU ARE, YOU ARE GOING DOWN!

NNNG--!

WELL SHOT, MS. CABE.

NOW IT'S MY TURN!

SPYMASTER!

THANKS. I'M KEEPING THIS.

FINE. BUT I'LL HAVE TO CHARGE YOU FOR IT.

AHHH!

BETHANY!

THIS IS RHODES! ALL HANDS TO THE HANGAR BAY!

WE HAVE EYES ON THE INTRUDER AND A PERSON DOWN! COPY?!

EVERYBODY STAY CALM! BETWEEN MYSELF AND CAPTAIN MARVEL, WE'LL HAVE THIS SITUATION UNDER CONTROL.

THIS WILL ALL BE WRAPPED IN A FEW MINUTES.

AND IF NOT, WE'LL JUST DELETE THOSE MINUTES AND PRETEND IT WAS.

YEAH. NOT HELPING.

TONY, THERE'S BEEN A BREACH...I'M SORRY.

CABE, YOU SPOTTED A STEALTH SUIT WITH THE NAKED EYE. STOP BEATING YOURSELF UP. YOU'RE AMAZING.

JAMES, ARE YOU--

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME-- YOU'VE GOTTA STOP SPYMASTER! HE'S GOING FOR THE--

THE MANTICORE! LOVE YOUR NEW RIDE, RHODES. MIND IF I TAKE HER FOR A SPIN?

DON'T WORRY, RHODEY. SINCLAIR'S GOOD...BUT HE CAN'T FIRE ANY OF HER WEAPONS.

NOT WITHOUT THE PASSCOPIES.

HEY, SHELL-HEAD. THOSE WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO BE PASSCOPIES YOU KNEW TWO WEEKS AGO. WOULD THEY?

TARGETS ACQUIRED.

SO, TONY, HOW'S THIS "REALLY CLEVER" SOLUTION WORKING OUT FOR YOU SO FAR?

NOT HELPING.