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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.



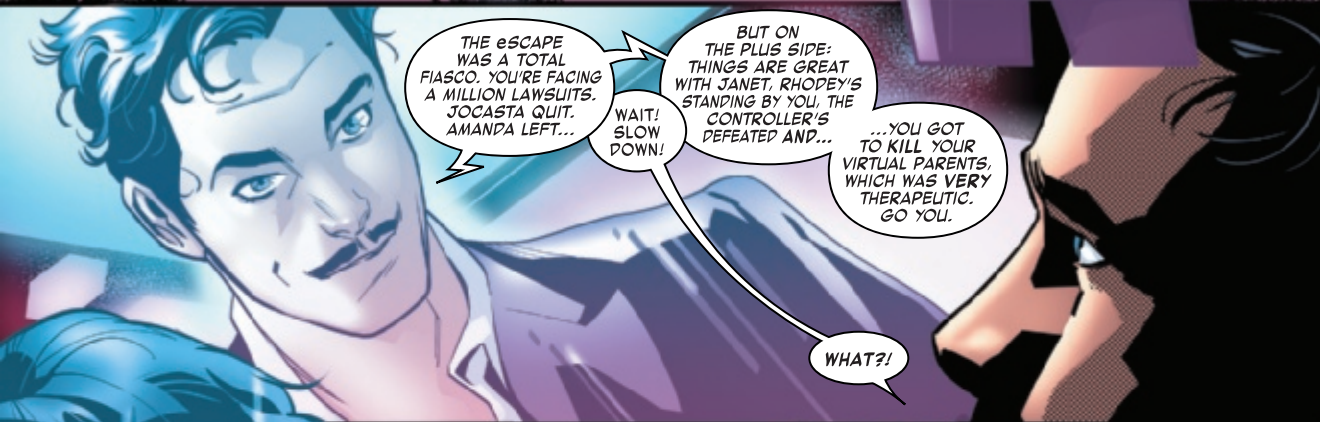
SO HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU'VE MISSED. TAKE NOTES. RECENT EVENTS...

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!

INTRUDER
ALERT!

INTRUDER
ALERT!

OH
GOOD.



**INTRUDER
ALERT!**

**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,
RHOPEY. SINCLAIR'S
GOOD...BUT HE
CAN'T FIRE ANY OF
HER WEAPONS.

NOT WITHOUT THE
PASSCODES.

HEY, SHELL-
HEAD. THOSE
WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO
BE PASSCODES 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.