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# IRON MAN

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WHEN BILLIONAIRE INDUSTRIALIST TONY STARK  
DOES SOPHISTICATED STEEL-MESH ARMOR OF HIS  
OWN DESIGN, HE BECOMES A LIVING HIGH-TECH  
WEAPON--THE WORLD'S GREATEST  
HUMAN FIGHTING MACHINE.

# THE INVINCIBLE IRON MAN!

While trying to save the life of an innocent,  
Doctor Bruce Banner was caught in the  
blast of a gamma bomb and became

# THE INCREDIBLE HULK

...a rampaging monster with near-limitless power.

## PREVIOUSLY...



Fearing the threat he posed to humanity,  
Earth's most powerful heroes, including Iron  
Man, shot Hulk into space.

Landing on a faraway planet, Hulk became  
an Emperor and fell in love.

But the shuttle that sent Hulk away from  
Earth exploded, killing millions of people,  
including Hulk's queen  
and the baby growing inside of her.

Filled with rage, Hulk and his Warbound  
warriors have arrived on Earth, to bring  
revenge upon those he holds responsible  
for destroying his world...

Though he is now Director of S.H.I.E.L.D.,  
Tony Stark is reluctant to place agents in  
harm's way when it's Iron Man the Hulk is  
after. This raises objections from longtime  
S.H.I.E.L.D. officers DUGAN and LINDSAY,  
who have disagreed with Stark's policies  
before; they advocate a full-force attack. But  
Iron Man is determined to clean up his own  
mess. He dons a new suit of Hulkbuster  
armor and fights the jade giant in a brutal  
battle that destroys Avengers Tower.

When the smoke clears, only  
The Hulk still stands...

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THIS IS NEWS CENTER 5, REPORTING LIVE FROM A SPECTACULAR MIDAIR BATTLE BETWEEN THE HULK'S STONE STARSHIP...

...AND THE LEGENDARY S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER JUST THE LATEST EXCHANGE OF HOSTILITIES IN WHAT'S COME TO BE KNOWN AS "WORLD WAR HULK."

WHAT WE KNOW AT THIS HOUR: AFTER APPARENTLY BEING EXILED INTO SPACE BY A GROUP OF EARTH'S HEROES, THE JADE GIANT HAS RETURNED WITH AN ALIEN ARMY, BENT ON REVENGE.

THEY'VE ALREADY SEIZED MANHATTAN, AND ONE AFTER ANOTHER, OUR SUPERHUMAN PROTECTORS HAVE FALLEN BEFORE THE HULK'S MIGHT.

CASUALTIES INCLUDE TONY STARK, IRON MAN, THE NEW DIRECTOR OF S.H.I.E.L.D.—WHICH RAISES THIS CHILLING QUESTION, AS THE HELICARRIER'S MISSILES FLY ABOVE MANHATTAN:

WHO'S IN CHARGE?

**IN ABSENTIA.**

# THE HELICARRIER'S WAR ROOM

HE'S KNOCKING OUR MISSILES OUT OF THE AIR!

DON'T LOOK LIKE THEY'RE DOING MUCH GOOD ANYWAY.

WHERE ARE ALL THESE CUTTING-EDGE WEAPONS STARK'S BEEN DEVELOPING?

NOT FULLY TESTED. ONLY HE KNOWS THE INS AND OUTS...AND HE AIN'T HERE.



IT'S LIKE YOU TOLD THE DEFENSE SECRETARY. STARK'S MADE S.H.I.E.L.D. TOO DEPENDENT ON HIM, AND NOW WE'RE ALL PAYING FOR IT.

TO HELL WITH THIS. WE NEED TO DEPLOY FIGHTER PLANES.

NOT YET, LINDSAY. THEIR SHIP DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE OFFENSIVE WEAPONS...

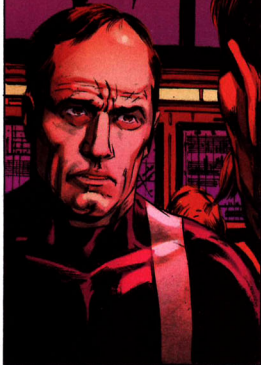
...BESIDES THE ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE, WHICH WE'RE SHIELDED AGAINST. WE CAN TRY OTHER THINGS... MAYBE THE SONIC CANNON...



DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE STILL FOLLOWING STARK'S ASININE ORDER ABOUT KEEPING TROOPS OUT OF HARM'S WAY. GUESS WHAT--WE'RE ALREADY THERE!

MORE IMPORTANT, STARK'S BEEN CAPTURED. YOU'RE IN CHARGE NOW.

FROM THE START, WE'VE HAD PROBLEMS WITH HOW HE RUNS THINGS. WELL, HE'S GONE! NOW YOU CAN DO IT OUR WAY! THE RIGHT WAY!



SUB-DIRECTOR DUGAN...



...I THINK WE'RE BEING BOARDED.







DUGAN.

SO YOU'RE  
RUNNING THINGS  
NOW.

WRONG.  
I'M JUST  
SENIOR OFFICER  
ON BOARD THE  
DIRECTOR OF  
S.H.I.E.L.D. IS  
TONY STARK...

...AND I  
DEMAND YOU  
RELEASE HIM TO  
US AND LEAVE  
MANHATTAN  
IMMEDIATELY.



GOOD  
ONE.

YOU  
ALMOST  
MADE ME  
LAUGH.



WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO NICK  
FURY?

...  
AH, WHAT  
THE HELL. HE  
WENT ROGUE.  
UNDERGROUND.

SO IT'S  
TRUE.



FURY TRICKED  
ME INTO THE SHIP  
STARK AND HIS PALS  
SHOT INTO SPACE  
WHEN THEY TRIED  
TO KILL ME.

I WANT HIM.  
TELL ME WHERE TO  
LOOK AND MAYBE I  
WON'T BRING THIS  
SHIP DOWN.



HULK...NICK WENT UNDERGROUND BEFORE YOU DISAPPEARED. IT WASN'T HIM. YOU WERE TRICKED BY A LIFE MODEL DECOY.

A...ROBOT?



YEAH...THAT SOUNDS LIKE STARK. I BET HE DIDN'T EVEN TELL YOU GUYS WHAT HE WAS PLANNING. PROBABLY FED YOU THE SAME LINE OF BULL HE FED ME.

THAT'S CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.



HAH! I CAN SEE IT ON YOUR FACE. HE TRICKED YOU TOO.

I'LL ASK STARK--I GOT WAYS TO TELL IF HE'S LYING. IF YOU WEREN'T INVOLVED, IT'S YOUR LUCKY DAY-- I GOT OTHER THINGS TO DO.

IF YOU WERE, I'LL COME BACK. AND SMASH YOU ALL.

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE. IF YOU THINK I'M LETTING YOU WALK AWAY WHILE YOU'RE KEEPING OUR DIRECTOR PRISONER--



...Uh...

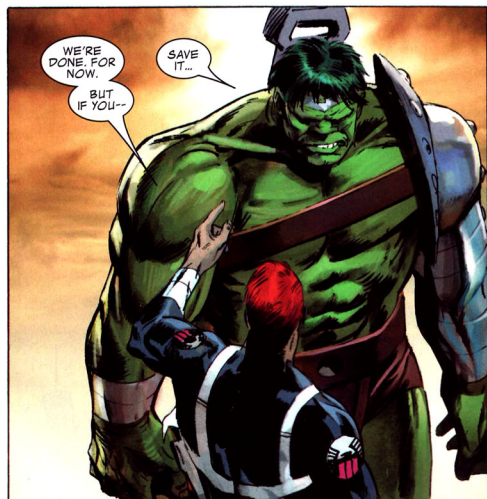
MAYBE YOU DIDN'T HEAR ME.

I'M GIVING YOU A PASS. THIS DOESN'T HAVE TO GO ANY FARTHER.



UNLESS YOU WANT IT TO.

**RRRNCH**







SIR, I HAD THE SHOT. ADAMANTIUM-TIPPED GAMMA-POWERED NEURAL INHIBITOR. WOULD'VE PUT HIM DOWN LIKE A TON OF BRICKS.

IT'S NEVER BEEN TESTED, AND I'VE TACKLED THE HULK BEFORE--RIGHT NOW HE'S AT A POWER LEVEL WE'VE NEVER SEEN.

THINK ABOUT WHAT WOULD'VE HAPPENED IF YOU FAILED.



YOU LET YOUR ENEMY CHOOSE THE BATTLEFIELD, YOU'RE IN FOR A WORLD OF HURT.

IS THAT SUN TZU? THE ART OF WAR?



NO.

NICK FURY. OMAHA BEACH, 1944.



GET LINDSAY AND CLAY QUARTERMAIN. TELL THEM TO MEET ME IN THE WAR ROOM. NOW.



LINDSAY, QUARTERMAIN, YOU'VE BOTH RUN OPS AGAINST THE HULK BEFORE.

WHAT'S YOUR TAKE ON THIS?



I SERVED WITH THUNDERBOLT ROSS' HULKBUSTERS FOR YEARS. SO I'M NO APOLOGIST FOR THAT MONSTER.

BUT I'D ADVISE NO DIRECT ACTION AGAINST HIM AT THIS TIME.

WHAT??

LET HIM FINISH, CLAY. YOU'LL HAVE YOUR CHANCE.



WHEN HE BOARDED, I HAD OUR ESPER UNIT TRY TO READ HIS MIND. THE HULK'S ALWAYS BEEN RESISTANT TO THAT...

...AND AT HIS CURRENT LEVEL OF RAGE, IT'S LIKE TRYING TO PICK UP RADIO SIGNALS THROUGH HEAVY INTERFERENCE. BUT THEY BELIEVE HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH.

HE'S AFTER THOSE HE CONSIDERS ENEMIES. HE DOESN'T SEEM INTERESTED IN CONQUEST; JUST REVENGE.



MANHATTAN WAS EVACUATED--THE ONLY PEOPLE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER ARE SUPERHUMANS, SOLDIERS AND A FEW CRAZIES WHO ACTUALLY SUPPORT THE HULK.

AS LONG AS HE STAYS THERE, WE CAN USE THE TIME TO PREPARE. GATHER OUR DEFENSES, ESTABLISH BEACHHEADS AGAINST FURTHER EXPANSION.

HE'S BEATEN DOWN ALMOST EVERYONE HE SAID HE WAS AFTER. WHO KNOWS...WHEN HE'S DONE, HE MIGHT JUST LEAVE.



SO WE JUST SACRIFICE OUR DIRECTOR, IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING? SACRIFICE MANHATTAN?

AGENT QUARTERMAIN, I TAKE IT YOU DISAGREE WITH AGENT LINDSAY.

YOU'RE DAMN RIGHT I DO.

"I SERVED WITH THE HULKBUSTERS AS LONG AS ANYONE. I'VE FOUGHT HIM DOZENS OF TIMES.



"I ALSO WORKED WITH HIM, BACK WHEN I BLEW THE WHISTLE ON THE GOVERNMENT'S SECRET STOCKPILING OF GAMMA BOMBS.



"AND THE ONE THING I'VE LEARNED FOR SURE IS THAT WHEN IT COMES TO THE HULK..."

...THE ONLY PREDICTABLE THING IS HIS UNPREDICTABILITY.

PUT ASIDE FOR A SECOND WHETHER IT'S ACCEPTABLE TO CEDE MANHATTAN AND OUR DIRECTOR TO AN INVADING ALIEN ARMADA.



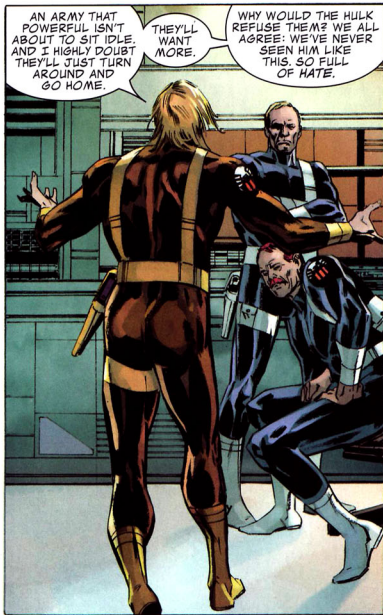
LET'S SAY THE HULK IS ONLY INTERESTED IN REVENGE ON CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER HE GETS IT?

AN ARMY THAT POWERFUL ISN'T ABOUT TO SIT IDLE AND I HIGHLY DOUBT THEY'LL JUST TURN AROUND AND GO HOME.

THEY'LL WANT MORE.

WHY WOULD THE HULK REFUSE THEM? WE ALL AGREE: WE'VE NEVER SEEN HIM LIKE THIS. SO FULL OF HATE.



TIME WE CAN USE IS TIME THEY CAN USE. I SAY WE ATTACK NOW, WHILE THEY'RE DISTRACTED GOING AFTER DOCTOR STRANGE AND WHOEVER.

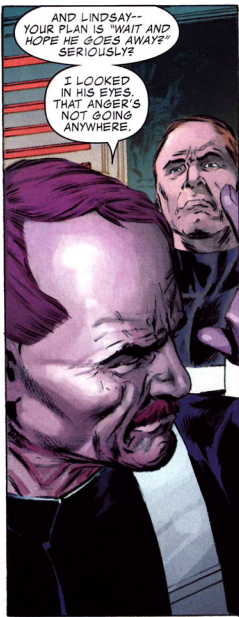
ATTACK THEM WITH WHAT?





WHAT'VE WE GOT THAT'LL STOP THE HULK WITHOUT KILLING STARK AND EVERYONE ELSE IN MANHATTAN?

WHAT'VE WE GOT THAT CAN KILL HIM, PERIOD? BECAUSE IF WE TRY SOMETHING AND IT FAILS, THIS WAR SUDDENLY GETS A WHOLE LOT BIGGER.



AND LINDSAY-- YOUR PLAN IS "WAIT AND HOPE HE GOES AWAY?" SERIOUSLY?

I LOOKED IN HIS EYES. THAT ANGER'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE.



BUT... THEN WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

WHAT YOU SAID, LINDSAY. START EVACUATING THE OUTER BOROUGHS AND GETTING DEFENSES PLACED.

CLAY, I WANT A LIST OF WEAPONS THAT CAN HURT THE HULK. WITH HONEST ESTIMATES OF EACH ONE'S LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESS AND POTENTIAL FOR COLLATERAL DAMAGE.



WE'VE GOT GABE JONES IN THE FIELD WITH A RECON TEAM. MAYBE HE'LL GIVE US SOMETHING WE CAN USE.

FOR NOW, I NEED TO THINK THIS OVER. I'LL BE IN MY...



...



...IN THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE.





AIN'T NO BIG SECRET I'VE HAD PROBLEMS WITH HOW YOU RUN THINGS. WITH YOU IN GENERAL.

THAT WHOLE CIVIL WAR THING-- HAVING TO GO AFTER CAP. AFTER ALL WE BEEN THROUGH TOGETHER--THAT STILL STICKS IN MY CRAW. ESPECIALLY HOW IT ENDED UP.



AND I GUESS I BLAME YOU FOR NICK. EVEN THOUGH IT AIN'T REALLY YOUR FAULT... 'CAUSE YOU TOOK HIS PLACE.

BUT I'LL TELL YA THIS... AND I'D NEVER ADMIT IT TO YOUR FACE...



...I'M STARTIN' TO SYMPATHIZE WITH YA A LITTLE BIT.

I MEAN, I'M USED TO MAKIN' TOUGH DECISIONS, BUT BEIN' IN THE BOSS'S CHAIR... TRUMAN WAS RIGHT. THE BUCK DOES STOP HERE.



AND THE CHOICES ON THE MENU PRETTY MUCH ALL STINK ON ICE, DON'T THEY?



DUGAN?

GAAH!!



Duh...  
DIRECTOR  
STARK?

DUGAN,  
THANK GOD.

THEN  
YOU'RE...ALL  
RIGHT?



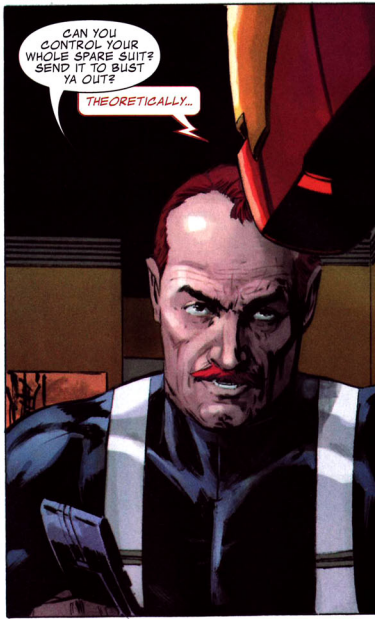
NOT  
EXACTLY.  
I'M A  
PRISONER.



HANG ON.  
I'LL PATCH  
YOU THROUGH  
TO THE  
PRESIDENT--

NO! THEY'RE MONITORING OUR  
COMMUNICATIONS WITH TECH  
I'VE NEVER SEEN. THE ONLY LINE  
I CAN BE SURE IS SECURE IS  
USING MY EXTREMIS ABILITIES  
TO TALK THROUGH MY ARMOR.

BESIDES,  
I DON'T HAVE  
LONG. THEY'LL  
BE BACK FOR  
ME SOON.



CAN YOU  
CONTROL YOUR  
WHOLE SPARE SUIT?  
SEND IT TO BUST  
YA OUT?

THEORETICALLY...



...BUT THEYVE FITTED ME WITH WHAT THEY CALL AN OBEDIENCE DISK.

IT TAPS DIRECTLY INTO MY CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM. KEEPS ME FROM...NNH...FIGHTING THEM.

JUST TALKING TO YOU IS EXCRUCIATING. IF I TOOK DIRECT ACTION, I'D PASS OUT.



JUST SIT TIGHT, BOSS. WE'RE COMIN' TO GET YOU.

**NO!**  
I'M NOT ABANDONING YOU.



YOU'LL FOLLOW...MY ORDERS, IS WHAT YOU'LL DO.

SIR, THIS HAS GONE WAY BEYOND A GRUDGE MATCH BETWEEN YOU AND THE HULK.

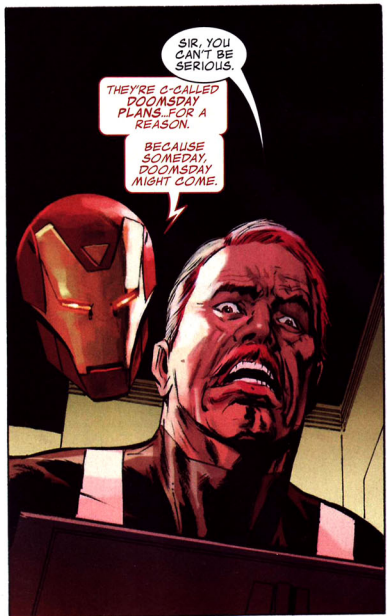
I KNOW. WE HAVE TO CONSIDER HIS ARMY...A GLOBAL THREAT. BUT THE TIME HE SPENDS ON ME...REED...AND THE OTHERS...C-CAN WORK TO OUR ADVANTAGE.



COMPUTER, VOICE COMMAND ACTIVE. OPEN CONTINGENCY FILE SEVEN ALPHA EPSILON.

VOICE PRINT RECOGNIZED: STARK, ANTHONY. EXECUTING.

WHAT YOU'RE SEEING ON MY COMPUTER, DUGAN... IS A CONTINGENCY PLAN I'VE DEVELOPED. ONE THAT, UNTIL NOW, HAS BEEN FOR MY EYES ONLY.



SIR, YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS.

THEY'RE C-CALLED DOOMSDAY PLANS...FOR A REASON.

BECAUSE SOMEDAY, DOOMSDAY MIGHT COME.

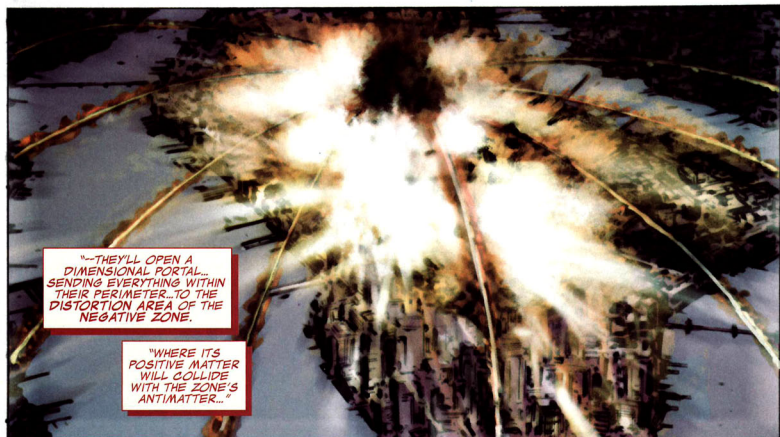




THOSE ARE THE SCHEMATICS FOR A SERIES OF TRANSMITTERS.



"WHEN CORRECTLY PLACED AROUND A LOCATION...IN THIS CASE, MANHATTAN--"



"--THEY'LL OPEN A DIMENSIONAL PORTAL... SENDING EVERYTHING WITHIN THEIR PERIMETER...TO THE DISTORTION AREA OF THE NEGATIVE ZONE.

"WHERE ITS POSITIVE MATTER WILL COLLIDE WITH THE ZONE'S ANTIMATTER..."



...ANNIHILATING IT INSTANTLY.

MY GOD.

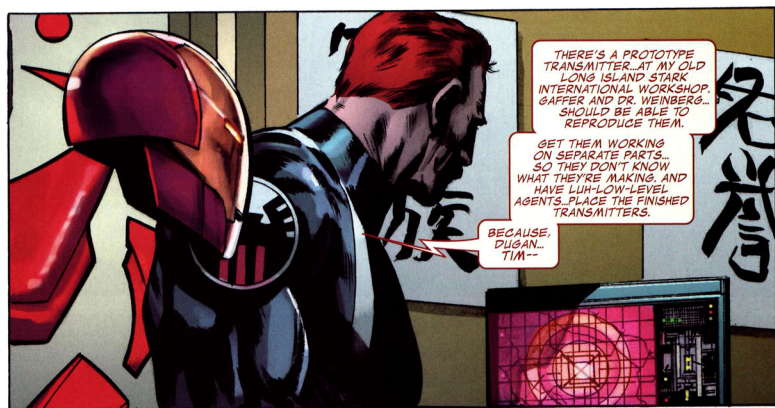


YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT DESTROYING MANHATTAN AND EVERYTHING IN IT, INCLUDING YOU.

ME...THE AVENGERS... THE FANTASTIC FOUR... ENTIRE DIVISIONS OF SOLDIERS. AND THE H-H-HULK.

OBVIOUSLY... I'M HOPING WE WON'T HAVE TO USE IT. BUT IF THE HULK...DECIDES TO TAKE HIS WAR OUT OF MANHATTAN...

...I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE THAT CAN STOP HIM.



THERE'S A PROTOTYPE TRANSMITTER...AT MY OLD LONG ISLAND STARK INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP. GAFFER AND DR. WEINBERG... SHOULD BE ABLE TO REPRODUCE THEM.

GET THEM WORKING ON SEPARATE PARTS... SO THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE MAKING. AND HAVE LUH-LOW-LEVEL AGENTS PLACE THE FINISHED TRANSMITTERS.

BECAUSE, DUGAN... TIM--



--YOU'RE THE ONLY MAN I TRUST TO KNOW ABOUT THIS.

AND THE ONLY ONE I TRUST TO DECIDE WHEN TO USE IT.



SIR, I...  
I DON'T KNOW  
WHAT TO--

DAMN IT.  
THEY'RE  
COMING.



SHUT UP,  
EARTHMAN!

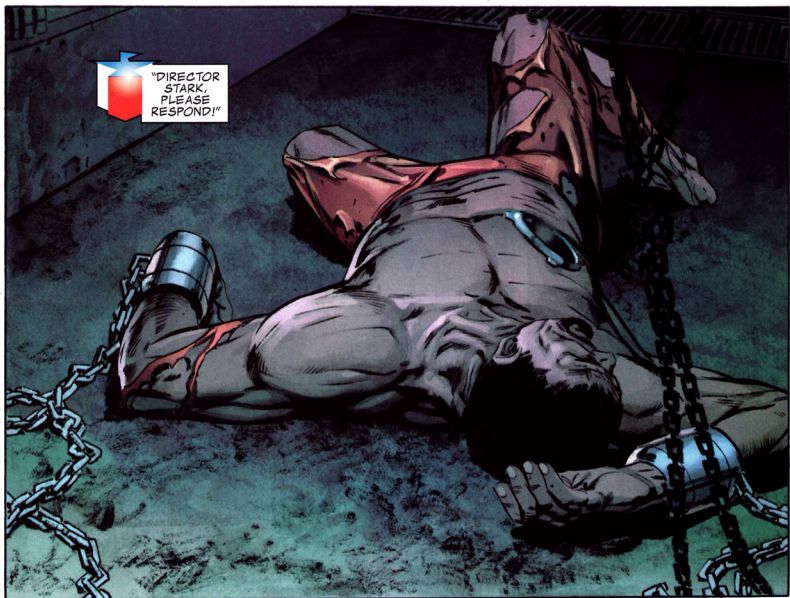
KKRRR  
RZZZZ

**NNAAGGHH!**



SIR!  
TONY!

KTUNK





SUB-DIRECTOR DUGAN. HAVE YOU REACHED A DECISION?

YEAH. YEAH. I HAVE.



LISTEN UP, ALL OF YOU. SOME O' YOU LIKE WHAT DIRECTOR STARK'S BEEN DOIN' SINCE HE TOOK OVER, AND SOME OF YOU DON'T.

WELL, GUESS WHAT? IT DON'T MATTER.

THIS IS A MILITARY UNIT. WE GOT A CHAIN OF COMMAND, AND WE'RE GONNA RESPECT IT.



I MAY BE SENIOR OFFICER HERE, BUT UNTIL WE KNOW OUR DIRECTOR'S DEAD, HIS POLICIES WILL CONTINUE UNDER ME.

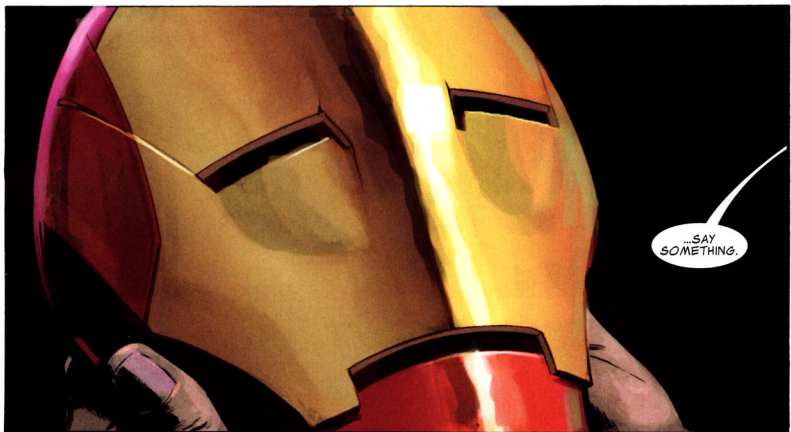
ANYONE WHO'S GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT CAN RESIGN...

...RIGHT AFTER WE'VE DEALT WITH THE HULK.



GET ME GAFFER AND DR. WEINBERG, AND A DOZEN ROOKIES STRAIGHT OUTTA THE ACADEMY.

THE REST OF YOU, CARRY ON.



尊敬

名誉



PLEASE.



SEE IRON MAN'S FATE  
IN WORLD WAR HULK!