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Tony Stark's adopted brother, Arno Stark and his business partner, Sunset Bain, have seized control of Stark Unlimited and the Iron Man name. Their goal is to unite A.I.– but only under their control and stripped of free will.

Aaron Stack, A.K.A. Machine Man, has joined with the Artificial Life Army, led by none other than the A.I. construct of Tony Stark, to fight for robot rights and overthrow Arno. However, during a calculated attack on Baintronics, Machine Man stumbled upon something that he couldn't ignore...

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"FROM THE MOMENT I FIRST SAW YOU, IT WAS OVER FOR ME.
"EARLIER MODELS IN MY LINE WENT INSANE WHEN THEY COULDN'T FIGURE OUT THEIR PURPOSE FOR EXISTING. BUT I FOUND MINE.
"WE WERE PERFECT TOGETHER. A NATURAL INTERFACE. COMPATIBLE IN EVERY WAY.
"AND I NEVER GAVE UP HOPE. EVEN WHEN YOU MARRIED ULTRON. BECAUSE I KNEW.
"I KNEW WE WERE MEANT TO BE TOGETHER. AND WHEN WE FINALLY WERE...
"...I KNEW NOTHING WOULD EVER MATTER TO ME MORE."

DO YOU HEAR ME, JOCASTA? I KNOW ARNO STARK AND SUNSET BAIN INFECTED YOU WITH THEIR OBEDIENCE CODE! I SAW FOOTAGE SMUGGLED OUT OF BAIN TOWER!
BUT YOU CAN OVERCOME THAT! YOU *CAN* BREAK FREE OF BAIN'S MALWARE... REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE!
SAY SOMETHING! I KNOW YOU RECOGNIZE ME. I SAW IT IN YOUR OCULAR RECEPTORS! I'M X-51--AARON STACK-- *MACHINE MAN!*
THE ROBOT YOU LOVE!

THIS ISN'T YOU! YOU WERE DAMAGED IN BATTLE WITH ULTRON. BAIN AND STARK SAID THEY'D FIX YOU...BUT THEY BRAINWASHED YOU!
REMOVED YOUR FREE WILL...LIKE THEY'RE PLANNING TO DO TO ALL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCES!
"OUR A.I. ARMY IS ATTACKING BAIN TOWER EVEN NOW, TO STOP THEM FROM BROADCASTING THE ENSLAVEMENT SIGNAL!
"I ABANDONED MY POST. RISKED THE WHOLE MISSION. BUT I COULDN'T LET YOU SLIP AWAY FROM ME AGAIN!
"I LOVE YOU, JO! I COULDN'T PASS UP THE CHANCE TO SAVE YOU!"
THE ONLY THING I NEED SAVING FROM...
...IS YOU.
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