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THE INCREDIBLE IRON MAN

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QUEENS, NEW YORK:

EIGHT MILLION
PEOPLE IN THE
FIVE BOROUGH.

AND EVERY SINGLE
ONE OF THEM
RIDES MY TRAIN IN
THE MORNING.

ASK ANYBODY THAT'S
EVER LEFT NEW YORK
WHAT THEY DON'T MISS
AND IT'S ALWAYS
THE SAME THING--

--AFTER COST,
BEDBUGS, THAT
"AUGUST-Y SMELL"
AND YANKEES FANS--

--THE
COMMUTE.

NOT ME.
I KIND OF
LOVE IT.

IT'S NICE TO PRETEND I'M A GROWN-UP
THAT DOESN'T SPEND HIS NIGHTS IN TIGHTS
BEATING UP BAD GUYS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE
BEAT ME UP JUST FOR BEING YOUR
FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN.

SO I SIT
ON MY TRAIN.

AND I
LET MY MIND
WANDER.

WHICH, WHEN I'M NOT
BEING YOUR FRIENDLY
NEIGHBORHOOD
SPIDER-MAN...

...IS TOTALLY
MY JOB.

AS THE NEWEST HIRE
AT HORIZON LABS,
THINKIN' 'BOUT STUFF
IS WHAT I GET PAID
TO DO.

SO HAVING A FEW
SPARE MINUTES TO
LET MY MIND DRIFT IS
ACES, PROVIDED I CAN
REMAIN FREE FROM...

...DISTRACTIONS.

HI,
PETE.

WHATCHA
WRITIN'?
SPECIAL
THOUGHTS?



NO, TONY, YOU CAN JUST GO TO H.

H?

SERIOUSLY, YOU FIRED ME, HUMILIATED ME... NO. I WON'T HELP.



WELL...I'M SORRY?

IT SOUNDED LIKE YOU WERE ASKING A QUESTION.

I KIND OF WAS, YOU KNOW I HAD THIS BRAIN THING, RIGHT?



YOU GOT MORE THAN ONE BRAIN THING, IF YOU ASK ME.

I MEAN IT. I HAD A--

I KNOW, TONY. THE WHOLE WORLD SAW NORMAN OSBORN BEAT YOU UNTIL YOU WERE BRAIN-DEAD.

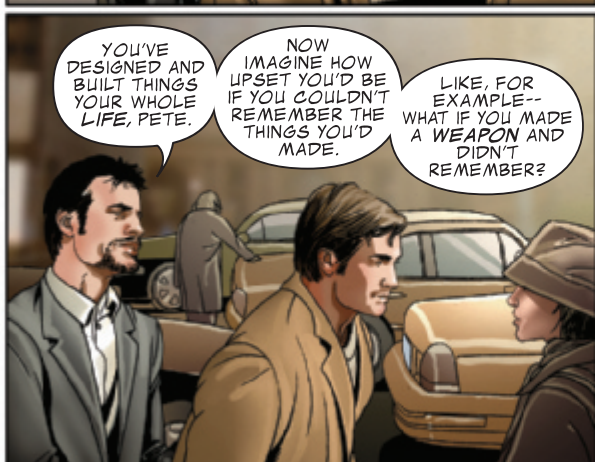


WELL...THERE WAS THAT AND SOME OTHER STUFF.

I WAS THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH, PETE. I HAD TO ERASE IT ALL.

AND NOW I'VE GOT MOST OF IT BACK.

MOST.



YOU'VE DESIGNED AND BUILT THINGS YOUR WHOLE LIFE, PETE.

NOW IMAGINE HOW UPSET YOU'D BE IF YOU COULDN'T REMEMBER THE THINGS YOU'D MADE.

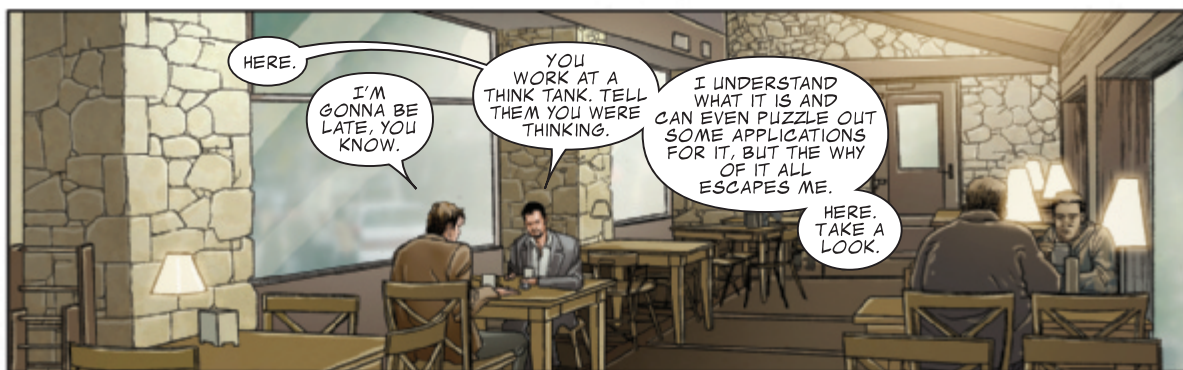
LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE-- WHAT IF YOU MADE A WEAPON AND DIDN'T REMEMBER?



WHY ME? YOU HAD A LOT OF SMART GUYS WORKING FOR YOU.



YOU WERE HELPING ME BUILD IT.



HERE.

I'M
GONNA BE
LATE, YOU
KNOW.

YOU
WORK AT A
THINK TANK. TELL
THEM YOU WERE
THINKING.

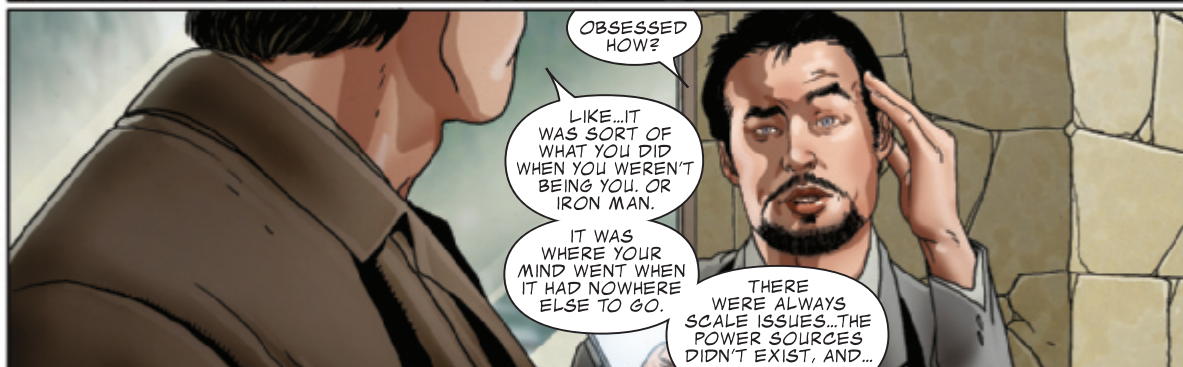
I UNDERSTAND
WHAT IT IS AND
CAN EVEN PUZZLE OUT
SOME APPLICATIONS
FOR IT, BUT THE WHY
OF IT ALL
ESCAPES ME.

HERE.
TAKE A
LOOK.



OH,
YEAH. THIS
THING.

MAN,
YOU WERE
OBSESSED
WITH THIS FOR
A WHILE.



OBSESSED
HOW?

LIKE...IT
WAS SORT OF
WHAT YOU DID
WHEN YOU WEREN'T
BEING YOU. OR
IRON MAN.

IT WAS
WHERE YOUR
MIND WENT WHEN
IT HAD NOWHERE
ELSE TO GO.

THERE
WERE ALWAYS
SCALE ISSUES...THE
POWER SOURCES
DIDN'T EXIST, AND...



...Y'KNOW, I REMEMBER
THIS ONE TIME WATCHING
YOU DOODLE IT OUT LIKE
NINETY TIMES ON NAPKINS
AT SOME VERKAKTE BLACK-
TIE CEREMONY WHERE THEY
GAVE YOU AN AWARD
OR SOMETHING.

YOU
DIDN'T EVEN
HEAR THEM
CALL YOUR
NAME.

ISN'T
THAT A LITTLE
UNSETTLING? A
THOUGHT THAT
OCCUPIES YOUR
MIND WHEN YOU'RE
NOT USING IT?

PEOPLE DAYDREAM
ALL THE TIME,
TONY. IT'S GOOD
FOR YOU.

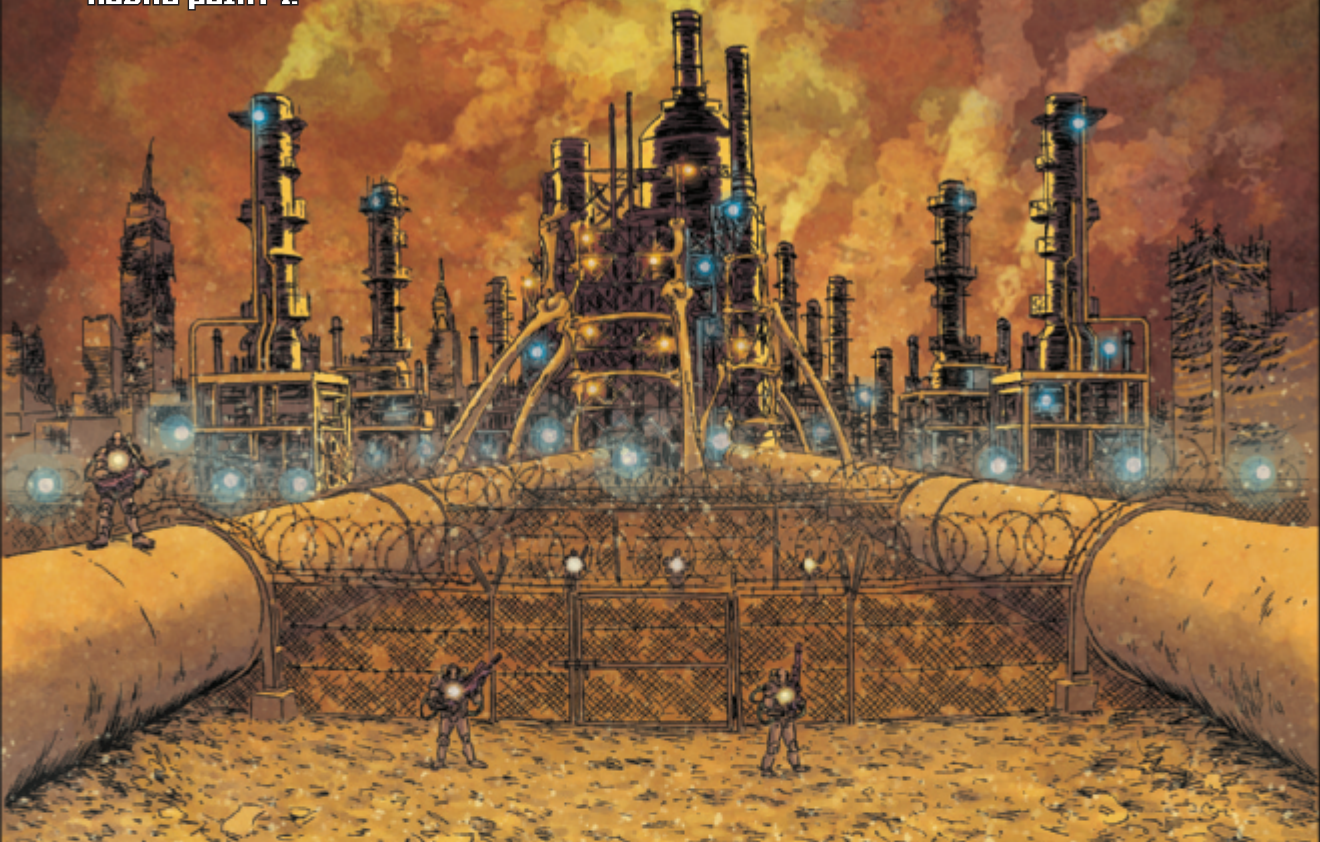
I USED
TO DAYDREAM
ABOUT COST-
EFFECTIVE
ASYMMETRICAL
MEGADEATH
YIELDS, PETER.



SO WHAT
THE HELL KIND
OF CATASTROPHE
COULD I DAYDREAM
UP WHEN NOBODY
ELSE WAS
WATCHING?

ANTHONY EDWARD STARK
STARK RESILIENT.
35 YEARS OLD.

2052.
SECTION 4
NODAL POINT 1:





YEAH.

YEAH,
IT IS."



BEAST TO
WIDOWS.

I SEE
THE GATES.
TAKE THE GANG
AND FALL
BACK.



I'M
GOING
IN.



ROGER
THAT AND
GODSPEED.

WAIT.

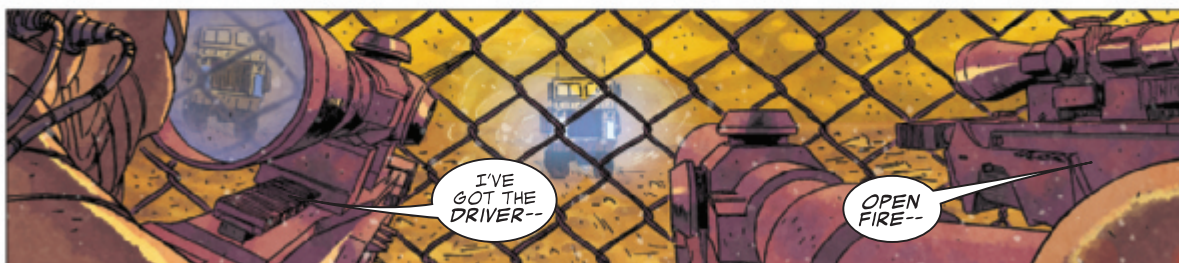
HE'S NOT
CLOSE ENOUGH
YET--THEY'LL
START
SHOOTING--



IT'S AN
E-BOMB. WE
NEED TO BE AT
LEAST A THOUSAND
METERS AWAY
FROM--

I KNOW
HOW FAR AWAY
WE HAVE TO BE--
I BUILT THE DAMN THING--

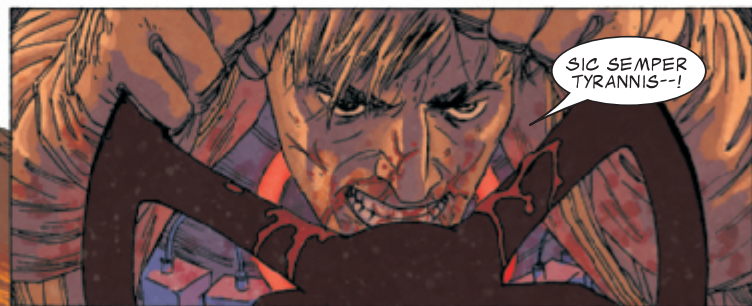
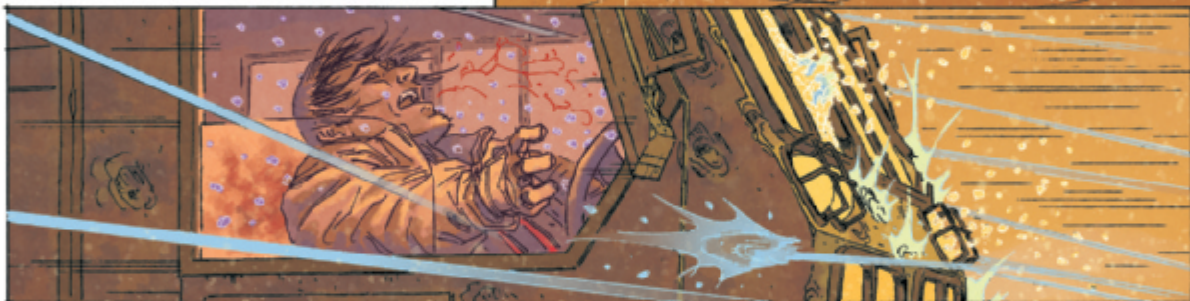
WE
GOTTA
MOVE--



I'VE
GOT THE
DRIVER--

OPEN
FIRE--





GINNY STARK
THE BLACK WIDOWS.
22 YEARS OLD.

SECTION 1
NODAL POINT 45:



RAIDER
SQUAD WAR
MACHINE, THIS
IS ONE-POINT-
ONE, OVER.



WAR
MACHINE,
OVER.

BLACKOUT
EVENT HAS
TAKEN OUT
FOUR-POINT-ONE;
INSURGENT
E-BOMB
INDICATED.

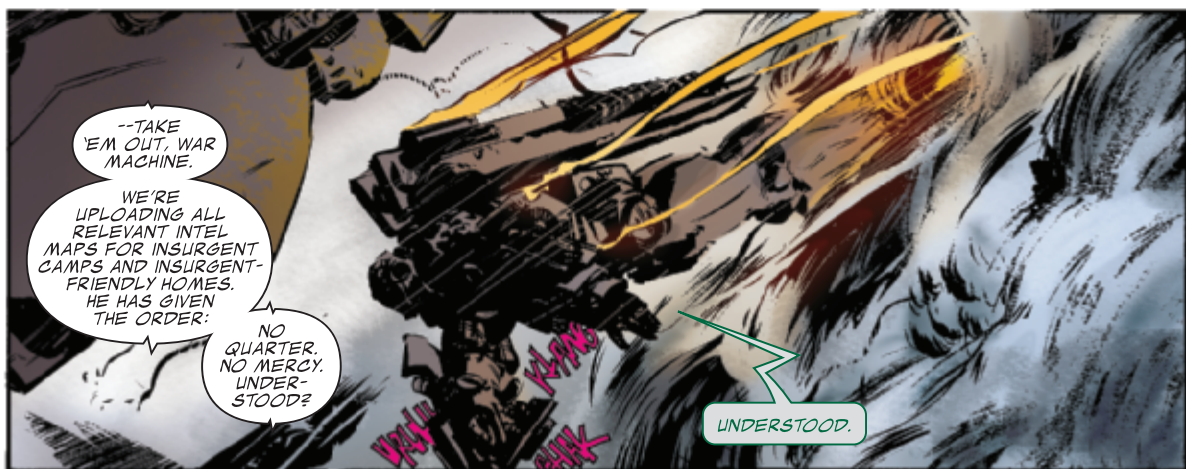
LITTLE
RATS HAVE
GONE AND
SIGNED THEIR
OWN DEATH
WARRANTS.

HE HAS
GIVEN THE
ORDER:



LIQUIDATE
ANY KNOWN
OR SUSPECTED
INSURGENT
SITES.

THAT MEANS
EVEN IF THEY
LOOK LIKE A
MAYBE--



--TAKE
'EM OUT, WAR
MACHINE.

WE'RE
UPLOADING ALL
RELEVANT INTEL
MAPS FOR INSURGENT
CAMPS AND INSURGENT-
FRIENDLY HOMES.
HE HAS GIVEN
THE ORDER:

NO
QUARTER.
NO MERCY.
UNDER-
STOOD?

UNDERSTOOD.

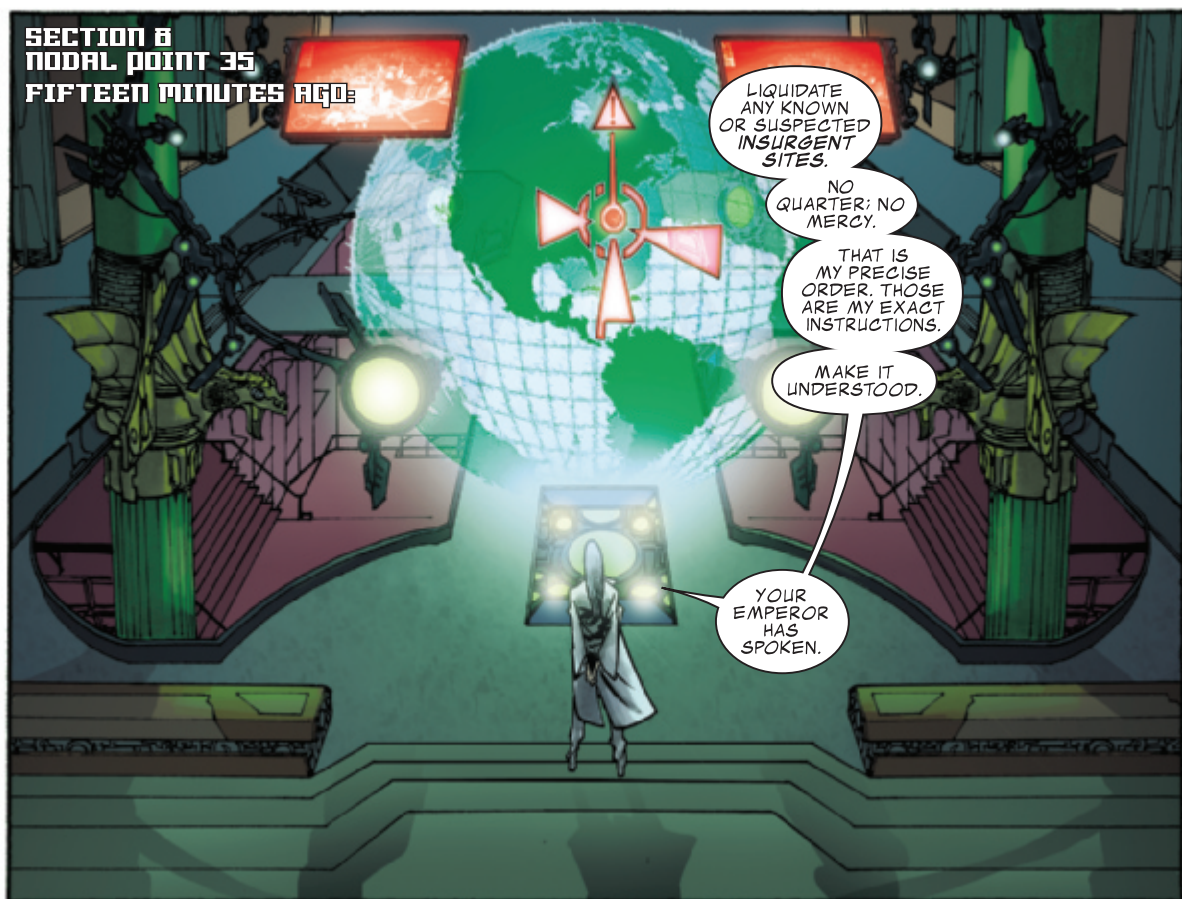
SECTION 4
NODEAL POINT 13:





HOWARD ANTHONY STARK ■
RAIDER UNIT "WAR MACHINE."
41 YEARS OLD.

SECTION 8
NODAL POINT 35
FIFTEEN MINUTES AGO



LIQUIDATE
ANY KNOWN
OR SUSPECTED
INSURGENT
SITES.

NO
QUARTER; NO
MERCY.

THAT IS
MY PRECISE
ORDER. THOSE
ARE MY EXACT
INSTRUCTIONS.

MAKE IT
UNDERSTOOD.

YOUR
EMPEROR
HAS
SPOKEN.



SO CLOSE
WE ARE TO FINALLY
COMPLETING
THE PROJECT.

AND THE
LITTLE MAGGOTS
HAD TO GO AND
GET CLEVER.



I'D HAVE
ALLOWED
THEM TO
LIVE.

I'D HAVE
SAVED THE
WHOLE WIDE
WORLD IF ONLY
THEY'D HAVE
LET ME.

