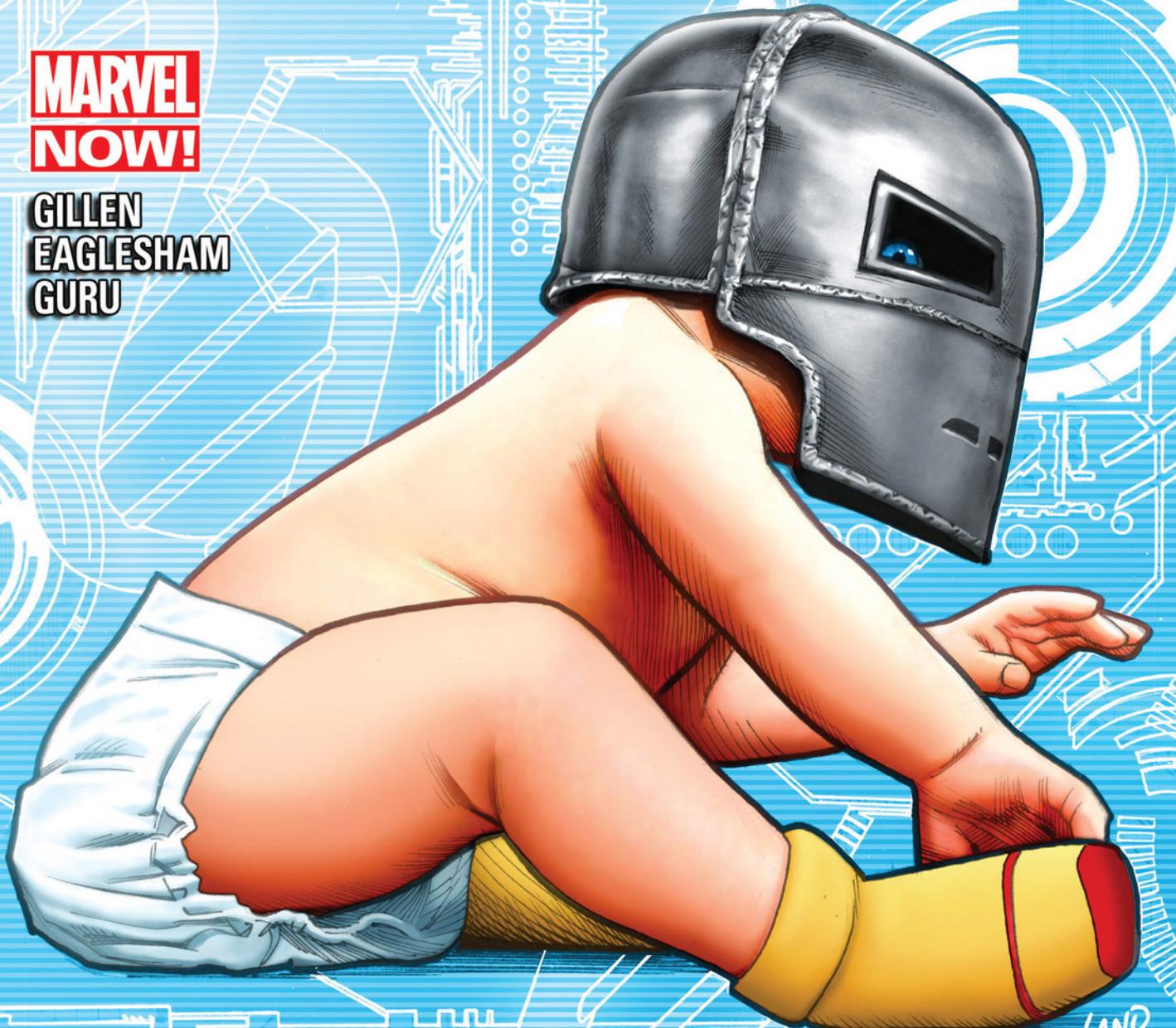


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TONY STARK IS A TECHNOLOGICAL VISIONARY...A FAMOUS, WEALTHY AND UNPARALLELED INVENTOR. WITH THE WORLD'S MOST ADVANCED AND POWERFUL SUIT OF ARMOR, STARK VAILANTLY PROTECTS THE INNOCENT AS AN INVINCIBLE BRIGHT KNIGHT KNOWN AS...

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THE SECRET ORIGIN OF TONY STARK PROLOGUE

TONY STARK IS THE EARTH'S GREATEST ENGINEER. HE LEFT THE PLANET TO EXPLORE AND TO PROTECT THE UNIVERSE AS A GUARDIAN OF THE GALAXY.

THIS IS WHAT HE DOES WHEN HE'S NOT A GUARDIAN OF THE GALAXY.

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"TONY! HOPE'S PUSTULE IS A DIVE PLANETOID."

THERE'S NOT A MAN, WOMAN OR MECH HERE THAT WOULDN'T KILL YOU FOR THE PAINT ON YOUR ARMOR.

"THEY DON'T DO IRONY WHEN NAMING THESE PLACES."

WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR THIS MASS MURDERER FOR WEEKS AND GOT NOWHERE, STAR-LORD.

THE FALLOUT OF THE VOLDI'S DESTRUCTION HAS JUST CAUSED CHAOS. YOU GUYS HAVE GALAXIES TO GUARD. YOU CAN'T IGNORE THAT. AND I CAN'T IGNORE THIS.

IF YOU DON'T HEAR FROM ME IN A WEEK, FEEL FREE TO COME LOOKING...

SHUSH,
P.E.P.P.E.R.

YOUR FRIENDS ARE RIGHT.

MAKING MY OWN MISTAKES NOW.



TALK,
BEFORE I HAVE
TO ELIMINATE
SOMEONE
ELSE.

UNNECESSARY
EXPENDITURE
OF MUNITIONS.
ANNOYING NUMBERS
IN THE RED
COLUMN, YES?

WHAT JUST
HAPPENED
HERE, DEATH'S
HEAD?



MY
REPUTATION.
ALWAYS
SOMEONE THINKS
THEY CAN UP
THEIR'S BY
OFFING YOU.

BIG
MISTAKE.

WHO
ARE WE
AFTER?



HE CALLED
HIMSELF 451.
GOD KNOWS
IF IT'S HIS
REAL NAME.



WHAT
DID HE
DO?

HE STOLE
THE HEART OF
THE VOLDI.



THE VOLDI DREW
THEIR POWER FROM
ALL THE BIG COSMIC
BOYS. PHOENIX, THE
CELESTIALS...

THE HEART STOPPED
ANY OF THEM FROM
REALIZING IT. WITH
IT STOLEN, THE
CELESTIALS HOMED
IN.



I WAS JUST THERE. I SAW THE CELESTIALS AND A LOT OF PEOPLE DYING, BUT NOTHING ELSE...
NOT MUCH EVIDENCE. YOUR WORD. YOUR RECORDINGS.

THAT'S BECAUSE THE WHOLE PLANET WAS ANNIHILATED.

STILL... COURT OF LAW WOULD HAVE PROBLEM, YES?

LUCKY FOR YOU, I'M A BUSINESS-MAN.

YOU'VE GOT A DATA READ ON HIM, YES? LAST KNOWN LOCATION? EMISSION SPECTRUM?

I DO.

MORE IMPORTANTLY: DO YOU HAVE MY ADVANCE?

I DO.

THEN LET'S FIND THIS MECH AND BRING HIM TO JUSTICE, YES?



THE RUINS OF THE VOLDI TEAR.

"I DON'T LIKE TO JUDGE ON APPEARANCES, BUT YOUR SHIP DOESN'T EXACTLY FILL ME WITH CONFIDENCE."

"...IS THIS A, IT DON'T LOOK LIKE MUCH, KID THING?"

I DON'T WASTE MONEY ON PRETTY.

THE STEALTH SUITE IS TOP OF THE LINE. I WAS THE ONLY SURVIVOR FROM THE TEAR. IF I CAN HIDE FROM CELESTIALS, I CAN HIDE FROM ANYTHING.

THE SENSORY ARRAY IS EVEN BETTER. WE'LL FIND YOUR BOT.

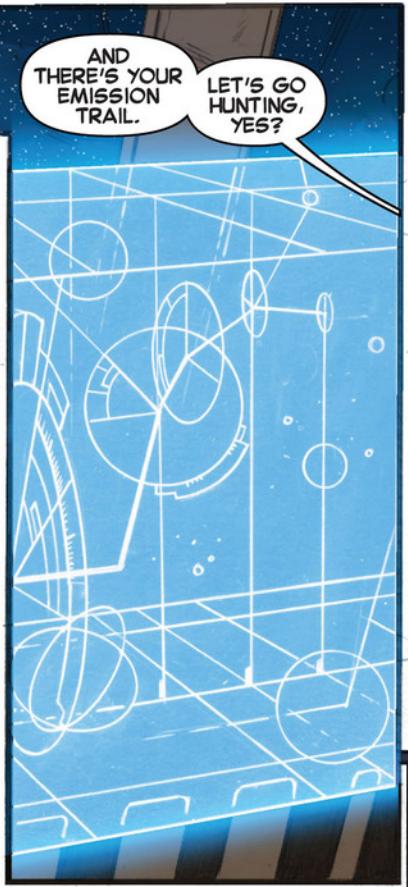
WHERE DID YOU GET THEM FROM?

PROBABLY BEST IF YOU DIDN'T ASK QUESTIONS LIKE THAT, YES?

MAY ANSWER.

AND THERE'S YOUR EMISSION TRAIL.

LET'S GO HUNTING, YES?



LATER.

HMM.
NO MORE
TRAIL...

DEAD
END?

MAYBE,
MAYBE NOT.
GRAPEVINE SAYS
THERE'S A BADOOON
CRUISER THAT WENT
NEAR THIS SECTOR
THREE DAYS
AGO.

BADOOON
HAVE GOOD
STEALTH TECH...
BUT I TALKED
ABOUT MY SENSOR
BEING TOP OF THE
LINE, YES?

ADJUSTING...

THERE SHE
IS. DEAD IN
SPACE.
...NO LIFE
SIGNS.

TAKING
US IN...

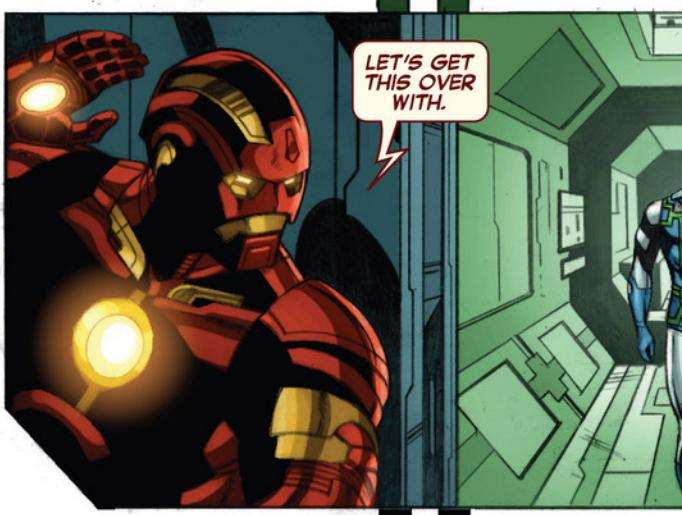
"ACTIVATING
OUR CLOAK."















YOU COULD COMPROMISE
MY SECURITY, WHY NOT
JUST KIDNAP ME AFTER
YOU DESTROYED
THE VOLDI?

STRICTLY
SPEAKING, I
DIDN'T DESTROY
THE VOLDI...

...BUT I'LL
LET YOU HAVE
THAT ONE. I
MAY AS WELL
HAVE.

I'VE DONE
ENOUGH
TERRIBLE THINGS
WITHOUT ADDING
PEDANTRY TO
MY CRIMES.

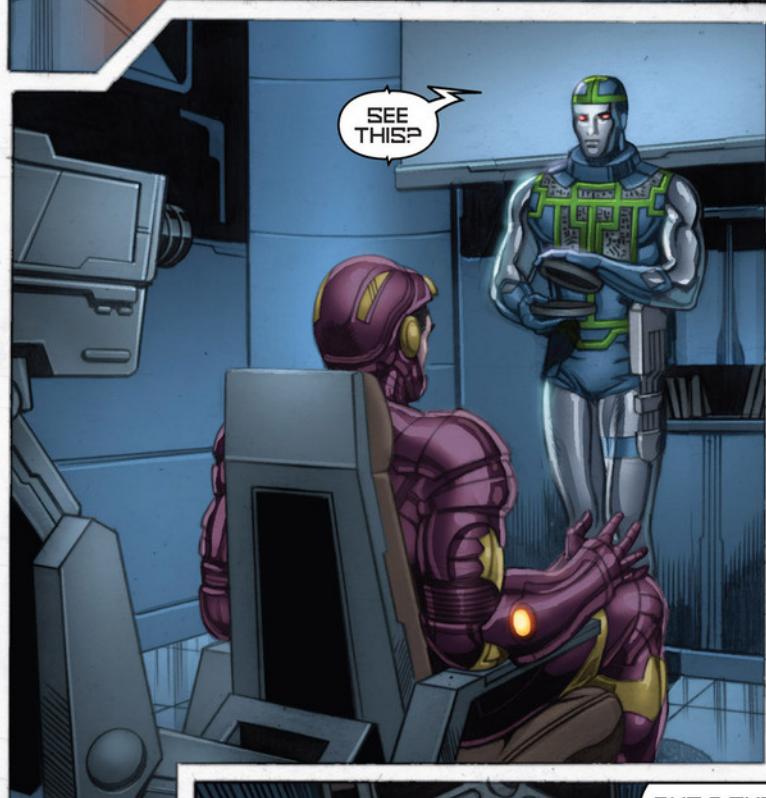
YOU'RE SICK.
THAT WAS A
GENOCIDE.

HOW CAN
YOU MAKE
JOKES?

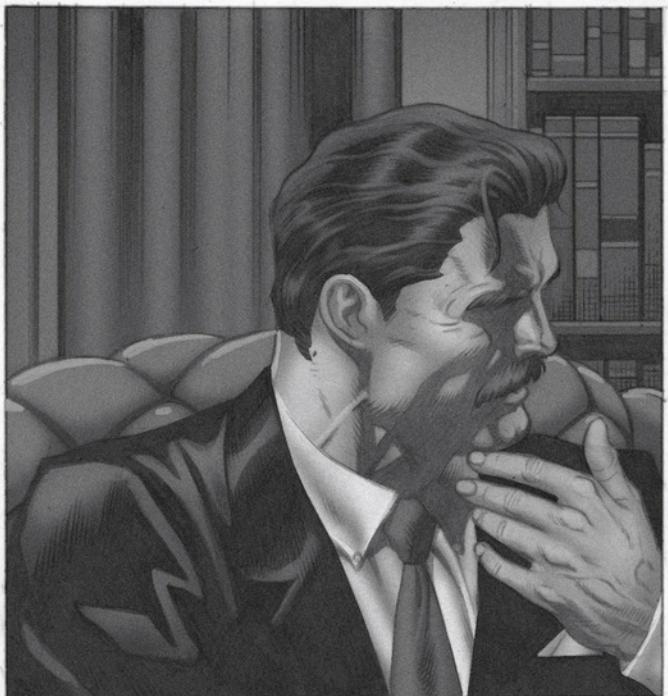
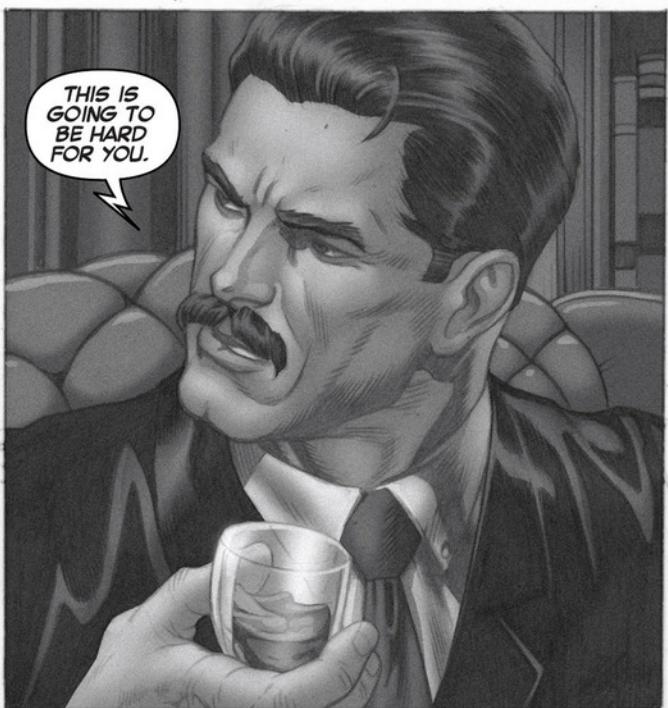
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KNOWS HOW
MANY DIED
AND Y--

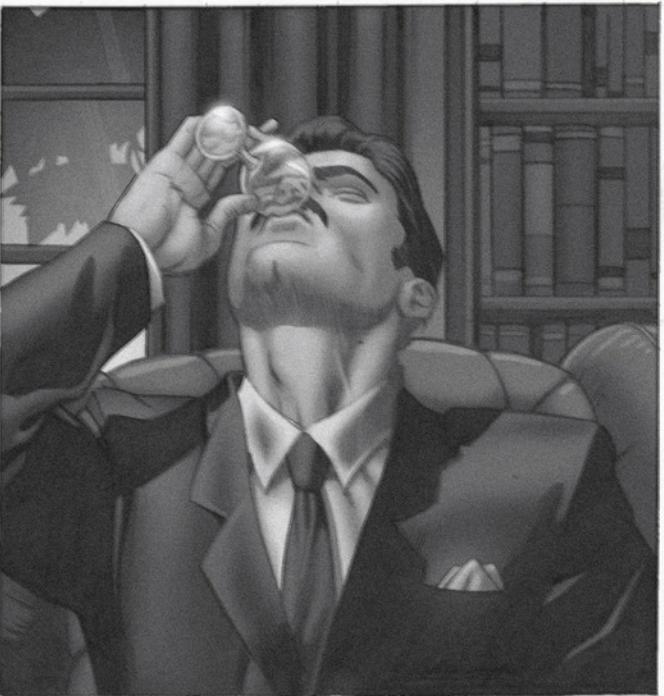
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I KNOW
WHAT I'M
DOING.
I KNOW
EXACTLY
WHAT I'M
DOING.











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IRON CAST

First off, I want to welcome you to the beginning of an historical IRON MAN arc that will undoubtedly rock the character to his core. Kieron's plan for THE SECRET ORIGIN OF TONY STARK is jam-packed with so many surprises, twists, turns and revelations it's an understatement to say it's going to be the most important IRON MAN arc in the past decade. Whew! Now that I got that exclamation out of the way (don't say I didn't warn you), on to your letters:

When did Kieron meet my ex-girlfriend? Veritina's reaction to Tony's "Strands of Keratin" on his face is spot on with my ex's response every time I neglected to shave. In fact it was almost verbatim. Thank you for the laugh!

Keep up the good work!

Drewzer

One of the things I enjoy about Kieron's writing is that he knows when to drop in a line of humor at just the right time, Drewzer. While we're going down a very serious path for ol' Shellhead now, Kieron is a skilled enough writer to make you crack a smile every now and then.

To Iron Cast,

I am a full time RN and student. My wife is a full-time student with a night job. I have a three year old special needs son and an 18-month old daughter. I am a very busy person. That being said, I have dropped everything to thank you from the bottom of my heart for choosing to use Death's Head in your latest arc. He is one of my all-time favorite characters and I didn't think I would ever see him again after the whole Death's Head II debacle. It brings me back to the days when I first discovered comics! I love the modernized version of him. Thank you!! You guys are doing a great job. Iron Man has become my favorite monthly read. It's obvious that you are all putting a lot of effort into your creation. The space armor is the best so far, but I also really liked the color scheme of the stealth armor. Very cool! I sincerely cannot wait to see what happens next! Make mine MARVEL NOW!!

Frank V.

Thanks, Frank! As a dad myself I can relate to the crazy busy life of a parent. It makes us all very happy to hear that you're enjoying this book. As you can see from this issue, our favorite 30' tall, cybernetic bounty hunter is still roaming around and playing a role in turning Tony's world upside down. More DH to come!



Hey Shell Head Team,

Always been an Iron Man fan for the most part, although, I didn't start buying issues regularly until Marvel Now! Iron Man #1. So far I'm really enjoying it. I've even recently added it to my pull file which is rare as I'm very picky (only other comics in my pull file are Spidey and Hawkeye).

Issue #6 was my most recent read and I enjoyed it. Any chances of seeing Iron Man join up with the Uncanny Avengers soon? Hope so!

Overall, I'm a fan. Keep up the good work!

Josh
New Brunswick, Canada

I'm sure Tony will be popping up over in UNCANNY AVENGERS one of these days, Josh. And thanks for keeping us on your pull list in the company of such other great Marvel titles.

Dude!

Ok, so even with the Iron Man tattoo on my leg, I was still a bit dubious over the current series. I want my Iron Man repulsor-raying the bad guys left and right, standing up for justice and in his classic red and gold suit of armor. Hearing that the first few issues would be featuring different armors I was a bit timid. The armor is what sets me up to read.

Holy cow, did you guys ever blow my mind! This has been nothing but amazing so far! Issues #1-6 have totally stolen the show and I can't wait to get up to issue #60! The gadgets and gizmos I've seen have made me wonder what other amazing toys you guys can come up with and the scenarios in which they are best used. Here's to you making a firm believer out of me! So glad I took the chance!

Sincerely,
Travis!



We love gadgets and gizmos, too, Travis. And wait till you see some of the new armors we have in the pipeline.

Dear Editors,

It's been a couple decades since I read comic books regularly, but recently I decided to dive back in, starting with Iron Man. I found the first couple issues enjoyable, and by issue #4 I was fully drawn in (the Tolkien and Lovecraft references did the trick). Now, I've just finished reading issue #6 and I have a stupid smile on my face and a spring in my step. That was the most enjoyable four bucks I've spent in a long time. Looking forward to many more such experiences!

Terry
Washington, DC

Issue #6, the first part of the GODKILLER arc, has been getting a lot of great reactions, Terry. Hope you enjoyed the rest of it and stay tuned for more springy step-inducing stories. (Hmmmm, TALES TO PUT A SPRING IN YOUR STEP, I kind of like that title.)

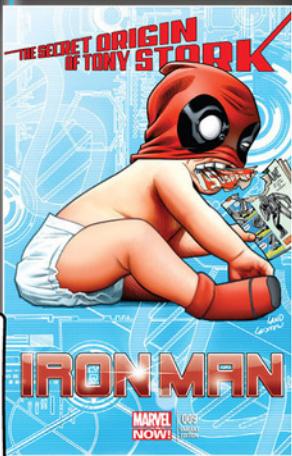
That's all the room we have. Let me know what you think of this issue. You can write us at IRONOFFICE@MARVEL.COM and I love to get your tweets, too. See you in issue #10!!!

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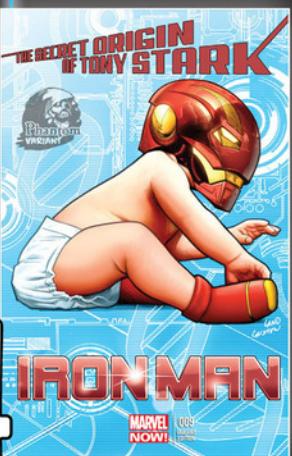
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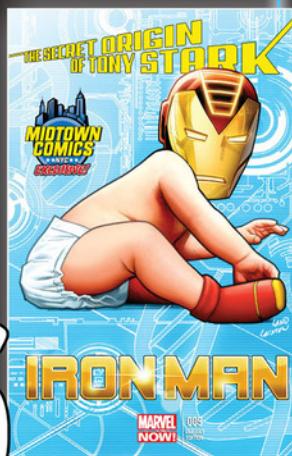
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(STEALTH ARMOR)

4. PHANTOM VARIANT
(SPACE ARMOR)

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