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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 VALIANTLY PROTECTS THE INNOCENT AS AN INVINCIBLE BRIGHT KNIGHT KNOWN AS...

# IRON MAN



TONY STARK IS IN DEEP SPACE, CURRENTLY THE PRISONER OF THE LUNATIC DROID, RECORDER 451, BUT MORE AND MORE OF HIS PAST IS BEING REVEALED.

YEARS AGO, AFTER STEALING 451 FROM A CASINO OWNED BY THE GREYS, A GROUP OF ALIEN MOBSTERS, HOWARD AND MARIA STARK LEARN THAT THE DROID CAN SAVE THEIR AILING, UNBORN SON. HOWEVER, 451 REVEALS THAT EARTH IS ON THE PRECIPICE OF BECOMING THE NEXT GREAT COSMIC POWER AND, AS SUCH, IS IN DANGER OF BEING WIPE OUT BY AGGRESSIVE ALIEN EMPIRES. 451 HAS MADE A PROMISE TO PREVENT THAT. IN ORDER TO SAVE THE EARTH, 451 PROPOSES A DEAL THAT ALLOWS HIM TO GENETICALLY ALTER THEIR SON TO PROTECT THE EARTH IN THE FUTURE.

DESPERATE, THE STARKS ACCEPTED THE DEAL AND THE PREGNANCY WENT FORWARD. BUT BEFORE THE CHILD COULD BE BORN, THE GREYS CAME AFTER THEIR STOLEN PROPERTY. REALIZING THAT THE CHILD COULD NEVER BE SAFE AS LONG AS THE GREYS WERE STILL OUT THERE, 451 CONVINCED HOWARD TO TAKE THE FIGHT TO THE ALIENS AND ELIMINATE THEM ONCE AND FOR ALL.

## THE SECRET ORIGIN OF TONY STARK PART THREE

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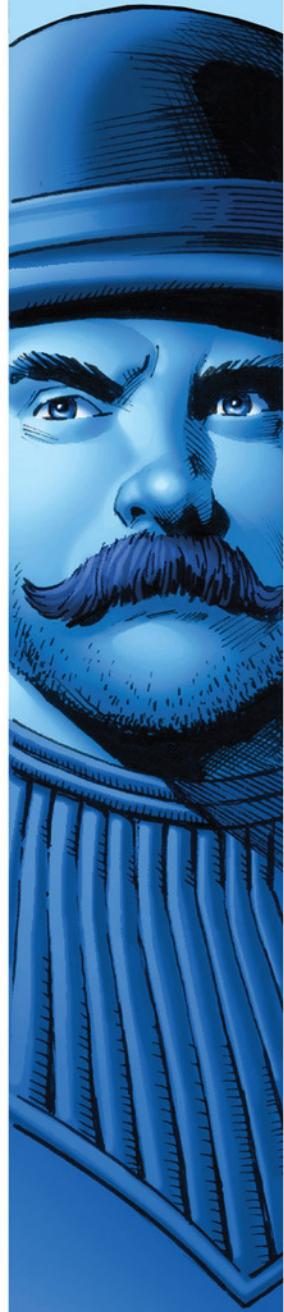
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## THE STARK COMPOUND, HALF A LIFETIME AGO.



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# IRON MAN®



THE SECRET ORIGIN  
OF TONY STARK

AND  
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"WE'VE  
GOT TO  
HUSTLE."

WELCOME  
TO  
**LAS VEGAS**



# AREA 52, VEGAS.



THE SOLDIERS ARE TOOLED UP AND READY, BOSS.

WE BETTER MOVE FAST. THIS IS THE BIGGEST SCORE EVER. CAN'T LET HIM GET AWAY.

I'VE ALREADY STARTED SHOPPING FOR HOLIDAY MOONS TO BUY. WE MOVE, RIGHT, BOSS?

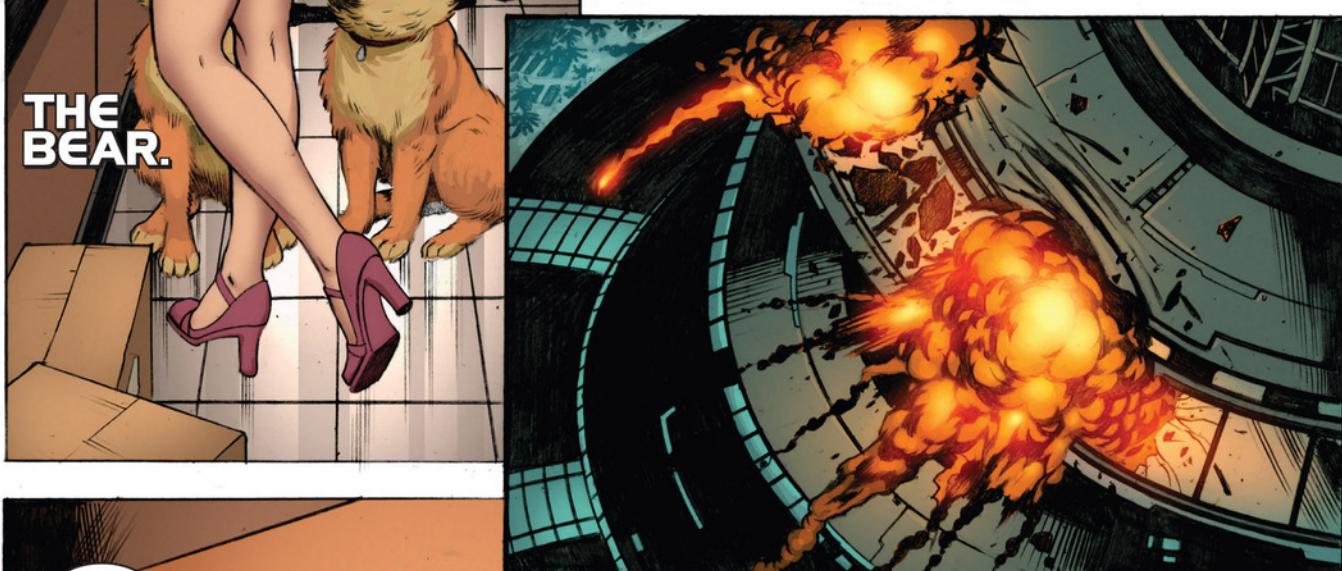
AND THE KID. WHAT'S A RECORDER DOING MEDDLING WITH A SAPE KID FOR, ANYWAY?



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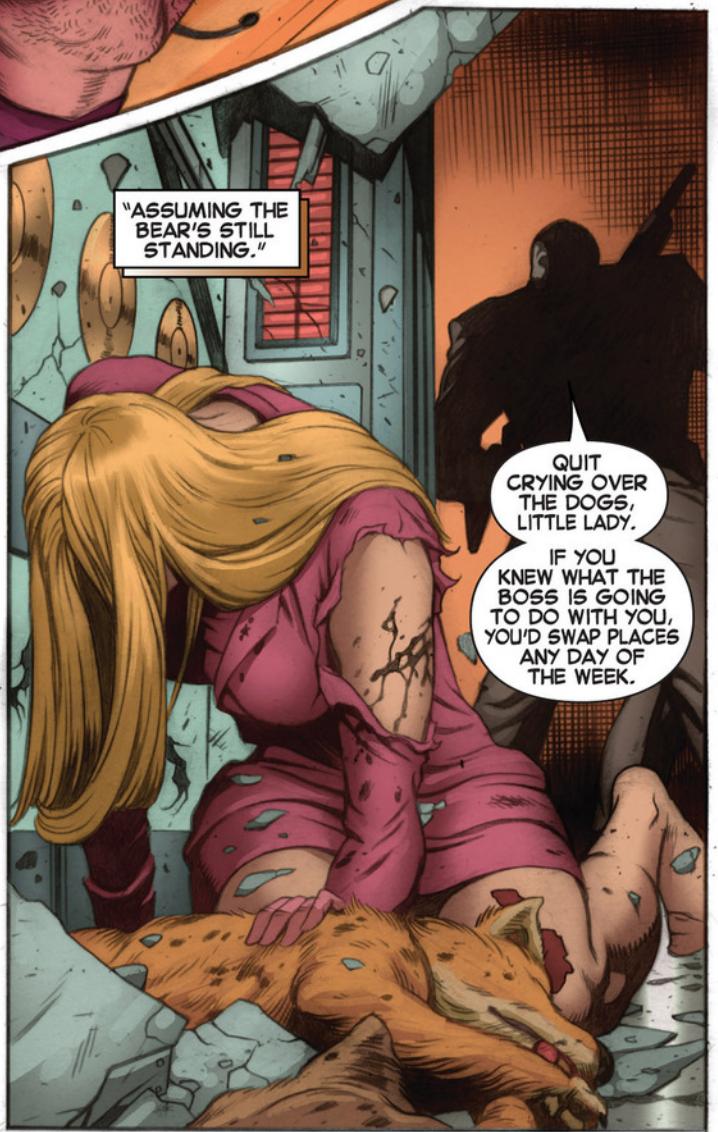




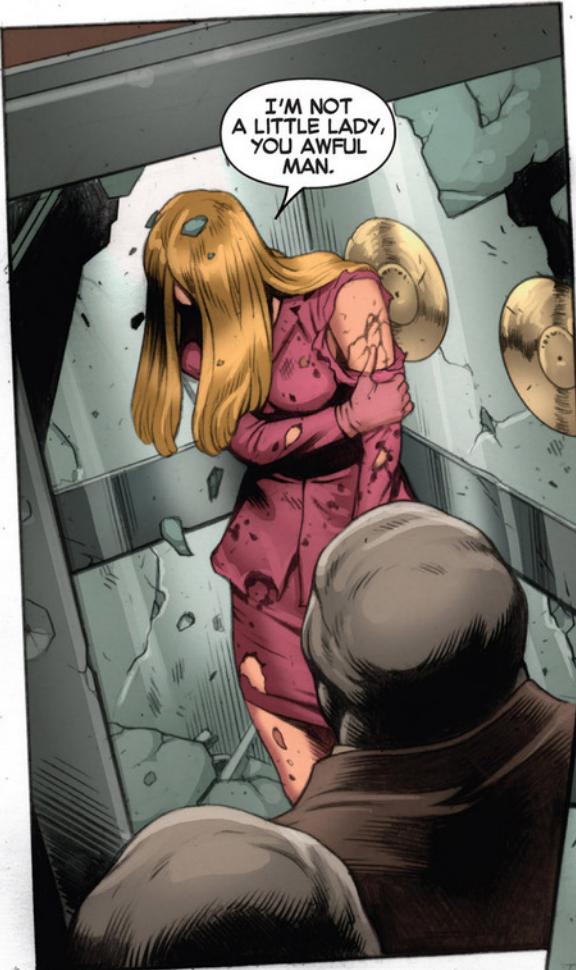
PATIENCE,  
MY DEAR.  
PATIENCE.



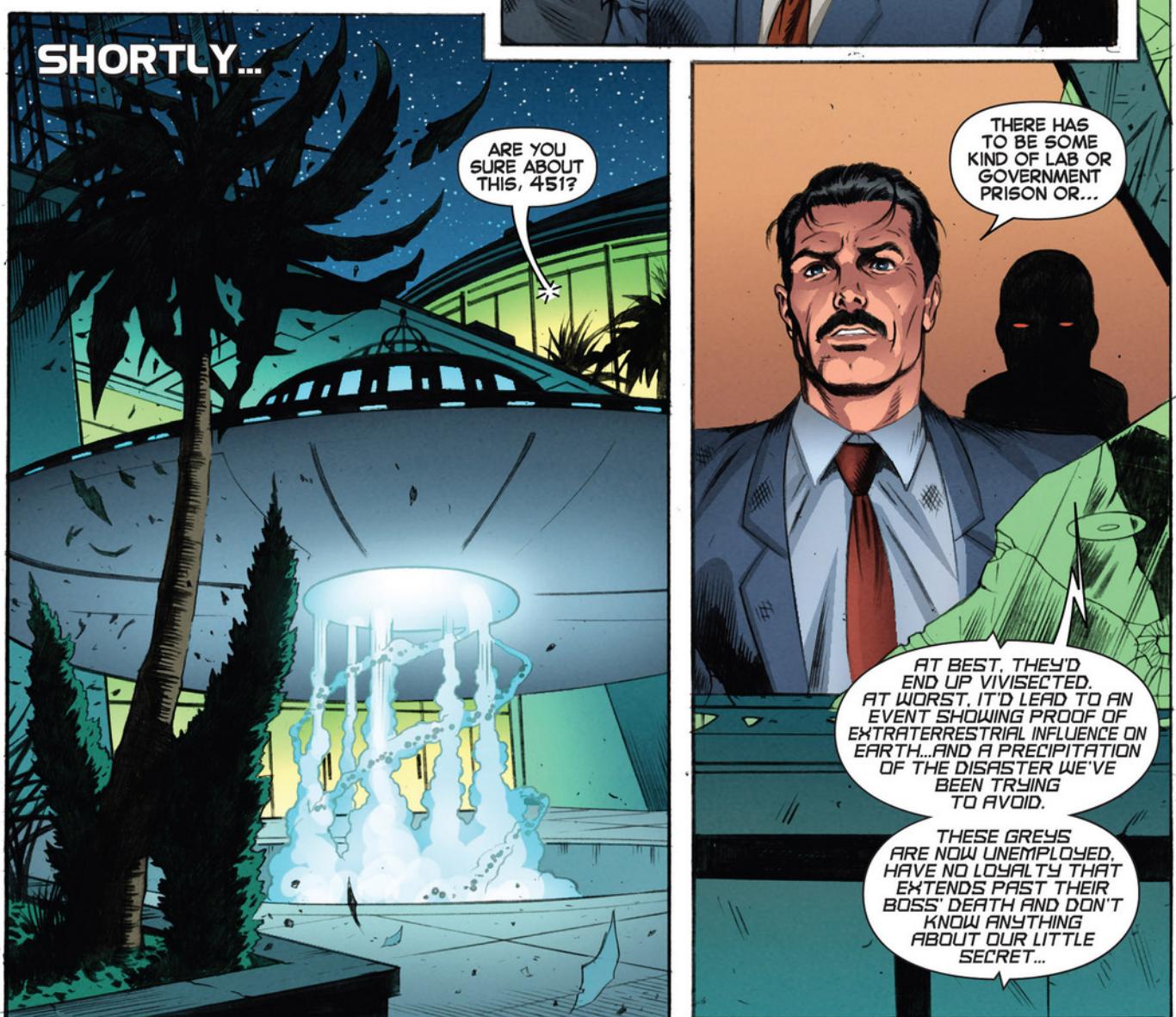




IF YOU KNEW WHAT THE BOSS IS GOING TO DO WITH YOU, YOU'D SWAP PLACES ANY DAY OF THE WEEK.









## THE STARK COMPOUND.

SIR. I KNOW WHAT YOU MUST FEEL LIKE, BUT YOU MUST TRY TO REMEMBER WHAT YOU'LL HAVE ACHIEVED HERE.

IT'S A MAGICAL THING.

YEAH, MAYBE.

WE HAD A KID.



I... SHOULD SAY THANK YOU.

AS SHOULD I. NO ONE ELSE WILL OUTSIDE OF US. NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW EXACTLY WHAT WE'VE DONE FOR THE EARTH.

IF ALL GOES WELL, WE WILL NEVER MEET AGAIN.

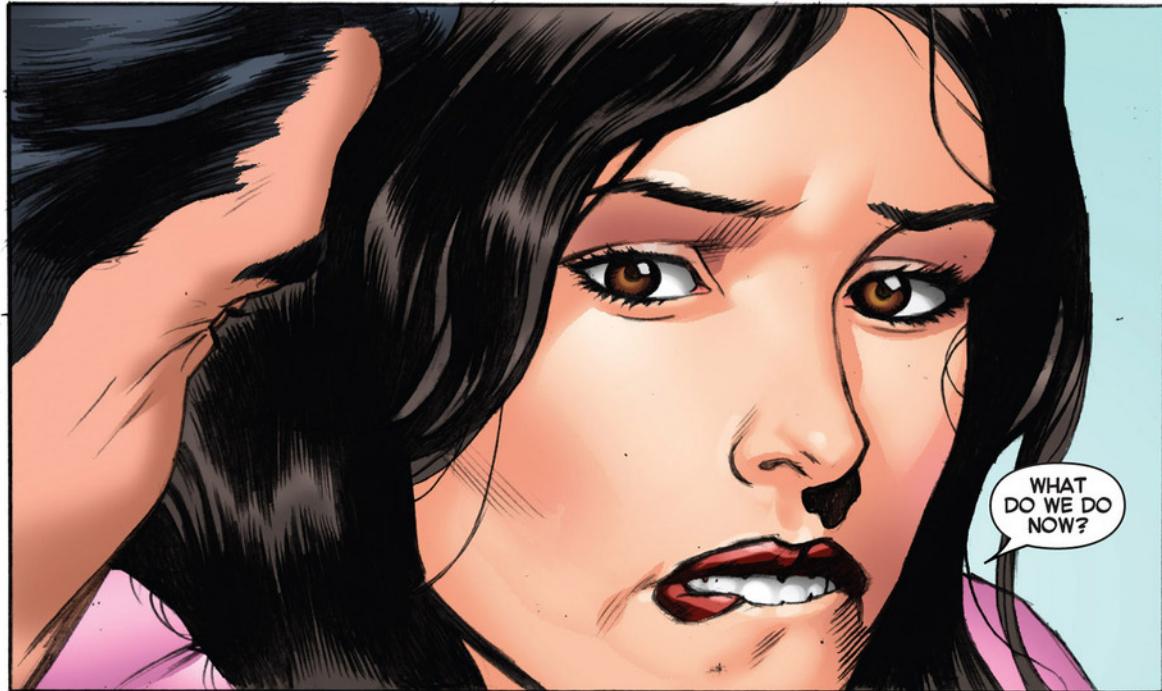
YOU SAID IT, YOU FREAKY CRAZY ROBOT.



THAT I AM, SIR.









## DEEP SPACE, PRESENT DAY.

NO ONE  
WOULD KNOW  
THE FULL STORY,  
APART FROM YOUR  
PARENTS  
AND ME.

AND YOU  
DID EVERYTHING  
I COULD HAVE  
EVER HOPED  
FOR...

I CAN  
UNDERSTAND  
THAT YOU'RE  
ANGRY, BUT  
SURELY YOU  
MUST SEE THE  
NECESSITY?

SHUT  
UP.

"YOU'RE  
NOT MY  
FATHER,  
451!"

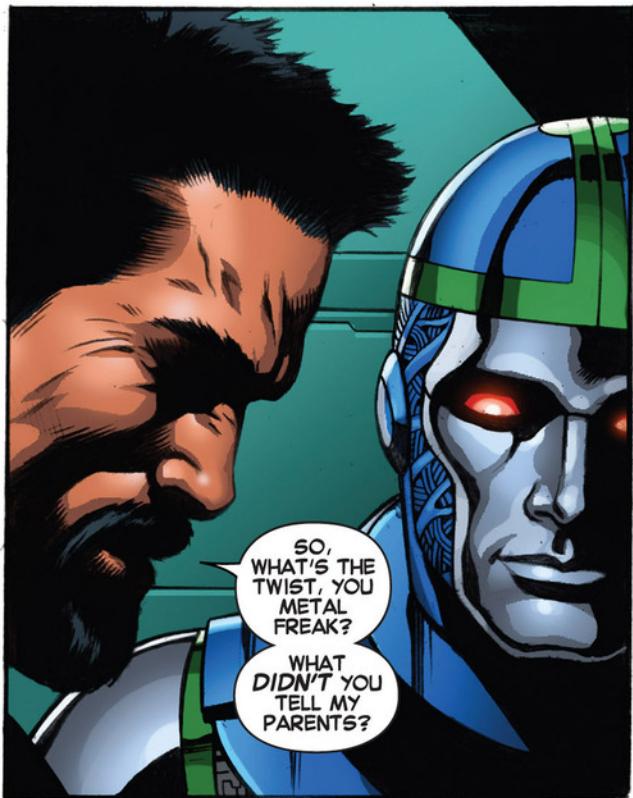


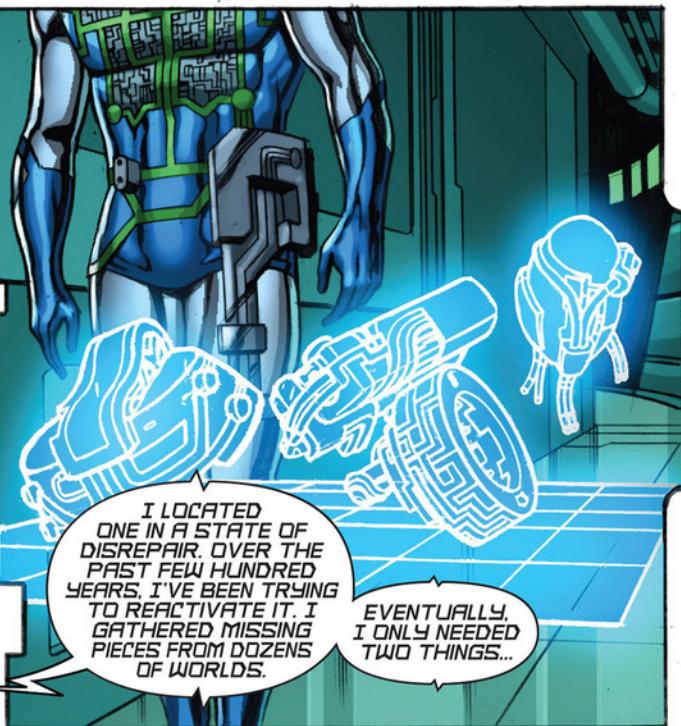
YES...  
SIR.  
  
SORRY,  
TONY.

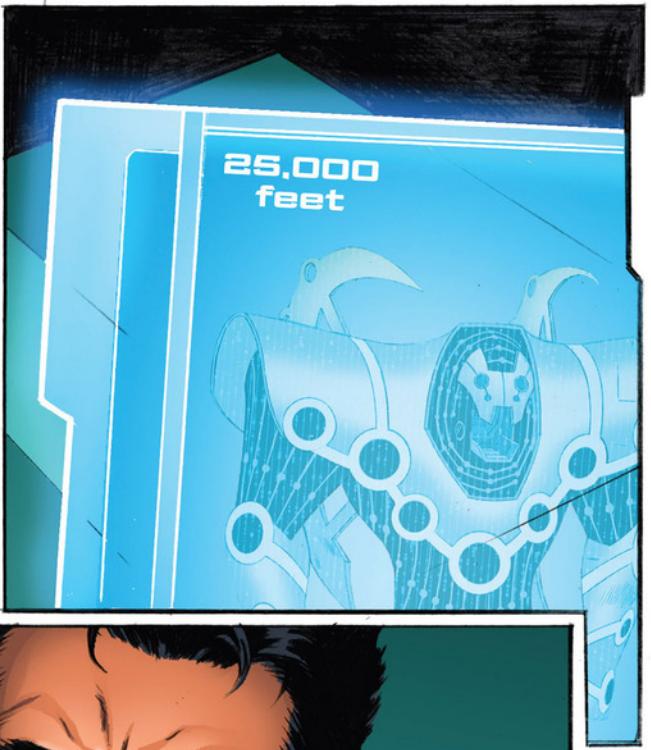
I PREPARED  
YOU. YOU  
PREPARED THE  
EARTH. BUT THE  
NEXT STEP  
IS MORE  
IMPORTANT.

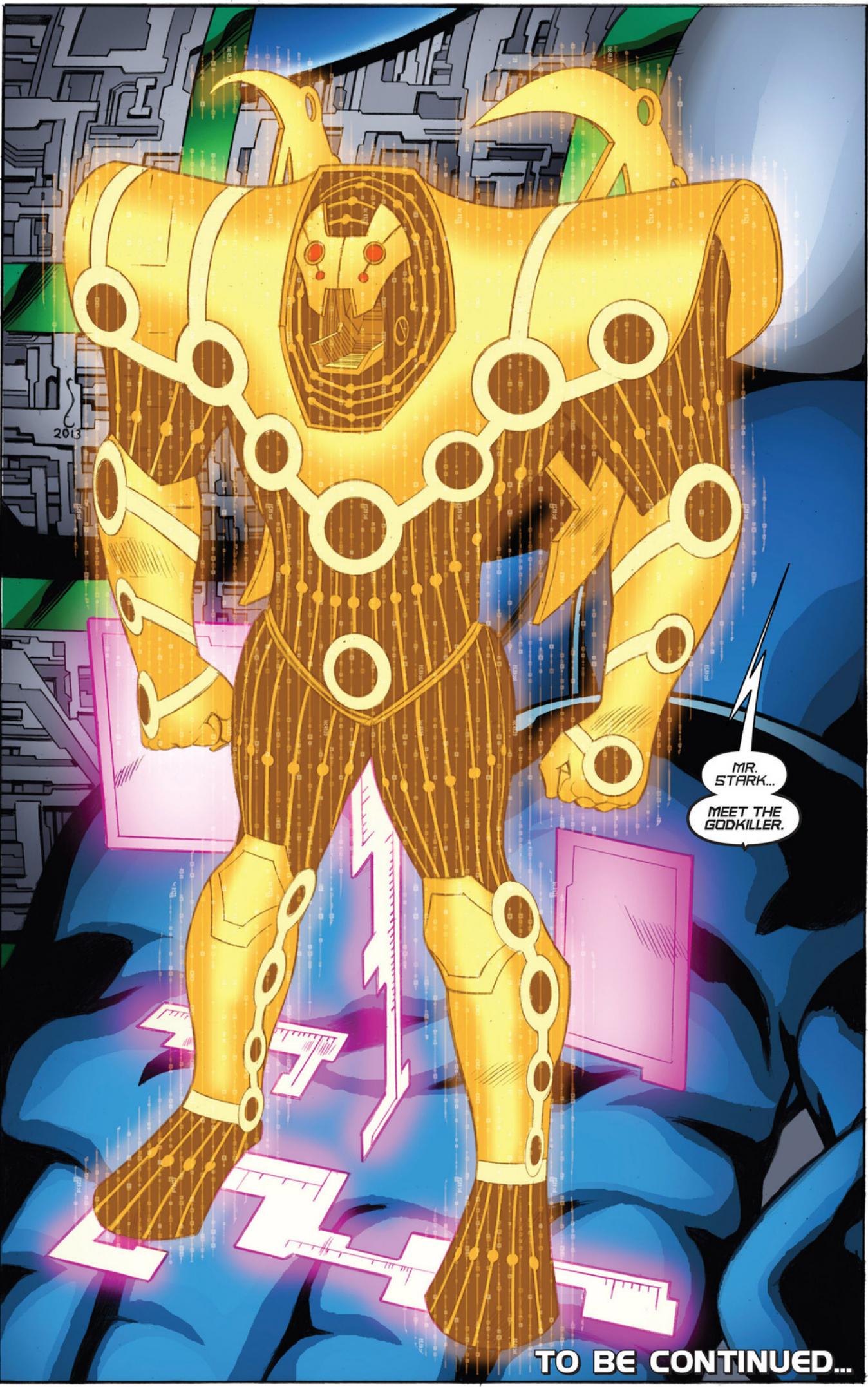
NOT JUST  
TO SURVIVE,  
BUT TO PROSPER,  
TO PREPARE  
TO EXPAND...

SO,  
WHAT'S THE  
TWIST, YOU  
METAL  
FREAK?  
  
WHAT  
DIDN'T YOU  
TELL MY  
PARENTS?









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