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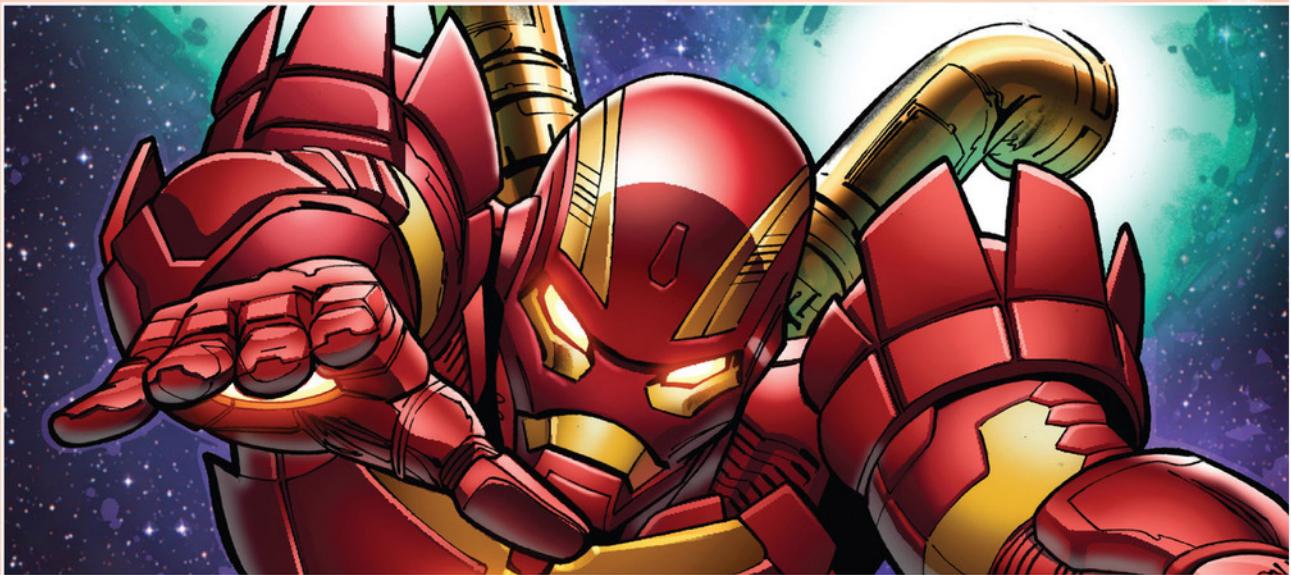
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TONY STARK IS A TECHNOLOGICAL VISIONARY...A FAMOUS, WEALTHY AND UNPARALLELED INVENTOR. WITH THE WORLD'S MOST ADVANCED AND POWERFUL SUIT OF ARMOR, STARK VALIANTLY PROTECTS THE INNOCENT AS AN INVINCIBLE BRIGHT KNIGHT KNOWN AS...

# IRON MAN



## THE GODKILLER 1 OF 3

TO MEET THE THREATS OF AN EVER-CHANGING WORLD, TONY STARK (A.K.A. IRON MAN) DEVELOPED A NEW MODULAR SUIT OF ARMOR THAT CAN BE MODIFIED ON DEMAND. WITH IT HE WAS ABLE TO DEFEAT FOUR DIFFERENT AND DEADLY THREATS CAUSED BY THE DNA-MODIFYING TECHNO-VIRUS KNOWN AS EXTREMIS. EACH CONFLICT EXPOSED HIM TO THE BOLD AND LIMITLESS POTENTIAL THAT MANKIND CAN HOLD, CHALLENGING HIS SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT. SOMETHING HAD TO CHANGE.

WITH AN EVEN NEWER SUIT OF ARMOR, A NEW AI AND A DESIRE TO EXPAND HIS HORIZONS, TONY HAS VENTURED INTO DEEP SPACE ON A HERO'S JOURNEY THROUGHOUT THE STARS. BUT IS IRON MAN TRULY READY FOR THE FINAL FRONTIER?

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## THE VOLDI TEAR, DEEP SPACE.

"IT'S NOT LIKE THIS IS MY FIRST RODEO, YOU UNDERSTAND."

"THE KREE/SKRULL WAR? REMEMBER THAT? I'M A VETERAN. THEY SENT ME MEDALS AND EVERYTHING."

"BUT...WHEN IT'S PART OF THE JOB, YOU END UP JUST THINKING OF IT LIKE THAT. IT'S JUST WORK."

"SO WHEN YOU FIND YOURSELF DEFENDING AN ANCIENT ARTIFICIAL WORLD AGAINST A PREDATORY MECHANOID PIRATE FLEET..."

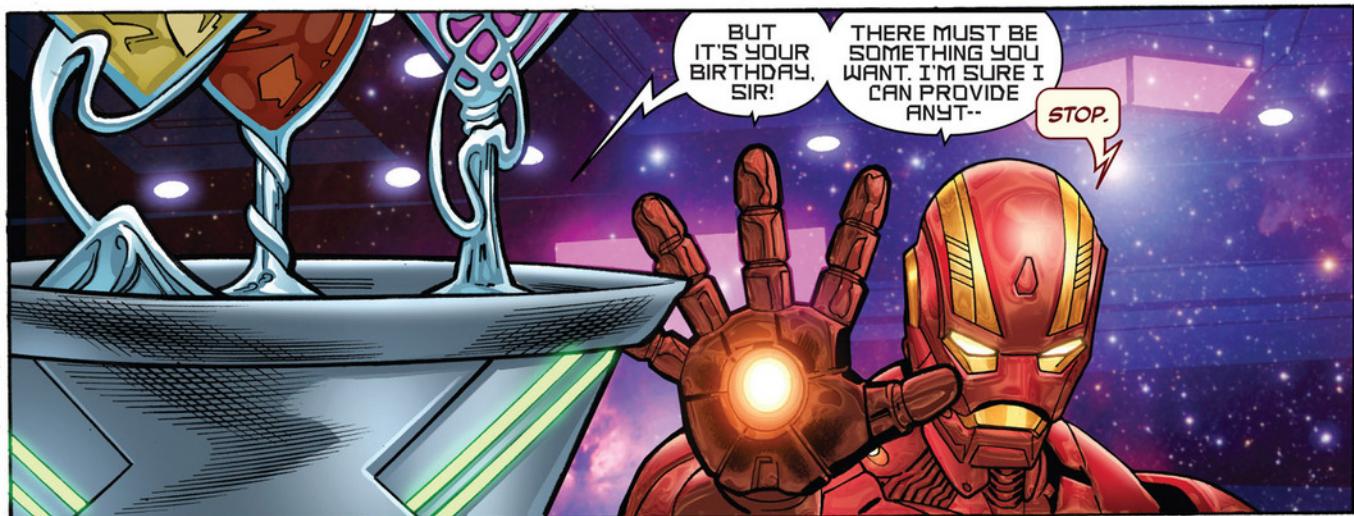
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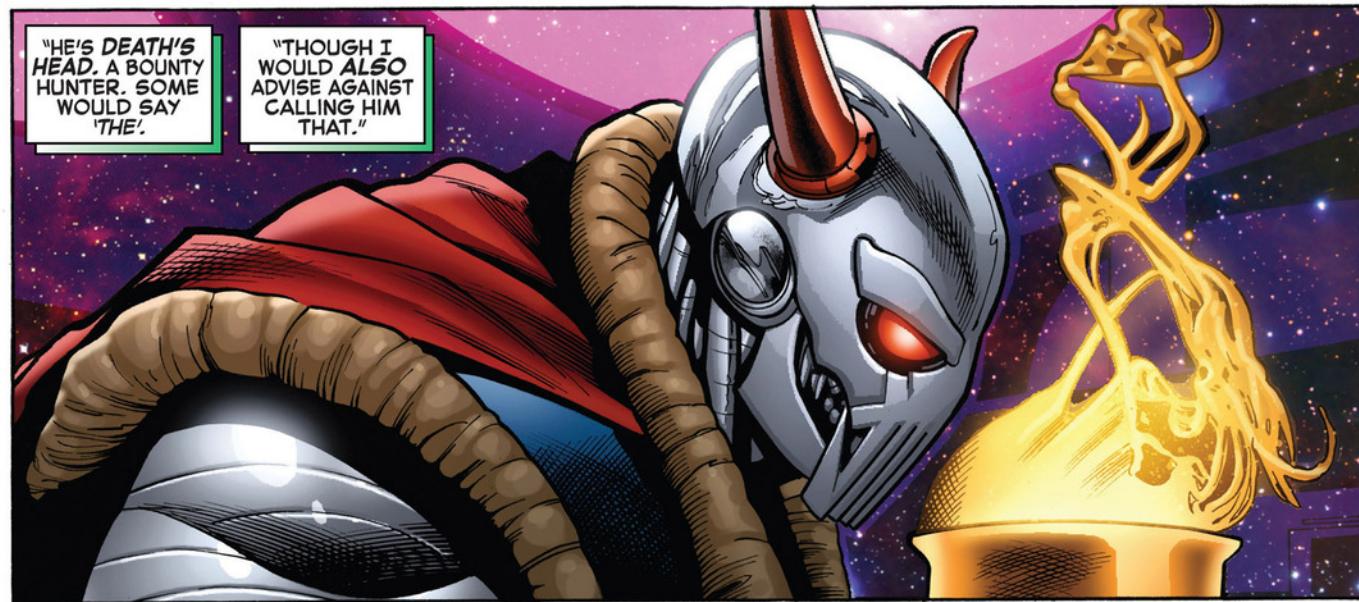
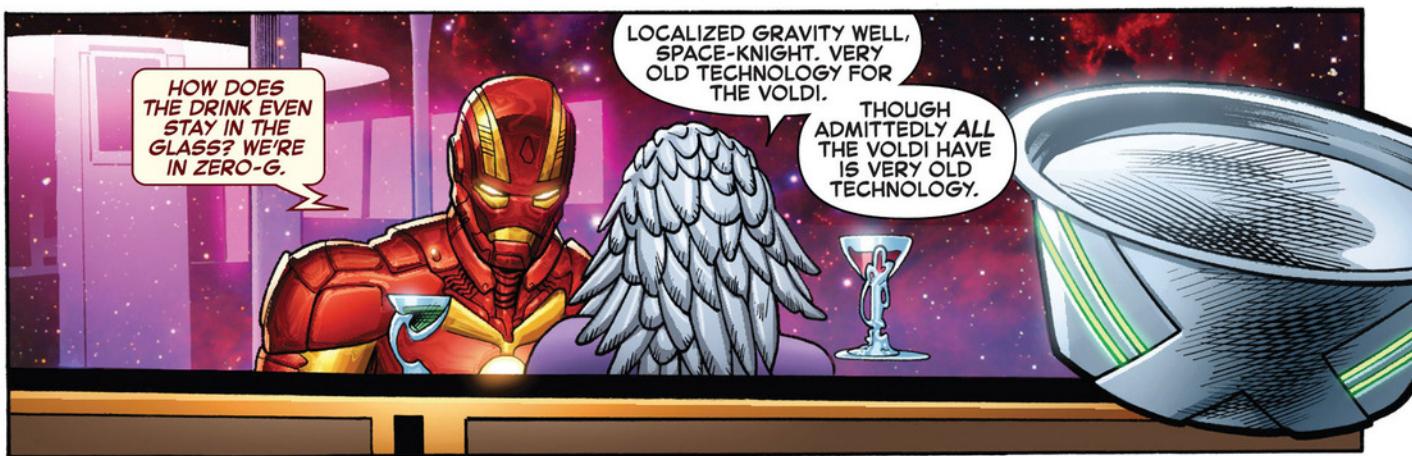
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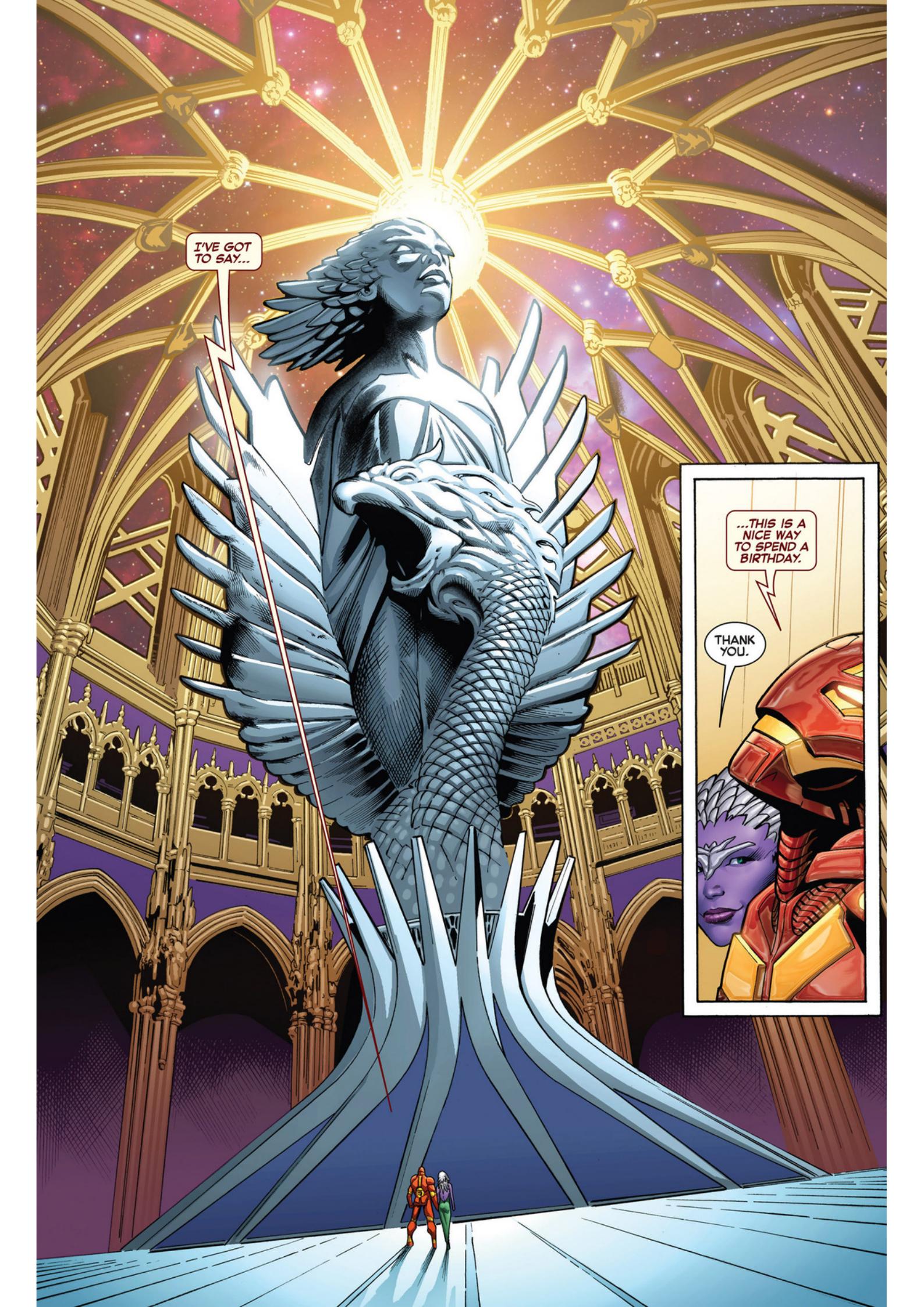








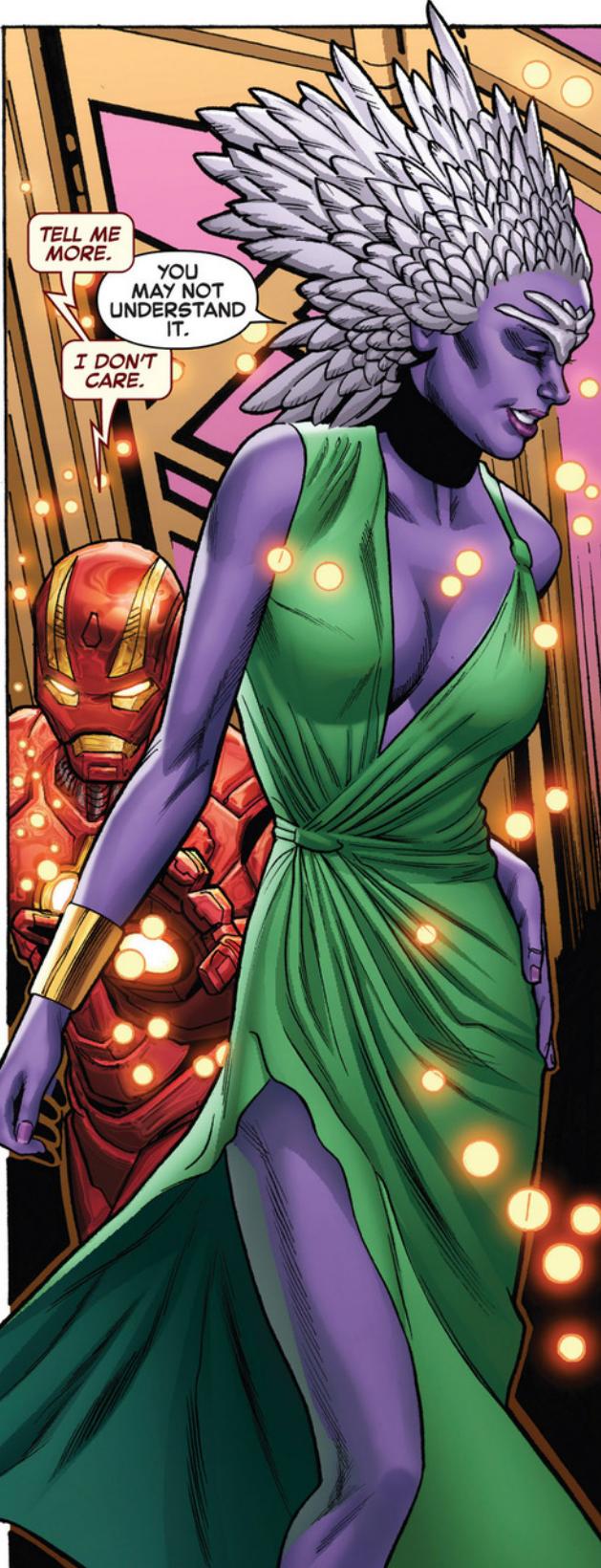




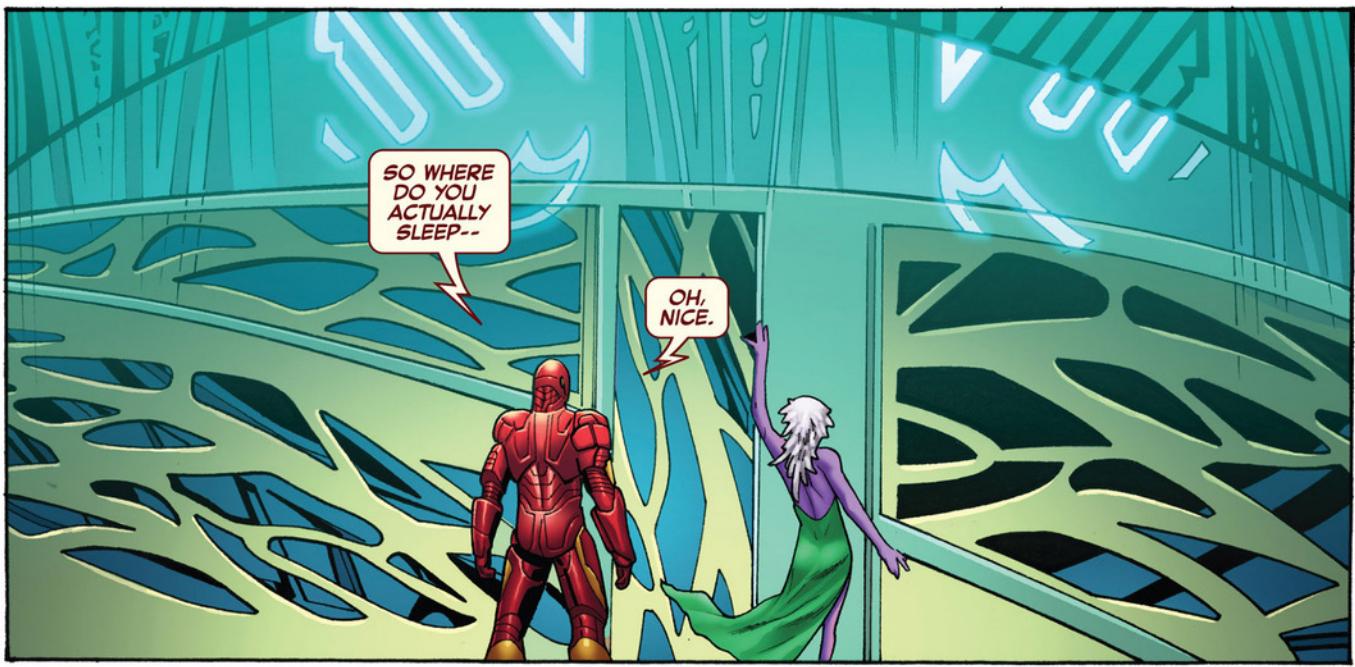
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TO SAY...

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TO SPEND A  
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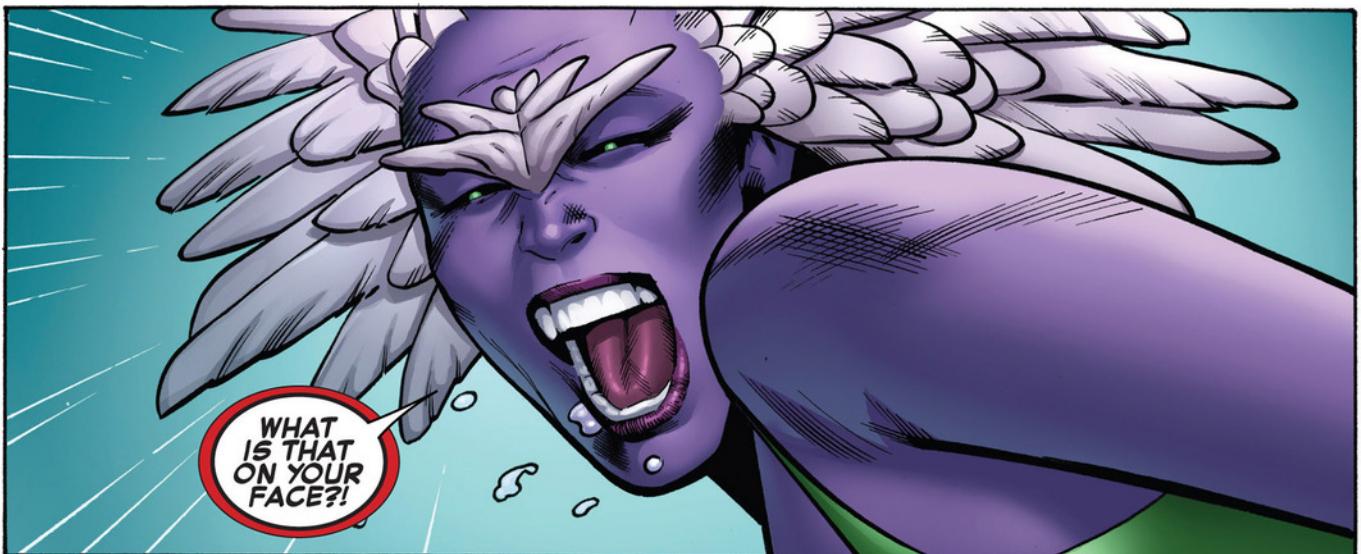
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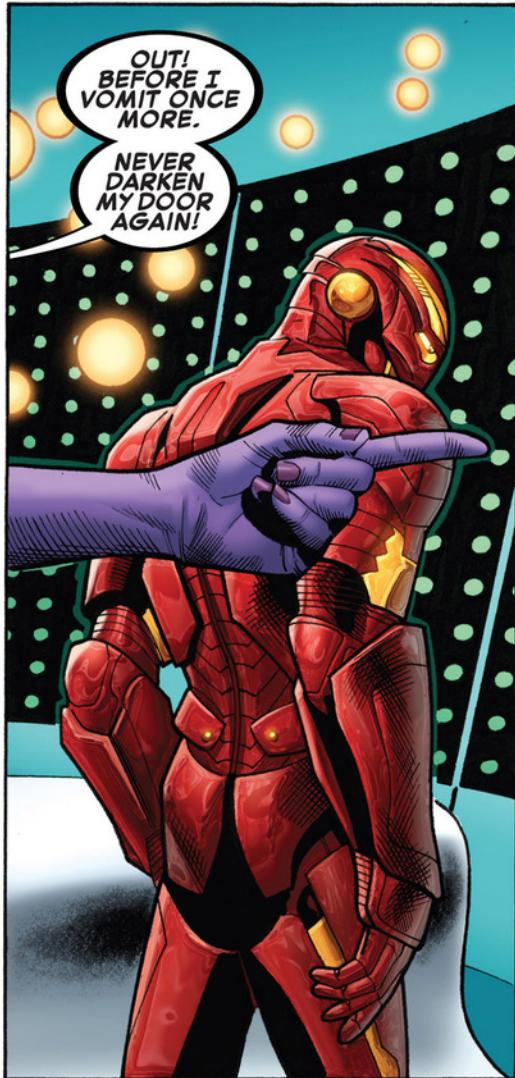














TONY  
STARK!  
BLASPHEMER!

I DON'T  
KNOW WHAT  
TO SAY,  
GUYS...





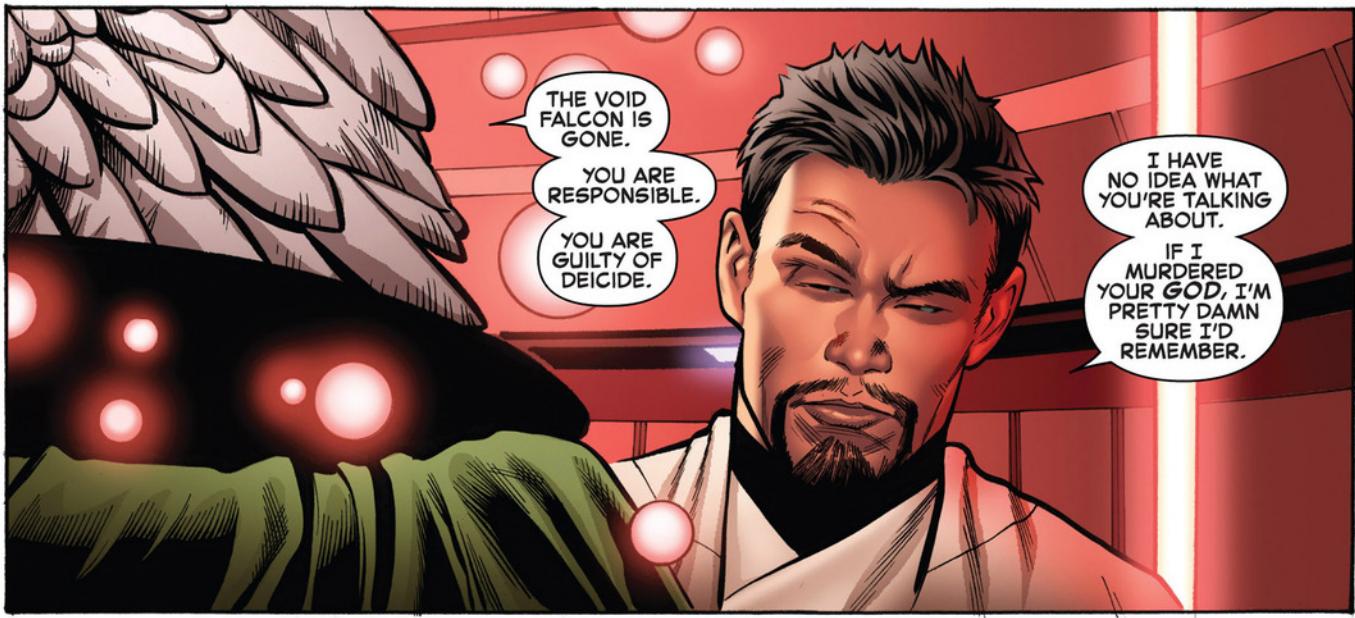
"LET'S  
GO CLEAR  
THIS UP."

RISE FOR  
THE SUPREME  
JUSTICAR.

FINALLY.  
THE  
GODKILLER.

YOU'VE GOT  
THE WRONG GUY.  
I THINK YOU'RE LOOKING  
FOR NIETZSCHE. I  
UNDERSTAND THE  
CONFUSION. THE  
FACIAL HAIR.

YOU'VE  
MISSSED HIM BY  
A CENTURY AND  
CHANGE.



# IRON CAST

We're a few months into MARVEL NOW! and, as a fan myself, I'm blown away by all the great books coming from the HOUSE OF IDEAS! Such cool stuff happening in AVENGERS, X-MEN and the SPIDEY titles it's hard to pick a favorite. As an editor though, I couldn't be happier so many readers are following and enjoying Tony Stark's latest adventures.

Speaking of which, I'll recommend picking up our new GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY series (jump on with the 0.1 issue on sale this month!) since, as you now know, our space-faring shellhead will be rubbing elbows with bark and fur, fighting the forces of cosmic evil side-by-side with the likes of Groot, Rocket Raccoon and other sci-fi favorites! Plus it's done by top creators Brian Bendis and Steve McNiven!

Now, onto your letters (some edited for space):

Hi,

I read Iron Man #2 and picked up #3 today. They're stellar. Curious to see where it goes. When I saw "Merlin" on the cover of #2, I was pretty sure she was the Queen of the Matrix. The direction you took was far better.

Hopeful,  
Kelly H.

Kelly, one of Kieron's great talents is to give you the unexpected under the guise of the familiar. I love the idea of IRON MAN going up against a modern Knights of the Round Table and issue #3's heartbreak story was a real curve ball when it comes to mob boss stories. Hope you enjoyed our trip into the spooky with issue #4 and last issue's orbital odyssey.

Probably too late to get into the letter column, but a quick

note to say that #2 got my attention in a way that the first issue didn't. Gillen played well with the conceits he set up, then wrapped it up well in one issue (which I wasn't expecting). His afterward left me excited: is he going to be like Hickman on FF and truly take Iron Man into new places? I hope he does.

Best,  
Felix

Glad you like the done-in-one approach, Felix! We wanted to make the first arc all self-contained issues to insure accessibility to new readers. Now that we've warmed up, we'll get into some longer stories starting with this special three-part arc, THE GODKILLER. Beyond that, we'll have a multi-part tale that promises to have historical impact on IRON MAN!

The new Iron Man is a great read. The writing and artwork are amazing. I remember this type of artwork from Uncanny X-Men a year or two ago, and I think it is the BEST I have seen. It seems very realistic.

In regards to Iron Man, I have always wanted to see a black and gold armor and here it is. Thanks. I'm looking forward to seeing exactly what improvements Tony Stark has made to his armor and how he plans to handle this Extremis incident. I can tell that this new series will be exciting and will not disappoint. Oh, it's nice to see Stark still attempting to be sober! Great job!

Kenyatta  
Clinton, MS

The new armor designs have been a lot of fun, Kenyatta. We'll keep exploring the modular aspect of it along with the mobile armory. Tony is ready for just about any threat that comes his way...except

for what happens in issue...oh, that would be telling.

Dear Mark,

Iron Man #1 was a good start. I decided to give it a try since Kieron would be writing. I had enjoyed his take on Kid Loki in JIM so why not follow him to Iron Man? He did not disappoint. Adding to the story was Greg's art which brought Kieron's story to life.

By the way, liked the new armor and color scheme.

Mike Sheridan,  
Latham, NY

Lots of love for the black and gold armor, Mike. While we've switched to cosmic armor for the space adventures, I promise you'll see versions of it play an important role in stories to come.

Dear Marvel,

Having never read a comic book before, I read about Iron Man NOW! on the Marvel.com site and became hooked on this new series. I'm absolutely loving every single issue; Kieron Gillen's writing is absolutely incredible and Greg Land has undeniable talent. Brilliant new suits too; the Stealth suit from #3 is my favourite so far. Keep it up!

Peter Goudie

Peter, welcome to the awesome world of comics. I like all the new armors but I really dig the heavy armor suit (reminds me a bit of the Hulkbuster armor, one of my all-time faves).

That's all the room we have this issue! Write us and let us know what you think of the first chapter of GODKILLER and I'd love to find out what your favorite IRON MAN armor is. See you next issue when Tony finds out what it's like to be most wanted on another planet!

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