



JOCASTA, WHAT'S THE LATEST ON OUR eESCAPE NIGHTMARE? HAVE WE STOPPED THE NERDPOCALYPSE?

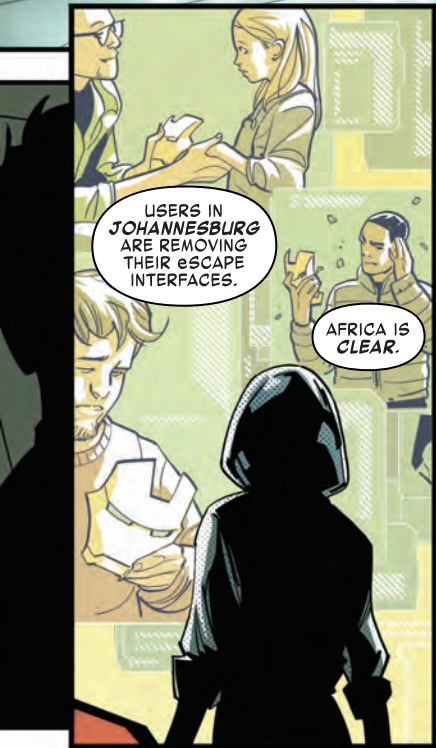
SEE FOR YOURSELF, BETHANY...

eESCAPE NETWORKS ACROSS EUROPE AND RUSSIA ARE NOW CLEAR.

SOUTH AMERICA IS CLEAR.

ASIA AND THE PACIFIC RIM ARE CLEAR.

AFRICA SET TO CONFIRM IN THE NEXT 30 SECONDS...



USERS IN JOHANNESBURG ARE REMOVING THEIR eESCAPE INTERFACES.

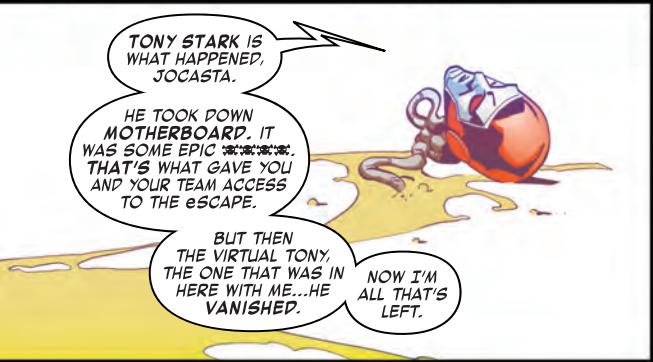
AFRICA IS CLEAR.



NORTH AMERICAN USERS ARE NOW COMPLETELY... OFFLINE.

IT'S OVER!

THIS IS IDEAL, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, BUT I'M NOT 100% SURE HOW IT HAPPENED.

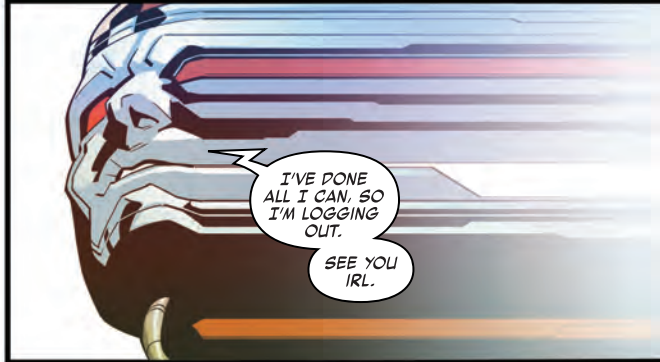


TONY STARK IS WHAT HAPPENED, JOCASTA.

HE TOOK DOWN MOTHERBOARD. IT WAS SOME EPIC ~~SCENE~~. THAT'S WHAT GAVE YOU AND YOUR TEAM ACCESS TO THE eESCAPE.

BUT THEN THE VIRTUAL TONY, THE ONE THAT WAS IN HERE WITH ME... HE VANISHED.

NOW I'M ALL THAT'S LEFT.



I'VE DONE ALL I CAN, SO I'M LOGGING OUT.

SEE YOU IRL.



JOCASTA,
WASP HERE!
WHATEVER YOU
AND YOUR CREW
DID, IT
WORKED!

THE
CONTROLLER'S
STOPPED
GROWING...

...BUT
HE IS NOT
HAPPY ABOUT
IT!

BAINTRONICS COMPLEX, NEW JERSEY



I'LL
CRUSH ALL
OF YOU!

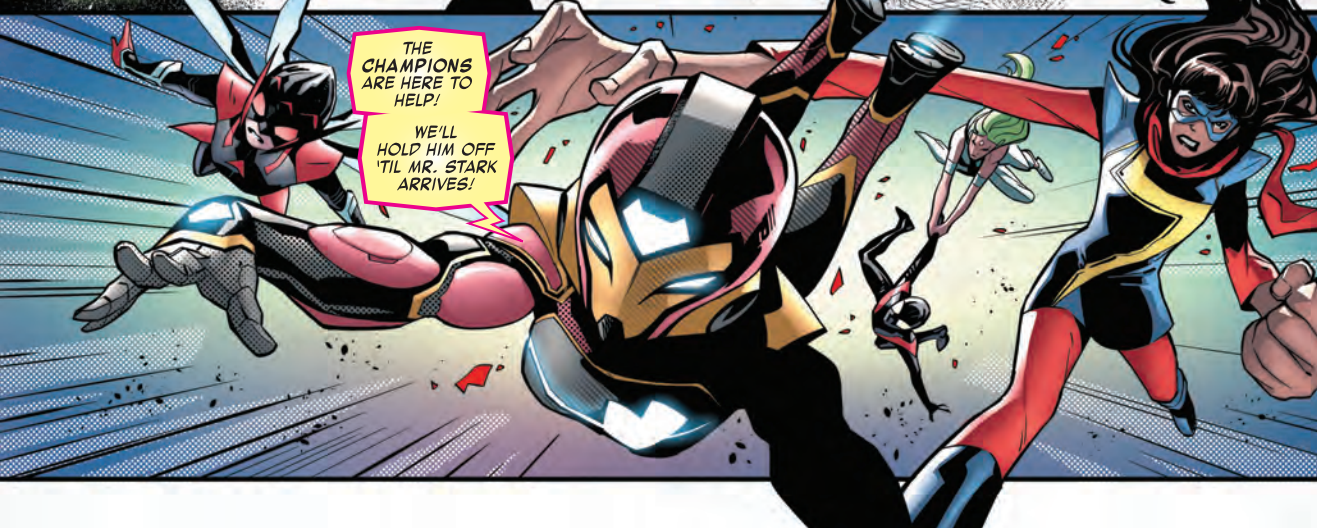
HE'S STILL
REALLY, REALLY
BIG AND NOW HE'S
REALLY, REALLY
MAD!

IF TONY IS
OUT OF THE
ESCAPE, WE COULD
USE SOME IRON
MANPOWER RIGHT
ABOUT NOW!

THAT'S
WHAT'S
TROUBLING ME,
JANET.

ACCORDING
TO OUR GPS,
IRON MAN IS RIGHT
THERE AT YOUR
LOCATION.

CAN
YOU SEE
HIM?



THE
CHAMPIONS
ARE HERE TO
HELP!

WE'LL
HOLD HIM OFF
'TIL MR. STARK
ARRIVES!



THE EXTRA FIREPOWER IS APPRECIATED, IRONHEART, BUT IT STILL DOESN'T HELP US FIND TONY.

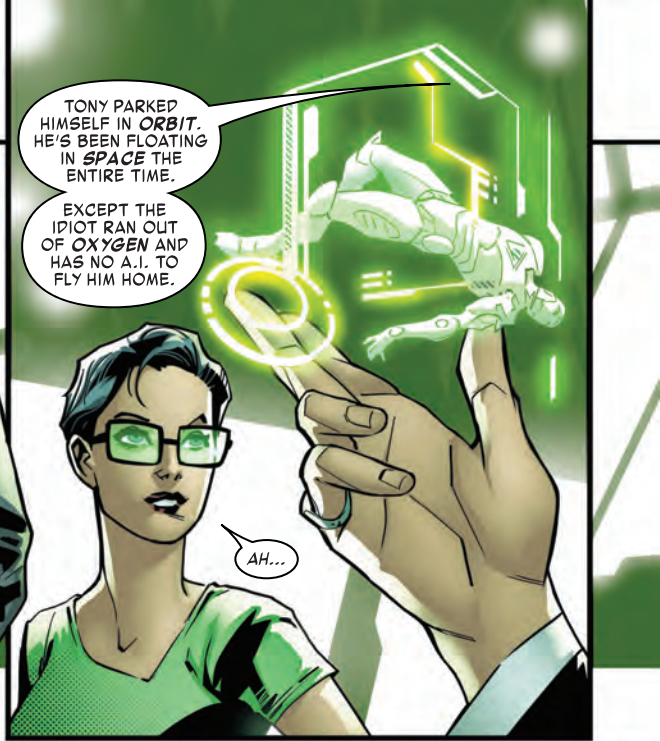
ARNO, PLEASE TELL ME YOU'RE PULLING EVERY SHRED OF DATA OUT OF THE STARK NETWORK.

YES, OF COURSE.

LOVELY.

I'M KIND OF AMAZED THAT WITH ALL THE GENIUSES STARK HIRES, NOT A SINGLE ONE HAS FIGURED OUT WHERE HE IS.

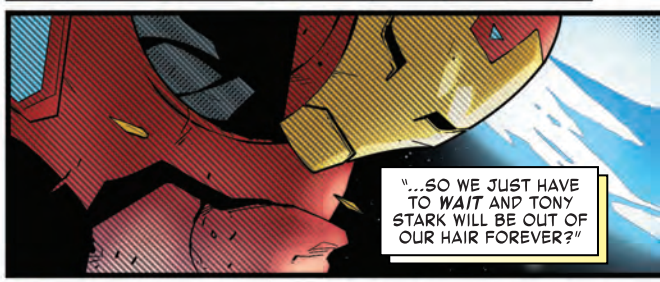
HIS LOCATION IS CORRECT, BUT NO ONE'S CHECKED THE ELEVATION.



TONY PARKED HIMSELF IN ORBIT. HE'S BEEN FLOATING IN SPACE THE ENTIRE TIME.

EXCEPT THE IDIOT RAN OUT OF OXYGEN AND HAS NO A.I. TO FLY HIM HOME.

AH...



"...SO WE JUST HAVE TO WAIT AND TONY STARK WILL BE OUT OF OUR HAIR FOREVER?"



NO, SUNSET.

I'M BRINGING HIM BACK DOWN.

WHAT? WHY?!

OH, PLEASE...



"...HE'S MY BROTHER. I'M NOT GOING TO LEAVE HIM TO DIE LIKE THAT."



SUNSET BAIN
HERE. OUR BAINTRONICS
TECHNICIANS HAVE
LOCATED YOUR
MISSING C.E.O.

YOUR BOY
WAS IN ORBIT, BUT
NOW HE'S ON HIS WAY
BACK TO EARTH...
RAPIDLY.

NO RESPONSE,
THOUGH, SO IT
LOOKS LIKE HE'S
UNCONSCIOUS.



SOMEONE
MIGHT WANT TO
DO SOMETHING
ABOUT THAT BEFORE
HE SPECTACULARLY
CRATERS
HIMSELF...

I'M
ON IT.

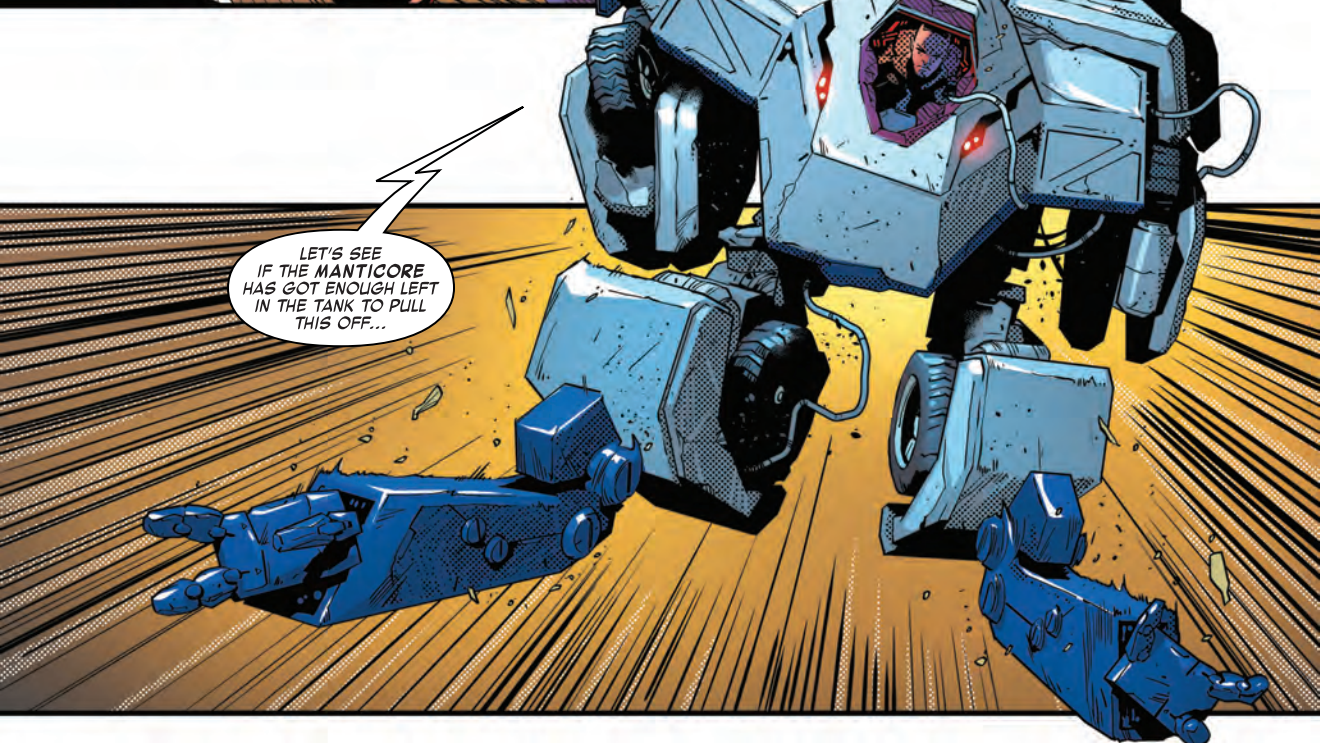


JAMES,
DO YOU HAVE
A VISUAL ON
TONY?

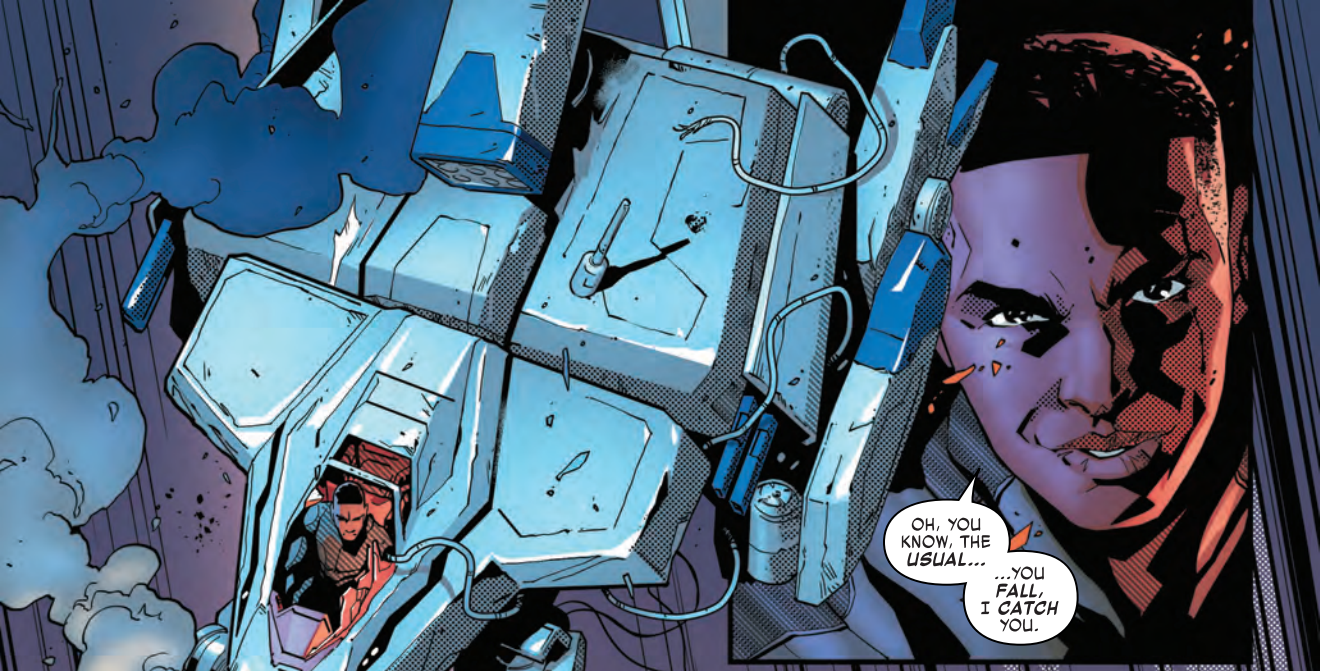
FOOOM



YUP, AND
HE'S COMING
IN HOT!



LET'S SEE
IF THE MANTICORE
HAS GOT ENOUGH LEFT
IN THE TANK TO PULL
THIS OFF...



OH, YOU KNOW, THE USUAL...
...YOU FALL, I CATCH YOU.



UHH--!
WHOA, THAT WAS QUITE THE HEAD RUSH.
WHAT HAPPENED?



LOOKS LIKE WE DIDN'T SHUT DOWN THE ESCAPE FAST ENOUGH.
BASIL MAXED OUT THE STAMPS ON HIS GODZILLA MEMBERSHIP CARD.

YEAH...HE'S JACKED UP WITH ENOUGH POWER TO GIVE ULTIMO A RUN FOR HIS MONEY.



HMMM--

OKAY, TONY. WHAT'S COOKING INSIDE THAT BIG BRAIN OF YOURS?

BETHANY, DO YOU STILL HAVE THOSE JUICY ACCESS CODES FOR THE BAIN SECURITY SYSTEM?*

THE ONES YOU LECTURED ME ABOUT, BOSS? SURE. I'LL SEND 'EM OVER NOW. WHAT'S THE PLAN?

*FROM TONY STARK: IRON MAN #2. --TOM