


Arizona/Nevada.
COTTONWOOD VALLEY

THERE WAS A TIME...


...WHEN I HAD THE
WORLD IN MY HANDS...

AS YOU CAN SEE...I'VE HAD TO SCALE BACK.

I USED TO BE A LEADER, A HERO...
I USED TO BE **IRON MAN**.



I HAD IT COMING, I *GUESS*...
BUT LOOK AT ME NOW. AM I
MAD ABOUT IT? **NO!** I'M
LIVING THE LIFE.




ALL THE MIXED DRINKS I WANT.

DIET COLA, OF COURSE.
WATCHING MY WEIGHT.



STILL WORKING
WITH MY *HANDS*.



I GET TO BE IN THE COMPANY
OF WEIRD EXOTIC ANIMALS.

AND I WOULD GIVE IT UP, ALL OF IT...



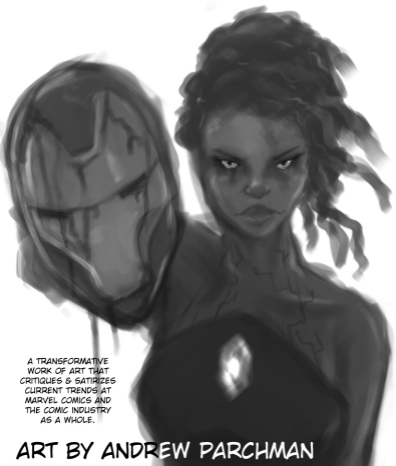
IF THIS HEART ATTACK WOULD JUST KILL ME SWIFTLY!!!

THUMP THUMP THUMP

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DEFEATED

IRONMAN



A TRANSFORMATIVE
WORK OF ART THAT
CRITIQUES & SATIRIZES
CURRENT TRENDS AT
MARVEL COMICS AND
THE COMIC INDUSTRY
AS A WHOLE.

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UUUGGG!

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

...UGG...

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

PLBG

...WHAT NOW?



...HUH?



PL&G
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CLICK
CLICK



...JUST WANT TO
DIE IN PEACE.



HELLO,
TONY.

...RI...RIR?!

SIGH

YOU WON, RIRI.

JUST...LET ME SUFFER
THIS HEART ATTACK SO I
CAN DIE IN PEACE.

I WON THE LAWSUIT.
I GOT YOUR COMPANY.
THAT BEAUTIFUL NAME.
I HAD TO HAVE IT.

YOU KNOW WHAT
"STARK" MEANS IN
GERMAN? STRONG.

HOW, LIKE, IRONIC IS
THAT? YOU'RE LOOKING
MORE "THICC" THAN
STRONG NOW...

I KNEW I COULD NEVER
KILL YOU. I MEAN, LIKE,
YOU'RE TONY STARK, RIGHT?
BUT I COULD GET YOU TO
KILL YOURSELF.

THE ALLEGATIONS HURT
THE MOST, RIGHT? EVEN AFTER
I RETRACTED THEM? US POOR
LITTLE BLACK GIRLS GET 50000
CONFUSED SOMETIMES.

GIGGLE

I JUST NEEDED TO SEE
THAT LOOK! THE LOOK
ON YOUR FACE...
SOOOOO WORTH IT!!!

I KNOW...IT
WASN'T THAT HARD
TO FIGURE OUT.

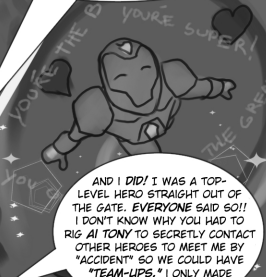
BUT I AM SORRY...I'M
ONLY ASKING THAT YOU...
LEAVE ME ALONE...UGGG...
SO I CAN DIE...IN PEACE.

NO! NO! NO!
YOU DON'T GET TO WALK
AWAY FROM THIS! I WATCHED
YOU GET FAT, DRUNK AND BARELY
COHERENT! IT'S 'CAUSE OF YOU I'M,
LIKE, **BROKEN!** AND NOW YOUR
BIGGEST FAILIRE WILL BE
THE WORLD'S GREATEST
HERO!

...UGGG...




WHEN THAT RACIST TEACHER OF MINE TOLD ME I COULD NEVER BE YOU I VOWED TO PROVE HER WRONG!*



AND I DID! I WAS A TOP-LEVEL HERO STRAIGHT OUT OF THE GATE. EVERYONE SAID SO!! I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU HAD TO RIG AI TONY TO SECRETLY CONTACT OTHER HEROES TO MEET ME BY "ACCIDENT" SO WE COULD HAVE "TEAM-UPS." I ONLY MADE A FEW MISTAKES...



LIKE WHEN I INVADED LATVERIA AND ACCIDENTALLY INSTALLED MYSELF AS QUEEN.**



IT'S NOT MY FAULT SQUIRREL GIRL CAUGHT A STRAY REPULSOR RAY THROUGH THE CHEST! SHE HAD NO BUSINESS BEING IN A BATTLE WITH MORGANA LA FEY. AND NEITHER DID I! I WAS A CHILD, TONY!

...RI...

YEAH?


RI...

...RI... SPONSIBILITY...
PERSONAL
RESPONSIBILITY...

...WHA...?
WHATEVER.

BYE, TONY.

THUMP THUMP
THUMP THUMP
THUMP THUMP



PEPPER- EXECUTE
PROJECT 15 AND
THEN 86 YOURSELF.



YOU GOT
IT, RIRI!

SUPER AWESOME
HELPING YOU!

YOU GOT THIS,
GIRLFRIEND!!

BYE!



HE WAS STARTING TO
LOOK LIKE **DANNY MCBRIDE**.



YAY, ME.