

Iron Man 3 – Transcript.

first lines; we see Tony's Iron Man suits being destroyed]

Tony Stark: *[voice over]* We create our own demons. Who said that? What does that even mean? Doesn't matter, I said it cause he said it. So now he was famous and that's basically get said by two well known guys. I don't, uh...I'm gonna start again. Let's track this from the beginning.

[1999, Berns, Switzerland - we see flashback where Tony is at a New Year's Eve party]

Happy Hogan: Half hour till the ball drops.

[to Maya]

Tony Stark: Hey, do you want...?

Part Guest: Tony Stark, great speech, man!

[Hogan moves the man away from Tony]

Happy Hogan: I got it.

Tony Stark: I gave a speech? How was it?

Happy Hogan: Pitiful

Maya Hansen: unintelligible.

Tony Stark: Really?

Maya Hansen: Mm-hmm.

Tony Stark: It's my favorite kind, a winning combo.

[Tony gets hold of Maya's arm and they start walking away]

Maya Hansen: Where are we going?

Tony Stark: Uh...to town on each other, probably back in your room. Cause I also wanna see your research.

Maya Hansen: Okay, you can see my research, but thats...I'm not gonna show you my town.

[as Tony and Maya are walking away a man intercepts them]

Ho Yinsen: Mr. Stark, Ho Yinsen.

Tony Stark: Oh, I finally met a man called Ho.

[Tony and Yinsen shake hands; Tony turns to Maya]

Tony Stark: Come here.

Ho Yinsen: I would like to introduce you to our guest, Dr. Wu.

[Yinsen moves them towards Wu]

Tony Stark: Oh, this guy.

[to Wu]

Dr. Wu: Mr. Stark.

Tony Stark: Hey.

[Stark and Wu shake hands]

Tony Stark: You're a heart doctor. She's going to need a cardiologist, FIA.

[Tony turns, starts blowing on his party horn and walks away with Maya]

Maya Hansen: Bye.

Ho Yinsen: Perhaps another time.

Tony Stark: *[voice over]* It started in Berns, Switzerland, 1999, the old days. I never thought they'd come back to bite me. Why would they?

[as Tony and Maya walk towards the elevator an enthusiastic man with long hair comes up towards them]

Aldrich Killian: Mr. Stark! Oh, wow! Hey, Tony! Aldrich Killian.

[to Maya]

Aldrich Killian: I'm a big fan of your work!

Maya Hansen: My work?

Tony Stark: Who isn't? She needs me.

Aldrich Killian: Well, of course. But, Miss Hansen, my organization been tracking your research since year two of MIT.

[Tony, Maya and Hogan walk into the elevator]

Happy Hogan: Yeah, we're full.

[Hogan puts his arms out to stop Aldrich from coming inside, but he ducks under Hogan's arms and moves into the elevator]

Tony Stark: Oh, wow. He made it. He made the cut.

Happy Hogan: What floor are you going to, pal?

Aldrich Killian: Oh, now, that is an appropriate question. The ground floor, actually. I've a proposal I'm putting together with myself. It's a privately funded think tank called, Advanced Idea Mechanics.

[he holds out two business cards towards Tony and Maya]

Maya Hansen: Okay.

[Maya takes the cards]

Tony Stark: Uh...she'll take both. One to throw away and one to not call.

Aldrich Killian: Advanced Idea Mechanics, or AIM for short.

[he points to the logo on his t-shirt]

Aldrich Killian: Do you get it?

Tony Stark: I see that, cause it's on your t-shirt.

Aldrich Killian: Oh!

[to the party of women in the elevator; referring to Hogan as they walk out]

Tony Stark: Ladies, follow the mullet.

[to Aldrich as she walks out of the elevator]

Maya Hansen: Thank you, I'll call you.

[as everyone walks out of the elevator, Tony stops Aldrich from getting out by putting out his arm in front of him]

Tony Stark: I'm titillated by the notion of working with you.

Aldrich Killian: Yeah?

Tony Stark: Yeah, cheese clown. I'm going to ditch these clowns; I'll see you up on the roof in five minutes.

[Tony steps out of the elevator]

Tony Stark: I'm just going to try to get my beef wet real quick. You know what I'm talkin' about?

Aldrich Killian: Okay. I'll see you up there.

[the elevator door closes]

Tony Stark: Damn betcha.

Tony Stark: Come on! I thought that was just a theory.

Maya Hansen: Well, it was. If I'm right, we can access the area of the brain that governs repair.

[we see they are looking at a computer monitor with graph of the brain]

Tony Stark: Wow.

Maya Hansen: And chemically recode it.

Tony Stark: That's incredible. Essentially you're hacking into the genetic operating system...

Maya Hansen: Genetic operating system...

Tony Stark: ...of an organism.

Maya Hansen: Exactly. Yes.

Tony Stark: Wow.

[Hogan touches Maya's plant]

Maya Hansen: Can you...

Happy Hogan: What?

Maya Hansen: Can you not touch my plant. It's not...she doesn't like it. She prefers...

Tony Stark: She's not like the others.

Maya Hansen: Interference is better.

[to Maya]

Tony Stark: Come on. Let's go in the bedroom.

Maya Hansen: That's cute, but...

Tony Stark: Happy, leave her ficus alone.

[Maya turns to Hogan]

Maya Hansen: No, seriously don't.

[as they walk into the bedroom]

Tony Stark: So you're starting with plants?

Maya Hansen: For now, yeah. I'm calling it Extremis.

[as they enter the room, Hogan touches her plant and pulls some of the leaves off]

[Tony and Maya continue talking about her research in the bedroom]

Maya Hansen: Well, it's...human application.

Tony Stark: Human application.

Maya Hansen: Exactly! Exactly. It's dentra-degree vitalization.

Tony Stark: It's revolutionary.

Maya Hansen: Disease prevention...

Tony Stark: It can change the world.

[as Maya and Tony are talking we see her plant, where Hogan had ripped of the leaf and stem, start to regenerate]

Maya Hansen: Even limb regrowth.

Tony Stark: You're the most gifted woman I've ever met.

Maya Hansen: Wow!

Tony Stark: Uh...in Switzerland.

Maya Hansen: Mm, that's better.

Tony Stark: You're sweet.

Maya Hansen: Wow, you're seeing things.

[Maya takes off Tony's glasses, Tony laughs]

Tony Stark: You almost bought it, didn't you?

[Maya wears Tony's glasses and smiles at him, as they start to kiss, Hogan starts closing the bedroom door, suddenly they are interrupted by the plant exploding]

[after the plant explodes]

Maya Hansen: This is what I'm talking about, the glitch.

Tony Stark: Have you checked the telomerized algorithm?

Maya Hansen: The what?

[at that moment Hogan runs into the room and tackles Tony onto the bed to make sure he's okay]

Tony Stark: We're good.

Happy Hogan: Stay down.

Tony Stark: You're...you're right on me. I made it.

[Hogan gets off Tony]

Happy Hogan: What was that?

Maya Hansen: It's a glitch in my work...

Tony Stark: Look, she was just talking about glitches happening.

Happy Hogan: It's not Y2K?

Maya Hansen: No.

[Tony hears people celebrating outside]

Tony Stark: Hey!

Happy Hogan: Happy New Year.

Tony Stark: Happy New Year.

Maya Hansen: Happy New Year.

Tony Stark: Alright, I'll see you in the mornin'.

[Tony shakes hands with Hogan]

Happy Hogan: You good?

Tony Stark: Yep.

Happy Hogan: I'll be right outside.

Tony Stark: Okay.

[Hogan leaves the room; we then Aldrich on top of the building waiting for Tony, who never shows]

Tony Stark: *[voice over]* So why am I telling you this? Because I had just created demons, and I didn't even know it.

[we see Tony writing a note 'You know who I am', and leaving it on the bedside table for Maya before leaving; Maya hears the door close]

Tony Stark: *[voice over]* Yeah, those were the good times. Then I moved on. After a brief soiree in an Afghan cave, I said goodbye to the party scene. Forgot that night in Switzerland. These days I'm a changed man, I'm different now. I'm well...you know who I am.

[Present Day, Malibu, California - Tony is in his lab injecting himself with]

Jarvis: Sir, please may I request just a few hours to calibrate...

Tony Stark: No. Forty-eight.

[he injects himself]

Tony Stark: Ah! Micro-repeater implanting sequence complete.

Jarvis: As you wish, sir. I've also prepared a safety briefing for you to entirely ignore.

Tony Stark: Which I will. Right, let's do this.

[to the robot that's using a broom to clear the rubbish off the floor]

Tony Stark: Dummy. Hi, Dummy. How did you get that cap on your head? You earned it.

[Tony walks towards the robot]

Tony Stark: Hey. Hey! What are you doing round in the corner? You know what you did. Blood on my mat, handle it,

Jarvis: Sir, may I remind you that you've been awake for nearly seventy-two hours.

[addressing the Iron Man suits that are in their glass cages]

Tony Stark: Focus up, ladies. Good evening, and welcome to the birthing suit. I'm pleased to announce the imminent arrival of your bouncing, bad-ass, baby brother.

[to Jarvis as he records Tony with a camera]

Tony Stark: Start Titan and go wide, stamp in time. Mark 42 autonomous prehensile propulsion suit test. Initialize sequence.

[Tony raises his hands and motions to activate the new suit]

Tony Stark: Jarvis, drop my needle.

[music starts playing, Tony moves with the music then points his arm where he'd been injecting himself toward the dismantled Iron Man suit on the table opposite, nothing happens]

Tony Stark: Crap.

[Tony hits his arm where he'd injected himself, he points his arm again and this time a part of the suit flies over to Tony and attaches itself to his hand and extends to his arm and shoulder, Tony then points his other arm toward the suit and the second part attaches itself to his hand and arm, Tony laughs]

Tony Stark: Alright, I think we got this. Send 'em all.



[the leg part flies over and attaches itself to Tony's leg, then as another part flies over it crashes into one of the Iron Man suit glass cages, then another part hurls itself at Tony and Tony inflects it]

with his arm making it crash]

Tony Stark: Probably a little fast, slow it down. Slow it down just a...

[suddenly another part of the suit shoots over and Tony ducks as it narrowly misses hitting him in the head]

Tony Stark: ...little bit.

[the other parts fly over and attach themselves with force to Tony's back and crotch area]

Tony Stark: Cool it, will you, Jarvis?

[then all the other parts shoot over and get attached to Tony, except for the final face piece, which just hovers, facing Tony]

Tony Stark: Come on. I ain't scared of you.

[the face piece flies over and Tony flips over to grab the piece and finally the Iron Man suit is fully attached to Tony]

Tony Stark: I'm the best.

[at that moment, one of the stray pieces of the suit shoot over to Tony, knock him down, which knocks the entire suit, except for the head piece, off Tony]

Jarvis: As always, sir, a great pleasure watching you work.

Tony Stark: *[voice over]* And I guess seventy-two hours isn't a long time between siesta's. Didn't think it could get any worse. Then I had to go and turn on the TV.

[the news on TV shows footage of The Mandarin]

Tony Stark: *[voice over]* That's when he happened.

The Mandarin: Some people call me a terrorist, I consider myself a teacher. America, ready for another lesson. In 1864 in Sand Creek Colorado the U.S. military waited till the friendly Cheyenne braves all gone hunting, waited to attack and slaughter their families left behind, and claim their land. Thirty-nine hours ago the Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait was attacked. I...I...I did that. A quaint military church filled with wives and children, of course. The soldiers were out on maneuver, the braves were away. President Ellis you continue to resist my attempts to educate you, sir. And now, you've missed me again. You know who I am, you don't know where I am, and you'll never see me coming.

[as this footage ends, the TV channels change and all the news channels are talking about The Mandarin]

[the news on TV shows President Ellis addresses The Mandarin Threat]



President Ellis: Central to my

Administration's response to this terrorist event, is a newly minted resource. I know him as Colonel James Rhodes, the American people will soon know him as the Iron Patriot.

[we then see Bill Maher talking about this on his show]

Bill Maher: And how is President Ellis responding? By taking the guy they call War Machine and giving him a paint job.

[then we see Joan Rivers on 'The Fashion Police' talking about the new Iron Man suit]

Joan Rivers: Same suit, but painted red whit and blue. Look at That. And they also renamed him Iron Patriot. You know, just in case the paint was too subtle.

[Rhodes and Tony Stark are at a bar and they see Joan Rivers making fun of the Iron Patriot suit on TV]

Colonel James Rhodes: It tested well with focus groups, alright?

[putting on a mocking voice]

Tony Stark: I am Iron Patriot...

Colonel James Rhodes: Listen, War Machine was a little too aggressive, alright? This sends a better message.

Tony Stark: So what's really goin' on? With Mandarin. Seriously, can we talk about this guy?

[Tony moves closer to Rhodes]

Colonel James Rhodes: It's classified information, Tony. Okay, there have been nine bombings.

Tony Stark: Nine.

Colonel James Rhodes: The public only knows about three. Here's the thing, nobody can ID a device. There's no bomb casings.

Tony Stark: You know I can help, just ask. I got a ton of new tech, I got a prehensile, I got a...I got a new bomb disposal. Catches explosions mid-air.

Colonel James Rhodes: When's the last time you got a good night's sleep?

Tony Stark: Einstein slept three hours a year. Look what he did?

Colonel James Rhodes: People are concerned about you, Tony. I'm concerned about you.

Tony Stark: You're gonna come at me like that?

Colonel James Rhodes: No. No, look, I'm not trying to be a dic...

[a girl and a boy come up to their table]

Colonel James Rhodes: ...tator.

Erin: Do you mind signing my drawing?

Tony Stark: If Richard doesn't mind.

[to Rhodes]

Tony Stark: You alright with this, Dick?

Colonel James Rhodes: Fine with me.

[Tony looks at the drawing of himself in his Iron Man suit that the girl has drawn]

Tony Stark: What is your name?

Erin: Erin.

[Tony looks at the boy standing next to him]

Tony Stark: I loved you in A Christmas Story, by the way.

[as Tony is signing Erin's drawing]

Colonel James Rhodes: Listen, the Pentagon is scared. After what happened in New York... aliens, come on. They need to look strong. Stopping the Mandarin is priority, but it's not...

Tony Stark: It's superhero business, I get it.

Colonel James Rhodes: No, it's not, quite frankly. It's American business.

Tony Stark: That's why I said I...got it.

[suddenly as Tony is signing the drawing he looks ill, he places his hand on his face]

Colonel James Rhodes: Are you okay?

Tony Stark: I broke the crayon.

Erin: Are you okay, Mr. Stark?

Colonel James Rhodes: Take it easy. Tony...

[the little boy whispers to Tony]

Little Boy: How did you get out of the wormhole?

[suddenly Tony rises and starts walking off]

Colonel James Rhodes: Wait a minute! Tony!

[Rhodes follows Tony as he walks out the bar]

Tony Stark: What'd he say?!

Colonel James Rhodes: Tony!

Tony Stark: Sorry. Have to check on the suit...make sure...okay

[Tony steps into his Iron Man suit that was parked outside the bar]

Tony Stark: Check the heart, check the...check the...is it the brain?

Jarvis: No sign of cardiac anomaly or unusual brain activity

Tony Stark: Okay, so I was poisoned?

Jarvis: My diagnosis is that you've experienced a severe anxiety attack.

Tony Stark: Me?

[Rhodes knocks on the Iron Suit's head, people have gathered around them watching Tony]

Colonel James Rhodes: Come on, man. This isn't a good look, open up.

Tony Stark: Sorry, I gotta split.

[Tony flies off in his suit]

[at Stark Industries Hogan points to his badge as walks through the lobby passing the other employees]

Happy Hogan: Badge...badge...badge. Badge, guys. I put a memo in the toilet, come on.

[referring to Tony's robots as Hogan meets with Pepper]

Happy Hogan: Tony has got them in his basement, they're wearing party hats. This is an asset that we can put to use.

Pepper Potts: Uh-huh. So, you're suggesting that I replace the entire janitorial staff with robots?

Happy Hogan: What I'm saying is that the human element of Human Resources is our biggest point of vulnerability. We should start phasing it out immediately.

Pepper Potts: What!?

[to another employee as Hogan walks past them]

Happy Hogan: Excuse me, Bambi

Pepper Potts: Did you just say that?

[Hogan points to his badge]

Happy Hogan: Security.

Pepper Potts: Happy?

Happy Hogan: Yes.

Pepper Potts: Okay, I am thrilled that you're now the Head of Security, okay? It is the perfect position for you.

Happy Hogan: Thank you.

Pepper Potts: However...

Happy Hogan: I do appreciate it

Pepper Potts: Since you've taken the post...

Happy Hogan: You don't have to thank me.

Pepper Potts: We've had a rise in staff complaints of three hundred percent

Happy Hogan: Thank you.

Pepper Potts: That's not a compliment.

Happy Hogan: That's not a compli...? It is a compliment! Clearly somebody's trying to hide something.

Pepper Potts: I...

Pepper's Assistant: Excuse me.

Pepper Potts: Yes?

Pepper's Assistant: Miss Potts, your four o'clock is here.

Pepper Potts: Thank you.

Happy Hogan: Did you clear this four o'clock with me?

Pepper Potts: Happy, we'll talk about this later. But right now I have to go deal with this very annoying thing.

[Pepper starts walking towards her office]

Happy Hogan: How so?

Pepper Potts: I used to work with him, and he used to ask me out all the time. So it's a little awkward.

[Hogan opens her office glass door and they enter]

Happy Hogan: I don't like the sound of that.

[as they step inside, they see Aldrich, looking handsome and fit in a business suit]

[Pepper looks shocked at the change in Aldrich's appearance]

Aldrich Killian: Pepper.

Pepper Potts: Killian?

Aldrich Killian: You look great. You look really great.

Pepper Potts: God, you look...you look great. I... I... I can't... What on earth have you been doing?

Aldrich Killian: Nothing fancy, just five years in the hands of physical therapists. And please, call me Aldrich.

Happy Hogan: Uh...you were supposed to be issued a security badge.

Pepper Potts: Happy, it's okay.

Happy Hogan: Yes?

Pepper Potts: We're good.

Happy Hogan: You sure?

Pepper Potts: Yes. Stand down.

Happy Hogan: Okay. I'm gonna linger, right here.

Pepper Potts: Thank you.

Happy Hogan: Okay.

[Hogan steps out of Pepper's office and closes the glass door]

Pepper Potts: It's very nice to see you, Killian.

[as Hogan waits outside Pepper's office, he sees Aldrich's man sitting in the waiting area]

Happy Hogan: Hey, guy

[Hogan points to his security badge and the guy picks up his badge from the table next to him and holds it up to show Hogan he has a badge; to an employee as they walk past him]

Savin: Merry Christmas

[Hogan looks at him with suspicion]

[back in Pepper's office]

Aldrich Killian: After years dodging the president's ban on "immoral biotech research", my think tank now has a little something in the pipeline. It's an idea we like to call Extremis. I'm gonna turn your lights down.

[he dims the lights then holds in his hand three small metal balls]

Aldrich Killian: Regard the human brain.

[he throws the balls onto the coffee table and as they roll and stop, they project a 3d image into the room]

Aldrich Killian: Uh...wait. Hold on, hold on. That's...that's the universe, my bad. But if I do that...

[he presses his projector control which changes the 3d image to show inside of the brain]

Aldrich Killian: That's the brain. Strangely mimetic though, wouldn't you say?

Pepper Potts: Wow, that's amazing!

Aldrich Killian: Thanks, it's mine.

Pepper Potts: What?

Aldrich Killian: This...you're inside my head. It's a...



[he taps behind his ear, referring to something embedded inside his head]

Aldrich Killian: It's a live feed. Come on up, I'll prove it to you.

[Aldrich rises from the couch and stands on the coffee table]

Aldrich Killian: Come on.

[he helps Pepper to stand on the coffee table next to him, they stand directly in

the 3d image]

Aldrich Killian: Now, pinch my arm. I can take it. Pinch me.

[Pepper pinches him and immediately something lights up in the 3d image of Aldrich's brain]

Pepper Potts: What is that?

Aldrich Killian: It's the primary somatosensory cortex. It's the brain's pain center. But this is what I wanted to show you.

[he turns Pepper round and presses his projector control and starts changing and moving the image with his hand]

Aldrich Killian: Now, Extremis harnesses our bioelectrical potential And it goes...here. This is essentially an empty slot, and what this tells us is that our mind, our entire DNA in fact, is destined to be upgraded.

Pepper Potts: Wow.

[as Hogan sits outside Pepper's office, he gets a call on his tablet, he answers the call and holds the tablet high so the camera monitor shows his forehead and eyes]

Happy Hogan: Hello?

Tony Stark: Is this forehead of Security?

Happy Hogan: What? You know, look, I got a real job. What do you want? I'm working, I got something going on here.

[we see Tony is in his lab]

Tony Stark: What? Harassing interns?

Happy Hogan: Let me tell you something, you know what happened when I told people I was Iron Man's body guard? They would laugh in my face.

[Tony laughs]

Happy Hogan: I had to leave while I still had a shred of dignity. Now I got a real job, I'm watching Pepper.

Tony Stark: What's going on? Fill me in.

Happy Hogan: For real?

Tony Stark: Yeah.

Happy Hogan: Alright, so she's meeting up with this scientist. Rich guy, handsome.

Tony Stark: Right.

Happy Hogan: I couldn't make his face at first, right? You know I'm good with faces.

Tony Stark: Oh, Yeah, yeah. You're the best.

Happy Hogan: Yeah. Well, so I run his credentials, I make him Aldrich Killian. We actually met the guy back in... where were we in '99? The science conference?

Tony Stark: Um...Switzerland.

Happy Hogan: Right, right, exactly.

Tony Stark: Killian? No, I don't remember that guy.

Happy Hogan: Of course you don't. He's not a blond with a big rack. At first it was fine, they were talking business, but now it's like getting weird. He's showing her a big brain.

Tony Stark: His what?

Happy Hogan: Big brain, and she likes it. Here, let me show you. Hold on. See?

[he holds his tablet up and points it towards Pepper's glass office, where Aldrich and Pepper are standing close together on the coffee table watching the 3d image]

of the brain, but all Tony sees is Hogan pointing the tablet camera at himself]

Tony Stark: Look at what? You watching them? Flip the screen and then we can get started.

Happy Hogan: I'm not a tech genius like you. Just...just trust me, get down down here.

Tony Stark: Flip the screen, then I can see what they're doing.

Happy Hogan: I can't! I don't know how to flip the screen! Don't talk to me like that anymore. You're not my boss.

[as Hogan is talking, Tony uses his small tablet device to look up Aldrich and finds his photo]

Happy Hogan: Alright, I don't work for you. Now I don't trust this guy. He's got another guy with him, he's shifty.

Tony Stark: Relax.

Happy Hogan: Seriously?

Tony Stark: I'm just asking you to secure the perimeter. Tell him to go out for a drink or something?

Happy Hogan: You know what? You should take more of an interest in what's going on here. This woman... this woman's the best thing that ever happened to you, and you...you're just ignoring her.

Tony Stark: A giant brain?

Happy Hogan: Yeah, there's a giant brain, there's a shifty character. I'm gonna follow this guy. I'm gonna run his plates and if it gets rough, so be it.

Tony Stark: I miss you, Happy.

Happy Hogan: Yeah, I miss you too. But the way it used to be. Now you're off with the 'superfriends', I don't know what's going on with you anymore. The world's getting weird...

Tony Stark: Hey, I...I'd hate to cut you off. Do you have your taser on you?

Happy Hogan: Why?

Tony Stark: I think there's a gal in HR who's trying to steal some printer ink, you should probably go over there and zap her.

[he puts his small tablet in his wine fridge and closes it and walks off still with Hogan online]

Happy Hogan: Yeah, nice.

[back in Pepper's office after Aldrich has show her his new research]

Aldrich Killian: Imagine if you could hack into the hard drive of any living organism and recode its DNA.

Pepper Potts: It would be incredible.

Aldrich Killian: Mm.

Pepper Potts: Unfortunately, to my ears it also sounds highly weaponizable. As in enhanced soldiers, private armies, and Tony is not...

Aldrich Killian: Tony. Tony. You know, I invited Tony to join AIM thirteen years ago, he turned me down. But something tells me now there is a new genius on the throne who doesn't have to answer to Tony anymore, and who has slightly less of an ego.



Pepper Potts: It's gonna be a no, Aldrich.

As much as I'd like to help you.

[we see Aldrich leaving the building]

Aldrich Killian: Well, I can't say that I'm not disappointed. But hen as my father used to say, 'Failure is the fog through which we glimpse triumph.'

Pepper Potts: That's very deep.

Aldrich Killian: Mm

Pepper Potts: And I have no idea what it means.

Aldrich Killian: Well, me neither. He was kind of an idiot, my old man.

[Pepper laughs]

Aldrich Killian: I'm sure I'll see you again, Pepper.

[Aldrich kisses her gently on the cheek and Pepper watches him as he walks off, then Pepper notices Hogan coming toward her, Pepper looks flustered]

Pepper Potts: Happy...

Happy Hogan: The car is ready, if you're ready to go.

[Pepper glances over to Aldrich as he walks towards his car]

Pepper Potts: Yes. I just um...God, I forgot my other thing, so I'm just gonna...

[she walks back into the building, Hogan glance over to Aldrich's car and as it drives away, Hogan takes a photo of the license plate]

[later Pepper returns to Tony's home, as she gets out of the car she sees a large stuffed rabbit outside the house that Tony has bought for her as a gift, she walks inside]

Pepper Potts: I'm sorry I'm late. I was... What the...? What is that?!

[she notices Tony sat in his Iron Man suit on the couch]

Pepper Potts: You're wearing this in the house now? What is that, like Mark 15?

[Tony looks at the small number marked 42 on the suit]

Tony Stark: Uh...yeah. Something like that. You know everybody needs a hobby.

Pepper Potts: Oh, and you have to wear your hobby in the living room?

[Tony rises and walks toward her]

Tony Stark: Just breakin' it in. You know, it's always a little pinchy in the gooey bag at first, so.

[Tony shakes his ass and Pepper laughs]

Tony Stark: Oh hey, did you see your Christmas present?

Pepper Potts: Yes, I did. I...I don't know how I could have missed that Christmas present. Is it gonna fit through the door?

Tony Stark: Well actually, uh...it's a good question. I got a team of guys comin' tomorrow, they're gonna blow out that wall.

Pepper Potts: Okay.

Tony Stark: So, uh...tense? Good day?

[Tony walks up behind her and starts massaging her shoulders]

Tony Stark: Ooh shoulders, a little naughty. Naughty girl. I don't wanna harp on this, but did you like the custom rabbit?

Pepper Potts: Did I like it?

Tony Stark: Nailed it, right?

Pepper Potts: Wow. I appreciate the thought very much.

[Pepper turns to face Tony, she rises from her seat and stands close to him]

Pepper Potts: So why don't you lift up that face mask and give me a kiss?

[Tony knocks the metal helmet on his head]

Tony Stark: Huh. Yup, dammit. No can do. You wanna just kiss it on the...

Pepper Potts: Uh-huh.



Tony Stark: The facial slit?

Pepper Potts: Well, why don't I run down to the garage and see if I can't find a crowbar to shimmy that thing open?

Tony Stark: Crowbar. Yeah.

[Pepper starts walking towards Tony's lab]

Tony Stark: Oh, except there's been a...uh...a radiation leak.

Pepper Potts: I'll take my chances.

Tony Stark: That's risky.

[Pepper walks down the stairs to Tony's lab]

Tony Stark: At least let me get you like a Hazmat suit or a Geiger counter or something like that.

[Pepper sees Tony is in fact not in his Iron Man suit, but in the lab exercising as he remotely controls the suit, which follows Pepper into the lab]

Tony Stark: Busted.

Pepper Potts: This is a new level of lame.

Tony Stark: Sorry.

[Pepper notices the food tray in the corner]

Pepper Potts: You ate without me, already? On date night?

[referring to Mark 42 suit]

Tony Stark: He was just...

Pepper Potts: You mean you?

Tony Stark: Well, yeah. I just mean we were just...just hosting you while I finished up a little work.

Pepper Potts: Uh-huh.

Tony Stark: And yes, I had a quick bite. I didn't know if you were comin' home or if you were having drinks with Aldrich Killian.

[Mark 42 suit turns its face toward her, as if to look at her accusingly]

Pepper Potts: What?

Tony Stark: What?

Pepper Potts: Aldrich Killian? What are you checking up on me?

Tony Stark: Happy was concerned.

Pepper Potts: No, you're spying on me.

Tony Stark: I wasn't...

Pepper Potts: I'm going to bed.

[Pepper turns and starts walking off]

Tony Stark: Hold on. Come on. Pep.

[as Pepper starts walking upstairs]

Tony Stark: Hey, I admit it! My fault. Sorry.

[Pepper stops and looks at him]

Tony Stark: I'm a piping hot mess. It's been going on for a while, I haven't said anything.

[Pepper walks back down]

Tony Stark: Nothing's been the same since New York.

Pepper Potts: Oh really? Well, I didn't notice that, at all.



Tony Stark: You experience things and then they're over and you still can't explain 'em. Gods, aliens, other dimensions. I...I'm just a man in a can. The only reason I haven't cracked up is probably because you moved in. Which is great. I love you, I'm lucky. But, honey, I can't sleep. You go to bed, I come down here. I do what I know, I tinker.

[he pauses for a moment]

Tony Stark: But threat is imminent, and I have to protect the one thing that I can't live without. That's you. My suits, they're uh...

Pepper Potts: Machines.

Tony Stark: But they're part of me.

Pepper Potts: A distraction.

Tony Stark: Maybe.

[Pepper walks towards Tony and they hold each other]

Pepper Potts: I'm gonna take a shower.

Tony Stark: Okay.

[Pepper turns to walk off, then stops and looks at him]

Pepper Potts: And you're gonna join me.

Tony Stark: Better.

[later that night, as Tony and Pepper are sleeping, Tony starts having nightmares about when he was in New York with The Avengers and had to get rid of the nuke in space, Pepper wakes and starts to shake Tony awake]

Pepper Potts: Tony! Tony! Tony! Tony...

[suddenly Pepper gets grabbed and shoved off Tony by Mark 42 suit, this wakes Tony who commands the suit]

Tony Stark: Power down!

[the suit shuts down and Tony hits it making its pieces fall apart, he looks over at Pepper who is in shock]

Tony Stark: I must have called it in my sleep. That's not supposed to happen. I'll recalibrate the sensors. Can we just...just let me...just let me catch my breath, okay?

[Pepper rises and starts to leave]

Tony Stark: Don't go, alright? Pepper?

Pepper Potts: I'm going to sleep downstairs. Tinker with that.

[Pepper leaves the room]

[at the Chinese theater in Los Angeles, we see Aldrich's henchman meet a man who's sat outside the theater]

Savin: Can you regulate?

Taggart: Yes, I can regulate.

Savin: Are you sure about that?

Taggart: Yes.

[Hogan who's been following Savin, keeps an eye on him from a distance, he sees Savin giving the man a briefcase]

Savin: It's a decent batch. Don't say I never did nothin' for you.

Taggart: Thank you...I mean for understanding.

[Savin walks off, Hogan walks towards Taggart and as Taggart rises to leave Hogan bumps into him which knock the briefcase out of Taggart's hand, falling open on to the ground]

Happy Hogan: I'm sorry, buddy.

[Hogan helps him put the stuff back in the suitcase, and as he looks at Taggart he notices that he is glowing red, Hogan starts to walk off taking one of the items from the suitcase, but suddenly Savin bumps into him]

Savin: What are you doin', buddy? You out by yourself? A little date night? Watching your favorite chick flick maybe?

Happy Hogan: Yeah, a little movie called "The Party's Over", starring you and your junkie girlfriend, and here's the ticket.

[Hogan shows him what he took from Taggart's suitcase]

Savin: No kidding? That doesn't belong to you.

[Savin goes to take the item from Hogan's hand, but Hogan punches Savin in the face, Hogan notices Savin's face glow red and heal, then Savin grabs hold of Hogan and with super strength throws him aside, as Savin walks towards Hogan, Taggert begins to glow red and turn super hot]

Taggert: Savin!

Savin: What?

Taggert: Help! Help me!

[Taggert suddenly explodes, causing a massive explosion inside the theater which wounds Hogan, as he lies injured, Hogan sees Savin, also glowing red and then healing and walking off as if nothing has happened]

[we see another TV footage from The Mandarin]

The Mandarin: True story about fortune cookies. They look Chinese, they sound Chinese, but they're actually an American invention. Which is why they're hollow, full of lies, and leave a bad taste in the mouth. My disciples just destroyed another cheap American knock-off, The Chinese Theater. Mr. President, I know this must be getting frustrating, but this season of terror is drawing to a close. And don't worry, the big one is coming; your graduation.

[as Hogan lies in hospital critically injured, Tony is sat in his room when a nurse walks in to check on Hogan]

Tony Stark: Hi.

Happy's Nurse: Oh.

[referring to the TV]

Tony Stark: Uh...mind leaving that on?

Happy's Nurse: Sure.

[Tony rises from his seat]

Tony Stark: Sunday night's PBS 'Downtown Abbey'. That's his show, he thinks it's elegant.

[he pauses for a moment]

Tony Stark: One more thing...make sure everyone wears their badges. He's a stickler for that sort of thing, plus my guys won't let anyone in without them.

[Tony turns to leave]

[news reporters are all waiting for Tony outside the hospital]

Hospital News Reporter: We're awaiting the arrival of Tony Stark. We're hoping he'll give us the reaction...his reaction to the latest attack.

[Tony walks out and all the reporters swarm toward him]

Hospital News Reporter: Mr. Stark! Mr. Stark! Our sources are telling us that this is another Mandarin attack. Anything else you can tell us?

[Tony ignores the questions and walks toward his car]

Pushy Tabloid Reporter: Hey, Mr. Stark! When is somebody gonna kill this guy? Just sayin'.

[Tony turns to face the reporter]

Tony Stark: Is that what you want? Here's a little Holiday greeting I've been wanting to send to the Mandarin. I just didn't know how to phrase it until now. My name is Tony Stark and I'm not afraid of you. I know you're a coward, so I've decided that you just died, pal. I'm gonna come get the body. There's no politics here; it's just good old-fashioned revenge. There's no Pentagon; it's just you and me. And on the off-chance you're a man, here's my home address: 10880, Malibu Port, 90265. I'll leave the door unlocked.

[to the reporter]

Tony Stark: That's what you wanted, right?

[Tony grabs the reporter's cell phone and throws it aside]

Tony Stark: Bill me.

[Tony gets in his car and drives off]

[as Tony is working his lab]

Jarvis: I've compiled a Mandarin database for you, sir. Drawn from S.H.I.E.L.D., F.B.I., and C.I.A. intercepts. Initiating virtual crime scene reconstruction.

[Tony starts looking at all the data gathered]

Tony Stark: Okay, what do we got here? His name is an ancient Chinese war mantle, meaning "adviser to the King". South American insurgency tactics, talks like a Baptist preacher. There's lots of pageantry going on here...lots of theater.

[Tony pushes the virtual information down to close]

Tony Stark: Close.

[Tony looks at the virtual crime scene reconstruction]

Jarvis: The heat from the blast was in excess of 3000 degrees Celsius. Any subjects within 12.5 yards were vaporized instantly.

Tony Stark: No bomb parts found in a three mile radius of the Chinese theater.

Jarvis: No, sir.

Tony Stark: Talk to me, Happy.

[in the virtual reconstruction, Tony sees Hogan pointing his finger at some dog tags]

Tony Stark: When is a bomb not a bomb?

[Tony picks up the virtual image of the dog tags to investigate them further]

Tony Stark: Any military victims?

Jarvis: Not according to public records, sir.

Tony Stark: Bring up the thermogenic signatures again, factor in three thousand degrees.

Jarvis: The oracle cloud has completed analysis. Accessing satellites and plotting the last twelve months of thermogenic occurrence now.

Tony Stark: Take away everywhere that there's been a Mandarin attack.

[Tony looks at the information popping up]

Tony Stark: Nope.

[he sees an attack in Rose Hill, Tennessee]

Tony Stark: That. You sure that's not one of his?

Jarvis: It predates any known Mandarin attack. The incident was the use of a bomb to assist a suicide.

Tony Stark: Bring it around.

Jarvis: The heat signature is remarkably similar. Three thousand degrees Celsius.

[Tony looks at all the information being presented on the Tennessee attack]

Tony Stark: That's two military guys. Ever been to Tennessee, Jarvis?

Jarvis: Creating a flight plan for Tennessee.

[as Tony is about to get ready to leave for Tennessee, he hears his door bell ring]

Tony Stark: Are we still at "ding-dong"? We're supposed to be on total security lock down. Come on, I threatened a terrorist. Who is that?

Jarvis: There's only so much I can do, sir, when you give the world's press your home address.

[we see Maya standing outside Tony's house, the glass doors are opened and she enters]

Tony Stark: Right there's fine.

[Tony dressed in his Iron Man suit walks toward her]

Tony Stark: You're not the Mandarin, are you? Are you?

[Maya smiles]

Maya Hansen: You don't remember. Why am I not surprised?

Tony Stark: Don't take it personally, I don't remember what I had for breakfast.

Jarvis: Gluten-free waffles, sir.

Tony Stark: That's right.

Maya Hansen: Okay, look, I need to be alone with you. Someplace not here, it's urgent.

Tony Stark: Normally, I'd go for that sort of thing, but now I'm in a committed relationship.

[as he turns to walk into the living room, two bags are thrown down from the above balcony]

Tony Stark: It's...with her.

Pepper Potts: Tony, is somebody there?

[Tony steps out of his suit]

Tony Stark: Yeah, it's Maya Hansen. Old botanist pal that I used to know, barely.

[as Pepper starts walking downstairs, Tony moves towards Maya and speaks quietly]

Tony Stark: Please don't tell me that there is a twelve year-old kid waiting in the car that I've never met.

Maya Hansen: He's thirteen. And no, I need your help.

Tony Stark: What...what for? Why now?

Maya Hansen: Because I read the papers, and, frankly, I don't think you'll last the week.

Tony Stark: I'll be fine.

[Pepper walks toward Tony and Maya]

Pepper Potts: I'm sorry. With Happy in the hospital, I didn't know we were expecting guests.

Tony Stark: We weren't.

Maya Hansen: No, I...

Pepper Potts: And old girlfriends!

Tony Stark: She's not really.

Maya Hansen: No, not really. It...it was just one night.

Tony Stark: Yep.

Pepper Potts: That's how you did it, isn't it? Yep.

Tony Stark: It was a great night.

Pepper Potts: Well, you know...

Maya Hansen: Yeah.

Pepper Potts: You have saved yourself a world of pain.

Maya Hansen: I'm sure.

Tony Stark: What?

Pepper Potts: Trust me.

[to Tony]

Pepper Potts: We're going out of town.

Tony Stark: Okay, we've been through this. Nope.

Pepper Potts: Yep!

Tony Stark: The man says no.

Pepper Potts: Immediately and indefinitely!

Tony Stark: Honey...

Maya Hansen: Great idea. Let's go. I'll...

Tony Stark: I'm sorry. That's a terrible idea. Please don't touch her bags.

Pepper Potts: Tony, this is how normal people behave.

Tony Stark: I can't protect you out there. I challenged...

[Maya notices giant stuffed rabbit Tony had bought for Pepper]

Maya Hansen: Is...is that normal?

Tony Stark: Yes, this is normal!

Pepper Potts: Sadly, that...is very normal.

Tony Stark: It's a big bunny, relax about it!

Pepper Potts: Calm down!

Tony Stark: I got this for you.

Pepper Potts: I'm aware of that.

Tony Stark: You still haven't even told me that you liked it!

Pepper Potts: I don't like it!

Tony Stark: I asked you three... You don't like it?!

[as Tony and Pepper are bickering, Maya notices on the TV that helicopters are coming toward Tony's home]

Pepper Potts: Tony, we are leaving the house; that's not even up for discussion.

Tony Stark: I said no.

Maya Hansen: Guys, can we um...

Tony Stark: What?

Maya Hansen: Do we need to worry about that?

[she points to the bomb heading straight for the house, the house is suddenly hit, as everything explodes around them, Tony manages to get his Iron Man suit onto Pepper to protect her from the fall, Tony looks over to Maya, who's lying unconscious on the ground, as the ceiling is about to fall on Tony, Pepper saves him with the Iron Man suit]

Pepper Potts: I got you.

Tony Stark: I got you first. Like I said, we can't stay here.

[the helicopters starts shooting at the house]

Tony Stark: Move! I'm right behind!

[as they run to get out, the floor in front of Tony collapses, Pepper manages to get on the other side]

Tony Stark: Get her, I'm gonna find a way around.

[Pepper hesitates]

Tony Stark: Stop stopping! Get her, get outside! Go!

[Pepper manages to grab Maya and use the Iron Man suit to get them safely out of the house, but the house gets further destroyed as the helicopters continue to fire on it]

Pepper Potts: Oh my God. Tony!

[back inside as the house is being destroyed around Tony]

Jarvis: Sir, Miss Potts is clear of the structure.

[Tony motions for his Iron Man suit to come off Pepper and onto him]

Tony Stark: Jarvis, where's my flight power?!

Jarvis: Working on it, sir. This is a prototype.

[Tony manages to use his suit to destroy one of the helicopters]

Tony Stark: That's one.

Jarvis: Sir, the suit is not combat-ready.

[Tony manages to get away from the bullets being fired at him from one of the remaining helicopters and again uses his suit to bring down the helicopter]

Tony Stark: That's two.

[as the helicopter explodes it crashes into the house, the remaining helicopter continues on shooting at the house, finally the remains of house with Tony inside fall into the ocean, Pepper runs to the edge of the cliff and looks down into the ocean]

Tony Stark: Tony!

[in the water, Tony starts to feel like he's drowning]

Jarvis: Sir, take a deep breath.

[after a few moments Tony's suit gets its flight power activated by Jarvis]

Jarvis: Flight power restored.

[finally Tony manages to fly out of the ocean]

[inside the suit Jarvis tries to wake Tony]

Jarvis: Sir. Sir!

Tony Stark: Alright, kill the alarm. I got it.

Jarvis: That's the emergency alert triggered by the power dropping below five percent.

[Tony notices that he's flying through the snow at night, he falls and crashes into the ground in the middle of a forest, he takes off his face helmet as he lies on the ground catching his breath]

Tony Stark: It's snowing, right? Where are we, upstate?

Jarvis: We're five miles outside of Rose Hills, Tennessee.

Tony Stark: Why?! Jarvis! Not my idea! What are we doing here? This is thousands of miles away, I gotta get Pepper, I gotta...

Jarvis: I prepared a flight plan. This was the location.

Tony Stark: Who asked you? Open the suit.

Jarvis: I...I think I may be malfunctioning, sir.

Tony Stark: Open eject.

[the suit gets off Tony and he sits up]

Tony Stark: That's brisk!

[as Tony starts to feel the cold weather]

Tony Stark: Maybe I'll just cozy back up for a bit.

Jarvis: I actually think I need to sleep now, sir.

[the suit loses power]

Tony Stark: Jarvis. Jarvis? Don't leave me, buddy.

[Tony drags the suit to a petrol station and makes a call to Pepper]

Computer Voice: Stark Secure Server: Now transferring to all known receivers.

Tony Stark: Pepper, it's me. I've got a lot of apologies to make and not a lot of time. So first off, I'm so sorry I put you in harm's way. That was selfish and stupid and it won't happen again. Also, it's Christmas time, the rabbit's too big. Done. Sorry. And I'm sorry in advance because...I can't come home yet. I need to find this guy. You gotta stay safe. That's all I know. I just stole a poncho from a wooden Indian.

[Tony drags the suit to an abandoned looking farmhouse, he places the suit on a couch and sits next to it]

Tony Stark: Let's get you comfy.

[he places its hand by its side]

Tony Stark: You happy now?

[as Tony tries to fix the micro-repeater implants in his arm a boy stands by the doorway and points his toy gun at Tony]



Harley Keener: Freeze! Don't move.

Tony Stark: You got me. Nice potato gun. Barrel's a little long. Between that and the wide gauge, it's gonna diminish your FPS

[the boy points his gun at a glass on a shelf and shoots at it, breaking the glass]

Tony Stark: And now you're out of ammo.

Harley Keener: What's that thing on your chest?

Tony Stark: It's a electromagnet. You should know, you've got a box of them right here.

Harley Keener: What does it power?

[Tony stands and points the desk light at his suit sitting on the couch behind him]

Harley Keener: Oh my God!

[Harley drops his toy gun and takes a step towards Tony]

Harley Keener: That...that's... Is that Iron Man?

Tony Stark: Technically, I am.

Harley Keener: Technically, you're dead.

[he give Tony a newspaper which has Tony's picture with the headline 'Mandarin Attack: Stark presumed dead']

Tony Stark: A valid point.

[referring to the suit as he sits next to it on the couch checking it out]

Harley Keener: What happened to him?

Tony Stark: Life. I built him, I take care of him. I'll fix him.

Harley Keener: Like a mechanic?

Tony Stark: Yeah.

Harley Keener: Oh. If I was building Iron Man and War Machine...

Tony Stark: It's Iron Patriot now.

Harley Keener: That's way cooler!

Tony Stark: No, it's not.

Harley Keener: Anyways, I would have added in um... the retro...

Tony Stark: Retroreflective panels?

Harley Keener: To make him stealth mode.

Tony Stark: You want a stealth mode?

Harley Keener: Cool, right?

Tony Stark: That's actually a good idea. Maybe I'll build one.

[as he touches the suit, Harley accidentally snaps off one of its fingers]

Harley Keener: Oops!

Tony Stark: Not a good idea! What are you doing? You're gonna break his finger? He's in pain, he's been injured. Leave him alone.

Harley Keener: Sorry.

Tony Stark: Are you? Don't worry about it, I'll fix it. So, uh, who's home?

Harley Keener: Well, my mom already left for the diner and dad went to 7-Eleven to get scratchers. I guess he won, 'cause that was six years ago.

Tony Stark: Mm. Which happens, dad's leave. No need to be a pussy about it.

Here's what I need: a laptop, a digital watch, a cell phone, the pneumatic actuator from your bazooka over there, a map of town, a big spring, and a tuna fish sandwich.

Harley Keener: What's in it for me?

Tony Stark: Salvation. What's his name?

Harley Keener: Who?

Tony Stark: The kid that bullies you at school, what's his name?

Harley Keener: How'd you know that?

Tony Stark: I got just the thing.

[he opens a compartment on the suit and takes out a metal object]

Tony Stark: This is a pinata for a cricket. I'm kidding, it's a very powerful weapon. Point it away from your face, press the button on top. It discourages bullying. Non-lethal, just to cover one's ass.

[Harley reaches out to take it, but Tony pulls his hand away]

Tony Stark: Deal? Deal? What'd you say?

Harley Keener: Deal.

Tony Stark: Deal?

[Tony gives the object to Harley]

Tony Stark: What's your name?

Harley Keener: Harley. And you're...

Tony Stark: The mechanic. Tony

[Tony looks at Harley for a moment]

Tony Stark: You know what keeps going through my head? Where's my sandwich?



[back at Tony's house, which is now surrounded by emergency rescue and news reporters, Pepper stands alone and looks at one of Tony's shattered Iron Man helmets, she notices a red flashing light inside the helmet and as she puts the helmet on she receives the message Tony had left her earlier]

Tony Stark: Pepper, it's me. I've got a lot of apologies to make and not a lot of time. So first off, I'm so sorry I put you in harm's way. That was selfish and stupid and it won't happen again.

[later that night as Pepper drives Maya home]

Pepper Potts: Why were you at the house tonight? What was so important that you had to speak to Tony?

Maya Hansen: I think that my boss is working for the Mandarin. So if you still want to talk about it, I suggest that we get ourselves someplace safe.

Pepper Potts: Your boss works for the Mandarin, you think? But Tony says you're a botanist, so...

Maya Hansen: That figures. What I actually am is a biological DNA coder running a team of forty out of a privately-funded think tank, but sure you can call me a botanist.

Pepper Potts: This boss of yours, does he have a name?

Maya Hansen: Yeah, Aldrich Killian.

[Pepper looks at her in shock]

[we see Aldrich talking on the phone to Savin]

Savin: Well, we took the house down, sir...

Aldrich Killian: Mhmm.

Savin: But there's no sign of a body.

Aldrich Killian: I see.

Savin: No Stark.

Aldrich Killian: I have to go.

[Aldrich rises from his seat walks towards another room]

Aldrich Killian: The Master is about to record and he's a little... Well, you know how he gets. Keep your appointment tonight and call me when it's done.

[Aldrich walks into a room which has been set up as a set with all of Mandarin's props in place and camera crew ready to record Mandarin's message]

Aldrich Killian: Alright everybody. No talking and no eye contact, unless you wanna get shot in the face.

[we then see the Mandarin arrive with his entourage and enter the house]

Mandarin Look-Out: The Master is traveling.

[the Mandarin arrives on set and takes a sit, he looks at Aldrich]

The Mandarin: Well then, what are we waiting for?

[in Rose Hills, Tennessee, Tony and Harley walk in town at night]

Tony Stark: The sandwich was fair, the spring was a little rusty, the rest of the materials, I'll make do. By the way, when you said your sister had a watch, I was kinda hoping for something a little more than that.

[he pulls his sleeve up and we see he's wearing a little girl's pink watch, Harley laughs]

Harley Keener: She's six! Anyway, it's limited edition. When can we talk about New York?

Tony Stark: Maybe never, relax about it.

Harley Keener: What about The Avengers, can you talk about them?

Tony Stark: I don't know, later. Hey kid, give me a little space.

[they stop and Tony looks at the remains of the local explosion site that Tony came to investigate]

Tony Stark: What's the official story here? What happened?

Harley Keener: I guess this guy named Chad Davis, used to live roundabouts, won a bunch of medals in the army. One day, folks said he went crazy and made, you know, a bomb. Then he blew himself up right here.

[Tony looks around at the remains]

Tony Stark: Six people died, right?

Harley Keener: Yeah.

Tony Stark: Including Chad Davis?

Harley Keener: Yeah.

[Tony keeps looking around at the remains of the explosion site]

Tony Stark: Yeah. That doesn't make sense.

[he sits next to Harley]

Tony Stark: Think about it. Six dead, only five shadows.

Harley Keener: Yeah, people said these shadows are like the mark of souls gone to Heaven. Except the bomb guy, he went to Hell on account of he didn't get a shadow. That's why there's only five.

Tony Stark: Do you buy that?

Harley Keener: That's what everyone says.

Harley Keener: You know what this crater reminds me of?

Tony Stark: No idea. I'm not...I don't care.

Harley Keener: That giant wormhole, in um...in New York. Does it remind you?

Tony Stark: That's manipulative. I don't want to talk about it.

Harley Keener: Are they coming back? The aliens?

Tony Stark: Maybe. Can you stop? Remember when I told you, that I have an anxiety issue?

Harley Keener: Does this subject make you...make you edgy?



Tony Stark: Yeah, a little bit. Can I just catch my breath for a second?

Harley Keener: Are there bad guys in Rose Hills? Do you...do you need a plastic bag to breathe into? Do you have medication?

Tony Stark: Nope.

Harley Keener: Do you need to be on it?

Tony Stark: Probably.

Harley Keener: Do you have PTSD?

Tony Stark: I don't think so.

Harley Keener: Are you...are you going completely mental? I can stop, do you want me to stop? Do you want me to stop?

Tony Stark: Remember when I said to stop doing that? I swear to God, you're going to freak me out!

[Tony, looking agitated, suddenly rises]

Tony Stark: Ah man, you did it, didn't you? You happy now?

Harley Keener: What did I say?

[Tony starts running off and Harley runs after him]

Harley Keener: Hey, wait up! Wait, wait.

[Tony stops running and Harley catches up with him]

Harley Keener: What the hell was that?

[Tony holds his face in his hands for a moment and then throws some snow at Harley]

Tony Stark: Your fault, you spazzed me out. Okay, back to business. Where were we? The guy who died...relatives? Mom? Mrs. Davis, where is she?

Harley Keener: Where she always is.

Tony Stark: See, now you're being helpful.

[later we see Tony walking towards a bar and he bumps into a woman]

Tony Stark: Sorry.

[the woman drops something]

Tony Stark: Lady, this uh...

[he picks up the item and hands it back to the woman]

Brandt: Thank you.

[Tony notices the woman has burn marks on one side of her face]

Tony Stark: Nice haircut, suits you.

Brandt: Nice watch.

Tony Stark: Yeah, limited edition.

Brandt: Oh, I don't doubt it.

[there's a moment's pause]

Brandt: Well, have a good evening.

[the woman turns and walks off]

[Tony enters the bar and walks up to Mrs. Davis, who's sat at table drinking alone]

Tony Stark: Mrs. Davis, mind if I join you?

Mrs. Davis: Free country.

Tony Stark: It sure is.

[Tony sits next to her, Mrs. Davis looks at Tony for a moment]

Mrs. Davis: Alright. Where'd you like to start?

Tony Stark: I just want to say I'm sorry about your loss. I want to know what you think happened.

Mrs. Davis: Look, I brought your damn file. You take it and go.

[she drops the file in front of him]

Mrs. Davis: Whatever was in here, he wanted no part of it.

[Tony opens the file]

Tony Stark: Clearly, you're waiting for someone else. Yeah? Supposed to meet somebody here?

Mrs. Davis: Yeah.

[Tony looks at the file again and notices a photo of Taggart next to the photo of Chad]

Tony Stark: Mrs. Davis, your son didn't kill himself, I guarantee you. He didn't kill anyone. Someone used him.

Mrs. Davis: What?

Tony Stark: As a weapon.

Mrs. Davis: You're not the person who called me after all, are you?

[suddenly a cell phone is slammed on their table]

Brandt: Actually, I am.

[Tony looks up and it's the woman he bumped into outside the bar]

[suddenly Brandt grabs hold of Tony's arm and twists it, slamming his head onto the table, Tony manages to quickly grab hold of Chad's dog tags that were on the table]

Rose Hills Sheriff: Hey, hey, hey! What's all this about? What the hell's going on here?

Brandt: It's called an arrest.

[she pushes Tony to the ground and steps towards the Sheriff]

Brandt: Sheriff, is it?

Rose Hills Sheriff: Yes ma'am, it is. And you are?

Brandt: Homeland Security.

[she holds up her badge]

Brandt: We good here?

Rose Hills Sheriff: No, we're not good. I need a little more information than that.

Brandt: Well, I think it's a little above your pay grade, Sheriff.

Rose Hills Sheriff: Yeah, well, why don't you get on the horn to Nashville and uh...upgrade me?

[Tony gestures to Mrs. Davis to hide the file, she pushes it under the bar]

Brandt: Alright, you know what? I was hoping to do this the smart way, but uh...the fun way's always good.

[Tony notices her hand turning red hot, burning the badge in her hand]

Rose Hills Sheriff: Deputy, get this woman and...

[suddenly Brandt shoves the hot badge into the Sheriff's face, she takes his gun and shoots him, Tony runs out of the bar and Brandt follows him, he turns to her]

Tony Stark: Hey hot wings, you wanna party? You and me, let's go.

[as Tony turns to run again he sees Savin getting out of a car and walk towards him, as Savin gets his gun out to shoot at him, Tony runs off and Harley throws something at Savin to make him miss Tony, Tony stops behind a car and sees a man hiding low on the ground]

Tony Stark: Crazy, huh?

Rose Hill Christmas Tree Shopper: Yeah.

Tony Stark: Watch this.

[Tony smashes into the window of a shop]

[as Tony and Brandt are fighting in the shop, Tony starts a fire in shop]

Tony Stark: You walked right into this one, I've dated hotter chicks than you.

[Tony puts Chad's dog tags into the microwave and he turns on the gas]

Brandt: That's all you got? Cheap trick and a cheesy one-liner?

Tony Stark: Sweetheart, that could be the name of my autobiography.

[Tony quickly leaves through the back door, as the dog tags heat up in the microwave they start sparking up fire, Brandt realizes the gas has been left on and suddenly the shop explodes killing Brandt]

[Tony finds the Savin has grabbed Harley]

Harley Keener: Let me go!

[Savin mocks Harley]

Savin: Help me! Help me!

[as Tony's leg is trapped under some rubble, Savin sits in front of him with Harley sat on his lap]

Savin: Hey kid, what would you like for Christmas?

Harley Keener: Mr. Stark, I am so sorry!

Savin: Oh. No, no. I think he was trying to say 'I want my goddamn file.'

Tony Stark: It's not your fault kid. Remember what I told you about bullies?

[Harley realizes Tony is referring to the device Tony had given to Harley earlier, Harley quickly uses the device which blasts Savin into the ground]

Tony Stark: You like that, West World?

[Harley runs off]

Tony Stark: That's the thing about smart guys, we always cover our ass.

[suddenly Tony bring up his hand and uses Iron Man plasma blaster to render Savin immobile, Tony gets his leg out from under the rubble and takes Savin's car keys]

[Tony walks toward Savin's car looking at the file Mrs. Davis had given him]

Harley Keener: You're welcome!

Tony Stark: For what? Did I miss something?

Harley Keener: Me saving your life.

Tony Stark: Yeah. A: Saved you first, B: Thanks, sort of, and C: If you do someone a solid, don't be a yutz, alright? Just play it cool otherwise you come off grandiose.

Harley Keener: Unlike you? Admit it, you need me. We're connected.

[Tony opens the door to Savin's car]

Tony Stark: What I need is for you to go home, be with your mom, keep your trap shut, guard the suit. And stay connected to the telephone, because if I call, you better pick up. Okay? Can you feel that? We're done here. Move out of the way or I'm gonna run you over. Bye, kid.

[Tony gets into the car, he starts the engine and rolls down the window]

Tony Stark: I'm sorry, kid. You did good.

Harley Keener: So now you're just gonna leave me here, like my dad?

Tony Stark: Yeah.

[there's a moments pause]

Tony Stark: Wait, you're guilt-tripping me, aren't you?

[Harley starts to play up to Tony's sympathies]

Harley Keener: I'm cold.

[Tony mocks him]

Tony Stark: I can tell. You know how I can tell? Cause we're connected.

[Tony takes off]

Harley Keener: It was worth a shot.

[as the Mandarin has managed to hack into the TV airwaves to present another one of his messages]

Vice President's Analyst: Mr. Vice President, I think you should see this.



Vice President Rodriguez: Oh my

God, not again. Is the President getting this?

[on Air Force One, President Ellis watches the Mandarin delivering his message]

The Mandarin: Mr. President, only two lessons remain. And I intend to finish this before Christmas morning. Meet Thomas Richards.

[we see a man tied up and lying on the floor in front of the Mandarin]

The Mandarin: Good strong name, good strong job. Thomas here is an accountant for the Roxxon Oil Corporation. And I'm sure he's a really good guy. I'm gonna shoot him in the head, live on your television, in thirty seconds.

[Richards starts crying, Mandarin points to the telephone placed next to him]

The Mandarin: The number for this telephone is in your cell phone. Exciting, isn't it? Imagining how it got there. America, if your president calls me in the next half-minute, Tom lives. Go.

President Ellis: How did he hack my phone?

President's Aide: We can't allow terrorists to dictate...

President Ellis: I have to make this call.

President's Aide: I'd strongly advise against that.

President Ellis: This is the right thing to do.

[Ellis makes the call, everybody watches as the phone next to the Mandarin rings, but he doesn't take the call, instead, he points his gun at Richard and shoots him]

The Mandarin: There's just one lesson left, President Ellis. So run away, hide, kiss your children goodbye. Because nothing, not your army, not your red, white and blue attack dog can save you! I'll see you soon.

[Mandarin goes off the air]

President Ellis: Tell Rhodes, find this lunatic right now.

President's Aide: Sir, we tracked the broadcast signal. We have a possible point of origin in Pakistan and the Patriot is ready to strike.

President Ellis: Right now!

President's Aide: Yes, sir.

[reading through the file, Tony notices that the word MIA on a document also spells AIM, when the document is flipped backwards; we then see Rhodes dressed as the Iron Patriot breaking up a terrorist meeting in Pakistan]

Colonel James Rhodes: Don't move!

[the men in the room put their hands up, then at that moment Rhodes cell phone

start ringing]

Colonel James Rhodes: Uh...hang on a second.

[turns to answer the call]

Colonel James Rhodes: Hello.

Tony Stark: Did you ever have a chick stradling you and you look up and suddenly she's glowing from the inside out, kind of a bright orange?

Colonel James Rhodes: Yeah, I've had that. Who is this?

Tony Stark: It's me, pal. Now last time I went missing, if I remember correctly, you came looking for me. What are you doing?

Colonel James Rhodes: A little knockin' talking, making friends in Pakistan. What are you doing?

Tony Stark: Your re-design, your big re-brand, that was AIM, right?

Colonel James Rhodes: Yeah.

Tony Stark: I'm gonna find a heavy-duty comsat right now, I need your login.

Colonel James Rhodes: It's the same as it's always been, War Machine 68.

Tony Stark: And password please?

Colonel James Rhodes: Well, look, I gotta change it every time you hack in, Tony.

Tony Stark: It's not the eighties, nobody says 'hack' anymore. Give me your login.

Colonel James Rhodes: War Machine Rox with an X, all caps.

[one of the men in the room laughs, the gun on Rhodes suit points at the man he shuts up, this also makes Tony laugh]

Colonel James Rhodes: Yeah, okay.

Tony Stark: That is so much better than Iron Patriot.

[at a televised beauty pageant, where we also see Stan Lee playing a beauty pageant judge, Tony manages to get into one of the camera crew vans to use their computer]

Tony Stark: That ain't gonna cut it.

[suddenly a cameraman making call on his cell phone, opens the van door]

Gary the Cameraman: Excuse me, sir. I don't know who...

Tony Stark: Ssh...

[the cameraman suddenly recognizes Tony]

Gary the Cameraman: Mom, I need to call you back, something magical is happening.

Tony Stark: Ssh.

Gary the Cameraman: Tony Stark is in my van.

Tony Stark: Keep it down.

Gary the Cameraman: Tony Stark is in my van!

Tony Stark: No, he's not.

Gary the Cameraman: I knew you were still alive!

Tony Stark: Come on in and close the door.

[he comes into the van and closes the door]

Gary the Cameraman: Wow, can I just say, sir?

Tony Stark: Yeah.

Gary the Cameraman: I am your biggest fan.

Tony Stark: Okay. First, is this your van, is anyone else gonna come in?

Gary the Cameraman: No, no, no. It's just us.

Tony Stark: What's your name?

Gary the Cameraman: Gary.

Tony Stark: Gary.

[Tony shakes his hand]

Gary the Cameraman: Oh, wow.

Tony Stark: Right there's fine.

Gary the Cameraman: Okay.

Tony Stark: I get a lot of this, it's okay.

Gary the Cameraman: Oh, good. Can I just say?

Tony Stark: What do you... Yeah.

Gary the Cameraman: I don't know if you can tell, but I have like, patterned my whole look after you.

[he takes his hat off to show his hair]

Gary the Cameraman: My hair's a little...it's not right.

Tony Stark: It's fine.

Gary the Cameraman: Because there's bo product in it.

Tony Stark: Right.

Gary the Cameraman: I don't wanna make things awkward for you..

Tony Stark: You're not.

Gary the Cameraman: But I do have to show you...boom!

[he rolls his sleeve up to show that he has a tattoo of Tony on his arm]

Tony Stark: A Hispanic Scott Baio? Oh, I'm sorry. Is that me?

Gary the Cameraman: Yeah. It's uh... I mean, I had them do it off a doll that I made, so it's not like it's off a picture. So it's a little bit...

Tony Stark: Jerry, listen to me, okay? I don't wanna clip your wings here, we're both a little over-excited. I got an issue. I'm chasing bad guys, trying to grapple with something from some hard-crypt data files. I don't have enough juice. I need you to jump on the roof, right? Recalibrate the ISDNs, pump it up by about forty percent.

Gary the Cameraman: Got it.

Tony Stark: Right, it's a mission.

Gary the Cameraman: Yeah.

Tony Stark: Tony needs Gary.

Gary the Cameraman: And Gary needs Tony.

Tony Stark: Be quiet about it.

Gary the Cameraman: Yeah.

Tony Stark: Go.

[Tony manages to log into AIM's server and investigate their research, he watches a video footage of Chad Davis being interviewed by Aldrich]

Aldrich Killian: What would you regard as the defining moment of your life?

Chad Davis: Well, uh...I think that'd be the day I decided not to let my injury beat me.

[Tony finds the footage of Brandt, who's lost one of her arms, being interviewed]

Aldrich Killian: Will you please state your name for the camera?

Brandt: Ellen Brandt.

Aldrich Killian: Okay. So, the injections are administered periodically. Addiction will not be tolerated and those who cannot regulate will be cut from the program.

[Tony watches another footage showing Aldrich giving a speech to a group of injured soldiers]

Aldrich Killian: Once misfits, cripples...you are the next iteration of human evolution.

[Tony watches another footage showing Project Extremis, Phase 01, where the injured soldiers are getting their first treatment]

Aldrich Killian: Hi, everybody. Before we start, I promise you, looking back at your life there will be nothing as bitter as the memory of that glorious risk that you prudently elected to forego. Today is your glory. Let's begin!

[as the soldiers start getting injected with the treatment, they start to glow red and heat up, their crippled limbs regrowing, but some of them reject the treatment and shout in pain as they glow red hot]

Aldrich Killian: We gotta get out of here! Gotta get out of here! Get 'em out! Get 'em out of here!

[the soldier that had rejected the treatment suddenly heats up and explodes]

Tony Stark: A bomb is not a bomb when it's a misfire. This stuff doesn't always work, right, pal? It's faulty, but you found a buyer, didn't you? Sold it to the Mandarin. Got you.

[Maya and Pepper are staying a room at a hotel]

Maya Hansen: What happened? Fun fact; before he built rockets for the Nazis, the idealistic Werner von Braun dreamed of space travel, he star gazed. Do you know what he said when the first V2 hit London? The rocket performed perfectly, it just landed on the wrong planet. See we all begin wide-eyed, pure science. And then the ego steps in, the obsession. And you look up, you're a long way from shore.

Pepper Potts: You can't be too hard on yourself, Maya. I mean you gave your research to a think tank.

Maya Hansen: Yeah, but Killian built that think tank on military contracts.

Pepper Potts: That's exactly what we used to do, so don't judge yourself.

Maya Hansen: Thank you, Pepper. I really appreciate that.

[there's a knock on their door and Pepper goes to answer it]

Pepper Potts: Hi, good evening.

Room Service Waiter: Good evening.

Pepper Potts: Come on in.

[as the room service waiter is about to enter with the food trolley, suddenly he's grabbed from behind by Aldrich, who snaps his neck]

Pepper Potts: Maya, run!

[as Pepper turns to run, Aldrich grabs her by the throat and slams her into the wall]

Aldrich Killian: Hi, Pepper.

[Aldrich looks at Maya as he holds Pepper by the throat]

Aldrich Killian: So you want to tell me why you were at Stark's mansion last night?

Maya Hansen: I'm trying to fix this thing. I didn't know you and the Master were gonna blow the place up.

Aldrich Killian: Oh, I see. So you were trying to save Stark, when he threatened us.

Maya Hansen: I told you, Killian, we can use him.

[Pepper tries to grab hold of Aldrich's throat]

Aldrich Killian: Pepper, Pepper, Pepper.

Maya Hansen: Look if we wanna launch product next year, I need Stark. He just lacked a decent incentive. Now he has one.

[as Rhodes is flying in his suit]

Support Team: This is Support Team Blue Zero, sending coordinates for suspected Mandarin broadcast point of origin.

Colonel James Rhodes: Copy.

[Rhodes breaks into a woman's sweatshop]

Colonel James Rhodes: Nobody move!

[realizing that this is a sweatshop]

Colonel James Rhodes: Oh. Support Blue Zero, unless the Mandarin's next attack on the U.S. involves cheaply-made sportswear, I think you messed up again.

[to the women]

Colonel James Rhodes: Yes, you're free, uh...if you weren't before.

[the women start to leave the room]

Colonel James Rhodes: It's...of course. Yes ma'am.

[some of the women shake his hand as they leave]

Colonel James Rhodes: Iron Patriot on the job. Happy to help, no need to thank me, it's my pleasure.

[we see the last woman shaking Rhodes hand suddenly glowing orange, as she heats up she renders Rhodes immobile making him fall to the ground, she takes off her burka and makes a call]

Sweat Shop Agent: Savin, I've acquired the Patriot armor.

Colonel James Rhodes: You want this suit? You're gonna have to pry my cold, dead body out of it.

Sweat Shop Agent: That's the plan, Colonel.

[as he's driving, Tony makes a call to Harley]

Tony Stark: Harley, tell me what's happening, give me a full report.

Harley Keener: Yeah, I'm still eating that candy, do you want...do you want me to keep eating it?

Tony Stark: How much did you have?

Harley Keener: Two or three bowls.

Tony Stark: Can you still see straight?

Harley Keener: Sort of.

Tony Stark: That means you're fine. Give me Jarvis.

[Harley puts the phone onto the Mark 42 helmet that's hooked up to a computer]

Tony Stark: Jarvis, how are we?

Jarvis: It's totally fine, sir. I seem to do quite well for a stretch and then at the end of the sentence I say the wrong cranberry. And, sir, you were right. Once I factored in available AIM downlink facilities, I was able to pinpoint the Mandarin's broadcast signal.

Tony Stark: What're we talkin'? Far East, Europe, North Africa, Iran, Pakistan, Syria, where is it?

Jarvis: Actually, sir, it's in Miami.

Tony Stark: Okay.

[to Harley]

Tony Stark: Kid, I'm gonna have to walk you through rebooting Jarvis' speech drive, but not right now. Harley, where is he really? Just look on the screen and tell me where it is.

[Harley looks at the computer screen]

Harley Keener: Um...it does say Miami, Florida

Tony Stark: Okay, first things first, I need the armor. Where are we at with it?

Harley Keener: Uh...it's not charging.

[suddenly Tony pulls off the road and stops the car]

Jarvis: Actually, sir, it's charging, but the power source is questionable. It may not succeed in revitalizing the Mark 42.

Tony Stark: What's questionable about electricity? Alright, it's my suit and I can't...I'm not gonna...I don't wanna...

[Tony starts having another panic attack and gets out of the car]

Tony Stark: Oh God, not again.

Harley Keener: Tony? Are you having another attack? I didn't even mention New York.

Tony Stark: Right, and then you just said it, by name, while denying having said it!

Harley Keener: Okay...um...uh...

Tony Stark: Oh, God. What am I gonna do?

[Tony, looking out of breath, sits on the ground]

Harley Keener: Just breathe. Really, just breathe. You're a mechanic, right?

Tony Stark: Right.

Harley Keener: You said so.

Tony Stark: Yes, I did.

Harley Keener: Why don't you just build something?

[Tony pauses as he thinks for a moment, then looking calmer he rises]

Tony Stark: Okay, thanks kid.

[Tony gets back in the car, picks up equipment at the hardware store and uses the items to build homemade weapons, which he then uses to infiltrate the Mandarin's headquarters in Miami]

[after Tony has infiltrated Mandarin's headquarters]

Sleepy Mandarin Girl: Why is it so hot in here? I told you to put it at sixty-eight.

Annoyed Mandarin Guard: My fault again. Let me tell you something sweetheart, I am not your personal...

[Tony sneaking up from behind uses his homemade weapon to electrocute the guard, then he picks up the guard's gun and finds his way to the film set where the Mandarin delivers his messages, he finds a bed with two women in it, then as he hears the toilet flushing he hides and the Mandarin comes out of the toilet]

The Mandarin: Well, I wouldn't go in there for twenty minutes!

[the Mandarin laughs]

The Mandarin: Now, which one of you is Vanessa?

Mandarin Party Girl #2: That's me.

The Mandarin: Ah, Nessie! Did you know that fortune cookies aren't even Chinese?

[Tony peeks out from behind the large bed post]

Mandarin Party Girl #1: There's some guy over here...

[the Mandarin doesn't hear her and carries on]

The Mandarin: They're made by Americans, based on...based on the Japanese recipes.

[suddenly Tony comes out from behind the bed post with his gun pointed at the Mandarin]

Tony Stark: Hey!

[the Mandarin immediately puts his hands up]

The Mandarin: Bloody hell. Bloody hell.

Tony Stark: Don't move.

The Mandarin: I'm not moving. If you want something, take it, although the guns are all fake because those wankers wouldn't trust me with the real ones.

Tony Stark: What?

The Mandarin: Hey, do you fancy either of the birds?

Tony Stark: Heard enough. You're not him. The Mandarin, the real guy, where?! Where's the Mandarin?! Where is he?!

The Mandarin: Woh! Woh! He's here. He's here.

[the Mandarin sits and point to himself]

The Mandarin: But he's not here. He's here, but he's not here.

Tony Stark: What do you mean?

The Mandarin: It's complicated. Hey, it's complicated, alright?

Tony Stark: It is?

The Mandarin: It's complicated.

Tony Stark: Uncomplicate it. Ladies out. Get out of the bed, get in the bathroom.

[the two women follow his order, Tony keeps pointing his gun at the Mandarin]

Tony Stark: Sit.

[after the two girls leave the room, the Mandarin tries to sneak off by crawling away, but Tony notices and shoots in front of him to stop him, the Mandarin gets back in his chair]

The Mandarin: My name is Trevor, Trevor Slattery.

Tony Stark: What are you? What're you a decoy? You're a double, right?

The Mandarin: What? Like an understudy? No, absolutely not.

[Tony points his gun at the Mandarin again]

The Mandarin: Don't hurt the face! I'm an actor.

Tony Stark: You got a minute to live, fill it with words.

The Mandarin: Just a role. 'The Mandarin', see, it's not real.

Tony Stark: Then how did you get here, Trevor?

The Mandarin: Um...well, I um...I have a little problem with, um...substances, and I ended up, um...doing things, no two ways about it. In the street that a man shouldn't do.

Tony Stark: Next!

The Mandarin: And then, they approached me about the role and they knew about the drugs.

Tony Stark: What did they say they'd get you off 'em?

The Mandarin: Said they'd give me more. They gave me things, they gave me this palace. They gave me plastic surgery. They gave me things.

[the Mandarin closes his eyes and starts snoring]

Tony Stark: Did you just nod off?

[Tony kicks his leg to wake him]

Tony Stark: Hey!

The Mandarin: No! And a lovely speedboat! And the thing was, he needed someone to take credit for some 'accidental explosions'.

Tony Stark: He? Killian?

The Mandarin: Killian.

Tony Stark: He created you?

The Mandarin: He created me.

Tony Stark: Custom-made terror threat.

[the Mandarin rises and gets some drinks]

The Mandarin: Yes! Yes! His think tank thought it up, the pathology of the serial killer. The manipulation of Western iconography.

[he puts on the Mandarin voice]

The Mandarin: Ready for another lesson? Blah blah blah. Of course, it was my performance that brought the Mandarin to life.

Tony Stark: Your performance? Where people die?

The Mandarin: No, they didn't. Look around you, costumes, green screen. Oh, honestly, I wasn't on location for half this stuff. When I was, it was movie magic, love.

Tony Stark: I'm sorry, but I got a best friend who's in a coma and he might not wake up. So you're gonna have to answer for that. You're still going down, pal. You under...

[suddenly Savin comes up behind Tony, Tony turns to shoot but Savin hits him, knocking him out unconscious]

[after knocking out Tony]

Savin: Okay, Trevor, what'd you tell him?

The Mandarin: I didn't tell him anything.

Savin: Nothing?

The Mandarin: No.

Savin: You should've pressed the panic button.

The Mandarin: Well I panicked, but then I handled it.

[Tony wakes to find himself in an old looking lab with his hands shackled above his

head, he's been zip-tied to a metal bed frame, he sees Maya working on a computer, she turns to face him]

Maya Hansen: Just like old times, huh?

Tony Stark: Oh yeah, with zip-ties. It's a ball.

Maya Hansen: It wasn't my idea.

Tony Stark: Okay, so you took Killian's card.

Maya Hansen: I took his money.

Tony Stark: And here you are, thirteen years later in a dungeon.

Maya Hansen: No.



Tony Stark: Yeah.

Maya Hansen: No, you're in a dungeon. I'm free to go.

Tony Stark: Yeah.

[she walks over to Tony]

Maya Hansen: A lot's happened, Tony, but I'm close. Extremis is practically stable.

Tony Stark: I'm telling you it isn't! I'm on the street, people are going 'bang', they're painting the walls. Maya, you're kidding yourself.

Maya Hansen: Then help me fix it.

[she holds up the note that Tony had left her 13 years ago in Bern after their one night stand, where he'd written 'You know who I am', she turns the note and we see that he'd written an equation]

Tony Stark: Did I do that?

Maya Hansen: Yes.

Tony Stark: I remember the night, not the morning. Is this what you've been chasing around?

Maya Hansen: You don't remember?

Tony Stark: I can't help you. You used to have a moral psychology. You used to have ideals. You wanted to help people, now look at you. I get to wake up every morning with someone who...still has her soul.

[Maya looks at him with tears in her eyes]

Tony Stark: Get me out of here. Come on.

[Maya turns and walks away from Tony]

[Aldrich walks into the lab]

Aldrich Killian: You know what my old man used to say to me? One of his favorite of many sayings, 'The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.'

Tony Stark: You're not still pissed about the Switzerland thing, are you?

Aldrich Killian: How can I be pissed at you, Tony? I'm here to thank you. You gave me the greatest gift that anybody's ever given me. Desperation. If you think back to Switzerland, you said you'd meet me on the rooftop, right? Well for the first twenty minutes, I actually thought you'd show up. And the next hour, I...well I considered taking that one step shortcut to the lobby, if you know what I mean.

Tony Stark: Honestly, I'm still trying to figure out what happened to the first mouse.

Aldrich Killian: But as I looked out over that city, nobody knew I was there, nobody could see me, no one was even looking. I had a thought that would guide me for years to come. Anonymity, Tony. Thanks to you, it's been my mantra ever since, right? You simply rule from behind the scenes. Because the second you give evil a face, a Bin Laden, a Gaddafi, The Mandarin, you hand the people a target.

Tony Stark: You're something else.

Aldrich Killian: You have met him, I assume?

Tony Stark: Yeah, Sir Lawrence Oblivier.

Aldrich Killian: I know he's a little over the top sometimes. It's not entirely my fault, he has a tend...he's a stage actor. They say his Lear was the toast of Croydon, wherever that is. Anyway, the point is, ever since that big dude with the hammer fell out of the sky, subtlety's kinda had its day.

Tony Stark: What's next for you in your world?

Aldrich Killian: Well, I wanted to repay you with the same gift that you so graciously imparted to me.

[he throws three small metal balls onto the floor and as they roll and stop, they project the image of Pepper being tied up and held hostage]

Aldrich Killian: Desperation. Now, this is live. I'm not sure if you can tell, but at this moment the body is trying to decide whether to accept Extremis or just give up.

[we see Pepper is glowing orange and in pain as the effects of being injected with Extremis take hold of her body]

Aldrich Killian: And if it gives up, I have to say the denotation is...it's quite spectacular. But until that point, it's really just a lot of pain.

[he turns off the image showing Pepper]

Aldrich Killian: We haven't even talked salary yet.

[Aldrich walks up to Tony and suddenly grabs him by the throat]

Aldrich Killian: What kind of perk package are you thinking of? Hm?

[Aldrich starts glowing orange]

Maya Hansen: Let him go.

[to Tony]

Aldrich Killian: Hold on, hold on.

[Aldrich lets go of Tony's throat and turns to face Maya]

Aldrich Killian: Maya...

Maya Hansen: I said let him go!

[she points an Extremis injector at herself]

Aldrich Killian: What are you doing?

Maya Hansen: 1200cc's, a dose half of this size, I'm dead.

Aldrich Killian: It's times like these my temper is tested somewhat. Maya, give me the injector.

Maya Hansen: If I die, Killian, what happens to your soldiers? What happens to your product?

Aldrich Killian: We're not doing this, okay?

Maya Hansen: What happens to you? What happens if you go too hot?

[Aldrich pauses for a moment, then looks at Tony as he shoots Maya, killing her]

Aldrich Killian: The good news is, a high level position has just been vacated.

Tony Stark: You're a maniac.

Aldrich Killian: No, I'm a visionary. But I do own a maniac, and he takes the stage tonight.

[Aldrich leaves the lab]

[somewhere inside the compound, Aldrich meets up with Savin]

Savin: Once we get the Patriot installed, it'll take me nine...ten minutes for a take down.

Aldrich Killian: Well, that's great. But the last time I looked there was somebody inside of it.

[they walk into a room where Rhodes, still inside his Iron Patriot suit, has been shackled and two men are using electric saws to pry the suit off him]

Aldrich Killian: Afternoon, gentlemen. Hello, Colonel.

[to the men]

Aldrich Killian: Step aside.

[Aldrich's touches the suit and starts glowing orange, heating it up]

Aldrich Killian: We'll get you out of there, don't worry.

Savin: You'll damage the armor.

Aldrich Killian: Yes, I will. But you can fix it, right? I'm gonna take the suit up to base camp, and I want Potts with me.

Savin: She's still in Phase 2.

Aldrich Killian: You're not going deaf, are you?

[as two of Aldrich's henchmen keep watch over Tony, they hear the alarm on the kid's watch Tony was wearing go off, indicating Mark 42 suit in Tennessee has been revitalized, one of the henchmen picks up the watch]

Tony Stark: Careful there, it's a limited edition.

[to the other guard]

Tony Stark: Hey, uh...Ponytail Express. What's the mileage count between Tennessee and Miami?

Ponytail Express: Eight hundred and thirty-two miles.

Tony Stark: Very nice.

Ponytail Express: I'm good like that.

[to the other guard, referring to the alarm on the watch]

Ponytail Express: Can you, uh...stop that?

Tony Stark: Break it, you bought it!

[the guard drops the watch on the ground and stomps on it]

Tony's Guard: I think I bought it.

Tony Stark: Okay, that wasn't mine to give away. That belongs to my friend's sister, and that's why I'm gonna kill you first.

Tony's Guard: What're you gonna do to me?

Tony Stark: You'll see.

Tony's Guard: You're zip-tied to a bed.

[suddenly Tony moves his hands up as if to motion his suit]

Tony Stark: This.

[nothing happens and the guards just stare at him, Tony moves his hand again]

Tony Stark: That.

[still nothing happens]

[as Aldrich continues to heat up Rhodes suit]

Aldrich Killian: Are you comin' out?

[to his suit]

Colonel James Rhodes: Do not open, do not open! Don't open, don't open, don't...!

[the suit indicates it's going to open]

Colonel James Rhodes: Alright, let's go.

[as the suit opens, Rhodes quickly jumps out of it and attacks Savin, then suddenly Aldrich breathes fire to stop Rhodes]

Colonel James Rhodes: You...you breathe fire? Okay.

[Savin knocks Rhodes out]

Aldrich Killian: It's a glorious day, Savin. This time tomorrow, I'll have the West's most powerful leader in one hand, and the world's most feared terrorist in the other. I'll own the War on Terror. Creates supply and demand for you and your brothers and sisters.

[back with Tony and his guards]

Tony Stark: Trust me, you're gonna be in a puddle of blood on the ground in five, four, three...come on! Two...

[still nothing happens]

Tony's Guard: How did we get this shit?

Tony Stark: Alright, I'm gonna give you a chance to escape. Put down your weapons, tie yourselves to those chairs, I'll let you live. In five, four...bang!

Ponytail Express: Wow. That was...

Tony Stark: You should be gone by now, you should have already been gone.

Ponytail Express: I am just beyond terrified.

Tony Stark: Here it comes. Three, four...

Ponytail Express: Shut up.

Tony Stark: Five, four, three, two, one!

[suddenly Mark 42 flies in, smashing through the window and knocking one of the guards down]

Tony Stark: Told ya.

[Tony uses his Iron Man plasma blaster to knock out the other guard, he frees himself from the bed frame, knocks out Ponytail Express as the foot part of his suit flies in and attaches itself to Tony's foot, then Tony holds his arm up waiting for the rest of the suit to fly in, but nothing happens]

Tony Stark: Where's the rest?

[back in Tennessee. we see the suit is struggling to fly out of the barn as its doors are locked, Harley sees this and manages to open the barn door and the rest of the suit flies off]

[Tony manages to kill off Aldrich's guards as they attack him just using two parts of Mark 42 suit that had managed to get to Tony and one of the guard's guns, as Tony turns to shoot the last remaining guard, the guard holds up his hands]

Reluctant AIM Guard: Honestly, I hate working here. They are so weird.

[the guard drops his gun, Tony waves at him and the guard runs off; as Tony walks down the corridor, the rest of the pieces of Mark 42 suit fly in and attach themselves to Tony]

Tony Stark: Ah, better late than never.

[as the face piece flies in]

Tony Stark: Not this time. Not the face.

[Tony manages to catch it with his hand and puts it on his face]

Tony Stark: Phew, it's good to be back. Hello, by the way.

Jarvis: Oh, hello sir.

[Tony looks up and sees that the Iron Patriot suit is flying away]

[inside the compound, Rhodes becomes conscious and hears that Tony has escaped]

Voice of Guard: All personnel, Stark is loose and somewhere in the compound.

Repeat: Stark is loose and somewhere in the compound.

[outside, Tony tries to fly off]

Tony Stark: Let's go.

[nothing happens]

Tony Stark: Ah, crap.

[Rhodes manages to get outside and knock out a guard, we then see Tony trying awkwardly to walk down the stairs in his suit, Rhodes makes a call to Tony using the guards phone]

Colonel James Rhodes: Tony...

Tony Stark: Rudy, tell me that was you in the suit.

Colonel James Rhodes: No. You got yours?

Tony Stark: Uh...um...kind of. Main house as fast as you can. Somebody I'd like you to meet.

[inside the house, as the Mandarin sleeps, two guards walk in to protect him]

Guard #1: The room is secure. I have eyes on the Mandarin.

[Tony walks in, holding up a ping pong racket that one of the girls leaving the room had dropped]

Tony Stark: What's this? I had winner's.

[suddenly Rhodes smashes in through the window, shoots and kills the two guards, the Mandarin wakes and sees Tony walking into the room with his suit on]

The Mandarin: What've you come as?

[Rhodes points his gun at the Mandarin]

Colonel James Rhodes: You make a move and I'll break your face.

The Mandarin: I never thought people had been hurt. They lied to me.

[Rhodes look at Tony]

Colonel James Rhodes: This is the Mandarin?

Tony Stark: I know, it's...it's...it's embarrassing.

[holding his hand out to Rhodes]

The Mandarin: Hi, Trevor. Trevor...Slattery.

[Rhodes slaps his hand away]

The Mandarin: I know, I'm shorter in person, bit small, everyone says that. But, um...hey, if you're here to arrest me, uh...there are some people who I'd like to roll on. Immediately.

Tony Stark: Here's how it works, Meryl Streep. You tell him where Pepper is and I'll stop doin' it.

The Mandarin: Doing what?

[Rhodes hurts his ear]

The Mandarin: Oh, I get it! Ow! That hurt! I get it! I get it! I don't know about any Pepper, but I know about the plan.

Tony Stark: Spill.

Colonel James Rhodes: Do you know what they did to my suit?

The Mandarin: What? No. But I do know what's happening off the coast.

Something to do with uh...a big boat. I can take you there.

[suddenly he screams as he watches soccer on the TV behind Rhodes and he starts chanting]

Colonel James Rhodes: Tony, I swear to God. I'm gonna blow his face off.

The Mandarin: Oh, this next bit may include the Vice President as well. Is that...is that important?

Tony Stark: Somewhat.

Colonel James Rhodes: Yeah, a little bit.

[Tony indicates for Rhodes to come to one side to talk quietly]

Tony Stark: So?

Colonel James Rhodes: What are we gonna do? I mean, we don't have any transport.

[Tony turns to the Mandarin]

Tony Stark: Hey, Ringo. Didn't you say something about a 'lovely speedboat'?

[Tony and Rhodes are on the speedboat]

Tony Stark: If he's right about the location, we're twenty minutes from where Pepper is.

Colonel James Rhodes: But we also have to figure out this Vice President thing, right?

Tony Stark: Right. I wonder who I'm calling right now? Oh, that's the Vice President.

[we see Rodriguez taking the call at his home]

Vice President Rodriguez: Hello.

Tony Stark: Sir, this is Tony Stark.

Vice President Rodriguez: Welcome back to the land of the living.

Tony Stark: We believe you're about to be drawn into the Mandarin campaign, and we gotta get you somewhere safe as soon as possible.

Vice President Rodriguez: Mr. Stark, I'm about to eat honey roast ham surrounded by the agency's finest. The President's safe on Air Force One with Colonel Rhodes, I think we're good here.

Colonel James Rhodes: Sir, this is Colonel Rhodes! They're using the Iron Patriot as a Trojan Horse, they're gonna take out the President somehow. We have to immediately alert that plane.

Vice President Rodriguez: Okay, I'm on it. I'll have security lock it down. If need be, they can have F22s in the air in thirty seconds. Thank you, Colonel.

Colonel James Rhodes: Rhodes and Stark out.

[Rodriguez ends the call]

Secret Service Agent: Everything okay, sir?

Vice President Rodriguez: Couldn't be better.

[Rodriguez walks over to his daughter and kisses her on top of her head]

Vice President Rodriguez: I love you, baby.

[we then see that she's in a wheelchair as she's missing one leg]

[as the President is about to board Air Force One, the Iron Patriot flies in starts walking towards the President]

President Ellis: Colonel Rhodes. Glad to see you could make it, son. I feel safer already.

[we see Ellis board the plane along with Iron Patriot; then we're back to Tony and Rhodes on the speedboat]

Colonel James Rhodes: We gotta make a decision. We can either save the President or Pepper. We can't do both.

Jarvis: Sir, I have an update from Malibu. The cranes have finally arrived and the cellar doors are being cleared as we speak.

Tony Stark: And what about the suit I'm wearing?

Jarvis: The armor is now at ninety-two percent.

[Tony takes out the leads attached to the suit]

Tony Stark: That's gonna have to do.

[on Air Force One, two Air Force Officers notices Iron Patriot walking toward them]

Air Force One Officer #1: Oh, here he comes, here he comes, get a quick picture.

Air Force One Officer #2: Sure.

[as the Iron Patriot reaches them he pushes them inside the next compartment and shuts the door, melting the door handle using the heat in his hand, then he walks over to where the President is having a meeting]

President's Aide: Everything all right, Colonel?

[the Iron Patriot kills the the President's aide using the sharp end of a statue, then the agents in the room start shooting at the Iron Patriot and he kills all of them before capturing Ellis, he then reveals his face and we see it's Savin]

Savin: It is an honor, Mr. President.

President Ellis: If you're gonna do it, do it.

Savin: Woh. Cool your boots, sir. That's not how the Mandarin works.

[at Air Force One controls]

Navy Op: Sir, Air Force One's been compromised. Internal shots, temperature spikes.

Commander: Get me eyes on it now.

Navy Op: Image coming through now, sir.

[the monitor shows Iron Patriot Suit flying next to Air Force One]

Commander: Was that Rhodes?

[Mark 42 flies onto Air Force One, it grabs Savin and holds him against the wall]

Tony Stark: The President. Now.

Savin: He's not here.

[Savin uses his hand to heat up the suit]

Savin: Try the jet stream. Speaking of which, go fish!

[Savin blows out the passenger door which forces the passengers to be thrown out of the plane; as Savin is heating up Tony's suit, Tony manages to finally kill Savin]

Tony Stark: Walk away from that, you son of a bitch.

[the suit then flies out of the plane to assess the passengers thrown out of the plane]

Tony Stark: How many in the air?



Jarvis: Thirteen, sir.

Tony Stark: How many can I carry?

Jarvis: Four, sir.

[the suit grabs one of the passengers]

Tony Stark: Slow down, slow down. Relax, what's your name?

[he notices her name badge]

Tony Stark: Heather...

[the woman screams]

Tony Stark: Listen to me. See that guy? I'm gonna swing by and you're just gonna grab him. You got it?

Heather: Yes!

Tony Stark: I will electrify your arm, you won't be able to open your hand. You can do this, Heather.

[as they fly closer to the male passenger, Heather manages to grab hold of him]

Tony Stark: Easy, see? Eleven more to go.

Tony Stark: Remember that game called Barrel of Monkeys? That's what we're gonna do.

Jarvis: Eighteen thousand feet.

Tony Stark: Come on, people! Everybody, grab your monkey!

[as the suit holds Heather, we see the rest of the passengers grabbing hold of each other one by one]

Tony Stark: Nice!

Jarvis: Ten thousand feet.

[as they continue falling, the passengers keep grabbing another passenger as they pass them by]

Jarvis: Six thousand feet.

Tony Stark: Come on, people.

[as a male passenger at the end struggles to grab hold of another male passenger]

Tony Stark: Come on, come on, come on!

[the male passenger is finally grabbed and he manages to grab a female passenger]

Tony Stark: Yeah!

Jarvis: One thousand feet. Four hundred feet. Two hundred feet, sir.

[as Tony and the passengers attached to each other fall, we see another male passenger falling ahead of them and getting nearer to the ground]

Tony Stark: It's a chunky monkey, let's get him.

[the male passenger is grabbed just as he was about to hit a boat on the sea]

Tony Stark: Hello.

[the suit then releases all the passengers as they get near the sea and they all fall safely into the water and they all cheer Tony]

Tony Stark: Nice work, guys. Excellent. Good team effort all around. Go us.

Alright, Jarvis, but it's only half done, we still gotta get Pepp...

[as the suit turns to fly off over the bridge, it suddenly gets hit by a large truck and breaks into pieces, but we see Tony is not inside it]

Tony Stark: That came out of nowhere.

[we see Tony is still on the speedboat and was using the suit remotely to save the people thrown out of the plane]

[back on the speedboat, Rhodes opens the cabin door where Tony has been remotely controlling his suit]

Colonel James Rhodes: Give me some good news, man.

Tony Stark: I think they all made it.

Colonel James Rhodes: Oh, thank God.

Tony Stark: Yeah, but I missed the President.

Colonel James Rhodes: You couldn't save the President with the suit, how are we gonna save Pepper with nothing?

Tony Stark: Uh...say, Jarvis, is it that time?

Jarvis: The 'house party' protocol, sir?

Tony Stark: Correct.

[at Tony's house, as men are cleaning up the rubble created by the damage to Tony's house, we see the ground beneath Tony's house open up revealing a secret]

underground]

[we see Pepper, still tied up, receiving an injection, she wakes to find Aldrich standing beside her]

Aldrich Killian: Hi.

Pepper Potts: You think he's gonna help you...he won't.

Aldrich Killian: Having you here is not just to motivate Tony Stark, it's um...it's actually more embarrassing than that. You're here as my, um...

Pepper Potts: Trophy.

[Aldrich smiles and nods his head; at that moment the Iron Patriot suit arrives and walks up to Aldrich]

Aldrich Killian: Good evening, sir.

[the suit opens and the President falls out of it and onto his knees]

Aldrich Killian: Welcome aboard, Mr. President.

[we see that Aldrich's base is an impounded oil-drilling platform]

[Aldrich escorts the President inside the oil-drilling platform]

Aldrich Killian: Ever hear of an elephant graveyard? Well, two years ago, the elephant in the room was this scow.

[Aldrich points to the large boat]

President Ellis: This is the Roxxon Norco.

Aldrich Killian: And of course you'll remember that when she spilled a million gallons of crude off Pensacola, thanks to you, not one fat cat saw a day in court.

President Ellis: What do you want from me?

Aldrich Killian: Uh...nothing, sir. I just needed a reason to kill you that would play well on TV. You see, I've moved on. I've found myself a new political patron, and at this time tomorrow, he'll have your job.

[to one of his men]

Aldrich Killian: String him up.

[Aldrich walks off and the President gets dragged away]

[Tony and Rhodes sneak onto Aldrich's oil-drilling platform]

Tony Stark: Come on.

Colonel James Rhodes: You're not gonna freak out on me, right?

Tony Stark: I hope not.

[Rhodes notices the President is hung up inside the Iron Patriot suit]

Colonel James Rhodes: Oh, my God.

[to Tony]

Colonel James Rhodes: He's strung up over the oil tank, they're gonna light him up, man.

Tony Stark: Viking funeral. Public execution.

Colonel James Rhodes: Yeah, death by oil.

[they sneak further in to find a way to save the President]

Voice Over Platform Speakers: Broadcast will commence shortly. Take final

positions.

[Aldrich has aimed camera's at the President, intending to broadcast the President's execution live on television; to one of his television crew]

Aldrich Killian: Okay, that's good. Now give me cameras A through E and we'll do a full tech rehearsal.

[as they walk through the platform]

Colonel James Rhodes: Is your gun up?

[Tony points his gun up]

Tony Stark: Yep. What do I do?

Colonel James Rhodes: Stay on my six, cover high, and don't shoot me in the back.

Tony Stark: Six, high, back. Alright.

[suddenly one of Aldrich's men start shooting at them, Tony shoot back trying to shoot the lamp beside the guard but misses, Tony and Rhodes take a hiding position]

Tony Stark: You see that? Nailed it.

Colonel James Rhodes: Yeah, you really killed the glass.

Tony Stark: I was aiming for the bulb! You can't hit a bulb at this distance.

[Rhodes rises and shoots the bulb, hitting it perfectly]

Tony Stark: I'm out. Give me...give me...you got an extra magazine?

Colonel James Rhodes: They're not universal, Tony.

Tony Stark: I know what I'm doing, I make this stuff.

Colonel James Rhodes: Okay.

Tony Stark: Give me another one.

Colonel James Rhodes: I don't have one that fits that gun.

Tony Stark: You've got like five of 'em. Alright, here's what I'm gonna do. I'm gonna spot. Ready?

[Tony quickly rises then sits back down]

Colonel James Rhodes: What'd you see?

Tony Stark: Too fast, nothing. Here we go.

[he rises again and this time takes a good look before getting back down]

Tony Stark: Three guys, one girl, all armed.

[as they face the Extremis soldiers]

Colonel James Rhodes: God, I'd kill for some armor right now.

Tony Stark: You're right, we need backup.

Colonel James Rhodes: Yeah, a bunch.

Tony Stark: You know what?

[Tony nods for Rhodes to look ahead, we see Tony's suits flying toward them]

Colonel James Rhodes: Is...is that?

Tony Stark: Yep.



Colonel James Rhodes: Are

those?

Tony Stark: Yeah.

[all of Tony's Iron Man suits arrive]

Tony Stark: Merry Christmas, buddy.

[the suits surround the Extremis soldiers]

Tony Stark: Jarvis, target Extremis heat signatures. Disable with extreme prejudice.

Jarvis: Yes, sir.

[to Jarvis as the suits hesitate for a moment]

Tony Stark: What are you waiting for? It's Christmas. Take 'em to church.

[being remotely controlled by Jarvis, the suits attack each of the Extremis soldiers]

Tony Stark: Jarvis, get Igor to steady this thing.

This is how you've been managing your downtime, huh?

Tony Stark: Everybody needs a hobby.

[Tony and Rhodes watch the suits take out the Extremis soldiers]

Tony Stark: Heartbreaker? Help Red Snapper out, will ya?

[as the suits destroy the soldiers, the platform starts exploding around them, then one of the suits flies to Tony and opens up for Tony to enter]

Tony Stark: Nice timing.

Colonel James Rhodes: Oh yeah, that's awesome. Give me a suit, okay?

[Rhodes holds out his arms ready to get suited]

Tony Stark: Oh, I'm sorry. They're...they're only coded to me.

Colonel James Rhodes: What's that mean?

Tony Stark: I got you covered.

[Tony flies off, then one of the suits lands in front of Rhodes and walks up to him]

Jarvis: Good evening, Colonel. Can I give you a lift?

[the suit embraces Rhodes]

Colonel James Rhodes: Very funny.

[carrying Rhodes, the suit flies off]

Jarvis: Sir, I've located Miss Potts.

Tony Stark: About time.

[Tony finds Pepper under some rubble, as he tries to move the metal rubble, Pepper screams out]

Pepper Potts: Stop! Put it down, put it down, put it down.

[Tony puts the metal rubble down and kneels in front of Pepper]

Tony Stark: See what happens when you hang out with my ex-girlfriends?

[Tony holds out his hand for Pepper to take]

Pepper Potts: You're such a jerk.

Tony Stark: Yep. We'll talk about it over dinner.

[Pepper starts crying as she tries to take hold of Tony's hand]

Tony Stark: Come on. A little more, baby.

[as she manages to touch the tip of her fingers to Tony's, suddenly a heated orange hand breaks through the rubble and knocks Tony aside, the Aldrich comes out from under the rubble and looks at Pepper]

Aldrich Killian: Is this guy bothering you?

[Aldrich goes over to Tony and stands over him]

Aldrich Killian: Don't get up!

[he places one finger on Tony's suit and starts heating it up]

Aldrich Killian: Ooh, is that hot in there? Stuck? Feel a little stuck? Like a little turtle, cooking in his little turtle suit?

Pepper Potts: Oh, Tony.

Aldrich Killian: She's watching. I think you should close your eyes. Close your eyes.

[Tony continues to stare at Aldrich]

Aldrich Killian: Close your eyes, you don't wanna see this.

[as Aldrich raises his hand to strike Tony, a large knife emerges from Tony's suit and he uses it to slice off Aldrich's arm and he screams out in pain]

Tony Stark: Yeah, you take a minute.

[as Aldrich missing hand hits up the metal ground, the ground suddenly falls through and both Pepper and Aldrich fall]

[Tony manages to get out his suit and runs after Pepper as she is getting dragged across the platform]

Tony Stark: Jarvis, give me a suit right now!

[as a suit flies in toward Tony, he misses getting into it]

Tony Stark: Aw, come on!

[we then see Rhodes has reached the President]

Colonel James Rhodes: Mr. President! Just hold on, alright? I'm coming. Just hold on. Hold on.

[Rhodes gets surrounded by three Extremis soldiers, he starts shooting at them but they just regenerate, so Rhodes falls onto a rig, and as the soldiers come after him, Rhodes shoots the metal hook holding the rig up, making the Extremis soldiers fall to their deaths]

Colonel James Rhodes: Buh-bye.

[Rhodes manages to get to the President]

Colonel James Rhodes: Brace yourself!

[he shoots hooks holding the President up and the President manages to swing safely to the ground]

Colonel James Rhodes: You look damn good, Mr. President, but I'm gonna need that suit back.

[to Tony continues as he continues to run after Pepper]

Colonel James Rhodes: The President is secure, Tony. I'm clearing the area.

Tony Stark: Nice work.

[we see Rhodes is now in the Iron Patriot suit with the President standing next to him]

Colonel James Rhodes: Ready sir?

President Ellis: What do you mean 'ready'?

[suddenly Rhodes grabs hold of the President and flies off]

[Tony finally manages to get to Pepper as she hangs off a rig]

Tony Stark: Pep, I got you. Relax, I got you.

[she holds out her hand reaching out for Tony]

Tony Stark: Just look at me.

[Tony reaches out to her but she's too far for him]

Tony Stark: Honey, I can't reach any further, and you can't stay there, alright? You gotta let go. You gotta let go! I'll catch you, I promise!

[suddenly the rig moves and Pepper falls to the fire and rubble beneath, Tony watches in dismay and tears in his eyes, then he sees Aldrich ahead of him]

Aldrich Killian: What a shame, I would have caught her.

[Tony and Aldrich start fighting, Aldrich looks as though he's winning after destroying two of Tony's suits using his ability generate extreme heat, he grabs hold of Tony in the suit]

Aldrich Killian: Well here we are, on the roof.

[Aldrich uses his ability to rip Tony's suit apart, making Tony fall out of his suit, at that moment they see that one of Tony's suits is flying toward them]

Jarvis: Mark 42 inbound.

Tony Stark: Well I'll be damned. The prodigal son returns.

[as Tony gets ready get suited in Mark 42, the suit catches on the iron platform and falls apart, Aldrich smiles at Tony]

Tony Stark: Whatever.

Aldrich Killian: You really didn't deserve her, Tony. It's a pity, I was so close to having her...perfect.

[Aldrich jumps down in front of Tony, ready to attack again]

Tony Stark: Okay, okay! Wait, wait! Slow down, slow down! You're right, I don't deserve her! Here's where you're wrong, she was already perfect.

[suddenly Tony gets Mark 42 suited onto Aldrich, trapping him]

Tony Stark: Jarvis, do me a favor and blow Mark 42.

Aldrich Killian: Noooo!

[Tony jumps out of the way as the suit with Aldrich in it explodes]

[as Tony watches the head piece of Mark 42 suit burn he suddenly sees Aldrich appear out of the fire and walk toward him]

Aldrich Killian: No more false faces. You said you wanted the Mandarin, you're looking right at him. It was always me, Tony, right from the start. I am the Mandarin!

[suddenly Aldrich gets knocked aside and we see Pepper with a metal pole in her hand, Tony looks at her in shock]

Tony Stark: I got nothin'.

[at that moment one of the suits flies in toward them]

Tony Stark: Jarvis, subject at my twelve o'clock is not a target, disengage!

[but Jarvis can't hear him as Tony notices his earpiece has fallen out of his ear, the suit tries to attack Pepper but misses, Pepper then turns and runs toward Tony]

Tony Stark: What? Oh, what, are you mad at me?

[Pepper uses Tony to jump up high and grab hold of the suit, she then rips the arm apart and uses the plasma blaster in the suit's hand to destroy Aldrich]

[after Pepper kills Aldrich]

Tony Stark: Honey.

Pepper Potts: Oh, my God. That was really violent.

Tony Stark: You just scared the devil out of me. I thought you were...

Pepper Potts: I was dead. Why? Because I fell two hundred feet? Who's the hot mess now?

Tony Stark: It's still debatable. Probably tipping your way a little bit. Why don't you dress like this at home? Hmm? Sport bra, the whole deal.



Pepper Potts: You know, I think I understand why you don't want to give up the suits. What I am gonna complain about now?

Tony Stark: Well, it's me. I'll think of somethin'.

[Tony comes toward her]

Tony Stark: Come here, babe.

Pepper Potts: No, don't touch me!

Tony Stark: No, don't worry about it.

Pepper Potts: No, I'm gonna burn you!

Tony Stark: No, no, you're not.

[he touches her]

Tony Stark: See. Not hot.

Pepper Potts: Am I gonna be okay?

Tony Stark: No, you're in a relationship with me, everything will never be okay. But I think I can figure this out, yeah. I almost had this twenty years ago when I was drunk. I think I can get you better. That's what I do, I fix stuff.

Pepper Potts: And all your distractions?

Tony Stark: Uh...I'm gonna shave them down a little bit.

Tony Stark: Jarvis? Hey?

Jarvis: All wrapped up here, sir. Will there be anything else?

Tony Stark: You know what to do.

Jarvis: The 'clean slate' protocol, sir?

Tony Stark: Screw it, it's Christmas. Yes, yes.

[Tony and Pepper embrace, and she watches as Jarvis destroys each Iron Man suit remotely, which looks like fireworks being set off]

Tony Stark: Okay so far? You like it?

Pepper Potts: It'll do.

[Pepper and Tony continue to hold each other]

Tony Stark: *[voice over]* And so, as Christmas morning began, my journey had reached its end.

[we see flashback to when Tony had left Maya in the hotel room in Berns in 1999 and Aldrich as he stands alone on the hotel rooftop waiting for Tony]

Tony Stark: *[voice over]* You start with something pure, something exciting. Then come the mistakes.

[back to present day, we see the Vice President being handcuffed and taken away as Rhodes watches]

Tony Stark: *[voice over]* The compromises.

[we see the fake Mandarin being taken by the police]

Tony Stark: *[voice over]* We create our own demons.

[as the fake Mandarin is being escorted past a crowd of people]

The Mandarin: It's great to see you.

[we see Tony undergoing surgery to remove the shrapnel near his heart]

Tony Stark: *[voice over]* Of course, there are people who say progress is dangerous. But I'll bet none of those idiots ever had to live with a chest full of shrapnel. And now...neither will I. Let me tell you, that was the best sleep I'd had in years.

[we see Tony giving Pepper a diamond and sapphire necklace, then we see Happy waking from his coma and watching Downtown Abbey on TV; we see Harley returning home from school one day, as he enters his shed he sees it's all been fixed up with new equipment and has a message from Tony 'Potato Gun Mark II, Your Pal, The Mechanic']

[last lines; we see Tony walking toward the edge of a cliff near his house and throwing his chest arc reactor into the sea]

Tony Stark: *[voice over]* So if I were to wrap this up tight with a bow or whatever, I guess I'd say my armor, it was never a distraction or a hobby, it was a cocoon. And now, I'm a changed man.

[Tony gets into his car and starts driving off with the remains of his robot being carried away in the back]

Tony Stark: *[voice over]* You can take away my house, all my tricks and toys.

One thing you can't take away...I am Iron Man.

[lines after end of credits]

Tony Stark: You know, and thank you, by the way, for listening. There's just something about getting it off my chest and putting it out there in the atmosphere instead of holding this in. I mean, this is what gets people sick, you know? Wow, I had no idea you were such a good listener.

[we see Tony is lying on a couch]

Tony Stark: To be able to share all of my intimate thoughts and my experiences with someone, it just cuts the weight of it in half, you know. It's like a snake swallowing its own tale. Everything comes full circle. And...and the fact that you've been able to help me process...

[we see Dr. Bruce Banner, sat in a chair next to him, suddenly awakening]

Bruce Banner: So, uh...?

Tony Stark: You with me?

Bruce Banner: I was, yeah. Mm-hmm. We were...uh, we were at, uh...

Tony Stark: You actively napping?

Bruce Banner: I...I was...I... I... I drifted.

Tony Stark: Where did I lose you?

Bruce Banner: Elevator in Switzerland.

Tony Stark: So you heard none of it?

Bruce Banner: I'm sorry, I'm not that kind of doctor. I'm not a therapist, it's not my training.

Tony Stark: So?

Bruce Banner: I don't have the...

Tony Stark: What? The time?

Bruce Banner: Temperament.

Tony Stark: You know what? Now that I think about it, oh, God, my original wound. 1983, alright?

Bruce Banner: Yes.

Tony Stark: I'm 14 years old, I still have a nanny? That was weird.