## **ARMOR WARS**

Advanced Idea Mechanics (A.I.M.) is using stolen Stark technology to build armored super-villains.

## STRUCTURE OF THE EVENT

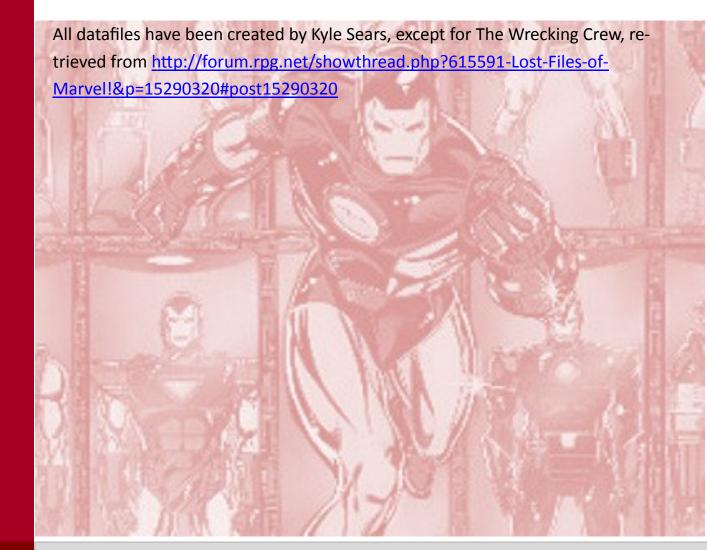
- Act One is where the heroes encounter hired goons stealing Iron Man technology from Stark operation facilities.
- Act Two is an adventure in Russia, where the heroes encounter a team of armored super-villains while conflicting with government officials due to information they gather in the first Act.

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## **EVENT MILESTONES**

## IN THE WRONG HANDS

Technology can be dangerous in the wrong hands, but how far will you go to protect the world from unchecked advancement?

1 XP	when you use technology to combat technology.
3 XP	when you confront someone using stolen technology.
10 XP	when you destroy a hero's armor technology or when you prevent
	a hero from destroying armored technology.

## **TANGLED WEB**

The world of heroes and villains seems to overlap in surprising ways. With all the tangled connections, how can you sort out who is on your side?

1 XP	when you discover a villain's connection to other villains.
3 XP	when you utilize your connections to discover villainous networks.
10 XP	when you convince a villain to give you information or when you
	accuse a hero to be working for a villain.

# ACT ONE: STEALING STARK TECH

The first Act involves the heroes discovering that Stark technology is being stolen by A.I.M. It involves the heroes interrupting a break-in at Stark Industries,

## **SETTING: STARK INDUSTIES**

Stark Industries is a state-of-the-art, multi-billion dollar complex located on the shore of Long Island Sound. Over two-square miles, the facility features extensive research and manufacturing facilities and the vast corporate offices that make up the backbone of Stark Industries.

## **PROMINENT LOCATIONS**

as well as discovering A.I.M.'s connections to the thefts.

#### MAIN FACTORY COMPLEX

The main factory complex includes science labs and testing facilities. STARK TECHNOLOGY is found everywhere. Additionally, LARGE MACHINERY is located throughout the factory.

#### **CORPORATE OFFICES**

The corporate offices have **FRIGHTENED EMPLOYEES**, including scientists and security officers.

## **HOOK: FANTASTIC DISCOVERY**

While examining the Mind Control Disc that Mr. Fantastic took from the Controller during the breakout at the Raft, Reed Richards makes a fantastic discovery. Conferring with Tony Stark, Richards concludes that the Disc contains elements of Stark technology, specifically Iron Man technology. The discs seem to include a power signature similar to the reactor powering Tony's armored suit.

Suddenly, alarms indicate that there is a break-in in progress at Stark Industries.

## **DOOM POOL**

The Doom Pool begins at 2D6 for this Act.

6

## **BUILDUP: GETTING TO THE ACTION**

Some heroes may elect to engage the break-in at Stark Industries. Since it is in New York City, getting there shouldn't be a problem. However, some heroes may choose to investigate Controller's actions, including finding out who he is working for. Working with S.H.I.E.L.D. or other connections, the heroes will discover that A.I.M. has been operating out of a warehouse district near the East River in New York City.

## **ACTION: WRECKING CREW**

Upon arriving at Stark Industries, the heroes discover that the recently escaped Wrecking Crew have made their way past the security systems and infiltrated the R&D area.

The Wrecking Crew have been hired by A.I.M. to steal Stark technology.

## **OPTIONS WITH WRECKING CREW**

If none of the heroes investigate A.I.M.'s warehouse, then include a mob of A.I.M. agents along with the Controller and the Fixer keeping hostages in the corporate offices. (See AW11-12 for datafiles).





## **WRECKER (Dirk Garthwaite)**

**TEAM BUDDY** SOLO

**VIOLENT TENDENCIES** 

**MISOGYNIST** 

**ONCE DEFEATED** 



#### **NORN QUEEN'S GIFT**



SUPERHUMAN DURABILITY 10 GODLIKE STRENGTH 12 SUPERHUMAN STAMINA 10



SFX: Collateral Damage. Add D6 and step up effect die by +1 when adding to the Doom Pool.

SFX: Invulnerable. Spend a die from doom pool to ignore physical stress or trauma unless caused by mystical attacks.

Limit: Asgardian Magic. Shutdown Norn Queen's Gift when effected by Asgardian magic, and add D6 to doom.

#### **ENCHANTED CROWBAR**

GODLIKE DURABILITY 12 WEAPON 10





SFX: Power Reservoir. Spend a die from doom pool to recover Norn Queen's Gift, or Wrecking Crew powerset from any other member of the gang.

Limit: Gear. Shutdown Enchanted Crowbar and add D6 to doom pool. Spend a die from doom pool to recover.

MENACE EXPERT



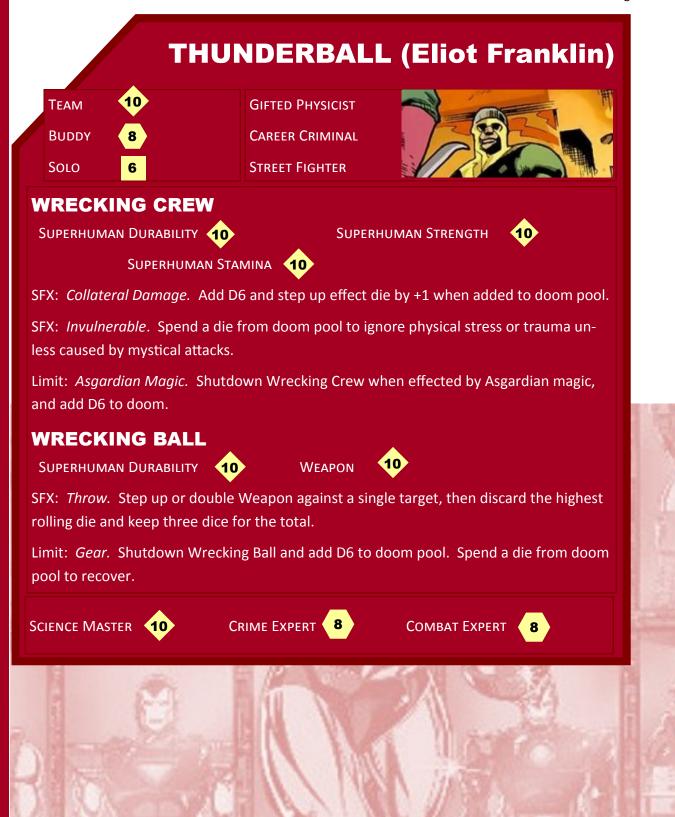
CRIME EXPERT



**COMBAT EXPERT** 



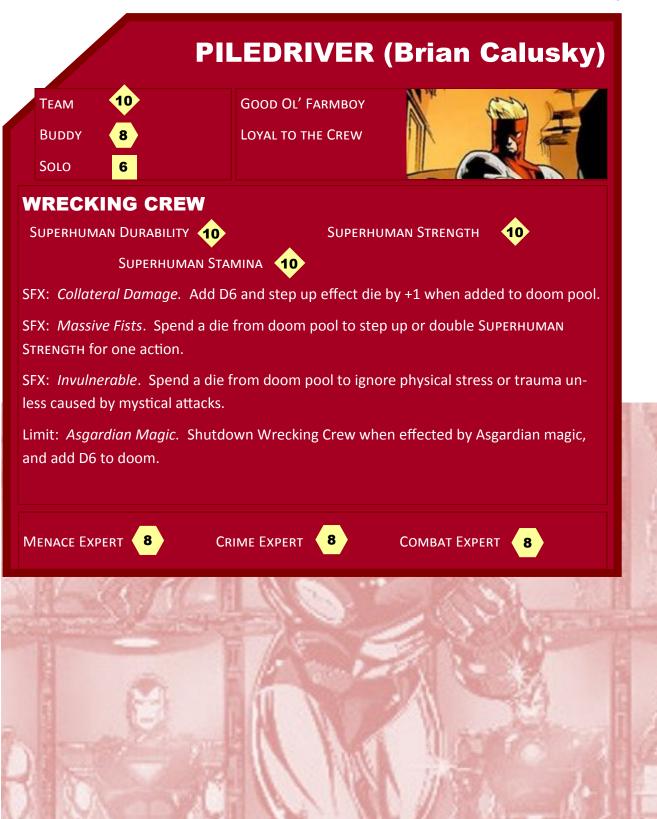












## **ACTION: READY A.I.M.? FIRE!**

The heroes appear at the warehouse to find it in the middle of a relocation. Crates containing research supplies, as well as heavy machinery lies scattered about. A.I.M. scientists and guards are there, as well as Adaptoids. The Controller and the Fixer are overseeing the move. The Controller datafile is in the Breakout mini by Margaret Weis Productions.

The heroes will encounter a mob of A.I.M. scientists and guards, as well as a mob of Adaptoids. Staying behind the mob is Controller and Fixer. The Controller will seek to plant a Mind Control Disc on at least one of the heroes, preferring to allow them to do his dirty work. The Fixer can use his electroneutralizer to fight against armored heroes like Iron Man, and will take the first opportunity he has to do so.



## **MOB OF ADAPTOIDS**

**TEAM** 

8 8 8 8

**ROBOTIC** 

**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE** 

CONTROLLED



#### **MOB TRAITS**

**ENHANCED STRENGTH** 

MIMIC 10



SFX: Adaptoid Mimic. When targeting an opponent with MIMIC, use an extra effect die to create an asset based on your choice oftarget opponent's powerset. Can have up to three active MIMIC powers.

Limit: Mob Cohesion. Defeat TEAM dice (with D10 stress) to reduce mob.

Limit: Cosmic Awareness. Adaptoids are unable to mimic cosmic powers.

## **FIXER**

TEAM

**BUDDY** 

SOLO



**UNORTHODOX** 



**CHILDHOOD PRODIGY** 



#### **WEAPONIZED ARMOR**

SUPERSONIC FLIGHT 10



ENHANCED DURABILITY 8



GUIDED MISSLES 8

ENHANCED STRENGTH 8



SFX: Electro-Neutralizer. Step up effect die on attacks against armored opponents and create a complication that shuts down powerset powers.

SFX: Organic Transformation. Step up effect die to create an asset, then shutdown highest rated powerset. Spend a die from the doom pool to recover.

Limit: Inflated Ego. Step up emotional stress when receiving physical stress from opponents without tech expert specialty or higher.

TECH MASTER



**COMBAT EXPERT** 



## TRANSITION: WHO DO YOU WORK FOR?

Upon capturing the Wrecking Crew, the heroes discover that they were approached by Controller immediately following the breakout, promising a big score. They had been paid by A.I.M. to steal Stark technology, specifically updated armor designs. Further inquiry indicates that A.I.M. has access to Mark II designs from agents working within S.H.I.E.L.D.

As the other team is cleaning up the warehouse, they discover that A.I.M. is selling the Iron Man armor designs through a dummy corporation known as Echidna Capital Management. Working with Justin Hammer (a business rival of Tony Stark's), Echidna has provided HYDRA and the U.S. government—including S.H.I.E.L.D.—with Iron Man specs. Hammer has successfully reverseengineered Stark's Mark II armor, using the War Machine armor specs from S.H.I.E.L.D..

"Your armor cannot protect your from the army that is coming!" the villains tell Tony Stark.

Heroes can make recovery actions during this transition scene, as well as unlock items using XP.

### **UNLOCKABLES**

In addition to the usual ways to spend XP, players pursuing the following milestones can spend XP on the unlockables below:

[5 XP/10 XP] In the Wrong Hands: For 5 XP, players can unlock an EMP Bomb:

SFX: *EMP Bomb*. Target multiple tech-based opponents. Add a D6 or step up the lowest die in the doom pool by +1 for each target and add them to your dice pool. Return added dice to doom pool and shutdown EMP Bomb.

For 10 XP, players can upgrade their hero using Iron Armor powerset:



SFX: Area Attack. Target multiple opponents. For every additional target, add D6 and keep +1 effect die.

SFX: *Boost*. Shutdown highest-rated IRON ARMOR power to step up another IRON ARMOR power by +1. Recover power by activating an opportunity or during a Transition Scene.

Limit: *Power Surge*. Shutdown highest-rated power to gain 1 PP. Take an action vs. the doom pool to recover..

Iron Man can upgrade his Powered Armor to Stealth Armor:



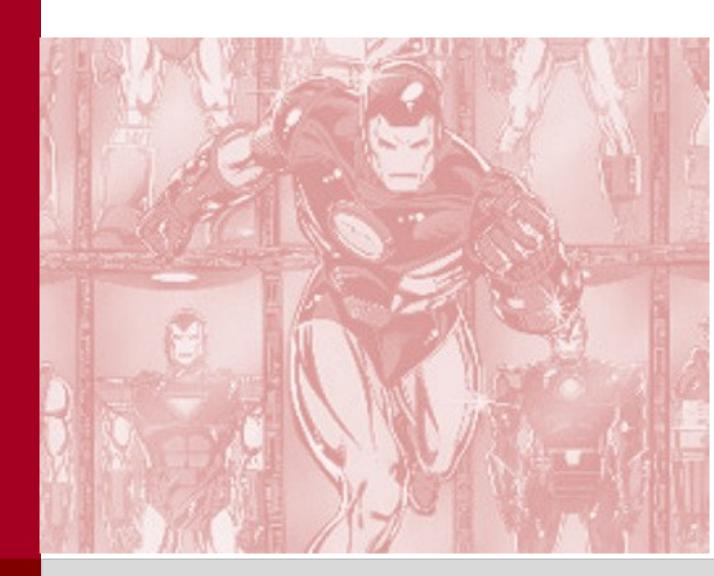
SFX: *Boost*. Shutdown highest-rated IRON ARMOR power to step up another IRON ARMOR power by +1. Recover power by activating an opportunity or during a Transition Scene.

SFX: Force Field. Shutdown Invisibility and step up Superhuman Durability by +1. Activate an opportunity to recover.

Limit: *Power Surge*. Shutdown highest-rated power to gain 1 PP. Take an action vs. the doom pool to recover..

## **UNLOCKABLES**

[5 XP/10 XP] Tangled Web: For 5 XP, players can unlock one villain's turn toward good. After using this villain as an information resource, the villain sees the error of his ways and agrees to become a hero. For 10 XP, the hero can bring the villain along in Act 2 to help in one action scene. The villain then leaves on good terms with the heroes.



# **ACT TWO:**

## THE ARMORED ARMY

The second Act involves the heroes confronting Maria Hill regarding S.H.I.E.L.D.'s involvement in leaking technology specs, and the confrontation with the Armored Army.

## SETTING: HYDRA BASE, LAKE BAIKAL

HYDRA has a secret base on an island in Lake Baikal, Serbia. Heroes with Russian connections (Black Widow, Colossus) will find familiarity with the region and may make use of connections in the area.

## **PROMINENT LOCATIONS**

#### **MUNITIONS DEPOT**

HYDRA keeps a well-stocked munitions depot, including BALLISTIC MISSILES and ARMORED VEHICLES.

#### **UNDERGROUND BASE**

To keep their secrets, HYDRA has construct the base mostly underground. A network of tunnels, built with REINFORCED WALLS connects rooms filled with HIGH-TECH SECURITY.

## **HOOK: SOLD OUT**

Tony Stark has just learned that his armored suit technology has fallen into the hands of HYDRA and A.I.M.. Worse of all, it seems his business rival Justin Hammer has been working with S.H.I.E.L.D., providing Iron Man technology to the U.S. government.

## **DOOM POOL**

The Doom Pool begins at 2D6 for this Act.

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## **BUILDUP: GETTING TO THE ACTION**

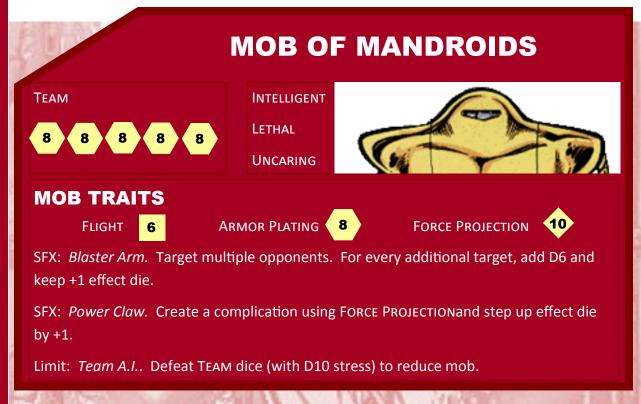
Some heroes may go with Tony to confront Maria Hill at the S.H.I.E.L.D. Helicarrier.

Others may investigate HYDRA locations with new energy signatures and discover interesting developments in the remote parts of Serbia.

## **ACTION: THE HAMMER FALLS**

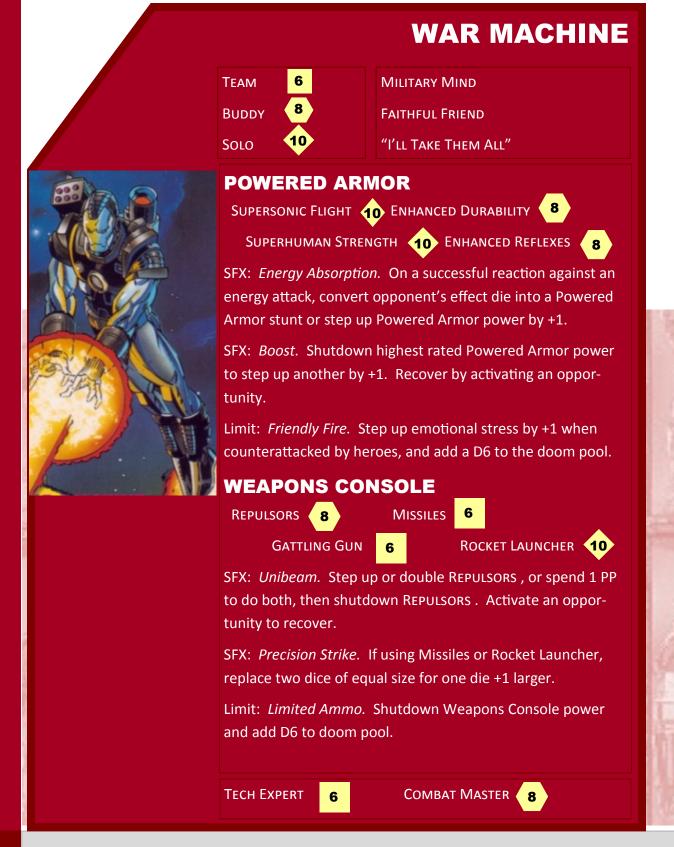
Aboard the Helicarrier, Maria Hill is confronted by the heroes. She denies that S.H.I.E.L.D. hired Justin Hammer to reverse-engineer the War Machine armor (based on Iron Man's Mark II armor) in order to develop their own Iron Man program. However, the U.S. government has been working with Hammer to create their own armored soldiers. S.H.I.E.L.D. feared that Tony Stark having proprietary rights to the armor was unsafe for global security, and needed a backup plan in case Iron Man fell or turned against S.H.I.E.L.D..

If threatened, Hill will order the heroes off the Helicarrier immediately. The team still requires S.H.I.E.L.D. clearance and therefore must take orders from her seriously. If they resist, she will call for Mandroids to intervene.



When the Mandroids are defeated or if the Doom Pool increases by two, War Machine comes to the aid of SHIELD forces.

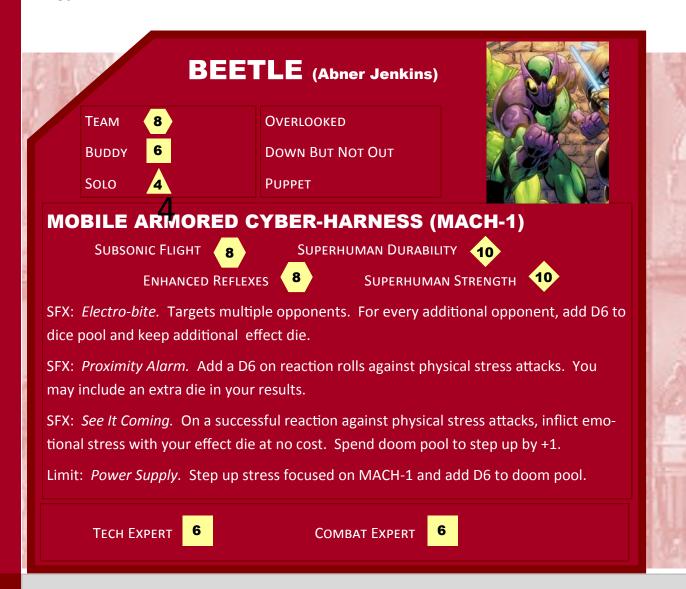
If Iron Man is present, War Machine attempts to talk him down from attacking. Tony can choose to resist by rolling against the attempt. If War Machine is successful, his effect die can create a FRIENDLY FIRE complication.

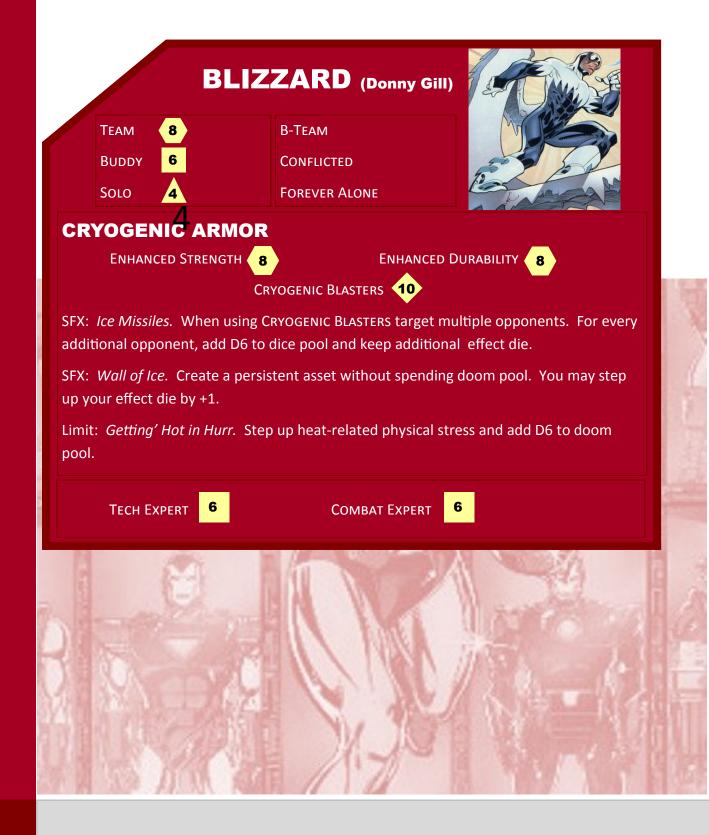


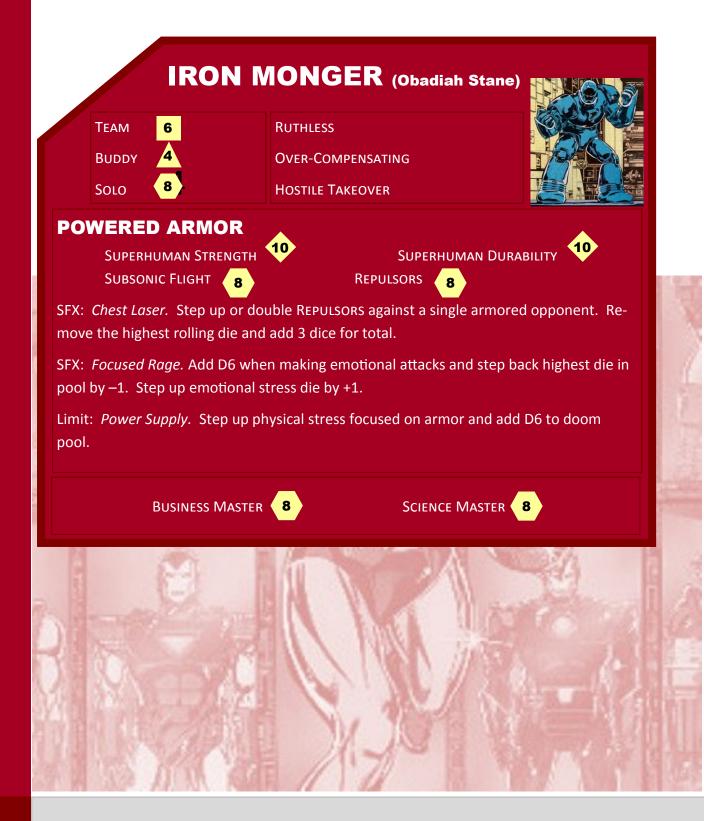
## **ACTION: ARMORED ARMY**

As the heroes make their way to Lake Baikal, they are welcomed with guided missiles that attempt to bring them down. HYDRA's security drones have detected their approach (unless using Stealth Armor).

On the island, they battle the Armored Army (Crimson Dynamo, Titanium Man, Iron Monger, Blizzard, and Beetle). Crimson Dynamo and Titanium Man prefer to hang back, attacking from a distance while sending the others into the fray. Crimson Dynamo can control other electronic devices, including powered armor. Titanium Man can use his tractor beam to keep armored heroes immobilized.







## TITANIUM MAN (Boris Bullski)

**TEAM** 

**BUDDY** 

**RED MENACE** 

**SOVIET SPY** 

Solo

**SOMETHING TO PROVE** 



#### **POWERED ARMOR**

SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH 10



SUPERHUMAN DURABILITY 10



SUPERSONIC FLIGHT 10



ENHANCED STAMINA 8



SFX: Resistance. Spend doom pool die to ignore stress from toxins.

SFX: Boost. Shutdown highest rated Powered Armor to step up another by +1. Recover power by activating an opportunity.

Limit: Thin-Skinned. Step up emotional stress when mocked and add D6 to doom pool.

#### **WEAPONS**

REPULSORS 8



INVISIBILITY 8



**ENHANCED REFLEXES** 



SFX: Tractor Beam. Step up or double REPULSORS against a single armored opponent. Remove the highest rolling die and add 3 dice for total. Add complication "IMMOBILIZED" for free.

SFX: Laser Eyes. Targets multiple opponents. For every additional opponent, add D6 to dice pool and keep additional effect die.

SFX: Cloaking. When using Invisibility, you may replace two dice of equal size with one +1 step larger.

Limit: Power Supply. Step up physical stress focused on armor and add D6 to doom pool.

**COMBAT EXPERT** 



**COVERT MASTER** 





## **CONCLUSION: TWO SHALL RISE**

Use the conclusion to set up your next arc. Or use the following:

The heroes intercept communications from Madame Hydra, indicating that the armored tech was just the beginning of HYRDA's plans. They have also been placing spies in key positions, including SHIELD. Reports include a successful deployment in Eastern Europe and a secret assassin codenamed "Winter Soldier".

