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A NEW HOPE

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MANTELL.

HE'S
NOT GONNA
SHOW. I
TELL YA...

IF WE
DON'T RUSTLE
UP SOME WORK
SOON, WE'LL BE
SERVING DRINKS
INSTEAD OF
BUYING 'EM.

GRAA-
RAPAN.
RONK-GRA.

VERY
FUNNY.

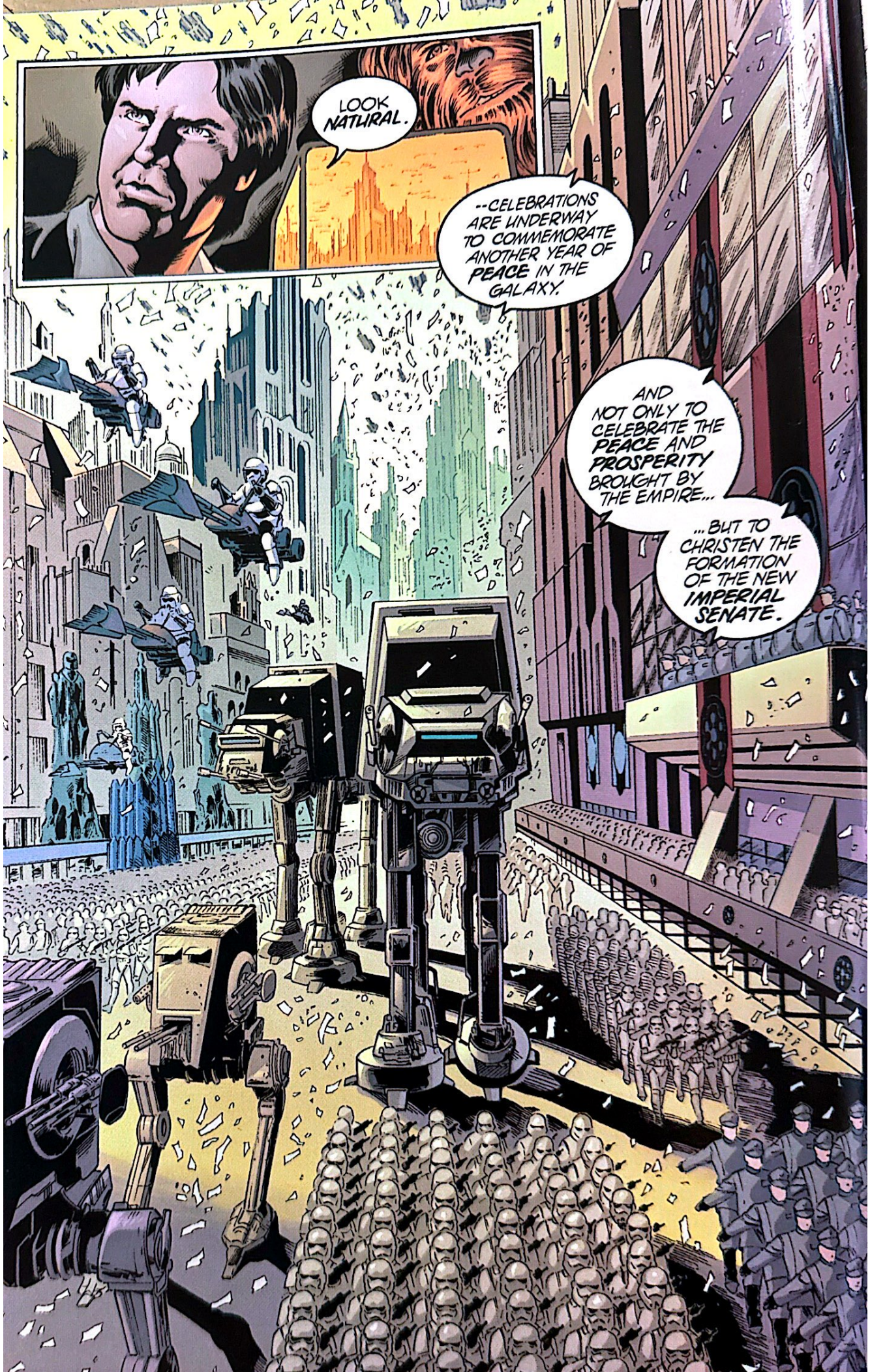
--ON THE FIFTH
ANNIVERSARY OF
THE END OF THE
REBELLION.

HAS IT
BEEN FIVE
YEARS,
CHEWIE?

HOPE
LUKE'S
OKAY...

uh,
oh.

AND ON
THE IMPERIAL
THRONE-
WORLD OF
CORUSCANT--



LOOK
NATURAL.

--CELEBRATIONS
ARE UNDERWAY
TO COMMEMORATE
ANOTHER YEAR OF
PEACE IN THE
GALAXY.

AND
NOT ONLY TO
CELEBRATE THE
PEACE AND
PROSPERITY
BROUGHT BY
THE EMPIRE...

...BUT TO
CHRISTEN THE
FORMATION
OF THE NEW
IMPERIAL
SENATE.



SENATORIAL DELEGATIONS FROM ACROSS THE GALAXY HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO ARRIVE.

A NUMBER OF SENATORS TOOK TIME FROM THEIR BUSY SCHEDULES TO REVIEW IMPERIAL PEACEKEEPING FORCES.

THE DELEGATES' HOST IS THE APPOINTED SENATOR FROM THE IMPERIAL THRONE-WORLD, FORMER REBEL LEADER--



--LEIA ORGANA.

LEIA...?

GAAH...?



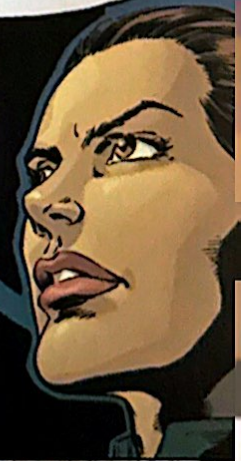
EARLIER TODAY, SENATOR ORGANA ADDRESSED THE DELEGATIONS AND IMPERIAL OFFICIALS ON THE EVE OF THE NEW SENATE'S INAUGURAL SESSION.

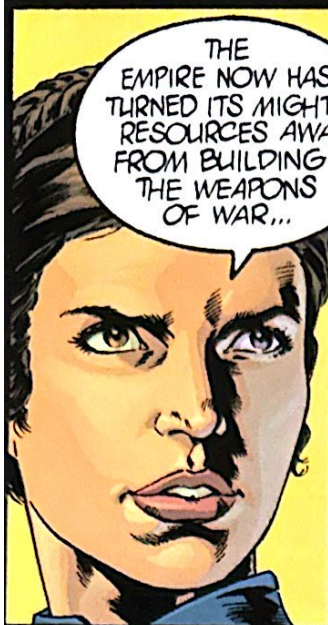
AS YOU ALL KNOW, I ONCE LED AN ILL-CONCEIVED, VIOLENT INSURRECTION AGAINST THE EMPIRE, A REBELLION THAT COST THE LIVES OF MANY BEINGS.

THOUGH I MAY NEVER BE ABLE TO FORGIVE MYSELF, THE EMPIRE HAS FORGIVEN ME.

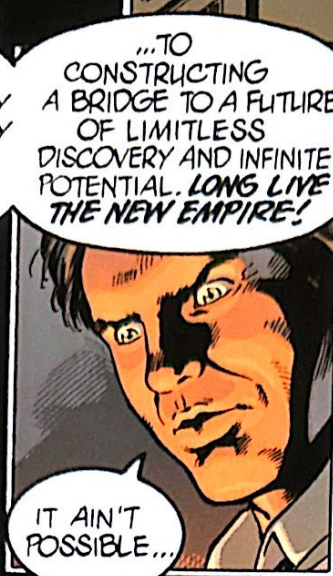
THE WAR IS OVER, BUT ITS WOUNDS ARE STILL FRESH. NOW, THE EMPIRE'S COMMITMENT MUST BE TO HEALING AS GREATLY AS IT WAS TO RESTORING ORDER.

THE RESTORING OF THE SENATE IS THE ULTIMATE EXPRESSION OF THE EMPIRE'S DESIRE TO BIND THE WOUNDS OF WAR.





THE
EMPIRE NOW HAS
TURNED ITS MIGHTY
RESOURCES AWAY
FROM BUILDING
THE WEAPONS
OF WAR...



...TO
CONSTRUCTING
A BRIDGE TO A FUTURE
OF LIMITLESS
DISCOVERY AND INFINITE
POTENTIAL. **LONG LIVE
THE NEW EMPIRE!**

IT AIN'T
POSSIBLE...



**SHUT
UP!**

KRASH!



Oops.



HE... **BIG BUG.**
THINK I KILLED IT.
TIME TO GO, CHEWIE.
ACT CASUAL.

RAAG.



IF I'M
NOT DRUNK,
THAT'S A SMUGGLER
BY THE NAME OF
SOLO.

THE
SAME SOLO
CARRYING A FAT
PRICE ON HIS HEAD
FROM **JABBA
THE HUTT.**





A large comic book panel showing the Millennium Falcon taking off from the desert surface of Tatooine. The ship is angled upwards, leaving a trail of smoke and fire. In the foreground, Han Solo and Chewbacca are shown in a smaller inset. Han is shouting and holding a blaster, while Chewbacca is also shouting. A large pink "POOM" sound effect is written across the middle of the panel. Several speech bubbles contain dialogue.

GET THE ENGINES FIRED UP, CHEWIE! WE'RE GONNA NEED TO LIFT OFF IN A HURRY!

AGRAA RAAG!

YES, YOU CAN SKIP THE PRE-FLIGHT CHECK!

POWER UP THE DEFLECTORS-- WE DON'T WANT TO GET CHEWED UP BY GROUND FIRE! AND KEEP AN EYE ON THAT STARBOARD VECTOR PLATE!

POOM

WELL,
THIS IS
PERFECT...

STAR
DESTROYER
COMIN'
UP FAST,
CHEWIE.

PREPARE TO JUMP TO
LIGHTSPEED AS SOON
AS WE CLEAR THE
PLANET'S PRIMARY
GRAVITATIONAL FIELD.

Assuming
we LIVE
that long.

GRAA!

DID YOU
REMEMBER
TO CLEAN THE
FUEL DRIVE
PRESSURE
STABILIZER?

RAANKKI!
RONK GRAA
RONK!

FZZT

NO, I
ASKED YOU!
I REBUILT THE
AUXILIARY
ACCELERATION
COMPENSATOR!
YOU WERE
SUPPOSED TO--

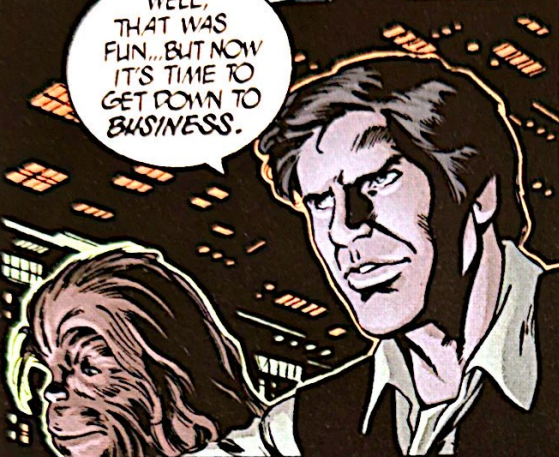
Ah, TO
HELL WITH IT.
LET'S PUNCH
OUTTA HERE!



YEHOOO!

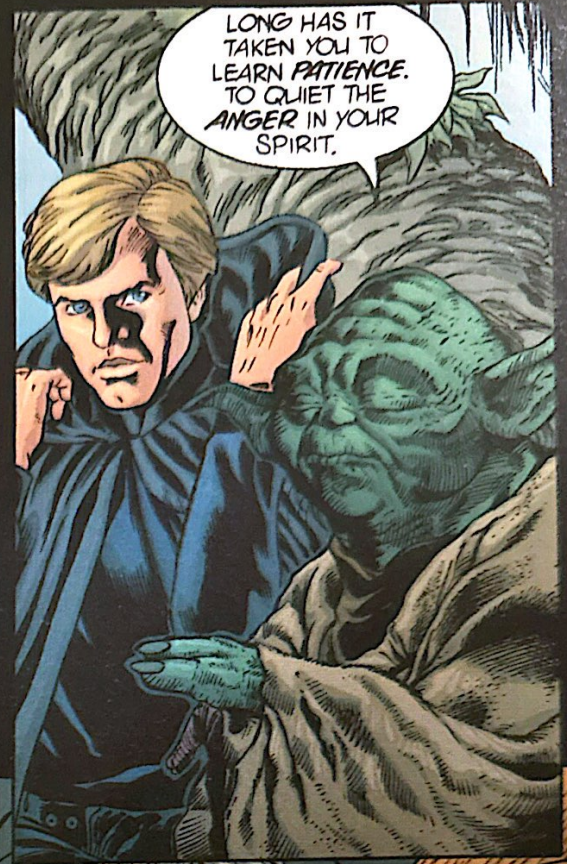
WELL,
THAT WAS
FUN...BUT NOW
IT'S TIME TO
GET DOWN TO
BUSINESS.

SET A
COURSE FOR
DAGOBAH.





CALM
IS YOUR
MIND. YOUR
ALLY NOW
IS THE
FORCE.



LONG HAS IT
TAKEN YOU TO
LEARN PATIENCE.
TO QUIET THE
ANGER IN YOUR
SPIRIT.



PLEASED
I AM.

THANK
YOU, MASTER
YODA.

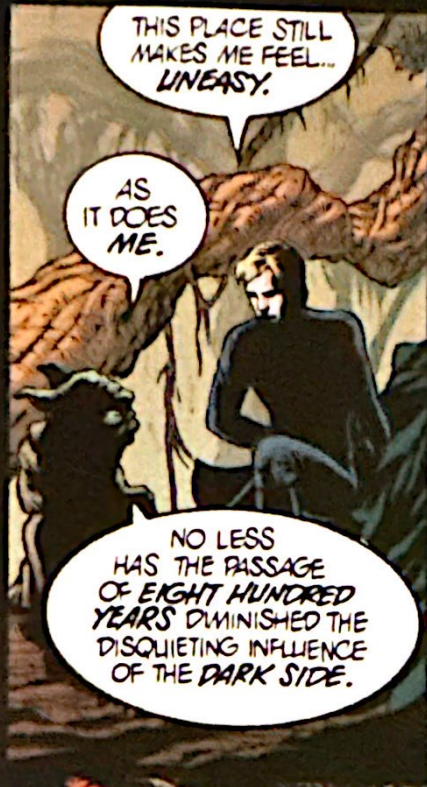


BUT I
AM TROUBLED,
MASTER. THE
VISIONS HAVE
RETURNED.
STRONGER THAN
BEFORE.

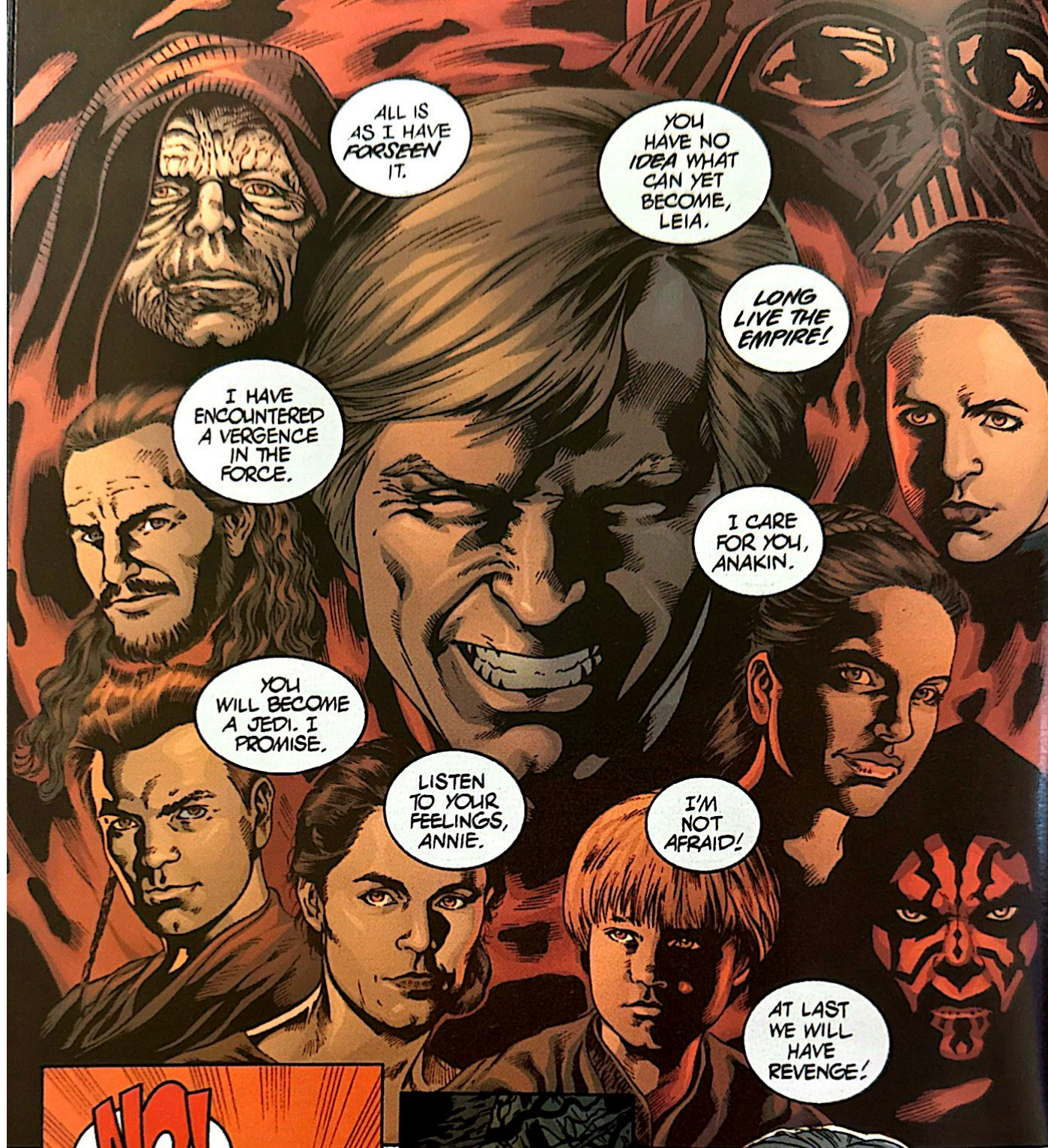
THE FORCE
SPEAKS TO YOU,
APPRENTICE. NEARLY
COMPLETE IS
YOUR TRAINING.

TIME
IT IS TO
RETURN
TO THE
CAVE.









ALL IS
AS I HAVE
FORSEEN
IT.

YOU
HAVE NO
IDEA WHAT
CAN YET
BECOME,
LEIA.

LONG
LIVE THE
EMPIRE!

I HAVE
ENCOUNTERED
A VERGENCE
IN THE
FORCE.

I CARE
FOR YOU,
ANAKIN.

YOU
WILL BECOME
A JEDI. I
PROMISE.

LISTEN
TO YOUR
FEELINGS,
ANNIE.

I'M
NOT
AFRAID!

AT LAST
WE WILL
HAVE
REVENGE!



NO!



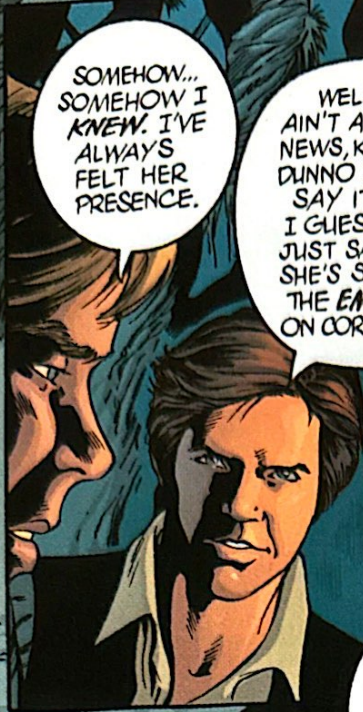
EXCUSE
ME, SIR...





LUKE--
LEIA'S
ALIVE.

Alive...



SOMEHOW...
SOMEHOW I
KNEW. I'VE
ALWAYS
FELT HER
PRESENCE.

WELL, IT
AIN'T ALL GOOD
NEWS, KID. I
DUNNO HOW TO
SAY IT, SO
I GUESS I'LL
JUST SAY IT...
SHE'S SERVING
THE **EMPIRE**--
ON CORUSCANT.



IT'S NOT
POSSIBLE--
SHE CAN'T BE
ACTING OF HER
OWN ACCORD...
WE HAVE TO
LEAVE **NOW** AND
GET HER OUT
OF THERE!

LOOK, I'M
AS CONCERNED
ABOUT LEIA AS THE
NEXT GUY, BUT WALTZING
INTO THE **IMPERIAL**
THRONE-WORLD SEEMS
LIKE A **REALLY**
BAD IDEA.



GRRA!
R-RAWNK
TRONK!

TAKE
IT EASY!
SINCE WHEN DID
YOU BECOME
SUICIDAL?




RIGHT
IS YOUR
FRIEND. **NOT**
READY FOR
THIS ARE
YOU.


WHAT?



BUT MASTER--I
PASSED THE TRIAL IN
THE CAVE. I'VE
COMPLETED MY
TRAINING.



GO YOU
MUST, YOUNG
SKYWALKER, BUT
READY YOU ARE
NOT. NOT UNTIL
THE FULL TRUTH
DO YOU KNOW.




HARD
YOU HAVE
WORKED,
OVERCOME
MUCH YOU
HAVE.

TRULY,
TOO OLD
YOU WERE TO
BEGIN
THE JEDI
TRAINING.

AND YET,
NO PADAWAN I
HAVE INSTRUCTED
HAS COMPLETED
THE TRAINING
SO QUICKLY.

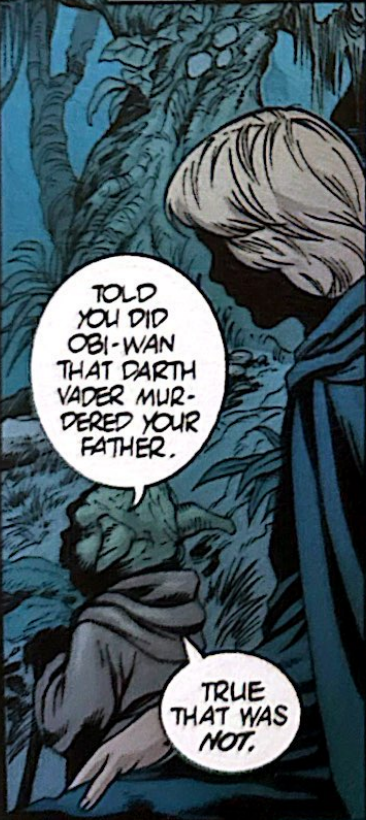


SIT,
DIFFICULT
ARE THE
THINGS I
MUST TELL
YOU.



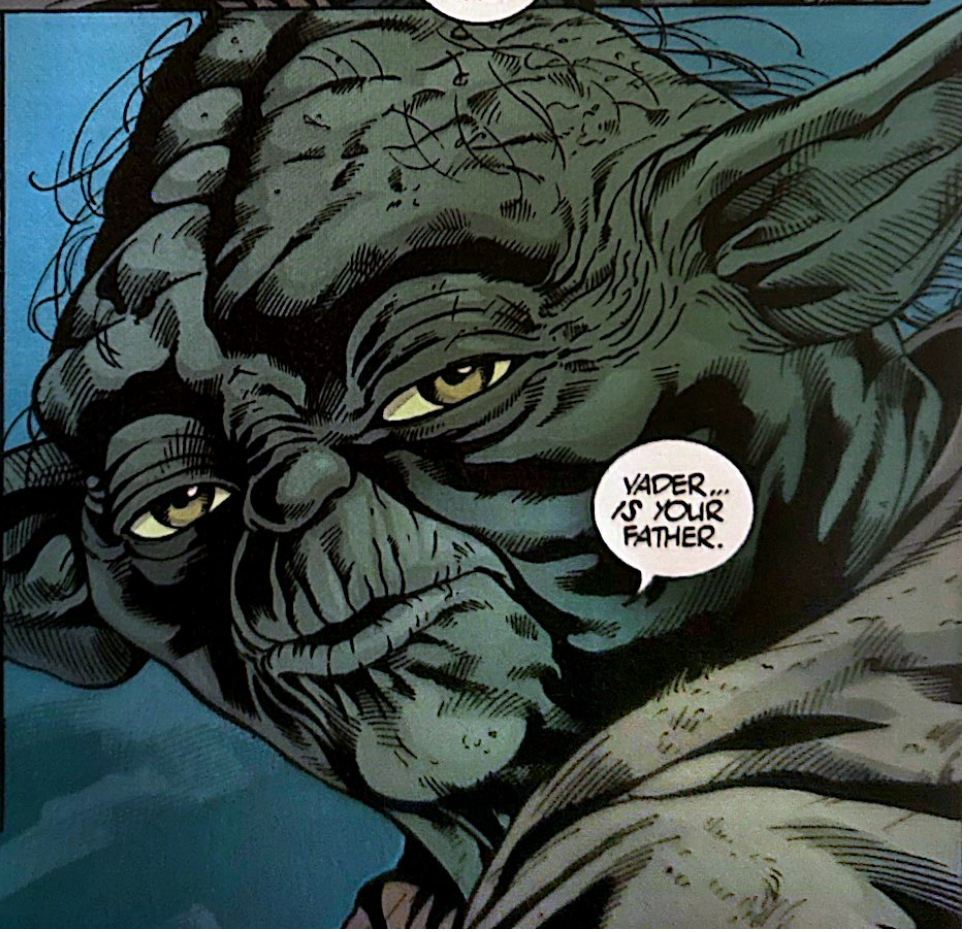
LITTLE
HAVE I SPOKEN
OF YOUR FATHER,
ANAKIN, THOUGH
MANY TIMES YOU
HAVE ASKED ABOUT
HIM. TOLD YOU DID
I THAT YOUR
FATHER WAS A
POWERFUL JEDI.

TRUE
THAT
WAS.




TOLD
YOU DID
OBI-WAN
THAT DARTH
VADER MUR-
DERED YOUR
FATHER.

TRUE
THAT WAS
NOT.



VADER...
IS YOUR
FATHER.

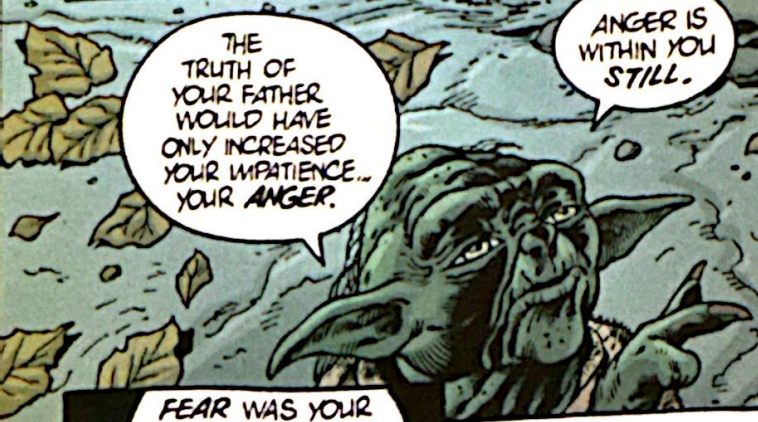


That's not true. That's... impossible.




SEDUCED BY THE DARK SIDE WAS YOUR FATHER. CONSUMED BY IT HE WAS.

HOW COULD YOU KEEP THIS FROM ME? WHAT GAVE YOU THE RIGHT--




THE TRUTH OF YOUR FATHER WOULD HAVE ONLY INCREASED YOUR IMPATIENCE... YOUR ANGER.

ANGER IS WITHIN YOU STILL.



FEAR WAS YOUR FATHER'S PATH TO THE DARK SIDE. UNCONQUERED, YOUR ANGER TO THE SAME DESTINY WILL TAKE YOU.




ALL DEPENDS ON YOU, LUKE. YOU ARE THE LAST OF THE JEDI KNIGHTS, THE ONLY HOPE TO OVERCOME THE TYRANNY OF THE EMPIRE...

...AND THE EVIL OF THE SITH.

BUT MORE THERE IS I MUST TELL YOU.

YES...




THE VISIONS... NOW THEY MAKE SENSE. IT'S ALL SO CLEAR NOW.

LEIA... YOUR SISTER SHE IS.

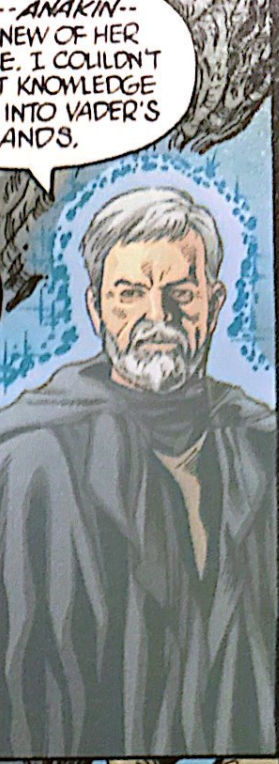



MASTER,
WHY DIDN'T
OBI-WAN
TELL ME
ABOUT
LEIA?

ASK OBI-
WAN YOU
SHOULD




I WANTED TO
TELL YOU, LUKE, BUT
THE DANGER TO
HER WOULD HAVE
BEEN TOO
GREAT.



VADER--ANAKIN--
NEVER KNEW OF HER
EXISTENCE. I COULDN'T
RISK THAT KNOWLEDGE
FALLING INTO VADER'S
HANDS.



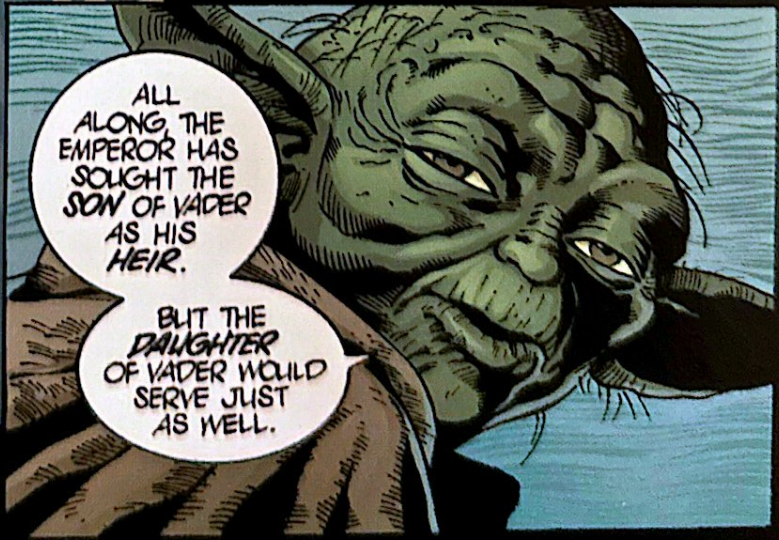
LEIA
HAS THE
POTENTIAL FOR
GREAT POWER
IN THE FORCE--
FOR GOOD
OR EVIL.



VADER
GROWS OLD.
MANY GREAT
WOUNDS HE HAS
SUSTAINED?

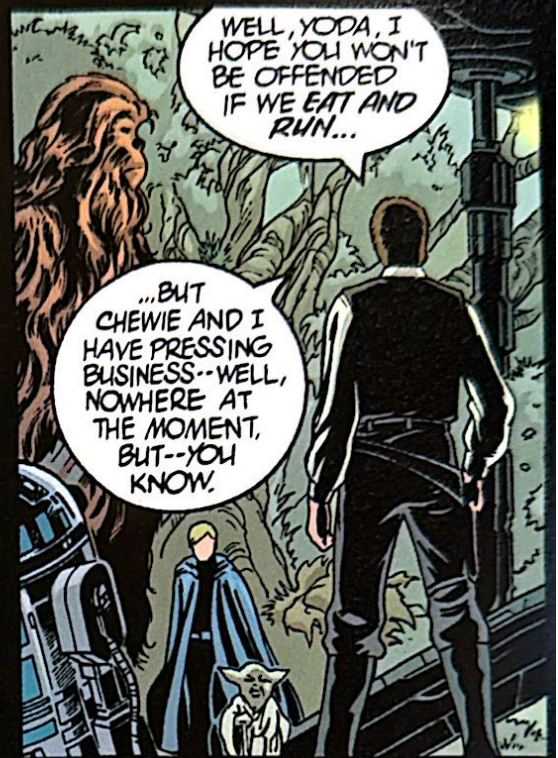
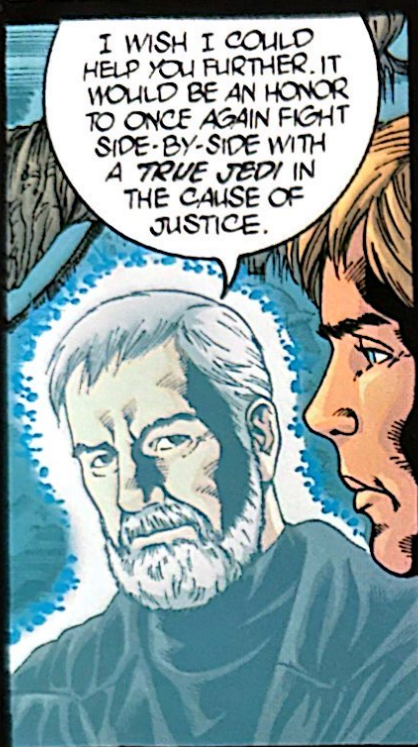
AS THE
EMPEROR'S
SUCCESSOR,
SUITABLE
HE IS NOT.

HER
SADNESS AND
ANGER AT THE
DESTRUCTION OF
ALDERAAN
PUT HER AT GREAT
RISK TO FALL TO
THE DARK
SIDE.



ALL
ALONG THE
EMPEROR HAS
SOUGHT THE
SON OF VADER
AS HIS
HEIR.

BUT THE
DAUGHTER
OF VADER WOULD
SERVE JUST
AS WELL.





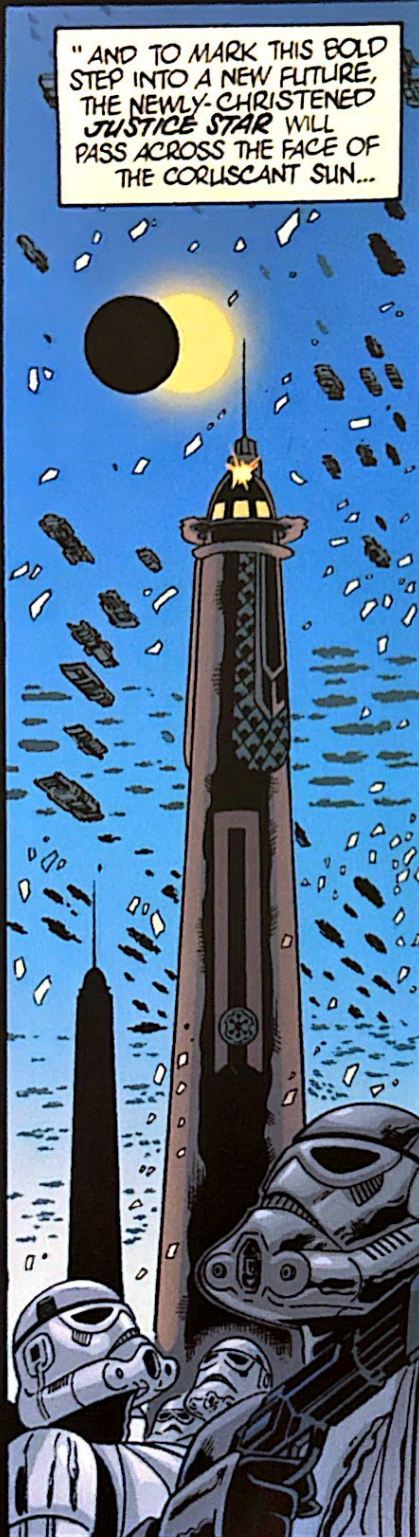
BESIDES,
LONG HAS IT
BEEN SINCE I
HAVE SAT IN
THE TEMPLE
OF THE
JEDI.

MANY FOND
MEMORIES HAVE
I OF MY DAYS
ON CORUSCANT.

"IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
EMPIRE'S RECERTIFICATION
OF THE SENATE COMES AN
EVEN MORE SPECTACULAR
DEVELOPMENT."



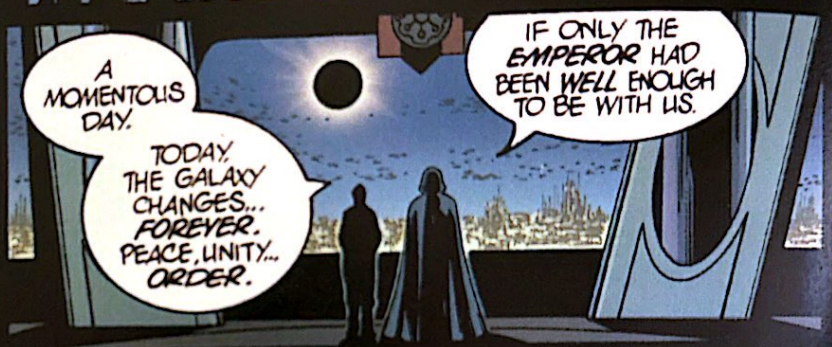
"FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT WILL TRAVEL THROUGHOUT THE EMPIRE SO THAT ALL WORLDS WILL BE TRUE EQUALS IN THIS GRAND NEW EMPIRE."



"AND TO MARK THIS BOLD STEP INTO A NEW FUTURE, THE NEWLY-CHRISTENED *JUSTICE STAR* WILL PASS ACROSS THE FACE OF THE CORLISCANT SUN..."



"...AS A SHINING SYMBOL OF A NEW SOURCE OF LIGHT FOR THE GALAXY."



A MOMENTOUS DAY.

TODAY THE GALAXY CHANGES... FOREVER. PEACE, UNITY... ORDER.

IF ONLY THE EMPEROR HAD BEEN WELL ENOUGH TO BE WITH US.



PERHAPS IT IS JUST AS WELL.

IN WHAT WAY?



IT IS THE DAWN OF A NEW ERA. THE FUTURE SHOULD BE BUILT BY THOSE WHO WILL LIVE IN IT.



I HAVE MUCH TO ATTEND TO, LORD VADER. WE WILL SPEAK AGAIN OF THIS. COME, THREEPIO.

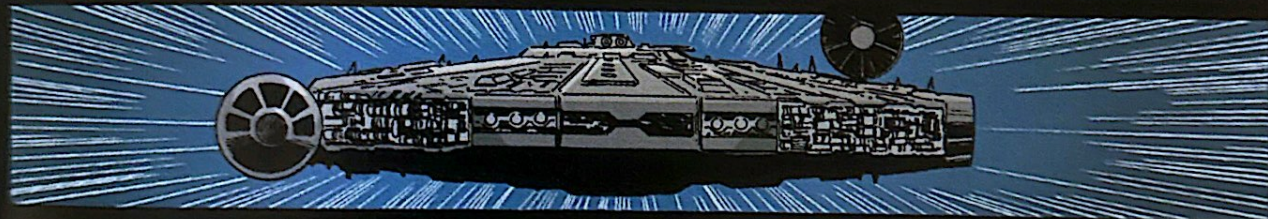
HER AMBITION MAKES HER POWERFUL. I AM PLEASED.

I SENSE... A DISTURBANCE IN THE FORCE, MY MASTER.

WHAT YOU SENSE IS THE DESTINY I HAVE PUT IN MOTION.

YOU, HOWEVER, SEEM CONFLICTED, APPRENTICE.

"THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE JEDI FLAME."



GETTING READY TO ENTER THE CORUSCANT SYSTEM. WE CAN LEAVE ANY TIME YOU WANT.

NOT JUST YET, HAN.

INDEED?



LOOKING FORWARD TO THE EMPEROR'S CELEBRATION I AM.

to be concluded...