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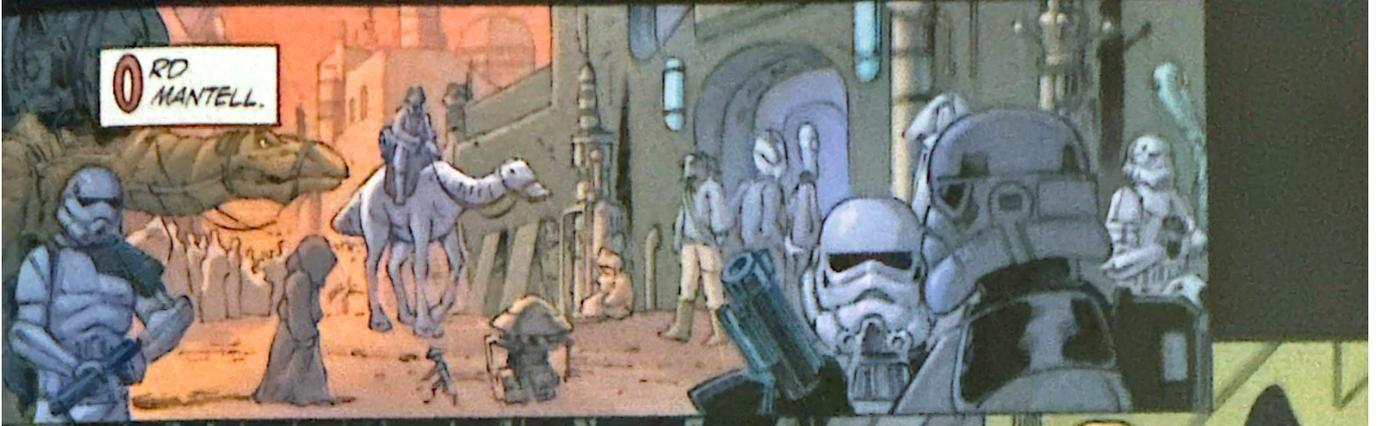
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A NEW HOPE

RD
MANTELL.



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

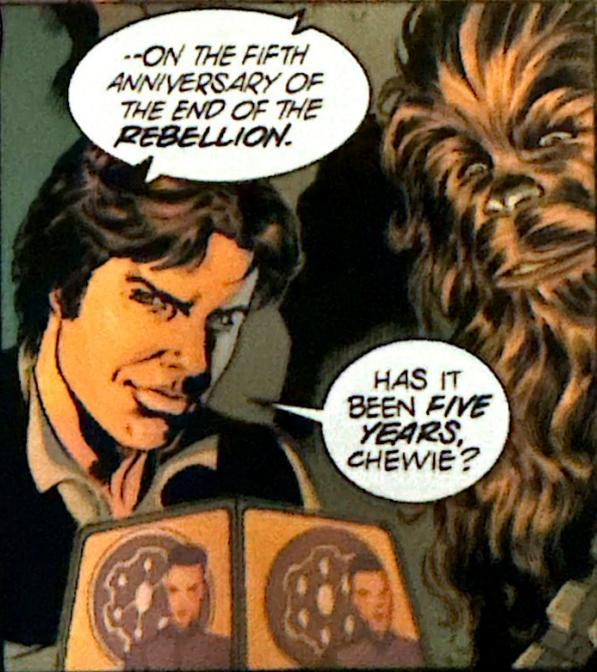


IF WE
DON'T RUSTLE
UP SOME WORK
SOON, WE'LL BE
SERVING DRINKS
INSTEAD OF
BUYING 'EM.

GRAA-
RAAN.
RANK-GRA.

VERY
FUNNY.

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



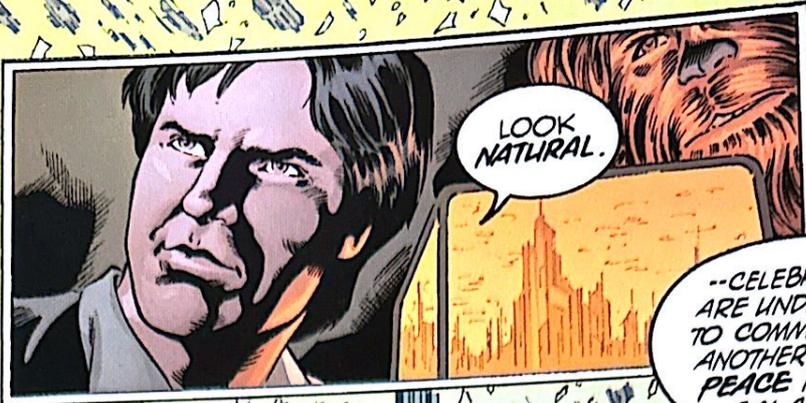
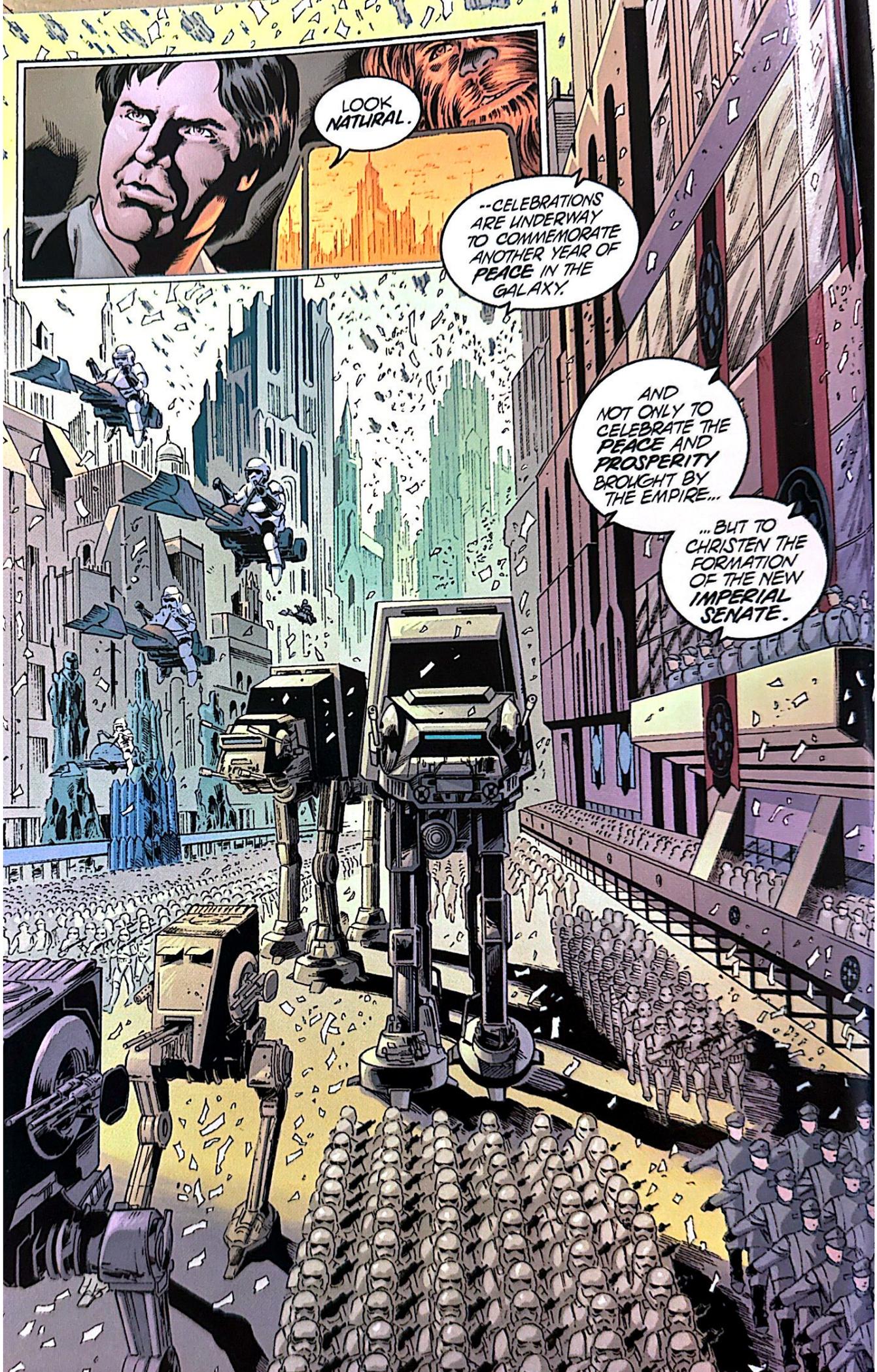
HAS IT
BEEN FIVE
YEARS,
CHEWIE?



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.

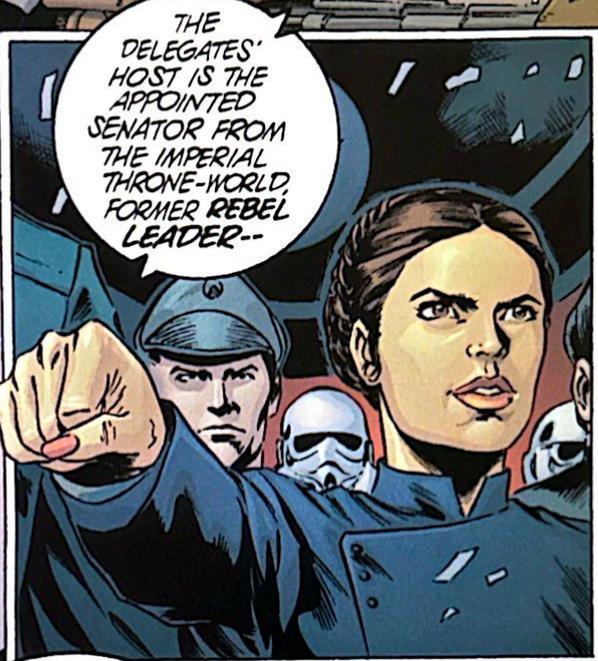
AND NOT ONLY TO CELEBRATE THE PEACE AND PROSPERITY BROUGHT BY THE EMPIRE...

... 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.

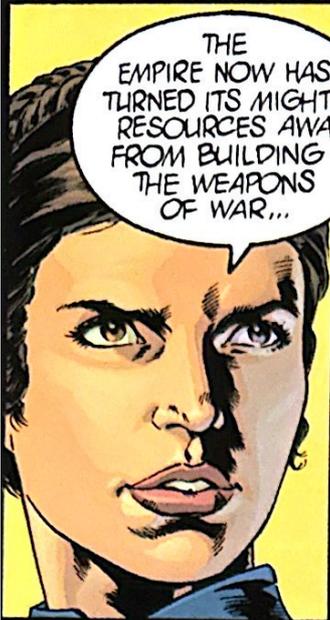
AS YOU ALL KNOW, I ONCE LED AN ILL-CONCEIVED, VIOLENT INSURRECTION AGAINST THE EMPIRE, A REBELLION THAT COST THE LIVES OF MANY BEINGS.

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

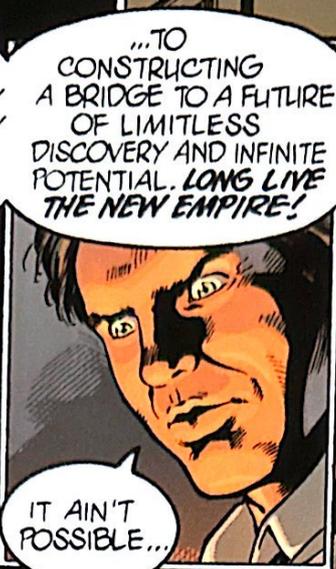
THE WAR IS OVER, BUT ITS WOUNDS ARE STILL FRESH. NOW, THE EMPIRE'S COMMITMENT MUST BE TO HEALING AS GREATLY AS IT WAS TO RESTORING ORDER.



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!

KRAASH!



Oops.



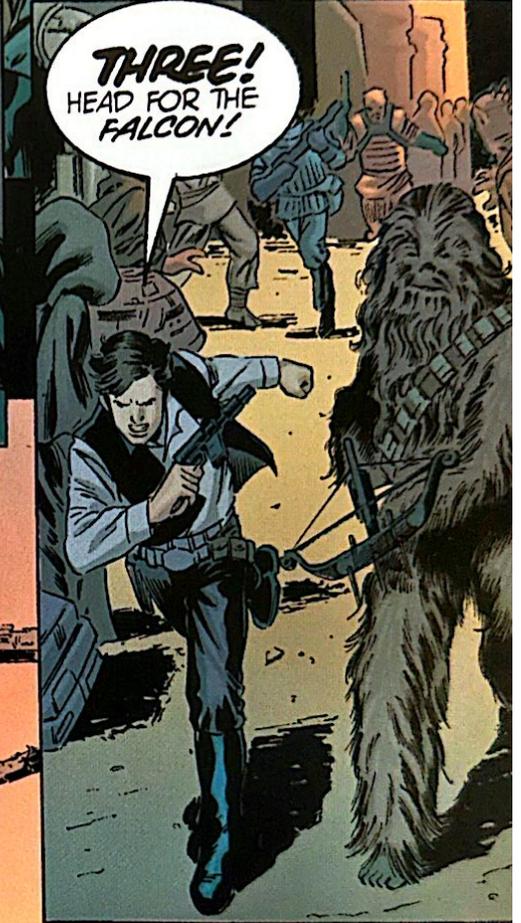
HE... **BIG BUG**. THINK I KILLED IT. TIME TO GO, CHEWIE. ACT CASUAL.

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**.





THIS WAY!
LET'S HAIL A CAB!



Utinni!

SEND ME A BILL!



WOOHOO!

RROONK!

Ah, QUIT CRYIN'!

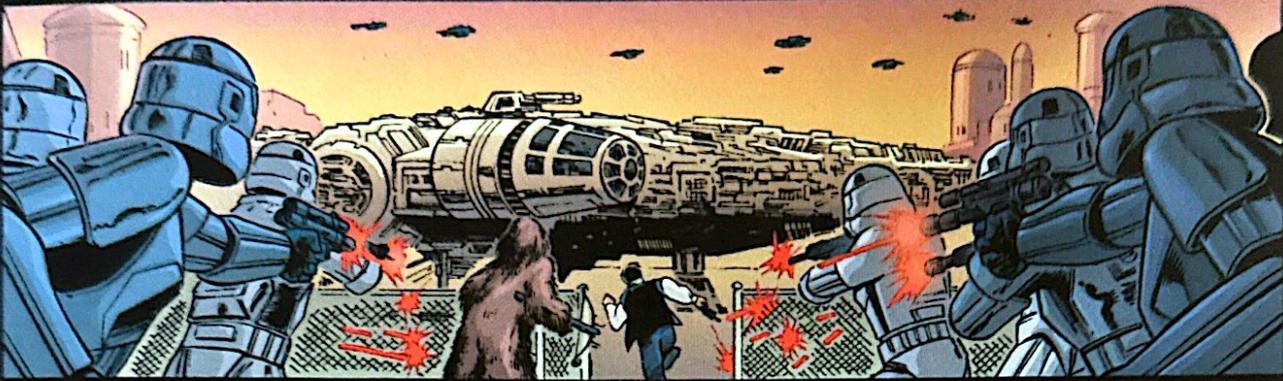


Uh-oh.



WHOA!

KPOOM



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

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

AGRAA RAAG!

YES, YOU CAN SKIP THE PRE-FLIGHT CHECK!

SHPOOM

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!

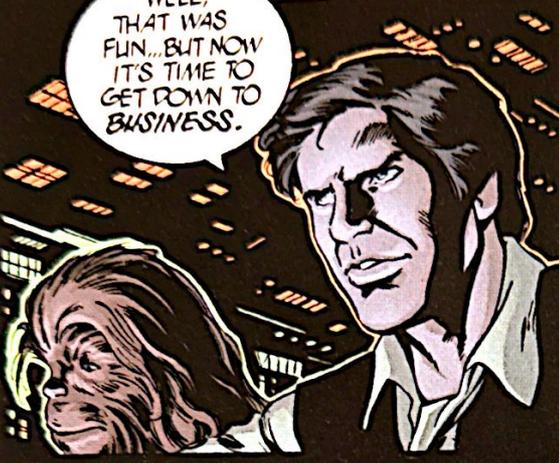
NO, I ASKED YOU! I REBUILT THE AUXILIARY ACCELERATION COMPENSATOR! YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO--

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



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.



THIS PLACE STILL
MAKES ME FEEL...
UNEASY.

AS
IT DOES
ME.

WOULD
YOU TAKE
CARE OF
THIS FOR
ME?

REMEMBER,
LUKE...

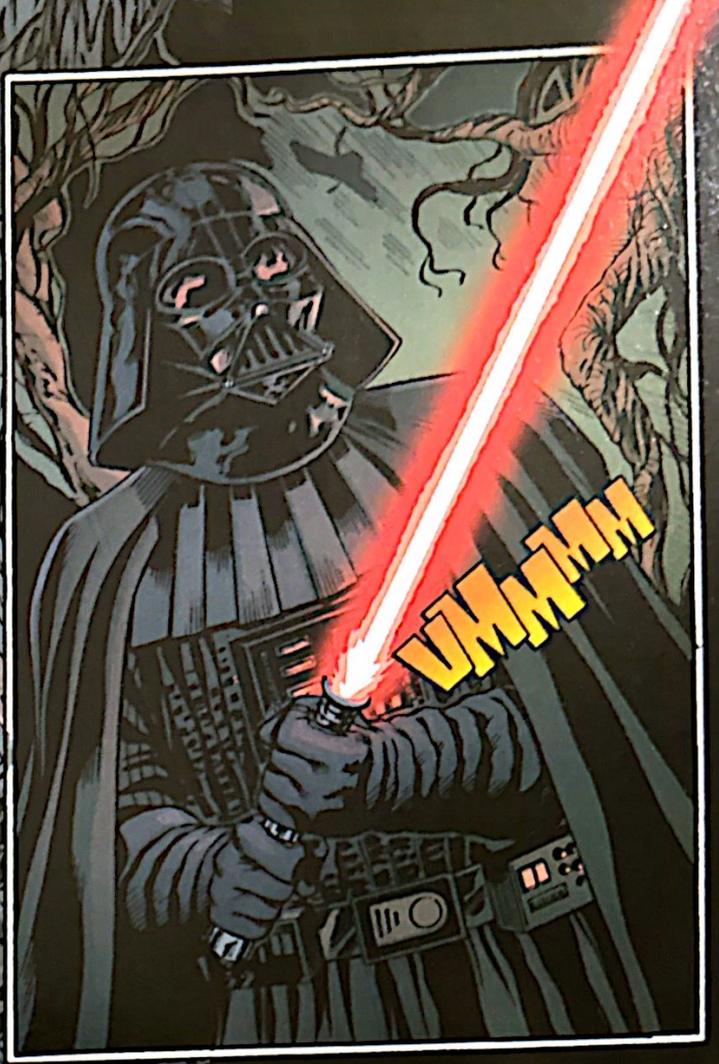
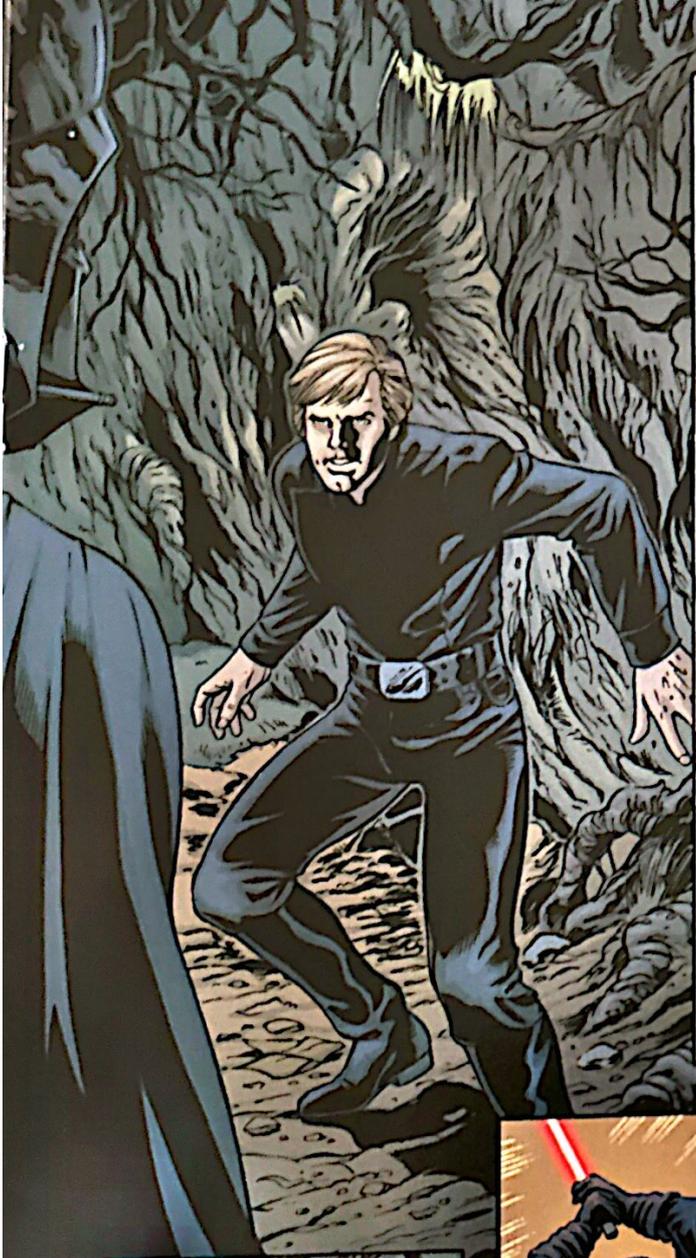
...A LIGHTSABER
IS NOT YOUR ONLY
WEAPON. LEAVE
THEM ALL
BEHIND.

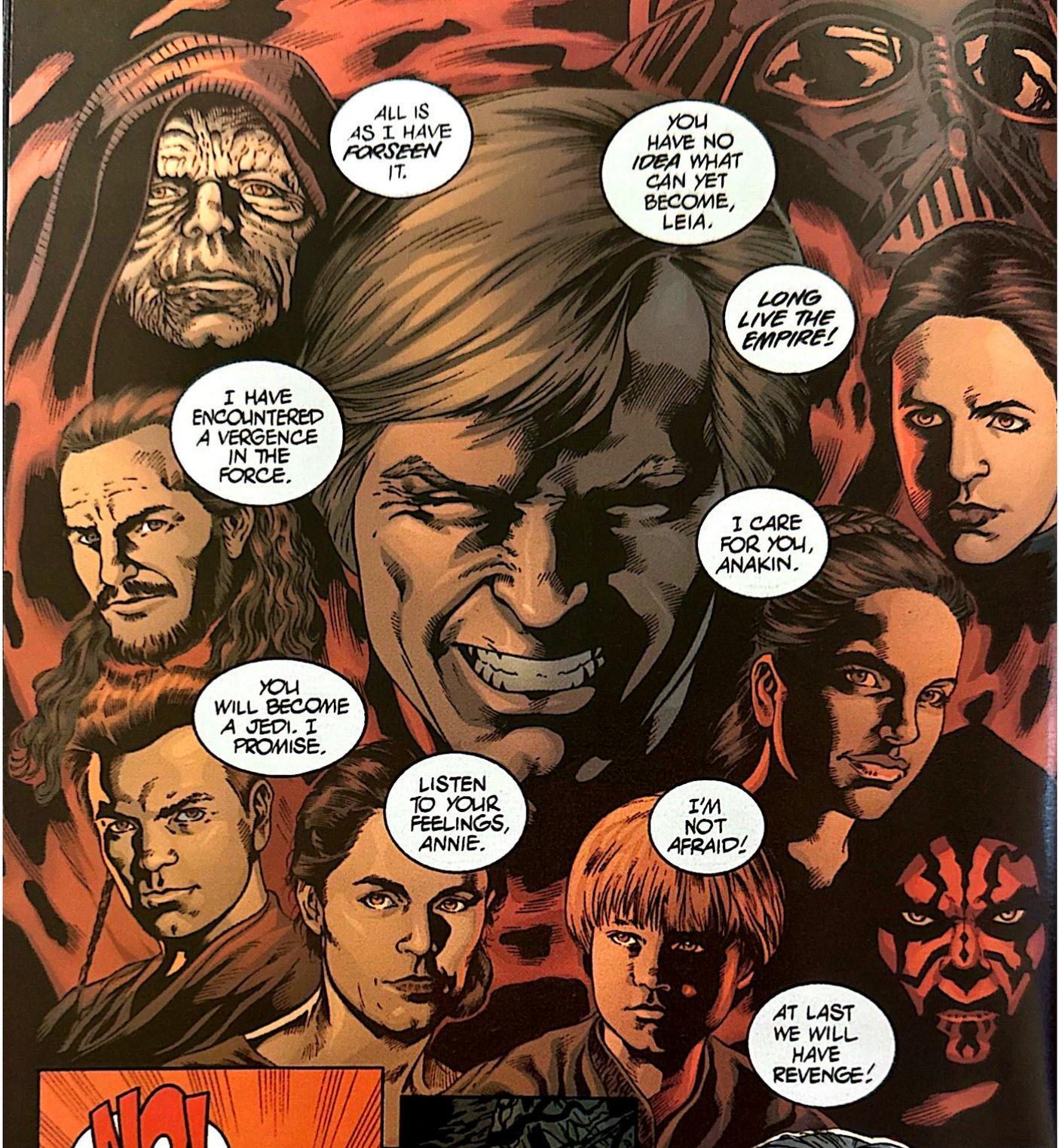
NO LESS
HAS THE PASSAGE
OF EIGHT HUNDRED
YEARS DIMINISHED THE
DISQUIETING INFLUENCE
OF THE DARK SIDE.

"ON THIS EVERY-
THING DEPENDS..."

I WON'T
FAIL YOU,
MASTER.







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.

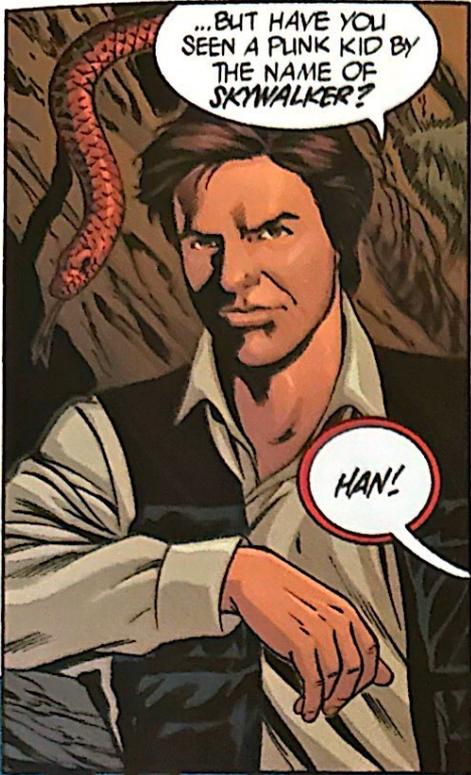
LISTEN TO YOUR FEELINGS, ANNIE.

I'M NOT AFRAID!

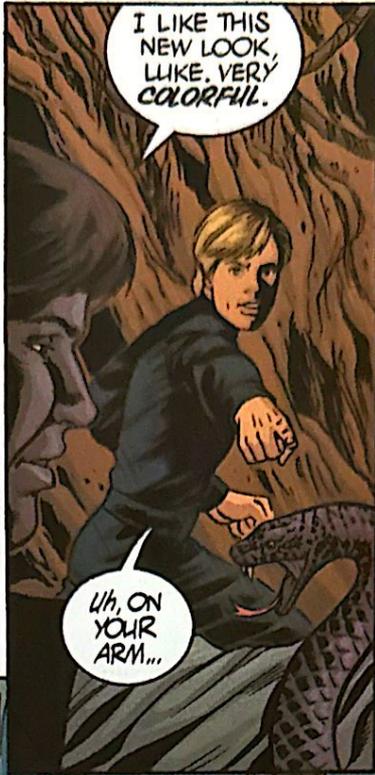
AT LAST WE WILL HAVE REVENGE!



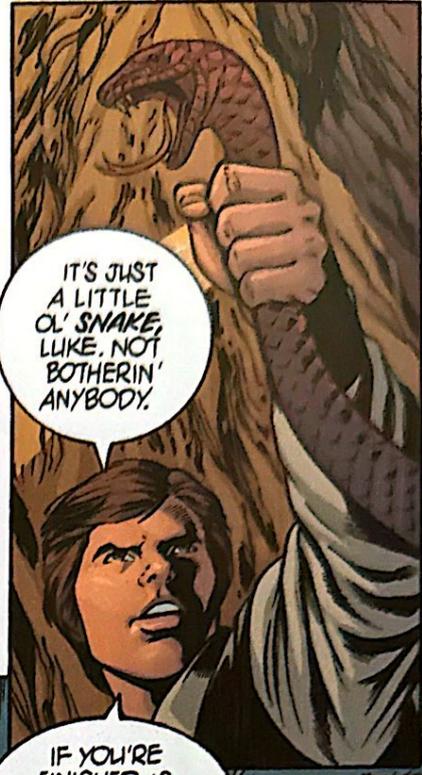
EXCUSE ME, SIR...



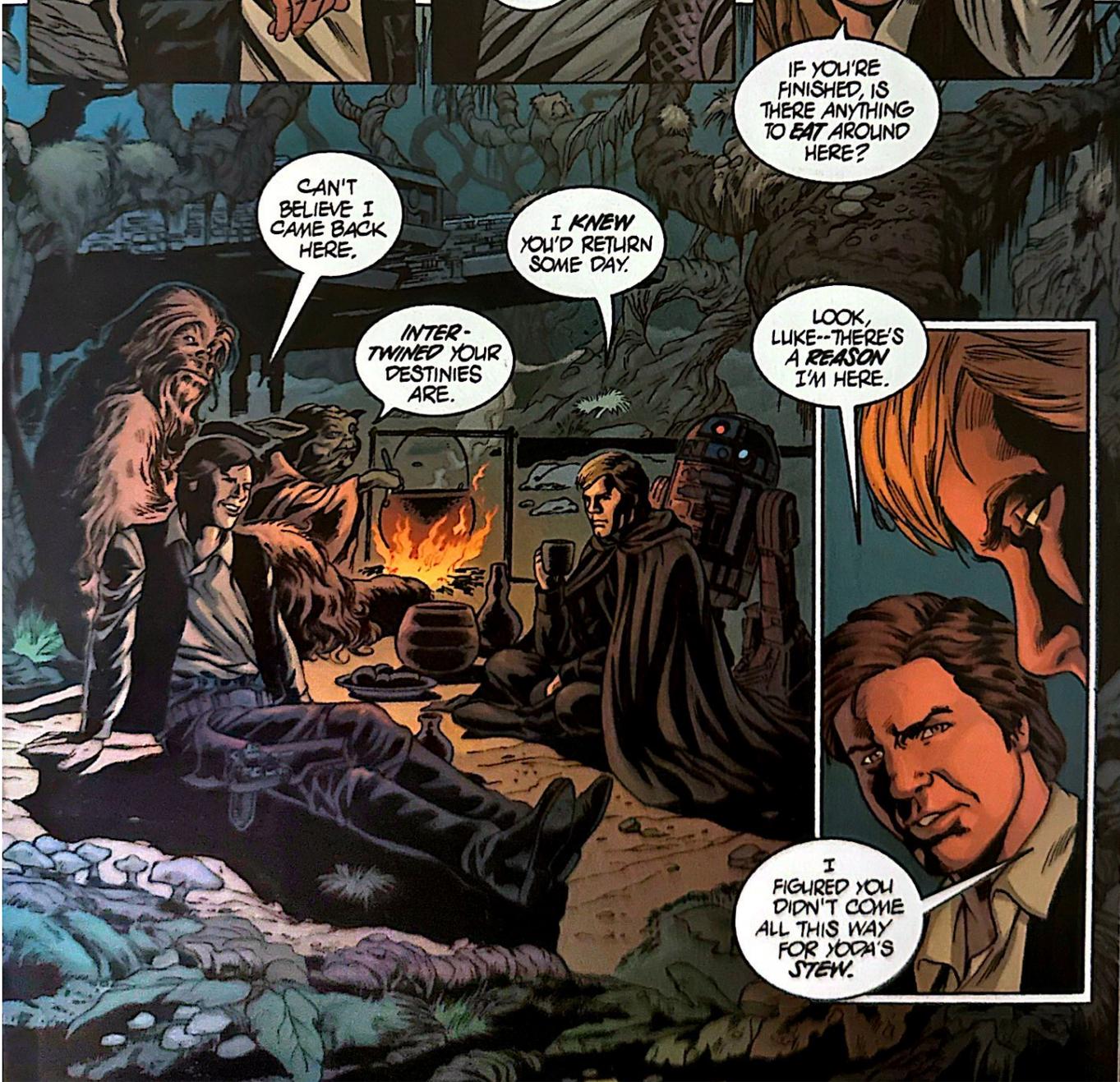
HAN!



Uh, ON YOUR ARM...



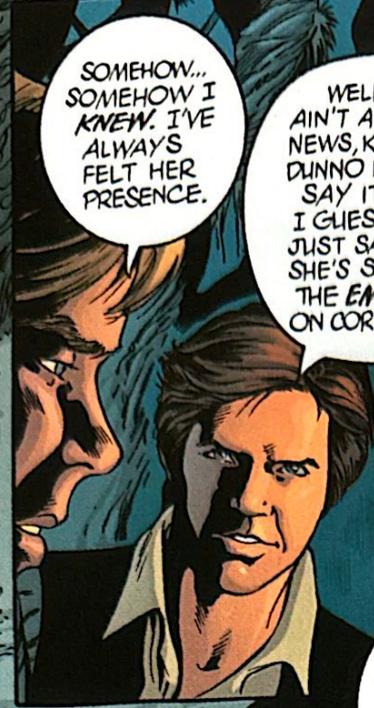
IF YOU'RE FINISHED, IS THERE ANYTHING TO EAT AROUND HERE?





LUKE--
LEIA'S
ALIVE.

Alive...

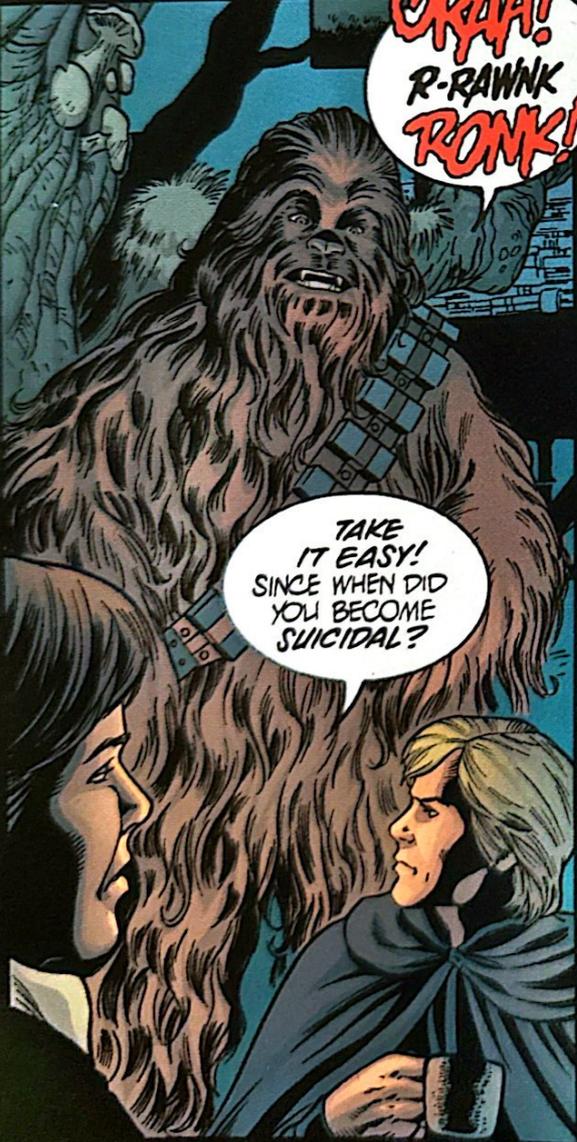


SOMEHOW...
SOMEHOW I
KNEW. I'VE
ALWAYS
FELT HER
PRESENCE.

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.



GRAA!
R-RAWNK
TRONK!

TAKE
IT EASY!
SINCE WHEN DID
YOU BECOME
SUICIDAL?



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

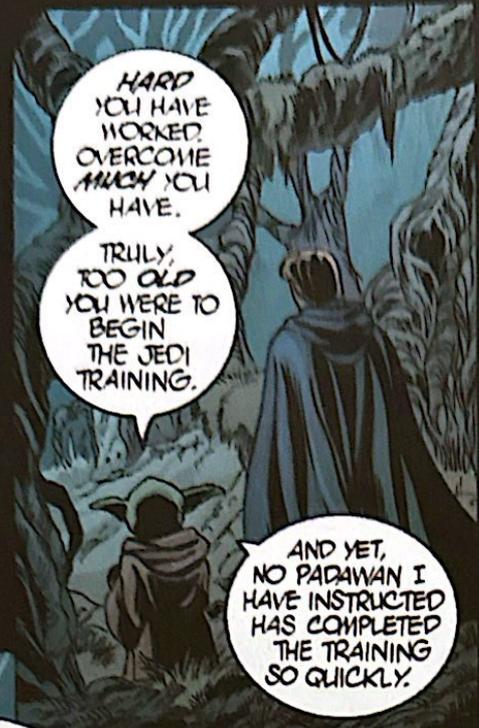
WHAT?



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.

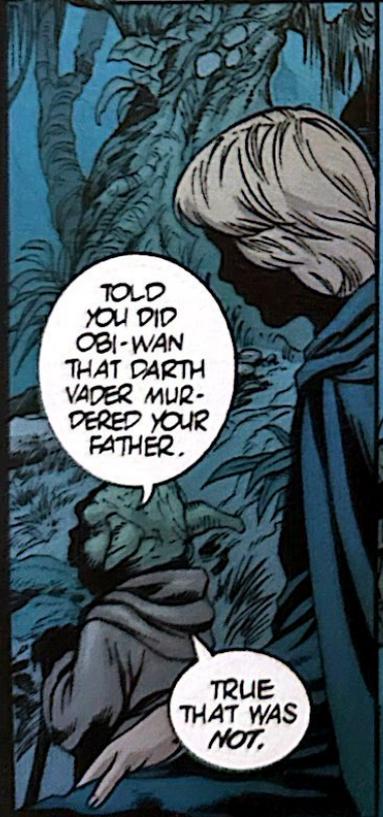


SIT, *DIFFICULT* ARE THE THINGS I MUST TELL YOU.



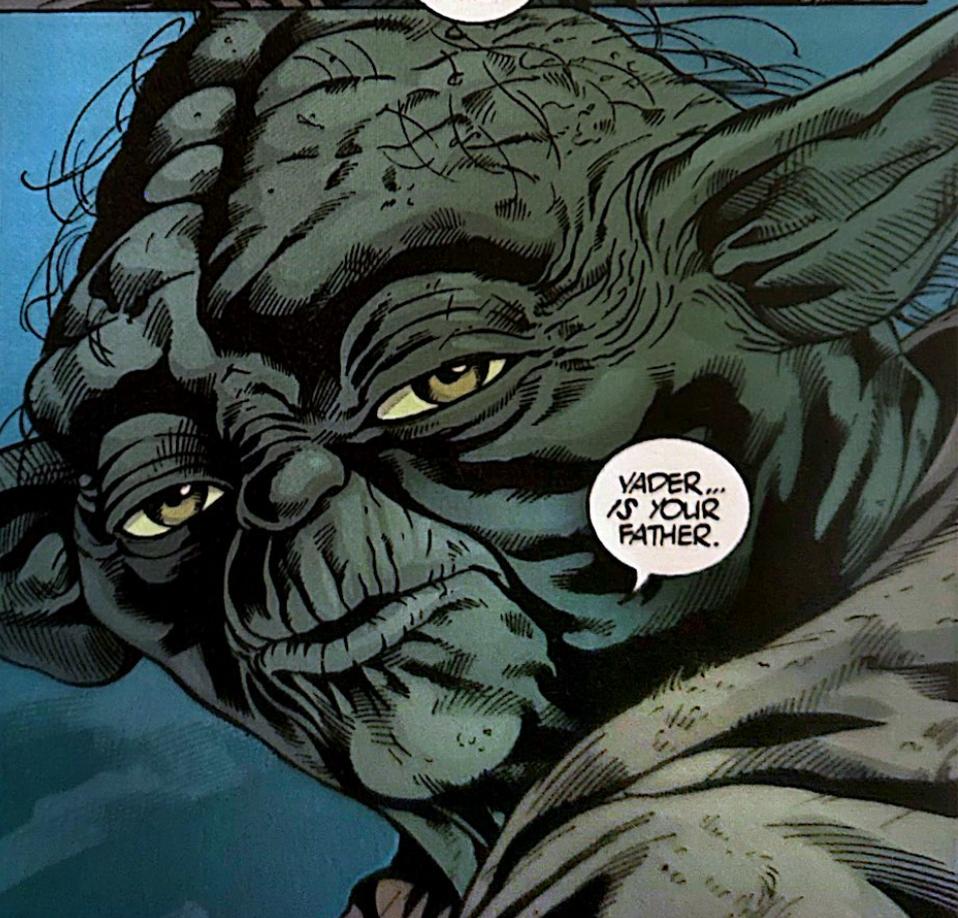
LITTLE HAVE I SPOKEN OF YOUR FATHER, *ANAKIN*, THOUGH MANY TIMES YOU HAVE ASKED ABOUT HIM. TOLD YOU DID I THAT YOUR FATHER WAS A POWERFUL JEDI.

TRUE THAT WAS.



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

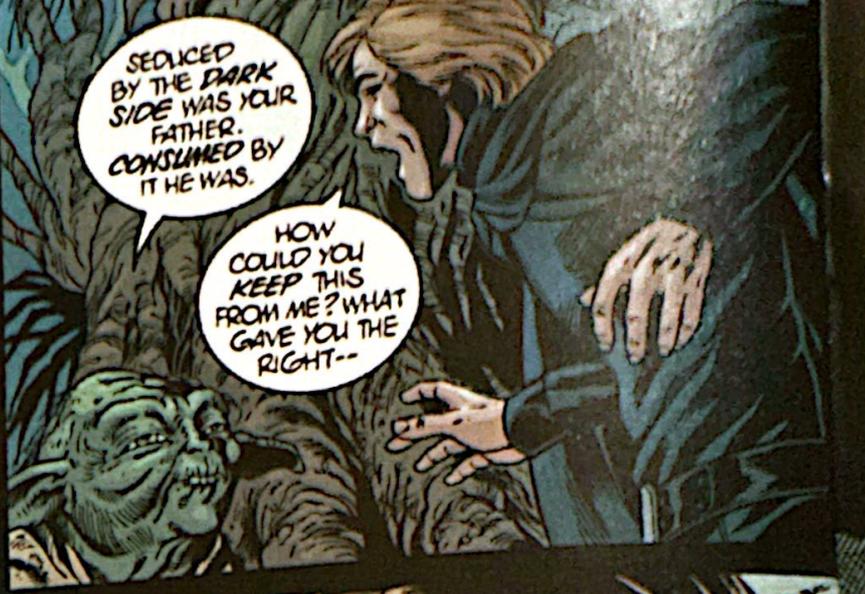
TRUE THAT WAS *NOT*.



VADER... IS YOUR FATHER.

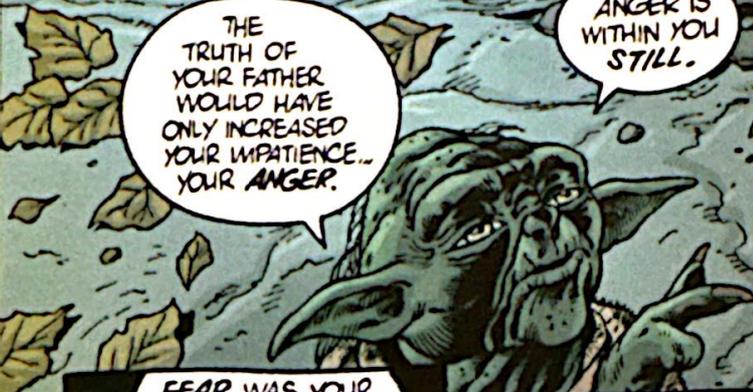


That's not true. That's... IMPOSSIBLE.



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.

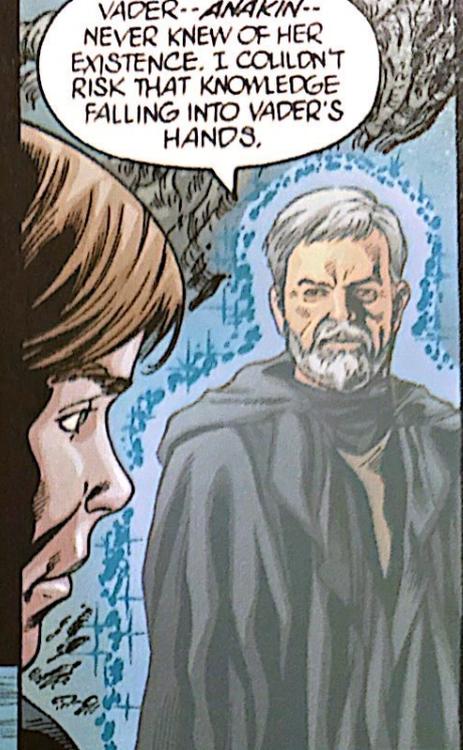


MASTER,
WHY DIDN'T
OBI-WAN
TELL ME
ABOUT
LEIA?

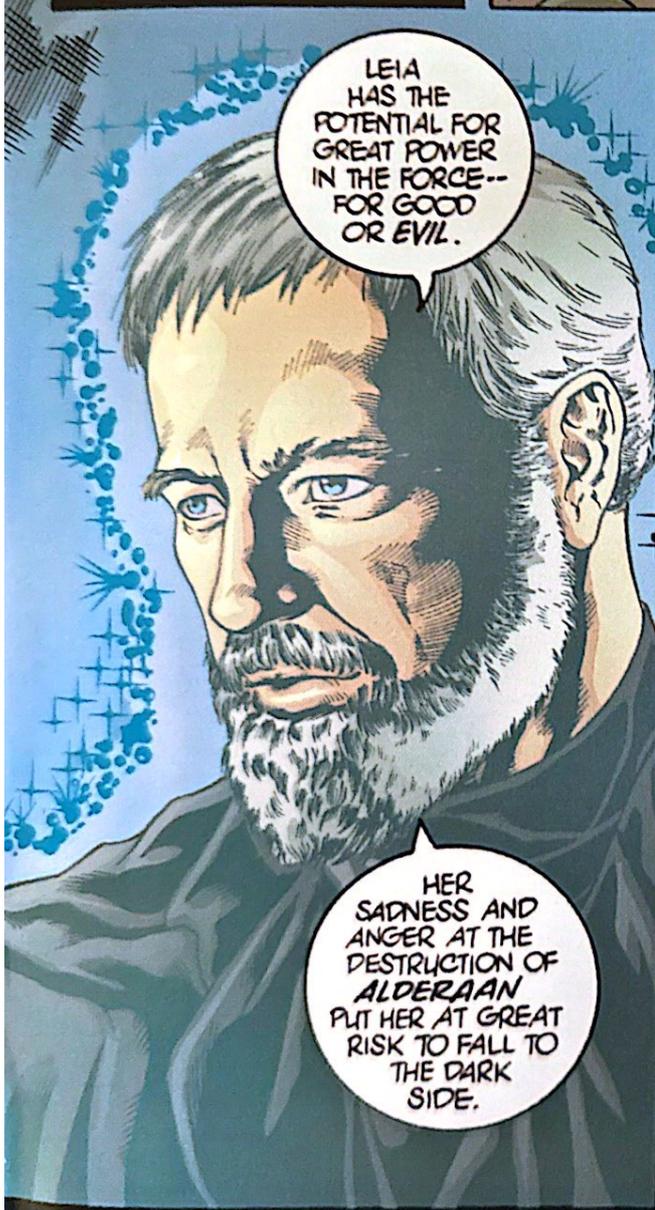
ASK OBI-
WAN YOU
SHOULD.



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.



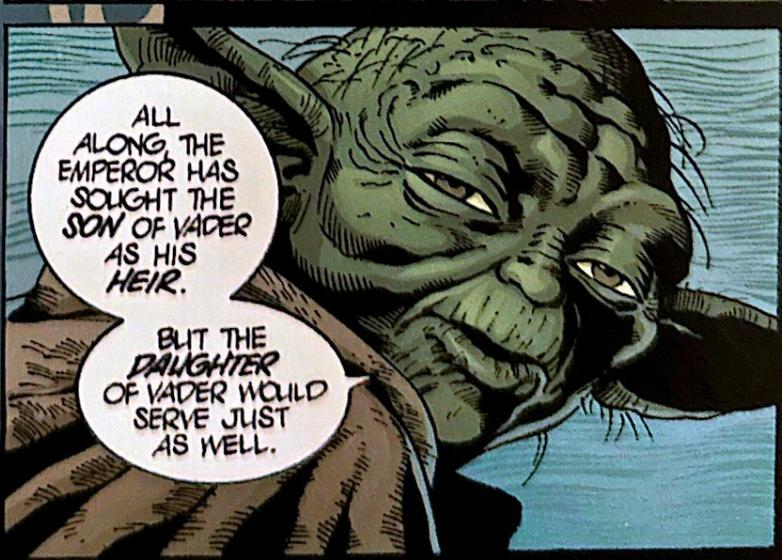
LEIA
HAS THE
POTENTIAL FOR
GREAT POWER
IN THE FORCE--
FOR GOOD
OR EVIL.



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.



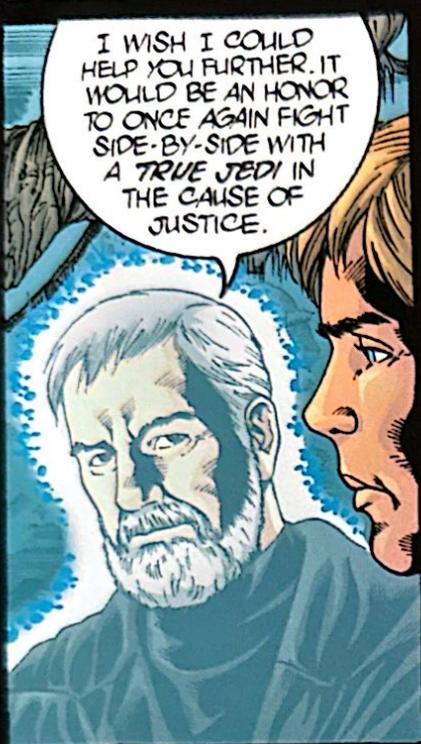
ALL
ALONG THE
EMPEROR HAS
SOUGHT THE
SON OF VADER
AS HIS
HEIR.

BUT THE
DAUGHTER
OF VADER WOULD
SERVE JUST
AS WELL.



I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, BEN.

LET THE FORCE SPEAK TO YOU, LUKE. IT WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH A PATH.

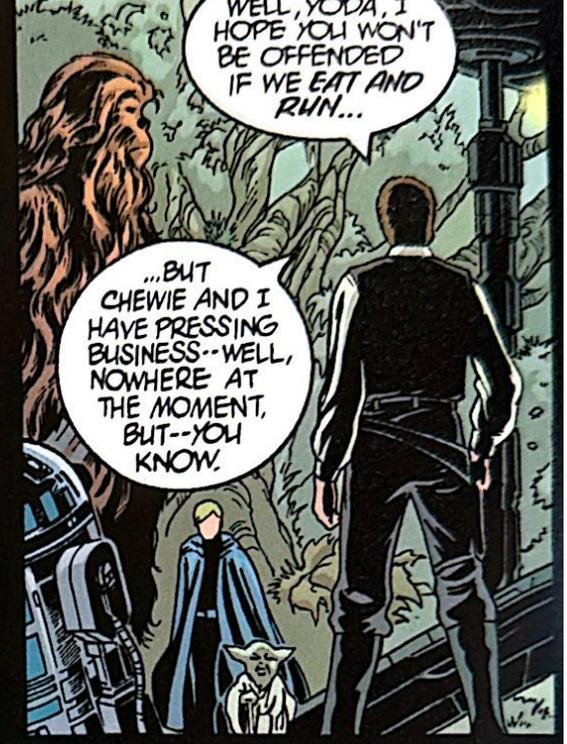


I WISH I COULD HELP YOU FURTHER. IT WOULD BE AN HONOR TO ONCE AGAIN FIGHT SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH A *TRUE JEDI* IN THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE.



REMEMBER, LUKE--THE FORCE WILL BE WITH YOU.

ALWAYS.



WELL, YODA, I HOPE YOU WON'T BE OFFENDED IF WE EAT AND RUN...

...BUT CHEWIE AND I HAVE PRESSING BUSINESS--WELL, NOWHERE AT THE MOMENT, BUT--YOU KNOW.



LOOK, KID, I KNOW YOU'RE READY TO DO SOMETHING REALLY BRAVE-- AND TOTALLY *INSANE*-- AND I KNOW I CAN'T TALK YOU OUT OF IT. SO THE LEAST I CAN DO IS GET YOU TO WHERE YOU'RE GOING.

I OWE YOU--AND LEIA--THAT MUCH.



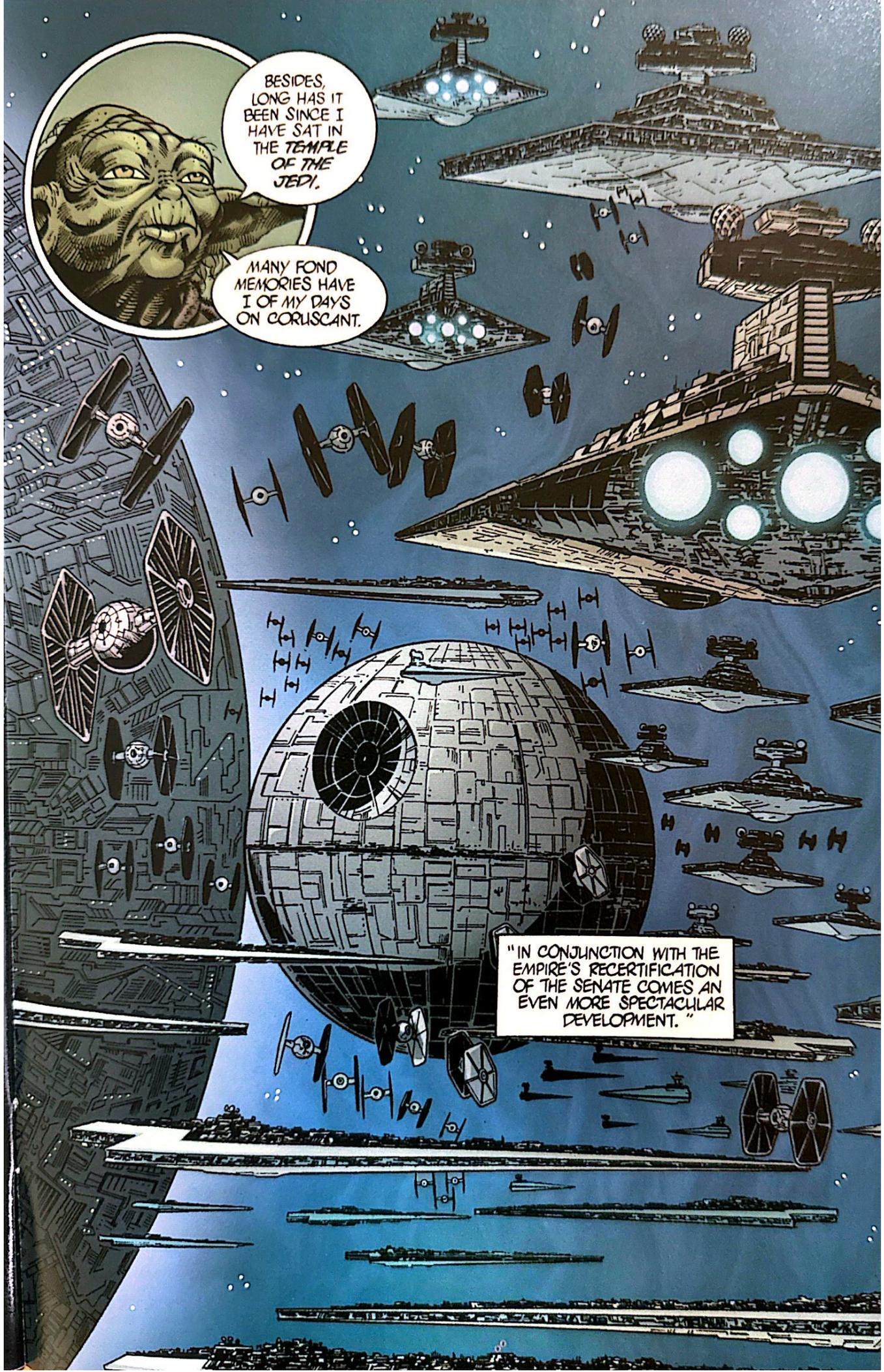
AND OWE *ME* YOU DO FOR THE FOOD YOU HAVE EATEN.

I AM THINKING A RIDE IN YOUR VESSEL WOULD BE A FAIR EXCHANGE, HMM?



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...