

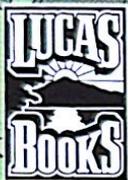


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A NEW HOPE

RAWK!

I KNOW HE'S NOT HERE YET. IT WOULD BE HARD FOR ME NOT TO NOTICE.



GRONK NAONNK

YES, I'M POSITIVE I GAVE HIM THE RIGHT COORDINATES. Almost positive...



HOLD ON... I GOT SOMETHING.

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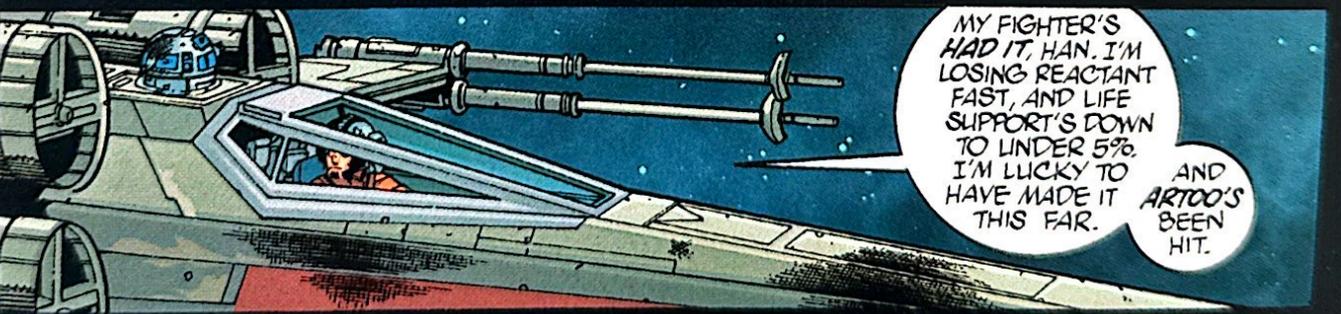


YEHOO! LUKE! WHERE YOU BEEN, PAL? YOU STOP OFF FOR A BITE TO EAT OR SOMETHING?



MY FIGHTER'S HAD IT, HAN. I'M LOSING REACTANT FAST, AND LIFE SUPPORT'S DOWN TO UNDER 5%. I'M LUCKY TO HAVE MADE IT THIS FAR.

AND ARTOO'S BEEN HIT.



I'M GOING TO HAVE TO DITCH. PREPARE TO BRING ME ABOARD.





WELCOME ABOARD, ACE. WE HAD A PARADE PLANNED, BUT... YOU OKAY, KID?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. WE NEED TO SEE ABOUT REPAIRING ARTOO.



CHEWIE, SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO.

ARTOO SPENT A LOT OF TIME HOOKED INTO THE DEATH STAR COMPUTERS. HE MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING WE CAN USE.



USE?

TO DESTROY THE DEATH STAR. WE'VE GOT OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR US.



TO STAY ALIVE, YOU MEAN. THAT'S OUR ONLY MISSION FROM HERE ON OUT.

WE GAVE IT OUR BEST SHOT. OUR ONLY SHOT.

THE REBELLION'S BEEN CALLED OFF, KID.



A LOT OF GOOD PEOPLE DIED FIGHTING THIS FIGHT. BEN, THE PRINCESS...

AND I DON'T WANT MY NAME ADDED TO THE LIST, OKAY? I'M RETIRED FROM THE HERO BUSINESS.

YOU THINK THIS IS FUNNY?



I THINK YOU BETTER GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME!

NHH!

LOOK, KID... I KNOW YOU'RE UPSET...



UPSET?



OOFF!



KRAK

ARE YOU NUTS?

LOOK, I'LL CUT YOU SOME SLACK 'CAUSE OF WHAT YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH, BUT DON'T PUSH YOUR LUCK!



I'M NOT IN THE MOOD OK? ENOUGH!



ENOUGH?

WE HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED!



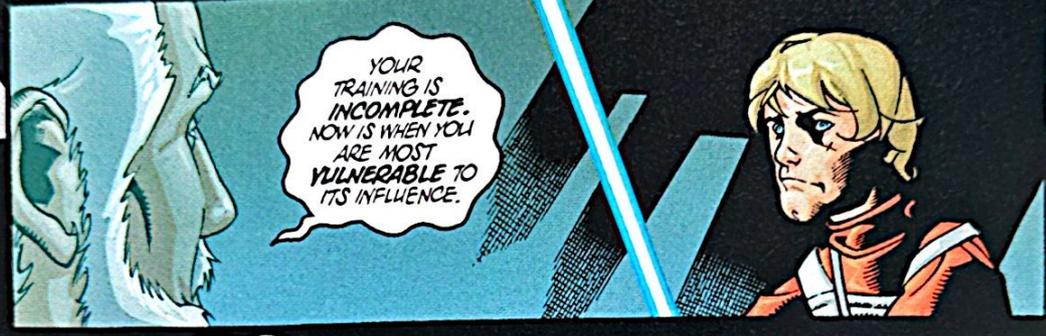
WHNN



LUKE!
DON'T GIVE
IN TO YOUR
ANGER!

BEN!

BEN?
YOU ARE
NUTS!



YOUR
TRAINING IS
INCOMPLETE.
NOW IS WHEN YOU
ARE MOST
VULNERABLE TO
ITS INFLUENCE.



GO TO
THE DAGOBAH
SYSTEM. FIND
YODA, THE JEDI
MASTER.



COMPLETE
YOUR TRAINING,
LUKE. YOU ARE
OUR ONLY
HOPE.

BEN,
WAIT!



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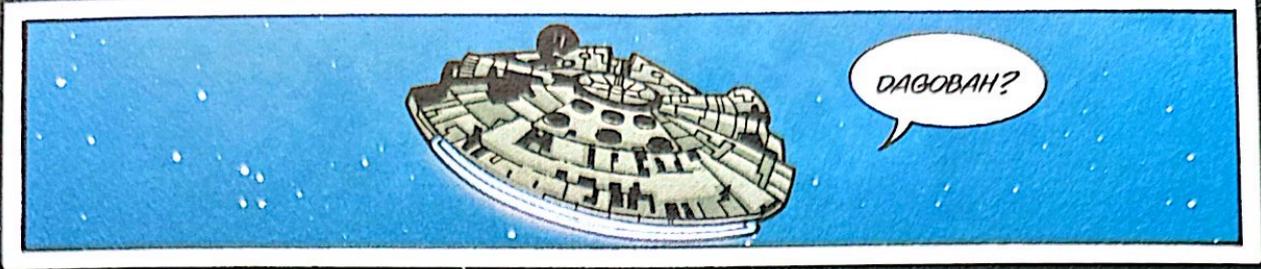
GRAW?

S'OKAY,
CHEWIE. LUKE
AND I WERE
JUST... WHAT
EXACTLY
WERE WE
DOING?



HAN, I'M... I'M
SORRY. I DON'T
KNOW...

I NEED
YOUR HELP,
HAN.

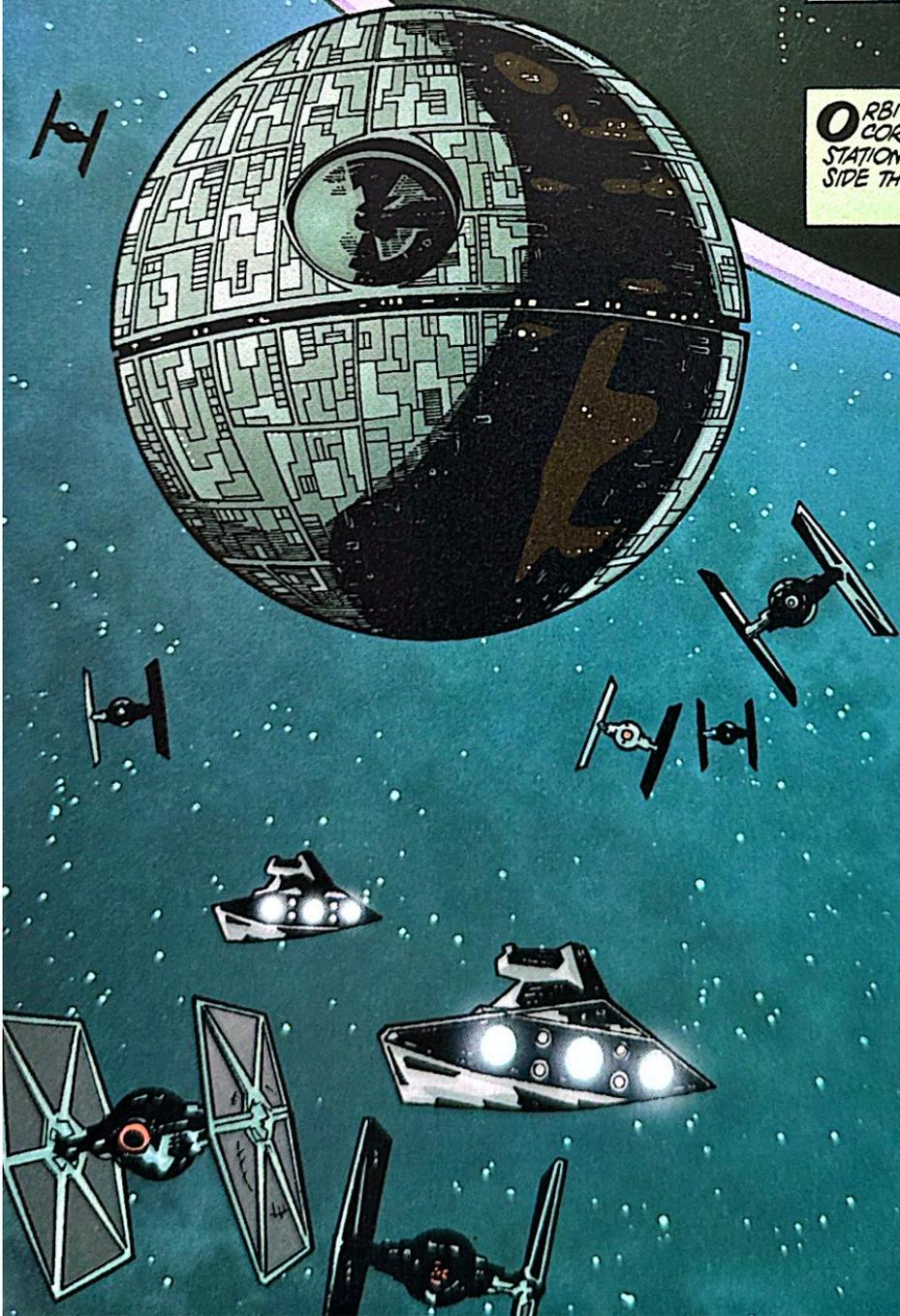


DAGOBAH?

CORUSCANT--A PLANET-WIDE METROPOLIS, ONCE THE CROWN JEWEL OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY BUT NOW THE MILITARY NERVE CENTER OF THE GALACTIC EMPIRE.

ANOW INVINCIBLE EMPIRE, ITS LAST OPPOSITION, THE REBEL ALLIANCE--CRUSHED BY ITS ULTIMATE WEAPON, THE DEATH STAR, AT THE BATTLE OF YAVIN.

ORBITING TRIUMPHANTLY ABOVE CORUSCANT, THE IMMENSE BATTLE STATION TRUMPETS ITS VICTORY ALONGSIDE THE BULK OF THE TERRIBLE IMPERIAL FLEET.



AND PREPARES TO DELIVER A PROPER TRIBUTE TO ITS EMPEROR.

SHUTTLE TARGUINAS, YOUR CODE TRANSMISSION IS CONFIRMED AND YOU ARE CLEARED FOR LANDING.





WELCOME TO CORUSCANT, LORD VADER, AND TO YOUR... GUEST.

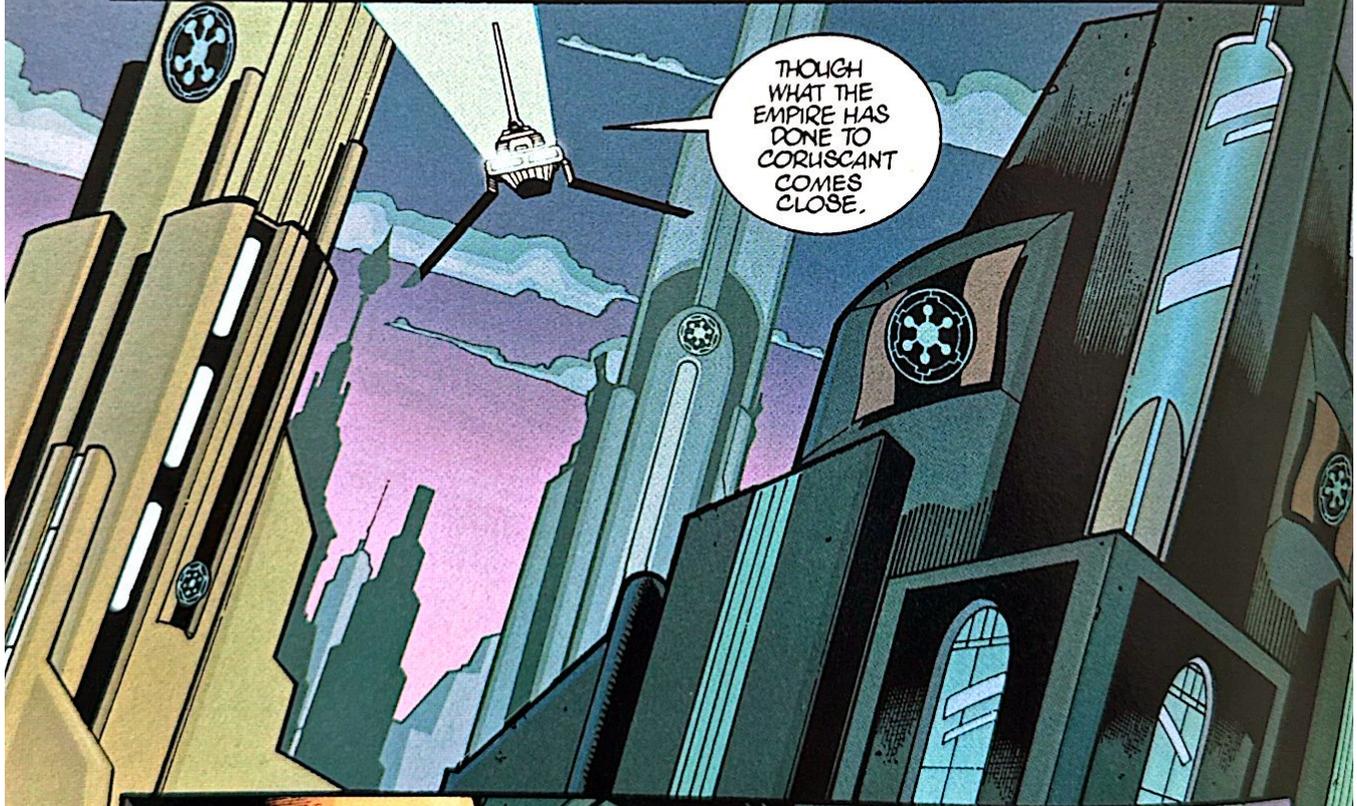
GO TO HELL!

YOUR SENSE OF PROTOCOL LEAVES SOMETHING TO BE DESIRED, PRINCESS.



WITH THE REBELLION VANQUISHED, THE EMPEROR'S MOOD IS ONE OF MAGNANIMITY.

I CAN'T IMAGINE A MORE SICKENING DISPLAY OF HYPOCRISY.



THOUGH WHAT THE EMPIRE HAS DONE TO CORUSCANT COMES CLOSE.



SUCH A VULGAR DISPLAY OF OPPRESSION AND CORRUPTION SUITS THE EMPEROR WELL.

I'M CERTAIN THE EMPEROR WILL BE INTERESTED TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS, PRINCESS.

YOU MAY SOON HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEM TO HIM PERSONALLY.

THE IMPERIAL RESIDENCE, FORMER HALL OF THE JEDI COUNCIL.

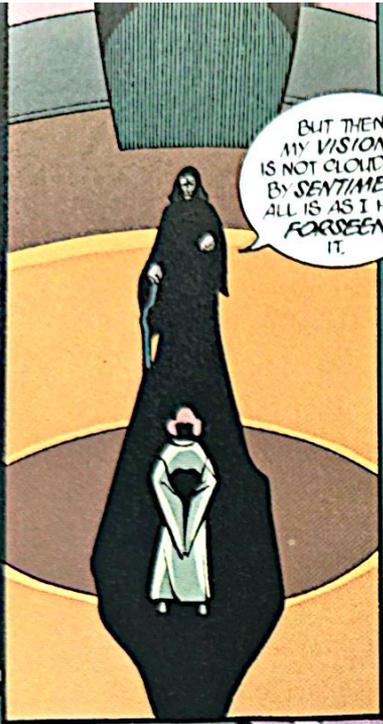
LORD VADER AND PRINCESS LEIA ORGANA OF ALDERAAN.

COME IN... PLEASE.

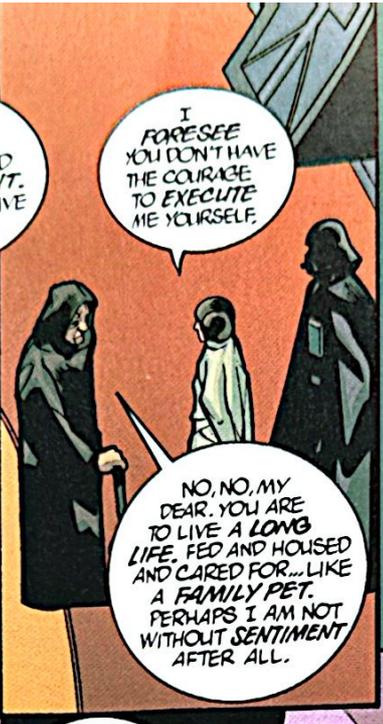
Ah, ALDERAAN... A LOVELY WORLD... IN ITS DAY.

NOT SO LOVELY THAT YOU DIDN'T HESITATE FOR A SECOND TO ORDER ITS DESTRUCTION AND THE MURDER OF ITS PEOPLE.

WELL, THERE IS THAT...

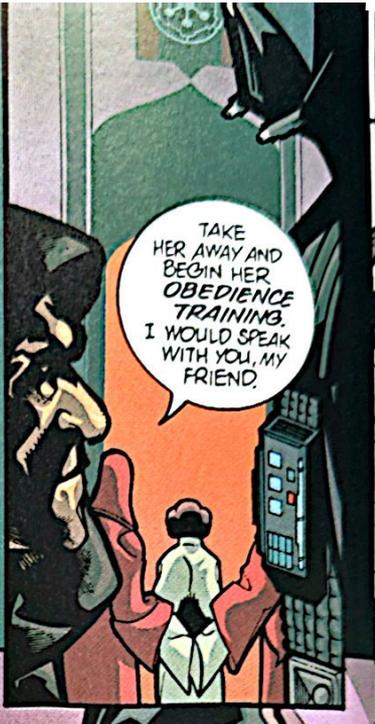


BUT THEN MY VISION IS NOT CLOUDED BY SENTIMENT. ALL IS AS I HAVE FORESEEN IT.



I FORESEE YOU DON'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO EXECUTE ME YOURSELF.

NO, NO, MY DEAR. YOU ARE TO LIVE A LONG LIFE. FED AND HOUSED AND CARED FOR... LIKE A FAMILY PET. PERHAPS I AM NOT WITHOUT SENTIMENT AFTER ALL.



TAKE HER AWAY AND BEGIN HER OBEDIENCE TRAINING. I WOULD SPEAK WITH YOU, MY FRIEND.



I SENSE A DISTURBANCE WITHIN YOU, APPRENTICE. HAVE THE FRUITS OF VICTORY SOFTENED YOUR RESOLVE?

NO, MY MASTER. IT IS A DISTURBANCE IN THE FORCE I SENSE, BUT THE SOURCE IS... UNCLEAR.



ANY SUCH DISTURBANCE IS NOW RENDERED MEANINGLESS. SEE TO THE PRINCESS. SHE WILL YET BE OF GREAT VALUE TO US.

YES, MY MASTER.



THE GREATEST TRIUMPH IS YET TO COME.



...A TRIUMPH AS INEVITABLE AS DESTINY.

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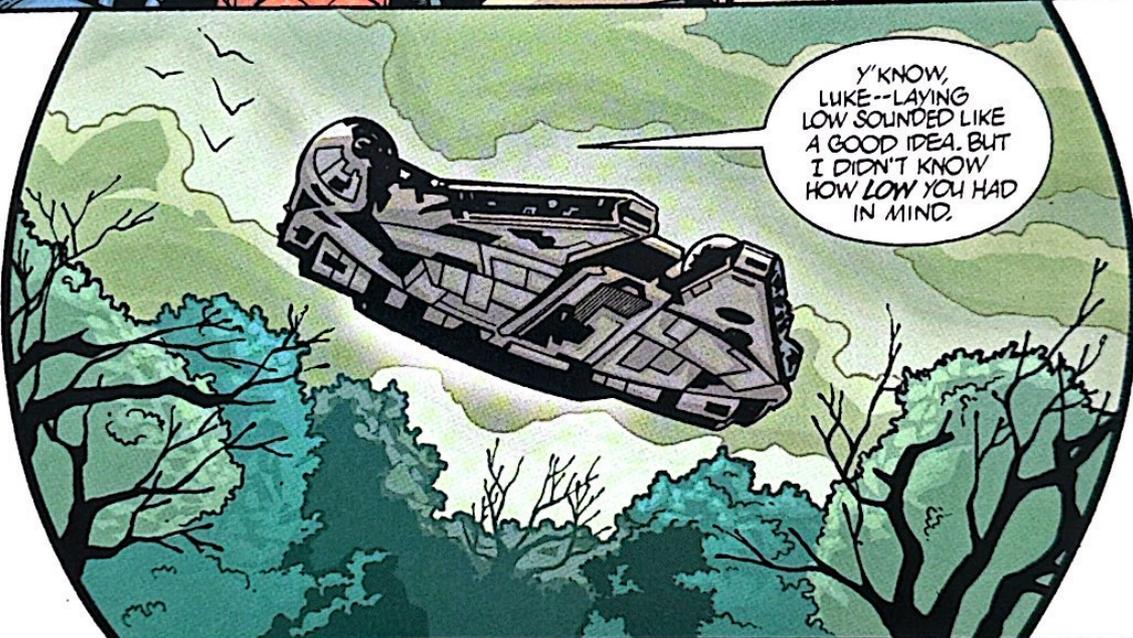
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WELL, HERE WE ARE. **DAGOBAH**--GARDEN SPOT OF THE GALAXY...



...MINUS THE GARDEN. HANG ON, THE RIDE'S GONNA BE **BUMPY**.



Y'KNOW, LUKE--LAYING LOW SOUNDED LIKE A GOOD IDEA. BUT I DIDN'T KNOW HOW **LOW** YOU HAD IN MIND.



WOULD IT BE TOO MUCH TO ASK JUST **WHERE** WE'RE GOING?

AND YOU CAME BACK **WILLINGLY**?

I'M NOT SURE... BUT SOMEHOW I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE.

WELL, THIS IS AS GOOD A PLACE AS ANY. AND I MEAN THAT **LITERALLY**.





ARTOO!

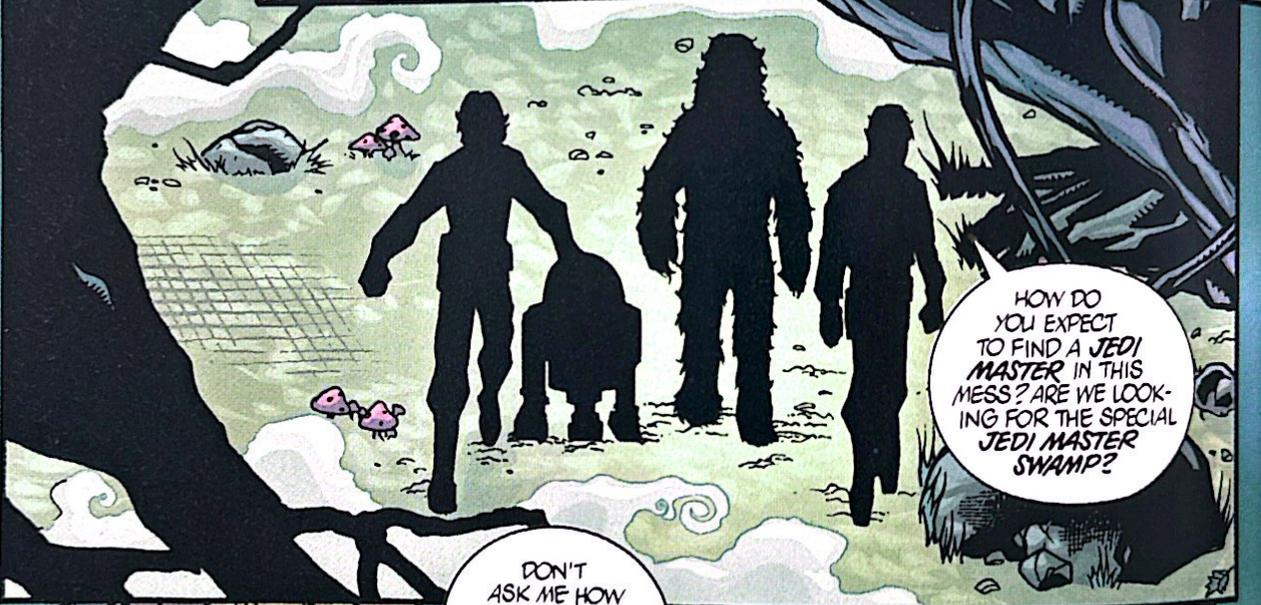
BOOP BEE-BEEP TEWEE!



I KNEW THEY COULDN'T SHUT YOU DOWN, ARTOO!

BOOPBOO DWEEET!

C'MON, Han...let's go to DAGOBAH, Han...



HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO FIND A JEDI MASTER IN THIS MESS? ARE WE LOOKING FOR THE SPECIAL JEDI MASTER SWAMP?

DON'T ASK ME HOW I KNOW, BUT I KNOW WE'LL FIND HIM--OR HE'LL FIND US.

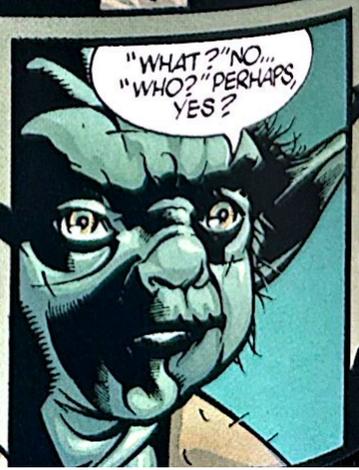


WHY WOULD I DOUBT SOMEONE WHO TALKS TO THIN AIR?



WHO IS IT THAT YOU WISH TO FIND?

WHAT THE--?!



"WHAT?" "NO..." "WHO?" "PERHAPS, YES?"



WE'RE NOT LOST.

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE, ARE YOU? LOST YOU APPEAR TO BE?

WE'RE NOT?



LOOK, LITTLE FELLA, WE'RE A LITTLE BUSY--

A STRANGE TRIBE OF CREATURES YOU ARE. IS THIS YOUR CHIEF?

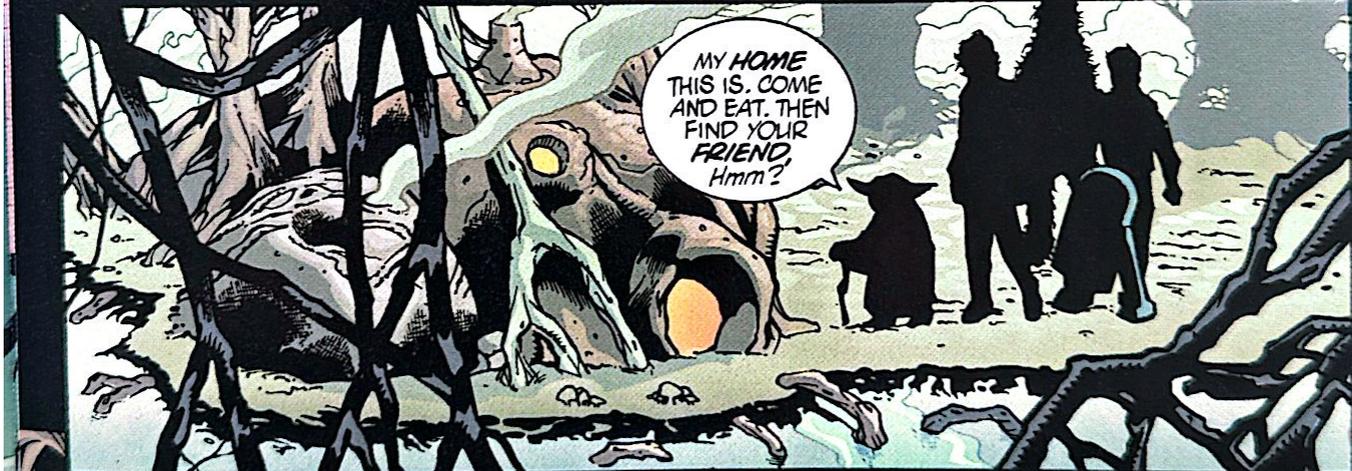
BOOP BOOP BEEP!



COME! HELP YOU FIND YOUR WAY I WILL!

LOOK, WE DON'T--

--KNOW WHERE WE ARE. HE DOES.



MY HOME THIS IS. COME AND EAT. THEN FIND YOUR FRIEND Hmm?



--I SAID HIS NAME IS YODA. A JEDI MASTER.

JEDI? NO, NO JEDI HERE.



WE'RE WASTING OUR TIME HERE! HE DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING!



HE'S PLAYING YOU, PAL. DON'T YOU GET IT, LUKE? THIS GUY'S YODA!

WHAT? I :HRGH:
HOW CAN YOU KNOW--

TAKES A CON MAN TO KNOW ONE.



CALM YOURSELF, LUKE. LISTEN CAREFULLY TO YODA.

BEN!
BEN, TELL HIM I--

TIME IS SHORT. GRAVE THE SITUATION.



ALREADY STEPS HAVE YOU TAKEN ON THE DARK PATH. IF COMPLETE YOUR TRAINING YOU DO NOT, A SERVANT OF EVIL WILL YOU BECOME.



TRAIN YOU I WILL. TRAIN YOU I MUST.

I WON'T FAIL YOU.

ON THIS THE FUTURE DEPENDS.





THIS IS OBI-WAN'S LIGHTSABER, THE WEAPON OF A JEDI! I GIVE IT TO YOU.



CAN YOU FEEL IT? NOT LIKE SOME COLD BLASTER, BUT A LIVING THING. AN EXTENSION OF THE SPIRIT. A SERVANT OF THE WILL.



THAT'S IT.



AGAIN.



RELEASE YOUR ANGER.



YOUR ANGER MAKES YOU POWERFUL.





POWERFUL,
BUT NOT
READY!

READY
TO
DIE!

NO!

YOU
FELT IT,
DIDN'T
YOU?

LIKE A
HIDDEN VOICE,
BREATHING
STRENGTH
INTO YOUR
SPIRIT...

YOU
HAVE NO IDEA
WHAT YOU CAN
YET BECOME,
LEIA.

THE
DOOR
OPENS.

YES--A
JEDI'S STRENGTH
FLOWS FROM
THE FORCE.

BUT
BEWARE OF
THE DARK SIDE.
ANGER, FEAR,
AGGRESSION.

IF ONCE
YOU START
DOWN THE DARK
PATH, FOREVER
WILL IT DOMINATE
YOUR DESTINY.

CONSUME
YOU IT WILL...
AS IT DID
OBI-WAN'S
APPRENTICE.

VADER...



MR. BAN
ROWAAN

I KNOW WE NEED A NEW PRESSURE STABILIZER. I KNEW THAT TWO MONTHS AGO WHEN WE LANDED ON THIS MUDBALL. THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO LEAVE TO GO FIND A NEW ONE.



NEED A PUSH!



WORTH A TRY. WE NEED TO TALK, PAL.

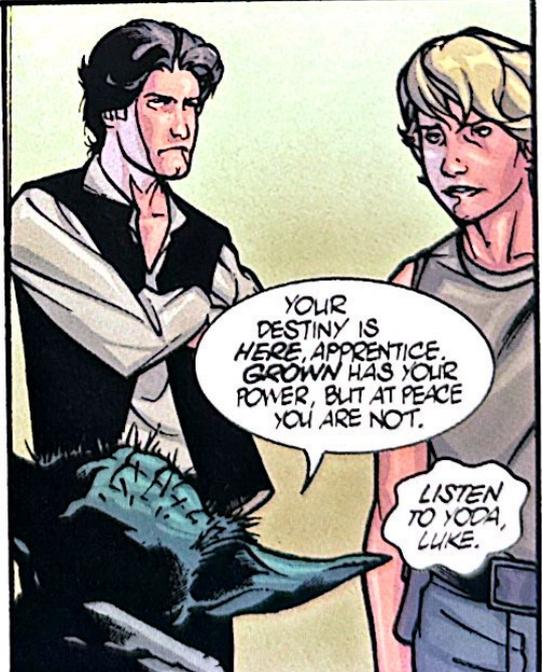


ARE YOU SURE THIS RUST BUCKET'S SPACEWORTHY?

ARE YOU KIDDING? THESE ARE THE HANDS OF A SURGEON!



LOOK, KID--WE MAKE A PRETTY GOOD TEAM. YOU DON'T HAVE TO STAY HERE. COME WITH US.



YOUR DESTINY IS HERE, APPRENTICE. GROWN HAS YOUR POWER, BUT AT PEACE YOU ARE NOT.

LISTEN TO YODA, LUKE.



I HAVE. I JUST THINK THAT MAYBE I COULD DO MORE GOOD OUT THERE-- DOING SOMETHING.

WHO DOES HE KEEP TALKING TO?

GARR?



YOU ARE AT THE SAME CROSSROAD THAT VADER REACHED. CHOOSE AS HE DID, AND HIS FATE WILL BE YOURS. PATIENCE, LUKE.



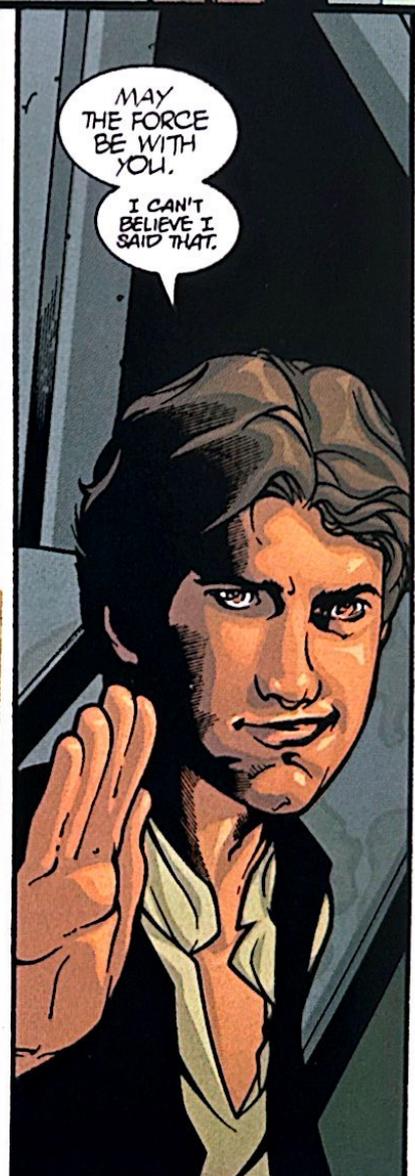
WANT A HAND WITH YOUR GEAR?



NOT TODAY, HAN.

BUT THE TIME WILL COME WHEN I WILL. SOMETIMES EVEN A JEDI NEEDS A LIFT. YOU'LL KNOW WHEN.

COUNT ON IT.



MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I SAID THAT.





GOOD, AFTERNOON, LORD VADER! MAY I JUST SAY THAT--

LEAVE US.

WHY, YES, OF COURSE. I WAS JUST LEAVING. Oh dear, oh dear...

PEACE. I HAVE NOT KNOWN IT IN MY LIFE-TIME.



DON'T WORRY, I WON'T JUMP.

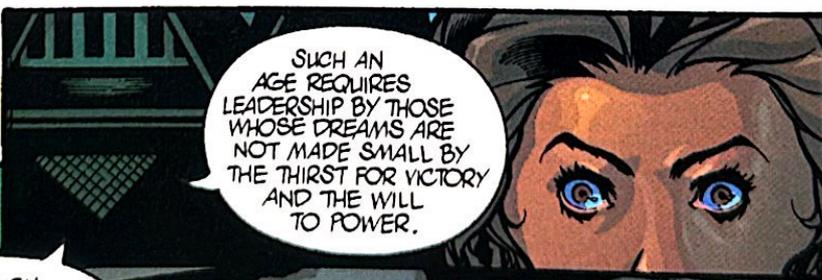
THE SECURITY FIELD WOULD NOT ALLOW IT.



NOW IS THE TIME THAT AN EMPIRE FORMED IN THE CRUCIBLE OF BATTLE MUST FORGE A FUTURE IN WHICH WAR IS BUT A FADING MEMORY.



THE EMPEROR IS DYING, LEIA. A NEW AGE IS DAWNING FOR THE GALAXY. AN AGE IN WHICH THE VAST RESOURCES AT OUR DISPOSAL MAY BE TURNED TO BRING ABOUT PROSPERITY AND WONDERS UNDREAMED.



SUCH AN AGE REQUIRES LEADERSHIP BY THOSE WHOSE DREAMS ARE NOT MADE SMALL BY THE THIRST FOR VICTORY AND THE WILL TO POWER.

BUT SUCH NOBLE DESTINIES ARE FRAGILE, LEIA. AND THE MOMENTS TO SEIZE THEM ARE FLEETING.

AS I ONCE TOLD YOU... YOU HAVE MORE CHOICES THAN YOU KNOW.





THERE'S SOMETHING NOT RIGHT HERE. I FEEL COLD...
...DEATH.



THAT PLACE IS STRONG WITH THE DARK SIDE OF THE FORCE. A DOMAIN OF EVIL IT IS.



IN YOU MUST GO.



WHAT'S IN THERE?

ONLY WHAT YOU TAKE WITH YOU.



YOUR WEAPONS-- YOU WILL NOT NEED THEM.





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