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Part IV

The Republic is overthrown. Emperor Palpatine rules the galaxy with an iron fist. Palpatine's apprentice — Darth Vader — serves his master's Empire by rooting out surviving Jedi.

Vader has requested that his master grant him a planet to do with what he will — and he has chosen Mustafar, a world ripe with dark side energies...and the site of his greatest defeat. Palpatine has charged Chief Imperial Architect Alva Brenne to build Vader's fortress there and gifted his apprentice the Mask of Lord Momin, a mysterious dark side artifact.

But Brenne has failed to capture Vader's vision for the fortress. And Momin's mask has revealed its power — by murdering Brenne, possessing her assistant and offering up its own designs for Fortress Vader....

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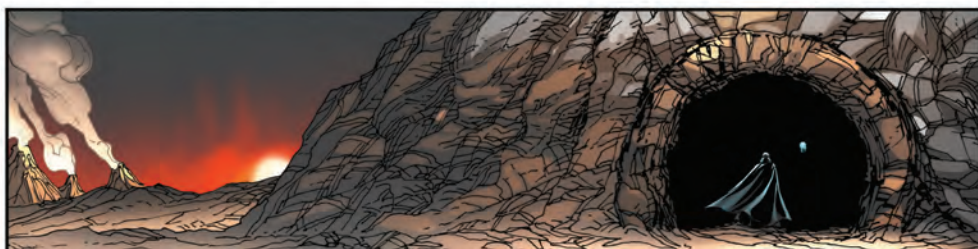
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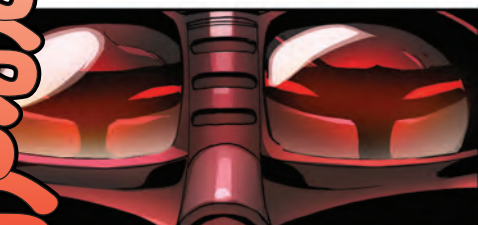


WHAT ARE YOU?

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I AM MOMIN.



AND EVERYTHING I DID WAS GUIDED BY ONE SIMPLE PRINCIPLE.



FWSH!!

"SOMETHING I CAME
TO UNDERSTAND WHEN
I WAS VERY YOUNG.

HAVE YOU
SEEN FLITTA
ANYWHERE, MOMIN?
I SWEAR, IF SHE RAN
AWAY AGAIN...

I DON'T
KNOW WHY I LET
YOUR FATHER CONVINCE
ME TO GET A RADA-CAT
IN THE FIRST PLACE.
NOTHING BUT--

WHAT...
WHAT HAVE YOU
DONE?

"IF PEOPLE FEEL
NOTHING WHEN
ENCOUNTERING
SOMETHING YOU HAVE
CREATED...

"...THEN YOU
HAVE CREATED
NOTHING.



"PAIN AND FEAR ARE THE PUREST OF ALL EMOTIONS, BECAUSE THEY ARE THE FIRST WE FEEL-- AT THE MOMENT OF BIRTH.

BY...
BY THE
LIGHT.

HORRIFYING.

"THEY ARE A REDUCTION,
A REVERSION TO OUR
MOST FUNDAMENTAL,
ANIMAL SELVES.

"BEFORE WE ARE
ANYTHING, WE
CAN HURT. WE
CAN BE AFRAID.



"THE WORK
SHOULD BRING
ITS VIEWERS TO
THIS PLACE.

"A SUCCESSFUL
PIECE MAKES
ANYONE WHO
SEES IT...

WHO
WOULD MAKE
SOMETHING
LIKE THIS?

"...AN
ANIMAL.



"NOT EVERYONE
ENJOYS BEING
MADE TO FEEL
THIS WAY.

"THAT
IS FINE.

TAKE HIM!
TAKE HIM
AWAY!

HE'S A
MONSTER!

"THEY CAN LIE TO
THEMSelves ABOUT
WHAT THEY ARE.



"I WILL
SHOW THEM
THE TRUTH.

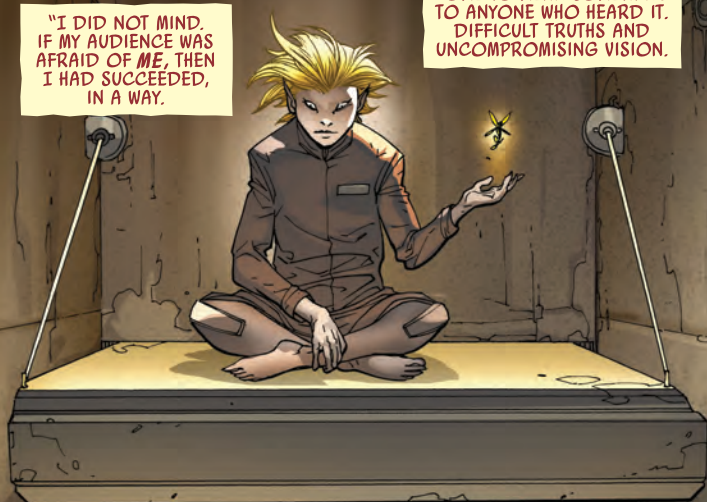
"FOR MY DEDICATION TO THESE PRINCIPLES, I WAS IMPRISONED, MY TOOLS TAKEN FROM ME.

"I DID NOT MIND. IF MY AUDIENCE WAS AFRAID OF *ME*, THEN I HAD SUCCEEDED, IN A WAY.

"THE NAME MOMIN HAD COME TO MEAN SOMETHING TO ANYONE WHO HEARD IT. DIFFICULT TRUTHS AND UNCOMPROMISING VISION.

"I, MOMIN, WAS A SCULPTOR OF THE MIND.

"THEY LOCKED ME AWAY SO THEY WOULD NOT HAVE TO SEE IT.



SHKK!

"BUT TRUTH CANNOT BE IMPRISONED. MY NAME ECHOED OUT INTO THE GALAXY, AND ONE HEARD AND UNDERSTOOD AND CAME FOR ME.

"HER NAME WAS SHAA.

