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Centuries before the Clone Wars or the Empire, during the glorious era of THE HIGH REPUBLIC, the Jedi were at their height.

The galaxy was at peace until dangerous marauders known as the NIHIL caused THE GREAT DISASTER. Their attack on the Jedi and the Republic reached its peak with the destruction of STARLIGHT BEACON, a space station meant to symbol hope and unity.

Now, the Jedi have been recalled to Coruscant, fearful of the Nihil and the monstrous creatures they possess....

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THE FALL OF
STARLIGHT BEACON.
ONE YEAR AGO.



"IT IS WITH TRUE SORROW THAT I REPORT THAT THE GREAT OUTPOST OF THE REPUBLIC IN THE OUTER RIM, **STARLIGHT BEACON**, HAS BEEN DESTROYED.



WHILE WE EXPECT THIS REASSIGNMENT TO BE TEMPORARY, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE--

AVAR, THEY'RE CALLING US BACK? WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A RELIEF EFFORT. PEOPLE MIGHT STILL BE OUT THERE... SURVIVORS IN THE WRECKAGE... JEDI, EVEN!

I KNOW, ELZAR. THE COUNCIL WOULDN'T DO THIS LIGHTLY. THINGS MUST BE WORSE THAN WE THOUGHT.



CORUSCANT.
THE JEDI TEMPLE.

THE RECALL SIGNAL HAS BORNE FRUIT.

I CANNOT REMEMBER A TIME WHEN SO MANY JEDI WERE PRESENT ON CORUSCANT AT ONCE.

THE RECALL WAS THE PRUDENT CHOICE, **MASTER KI-SAKKA**.

THE **NIHIL** DESTROYED **STARLIGHT BEACON**, IN PART BY USING THOSE **CREATURES**. THE **JEDI-KILLERS**.

THE BEASTS REMAIN A MYSTERY TO US. WE MUST GIVE OURSELVES TIME TO LEARN ABOUT THEM.

PRUDENCE IS A COUSIN TO FEAR, **MASTER AGRA**. BUT REGRET ISSUING THE RECALL, I DO NOT. OUR NUMBERS ARE FEW, AND A POWERFUL ENEMY DO WE FACE.





"LOSS OF LIFE WAS...SIGNIFICANT, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF OUR ORDER."



"EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ALL JEDI, OF ALL RANKS, ARE RECALLED TO THE CORUSCANT TEMPLE."



BUT OUR SALVATION WILL NOT BE DISCOVERED INSIDE THESE TEMPLE WALLS.

TO THE SECRETS OF THE PAST, WE MUST LOOK.



RESEARCH I MUST. INVESTIGATE. MEDITATE. IN MY ABSENCE...

...PROTECT LIGHT AND LIFE.

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU, GRANDMASTER YODA.

CORUSCANT.
ONE WEEK AFTER
THE FALL.

WELCOME,
AND MAY THE
FORCE BE WITH
US ALL.

BEFORE
WE BEGIN,
WE RECOGNIZE
THE GENEROSITY OF
LINA SOH, SUPREME
CHANCELLOR OF
THE REPUBLIC.

SHE
HAS ALLOWED
THE JEDI ORDER
ACCESS TO THE SENATE
BUILDING TO ALLOW
US TO EFFICIENTLY
GATHER IN SUCH
NUMBERS.

WE SENSE THE
UNCERTAINTY MANY OF
YOU FEEL REGARDING
YOUR RECALL TO
CORUSCANT.

AND...OTHER
MATTERS.

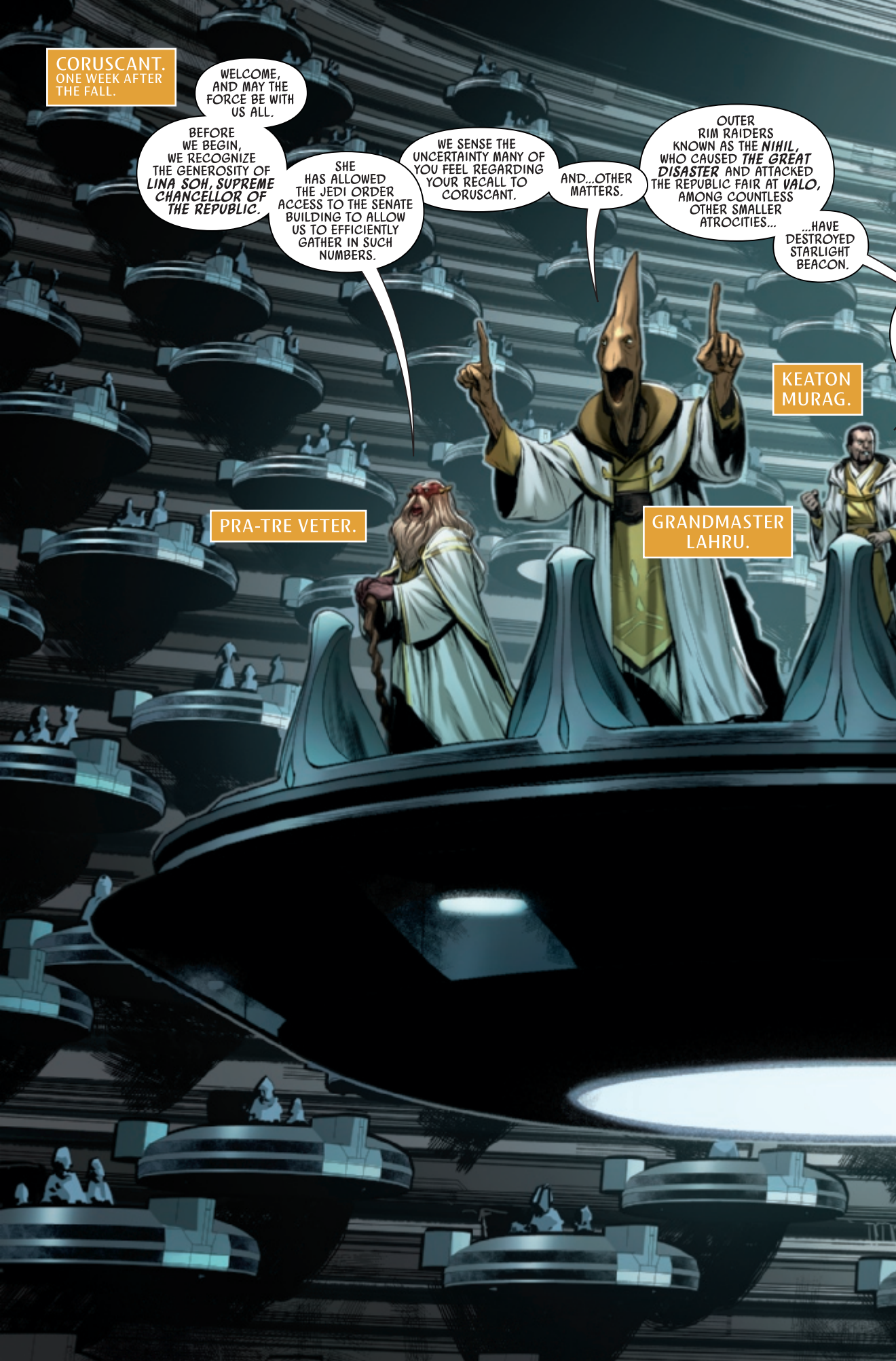
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RIM RAIDERS
KNOWN AS THE *NIHIL*,
WHO CAUSED *THE GREAT
DISASTER* AND ATTACKED
THE REPUBLIC FAIR AT *VALO*,
AMONG COUNTLESS
OTHER SMALLER
ATROCITIES...

...HAVE
DESTROYED
STARLIGHT
BEACON.

KEATON
MURAG.

PRA-TRE VETER.

GRANDMASTER
LAHRU.



THEY ACHIEVED THIS VIA THE USE OF *SABOTEURS*, WHO DEPLOYED BOMBS, WHICH CAUSED THE STATION TO CRASH INTO THE OCEANS OF *EIRAM*.

MANY WERE KILLED.

FROM WITHIN OUR ORDER, WE CONFIRM THE DEATHS OF COUNCIL MEMBER *STELLAN GIOS*, AS WELL AS *ORLA JARENI* AND *NIB ASSEK*.

MANY OTHERS ARE MISSING, AND WE MAINTAIN HOPE THEY WILL BE FOUND.

WE *MOURN* OUR LOSSES AND *CELEBRATE* THE RETURN OF LOST JEDI TO THE FORCE.

OPPO RANCISIS.



THE *NIHIL* KILLED SOME OF THESE JEDI, AS WELL AS MASTER *LODEN GREATSTORM*, VIA THE USE OF A BIOLOGICAL WEAPON-- AN *UNKNOWN CREATURE*.

ADA-LI CARRO.

THE WEAPON TARGETS JEDI. IT CLOUDS OUR MINDS WITH FEAR AND SEEMS TO FEED ON OUR ABILITY TO USE THE FORCE.



TERI ROSASON.

IN ADDITION, THE TRUE LEADER OF THE *NIHIL* HAS REVEALED HIMSELF TO BE A PERSON NAMED *MARCHION RO*.

MARCHION RO HAS DEPLOYED ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY TO CREATE A BARRIER AROUND A LARGE AREA OF SPACE IN THE OUTER RIM. HE CALLS IT THE *STORMWALL*.

SHIPS ATTEMPTING TO TRAVERSE IT VIA *HYPERSPACE TRAVEL* ARE IMMEDIATELY DESTROYED OR LOST IN THE VOID.



YARAE POOF.

FOR THESE REASONS, YOU HAVE BEEN RECALLED TO *CORUSCANT* TO ENSURE YOUR SAFETY IN THIS CHAOTIC TIME AND TO ALLOW US TO PREPARE OUR RESPONSE TO THE *NIHIL* THREAT.

IT IS ALSO WHY, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MANY GENERATIONS...

