

Book III, Part II
THE SHU-TORUN WAR

It is a time of rebuilding for the Empire. After the Death Star's destruction, Darth Vader, the Emperor's chief enforcer, struggled to keep his place after he was seemingly pitted against the operatives of the cyborg specialist, Cylo.

To regain allegiance from the planet Shu-Torun, Vader assassinated the royal family and placed its youngest daughter, Trios, on the throne. Nevertheless, talk of rebellion persisted. Tasked to intervene, Vader brought further destruction to the ore-rich planet and promised more if submission was not given.

Meanwhile, Vader's secret ally, Dr. Aphra, remains in the hands of rebels, and the Dark Lord has issued a bounty for her recovery....

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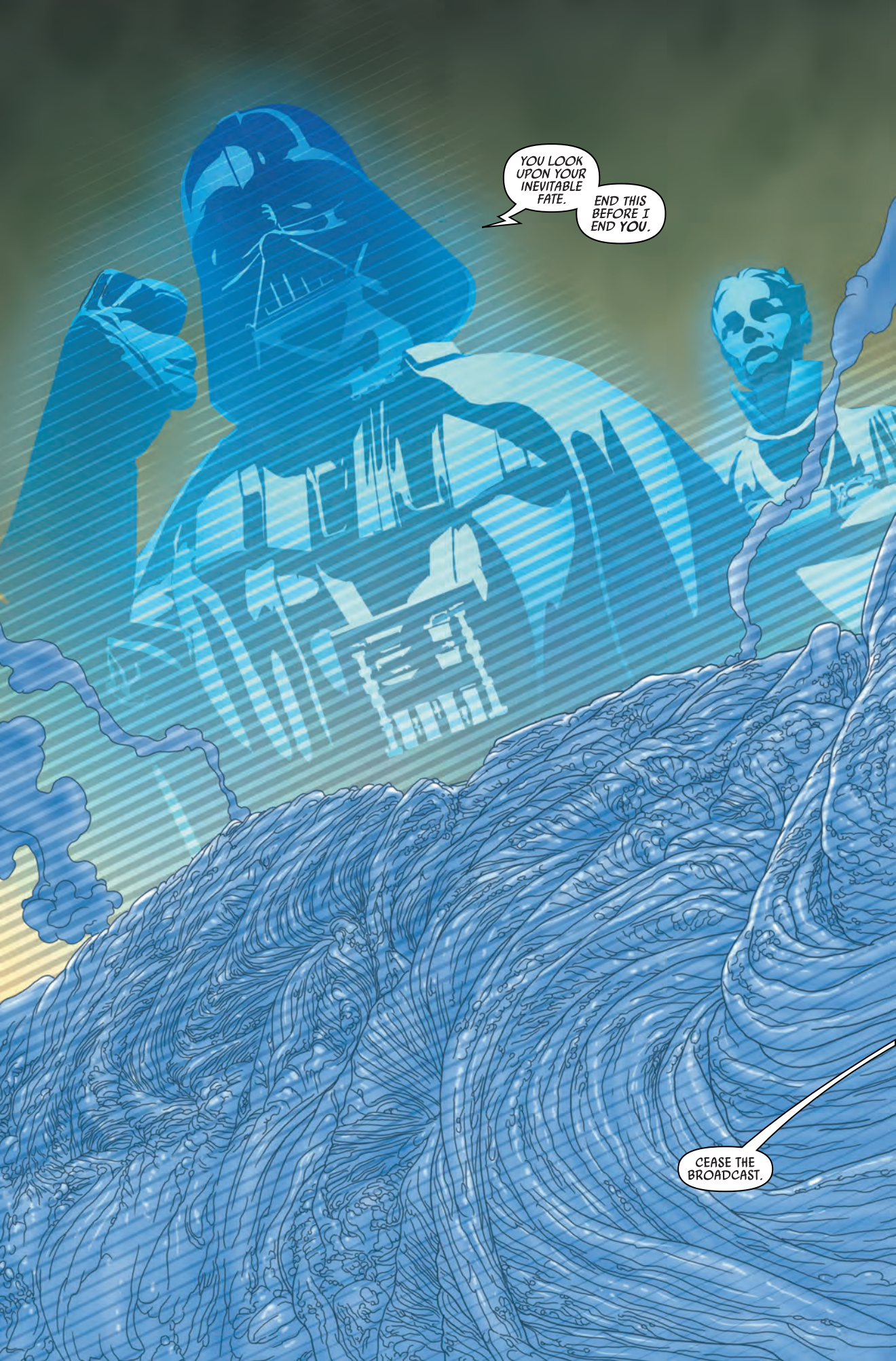
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UPON YOUR
INEVITABLE
FATE.

END THIS
BEFORE I
END YOU.

CEASE THE
BROADCAST.

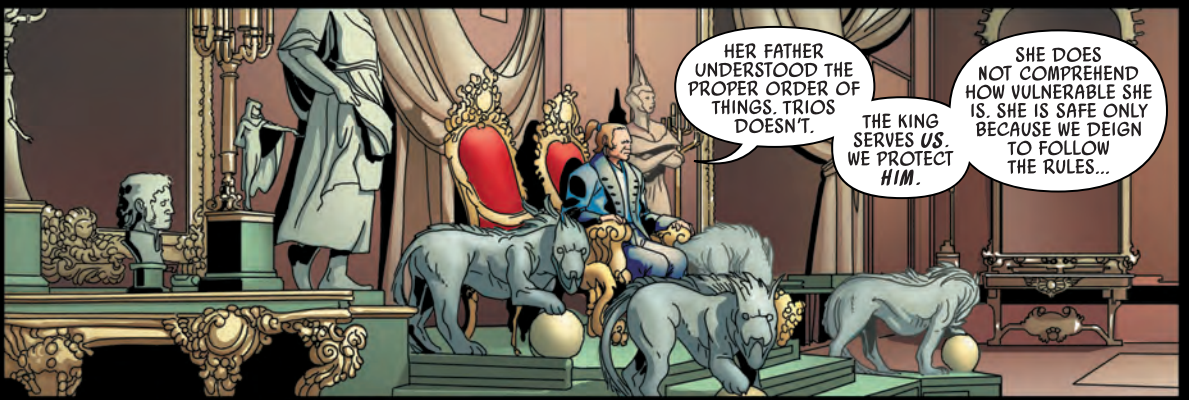


THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHO WE ARE.

WHAT DO WE DO, BARON RUBIX?



THE ORE BARONS HAVE FORGED AND HARDENED PHRIK FOR BONES.
WE BUILD PALACES WHERE OTHERS WOULD STRUGGLE TO EVEN MINE.



HER FATHER UNDERSTOOD THE PROPER ORDER OF THINGS. TRIOS DOESN'T.

THE KING SERVES US. WE PROTECT HIM.

SHE DOES NOT COMPREHEND HOW VULNERABLE SHE IS. SHE IS SAFE ONLY BECAUSE WE DEIGN TO FOLLOW THE RULES...



SHE MUST BE REMINDED.




THIS IS THE ANCESTRAL RETREAT OF THE SHU-TORUN ROYALTY.

I CAN THINK OF NO BETTER PLACE TO CONTEMPLATE OUR FUTURE.



THIS IS MY FIRST WAR...BUT SPENDING TIME IN A PLACE WITH NO MILITARY PURPOSE STRIKES ME AS UTTER FOLLY, QUEEN TRIOS.



WHICH SHOWS WHAT YOU KNOW OF SHU-TORUN, MORIT. IT'S WORTH REMINDING MYSELF WHAT WE'RE FIGHTING FOR. THIS IS A WONDER OF OUR WORLD.

THE BLESSED ADAMANTINE SHOALS SWIM THESE WATERS. IT HAS BEEN A PLACE OF PEACE FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS...

I'M UNSURE OF...

WAIT! LOOK!



