

Book VI, Part III

YODA'S SECRET WAR

It is a time of renewed hope for the Rebel Alliance as heroic rebel soldiers strive to overthrow Imperial efforts throughout the galaxy.

When rebel droid C-3PO gets captured by Scar Squadron, a team of elite stormtroopers, R2-D2 takes off on a solo rescue mission, stranding Luke in his X-wing. While searching for R2-D2, Luke turns to the journal of Ben Kenobi, which contains a story from the earlier days of Master Yoda.

After a daring rescue, Yoda feels a calling in the Force and follows it – to a planet inhabited only by child warriors. The warriors lead the Jedi Master to a sacred rock where they meditate to strengthen their “stonepower”. Jealous of Yoda’s abilities with the Force, they send him deep into the heart of the mountain to seek a mysterious power....

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AND SO THE JEDI MASTER
CLIMBED THE MOUNTAIN,
FEELING THAT EACH STEP
WAS BRINGING HIM CLOSER
TO UNLOCKING ITS SECRETS.

BUT THERE WERE
VERY MANY STEPS.

AND HIS TRAVELING
COMPANION DID
NOT SHARE HIS THIRST
FOR ANSWERS.



HOW...
HOW ARE YOU
STILL...

YOU MOVE
LIKE YOU'RE A THOUSAND
YEARS OLD... BUT YOU'VE BEEN
WALKING AT THE EXACT SAME
PACE... FOR HOURS.


MOUNTAIN
WILL NOT COME
TO US. NO OTHER
WAY THERE IS.

YOU GO INSIDE THAT MOUNTAIN,
YOU'RE NEVER COMING OUT.

EVERY DAY
THEY SEND PRISONERS
INSIDE. SEND THEM TO FIND
THE HEART OF THE
MOUNTAIN.

NONE OF
THEM HAVE EVER BEEN
SEEN AGAIN.

FIND THEM
WE WILL. OR SUFFER
THEIR FATE. EITHER WAY,
A GREAT MYSTERY AT
LAST WILL BE
SOLVED.





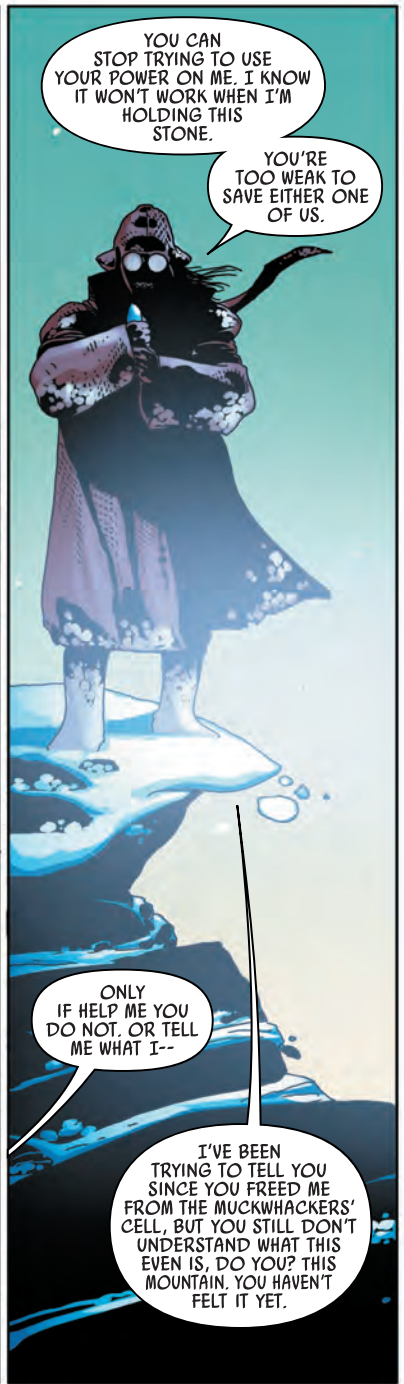
NOT FOR ME.



MANY STEPS HAVE YOU CLIMBED. THIS IS NOT THE WAY TO GO BACK DOWN AGAIN.

I'VE CLIMBED HIGH ENOUGH. I'M NOT GOING IN THOSE CAVES.

THEN WAIT OUTSIDE, YOU SHOULD RETURN FOR YOU, I--



YOU CAN STOP TRYING TO USE YOUR POWER ON ME. I KNOW IT WON'T WORK WHEN I'M HOLDING THIS STONE.

YOU'RE TOO WEAK TO SAVE EITHER ONE OF US.

ONLY IF HELP ME YOU DO NOT. OR TELL ME WHAT I--

I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL YOU SINCE YOU FREED ME FROM THE MUCKWHACKERS' CELL, BUT YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS EVEN IS, DO YOU? THIS MOUNTAIN, YOU HAVEN'T FELT IT YET.



WHEN IT LOOKS INTO YOU, YOU'LL KNOW. WHEN THE MOUNTAIN SEES YOU...

NO.

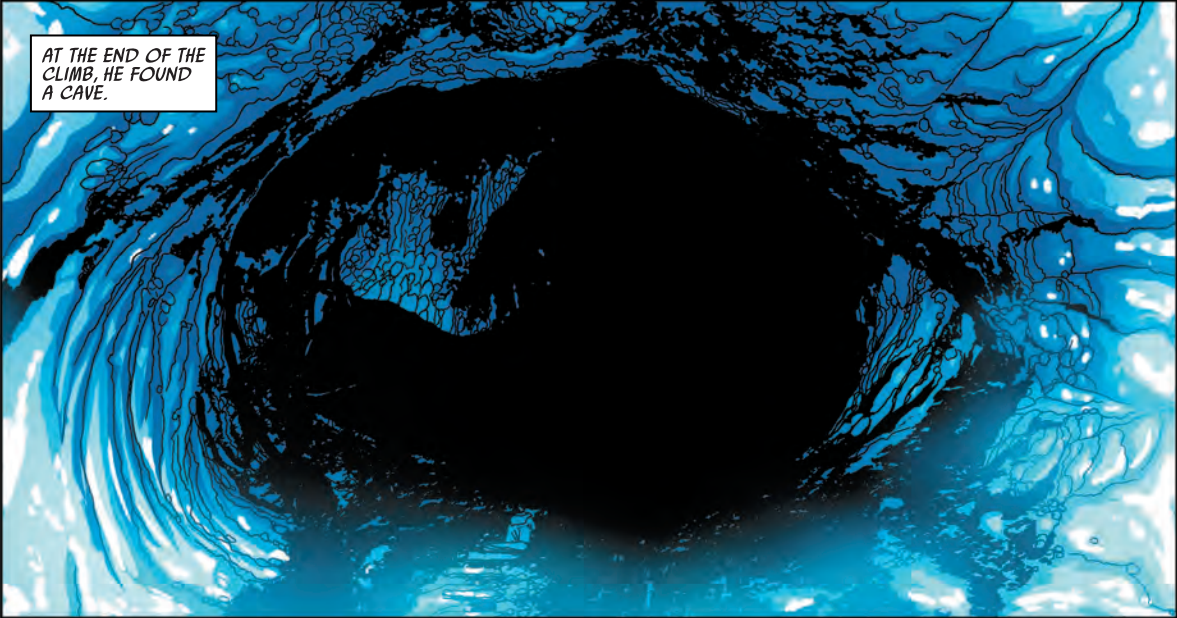
...YOU'LL WISH YOU'D GONE WITH ME.



THE JEDI MASTER
CLIMBED THE REST
OF THE WAY ALONE.



MORE THAN THE CLIMB...
IT WAS THE SILENCE THAT
PAINED HIM.



AT THE END OF THE CLIMB, HE FOUND A CAVE.



IT WAS NO ORDINARY CAVE.



THAT MUCH WAS OBVIOUS.



EVEN BEFORE IT CLOSED BEHIND HIM.



BUT THE JEDI DID NOT HESITATE.

FOR FEAR WAS NOT IN HIS NATURE.