

Book I, Part IV

VADER

Chaos grips the Galactic Empire. After the destruction of THE DEATH STAR, the disgraced Sith Lord, DARTH VADER was demoted by his Master, Emperor Palpatine. It is now clear to him that no man can be trusted. The rule of law is in danger.

Unknown to the Emperor, Vader is quietly pursuing his own interests: the mysterious Force-strong pilot who destroyed the Death Star and the identity of the stranger who is conspiring with the Emperor.

But for this he will need his own personal, secret forces. Vader recruits droid archaeologist DOCTOR APHRA to do so - and she leads the fallen Jedi to the old warzone of GEONOSIS....

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Geonosis.

"THE DROID GOTRA HEARD ABOUT A SURVIVING GEONOSIAN QUEEN WITH A DROID FACTORY."

"THEY WANTED ME TO LIBERATE IT FROM THE EVIL CARBON-BASED OPPRESSION."

BUT WE CAN ALWAYS STEAL IT FOR US, EH?

WELL, IT SHOULD BE QUIETER SINCE THE PLANET WAS STERILIZED.

NO QUEENS, NO HIVES...

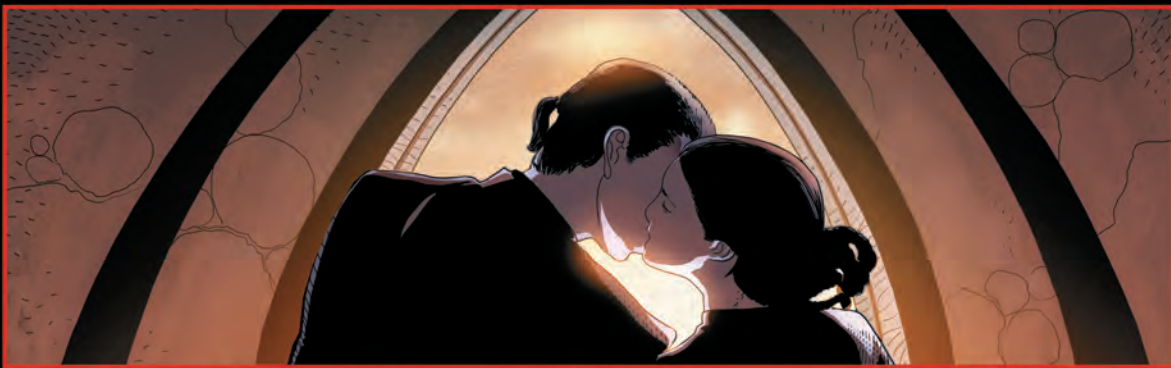
WONDER WHAT WEAPON THEY USED. WOULD BE NICE TO GET A HOLD OF THAT...

ANYWAY, GET GOING, GUYS.

IF YOU THINK IT'S BEST TO SEND US ALONE, MISTRESS APHRA, BENEATH THE SURFACE OF A DISTINCTLY OMINOUS PLANET, CERTAINLY!

I SENSE SARCASM. OH WELL.

EVER BEEN TO GEONOSIS, LORD VADER?



CEASE
YOUR
PROBING.



I'M A ROGUE
ARCHAEOLOGIST.
YOU HAVE TO
EXPECT A LITTLE
DIGGING.

I EXPECT
NOTHING BUT
COMPLIANCE.
AND
SILENCE.



ARE THE
DROIDS CAPABLE
OF MAPPING THE
ROUTE?

YEAH, IT'S
A TANGLE,
BUT THEY'LL
BE FINE.

DON'T
WORRY ABOUT
TRIPLE-ZERO
AND BT.



I'M NOT
CONCERNED
ABOUT TWO
DROIDS.

I COME
FOR AN
ARMY.

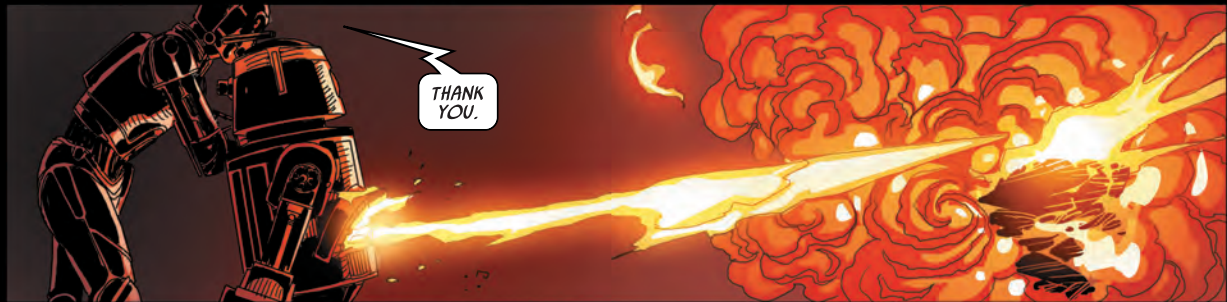
"THEY'RE
EXPENDABLE."

OH MY
GOODNESS!

OH
MY!

HELLO, SIR.
I PRESUME YOU
SPEAK GEONOSIAN
HIVE-MIND?
A LANGUAGE
I AM MORE THAN
FLUENT IN!

ALAS,
I HAVE
NOTHING
TO SAY.
BT, IF
YOU
WILL...



THANK YOU.



OH, NO. ACTUALLY, A FEW WORDS DO SPRING TO MIND...



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Hahaha! You are on fire and also dead.