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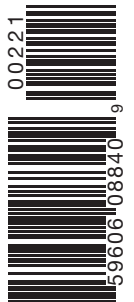
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VANTO'S LOG

GALACTIC EMPIRE

MISSION

TO ASSIST IN THE CAPTURE OF SMUGGLERS, AID DISTRESSED VESSELS, AND DIFFUSE POLITICAL SITUATIONS IN THE MID AND OUTER RIMS.

OPERATIVES

- CAPTAIN ROSSI – CAPTAIN OF THE BLOOD CROW
- LIEUTENANT THRAWN – SECOND WEAPONS OFFICER OF THE BLOOD CROW
- ENSIGN ELI VANTO – AIDE TO LIEUTENANT THRAWN
- CREW OF THE BLOOD CROW



NOTES

DUE TO CAPTAIN ROSSI'S RECENT REPLACEMENT OF CAPTAIN VIRGILIO, IT IS IMPERATIVE TO ASSIST LIEUTENANT THRAWN WITH THE PROPER PROTOCOLS IN ORDER TO ASSURE HIS RISE IN THE IMPERIAL NAVY IS NOT THWARTED BY HIS LACK OF SOCIAL SKILL.

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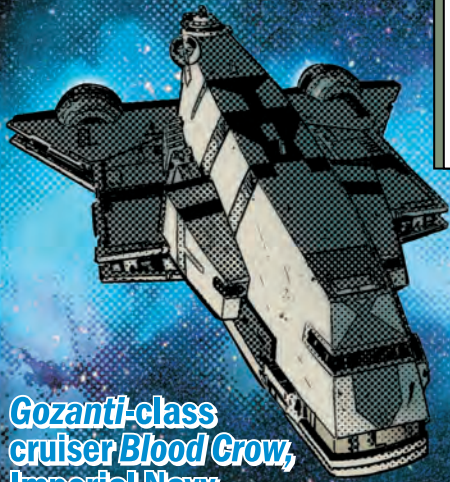
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**Gozanti-class
cruiser *Blood Crow*,
Imperial Navy.**



"THRAWN! YOU MIND TELLING ME WHAT THE HELL THIS **JUNK** IS DOING TAKING UP SPACE ON MY SHIP?"

THE PARTS WERE IN A SCRAP MARKET WE INVESTIGATED FOR SMUGGLER ACTIVITY, CAPTAIN ROSSI.

THEY ARE ANTIQUES, REMNANTS OF THE CLONE WARS.

I KNOW WHAT THEY ARE. DROIDEKA, TWO BUZZ DROIDS, HALF A STAP-- IS THAT PART OF A HYPERDRIVE RING?

THESE AREN'T ANTIQUES, LIEUTENANT. THIS IS **JUNK**. AND VIRGILIO LET YOU BRING THIS STUFF ABOARD?

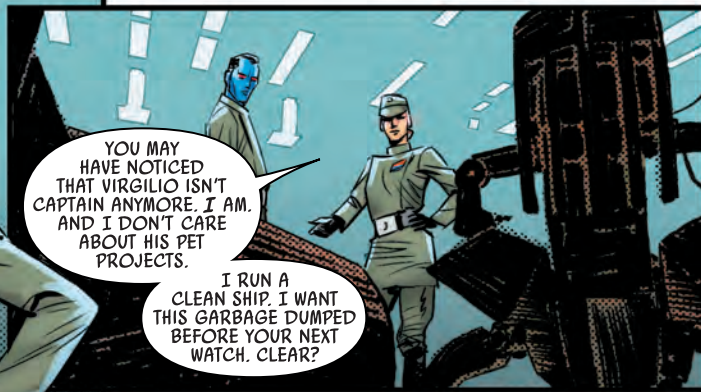


CAPTAIN VIRGILIO PERMITTED ME TO PURCHASE THEM, YES, MA'AM.



AS I AM NOT FULLY FAMILIAR WITH THE TECHNOLOGY OF THAT ERA, I HOPED TO GAIN INSIGHT BY STUDYING THEM.

AND MAYBE GET THEM WORKING AGAIN? I CAN SEE BRAND-NEW COMPONENTS ON THOSE BUZZ DROIDS.



YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THAT VIRGILIO ISN'T CAPTAIN ANYMORE. I AM. AND I DON'T CARE ABOUT HIS PET PROJECTS.

I RUN A CLEAN SHIP. I WANT THIS GARBAGE DUMPED BEFORE YOUR NEXT WATCH. CLEAR?



YES, CAPTAIN. ALTHOUGH, MAY I OFFER AN ALTERNATIVE?

ALL PROPERTY ABOARD AN IMPERIAL WAR VESSEL IS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE COMMANDER.

THE BUZZ DROIDS ARE MARK ONE. QUITE RARE, AND APPARENTLY QUITE VALUABLE TO COLLECTORS.



COLLECTORS. PEOPLE WITH MORE MONEY THAN BRAINS.

...MARK ONES, YOU SAID?

"WELL? IS SHE MAKING YOU THROW IT ALL OUT?"



WHY DO YOU ASSUME THAT, ELI?

I'VE WARNED THRAWN ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF POLITICS WITHIN THE IMPERIAL NAVY.

BECAUSE VIRGILIO LET YOU HAVE IT. ROSSI WANTS TO WIPE EVERY TRACE OF HIM OFF THE BLOOD CROW.

I'VE SEEN HER TYPE. I BET SHE USED HER CONNECTIONS TO GET VIRGILIO TRANSFERRED.

AS IT HAPPENS, ENSIGN VANTO, SHE AGREED TO ALLOW ME UNTIL THE END OF OUR CURRENT PATROL TO BRING THE ITEMS TO FULL FUNCTION.



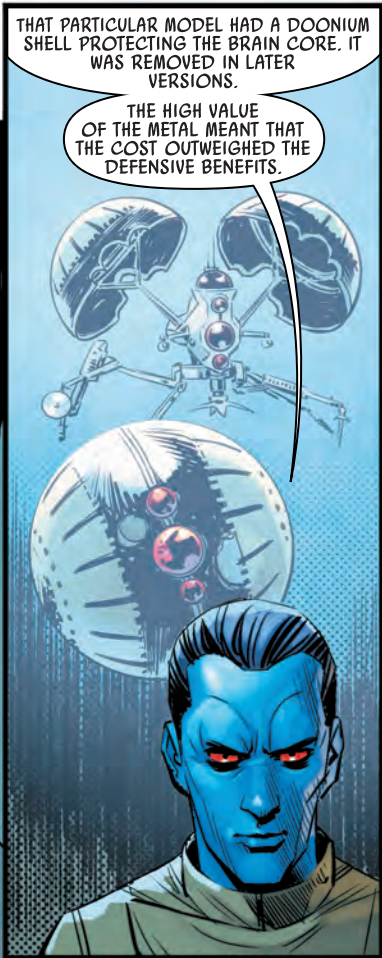
WE SAW HINTS OF THAT POLITICAL INFLUENCE DURING THE ORBAR INCIDENT AT THE ACADEMY.*

GENEROUS OF HER. I PRESUME THERE'S A CATCH?

I REMINDED HER THAT THEY WOULD BECOME HER PROPERTY.

I ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE BUZZ DROIDS ARE MARK ONE MODELS.

*SEE THRAWN #1! --HEATHER



THAT PARTICULAR MODEL HAD A DOONIUM SHELL PROTECTING THE BRAIN CORE. IT WAS REMOVED IN LATER VERSIONS.

THE HIGH VALUE OF THE METAL MEANT THAT THE COST OUTWEIGHED THE DEFENSIVE BENEFITS.



THRAWN MAY BELIEVE HE CAN GET BY ON MERIT ALONE...

DAD ALWAYS PUT ON EXTRA SECURITY WHENEVER WE WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO CARRY A CRATE OF DOONIUM.

ROSSI IS NO DOUBT CONGRATULATING HERSELF ON PUTTING ONE OVER ON HER POOR, NAIVE WEAPONS OFFICER.



HOPEFULLY SHE WON'T FIGURE OUT THAT THE BUZZ DROIDS ARE ALREADY FULLY OPERATIONAL.

SHE'D PROBABLY TAKE THEM RIGHT NOW.

...BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN POLITICS CAN'T DIRECTLY AFFECT HIM. BOTH OF US.

**Derelict
freighter *Dromedar*.
One month later...**



IF I UNDERSTAND CORRECTLY, THE MOST DISAGREEABLE PART OF RETRIEVING THE TIBANNA GAS CARGO IS THE DUST?

YES, SIR. IT TENDS TO GET EVERYWHERE.

EVERYONE HATES RETRIEVING STATIC-LOCKED CARGO. I'M SURE THAT'S WHY ROSSI PUT YOU IN CHARGE, LIEUTENANT.

I BET 50 CREDITS WE DON'T FIND ANYONE ON THAT FREIGHTER.

AUTOMATED BEACON, DEAD IN SPACE...ODDS ARE THEY GOT DUST IN THEIR HYPERDRIVE, COULDN'T FIX IT, AND TOOK OFF.

IF STATIC-LOCKING HAS SUCH SERIOUS DISADVANTAGES, WHY IS IT STILL USED TO TRANSPORT CARGO?

IT'S REALLY ONLY USED WHEN TRANSPORTING TIBANNA GAS, SIR. THE STUFF'S HIGHLY EXPLOSIVE AND HIGHLY VALUABLE.

FAR TOO VALUABLE FOR THE EMPIRE TO ABANDON, EVEN IF SALVAGING IT IS A PAIN.

ENGAGING LOCKING COLLAR... OKAY, WE'RE SET. ATMOSPHERE INSIDE READING NORMAL.

LIGHTS ON LOW, TEMPERATURE MID-RANGE, GRAVITY FUNCTIONAL AND STANDARD.

LIFE-FORM READINGS?

NOTHING USEFUL, SIR. THE STATIC-LOCKING'S STILL SCREWING ALL THAT UP.

SCRUB'S FINISHED. NEGATIVE ON DANGEROUS CHEMICALS OR MICROORGANISMS. WE'RE GOOD TO GO, LIEUTENANT.

ENSGN VANTO, TAKE TECHS JAYNEO AND JAKEEB AFT TO THE ENGINE SECTION.

ENSGN BARLIN AND I WILL GO FORWARD TO THE BRIDGE.



REALLY HATE DERELICTS, SIR. TOO MANY GHOST SHIP STORIES WHEN I WAS GROWING UP.

I HEARD MY SHARE, TOO, LAYNEO. MOST ARE JUST FANTASY.

THE REST ARE REAL INCIDENTS EMBELLISHED OUT OF ALL RECOGNITION.



I'M SURE THIS PLACE WILL LOOK A LOT CHEERIER ONCE BARLIN GETS TO THE LIGHTING CONTROLS.

YEAH, I DON'T THINK SO, JAKEEB. ALL THE LIGHT IN THE WORLD--



FREEZE!



YOU HEAR ME? FREEZE!



I SWEAR I'LL SHOOT YOU WHERE YOU--



OOOF!

Later...

LIEUTENANT,
MAY I PRESENT NEVIL
CYGNI. HE APPARENTLY
MISTOOK US FOR
SOMEONE ELSE.

DID HE.
WHOM DID HE
MISTAKE US
FOR?

PLEASE
BELIEVE THAT I
THOUGHT YOU
WERE--

WE WERE
ATTACKED. BY
PIRATES.

WHO WERE
THEY? DID THEY
MENTION ANY
NAMES?

NO. NO NAMES.
AT LEAST, NOTHING I
HEARD. I SORT OF...RAN.
HID IN THE CAPTAIN'S
STORAGE LOCKER.

I KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE
THINKING. I'M A
COWARD. SHOULD
HAVE STOOD WITH
THE OTHERS.
FOUGHT--

AND
THEN THEY TOOK
THEM. ALL OF
THEM.

I HEARD
SOMEONE SAY THEY WERE
HEADED BACK TO THEIR BASE TO
GET A SLICER TO GET THE SHIP RUNNING.

WHAT
HAPPENED TO THE
HYPERDRIVE?

I'VE GOT
LAYNEO CHECKING
IT OUT. BEST GUESS
IS SOMEONE LOCKED
IT DOWN BEFORE THE
PIRATES COULD
GET TO IT.

YES, THAT WAS IT. CAPTAIN FITZ
LOCKED THE HYPERDRIVE. I
HEARD THEM THREATENING
HER.

I HEARD...
SCREAMS.



YOU THOUGHT WE WERE THE RETURNING PIRATES?

YES. I WAS SCARED. DIDN'T FOCUS ON THE UNIFORMS. WHEN I SAW WHO YOU WERE...

I GUESS I'M LUCKY YOU DIDN'T SHOOT ME FOR PULLING A BLASTER.



STAY CLEAR OF THE POWER COMPARTMENT, SIR. THE HATCH INTERLOCKS SHOW A BAD LEAK IN THE MAIN REACTOR.



IMPERIAL OFFICERS HAVE BETTER SELF CONTROL THAN THAT.

ORDERS, SIR?

REPORT THE SITUATION TO CAPTAIN ROSSI. INFORM HER I WILL MAKE A THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF THE SHIP.



OH, YES-- DON'T GO IN THERE.

SORRY... I SHOULD HAVE WARNED YOU ABOUT THAT.



TELL CAPTAIN ROSSI I RECOMMEND BRINGING A FULL OPERATIONAL CREW ABOARD WHILE WE ATTEMPT TO RESTART THE HYPERDRIVE.

IF WE ARE UNABLE TO DO SO, I RECOMMEND DISENGAGING THE STATIC-LOCKS AND TRANSFERRING THE TIBANNA CYLINDERS TO THE BLOOD CROW.



AH...YES.

SIR, I SUSPECT THE CAPTAIN WILL FIND YOUR SUGGESTIONS...A BIT EXCESSIVE.

SHE MAY. NEVERTHELESS, THOSE ARE MY RECOMMENDATIONS.



"A FULL OP CREW? IS HE OUT OF HIS MIND?"