

Book I, Part V
LOCKDOWN

It is a time of uncertainty in the galaxy. Standing against the oppression of the First Order is the Resistance, including Poe Dameron and his team of ace pilots — Black Squadron.

General Leia Organa has tasked Poe to locate information vital to the survival of the Resistance. Their first mission has revealed a new enemy: Agent Terex of the First Order Security Bureau. Though Black Squadron has survived the encounter, Terex has vowed to destroy them.

Now, Poe and his team have arrived at Megalox Beta, a prison complex secured by the extremely high gravity of the planet's surface. The prison has no walls or guards. The prisoners make the rules, and all answer to Grakkus the Hutt....

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Megalox
Beta.



The Fortress of Grakkus the Hutt.



WHAT'S TAKING POE SO LONG IN THERE? YOU THINK WE SHOULD GO IN AND CHECK ON HIM?

DID THESE HUTTS GIVE US BACK OUR BLASTERS WHEN I WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION, L'ULO? BECAUSE IF THEY DIDN'T, IT SEEMS LIKE WE'VE GOT EXACTLY TWO OPTIONS.



"TRY OUR LUCK OUT *THERE*, AGAINST AN ANGRY MOB OF RUTHLESS CRIMINALS WHO WOULD KILL US FOR OUR BOOTS..."



...OR WE STAY RIGHT HERE, TRY NOT TO MAKE THE SCARY HUTT PRISON GANG ANGRY, AND WAIT FOR POE TO FINISH TALKING TO GRAKKUS.

I PICK OPTION TWO. YOU KNOW POE. HE COULD CHARM THE PANTS OFF A HUTT, AND THEY DON'T EVEN WEAR PANTS. AM I RIGHT, SNAP?

HOLD UP, JESS. SOMEONE'S COMING. NOT A HUTT. IT'S PROBABLY--



NO WAY.



OH, HELLO AGAIN.



AGENT TEREX.

HOW DID HE GET HERE? I THOUGHT WE WERE THE ONLY ONES WHO KNEW THAT THIS WAS LOR SAN TEKKA'S NEXT STOP AFTER LEAVING OVANIS.

NOT ONLY THAT, BUT HE SOMEHOW MANAGED TO BEAT US HERE. NOT GOOD.

I'LL HAPPILY BEAT HIM HERE, L'ULO. JUST GIVE THE WORD.



OH, WHY RUSH THINGS, MS. KUN? I'M SURE YOU'LL COME TO A GRISLY END SOON ENOUGH.



<OPEN THE GATES. I'M LEAVING.>*

*TRANSLATED FROM HUTTESE.



<THANK YOU.>

<I HOPE YOU HAVE A PLAN. IT'S DANGEROUS OUT THERE.>

<OH, I THINK I'LL BE FINE.>

SEE YOU SOON.



HE'S JUST GOING TO WALK RIGHT OUT THERE? **UNARMED?** HE'S A DEAD MAN.



WHO IS THIS GUY?



I'LL TELL YOU WHO HE IS.



TROUBLE.



WHAT IS THE FIRST ORDER DOING HERE, POE?

SAME THING WE ARE. GRAKKUS KNOWS WHERE LOR SAN TEKKA WENT NEXT, AND HE'LL TELL US...BUT WE HAVE TO BREAK HIM OUT OF THIS PRISON FIRST.

THAT'S OKAY--WE PLANNED FOR THAT.

YEAH, BUT... IT'S COMPLICATED. GRAKKUS WILL GIVE THE INFO TO WHOEVER GETS HIM OUT FIRST. COULD BE US, COULD BE TEREX.



SO IT'S A RACE.

EXACTLY, KARE. AND TEREX IS ALREADY WAY AHEAD OF US.

ONLY A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE KNEW WE WERE COMING HERE, POE. GENERAL ORGANA, MAYBE JUST A FEW MORE OUTSIDE THE SQUADRON. HOW DID TEREX GET HERE FIRST?

HE'S FIRST ORDER SECURITY BUREAU, SNAP--THEY HAVE EARS EVERYWHERE.

HE'S ALSO THE REASON THE GUARDS BAILED ON US WHEN WE LANDED, BY THE WAY. HE PAID THEM OFF.

I DON'T LIKE IT, BUT THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO. HE'S HERE, AND SO ARE WE.



THIS IS A RACE.



TIME WE STARTED RUNNING.