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It is a time of uncertainty in the galaxy. Standing against the oppression of the First Order is General Organa's Resistance, including Poe Dameron and his team of pilots – Black Squadron.

Black Squadron's former ground tech Oddy Muva has betrayed them, resulting in the death of fellow Squadron member, L'ulo. However, after Oddy double-crosses the First Order, Poe Dameron isn't the only person hunting him down.

Meanwhile, support for the Resistance continues to dwindle as few in positions of power believe the First Order is a threat. General Organa dispatches Jess, Karé, and new recruit, Suralinda Javos, to begin fighting the war on a new front. Together they set out on a reconnaissance mission to expose the true nature of the First Order....

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THIS WILL KEEP HAPPENING UNTIL YOU DO UNDERSTAND.

SO.

LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN, FROM THE BEGINNING.

WE HAVE ACCESS TO IMPERIAL SURVEY RECORDS INDICATING A MASSIVE VEIN OF THORILIDE CRYSTALS IS PRESENT ON THIS PLANET.



THE EMPIRE NEVER GOT AROUND TO MINING IT, WHICH MEANS IT IS STILL HERE, SOMEWHERE. WE DON'T HAVE A PRECISE LOCATION.



YOU... AH... PEOPLE USE THORILIDE IN YOUR NATIVE TECHNOLOGY. WE JUST WANT TO KNOW WHERE YOU GET IT.

SAVE US TIME, AND SAVE YOURSELVES PAIN. WE'LL EVEN PAY FOR THE INFORMATION, AND FOR MINING RIGHTS.

THE FIRST ORDER DEALS FAIRLY WITH ALL ITS PARTNERS.

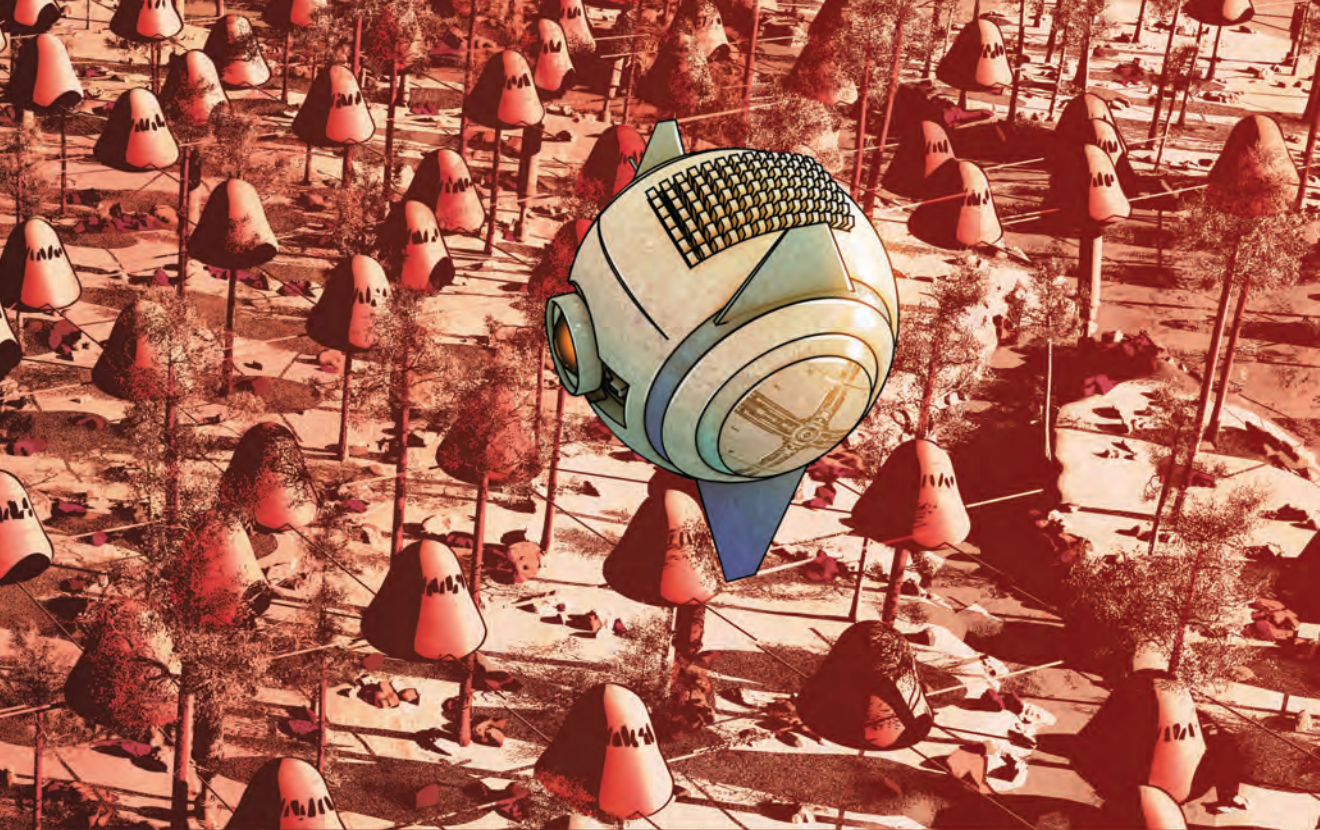


I ASSURE YOU. WE ARE NOT THE EMPIRE. WE ARE THE FIRST ORDER. WE ARE BETTER.

PFF. YOU COME HERE LOOKING EXACTLY LIKE THE PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO ENSLAVE US AND STEAL THE TREASURE OF OUR WORLD...



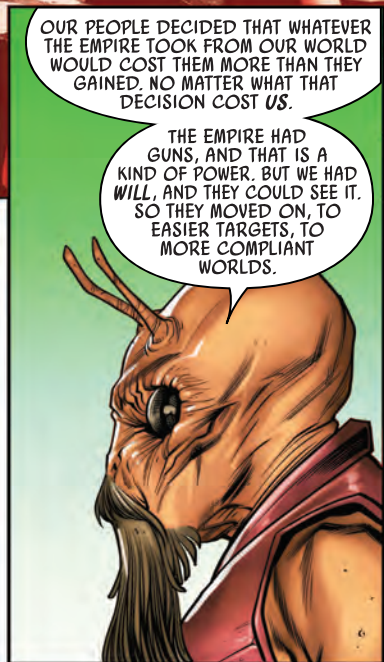
...AND YOU ACT EXACTLY AS THEY DID.



DO YOU KNOW WHY THE EMPIRE NEVER STRIPPED THIS PLANET BARE?

WE KNEW OF OTHER PLANETS WHO AGREED TO THE EMPEROR'S TERMS, AND OVER TIME FOUND THEIR WORLDS BURNED, THEIR CHILDREN IN CHAINS.

WE REFUSED TO ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN HERE.

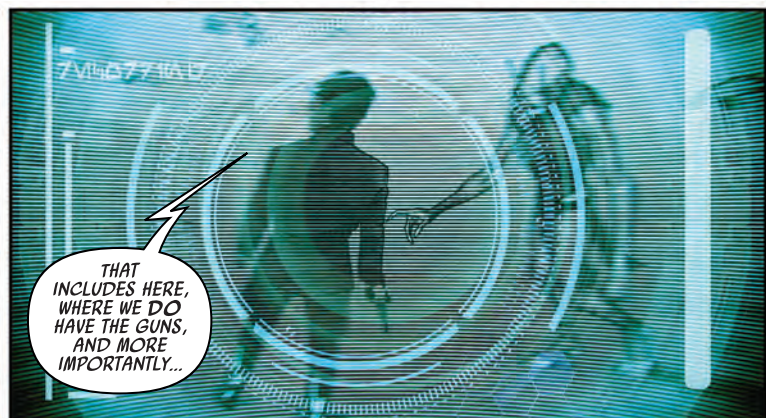


OUR PEOPLE DECIDED THAT WHATEVER THE EMPIRE TOOK FROM OUR WORLD WOULD COST THEM MORE THAN THEY GAINED. NO MATTER WHAT THAT DECISION COST US.

THE EMPIRE HAD GUNS, AND THAT IS A KIND OF POWER, BUT WE HAD WILL, AND THEY COULD SEE IT. SO THEY MOVED ON, TO EASIER TARGETS, TO MORE COMPLIANT WORLDS.



AGAIN, YOU MISUNDERSTAND. WHEN I SAY WE ARE BETTER, I MEAN WE WILL SUCCEED WHERE THE EMPIRE FAILED, ON EVERY WORLD, IN EVERY WAY.



THAT INCLUDES HERE, WHERE WE DO HAVE THE GUNS, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY...