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# VANTO'S LOG

## GALACTIC EMPIRE

### MISSION

ATTEND ONE OF MANY POLITICAL EVENTS ON CORUSCANT. CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE THE CRIMINAL KNOWN AS "NIGHTSWAN."

### OPERATIVES

- **COMMANDER THRAWN** – AN OFFICER OF THE IMPERIAL NAVY.
- **ENSIGN ELI VANTO** – AIDE TO COMMANDER THRAWN



### NOTES

ASSIST COMMANDER THRAWN IN INVESTIGATIVE AND MILITARY DUTIES. ADVISE ON IMPERIAL POLITICS AND PROTOCOL. ENSURE HIS RISE IN THE IMPERIAL NAVY.

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**Imperial Arquitens-class light cruiser *Thunder Wasp*. The planet Cyphar.**



"IT APPEARS TO BE A LAND DISPUTE, ENSIGN."



ON ONE SIDE IS THE AFE CLAN OF THE NATIVE CYPHARI.

ON THE OTHER SIDE IS A GROUP OF HUMAN COLONISTS IN AN ENCLAVE PRESSING UP AGAINST AFE TERRITORY.

AND WE ARE HERE WHY?

ENSIGN, THE PROMOTION THAT THRAWN PROMISED ME STILL HASN'T HAPPENED.

AND I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS WHY. MOFF GHADI'S FLUNKY MADE IT VERY CLEAR.

FOR ALL OF THRAWN'S MILITARY CLEVERNESS, HE HAS NO IDEA HOW TO NAVIGATE CORUSCANT POLITICS.

HERE. TELL ME WHAT YOU SEE.

SHELLFISH. EXPORTS HAVE DOUBLED OVER THE PAST FOUR MONTHS.

ABOUT THE TIME THE LAND DISPUTE BEGAN.

THE DISPUTE HAS BEEN RAMPING UP FOR APPROXIMATELY TWICE THAT LONG.

BUT THE RECENT ESCALATION IN CROSS-BORDER INCIDENTS DOES DATE FROM THAT POINT.

THE HUMANS HAVE PRECIOUS METALS TO SMUGGLE. LIKELY BECAUSE THEY DISCOVERED A NEW VEIN UNDER AFE TERRITORY.

SOMEONE CALLS IN NIGHTSWAN. HE SHOWS THEM HOW TO SMUGGLE OUT THEIR CONTRABAND INSIDE THE SHELLFISH.

YOU'D THINK SOMEONE AS CLEVER AS NIGHTSWAN COULD COME UP WITH A NEW TECHNIQUE INSTEAD OF REPEATING HIMSELF.

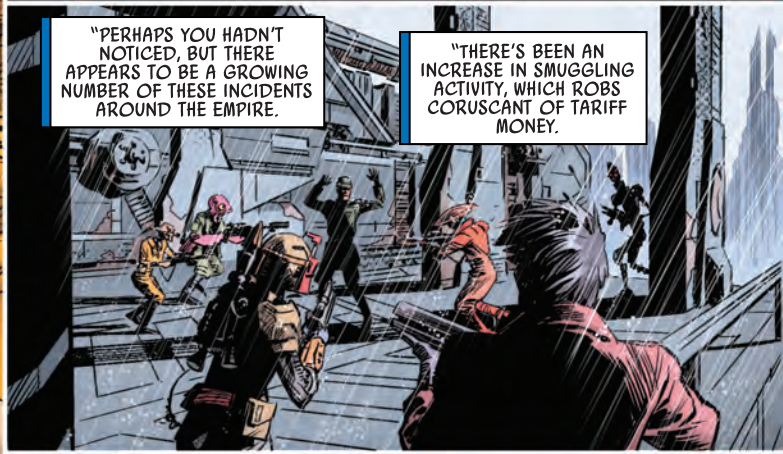
COME NOW. DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE AN INVITATION WHEN YOU SEE ONE?





"WE REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW MANY CONFRONTATIONS NIGHTSWAN AND I HAVE HAD OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

"ONLY THOSE OPERATIONS THAT HE SIGNS, AS IT WERE, DO WE KNOW TO ATTRIBUTE TO HIM.



"PERHAPS YOU HADN'T NOTICED, BUT THERE APPEARS TO BE A GROWING NUMBER OF THESE INCIDENTS AROUND THE EMPIRE.

"THERE'S BEEN AN INCREASE IN SMUGGLING ACTIVITY, WHICH ROBS CORUSCANT MONEY.



"THEFTS OF METALS LIKE DOONIUM HAVE ALSO INCREASED, AT THE VERY TIME THE EMPIRE IS GATHERING THESE RESOURCES.

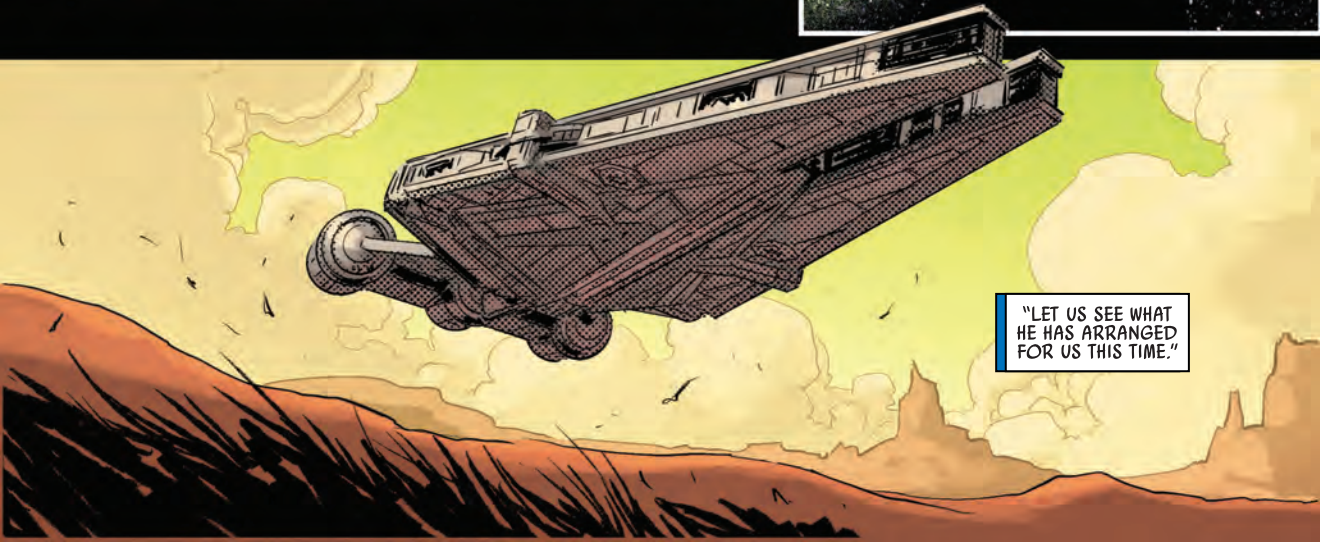


"THERE HAVE BEEN DISPUTES BETWEEN PEOPLES WITHIN THE EMPIRE, WHICH DISTRACT ATTENTION AND DRAIN MILITARY RESOURCES.

"EVEN MORE DISTURBING, THERE ARE A GROWING NUMBER OF INCIDENTS OF UNREST OR OPEN REVOLT.



"I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT NIGHTSWAN HAS HAD A HAND IN SOME OF THE INCIDENTS.

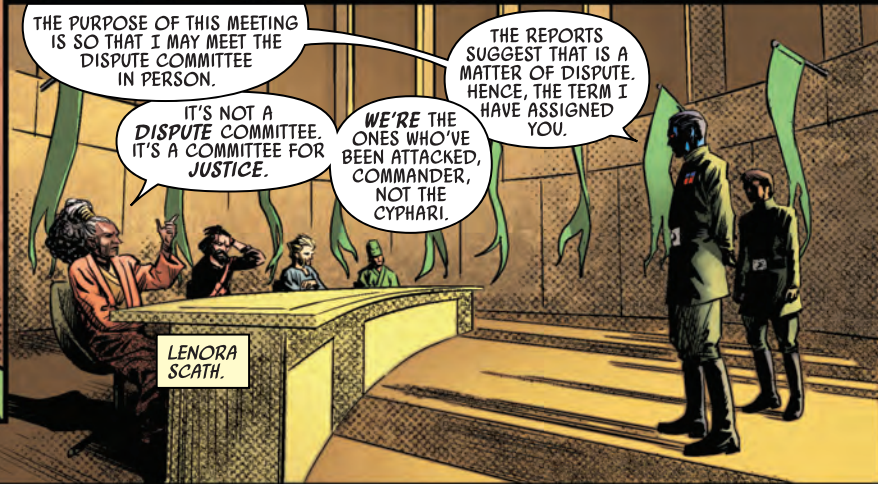


"LET US SEE WHAT HE HAS ARRANGED FOR US THIS TIME."



I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING, COMMANDER. WE ALREADY GAVE SWORN STATEMENTS TO CORUSCANT.

MAYOR PORD BENCHEL.



THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS SO THAT I MAY MEET THE DISPUTE COMMITTEE IN PERSON.

IT'S NOT A DISPUTE COMMITTEE. IT'S A COMMITTEE FOR JUSTICE.

WE'RE THE ONES WHO'VE BEEN ATTACKED, COMMANDER, NOT THE CYPHARI.

THE REPORTS SUGGEST THAT IS A MATTER OF DISPUTE. HENCE, THE TERM I HAVE ASSIGNED YOU.

LENORA SCATH.



NOT OUR REPORTS. NOT ANY REPORT THAT ANYONE IN HIS RIGHT MIND COULD BELIEVE.

CLAY TANO.



I ASSURE YOU I AM IN MY RIGHT MIND.

DO YOU AGREE, MR. TANO? ARE THE CYPHARI STATEMENTS UNTRUSTWORTHY?

BRIGTE POLCERY.



AH. YES, OF COURSE. THE CLAN THING. YOU KNOW? THEY JUST REPEAT WHAT THEIR LEADER SAYS.

MAY WE ASK WHAT DECISION YOU'VE COME TO?



I HAVE HARDLY HAD TIME TO MAKE A DECISION, MAYOR BENCHEL. MY NEXT TASK IS TO VIEW THE DISPUTED TERRITORY.



FORTUNATELY, I HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED AFE CHIEF JOKO'S INVITATION.

"MAYOR BENCHEL IS AN OBVIOUS CHOICE. HE'S LOUD AND PASSIONATE AND DID MOST OF THE TALKING."



BUT I'M THINKING HE MAY BE A LITTLE TOO LOUD.

AND THE OTHERS?

I'D SAY SCATH AND POLCERY. MAYBE TANOO, BUT HE SEEMS A LITTLE TOO SIMPLEMENTED.

I CAN'T SEE NIGHTSWAN TRUSTING HIM WITH BIG SECRETS.

THANK YOU, SIR.

WHICH ONES DID I MISS?



YOU FORGET THE CONSPIRACY WAS ALREADY IN PLACE PRIOR TO NIGHTSWAN. HE MAY NOT HAVE HAD ANY SAY IN THE PARTICIPANTS.

STILL, MY CONGRATULATIONS, ENSIGN. YOUR SKILLS HAVE IMPROVED MARKEDLY.



NONE. SCATH, POLCERY AND TANOO ARE INDEED INVOLVED IN THE CONSPIRACY.

MAYOR BENCHEL, AS YOU HAVE ALREADY SURMISED, IS ONE OF THE DUPED.



HAVE YOU ANY FURTHER THOUGHTS OR CONCLUSIONS?

NOT YET, SIR.

"THERE IS YET TIME. STUDY FURTHER."

