

Book V, Part I

THE LAST FLIGHT OF THE HARBINGER

It is a crucial time for the Empire. Rebel forces are proliferating across the galaxy, and their elimination is imperative for Imperial reign.

For a mission this vital, the right team is essential – an elite group of stormtroopers, hand-picked for their skills, loyalty to the Empire, and complete dedication to destroying the Rebellion.

Leading this team is the ruthless Sergeant Krel – former undercover Imperial spy known as the Gamemaster and warden on the infamous smuggler's moon Nar Shaddaa – a man who answers directly to Darth Vader. Rebel pilot Luke Skywalker has evaded Sergeant Krel's attacks once before, but he, and the rest of the Rebellion, have not seen the last of the Empire's wrath....

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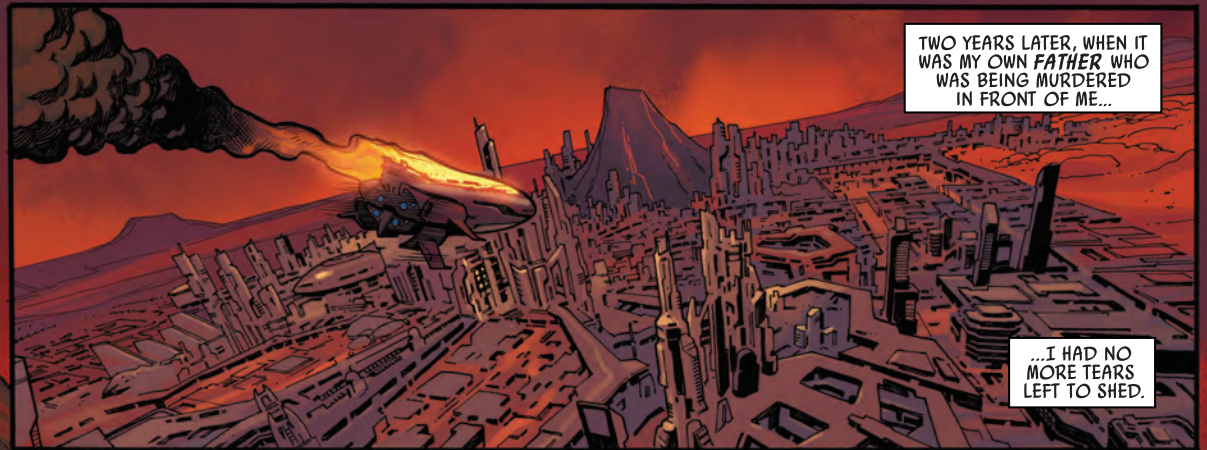


I WAS FOUR YEARS OLD THE FIRST TIME I SAW A MAN DIE.



I CRIED LIKE A BABY. THAT TIME AND AT LEAST THE NEXT DOZEN MORE.

THAT GOT THEM. THEY'RE GOING DOWN. GIVE 'EM ROOM TO CRASH.



TWO YEARS LATER, WHEN IT WAS MY OWN *FATHER* WHO WAS BEING MURDERED IN FRONT OF ME...

...I HAD NO MORE TEARS LEFT TO SHED.

A WEEK AFTER THAT, I WAS THE ONE DOING THE KILLING.






EVERYTHING ON MY HOMETORLD
OF CHAGAR IX REVOLVED AROUND
THE FIGHTING PITS.



FOR THE PEOPLE
RICH ENOUGH TO
SIT IN THE STANDS...

...AND FOR THOSE
OF US TOO POOR
TO BUY OUR WAY
OUT OF THE HOLE.



I FIGURED THAT
WOULD BE MY LIFE
FOR AS LONG AS
I WAS ABLE TO
SURVIVE.



BUT THEN ONE DAY...
EVERYTHING SUDDENLY
CHANGED FOREVER.

THAT WAS THE DAY
I SAW THE MOST
BEAUTIFUL SIGHT
I'D EVER SEEN.

THE DAY I SAW MY FIRST
STORMTROOPER.

