

APHRA

Book I, Part II

It is a period of opportunity. In a galaxy oppressed by the cruelty of Imperial forces, there is little hope for the future. But for those used to operating on the fringes, there is potential for profit.

Having successfully faked her own death at Darth Vader's hands, rogue archaeologist Doctor Aphra is back to doing what she does best: locating and liberating rare artifacts. By her side are a pair of homicidal droids and Wookiee bounty hunter Black Krrsantan, looking to collect on Aphra's debts.

A valuable find has Aphra feeling pretty good. With her archaeology accreditation, she'll be able to sell the relic for its true value—but soon finds that her doctorate has been temporarily revoked. Even worse, the man behind Aphra's suspension is her own father....

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Eighteen
Years
Ago...



NO!
NO!



APHRA?!
WH-WHAT
HAVE YOU
DONE?!



WRONG
QUESTION,
DAD.
"WHY ARE
YOU HERE?
WHERE'S
MOM?"



I'M HERE
BECAUSE THE
NICE IMPERIALS
DROPPED ME
HOME!
MOM'S DEAD
IN A DITCH ON
THAT ALIEN WORLD SHE
TOOK US TO WHEN SHE
LEFT YOU FOR BEING
OBSESSED BY OLD
DUMB STUFF!

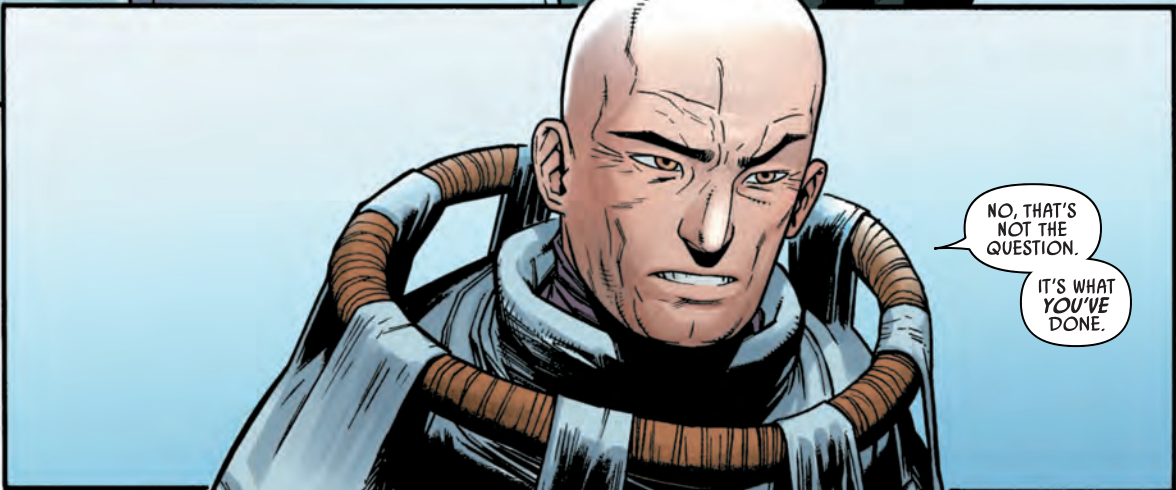


OH--THE
PSYCHOLOGIST
SAYS I MAY HAVE
SOME ISSUES.
FAIR
TO WARN
YOU.

Now...



WHAT HAVE YOU DONE, DAD?!



NO, THAT'S NOT THE QUESTION.
IT'S WHAT YOU'VE DONE.

I'VE DISCOVERED YOU PLACED THE SYMBIOTES ON BOOTH XI. I'VE LEAKED JUST ENOUGH SO THE BOARD'S EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY...

YOU KNOW THERE'S STILL **HUNDREDS** OF ACADEMICS WORKING THERE TRYING TO FIND AN EXPLANATION?

AND THEY'RE MAKING EXTREMELY IMPRESSIVE FINDS ABOUT ANCIENT CATTLE-HERDING METHODOLOGY!

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO ACTUALLY LEAK ANYTHING.

I'D HAVE HELPED YOU OUT IF YOU JUST MADE THE THREAT.

MASTER APHRA... REALLY?



OKAY, I WOULDN'T HAVE, BUT STILL!

...WHAT IS IT YOU ACTUALLY NEED ME TO DO?

PLEASE, JUST PLEASE DON'T SAY IT'S ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE ORDU ASPECTU.

IT'S THE ORDU ASPECTU.



COME ON, DARLING. YOU HAVE LIVED A DANGEROUS LIFE, BUT THIS IS A REAL CHANCE TO GIVE BEAUTY BACK TO THE UNIVERSE.

THIS IS A CHANCE TO MAKE GOOD...



OKAY. LET'S GET BACK TO THE ARK ANGEL II AND TALK THIS OVER.

WE CAN COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING.



OKAY, HERE'S MY UNDERSTANDING...



...YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME WHAT YOU'VE GOT AND HOW I CAN MAKE THIS ALL DISAPPEAR...