

Book II, Part VI
SHADOWS AND SECRETS

It is a time of unrest. After the Death Star was destroyed by an X-wing pilot, the Sith Lord DARTH VADER has been eager to track down the Force-strong rebel responsible.

Vader's adjutant Inspector Thanoth located THE ANTE, an information broker he suspects has crucial knowledge regarding stolen Imperial credits. Droid archaeologist DR. APHRA gets to The Ante first and buys from him the location of Luke Skywalker, the pilot responsible for the Death Star's demolition.

Darth Vader and Thanoth arrive just in time to discover that Aphra is the one who stole the mission's credits. They manage also to get the location of the Plasma Devils from The Ante before the information broker is killed. Aphra nearly escapes, but Darth Vader and Thanoth now have her cornered....

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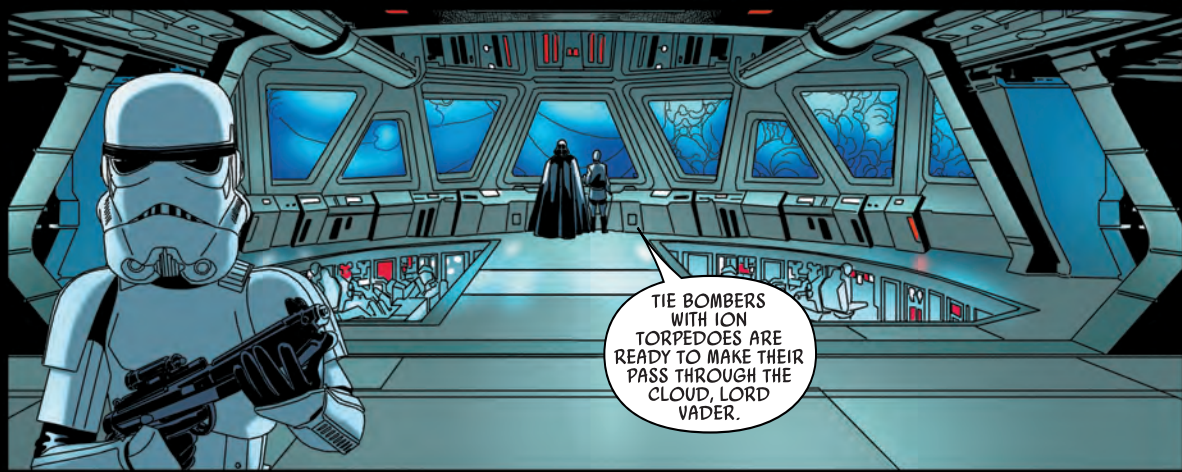
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WE HAVE HER.



TIE BOMBERS WITH ION TORPEDOES ARE READY TO MAKE THEIR PASS THROUGH THE CLOUD, LORD VADER.

"WE'LL EITHER
DRIVE HER OUT
OR DISABLE THE
SHIP, THEN DRAG
HER CLEAR."



"THERE'LL BE LOSSES,
I'M SURE, BUT I'M
CONFIDENT WE'LL BE
ABLE TO BRING HER TO
IMPERIAL JUSTICE..."



...AND
PERHAPS
EVEN HER
PATRON.



THERE
HAS TO BE
ONE.

A MISSION
LIKE THIS WOULD
HAVE REQUIRED
AN INTERNAL
LEAK...

HMM.

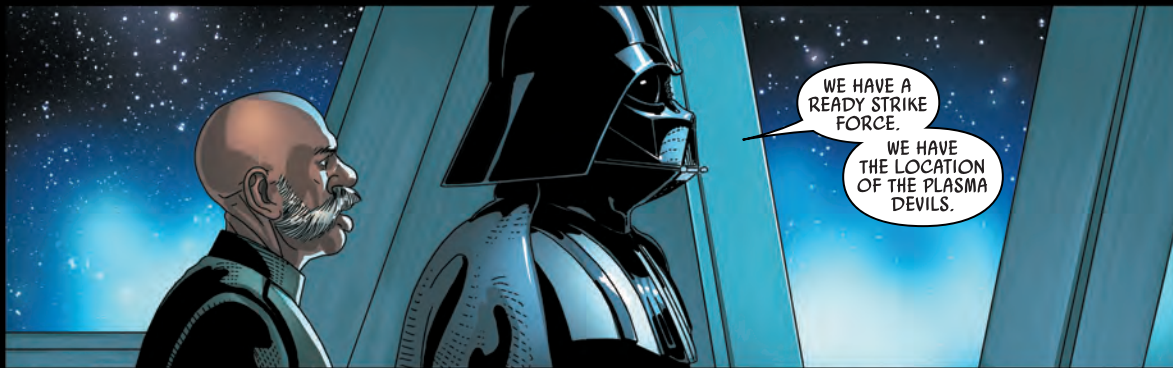


THIS IS
A WASTE.





HOW
SO, LORD
VADER?



WE HAVE A
READY STRIKE
FORCE.
WE HAVE
THE LOCATION
OF THE PLASMA
DEVILS.



AND
WE ARE
HERE, CHASING
A SIMPLE
THIEF.



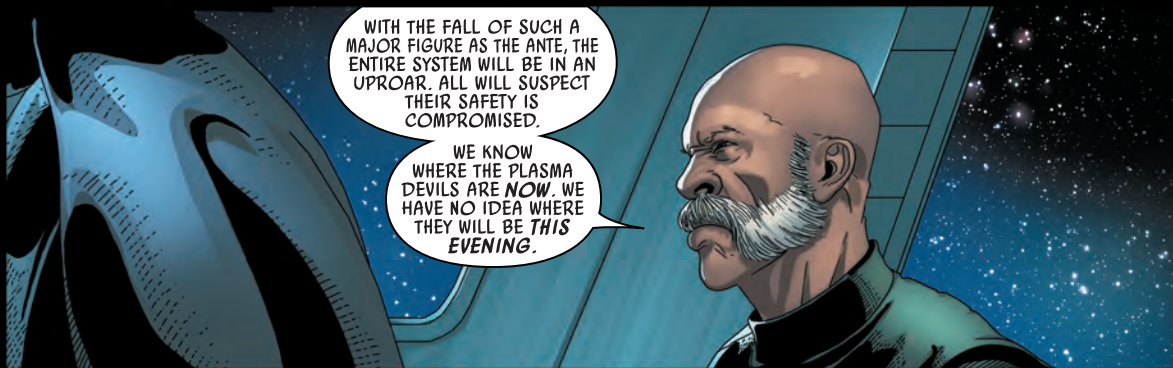
OH,
CURSE ME FOR
A FOOL.
MY GREAT
WEAKNESS--
THE CHASE
CONSUMES
ME!



LORD
VADER.
MAY I
MAKE A DARING
SUGGESTION?

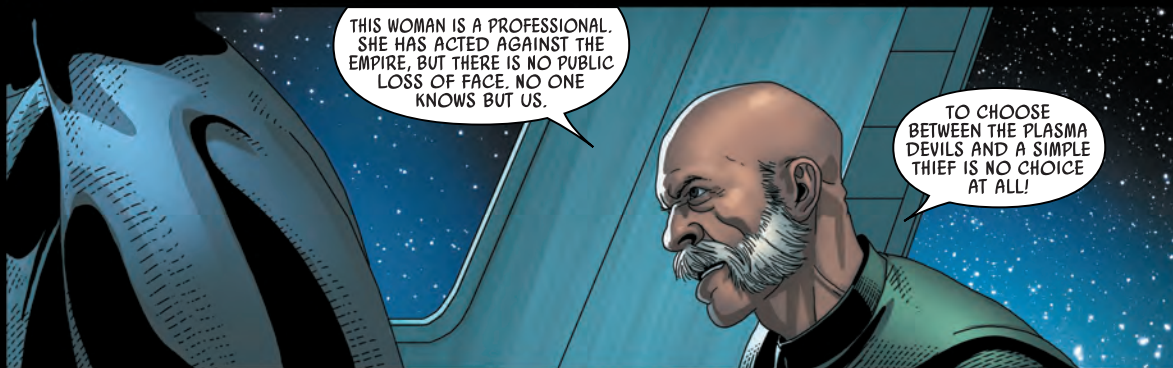


DO
SO.



WITH THE FALL OF SUCH A MAJOR FIGURE AS THE ANTE, THE ENTIRE SYSTEM WILL BE IN AN UPROAR. ALL WILL SUSPECT THEIR SAFETY IS COMPROMISED.

WE KNOW WHERE THE PLASMA DEVILS ARE *NOW*. WE HAVE NO IDEA WHERE THEY WILL BE *THIS EVENING*.



THIS WOMAN IS A PROFESSIONAL. SHE HAS ACTED AGAINST THE EMPIRE, BUT THERE IS NO PUBLIC LOSS OF FACE. NO ONE KNOWS BUT US.

TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE PLASMA DEVILS AND A SIMPLE THIEF IS NO CHOICE AT ALL!



THIS WILL MEAN ABANDONING OUR MISSION...

...BUT SURELY IT'S THE ONLY COURSE?



WE ARE IN ACCORD, INSPECTOR.



TAGGE WILL BE DISPLEASED...

HE WILL BE, *IF* WE FAIL...