

Book III, Part I
THE GATHERING STORM

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 ace pilots—Black Squadron.

After undertaking a mission to find the explorer Lor San Tekka, a new enemy has emerged: Terex, an officer of the First Order Security Bureau. Though Poe's crew of pilots has managed to survive multiple encounters, Terex has vowed to destroy them.

Meanwhile, shadows gather around Poe, as he has become increasingly certain that a member of Black Squadron is feeding information to the First Order about the Resistance and its allies, and darkness continues to spread across the galaxy....

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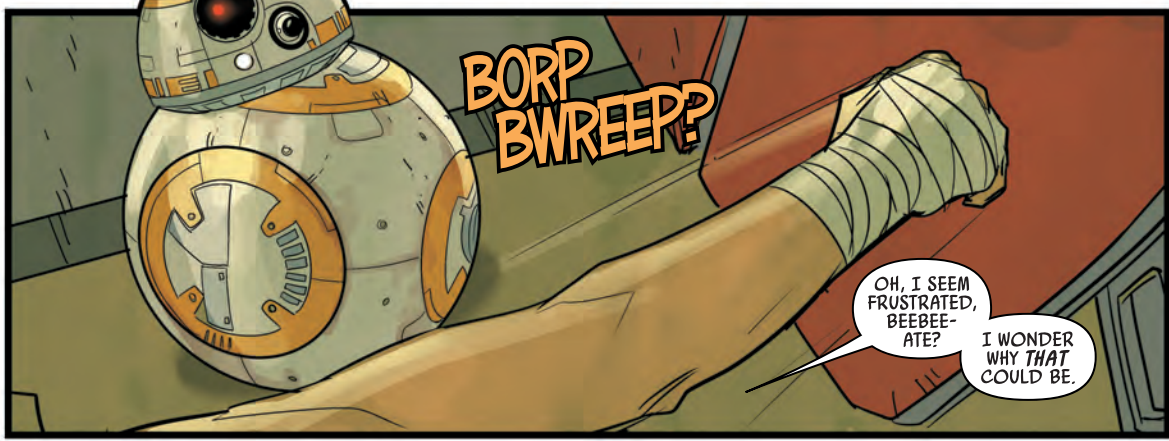




GRAH!

THD!

The Planet D'Qar.
Secret Headquarters
of the Resistance.



**BORP
BWREEP?**

OH, I SEEM
FRUSTRATED,
BEEBEE-
ATE?
I WONDER
WHY THAT
COULD BE.



TEREX.

HE'S GOT A SOURCE INSIDE THE RESISTANCE... INSIDE **BLACK SQUADRON**, PROBABLY.

AND THAT, MY FRIEND, AIN'T GOOD.

THD!



"I'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH MISSION DATAFILES, LOOKING FOR ANYTHING THAT STICKS OUT FROM OUR TIME ON OVANIS AND MEGALOX BETA.

"I'M LOOKING AT **EVERYONE.**"

L'ulo.

FINGER SLIPPED.



WHP!

I HATE IT. I'VE KNOWN L'ULO SINCE I WAS A KID.

EVEN THINKING HE MIGHT HAVE BETRAYED US MAKES ME WANT TO THROW UP.



"KARÉ AND I FLEW TOGETHER IN THE REPUBLIC NAVY. GENERAL ORGANA RECRUITED US TO THE RESISTANCE AT THE SAME TIME. I **KNOW** SHE'S LOYAL.

"BUT THEN I THINK ABOUT THINGS...LIKE HOW DID SHE KNOW HOW TO GET TO GRAKKUS' PALACE ON MEGALOX BETA? SHE LED US RIGHT TO IT."

THERE! THAT WAY!

Karé Kun.



KRCK!

THESE PEOPLE ARE MY FRIENDS. MY FAMILY.

AND NOW TEREX HAS ME THINKING ABOUT THEM LIKE CRIMINALS.



"IF ONE OF THEM IS A TRAITOR, IT MEANS THEY'VE BEEN LYING TO MY FACE."

"PRETENDING THEY'RE WORRIED. PRETENDING THEY CARE. PRETENDING THEY DON'T KNOW THE TRUTH."

Temmin
"Snap"
Wexley.

HOW DID TEREX GET HERE FIRST?



SO NOW I'M SECOND-GUESSING EVERYTHING ALL OF THEM HAVE DONE SINCE WE FORMED THE SQUADRON.

SLM!



"WERE THEY REALLY TRYING TO HELP, OR WAS IT ALL PART OF SOME PLAN?"

"JUST ANOTHER LIE?"

Jessika
Pava.

DON'T WORRY. I GOT THIS.



I CAN'T TRUST MY OWN SQUADRON.

MAKES ME SAD. MAKES ME ANGRY. AND YOU KNOW WHAT?

"IT'S ALL
TEREX'S
FAULT."

The Carrion Spike.



REPAIRS
ARE NEARLY
COMPLETE,
AGENT TEREX.

THE SPIKE
SHOULD BE
BATTLE-READY
IN LESS THAN
A DAY.

HNH.



SIR? DID YOU HAVE ORDERS?
THE CREW IS...AH...WONDERING
HOW LONG WE ARE GOING
TO REMAIN HERE.

WE'RE WELL
OUTSIDE FIRST
ORDER SPACE,
AND--

I KNOW
HOW FAR WE ARE
FROM THE FIRST
ORDER, CORPORAL.
THAT IS ENTIRELY
THE POINT.



I'LL
BE IN MY
CHAMBER.

