

Book II, Part I
SHADOWS AND SECRETS

Disorder engulfs the galaxy. After the destruction of the Death Star by a mysterious Force-strong rebel pilot, the Sith Lord DARTH VADER was deemed responsible by his master, EMPEROR PALPATINE. Now pursuing his own agenda – the pilot's identity – Vader recruited bounty hunter BOBA FETT and archaeologist DOCTOR APHRA.

Pitted by the Emperor against a new array of rivals for his position in the Empire, Vader's rage at being doubted was compounded by an even more shocking revelation—the rebel pilot he sought was actually the son he never knew he'd had.

Now, alongside Aphra, the Sith Lord returns to his home planet of Tatooine to the former homestead of the pilot, following a trail left behind by Boba Fett and the young Skywalker....

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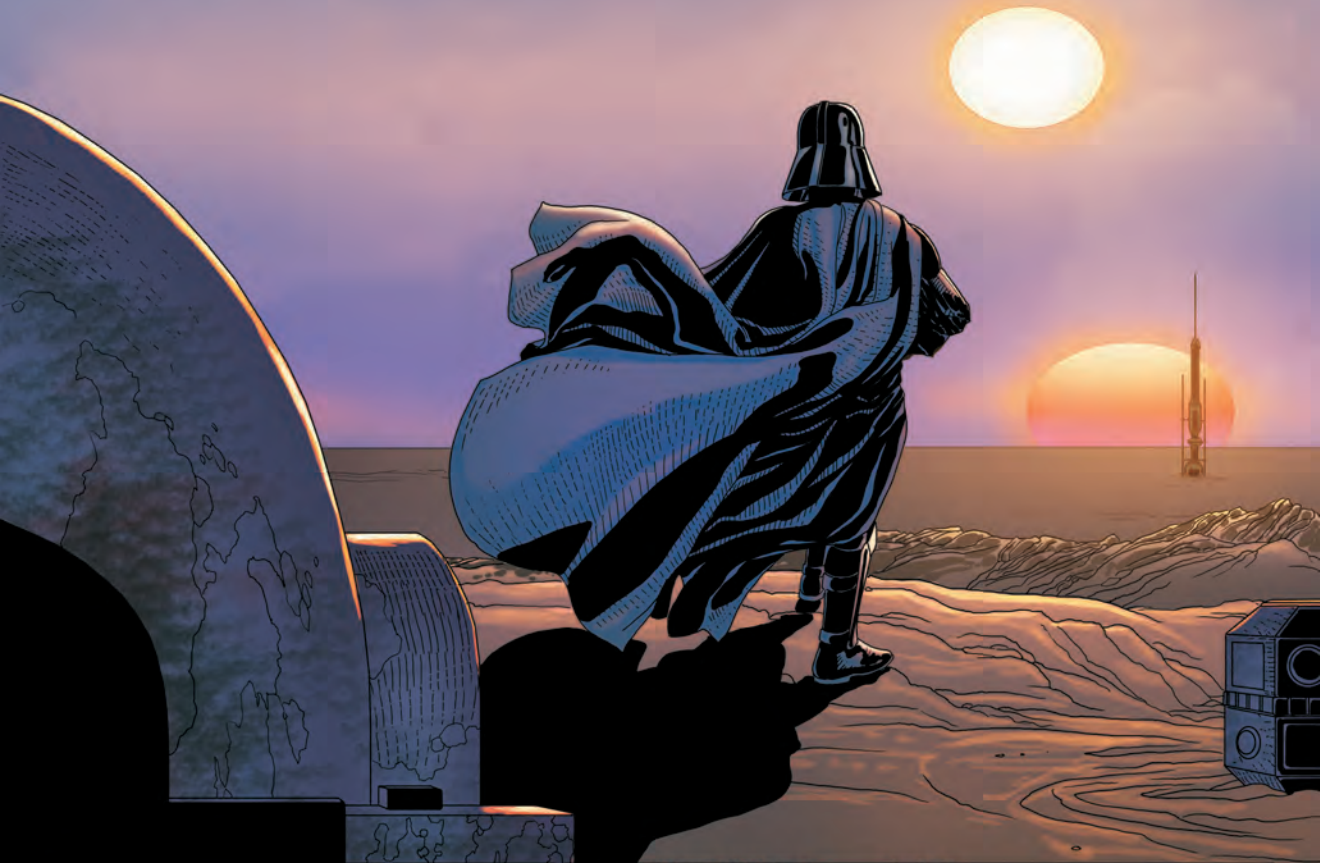
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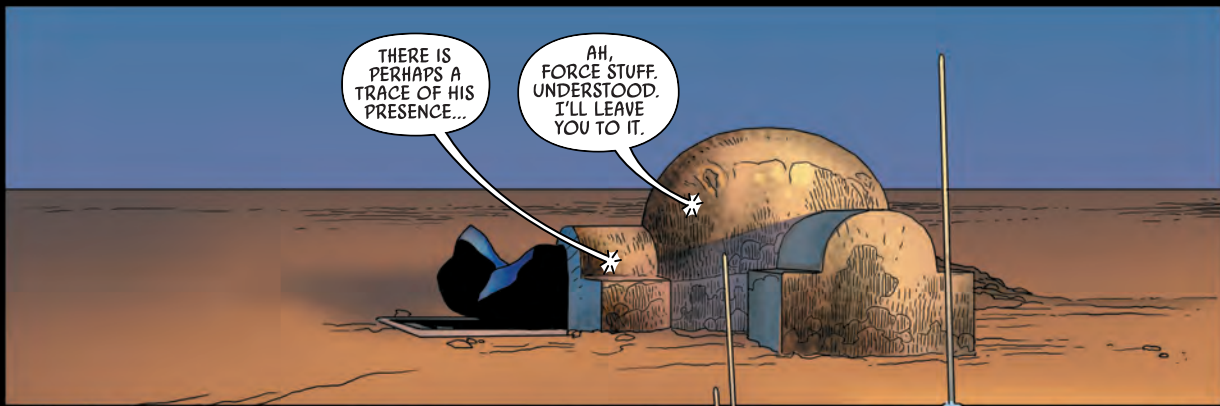
WHAT
ARE WE
LOOKING
FOR?



THE PLACE
IS DEAD. IT'S
BEEN DEAD FOR
WEEKS. NO ONE
ALIVE. NOTHING
INSIDE.

THE BOY
WHO DESTROYED
THE DEATH STAR
LIVED HERE.

HE LEFT
WHEN HIS...
FAMILY WAS
SLAIN.



THERE IS PERHAPS A TRACE OF HIS PRESENCE...

AH, FORCE STUFF. UNDERSTOOD. I'LL LEAVE YOU TO IT.



HMM.
IMPERIAL BLASTERS BENEATH THE BURNS...



YOUR LOT WERE ACTING COVERTLY HERE? STILL A LITTLE TWITCHY WHEN THE SENATE WAS JUST FRESH IN THE GROUND?

OH MY. SUCH SLAUGHTER.

SUCH TERRIBLE SLAUGHTER...

THOSE POOR DROIDS.



I GUESS IT'S AN IRONY. IF THE BOY WAS HERE WHEN THE JACKBOOT CAME DOWN, THE EMPIRE WOULD STILL HAVE A DEATH STAR...



...BUT IF THE FAMILY WASN'T KILLED, MAYBE HE'D NEVER HAVE LEFT.



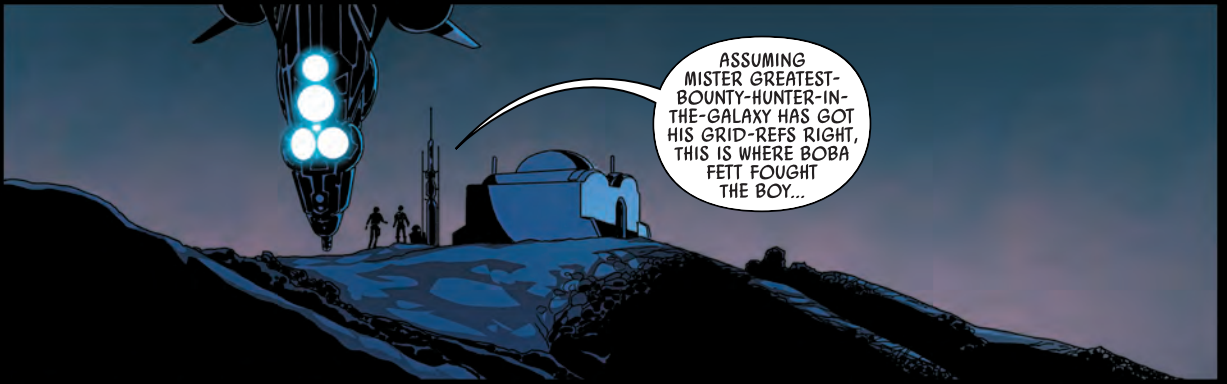
REVENGE IS ONE HELL OF A MOTIVATOR.



YOU ARE CORRECT.



WE ARE TOO LATE. LET US MOVE ON.



ASSUMING
MISTER GREATEST-
BOUNTY-HUNTER-IN-
THE-GALAXY HAS GOT
HIS GRID-REFS RIGHT,
THIS IS WHERE BOBA
FETT FOUGHT
THE BOY...



WAIT UNTIL
SIGNALED.



HE FENDED
OFF THE BOUNTY
HUNTER.

THE BOY
IS **STRONG**
IN THE FORCE...