

Book II, Part IV
SHADOWS AND SECRETS

It is a period of uncertainty. After the destruction of the Death Star by a Force-strong rebel pilot, the Sith Lord DARTH VADER has taken it upon himself to discover the pilot's true identity under the Empire's ever-watchful eye.

Using the expertise of archaeologist and droid expert DOCTOR APHRA and a carefully selected crew of bounty hunters, Vader looted a stash of credits from an Imperial cruiser under the guise of an accident. However, Vader's new adjutant Inspector Thanoth knows that all is not what it seems and plans to investigate the situation further.

Meanwhile Aphra, along with droids BT-1 and 000, are off to continue Vader's mission: chasing information on the rebel pilot....

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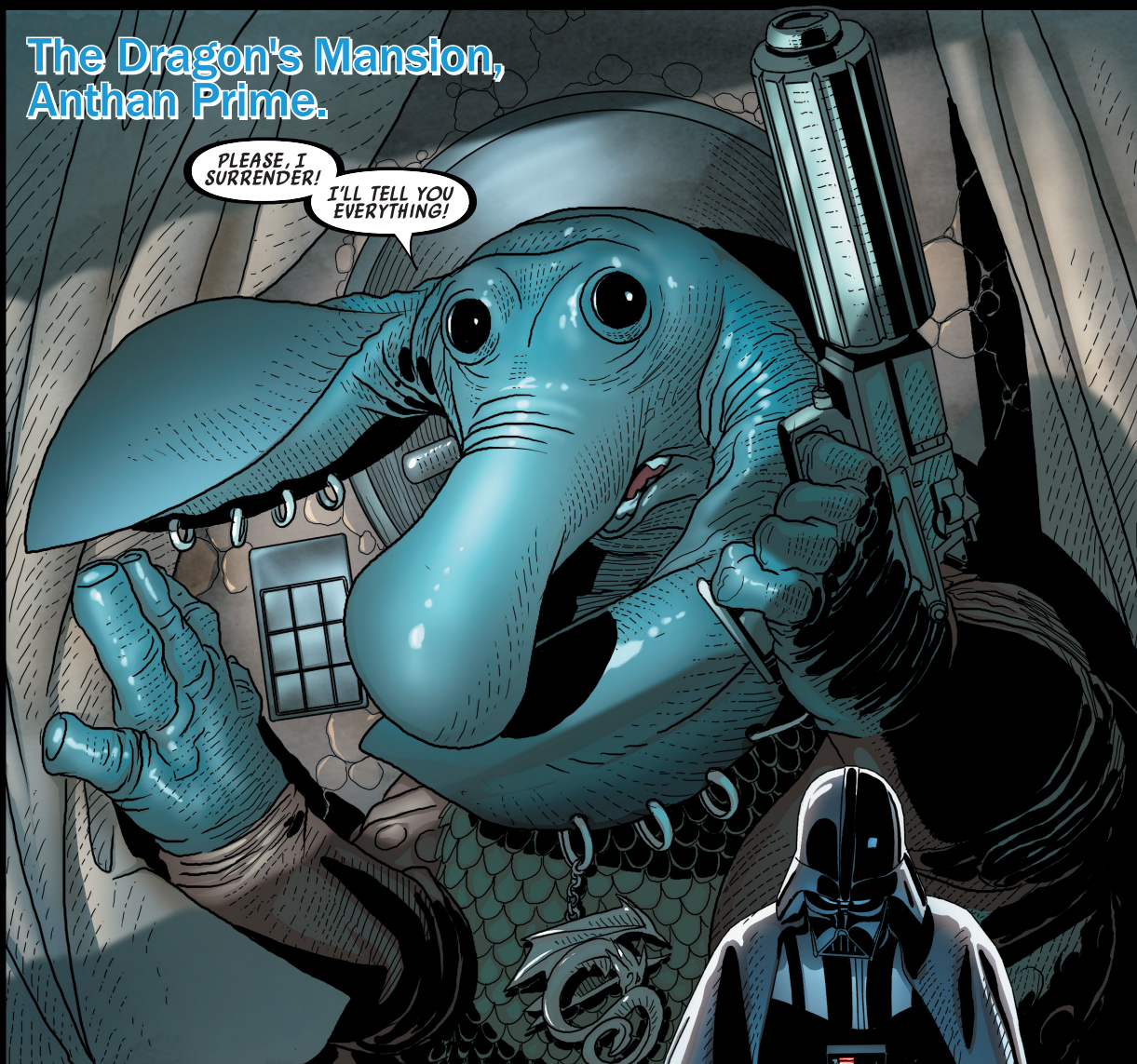
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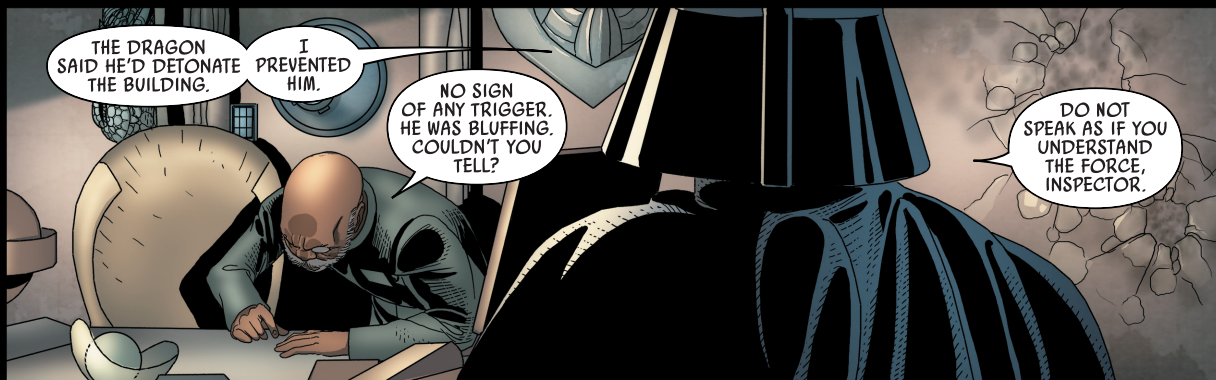


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The Dragon's Mansion, Anthan Prime.





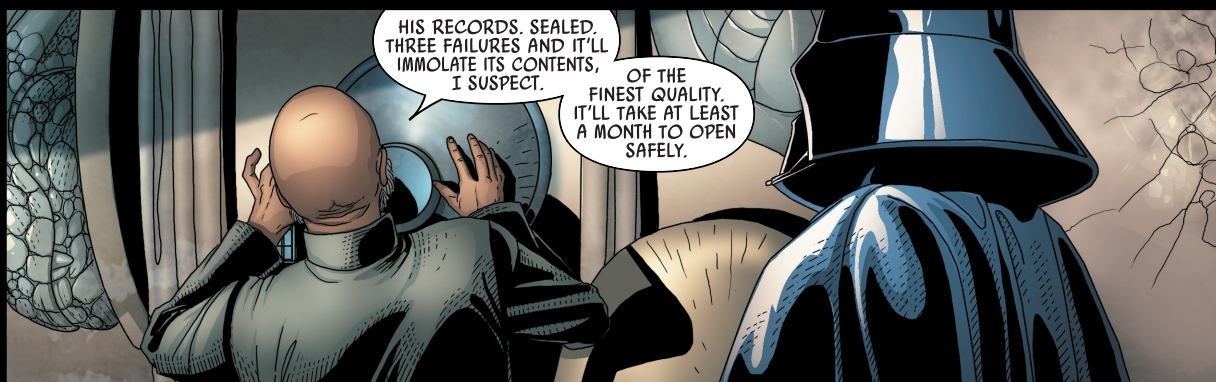


THE DRAGON
SAID HE'D DETONATE
THE BUILDING.

I
PREVENTED
HIM.

NO SIGN
OF ANY TRIGGER.
HE WAS BLUFFING.
COULDN'T YOU
TELL?

DO NOT
SPEAK AS IF YOU
UNDERSTAND
THE FORCE,
INSPECTOR.



HIS RECORDS. SEALED.
THREE FAILURES AND IT'LL
IMMOLATE ITS CONTENTS,
I SUSPECT.

OF THE
FINEST QUALITY.
IT'LL TAKE AT LEAST
A MONTH TO OPEN
SAFELY.



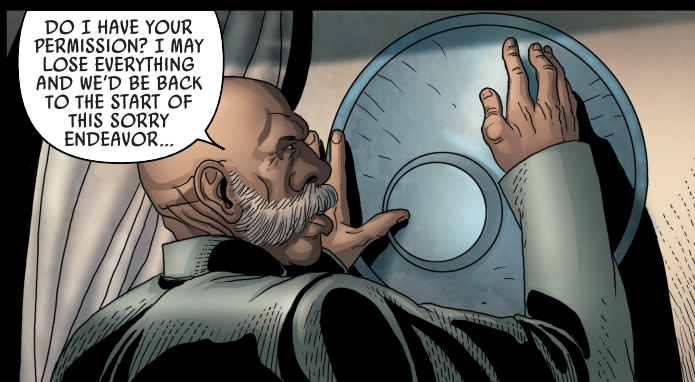
I MUST TRY.
IMMEDIATELY.

IS
THE URGENCY
NECESSARY?

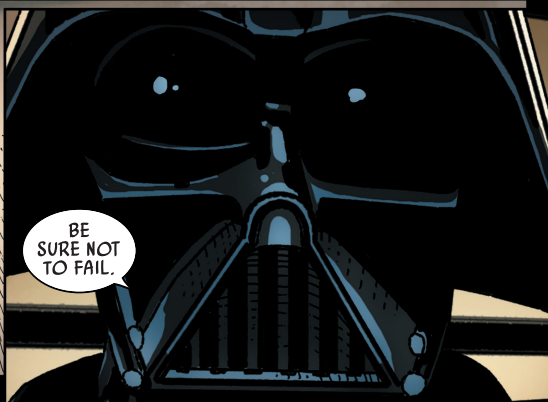


CRIMINALS ARE LIKE
BUGS. THE SLIGHTEST HINT
OF THE LIGHT AND THEY
SCUTTLE AWAY, NEVER TO
BE FOUND AGAIN.

WE ARE
DISTURBING THE
TOPSOIL. YOU CAN
BE CERTAIN THEY ARE
ALREADY BURROWING
AWAY FROM US.



DO I HAVE YOUR
PERMISSION? I MAY
LOSE EVERYTHING
AND WE'D BE BACK
TO THE START OF
THIS SORRY
ENDEAVOR...



BE
SURE NOT
TO FAIL.