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Doctor Aphra's escape from Accresker Jail was thwarted when current lover Magna Tolvan's rescue became a battle against Aphra's ex Sana Starros, herself on a rebel mission to kidnap the doctor.

Aphra's greed for an ancient artifact has likewise caused chaos: the treasure is guarded by a swarm of mysteriously Force-powered deadly spores. Under Imperial interrogation she has revealed their existence in an attempt to keep her darkest secret: knowledge of Darth Vader's plot to supplant the Emperor.

Fearing contagion, the Empire has abandoned the floating jail – now on a collision course with an inhabited planet! Meanwhile, enemies with scores to settle from Aphra's past, like the murderous droid Triple-Zero and the vigilante Tam Posla, close in....

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Hijacked Touring Ship. Deep Space.

BLEEP

OH YES, INDEED. ONE DOES SO ENJOY AN EAVESDROPPED CONVERSATION WITH ONE'S MORNING ATROCITIES.

IT'S THE DELICIOUS IMPROPRIETY OF IT ALL. DO PLAY THE INTERCEPTED AUDIO, BEETEE.

KLK

UNIDENTIFIED BROADCASTER: THIS IS TAM POSLA. STATE YOUR NAME AND REASON FOR CONTACT.

POSLA, IT'S ME.

IT'S THE ARCHAEOLOGIST.

WHAT DO YOU WANT, VILLAIN?

AN UNTRACEABLE SHUTTLE. AN IMMEDIATE RESCUE OPERATION. AND YOUR WORD, AS AN HONORABLE MAN, THAT YOU WON'T KILL ME.

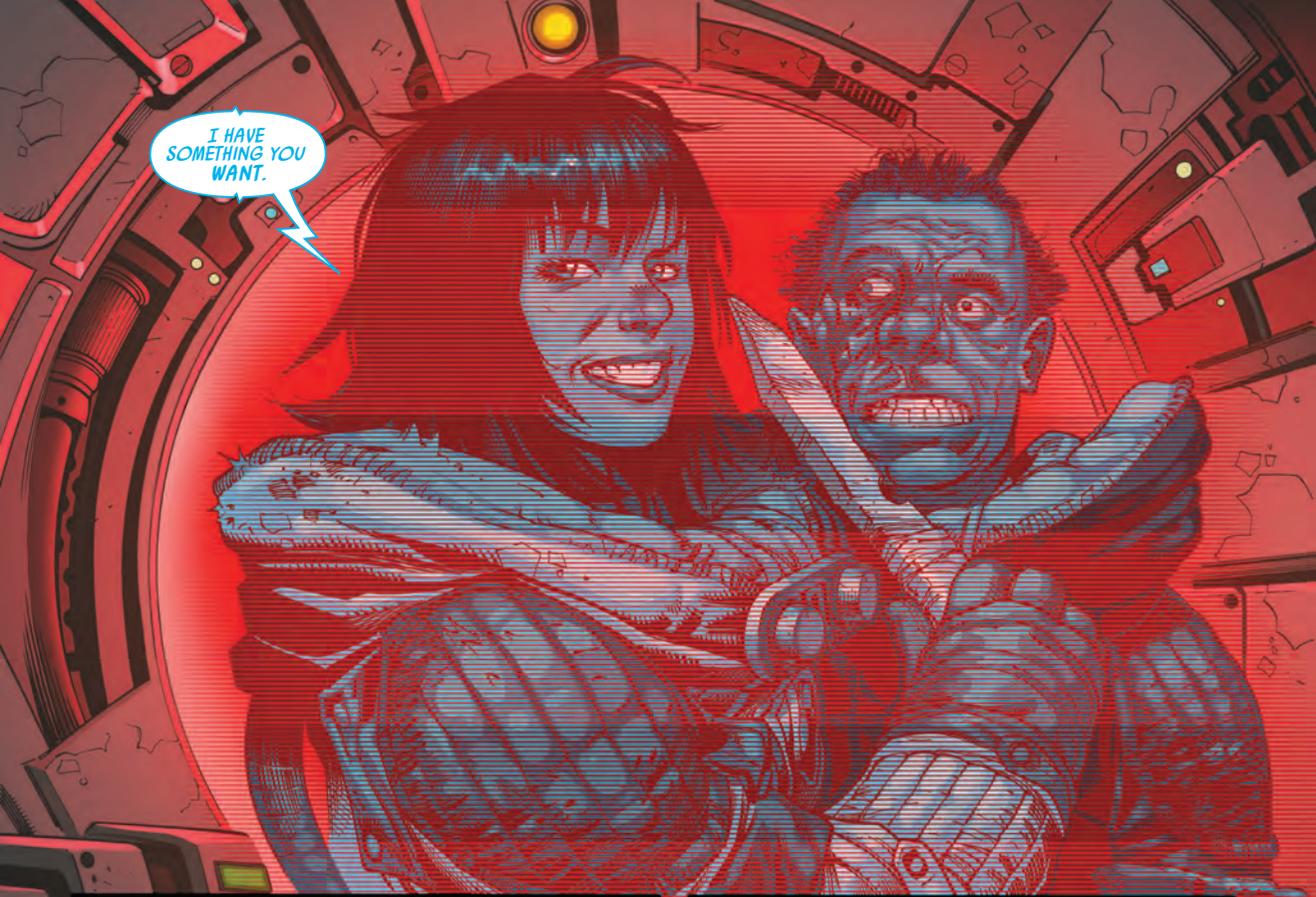
HA! AS DELUSIONAL AS EVER.

YOU ARE ON MY LIST, MALEFACTRESS. I AM SEEKING MY NEMESIS, CORNELIUS EVAZAN, BUT REST ASSURED I WILL BRING YOU JUSTICE IN DUE C--

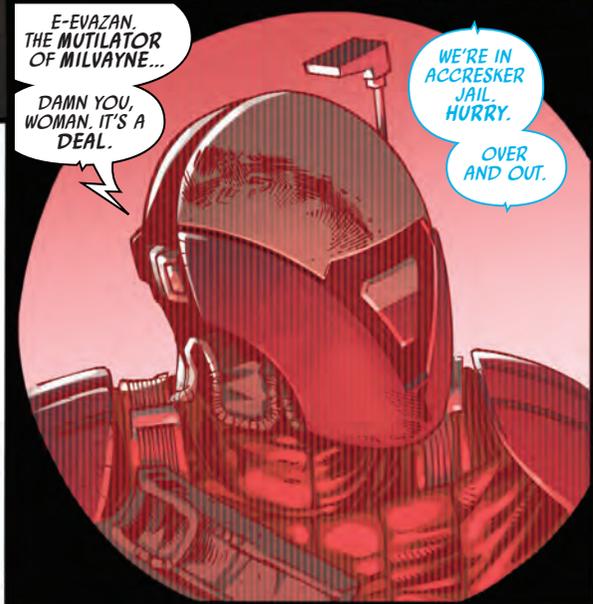
NO.

YOU'LL COME NOW.

YOU WILL AGREE TO MY TERMS AND YOU WILL COME NOW.



I HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT.

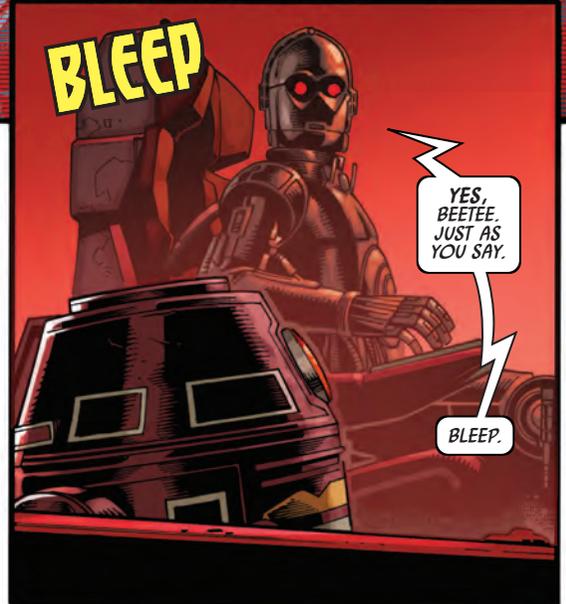


E-EVAZAN. THE MUTILATOR OF MILWAYNE...

DAMN YOU, WOMAN. IT'S A DEAL.

WE'RE IN ACCRESKER JAIL. HURRY.

OVER AND OUT.



BLEEP

YES, BEETEE. JUST AS YOU SAY.

BLEEP.



"WILL IT WORK, APHRA?"



WILL THIS TAM POSLA GUY COME RESCUE US?

I DON'T KNOW.

BUT I ALSO DON'T KNOW ANYONE ELSE WHO'D DELIBERATELY VISIT A BIOHAZARDOUS PRISON ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH A REBEL WORLD. DO YOU?



HE MUST HATE DOCTOR EVAZAN A LOT.

EH. DO-GOODER TYPES ARE ALL SECRET MONOMANIACS. CHANGE BACK, HUH LOPSET? NO NEED TO KEEP THE UGLY FACE ON.



MULTIPLE PODS LEAVING THE PRISON-TUG. THE PENAL STAFF'S ABANDONING SHIP.

MAKES SENSE, SANA. THEY GOT THE TRACTOR FIELD GENERATOR UP THERE. THEY CAN'T JUST CUT LOOSE OR THE WHOLE ASTEROID WOULD BREAK APA--

SHE MEANS THEY'RE ABANDONING IT RIGHT AT US.



OH.



RUN?

RUN.

Accresker Jail.



(Decommissioned.)