

# THE SCREAMING CITADEL

Book VII, Part II

*It is a time of turmoil for the galaxy. While the evil Galactic Empire remains strong, the Rebel Alliance continues to fight for freedom, and establishes a secret outpost deep in the Outer Rim.*

*Young rebel pilot Luke Skywalker struggles with his destiny. He can feel the Force, but without training, he cannot become a Jedi Knight. When rogue archaeologist Doctor Aphra approaches Luke with an offer—accompany her to meet a queen who can reactivate an artifact containing the consciousness of an ancient Jedi—he cautiously accepts.*

*Once at the Citadel of Ktath'atn—the Screaming Citadel—Aphra and Luke attempt to curry favor with the Queen. They are unsuccessful until Luke accidentally lashes out with the Force and attracts the Queen's attention—for better or for worse....*

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I'M TELLING  
YOU, I KNOW  
APHRA.

AND THIS IS  
NO COINCIDENCE,  
HAN.

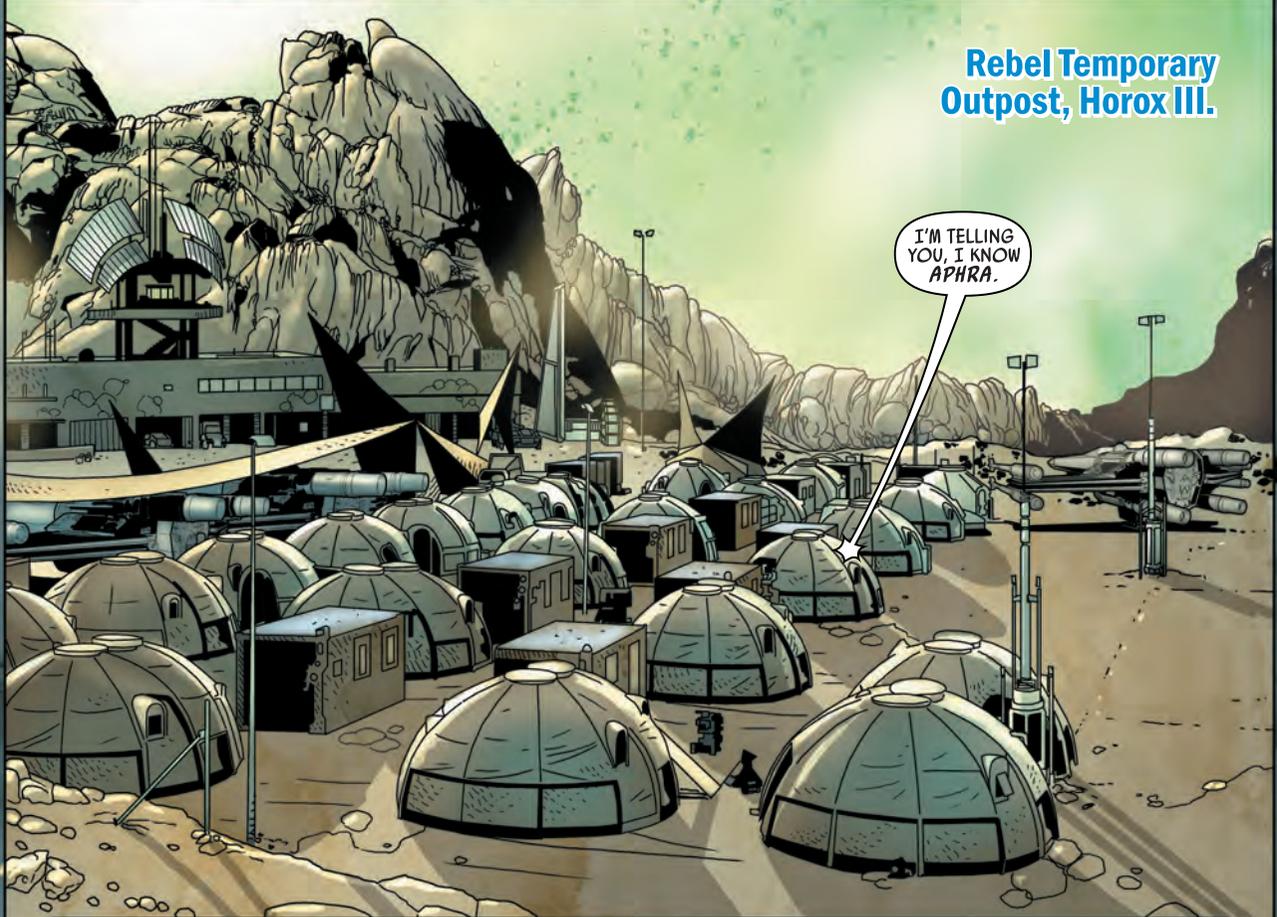
NOT  
TODAY, OF ALL  
DAYS.

ONE DAY A YEAR, THE  
QUEEN OF KTATH'ATN SEES VISITORS AND  
GRANTS FAVORS IN EXCHANGE FOR RECEIVING THE  
GALAXY'S MOST INTERESTING ORGANIC  
ODDITIES.

AND THAT'S THE  
VERY SAME DAY THAT APHRA DECIDES  
TO KIDNAP OUR OWN FORCE-SENSITIVE,  
WANNABE JEDI?

NOT A  
COINCIDENCE, I'M  
TELLING YOU.

WAIT,  
WHAT DO YOU MEAN  
SHE "RECEIVES"  
THEM?





WHAT DO YOU THINK I MEAN, PRINCESS?

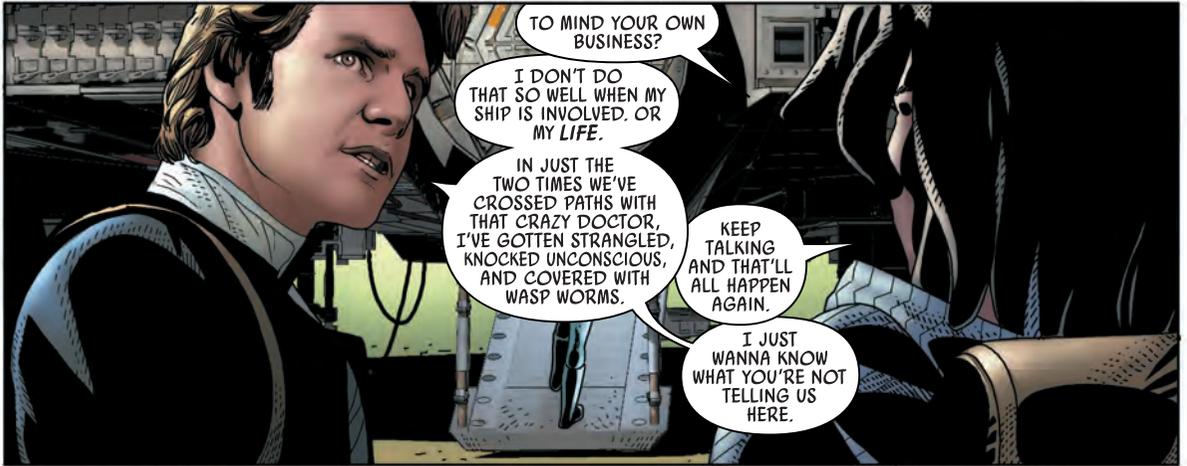
I THINK WE'D BETTER GET MOVING TO KTATH'ATN. NOW.



SO, SANA... EXACTLY HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THIS APHRA LADY?

DROP IT, HAN. DROP IT FAST.

IT'S JUST FUNNY YOU NEVER MENTIONED HER BEFORE, IS ALL. IS THERE SOMETHING I NEED TO KNOW?



TO MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS?

I DON'T DO THAT SO WELL WHEN MY SHIP IS INVOLVED. OR MY LIFE.

IN JUST THE TWO TIMES WE'VE CROSSED PATHS WITH THAT CRAZY DOCTOR, I'VE GOTTEN STRANGLER, KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS, AND COVERED WITH WASP WORMS.

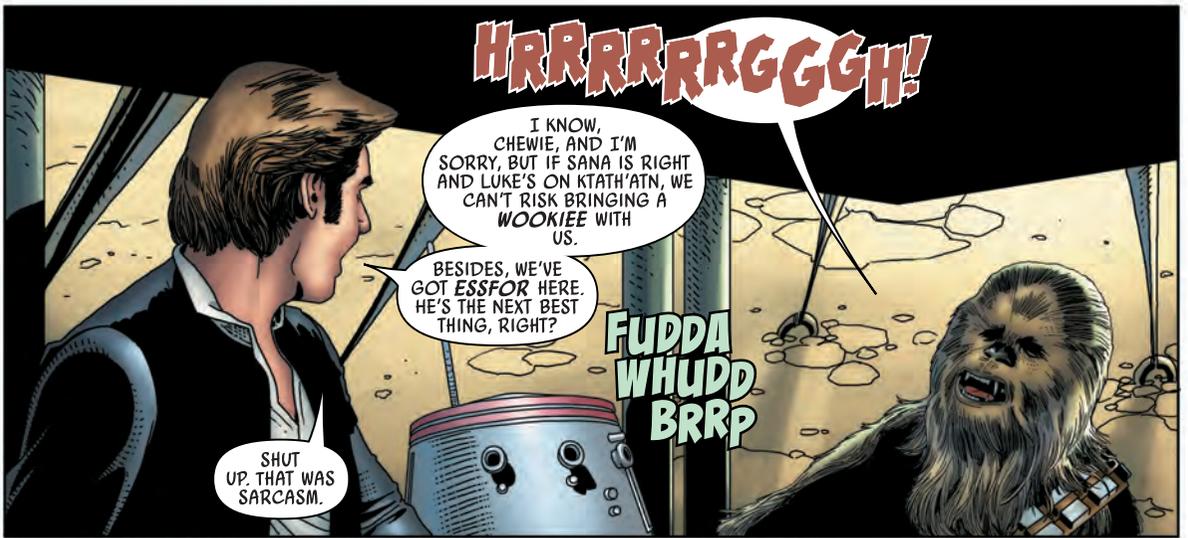
KEEP TALKING AND THAT'LL ALL HAPPEN AGAIN.

I JUST WANNA KNOW WHAT YOU'RE NOT TELLING US HERE.



RIGHT NOW, I'M NOT TELLING YOU TO TAKE A WALK INTO A STAR. EVEN THOUGH I REALLY, REALLY WANT TO. THAT'S THE BEST YOU'RE GONNA GET OUTTA ME TODAY, HAN SOLO.

NOW YOU WANNA GO SAVE THE KID OR NOT?



**HRRRRRRGGGH!**

I KNOW, CHEWIE, AND I'M SORRY, BUT IF SANA IS RIGHT AND LUKE'S ON KTATH'ATN, WE CAN'T RISK BRINGING A WOOKIEE WITH US.

BESIDES, WE'VE GOT *ESSFOR* HERE. HE'S THE NEXT BEST THING, RIGHT?

**FUDDA WHUDD BRRP**

SHUT UP. THAT WAS SARCASTIC.



SO THE PEOPLE ON KTATH'ATN *REALLY* DON'T LIKE WOOKIEES FOR SOME REASON. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE WE KNOW ABOUT THE PLACE?

ONLY WHAT I'VE HEARD. DON'T DRINK THE WATER. SLEEP WITH ONE EYE OPEN.



"KEEP YOUR BLASTER HANDY AT ALL TIMES. AND ABOVE ALL ELSE..."