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After the Emperor was killed when the rebels destroyed the Imperial Flagship *Charon*, Lord Alexander has claimed the throne.

The rebels believe the time is right for an even bolder strike on this untested emperor — an attack on Earth itself! But what they don't know is that Alexander has been secretly developing a toxin that will kill all non-human life in the galaxy — and it's finally ready to be released.

Meanwhile, Burnham, long thought dead by the empire, has just resurfaced in a refugee camp on planet Risa...

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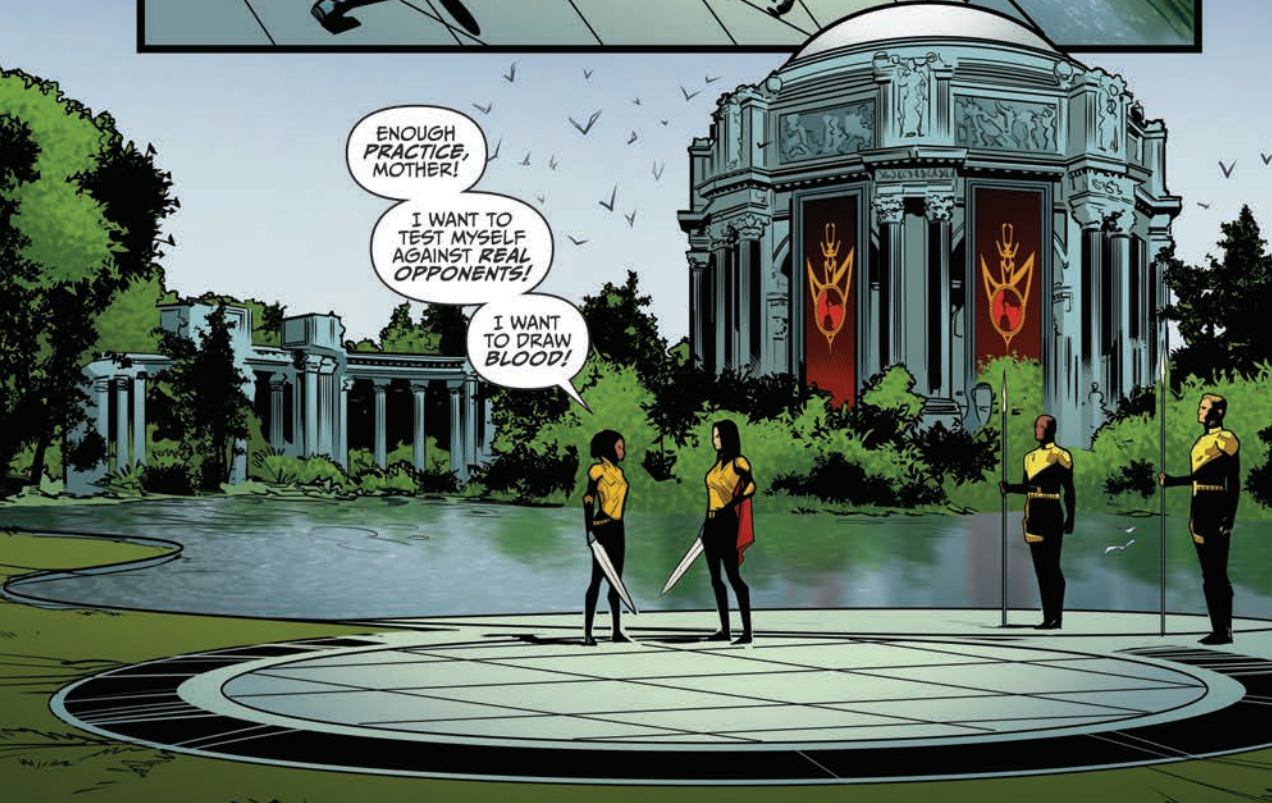
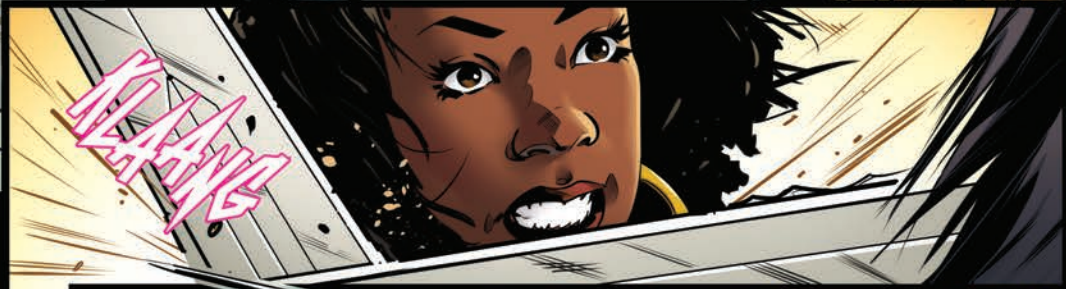
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TEN YEARS AGO.



ENOUGH PRACTICE, MOTHER!

I WANT TO TEST MYSELF AGAINST REAL OPPONENTS!

I WANT TO DRAW BLOOD!

GOOD, MICHAEL!

YOUR REFLEXES ARE GETTING EVEN FASTER, IF THAT'S POSSIBLE!



"REAL" OPPONENTS?

≡WHUUP≡



I'M SO SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU.

BUT IF IT'S BLOOD YOU WANT TO SEE, MY BELOVED DAUGHTER...



...JUST SAY THE WORD!



EMPEROR GEORGIU, MY APOLOGIES FOR INTERRUPTING YOUR...PERSONAL TIME...WITH YOUR DAUGHTER.

THE HIGH ADMIRALTY REQUESTS AN AUDIENCE. THE UNREST ON TELLAR HAS ESCALATED.



STAY HERE AND PRACTICE WITH THE GUARDS, MICHAEL.

ONLY IF YOU LET ME FIGHT FOR REAL!

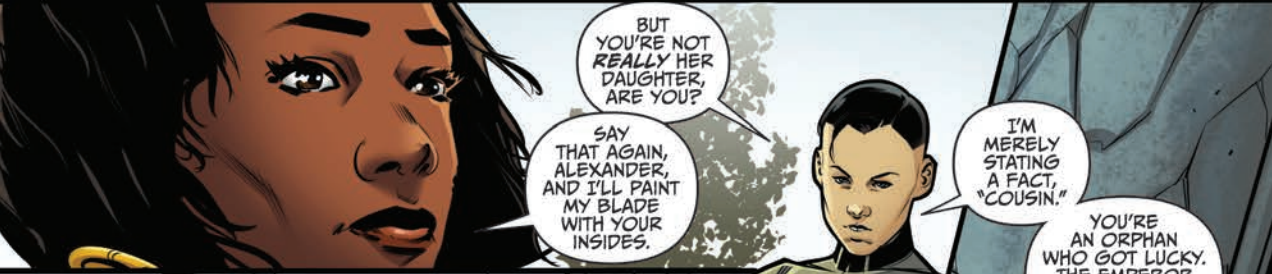


VERY WELL. IF MY GUARDS CANNOT STOP YOU FROM CUTTING THEM OPEN, THEN THEY DO NOT DESERVE TO SERVE ME.

AND IF YOU CANNOT STOP THEM FROM DOING THE SAME TO YOU...



...THEN YOU DO NOT DESERVE TO BE MY DAUGHTER.



BUT YOU'RE NOT REALLY HER DAUGHTER, ARE YOU?

SAY THAT AGAIN, ALEXANDER, AND I'LL PAINT MY BLADE WITH YOUR INSIDES.

I'M MERELY STATING A FACT, "COUSIN."

YOU'RE AN ORPHAN WHO GOT LUCKY. THE EMPEROR TOOK PITY ON YOU AND GAVE YOU A HOME.



BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE YOU ROYALTY. THAT DOESN'T MAKE YOU A LEGITIMATE HEIR.

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, YOU'LL NEVER SIT ON THAT THRONE.

"I CAN STILL HEAR HIS WHINY LITTLE VOICE."

REFUGEE CAMP. THE PLANET RISA. NOW.

ALEXANDER WAS ALWAYS TAUNTING ME ABOUT MY PAST.

HE COULDN'T BEAR THE FACT THAT MY MOTHER NAMED ME HER RIGHTFUL HEIR.

AND NOW THAT WHINY LITTLE VOICE IS GIVING ORDERS FROM THE THRONE.

HELP ME BRING HIM DOWN, MUDD. YOU OWE ME ENOUGH FAVORS AFTER ALL THESE YEARS.

YOU KNOW ME BETTER THAN THAT, MICHAEL.

YES, YOU'VE HELPED ME OUT WHEN I'VE FALLEN ON THE WRONG SIDE OF IMPERIAL LAW, MORE TIMES THAN I WANT TO COUNT.

AND I'VE ALWAYS PROVIDED YOU WITH PRICELESS MORSELS OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION IN RETURN.

BUT ONLY SO THAT I CAN CONTINUE MY WORK IN PEACE.

HARRY MUDD, BENEVOLENT CHAMPION OF THE POOR AND POWERLESS?

SARCASM DOESN'T MAKE IT A LIE.

YOU HAVE TO ADMIT, THE POOR AND POWERLESS ARE NOT EXACTLY A PRIORITY FOR THE EMPIRE



WHAT DO YOU THINK I CAN DO FOR YOU, ANYWAY?

IF IT'S WEAPONS YOU WANT, FORGET IT. I DON'T DO THAT ANYMORE.



I CAN GIVE YOU FOOD. MEDICINE. CLOTHES. NOTHING AS FANCY AS YOU USED TO WEAR, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR TASTES HAVE CHANGED.

I CAN ALSO GIVE YOU ADVICE.



START OVER. FORGET THE THRONE. EVERYONE THINKS YOU'RE DEAD. YOU HAVE A CLEAN SLATE NOW.

ALEXANDER WILL PUT YOU IN CHAINS THE SECOND HE SEES YOU AGAIN, IF HE DOESN'T KILL YOU FIRST.

HE CAN TRY.

I DON'T NEED SUPPLIES FROM YOU, MUDD. AND I DON'T NEED YOUR ADVICE.

HELP ME FIND SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T WANT TO BE FOUND.



YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID WHEN I'M SITTING ON MY THRONE.