

LANDO

Part I

It is a period of scarce opportunity. In a galaxy overrun by an oppressive and evil Galactic Empire, there is little hope for a future free from the Emperor's iron rule.

But with the Imperials distracted by a growing alliance of rebels, smugglers and pirates travel the galaxy for fortunes found only by those daring enough to grasp them.

LANDO CALRISSIAN, a man trying to make his way through an uncaring universe, is willing to bet all he has for a single score – and it begins with the deal of a lifetime....

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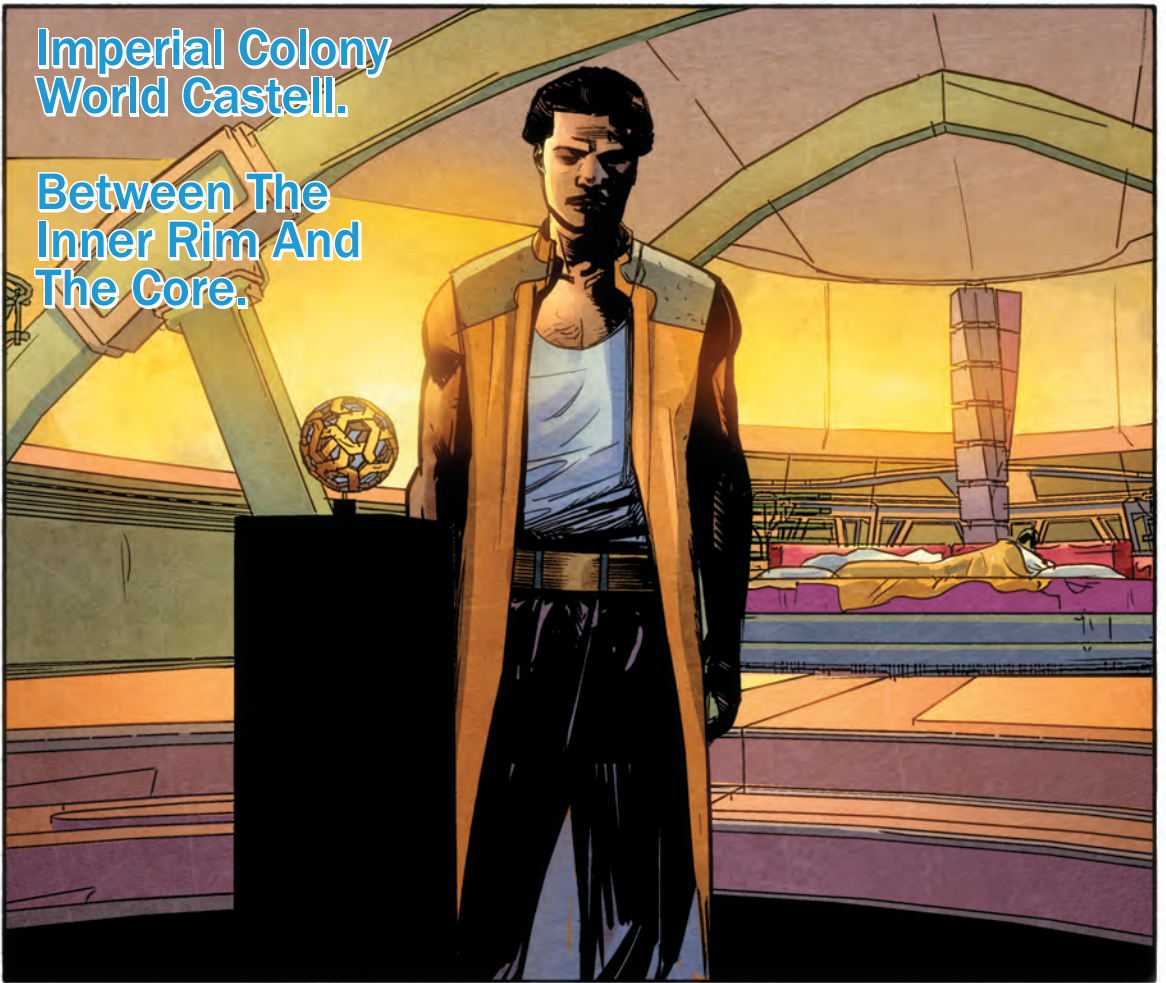
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Imperial Colony
World Castell.

Between The
Inner Rim And
The Core.





...I WAS JUST THINKING THE SAME THING.



BUT NOT ABOUT THIS.



PFFFT. FLATTERER.

WHY ARE YOU SO CONCERNED WITH THAT TRINKET, LANDO?

I'LL ADMIT IT'S LOVELY. SOME LOCAL ARTISAN'S BEST EFFORT, PERHAPS. STILL, NOTHING THAT WOULD TURN HEADS IN THE CORE.



LISTEN, SSARIA...



...I KNOW WHO YOU ARE. WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER LONG ENOUGH NOW... I KNOW.

BUT I ALSO KNOW WHO THEY SAY YOU ARE. THE FIEND OF CASTELL. THE BURNING MOFF. THE IMPERIAL GOVERNOR OF THIS SECTOR, BRUTAL IN YOUR RESPONSE TO EVEN THE SLIGHTEST CHALLENGE TO THE EMPIRE'S AUTHORITY.



I AM AN EXTENSION OF THE EMPEROR'S WILL. MY ACTIONS HERE SIMPLY EXECUTE HIS DIRECTIVES.

THE EMPEROR IS THE MIND. I AM HIS TOOL. IS A TOOL RESPONSIBLE IF IT IS USED TO KILL SOMEONE?



OF COURSE NOT, BABY, OF COURSE NOT.

IT DOESN'T MATTER. I CARE LITTLE FOR MY REPUTATION IN THE STREETS. BUT YOU STILL HAVEN'T ANSWERED ME, LANDO.

WHY DO YOU CARE SO MUCH ABOUT THAT LITTLE THING?



BECAUSE I WAS GOING TO STEAL IT.