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Part I

The murder of their beloved king at the hands of the evil Empire has inspired open revolt on Mon Cala!

Thanks to a timely counterattack by Admiral Ackbar as well as the heroics of Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia and Han Solo, the Mon Calamari's powerful fleet now stands ready to fight for peace and justice with the Rebel Alliance.

Armed with new ships and new allies, the Rebellion is finally poised to take back the galaxy from the Empire in earnest. But the Rebels also owe their recent victory to Queen Trios of Shu-Torun and her defection to their cause. But Trios may have plans of her own....

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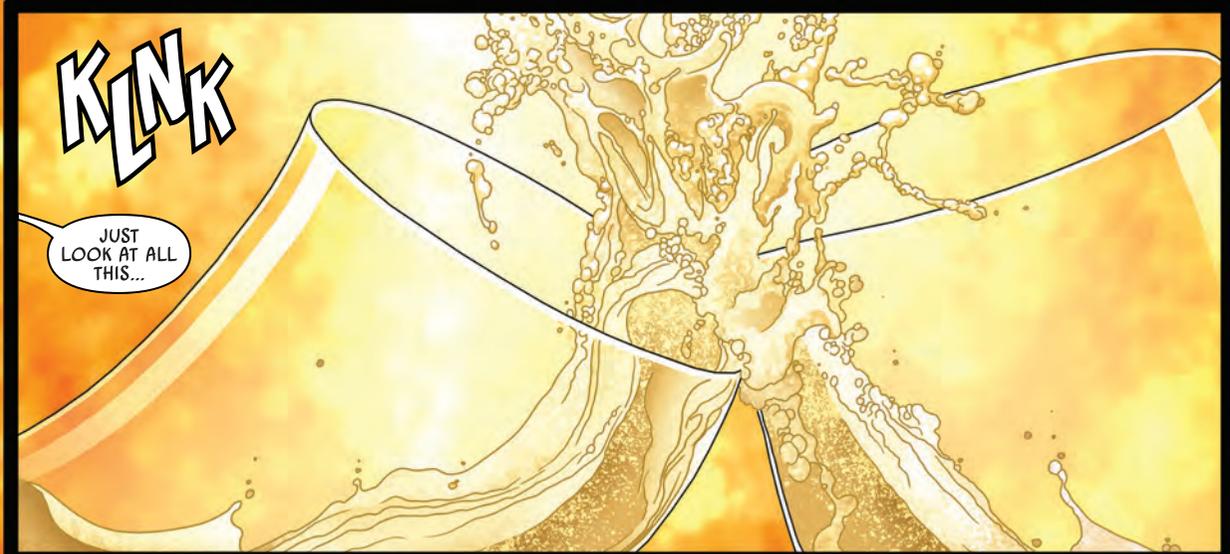


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JUST
LOOK AT ALL
THIS...



Mako-Ta
Rebel Base.

...YOUR
FATHER WOULD
BE PROUD OF
YOU, LEIA.





I ADMIT, I'M A LITTLE SURPRISED YOU'RE HERE. I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THE GREAT HERO OF THE REBELLION WOULD BE COMMANDING ONE OF THE SHIPS HERSELF...

I'M NOT REALLY A COMMANDER. GENERAL WILLARD INVITED ME ABOARD HIS SHIP, BUT I'D RATHER BE HERE WITH MON MOTHMA IN CASE SHE NEEDS ME...



OH, SO RESPONSIBLE. WELL, PROBABLY BEST YOU'RE HERE WITH ME.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



I DON'T KNOW ANYONE ELSE AT THE PARTY.

I'M A PAMPERED MONARCH WITH NO PERSONAL SKILLS. I'D BE LEFT ENTIRELY ADRIPT.

YOUR PEOPLE FULFILLED THEIR QUOTAS TO THE EMPIRE AND HAD ENOUGH LEFT TO SECRETLY OUTFIT THIS FLEET, TRIOS.

I CAN'T IMAGINE ANY SITUATION IN WHICH YOU WOULD FIND YOURSELF ADRIPT.



OH, LEIA, YOU'RE VERY GOOD.

IT ADDS TO YOUR TRAGEDY. IN A BETTER TIME, YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN A GREAT RULERAN ON ALDERAAN.

PLEASE, TRIOS. YOU CAN'T KNOW THAT. THERE'S NO NEED TO FLATTER ME.



I'M NO SYCOPHANT. YOU JUST HAVE TO USE YOUR EYES TO SEE THE PROOF.

LOOK! LOOK AT ALL YOU ACHIEVED...





...YOU DID THIS.