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The Galactic Empire's reign has just begun. Darth Vader, secret Sith apprentice to Emperor Palpatine, has been tasked with leading the Inquisitorius – a group of former Jedi fallen to the dark side, now assigned to hunt down and kill the few surviving members of their former Order.

One such survivor is Jocasta Nu, former Lead Archivist of the Jedi Order. She has built a school of the Force on a hidden, faraway world, and intends to use it to teach a new generation of Jedi. But the school requires students, and so Jocasta infiltrated the ruins of the former Jedi Temple on the Imperial capital world of Coruscant, seeking a secret datafile with records of all known Force-sensitive children in the galaxy.

Jocasta obtained the datafile from its hiding place – a secret cache of ancient Force-related weapons deep inside the Temple. But before she could flee to safety, Darth Vader appeared before her....

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The Former Jedi Temple.



LAY
DOWN YOUR
WEAPON,
JEDI.

I DO
NOT WANT
YOU TO
DIE.

THE DARK
SIDE FLOWS
OFF YOU IN
WAVES.

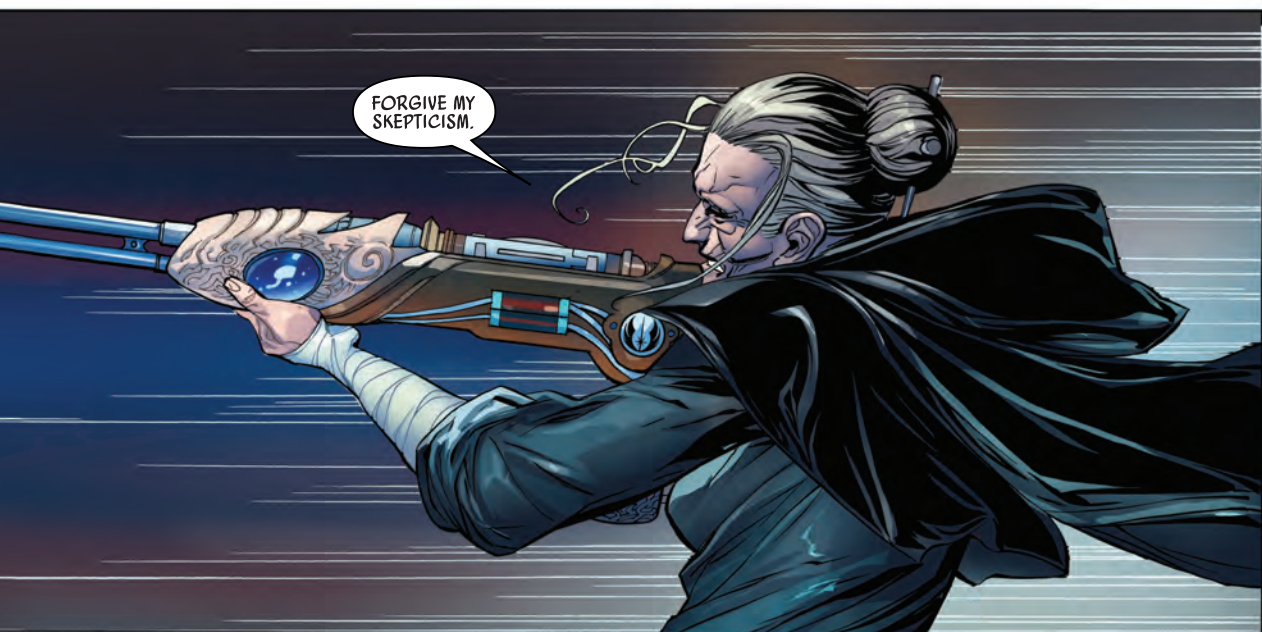
YOU SAY
YOU DON'T
WANT ME
DEAD.

KZZZCK



I KNOW WHO
YOU ARE. THE
VAULT GUARDIAN
IDENTIFIED
YOU.
ANAKIN
SKYWALKER.





I SEE IT ALL NOW--THE THINGS UNSAID IN MASTER OBI-WAN'S FINAL MESSAGE TO THE SURVIVORS OF THE EMPEROR'S PURGE.

PALPATINE WAS THE SITH LORD WE COULD NOT FIND.

YOU, OUR GREAT HOPE FOR THE FORCE, WERE HIS **TARGET**. HE TOOK YOU, MADE YOU HIS, TWISTED YOU INTO THIS NEW FORM, SUBMERGED IN THE DARK SIDE.



YOU ARE HIS **TOOL**. LITTLE BETTER THAN A DROID, SET TO STAMP OUT THE LIGHT SIDE OF THE FORCE.

BUT THIS IS **IMPOSSIBLE**. THE FORCE IS **ETERNAL**. IT CANNOT BE ENDED, IT CANNOT BE STOPPED, NOT SO LONG AS LIFE EXISTS.



IT WILL FIND ITS VESSELS. IT ALWAYS DOES. IT ALREADY HAS--YOU KNOW THIS. THERE ARE OTHERS, WAITING OUT IN THE GALAXY.



WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT, THE JEDI WILL RISE AGAIN.

PERHAPS SOONER THAN YOU TH--



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