

THE ESCAPE

Part IV

Queen Trios of Shu-Torun's betrayal has left the heroic Rebel Alliance scattered and at the mercy of the evil Galactic Empire! Unable to make contact with their allies, Leia Organa, Luke Skywalker, Han Solo and the droids R2-D2 and C-3PO have become stranded on the isolationist moon of Hubin.

Hubin's ruler, the former mercenary Thane Markona, has taken it upon himself to train Luke. But as the young Jedi has grown closer to the Thane and his daughter Tula, so has he grown restless to return to the Rebellion, secretly activating a communications beacon and blind to the trouble it might attract.

And just as Han and Leia were starting to feel closer than ever before, Leia has revealed that she has been focusing on other pursuits. Namely, the Rebellion's next target: Queen Trios and Shu-Torun. . . .

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Thane
Markona's
Estate,
Hubin.

"DESTROY
SHU-TORUN"? WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING ABOUT,
PRINCESS?

WHEN
WE SLICED INTO
TRIOS' FILES BACK AT
MAKO-TA WE GOT A LOT
MORE THAN JUST HOW
THEY DISABLED OUR
FLEET.

WE GOT
THE KEY LAYOUTS
FOR SHU-TORUN ITSELF.
ACCESS CODES.
SECURITY WEAKNESS.
ALL THE PLANS.
EVERYTHING.

WHAT
MAKES IT WORK, HOW
IT'S DEFENDED AND HOW
WE CAN BREAK IT
FOREVER.

SHU-TORUN IS
BASED ON ENERGY-
GATHERING TECHNOLOGY
THAT'S *THOUSANDS* OF YEARS
OLD AND *FRAGILE*. WITHOUT
IT, THE PLANET JUST WON'T
OPERATE.

WHEN
WE'RE FINISHED,
SHU-TORUN WILL HAVE
ALL THE IMPORTANCE TO
THE GALACTIC ECONOMY
OF TATOOINE.

SO, YOU'VE BEEN UP HERE WORKING OUT
HOW BEST TO GIVE QUEEN TRIOS A
LITTLE PAYBACK? YOU ROYALS
PLAY DIRTY.

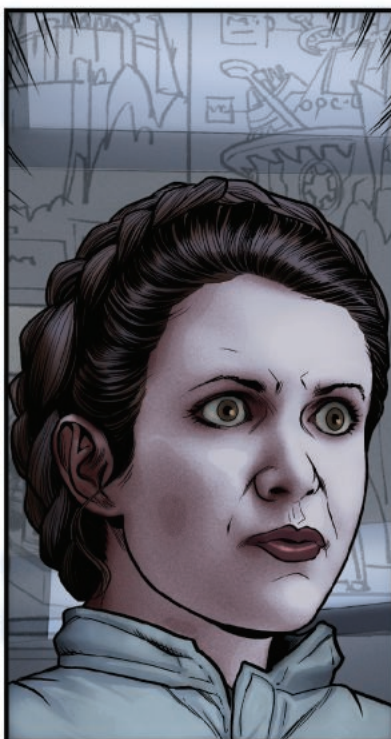
YOU SHOULD TELL
LUKE. IT'LL HELP THE KID
UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'VE
BEEN HOLED UP IN
HERE.

YES. I...
JUST WANTED
TO BE SURE THIS
COULD ACTUALLY
WORK.

I DIDN'T
WANT TO GIVE
FALSE HOPE.

HEH.
FALSE HOPE.
OH, I GET
THAT.

I MEAN,
ALL THESE PLANS
ARE VERY IMPRESSIVE,
BUT IT'S NOT
WHAT I WAS
EXPECTING...



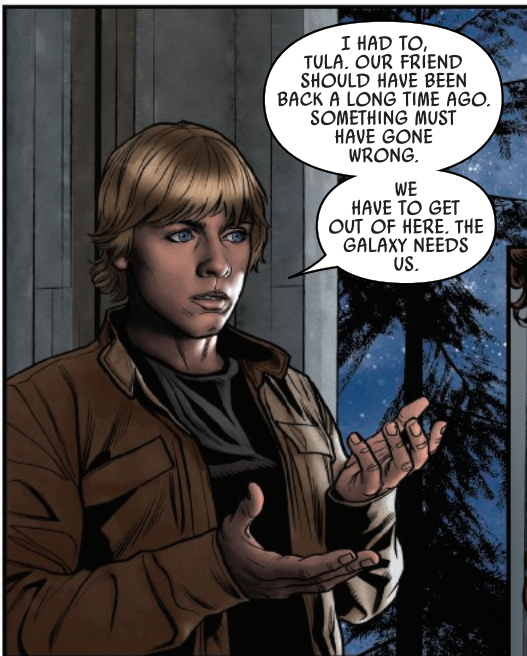


IT'S
NOT THE FIRST
TIME I'VE SEEN YOU
STARING AT THE
STARS...



...BUT THIS
IS THE FIRST TIME
YOU LOOK NOT WITH
LONGING, BUT
WITH HOPE.

YOUR
COMMUNICATIONS
BEACON. YOU
ACTIVATED
IT.



I HAD TO,
TULA. OUR FRIEND
SHOULD HAVE BEEN
BACK A LONG TIME AGO.
SOMETHING MUST
HAVE GONE
WRONG.

WE
HAVE TO GET
OUT OF HERE. THE
GALAXY NEEDS
US.



WE'VE
KEPT BENEATH THE
EMPIRE'S ATTENTION FOR
SO LONG. IF THEY COME
HERE AND FIND WE'VE BEEN
HAVING SOMEONE LIKE YOU
AS A GUEST? WHO KNOWS
WHAT THEY COULD
DO...

BUT
NO, THE WHOLE
UNIVERSE NEEDS
YOUNG MASTER LUKE.
HE'D RISK DESTROYING
EVERYTHING TO
ESCAPE...

