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THE AWAKENING

Part V

The Resistance has barely escaped total destruction at the hands of the evil First Order following the Battle of Crait. The remnants of Leia Organa's band of rebels, including famed pilot Poe Dameron, now flee through hyperspace aboard the Millennium Falcon.

Poe has finally received word from the missing team members of Black Squadron who have been tasked by Leia herself with recruiting new allies for their cause.

But Black Squadron's transmission is incomplete and Poe fears the worst after learning of their mission failure on Pastoria. Black Squadron, Poe's closest friends, could be in serious trouble....

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Black Squadron. During The Battle Of Crait.



"THIS IS JESS PAVA
OF RESISTANCE
BLACK SQUADRON,
PILOT DESIGNATION
BLACK THREE.


"IT'S THE FIRST CHANCE I'VE HAD
TO UPDATE MY MISSION LOG SINCE
THE DISASTER ON PASTORIA.



"THIS MIGHT BE MY
LAST TRANSMISSION
FOR A WHILE.

"I'M ABOUT TO
DO SOMETHING
THAT'S...WELL, IT'S JUST
LIKE EVERYTHING BLACK
SQUADRON DOES.

"INCREDIBLY
BRAVE, INCREDIBLY
IMPORTANT AND...
INCREDIBLY STUPID.



"WE SHOULD
MAKE THAT THE
SQUADRON
MOTTO.



"WE LEFT PASTORIA AND HEADED
TO THE NEXT STOP ON GENERAL
ORGANA'S LIST OF POTENTIAL
RESISTANCE ALLIES--A MID RIM
WORLD CALLED IKKRUKK.

"I'LL BE HONEST, MORALE
WAS PRETTY LOW. SNAP
WEXLEY WAS COMMANDING THE
MISSION, AND HE WAS DOING
WHAT HE COULD TO HELP...

ALL RIGHT,
PILOTS, YOU
READY TO SAVE
THE GALAXY?



EH.

COME ON, KARÉ!
WHERE'S THE POSITIVITY?
SURALINDA, YOU'RE FEELING
GOOD, RIGHT?

EH.

"...BUT HE
WASN'T GETTING
VERY FAR."

The Millennium Falcon. After The Battle Of Crait.

ANYWAY, WE DROPPED OUT OF HYPERSPACE NOT FAR FROM IKKRUKK AND IMMEDIATELY PICKED UP A DISTRESS CALL.

THE SIGNAL--

CAPTAIN DAMERON!
CAPTAIN DAMERON!

PAUSE
PLAYBACK,
BEEBEE.

BLIP.

WHAT'S UP,
THREEPIO? LET
ME GUESS.

THE FIRST
ORDER SECRETLY
BUILT A SECOND
STARKILLER AND BLEW
UP TEN MORE
PLANETS.

OH, NO, CAPTAIN.
NOTHING SO
DIRE. THIS IS
GOOD NEWS,
FOR A CHANGE.

WE'VE RECEIVED A NEW
MESSAGE FROM YOUR
COLLEAGUES IN BLACK
SQUADRON, SENT
THROUGH A SECONDARY
RELAY NODE.

IT'S ENCRYPTED, AND
A BIT GARBLED. I'M
WORKING TO DECODE
IT, BUT IT WILL TAKE
SOME TIME.



THREEPIO,
THAT'S FANTASTIC!
THANK YOU.

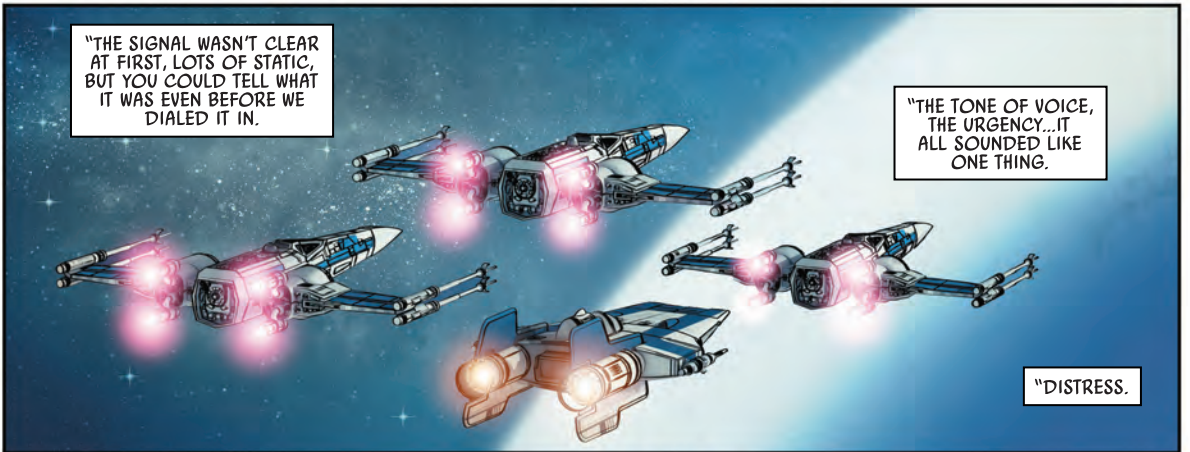
STILL GOTTA
FINISH LISTENING
TO THIS ONE, BUT
THAT'S GREAT
NEWS.

BEEBEE,
RUN IT BACK A
BIT, THEN RESUME
PLAYBACK.



IT'LL BE A LOT
EASIER TO LISTEN TO
THIS NOW THAT I KNOW
IT DOESN'T END IN AN
EXPLOSION.

...PICKED
UP A
DISTRESS
CALL.



"THE SIGNAL WASN'T CLEAR
AT FIRST, LOTS OF STATIC,
BUT YOU COULD TELL WHAT
IT WAS EVEN BEFORE WE
DIALED IT IN.

"THE TONE OF VOICE,
THE URGENCY...IT
ALL SOUNDED LIKE
ONE THING.

"DISTRESS.



YOU GUYS
GETTING
THIS?

--ANY FRIENDLY
MILITARYKZK--
THIS IS THE PLANET
IKKRUKKSSSKT--

--GRAIL CITY--
UNDER ATTACK BY--
KKRKK--

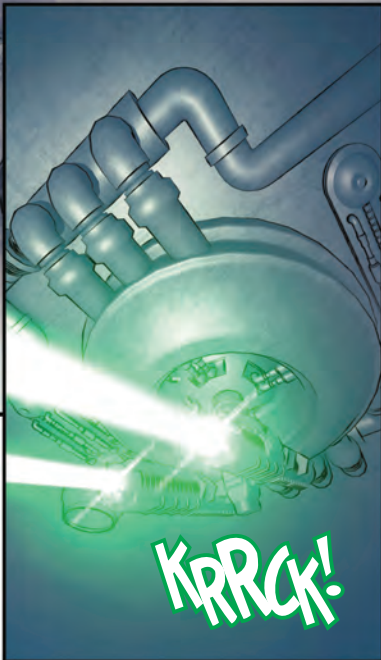
Ikkrukk.


GRAIL CITY IS UNDER ATTACK BY THE FIRST ORDER.

THEY ARRIVED HERE AND TOLD US OUR SYSTEM WAS NOW UNDER THEIR CONTROL. WHEN WE DECLINED, THEY HIT US. NO WARNING.



Grail City.





"WE WERE ABLE TO GET OUR SHIELD WALL UP IN TIME, BUT OUR DEFENSE GRID IS DOWN."

"IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL THE FIRST ORDER GETS THROUGH."



WE CAN'T HOLD OUT FOR LONG.

ANY RESISTANCE FORCES WHO RECEIVE THIS MESSAGE... PLEASE.

WE NEED YOUR HELP.