

# STAR WARS

## AGE OF REPUBLIC

# PADMÉ AMIDALA

IN

# “BRIDGE”

The Clone War rages as the armies of the Republic battle the endless Separatist droid legions. But soldiers are not the only ones making sacrifices. The noble Senator Padmé Amidala of Naboo wants nothing more than to bring the conflict to a swift conclusion and spare the galaxy further bloodshed. But victory for the Republic means finding new allies—and defeating her enemies both on and off the battlefield. . . .

---

**JODY HOUSER WRITER    CORY SMITH; WILTON SANTOS ARTISTS**

**WALDEN WONG; MARC DEERING INKERS    JAVA TARTAGLIA COLORIST**

**VC's TRAVIS LANHAM LETTERER    PAOLO RIVERA COVER ARTIST**

**MIKE McKONE & GURU-eFX PUZZLE PIECE VARIANT COVER ARTISTS**

**IAIN McCAIG CONCEPT DESIGN VARIANT COVER ARTIST**

**ANTHONY GAMBINO PRODUCTION DESIGNER**

**MARK PANICCIA EDITOR**

**TOM GRONEMAN ASSISTANT EDITOR**

**C.B. CEBULSKI EDITOR IN CHIEF · JOE QUESADA CHIEF CREATIVE OFFICER · DAN BUCKLEY PRESIDENT**

---

FOR  
LUCASFILM

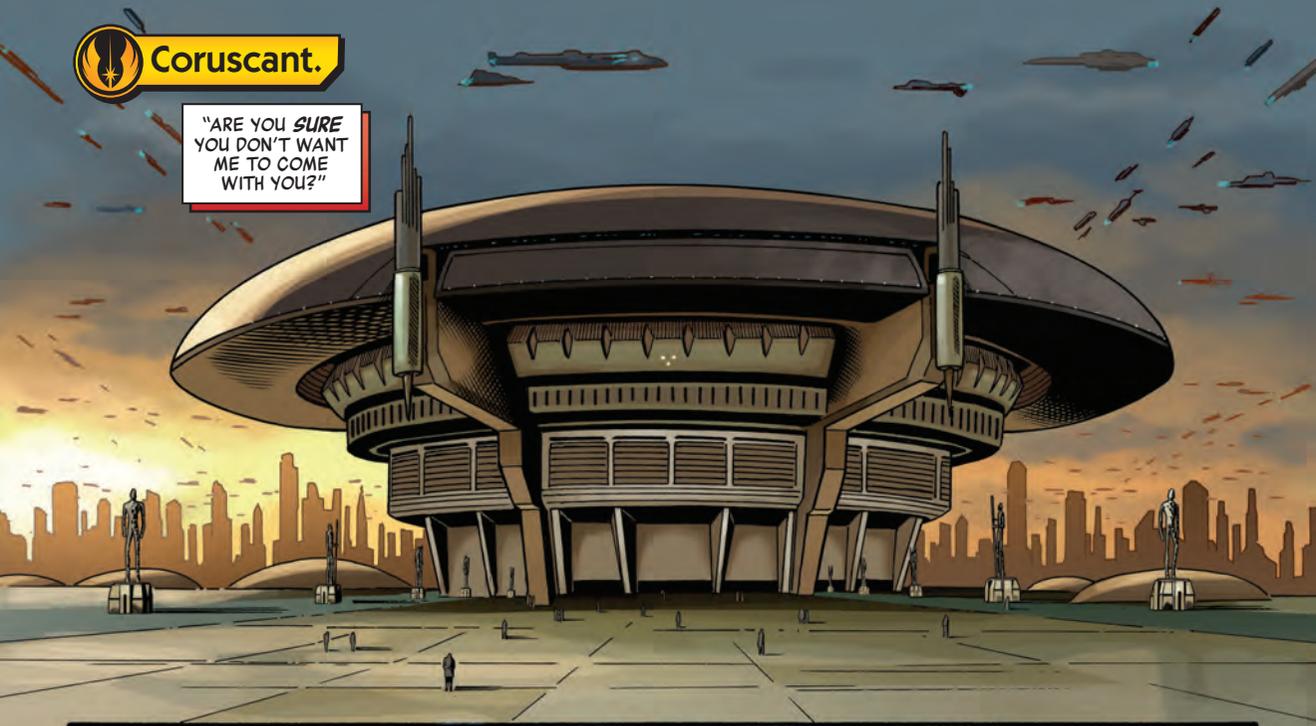
**ROBERT SIMPSON SENIOR EDITOR · MICHAEL SIGLAIN CREATIVE DIRECTOR**

**JAMES WAUGH, LELAND CHEE & MATT MARTIN LUCASFILM STORY GROUP**



# Coruscant.

"ARE YOU *SURE* YOU DON'T WANT ME TO COME WITH YOU?"





SENATOR AMIDALA...



...THE SHIP IS READY TO DEPART.



WE WERE JUST--

MOTÉE UNDERSTANDS DISCRETION, ANAKIN.



PERHAPS BETTER THAN YOU.



RIGHT...

WE'LL TALK AFTER YOU GET BACK FROM DURO.



YOU TOLD HIM YOU WERE GOING TO DURO?

ANAKIN CAN BE... PROTECTIVE.

BEYOND THAT, HE HAS CLOSE TIES TO CHANCELLOR PALPATINE.



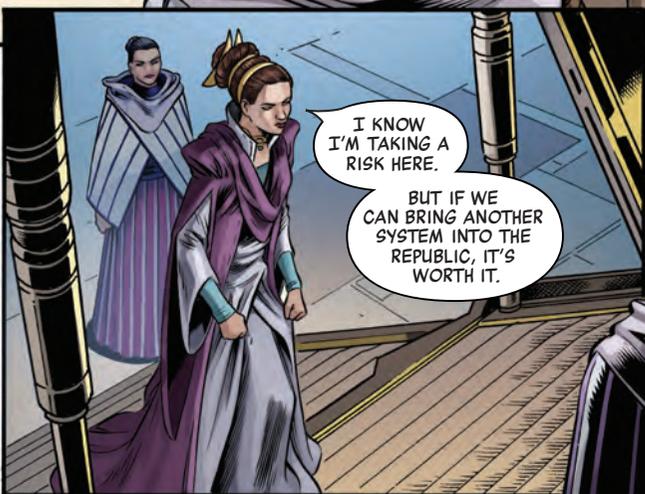
AND BOTH THE CHANCELLOR AND THE SENATE HAVE MADE THEIR STANCE ON NEUTRAL WORLDS CLEAR.

IF THEY AREN'T ALLIES OR ENEMIES, THEY ARE TO BE IGNORED.



SO YOU HAVE TOLD NO ONE YOUR TRUE DESTINATION.

AND YOU WILL ONLY HAVE DORMÉ AND MYSELF TO PROTECT YOU.



I KNOW I'M TAKING A RISK HERE.

BUT IF WE CAN BRING ANOTHER SYSTEM INTO THE REPUBLIC, IT'S WORTH IT.



BESIDES, I THINK THE **THREE** OF US MAKE FOR A FORMIDABLE GROUP.



I'LL BE FLYING FOR THIS MISSION, DORMÉ.

MY LADY?



ACCOUNTABILITY. IF ANYTHING SHOULD GO WRONG...  
I'LL BE THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR NAVIGATING US INTO HOSTILE TERRITORY.



IF YOU INSIST--



I DO.



MAY THE FORCE BE WITH US...

"DID YOU KNOW?"



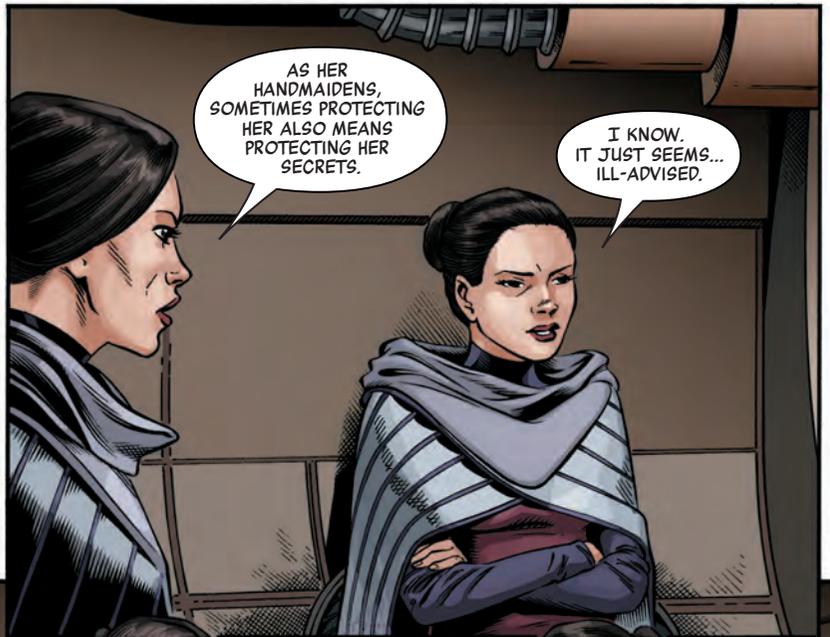
ABOUT WHAT?

THE JEDI.



OUR LADY IS MANY THINGS. BUT SUBTLE, SHE IS NOT. THE JEDI, EVEN LESS SO.

PERHAPS THAT'S WHY THEY GET ALONG SO WELL.



AS HER HANDMAIDENS, SOMETIMES PROTECTING HER ALSO MEANS PROTECTING HER SECRETS.

I KNOW. IT JUST SEEMS... ILL-ADVISED.



OUR LADY ALLOWS HERSELF SO FEW MOMENTS OF HAPPINESS.

HOW CAN WE BEGRUDGE HER *THIS*?