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THE STORY GROUP CANON TIMELINE

"It's time for the Jedi to end."

--Luke Skywalker

Dedicated to

All of the fellow fans who have supported this project, whether from its origin in 1997 or newcomers who have only come aboard for this final release. May the Force be with you all.

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-Fellow *Star Wars* fans-

It is with both a heavy heart and a sense of impending freedom that I write this introduction to the very last edition that will ever be released of *The Star Wars Timeline Project*. As many of you already know from my posts on Facebook and a video posted to my YouTube channel, *The Star Wars Timeline Gold's* 2018 edition, the release you are reading right now, is indeed to be the project's final update. The project has had a great run, beginning with its first public release (version 1.0 at only four pages) in 1997, through a total of 85 releases, and now ends just shy of what would have been its 21st Anniversary with this 56th release under the "*Star Wars Timeline Gold*" label at 3,392 total pages. I could never have imagined in 1997 (or when working on the list for my own use circa 1995 - 1996) that this "little" document that had been created to help me keep story order straight would turn into a massive resource for fandom with a lifetime that spanned two decades.

Still, though, all good things must come to an end (if I can make an unintentional *Star Trek* reference without being accused of blasphemy), and the time has finally come to put this project to rest. This comes for a number of reasons, all of which I have explored in detail on YouTube, but which I should at least briefly note here.

First, my wife (Jodi) and I received some great news in early 2018. After years of health problems (mostly for her but some for me as well) that made us think we might never be able to conceive a child, we finally managed to do so. The idea of finally having a child (due this September) has been a life-changer, to say the least. I am more excited by this prospect than for anything I've previously experienced (yes, including the chance to write for *Star Wars* back in '04). With this new life comes new responsibilities, though, and even with my current position that has me teaching primarily from home, I know that my time, which is already limited as it is, will be even more limited once the baby arrives. As you probably guessed, working on this project is an *enormous* time-sink every year, which usually results in a "crunch time" of high stress to get an update out, despite having essentially an entire year between releases. Instead of trying to keep it going and either letting it fall apart or stressing myself beyond my limits, I am choosing to end it now. Thankfully, it is for a great, positive reason: our first child.

If I said, however, that I hadn't already started leaning toward a possible end to the project soon, I'd be lying. The impending birth of Cade Butler (yes, named after Cade Skywalker) was just what tipped an existing decision-making process over into a firm decision. Two frustrations had been pushing me in that direction for a while. First, the "loose" chronological approach being taken in recent years for stories in the Story Group's current Canon has made being a timeliner incredibly frustrating. How can one determine and chronicle dates for stories and events chronologically when so many stories have not actually been pinned down chronologically in the first place? Even books heavy on relative date references (ages, X years ago, Y decades ago, etc.) like *Phasma* or *Thrawn* become nightmares to timeliners when the actual dates of their main stories are not pinned down beyond a vague range of several years. Such vagueness and storytelling looseness can also lead to continuity gaffes, as we saw rather clearly in an eight-day

period in Mar. 2018 when *Darth Vader: Burning Seas, Part I* and *Poe Dameron: Legend Found, Part VI* both included continuity errors and required retconning to try to smooth out those rough edges. (These were rather obvious story elements that should have been approved and/or coordinated well in advance but were apparently not. These were *not* minor hiccups that no one should have noticed before publication.) Frankly, it has begun to feel as though, at least when it comes to continuity and chronological issues, fans like me might be putting more thought and effort into keeping things straight than the actual *Star Wars* Powers That Be and licensees are today. That shouldn't be the case.

Second, growing toxicity in fandom has reached what to me is an inflection point. Tensions within fandom exploded with the Disney buyout of Lucasfilm, expanded with the delineation of Legends and Canon, and then became even more virulent with fandom divisions over *The Last Jedi*, all fed by the ever-present beasts of social media and clickbait websites that make hate and anonymous venom easier than tolerance or unity among *Star Wars* fans (and within society at large). We have reached a point when having a dissenting opinion can (and often will) result in intolerance, harassment, and sometimes even threats of violence. I myself have received threats of physical violence for daring to espouse the idea that, while we must be intellectually honest enough to recognize what Lucasfilm considers canonical for *Star Wars* these days, fans can always choose what they enjoy and purchase, and it is *not* a crime against fandom to enjoy multiple *Star Wars* continuities (Legends, Canon, or even offshoots like the *Infinities*, *The Star Wars*, or alternate video game ending timelines produced over the years). Unfortunately, the knee-jerk "attack first, think later" approach to social media fandom began to also infect (and infest) the community on the Facebook page for this project, where any mention of trying to figure out chronological or continuity issues in recent publications would be met with about half "intelligent discussion" and half "spittle-flecked rage at anything in modern Canon." This isn't an environment in which I choose to participate, especially when this very project's focus on *both* Legends and Canon makes it a lightning rod and its Facebook page an easy target for fans who want to score points by attacking other fans who dare to have preferences different from their own.

Those frustrations with the current continuity and fandom toxicity already had me nearly ready to end this project, but it took the good news of our pregnancy to finally convince me to walk away. That is perhaps the best thing that could have happened, as ending the project with only negative reasons would have always left me a bit uncomfortable with how it ended, and to have continued in this environment would have allowed me to become tainted by that same toxicity that I have tried for so long to convince fellow fans to avoid for the sake of their own mental, emotional, and fandom health.

So, *The Star Wars Timeline Gold #56* is the end of the project. In this release, you will find new material from various novels and comics released since the 2017 edition, along with summaries for the final season of *Rebels*, the second season of *Forces of Destiny*, and two new *Star Wars* films (*The Last Jedi* and *Solo*). I have attempted to get as much onto this final edition as was feasible in the time available, but I recognize that this is a project that will never be "complete," since the saga continues to grow and there are plenty of things that I never had the time to add to the document. (The lack of summaries for expansions for *The Old Republic* springs to mind as a particular frustration for me, but the time-sink would have been far too large to permit their inclusion.)

In the absence of the SWT-G, I would urge you to seek out other *Star Wars* chronological references, such as Rob Mullin's *Star Wars Chronological Companion*, Jim Lehane's *Star Wars Timeline Almanac*, Eddie van der Heijden's *Once Upon a Galaxy*, Danny Lawson's *Ultimate Star Wars Timeline*, Joe Bongiorno's work at *Timeline Universe*, and others. Just as the *Star Wars Timeline Gold* was a standard bearer, I expect that in years to come, one or many of these projects will become the new standard bearer(s) for fans of *Star Wars* chronology.

As for me, I will still be around in the community, raising my son in hopes that he will one day also enjoy the saga as much as his mother and I do. Never fear, though. I don't expect that fatherhood will *completely* drain the well of my time, and other projects will continue. I intend to continue podcasting with Mark Hurliman for *Star Wars Beyond the Films* and Michael Morris for *Cloud City Casino* (both over at StarWarsReport.com), though I will be doing my best to avoid serving as editor for either. My YouTube channel (youtube.com/chronoradio) will continue to flourish with series like *From the Star Wars Home Video Library* and reviews of Fantasy Flight Games' *Star Wars* materials. My Patreon (patreon.com/nathanpbutler) will continue to release exclusive content to supporters. Perhaps most importantly (in my mind, at least), I will continue work on a second edition of my definitive work on American *Star Wars* home video products, A

Saga on Home Video: A Fan's Guide to U.S. Star Wars Home Video Releases (the first edition of which was released in May 2017), for launch sometime in the next couple of years.

Nothing amid my reasons for ending the project in any way diminishes my love for the *Star Wars* saga in all its varied forms, nor my affection for all of you whose support has helped keep my spirits up and the *Star Wars Timeline Project* alive since its first days when I was just a senior in high school. I won't try to thank you all by name, as there are so many of you and I am sure to leave someone out for lack of memory if not of fondness. This chronologically-minded community was my first "home" online and will remain a favorite corner of fandom, even if I am no longer actively contributing to its library of fan-made resources. I hope you will continue to enjoy my other ongoing works and interact from time to time. I won't miss the countless hours of work spent each year on the timeline, but I would sorely miss the community that grew around it.

Thank you for a great 20+ years. May the Force be with you all.

Welcome to *The Star Wars Timeline Gold's Story Group Canon Timeline* document and the final edition of *The Star Wars Timeline Project*.

-- Nathan Butler
August 11, 2018

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HOW TO READ ENTRIES

On the timelines herein, stories are separated by year and listed in approximate order of occurrence. If the story is one unit, not divided into chapters or sections, it is almost always listed by when the **beginning** of the story proper occurs. Those that are broken into chapters or sections have their individual sections in more exact locations.

All years are relative to the Battle of Yavin in *Star Wars: Episode IV—“A New Hope.”* Dates marked BBY occur before the Battle of Yavin, while those marked ABY occur after the Battle of Yavin. In most cases, we can consider “BBY” and “ABY” dates to be “before” or “after” *A New Hope*, the first *Star Wars* film released in theaters in 1977. It is only when dealing with events set *during* that film when any distinction would need to be drawn between the day of the battle and the overall span of the film. Stories occurring during the films, but not actual films or adaptations thereof are listed immediately after the film year in sections marked “Concurrent to SW[episode number].”

Entries are formatted as follows:

YEAR RELATIVE TO THE BATTLE OF YAVIN IN SW4

- *Event or summary which may contain spoilers (Exact date if applicable)*

(source of event information or title of summarized story in bold and italics)

If there is a note attached to the event, it will be included here with the comment “*NOTE:”. It will also include asterisks after the “event or summary” and source lines.

Title of Overall Story [flashback?] [continued?] (format: Author)

Title of story part, such as a book in a trilogy [flashback?] [continued?] (format: Author)

Story chapter or individual comic issue [flashback?] [continued?] (format: Author)

If there is a note attached to the title, it will be included here with the comment “*NOTE:”. It will also include asterisks after the appropriate lines the note references.

On Spoilers

I take it as a given when someone reads the events on this timeline that they are not concerned with spoilers. The title listings are kept separate and placed after all of a year’s event entries, though, so that those wanting to avoid spoilers but still have a title-based chronology can use it as such with relative ease. I do not pull any punches, spoiler-wise, though, since it seems obvious that if you’re reading a summary of a story, you must want information about that story.

On Approximation, Cross-Referencing, Notes, and Births First

For events and summaries, I’ve tried to be thorough and accurate, but there may be some things incorrect or vague, depending on how specific the source material was. I’ve tried to cross-reference with other timelines to be sure. When there was an inconsistency with more than one other major timeline that I just couldn’t reconcile their way, I’ve made a note of it to show why I have it as I do. Also, since I tend to like to mark time by people’s ages when it is mentioned, I’ve tried to put all of the births at the beginning of each event section, and then moved on to the more “eventful” events. The few times this is not the case is when births occur during the course of an actual story, not just at a referenced date at about the same time as a story.

On the “Story Chapter/Comic Issue” Line

Titles within the “story chapter/comic issue” line which have author names are comic issue titles. Those without author names are individual chapters from within the above listed item, and are, of course, by that author and found in that item.

On Assumed Names

Stories with * after the author name and the story title in quotation marks denotes an entry with an “assumed name.” This is often the case when a title is not yet known for a story, but we know the

story is on its way. (When no specific name is given, but the story is a part of a larger whole (e.g. "Open Seasons, Part I"), the "assumed name" is also the *accepted* title within the *Star Wars* community, so I do *not* use the quotation marks/asterisk notation for the assumption. There will be some instances where an asterisk (*) denotes that there is a "NOTE" about the item below the item. In those cases, a note section will follow shortly. If a note section does not appear, assume that the first case (the "assumed name" case) applies.

On Forthcoming Releases

Entries with [forthcoming] after the author name denotes stories which have been announced but not yet released, if their timeframe has been locked or approximated.

On Format Notation

In the "format notation" section of the entry, items are categorized as to their source material. Items are labeled as movies, comics, video games, and so on, using the Format Notation Key below. See the Acronym Key also.

On Adaptations

Over the years, there have been plenty of *Star Wars* items that first appeared in one medium that were later adapted into other media. In the Legends Continuity, we saw comics become audio dramas, novels become comics, and so many adaptations of the live action films (*especially* adaptations made for little kids) that you could build a large *Star Wars* library on film adaptations alone.

In this new canon that is being dictated by the Story Group, we have mostly started back at ground zero on adaptations, as of 2014. There will surely be plenty in the years to come, and one type became part Story Group Canon almost immediately, thanks to clarifications from Story Group members.

The main rule of thumb is that adaptations virtually always take a backseat to the original material. Thus, if a children's book interprets an event in a film in a slightly different way, the film takes precedence (obviously). When adaptations like these are produced, you will see them listed directly under the title listing for the original version of the story, but all of the adaptations will be indented over from the original and stacked upon each other, like so:

Original Story (format: author)

Original Story (format: author)

Adaptation #1 (format: author)

Adaptation #1 (format: author)

Adaptation #2 (format: author)

Adaptation #2 (format: author)

Adaptation #3 (format: author)

Adaptation #3 (format: author)

In the case of Story Group Canon, all of these adaptations have been produced after the launch of this new canon, except for one group of adaptations that I hinted at above. That special case is the novelizations of *Episodes I – VI* and *The Clone Wars* (film). Those novelizations (by Alan Dean Foster, Donald F. Glut, James Kahn, Terry Brooks, R.A. Salvatore, Matthew Stover, and Karen Traviss, respectively) were all produced prior to 2014, around the time each of those films was in theaters. As such, they were already part of the "Official Continuity" when it became the Legends Continuity. Questions immediately arose as to whether those novelizations would also be part of the new Story Group-driven "canon," since they were adapting films that were the basis of that new continuity.

The answer amounted to: "kinda."

We were told that the novelizations were indeed part of Story Group Canon, but only insofar as they actually matched up with the films themselves. In other words, if it was in the film and is also in the novelization, then it's "in." If it is different or not in the film, then it's "out."

Two things emerge of note in that distinction:

First, having the novelizations as part of Story Group Canon is pretty much pointless right now, since anything they added to the saga beyond what was in the actual films is not being carried over. It's the film that matters, and only the parts that are just "parroting" the films apparently count. (Sadly, this removes what I call the "Stover Effect" from *Revenge of the Sith*, wherein Stover's novelization of the film added substantially to the motivations of characters, to the point where the film became far more enjoyable to many fans after reading the novelization.)

Second, we should not be surprised by this concept. Remember that in the Legends Continuity, where these novelizations first appeared, elements within stories (rather than entire stories) were classified into different "Levels of Canon." Those elements that came from George Lucas were "G-Canon," elements from *The Clone Wars* (and were thus heavily influenced by Lucas but also included collaborative input from Dave Filoni and others) were "T-Canon," and those items that were created by the writers of licensed works like novels and comics were known as "C-Canon" ("Continuity Canon"). When the new canon dictated by the Story Group as announced, the gist was that it would be built on a core of what was then known as G- and T-Canon, while all of the "old" C-Canon materials would be left out, kept in the realm of the Legends Continuity. Thus, it makes perfect sense that when looking at a novelization that was written pre-2014, we can only carry over the G- and T-Canon elements, those that basically just mirror the film, and must discard the C-Canon elements that were not part of the actual films at all. This is just another manifestation of the concept behind Story Group Canon's foundations.

On "LY" Dating

Star Wars: Rebels: The Visual Guide has provided the first new dating system for Story Group Canon. It marks dates based on the "Lothal Year," the local calendar for the planet Lothal, the origins of which "are lost to the mists of time." On the Lothal calendar, *Revenge of the Sith* takes place in 3,258 LY. Given that that must translate to 19 BBY, *A New Hope* would be in 3,277 LY, which tells us that we must add 3,277 to any LY dates (and account for "BBY" dates as negative numbers) to make them into BBY/ABY dates.

On Dates from Wild Space

In late 2008, Del Rey published *The Clone Wars: Wild Space* by Karen Miller. It was the first original spinoff novel for *The Clone Wars*, and it laid out some very specific (and, for the Legends Continuity, controversial) dates for the early days of the Clone Wars, including the timing of Anakin's knighting, the Battle of Christophsis, and some early episodes of the cartoon series.

It should go without saying that since this is a Legends Continuity ("C-Canon") novel, its dates do not apply to the Story Group's continuity. Given that it was the first novel to tie into TCW, and it was assumed by many that dates would have been provided by Dave Filoni and the team behind the show, some might assume that those dates *should* hold in Story Group Canon. I would argue that this cannot be the case without further direction from the Story Group or the team behind *The Clone Wars* because (a) the novel itself is considered Legends Continuity and (b) even if we somehow made an exception for *Wild Space*, it also deals with an order of events and episodes of *The Clone Wars* that does *not* match the official order of episodes that Lucasfilm has approved. The novel was written at a time when episodes were expected to air in production order, which turned out not to be the case when aired or when set into an official chronological order. As such, the novel is a chronological mess, even if we tried to apply its logic to Story Group Canon.

I know it is tempting to say, "hey, this novel spinoff from *The Clone Wars* gave us dates that can be background for the show," but it just isn't so. It's just Legends, and chronologically fouled-up on top of that. For Story Group Canon, it doesn't exist, and, given how it screws up the early episode order for the series, we should probably be glad that is the case.

On Names from the Legends Continuity

One of the things that made the Legends Continuity so popular and exciting in its earliest days was that it told stories that were not just set in the *Star Wars* universe or in eras outside the films but were also sometimes intersecting with the films, providing insights and background for things left unexplained on-screen. For instance, *Tales from the Mos Eisley Cantina* provided background information, stories, names, and more for characters seen in the cantina scene of *A New Hope*.

Over the decades since the publication of the novelization of *A New Hope* in 1976, the “Expanded Universe” (and *Star Wars* toy lines) served to give names to characters, technologies, species, and other elements from the films.

In theory, with those stories becoming Legends Continuity and thus not part of Story Group Canon, it is very likely that some, if not all, of the *names* provided for those film elements over the years are also “gone” from this continuity.

For instance, is that Ithorian in the Chalmun’s Cantina in Mos Eisley still Momaw Nadon? Is his species still known as an “Ithorian?” Is the cantina in Mos Eisley still called “Chalmun?” Questions like these abound.

Given that many of the authors being tapped to write new stories in the post-2014 canon that the Story Group is coordinating, we can probably expect a lot of species names, vehicle names, and the like to end up being the same, simply out of a sense of familiarity to the audience and the writers. One could argue that the more generic something is, the more likely it is to be kept. (Is that hammerhead an Ithorian? That’s probably more likely than him being Momaw Nadon or having a background at all similar to the Legends Continuity version of that individual.) In theory, though, any terminology derived from the Legends Continuity is not part of Story Group Canon until someone actually uses it in this new continuity. Time will tell how much is actually carried over.

What one can more likely expect to carry over (probably while many fans scoff at the idea) are names created by George Lucas (which are thus G-Canon in the pre-2014 nomenclature) that were not actually found in the films or *The Clone Wars*. Motti on the Death Star in *A New Hope* is probably still “Conan Antonio Motti,” the name Lucas came up with on the fly while being interviewed by Conan O’Brien, and Obi-Wan’s home planet is probably still “Stewjon,” the name Lucas came up with on the fly when being interviewed by Jon Stewart. It’s strange, but likely.

On Games in the Story Group Era

In general, video games must be “pliable to be playable.” In other words, game mechanics must make sense from a gaming standpoint, and that often means that certain aspects of the *Star Wars* universe are tweaked or exaggerated in order to fit such a game. For example, due to limitations in technology, most lightsabers in video games act more like clubs than swords, since they do not dismember opponents constantly. Force abilities are often exaggerated in games to give the player a greater sense of power in their characters and menace in their opponents.

In the era of the Legends Continuity (up to mid-2014), video games first received designations in terms of whether they were or were not in-continuity, then as the Holocron Continuity Database developed, elements within games were given designations as C-Canon, N-Canon, and so on.

In this new era of the Story Group and its rebooted continuity (“Canon”), things have changed slightly. Video games are being vetted by the Story Group like anything else, but they are being checked for what Story Group members have called “authenticity,” rather than whether they fit into a particular continuity. Thus, a game like *Battlefront* (2015) may include quite a bit that reflects Canon, but the game itself is questionable in whether it, as a whole, can be considered Canon. *Star Wars: Commander* (a mobile game) has been vetted for “authenticity” to give a *Star Wars* experience to players, but the game’s many scenarios may or may not be in-continuity with the Story Group Canon timeline. Certainly elements of the games have been tied into Story Group Canon, since we see *Battlefront* reflected in the *Twilight Company* novel and characters from *Commander* in the pages of *Ultimate Star Wars*. In general, though, we can no longer take for granted that a video game that is released in the post-2014 Story Group era is necessarily in-continuity. Major ones probably will tend to have most of their elements considered part of Story Group Canon, but the more obscure the game, the less likely it seems that they will be considered valid if later contradicted by other sources.

(One exception to this is *The Old Republic*, which Story Group members have confirmed is continuing in the Legends Continuity.)

While it has not been publicly stated, I believe this “authenticity rather than continuity” approach to video games is also being applied to other forms of games, such as miniatures games, roleplaying games, and card games from Fantasy Flight Games. The miniatures games (*X-wing*, *Armada*, and *Imperial Assault*), roleplaying games (*Edge of the Empire*, *Age of Rebellion*, and *Force and Destiny*), and card game (*Star Wars: The Card Game*) are heavily rooted in Legends Continuity characters, locations, ship types, historical events, and so forth. However, they also eventually began to include Story Group Canon elements in them as well, such as references to Lothal in the RPG, the *Ghost* from *Rebels* being added to *X-wing*, etc. It appears that the games are aiming for an “authentic” *Star Wars* experience, without necessarily needing to adhere to a particular continuity.

The material itself tends to bear out a similar interpretation, as the *Force and Destiny Core Rulebook* includes multiple notes (most importantly on pp. 315 and 378) about the use of Legends Continuity material for inspiration and on the reliability (or lack thereof) of “legends.” It is as if the creators want to include Legends Continuity material without being beholden to that continuity or the limitations of current Canon.

So, what does this mean for how these games are to be handled for *The Star Wars Timeline Gold*? I believe the most prudent method is to continue to include these games in the document because they are indeed *Star Wars* stories, characters, and elements that are rooted in one continuity or another. I do, however, caution the reader to consider information from these sources as in question until or unless they are referenced elsewhere.

As for which continuity’s timeline a given story or element will fall into, I will continue to err on the side of caution. Since the FFG games are so heavily rooted in the Legends Continuity, I will continue to add them to that timeline until I am informed that it should not be the case. However, when instances emerge of materials rooted in Story Group Canon, I will defer to that timeline and include them there, such as if *X-wing* scenarios provide us with new mission for the crew of the *Ghost*.

In general, I prefer not to “rob” the SWT-G reader of summaries and event information from these tales because they are often what readers seek the most, since so many fans do not pick up the gaming materials yet do read the novels and comics. I do, however, want to make sure it is clear, as I believe it should be now, how I am viewing these sources in light of the Story Group’s somewhat vague handling of the material.

On Dates from Galactic Maps

Star Wars: Galactic Maps, released in 2016, is an interesting new take on something akin to an *Essential Atlas*. It uses highly-stylized maps similar to those found in real-world history prior to more realistic cartography to present its information. It includes numerous points of interest on each map, along with a timeline in the front of the book to address major galactic (read: film and TV series) events.

Unfortunately, the dates for *The Clone Wars* cartoon series in the book make little sense. Given that we have a definitive order of TCW stories, here is how the book divides up TCW:

- *Cat and Mouse* through *Lair of Grievous* are listed as in 22 BBY.
- *Dooku Captured* through *Trespass* are not specified, so they would be in late 22 or early 21 BBY, or divided up somehow within that span.
- *Blue Shadow Virus* through *Brain Invaders* are listed as in 21 BBY.
- *Grievous Intrigue* through *Lightsaber Lost* are not specified, so they would be in late 21 or early 20 BBY, or divided up somehow within that span.
- *The Mandalore Plot* through *Tipping Points* are listed as in 20 BBY, with the exception of *ARC Troopers*, which is inexplicably listed as 21 BBY despite episodes prior to *ARC Troopers* being listed as 20 BBY.
- *The Gathering* through *Point of No Return* are not specified, so they would be in late 20 or early 19 BBY, or divided up somehow within that span.
- Everything in TCW from at least *Revival* onward is listed as in 19 BBY, prior to ROTS.

These dates cause several logical problems.

- *ARC Troopers* can't be in 21 BBY if stories prior to it are in 20 BBY.
- The large time jump between *Hunt for Ziro* and *Heroes on Both Sides* is not accounted for. Instead, it is crammed into 20 BBY, which already holds nearly half of all of *The Clone Wars* stories.
- Somehow, 19 BBY includes over 40 episodes worth of material before ROTS occurs, which only makes sense if the timing of ROTS within its year is drastically changed. Even then, months pass between the two halves of *Dark Disciple*, which makes this even more illogical.
- When one tries to actually divide up the years of the Clone Wars (not just *The Clone Wars*) using the dates from *Galactic Maps* (which I spent several days attempting to do with hours upon hours of work), the result is that certain key moments in the development of the Death Star as described in *Catalyst* no longer make logical sense. For example, due to *Galactic Maps* year divisions, the Special Weapons Group would have been working on the Death Star for quite a while before the Second Battle of Geonosis, after which they are given the plans in the first place (on the excuse that they were acquired during that battle or from Poggle shortly thereafter, rather than during the first battle). Obviously, that makes no sense at all.

With all of these issues arising from *Galactic Maps*, I have ignored TCW episode and event dates from *Galactic Maps* for most purposes, though you will find notes from time to time that refer to these odd dates. The book's dates for non-TCW material is more accurate (generally) and conforms to other sources, so those I have used where something new is introduced (which is extremely rare).

On “Our Time” vs. “Star Wars Time” in Story Group Canon

The *Star Wars* saga is set “a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away.” This is, of course, meant to be a sci-fi twist on “once upon a time,” but that has not stopped fans from speculating on when the events of various *Star Wars* stories might have happened in terms of a modern real-world calendar. While the Legends Continuity has had a few instances of seeing such connections between calendars drawn (such as in a *Star Wars Tales* story, *Into the Unknown*, which involved Indiana Jones), that kind of reference has yet to appear in the Story Group's ongoing Canon.

However, we have seen that Pablo Hidalgo of the Story Group uses a modern (i.e. not “a long time ago”) calendar as a means of keeping track of relative dates and subjects like character ages. (For example, it was used to show fans why Jyn Erso is 21 in *Rogue One* instead of 22, despite being born in the first year of the Clone Wars. She simply hadn't had her birthday for the new year yet.)

This calendar puts *A New Hope* in its real-world release month, May 1977, with all dates relative to ANH from there, as usual. For those curious, this would mean the following dates for canonical *Star Wars* films and TV series, if we were to use Hidalgo's calendar for real conversion instead of just relative dating. (This assumes that all films take place at approximately the same time of year as ANH, since we do not yet have digital calendar dates that indicate months for these films in Story Group Canon like we did in the Legends Continuity.)

STAR WARS FILM OR TV SERIES	DATE RELATIVE TO A NEW HOPE	LOTHAL CALENDAR DATE	EARTH DATE (APPROXIMATE)
<i>The Phantom Menace</i>	32 BBY	3245 LY	A.D. 1945
<i>Attack of the Clones</i>	22 BBY	3255 LY	A.D. 1955
<i>The Clone Wars</i> (Series)	22 - 19 BBY	3255 - 3258 LY	A.D. 1955 - 1958
<i>Revenge of the Sith</i>	19 BBY	3258 LY	A.D. 1958
<i>Rebels</i> (Series)	5 - 2 BBY	3272 - 3279 LY	A.D. 1972 - 1975
<i>Rogue One</i>	0 BBY	3277 LY	A.D. 1977
<i>A New Hope</i>	0	3277 LY	A.D. 1977
<i>The Empire Strikes Back</i>	3 ABY	3280 LY	A.D. 1980
<i>Return of the Jedi</i>	4 ABY	3281 LY	A.D. 1981
<i>The Force Awakens</i> and <i>The Last Jedi</i>	34 ABY	3311 LY	A.D. 2011

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ACRONYM KEY

Within the document, you will find various abbreviations and acronyms for different publication titles, such as *Star Wars Insider*. The following list includes explanations for the most common. In cases where the acronym includes a "#," the symbol stands for an issue number or 2-digit year notation that may appear with the acronym when used. (Note that not all of the acronyms here are used in the *Story Group Canon Timeline* document, but they are used in the other documents that make up *The Star Wars Timeline Gold*.)

5MSWS: *5-Minute Star Wars Stories* (Disney Lucasfilm Press)
 AD: *Archaeology's Dig Magazine* (ed. Unknown)
 ADODH: *A Decade of Dark Horse* (ed. Randy Stradley)
 AJ#: *The Official Star Wars Adventure Journal* (ed. Peter Schweighofer)
 BFAOD: *Boba Fett: Agent of Doom* (ed. Dave Land)
 BTM: *Behind the Magic* (LucasArts)
 CB: *Canto Bight* anthology (ed. Unknown)
 CM#: *Challenge Magazine* (Games Design Workshop)
 CWA#: *Clone Wars Adventures* (ed. Jeremy Barlow)
 DHE#: *Dark Horse Extra* (ed. Dave Land)
 DHP#: *Dark Horse Presents* (ed. Mike Richardson)
 DHPA#: *Dark Horse Presents Annual* (ed. Randy Stradley)
 DRS##: *Del Rey Star Wars Sampler* (ed. Unknown)
 FACPOV: *From a Certain Point of View* (ed. Unknown)
 FCS#: *Star Wars Fan Club Special* (ed. Randy Stradley)
 FMSWS##: *Famous Monsters Star Wars Spectacular* (ed. Forrest J. Ackerman)
 G#: *Star Wars Gamer* (ed. Christopher Perkins)
 GMAN#: *Gamesman* (ed. Unknown)
 GT#: *GameTrade Magazine* (ed. Unknown)
 GWNN: *Galaxywide News Nets* (ed. Peter Schweighofer)
 LCM-##-##-##: *LEGO Club Magazine* (ed. Unknown)****
 LOTJ/SOTJ: *Legacy of the Jedi / Secrets of the Jedi Omnibus* (by Jude Watson)*
 MIBSW#: *Marvel Illustrated Books: Star Wars* (ed. Unknown)
 MSDHP#: *MySpace Dark Horse Presents* (ed. Sierra Hahn)
 P#: *Polyhedron* (ed. Unknown)
 PCG-#-#: *PC Gamer* (ed. Unknown)**
 PTS: *The Prequel Trilogy Stories* (ed. Unknown)
 RB#: *Rocket's Blast Comic Collector* (ed. Unknown)
 RM#: *Rebels Magazine (U.S. Edition)* (ed. Titan Comics)
 RMUK: *Rebels Magazine (U.K. Edition)* (ed. Egmont UK)
 RPI-#-#: *Role Player Independent* (ed. Unknown)**
 S-#-#-#: *Shadis* (ed. Unknown)***
 SCR#: *Scrye* (ed. Unknown)
 SGFG#: *Space Gamer / Fantasy Gamer* (ed. Unknown)
 SG2-#: *Space Gamer 2* (ed. Unknown)
 SSC: *Star Wars Short Story Collection* (ed. David Levithan & Shelly Shapiro & Dave Gross)
 SWAM#: *Star Wars Adventures Magazine* (ed. Unknown)
 SWGM#: *Star Wars Galaxy Magazine* (ed. Bob Woods)
 SWH: *The Official Star Wars Website: Hyperspace*
 SWI#: *Star Wars Insider* (ed. Dave Gross & Brett Rector & Jonathan Wilkins)
 SWIS##: *Star Wars Insider Special* (ed. Jonathan Wilkins)
 SWM#: *Star Wars Manga* (ed. Tokyopop)
 SWMUK: *Star Wars Magazine (U.K. Edition)* (ed. Titan)
 SWMUS#: *Star Wars Magazine (U.S. Edition)* (ed. Titan)
 SWOPM#: *Star Wars: Official Poster Monthly* (ed. Galaxy Publications)
 SWR#: *Star Wars: Republic* (ed. Randy Stradley)
 SWT#: *Star Wars Tales* (ed. Peet Janes & Dave Land)
 SWV: *Star Wars: Visionaries* (ed. Jeremy Barlow)

TCWM#: *The Clone Wars Magazine* (ed. Andrew James)
 TCWMUK: *The Clone Wars Magazine (U.K. Edition)* (ed. Titan)
 TFAFFA:A: *Tales from a Galaxy Far, Far Away: Aliens* (by Landry Q. Walker)
 TFJP: *Tales from Jabba's Palace* (ed. Kevin J. Anderson)
 TFTE: *Tales from the Empire* (ed. Peter Schweighofer)
 TFTMEC: *Tales from the Mos Eisley Cantina* (ed. Kevin J. Anderson)
 TM#: *Troll Magazine* (ed. Unknown)
 TOS: *The Official Star Wars Website*****
 TFTNR: *Tales from the New Republic* (ed. Peter Schweighofer & Craig Carey)
 TOTBH: *Tales of the Bounty Hunters* (ed. Kevin J. Anderson)
 TPMDVD: *The Phantom Menace DVD Special Features* (Fox Home Video Entertainment)
 TSW#: *Totally Star Wars* (ed. Unknown)
 WWM#: *White Wolf Magazine* (ed. Unknown)
 VOR-#-#: *Vortex* (ed. Unknown)**
 VOY#: *Voyages* (ed. Unknown)
 VTUG: *Vader: The Ultimate Guide* (ed. Brett Rector)

*NOTE: The omnibus paperback that includes *Legacy of the Jedi* and *Secrets of the Jedi* is all by Jude Watson, of course, hence her being listed as “by Jude Watson” rather than “ed. Jude Watson.” You will not find this notation with the actual book listings for LOTJ or SOTJ because they were originally released as separate books. However, there is a short story entitled *The Last One Standing* that is exclusive to the omnibus edition as a sort of bonus story, which is why this special notation was necessary.

**NOTE: *PC Gamer* magazine entries have two numbers. The *PC Gamer* issue from November 2001, for example, is *PC Gamer, Volume 8, Issue 11*, or “PCG-8-11.” The same holds true for some issues of *Vortex* and *Role Player Independent*.

***NOTE: *Shadis* gaming magazine entries have three numbers. The *Shadis* issue from July/August 1994, for example, is *Shadis 3, Number 2, Issue 14*, or “S-3-2-14.”

****NOTE: Materials noted as “TOS” are from the main, free content of *StarWars.com*, not the now-defunct members-only *Hyperspace* area, which has its own designation, “SWH.”

*****NOTE: In the case of *LEGO Club Magazine*, the three pairs of numbers following “LCM” represent the first and second months listed in the date of the magazine, followed by the two-digit year of the publication.

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FORMAT NOTATION KEY

Anthology: usually a novel-sized book that contains multiple short stories or novellas
 Audio Drama: a rescripted audio version (not just an audiobook) of a previously published story
 Book: any book that does not fall under a more specific category, generally a guide
 Cartoon: animated television episode
 Cartoon Film: animated film, originally presented in theaters, rather than on television
 CCG: Customizable card game (e.g. *Star Wars Customizable Card Game*, *Young Jedi*, etc.)
 CED: Capacitance Electronic Discs (found only in *Star Wars* Video Release History Section)
 Children’s Book: Book intended for very young readers, such as *Fuzzy as an Ewok*
 Clip: short video segment, not to be confused with a bit of video in an actual film
 Comic: single comic book or comic strip cycle (i.e. not a single strip, but the story across strips)
 Comic Strip: a single comic strip (i.e. not a storyline across multiple strips)
 Commercial: television commercial, not a printed advertisement
 DVD: a production that was *originally* released (widely, at least) to DVD for general audiences
 Duology: series of two items
 Ebook: electronic book, download-only (albeit possibly reprinted in physical form later)
 Essential Guide: a sourcebook from the *Star Wars: Essential Guides* series
 Internet Video: a video or video clip, originally released online (can be re-released elsewhere)
 Live Performance: an actual live stage performance (e.g. *The Ewoks and the Magic Sunberries*)
 Movie: feature film, originally released in theaters
 Novel: a general novel, usually referred to as an adult-level book
 Radio Drama: episodic audio version of a film story, not to be confused with a simple audiobook
 Read-Along Book: a children’s book designed to be read alongside a specific recording
 Reference Book: a guidebook (though not an *Essential Guide* or RPG sourcebook)
 RPG: Role Playing Game materials
 RPGA: Role Playing Game Association (or RPGA Network) Role Playing Campaign
 Series: series of stories, usually more than three items
 Short Story: small story, usually within the body of an anthology
 Television Special: 1+ hour program originally shown on television, never in theaters
 Trilogy: series of three items

VCD: video compact disc (found only in *Star Wars* Video Release History Section)
 VHS: video home system videotape (found only in *Star Wars* Video Release History Section)
 Video Game: electronic media game, does not include VHS-based games
 Young Adult Novel: teen to adult-level book (e.g. *Young Jedi Knights*)
 Youth Novel: teen or “young readers” level book (e.g. *Jedi Apprentice*)

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CHANGES FROM LAST RELEASE

STORY GROUP CANON TIMELINE

- Added title for *Path of the Jedi Cinestory Comic* (comic)
- Added title for *Thrawn, Part I* (comic)
- Added title for *Thrawn, Part II* (comic)
- Added title for *Thrawn, Part III* (comic)
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- Added title for *The Last Jedi, Part I* (comic)
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- Added title for *The Last Jedi, Part III* (comic)
- Added title for *The Last Jedi, Part IV* (comic)
- Added title for *The Last Jedi, Part V* (comic)
- Added title for *Lost Stars, Vol. 1* (manga)
- Added title and summary for *The Last Jedi* (movie)
- Added title and summary for *Solo* (movie)
- Added title and summary for *Heroes of Mandalore, Part I* (cartoon)
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- Added title and summary for *Intermission, Part I* (comic)
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- Added title and summary for *Mind Your Manners* (comic)
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- Added title and summary for *The Rey Chronicles* (book)
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- Added title and summary for *Chewie and the Porgs* (children's book)
- Added title and summary for *Battlefront II* (video game)
- Added title and *The Last Jedi* summary additions for *The Last Jedi* adult novelization (novel)
- Added title and *The Last Jedi* summary additions for *The Last Jedi* junior novelization (youth novel)
- Added information from *The Last Jedi Visual Dictionary* (book)
- Added information from *The Last Jedi: Incredible Cross-Sections* (book)
- Added information from *Solo: The Official Guide* (book)
- Added information from *The Rebel Files* (book)
- Moved placement of *The Stranger* to better fit with *Accidental Allies*

LEGENDS TIMELINE, VOLUME 1 (BEFORE A NEW HOPE)

- N/A

LEGENDS TIMELINE, VOLUME 2 (A NEW HOPE ONWARD)

- N/A

CLONE WARS SUPPLEMENT

- N/A

APPENDICES

- Removed the "Getting Your Name and Information on the SWT" section from the FAQ
- Added *Jedi the Last* to the *William Shakespeare's Star Wars Timeline*

GENERAL

- Spell-checked: 08-11-18
 - Added information, updated information and corrections in general
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SECTION I

THE STORY GROUP CANON TIMELINE**(From 25,000+ BBY to 34+ ABY)**

(Includes: materials considered part of the new, unified "Canon" by the Story Group from 2014 onward)

25,000+ BBY

- *As the universe develops, life energy emerges from a pure connection to the Force on an unnamed planet to spread life in the galaxy. On this planet, the midichlorians are born, which will spread into the galaxy and provide the link between life forms that feed the Living Force and the Cosmic Force that brings all living things together. The Force will be a documented phenomenon in galactic society for well over 25,000 years before the Battle of Yavin.*
(conjecture based on *Destiny and Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)
- *Prior to the birth of the Jedi Order (and Old Republic), a group of people settle Lew'el as a refuge. Their society will still be there, following the Tide (Force), during Luke Skywalker's travels in search of Force teachings after the Battle of Jakku.*
(conjecture based on *The Legends of Luke Skywalker*)

25,020 BBY

- *Around this time or shortly before, the Jedi droid Huyang begins training Jedi.**
(conjecture based on *A Necessary Bond*)*

*NOTE: In *A Necessary Bond*, he refers to having trained Jedi for over 1,000 generations, which is usually interpreted in *Star Wars* as being 25 years per generation.

25,000 BBY

- *Around this time, the Jedi Knights become the guardians of peace and justice in the Old Republic.**

(conjecture based on *Star Wars: Episode IV--"A New Hope"*)*

*NOTE: This assumes that one generation can be estimated to be 25 years, as is the usual assumption in *Star Wars* dating.

24,966 BBY

- *Around this time, the Jedi Knights create a library within a tree on Ahch-To (where time works a bit differently than in the outside galaxy) to house foundational Jedi texts.**
(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi* comic adaptation)*

*NOTE: This assumes that one generation can be estimated to be 25 years, as is the usual assumption in *Star Wars* dating.

25,000 - 10,000 BBY

- *Sometime in this era, which would be considered ancient by the time of the founding of the Republic around 1,022 BBY, back when time was still measured on a calendar based on the Domancion Accord, the orthodox (regular) Jedi Order and the Ordu Aspectu (an offshoot of the Jedi) engage in the Entruvia Conflict. When it is over, a peace treaty is signed, which allows the Jedi to inspect any of the Ordu Aspectu's research to make sure that it is free of any dangerous heresy. One of the leaders of the Ordu Aspectu, Rur, is researching immortality (sort of) by trying to create a copy of his intellect and knowledge within a computer system. He manages to do this quite well, but he does not realize at first that the consciousness that he has created within this now-sentient computer mind has come to believe that it is the real Rur, transferred out of his body and into the computer instead of just copied. This "Eternal Rur," as it considers itself, believes that the human Rur's body is just a vacated shell that an evil ghost now inhabits. It plots to somehow get rid of this "fake Rur," but the Eternal Rur keeps its sentience a secret at first. When the Jedi Order arrives to inspect Rur's work, the Eternal Rur, expecting to be discovered, reaches out to inhabit and control the various machines (including droids) nearby and uses them to kill everyone, Ordu Aspectu and Jedi alike, except for two survivors: Rur and his brother Amon. The Eternal Rur sends the Citadel of Rur (part of the Ordu Aspectu's Fortress of Garn), which houses the computer with his essence, across the galaxy so that it can be hidden from those that might destroy it. Once across the galaxy, Amon manages to shut down the Citadel's power systems just before Eternal Rur kills him. The human Rur uses the Force to dislodge one of the crystals*

from the computer system. Eternal Rur goes into slumber as the computer powers down, but its droids remain driven by his final command to purge all organic life from the Citadel. The droids finally manage to kill the mortal Rur, and the Eternal Rur slumbers as the Ordu Aspectu fades into ancient mystery over the millennia. They will remain lost until Chelli Aphra and her father discover the Citadel of Rur shortly after the Battle of Yavin.*

(conjecture based on *Aphra*)*

*NOTE: We obviously have no concrete date for this, hence the unusually long time span given for this entry.

6,000 BBY

- *The original Bardottan civilization is founded, under the rule of a mystical cult known as the Frangawl.*

(conjecture based on *Nexus of Power*)

5,014 BBY

- *Around this time, the last sentient being, other than Darth Sidious, for the next 5,000 years enters the Sith shrine on Coruscant.**

(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)*

*NOTE: This is an approximation. The novel says 5,000 years, but surely Palpatine enters it once the Jedi Temple becomes the Imperial Palace, rather than waiting five years before bothering to do so.

2,022 BBY

- *The Jedi code used by the Ones on Mortis to draw in Anakin Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi, and Ahsoka Tano was last used around this time.**

(conjecture based on *Overlords*)*

*NOTE: This code wasn't used for "over 2,000 years." I have dated that back to the beginning of the Clone Wars, then back two millennia for a rough estimate.

2,000 BBY

- *On Bardotta, the influence of the Frangawl wanes in favor of the Dagoyan mystic tradition. The Dagoyan Masters come to rule the planet.*

(conjecture based on *Nexus of Power*)

1,987 BBY

- *A great clock is built by Arakein Monks atop Mount Arakeirkos. According to legends that will develop, whoever watches each swing of its pendulum for a day will have the life span of the universe revealed before their eyes.**

(conjecture based on *Twilight Company*)*

*NOTE: It was built "almost 2,000 years" prior to *Twilight Company*. I have rounded that to 1,990 years.

1,255 BBY

- *Around this time, Supreme Chancellor Chasen Piian sets up a natural area on Coruscant in the western hemisphere to serve as a sanctuary for the B'ankora, the last remaining survivors of a sentient species of ruminants. It becomes known as the B'ankora reserve and lasts for more than fifty generations.**

(conjecture based on *Catalyst*)*

*NOTE: The B'ankora are at the refuge for "more than fifty generations," which I rounded to 1,250 (50 times 25) years, to which I've added five to accommodate the "more than" aspect. This is contradicted in the frequently erroneous *Rogue One: Rebel Dossier* as being 112 years before the end of the Republic (so 131 BBY). It is possible that the *Rebel Dossier* is referring to 112 years before the end of the previous Republic that Palpatine has referenced, which would make this 1,112 BBY or so.

1,050 BBY

- *Around this time, Tarre Vizsla becomes the first Mandalorian to join the Jedi Order. He crafts a unique weapon, the Darksaber. When Tarre eventually dies after an unspecified period of time, it will be kept by the Jedi Order at the Jedi Temple until stolen by House Vizsla, which will use the Darksaber to unite Mandalore under Vizsla rule.**

(conjecture based on *Trials of the Darksaber*)*

*NOTE: Fenn Rau says this was "over a thousand years ago" in 2 BBY, but since Pre Vizsla specifies that it was stolen from the Jedi Temple during the "fall" of the "Old" Republic, it must all happen prior to the Republic's reorganization around 1,022 BBY. I have placed it here to provide enough time for Tarre to use it, eventually die, and then have it sit at the Jedi Temple for a bit before House Vizsla steals it, while still allowing that theft to be

before 1,022 BBY.

1,032 BBY

- *Around this time, the Jedi Order believes that the Sith Order is completely extinct. Unbeknownst to them, the Sith Lord Darth Bane has survived and created the “Rule of Two” that will keep the Sith Order alive as one Sith Master and one Sith Apprentice for the next millennium and beyond. (In the intervening centuries, however, the Jedi will learn about the Rule of Two by some means, so that they will be able to recognize the dynamic after the Battle of Naboo.)**

(conjecture based on *Star Wars: Episode I--“The Phantom Menace”*)*

*NOTE: Yes, I know that the *Legends* continuity puts this in 1,000 BBY after the Battle of Ruusan, but we have no such battle or date reference yet in Story Group Canon, just what we learn in TPM.

- *The Jedi Temple, home of the Jedi Order for the next thousand years, is built atop an ancient Sith shrine on Coruscant. The goal of the Jedi is to diminish and “cap” the Dark Side power located there, and they believe that they have succeeded. In fact, over the years, the fact that the Jedi Temple is built on that shrine is mostly forgotten, except to the Sith in hiding. This is to the Sith Lords’ advantage, as the Dark Side power is not truly stifled. Instead, it slowly insinuates itself within the Jedi Temple, clouding the abilities and visions of the Jedi Order at the same time that the Sith are plotting their revenge in secret.*

(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)

*NOTE: It is hard to pin down when this takes place, but with the reference in *Tarkin* to how the shrine’s Dark Side influence wore down the Jedi in parallel to how the Sith acted in secret, I am led to believe that this is meant to be concurrent to that 1,000+ year process.

1,022 BBY

- *Around this time, a major war between the Jedi and the Sith ends. The Republic (later called the “Old Republic”) is victorious alongside the Jedi and sees the victory as so definitive that it reinvents itself, moving its capital to Coruscant. The version of the Galactic Republic that emerges into this era (usually referred to without “Old” in its name, even in the era of the New Republic) will last until it becomes the Galactic Empire. The galactic calendar is restarted at this date. A new Republic constitution is written in part by lawgiver Sistros. There will be no major “full scale” wars from now until the Clone Wars. It is just prior to this time when Coruscant is attacked for the last time before the Clone Wars. The new Republic is organized to include a pan-galactic Senate as its Legislative Branch and features an Executive Branch led by a Supreme Chancellor, the first of which is a member of House Valorum.*

(conjecture based on *Star Wars: Episode II--“Attack of the Clones,” Heroes on Both Sides, Tarkin, and Star Wars Propaganda*)

- *With the founding of the Republic, life in the Core Worlds is revitalized, creating a need for raw materials that leads to places like the Greater Seswenna, which includes Eriadu (where lommite ore, used in transparisteel, can be found), being drawn into the Republic. In the case of Eriadu, settlement came through loans from the InterGalactic Banking Clan, but when lommite shipments became more sporadic due to unreliable hyperspace routes, settlers nearly found themselves a client world of the Muuns due to those debts until entrepreneurs from Corulag, seeking a large chunk of the profits from lommite mining, came to Eriadu and saved the world financially. Among the earliest of the settlers on Eriadu are the Tarkins, a family who works as their own police force and defenders until local militias become a true military and technology helps to tame the planet and its wildlife. On Eriadu, the Tarkins become a sort of aristocracy, yet they are not viewed as such by the “true” aristocracy of the galaxy on worlds like Coruscant.*

(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)

- *Around the time of the Republic’s founding, the warrior race known as the Amaxines refuse to make peace with the new government but know they cannot defeat it either. Instead, they point their ship away from civilization (“at the galaxy beyond ours”) and leave, supposedly forever, in search of another war to fight.**

(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)*

*NOTE: Leia refers to this being a story dating back to “the dawn of the Old Republic.” Given that the New Republic exists by the time she says this, I am assuming here that the “Old Republic” she refers to is the one that began around this time, rather than the earlier “Old Republic” that existed prior to this governmental structure.

1,003 BBY

- Sometime prior to this point, the royal palace on Alderaan begins construction.*
(conjecture based on *Leia: Princess of Alderaan*)*

*NOTE: It was “the work of more than a millennium” as of the story.

1,000 BBY

- This year features the most unpredictable and thrilling Dragon Void race until the race that includes Han Solo a millennium from now.
(conjecture based on *Han Solo*)

996 BBY

- The Anchorites on Jakku, who believe in the Light Side of the Force, bind themselves to the Jedi.*

(conjecture based on *Empire’s End*)*

*NOTE: Rax says this is 1,000 years ago as of the novel.

990 BBY

- Jedi training droid Huyang begins serving aboard the Jedi training starship Crucible.*
(conjecture based on *Overlords*)*

*NOTE: He has “lived” on the ship for 1,000 years as of the episode. This assumes *A Test of Strength* is in 20 BBY.

972 BBY

- The Galactic Accord of Systems establishes rules that include not denying a surrendering enemy the chance to do so.*

(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)*

*NOTE: Mas Amedda is cut off when describing this agreement, saying only that it was in the “fiftieth year of...” something. I am assuming here that it was the 50th year of the Republic that Palpatine refers to in AOTC, rather than something else. (It can’t be the Empire, since the Empire didn’t last that long.)

966 BBY

- Around this time, Maz Kanata sets up operations at a castle (already at least a millennium old) on Takodana. The castle rests on the site of an ancient battleground between the Jedi and the Sith. ME-8D9 will also reside in the castle and is possibly actually a part of the ancient castle’s earlier population. Maz will keep the castle (and the planet) neutral in galactic politics for the next millennium.

(conjecture based on *The Force Awakens Visual Dictionary*)

896 BBY

- Yoda is born.

(conjecture based on *Star Wars: Episode VI--“Return of the Jedi”*)

867 BBY

- Naboo joins the Republic. This event will be commemorated in years to come by the Festival of Light.*

(conjecture based on *Crisis on Naboo*)*

*NOTE: This assumes that *Crisis on Naboo* is set in 20 BBY.

866 BBY

- Perhaps as a result of joining the Republic, the Naboo reset their calendar with this year as the 1st Year of Kwilaan.*

(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)*

*NOTE: Padmé’s ascension to the position of queen is in the 835th Year of Kwilaan, and calendars like these tend not to have a “zero” year, just a “first” year.

796 BBY

- Yoda, now a Jedi Master, begins training Jedi.

(conjecture based on *Star Wars: Episode V--“The Empire Strikes Back”*)

600 BBY

- *Jabba Desilijic Tiure is born.**
(conjecture based on *Absolutely Everything You Need to Know*)*
*NOTE: He is 604 as of his death in ROTJ.

553 BBY

- *The Tarkin family acquires the land that will be known as the Carrion, including the Carrion Plateau and iconic Carrion Spike.**
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)*
*NOTE: This is twenty generations before Wilhuff Tarkin is 11 years old, and this assumes a generation to be approximately 25 years.

552 BBY

- *On Ushruu, for many years, people susceptible to the Dark Side have been being drawn to a chasm where the planet's Dark Side energies flow freely and a massive Vathyr creature thrives on the energy. They typically have been killed and eaten by the creature, but they keep coming because the locals incorrectly believe that the Vathyr is the source of the Dark Side energies, rather than feeding off of them. Eventually, one of these pilgrims found a cave near the chasm and took up residence there, only to be killed by the next pilgrim to find it, and so on, and so on. Now, a very Force-sensitive woman finds it, but she is able to retain control of the cave. She gains followers from among other pilgrims and has the cave turned into a temple to worship the Vathyr. Feeding off of the same Dark Side energy, the woman, now known as the "Enchantress" lives for centuries without the Vathyr being aware of her presence.**
(conjecture based on *The Mighty Chewbacca in the Forest of Fear*)*
*NOTE: We don't have an exact date for this event, but it since the Enchantress lives for "centuries" before "decades" of fending off the Vathyr, I have rounded those centuries to 500 and the decades to 50 years, then dated back from the date I've assumed for the book.

519 BBY

- *Smuggling families begin to operate out of Jibuto on Rajtiri. Many of those families will still be operating out of Rajtiri twenty generations from now.**
(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*)*
*NOTE: This assumes that 20 generations can be seen as 20 times 25 years, or 500 years.

510 BBY

- *Around this time, the first settlers come to Jelucan, having been exiled from another obscure world for having been on the wrong side of a civil war. (They had led the overthrow of their king, but when the tide turned, they refused to betray their leaders.) They will eventually come to be known as the valley kindred.**
(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*)*
*NOTE: This is "nearly 500 years" before the prologue of *Lost Stars*, which I have rounded to 499 years.

499 BBY

- *The Mandalorian Beskar armor that will eventually be reforged and worn by Sabine Wren is originally crafted at this time.**
(conjecture based on *Heroes of Mandalore*)*
*NOTE: This assumes *Heroes of Mandalore* is in 1 BBY.

432 BBY

- *Yaddle is born.**
(conjecture based on *Absolutely Everything You Need to Know*)*
*NOTE: She is "half the age of Yoda, but still more than 400 years old." Given that she only appears in TPM, I have assumed that it is referring to Yoda's age in TPM, cut in half.

400 BBY

- *Thomas Toov is born.**
(conjecture based on *Doctor Aphra and the Enormous Profit*)*
*NOTE: He has lived 400 years as of the story.

280 BBY

- *CZ-1G5 is first activated. The droid will eventually serve at Niima Outpost on Jakku for decades.**

(conjecture based on *High Noon on Jakku*)*

*NOTE: He is “probably over 300 years old” as of *High Noon on Jakku*. I have rounded this to 310 years old, dating back from 30 ABY, the beginning of the 30 – 34 ABY time span in which that summary is found.

272 BBY

- *Around this time, Pamarthe faces invaders for the last time before the Napkin Bombing.**

(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)*

*NOTE: Greer notes that landings are restricted on the planet to keep out invaders who haven’t shown up in “about three hundred years.”

200 BBY

- *Chewbacca is born.*
(conjecture based on *The Force Awakens: The Official Visual Story Guide*)
- *Around this time, Lohgarra begins piloting freighters.*
(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*)
- *Around this time, Yoda starts giving up physical possessions and such more and more, feeling that someone his age does not need such things.*
(conjecture based on *There is Another*)
- *Around this time, the Dragon Void Run race begins (or at least has its last tight race early in the race’s progress that it will have for two centuries).*
(conjecture based on *Han Solo*)

168 BBY

- *Con Star Mining Corporation comes to Parnassos and sets up mining operations, including various stations, many of which are run, in part, by droids.*

(conjecture based on *Phasma*)*

*NOTE: This is 186 years before the “10 years ago” segment of *Phasma*, putting it 196 years before the novel’s “present.”

161 BBY

- *A second wave of settlers comes to Jelucan voluntarily, seeking to build their fortunes. They establish mining, engage in galactic commerce, and live modern lives, unlike the first settlers that live in the valleys in a lifestyle much like pre-technological nomads. These new settlers will come to be called “Second-Wavers” by the valley kindred.*
(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*)

117 BBY

- *Skree, a space station in a dust nebula, opens for business.*
(conjecture based on *The Heist*)

116 BBY

- *Around this time, Kedpin Shoklop is born on Werma Lesser.**
(conjecture based on *Rules of the Game*)*

*NOTE: He has experienced a “century and a half of life” (150 years) as of the novella, which is set during or around the time of TLJ.

114 BBY

- *Around this time, a century before being used as bait by Berch Teller and Knotts, the YT-1000 starship Reticent is seeing “better days” than it will around that time. It has likely only recently been constructed.*
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)

111 BBY

- *Kanan Jarrus will later joke that the Expedient received a refit around this time, suggesting that it is not as horribly old as it really is.*
(conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)

109 BBY

- *Botajef experiences significant immigration over the next century, though local “Jefies” will remain the vast majority (a minimum of 85% of the population) throughout this time.**
(conjecture based on *Thrawn*)*

*NOTE: This is about 100 years before chapter 22 of *Thrawn* (or about 95 years prior to the beginning of *Thrawn*).

106 BBY

- *Around this time, Janyor of Bith is born, likely on Garel.**
(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)*

*NOTE: He has lived “fourteen decades” (140 years) as of the present of the book, which is sometime likely soon after TFA.

102 BBY

- *Dooku is born on Serenno.**
(conjecture based on *Absolutely Everything You Need to Know*)*

*NOTE: He is said to be 80 when dueling Yoda in AOTC.

101 BBY

- *Around this time, the Loth-wolves of Lothal are seen for the last time until a century from now.*
(conjecture based on *Flight of the Defender*)

100 BBY

- *The Cosmatanic Steppes becomes a center of archaeological digs and scavenging for the next hundred years (or more) of the so-called Historical Art Rush.*
(conjecture based on *Aphra*)
- *Around this time, the Queen of Ktah’atn is bonded to an Abersyn symbiote, as are many of her people. As a Force user, she is the strongest of their pyramid and thus provided with the life energy of those levels below her, all the way down to peasants. This would usually lead a body to death in a short time, but somehow (probably the Force), the Queen is able to maintain her power and life for at least a century.**
(conjecture based on *The Screaming Citadel*)*

*NOTE: This was 100 years “at least” before *The Screaming Citadel*.

- *Around this time, Wat Tambor acquires the Triple-Zero personality matrix (which has existed for centuries). He studies it and becomes obsessed with it, but he soon becomes scared of its potential. Believing that it is too dangerous to be active, Triple-Zero is quarantined, but its memories are kept by Tambor among other Techno Union R&D material.*
(conjecture based on *Remastered*)

97 BBY

- *Around this time, Con Star Mining Corporation’s nuclear reactor at Calliope Station experiences a catastrophe. Much of the planet’s surface for nearly the size of a continent is rendered almost uninhabitable, leaving ruins and remnants of technology to be found by future, primitive generations. Many die from radiation poisoning, while some workers kill themselves. The company’s various well-built stations (except for the reactor, it seems) will remain standing and operational with droids tending them for over a century.*
(conjecture based on *Phasma*)*

*NOTE: This is “over 100 years” as of even the earliest segments of *Phasma*, set in 13 BBY. I have rounded that to 100 years.

95 BBY

- *Around this time, Iakar begins being visited by outsiders for interstellar trade. In particular, pharmaceutical corporations draw valuable organic compounds from the world’s forests.**
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)*

*NOTE: This has been the case “for nearly a century” as of *Rogue One*, which I have rounded to 95 years.

93 BBY

- *Meggone is born, possibly on Jedha.*
(conjecture based on the *Rogue One* novelization)

91 BBY

- *Around this time, Pell Baylo is born.**
(conjecture based on *Orientation*)*

*NOTE: He is “well past 70” during the story, which I have approximated to 77 years old.

- *Around this time, Maz Kanata sees a holocron she has acquired and put into storage for the last time for the next 125 years. She has no idea what it is, nor will she by then.**
(conjecture based on *Forces of Destiny, Volume 3*)*

*NOTE: This assumes that the FoD TV specials’ framing story takes place sometime in late 34 BBY.

89 BBY

- *The Vanto family gets into the logistics and supply business.**
(conjecture based on *Thrawn*)*

*NOTE: This is between 50 and 75 years before chapter 2 of *Thrawn*, if we assume that “for three generations” can be considered as 25 years per generation, and whether we want to consider for three generations to include Eli’s generation (and thus not count 25 years for his generation) or to be three generations prior to Eli, which would indicate 75 years.

78 BBY

- *Around this time, Thetis Quelton is born.**
(conjecture based on *Bottleneck*)*

*NOTE: She is in her late sixties in the story, which I have approximated to 67 years old.

77 BBY

- *Chrome Citadel, a space station used by asteroid miners, is finally abandoned by the miners. In their place, smugglers, slavers, and others with shady businesses take over.**
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)*

*NOTE: It was abandoned “more than a century” before *Bloodline*, which I have rounded to 105 years.

75 BBY

- *Around this time, the first non-Jedi colonists come to Lothal. Most are farmers, and the nerfs they bring will eventually develop into a number of unique breeds in the Lothal environment.**
(conjecture based on *Nexus of Power*)*

*NOTE: This is “three generations ago” as of around ANH, which I have interpreted as 75 years (25 years per generation).

73 BBY

- *Around this time, Cad Bane is born.**
(conjecture based on *Absolutely Everything You Need to Know*)*

*NOTE: Cad is 51, according to AEYNTK, though there is no indication of when the “present” is for that age. One would assume that it is based on his first appearance in 22 BBY.

68 BBY

- *Around this time, Kedpin Shoklop begins selling vaporators for VaporTech. He begins following the rules and entering his name for the chance to win Salesbeing of the Year.**
(conjecture based on *Rules of the Game*)*

*NOTE: He has been selling vaporators for 102 years as of the novella, which is set during or around the time of TLJ.

- *Around this time, Anglang Lehet begins working for the Syndicate.**
(conjecture based on *Rules of the Game*)*

*NOTE: He has been working for them for 102 years as of the novella, which is set during or around the time of TLJ.

67 BBY

- *The Academy on Arkanis is founded. (It will be an Imperial Academy decades from now.)*
(conjecture based on *The Secret Academy*)

66 BBY

- *The Guild d’Lanseaux in the Chardaan Orbital Yards produces a yacht that is unique, like all of their products. This particular yacht enters service as the Steadfast, first owned by Kuat diplomat Valis of Kuhlvalt. It will eventually become the Libertine, owned by Korfé Bennux-Ai*

in the era around the Battles of Starkiller Base and Crait.
(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi: Incredible Cross-Sections*)

- *Around this time, Kedpin Shoklop takes his last vacation for the next century.**
(conjecture based on *Rules of the Game*)*

*NOTE: This is 100 years ago as of the novella, which is set during or around the time of TLJ.

- *Around this time, Anglang Lehet begins to consider himself a “company man” for the Syndicate.**

(conjecture based on *Rules of the Game*)*

*NOTE: This is 100 years ago as of the novella, which is set during or around the time of TLJ.

- *Around this time, the Coruscant space-race broadcasts that Spennie will listen to in hyperspace while aboard the Cobalt Hammer are recorded..*
(conjecture based on *Cobalt Squadron*)

65 BBY

- *Raddus is born on Mon Cala.*
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)

64 BBY

- *Wilhuff Tarkin is born on Eriadu. As a child, he will be taught lessons of control, power, and deprivation by his father, who hints that he will one day have to survive on his own in the Carrion region of Eriadu as a test of his mettle.*
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)

63 BBY

- *Around this time, Vartan is born, possibly on Raada.**
(conjecture based on *Ahsoka*)*

*NOTE: Vartan is “in his forties” in 18 BBY. I have rounded that to being 45.

61 BBY

- *Around this time, Zaluna Myder is born.**
(conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)*

*NOTE: She has worked on Gorse for “thirty-plus years” and “nearly a third of a century” as of *A New Dawn*, which I have rounded to 32 years, and she is said to have started there “in her late teens,” which has prompted me to add 18 to that estimate of 32 years to get this birthdate. This is consistent with her being “now in her fifties” in the story.

- *Around this time, Pell Baylo begins running the Defiance Flight Training Institute.**
(conjecture based on *Orientation*)*

*NOTE: He has been doing so for “nearly 50 year” in the story, which I have approximated to 47 years.

60 BBY

- *Around this time, a power cell Thane Kyrell must work with on the Mighty Oak Apocalypse is produced.*
(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*)
- *Around this time, Meggone begins eating breakfast before the smoke ceremony in the Holy City on Jedha, which some see as heresy. She continues to do so for the next 60 years until her death.*
(conjecture based on the *Rogue One* novelization)

58 BBY

- *Around this time, Chamas is born.**
(conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)*

*NOTE: He is in his “late forties” in *A New Dawn*, which I have rounded to 47.

57 BBY

- *Around this time, Gial Ackbar is born.**
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)*

*NOTE: This marks one of the few times a character from the films has different birthdates in Story Group Canon vs. *Legends*. Ackbar is “in his eighties” in *Bloodline*, which I have rounded to 85 years. In *Legends*, he was born 44 BBY, which would only have made him 72 in the year *Bloodline* takes place.

- *Obi-Wan Kenobi is born on the planet Stewjon. Within six months, his Force potential is*

discovered by the Jedi Order. He is taken to train as a Jedi.

(conjecture based on *Star Wars: Episode I--"The Phantom Menace"* and *Ultimate Star Wars*)

56 BBY

- *Late in this year, Galen Walton Erso is born on Grange to a merchant father and preschool teacher mother. He grows up as an only child in a poor neighborhood in a large city.**
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide* and *Catalyst*)*

*NOTE: Galen is listed in *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide* as being 55 in *Rogue One*, but his birth year is listed as 56 BBY, meaning that he was born late in the year, just like his daughter Jyn will be. Both his age and birth year in the *Visual Guide* (and all other sources) contradict the *Rogue One: Rebel Dossier*, which has his age at the time of working on Vallt in 22 BBY as 43, which would make him born in 65 BBY and 65 in *Rogue One* instead of 55. Given that the *Rebel Dossier* has other date issues, I am sticking with this date.

55 BBY

- *Sakhet is born.**

(conjecture based on *Heir to the Jedi*)*

*NOTE: She is in her "sixth decade of life" (age 51 – 60) in HTTJ.

54 BBY

- *Maul is born on Dathomir to Mother Talzin. Around this time or shortly thereafter, Talzin works with Darth Sidious to blend their Force talents and traditions of Dark Side Force use. Talzin is led to believe that Sidious intends to take her as a second Sith Lord, but he instead takes the young Maul, causing a vendetta of Talzin against the Sith that will last for over three decades.*

(conjecture based on *Son of Dathomir*)

- *A Judicial Forces cruiser that ends up without a hyperdrive motivator and thus stuck on Murkhana forty years from now is constructed.*

(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)

- *The man who will be Wilhuff Tarkin's commanding officer on Halcyon joins the Judicial Forces.**

(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)*

*NOTE: This assumes the Halcyon mission is in 34 BBY, since he had been in the Judicials for 20 years.

53 BBY

- *Baze Malbus is born on Jedha.*

(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)

- *Around this time, Felucia is considered a remote jungle world on the outer edges of the Outer Rim and not of interest to anyone who does not already live there.**

(conjecture based on *Leia: Princess of Alderaan*)*

*NOTE: This is 50 years before the book, which is in early 3 BBY.

- *Wilhuff Tarkin (age 11) is finally visited by his grand-uncle Jova Tarkin (his grandfather's brother), who is to take him to the Carrion for the beginning of his training in survival. They travel in a group of six (Wilhuff, Jova, two elders, and two Rodians). One of his first lessons includes eating meat from an animal they just killed. Over a month, they observe and then steal kills from other creatures. Then they begin hunting and training Wilhuff to do so. They spend the entire dry season there and leave when the rains start. Tarkin has begun to take these lessons to heart and will return for the next five summers. (To be continued below . . .)*

(**Tarkin**)

- *The Jedi Council loses contact with Jedi Master Kez Velaz on Mathas. It will be months before a mission is carried out to establish contact or determine what has happened to Velaz.*

(conjecture based on *Mace Windu*)

Tarkin (novel: James Luceno)

Tarkin (novel: James Luceno)

A Boy's Life [flashback]

52 BBY

- *Chirrut Imwe is born on Jedha.*

(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)

- *Wilhuff Tarkin spends his second summer in the Carrion on Eriadu. It is during this trip that*

Jova points out the Carrion Spike to him for the first time.

(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)

- *On the planet Mathas, Padawan Mace Windu and his teacher, Jedi Master Cyslin Myr, have come to investigate the so-called “heretic” now overseeing the Jedi Temple’s outreach program on the planet, whose populace is suffering from the Niffin Plague. Jedi Master Kez Velaz, who was overseeing the program, has not been heard from in months, and someone named Drooz has taken control, claiming to be a Jedi prophet and healer, exploiting the populace for his own profit. They have come to assess the situation and apprehend Drooz. For his part, Mace is disgusted by Drooz’s purported actions and must be taught to calm his temper and do what is right. When they reveal themselves to Drooz as he is meeting with followers, he orders the followers to kill them as heretics. As the crowd attacks them, Drooz tries to escape, tossing a thermal detonator at them all. Mace stops it with the Force, but it still explodes, causing the ceiling to collapse. Cyslin saves the crowd from the flaming debris, while Mace pursues Drooz. They exchange taunts and quips over the Jedi way and its perversion by Drooz, then Mace corners him, ready to deliver a killing blow with his lightsaber. Cyslin arrives just in time to convince him to be better than Drooz and bring Drooz before a court of law, not to act as judge, jury, and executioner himself. Mace will carry this memory into his confrontation with Prossert Dibs during the Clone Wars. (To be continued below . . .)**

(Mace Windu)*

***NOTE:** This assumes that Mace is born in the same year in Canon as in Legends (72 BBY). If so, that would make him around 20 years old at this point, which seems a decent approximation for when this story would take place.

- *On Ushruu, the Enchantress is finally so powerful that the Vathyr notices her presence. She is seen as a rival for Dark Side energies by the Vathyr, who wants to kill her. When one of her followers sets up too close to a wall, the Vathyr is able to break through, killing all of her followers and forcing her to flee. As she leaves the area around the Vathyr’s chasm, though, her energies fade, and she arrives as an old woman and dies shortly thereafter. None of the natives follow her commands to go kill the creature, but they do pass along her story for years to come. Eventually, those stories will reach Sheev Palpatine, who will wish to acquire a rumored book or scroll of the Enchantress’ teachings that should still be in her temple on Ushruu.**

(conjecture based on *The Mighty Chewbacca in the Forest of Fear*)*

***NOTE:** We don’t have an exact date for this event, but it since the Enchantress lives for “centuries” before “decades” of fending off the Vathyr, I have rounded those centuries to 500 and the decades to 50 years, then dated back from the date I’ve assumed for the book.

Jedi of the Republic (comic series: Matt Owens)

Mace Windu (comic series: Matt Owens)

Mace Windu, Part IV [flashback] (comic: Matt Owens)

51 BBY

- *Orson Callan Krennic is born in Sativran City on Lexrul.*
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)
- *Around this time, Skelly is born on Corellia.*
(conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)
- *Around this time, the “Captain” is born.**
(conjecture based on *Rebel Rising*)*

***NOTE:** He is about 50 as of 1 - 0.5 BBY.

- *Wilhuff Tarkin spends his third summer in the Carrion on Eriadu.*
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)

50 BBY

- *The Grand Inquisitor (as of Kanan Jarrus meeting Ezra Bridger) is born on Utapau.**
(conjecture based on *Star Wars: Rebels: The Visual Guide*)*

***NOTE:** He is in his “mid-forties” during *Rebels*, which I have interpreted as 45 years old.

- *Around this time, Vartan is born, possibly on Raada.**
(conjecture based on *Ahsoka*)*

***NOTE:** Malat is “in her early thirties” in 18 BBY. I have rounded that to being 32.

- *Wilhuff Tarkin spends his fourth summer in the Carrion on Eriadu.*
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)
- *In the waning days of the Republic, the Redhurne system is exploited by scavenging drones*

sent in to gather hypermatter fuel components from planets that cracked open and were exposed to toxic rays when the systems' sun went supernova centuries earlier.

(conjecture based on Twilight Company)

- *As of the time of Anakin Skywalker's first encounter with Thrawn, none of the droids they find at Black Spire Outpost on Batuu will have been manufactured any later than this year.*
(conjecture based on Alliances)

49 BBY

- *Arihnda Pryce is born to Elaine Pryce and Talmoor Pryce on Lothal.**
*(conjecture based on Thrawn)**

**NOTE: In chapter 4 of Thrawn she is said to be in her mid-thirties, which I have rounded to 35 years old.*

- *Arik Uvis is born.**
*(conjecture based on Thrawn)**

**NOTE: He is about the same age as Arihnda Pryce.*

- *Wilhuff Tarkin spends his fifth summer in the Carrion on Eriadu.*
(conjecture based on Tarkin)

48 BBY

- *After five years, Wilhuff Tarkin (age 16) is ready for his final test on the Carrion Plateau. In the middle of the Carrion Plateau is a savannah that is home to about one hundred of Eriadu's social, huge variant of the veermok. In the center of that savannah is a sort of natural rock fortress with boulders and a huge "spike" in the center (twenty meters tall with a flat top), known as the Carrion Spike. Tarkin must spend one entire day at the Spike on his own. He can bring only a vibro-lance. He cannot bring any food or water. His vibro-lance will be charged but the specific number of charges available will be unknown to him. If he passes this test, he will have earned all he must from the Carrion Plateau and will never return unless he chooses to do so of his own volition. He spends many weeks that summer observing the veermoks and their interactions, picking out how their social order works, including their dominant male, whom he calls "Lord," and a younger male that seems to be subordinate to Lord but a leader of his own group and thus a potential rival if Lord is ever weakened, whom Tarkin refers to mentally as "Shadow." He creates a plan to get to the Spike and ascend the actual spike (made of quickly cooled magma and thus smooth as glass). He digs and sets up traps nearby. Once he is ready, he makes his way to the rocks, climbs the Spike during the day when the veermoks are in their caves, then waits. When the veermoks see him, they begin trying to intimidate him with growls and such. With this distraction, Shadow and his allies take the opportunity to attack and kill Lord. With Shadow now their leader, having removed a first threat, Tarkin throws his vibro-lance, killing Shadow and thus removing the second major threat among the veermoks. They do not so much as threaten him at all as he retrieves the lance and leaves the Carrion Plateau. The veermoks leave the savannah and the Spike, rarely, if ever, returning in the wake of this stunning defeat of their two most powerful males. Tarkin has passed his test.*
(conjecture based on Tarkin)

- *In this era, Eriadu's refusal to provide Core Worlds with profitable deals has led the Republic's Judicials from providing much protection and intervention in the Greater Seswenna. Thus, the sector has created its own Outland Regions Security Force, taking loans from offworld financiers and buying weapons from arms merchants who have been ignoring Republic laws and outfitting those weapons onto ships built on Eriadu and Sluis Van. Six months after having completed his final test on the Carrion Plateau, Tarkin (Age 16) is sent to train with the Outland Regions Security Force, which includes a tour to a colony world struck by marauders and a lesson from Jova on how pirates relate to the creatures he encountered on the Carrion Plateau. He soon becomes a skilled member of the ORSF. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Tarkin)

Tarkin [continued] (novel: James Luceno)

Tarkin [continued] (novel: James Luceno)

Predacity [flashback]

47 BBY

- *Lyra (later Lyra Erso) is born on Aria Prime. She will be the only child of a mother who makes*

her living as a fine artist.

(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide* and *Catalyst*)

46 BBY

- *Padmé Naberrie Amidala is born on Naboo to Jobal and Ruwee. While growing up on Naboo, Mini Bonteri will be her mentor.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars: Episode I--"The Phantom Menace," Star Wars: Episode II--"Attack of the Clones,"* and *Heroes on Both Sides*)
- *Mon Mothma is born on Chandrila. Her father is (or will be) an Arbiter General for the Republic, and her mother is (or will be) a governor on Chandrila.*
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)
- *Antoc Merrick is born on Virujansi.*
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)
- *Rush Clovis is born on Scipio to parents who are servants of a wealthy and powerful Muun household. Early in his life, the head of that household will take a special interest in Clovis' education and future prospects.*
(conjecture based on *The Rise of Clovis*)*

*NOTE: This assumes that Clovis and Padmé are the same age.

- *Around this time, Janus "Fury" Fhurek is a record-breaking grav-ball striker at the Junior Academy of Applied Sciences on Lothal.*
(conjecture based on *Edge of the Galaxy*)
- *At this time, one of the greatest pirate threats in the Greater Seswenna is the alliance known as Q'anah's Marauders, led by a woman named Q'anah. Q'anah was born on Brentaal IV, under a different name. Her father was a former bodyguard for House Cormond who took an offer to oversee security for House Elegin on Asmeru. Having moved to Asmeru, the child took the name "Q'anah" after a festival on the planet. As an only child, Q'anah was trained by her father in combat. She became the mistress of the youngest son of House Elegin. The young noble was leading a double-life as a pirate, and Q'anah soon joined his group. While they were together, she gave birth to triplets, but then Elegin was caught and executed for his crimes on Karfeddion. Q'anah swears vengeance and uses the pirate fleet to strike ships and settlements across the Senex-Juvex sectors. Over time, she becomes something of a folk hero, having survived numerous situations and wounds that should have killed her, even to the point of chewing off her own infected hand, leaving her with an artificial arm (or two), at least one artificial leg (from the knee down), and one ocular implant. She is captured twice and sentenced to long terms in prison, only to be rescued by her loyal pirates. (She is not executed, which would have been an obvious solution, due to her ties to House Elegin.) In an encounter in which she battles Judicial Forces, she destroys six of their ships, leading to a high bounty on her head. That bounty has pushed her into the Greater Seswenna, which is not highly patrolled by the Judicials.*
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)
- *When Q'anah's Marauders plague Iommite convoys from Eriadu Mining, it appears that the pirates cannot be stopped and that their targets are random. Traps set for them are always foiled. Using a pattern that Outland Regions Security Force officer Wilhuff Tarkin (age 18) recognizes to her subconscious choices of targets, he and his cousin, Ranulph Tarkin, create a plan that leads to the capture of Q'anah and the end of her threat. Rather than putting her on trial and in prison to again see her escape, Tarkin orders her put into an ore container and sent into the system's sun, leaving her transmissions open so that all who hear can learn to fear the consequences of piracy in the sector. (To be continued below . . .)*
(**Tarkin**)
- *Wilhuff Tarkin, leading Outland Regions Security Force troops, continues to rid the Greater Seswenna of pirates. He expands his operations to target organizations that support Outland's foes, both directly and by pitting them against each other to wipe each other out.*
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)

Tarkin [continued] (novel: James Luceno)

Tarkin [continued] (novel: James Luceno)

Predacity [flashback] [continued]

45 BBY

- *Cikatro Vizago is born on Devaron.*

- (conjecture based on *Star Wars: Rebels: The Visual Guide*)
- *Davits Draven is born on Pendarr III.*
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)
- *Wilhuff Tarkin begins designing ships for Eriadu's Outland Regions Security Force to fight more pirate groups.*
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)

44 BBY

- *Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios is born on Lasan.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars: Rebels: The Visual Guide*)
- *For the next thirty years, Jova Tarkin lives on the Carrion Plateau, rarely, if ever, returning to "civilization."*
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)

43 BBY

- *Alexsandr Kallus is born on Coruscant.**
(conjecture based on *Star Wars: Rebels: The Visual Guide*)*
- *NOTE: He in his "late thirties" during *Rebels*, which I have interpreted as 38 years old.
- *Myles Grint is born.**
(conjecture based on *Star Wars: Rebels: The Visual Guide*)*
- *NOTE: He in his "late thirties" during *Rebels*, which I have interpreted as 38 years old.
- *Cumberlayne Aresko is born.**
(conjecture based on *Star Wars: Rebels: The Visual Guide*)*
- *NOTE: He in his "late thirties" during *Rebels*, which I have interpreted as 38 years old.
- *Ru Vushan the Kage Warrior is born.**
(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)*
- *NOTE: He in his "early forties" during *Inferno Squad*, which I have interpreted as 43 years old.
- *The future wife of Enoch Akagarti is born.**
(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)*
- *NOTE: She in her "early forties" during *Inferno Squad*, which I have interpreted as 43 years old.
- *Around this time, Zaluna Myder begins working for Transcept Media Solutions on Gorse.**
(conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)*
- *NOTE: She has worked there for "thirty-plus years" and "nearly a third of a century" as of *A New Dawn*, which I have rounded to 32 years.
- *Darth Sidious takes the young Maul to the Sith Temple on Malachor, which Maul has already been seeing in his dreams. In order to show Maul the history of the Sith and their need for revenge, Sidious allows Maul to breathe in the ashes of a dead Sith, which prompts visions of the end of the Sith on Malachor (the so-called Scourge of Malachor). He emerges ready to seek vengeance. (To be continued below . . .)**
(**Darth Maul**)*

*NOTE: While we have not been given an exact year for this flashback, I am assuming that Maul was only about 10 or 11 at the time, which puts it in this year (or the year prior to it).

Darth Maul (comic series: Cullen Bunn & Chris Eliopoulos)

Darth Maul (comic series: Cullen Bunn)

Darth Maul, Part II [flashback] (comic: Cullen Bunn)

42 BBY

- *Anakin Skywalker is born to Shmi Skywalker. As Shmi became pregnant without conceiving with a man, it is believed later by the Jedi Order that Anakin may be the Chosen One, conceived by the midichlorians directly.**
(conjecture based on *Absolutely Everything You Need to Know*)*

NOTE: Anakin was originally said to be 9 in TPM, then 20 in AOTC a decade later. In *Legends*, he was given a birthdate of 13:4:23, causing him to turn 10 immediately after TPM, yet earlier in the year than when AOTC took place in 22 BBY. However, in the Story Group's Canon, thanks to AEYNTK, Anakin is 9 at the beginning of TPM, but by the time of Obi-Wan being given permission to train Anakin (or Anakin being "accepted into the Jedi Order as a gifted youngling," Anakin has turned 10 *during* the film. (This seems to be contradicted, however, in *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*, which puts his birth in 41 BBY.)

42 – 32 BBY

- *At some point during Obi-Wan Kenobi's training as Padawan under Qui-Gon Jinn, the two Jedi spend a full year on Mandalore, helping to protect Duchess Satine Kryze during the*

Mandalorian Civil War. When conflict on the planet settles down, she stays on as leader of the New Mandalorians and Mandalore as a whole, and the Jedi leave. Obi-Wan and Satine become quite close during their year together, though, and he will later admit that he would have left the Jedi Order to be with her if she would have asked him.

(conjecture based on *Voyage of Temptation* and *Ultimate Star Wars*)

41 BBY

- *Rae Sloane is born.*
(conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)
 - *Idrosen Gawat is born.**
(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi Visual Dictionary*)*
- *NOTE: He is in his 70s in TLJ, which I have rounded to 75 years old.
- *Okadia Garson begins working in the mines on Cynda and Gorse.*
(conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)
 - *Zaluna Myder sets foot in a cantina for the last time until visiting The Asteroid Belt to meet Hera Syndulla thirty years from now.*
(conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)
 - *City transports in Gorse City on Gorse are refit to include commercial surveillance systems, monitored by Transcept Media Solutions.*
(conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)

40 BBY

- *Around this time, Jooli becomes Chancellor on Shu-Torun.*
(conjecture based on *The Shu-Torun War*)
- *Galen Erso joins the Brentaal Futures Program. Shortly thereafter, his mother dies after a short illness.*
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide* and *Catalyst*)

39 BBY

- *Finis Valorum is elected to his first term as Supreme Chancellor.**
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)*
- *NOTE: Valorum is about a year into his second term when Tarkin becomes governor of Eriadu, and this assumes that the terms are meant to be four years long, as in the *Legends Continuity*.
- *Anakin Skywalker (age 3) and his mother, Shmi Skywalker, are currently slaves of Gardulla the Hutt on Tatooine. When she makes a wager with junk dealer Watto and loses, both Skywalkers become slaves of Watto.**
(conjecture based on *Darth Vader: Sith Lord*)*
- *NOTE: Given that Anakin is 3 here, this could be very early in the next year instead, depending on when it would happen in the year relative to the timing of TPM within its year relative to ANH.

38 BBY

- *Gallius Rax is born, likely on Jakku.**
(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)*
- *NOTE: It would appear that his age in official Imperial records would put his birth in 36 BBY (he joined the NIA at age 20, 20 years before *Life Debt*). However, this would mean that he was 10 when he stowed away on the *Imperialis*, but when the narration is actually from Gallius' perspective, he notes having heard real music for the first time while stowing away on the *Imperialis*, after not hearing music for "the first twelve years of his life." That would put his birth here in 38 BBY. Given that he is a master of subterfuge and could have tweaked his own records, I would argue that Gallius' own recollections are more accurate in determining his birthdate.
- *Ryland is born, likely on Burnin Konn.*
(conjecture based on *Laina*)
 - *Around this time, the twins Hoban and Neera are born, possibly on Raada.**
(conjecture based on *Ahsoka*)*
- *NOTE: They are "a few years older" than Ahsoka, which I have estimated as a three year difference.
- *Lauren Mel Coelho is born on Tangenine to Remba Coelho and Kelven Coelho.**
(conjecture based on *Inbrief*)*
- *NOTE: She is 38 in *Inbrief*, set sometime around the era of ANH.
- *At the age of 8, Padmé Naberrie Amidala joins Naboo's Apprentice Legislators. She will later continue this experience by becoming a Senatorial adviser.*
(conjecture based on *Ultimate Star Wars*)
 - *Wilhuff Tarkin enters the Sullust Sector Spacefarers Academy.**

(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)*

*NOTE: This assumes that it is a four-year program, dating back from his first meeting with Palpatine when he had two years left.

- *Chirpa becomes chief of Bright Tree Village on the forest moon of Endor.**

(conjecture based on *On the Front Lines*)*

*NOTE: He has been chief for 42 seasons as of when Imperials invade his territory, so this assumes that “seasons” refers to years as is so often the case. Bear in mind that this is also assuming that the Empire gets into his territory just before ROTJ or during ROTJ. If the Imperials set up years prior to ROTJ, then this would be earlier.

37 BBY

- *Maketh Tua is born on Lothal.**

(conjecture based on *Epic Battles*)*

*NOTE: She is listed as 32, and the ages in the book appear (based on examples of Tarkin, Ahsoka, etc.) to mostly use a “present” date of 5 BBY instead of 4 BBY, despite covering so much of the latter part of *Rebels*’ first season.

- *Around this time, Del Meeko is born.**

(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)*

*NOTE: He is first introduced as about 10 years older than Gideon Hask, who is 27 in *Inferno Squad*. However, he then jokes about being ten years older than Iden, who is 22 in the novel, so he could be born at this point or any time over the next five years.

- *Around this time, a few years after his mother’s death, Galen Erso’s father also dies (in a vehicular accident). This leaves Galen without a sense of continuity or permanence, which will help intensify his friendship with Orson Krennic when they meet soon.*

(conjecture based on *Catalyst*)

36 BBY

- *Ahsoka Tano is born on Shili.**

(conjecture based on *The Clone Wars* and *Ultimate Star Wars*)*

*NOTE: Based on a screenshot of internal documentation that was provided on Twitter by Pablo Hidalgo, Ahsoka is born approximately four months later in the year of her birth than ANH takes place within its year. This is because ANH is listed in that internal documentation as being in May 1977, whereas Ahsoka’s birthday in 22 BBY is shown as September 22 (my maternal grandmother’s birthday, actually), 1955.

- *Lux Bonteri is born to Mina Bonteri and her husband on Onderon.**

(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)*

*NOTE: He was born “some thirty-odd years ago” as of *Inferno Squad*, and this year would make him 36 at that point and the same age as his brief love interest, Ahsoka Tano.

- *Orson Krennic enters the Brentaal Futures Program.*

(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)

- *While part of the Brentaal Futures Program, Galen Erso meets Orson Krennic.*

(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)

- *Wilhuff Tarkin, currently attending the Sullust Sector Spacefarers Academy, meets Senator Sheev Palpatine, who is there as part of Supreme Chancellor Kalpana’s party, along with others like Kalpana’s administrator, Finis Valorum. Tarkin has two years left of training at the Academy, but he hopes to join the Judicial Forces by attending the Judicial Academy after leaving Sullust. Palpatine offers to help him get into the Judicial Academy, though he also proposes an alternative, suggesting that Tarkin get into politics. With both men hailing from nearby worlds and facing the prejudice of being “non-Core aristocracy” to those in the Core, they are somewhat kindred spirits, it seems. (To be continued below . . .)**

(*Tarkin*)*

*NOTE: This assumes that the Halcyon mission (seemingly in 34 BBY) is in his first year or so with the Judicials, which he joins two years from now, once his time at this Academy is done.

Tarkin [continued] (novel: James Luceno)

Tarkin [continued] (novel: James Luceno)

Imperial Center [flashback]

35 BBY

- *Kaeden Larte is born.*

(conjecture based on *Ahsoka*)

- *Finis Valorum is elected to his second term as Supreme Chancellor, less because of his own popularity than as a result of special interest who find him easily sidestepped or manipulated.**

(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)*

*NOTE: Valorum is about a year into his second term when Tarkin becomes governor of Eriadu.

34 BBY

- *At the age of 12, Padmé Naberrie Amidala is chosen as supervisor of Naboo's capital city of Theed. She will remain in the position for two years before being elected queen.*
(conjecture based on *Ultimate Star Wars*)
- *On Scipio, Rush Clovis (age 12) is orphaned by a shuttle accident that kills both of his parents. Those parents had worked for a powerful Muun family as virtual servants, but the head of the household took an interest in Clovis and his education. The same shuttle accident that has now killed Clovis' parents also claims the life of this benefactor's wife. The Muun then adopts Clovis into his family and continues to raise him. This allows Clovis to later gain high position within the InterGalactic Banking Clan, despite being human rather than Muun.**

(conjecture based on *The Rise of Clovis*)*

*NOTE: This assumes that Clovis and Padmé are the same age.

- *Around this time, the engineer who will later be known as both "Jenra" and just "the Engineer" begins sending money to an untraceable account on an Outer Rim planet. She will spend the next two decades as an engineer and eventually work for the Empire, selling some of its secrets for more money to stash away, until she develops a shield technology that can make her truly rich and able to retire to that Outer Rim world.**

(conjecture based on *Most Wanted*)*

*NOTE: This is "two decades" before *Most Wanted*, so it has to have been prior to her working for the Empire, since it didn't exist yet.

- *A corporate fleet, under the command of Admiral Trench, blockades Malastare. A Jedi Task Force (including military advisor Wullf Yularen) is sent to break the blockade. In the ensuing confrontation, the Alliance was defeated, and Trench's ship was destroyed. He was presumed dead, only to emerge again during the Clone Wars.**

(conjecture based on *Cat and Mouse*)*

*NOTE: This is sometime prior to the Clone Wars, during Yularen's military career. The only reason I have it here in 34 BBY is because this is where *The Essential Guide to Warfare*, a Legends Continuity, guide put it, and we really have no better date for this event at this point.

- *Wilhuff Tarkin graduates from the Sullust Sector Spacefarers Academy and takes Senator Palpatine up on his offer of a good word to help him get into the Judicial Academy. The pomp and circumstance of his arrival in an Outland Region Security Force ship and full regalia manage to immediately put him at odds with other students and his instructors. He spends much of his early time at the Academy getting into fights, getting demerits, and nearly getting kicked out. The turning point arrives when a group of separatists that want to manage their own affairs on Halcyon take members of the planetary leadership hostage. When negotiation fails, the Republic Senate agrees to send in a group of Jedi, along with eighty Judicials, of which Tarkin is one. The Jedi split the Judicials into four groups, but the insurgents knock out communications when they arrive, cutting them off from each other and their two Judicial ships. Tarkin's commanding officer does not have them hunker down and wait, however. He has them charge in to create a second front, full steam ahead. Unfortunately, the weather and wilderness plague the group, until Tarkin slowly steps up to become their "real" leader, owing to his experiences in the Carrion Plateau. He manages to lead them to the insurgents' fortress. Once there, they find that the Jedi have already saved the hostages and ended the insurrection, but the Jedi are shocked to see that part of the Judicial team alive, having expected them to be dead. Tarkin is credited as their savior, and he quickly gains a following and becomes a sort of living legend among the Judicials. He is on track to be appointed provost marshal of the Judicial Department. With the Trade Federation expanding its reach into the Outer Rim and its influence in the Senate, the Republic is becoming more corrupt. Only a year into Finis Valorum's second term as Supreme Chancellor, many wonder if he will ever be able to finish out his full term. Tarkin visits his old friend Palpatine on Coruscant. On Palpatine's advice, he resigns his Judicial commission and returns to Eriadu, where he becomes the next governor, cutting into the Valorum family's power there. (To be continued below . . .)**

(*Tarkin*)*

*NOTE: At this time, the Clone Wars are still "a decade off," but since Tarkin resigns from the Judicials 20 years prior to *Tarkin* (in 34 BBY), that reference must be an approximation. I am assuming here that Tarkin's meteoric rise in stature is within this year, though it could easily have stretched over a few years.

- *As Governor of Eriadu, Wilhuff Tarkin and his family target non-natives in a political campaign to unite Eriadu, raises its status, and drive out these convenient enemies.*
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)

Tarkin [continued] (novel: James Luceno)

- Tarkin [continued] (novel: James Luceno)
- Imperial Center [flashback] [continued]
- As Above, So Below [flashback]

33 BBY

- *Caleb Dume is born on Coruscant. He will be taken to the Jedi Temple to train as a Jedi. He will later be known as “Kanan Jarrus.”*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars: Rebels: The Visual Guide* and *A New Dawn*)

- *Ress Batten is born on Alderaan.**
(conjecture based on *Leia: Princess of Alderaan*)*

*NOTE: She is about 30 in L:POA.

- *Reece Tallent is born, likely on Onderon.**
(conjecture based on *Rebel Rising*)*

*NOTE: He is “about twenty or so” in 13 BBY.

- *Chenna Fardi is born.**
(conjecture based on *Ahsoka*)*

*NOTE: Ahsoka is about three years older than Chenna.

- *Around this time or earlier, a mine that will be used as base for Cham Syndulla’s Free Ryloth Movement on Ryloth is abandoned due to having been picked clean.*
(conjecture based on *Lords of the Sith*)

- *Ahsoka Tano (age 3) is found to be Force sensitive. Her village sends a signal to the Jedi, but she is nearly taken by a slaver pretending to be a Jedi after the signal is intercepted. Thankfully, her instinctive Force senses cause her to refuse to show her powers to the slaver, who leaves unsatisfied. Shortly thereafter, Jedi Master Plo Koon arrives, and she is taken to Coruscant to be trained as a Jedi.*

(conjecture based on *The Clone Wars*, *Ultimate Star Wars*, and *Ahsoka*)

- *Around this time, Asajj Ventress, who was given to the pirate Hal’Sted to protect her Nightsister Clan on Dathomir when she was an infant, is present when her slave masters are killed by Weequay attackers on Rattatak. She is saved in the struggle by Jedi Knight Ky Narec, who senses the Force in her and takes her as his Padawan. Narec had been stranded on the world, and how the two of them spend the next decade battling on behalf of the Light Side on Rattatak.**

(conjecture based on *Dark Disciple*)*

*NOTE: Since we have no indication of Asajj’s age when this happens or her birthdate, I do not have an event listing for her being given to slavers. This event’s placement relies on the ten year gap between meeting Narec and his death. I am assuming that Narec dies around the start of the Clone Wars, so that Asajj is found by Dooku fairly soon thereafter. This is only an approximation and “best guess,” though.

- *When a young boy (Lo) that can sense the Force is captured in order to force the Jedi to pay local “flesh mongers” for him when they come to bring him into the Jedi Order, Yoda is sent to intervene. He easily defeats the flesh mongers when they resort to violence, and he takes the boy to where Qui-Gon Jinn and his Padawan, Obi-Wan Kenobi, await. Instead of staying with them, though, he asks them to take Lo to Coruscant, while Yoda follows a “calling” through the Force on another adventure. He travels to a planet not found on any star maps (lost amid the Vagadarr System). On the barren world, he meets a tribe of children, who claim that their parents were taken to the Mountain. They appear to be the enemies of another group known as the Rockhawkers. They speak of the Force as one’s “stonepower,” appearing to use the Force a bit. In fact, their spear tips are made of a stone that appears to glow and tie into the Force as well. The children claim that Yoda must be the Deliverer, called to the planet by the Skyscream. They take him to their home, Mucktown, where Yoda learns that some members of the tribe swallow slivers of the sacred rocks (like the spear tips) and then use the Force (their “stonepower”) to call out across the sky (and galaxy) as strongly as they can. It was this calling that brought Yoda. The stones are all that remain of the Great Mountain, slowly taken by both the children and the Rockhawkers over the years. They have a Rockhawker prisoner (who identifies the other children as Mudwhackers). Yoda convinces the Mudwhackers to let him leave with the Rockhawker to seek out the Great Mountain. Upon arriving there, they are attacked by Rockhawkers, who take Yoda prisoner and force him to seek the Heart of the*

Mountain. (Yoda goes along with this to unravel the mystery of the planet.) His guide (the former prisoner) is also sent and soon reunites with Yoda, though he then commits suicide rather than continue their quest. Yoda eventually enters the mountain and finds the parents of the Mudwhackers, who now live inside the mountain, sent there as prisoners and living there now in peace, rather than returning to the outside world's continuous warfare. Seeing how they abandoned their children when the children would not abandon warfare, Yoda leaves them and continues on his way. He discovers a member of the Rockhawkers that was put down into the mountain because he was supposedly too weak, unable to kill in battle. The child's name is Garro, and Yoda convinces him to train Yoda as a teacher in the "stonepower" of his people. After a while of training, they find the Heart of the Mountain, but Yoda realizes that the mountain is indeed alive, quite literally. The blue stones are part of a living creature, which is why they connect to the Force. The Great Mountain is the last of its kind and is now awakened. They return to the Rockhawkers, and while Yoda refuses to tell them what they have discovered, Garro does so as a means of returning to the tribe. Yoda returns to the Mudwhackers and tries to train them more in use of the Force. Meanwhile, Garro leads the Rockhawkers in communing with the Great Mountain as Yoda had, turning it to the Dark Side. It rises from its slumber to begin making its way to where it can kill the Mudwhackers for its Rockhawker masters, but Yoda stands in its way, seeking to convince it not to do so. Yoda uses the Force to resist the Great Mountain, then, with the help of the Mudwhackers, awakens the other rock giants that had been thought long dead by the Great Mountain. With them reunited, the war ends, and Yoda tries to convince Garro to let Yoda teach him in how to live in peace, but Garro is a coward and refuses. Yoda finally reunites the parents from within the Great Mountain with their children, the Mudwhackers and Rockhawkers alike, then leaves the planet to its new order. He will eventually tell this tale to Obi-Wan Kenobi, who will add it to his journal while in seclusion on Tatooine. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Yoda's Secret War)*

*NOTE: While we have not been given an exact year for this story, we know that it is late in the era of the Republic, and we see Qui-Gon with Obi-Wan as his Padawan at one point, looking as they do in TPM, so it cannot be too long before the film. I have decided to put it in this year, until any other information is provided.

- *Pirates shoot down a Republic transport. Everyone aboard dies in the crash, except for the Jedi Padawan aboard, who has now lost her Jedi Knight master. That Padawan is Eldra Kaitis, and she is taken prisoner by scavengers loyal to criminal Xev Xrexus.*
(conjecture based on *Darth Maul*)
- *On Twon Ketee, a group of big game hunters is wiped out by a rathtar, which is then killed by Darth Maul, who is on the planet to deal with his anger. He then kills two more before leaving, envying them their freedom to act, while he remains constrained by his Sith Master, Darth Sidious, so as not to reveal the Sith to the Jedi too soon. He returns to Coruscant, where he stalks Jedi, observing them but not directly confronting them. To give his unruly apprentice an outlet for his energy, Sidious sends Maul to assist their allies in the Trade Federation, who have run afoul of a group of pirates while setting up mining facilities in the Kellux System. Their droids have been rendered useless by electrostatic field generators, and they cannot reach out to the Republic for help due to their illegal activities. Thus, Maul can solve that problem covertly. Maul takes the Scimitar to where the pirates are holding Trade Federation operatives. He destroys their ships in orbit, then boards their space station and kills all of the pirates, including one who tries to bargain for his life with information. From that pirate, Maul learns that Boss-Mistress Xev Xrexus of the Xrexus Cartel has captured a Jedi Padawan and will soon auction her off. To keep Sidious' secrets and now his own (this knowledge about Xrexus), Maul kills all of the Neimoidians aboard as well, then sets out to find a way to acquire this Padawan and test his skills against her. Maul heads for Nar Shaddaa, contacting a band of bounty hunters (Aurra Sing, Cad Bane, Vorhdeilo, and Troo-Tril-Tek AKA Tek-Tek) en route. Once on the Smuggler's Moon, Maul questions patrons in a bar about Xrexus to no avail, fighting many of them until Cad, Aurra, and Vorhdeilo arrive to help take out the last of them. They have acquired what Maul hired them to obtain: an invitation to Xrexus' upcoming party at which the Padawan will be auctioned off. They have also discovered that Jedi are investigating as well. They leave together on a Haddrex Gang freighter that the bounty hunters discovered to have the invitation to the party. The group had defeated the gang members inside after they refused to provide the invitation, and Tek-Tek remained to torture a protocol droid (FE-B3) for more information. The droid finally guides them to the party at a space station in the Drazkel System, outside of Republic jurisdiction. At the party, the*

*Padawan in question is revealed to be the Twi'lek Eldra Kaitis, recovered from a Republic ship shot down by pirates. While Xrexus speaks to the assembled potential buyers, Maul slips away, guided by one of his Sith probe droids, to where Eldra is being held. He speaks with her briefly, not yet revealing his identity, but they are interrupted by Xrexus. Maul claims to be "Seris Madreth," representing the Haddrex Consortium. She forgives his indiscretion for now. Without the funds necessary to win the auction, Maul attends it but has the others take control of the ship belonging to the most likely winner, a Moogan named Jee Kra. When he arrives with his prizes (Eldra and her lightsaber), Maul and his team kill them, though in doing so Maul is witnessed using the Force by Eldra. When he next speaks to her in private in her cell, she reveals that she knows now that he is a Sith, and he expresses his intentions to soon set her free to kill her in combat. Unfortunately for them, though, the ship has been sabotaged by Xrexus' goons, and an explosion sends them crashing down to the surface of the moon of Drazkel below. To make even more money, Xrexus allows losing bidders to now pay a fee to join a massive hunt for Eldra and Maul's team. On the surface, Maul takes Eldra to lead the arriving hunters away from Cad, Vorhdeilo, and Aurra (with Tek-Tek presumed dead), so that the bounty hunters can steal a ship from one of the hunting crews. Tek-Tek is in fact alive, but he is injured and needs FE-B3's help. The droid cannot do so, as Tek-Tek and Maul removed his eyes during their torture. When a group of hunters finally finds Maul and Eldra, Maul frees her and returns her lightsaber so she can aid in their defense. Maul uses his own double-bladed lightsaber as well, guaranteeing that all who see them in combat must die. After taking out the hunters who have found them, Maul sees potential in Eldra's own anger, and she tries to convince him to betray the Sith to become her true ally. Neither can do so, however, and they finally draw their lightsabers on each other to begin the combat Maul has so desired. Above the moon, Xrexus learns that most of the hunters have been killed, and others have given up the chase (even if it means abandoning the money they already paid). On the moon, Bane takes out the Trandoshan hunters to free up their ship, while Aurra and Vorhdeilo take out the Weequays and steal their ship. They then set out to disable or destroy the other ships, as Maul ordered. Meanwhile, Maul and Eldra do battle. Maul sees potential in her but still intends to kill her, and she tries to claim that she is a mere Padawan and thus not a worthy challenge for him even if he kills her. He finally does kill her, but instead of feeling satisfaction, his hunger for revenge for the Sith has only grown. He destroys FE-B3 nearby, then he takes the Trandoshan ship instead of reuniting with his crew, though he will be sure they get paid. He returns to the orbiting resort, where he kills Xrexus, who has deduced that he is a Sith. Upon returning to Coruscant, Maul discovers that Sidious already knew what he was doing and in fact was the one who set him on that path. It was a test, not to see if he was defiant (because that is the nature of the Sith) but to see if killing a single Jedi would satisfy him. As expected, it has not. Now, Maul must again wait for the moment of the Sith's revenge . . . **

(Darth Maul)*

***NOTE:** While we have not been given an exact year for this story, the fact that the opening crawl of the first issue claims that "the moment of revenge is close at hand" suggests to me that it must be very soon before TPM.

- *At some point shortly before the Battle of Naboo, Jedi Master Dooku is approached by Darth Sidious (Sheev Palpatine), who recruits him as his new Sith apprentice, despite already having Maul as an apprentice. Meanwhile, Jedi Master Sifo-Dyas has sensed the gathering darkness in the galaxy and has taken steps to prepare the Republic for the coming dark times. Sifo-Dyas goes to Kamino, where he commissions a clone army for the Republic, striking a deal with Prime Minister Lama Su. All that remains is to find a suitable template for the clones, which Sifo-Dyas assures Lama Su will be forthcoming. Before he can find a suitable template and send him to Kamino, Sidious orders Dooku to have Sifo-Dyas killed so that Dooku can assume control over the clone army. Meanwhile, tensions between the Pyke Syndicate of Oba Diah and other criminal organizations are nearing the point of a full-scale underworld war. To prevent this, Supreme Chancellor Finis Valorum secretly sends Jedi Master Sifo-Dyas and his own personal aide, Silman, to Oba Diah to resolve the situation. Shortly after their arrival, however, war between clans on Felucia necessitates that the pair leave to resolve that situation first. Under his new Sith name, "Darth Tyranus," Dooku arranges for the Pyke Syndicate to kill Sifo-Dyas when he and Silman return to Oba Diah after their brief detour to Felucia. While above Oba Diah's moon, Sifo-Dyas and Silman are shot down in their shuttle. Sifo-Dyas is killed in the crash, and his body is returned to Tyranus as proof that they have completed their mission. (At least one of his lightsabers is left in the crashed shuttle.) The Pykes take Silman back to Oba Diah to hold as insurance against*

Tyranus. In return for killing Sifo-Dyas, the Pykes are given advantages over other criminal families. Thus, the existence of the clone army is kept a secret known to the Dark Lords of the Sith, which will allow Darth Sidious to manipulate the confrontation he needs to gain control of the Republic all the more easily. As for Sifo-Dyas, the Jedi are told a lie about the circumstances of Sifo-Dyas' death. They are told that the Jedi Master died on Felucia and was cremated there. They also are told that another Jedi was there with him, which may be a means of covering up Silman's involvement, since the mission undertaken by Sifo-Dyas and Silman to Oba Diah was kept classified by Valorum. The involvement of the Sith is not revealed.

- (conjecture based *Star Wars: Episode II—“Attack of the Clones”* and *The Lost One*)
 - *During the final months of his time as Supreme Chancellor, Finis Valorum is working on designs for artwork to eventually be part of the Millennial Celebration of the Republic (still a decade or so away) One particular piece by artists Naveela Betuine and Dashira Dobeq, featuring a statue of Sistros, the lawgiver who helped craft the Republic's constitution when the government was reorganized, undergoes 250 or more revisions at Valorum's order, showing yet another sign of the leader's indecisiveness. Final decisions about the art are delegated to Senator Sheev Palpatine. The eventual artwork, which had featured Valorum's name, will never be officially released.*
 - (conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)
 - *In the lead-up to the Battle of Naboo, disastrous events at a trade summit on Eriadu are to be investigated by the Republic, but Governor Wilhuff Tarkin, acting secretly toward Senator Palpatine's goals, stymies that investigation, increasing the unrest that will lead to the Naboo Crisis.*
 - (conjecture based on *Tarkin*)
 - *As the taxation of trade routes in the Republic causes growing unrest in some regions, the Trade Federation, manipulated by the Sith Lord Darth Sidious (Senator Palpatine of Naboo), blockades the planet of Naboo in protest. To resolve the situation, Supreme Chancellor Finis Valorum sends Jedi Master Qui-Gon Jinn and his Padawan, Obi-Wan Kenobi, to meet with Viceroy Nute Gunray on the Trade Federation command ship over Naboo.*
 - (conjecture based on *Star Wars: Episode I--“The Phantom Menace”*)
 - *By the era of the Battle of Naboo, the Jedi Council consists of the following Jedi Masters: Yoda; Mace Windu; Saesee Tiin; Plo Koon; Oppo Rancisis; Yarael Poof; Yaddle; Depa Billaba; Ki-Adi-Mundi; Adi Gallia; Eeth Koth; and Even Piell.*
 - (conjecture based on *Star Wars: Episode I--“The Phantom Menace”*)
 - *Around this time, Lal Grallik begins working for the company that will later bear the name Moonglow Polychemical on Gorse.**
 - (conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)*
- *NOTE: She has worked there for “more than twenty years,” which I rounded to 22.**
- *Shortly before the Battle of Naboo, Ki-Adi-Mundi joins the Jedi Council.*
 - (conjecture based on *Ultimate Star Wars*)
 - *Anakin Skywalker discovers an ultra power cell in some junk that Watto wants him to move. It would work perfectly to get his secret podracer into flying condition. However, when a swoop gang attacks a local medical center, their generator is damaged. Anakin saves the day by fixing it, but it requires using the power cell. As such, he is flying Watto's podracer instead of his own one week later when Sebulba causes him to crash. His heroism cost him a victory, but there will always be other races. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Podracer's Rescue)

Star Wars (comic series: Jason Aaron & Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Chris Eliopoulos & Jason Latour & Dash Aaron & Cullen Bunn)

Yoda's Secret War [flashback] (comic series: Jason Aaron)

Yoda's Secret War, Part I [flashback] (comic: Jason Aaron)

Yoda's Secret War, Part II [flashback] (comic: Jason Aaron)

Yoda's Secret War, Part III [flashback] (comic: Jason Aaron)

Yoda's Secret War, Part IV [flashback] (comic: Jason Aaron)

Yoda's Secret War, Part V [flashback] (comic: Jason Aaron)

Darth Maul [continued] (comic series: Cullen Bunn & Chris Eliopoulos)

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Darth Maul, Part I (comic: Cullen Bunn)

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Podracer's Rescue [flashback] (comic: Shaun Manning)

32 BBY (SW1)

- *Han is born on Corellia. He will later claim that his father built YT-1300s for Corellian Engineering Corporation, though he will claim not to know his own surname when joining the Empire, which results in him being named Han "Solo."**

(conjecture based on *Solo: The Official Guide*)*

*NOTE: Yes, this means that Han has a different birthdate in Story Group Canon than he does in Legends.

Moreover, Lando has been confirmed to be still older than Han, which means that his birthdate must now be sometime prior to 32 BBY (while his original Legends birthdate was 31 BBY).

- *Qi'ra is born on Corellia, sometime late this year.***

(conjecture based on *Solo: The Official Guide* and *Most Wanted*)*

*NOTE: I put this late in the year because she and Han are both 18 in *Most Wanted* but only he has turned 19 by the time of the *Solo* film.

- *Miara Larte is born.*

(conjecture based on *Ahsoka*)

- *Reezo is born on Coruscant.**

(conjecture based on *Most Wanted*)*

*NOTE: This assumes Tsuulo is born in 30 BBY, since Reezo is "a couple" of years older.

- *At the age of 14, Padmé Naberrie Amidala is elected Queen of Naboo. Her Day of Ascendancy is held in Theed on the 34th of Grizm in the 835th Year of Kwilaan on Naboo's local calendar. Her visage at the time of her coronation is captured by artist Palo Jemabie.*
(conjecture based on *Ultimate Star Wars* and *Star Wars Propaganda*)
- *Edrio Two Tubes and Benthic Two Tubes are born on Yar Togna.*
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)
- *Republic Supreme Chancellor Finis Valorum secretly dispatches the Radiant VII to the Naboo blockade bearing two Jedi ambassadors, Jedi Master Qui-Gon Jinn and his Padawan learner, Obi-Wan Kenobi. They arrive aboard the Trade Federation command ship and are greeted by TC-14, a protocol droid who shortly thereafter informs Neimoidian Trade Federation Viceroy Nute Gunray and Daulty Dofine that the ambassadors are Jedi. They contact Dark Lord of the Sith Darth Sidious (Republic Senator Palpatine, though that fact is not known, even to the Neimoidians, apparently) to inform him of these events, and Sidious orders the Republic ambassadors, and all with them, destroyed. First, the Radiant VII is destroyed, with crew (including Captain Maoi Madakor and co-pilot Antidar Williams) still aboard. Second, the Jedi themselves are caught in a room filling with gas until Qui-Gon and Obi-Wan burst out and decimate a group of battle droids. The Jedi quickly escape to the hangar where they see the Federation forces preparing for an invasion. They each stow away on one Trade Federation landing craft and await their transport to the surface of Naboo. In the royal palace in Theed, capital of Naboo, Queen Amidala consults with Senator Palpatine (after a quick change out of his Dark Lord of the Sith cloak) via hologram, but the transmission is interrupted. The invasion has begun. Qui-Gon emerges from the landing craft and runs from an MTT (Multi-Troop Transport) until he runs into (literally) Jar Jar Binks. The two narrowly miss being killed, and Jar Jar owes Qui-Gon a life debt. After saving Obi-Wan from two STAPs (Single Trooper Aerial Platforms), the trio make their way to Otoh Gunga, a hidden Gungan city, hub of the society from which Jar Jar has been banished for clumsiness. The*

Jedi plead their case to Boss Nass, but will receive no aid. They and Jar Jar are given a bongo (submarine), with a bit of Force suggestion, and make their way through the Naboo ocean to Theed, encountering several sea creatures on the way. As Federation troops lead the captured Queen Amidala, her handmaidens, and her advisers to captivity, the Jedi burst on the scene, saving the Queen. They fight their way to Amidala's ship, free several pilots, and leave the planet. In the ensuing pursuit by the Federation, the ship's hyperdrive is damaged (badly) and only the quick actions of an astromech droid save the ship. The droid is then presented to Amidala. He is R2-D2. They must set down on Tatooine to search for a new hyperdrive (or one with the parts to fix their old one). Newly arrived on Tatooine, Qui-Gon, R2-D2, Jar Jar, and a handmaiden named Padmé go into Mos Espa for parts. At Watto's junkyard, they meet Anakin Skywalker. Watto has the necessary hyperdrive, but will not accept Republic dataries (credits). Leaving the shop, Jar Jar is nearly beaten up by a Dug named Sebulba, the reigning Podrace champion, but is saved by Anakin. A sandstorm comes and forces the group into shelter. Anakin takes them to his home, and introduces them to his mother, Shmi, and Anakin's pet-project droid, C-3PO. Upon meeting him, R2-D2 tells C-3PO that he is naked. (The banter has begun!) Back at the ship, a message is received from Sio Bibble, an advisor of the queen, who urges her to contact him. Obi-Wan knows this is meant to allow someone to trace the signal to them, so he orders them not to reply. On Coruscant, Darth Sidious speaks with his apprentice, Darth Maul. On Tatooine, Anakin wishes to enter the Boonta Eve Podrace in his secretly-built Pod, hoping to win for his new friends the hyperdrive they need. Qui-Gon places a bet with Watto--if Anakin wins, they split the profit (and thus they get the hyperdrive), and if Anakin loses, Watto gets the ship. Qui-Gon then learns that Anakin apparently has no father (read: virgin birth). That night, Qui-Gon takes a blood sample from Anakin and sends it to Obi-Wan to be analyzed. Anakin's midichlorian count is far above even Yoda's. He has immense power in the Force, and Qui-Gon is convinced that he may be the Chosen One, the one who will bring balance to the Force. Elsewhere, Maul lands in his Sith Infiltrator, the Scimitar, and dispatches Sith probe droids to find the queen and the Jedi. The next day, before the race, Qui-Gon makes another bet with Watto. If Anakin wins, he will be freed. If Anakin loses, Watto gets the Pod (which he is pretending is his own). The race proceeds and despite the cheating of Sebulba, Anakin wins, to the amazement of the spectators (including bounty hunter Aurra Sing). Watto does not wish to let Qui-Gon take Anakin, but when Qui-Gon suggests that they turn the matter over to the Hutts, Watto seems to back down. Qui-Gon tells him to bring the parts to the hangar and prepare to release Anakin shortly thereafter. (As this happens, one of the probe droids notices Qui-Gon's presence and heads off to inform Lord Maul). After briefly returning to the ship with the parts that are brought to the hangar, Qui-Gon then tells Obi-Wan that he is returning to Mos Espa to get Anakin and proceeds to do so. Upon arrival at the Skywalker home, Qui-Gon tells Anakin that he is free and after a tearful goodbye to Shmi, the two head for the ship. (At some point along the way, Anakin gives at least some of the prize credits to his friend, Kister Banai.) The probe droid that spotted Qui-Gon returns and informs Maul that the Jedi Master and the boy are on their way to their ship. As Qui-Gon and Anakin near the ship, Darth Maul speeds onto the scene and duels Qui-Gon while Anakin tells the others to take off. They take off and approach low enough for Qui-Gon to jump aboard and escape. En route to Coruscant, Padmé speaks with a sad Anakin. Anakin gives her a necklace he made from a jappor snippet for her to remember him by. They arrive on Coruscant, where Amidala speaks with Palpatine, who convinces her that she should call for a vote of no confidence in Supreme Chancellor Valorum, to allow a better leader into the position to help Naboo. At the Jedi temple, Qui-Gon relates the encounter with the mysterious attacker, trained as a Jedi. The Jedi Council must ponder what this could mean--if the Sith have indeed returned without their knowledge. Qui-Gon also wishes for Anakin to be tested and to train as a Jedi, over the Council's obvious hesitation. After a brief word with Qui-Gon about Obi-Wan's doubts, Anakin takes the test and speaks with the Jedi Council. He is found to have great fear in him, and thus the potential for hate, which leads to suffering. In the Senate, the Federation ambassador, Lott Dod, is outraged by the accusation of an invasion and tries to stall the proceedings. Amidala calls for a vote of no confidence on Valorum, who will not act swiftly enough to save her people. Amidala learns a short time later that Palpatine is the most likely candidate for Supreme Chancellor (which seems to have been Palpatine's whole purpose in using his Darth Sidious persona to escalate the Naboo conflict). She also learns that the Gungans have a large army. She takes the group (with the Jedi, at the Council's urging) back to Naboo. Darth Maul is then sent to Naboo. On Naboo, the group finds the Gungans

at a sacred hiding place. Padmé reveals that she is Amidala, and "Amidala" is really her handmaiden, Sabé, who had taken her place as a decoy. She shows that she is not above the Gungans, and Nass agrees to help. The Gungans will attack as a diversion on the Great Grass Plains (pitting Gungan General Ceel against droid commander OOM-9), while the others kidnap Nute Gunray to strike the leadership from the Federation forces. The remaining pilots will try to take out the Federation's droid control ship, rendering the droids inoperable. The Gungans enter the battlefield and are met by heavy resistance from battle droids and AATs. The infiltration team makes it into the Theed, then on into the hangar. The pilots take off in Royal N-1 Starfighters, while Anakin is told to stay in a cockpit (with R2-D2 in the astromech socket) where it is safe. As the group prepares to leave the hangar, they are met by Darth Maul. The Jedi handle him while the others make their way to Nute Gunray in the throne room. Anakin accidentally takes off in the starfighter and enters the space battle. As Obi-Wan and Qui-Gon duel Darth Maul (at the same time), Anakin finds himself crashing into the hangar of the droid control ship. In the Theed reactor core, the duel rages. Obi-Wan is kicked by Maul and separated from the other two, who continue to duel. Force fields turn on and off in cycles (like an airlock) in a hallway toward the large shaft in the core. Qui-Gon and Maul duel in one of the "airlocks" (for lack of a better term), and when they are separated, Qui-Gon meditates and Maul stalks like a panther. When they finally enter the area around the shaft, Obi-Wan races to catch up but is stopped by one last field. He watches helplessly as Maul impales Qui-Gon and the Jedi Master falls. Obi-Wan finally is able to enter and he unleashes on Maul like a man possessed, managing to cut Maul's double-bladed lightsaber in half, leaving Maul with a regular lightsaber (basically). Maul knocks Obi-Wan into the shaft (where he barely hangs on) and kicks his lightsaber into oblivion. As Maul stands above, Obi-Wan uses the Force to launch himself out of the shaft and call Qui-Gon's lightsaber to him. He once again attacks Maul, slicing Maul clean through at the waist. Maul's two halves fall into the shaft. (Unbeknownst to Obi-Wan, Maul's upper half will survive to find its way to Lotho Minor over the coming decade or so.) Obi-Wan races to Qui-Gon, but it is too late. Qui-Gon's last act is to have Obi-Wan promise to train Anakin. In the palace, Amidala's team captures Gunray. On the droid control ship, Anakin manages to destroy a critical part of the ship before escaping. The ship explodes and the droids on the surface shut down. The Battle of Naboo has been won. Palpatine, now in power as Supreme Chancellor, heads for Naboo. Upon arrival, he congratulates the heroes and notes that he will watch Anakin's career with great interest. The heroes (and Palpatine) attend Qui-Gon Jinn's funeral pyre. During the funeral, Yoda and Mace Windu speak of the Sith Lords. There are always two, a Master and an Apprentice. Windu wonders which was killed that day--Master or Apprentice? Obi-Wan speaks with Yoda later. He is promoted to full Jedi Knight, but his decision to train Anakin disturbs Yoda. Yoda disapproves of Obi-Wan training Anakin, but the Jedi Council has granted his request to train the boy. A victory celebration is then held in Theed. Amidala and Boss Nass usher the Naboo and the Gungans into a new era of peace on the planet.

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CONCURRENT TO SW1 (32 BBY)

- *Around the time of the invasion of Naboo, the Trade Federation sets up a secret laboratory on the planet. Mad scientist Dr. Nuvo Vindi soon begins working there in secret, having gone missing from the galaxy at large. It is here that he will develop the weaponized airborne variant of the extinct Blue Shadow Virus for release shortly after the Clone Wars begin.*
(conjecture based on *The Clone Wars*)
- *Darth Maul releases Sith probe droids to seek out the Jedi and Padmé Amidala on Tatooine. One of the probe droids discovers another droid that is down in a hole, pinned by a boulder. The probe droid saves the pinned droid, which then tries to follow the probe droid around. When the probe droid is briefly captured by Jawas, the other droid rescues it. Upon returning to the Scimitar, the other probe droids will not approve of the new droid "friend" of their comrade, but the rescuing probe droid waits too long with its new droid friend and ends up being left behind when Maul leaves after his encounter with Qui-Gon Jinn. The friends will remain together after all.**

(Probe Droid Problems)*

*NOTE: This story is found in the first issue of the *Darth Maul* series from Marvel Comics. It is, of course, quite possible that this story is considered strictly a parody and thus non-canonical. It was collected later in *Droids Unplugged*, hence the use of that series name in the title listings below.

- *While some Gungans, including Oma Prumba, are unsure of Jar Jar Binks' ability to lead during the Battle of Naboo on his very first day as a general, his good fortune (and dumb luck) on the battlefield convinces some, including Prumba, that he is blessed by the gods and, in turn, so is the entire Grand Army of the Gungans. Prumba will record her thoughts on this at some point after the Battle of Naboo, and that testimony will find its way into a book on major battles of the last 70 years (or so) in the wake of the Battle of Starkiller Base.*
(conjecture based on *On the Front Lines*)

Darth Maul [continued] (comic series: Cullen Bunn & Chris Eliopoulos)

Droids Unplugged (comic series: Chris Eliopoulos)

Probe Droid Problem (comic: Chris Eliopoulos)

32 – 22 BBY

- *In the ten years following the Battle of Naboo, Trade Federation Viceroy Nute Gunray will be put on trial four times, yet still remain free by the time of the Battle of Geonosis.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars: Episode II--"Attack of the Clones"*)

32 – 31 BBY

- *Around this time, Arliz Hadrassian is born.*
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)
- *With Finis Valorum out as Supreme Chancellor, his aide, Sei Taria, also loses her position. She attempts to join new Supreme Chancellor Sheev Palpatine's team in a similar capacity, but Sly Moore is already in such a position. Taria is unable to join Palpatine's team.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars: The Visual Encyclopedia*)
- *Around this time, Galen Erso begins extensively studying kyber crystals.*
(conjecture based on *Catalyst*)
- *Shortly after the Battle of Naboo, Dooku, secretly the Sith Lord "Darth Tyranus," uses the death of his former Padawan, Qui-Gon Jinn, as an excuse to leave the Jedi Order on moral grounds. Now free to act on his own, he then returns home to Serenno, where he uses his family's fortune to begin building up a fledgling Separatist movement, aimed at direct conflict (a decade from now) with the Republic, as part of the Sith's scheme to dominate the galaxy. As for the clone army on Kamino, Dooku (as Tyranus) hires bounty hunter Jango Fett to be the clone template, for which he requires only one special consideration amid his payment: that he be given an unaltered clone for himself, the clone who will later known as Boba Fett.*
(conjecture based *Star Wars: Episode II—"Attack of the Clones"* and *The Lost One*)
- *In the wake of the Battle of Naboo, the wing of Theed Palace in which Qui-Gon Jinn and Obi-Wan Kenobi battle Darth Maul is sealed.*
(conjecture based on *Shattered Empire*)
- *In the wake of the Battle of Naboo, the Republic's Special Weapons Group develops plans for an automated battlemoon asteroid and a torpedo siege platform. Neither will be created, but their designs will assist engineers over a decade later when working on the Death Star Project.*
(conjecture based on *Catalyst*)
- *Around this time, the political situation on the planet Vallt begins bordering on collapse or revolution.*
(conjecture based on *Catalyst*)
- *Auric Graf and Rhyssa Graf, aboard their ship, Whisper Bird, begin charting and exploring worlds in Wild Space.*
(conjecture based on *The Escape*)
- *Jango Fett arrives on Kamino and undergoes the cloning process. The first batch of clones (200,000) begin their growth, and Jango receives his unaltered clone, a baby version of Jango that he names Boba. He will raise Boba as his own son.*
(conjecture based *Star Wars: Episode II—"Attack of the Clones"*)
- *In the era following the Battle of Naboo, Jedi Master Yaddle steps back to take a less active role in Jedi affairs. This includes stepping down from the Jedi Council. Shaak Ti takes her place on the Council.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars: The Visual Encyclopedia*)
- *In the wake of the Battle of Naboo, there is a housing market boom on Naboo. For decades, it will be tough to find an affordable home if you are not relatively well-off on Naboo.*
(conjecture based on *Last Shot*)
- *On Naboo, a sando aqua monster is attacking the Royal boathouse of Theed. Members of the Palace Guard fight the creature, but they aren't quite sure how to drive it away, since they don't tend to come ashore often. When Queen Padmé Amidala arrives, they look into this mystery by checking the interior of the boathouse, where it turns out that a baby sando aqua monster is being held by a pair of poachers. She frees the creature and has the poachers arrested. The baby is returned to its mother, and they leave without further conflict. One of the guards apologizes for not discovering the baby himself, but Padmé simply notes that the best solution isn't always an obvious solution.**
(**Monster Misunderstanding***)

*NOTE: This assumes that the story is meant to take place shortly after TPM. (The fact that Padmé is acting as queen in similar handmaiden gear to what she wore in the battle suggests that her handmaiden ruse is over for now, putting it post-TPM.)

Forces of Destiny (cartoon series: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)

Forces of Destiny, Volume 4 (cartoon: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)

Monster Misunderstanding (cartoon: Nicole Dubuc)

- *Paodok'Draba Takat Sap'De'Rekti Nik'Linek'Ti Ki'Veff'Nik Ne Sevef'Li'Kek* (AKA "Pao"), a *Drabatan*, is born on *Pipada*.
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)
- *Kaeden Larte* and *Miara Larte* settle on *Raada* with their parents.
(conjecture based on *Ahsoka*)
- *Hetto* begins working under *Zaluna Myder* at the *Transcept Media Solutions* office on *Gorse*.
(conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)
- Around this time, *Mon Mothma* (age 15) decides that she wants to devote her life to the study of history. This moment of rebellion against her family's life in politics will only last a short time. By the following summer, she is right back on track to follow in her family's footsteps as a political leader.
(conjecture based on the *Rogue One* novelization)
- The "legend" of *Denetrius Vidian* of *Corellia* begins, while he is on his apparent deathbed from *Shilmer's* syndrome. He survives and carries out financial trades that soon earn him the fortune needed to recreate his own body with custom-made, high-tech prosthetics and cybernetics. His first big purchase is to buy the shipbuilding firm he once worked for and fire everyone. In truth, *Vidian* is actually *Lemuel Tharsa*, working as a consultant for corrupt mining companies. After years of traveling with cargo like *baradium*, he falls ill and ends up in a miners' hospice on *Gorse*, without any communication with the outside world for two years. He is able to make contact with his caretaker droids, though, which begins his re-emergence. After that, he creates the persona of *Vidian* and keeps his *Tharsa* persona as a "scientific advisor" to sign off on his own projects.
(conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)

30 BBY

- *Julian Coelho* is born on *Tangenine* to *Remba Coelho* and *Kelven Coelho*.*
(conjecture based on *Inbrief*)*

*NOTE: He is still a baby in the story.

- *Tsuulo* is born on *Coruscant*.*
(conjecture based on *Most Wanted*)*

*NOTE: He is "barely twelve" when he visits an underground museum on *Coruscant* full of illegal Jedi artifacts that the Empire eventually shuts down. That means he can't be born any earlier than this year or the year before, since the Jedi Purge would not have happened by the time he turns twelve. On the other hand, he refers to himself as just a kid at this time, relative to his current age in *Most Wanted*, so there needs to be at least a decent gap of time between *Most Wanted* and that event. This seems a likely birthdate for him.

- By this time, *Galen Erso* (age 25) has published prolifically and earned a reputation as someone destined for greatness. He currently works at the *Institute of Applied Science* as a professor (a position *Orson Krennic* helped him secure). He has been narrowing his fields of study to focus primarily now on *crystallography* and *energy enhancement*, beginning to take trips to seek out rare crystals.
(conjecture based on *Catalyst*)
- *Auric Graf* and *Rhyssa Graf* visit the planet *Agaris*, studying it in detail and meeting the *Agarians*, led by *Hffrr*.
(conjecture based on *The Rescue*)
- *Mon Mothma* becomes a Senator for *Chandria* in the Republic Senate. This "teenaged go-getter" is featured in an article in *Bormea Today*. One of *Mothma's* first acts on *Coruscant* is to seek out *Bail Organa* for some insight and wisdom. His advice was that no one there or anywhere else truly knows what they are doing, so if *Mothma* feels the same, then she is in good company.
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- *Lauren Mel Coelho* is with her family on *Tangenine* (her mother, *Remba*, her father, *Kelven*, and her little brother *Julian* AKA "Ju-ju") when criminals from the *Malandro* syndicate, led by the *Falleen* known as *Annaz*, arrive. Her parents have refused to pay protection money, so the gangsters kill *Kelven* and *Remba*. *Lauren* is able to escape with *Julian* to go live with their grandmother. (To be continued below . . .)*
(*Inbrief*)*

*NOTE: I have spoken with *Inbrief* author *Janine K. Spendlove*, an old podcasting colleague, and she notes that the intent was for *Brand* (*Lauren*) to be around 8 years old, since this was meant to be about 30 years prior to the framing story, which I have assumed is shortly after ANH. (See the note with that part of the summary.)

Inbrief [flashback] (SWI161 short story: Janine K. Spendlove)

Inbrief [flashback] (SW1161 short story: Janine K. Spendlove)

29 BBY

- *Hera Syndulla is born on Ryloth to Cham Syndulla and his mate.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars: Rebels: The Visual Guide*)
- *Around this time, Chelli Aphra is born to Lona Aphra and her husband.**
(conjecture based on *The Trigger*)*

*NOTE: We have not been given an exact birth date or age for Aphra, but *The Trigger* gives us some clues. A stormtrooper she meets is said to be “barely out of his teens” and “about a decade younger” than her, while she also references spending “the best years of her twenties” in her current profession. That suggests to me that she is around 29 in that story, which happens during ANH.

- *Knotts comes to Lantillies from the Core to set up business as a middleman for goods and services.*
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)
- *Lyra (later Lyra Erso) studies at the University of Rudrig. Her mother takes out loans to finance Lyra’s education. Lyra will one day pay her back by wearing a holocam when hiking on worlds too rough for survey droids to provide 3D video for HoloNet providers.*
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide* and *Catalyst*)
- *Commander Honor Salima is placed in charge of the Coruscant Home Fleet (or whatever name the capital world’s defense forces go under at this point). She will still be in this position when the Battle of Coruscant occurs a decade from now.*
(conjecture based on *On the Front Lines*)
- *Anakin Skywalker trains with his lightsaber against a dueling droid that “wears” a hologram to create the look of a mortal opponent. He is observed by Obi-Wan Kenobi, Mace Windu, and Supreme Chancellor Sheev Palpatine. He surprises them when he activates an update to the droid that turns him into the equivalent of Darth Maul. He defeats it, but when other students comment that he is a “slave” to his emotions, Anakin takes their lightsabers with the Force, ignites them, and holds them near in an implied threat. He calms, but he is definitely in need of attention because of how late he joined the Jedi Order. Palpatine claims a special connection to Anakin due to the Battle of Naboo and insists on acting as a mentor to the young man. Soon thereafter, Anakin works on calming the mind of a beast but is called away to meet with Palpatine, who wants Anakin to join him on a visit to Club Kasakar on Coruscant’s Level 2685. They observe the seedy club’s patrons, including many senators and other bureaucrats. Palpatine points out one in particular, Senator Colandrus of the Suntilla system. After describing Colandrus’ corruption, he misses a chance cube role and loses big at a gambling table. On the way out, Palpatine inquires subtly as to whether perhaps Anakin decided to influence the cubes with the Force to punish Colandrus, since they cannot easily remove him from his position. Palpatine is corrupting him into taking action outside the law to create “justice.” When they return to Palpatine’s office, Anakin is excited at the chance to take down the senator for his corruption, but Palpatine argues that neither he nor the Jedi are in a position to do so, since he is not a dictator and the Jedi are not tyrants. He asks if Anakin is happy with the Jedi and notes that there will always be a place for Anakin and Palpatine’s side. Shortly thereafter, Anakin has a tough talk with Obi-Wan and gives up his lightsaber, choosing to leave the Jedi Order, at least temporarily, so that he can learn things about the galaxy that training as a Jedi would not teach him. When a distress call is received from Carnelion IV, Yoda sends Obi-Wan and Anakin, noting that if Anakin still wishes to leave the Jedi Order when they return, he will be released. Obi-Wan knows that if Anakin leaves, he will have to leave as well in order to continue training Anakin outside of the Order and keep his word to Qui-Gon Jinn.(To be continued below . . .)**
(**Obi-Wan and Anakin**)
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They see the ruins of a society that used to thrive on the planet. Generations ago, they destroyed themselves, and since they were not part of the Republic, nor did they have anything the Republic needed, the Republic and Jedi did not intervene to prevent such destruction. They discuss the distress call, which specifically requested Jedi intervention and seemed to be in the kind of archaic phrasing that would have been used centuries earlier. They witness an airship crashing down, indicating that the "deserted" planet is not actually deserted after all. The two Jedi leap in to help, and Obi-Wan gives Anakin back his lightsaber, which he recently gave to his master because he has decided that he wants to leave the Jedi Order. They save the two women aboard, Kolara and Pran, but Pran pulls weapons on them, asking if they are "open or closed." Anakin explains that they are there to provide Jedi aid to whomever sent the distress call, prompting Pran to ask, "What in the green hells is a Jedi?" (Backwater indeed!) The two women are "Open," part of one faction on the planet, while they are being pursued and attacked by an airship flown by the "Closed," the other faction. When the second airship attacks, Obi-Wan takes it out but saves its Closed pilot, Grecker. Unfortunately, the Jedi are now duty-bound to get Pran, Kolara, and Grecker to safety, despite them wanting to kill each other. They cannot cross the Celadon Sea (an area with mist from the weapons in the ancient war and mutated beasts roaming it), so Anakin intends to rebuild an airship from the parts left from both crashed ones. Once airborne, they obtain a package that has been released on a balloon up through the mist from an unknown source. Kolara gets close to Anakin and learns about how easily he fixes things. Pran gives him an old droid brain to fix, and he does so easily. He could be the key to the Open winning the war for their planet. When mutants down below (Fishers) attack the airship, the two Open women take the opportunity to relieve Anakin of his weapon, knock him out, then escape on a small flyer, which they then turn against the airship while Obi-Wan and Grecker are still aboard. Obi-Wan and Grecker survive, but they are now on foot with just breathing masks in the Celadon Sea. Kolara and Pran take Anakin back to the Fortress-Home of the Open. Pran puts the brain he fixed into a war droid, readying it for battle. Obi-Wan and Grecker find the source of the distress call, and Grecker sends up a flare. During an attack by dragon creatures, Grecker joins the originator in her safe bunker, nearly leaving Obi-Wan to die before the originator seemingly kills him and leaves the door open for the Jedi. She reveals herself to be Sera, whose life's work has been to recover and preserve remnants of the planet's history. She is the one sending up the small balloons with relics, hoping to inspire a younger generation to turn toward uniting for the good of the planet, rather than being set in the us-against-them mentality of the older generations. Sera has reached out to the Jedi with her distress call because she found recordings that showed the heroism of the Jedi and gave her hope that the Jedi could help unite the planet's factions. The Closed and Open, though, want Sera dead, or at least their leadership, set in their ways, want her dead. Now, thanks to Anakin's help fixing their technology, the Open are ready to go to war against the Closed and Sera, and they set out for Sera and Obi-Wan's location. With the

adult Open gone, the younger Open, led by Kolara, do not want to see the Scavenger killed. Meanwhile, Sera shows a now-static image from the recording that convinced her to call the Jedi for help. Obi-Wan realizes that the warrior in the image is a Sith (or at least someone using the Dark Side), based on the lightsaber color (red). Sera thinks Obi-Wan will simply kill the Open when they arrive (based on Grecker's flare), as a Sith would, since she does not know the difference. The Closed arrive first, and Obi-Wan confronts them, trying to make peace, but a gravely wounded Grecker orders them to attack. Their confrontation is interrupted by the arrival of the Open in their war machines. Battle ensues, but Anakin arrives with the Open teens on speeders of his own design from their resources. He and Obi-Wan repair Sera's transmitter and reach out to the Republic with a helpful lie. Obi-Wan calls for help as a Jedi, claiming that there is tibanna gas in the gasses of the planet, which the Republic must secure. Republic ships arrive, bringing an end to the hostilities. It will be a while before they realize they were duped, by which time the natives can hopefully make peace with the help of the younger generation that have been shown possibilities other than war through Sera's art "gifts." Anakin sees that being a Jedi is not about power but about connections. He reconsiders his choice to leave the Jedi and chooses to stay, accepting his lightsaber back from his Jedi Master. For better or worse, Anakin is a Jedi. *

(Obi-Wan and Anakin)*

*NOTE: Writer Charles Soule stated at New York Comic-Con 2015 that Anakin is "around thirteen years old" in this story. Given that Anakin turns 10 as TPM ends in Story Group Canon (and is 20 in AOTC), that would put the story in this year. I should note here that the story features flashbacks that lead up to the main story, and I have summarized the material in chronological order, rather than the alternating time frames used in the actual order as presented in the issues.

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28 BBY

- *Wilhuff Tarkin is re-elected to a second term as Governor of Eriadu.* *
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)*

*NOTE: His second term is ending in the weeks before AOTC, but his first term began in 34 BBY, it seems, so one term must be six years long.

- *The holoprojector that will be in use a decade from now at the Wanton Wellspring on Rajtiri is produced this year.*
(conjecture based on *Catalyst*)
- *Miners on Naboo's moon of Onoam repeatedly go on strike for larger shares of profits. Some splinter groups even engage in minor political violence, such as burning a vacant warehouse and breaking windows and security shields.* *
(conjecture based on *Leia: Princess of Alderaan*)*

*NOTE: This was "a generation ago" in the story, which I have interpreted as 25 years.

27 BBY

- *Gideon Hask is born on Kuat.* *
(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)*

*NOTE: He is 27 in *Inferno Squad*.

- *Lina Graf is born to Auric Graf and Rhyssa Graf aboard the Whisper Bird.* *
(conjecture based on *The Snare*)*

*NOTE: Her brother, Milo, is 9 in *The Escape*, which I am assuming is in 17 BBY. Lina is said in *The Snare* to be one year older than Milo.

- *Shaeelah is born to Suu on Saleucami. While little is known about her father, she will eventually be the stepdaughter of clonetrooper Cut Lawquane.*
(conjecture based on *The Deserter*)

- *Nera Kase is born.*
(conjecture based on *Grounded*)
- *Numa is born on Ryloth.**
(conjecture based on *On the Front Lines*)*

***NOTE: She is 5 during the Battle of Ryloth.**

- *A second batch of Jango Fett clones, numbering one million this time, is created on Kamino. The first batch, meanwhile, is now five years old, but appear to be ten.*
(conjecture based *Star Wars: Episode II—“Attack of the Clones”*)
- *Shmi Skywalker is sold by Watto to Cliegg Lars, who falls in love with her, frees her, and marries her. This makes Cliegg’s son, Owen Lars, Shmi’s stepson and Anakin Skywalker’s stepbrother. Later, Shmi puts dull coverings onto C-3PO to finish her son Anakin Skywalker’s work on him.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars: Episode II—“Attack of the Clones”*)

26 BBY

- *Milo Graf is born to Auric Graf and Rhyssa Graf aboard the Whisper Bird.**
(conjecture based on *The Escape*)*
- *NOTE: Milo is 9 in *The Escape*, which I am assuming is in 17 BBY.**
- *Cassian Jeron Andor is born on Fest.*
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)
- *Jekk is born to Suu on Saleucami. While little is known about his father, he will eventually be the stepson of clonetrooper Cut Lawquane.*
(conjecture based on *The Deserter*)
- *The boy who will one day become stormtrooper TK-146275 is born on Eriadu.*
(conjecture based on *TK-146275*)
- *Around this time, the Imperial investigator who will question Merei Spanjaf at the Vocational School for Institutional Security is born.**
(conjecture based on *The Secret Academy*)*

***NOTE: The investigator is in his early twenties at the time, which I have interpreted as being about 22 years old.**

- *Denetrius Vidian begins turning corporations around, a “game” he will continue “winning” for fifteen years.*
(conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)
- *Ahsoka Tano takes part in the Gathering on Ilum under Jedi Master Yoda. She acquires her first lightsaber crystal and then constructs her lightsaber under the guidance of Huyang.**
(conjecture based on *Ahsoka*)*

***NOTE: Ahsoka would have been about the age of the younglings she guides through a similar process in TCW. We do not have a concrete age for those younglings, though. I am estimating that she was about 10.**

- *While leading a survey team to map an extensive cave system on Espinar that is home to many rare crystalline deposits, Lyra meets Galen Erso and acts as a guide for his field team as they study the crystals. They work together on Espinar for six months. While they do not find any kyber crystals, they become close and begin a romantic relationship.*
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)
- *Minerax Consulting discovers that the day side of Gorse has far more thoriilide than the dark side. Denetrius Vidian purchases the company for the sole purpose of hiding this fact.*
(conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)
- *On Jakku, Gallius Rax (age 12, though records will later suggest age 10) and fellow orphans, Brev and Narawal, spot the arriving Imperialis, secret Sith treasure vessel of Darth Sidious (Supreme Chancellor Sheev Palpatine). Gallius stows away on the ship (hearing real music for the first time, The Cantata of Cora Vessor) but is soon discovered by Sidious, who offers the boy training, a new life, and a new destiny. He tasks the boy with guarding a spot on Jakku where droids he brought with him were excavating something. (To be continued below ...)**
(**Life Debt**)*

***NOTE: See the note with Gallius’ birth in 38 BBY for an explanation of the age discrepancy.**

Aftermath Trilogy (novel trilogy: Chuck Wendig)

Life Debt (novel: Chuck Wendig)

Prelude: Jakku, Three Decades Ago

Epilogue: Three Decades Ago

25 BBY

- *Bodhi Rook is born on Jedha.*
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)
 - *Around this time, Pira is born on Crucival.**
(conjecture based on *Twilight Company*)*
- *NOTE: This assumes that Hazram Namir is born in 23 BBY, since Pira is 1 – 2 years older than Namir.
- *Jha Eka is born.**
(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)*
- *NOTE: Iden Versio is 5 years younger than Gideon Hask, who is 27 in *Inferno Squad*. Jha, in turn, is 3 years older than Iden.
- *Around this time, Egil is born on Parnassos.*
(conjecture based on *Phasma*)*
- *NOTE: He “must be over forty” as of 12 years before the “present” in *Phasma*, which I have rounded to him being 41 years old. That puts his birth 53 years prior to *Phasma*’s present.
- *Galen Erso and Lyra are married in a small ceremony in which Nari Sable is Lyra’s maid of honor and Reeva Demesne is a guest.*
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)
 - *Filia Rossi graduates from the Raithal Academy. She will spend most of her career for the next twelve years on Socorro, first on the ground, then on an orbital defense platform, then as first officer on an ore freighter escort before being somewhat inexplicably promoted to captain of the Blood Crow.**
(conjecture based on *Thrawn*)*
- *NOTE: This is 12 years before chapter 7 of *Thrawn*.
- *Lauren Mel Coelho and Julian Coelho are living with their grandmother, but the grandmother becomes ill and dies. Julian becomes ill next, but Lauren cannot afford the price of the medicine he needs from the Melandro syndicate. Young Lauren decides to take a job to steal a speeder in order to get the money to buy his medicine, but she is caught and put in jail. Before she can be released, Julian dies without the needed medicine. Lauren’s grudge against Melandro grows, as they are now responsible for the deaths of her mother and father, but also indirectly for that of her brother.**
(conjecture based on *Inbrief*)*
- *NOTE: This is “a few years” after the deaths of their parents.

24 BBY

- *Yendor is born (likely on Ryloth).**
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)*
- *NOTE: He is 5 – 6 years older than Leia.
- *As Padmé Amidala’s second four-year term as Queen of Naboo ends, term limits force her not to seek re-election (even though there is a movement to amend the constitution to allow her to remain in office). Jamillia is elected Queen of Naboo. As for Padmé, she is elected to the Galactic Senate, after being asked to serve by Jamillia. On a related note, Jar Jar Binks also becomes a Representative to the Senate in this era on behalf of the Gungans. Panaka will no longer guard Padmé (because she is no longer queen, presumably), so Padmé’s senatorial security contingent will be led by Typho.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars: Episode II--“Attack of the Clones”*)
 - *Rush Clovis becomes the Republic Senator for Scipio.*
(conjecture based on *Senate Spy*)
 - *New Senator Padmé Amidala meets another first-year senator, Rush Clovis of Scipio. The two have a brief romantic relationship.*
(conjecture based on *Senate Spy*)
 - *Around this time, the nanny droid that Nazhros Oleg destroys to annoy Zare Leonis twenty years from now begins serving children from the Education and Economics Ministries on Lothal.*
(conjecture based on *Imperial Justice*)
 - *Orson Krennic has a hand in engineering an orbital shipyard at Kartoosh.*
(conjecture based on *Catalyst*)
 - *After eight years of barely being seen on the galactic stage, Dooku re-emerges on Raxus at a HoloNet station, from which he gives a speech that formally brings the Separatist movement (also known as the Secessionist Movement) that he has been developing into the spotlight.*
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)

- *Among the locations that intend to stay loyal to the Republic as the Separatist crisis grows is the moon of Antar 4. However, a schism among the local Gotals leads to the formation of Separatist terrorist cells that plague the moon.*
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)
- *During the crisis that will precipitate the Clone Wars, artist Kas Unlodos is prompted to action in creating propaganda artwork.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)

23 BBY

- *Dalven Kyrell is born to Oris Kyrell and Ganaire Kyrell on Jelucan.*
(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*)
- *Around this time, Hazram Namir is born on Crucival.**
(conjecture based on *Twilight Company*)*

*NOTE: Hazram leaves home in 7 BBY and soon becomes a soldier for Malkhan. The book refers to him as having been fighting since soon after puberty, which I have interpreted as him being around 16 when that happens, which would put his birthdate here and make him about 26 in *Twilight Company*.

- *After ten years of working together, Asajj Ventress' Jedi Master, Ky Narec, is killed by a Weequay on Rattatak. She falls to the Dark Side, killing local warlords and putting herself in their place, until Count Dooku arrives and recruits her as an apprentice.**
(conjecture based on *Dark Disciple*)*

*NOTE: I am assuming here that Asajj is taken by Dooku as an apprentice pretty soon before the Clone Wars.

- *Sheb Valaad comes to Otor's Hub to begin selling rare (and often stolen) merchandise.*
(conjecture based on *Dark Disciple*)
- *Felucia comes to be critical in controlling the Perlemian Trade Route, which will soon make it a key Clone Wars battleground.**
(conjecture based on *Leia: Princess of Alderaan*)*

*NOTE: This is 20 years before the book, which is in early 3 BBY.

- *Senator Padmé Amidala of Naboo begins working against passage of the Military Creation Act.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars: Episode II--"Attack of the Clones"*)
- *As the vote for the Military Creation Act nears, the United Committee for Galactic Peace's artist Santos Bel-Pak creates a piece of propaganda artwork that shows Palpatine with a death's head visage that urges Senators to vote against the act. It will later be discovered that the United Committee for Galactic Peace is actually a front for the Roshu Sune, a radical splinter group off the Gotal Assembly for Separation, allied with the Confederacy of Independent Systems and responsible for a terrorist bombing campaign during these last few months before the Clone Wars.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)
- *Around this time, Galen Erso buys a suit he will wear two years later when meeting with his old mentor, Reeva Demesne.*
(conjecture based on *Catalyst*)
- *Around this time, as the Clone Wars near, the artisans of Vanguerre XI shut down and dissolve their collective, shortly after building only six prototypes of their SolarNova TT-86 speeder.*
(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi: Incredible Cross-Sections*)
- *One month prior to Anakin Skywalker's return to Tatooine, Shmi Skywalker Lars is out gathering mushrooms from the vaporators when she is taken by Tusken Raiders. The Lars family (Cliegg Lars, Owen Lars, and even Owen's girlfriend Beru Whitesun) organizes the other settlers into a band to go after her. Their attempt goes horribly wrong. Only four of the thirty in the band escape, including Owen and Cliegg, but Cliegg has lost a leg. As for Shmi, she has not been rescued and is soon presumed dead by the Lars family.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars: Episode II--"Attack of the Clones"*)
- *As Senator Padmé Amidala prepares to return to Coruscant for a vote on the Military Creation Act, Jedi Knight Obi-Wan Kenobi and his Padawan, Anakin Skywalker, are sent to Ansion to settle a border dispute.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars: Episode II--"Attack of the Clones"*)
- *By the era of the Battle of Geonosis, the Jedi Council consists of the following Jedi Masters: Yoda; Mace Windu; Saesee Tiin; Plo Koon; Oppo Rancisis; Stass Allie; Shaak Ti; Coleman Trebor; Ki-Adi-Mundi; Kit Fisto; Agen Kolar; and Even Piell.*

(conjecture based on *Star Wars: Episode II--"Attack of the Clones"*)

- *Minerax Consulting issues a report that claims that the thoriide mines on the dark side of Gorse have run dry. This begins a four year period of mines shutting down, but much of the mining and business on that part of Gorse is actually wound down within a year. (This is, in fact, a lie. Denetrius Vidian, as Leumuel Tharsa, has submitted this report, having purchased Minerax Consulting for this very purpose. Not only is the dark side not dry, but the day side of Gorse has far more thoriide. This is the first step in a long-term project to allow him to gain power with that secret reserve ready in case he needs it in the future.)*

(conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)

- *On Coruscant at Dex's Diner, thief Tri Tellon steals a device from Jedi Knight Obi-Wan Kenobi while he talks with Dexter Jettster. Obi-Wan gives chase as she seems to escape. However, when she gets back to the den she shares with old rogue Magreda, Obi-Wan is there in Magreda's place, and Dex blocks the door. As it turns out, Tellon had been stealing from Dex's customers for a while, so Obi-Wan brought that fancy device (which is actually just a paperweight) with a tracking device in it, so that she would steal it and lead them back to her den and all the other stolen goods to be returned. This story will later be related to Lina Graf, who will relate it to Emil Graf, who will relate it to CR-8R, BB-00, and Noni. (To be continued below . . .)**

(Stop, Thief!)

*NOTE: We have no indication of when this takes place, other than that Obi-Wan appears to look similar to how he appears in AOTC, but there is no mention of the Clone Wars.

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Stop, Thief! [flashback] (comic: Cavan Scott)

22 BBY (SW2)

- *Iden Versio is born to Garrick Versio and Veehay Versio in the capital city of Kestro on Vardos.**

(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)*

*NOTE: She is 5 years younger than Gideon Hask, who is 27 in *Inferno Squad*.

- *Kaev is born.**

(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)*

*NOTE: He is 4 years older than Sadori Vushan, who is 18 in *Inferno Squad*.

- *Orman le Hivre is born.*

(conjecture based on *The Secret Academy*)

- *Hedala Fardi is born.*

(conjecture based on *Ahsoka*)

- *Hadder Ponta is born to Akshaya Ponta.*

(conjecture based on *Rebel Rising*)

- *Future Imperial TX-225 Occupier tank driver Warda Gojun (later known as HH-4413) is born on Saleucami.*

(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)

- *Bistan the Iakaru is born on Iakar.*

(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)

- *Xea, sister of the boy who will one day become stormtrooper TK-146275, is born on Eriadu. Sometime in the next eight years, their mother will die, leaving them in the care of just their father.*

(conjecture based on *TK-146275*)

- *By this time, Jedi Master Yarael Poof's place on the Jedi Council has been filled by Jedi*

Master Coleman Trebor. Poof has died while on a mission.

(conjecture based on Star Wars: The Visual Encyclopedia)

- *By this time, Chelli Aphra (age 7) can identify Abersyn symbiotes on sight.
(conjecture based on Aphra)*
- *Sometime shortly before the Battle of Geonosis, CT-7567 AKA “Rex” is given the rank of captain and placed with Torrent Company in the 501st Battalion. He will see his first action alongside his “brothers” at the Battle of Geonosis.
(conjecture based on Ultimate Star Wars)*
- *In the months prior to the outbreak of the Clone Wars and their subsequent assignment to Vallt, Lyra Erso often travels by sky-cab to the grounds of the Jedi Temple to exercise, bolstering her faith in the Force.
(conjecture based on Catalyst)*
- *Mere weeks before the outbreak of the Clone Wars, Wilhuff Tarkin, nearing the end of his second term as Governor of Eriadu, meets briefly with Dooku, who tries to convince him to bring Eriadu into the Confederacy of Independent Systems. He needs Eriadu to “seal the deal” on a southern Separatist sphere, which already includes Yag'Dhul and Sluis Van. In the conversation, Dooku drops hints about the clone army, the idea of a future dictatorship, and their two sides turning out to be one and the same. Tarkin does not take the bait and remains loyal to Palpatine. He chooses not to run for another term as governor, which surprises his father, who is in poor health and tended to by physicians and droids. Tarkin intends to be ready to join the Republic in its efforts whenever the war that Dooku seems to think is inevitable finally comes. It will come sooner than he imagines. (To be continued below . . .)
(Tarkin)*
- *Above Coruscant, a Naboo Royal Cruiser, flanked by three N-1 Starfighters approaches the planet. Upon landing, Senator Padmé Amidala (disguised as an N-1 pilot) and Captain Typho, her head of security, have but a moment to be amazed at their safe landing before an explosion rocks the Royal Cruiser. Padmé rushes to Cordé, her handmaiden double, who dies in her arms, fulfilling her duty as a decoy. Typho races her to safety. Shortly thereafter, Palpatine meets with Jedi Masters Mace Windu, Ki-Adi-Mundi, and Yoda about his intentions to negotiate a peace with Count Dooku and his Confederacy of Independent Systems (the Separatists). Padmé, Typho, Dormé, Jar Jar Binks, Mas Amedda, Horox Ryyder, and Bail Organa enter the office and the discussion. Everyone but Padmé agrees that she should agree to take on protection in the form of Obi-Wan and Anakin. A short while later, Obi-Wan and Anakin head for her apartment, where they are reunited with Jar Jar first, then Padmé. Anakin is immediately intoxicated by Padmé, having dreamt of her for ten years. It is apparent that Anakin is already in love with her, but she has a hard time at first seeing him as anything other than the little boy from Tatooine. She does not like the idea of having protection, but relents. That night, bounty hunter Jango Fett meets with Zam Wesell, who is working for him, giving her poisonous kouhuns to kill Padmé, now that Zam’s attempt to kill her on the landing pad has failed. Later in the evening, Anakin stands guard as Padmé sleeps, awaiting another expected assassination attempt. Obi-Wan does not like the idea that they are using Padmé as bait, but, sure enough, an ASN-121 assassin droid soon appears outside Padmé’s room, releasing the kouhuns into the room. As they approach her on the bed, the Jedi sense danger and spring into action. As Anakin slices the kouhuns, saving Padmé, Obi-Wan dives through the high-story window, grabbing the droid and letting it carry him (electric shocks and all), toward its master, Zam. Upon reaching Zam, though, she shoots the droid, destroying it and sending Obi-Wan falling several stories before he is caught by Anakin, who has commandeered a custom speeder. They give chase as Zam takes off in her own. Eventually, they seem to have lost her, but Anakin is merely waiting for the right moment. At that moment, he leaps from the speeder down several stories and right onto the top of Zam’s speeder. She knocks his lightsaber away, but Obi-Wan catches it from below. Anakin forces Zam down onto street level, where she comes to an abrupt stop, so to speak, then escapes into a nightclub. Obi-Wan joins Anakin as they enter, giving him back his lightsaber and reminding him that it is his life. Obi-Wan wonders if Anakin will be the death of him, but Anakin assures him that he does not want to cause Obi-Wan pain. He loves his Master like a father figure. Inside the club, Obi-Wan heads for the bar, where he causes Elan Sleesebaggano to rethink his death stick-dealing life, while Anakin searches the crowd for the Clawdite (shape-shifting) Zam. Zam approaches Obi-Wan from behind, earning her a severed hand when he spins with his saber ready. They try to find out who hired her to*

kill Padmé, but she is shot with a strange dart by an assassin in silver Mandalorian armor, who then flies away. Zam dies on the spot. In the aftermath of the night's events, Anakin talks to Palpatine about trying to convince Padmé to leave Coruscant, while, at the Jedi Temple, Obi-Wan laments Anakin's arrogance. Anakin, R2-D2, and Padmé set out from Coruscant for Naboo, while Dormé stays behind in her place. Obi-Wan also intends to leave soon, but first, he must decide where to begin his investigation. To do this, he runs an analysis on the dart at the Temple Archives, to no avail. He then tries his old contact Dexter Jettster, who tells him that it is a Kamino saberdart and that the Kaminoans are cloners. Getting rough coordinates for the planet from Dexter, he returns to the Temple to check out the planet in the Archives with the help of Jocasta Nu. While Obi-Wan heads for the Temple to continue his investigation, Anakin and Padmé discuss the concept of love and how it fits into the Jedi lifestyle aboard a refugee transport, where they are posing as peasants or refugees. They then arrive on Naboo and discuss the situation with Queen Jamillia, before hiding out at a lake retreat. At the Jedi Temple, Obi-Wan learns a bit more about the Separatist leader Count Dooku, one of the Lost Twenty, the only twenty Jedi Knights to ever leave the order. She also informs him that Kamino does not exist in the records. A gravity well exists where it should be. Obi-Wan goes to where Yoda is training some younglings, and the younglings realize that the planet is still there, hence the gravity well, but someone has somehow managed to erase it from the Jedi Archives. Obi-Wan sets out at once for Kamino in a Delta-7 Jedi Starfighter with the droid assigned to him, R4-P17. On Naboo, Anakin and Padmé go to the Lake Country, where, while talking on a balcony overlooking the water, Anakin and Padmé kiss for the first time. Padmé apologizes, and the situation remains unresolved. Meanwhile, Obi-Wan has taken his Delta-7 with his droid, R4-P, to Kamino, where he lands on the main city-over-the-water, Tipoca City. He is not prepared, though, when a Kaminoan named Tuan We meets him, saying that they have been expecting him. He is taken to see Prime Minister Lama Su, and it is in this meeting that the mysteries of the situation begin to be revealed. He tells Obi-Wan that 200,000 units are ready, with another 1,000,000 on the way. He is referring to a clone army. It seems that approximately ten years earlier, Jedi Master Sifo-Dyas, who died shortly thereafter, had secretly come to Kamino to commission the creation of a clone army for the Republic, which seems rather odd given that the Military Creation Act is only now being debated. As Obi-Wan continues to inspect the facilities on Kamino, Anakin and Padmé share a day outdoors on Naboo (during which he suggests an affinity for a dictatorial type of government), where they continue to see their feelings for each other grow, then have dinner together. At the dinner, Anakin asks how he can make this work, but Padmé knows that he could be expelled from the Jedi Order for an attachment to her, and they both know that trying to hide their relationship and having to live a lie would destroy them. It seems, for now, that the budding relationship is off. Back on Kamino, Obi-Wan continues learning about the situation. They had opted not to use a Jedi for the clone template, it seems, and instead used bounty hunter Jango Fett. Other than being paid well for his services and for remaining on Kamino as much as possible to act as a source of samples, all that Jango asked for was one unaltered clone for himself. This clone, which did not have the benefit of accelerated growth or training, was to be raised by Jango as his own son—Boba Fett. Tuan We brings Obi-Wan to see Jango. Obi-Wan tries to prod Jango for information, only to discover that Jango had never heard of Sifo-Dyas. He was brought into the project by a man named Tyranus on one of the moons of Bogden. Obi-Wan leaves for the moment, but Jango knows that it's time to leave Kamino for a while. After their meeting, Jango tells Boba to get ready to leave. While Obi-Wan keeps investigating and the Fetts get ready to leave Kamino, Anakin has a dream of his mother in pain, so he takes Padmé (to not technically disobey his orders to protect her) and heads for Tatooine. They speak to Watto, who tells them of how Shmi was sold to Cliegg Lars, then married him later, so they head for the Lars' home. They are met by Beru Whitesun, Owen Lars, and Cliegg, who tell them of how Shmi had been captured by Tusken Raiders a month earlier. Knowing she is still alive, Anakin sets out on Cliegg's swoop to save her. On Coruscant, Yoda and Mace receive a transmission from Obi-Wan, informing them of the clone situation. They tell him to apprehend Jango for questioning, but they all wonder how Jango (whom Obi-Wan recognized by armor sticking out of a closet) could be tied into both the attempt on Padmé's life and the creation of the clone army. Could Padmé's support against the Military Creation Act have been that strong? On Kamino, Obi-Wan races for a landing pad, where Jango, in full armor, and Boba are preparing Jango's ship, Slave 1, for a quick escape. Obi-Wan rushes in to stop him, lightsaber ignited, and Jango attacks. As Obi-Wan battles Jango, Boba

uses Slave I to fire on Obi-Wan as well. Finally, Obi-Wan and Jango seem to fall off the edge of the city into the sea, but Jango soon emerges. He joins Boba in the ship for a quick escape. Obi-Wan is still alive, though, and at the last moment, he pulls himself up onto the platform and puts a tracer on Slave I. Obi-Wan pursues Jango and Boba to the asteroid belt near Geonosis, where the Fetts again believe they destroy Obi-Wan, but Obi-Wan has simply fooled them with a bit of faked debris. Once the Fetts make for the surface, Obi-Wan follows. Meanwhile, back on Tatooine, Anakin continues tracking the Tusken. On Geonosis, Obi-Wan witnesses numerous Batteredroids being made. Another army is being created. He finally makes it into a cavernous area, where he spies a group of conspirators below. The group includes Count Dooku, Trade Federation Viceroy Nute Gunray (whose support Dooku has gotten by promising to have Padmé killed, which explains Jango and Zam), Senators Toonebuck Toora of Sy Myrth and Tessek of Mon Calamari, Shu Mai of the Commerce Guild, San Hill of the InterGalactic Banking Clan, Wat Tambor of the Techno Union, and Passel Argente of the Corporate Alliance. Dooku and the Separatists look to be gathering support from some of the most powerful financial powers in the galaxy for their move against the Republic. But if this is the threat that Sifo-Dyas had commissioned the clone army for on Kamino, then is it just coincidence that Jango Fett is seemingly working for both sides? On Tatooine, Anakin finds the Tusken camp and frees Shmi, only for her to die in his arms. In his grief and rage, he slaughters the entire Tusken settlement, including all of the women and children. He has given in to the Dark Side as never before. During his slaughter, though, he misses hearing the voice of Qui-Gon, speaking to him. Yoda, deep in meditation, senses Anakin's actions and does hear Qui-Gon, but this creates even more questions, as Yoda cannot understand how this could be true. Qui-Gon is dead, and there is no existence after death . . . is there? Soon, Anakin returns to the Lars' home with his mother's body. Anakin is filled with grief, rage, and self-hatred as he speaks with Padmé. He knows that what he did was wrong, and he is very sorry. He simply couldn't control himself. He promises to Padmé and himself that he will someday be the most powerful Jedi ever. He later promises that he will never fail her as he did his mother. They hold a funeral for Shmi. After the funeral, they receive a transmission from Obi-Wan, who needs it relayed to Coruscant. He is reporting about the situation on Geonosis when the transmission is interrupted by Obi-Wan being captured by Destroyer Droids. Mace tells Anakin to remain as Padmé's bodyguard, and he nearly obeys that order, but Padmé launches them toward Geonosis, telling him that it is his job to protect her, and whether he likes it or not, she is going to save Obi-Wan, so he'd better go with her. Thus, Anakin, Padmé, R2-D2, and C-3PO (now returned to Anakin's ownership) make way to Geonosis. On Coruscant, Mace, Yoda, and Jar Jar meet with Palpatine and members of the Loyalist Committee. They all agree that time is of the essence. Jar Jar will act in Padmé's place to give Palpatine emergency powers to handle the crisis. On Geonosis, Obi-Wan is held in a force field and is soon visited by Count Dooku. Again, mysteries begin to unravel. Dooku asks Obi-Wan to help him. He says that the Republic is under the control of the Dark Lords of the Sith, particularly Darth Sidious, and he urges Obi-Wan to join him as he believes his old Padawan, Qui-Gon Jinn, would have done. Obi-Wan refuses to do so, causing Dooku to decide to leave his fate to Geonosian justice, which means he'll be sentenced to death soon enough. Arriving on Geonosis, Anakin and Padmé (followed against orders by the droids) venture into the caverns, where they enter the Super Batteredroid factory. In the factory, they are set upon by Geonosians. Anakin's lightsaber is destroyed, and both humans are captured. At the same time, C-3PO falls onto an assembly line, where his head is removed and placed on a Batteredroid body, and a Batteredroid's head placed on his body. Anakin and Padmé are brought before Dooku, who tries to convince her to join his cause. When she refuses, he tells them that she and Anakin will now join Obi-Wan's fate. Back on Coruscant, the Senate is called to order and Jar Jar makes his motion. It is carried with the backing of Padmé's supporters. Supreme Chancellor Palpatine now has emergency, near dictatorial powers, and promises to create a Grand Army of the Republic, which, of course, means putting the clone army on Kamino to use. Their first mission will be against the Separatists. On Geonosis, Anakin and Padmé are quickly sentenced to death, taken to the arena to be killed for sport, and as Anakin and Padmé are moved into the arena, she professes her love for him. They are then reunited with Obi-Wan, each tied to a pole in the arena. As a reek, a nexu, and an acklay are released into the arena, Padmé leaps atop her pole (thanks to a wire to unchain herself) and the Jedi leap into action. They have no lightsabers, but that doesn't keep them from taking over the reek, ready to ride to safety. In the spectator box, Jango is surprised by a purple lightsaber at his throat. Mace has arrived.

Dooku taunts him with certainty that the Jedi cannot win, but numerous Jedi emerge from the crowd, lightsabers ready. Dooku, however, calls upon the Super Battle Droids. The battle within the arena begins. Anakin and Obi-Wan are given lightsabers, while Padmé gets a blaster. Mace takes on Jango. As the battle rages in the arena, many Jedi and droids are cut down. R2-D2 recovers C-3PO's head and body, reattaching them. Mace and Jango battle fiercely, until Mace decapitates him, sending his now-empty helmet toward where Boba discovers it. The Jedi are soon fought into a circle, surrounded by droids. Dooku believes he has won, but several Republic gunships appear overhead, landing in the arena to pick up the Jedi. Yoda has arrived with the clone army from Kamino aboard massive Acclamator-class Republic assault ships. As the Battle of Geonosis rages, Padmé falls from the ship she is riding in with Anakin and Obi-Wan, but Obi-Wan convinces Anakin that it is more important to follow Count Dooku, whom they saw escaping on a speeder (unknowing that he bears the plans for a secret ultimate weapon project that the Geonosians were preparing to build for him, the Death Star (or DS-1 Orbital Battle Station)). They catch up to him. Anakin wields a green lightsaber, while Obi-Wan holds a blue one. Anakin races in, against Obi-Wan's wishes, trying to take on Dooku first. Dooku hits him with Force Lightning, sending him to the ground. Obi-Wan leaps in, dueling Dooku, but is soon defeated and disarmed. Anakin then returns to the battle, dueling Dooku, but losing ground. Obi-Wan, unable to duel himself, sends his lightsaber to Anakin, who then fights the Count with two sabers. Dooku is the better, though, and Anakin soon loses the lower half of his right arm in the battle. Just as Dooku is about to finish him off, the doors behind them open, and Count Dooku's former Jedi Master, under whom he acted as Padawan, enters—Yoda. Yoda turns aside Dooku's Force Lightning, then they duel. Yoda is the better, wearing Dooku down, but Dooku sends a column hurtling down toward Anakin and Obi-Wan, forcing Yoda to leap in to save them, while Dooku escapes in his ship. Elsewhere, the battle ends, with the Republic forces victorious. After fleeing from Geonosis, Dooku arrives on Coruscant and greets Sidious, using his other title, Darth Tyranus. Everything is proceeding as they have planned. Meanwhile, Yoda laments that the Clone War has begun, while, in secret, Anakin and Padmé, while returning her to Naboo, are secretly wed. They hold hands, Padmé with her two of flesh and blood, Anakin with one of flesh and one a new droid replacement, and kiss to seal their marriage. The union that will help tear down the Republic has been forged, and the Clone Wars have begun . . .

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- *Ames Bunkle is born on Lothal.*
(conjecture based on *Edge of the Galaxy*)
- *Dhara Leonis is born this year to Leo Leonis and Tepha Leonis.*
(conjecture based on *Edge of the Galaxy*)
- *As the Clone Wars begin, Jedi Master Luminara Unduli believes that her Padawan, Barriss Offee has earned the right to fight her own battles and ceases directly training her, for the most part.*
(conjecture based on *Ultimate Star Wars*)
- *As the Clone Wars begin, hyperspace lanes are mined by both sides, leading to a critical need to secure and protect safe hyperspace routes for troop movement.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)
- *In the wake of the Battle of Geonosis, Jedi Master Eeth Koth is briefly believed to have been killed when his gunship was shot down during the battle. However, he has survived and returns to active duty and is put in command of the Republic Star Destroyer Steadfast.*
(conjecture based on *Ultimate Star Wars*)
- *In the wake of the Battle of Geonosis, Jedi Master Depa Billaba must deal with the loss of her sister, fellow Jedi Sar Labooda, during the battle.*
(conjecture based on *Ultimate Star Wars*)
- *In the wake of the Battle of Geonosis, clonetrooper Commander Ponds (CC-6454) has earned the respect of Jedi Master Mace Windu, leading to Ponds and the AT-RT recon troopers from Lightning Squadron being frequently assigned to work with Windu.*
(conjecture based on *On the Front Lines*)
- *In the wake of the Battle of Geonosis, Jedi Knight Bultar Swan records her thoughts on the battle, and that testimony will find its way into a book on major battles of the last 70 years (or so) in the wake of the Battle of Starkiller Base.*
(conjecture based on *On the Front Lines*)
- *Soon after the Battle of Geonosis, a Republic vessel is shot down by Separatist ships. The clones who survive crashing to Saleucami are killed by enemy droids, except for the clone later known as "Cut Lawquane." Unable to leave Saleucami to rejoin the war, he soon meets and falls in love with a Twi'lek woman, Suu, who already has two kids, Jekk and Shaeeah. He and Suu are married and live on a homestead, where they will remain when they encounter Captain Rex during the first year of the war.*
(conjecture based on *The Deserter*)
- *Shortly after the beginning of the Clone Wars, the Council of Neutral Systems forms. It is an organization for planets who do not wish to take either side in the conflict and will quickly gain a membership of over 1,500 planets. The Council's spokesperson will be the Duchess Satine Kryze of Mandalore (of the New Mandalorians), daughter of former Duke Adonai Kryze.*
(conjecture based on *The Mandalore Plot* and *Build the Millennium Falcon*)
- *Shortly after the Battle of Geonosis, the planet Raxus Secundus takes the Separatists' side in the conflict.*
(conjecture based on *Heroes on Both Sides*)
- *Shortly after the beginning of the Clone Wars, Kamino is able to use its influence in the war (i.e. production of the clone army) to bargain for a seat in the Senate. The planet receives its place in the Senate, and its first senator is Halle Burtoni.*
(conjecture based on *Senate Murders*)
- *As the Clone Wars begin, the Defiance Flight Training Institute is brought under the umbrella of the Republic Navy. Its founder and operator, Pell Baylo, is given a line officer rank.*
(conjecture based on *Orientation*)
- *Early in the Clone Wars, Jedi Master Kit Fisto's war duties require him to separate from his*

Padawan, Nahdar Vebb, who must finish his last short while before his Jedi Trials without Kit there to train him.

(conjecture based on *Lair of Grievous*)

- *Early in the Clone Wars, Tee Watt Kaa leads a group of Lurmen to the planet Felucia, where they settle a colony, seeking to get away from the Clone Wars conflict and remain pacifists for the duration of the struggle.*
(conjecture based on *Jedi Crash*)
- *Early in the Clone Wars, Anakin Skywalker is promoted to the rank of full Jedi Knight.*
(conjecture based on *Cat and Mouse*)
- *Early in the Clone Wars, Obi-Wan Kenobi is promoted to the rank of Jedi Master and joins the Jedi Council.*
(conjecture based on *Cat and Mouse*)
- *Early in the Clone Wars, Supreme Chancellor Sheev Palpatine argues against Republic propaganda art that depicts Jedi heroics in wartime (such as Byno Doubton's Jedi Unite for Peace, produced for COMPOR), citing the Jedi Order's ongoing discomfort with a military role. Little do they know that this is an effort to keep public support for the Jedi, rather than the Grand Army of the Republic, at a minimum in the lead-up to the eventual execution of Order 66. The Separatists, however, have no qualms about portraying the Jedi as monsters in their own propaganda (such as Mashenu Phobi's Deliver Us from Jedi Evil), which serves the Sith's goals as well. Meanwhile, artwork depicting clonetroopers was expected to only depict them with their helmets on, so as not to overly humanize these supposedly disposable soldiers.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)
- *During the Clone Wars, there are few military posts to be filled by beings other than clonetroopers, which makes an appeal for volunteers as a means of patriotic support for the war effort somewhat inappropriate. Instead, much Republic propaganda art focuses on urging citizens to buy war bonds (such as Buy Republic War Bonds by Janyor of Bith), promoting energy and resource conservation policies, such as reduced speeder speeds on Coruscant (as in the case of Assure Our Victory! By Narglatch AirTech Art Department artist Simeon Densend), or urging citizens to report black marketers (as in the case of an unknown artist's Black Market that claimed that "Shadowy dealings only benefit those who operate from the shadows: our enemies!").*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)
- *Early in the Clone Wars, Christophis falls to the Separatists. This gives them a port on the Corellian Run. In anticipation of a Republic counterattack, the Separatists bring in an armada of 30 ships under Admiral Trench and ground forces under General Whorm Loathsom.*
(conjecture based on *On the Front Lines*)
- *Early in the Clone Wars, Jedi Master Shaak Ti is assigned to lead clonetrooper training on Kamino, alongside contracted bounty hunters like El-Les and Bric.*
(conjecture based on *Clone Cadet*)
- *Early in the Clone Wars, the Citadel prison on Lola Sayu is captured by the Separatists, who put Osi Sobeck in charge of the facility. The Republic begins using a training simulation based on the Citadel as a "graduation" exercise for new clonetroopers.*
(conjecture based on *The Citadel and Clone Cadets*)
- *Early in the Clone Wars, King Ramsis Dendup of Onderon decides not to choose a side in the conflict, remaining neutral despite being part of the Republic.*
(conjecture based on *A War on Two Fronts*)
- *Early in the Clone Wars, the Republic decides that Geonosis is of little strategic value and its droid factories cannot be easily transformed to create war goods for the Grand Army of the Republic, so very few resources are allotted for the occupation of the planet. As a result, the Geonosians reclaim control of Geonosis in a matter of months (likely with the aid of brain worms).*
(conjecture based on *Brain Invaders* and *On the Front Lines*)
- *Early in the Clone Wars, the Separatists take control of Antar 4, causing many of the native Gotals to leave for their colony on Atzerri, while Koorivar, Gossams, and other Separatist groups begin moving to Antar 4, which is briefly a headquarters for Count Dooku. Loyalist Koorivars and Gotals join with covert Republic Intelligence advisers on the planet to form one of the first resistance movements against the Separatists of the Clone Wars.*
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)

- *Early in the Clone Wars, Anakin Skywalker receives a facial scar, possibly at the hands of Asajj Ventress.*
(conjecture based on *Cat and Mouse*)
 - *Early in the Clone Wars, Asajj Ventress kills Jedi Master Tholme on a mission that Quinlan Vos had been reassigned from by the Jedi Council. Asajj brings Tholme's lightsaber back to Count Dooku for his collection on Raxus.*
(conjecture based on *Dark Disciple*)
 - *Sometime very early in the Clone Wars, Queen Jamillia of Naboo steps down, forcing a new election for the position of Queen of Naboo, approximately two years before such an election should take place. The very young Neeyutnee is elected as Queen of Naboo.**
(conjecture based on *Blue Shadow Virus**)
- *NOTE: Obviously, Neeyutnee is not queen during AOTC, yet she is the queen as of the first season of TCW. We know that Jamillia was elected after Padmé, and queens on Naboo supposedly are elected for four-year terms. Thus, we can only assume that Jamillia steps down (or dies).**
- *Sometime during the Clone Wars, Queen Neeyutnee of Naboo moves fighter operations out of Theed Palace. This leaves a few N-1 starfighters unattended in the docking bay of the wing in which Qui-Gon Jinn and Obi-Wan Kenobi battle Darth Maul.*
(conjecture based on *Shattered Empire*)
 - *Sometime during the Clone Wars, Nakadia is occupied by Separatist droid forces.*
(conjecture based on *Empire's End*)
 - *Sometime during the Clone Wars, the Separatists come to Oktaro and do great damage to one of its major cities. They are soon driven off by Republic clonetroopers, who then leave the planet at peace. This marks the beginning of the so-called "Dennig-Far" (the "false hope"), as the planet rebuilds, thinking their troubles are over. They rebuild not just physically but spiritually through the teachings of the Mola Oktaro. The parents of Mayv (who will be born at some point during the Dennig-Far) are librarians, but their library was destroyed by the Separatists. They make it their mission to rebuild the central library of the capital city, New Tobura.*
(conjecture based on *The Mighty Chewbacca in the Forest of Fear*)
 - *Sometime during the Clone Wars, Wuher's parents are killed by Separatist battledroids.*
(conjecture based on *We Don't Serve Their Kind here*)
 - *Sometime during the Clone Wars, Separatist invaders come to Mimban. To counter this invasion, the Republic sends the 224th Division (the "Mud Jumpers") to arm and train Mimbanese tribes, such as the Nanth flatlands tribe led by Iasento. They are promised freedom once the Separatists are repelled.*
(conjecture based on *Solo: The Official Guide*)
 - *Sometime during the Clone Wars, artist Dashira Dobeq begins creating propaganda artwork for the Loyalist Committee at the request of Bail Organa.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)
 - *Sometime during the Clone Wars, artist Ansibella Dellu joins the Separatist Parliament and begins monitoring the CIS Shadowfeed into Republic space.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)
 - *Sometime during the Clone Wars, the Separatists will take over a customs clearing station called Lansend 26 and convert it into a staging area.*
(conjecture based on *Thrawn*)
 - *Sometime during the Clone Wars, companies like Chiewab, Merisee Prime, and Fabreth Medical set up major research installations on Iakar. This drives the native Iakaru deeper into the jungle and strain the relationship between offworlders and the locals.*
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)
 - *During the Clone Wars, Lothal experiences a series of droughts and plagues among livestock. The planet reaches out to the Republic for economic and food relief, but their calls for assistance go mostly unanswered due to Coruscant's focus on the Clone Wars.*
(conjecture based on *Nexus of Power*)
 - *General Grievous meets with independent mercenary droid AD-W4 and hires him to run a Separatist operation on Hissrich, since, even though Grievous would prefer to lead the operation (which is sure to draw Jedi) himself, he cannot do so due to the needs of running the entire droid army. (To be continued below . . .)*
(**Mace Windu**)
 - *Shortly before joining Mace Windu's team in their investigation of Hissrich, Jedi Padawan*

Rissa Mano is promoted to the rank of Jedi Knight.

(conjecture based on Mace Windu)

- In the era after the Battle of Geonosis, Mace Windu and Ki-Adi-Mundi discuss how Mace is not particularly fond of the Jedi's new role in the Republic. The Jedi Council gives Mace a new mission. The Separatists are attempting to gain a foothold on the jungle planet Hissrich. Mace is to lead a small team of Jedi, but no clones will accompany them, as they are just to determine the purpose of the Separatist activities there. Mace has chosen his team: Kit Fisto, blind but highly intuitive Prosser Dibs, and masterful pilot and engineer Rissa Mano. They take the Westwind, a ship modified by Rissa in her spare time. They take out the first group of droids they encounter, but they are observed. A droid reports their presence back to the local droid commander, mercenary droid for hire AD-W4. The Jedi then follow a pair of locals into a cave system, where an entire city exists, all lit by the roots of glowing plants coming down from the ceiling. They learn that the locals have captured a damaged droid scout, but it has already contacted AD-W4, who then leads an attack on the city, during which Mace duels AD-W4 directly until the droid escapes. The Jedi realize that droids are pulling up the roots of the plants, which are sources of great energy if one can harness the photosynthesized energy. If the Jedi cannot stop the Separatists, the ecosystem will be devastated, and Hissrich will die. Mace and Rissa continue to fight more droids, and Mace learns (after using Rissa's lightsaber alongside his and returning it to her) that Rissa has named her lightsaber "Marcie." Meanwhile, Kit and Prosser discover and battle a milodon beast underground. At his base, AD-W4 reports to Grievous that Mace is dead, along with the other Jedi, but Grievous demands their lightsabers as trophies (and proof), so AD-W4 sends out droids to find them. Below, Prosser and Kit discover that the roots that the Separatists are taking were keeping the milodon (and presumably others) at bay. They discover many locals dead, killed presumably by the creature now that it could get to them more easily. They reunite with Mace and Rissa at their ship, where Prosser confronts Mace about the deaths, the truth about the energy source existing on the planet, and whether the Jedi Council truly did not know why the Separatists were on Hissrich. He has never agreed with the role of the Jedi in the war, and now he is even more assured of his righteousness. He essentially turns his back on the Jedi Council's instructions and supposed wisdom and draws his lightsaber on Mace, who draws his in return. They duel with both words and lightsabers as Kit and Rissa watch. Prosser intends to leave the Order, which Mace will not allow. He knocks Prosser out so that the Jedi Council can decide his fate. With him subdued on their ship, the other three must stop AD-W4 and the Separatists. They strike first at the base, where Kit battles droids and Mace takes on AD-W4 himself. Rissa joins Kit, but only after completing the other part of her task: sabotaging the ship AD-W4 is about to launch with the booty of this operation. It blows up before leaving the atmosphere. Mace, meanwhile, defeats AD-W4, and when the droid tries to launch its head to escape, he destroys it too. Shortly thereafter, the Jedi Council accepts Mace's report on the situation on Hissrich and notes that troops will soon arrive there to work on cleanup operations and to help the local populace. Of course, the local plants will be taken for study for the war effort. Prosser is charged with attacking Mace, a Republic General, but he is to answer to the Council, not the government. He speaks his peace, referring to the Jedi as tyrants. He is not sentenced to death as he expects but instead to be confined to work in the library in hopes that he will learn something that will quell his anger and frustration. For his part, Prosser believes that the Jedi Order's hubris and that of Mace Windu will be the death of both. Mace then takes a moment to speak with Rissa, acknowledging that hardships are to come, but they must do as they have been trained: trust in the Force, stand in defense of all peoples, and fight when staring into the face of evil.**

(Mace Windu)*

*NOTE: This series contains a continue issue: Yarael Poof is shown among the members of the Jedi Council, which are basically just shown as members as of TPM, rather than post-AOTC.

- Senator Bail Organa of Alderaan has been assisting with a relief effort on the planet Christophis, which is the site of a Separatist push to gain control of its resources. When the Separatists engage in a full blockade of the planet, Bail is stuck there with his group, which is desperate for resources (both for themselves and the people they are there to help.) In space, Anakin Skywalker and Admiral Wullf Yularen, aboard the Resolute, attempt to break the Separatist blockade, but the local Separatist commander, Admiral Trench, has made the blockade resemble the name of his flagship: Invincible. Obi-Wan Kenobi soon arrives with his own Venator-class Star Destroyer (presumably the Negotiator), bringing a secret weapon: a stealth vessel that has a cloaking device. Yularen joins Anakin in taking the stealth ship on a*

mission to slip past the blockade and bring supplies to Bail on the surface. (Yularen signs up when he discovers that Trench is commanding the Separatists. He believed Trench dead at the Battle of Malastare Narrows over a decade earlier, where Yularen lost many men to Trench before the enemy seemingly was destroyed with his ship.) When Anakin ignores concerns about revealing themselves and emerges from cloak to attack Trench's ship and its bombers that are preparing to pound the surface, the chase is on. Trench uses tracking torpedoes to target the stealth ship's magnetic signature, but they are able to lure the torpedoes back to Trench's ship, destroying it (and, they think, Trench with it). Supplies are delivered, and Yularen is now at least begrudgingly approving of some of Anakin's more daring methods.

(Cat and Mouse)

- *Unbeknownst to the Republic for a while, Admiral Trench escapes his ship over Christophsis when it is destroyed by the Republic. He will require several cybernetic implants, but he recovers and returns to the Separatist fleet in the coming months.*
(conjecture based on *The Unknown*)
- *Obi-Wan Kenobi and Anakin Skywalker's forces, including Commander Cody, along with Captain Rex and the 501st, are in the city of Chaleystonia on Christophsis, planning to ambush a large number of Separatist droids to hopefully turn the tide in the struggle for the planet. They are based in two buildings, but somehow the enemy knows where they are. Obi-Wan's building is infiltrated by droids, who attack them. Anakin and his team race to help, even as a gunship heads their way to evacuate them all from the towers. Before escaping, they manage to take the head from a tactical droid, from which they soon learn that the droids knew about their movements prior to their plan going forward. It would seem that they may have a spy in their clone ranks. Cody and Rex sweep through the base, trying to find the traitor, who seems to have left a communicator on in the room when Cody, Rex, and the Jedi discussed the situation. They give chase to the mysterious eavesdropper, but he eludes them. At the same time, Anakin and Obi-Wan head out on speederbikes to go behind enemy lines, but the traitor's eavesdropping has revealed their mission. They arrive at a Separatist base to find Asajj Ventress waiting for them. They duel her, discovering that she has a droid army ready to fully invade the planet, but they are unable to capture her. Instead, she escapes to the Trident, leaving General Whorm Loathsom to deal with the Republic force. Asajj, it seems, has a mission elsewhere . . . Meanwhile, Cody and Rex have discovered a transmission that leads them to the quarters of clonetroopers Slick, Jester, Punch, Sketch, Gus, and Chopper. They question the clones, discovering that Slick is the traitor, as he knows that the Jedi are gone, despite it having been kept secret after the eavesdropped-upon meeting. Slick, however, is already elsewhere in the building, and he blows up the weapons depot and other strategic targets. Rex and Cody head for where Slick is hiding in a nearby vent and pretend to have Rex leave, while a blaster is left sitting within reach. Slick emerges and tries to use the blaster against Cody, but it is deactivated. Rex emerges behind him, and the three clones fight. Slick reveals that he is sick of the war already, and he was to be given his freedom and paid well by Asajj for betraying his brothers and the Jedi. He is bested and taken into custody. As for the Republic forces on Christophsis, they have lost a lot of weapons, but many of their heavier artillery is still safe. The Battle of Christophsis just became a bit more difficult for the Republic . . . **

(The Hidden Enemy)*

*NOTE: This episode makes it clear that Obi-Wan Kenobi and Asajj Ventress have encountered each other before.

- *As our tale begins, Rotta the Hutt, son of Jabba the Hutt, is kidnapped in an effort to manipulate circumstances to bring the Hutts over to the Confederacy of Independent Systems' side in the Clone Wars, which would allow the Separatists to travel important Hutt-controlled routes into the Outer Rim. The plot has been orchestrated by Count Dooku, under orders from Darth Sidious, collaborating with (manipulating) Jabba's uncle, Ziro the Hutt, who wants Jabba out of the way so he can control the Hutt's criminal empire. Not knowing who is responsible for this outrage, Jabba turns to the Republic for help, intending to see how they react to determine whether the Republic might be responsible. When contacted about the kidnapping, Supreme Chancellor Palpatine "decides" to offer the Republic's assistance, against Mace Windu's objections, by sending Anakin Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi to save Rotta. Elsewhere, Anakin (age twenty) is now a full Jedi Knight, no longer Obi-Wan's Padawan, though still working with his mentor. The two Jedi fight with the 501st (of which Anakin is leading Torrent Company with clone Captain Rex, CC-7567) and Republic Fleet forces under Admiral Wulff Yularen, aboard the Resolute, in a pitched battle with Separatist*

droid forces in Crystal City of Chaleydonia on the planet Christophsis. Unfortunately, Yularen's ships have been sent back for supplies, leaving the ground forces stranded and facing daunting odds. When the Jedi arrive aboard the *Resolute* with urgent orders for Obi-Wan and Anakin (to return to Coruscant to be briefed on the Rotta mission), the ship cannot get there fast enough for Yoda's tastes. Instead, a small vessel ferries a messenger (Ahsoka Tano) to Christophsis to meet the Jedi in person. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Clone Wars)*

*NOTE: See note with the rest of the summary below.

- Amid the Battle of Christophsis, Anakin Skywalker considers attachment and how he is now attached to Padmé Amidala as her secret husband. Moreover, he wonders about Obi-Wan Kenobi's request for a new Padawan. Anakin has been reluctant to take a Padawan himself because he does not want to be seen by Obi-Wan as pushing his former Jedi Master aside, yet now Obi-Wan's request for a new Padawan has essentially done the same to Anakin. He is still considering this when a small shuttle bearing Yoda's messenger (Ahsoka Tano) lands nearby. Anakin cannot shake the feeling that his life is about to change. (To be continued below . . .)

(Ahsoka)

Yoda's messenger arrives on the Christophsis battlefield, just as the Republic forces drive back the droid army temporarily, giving them a brief pause in the fighting. The messenger turns out to be a new Padawan, whom Obi-Wan Kenobi thinks is in answer to his own request for a new Padawan, but the Padawan, Ahsoka Tano (age fourteen), is actually there to be Anakin Skywalker's new Padawan Learner. Initially resistant to having a Padawan, Anakin earns the nickname "Skyguy" from Ahsoka, and her attitude earns her the nickname "Snips" (for being "snippy"). She gets to know Captain Rex and the other clones in Torrent Company, though, and slowly comes to understand the nature of combat, following orders, and respect being earned. Together, Anakin and Ahsoka take out a nearby energy field generator, allowing the Republic forces to rout the Separatist droids. In the process, Ahsoka even saves Anakin's life when surrounded by droids (by bringing a wall down over him, using a window hole to save him and destroy the droids around him). Their victory is short-lived, though, as they are met by Yoda, who provides their new orders. Anakin and Ahsoka are to go to Teth to save Rotta, while Obi-Wan will go to Tatooine to practice a bit of diplomacy with Jabba, hoping to gain access to Hutt spacelanes by saving Rotta. Obi-Wan meets with Jabba the Hutt on Tatooine, but Jabba only gives them one day to save his son and prove the Jedi's good intentions. Obi-Wan sets out to rejoin the fleet and back up the forces on Teth. Meanwhile, Anakin, Ahsoka, Captain Rex, and the 501st's Torrent Company arrive on Teth. They find the old monastery where Rotta is said to be held, but they face heavy resistance, which is odd for the Outer Rim. Obviously, the Separatists are protecting something or someone extremely valuable to them. They take heavy losses in working their way up a sheer cliff to the monastery, but they do make it to the top and inside. They are met by 4A-7, Asajj Ventress' spy droid, who pretends to be a helpful caretaker droid. While the clones, led by Rex, face off with droids near the entrance, protecting the mission, Anakin and Ahsoka enter the lower levels of the monastery, discovering Rotta alive but very ill. They might have saved him, only to have him die before they can return him to Jabba. In the process of saving him, Anakin's anger at the Hutts and their role in slavery on Tatooine seeps into his words, as he berates Hutts to Ahsoka. He does not know that he has been recorded. Asajj has 4A-7 edit this recording into what appears to be Anakin and Ahsoka being the actual kidnappers on behalf of the Republic, then they send that footage to Dooku, who is meeting with Jabba, also to weasel his way into spacelane access. The footage angers Jabba, who sides with the Confederacy, wanting Dooku's own agents to retrieve Rotta and bring him the head of the speciesist Anakin. Dooku then orders Asajj to go after Anakin and retrieve Rotta (technically their own prisoner), so that they can return him for Jabba's gratitude. (They will deal with taking out Ziro later if need be. He was just a means to an end.) Inside the monastery on Teth, Torrent Company is reduced to only six survivors. Asajj uses a Force choke to try to pry Anakin's location from Rex, but he does not break. Instead, she pursues Anakin into the monastery, even as Anakin has R2-D2 jacking into the monastery's computers to find another way out (since it used to be a Hutt base after being a monastery, so it may have secret exits). They nearly escape, but their evac gunship is destroyed by a droid starfighter, leaving them to face Asajj and her droids. They manage to escape when Anakin tames a huge insect creature, which carries them to safety (with R2-D2 following on his rockets and Rotta, whom they have nicknamed "Stinky," in a backpack on Ahsoka's back). They are intending to go

back to save Rex and his men, who are now back outside fighting more droids, but the arrival of Obi-Wan and his forces, under clone Commander Cody, saves the few remaining troopers. That leaves Anakin, Ahsoka, Rotta, and R2-D2 to steal a nearby ship, the beaten-up Twilight, to make their way up to the Resolute. They run into the "caretaker" 4A-7 at the ship, but he reveals his true colors (first noticed by Ahsoka) and is destroyed when trying to capture them. Our heroes escape aboard the Twilight, tending to Rotta's illness with medical equipment aboard, but a blast to the Resolute's hangar bay makes landing aboard impossible. They instead have to jump to hyperspace and head for Tatooine alone. Even as they are escaping, Obi-Wan enters the monastery to look for them. He finds himself facing off with Asajj, whom he duels fiercely. When Asajj realizes that Rotta is gone (and Dooku will not be pleased), she abandons the fight, escaping by leaping onto a droid starfighter. Soon, the Twilight emerges over Tatooine, but it is set upon by starfighters flown by General Grievous' MagnaGuards. They are forced to crash land on Tatooine. Sensing Dooku coming for them, Ahsoka is sent to Jabba's palace with Rotta, even as Anakin (with a fake backpack full of rocks on his back) waits for Dooku. Anakin duels the Separatist leader, but when Dooku "discovers" the obvious ruse and taunts Anakin that Ahsoka is even now being set upon by MagnaDroids, Anakin is unsure what to believe. He leaps aboard Dooku's speeder and races for Jabba's palace. Once there, he is nearly put to death, but he tells Jabba that this was all a Separatist plot. He wants to go back out to hunt for Ahsoka and bring her and Rotta back, but it proves unnecessary. Ahsoka has defeated or escaped the MagnaGuards and arrives with Rotta, safe and sound. Unfortunately, this may clear the Republic's name to an extent, but there is still the matter of the recording of Anakin spouting off about Hutts. Anakin is still to be killed. Luckily, Anakin's secret wife, Padmé Amidala, has not been idle during all of this. Having arrived to meet with Supreme Chancellor Palpatine just as Palpatine was meeting with Yoda, Padmé learned of Anakin's mission and went to visit Jabba's uncle Ziro as a means of hopefully finding a way to work some diplomacy to help resolve the crisis. While there, Padmé and C-3PO overhear Ziro in discussions with Dooku. When she is captured as a spy, clone troopers under Commander Fox save her. Just in time to save Anakin, Padmé contacts Jabba, and Ziro makes a full confession to his nephew, foiling the Separatist plot entirely. As our tale ends, Jabba and Rotta have been reunited happily, the Republic has access to Hutt spacelanes, and Anakin has formed a new bond with his new Padawan, young Ahsoka Tano.

(The Clone Wars)*

*NOTE: This movie was originally meant to be four episodes: *The New Padawan*; *Castle of Deception*; *Castle of Doom*; and *Castle of Salvation*. *Galactic Maps* puts this episode in 22 - 21 BBY, which is correct (unlike so many TCW dates in that book.)

- *In the wake of the Battle of Christophsis, Republic High Command sees the success of single or small numbers of Jedi leading large numbers of clonetroopers as a model by which to organize Grand Army of the Republic actions in the future. The Separatists see this lesson as well and begin working on creating "Jedi-proof" biological weapons, such as the Defoliator and Blue Shadow Virus. The Republic hides the actions of turncoat clonetrooper Slick to maintain morale and avoid giving other clones ideas about thinking for themselves. The Separatists also use General Obi-Wan Kenobi's "conditional surrender" as evidence of Republic duplicity. Going forward, neither side will be willing to trust the other enough for conditional surrenders.*
(conjecture based on *On the Front Lines*)
- *In the wake of the Battle of Christophsis (or at some point in the future before his death), Senator Bail Organa records his thoughts on the battle, and that testimony will find its way into a book on major battles of the last 70 years (or so) in the wake of the Battle of Starkiller Base.*
(conjecture based on *On the Front Lines*)
- *On Kamino, Jedi Master Shaak Ti supervises the training of new clonetroopers, alongside bounty hunters hired to train the clones. Among those hunters are El-Les and Bric. Domino Squad (consisting of five clones, later referred to by the nicknames Hevy, Droidbait, Echo, Cutup, and Fives) seems to be failing in their training, as they cannot complete the "citadel test" (based on the Jedi prison known as the Citadel) due to not working together. Bric, considering the squad rather pathetic, thinks they should simply be relegated to maintenance duties with other washouts like the failed clone 99 (who, due to an error in cloning, looks like an old man). ARC troopers, including Commander Colt, arrive to oversee the final tests and clone "graduation" shortly thereafter, and Bravo Squad aces the final test, whereas Domino Squad might not even get to take the test. El-Les, however, argues for letting them have their*

chance the next day. Over the hours that follow, though, Domino Squad starts to fall apart. Fives and Echo try to get Shaak Ti to let them join Bravo Squad, Cutup is berated by Bric and is tempted toward a fight with the hunter that he narrowly avoids (he earns the "Cutup" nickname during the conversation), and Hevy (who gets his nickname from 99 during these events) nearly goes AWOL until 99 convinces him not to do so. On 99's advice about brotherhood and teamwork, Hevy takes command of Domino Squad during their training exercise, and the clones pass, even though Bric tries to sabotage their efforts (which Shaak Ti isn't exactly happy about, but she lets it go because the Separatists won't play fair either). Domino Squad is given medals to denote their graduation, and Hevy, owing their success to 99, gives the "failed" but wise clone his medal. Domino Squad is ready for action . . .

(Clone Cadets)

- Under the leadership of Techno Union Foreman Emir Wat Tambor, Separatist forces invade Ryloth, setting up a blockade over the planet.
(conjecture based on Storm Over Ryloth and Supply Lines)
- With Ryloth invaded by the Separatists, Jedi Master Ima-Gun Di, clone leader Captain Keeli, and local Twi'lek leader Cham Syndulla are attempting to hold them off, but their supplies are running dangerously low. When Admiral Dao and his Republic force fighting the Separatist blockade cannot render assistance, the Jedi Council asks their ally Senator Bail Organa to meet with King Katuunko on Toydaria in hopes of setting up a supply route using the planet. Jar Jar Binks is sent along to help. However, upon arrival, they find Lott Dod there, arguing to Katuunko that the Republic's "humanitarian" assistance would actually be seen as Toydaria siding with the Republic in the war, whereas they have thus far remained neutral. Thus, during a special dinner, Jar Jar distracts Lott Dod and others, while a secret supply mission is carried out via Toydaria (with Katuunko's secret approval), right under Lott Dod's nose. However, all is not well. The supplies do reach Ryloth, but both Keeli and Di are killed, and the Jedi are not likely to send more aid any time soon. Thus, Cham and his resistance are on their own for now, and Cham will slowly grow resentful of the lack of further Jedi assistance. As for Katuunko, he is now willing to meet with Yoda to discuss joining with the Republic in the war.

(Supply Lines)

- On Rugosa, Asajj Ventress (and, via holocomm from the Malevolence, Count Dooku) confront Toydarian King Katuunko about his secret meeting with Yoda that should happen at any minute. Dooku tries to convince Katuunko to form ties with the Separatists instead of the Republic, which wants to build a base on Toydaria. To convince Katuunko of the Republic's weakness, he has his ships attack Yoda's diplomatic vessel, forcing it to crash land. Once on the ground, Yoda and the clonetroopers Thire, Rys, and Jek make their way through Asajj's hordes of battle droids. Seeing Yoda's prowess, Katuunko tells Dooku that he is siding with the Republic. Given Asajj's promise that Yoda would get a fair fight, which he did not, Katuunko will not deal with someone who is so untrustworthy. When Asajj tries to kill Katuunko so he can be replaced, Yoda catches her arms in mid-swing with the Force, leaving her no choice but to escape. The Republic will get its base on Toydaria.

(Ambush)

- Dozens of Republic ships come under attack by a mysterious Separatist superweapon (the Malevolence), with no survivors left to report what carried out the attacks. The Jedi Council sends Jedi Master Plo Koon to hunt down this new menace.*
(conjecture based on Rising Malevolence)*

*NOTE: Plo Koon getting the job of hunting down the *Malevolence* is mentioned in the opening narration of the episode, but it was originally covered in the *Shakedown* webcomic that is not part of Story Group Canon, just Legends Continuity.

- While Anakin Skywalker's battle group is in the Bith system, the *Triumphant*, under Plo Koon and Commander Wolffe, is patrolling the Abregado system. Both groups are hunting for the Separatist's new mystery weapon, the starship *Malevolence*, which bears a massive ion cannon. When the *Triumphant* is attacked by the *Malevolence*, the ship is destroyed, leaving Plo and several clones (Wolffe, Sinkler, and Boost) to float adrift in an escape pod. While Anakin wishes to search for survivors, the Jedi Council orders them to protect Republic convoys. Anakin orders that they split their efforts, allowing him and Ahsoka to take the *Twilight* to "scout" near the wreckage of the *Triumphant* to search for survivors. Obi-Wan Kenobi, aboard the *Negotiator*, is not happy with this decision, but they do not rejoin the other escorts just yet, despite a message directly from Palpatine. Ahsoka is close to Plo Koon, and she senses him in the Force at the last minute. They manage to save Plo and the clones from

a Separatist Pod Hunter in the nick of time. Grievous, having learned of the activity in the debris field, returns with the Malevolence. Plo has reported the vessel's ion cannon weapon to Anakin, and they need to get that information to the Republic. Unfortunately, the Malevolence is jamming their communications, as it had with the Triumphant. Dooku wants no witnesses to the Malevolence or its secret weapon. The Twilight is powered down to keep from detection, but when the medical droid helping the clones is detected, the Malevolence bears down. They power up the Twilight and are able to escape by the skin of their teeth, thanks to R2-D2 plotting escape coordinates. They leap to hyperspace just before the large purple energy wave of the ion cannon can overtake them. Grievous has failed, and now the Republic knows what they are up against . . . *

(Rising Malevolence)*

*NOTE: This episode was originally aired in a regular version, then re-released as an extended director's cut within *The Clone Wars: The Complete Season One* on DVD and Blu-Ray. The extended version features a few extended cuts and some new material. After being told to speak only when spoken to, Ahsoka now asks, "Don't I always?" When Dooku says he wants all of the lifepods destroyed, we stay on the bridge for a moment to hear a battledroid laughing sadistically at the idea. There is an entirely new scene of Obi-Wan (with Cody) speaking with Yularen ship-to-ship inserted immediately after the first commercial break. When Obi-Wan contacts the *Twilight*, Ahsoka now follows her line "Incoming transmission, Master" with a second line: "I think someone noticed we're gone." After telling Obi-Wan that they are in the Abregado System, Obi-Wan now says, "A rescue mission, I suppose" before his original line, "You had other orders." After Plo Koon orders the clones to put their helmets on, we now stay in that scene a moment for lines about their possibilities of survival. A new shot of the *Twilight* entering the debris field follows Ahsoka asking why they've not found anything yet. In the battle with the droids atop the pod, the droids now say "What's a Jedi doing here?" after the "Hey" that is in the original aired episode, and a droid orders the others to "Take cover!" Just before the droids put the squeeze on the pod, a clone has a new line: "I can't get a clear shot." When Wolffe hears Ahsoka's message, it now repeats again before he reacts. Lastly, the last line from Ahsoka in the original cut (and in subtitles on the director's cut) says, "Right beside you, Master," but the director's cut dialogue has Ahsoka saying, "Right beside you, Skyguy." (Note that you can see a scene by scene comparison of these changes in my *From the Star Wars Home Video Library* series on YouTube.)

- *Aboard the Resolute, Anakin Skywalker and Admiral Wulff Yularen reveal their new plan: Shadow Squadron, led by Anakin, will use their newly-acquired Y-wing bombers to strike the Malevolence, taking out its bridge (and possibly Grievous with it). Meanwhile, Grievous, having just carried out another attack in the Ryndellia system, intends to take out the Kaliida Shoals Med Station, in order to keep the Republic from treating its injured clones. Upon learning of the attack at Ryndellia, our heroes deduce the next target and race to use a shortcut (which the Resolute itself cannot take) to get to the Malevolence with the Y-wings first. Yularen informs the medical station's administrator, Nala Se, of the attack, while Obi-Wan Kenobi contacts nearby Naboo. Together, they begin coordinating an evacuation, just in case Grievous manages to get there first. As Obi-Wan's Negotiator heads for the station in hyperspace, Shadow Squadron flies through the Balmorra Run, evading neebray mantas, before emerging near the medical station. They engage the Malevolence, which has just arrived as well, but much of the squadron is decimated, killing several clones, including Matchstick and Tag. With this strategy of a bridge attack not working, Anakin's squadron (at Ahsoka's urging) changes its strategy. They strike the ion cannon just as it is firing, causing it to backfire, crippling the Malevolence, which limps away from the battle. Shadow Squadron heads for the Kaliida Shoals Med Station, victorious but having suffered heavy losses, while Obi-Wan's Negotiator gives chase to the Malevolence . . . **

(Shadow of Malevolence)

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- *Luminara Unduli engages Separatist reinforcements for the Malevolence near Naboo, forcing her to opt out of rejoining Obi-Wan Kenobi and Anakin Skywalker to chase the Malevolence itself.*
(conjecture based on *Destroy Malevolence*)
- *Anakin Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi's forces (with Plo Koon, Admiral Wulff Yularen, Ahsoka Tano, etc.) give chase to General Grievous' Malevolence. Under fire, Grievous is*

contacted by Count Dooku, who tells him that they have arranged a trap. Padmé Amidala (identified only as an important senator) is traveling nearby for him to capture and use as a bargaining chip. When Padmé's starship comes out of hyperspace right in front of the Malevolence, the ship is taken aboard, carrying both Padmé and C-3PO. Seeing her captured (while communicating via holocomm), Anakin is shocked, but Padmé tells them all that they should still destroy the Malevolence. Instead, Anakin orders the attack stopped. For her part, Padmé knows it has been a trap, but she does not seem to believe it was Palpatine's trap. (She likely blames it on the Banking Clan for making false overtures of a separate peace.) She overloads her ship's power system, and she and C-3PO make their way into the bowels of the Malevolence, where a series of mag-lev style trains carry passengers throughout its rather large interior. Grievous checks out the ship, but it explodes just as he escapes it. He now recognizes that they have intruders (er, surviving intended prisoners?) aboard. Elsewhere, Anakin, Obi-Wan, and R2-D2 take the Twilight and head for the Malevolence, sneaking in through its emergency airlock while its sensors are damaged. As they board, Ahsoka and Plo contact Luminara Unduli, who will be arriving with reinforcements soon. Guided by Ahsoka's scans from the Republic fleet, Anakin and Obi-Wan (with R2-D2 left at the ship) seek to rendezvous with Padmé, but Grievous begins tracking their transmissions to each other. When nearly captured by droids, Padmé and C-3PO are forced to leap onto the top of a moving train. Anakin and Obi-Wan, finally arriving, do the same, even as Grievous and his droids arrive. Anakin uses the Force to save Padmé with a well-timed jump, and Obi-Wan tries to reclaim C-3PO, who ends up having to be rescued by R2-D2 (who shuts down the train he's "on"). Obi-Wan, for his part, is surrounded by droids, then Grievous, whom he is forced to duel aboard the top of more trains. Anakin and Padmé make it to the bridge, where he sabotages the Malevolence. Obi-Wan escapes Grievous, while Padmé and Anakin reunite with the droids and head for the Twilight. Under fire, Obi-Wan arrives, and they all escape, informing the Republic fleet that the Malevolence is now clear. Grievous, of course, once again takes to his Soulless One and escapes (but at least this time he is trying to destroy the Twilight, rather than just running for it). When the droids aboard the Malevolence activate the sabotaged hyperdrive, the navicomputer sends the supership directly into the nearby moon, destroying the Malevolence utterly, while Grievous escapes the area. This particular Separatist superweapon is down for the count, but there will be others.

(Destroy Malevolence)

- With the loss of the Malevolence, General Grievous makes the Invisible Hand his new flagship.
(conjecture based on *Ultimate Star Wars*)
- At this point, quite a few clonetroopers are forced into service before their extensive training is fully complete.
(conjecture based on *Rookies*)
- Weeks prior to Captain Rex and Commander Cody's inspection of the Rishi moon outpost, Clone Intelligence reports that General Grievous is near Balmorra. After that, Intel loses track of him.
(conjecture based on *Rookies*)
- At this point, the "Mud-jumpers" of the 224th are engaged in battle on Mimban.
(conjecture based on *Rookies*)
- On the Rishi moon, a group of clonetroopers (known during training as Domino Squad) grows restless. They are relatively new clones, including Droidbait, Fives, Echo, Cutup, and Hevy. They are under the command of Sergeant O'Niner, who reminds them that they are a vital outpost in keeping Kamino safe from Separatist attack. When a faked meteor shower actually brings invading Separatist droid commandos, the commandos seize the outpost, killing O'Niner and several others (including Droidbait), leaving only Fives, Echo, Cutup, and Hevy to escape. They are unable to get out a distress call, which means that two more clones will soon enter the fray: Captain Rex and Commander Cody, who are en route for a routine inspection. Alone and outnumbered, the quartet of rookie clones tries to make plans to somehow retake the base, when Cutup is snatched up by a huge Rishi eel, killing him. When Rex and Cody arrive, finding the responses of the "clones" at the base (droid commandos in clone armor) a bit fishy, they are attacked by the droids. They manage to escape, however, and link up with the three remaining rookies. The clones turn the tables on the droids by taking out one and posing as a droid in armor, using the droid's head to fool the droids inside.

They are able to then enter and retake the base in a firefight. When General Grievous arrives in the system, though, they realize that they are again heavily outnumbered. They cannot, however, leave the base in Separatist hands. They rig liquid tibanna to destroy the base, but when Hevy remains to cover their escape, he is forced to detonate the tibanna manually, sacrificing himself to destroy the base. With the base destroyed, its signal to the Republic (which was continuously broadcasting an "all clear" message) is disrupted, alerting the Republic to trouble. The Resolute's fleet jumps into the system, forcing the Separatists to retreat. As for the remaining rookies (Echo and Fives), Rex welcomes them into the 501st.

(Rookies)*

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- *The Republic is defeated in several major battles by General Grievous' Separatist fleet, including a loss for the Republic at Falleen.*
(conjecture based on *Downfall of a Droid*)
- *Anakin Skywalker has decided to keep his battle group at Bothawui, intending to beat General Grievous at his own game. At Bothawui, Grievous plunges his forces through the asteroid field, intending to strike at Anakin's battle group. Anakin, leading forces in starfighters, draws Grievous' forces in, as the battle group, led by Wulf Yularen, with Ahsoka Tano, on the Resolute, waits as tempting targets. As Grievous' ships pass several asteroids, AT-TEs on the asteroids blast them from behind, dealing a major blow to Grievous' own fleet. Grievous escapes aboard Soulless One, pursued by Anakin in his Jedi Starfighter, but his starfighter is damaged, causing him to black out. Anakin is rescued, but R2-D2 has been lost with the starfighter. Shocked by the droid's loss, Anakin vows to find his old droid friend. Anakin reports back to Obi-Wan Kenobi after the engagement, revealing that R2-D2 has been lost. Obi-Wan tries to convince him that R2-D2 can be replaced, but Anakin reveals that R2-D2 has sensitive data in his memory that Anakin never erased, thus making retrieving R2-D2 a priority. They search for the droid (without Anakin having a replacement droid yet), to no avail. At the Allanteen VI shipyards, aboard the Resolute, Ahsoka presents Anakin with his replacement droid, R3-S6, also known as "Goldie." Ahsoka finds it amusing that Gold Leader of Gold Squadron has a golden droid, but Anakin does not wish to see R2-D2 replaced. While again searching wreckage around Bothawui in the Twilight, they discover Anakin's wrecked starfighter, but R2-D2 is not aboard. They spot the scavenger vessel Vulture's Claw, piloted by Gha Nachkt. They go aboard, pretending to be trying to purchase an R2 unit. When Gha allows them to look in his hold to check, they sneak around a bit, only for Goldie to "accidentally" activate the power and bring two IG-86 Sentinels back to life, forcing them to battle the droids. Anakin then threatens Gha, but Ahsoka calms him and convinces him to leave. Little do they know that Gha was lying, and he has R2-D2 aboard, intending to sell the droid to General Grievous. Obi-Wan contacts Anakin and Ahsoka to tell them that the Separatists have a new listening post somewhere. They are tasked with finding it. Anakin, though, is still preoccupied with trying to somehow find R2-D2. Anakin takes his Jedi starfighter and patrols separate from the rest of the battle group, hoping to sneak around Grievous' attention. R2-S6 (Goldie) activates his beacon and dumps his ammunition, alerting Grievous and leaving him in dire straits. Ahsoka, arriving with Rex and other clones aboard the Twilight, saves the day. They escape, but there is something not right about Goldie.*

(Downfall of a Droid)

- *Soon, Gha Nachkt's Vulture's Claw nears Ruusan (and thus Skytop Station) to deliver R2-D2 to General Grievous. Meanwhile, Anakin Skywalker, Ahsoka Tano, Rex, and R3-S6 (Goldie) are aboard the Twilight, searching for the listening post. When they intercept a transmission that R2-D2 manages to make from captivity, they gain an indication of where the listening post might be. (Anakin simply hopes R2-D2 is at the listening post, since it means he can continue seeking R2-D2 without defying orders.) Upon arrival at Skytop, Gha delivers R2-D2*

and then begins to dismantle the droid to learn whatever Republic military secrets the droid holds. Discovering Skytop Station, Anakin reports to Obi-Wan Kenobi, who wants him to wait to strike the station, but when Obi-Wan learns R2-D2 and his secrets are aboard, he orders them to sneak aboard and protect those secrets instead. The infiltration team drops from the Twilight onto the station, led by an overeager Ahsoka. Inside, Gha discovers the secrets in R2-D2, but when he tries to get higher pay from Grievous, the general kills him. As our heroes infiltrate the station (with Anakin going off on his own to find R2-D2), Goldie contacts General Grievous. All of his malfunctions were not malfunctions at all. Instead, he is a droid spy for Grievous. As the mission continues, Goldie alerts more droids when “trying to open a door” for them. Grievous arrives and attacks, nearly killing Rex before Ahsoka can draw him off. As Anakin sees and races to rescue a reassembled R2-D2, Ahsoka hides from Grievous, drawing him away from the 501st, so they can complete their mission to take out the station. When Goldie reveals Ahsoka’s location to Grievous, she sees it, realizing they have been double-crossed. Anakin reclaims R2-D2, then they head for the landing bay to rejoin with the others, but when they arrive, Goldie is there (ordered to delay them), but Ahsoka is nowhere to be seen. Grievous holds Ahsoka’s lightsaber to her face, intending to kill her, but when Anakin orders Rex to set off their explosives, the explosion gives Ahsoka enough of a distraction to use the saber against Grievous’ own arm, freeing her. Grievous races to Soulless One to escape the station’s impending doom, while our heroes (with Ahsoka now rejoining them) are trapped within the hangar with a locked door. R2-D2 is sent to find a terminal to open the door, but he is confronted by Goldie. R2-D2 opens the door, allowing the Twilight to escape. The two droids duel with their various tools, until R2-D2 sends Goldie falling off into the atmosphere to his doom. As the station nears its end, Anakin returns with his starfighter to rescue R2-D2, and they fly into the distance as Skytop Station is destroyed. Obi-Wan is not pleased that Anakin would risk so much for a droid he is attached to, but Anakin reiterates to Ahsoka that R2-D2 is more than a droid. He is a friend . *

(Duel of the Droids)*

***NOTE: *Downfall of a Droid* and *Duel of the Droids* were meant to be the first two episodes of *The Clone Wars*. Shortly before airing, the order was changed, and these episodes became numbers six and seven, respectively. This episode is also notable because it is the first encounter between Ahsoka and Grievous.**

- Sometime shortly before being reunited with Kit Fisto on Vassek, Kit’s former Padawan, Nahdar Vebb, passes his Jedi Trials and is promoted to the rank of Jedi Master.
(conjecture based on *Lair of Grievous*)
- Rodian ships are destroyed by pirates, even as Rodians on Rodia go hungry because of war diverting resources from the planet. Trade Federation Viceroy Nute Gunray approaches Senator Onaconda Farr with an offer of generous aid for Rodia in return for Farr helping trap Padmé Amidala for him.
(conjecture based on *Bombad Jedi*)
- At the request of Senator Onaconda Farr, an old family friend, Senator Padmé Amidala (with C-3PO and Jar Jar Binks at her side) travels to Farr’s homeworld of Rodia to ensure that Rodia remains loyal to the Republic. When she arrives, she finds that Rodia has broken ties with the Republic to secretly join the Separatists, who have promised to provide much-needed supplies for the starving populace that the Republic could not spare. When Farr orders her arrested and held for Viceroy Nute Gunray to claim personally, droids are sent to take anyone else on Padmé’s yacht. Jar Jar’s bumbling saves him and C-3PO (but destroys the ship), and they plan a rescue of Padmé, using Jedi robes (Anakin’s, we would assume) to help Jar Jar keep a low profile. While they slink around, Nute arrives. Nute’s droids notice Jar Jar in the Jedi robes and believe him to be a Jedi. Jar Jar escapes into the water, even as Padmé frees herself and C-3PO from custody. Padmé decides to turn the tables on the Separatists by capturing Nute Gunray, even as Nute reveals his intentions to execute Padmé to Farr. Our heroes are able to send out a distress signal, but they are again captured. Luckily, Jar Jar the Jedi arrives, bluffing the Separatists until a newly-befriended sea creature from the depths (a kwazel maw) emerges and helps him save the day. Nute attempts to flee, but the creature pushes his ship off the landing platform into the ocean, leaving Nute to be captured by Padmé . . . who is immediately held at gunpoint by Farr. Farr, though, is with the Republic. Padmé reveals that he had secretly been working with the Republic, never intending to side with the Separatists (though this is just a face-saving excuse on Padmé’s behalf, rather than the truth). With Nute Gunray now in custody, Rodia will get the supplies it needs from the Republic. One major Separatist leader is, at least for now, down for the count. *

(Bombad Jedi)*

*NOTE: This episode was originally to take place before the *Malevolence* episodes, which would have made the destruction of Padmé's ship, seen in *Destroy Malevolence*, a bit strange. Interestingly, though, Leland Chee has told fans that Padmé's ship is not unique, so she could easily replace one if destroyed. *Galactic Maps* puts this episode in 22 - 21 BBY, which is correct (unlike so many TCW dates in that book.)

- *Viceroy Nute Gunray, captured on Rodia, is transferred to the Tranquility, where he is held by Captain Faro Argyus and his Senate Commando team. The Jedi Council sends Jedi Master Luminara Unduli and Anakin Skywalker's Padawan, Ahsoka Tano, to the Tranquility to see Nute safely to Coruscant. They arrive with clonetrooper Commander Gree without incident, but Darth Tyranus has sent Asajj Ventress to rescue Nute or execute him to ensure his silence. Aboard the Tranquility, Nute is interrogated by the Jedi. Luminara tries to use his own self-interest against him, but Ahsoka threatens him, losing her temper. Luminara is forced away, though, when Separatist ships emerge nearby and a group of Super Battle Droids, led by Asajj, boards the ship. Asajj reaches the cell, duels Ahsoka, and frees Nute, who locks Ahsoka inside the cell in his place. Luminara arrives just in time to stop the rescue, but Asajj has planted explosives on the ship's generators. She detonates them, damaging the ship and allowing her to escape. Luminara gives chase, leaving Ahsoka behind, but Argyus subtly prompts Ahsoka to go to Luminara's aid. She arrives in time to save Luminara from doom at Asajj's hands, but Asajj again escapes. Back at the cell, Argyus turns on his fellow commandos (and Gree), freeing Nute Gunray on promises of a rich reward from Count Dooku. He was working for the Separatists and biding his time to free Nute. Gree subdues Argyus, but then Nute sneakily knocks out Gree, allowing Nute and Argyus to reach the small Republic vessel that Luminara and Ahsoka had used to reach the Tranquility. Back aboard the larger ship, Asajj uses an escape pod to flee, allowing her to link up with the other Separatist escapees. Asajj, though, refuses to share credit for the rescue with the arrogant Argyus and runs him through. Aboard the Tranquility, Luminara and Ahsoka report back to both Yoda and Anakin. They know that they can track Nute Gunray by tracking the Republic ship. Luminara will remain aboard the Tranquility, but Ahsoka will head out to rendezvous with Anakin, as they prepare to have Jedi Master Kit Fisto's forces chase down their escaped prisoner.*

(Cloak of Darkness)

- *Viceroy Nute Gunray's stolen Republic vessel has been tracked to Vassek. Both Kit Fisto (in a Jedi starfighter) and his former Padawan, the Mon Cala Nahdar Vebb, have reached Vassek. Reunited on the surface to fight side-by-side as true Jedi, Kit and Nahdar enter a mysterious castle belonging to General Grievous. Nute Gunray is not actually there, though. Instead, a hologram of Nute and some bluffing droids make it appear that he is. Instead, this is a trap that has been set for the Jedi and their clones (sort of – more like they are bait for Grievous). When Nute's hologram vanishes, Kit and Nahdar are addressed by a holographic message from Dooku. They are offered a greater prize than Nute and finally realize whose castle they are in when they come upon statues of Grievous in his earlier Kaleesh form and find parts to his cybernetic body. Grievous, meanwhile, has been contacted by Dooku, who suggests that he has lost his edge. Grievous heads for Vassek at this challenge. When Grievous arrives aboard Soulless One, he battles the Jedi and ends up losing his lower legs to lightsaber amputation. He simply escapes, though, using his other limbs in insectoid fashion, and retreats to his medical droid, who repairs his legs with spare parts. Kit, meanwhile, is concerned about Nahdar's over-eager nature. He seems to be skirting the Dark Side. Grievous reactivates his MagnaGuards (which had been deactivated for recharge on Dooku's secret order so that Grievous would confront the Jedi alone). The droids destroy Nahdar's clone transport, but Kit's astromech is able to fly the starfighter to safety before it can be destroyed as well. With several clones dead at Grievous hands, the Jedi and remaining clones hunt for Grievous, losing another of their number to a booby trap. Kit, Nahdar, and the remaining clone, Fil, finally reach a fateful confrontation with Grievous' giant enhanced pet, Gor. Fil is killed, but Kit kills Gor. The Jedi soon face Grievous and his droids, but Nahdar is drawn into Dark Side anger. When Kit is separated from Nahdar, the younger Jedi takes out the remaining droids and goes after Grievous himself. While holding Nahdar in a lightsaber lock, Grievous uses one of his other arms to pull a blaster and kill him. Now alone, Kit contacts his astromech (R6-H5) to bring his starfighter to a nearby landing platform. Upon reaching the platform, though, he finds Grievous ready for him. The two duel until Kit, surrounded by Grievous' droids, leaps away to land atop his starfighter. Kit escapes the trap, and Grievous has shown that there is room for improvement in his skills. Shortly thereafter,*

*Kit reports back to Yoda in person on Coruscant. They recognize that there is a danger in a time of war of losing who they are to the conflict, just as Nahdar had.**

(Lair of Grievous)*

*NOTE: As of this episode, Ahsoka is still with Luminara, so they must not have reached the rendezvous with Anakin yet, or, if she was to go alone, which it seemed that she was, then she must not have left yet. This episode was originally aired in a regular version, then re-released as an extended director's cut within *The Clone Wars: The Complete Season One* on DVD and Blu-Ray. The extended version features a few extended cuts and a few extra lines of dialogue, including: several extra lines by the clones as they enter the castle before the "I sense there's something here" line; a bit of dialogue between two droids about whether they've ever killed a Jedi before; a droid immediately thereafter saying "Don't even think about it, Republic dogs" (which the subtitles interpret as "Republic guards"); Nahdar saying "I have a bad feeling about this;" and Grievous asking "Do you hear me?" to Kit twice, instead of just once. Also, as Kit walks out to the landing platform (for the final confrontation with Grievous), the aired version shows only a pair of side-view shots of Kit walking out, whereas the Director's Cut includes a brief shot in between those that shows Kit walking from the front. (Note that you can see a scene by scene comparison of these changes in my *From the Star Wars Home Video Library* series on YouTube.)

- *The Republic manages to locate Count Dooku's ship, confirming him as being aboard. Anakin Skywalker undertakes a daring mission to get aboard the ship and capture Dooku, but contact is lost, and Anakin goes missing. In truth, Anakin's "disappearance" and "capture" by the Separatists is part of Obi-Wan Kenobi's plan. He has come aboard without his lightsaber to make his capture convincing, so that he can get close to Dooku.*

(conjecture based on *Dooku Captured*)

- *Using an EVA suit, Obi-Wan Kenobi infiltrates Count Dooku's Separatist ship where Anakin Skywalker was "captured" while infiltrating on his own a short time before. Obi-Wan frees Anakin from his cell and returns his lightsaber. Anakin knows that Dooku is aboard the ship, and he laments not having been able to do anything about that without his weapon, but not retaining the weapon was necessary to make his capture convincing. They attempt to capture Dooku aboard the ship, but the Sith Lord escapes in his Solar Sailer, forced to make an emergency landing on Vanqor. Anakin and Obi-Wan, having given chase in a transport craft, are also forced to land on Vanqor. Once there, the Jedi search for Dooku in a nearby cave, only to be ambushed. Anakin and Obi-Wan are left trapped in the cave, while Dooku heads back to his ship with Anakin's lightsaber. Unfortunately, Hondo Ohnaka's pirate gang (the "Ohnaka Gang," as it is called) has arrived to salvage Dooku's vessel, and the Separatist leader is captured. He is to be ransomed (either to the Separatists of the Republic, whichever pays better). Obi-Wan and Anakin battle a gundark and then free themselves from the cave, as Ahsoka Tano and several clonetroopers arrive aboard the Twilight. Hondo contacts Palpatine about the ransom, and the Jedi (at the suggestion of Padmé Amidala) divert Obi-Wan and Anakin, aboard the Twilight, to the pirate base on nearby Florrum. Unarmed, they enter as guests and verify that Dooku is indeed in custody. When they confirm this for Palpatine, Senator Kharrus and Representative Jar Jar Binks are dispatched to Florrum with the ransom payment to secure Dooku. Meanwhile, Anakin and Obi-Wan attend a "banquet" with the pirates as a sign of good faith. When the pirates try to drug them with doctored drinks, they simply use the Force to swap drinks with the offending pirates and knock them out, instead of letting themselves be knocked out and captured. Things seem to be going smoothly so far . . .*

(Dooku Captured)

- *Somehow, Hondo Ohnaka's pirates on Florrum are able to drug and capture Anakin Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi.**

(conjecture based on *The Gungan General*)*

*NOTE: They specifically avoid being drugged in *Dooku Captured*, then they still end up drugged by their drinks when *The Gungan General* begins. This was "fixed" by the webcomic *Switch* in Legends Continuity, but without those webcomics in Story Group Canon, the transition between these episodes makes no sense whatsoever, hence needing this presumed event happening.

- *On Florrum, Obi-Wan Kenobi and Anakin Skywalker have been drugged and captured. Now they find themselves in the same cell as their own target, Count Dooku, and the three of them have been tethered together. Elsewhere, Jar Jar Binks and Senator Kharrus have arrived to trade a ransom of spice for Dooku, but Hondo Ohnaka's disloyal right-hand Weequayan, Turk Falso, decides to nab it for himself. He and several other pirates shoot down the ship, leaving Kharrus dead after a crash landing. Now, it is up to Jar Jar and the clonetroopers to save the day. After battling Turk and his goons, they head for Hondo's base, spice in hand. Back at the base, the Jedi and Sith have tried to escape, but they have been recaptured. The Jedi are tortured by Hondo as punishment. When Turk returns, he lies to say that the Republic sent troops to attack them. Pirates head out to attack the Republic "army," only for Jar Jar's*

*bumbling and clone Commander Stone's use of that bumbling to not only stop the pirate assault but also knock out the power to the pirate base. With the power out, Anakin, Obi-Wan, and Dooku escape. Dooku manages to kill Turk and steals a ship, escaping back to the Confederacy of Independent Systems. As for Anakin and Obi-Wan, they hold Hondo at saberpoint, but with Dooku gone, there is no need to make enemies of the pirates. They let Hondo go and leave aboard the newly-arrived Twilight, but not before reminding Hondo that Dooku knows where they are (and he's not nearly as forgiving as the Jedi).**

(The Gungan General)*

***NOTE:** See the event above this summary for info on why its opening makes no sense in Story Group Canon. Oh, and, yes, this pair of episodes refers to the pirates as "Weequayans," not "Weequay."

- *The Resolute races from the Quell system to aid Aayla Secura, whose own battle group is being battered by Separatist battleships. Upon arrival, Anakin Skywalker and Ahsoka Tano board with clonetroopers in an attempt to repel droid boarders aboard Aayla's ship. They manage to defeat the droids, but when the tactical droid in command of the Separatist forces orders the ship blasted to bits, they are barely able to get to the Republic vessel docking for evacuation. Anakin is caught in a fiery blast while Force pushing the others to safety. Ahsoka retrieves him before they launch, but when a shot kills one of their pilots shortly after docking with the Resolute, they are forced to detach before the ship goes into an unintended hyperspace jump. They nearly crash into a star before they are able to disengage the damaged systems, but it forces them to crash land on the planet Maridun. They set up camp, but they need to find help or Anakin, heavily injured, could die. As Captain Rex stays behind with Anakin, Aayla, Ahsoka, Commander Bly, and other clones head out. That night, a mastiff attacks the camp of Anakin and Rex, but Rex drives it off. The other group is also soon attacked, and all but Ahsoka, Aayla, and Bly are killed. The remaining three reach a small village colony of Lurmen, led by the pacifist Tee Watt Kaa. Tee Watt Kaa refuses to help in the war effort by helping them, but Ahsoka is able to convince him to at least allow medical supplies to be sent to Anakin. He agrees, and his son, Wag Too, heads out to bring them to Anakin and Rex. One Jedi has to stay behind as insurance, though, so Aayla stays while Wag Too, Ahsoka, and Bly head back. While Aayla waits for them at the Lurmen colony, Ahsoka, Commander Bly, and Wag Too arrive at the site of Captain Rex and the injured Anakin's camp in time to save them from attacking mastiffs. They do not kill the last mastiff, owing to the Lurmen's pacifist philosophy. They take Anakin with them, and everyone reunites at the Lurmen village. Ahsoka, who was dealing with issues of attachment to Anakin, understands that she was right to leave him with Rex, since she was instrumental in finding the Lurmen that ended up saving his life. That is only part of the solution, though. They still need to find a way off of Maridun.*

(Jedi Crash)

- *On Maridun, Anakin Skywalker is recovering, but there is still no way to get him, Ahsoka Tano, Aayla Secura, Captain Rex, and Commander Bly off the planet. When a Separatist vessel arrives, our heroes hide, while pacifist Lurmen colony leader Tee Watt Kaa goes to meet the newly-arrived Separatist commander, Lok Durd. When Durd takes over the village and begins testing his new defoliator weapon from a nearby Separatist facility, it is up to our heroes to somehow stop him and save the Lurmen. They break into the facility, damaging it, and steal a shuttle and a pair of energy shield generators, which they use to return to the village, where Tee Watt Kaa still refuses to fight, even at the urging of his son, Wag Too. The Jedi and clones, though, recognize that there is a difference between forcing someone into a war they don't want and simply leaving innocent beings to be slaughtered. Setting up a barrier of huge local seedpods and energy shields from the stolen generators, the Jedi and clones take on the incoming Separatist force and their defoliator weapon. When the Separatists break through their lines, Wag Too and other Lurmen (but not all) join in the fight for survival, while Anakin takes out the defoliator cannon and captures Lok Durd. Shortly thereafter, Anakin's battle group, led by the Resolute, arrives to extract them. The war has come to Maridun, whether the Lurmen like it or not.*

(Defenders of Peace)

- *When the Republic outpost on Orto Plutonia is overrun by mysterious "ice men," a Republic force including Anakin Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi, R2-D2, C-3PO, Captain Rex, and two representatives of neighboring Pantora (young Senator Ryo Chuchi and jackass Chairman Chi Cho), to investigate. Cho claims that Orto Plutonia, an ice world devoid of life, is Pantoran territory. Cho initially believes the Separatists are behind the attack on the Republic outpost, but a nearby Separatist base has been hit as well. Anakin and Obi-Wan follow clues to*

discover a colony of Talz. They cannot communicate well, but they arrange a meeting with Ryo Chuchi and Chi Cho. Cho believes that the Talz are not sentient enough to claim Pantora, so he considers the Talz to be trespassers on sovereign Pantoran land. He wants them gone. Ryo considers this a matter under Senate jurisdiction, but when they meet with the Talz leader, Thi-Sen, Cho orders them off the planet, claims Orto Plutonia for Pantora, and then declares it a matter of internal affairs, thereby cutting Ryo and the Jedi out of the decision-making process. War breaks out between the Talz and the Pantorans (though, frankly, it's the clones doing battle to protect the "rightful" government representatives like Cho). To find a peaceful solution, Ryo contacts the Pantoran Assembly, who gives her authority to mediate the situation, going over Cho's head. As they return to the others, they find that Cho's party has been attacked by Talz. Cho is speared in the back, leaving him to die on the battlefield after Ryo tells him of the Assembly's decision. In the aftermath of his death, Ryo brokers peace with Thi-Sen, and Orto Plutonia is given over to the Talz for their colony, avoiding further bloodshed. Our heroes leave Orto Plutonia in good, and rightful, hands.

(Trespass)

- Captain Typho and other Royal Security Forces on Naboo discover Separatist droids in a "wasteland" area. Expecting that this means further Separatist activities on the planet, they contact Padmé Amidala and Jar Jar Binks, who return to Naboo to look into the situation, bringing C-3PO with them.
(conjecture based on *Blue Shadow Virus*)
- Padmé Amidala, C-3PO, and Jar Jar Binks arrive on Naboo to investigate Separatist droid activity that was discovered by Captain Typho. Typho's men were able to capture a tactical droid, and when they reactivate it (sans "eyesight"), they try to convince it to report to its superiors (them). Instead, it knows who they are and resists. Jar Jar, trying to capture a small insect that flies out of one of the droid's parts, ends up destroying the droid, who has revealed the presence of a secret Confederacy laboratory on the world, but they realize that the bug and the mud on the droid could only have come from the eastern swamps. After requesting that the Jedi Council send Obi-Wan Kenobi and Anakin Skywalker to investigate, Padmé and Jar Jar go looking for the lab themselves to get a jump on things. They come across Peppi Bow, the shaak wrangler, whose animals have been ill and dying from some unknown contagion. The trio tracks the river until finding a secret hatch in the ground of the swamp. Padmé and Jar Jar are captured by droids and brought into the underground lab, the lair of mad scientist Dr. Nuvo Vindi, who has brought the Blue Shadow Virus back from extinction. He has also weaponized it into an airborne form, rather than just its previous water-borne form. When Anakin and Obi-Wan arrive with their clonetroopers and Anakin's Padawan, Ahsoka Tano, Ahsoka and Peppi go looking for Padmé and Jar Jar, as the others check out the tactical droid again. They learn that Vindi intends to actually use the Blue Shadow Virus against inhabited planets. They head for the newly-found lab, secretly entering while Ahsoka uses a thermal detonator to create a diversion. Inside, Anakin discovers Padmé and Jar Jar, but their biggest concern is to stop Vindi and his virus bombs. Between the Jedi and the clones, they are able to find and shut down the bombs, capturing Vindi in the process.

(Blue Shadow Virus)

- On Naboo, the Republic forces on the world are ready to send Dr. Nuvo Vindi off to detention to await trial, but they discover that one of their defused Blue Shadow Virus bombs is missing its vial of the virus. A small droid has taken off with it. They try to track down the droid, but it manages to insert the vial into a bomb casing and detonates it, spreading the airborne variant of the Blue Shadow Virus. Ahsoka Tano, Captain Rex, and others clones manage to reach a safe room (though some of the virus seems to have gotten in). The lab is closed off, and Padmé Amidala and Jar Jar Binks are trapped inside (within hazmat suits). They know that the droids will try to escape, which will spread the virus. Thus, Padmé and Jar Jar go off to find Ahsoka and the others for help in stopping the droids. Meanwhile, Anakin questions Vindi for an antidote. They bring Vindi back to Theed to be placed into custody, then Anakin and Obi-Wan race for the Separatist-held world of Iego (home of the "angels" of spacer lore), where it is believed that they can find reeksa root that can be used to create a cure. Arriving aboard the *Twilight*, the Jedi discover a bunch of battle droids that have been reprogrammed to do the bidding of a sarcastic young man, Jaybo Hood, who is very much like a young Anakin. Jaybo informs them that even if they find the root, they are trapped. The ghostly ruler

(or god, perhaps) of Iego, Drol, will not let them leave, hence the starship graveyard above the planet. They acquire the necessary reeksa root, but when they try to leave, they are forced back by a mysterious energy field. Stuck on the planet for now, they make contact with Padmé and Ahsoka, who have stopped the droids on Naboo. The planet is safe, but both Ahsoka and Padmé are now infected (with Padmé's suit having been breached). Obi-Wan has figured out that the "god" Drol may be a real belief, but the power holding them from leaving is actually a security system set up by the Separatists. After a meeting with the local leaders, they discover from an Angel (Diathim) present at the meeting that the Separatists had taken over Millius Prime, one of the many moons of Iego (and the Angels' home). With the aid of vulture droids reprogrammed by Jaybo to follow R2-D2's instructions, they strike at Millius Prime, taking out the controller for the graveyard's security system. They are able to make it back to Naboo in time to save Padmé, Ahsoka, Rex, and the others with the cure derived from the reeksa root. Jar Jar, a hero and one of the few uninfected, will be given blaster training to make him more effective after having proven himself so often. (Rex, however, refuses to train him.)

(Mystery of a Thousand Moons)

- As some point shortly after abandoning the base on Florrum, Hondo Ohnaka and his gang return to Florrum, setting up shop again. (This is likely after any threat of reprisals by the Separatists have passed.)
(conjecture based on *Lethal Trackdown*)
- In space over occupied Ryloth, Neimoidian Captain Mar Tuuk leads the Separatist blockade of the planet. Serving to try to clear the way for Obi-Wan Kenobi's ground forces, Anakin Skywalker's battle group (the Resolute, and two different Venator-class Star Destroyers than he usually has with him, Defender and Redeemer, temporarily replacing the Pioneer and the Dauntless) emerge from hyperspace and launch squadrons, including Blue Squadron, which is led by Ahsoka Tano (in her first starfighter command mission). In the ensuing battle, during which more Separatist ships arrive, Ahsoka loses two of her pilots (Tucker and Axe) before returning to the Resolute, which has been heavily damaged by kamikaze droids, leaving Admiral Wulff Yularen wounded. The Resolute and Defender escape into hyperspace, but the Redeemer meets its end. Ahsoka is badly shaken by these events, especially since it was her disobeying orders to charge ahead (similar to Anakin's own tactics) that cost so many lives. In order to minimize further Republic losses, Anakin concocts a plan to send the damaged Defender into battle with only Anakin and R2-D2 aboard, so that they can use it to crash into Mar Tuuk's vessel. He will launch in an escape pod, but it will be close, and it will take Ahsoka's leadership to keep him covered until he can be retrieved. The Defender emerges over Ryloth, and Anakin offers to trade himself for free passage for medical supplies to Ryloth. Then the Resolute, with Ahsoka in command and Yularen, healing, at her side, emerges. The gambit pays off. Mar Tuuk's vessel is destroyed (but he is conspicuously absent, having reached an escape pod). With the Separatist forces leaderless, Ahsoka, leading a squadron of Y-wings, breaks the blockade, as the rest of the Separatists are battered. Obi-Wan and Mace Windu arrive with their landing forces, now clear to head for the surface. The Battle of Ryloth continues . . . *

(Storm Over Ryloth)*

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- *Obi-Wan Kenobi and Ghost Company land on Ryloth to take out proton cannons in the city of Nabat in order to allow Mace Windu's larger Republic force to land and liberate the planet from Wat Tambor's forces. They have a tough mission ahead, though, as the cannons are guarded by droids and hostage Twi'leks, who are being used as living shields by the local tactical droid, TX-20. While scouting ahead, Obi-Wan makes use of intelligence gathered by Commander Cody and Wooley, who have uncovered the living shield scenario. They are, however, observed by probe droids, who report Obi-Wan's presence to TX-20. Meanwhile, two other clonetroopers, Waxer and Boil, scout around and discover a surviving little Twi'lek girl, Numa. When TX-20 releases gutkurr creatures to take out the clones, Waxer, Boil, and Numa hide inside, eventually making their way down into shelter tunnels beneath the streets. The creatures also attack the others, but are eventually cut off from everyone by a tense maneuver from Obi-Wan. Waxer, Boil, and Numa emerge from the tunnels near the others, who make use of the tunnels and Numa's observations to find the other hostages. Our heroes free the hostages and use one proton cannon to blast the others, but TX-20, in an AAT, blasts the cannon out from under Obi-Wan, leaving Obi-Wan at his mercy. The former hostages, though, rise up and overwhelm TX-20, climbing onto his tank and dismantling him. With the cannons down, Mace Windu can now begin landing his troops . . . **

(Innocents of Ryloth)*

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- *During the Battle of Ryloth, astromech C1-01P AKA "Chopper" is in a Y-wing that crashes. Fortunately, the damaged droid is discovered by young Hera Syndulla, who will repair the droid and keep him as a companion for many years to come.*
(conjecture based on *Homecoming* and *The Forgotten Droid*)
- *During the Battle of Ryloth, Republic strategy droid AP-5's master is killed.*
(conjecture based on *The Forgotten Droid*)
- *Mace Windu, Commander Ponds, and their ground forces, including Lightning Squadron, battle their way toward the capital of Ryloth, the city of Lessu. Needing to get into the city through the only access point, a heavily-defended plasma bridge, Mace recognizes the need for local allies and decides to track down the local resistance, who are technically political rivals to the Republic. Using the old "the enemy of my enemy is my friend" argument, Mace makes an offer of alliance with Cham Syndulla, the resistance's leader. Cham is not too happy with the idea of working with the Republic, and he refuses to do so at first. However, when Wat Tambor's forces begin simply bombing population centers in order to give up the world but use a scorched earth policy to show the price of Republic collaboration, Cham is willing to speak (via holocomm) with Ryloth's Senator Orn Free Taa. The two make an arrangement that leaves neither with more power once all is said and done. Using a commandeered transport filled with the riches of Lessu (which Wat Tambor intends to take with him when evacuating), Mace and his troopers infiltrate Lessu and attack. They raise the plasma bridge again, allowing Cham's forces to enter the fray. With Cham's help, the city is retaken, but Tambor's tactical droid, TA-175, under orders from Count Dooku, leaves the planet, leaving Tambor behind, so that Lessu can be bombed. The last bombers are taken out by Anakin Skywalker and Ahsoka Tano, however, leaving Wat Tambor to unconditionally surrender to Mace and Cham. Mace informs Cham that he has earned the freedom from further Republic pursuit. They are heroes now, not criminal renegades in the eyes of the Republic. One more world has been retaken from the Separatists. **

(Liberty on Ryloth)*

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The Clone Wars: The Complete Season One on DVD and Blu-Ray. The extended version features a few extended cuts and a few extra lines of dialogue, including: there is an extra shot of the walkers heading down the dunes before the droids recognize that Mace is leading the attack; there are some extra shots and a droid asking “Did we get him?” as Mace is charging the droids’ position during the initial walker attack; the shots prior to the droid stating to keep on the lookout for a lost patrol have been very slightly extended; once the droids think they notice Mace and the others nearby, before they leave the ridge, there is a new conversation between the droids as they find the remains of one of their old “comrades” that was programmed by a central computer, prompting the droids to note that they, unlike their fallen comrade, are independent thinkers; the shot of the vulture droids launching is now extended; we now see the order to shut down the bridge and move the citizens of Lessu outside, just before the original cut of the episode returns from its final mid-story commercial break; there is now an extra line from Cham as they plan a way to get to the bridge controls, in which he notes that it isn’t enough for the Separatists to murder them, but now they must rob the Twi’leks too; the last shots prior to the transport opening to reveal Mace and the clones are now slightly extended; the exchange between the droids manning the bridge controls and the clones has been extended so that the lines between droid and clone no longer overlap but are said consecutively; TA-175 now makes a few disparaging comments about Wat Tambor before Tambor arrives and realizes that the droid is taking off in his ship; and before noting to Anakin that “that was close,” Ahsoka now says “Woah.” (Note that you can see a scene by scene comparison of these changes in my *From the Star Wars Home Video Library* series on YouTube.)

- *The Republic victory at Ryloth provides propaganda messages for both sides. The Republic is able to point to the Separatist use of living shields as an example of their depravity, while the Separatists argue that without the aid of local insurgents (a fifth column, so to speak), the Republic would have been defeated, and it was only the extreme actions taken by the Republic that “forced” the Separatists to use Twi’leks as living shields. The Separatists attempt to define their message essentially as “if you help the Republic to fight on your planet, you will have to be wiped out.” Meanwhile, the success of the Republic in working with Cham Syndulla’s local forces leads to experiments by Republic High Command to send commando squads to Separatist-occupied worlds in hopes of training local insurgents to fight the Separatists for themselves without using many Republic resources. This will be successful on Aridus, Tynna, and other worlds. However, this draws criticism, as it exposes local citizens to Separatist retaliation.*
(conjecture based on *On the Front Lines*)
- *Relatively early in the Clone Wars, King Ramsis Dendup of Onderon, seen as indecisive for not taking a side in the Clone Wars, is overthrown by Sanjay Rash, who allies Onderon with the Separatists. Onderon’s representative to the Parliament of the Confederacy of Independent Systems will be Mina Bonteri, so she and her son, Lux Bonteri, move to Raxus Secundus.*
(conjecture based on *A War on Two Fronts*)
- *As Onderon secedes from the Republic, artist Simeon Densend and his family relocate from Onderon to Coruscant.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)
- *Four months prior to being taken into custody by the local government, Galen Erso, Lyra Erso, and their droid Assis travel to Vallt to begin working with a local research team funded by Zerpen Industries. Just before they leave, they see Orson Krennic for the last time until he will rescue them from Vallt about a year later. It is during that meeting that they inform Krennic that Lyra is pregnant with their daughter, Jyn Erso.*
(conjecture based on *Catalyst*)
- *A Republic force led by Obi-Wan Kenobi, Anakin Skywalker, and Ahsoka Tano is pinned down by Separatist forces on Felucia. When the Republic finally breaks through the Separatist ships above, Jedi Master Plo Koon leads a rescue and evacuation operation. Ahsoka, away from the main group, refuses to back off and retreat when first ordered to do so. Once they evacuate, she must face the Jedi Council for her actions, which lead to her being removed from active combat duty and placed in the Jedi Archives with Jedi Master Jocasta Nu. She is specifically tasked with protecting the Vault, the storage unit where the Jedi house all of their holocrons. Elsewhere on Coruscant, Darth Sidious (via hologram) hires Cad Bane to steal a specific holocron from the Vault. Bane contracts out part of the mission to a Clawdite shape-shifter named Cato Parasitti, who will take the form of Jedi Ord Enisence, whom Bane has recently killed in secret. Yoda senses the impending infiltration of the Jedi Temple, but the Jedi believe that the Separatists are sending agents to break in and steal their secure transmission codes for the war effort, not a holocron. Obi-Wan and Anakin attempt to protect the codes, leading them to the wrong location for Bane’s infiltration. Cato infiltrates as Ord, encountering Ahsoka in the Archives. Cato uses a computer terminal to look up schematics for the Temple, which Cato then uses to guide Bane and his droid, Todo 360, down through ventilation shafts and into the Temple proper. As the Jedi begin to react to*

intrusion sensors going offline, “Ord” is approached by Jocasta, who is trying to determine why he would still be working when the Temple is on alert. Cato knocks out Jocasta and takes her shape, but is soon discovered (after helping Bane get the rest of the way inside) by Ahsoka, who engages Cato (as “Jocasta”) in a brief fight. Meanwhile, Bane sends Todo 360 to the communication center, further causing the Jedi to believe that to be his target. Todo then self-destructs (thanks to Bane’s tampering back at his apartment), but Mace Windu is able to knock him into the vents fast enough to keep him from destroying much of anything. By the time Ahsoka is able to learn from Cato what Bane’s true objective has been, Bane is already escaping with the holocron in his thieving hands. In the wake of the theft, however, they learn from Cato that Bane is also after Bolla Ropal. He is the only Jedi with the necessary Kyber memory crystal that could be paired with the stolen holocron to reveal the location of all of the galaxy’s children who have Force potential (as far as the Jedi know at least). The Sith could create their own army of Dark Side Force-users if they gain access to that information. Obi-Wan begins a search for Bane, assuming he has not gotten offworld yet, while Anakin and Ahsoka will cover the unpleasant possibility that Bane might get away with the holocron by seeking out Bolla Ropal to keep him safe from Bane. They will start their search in the Devaron system . . .

(Holocron Heist)

- With Todo 360 blown apart while being used as a decoy for Cad Bane during the theft of the holocron from the Jedi Temple, Anakin Skywalker rebuilds the droid in hopes of gaining useful intelligence from the droid. Unfortunately, the droid will eventually escape Jedi custody and be reunited with Cad Bane prior to the plot to break Ziro the Hutt from prison.
(conjecture based on *Evil Plans* and *Ultimate Star Wars*)
- Cad Bane has captured Bolla Ropal. With Bolla’s Kyber crystal and the holocron stolen from the Vault at the Jedi Temple on Coruscant, Cad Bane (or his employer, Darth Sidious) can gain access to a list of all of the Force sensitive children known to the Jedi Order in the entire galaxy. Anakin Skywalker and Ahsoka Tano arrive with the Resolute to cut off Bane’s escape from the Devaron system aboard newly-arrived Separatist ships. Aboard one of the ships, Bane is holding Bolla Ropal and having him tortured for the secrets of the crystal. Bane’s ship is almost able to escape, but the Resolute knocks out the ship’s hyperdrive. Via holocomm, Cad assures Nute Gunray (who provided the ships to Bane that are being blasted) that his employer will compensate the Trade Federation for any lost vessels. Anakin, Ahsoka, Captain Rex, and several troopers board Bane’s, but Bane is counting on this. Bolla has just died in custody, refusing to give in to Bane’s demands. Now, he needs another Jedi to open the holocron with the Kyber crystal. He will allow Anakin to reach him in order to do so. Bane has the ship set to self-destruct and has all controls transferred to his gauntlets’ built-in control panel. He also orders all records of their mission wiped from the ship’s computer. After taking the useless bridge, the Jedi boarders discover Bolla’s body, then races to stop Bane from escaping with the holocron and the Kyber crystal. They finally confront him and his droids, but he manages to escape, pursued by Ahsoka. While cut off from Anakin, Ahsoka is shocked by Bane’s gauntlets and knocked unconscious. Bane holds Ahsoka hostage in an airlock in stuncuffs, telling Anakin that he must activate the holocron or watch his Padawan die. Anakin gives in, putting down his lightsaber and activating the holocron through the Force, which then allows Bane to put the Kyber memory crystal into the opened holocron to create a sort of hybrid holocron. Anakin immediately retrieves both his and Ahsoka’s lightsabers, but Bane hits the airlock controls, nearly sending the two Jedi into space. They save themselves, but they are unable to reach Bane before he can contact Gunray about his success. While the clones, led by Rex, take control of the hangar to secure a shuttle for their escape, Anakin nearly goes off on a suicide mission to recover the holocron from Bane, but Ahsoka talks him out of it. The two Jedi rejoin the clones and board the ship, allowing a final wounded trooper, Denal, to climb aboard. They escape just as the ship explodes from both its slow self-destruct sequence and munitions caught in the ensuing fire. On their way back to the Resolute, Anakin notes that Bane is dead . . . but he can still be felt in the Force. The holocron is presumed lost, while Bane is presumed dead. Admiral Wullf Yularen is not at all pleased with Anakin’s version of a “success.”

(Cargo of Doom)

- Just as Anakin Skywalker’s team is disembarking from the mission to Cad Bane’s ship, Ahsoka realizes that “Denal” is actually Cad Bane in disguise. Anakin tries to subdue him, but Bane is able to escape, steal a Torrent starfighter, and escape with a hyperspace ring before

Admiral Wullf Yularen can lock them all down. Bane is now free with the now-unlocked holocron with the names and locations of Force sensitive children. Upon being told that the holocron is secure, Darth Sidious gives Bane a new mission: to capture several Force sensitive children to use as test subjects on Mustafar. Meanwhile, Mace Windu, Yoda, Anakin, and Obi-Wan Kenobi use the Force to sense where Bane may be going first. Yoda senses Rodia, while Mace senses Glee Anselm (but Yoda disagrees) and Anakin senses Naboo. The child from Glee Anselm, Zinn Toa, has already been taken. Obi-Wan is sent to Rodia to protect Wee Dunn and his mother, Mahtee Dunn, while Anakin and Ahsoka go to Naboo to protect Gungan child Roo-Roo Page. On Rodia, Bane poses as a Jedi, seeking to keep Wee safe from the Sith. Obi-Wan arrives too late to stop Bane from snatching the child and escaping aboard his ship, the Xanadu Blood. On Naboo, Ahsoka goes with Gungan Captain Lunker to Roo-Roo Page's home at the Gungan's surface dwelling in the city of Jangwa. Ahsoka uses a doll as bait and confronts Bane when he arrives. Again, Bane tries to escape, but Ahsoka and Anakin capture him. At Ahsoka's suggestion, Anakin, Mace, and Obi-Wan uses the Force to influence Bane's mind, which is very difficult to do, nearly causing him great harm. Bane finally agrees, under what amounts to torture, to take them to the holocron and the children, while Anakin is left behind to report the situation to Supreme Chancellor Palpatine, who does not believe Count Dooku, the known Sith, is behind the plot (since, of course, Palpatine himself is behind it as Sidious). Meanwhile, Obi-Wan and Mace go with Bane to Black Stall Station in the Rogue Antar system. There, Bane tries to trick the Jedi, who are able to recover the holocron and escape before the station self-destructs, but they lose Bane, who escapes during the commotion. At least the holocron is safe, but what about the children? Back aboard the Resolute, Anakin and Ahsoka examine the Xanadu Blood, discovering volcanic ash, which they believe (after checking his fuel logs) must have come from Mustafar. They race to Mustafar, where they find the Sith Lord's secret project to surgically alter children to control them and create a Sith army to stand against the Jedi. Sidious orders the droids at the facility to set the self-destruct to destroy evidence of the project, while the children are to be moved to a new, more secure location. Anakin and Ahsoka arrive before this is complete, however, and they manage to save the children from the droids (who are using them as living shields). The children are safe, but the identity of Bane's true employer (and the second Sith Lord by extension) remains a mystery.

(Children of the Force)

- When a medical station near Felucia goes silent, a ship bearing Anakin Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi, and Ahsoka Tano investigates, only to be shot down by Separatist droid starfighters upon arrival. They safely eject to Felucia, where they encounter the farming settlement Akira, home to reptilian Felucians. The farmers, led by Casiss, are farming nysillin, which makes them a target of pirates (often led by a spokesperson, Gwarm). In order to protect themselves, they have hired the services of a group of bounty hunters that includes Sugi, Rumi Paramita, Embo, and Seripas. They ask the Jedi for help with the pirates, but Obi-Wan stresses that their mission is to get away from Felucia to get word to the Republic about what has happened in the system. When the pirates arrive to confront the bounty hunters briefly, the Jedi realize that Hondo Ohnaka is behind the pirates. The Jedi decide to assist the locals by teaching them to defend themselves, while they seek a way off the planet. When the pirates finally strike, our heroes defeat them, forcing Hondo to declare the situation unprofitable and order his forces to withdraw. As for the hunters, Seripas' mechanical suit (which hides his rather small actual body) is damaged, and Rumi Paramita is killed (or at least heavily injured). With their mission complete and their pay in-hand, Sugi offers the Jedi a ride off of the planet.

(Bounty Hunters)

- On Malastare (a planet represented in the Senate by the powerful political might of the Gran, but which still includes a substantial quasi-independent Dug community led by Doge Nakha Urus), Separatist forces are engaging in a massive offensive to gain control of local fuel resources, one of the best sources of such fuel in the galaxy. During a large land battle, overseen by Anakin Skywalker and Mace Windu, the Republic force finally unleashes its newest superweapon, created by Dr. Sionver Boll (who is also in attendance), the electro-proton bomb. The bomb (a combination of bomb and electromagnetic pulse device) defeats the droid army with unintended consequences . . . Even as Urus prepares to sign a fuel treaty with the Republic, Mace Windu leads a rescue operation to help clones who fell into the sinkhole left by the electro-proton bomb. Just as Anakin is called in to help in his starfighter, a huge Zillo Beast, a creature thought hunted to extinction by the Dugs long ago, emerges from

its long slumber, awakened by the bomb. It begins to threaten the Dugs and Republic force, and while Anakin and Mace argue that it should be kept alive (to preserve life and, in particular, because it is possibly the last of its kind), Urus threatens not to sign the treaty if they don't help him kill the beast. When Anakin reveals that his brief encounter with the creature revealed its armor to be impervious to lightsabers, Supreme Chancellor Palpatine approves of a plan to subdue the Zillo Beast for study. Led by Anakin and Mace, the Republic's tanks are used as stun weapons to knock out the creature, which the Dugs believe has been killed. The treaty is signed, and the Zillo Beast is to be taken to Coruscant (rather than a previously-suggested out-of-the-way world) for further study. Our heroes have a bad feeling about this . . .

(The Zillo Beast)

- On Coruscant, the Zillo Beast is brought in for study by Sionver Boll to determine a way to replicate its invulnerable armor. Padmé Amidala finds this repulsive, given that it is a living being that could well be killed during testing, and when she and Anakin meet with Supreme Chancellor Palpatine, they discover Palpatine less than agreeable to Padmé's point of view. Having the creature there may be dangerous, and the beast may need to be put down, but the benefits outweigh the risks, according to Palpatine. When Dr. Boll expresses wariness at killing the beast when Palpatine visits her lab, he threatens her career to make sure she does as she is told. When she later tries to use fuel from Malastare to kill the creature (much like the Dugs tried to do on Malastare before the Republic was able to subdue the beast), the Zillo Beast (which seems to be at least partially sentient and senses the evil in Palpatine) breaks free and goes on a rampage through the streets of Coruscant. It seems to home in on Palpatine, forcing Anakin, Padmé, R2-D2, C-3PO, and Palpatine to escape in his shuttle with guards. They are grabbed by the creature, but they are able to escape the Zillo Beast's grip, thanks to intervention by Yoda and Aayla Secura, who distract the beast, and help from Mace Windu and Obi-Wan Kenobi on the ground (who help the shuttle's occupants land safely when it is torn in two). At Palpatine's order, clone forces attack the Zillo Beast, finally killing it. Our heroes lament the loss of the creature's life, but Palpatine has other plans for it. He orders Dr. Boll to clone the Zillo Beast . . .

(The Zillo Beast Strikes Back)

- Three months before Galen Erso encounters Chieftain Gruppe at Tambolor Prison, Galen meets her under much better circumstances at a ball for King Chai of Vallt.
(conjecture based on Catalyst)
- In the months prior to the arrest of his friend Galen Erso on Vallt, Orson Krennic transfers from the Republic's Corps of Engineers to the Special Weapons Group and its Strategic Advisory Cell. This requires him to go through intensive courses on the weapons produced by Rothana, Kuat, Baktoid, Hoersch-Kessel Drive, and others. He must also sign and agree to the terms of the Official Secrets Act. He also immerses himself in learning about Geonosian culture and language.*
(conjecture based on Catalyst)*

***NOTE:** This seems odd, given that the book later says that the Strategic Advisory Cell was formed while Tarkin was held at the Citadel. That arc was quite a bit later in the grand scheme of TCW, at least a year or so later, most likely. Once again, the nebulous dating of TCW episodes in relation to the overall saga causes an issue.

- On Coruscant, the Jedi Council believes that Senator Rush Clovis of Scipio is secretly working with the Separatists. When Yoda tries to convince Padmé Amidala to spy on Clovis for the Jedi, she refuses, but the Jedi Council calls Anakin Skywalker (her secret husband and a known close friend to Padmé) to meet with them and convinces him to help get Padmé to take the mission. He does not wish to, but when she hears that Clovis is working with the Separatists, she volunteers for the spying mission, even though Anakin doesn't like it. Anakin has misgivings because it has been suggested (and is later confirmed) that Padmé and Clovis once had a relationship, plus it would be a dangerous mission. She soon meets Clovis in a local bar, where she subtly convinces him that she wants to be close to him again. He decides to take her with him to Cato Neimoidia, where he is supposed to undertake negotiations with the Trade Federation. She joins him, as do Anakin (who will be their pilot), R2-D2, and C-3PO. Upon arrival on Cato Neimoidia, Clovis leaves Padmé briefly to consult with Senator Lott Dod. They are working with the Separatists (specifically Poggle the Lesser) to build a new droid factory on Geonosis. Lott Dod has signed over much of his personal holdings (and that of the planet) to the Intergalactic Banking Clan for a stake in this new factory. Padmé overhears some of this and claims to be lonely when Clovis discovers her nearby. With Clovis trying to hold leverage over Lott Dod and Poggle, Lott Dod realizes that

*Padmé is Clovis' weakness and plans to poison her in order to use an antidote to force Clovis' cooperation with their plans (to put him in his place). That night, Padmé and Clovis have dinner, while Anakin and R2-D2 wait with the ship. She is able to slip away and gain access to Lott Dod's computer, accessing Clovis' plans for the droid factory by using her own name as his password. She has the data on a disc, which she summons Anakin to claim, though she has to play romantic with Clovis to cover the handoff, which causes Anakin even more jealousy. Anakin is able to get the disc back to the ship, but Padmé finally falls ill from the poison. Clovis reveals her illness to Lott Dod, who reveals that she is a spy. His accusation proves true when Clovis discovers that the disc with the factory plans is missing. When Anakin arrives back at Padmé's side, he cuts off Clovis' accusations. Clovis explains the situation, saying that he will get the antidote from Lott Dod if Anakin gives back the disc. Anakin refuses, holding the fact that Lott Dod would kill Clovis for losing the disc over Clovis' head. Clovis professes his love for Padmé and decides to risk his own life to get the antidote from Lott Dod, even if it reveals his own incompetence. They try to take Padmé to her ship, but Lott and his men intercept them, refusing to let them leave. Clovis pulls a blaster on Lott, forcing his aide to give Clovis the antidote for Padmé. While Anakin and the droids get Padmé to the ship, Clovis covers them. He rejoins them at the ship, only for Anakin to close the boarding ramp, refusing to give him the disc or let him aboard. Clovis is left to Lott Dod's tender mercies. Now, the next target for the Jedi will be the droid factory on Geonosis . . . **

(Senate Spy)*

**NOTE: Galactic Maps puts this episode in 21 - 20 BBY, but I have ignored that dating, given the number of issues the book has with TCW dates.*

- *A Republic force, led by the Jedi, strikes at Geonosis to take out the new droid factory and capture Poggle the Lesser. During the strike, Anakin Skywalker and Ahsoka Tano find their gunship shot down, though they survive and continue forward with their troops. Obi-Wan Kenobi's gunship is also shot down. Commander Cody, leading a group to secure a landing zone, sets down as well. Cody sends Waxer and Boil to recover Obi-Wan, while Ki-Adi-Mundi leads a group to find Anakin, Ahsoka, Rex, and their comrades. Ki and his men reach Anakin and Ahsoka as they take down a droid fortification, then they join Obi-Wan's group, who have been saved by the timely arrival of some Y-wings. Together, this new group presses the attack on the shield generator protecting the droid factory, deactivating it. They are all injured, but the battle must continue.**

(Landing at Point Rain)*

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- *On Geonosis, the mission to take the revived droid factory continues. Anakin Skywalker and Ahsoka Tano are joined by Jedi Master Luminara Unduli and her Padawan, Barriss Offee. Anakin and Luminara lead a frontal assault on an important bridge, while Barriss and Ahsoka (to Anakin's frustration, as he does not believe she is ready for a mission like this yet) infiltrate the catacombs beneath the droid factory. Above, Anakin and Luminara take on a sort of Separatist super tank that is shielded against their weapons, putting them in dire straits, even as, below, Ahsoka and Barriss discover the factory's reactor and rig it with explosives. They are set upon, however, by Poggle's Geonosian troops, who have noticed their trip through the catacombs. Ahsoka is knocked out in a confrontation with another super tank, and the Geonosians are able to deactivate and retrieve all of the explosives. Barriss attacks the super tank, taking control of it. Together with the revived Ahsoka, they decide to blast the reactor with the super tank, even if it means their own deaths. Anakin refuses to allow this, but they do it anyway. The reactor is destroyed, and the Padawans are, thankfully, saved by the super tank's special armor. While Luminara believes Barriss to be dead (and is willing to let go of her Padawan, as she has heeded the Jedi admonishment against attachments), Anakin refuses to give up on Ahsoka. When Ahsoka is able to send out a signal with a rigged power cell, they are found and saved by their Jedi Masters, though Luminara has to wonder whether Anakin will truly be able to let go of Ahsoka whenever he is finally called upon to do so. A dangerous bond of attachment has been forming between the two . . . **

(Weapons Factory)*

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- *With Geonosis now under Republic control, Ahsoka Tano and Barriss Offee are sent off to be patched up after their ordeal taking out the weapons factory. Now, the Republic is seeking to capture Poggle the Lesser. Jedi Master Luminara Unduli (against Obi-Wan Kenobi's warnings) heads out to find Poggle herself. During a sandstorm, Poggle's own tank loses a*

container that it is hauling, which is later found by Luminara, who reports it to Obi-Wan and Ki-Adi-Mundi as possible weapons. Despite the sandstorm nearing their location, Luminara and a clone companion, Buzz, continue after Poggle, finally discovering the creepy Progate Temple, where Buzz discovers a passage into the catacombs beneath, just before he disappears into the hole to his doom. Luminara then comes under attack by unseen foes during a transmission to the other Jedi. Anakin Skywalker wants to go after her during the sandstorm, but Obi-Wan and Ki warn him off. When they finally are able to go after her, Obi-Wan, Anakin, Commander Cody, and their troops discover Buzz dead and Luminara's lightsaber left behind. In the temple, they also come upon a statue of a Geonosian queen, which is rumored to exist, though that has not been proven. They enter the catacombs to look for Luminara. For her part, Luminara awakens deep underground, where she is being attacked by what amount to undead (zombie) Geonosians. The rescue team is also attacked by the zombie Geonosians, which may be evidence of truth behind rumors that there is a hive mind that can stay connected to Geonosian warriors even after death. They send two troopers back to the surface to contact Ki for reinforcements, while they continue deeper to find Luminara. They eventually discover Luminara being held captive by the Geonosian Queen, Karina, who is controlling her zombie army through brain worms. She intends to put Luminara under her control as well, perhaps even the other Jedi, but Obi-Wan orders Cody into action. The troopers have positioned themselves to be able to blind the zombies amid a fast attack. The Jedi and troopers capture Poggle (who was trying to implant the brain worm in Luminara) and race their way out of the catacombs as the entire system comes crashing down around them. They barely manage to escape in time, all evidence of Queen Karina and her brain worms seemingly buried. The day is won . . . or is it?*

(Legacy of Terror)*

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- At Geonosis, mopping-up operations are nearly complete, and the Jedi are receiving their new orders. The full Jedi (Obi-Wan Kenobi, Ki-Adi-Mundi, Anakin Skywalker, and Luminara Unduli) will deliver Poggle the Lesser to Coruscant as their prisoner, while Padawans Barriss Offee and Ahsoka Tano will head for a medical station near the planet Ord Cestus to pick up medical supplies that they will then deliver to Mace Windu's forces on Dantooine. The Padawans are joined by a group of clones, including Scythe, who, unbeknownst to them, has now been "infected" by a Geonosian brain worm from an egg that hatched while he was waiting with his team outside of the collapsed Progate Temple. While the Padawans take some time to talk amongst themselves about their training, their masters, and such, Scythe secretly releases more brain worms in clone crew quarters, taking over more clone troopers, a few of which then take out the pilots and take command of the ship. The infected clones then attack Ahsoka and Barriss, but they are soon joined by the seemingly uninfected Havoc and Trap. They leave Havoc to look after the disabled infected clones that were attacking them, while Ahsoka, Barriss, and Trap head off to check the bridge. When they are cut off by Scythe's brain wormed minions, Trap reveals that he is infected too when he attacks the Padawans. Ahsoka is forced to kill him, then to destroy his brain worm as it tries to escape him and take over Barriss. The two Padawans split up, with Ahsoka managing to get to a communications station to contact Kit Fisto for help and Anakin to update him on their situation, and Barriss heading for the engines to disable their ability to spread the brain worms elsewhere. Barriss, however, is briefly disabled and infected with a brain worm, leading her to rejoin and then attack Ahsoka. Rather than killing her friend and fellow Padawan, Ahsoka escapes into the ship's vents. Elsewhere, Anakin interrogates Poggle about the brain worms, eventually pushing the boundaries of the Dark Side in his quest to save his Padawan. Poggle reveals that the brain worms can be defeated by cold temperatures, and Anakin passes this along to Ahsoka. Ahsoka then uses the ship's coolant system to lower the temperature on the ship, eventually knocking out the infected clones so they can have the worms removed. Barriss puts up more of a fight, even asking Ahsoka to kill her when she is able to briefly free herself from the worm's control, but Ahsoka is able to destroy her worm as it escapes her mouth in the cold, ending the threat. In the aftermath, the Padawans are treated on the medical station when Kit Fisto discovers them, nearly frozen. Anakin assures Ahsoka that killing Barriss was not the solution she should have chosen, so she did the right thing, even Barriss was begging her to do so to save the station from infection. They also deduce that the brain worms must have been how the Geonosians were able to recapture their planet so fast after the first battle of the war. It would seem that the

*threat of the brain worms is over.**

(Brain Invaders)*

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- *Despite Count Dooku secretly securing the Death Star plans from Poggle the Lesser on Geonosis during the First Battle of Geonosis, the plans are presented to the Republic's Special Weapons group after the Second Battle of Geonosis as having supposedly been discovered during or after that second battle, not the first. The information is provided directly by Supreme Chancellor Sheev Palpatine at the Special Weapons Group's Strategic Advisory Cell at its second meeting. Even though Poggle claims that the Separatists do not have a battle station in the works, the Special Weapons Group takes it as a potential threat and begins an "arms race" of sorts (despite the other side not really playing) to build their "Death Star" first.*

(conjecture based on Catalyst)

- *When General Grievous attacks Jedi Master Eeth Koth's starship, his clones put up a good fight, but Grievous' Commando Droids take out his defenders, leaving Koth to face Grievous in a saber duel, wherein Grievous uses his MagnaGuards to unfair advantage, shocking him into submission. Shortly thereafter, Grievous contacts the Jedi Order to taunt them with Koth's capture, but Koth is able to use hand signals in the transmission. Wolffe, attending via hologram with Plo Koon, recognizes the hand signals. Once alerted to the message, Obi-Wan Kenobi is able to decipher it. Grievous, according to Koth, is in the Saleucami system, where Grievous supposedly has no ships, according to Jedi Master Adi Gallia. A Republic force is sent to rescue Koth and take down Grievous. Obi-Wan, Cody, and his troops emerge from hyperspace and engage Grievous aboard their cruiser, while Anakin Skywalker and Adi Gallia emerge in a shuttle closer to Grievous' ship and board it to rescue Koth. Grievous, however, has been expecting this encounter. He and his droids board the Republic flagship and engage Obi-Wan, while Anakin and Adi Gallia discover Koth and free him from a trap of commando droids, orchestrated by Grievous' tactical droid, TV-94. Grievous is unable to defeat Obi-Wan and is forced to retreat back to his ship. Grievous makes his way past Cody toward his ship. He orders his droids to blast the engines of the Republic ship, even though the two ships are still attached by a docking tube. Grievous makes it as far as he can before the ships begin to disengage, opening the tube to space after a brief duel with Obi-Wan and another with Adi. This allows Grievous to use his magnetic claws to board his own ship, while Cody and Obi-Wan are saved by a rope pulled by Adi. With Grievous' ship gravely damaged, they are now trapped aboard, but Anakin is able to save them with his boarding shuttle, even as Grievous and his droids leave the ship to land safely on Saleucami below. The Republic cruiser, also heavily damaged, explodes. The Jedi team contacts Admiral Wullf Yularen aboard the Resolute, who confirms that some of Grievous' crafts made it to the surface. Anakin will take on any Separatist forces in space with his men, while Obi-Wan, Rex, and Cody head for the surface after Grievous, and Adi takes Koth for medical treatment.*

(Grievous Intrigue)

- *On Saleucami, General Grievous and many of his droids have escaped the destruction of his ship in space above, but his own landing craft's communications gear has been damaged, forcing him to seek out another escape pod to call for backup and retrieval, even as they are hunted by a Republic Force led by Obi-Wan Kenobi, Captain Rex, and Commander Cody. When Obi-Wan's group finds Grievous' landing craft deserted, he and Cody set off in one direction, while the others, led by Rex, set out in another. Rex's team is attacked by Commando Droids, and Rex is seriously injured. Seeking to save their admired captain, the other troopers in the team get Rex to a nearby home, where a Twi'lek woman named Suu Lawquane lives with her husband (currently away) and children (Jekk and Shaeeah). That evening, as Rex heals, he is visited by Suu's husband, Cut Lawquane and is shocked to find that Cut is a clonetrooper! Cut was a clonetrooper aboard a Republic ship that was attacked by the Separatists shortly after the Battle of Geonosis. When they crashed on Saleucami, his comrades were killed, but Cut managed to escape. With no way off the planet, he met Suu and her children (by another man), quickly falling in love and marrying her, becoming the stepfather to Jekk and Shaeeah. The two argue over a clone's duty to the Republic, versus the clone's duty to himself as a living, free individual. Rex will not stay with them, but his duty would require him to turn Cut in as a deserter. When the children discover and accidentally reactivate deactivated droids in a nearby escape pod, droids attack the homestead, but the two clones are able to put their philosophical differences aside to protect Cut's family. With*

that done, Rex decides not to turn Cut over to the Republic. He won't stay as Cut offers, but he won't turn Cut in either. Meanwhile, Grievous is able to reach an intact communications console in an escape pod, contacting the Separatists for evac. With his droids running out of power one by one, Grievous is still able to make a stand when Obi-Wan's group catches up to him. Grievous is able to escape on a newly-arrived shuttle by leaping to it from the fray, escaping capture. Grievous has eluded them once again.

(The Deserter)

- While hunting the arms dealer Car Affa, Anakin Skywalker and Ahsoka Tano track him to a cantina, where Anakin is able to capture their prey, but Ahsoka's lightsaber is pickpocketed during the ensuing rush of patrons fleeing the scene. Trying to hide its theft from Anakin, Ahsoka heads for the Jedi Temple Archives, where ancient Jedi Master Tera Sinube aids her in her search by using the Temple's databanks (and his own knowledge of Coruscant's seedier side) to determine the identity of the pickpocket: Bannamu. They track Bannamu to the Spider Arms Hostel, but Bannamu has sold her lightsaber to Nack Movers, a Trandoshan assassin. They track Nack to his girlfriend's apartment, only to find him dead. A woman named Lone Marcy is hiding there, however, seemingly either a witness or a lucky potential victim of Nack's killer, who now has Ahsoka's lightsaber. Upon entering the bedroom, Ahsoka is attacked by the killer, a woman (despite Lone's information that the killer was male) named Cassie Cryar. Cassie escapes along the skyline, as Ahsoka gives chase. When Tera realizes that Lone's story doesn't add up, nor does how she feels in the Force, he puts a tracking device on her as she takes off on her own, evading capture. As it turns out, the women are working together. Cassie and Lone reunite in Lone's stolen speeder, while Tera catches up with Ahsoka. The Jedi engage in speeder pursuit, tracking the women to a train station, where local authorities (alerted by Tera) apprehend Lone. Ahsoka pursues Cassie onto (then into) a fleeing train, unable to stop her from taking hostages with Ahsoka's lightsaber. At their next stop, however, Tera's patience pays off, as he subdues Cassie. Ahsoka's lightsaber is hers once again, and she spends a few minutes, at Tera's suggestion, teaching younglings about the value of one's lightsaber and the need to keep it safe.

(Lightsaber Lost)

- Two months prior to being taken into custody by the local government and two months after their arrival, Galen Erso's Zerpen Industries research team on Vallt creates a synthetic crystal from a model kyber crystal.
(conjecture based on Catalyst)
- When word reaches the Republic and the Jedi Order that the planet Mandalore, currently a relatively pacifistic planet under the rule of the Duchess Satine Kryze and the New Mandalorians, may be returning to its warrior ways by developing a secret army to fight for the Separatists, Obi-Wan Kenobi, former romantic interest of Satine, is sent to Mandalore to discover the truth behind the situation. Obi-Wan arrives in Sundari, the current capital of Mandalore, and briefly meets with Prime Minister Almec before being reunited with Satine. The New Mandalorians deny any involvement with a Mandalorian in full armor that Obi-Wan has on a recording of an attack on a Republic vessel. They claim that the last of the warrior clans of Mandalore were exiled to Concordia (Mandalore's moon) long ago and, as far as they know, have been disbanded for years. Satine, however, also confides in Obi-Wan that there is word that one of the groups of rogue Mandalorians who wish to return to their warrior ways, a group called the Death Watch, has emerged on Concordia and may be behind the plot. Little do they know that the Death Watch is very much alive and growing as a force to join the Separatists. When a terrorist attack in a public area leads to the pursuit of the terrorist, who commits suicide (after saying something in a Concordian dialect) instead of being captured, Obi-Wan and Satine decide to travel to Concordia. While Satine goes to meet with the governor there, Pre Vizsla, Obi-Wan investigates local mines, which are supposed to be dormant. There, Obi-Wan discovers a sort of armory for the Death Watch and is attacked by a Death Watch member in full Mandalorian armor. Satine, having a seemingly diplomatic drink with Pre Vizsla, excuses herself, then secretly races off to save Obi-Wan, whose last communication to her hidden earpiece suggest he is in deep trouble. She gets there in time to save him from a Death Watchman, then they are both confronted by a group of Death Watch Mandalorians. During the fray, the leader of the Death Watch is revealed to be Governor Pre Vizsla himself, who duels with Obi-Wan using a darksaber that his ancestors stole from the Jedi Temple. Satine and Obi-Wan escape, but without hard evidence that the Separatists are behind the Death Watch, Satine still refuses to join the war

on behalf of the Republic. Obi-Wan, Satine, and the newly-arrived Anakin Skywalker prepare to leave for Coruscant as the crisis continues . . . *

(The Mandalore Plot)*

*NOTE: See the note with *The Academy*.

- Aboard the *Coronet*, the personal starship of Kalevalan Duchess Satine Kryze, current leader of the New Mandalorians on Mandalore, Obi-Wan Kenobi and Anakin Skywalker travel with a group of diplomats (Satine, Senator Orn Free Taa, Senator Kin Robb, and Mandalorian Senator Tal Merrik) to Coruscant, where Satine is to answer accusations that the Mandalorians are arming to join the Separatists in the war. In truth, Obi-Wan and Satine have recently discovered that the *Death Watch*, a group of violent Mandalorians from the planet's moon, *Concordia*, are behind recent violence, led by Concordian Governor Pre Vizsla. During the journey, Anakin slowly begins to realize that Obi-Wan and Satine once had a relationship (though Obi-Wan had to give it up due to his Jedi duties, even though he might have given it all up for her if she'd asked). While in space, an assassin droid emerges in the cargo bay. After a brief game of hide and seek with Anakin, Captain Rex, R2-D2, and other clones, the droid is able to release tiny insectoid droids to carry out their assignment to, presumably, assassinate Satine and her allies. After protecting the Senators and Satine from the droids, Obi-Wan uses one of the droids that he captured to flush out the traitor among them, based on information from a protocol droid aboard that the package with the assassin droid was put aboard by a member of the Senate. When the little droid does not lash out when near Tal Merrik, he is revealed as a *Death Watch* traitor to Mandalore. He escapes and takes the ship out of hyperspace, contacting Pre Vizsla for reinforcements and retrieval. As battle droids board the *Coronet*, Anakin and his clones hold them off, while Obi-Wan chases Merrik, who is able to take Satine captive during his escape, also claiming to have rigged the ship to explode if he is stopped from escaping. During the standoff, Obi-Wan professes that he would have left the Jedi for Satine because of his love for her, finally breaking some of the tension between the two by revealing more about their feelings. Before Merrik (who is disgusted by the display) can force Obi-Wan to choose between letting Satine be taken or killing him (an act that would diminish him in the eyes of pacifist Satine), Anakin emerges behind them and kills Merrik, saving Satine. They are able to get back into hyperspace and arrive on Coruscant without any further complications, but the *Death Watch* is still out there. *

(Voyage of Temptation)*

*NOTE: See the note with *The Academy*.

- The situation for Mandalore continues to develop. With the *Death Watch* (led by Pre Vizsla and supported by Count Dooku and the Separatists) preparing for a full-scale invasion of Mandalore from their base on the world's moon, *Concordia*, Prime Minister Almec of Mandalore knows that the *Death Watch* would be viewed as liberators if recent violence (blamed on Mandalore) ends up causing the Republic to occupy pacifistic Mandalore (ruled by the New Mandalorians). Their only hope of avoiding occupation lies with Duchess Satine Kryze, current ruler of Mandalore (originally from Kalevala), who is on Coruscant to explain the situation and the *Death Watch* threat to the Senate. During the Senate session, a heavy blow is delivered against Satine's case when a recording of Mandalorian Deputy Minister Jerec is shown, stating that the Mandalorians are in the middle of a civil war (*New Mandalorians versus Death Watch*), which would require Republic "assistance" from the outside. Satine is shocked and tries to contact him for an explanation, only to find that he died that very morning in a *Death Watch* bombing on Kalevala. As Satine and her guards leave the Senate in her speeder, an explosive fixed to it explodes. She escapes alive, but this pushes up the vote for the occupation. Rather than holding the vote the next day, the Senate is set to vote on occupying Mandalore that night (and such an occupation seems inevitable). Seeking to reveal the manipulations behind recent events before Republic ships can occupy her planet, Satine sneaks down into the Coruscant undercity for a secret meeting with Davu Golec of the Ministry of Intelligence. He reveals to her that Jerec's recording was altered. The true recording shows him as very much against Republic occupation, considering the *Death Watch* an internal matter that the New Mandalorians can handle for themselves. Someone has altered the recording to set up Mandalore. Before she can do anything with the recording, a Mandalorian sniper (in full armor) kills Davu, which local law enforcement believes was an act committed by Satine. Satine goes on the run, eventually meeting up with Obi-Wan Kenobi (her former love interest and current ally). She and Obi-Wan are attacked by the *Death Watch* man and a brief fight ensues, but the *Watchman* is able to escape. Obi-Wan and Satine work their way to the Senate, knowing that the Senate is still discussing the

*Mandalorian occupation in its current session. Satine turns herself in, since she's being hunted down already for Davu's murder, which allows Obi-Wan to get into the Senate and hand off the recording to Senator Padmé Amidala. Padmé shows the real recording during the Senate session, turning the tide against occupying Mandalore. With the occupation force standing down, the Death Watch, ready to fight the invasion as "heroes," can only either stand down or invade themselves. When Dooku withdraws his support for the Death Watch's potential invasion, Pre Vizsla is left to sulk and plan for another day. Mandalore is safely independent, at least for the moment.**

(Duchess of Mandalore)*

***NOTE:** See the note with *The Academy*.

- *At some point after Dooku refuses to go ahead with an invasion of Mandalore, Pre Vizsla cuts ties with Dooku (and receives a scar to his face from Dooku for good measure). Death Watch now begins to become more varied and mercenary, rather than a disciplined army ready to overthrow Mandalore.*

(conjecture based on A Friend in Need)

- *Two days prior to the arrest of Galen Erso on Vallt, security forces string a net in the hangar that will wind up making their escape impossible.*
- (conjecture based on Catalyst)*
- *On Vallt, the Separatists back the previously weak Marshal Phara in assassinating King Chai and taking over the planet.*
- (conjecture based on Catalyst)*
- *On the planet Vallt, Galen Erso leads a Zerpen Industries energy research team that includes his wife (Lyra Erso, now pregnant with their daughter, Jyn Erso), six native Valltii (Tambo, Easel, Nurboo, Rooni, etc.), and droid Assis (a TK-160 research assistant droid). After a disappointing test of a synthetic kyber crystal that they few two months earlier from a real kyber crystal model, their work is interrupted at night by local soldiers from the Iron Gauntlet Legion who arrive from the Keep (the local government capital). They learn that King Chai of Vallt has been overthrown by Marshal Phara, who had the help of the Separatists. Phara has now appropriated all extraplanetary concerns, meaning that the research station now belongs to the government, and the Ersos may be subject to being held on Vallt. The Valltii research team members send the Ersos and Assis to the hangar, but they are unable to escape on their ship before being caught and arrested by Phara's soldiers. Galen is to be taken to Tambolor prison, while Lyra is held nearby in relative comfort as a hostage in case Galen misbehaves. (Assis has been damaged, fit with a restraining bolt, and left behind at the hangar.) After two weeks cooling his heels in his cell at Tambolor prison without outside contact, he is brought before the new warden, Chieftain Gruppe. Lyra is still safe (for now) and only about two months from delivering Jyn. Gruppe offers him the chance for the Ersos to go free if he will admit to being a Republic spy and swear allegiance to the Separatists, but he is just an employee of Zerpen Industries and has little interest in the politics of the Clone Wars on either side. Lyra receives a letter from him that details their situation, but she knows better than to ask him to compromise his principles and bow to their demands. Approximately two weeks later (27 days after the Ersos were captured), the restraining bolt on Assis is removed, and the droid immediately wirelessly connects to the ship's receivers and sends out what amounts to a distress call on behalf of the Ersos to Zerpen Industries in the Salient System. (To be continued below . . .)**

(Catalyst)*

***NOTE:** The basis for the placement of this novel's opening bits comes from Jyn being born in ch. 4, which takes place approximately four months before when ANH would happen within its year (i.e. 21 years and 4 months BBY), based on information posted by Pablo Hidalgo on Twitter that put ANH in "May 1977" for clarity and put Jyn's birth in "January 1956." (Interestingly, this seems to contradict *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*, which claims on Galen's profile that Jyn was born in the "first few months of the Clone Wars," unless the timing of AOTC within its year is quite a bit later than when ANH occurs in its year.) This segment starts about 2.5 months before that (so around "late October or early November 1955"), then spans about a month (27 days).

- *Aboard the Endurance, under the command of Admiral Kilian, a group of young clones, members of the Clone Youth Brigade under adult clonetrooper Crasher, is shown around the ship as part of their training. They will soon grow up and join in the fight for the Republic. Among the clones is a new arrival (a replacement for another young clone) named "Lucky," who is picked on by the others but defended by the group's leader, a young clone named Jax. Little does Jax know that "Lucky" is actually Boba Fett, who has infiltrated the group to get aboard the ship and kill Mace Windu, the man who killed his father (clone template, that is), Jango Fett on Geonosis. Boba is on this mission with the help of bounty hunter Aurra*

Sing, who is also working with Castas and Bossk. Boba sneaks away and sets an explosive booby trap at Mace's quarters, but Mace, who just met with the clones along with Anakin Skywalker, is diverted from his quarters, leaving a clone to accidentally trigger the bomb. While the Jedi investigate, Boba pretends to be a lost clone and makes his way to the ship's main reactor, on advice from Aurra, and smashes many of its control consoles, beginning a destruct sequence. Crasher assists in getting the young clones (including Boba) into some escape pods, while everyone escapes, except for Admiral Kilian, Commander Ponds, and a few others, who choose to remain aboard as the ship crashes down to the surface of Vanqor. Thanks to some strategic sabotage by Boba, the escape pod he is in with Jax and the other young clones doesn't follow the course of the other pods. Instead, it is intercepted by Slave I, which is there to retrieve him. Boba doesn't kill the others, but instead jettisons them on their own in space, where they will likely die. Boba leaves with Aurra, Bossk, and Castas on Slave I. Later, the escape pod is finally found by Anakin and Mace in their starfighters. The mission is not over yet, though, as some may have survived the crash of the Endurance.

(Death Trap)

- *After making sure the escapees from the Endurance are able to get aboard a newly-arrived medical ship, Anakin Skywalker and Mace Windu return to Vanqor to search the wreckage of the Endurance in hopes of finding Admiral Kilian, Commander Ponds, or someone else alive after the crash. Anakin and Mace are joined by their astromechs, R2-D2 and R8-B7. They discover several clones that were killed after the crash, presumably by Boba Fett and his allies. When the droids are on patrol, R8-B7 is destroyed by a gundark, while R2-D2 escapes. On the bridge of the downed ship, Mace and Anakin discover the helmet of Jango Fett, which is booby trapped. It explodes, collapsing rubble on top of Mace and Anakin. Their only hope of escape rests in R2-D2, who is able to confound the efforts of Boba, Aurra Sing, and Castas to get through the wreckage to take out Mace. When R2-D2 takes off in Mace's starfighter (after having defeated a gundark by hooking it to Anakin's and sending it flying to an explosive crash), Boba and the others (including Bossk, who has been keeping an eye on three hostages from the ship: Kilian; Ponds; and an unknown other clone) give chase in Slave I. However, R2-D2 is able to get to a hyperspace ring and races off to Coruscant to get help for Anakin and Mace (possibly going through routes and at speeds that would harm a living passenger, as the trip is extremely fast, it seems). Seeing "Mace" escape, Boba's group goes to hyperspace, intending to stop going after Mace but to make Mace come to them by using the hostages. On Coruscant, R2-D2 interrupts a briefing at the Jedi Temple that includes Plo Koon and Ahsoka Tano. Recognizing R2-D2 and getting information from the droid, Ahsoka and Plo lead a rescue mission that manages to save Anakin and Mace. The day is won, but the threat of Boba Fett, Aurra Sing, Castas, and Bossk is still out there.*

(R2 Come Home)

- *On Coruscant, Mace Windu and Anakin Skywalker are recovering from their wounds, received on the bridge of the wrecked Endurance on Vanqor. Soon, they receive a transmission from Aurra Sing and Boba Fett, which shows Admiral Kilian, Commander Ponds, and another clonetrooper as their hostages. Aurra kills Ponds in front of them (when Boba cannot find the will to do so). Aurra, Boba, Castas, and Bossk then head for Florrum, where they seek brief refuge with Hondo Ohnaka's gang. Hondo and Aurra have been romantically involved before, but they have no real loyalty to each other, per se. When Castas, bothered by how the job has gone so far, contacts his ally Fong Do on Coruscant, he is about to reveal information about their mission when Aurra shoots him dead in Hondo's bar. Boba, right there as it happens, is shocked, though he really shouldn't be if he knew Aurra's true ruthlessness. On Coruscant, Ahsoka Tano and Plo Koon have entered the underworld to seek out known associates of Aurra, only to have Ahsoka overhear a conversation between Fong Do and an associate, which reveals Aurra's location. Plo and Ahsoka head for Florrum, where they find Hondo willing to cooperate (in the sense that he wants to stay out of the line of fire). Aurra meets the two Jedi in the bar, where she tries to coerce their cooperation (and a ransom) by revealing that the hostages remain in her custody. When Aurra pulls a blaster on Plo, Ahsoka destroys her comlink and holds Aurra with her lightsaber at the woman's throat, only for Aurra to escape and lead Ahsoka in a speederbike chase. With Hondo's help (stating that Jango Fett would have been honorable in the situation), Plo learns the location of the hostages from a dejected, abandoned Boba. Ahsoka is sent to Bossk's location, where she saves the hostages, allowing them to capture Bossk. When Aurra begins to escape aboard Slave I, Ahsoka leaps aboard and damages the ship enough that it crashes. Aurra is either presumed dead or escapes the crashed Slave I*

(which will eventually be reclaimed and rebuilt), while Bossk and Boba are taken into custody and transferred to Coruscant, where Boba expresses his regrets for the destruction caused by his quest for vengeance, but he refuses to forgive Mace for Jango's death. Mace simply replies that Boba will simply have to do so.

(Lethal Trackdown)

- Hondo Ohnaka investigates the crash site of Slave I and finds Aurra Sing alive. He pulls her from the wreckage and looks after her as she heals from her injuries. As for Slave I, it will be repaired and put into a hanger with other ships Hondo has acquired.
(conjecture based on Assassin and A Necessary Bond)
- As the Clone Wars continue, supplies are becoming scarce on the neutral world of Mandalore. New Mandalorian leader Duchess Satine Kryze has been petitioning the Senate to open new trade routes that will allow legitimate supplies to reach Mandalore. Otherwise, smuggling and the corruption that is bred by the shortages will continue to spread on Mandalore, which she will not allow. Senator Padmé Amidala visits Satine in Sundari to look into the situation, but the amount of corruption leaves Satine's government without a unified stand on how (or whether) they should be looking to the Republic for assistance. They visit a nearby hospital and discover many ill children, who all went to the same school. They investigate the school and find the source of the illness: a tea that all of the students are drinking that is diluted with slabin. Questioning the superintendent and his source for the drinks, a shipping agent named Siddiq, they discover that the tea is being smuggled onto Mandalore by a Moogan smuggler (later identified as Tee Va). They investigate the next scheduled shipment and a firefight ensues between Satine's guards and the smugglers. The conspirators are arrested (or at least the ones discovered), and Prime Minister Almec is directed to investigate government corruption, though he seems resistant to the idea. (He previously suggested Death Watch as the source.) With need of someone who can definitely be trusted, Satine requests that Padmé convince the Jedi to send an agent to Mandalore to seek out the source of the corruption . . . *

(Corruption)*

*NOTE: See the note with *The Academy*.

- En route to rendezvous with Jedi Master Kit Fisto, Anakin Skywalker drops his Padawan, Ahsoka Tano, on Mandalore. She is supposedly there to lead a class on civil service for New Mandalorian youths, but she is really there based on a request from Duchess Satine Kryze (via Padmé Amidala) to investigate corruption on the planet. The class she teaches includes Satine's nephew Korkie, along with his friends Lagos, Amis, and Soniee. After a lesson on civic responsibility, the four kids decide to investigate a government warehouse to seek information on government food rationing at the Academy. At the warehouse, they spot a hooded figure, Mandalorian officers, and some shady Gotals, but they are almost discovered. They escape with a recording, but Soniee's computer is dropped and discovered. The kids report their findings to Satine, but she warns them off of future investigation due to the danger involved. Not taking no for an answer, they turn to Prime Minister Almec for assistance and share what they learned. They are to meet him in the evening, but they are instead stopped by Mandalorian Secret Service agents and nearly arrested. Fortunately, Ahsoka (without her lightsaber, due to weapon restrictions after the Death Watch incidents) is able to save them. They analyze their recording and realize that Almec was the hooded man, and the "meeting" was a trap for them. They attempt to warn Satine, but she has vanished and her guards are dead. Ahsoka pretends to take the four students as "prisoners" to Almec, attempting to gain his trust, but nothing is revealed of Satine's location. Almec prepares to address the citizens of Mandalore, while Ahsoka (pretending to want to interrogate the kids) enters the prison and tries to use the Force to make the guards take her to Satine. Unfortunately, the guards have been trained to resist mind tricks, and they lead Ahsoka into another trap. Almec reveals Satine as his prisoner, and he intends to have her sign a confession that admits to treason, so that he (the man who established the black market smuggling operations to "save" Mandalore) can rule. When the kids are brought in to be threatened as a means of making her sign the confession, Ahsoka and the kids lash out, allowing Ahsoka the chance she needs to slap a shock collar onto Almec's neck. He surrenders, and the conspiracy is defeated. His confederates are rounded up, and Mandalore is again safe . . . for now. *

(The Academy)*

*NOTE: Yes, the order provided to Ryder Windham for *The Ultimate Visual Guide: Updated and Expanded* puts these two episodes before the trilogy of Mandalorian episodes that came a season earlier. However, I have personally contacted Leland Chee to determine if this was an error, and he has confirmed that the Season 2 trio

of episodes come before these two. This was later fixed publicly in *The Clone Wars Episode Guide* by Jason Fry and in an *Official Star Wars Blog* post by Leland Chee.

- *Returning from a successful mission, Ahsoka Tano is given leave from her wartime duties for a short while, but that leave is interrupted when she begins having dreams (Force visions, she believes) of Aurra Sing. The more the visions emerge, the clearer they become, convincing her that Aurra is planning to assassinate Padmé Amidala, while she attends a humanitarian conference on Alderaan being held by Bail Organa. Ahsoka joins Padmé on the trip to keep her safe, but she is plagued by doubts about her ability to save Padmé. At the conference, Padmé delivers a prepared speech, during which Aurra strikes. Ahsoka is able to stop her, but only partially. Aurra is able to get off a shot that wounds Padmé in the shoulder, rather than killing her, and Aurra escapes. They attempt to trap Aurra by having Padmé give another speech. This time, however, the “Padmé” in public is a droid in a costume, speaking with her voice from a secure location. However, Aurra anticipates such a trap and nearly kills Padmé in that “secure” room. Ahsoka senses the danger in time and intercepts Aurra. Padmé is saved, Ahsoka is wounded, and Aurra comments that she was sent by an old enemy of Padmé before she is stunned and taken into custody. Soon, Ahsoka and Padmé return to Coruscant, where Ahsoka’s Force visions give enough clues to point to the being who hired Aurra: Ziro the Hutt, still locked away in prison due to the events surrounding the abduction of Rotta the Hutt during Ahsoka’s first mission as Anakin Skywalker’s Padawan. More time is added to Ziro’s sentence, but he plans revenge and escape very soon . . .*

(Assassin)

- *Thanks to an intercepted transmission between General Grievous and Asajj Ventress (and the fact that the Separatists have been angling for Kamino for quite a while, including going after the Rishi base), the Republic believes that the Separatists are about to attack Kamino. Obi-Wan Kenobi, Anakin Skywalker, Commander Cody, Captain Rex, and their clonetroopers (including Echo and Fives) head for Kamino to defend the planet and warn Prime Minister Lama Su and Jedi Master Shaak Ti, who is there to supervise cloning once again. The Republic force takes out a Separatist attack fleet, only to discover that the vessels fell apart on purpose, so that their “debris” could get underwater and release aqua droids into Tipoca City. Grievous and Asajj enter the city. Grievous attempts to take out the clones in their barracks, but Obi-Wan is able to stop him, even though Grievous escapes again. Asajj, meanwhile, goes after the DNA sample of Jango Fett from which the clones are made, but Anakin stops her, forcing her to retreat aboard Grievous’ escape pod. Elsewhere, Fives, Echo, 99, and later arrivals Rex and Cody join with a group of young (i.e. Boba Fett’s age, basically) cadets and help them defend themselves against oncoming droids, but 99 dies in the battle. For their exemplary service, both Echo and Fives are promoted to the ranks of the ARC Troopers.**

(ARC Troopers)*

*NOTE: The error-prone *Galactic Maps* puts this in 21 BBY, so it could well be early in the next year (if one tries to trust the unreliable TCW dates in *Galactic Maps*).

- *Hamma Elad, a COMPOR propaganda artist, dies during conflict on Kamino.**
(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)*

*NOTE: We are not given a specific time for this, other than that it is during a Clone Wars battle on Kamino, which would suggest that it was meant to tie into the **ARC Troopers** episode of TCW.

- *Wilhuff Tarkin is decorated for his service during the Battle of Kamino.*
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)
- *Senator Riyo Chuchi and Chairman N. Papanoida of Pantora attempt to convince the Senate to assist their homeworld. The Trade Federation has blockaded Pantora, ostensibly due to outstanding debts, but really to force them to join the Separatist cause. In order to undermine their efforts, Papanoida’s daughters, Chi Eekway and Che Amanwe, are kidnapped. While the Jedi cannot officially investigate, Anakin Skywalker allows his Padawan, Ahsoka Tano, to investigate on her own, since Riyo Chuchi is her friend. Ahsoka and Chuchi head for the Pantoran blockade to look for the kidnapped women, while Papanoida and his son, Ion, discover a small icon that Che used to hit one of her attackers. Blood on the icon identifies the Rodian bounty hunter Greedo as one of the kidnappers, which leads them to Jabba the Hutt’s palace on Tatooine. There, Papanoida sets Greedo up by pretending to be looking to hire him. Despite Greedo trying to attack them, the two Pantorans are able to capture Greedo, reveal his actions to Jabba, and force him to take them to where Chi Eekway is being held in a nearby cantina in Mos Eisley. Chi is rescued amid a firefight, but Greedo escapes. Meanwhile, Ahsoka and Chuchi discover that Che is indeed aboard the Trade Federation blockade command ship and use what Anakin might call “aggressive negotiations”*

to force an end to the blockade and the release of Chi.

(Sphere of Influence)

- Padmé Amidala is planning a party for Roonan Senator Aang, but she needs Jogan fruit that R2-D2 apparently forgot to pick up (somehow). Anakin Skywalker, seeing his wife's frustration, sends C-3PO and R2-D2 to purchase some, but they find themselves scammed by the Jogan fruit seller. They do, however, get the fruit. They are then approached by a droid that offers them the chance to relax at a droid spa. R2-D2 accepts the offer, only for C-3PO to be captured by HELIOS-3E. The droid spa was a ruse to separate the two droids because Cad Bane has been hired to acquire plans for the Senate building, which he hopes to retrieve from C-3PO. C-3PO is tortured and probed, but no such information is found. Unfortunately, he accidentally mentions that R2-D2 would have them, not him. Todo 360 (rebuilt by Anakin after the holocron heist but having escaped from custody) and HELIOS-3E go after R2-D2 as he exits the droid spa, and the astromech turns himself in when he hears that C-3PO will soon be dismantled. R2-D2 is probed for the information, giving it to Bane. The droids are then memory-wiped and returned to their last location. They return to the party with no one the wiser. As for Bane, he heads for Tatooine with the Senate building plans and is given a new assignment by his employer, Jabba the Hutt. He is to break Ziro the Hutt from prison by using those Senate plans to create a hostage situation where he can trade hostages for Ziro's release. It isn't that Jabba likes Ziro any more now than he did before, but Ziro has information that could harm the Hutts, and he cannot be allowed to divulge that information.

(Evil Plans)

- Cad Bane and his bounty hunter team (Aurra Sing, Robonino, Shahan Alama, and new additions IG droid 3D, two droid commandos, and an IG-86 droid) have been hired (by Jabba the Hutt) to break Ziro the Hutt, who remains in jail after the events on Christophsis and Teth, from custody. They take down a group of Senate Commandos, using their uniforms as disguises for the droid commandos to cover their entry. Meanwhile, Anakin Skywalker is taking the opportunity of a brief lull in the war to visit with his wife, Senator Padmé Amidala, but she is unwilling to give up her duties to spend time with him, which causes him to act like a stubborn adolescent. He offers his lightsaber to Padmé as proof of his devotion, but she thinks he is mocking her. When their brief stolen kiss is interrupted by the arrival of Bail Organa and C-3PO, Anakin hides under the desk, but the lightsaber is left with Padmé. She has to leave to go with Bail to a meeting about the Enhanced Privacy Invasion Bill in the Senate lobby. She leaves, taking the lightsaber with her. Bane, meanwhile, gains access for Robonino to the building's power core, where he slices into the system. Then, once the senators, called together by Senator Philo, are all in the lobby, they are taken hostage by Bane, Aurra, 3D, Shahan, and the IG-86 droid. Philo tries to simply walk out on such insolence and is killed by Bane for his actions. Senator Orn Free Taa brings the situation to Supreme Chancellor Palpatine's attention. They are contacted by Bane via holocomm, but they refuse to turn Ziro over to him. Robonino then shuts down all of the power, which includes locking Taa and Palpatine in his Senate building office. All communications are also cut off with the outside, so Palpatine cannot contact the Jedi Council. Before Bane's goons can find Anakin's lightsaber on Padmé, they notice Anakin slinking around, spying on them. Shahan and the IG-86 droid give chase. Anakin is able to contact Palpatine, who tells him to get to the power core to free up outside communications, but Anakin has no lightsaber. Anakin takes out the IG-86, but Shahan recognizes that the droid has no lightsaber marks, which he reports to Bane, who sends Aurra to continue the hunt. Anakin reaches the power core, but Robonino eludes him, leading him to be attacked by Aurra and Shahan before Robonino induces an electric shock that knocks Anakin unconscious. Anakin is taken to the lobby with the other prisoners, while Bane's team rigs the room with explosives. Bane threatens to kill everyone inside if Ziro is not freed. 3D picks up Orn Free Taa from Palpatine's office so that Taa can take a pardon chip to the local prison to free Ziro. Ziro is brought to the Senate building for a rendezvous with the others. Bane activates a laser field that should keep those in the room from trying to escape, which allows him some leverage to escape. His team (minus the IG-86 droid, of course, and, apparently, the two droid commandos), returns to their flyer and escapes with Ziro. Inside, Padmé claims to have found Anakin's lightsaber "in the hallway," and he uses it to cut through the floor, even as Bane blows up the room in a final act of payback for clonetroopers attempting to stop Ziro's escape. Luckily, everyone fell to the floor below to safety in time. The remaining senators are safe, as is Anakin, but Ziro is now free again, as is Bane and his team.

(Hostage Crisis)

- *Ziro the Hutt, freed from prison, is taken to Nal Hutta, where Hutt Cartel leaders intend to have him turn over his holodiary with sensitive information that could hurt the Hutts. Ziro is the only one who knows its location, so he is safe, for now, but he is locked up. When his former romantic interest, Sy Snootles, comes to visit him, however, he convinces her to break him out of the prison. They make their way to the home of Ziro's mother, taking her starship to escape from Nal Hutta to Teth, where Asajj Ventress had once held Rotta the Hutt during the kidnapping Ziro had helped arrange. Hot on Ziro's trail are Jedi Masters Obi-Wan Kenobi and Quinlan Vos. Together, Obi-Wan and Quinlan travel to Nal Hutta, where the Hutt Council denies any knowledge of his whereabouts. Quinlan uses his psychometric Force ability to read a cup Ziro had used to learn that he was there. They then check the cells, only to find Ziro already gone. They follow their leads to Ziro's mother's home, then onward, based on her information, to Teth. Meanwhile, the Hutts now know Ziro is gone, so they hire Cad Bane to go after him. Ziro and Sy arrive on Teth and retrieve Ziro's diary from his father's grave, where he had hidden it, only for Sy to reveal herself to be in Jabba's employ. She kills Ziro and takes the diary, preserving the Hutt Cartel's secrets. Both the Jedi duo and Bane arrive at the scene after the fact. Ziro is dead, but the Jedi still want Bane in custody. They do battle, but Cad Bane escapes aboard the Xanadu Blood with the help of his trusty droid, Todo 360.*

(*Hunt for Ziro*)

- *In the wake of the Senate hostage crisis, Senator Padmé Amidala decides to take a vacation to Caamas to attend a party held by the famously self-centered, flamboyant actress, Madam Risha Synata, aboard her personal (huge) vessel. She invites her secret husband, Anakin Skywalker, along under the pretense of giving a friend the chance to finally see Synata perform. They run late and miss a play in which Synata plays a Jedi who must kill her lover, a former Jedi who has become Darth Krist-ov. Synata insists that they visit her museum that is dedicated to her various roles over the years. Anakin and Padmé spend a rare night together, then they visit the museum in the morning, where various display pieces (including a droid version of Yoda) attack them. It seems that Synata is trying to kill Padmé. They escape from the various attackers until finding a hidden door way that reveals a command center with a holographic projection (or communication uplink) to Count Dooku. It seems Synata has joined the Separatists. Anakin and Padmé will soon return to Coruscant to deliver a report on these events to the Jedi Council. (To be continued as more issues are released . . .)*

(*Intermission*)

- *On Ryloth, young Neesha Tor is treated like garbage by pretty much everyone, as if somehow she is guilty of something just by existing in low social status. When she has a chance to take out her pain by kicking a tooka, she nearly falls from a waterfall. She is found and saved by Mace Windu, who tries to explain to her that she can find value in herself and can do good for others, just as he did for her. She will carry this lesson for decades to come. (To be continued below . . .)**

(*A Small Push*)*

***NOTE:** I'm assuming this must be during the Clone Wars, given how young Neesha still is when meeting Emil Graf years later, yet Mace still being, y'know, alive.

- *Just two weeks before an Iron Gauntlet Legion rider must arrest Galen Erso on Vallt, Galen has tea with that rider.
(conjecture based on *Catalyst*)*
- *Around this time, Lyra Erso sees Nari Sable (who is living on Alderaan at this point) for the last time before their mission to check out a kyber crystal vein in the Outer Rim four years from now.
(conjecture based on *Catalyst*)*
- *Approximately one year before Padmé Amidala and Ahsoka Tano visit Mina Bonteri on Raxus, Mina Bonteri's husband goes to Aargonar to set up a Separatist base. Shortly thereafter, Republic clonetroopers attack the base. Mina's husband is killed, leaving her a widow and their son Lux without a father.
(conjecture based on *Heroes on Both Sides*)*
- *At some point in the midst of the Clone Wars, Commander Wolffe engages Asajj Ventress on Khorm and loses an eye.*
(conjecture based on *Ultimate Star Wars*)**

***NOTE:** In the Legends Continuity, this was seen in the comic *In Service of the Republic*, but that story is not part of Story Group Canon. The event (or a similar event) is referenced in *Ultimate Star Wars* as the reason for Wolffe's cybernetic eye.

- *Weeks after the arrest of Galen Erso on Vallt, Lieutenant Commander Orson Krennic attends a meeting of the Special Weapons Group on Coruscant at the Republic Center for Military Operations. Krennic is a ladder-climbing, ambitious man, who intends to move closer and closer to the seat of power, as represented in the Strategic Planning Amphitheater by how close an individual is to the chair of Vice Chancellor Mas Amedda in these meetings. At the meeting, Dr. Grubacher presents the status of the Death Star's construction over Geonosis. At this point, a ring serving as the station's prime meridian has been constructed, so an equatorial ring will come next. The ring has been built mostly with new machines, using ores mined from nearby asteroids, then smelted in orbital foundries that have been equipped after the Baktoid Armor factories on the surface of Geonosis were stripped in the wake of the Battle of Geonosis. Lead scientist Professor Sahali confirms, though, that while the rest of the station would mostly just be extrapolating larger versions of hyperdrives, shield generators, etc. that are existing technology, the kind of focusing dish and power source needed to create the base's superlaser is a technology that does not yet exist. When the meeting adjourns, Krennic speaks with Mas Amedda, convincing him that Galen, Krennic's brilliant friend from the Brentaal (Republic) Futures Program, who is a genius in the field of energy research, is the man to solve their superlaser concerns. He would be the one that could weaponize kyber crystals (or a giant one) for them, but he is in prison on Vallt. Amedda gives Krennic permission to carry out a rescue mission to extract the Ersos from Vallt. On Vallt, Jyn Erso is born at the Keep, and Galen is allowed to leave the prison temporarily to be with Lyra for the birth. In space, smuggler Has Obitt (captain of the Good Tidings) meets with Krennic. Once Has shows knowledge of how to smuggle things (or people) onto the Separatist planet Merj, Krennic makes him an offer he can't refuse (because he'd be killed). He will help Krennic on a mission to Merj in return for the Republic looking the other way with regard to his various crimes. (To be continued below . . .)**

(Catalyst)*

*NOTE: Ch. 4 takes place approximately four months before when ANH would happen within its year (i.e. 21 years and 4 months BBY), based on information posted by Pablo Hidalgo on Twitter that put ANH in "May 1977" for clarity and put Jyn's birth in "January 1956." Ch. 3 also cites the Second Battle of Geonosis as a past event (and will also reference Lok Durd and Nuvo Vindi as previous threats on page 98, though those came before the Second Battle of Geonosis anyway). The third chapter also makes it clear that it has been less than a year at that point since the start of the Clone Wars. That chapter also, however, refers to the Battle of Naboo as "eleven years ago," which must be rounding, since this is in the latter half of 22 BBY, close to the start of 21 BBY.

- *Nine months after the Battle of Geonosis, the Separatists succeed in slicing into the Republic HoloNet by using hyperwave transceiver nodes in space. Rather than using this for intelligence gathering, Dooku uses their access in an attempt to win "hearts and minds" with Separatist Shadowfeeds, propaganda sources for his cause. Discovering that this slicing is based on Murkhana, Commander Wilhuff Tarkin is sent, along with elements of the 12th Army and assets like Bracchia, to dismantle the operation. The mission is successful and kicks off a year of such successes, while leaving Murkhana without much HoloNet access for the majority of the next decade. The Murkhana mission and the issue of propaganda leads to the creation of COMPOR (the Commission for the Protection of the Republic).*

(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)

Jedi of the Republic [continued] (comic series: Matt Owens)

Mace Windu [continued] (comic series: Matt Owens)

Mace Windu, Part III [flashback] (comic: Matt Owens)

Mace Windu, Part I (comic: Matt Owens)

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The Hidden Enemy (cartoon: Drew Z. Greenberg)

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Opening Logo

The Clone Wars

Dispatching a Messenger

Battle Positions

Ahsoka [continued] (novel: E.K. Johnston)

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Interlude Between Chapters 15 and 16

The Clone Wars [continued] (movie: Henry Gilroy & Steven Melching & Scott Murphy)

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The New Padawan

The Sith Conspire

Rex and Ahsoka

Planning the Strike

Scout Report

Beneath the Shields

The Battle is Joined

Reinforcements Arrive

Surrounded by Droids

The Negotiator

Master and Apprentice

New Assignments

Return of the Hunters

War Stories

Obi-Wan and Jabba

Vertical Assault

Inside the Monastery

Dooku's Ploy

Securing the Huttlet

Proof of Treachery

Separatist Counterassault

Breaching the Castle

Ventress in Control

Launch All Fighters

Spice Freighter

Last Stand

The Mission Comes First

Pursuit of the *Twilight*

Obi-Wan vs. Ventress

Through Hyperspace

The Lies of Dooku

Dogfight Over Tatooine

Grand Adventure of Politics

Stranded in the Desert

Ziro the Hutt

Padmé Confronts Ziro

Exposing the Truth

A Call for Help

Separate Duels

Showdown

Conspiracy Revealed/Reunion

End Credits

The Clone Wars [continued] (novel series: Karen Traviss & Karen Miller)

The Clone Wars (novel: Karen Traviss)

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Clone Cadets (cartoon: Cameron Litvack)

Supply Lines (cartoon: Steven Melching & Eoghan Mahony)

A Galaxy Divided (cartoon: Steven Melching & Tim Burns)

Ambush (cartoon: Steven Melching)

Rising *Malevolence* (cartoon: Steven Melching)

Shadow of *Malevolence* (cartoon: Steven Melching)

Destroy *Malevolence* (cartoon: Tim Burns)

Clone Commandos (cartoon: Steven Melching & George Kristic & Henry Gilroy)

Rookies (cartoon: Steven Melching)

Downfall of a Droid (cartoon: George Kristic)

Duel of the Droids (cartoon: Kevin Campbell)

Bombad Jedi (cartoon: Kevin Rubio & Steven Melching)

Cloak of Darkness (cartoon: Paul Dini)

Lair of Grievous (cartoon: Henry Gilroy)

Dooku Captured (cartoon: Julie Siege)

The Gungan General (cartoon: Julie Siege)

Jedi Crash (cartoon: Katie Lucas)

Defenders of Peace (cartoon: Bill Canterbury)

Trespass (cartoon: Steven Melching)

Blue Shadow Virus (cartoon: Craig Titley)

Mystery of a Thousand Moons (cartoon: Brian Larsen)

Clone Commandos [continued] (cartoon: Steven Melching & George Kristic & Henry Gilroy)

Storm Over Ryloth (cartoon: George Kristic)

Innocents of Ryloth (cartoon: Henry Gilroy)

Liberty on Ryloth (cartoon: Henry Gilroy)

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Holocron Heist (cartoon: Paul Dini)

Cargo of Doom (cartoon: George Kristic)

Children of the Force (cartoon: Henry Gilroy & Wendy Meracle)

Bounty Hunters (cartoon: Carl Ellsworth)

The Zillo Beast (cartoon: Craig Titley)

The Zillo Beast Strikes Back (cartoon: Steven Melching)

Senate Spy (cartoon: Melinda Hsu & Drew Z. Greenberg & Brian Larsen)

Landing at Point Rain (cartoon: Brian Larsen)

Weapons Factory (cartoon: Brian Larsen)

Legacy of Terror (cartoon: Eoghan Mahony)

Brain Invaders (cartoon: Andrew Kreisberg)

Grievous Intrigue (cartoon: Ben Edlund & Drew Z. Greenberg & Brian Larsen)

The Deserter (cartoon: Carl Ellsworth & Drew Z. Greenberg & Brian Larsen)

Lightsaber Lost (cartoon: Drew Z. Greenberg)

The Mandalore Plot (cartoon: Melinda Hsu & Drew Z. Greenberg)

Voyage of Temptation (cartoon: Paul Dini & Henry Gilroy)

Duchess of Mandalore (cartoon: Drew Z. Greenberg)

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Death Trap (cartoon: Doug Petrie & Drew Z. Greenberg & Brian Larsen)

R2 Come Home (cartoon: Eoghan Mahony & Drew Z. Greenberg & Brian Larsen)

Lethal Trackdown (cartoon: Dave Filoni & Drew Z. Greenberg & Brian Larsen)

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Corruption (cartoon: Cameron Litvack)

The Academy (cartoon: Cameron Litvack)

Assassin (cartoon: Katie Lucas)

ARC Troopers (cartoon: Cameron Litvack)

Sphere of Influence (cartoon: Steven Melching & Katie Lucas)

Evil Plans (cartoon: Steve Mitchell & Craig Van Sickle)

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Catalyst [continued] (novel: James Luceno)

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Life During Wartime [continued]

Secret Weapons

Beginnings

21 BBY

- *Sabine Wren is born on Mandalore to Alrich Wren and Ursa Wren.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars: Rebels: The Visual Guide, Legacy of Mandalore*, and

Heroes of Mandalore)

- *Around this time, Moden Canady is born.**
(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi Visual Dictionary*)*
- *NOTE: He is “in his 50s” in TLJ, which I have rounded to being 55 years old.**
- *Future Imperial pilot Penrie is born (possibly on Lothal).*
(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*)
 - *During the waning days of the Republic, management texts by Denetrius Vidian become pop-culture hits, mostly due to his reluctance to appear on business HoloNets.*
(conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)
 - *According to Chirrut Imwe to longtime friend Baze Malbus at the time of their brief alliance with Saw Gerrera, this was the last time that Chirrut walked into a wall unintentionally (suggesting that any time in the next two decades is intentional).**
(conjecture based on *Guardians of the Whills*)*
- *NOTE: This is 20 years prior to the book.**
- *Kaeden Larte and Miara Larte are orphaned on Raada when a farming accident kills both of their parents. Also in the accident, the Twi’lek cantina owner, Selda, is also maimed and requires cybernetics. Since Kaeden is fourteen and just barely able to work, she and Miara are taken in by Vartan and become part of his farming crew.*
(conjecture based on *Ahsoka*)
 - *Around this time, Ahsoka Tano travels back to Ilum and acquires a second lightsaber crystal, which she uses to create a shoto (a second, shorter lightsaber).*
(conjecture based on *Ahsoka*)
 - *Two months before Orson Krennic takes Galen Erso there, the planet Grange comes under siege and becomes the site of an ongoing battle between the Republic and Separatists.*
(conjecture based on *Catalyst*)
 - *On Merj, Orson Krennic heads an operation in which a Republic Intelligence special ops team, led by Mateese, is brought to Merj as crew by Has Obitt. They succeed in capturing two Morseerian scientists from a lab on the Separatist planet. Soon, on Vallt, Lyla Erso and Jyn Erso (six months old now) visit Galen Erso at Tambolor Prison, but rather than just a visit, they are surprised when they are then taken to the spaceport to meet an arriving Zerpen Industries ship that is actually crewed by Krennic and his team in Zerpen uniforms. They make an exchange: the Ersos for the captured Morseerians. As they leave, they are (as expected) betrayed and targeted by Separatist ships, but Krennic has already ordered a Republic ship under Commander Prakas into the system to cover their escape. Against Galen’s wishes, Krennic has Prakas’ forces target the Keep. They are Separatists after all. Rather than heading straight for Coruscant, Krennic attempts to bring Galen into the war on the side of the Republic by first taking them to Galen’s homeworld, Grange. The planet is the site of a battle between Separatist and Republic forces that is inflicting harm on the planet. The Republic will likely cut its losses and leave the planet in Separatist hands. This doesn’t change Galen’s views, though Krennic pretends that this was about opening his eyes to how the galaxy and Coruscant have changed while the Ersos were on Vallt, rather than changing his position. One month later, the Ersos are back to living in an apartment at the Institute of Applied Sciences on Coruscant, but with Zerpen unlikely to bring Galen back into the fold, he feels a responsibility to find gainful employment to provide for his family. He decides to meet with Krennic in hopes of convincing him to leave government service and join Galen in a new energy project. Krennic interrogates Poggle the Lesser in a Coruscant detention center. He questions the Geonosian on whether the Geonosians created the Death Star (“deep space mobile battle station”) plans on their own or had help from Wat Tambor or Dooku, along with how far along the Separatists might be in creating their own station. He offers to send Poggle back to lead his people if Geonosis sides with the Republic (which already has control of the planet) and has the native Geonosians build the Death Star for the Republic. Poggle agrees, eliminating the need to bring in a substantial workforce to the secret project already being built over Geonosis. Next, Krennic meets with Galen, but he cannot convince Krennic to leave the Republic to join him, nor can Krennic convince him to enter government service. Weeks pass until Galen, still restless, approaches his former mentor, Reeva Demesne about a new project. (Reeva is working on defensive shield generation, unknowingly for the Death Star, as part of a government-funded project, though it is presented as if designed to protect capital ships from a weapon like the Death Star.) She isn’t available to join him, but she is surprised he is not yet part of the “defense project” and hasn’t yet signed the Official Secrets Oath. She tries to convince him to join the project himself, but he still does not. After the next*

*Special Weapons Group meeting, Mas Amedda questions Krennic on who authorized the attack on Vallt and why Krennic met with Poggie. Amedda is skeptical that Galen will ever join the project, per Krennic's plans, but Krennic assures him that Galen is destined to do so, but he just doesn't know it yet. (To be continued below . . .)**

(Catalyst)*

*NOTE: This segment of *Catalyst* starts with the fifth chapter, in which Jyn is six months old, making this two months into the year relative to ANH (or "July 1956" in the way Pablo Hidalgo described Jyn's birthdate). On page 73 Krennic also mentions that the Ersos were on Vallt for "more than a standard year," which fits with their arrival, four months passing before their arrest, two weeks waiting after arrest, two months from the first meeting with Gruppe to Jyn's birth, then another six months to this point. This segment jumps one month between chapters 6 and 7. Weeks then pass in the middle of chapter 7.

- *With the destruction of the Keep, the Republic retakes control of Vallt. Soon, Zerpen Industries will reopen its research facility there.*
(conjecture based on *Catalyst*)
- *In the period after Has Obitt helps Orson Krennic for the Erso rescue mission, he will be arrested on Celanon for blockade running and get bailed out by the Republic, then later lose two freighters, both of which Krennic helps replace at cost.*
(conjecture based on *Catalyst*)
- *Having now constructed a second, shorter lightsaber (a shoto), Ahsoka Tano trains with Anakin Skywalker to learn how to actually fight with two lightsabers. Yoda comes in to see how training is progressing, and he wants to duel Ahsoka, insisting that she use both sabers. Yoda teaches her that she needs to fight like herself, which causes her to use some acrobatics and wield the sabers in a reverse grip for part of the duel. She learns her lesson well, and she is told that she should learn from Anakin but take what she learns and make it her own.**

(Teach You, I Will)*

*NOTE: I have placed this before *The Padawan Path* and *The Imposter Inside* because Ahsoka is seen using both lightsabers in those cartoons. I would also note that, just like in *The Padawan Path*, Taylor Swift (uhm, I mean Anakin) does not have his scar in this cartoon.

- *The night before a ceremony to receive her newest Padawan beads, Ahsoka Tano tries to prepare by meditating, only to fall asleep and awaken later than intended. This causes her to be running late for the meeting with Yoda and Anakin Skywalker. (To be continued below . . .)**

(Tales of Hope & Courage)*

*NOTE: This is the lead-in to the episode *The Padawan Path* from *Forces of Destiny*, and the rest of this portion of the book is covered in the summary for that episode.

- *Ahsoka Tano is on her way to meet with Anakin Skywalker and Yoda, but she is delayed when an out of control industrial cleaning droid starts attacking a mother and child. She saves them by electrocuting the droid with its own exposed circuits and water from a severed pipe. When she finally arrives, she is humble and does not mention her heroism earlier. Yoda presents her with an extension to her Padawan "braid."*

(The Padawan Path)*

*NOTE: Oddly, in the adaptation of this story found in *Daring Adventures, Vol. 2*, Ahsoka is referred to as a "new Padawan," despite being in her late-TCW, older design in the cartoon. Strangely, Anakin does not have his scar in this cartoon.

- *While sparring with Barriss Offee at the Jedi Temple, Ahsoka Tano throws her unignited lightsaber to distract Barriss and wins the match. Barriss is annoyed because Ahsoka would never have done so in a true battle. This leads to a discussion on how Anakin Skywalker and Luminara Unduli train very differently. Ahsoka returns to her quarters and tries to meditate to clear her head. She will be interrupted by the arrival of Padmé Amidala . . . (To be continued below . . .)**

(Ahsoka & Padmé)*

*NOTE: This opening segment is found only in the *Ahsoka & Padmé* comic, though it then continues into material found in other adaptations and then the episode *The Imposter Inside* itself.

- *The day before Padmé Amidala is scheduled to host a dinner discussion with visiting Arthurian delegates, she seeks out Ahsoka Tano at the Jedi Temple to request that Ahsoka, as a favor to Padmé, sweep her quarters just to be sure that security is as solid as she believes it to be. There have been threats to the Arthurian delegation. (To be continued below . . .)**

(Daring Adventures, Vol. 1, Tales of Hope & Courage, and Ahsoka & Padmé)*

*NOTE: This opening chapter of the Ahsoka/Padmé adventure in these three *Forces of Destiny* adaptations is not shown in the actual episode *The Imposter Inside*, hence getting a small summary here. The rest of the story for those characters is just an adaptation of the episode in question, which you will find in the next summary.

- Ahsoka Tano double-checks security at Padmé Amidala's apartment before an important diplomatic dinner with Arthurian delegates. Ahsoka is about to leave when she notices that the handmaiden helping them has set out eating utensils, which would offend the Arthurians. Padmé, having given specific instructions on the issue, asks the handmaiden to explain herself, but the "handmaiden" pulls a blaster on them. After hiding behind an overturned table, Ahsoka deflects blaster bolts to disarm and knock down the imposter, who is revealed to be Clawdite Cato Parasitti. However, Cato then activates a timed explosive on the bottom of the table, right near where Padmé is ducking. Padmé shoves the table to Ahsoka, who cuts a hole to then send the explosive out into the evening air, where it explodes. As Cato is taken away, Padmé decides that the Arthurian delegation dinner will have to be postponed, so Ahsoka will stick around to make sure the food that was already prepared will not go to waste.*

(The Imposter Inside)
- In space near a comet, Ahsoka Tano (in a yellow N-1 starfighter) flies alongside Padmé Amidala (in a chrome N-1 starfighter variant) to teach her some combat flying maneuvers. When they are spotted by a seemingly dormant droid starfighter, it attacks them. When a blast from the droid starfighter shocks Ahsoka in her cockpit, Padmé must handle the threat herself. She takes her starfighter into the tail of the comet, while the droid starfighter tries to stay above her and the comet's tail. Padmé then pops up behind the droid, shooting it so that it drops into the comet's tail and is destroyed. When Ahsoka awakens, she compliments Padmé on her flying.*

(The Starfighter Stunt)
- Anakin Skywalker and Padmé Amidala prepare to undertake a mission, which will finally give them some time alone. At the last moment, though, Ahsoka Tano joins them, sent by Obi-Wan Kenobi to assist them on the mission. They take off, and Anakin, rather frustrated, sets a course to take them to their destination much more quickly. Ahsoka warns that Separatist ships have been seen in that sector, but it is too late. They emerge from hyperspace and are attacked. Thankfully, since there are three of them, Anakin can pilot while Padmé and Ahsoka handle the gunner positions. When Padmé is nearly blasted when a shot strikes her position, Anakin makes sure she is safe, while Ahsoka pilots them to safety. When they arrive, Anakin tells Ahsoka he is glad she was with them, and Padmé notes that Anakin and Ahsoka make a good team. Ahsoka responds that Anakin and Padmé do too. Padmé's brief moment of uncertainty at her comment is answered by a reassuring look from Ahsoka, suggesting that Ahsoka has figured out the romantic involvement of Anakin and Padmé, even if she hasn't figured out that they are married, and she isn't saying anything about it. Padmé thanks her for the compliment, and the mission continues.*

(Unexpected Company)
- With the Clone Wars raging on, the Republic is nearly out of funding for more clonetroopers. When a bill emerges in the Senate to deregulate the Banking Clan to make it easier to get further financing, some see this as an effort that will make the war drag on even longer. Senator Padmé Amidala, along with allies like Bail Organa, propose negotiating with the Separatists and not pushing for more funding for troops. Their opponents include the Republic's remaining representatives of what are usually thought of as pro-Separatist organizations like the Banking Clan (Nix Card), Trade Federation (Lott Dod), and Techno Union (Gume Saam). They, however, have a plan to force the Republic into action . . . Padmé decides to attempt opening negotiations on her own by meeting with her old friend Mina Bonteri, who is a member of the Separatist Congress, on the planet Raxus Secundus. She brings Ahsoka Tano with her, hoping to also show Ahsoka that the Separatists are normal people, just like those in the Republic. (Anakin Skywalker, for his part, disagrees with his wife's ideas about peaceful negotiation with the Separatists, and his view seems to have colored that of Ahsoka.) They use Ahsoka's Jedi status to get behind enemy lines and sneak to Raxus, where they meet Mina and her son, Lux, who welcome them. (Lux even begins flirting with Ahsoka.) After discussions that put both sides in the conflict in nearly equal light in terms of the legitimacy of their causes, Mina addresses the Separatist Congress and is able to convince them to open negotiations with the Republic. Even Count Dooku seems to agree, but behind the scenes, he is conspiring with Card, Dod, and Saam to sneak Separatist droids onto Coruscant, disguised as sanitation droids. Padmé and Ahsoka return to Coruscant, and Padmé reveals her breakthrough to the Senate, but then the droids destroy power station facilities in an act of obvious terrorism that is immediately blamed on the*

*Separatists. With this supposed provocation, the Senate is ready to pass the bank deregulation bill, effectively prolonging the war by increasing the number of Republic troops (as far as Padmé sees it, at least).**

(Heroes on Both Sides)*

***NOTE:** This episode is the first of the third season of TCW to leap ahead to later in the war. Based on the changes to Ahsoka, I would argue that this must be a year or two after the earlier episodes. For the Legends Continuity, I have assumed puts the episodes early in this year, rather than in 21 BBY, for reasons that are explained in the *Clone Wars Supplement*. However, in the case of the Story Group's Canon, we have the *Tarkin* novel telling us that his mission on Murkhana was 9 months after the Battle of Geonosis, and then that he had one year of successes after that, until the end of that success with his capture and imprisonment at the Citadel. As such, the Citadel episodes of TCW must be late this year (21 BBY), which puts all episodes after the time jump that come prior to the Citadel episodes into this year as well. I have further assumed that since only two more episodes exist after that arc for the third season of TCW that they are likely in this year as well, making the fourth season a clean break into 20 BBY. (Yes, this means that the times are different in the two timelines but the source that puts the Mortis arc into the last nine months or so before ROTJ was a Legends-only source, meaning that it does not apply here, and we must go by the Canonical *Tarkin* for this continuity.)

- *With the terrorist attack that brought down power briefly on Coruscant, the Republic Senate is about to pass a banking deregulation bill. Once that is passed, another bill to appropriate more funds (i.e. borrow more from the Banking Clan) to pay for more clone troops would be pushed forward. Padmé Amidala still retains some hope that negotiation can be attempted, but the Senate seems unwilling after the attack, and they soon receive word from Count Dooku that the Separatists are pulling out of any negotiations because the Republic (probably actually the Separatists themselves) has launched its own sneak attack, which has killed Padmé's friend and pro-negotiation advocate Mina Bonteri. Upon investigating the circumstances surrounding possible financing of more troops, Padmé and Onaconda Farr learn that the Banking Clan is also funding Separatist battle droids and is going to charge the Republic an interest rate so high that paying for it will put a major drain on social programs that would, in theory, cause harm to the general public in the Republic. Onaconda is then attacked by Robonino and Chata Hyoki, mercenaries hired by Count Dooku to make sure the bill is passed (thereby prolonging the war as the Sith desire). Padmé is attacked soon as well, but she gets the better of her pursuers on a speederbike. After the incident, Padmé speaks to her handmaiden, Teckla Minnau, who explains her own circumstances and those of her family, which gives Padmé an idea . . . Bail Organa, intending to give a speech for their side in the debate, is attacked by Robonino and Chata, but he is able to call in the police to arrest them. Injured, Bail gives Padmé responsibility for delivering the speech. She does so, citing the hardships people like Teckla's family will face under the financial burden of the war on the Republic. Her side wins the debate, for now, but Supreme Chancellor Palpatine (Darth Sidious) confides in his aide Mas Amedda that the time will come when the Senate will shift again toward his aims . . .*

(Pursuit of Peace)

- *With the Clone Wars in full swing, a movement has begun in the Senate to order more clones from Kamino (though how this will help the war effort when they need time to grow is unknown, unless the Kaminoans are developing faster methods of clone production or the production will be shifted secretly to Spaarti Cylinders or some such). This move will only escalate the war, according to the Senator Padmé Amidala, who leads a group of senators who oppose the move. After a stirring speech by Padmé, she is meeting with her major allies on the issue (Senator Onaconda Farr, Senator Mon Mothma, Senator Bail Organa, and Farr's aide, Lolo Purs), when a leading member of the opposition, Senator Halle Burtoni of Kamino, enters and questions their motives and ideas. (They have already been labeled unpatriotic by another senator, Halle's ally Mee Deechi.) Moments after Halle leaves, Onaconda Farr drops dead, apparently poisoned. An investigation is launched by the sarcastic, yet apparently reliable Investigator Tan Divo, but Padmé decides to investigate on her own. She and Bail confront Halle and Deechi, both of whom deny any involvement, but Deechi does mention Farr having a secret meeting on the docks recently. Padmé and Bail investigate, only to be attacked by the killer, whose identity is hidden. They are then chastised by Tan Divo for getting in his way. Padmé and Bail believe that Deechi set them up, but Deechi is found dead as well. Upon returning to the Senate offices, Farr's allies are advised to stay put for their own safety, but Lolo will hear none of it. She ostensibly leaves to continue seeking information on the death of her employer and idol. When Halle is noted as the only other individual who would have known about the tip regarding the docks, she is going to be questioned, but she is out of the office at the time. Shortly thereafter, Lolo arrives, claiming to have been attacked by Halle. Halle is arrested by Tan Divo and brought for questioning to*

where Farr's allies are meeting. The evidence is strong against her, as she was in the room just before Farr was killed, she knew about the docks, and the poison used to kill Farr has been determined to be specifically targeted for Rodians, created by Kaminoans. When Padmé realizes that the poison was actually put into the drinks by the Rodian who didn't drink, Lolo is discovered as the assassin. She blamed Farr for dragging Rodia into the war and intended to kill him when threats at the dock did not work. She tries to escape, holding a blaster to Padmé, but Tan Divo's droids incapacitate her. The killer has been found, but the bill to create more clones and thereby escalate the war (presumably) has passed.

(Senate Murders)

- In the Sullust system, Obi-Wan Kenobi and Anakin Skywalker lead a Republic fleet in battle against the Separatists, including Asajj Ventress. Asajj tries to take out Obi-Wan in his starfighter, but she is disabled by Anakin in the process, forcing both Obi-Wan and Asajj to crash into a Separatist hangar. Anakin joins them, and after a brief duel, they must all escape from the damaged ship. Asajj, however, is not offered assistance. Instead, Dooku, pressured by Darth Sidious, is forced to betray and abandon Asajj. (In fact, it was Dooku who ordered the ship blasted in order to take out his own comrade.) Later, Asajj is picked up in her disabled ship by a group of salvagers. She kills them and, weakened, takes their ship to her homeworld of Dathomir to reunite with her clan of Nightsisters. She is met there by clan leader Mother Talzin. After recovering from her wounds, Asajj is given two warriors, Naa'leth and Karis, to make an assassination attempt against Dooku to get revenge upon him. They actually make it into his home on Serenno and attack him, using a poison dart and invisibility Force powers to keep their identities hidden. Dooku defeats them with Force lightning, but he was nearly defeated. Believing that the attackers must have been Jedi, he needs a new enforcer to replace Asajj. Talzin "conveniently" contacts him, and Dooku takes her up on an offer to create a replacement warrior for him in the same style as Darth Maul . . . *

(Nightsisters)*

*NOTE: *Galactic Maps* puts this episode in 20 - 19 BBY, but I have ignored that dating, given the number of issues the book has with TCW dates.

- Count Dooku travels to Dathomir, where Nightsister Mother Talzin agrees to create a new Zabrak Nightbrother warrior for him to replace Asajj Ventress, who is there on Dathomir, conspiring with Talzin to bring down Dooku in revenge for him betraying and abandoning her. Dooku leaves, awaiting delivery of his new warrior, but little does he know that the warrior will be loyal not to Dooku but to Asajj. Asajj is sent to the Nightbrother settlement, where she sets up a series of tests (with Brother Viscus' assistance) in the Crucible (the Tests of Fury, Night, and Elevation) to determine which of several chosen candidates will become the new warrior. In the end, only Darth Maul's brothers, Savage Opress and Feral, are left, and Feral is defeated in combat (but lives). Savage is chosen, whether he likes it or not. Talzin and the Nightsisters use Dark Side "magic" to transform Savage from his original physique into a hulking powerhouse of a warrior, brainwashed (so to speak) to accept Asajj's orders as his master. His first test is to kill Feral, which he does. Savage receives a new vibro-ax as his weapon of choice and is presented to Dooku (with no hint of Asajj's involvement). Dooku sends Savage on a mission to Devaron to take down a Republic group at the Jedi Temple there. He takes out numerous clones and kills Jedi Master Halsey and Padawan Knox with little effort. Impressed, Dooku decides that Savage is a worthy warrior and will begin teaching him how to use the Dark Side. Together, Dooku claims that they can eventually take down Darth Sidious and rule the galaxy as Sith master and apprentice . . . *

(Monster)*

*NOTE: *Galactic Maps* puts this episode in 20 - 19 BBY, but I have ignored that dating, given the number of issues the book has with TCW dates.

- The Republic Commando team known as Delta Squad brings the bodies of Halsey and Knox to Coruscant after their deaths at the hands of Savage Opress on Devaron. Unsure of the killer's identity, the Jedi note hologram footage of the murderer, which shocks them all in his similarity to Darth Maul. Obi-Wan Kenobi and Anakin Skywalker are sent to Dathomir to investigate the killer's origins. They visit the Nightbrother camp, where they are forced to fight the Nightbrothers until being able to pressure Brother Viscus (under threat) to reveal that Savage's creation is the work of Mother Talzin and the Nightsisters. They visit the Nightsister settlement and find Talzin willing (after a lot of runarounds) to reveal Savage's name and location. With the Jedi now on Savage's trail, Talzin convinces Asajj to reunite with Savage and activate his brainwashing to join her in assassinating Count Dooku. For his part, Savage is gaining more and more Dark Side knowledge through his brief training with Dooku and is

then sent on another mission, this time to Toydaria. He is to capture King Katuunko and bring him before Dooku, but when he gets to Toydaria, he is engaged by Obi-Wan and Anakin. During the fierce duel that follows, Katuunko is killed. Savage escapes with the king's body, but Dooku will not be pleased. He returns to Dooku, but the two Jedi give chase in a stolen Toydarian ship. Savage is reprimanded by Dooku, but then Asajj, who has snuck aboard the Separatist vessel, emerges from hiding. She and Savage attack Dooku, and a two-on-one duel ensues. Even though Savage is admittedly not ready, Asajj berates his performance as he is struck by Dooku's Force lightning. Finally, Dooku is able to escape from the ship. Upon realizing that the Jedi have arrived, Asajj also retreats, leaving Savage to face Obi-Wan and Anakin alone, along with droids sent by Dooku to kill him. He batters his way through the droids, and both he and the Jedi duo escape from the doomed ship. Wounded, Savage returns to Dathomir, believing that even Asajj has now betrayed him, just as Dooku betrayed her. He has no place where he belongs other than Dathomir, he believes. Talzin then reveals to him that his long-exiled (and formerly presumed dead) brother, Darth Maul, is in the Outer Rim. She gives him a talisman to seek Maul out. Savage must go to him, learn from him, and become ready to exact his own revenge later . . . *

(Witches of the Mist)*

*NOTE: *Galactic Maps* puts this episode in 20 - 19 BBY, but I have ignored that dating, given the number of issues the book has with TCW dates.

- Receiving a Jedi distress code that has not been used in two millennia, Obi-Wan Kenobi, Anakin Skywalker, and Ahsoka Tano arrive in the Chrelythiumn system, where they are to rendezvous with a Republic cruiser bearing Captain Rex. When they get there, though, they seem to all be in the right place, but they cannot find each other. Instead, the Jedi trio discover a large monolith in space, which kills their power, grabs their ship, and pulls it within the monolith. In the blink of an eye, the Jedi are knocked out, it seems. They awaken on the surface of the strange planet Mortis, a world that is locked away within a separate dimension within the monolith (or at least it seems to be), where the power of the Force is strong in the extreme, to the point where shifts in the Dark Side and Light Side actually cause shifts in the local environment. Anakin is telepathically contacted by a radiant female (giving off the feeling of the Light Side) known as Daughter, who asks if he is the Chosen One and offers to take him to see another being known as Father. Anakin, Ahsoka, and Obi-Wan begin following her, but a rockslide separates Anakin and Daughter from Obi-Wan and Ahsoka, who are forced to head back to their ship. They reach the ship's landing site, only to find it gone. They then meet a pale figure clad in black, emanating the Dark Side, known as Son, who warns them off. Anakin, meanwhile, makes his way to a monastery, where he meets Daughter and Son's father, known simply as Father. Father, Daughter, and Son came to Mortis long ago and discovered its immense Force power. The Ones, as they are sometimes called, were Force Wielders who had grown so powerful that they had to leave the outside world. They now live on Mortis, where Daughter tends to influence (and represent) the Light Side, Son tends to influence (and represent) the Dark Side, and Father attempts to maintain a balance between the two, knowing that if either gains dominance, it will not only cause Mortis to slip far toward the Dark Side or Light Side but also the outside universe, which is apparently influenced in its peace and conflict by the Light or Dark Side balance in this microcosm dimension. Father, however, is very old and must soon be replaced by someone else who can bring balance to the Force on Mortis and thereby in the outside universe. He believes that Anakin is this Chosen One, seeming to draw his beliefs from a prophecy similar to that of the Jedi Order for Anakin (or perhaps a slight revision of the same prophecy). He must test Anakin to determine if he truly is the Chosen One. All three Jedi experience Force visions in the night. Obi-Wan meets the spirit of Qui-Gon Jinn, who warns him that the planet could have a corrupting influence on Anakin. Anakin sees what he first thinks is a vision of his mother, Shmi Skywalker, trying to corrupt him, but it is actually the Son in disguise. Ahsoka has a vision that appears to be an older version of herself, warning her that Anakin's Dark Side tendencies will corrupt her if she does not leave him. The next day, Anakin discovers that Obi-Wan and Ahsoka have been captured by Daughter and Son (who appear as beasts in their shapeshifting forms as a griffin and gargoyle, respectively). Anakin must choose which one to save, but he instead draws upon the Force to an extent he never has before and saves both of them, drawing on the Light and the Dark. He has passed his test, but when he is told that he must now stay on Mortis to maintain balance the way Father has done for so long, Anakin chooses instead to leave, even though he is unsure if this is the right choice. If he does leave, and Son gains ground on Mortis, the galaxy could slide further and further

into war and chaos . . .

(Overlords)

- On their newly-recovered ship and attempting to leave Mortis, Anakin Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi, and Ahsoka Tano intend to return to the galaxy outside of the Mortis monolith's unusual different dimension (of sorts). Anakin, however, has a Force vision (or dream) of the Son, who tries to tempt him to the Dark Side. He refuses and awakens, only to soon find the ship seemingly under attack. They try to even out the ship, but Son appears and kidnaps Ahsoka from right under their noses. The older Jedi give chase in their shuttle, but they crash land near the large tower where they believe Son (as a gargoyle) has taken Ahsoka. Anakin races off to save her, despite Obi-Wan's warnings that it is likely a trap, and the planet could easily corrupt him (as Qui-Gon Jinn's spirit suggested). Obi-Wan, meanwhile, goes to visit Father to seek his advice and answers. In a cell at the tower, Ahsoka seems to be accompanied by a small creature, which bites her. Unfortunately, the creature is another form of Son, and the bite infects her (so to speak) with the Dark Side, which begins to corrupt her. Obi-Wan arrives at the monastery, just as Father confronts the newly-arrived Son about his corruption toward the Dark Side. He blasts Father with Force lightning and leaves, but even as Father lay injured, Daughter refuses to fight her brother, claiming that darkness is in his nature and not his fault. She does, however, lead Obi-Wan to the Altar of Mortis, where the Dagger of Mortis awaits. It is a weapon forged with the Force that is the only thing that can kill one of the Ones (Father, Son, or Daughter). (One has to wonder, however, what it might mean for the galaxy outside if the Son, representative of the Dark Side, is destroyed by the Dagger, leaving only the Light Side to influence the galaxy to large degree.) Anakin discovers Ahsoka, but she has become a Dark Side minion of Son. She engages Anakin and, upon his arrival, Obi-Wan in a duel, while Son engages Daughter (whether she likes it or not). Father interrupts the battle between Son and Daughter, and as they near where the Jedi battle, Obi-Wan tries to toss the Dagger to Anakin so he can use it against Son. It is intercepted by Ahsoka, who gives it to Son and is then tapped on the forehead and seems to drop dead. Son attempts to kill Father with the Dagger, removing his ability to restrain Son, but Daughter leaps into the way, taking the killing blow herself. Shocked at what has happened, Son flees. With only Son still strong, the planet begins to shift toward the Dark Side, which will soon affect the outside universe. With her last energy, Daughter uses her Light Side power (through Anakin as a physical bridge) to purge the darkness from Ahsoka and bring her back to life. With Father wounded and Daughter now dead, Son can now escape from Mortis to wreak havoc with his immense Dark Side power in the galaxy beyond . . .

(Altar of Mortis)

- Ahsoka Tano works to repair the crashed Jedi shuttle on Mortis, but Anakin Skywalker feels the need to see Father once again. Father has just buried Daughter with the Dagger of Mortis, and he refuses to let Anakin help him destroy Son to protect the universe. Anakin is too open to the Dark Side and could be corrupted. He is told to let the will of the Force and his own instincts guide him, which is echoed moments later when he encounters what appears to be the Force spirit of Qui-Gon Jinn, who points him to the Well of the Dark Side (a location that looks ominously like Mustafar) for an important test. As he goes there, Father tries to stop Obi-Wan Kenobi from going to look for Anakin, explaining the Well of the Dark Side but intending for Anakin to face his test alone. Obi-Wan ignores the warning and heads for the Well himself. At the Well of the Dark Side, Son reveals to Anakin images of his future, including his transformation into Darth Vader. Anakin comes to believe that the only way to stop this is by ending the war immediately by accepting the corrupting Dark Side power that Son offers to him. Obi-Wan finds Anakin in his fallen state and warns Ahsoka via comlink not to let Anakin take the shuttle, ordering her to disable it after she has just finished repairing it. She is able to do so, just barely keeping Anakin and Son from using the shuttle to escape the planet (or dimension, one could surmise). Anticipating that Obi-Wan and Ahsoka will join with Father against Son and Anakin, Son visits Daughter's resting place and, after a brief (seemingly incestuous) profession of love for her, he takes the Dagger of Mortis from her corpse, intending to use it against Father. Anakin, left behind as Son sought the Dagger, is confronted by Father, who uses his Force power to remove Anakin's Dark Side corruption by purging his mind of the future knowledge that Son had given him. (For better or worse, Anakin must follow the path the Force has laid out for him.) Anakin, Father, Obi-wan, and Ahsoka face off with Son at the monastery. Father tries to bring Son back from the Dark Side, but he finally realizes that there is only one choice. With Daughter dead and balance lost, Son must die. Son is so powerful however, that the only way to make him vulnerable to

Anakin's lightsaber is for Father to use the Dagger on himself, removing his Force influence from the situation (perhaps like a black hole, drawing some of Son's power with his death, or perhaps because Father somehow was the source of the Force powers held by his children). He takes the Dagger and kills himself, making Son vulnerable by forsaking his own life to sever Son's connection to the Force. Anakin stabs and kills Son, thereby ending the existence of the Ones on Mortis. Balance is now restored on Mortis through having no one drawing on either side of the Force. However, with the Ones now dead, Mortis begins to fall apart. In a flash, the three Jedi wake up aboard their shuttle, right back where the whole ordeal started in the Chrelythiumn system. The monolith is nowhere to be found, and the ship bearing Captain Rex is now there as well, as first intended. Only moments have passed, but the experience has been a warning to Anakin that he is the Chosen One, but he must beware his own darkness or risk everything.

(Ghosts of Mortis)

- After a year (or a bit more) of successes since Murkhana, Wilhuff Tarkin (now a Captain) and Jedi Master Even Piell have secured the hyperspace coordinates known as the Nexus Route, which would lead from the major Republic worlds into major Separatist homeworld territory and change the face of the war. On their way back from the Outer Rim, they are attacked and captured. To keep the information safe, the information is split in half with Piell carrying half and Tarkin carrying the other half. They are taken to the Citadel on Lola Sayu as prisoners.
(conjecture based on *The Citadel* and *Tarkin*)

- Obi-Wan Kenobi, Anakin Skywalker, Commander Cody, Captain Rex, R2-D2, and ARC Troopers Fives and Echo, along with other clones, are assigned a new mission. They are to travel to Lola Sayu and infiltrate the former Jedi-holding Republic prison (now in Separatist hands) known as the Citadel to rescue Jedi Master Even Piell, Captain Tarkin, and anyone else left from their vessel, thereby securing the Nexus Route coordinates that could help the Republic war effort (or the Separatist one) immensely. Using R2-D2 and reprogrammed battle droids to pilot a shuttle of "supplies" to Lola Sayu, our heroes infiltrate the planet frozen in carbonite (Anakin's idea, and the first time he has used it, it seems). Ahsoka Tano, who was ordered to remain behind by Anakin, speaks with Plo Koon after everyone else is frozen and lies her way into the mission, having herself frozen and placed aboard as well. They arrive at Lola Sayu, where Anakin is annoyed (and Obi-Wan is rather amused) by Ahsoka's brashness. The team infiltrates the Citadel via a sheer wall, causing the Separatist warden, Osi Sobeck, to put the prison on alert. The team loses some clones along the way but do finally reach Even Piell's cell. They learn that he has split the coordinates with Captain Tarkin, who is being held with other crew members in another cell. After several more traps, they reach the cell and free Tarkin and other clones from aboard Tarkin's ship. They then break into two groups, one to create a diversion (Obi-Wan, Cody, and Piell in the lead) and another to get Tarkin (and thus half of the coordinates) to safety (Anakin, Ahsoka, Rex, and the two ARC Troopers). Though Tarkin is wary of this plan splitting their numbers, Anakin assures him that they have matters well in hand . . .

(The Citadel)

- On Lola Sayu, a strike team led by Anakin Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi has freed Even Piell, Captain Tarkin, and others from the Citadel prison run by Osi Sobeck, but now they must escape. Anakin's team and another led by Obi-Wan and Piell take different routes to their shuttle to escape, while R2-D2 is to use his reprogrammed battle droids to get aboard and prepare for takeoff. Obi-Wan's team is captured when they arrive, however, though they are quickly freed when transferred to another group of droid guards – R2-D2's group. Anakin's group has nearly rejoined the others when Sobeck, whose hand is being forced by originally lying to Count Dooku to hide his prisoners' escape, must stop them or face Dooku's wrath. He sends in more droid troops to stop the Republic group's escape. They are able to defeat the droids, somewhat, but the shuttle is destroyed and ARC Trooper Echo is apparently killed along with it. Now, our heroes must evade Separatist droids and Sobeck himself until a rescue fleet can arrive from the Jedi Temple to exfiltrate them from Lola Sayu . . .

(Counterattack)

- Echo somehow survives his apparent death at the Citadel.*
(conjecture based on comments made by Dave Filoni on the *Official Star Wars Blog**)

*NOTE: This comes from Dave Filoni, but given that it was something he posted on the official blog that was not actually in an episode, this is of dubious reliability.

- On Lola Sayu, a Republic team led by Obi-Wan Kenobi and Anakin Skywalker has saved

Even Piell and Tarkin, along with some of their crew, from the Citadel prison, but this has come at the cost of several clone lives, including (apparently) ARC Trooper Echo. With help coming in the form of Kit Fisto, Saesee Tiin, Adi Galia, and Plo Koon, along with Republic ships, they must evade the Separatists until help can arrive. Unfortunately, Osi Sobeck, the warden, is just as desperate as they are, risking Count Dooku's wrath if he fails to recapture his prisoners and gain the Nexus Route coordinates that Piell and Tarkin hold. He releases more droids after them, along with a pack of anoobas. When they finally engage, R2-D2's reprogrammed battle droids are destroyed covering them, and they are able to defeat most of their pursuers, but Piell is gravely wounded by an anooba. Piell entrusts Ahsoka Tano with his half of the Nexus Route coordinates, making her swear only to give it to the Jedi Council. He then dies. After a very quick memorial and burial of Piell's body in a molten river, they continue their escape. They are finally cornered by Sobeck, but he is shot down by Fives. Sobeck then grabs Tarkin and nearly kills him, but Ahsoka kills Sobeck first, freeing Tarkin from his grasp. Finally, the Jedi ships arrive above, saving the day and evacuating them from Lola Sayu. In the aftermath, Tarkin gives his half of the coordinates to Supreme Chancellor Palpatine, but Ahsoka will not do so, instead giving her half to the Jedi Council. Plo Koon "bends the truth" and claims to have sent Ahsoka on the mission. As for Anakin and Tarkin, who have slowly found their different views on the war to not be quite so different after all, they might well have a future as allies one day.

(Citadel Rescue)

- After his rescue from the Citadel, Wilhuff Tarkin is debriefed by Republic Intelligence, including officer Berch Teller, and soon promoted to the rank of admiral.
(conjecture based on Tarkin)
- While on a mission to Felucia, where Anakin Skywalker and Plo Koon lead Republic forces against Separatist droids for control of the planet (with the aid of the peaceful farmers they met there when facing off with Hondo Ohnaka), Ahsoka Tano is sent with a handful of clones to scale the enemy base's wall, only for Ahsoka to be discovered and captured by a Trandoshan hunter, seeking prisoners. While Anakin searches for Ahsoka until he is forced to leave Felucia without her, Ahsoka is taken to the Trandoshan moon Wasskah, where she is released to be prey for a sentient game hunt by a group of Trandoshans led by Garnac, who intends for Ahsoka to be the first real kill for his son, Dar. After witnessing several of her fellow prisoners being killed, Ahsoka meets three former Jedi students, Kalifa, Jinx, and O-Mer, who have been there for quite a while after being captured during a training mission. Together, they evade capture, until, during one day's hunt, Kalifa nearly kills one of the Trandoshans with a Force choke, losing herself to the Dark Side, before Ahsoka calls her off. Ahsoka takes a position as their leader, intending to defeat the Trandoshans and somehow escape. To do so, they need to get aboard the Trandoshans' hovering hunting lodge. They are attacked yet again, forcing Ahsoka and Kalifa to split off from Jinx and O-Mer. Kalifa is injured, but Ahsoka briefly saves her in combat with Dar, whom she kills in self-defense. In retaliation, Garnac shoots and kills Kalifa, swearing to avenge Dar by killing Ahsoka. Ahsoka reunites with O-Mer and Jinx, knowing that the fight is not yet over . . .

(Padawan Lost)

- Padawan Ahsoka Tano has been lost. Anakin Skywalker can do nothing but wait at the Jedi Temple on Coruscant in hopes that she will find her way back to them after he found no sign of her on Felucia. She has, in fact, been taken by Trandoshans to the moon Wasskah, where she is sentient prey for their big game hunt. With one of the Jedi younglings she discovered on Wasskah, Kalifa, now dead, it is up to Ahsoka to lead the other two, Jinx and O-Mer, in a daring plan to somehow escape from the moon, before Garnac, the Trandoshan leader and father of Dar, whom Ahsoka has killed in self-defense, can find them and kill them. They try to hijack the next incoming transport bringing more prisoners as prey, but even though they get aboard (and atop) the ship, all they manage to do is bring it crashing down, rather than being able to use it to escape. Another prisoner is freed in the crash, however: Chewbacca the Wookiee. Chewbacca joins them, and after scrounging the wreckage, he assembles a communication device to reach out to nearby Kashyyyk for assistance, which may not arrive in time. Together, they use a captured Trandoshan to bluff their way into hijacking a hovering pod that allows them to reach the Trandoshans' floating hunting lodge. There, they engage the hunters, nearly losing their chance for escape. Help finally arrives, though, in the form of bounty hunters Sugi and Seripas, who were on Kashyyyk and willing to bring General Tarful and two other Wookiees to their aid. Together, the team defeats the Trandoshans and

Ahsoka is forced to kill Garnac to save her own life in one-on-one combat. With the Trandoshans defeated, Ahsoka and the others head for Coruscant, where Ahsoka is reunited with a formerly distraught Anakin, whom she thanks for his teachings that saved her life. Yoda, who had put the two together originally to test Anakin's ability to let go of attachments, is at least pleased at this point at the way their teacher-student relationship has flourished.

(Wookiee Hunt)*

*NOTE: For information on why this episode and the others from after the "time jump" in TCW's third season are in 21 BBY for Story Group Canon, yet not in the Legends Continuity, see my note with *Heroes on Both Sides* above.

- *Leaving Jyn Erso (now 1 year old) with a nanny, Galen Erso and Lyra Erso attend a reunion of the Futures Program in the apartment of a fellow graduate (who later became a senator) at 500 Republica. Krennic also attends. During the event, Dagio Belcoze, a scientist working on Dr. Gubacher's team for the Special Weapons Group's "defense project," insults Galen for his refusal to work with the rest of them, going so far as to accuse him of betraying Republic secrets to the Separatists while on Vallt. The two come to blows before being pulled apart. This has played perfectly into Krennic's plans, as Galen has been publicly accused of being a traitor and humiliated because of his reluctance to serve the Republic. (To be continued below . . .)**

(Catalyst)*

*NOTE: This segment of *Catalyst* starts with the second segment of the eighth chapter, in which Jyn about one year old, making this about eight months into the year relative to ANH (or "January 1957" in the way Pablo Hidalgo described Jyn's birthdate). There are references on page 99 to a recent defeat at Ryloth and losses at Bothawui, but these cannot be referring back to events in the first season of *The Clone Wars* due to Jyn's age and how time has passed in the novel. They must be events not seen in TCW that just happen to relate to the same places.

- *In the period after Galen Erso is publicly accused of treason by Dagio Belcoze, Dagio apologizes after just a few days to Galen. However, Orson Krennic secretly arranges for Galen to face espionage charges from the Justice Department. Galen is questioned by Republic Intelligence and COMPOR. He is also not allowed to leave Coruscant. Zerpen Industries has also now reopened its research facility on Vallt, and Galen hopes that they will soon rehire him to resume his work there.*

(conjecture based on *Catalyst*)

Catalyst [continued] (novel: James Luceno)

Catalyst [continued] (novel: James Luceno)

Life During Wartime [continued]

Hostages to Fortune

Bonding

In Thrall to Grand Ideas

Public Displays of Affectation

Forces of Destiny [continued] (cartoon series: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)

Forces of Destiny, Volume 1 [continued] (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

Teach You, I Will (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)

Tales of Hope & Courage (youth novel: Elizabeth Schaefer)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (cartoon series: Jennifer Muro)

Forces of Destiny, Volume 2 (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

The Padawan Path (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

Forces of Destiny (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)

Daring Adventures, Vol. 2 (youth novel: Emma Carlson Berne)

Ahsoka: The Padawan Path

Chapters 1 - 7

Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)

Tales of Hope & Courage [continued] (youth novel: Elizabeth Schaefer)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (comic series: Jody Houser & Devin Grayson & Beth Revis & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Delilah S. Dawson)

Ahsoka & Padmé (comic: Beth Revis)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)

Daring Adventures, Vol. 1 [continued] (youth novel: Emma Carlson Berne)

Padmé: The Imposter Inside

Chapter 10

Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)

Tales of Hope & Courage [continued] (youth novel: Elizabeth Schaefer)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (cartoon series: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)

Forces of Destiny, Volume 2 [continued] (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

The Imposter Inside (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)

Daring Adventures, Vol. 1 [continued] (youth novel: Emma Carlson Berne)

Padmé: The Imposter Inside [continued]

Chapters 11 - 12

Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)

Tales of Hope & Courage [continued] (youth novel: Elizabeth Schaefer)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (comic series: Jody Houser & Devin Grayson & Beth Revis & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Delilah S. Dawson)

Ahsoka & Padmé [continued] (comic: Beth Revis)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (cartoon series: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)

Forces of Destiny, Volume 1 (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

The Starfighter Stunt (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (cartoon series: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)

Forces of Destiny, Volume 3 (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

Unexpected Company (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

The Clone Wars [continued] (cartoon series: Drew Z. Greenberg & Steven Melching & Tim Burns & George Kristic & Kevin Campbell & Kevin Rubio & Paul Dini & Henry Gilroy & Julie Siege & Katie Lucas & Bill Canterbury & Craig Titley & Brian Larsen & Eoghan Mahony & Wendy Meracle & Melinda Hsu & Andrew Kreisberg & Ben Edlund & Carl Ellsworth & Dave Filoni & Cameron Litvack & Steve Mitchell & Craig Van Sickle & Daniel Arkin & Christian Taylor & Matt Michnovetz & Bonnie Mark & Jose Molina & Brent Friedman & Chris Collins & Charles Murray & Jonathan W. Rinzler)

Secrets Revealed [continued] (cartoon series: Cameron Litvack & Steven Melching & Eoghan Mahony & Katie Lucas & Steve Mitchell & Craig Van Sickle & Daniel Arkin & Christian Taylor & Matt Michnovetz & Bonnie Mark)

Heroes on Both Sides (cartoon: Daniel Arkin)

Pursuit of Peace (cartoon: Daniel Arkin)

Rise of the Bounty Hunters [continued] (Paul Dini & George Kristic & Henry Gilroy & Wendy Meracle & Melinda Hsu & Drew Z. Greenberg & Brian Larsen & Andrew Kreisberg & Eoghan Mahony & Ben Edlund & Carl Ellsworth & Steven Melching & Craig Titley & Dave Filoni)

Senate Murders (cartoon: Drew Z. Greenberg & Brian Larsen)

Secrets Revealed [continued] (cartoon series: Cameron Litvack & Steven Melching & Eoghan Mahony & Katie Lucas & Steve Mitchell & Craig Van Sickle & Daniel Arkin & Christian Taylor & Matt Michnovetz & Bonnie Mark)

The Nightsisters Trilogy (cartoon: Katie Lucas)

Nightsisters (cartoon: Katie Lucas)

Monster (cartoon: Katie Lucas)

Witches of the Mist (cartoon: Katie Lucas)

Overlords (cartoon: Christian Taylor)

Backstories [continued] (youth novel series: Calliope Glass & Jason Fry)

Backstories [continued] (youth novel series: Calliope Glass & Jason Fry)

Darth Vader: Sith Lord [continued] (youth novel: Jason Fry)

General in the Clone Wars [continued]

Secrets Revealed [continued] (cartoon series: Cameron Litvack & Steven Melching & Eoghan Mahony & Katie Lucas & Steve Mitchell & Craig Van Sickle & Daniel Arkin & Christian Taylor & Matt Michnovetz & Bonnie Mark)

The Clone Wars [continued] (cartoon series: Drew Z. Greenberg & Steven Melching & Tim Burns & George Kristic & Kevin Campbell & Kevin Rubio & Paul Dini & Henry Gilroy & Julie Siege & Katie Lucas & Bill Canterbury & Craig Titley & Brian Larsen & Eoghan

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Altar of Mortis (cartoon: Christian Taylor)

Backstories [continued] (youth novel series: Calliope Glass & Jason Fry)

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Secrets Revealed [continued] (cartoon series: Cameron Litvack & Steven Melching & Eoghan Mahony & Katie Lucas & Steve Mitchell & Craig Van Sickle & Daniel Arkin & Christian Taylor & Matt Michnovetz & Bonnie Mark)

Ghosts of Mortis (cartoon: Christian Taylor)

Backstories [continued] (youth novel series: Calliope Glass & Jason Fry)

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Secrets Revealed [continued] (cartoon series: Cameron Litvack & Steven Melching & Eoghan Mahony & Katie Lucas & Steve Mitchell & Craig Van Sickle & Daniel Arkin & Christian Taylor & Matt Michnovetz & Bonnie Mark)

The Citadel (cartoon: Matt Michnovetz)

Counterattack (cartoon: Matt Michnovetz)

Citadel Rescue (cartoon: Matt Michnovetz)

Padawan Lost (cartoon: Bonnie Mark)

Wookiee Hunt (cartoon: Bonnie Mark)

Catalyst [continued] (novel: James Luceno)

Catalyst [continued] (novel: James Luceno)

Life During Wartime [continued]

Public Displays of Affectation [continued]

20 BBY

- *Very early this year, Zare Leonis is born to Leo Leonis and Tepha Leonis on Uquine.**
(conjecture based on *Edge of the Galaxy*)*

*NOTE: *Star Wars Rebels: The Visual Guide* claims that Zare is 14 in its profile of him, but *Rebels* begins either after *Edge of the Galaxy* or around the time when the book is ending. At the beginning of the book, Zare is 14 (though almost 15). Those parts of the book, since it is broken up by season, are, by necessity, in the year prior to the start of *Rebels*, meaning that those parts are in 6 BBY. Thus, for him to be 14 during those segments, his birthyear must be this year, meaning that he cannot possibly be 14 during *Breaking Ranks*. Future books in this series will hopefully clarify this as they begin crossing over with *Rebels* episodes.

- *Merei Spanjaf is born to Gander Spanjaf and Jessa Spanjaf.*
(conjecture based on *Rebel in the Ranks*)

- *Seyn Marana is born.**
(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)*

*NOTE: She is 20 in *Inferno Squad*.

- *Jai Kell is born on Lothal.*
(conjecture based on *Rebel in the Ranks*)
- *Harp Allor is born on Chandrila.**

(conjecture based on *Leia: Princess of Alderaan*)*

***NOTE:** Harp turns 17 during the story.

- *Around this time, Caluan Ematt is born.*
(conjecture based on *Smuggler's Run*)
- *Nazhros Oleg is born on Eufornis Minor.*
(conjecture based on *Rebel in the Ranks*)
- *Pandak Symes is born.*
(conjecture based on *Rebel in the Ranks*)
- *Sometime this year, construction of the Death Star begins over Geonosis.*
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)
- *Sometime before the end of the Clone Wars, Wilhuff Tarkin discusses the idea of needing some form of giant mobile battle station with Supreme Chancellor Palpatine, not realizing that the Death Star plans and project already exist.*
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)
- *Auric Graf studies an incident in which creepervines skeletonized a bantha very quickly.*
(conjecture based on *The Escape*)
- *Around this time, a processor that Thane Kyrell must work with on the Mighty Oak Apocalypse is produced.*
(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*)
- *Around this time, the father of Cassian Andor (age 6) is killed during a protest at the Carida military academy over the issue of expanding Republic militarism. As a result, Cassian joins the a Separatist-backed insurrectionist cell on his homeworld of Fesl.*
(conjecture based on the *Rogue One* novelization and *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)
- *Sometime this year, Nera Kase (age 7) learns the hard way that if she wears her hair long, it can get caught on things while repairing a ship. She will wear it short from now on.*
(conjecture based on *Grounded*)
- *Around this time, Iden Versio starts to simply wait patiently for her father to speak (or much of anything else), as he will act in his own good time. She will maintain this practice into adulthood.*
(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)*

***NOTE:** She has done so for “two decades.”

- *During the final year of the Clone Wars, Berch Teller of Republic Intelligence is assigned to Antar 4, where he aids the anti-Separatist resistance there.*
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)
- *Jedi Master Depa Billaba leads a battalion (including clones Commander Grey and Captain Styles) against General Grievous' forces on Haruun Kal. The mission goes wrong, and 90% of her battalion is wiped out. Depa herself is left in a coma for the next six months while in a bacta tank at the Jedi Temple on Coruscant.**
(conjecture based on *First Blood*)*

***NOTE:** This is six months before the main flashback of *First Blood*. I have seen fan claims that the flashback is set five months before ROTJ, but I have yet to find that information in the source often cited (which I am assuming is cited because that's what *Wookieepedia* claims). Either way, that story is in the last year of the Clone Wars, and this event is six months earlier, making it either early this year or very late in the previous year.

- *With Depa Billaba incapacitated, Coleman Kcaj takes her place on the Jedi Council.**
(conjecture based on *Star Wars: The Visual Encyclopedia*)*

***NOTE:** This seems logical and would make sense in relation to what we know of Depa's situation and how *The Visual Encyclopedia* places Coleman Kcaj in line with Depa vertically on its page about the Jedi Council, which is how the page tends to show who replaced whom on the Council.

- *Twenty-five years before the Battle of Jakku, Sheev Palpatine (AKA Darth Sidious) meets again with Gallius Rax. He engages the young man in a game of Shah-tezh, which he uses to explain that an empire should not exist after its emperor is gone. Instead, the board (so to speak) should be discarded and replaced, creating a new empire in its place. That is the role Rax will play in Palpatine's "Contingency."**
(*Empire's End*)*

***NOTE:** Wendig seems to have had issues keeping his background for Rax straight, as already seen with his age references and such in *Life Debt*. Here, he has a section set 25 years before the Battle of Jakku and thus in 20 BBY that somehow refers to Palpatine as “Emperor” instead of “Supreme Chancellor.” It also refers to Rax not being away from Jakku in ten years, which also does not match the dating of when he stowed away on Palpatine's ship.

- *Orson Krennic travels to Geonosis with Poggle the Lesser to finally reinstall Poggle as the leader of Geonosis as part of the deal Krennic has made with the leader to supply a*

Geonosian workforce for the Death Star. Poggle gives a grand speech to bring his people into Republic service. Back on Coruscant, Galen Erso meets with Wilhuff Tarkin to discuss his inability to leave Coruscant, scrutiny from Republic Intelligence, and more. Galen clarifies that he is not a Separatist sympathizer, just not loyal to the Republic war machine. If given a chance to work in energy enrichment, he would accept that role without question. Given that he has worked with kyber crystals in the vein of work done by Marsabi, Cuata, and Zaly, Tarkin asks him questions about his work and suggests that the reason he shouldn't leave Coruscant is because it would be dangerous for his knowledge to fall into Separatist hands. That said, on Krennic's recommendation, Tarkin closes the investigation into Galen without an inquest or trial, but he will have to remain on Coruscant for at least a couple of months. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Catalyst)*

***NOTE:** This segment of *Catalyst* starts with the ninth chapter. We have no indication of how long it has been since the previous segment, in which Jyn about one year old (about eight months into the year relative to ANH). However, it is at least a while since the Citadel arc of TCW. However, there are later segments prior to the end of the Clone Wars that span about 7 months, which suggests that this segment would be sometime in the first half of this year.

- Separatists arrange the assassination of King Yos Kolina on Mon Cala as a means to send in envoy Riff Tamson to settle unrest between the Mon Cala and the Quarren.
(conjecture based on *Water War*)
- On Mon Cala, King Yos Kolina has been found murdered. His son, Prince Lee-Char is next in line for the throne, but the Quarren (led by Nossor Ri) want a Quarren king, rather than a Mon Cala king. Captain Gial Ackbar has requested that the Republic send someone to help mediate. The Republic has sent Padmé Amidala and her "bodyguard," Anakin Skywalker. As a counter to this, the Separatists have sent Riff Tamson (who, unbeknownst to those present, was the killer of Kolina) as their representative. Nossor and Tamson take the Quarren and leave the proceedings, but Nossor expresses regret to Lee-Char at the loss of Kolina. Upon contacting Yoda and Mace Windu, the trio of Anakin, Padmé, and Ackbar express fear of imminent civil war between Mon Cala and Quarren. With conflict coming, Senator Meena Tills charges Ackbar with Lee-Char's personal safety as he leads the Mon Cala defense. The Quarren, with the aid of Separatist Trident assault ships and aqua droids, attack the Mon Cala (with Tamson getting Dooku's approval beforehand). As the battle ensues underwater, clonetroopers led by Kit Fisto and Ahsoka Tano arrive and dive down to join the Mon Cala. While Ahsoka covers Lee-Char and protects him from Tamson, Anakin joins Padmé in trying to get Senator Tills to safety. The Quarren and Separatists retreat into the coral, while Tamson orders the launch of Hydroid Medusas. A renewed enemy assault with the Hydroid Medusas at their side turns the tide against the Republic and Mon Cala, forcing them to retreat into nearby caves. Prince Lee-Char has learned a tough lesson today about how to live to fight another day.

(Water War)

- On Mon Cala, the Quarren (led by Nossor Ri) and their Separatist allies (led by Riff Tamson) have captured much of the Mon Cala population and forced them into work camps (against Nossor's objections). Only a small handful of warriors remain free, including Prince Lee-Char, Captain Gial Ackbar, Senator Meena Tills, Padmé Amidala, and three Jedi (Anakin Skywalker, Ahsoka Tano, and Kit Fisto). On Coruscant, Yoda and Mace Windu consult with much of the rest of the Jedi Council about the need for another water-ready army to combat the Quarren and Separatists. They decide to contact their old allies, the Gungans of Naboo with their Grand Army. Meanwhile, our heroes on Mon Cala try to get Lee-Char and Tills to safety aboard the ship Anakin and Padmé arrived in. However, the ship is destroyed before they can reach it. Rather than staying near the surface where they could be picked off, they grab debris from the ship and use its weight to drag them down to the ocean floor. Our heroes divide into two groups. Anakin leads a group with Padmé, Ackbar, and Tills to the central planetary scanning facility, which Anakin destroys, rendering the Quarren and Tamson's forces blind. Ahsoka and Kit Fisto, along with a couple of clones, join Lee-Char in scouting out what is happening to his people. Rather than rushing in to save his people, which would only get him captured, Ahsoka convinces him to simply give them hope that they will not be prisoners much longer. On Naboo, Jar Jar Binks and Yoda (via hologram) convince Boss Lyonie and the Gungans to send the Grand Army to Mon Cala. Upon arrival, the Gungans dive down and join free Republic forces. Jar Jar reunites with Anakin, Padmé, and their team. Seeing the advantage turning from him, Tamson orders his Trident craft to

spin, churning the water into a mess that is hard to see through. Tamson goes after Lee-Char again, but he is protected by Ahsoka and Kit. Anakin manages to take out a Trident, but it is too late. Virtually all of the defenders are captured, except for Ahsoka and Lee-Char. Lee-Char vows to Ahsoka that he will unify his world again.

(Gungan Attack)

- On Mon Cala, Riff Tamson holds Jedi Knight Anakin Skywalker, Jedi Master Kit Fisto, Senator Padmé Amidala, and Representative Jar Jar Binks (all high-value prisoners) amongst electric eels and tortures them in hopes of discovering the location of Prince Lee-Char, who has escaped with Padawan Ahsoka Tano. When he is unable to gain the information, he contacts Dooku, who urges them to still kill the prince to break the royal line. Quarren leader Nossor Ri questions this decision, but he cannot stand against the Separatists. He then learns, to his dismay, that Tamson, on Dooku's orders, has brought in his own Karkarodon forces to control the capital, rather than handing it over to the Quarren. Tamson, not the Quarren, will rule Mon Cala if the Separatists win. Elsewhere, Ahsoka and Lee-Char follow droids into a work camp in an attempt to free Mon Cala (including Senator Meena Tills and Captain Gial Ackbar), Republic, and Gungan prisoners from the inside. As they do so, Tamson bites a hole in Padmé's helmet, allowing water to slowly enter, intending to use her impending drowning to convince Anakin or one of the others to reveal Lee-Char's location, which, frankly, none of them actually know. In the prison camp, Lee-Char is reunited with Ackbar and Tills. They concoct a plan to drive off the Separatists by allying with the Quarren against the Karkaradons and Separatist droids. Unfortunately, Lee-Char is spotted and droids arrive, but they allow his request to speak with their superiors. Lee-Char and Ahsoka are taken away. Fortunately, Lee-Char's capture causes Tamson to leave the four captives with to their fates. Unfortunately, he refuses to fix Padmé's helmet before leaving. Anakin uses the Force to push water away from Padmé's helmet (at Kit's suggestion), then Jar Jar uses adhesive spit to plug the hole. (He calls it "Gungan waterproofing." I kid you not.) Lee-Char and Ahsoka have an audience with Tamson and Nossor Ri (who now knows that Tamson is to rule Mon Cala at Dooku's command). Lee-Char gets Nossor's support by saying that it is his intention to free the obviously enslaved Mon Cala and the Separatist enslaved Quarren. Tamson intends to kill any hope of that happening by ordering Lee-Char's public execution. He and Ahsoka are taken away to where the execution should take place. Anakin's group is also there, along with Ackbar (who is secretly told that the Quarren are with the Mon Cala now). Nossor Ri saves Lee-Char from execution, then the Quarren attack the Separatist droids and Karkaradons. The prisoners are freed, allowing the Gungans, Mon Cala, clones, Senators, and Jedi to join the fray. Tamson, trying to escape, uses explosive knives to kill those trying to stop him, but he then finds himself face to face with Lee-Char, whose father he admits to killing. When Tamson tries to attack, Lee-Char is able to activate one of Tamson's explosive knives, blowing him to fishy bits. With Mon Cala now free of the Separatists, the Mon Cala and Quarren unite under Prince – now King – Lee-Char.

(Prisoners)

- Minister Rish Loo on Naboo gives Gungan Boss Lyonie a jewel that he is to wear. Unbeknownst to Lyonie, this will allow Rish Loo to influence his actions.
(conjecture based on Shadow Warrior)
- Three years before knowing about wart-hornets will save his children from Captain Visler Korda, Auric Graf studies the wart-hornets of Thune.
(conjecture based on The Snare)
- Anakin Skywalker and Padmé Amidala travel to Naboo, where the Gungans under Boss Lyonie seem poised to strike against the Naboo at Theed. With the help of Jar Jar Binks and General Roos Tarpals, they meet with Lyonie. Anakin realizes that a jewel he is wearing at his neck is influencing his thoughts. Anakin removes it, and they learn that it was given to Lyonie by a new addition to his retinue, Minister Rish Loo. Apparently, Rish Loo has been influencing him to bring war against the Naboo. Rish Loo is working with Dooku to use the Gungans to open the door to a new Separatist takeover of Naboo. Lyonie tries to confront Rish Loo, but the trickster nearly overpowers his mind again with his own device. Before escaping, Rish Loo stabs Lyonie, leaving him incapacitated but alive. Needing to find some way to convince the Gungans not to march on Theed, they realize that Jar Jar looks a lot like Lyonie. They put Lyonie's hat on Jar Jar and have Jar Jar impersonate the Boss. They head out to where the Grand Army is assembling. Rish Loo is telling the other Gungans that Lyonie is dead, but Jar Jar appears (as Lyonie) and orders the attack canceled. Rish Loo, having

been revealed as a traitor, escapes on a speederbike, and Anakin gives chase. While Anakin pursues Rish Loo, a Separatist troop transport arrives with battle droids and a tactical droid. "Lyonie" (Jar Jar), with Tarpals at his side, is brought inside to meet the Separatist leader and are shocked to find that it is General Grievous himself. Tarpals is sent to complete an important objective for the mission, which is really to tell Padmé that Grievous is there. Jar Jar stalls Grievous as long as he can, but he is finally tossed outside. When Grievous emerges, he finds that Tarpals has managed to shut down the droids, leaving Grievous to battle the assembled Gungans alone. The battle is fierce, but Tarpals eventually sacrifices himself to deliver a "grievous" wound (sorry, I couldn't resist) to the general that allows the other Gungans to bombard and capture him. Upon learning that Grievous was captured, Darth Sidious informs Dooku that he must lure Anakin into a trap, then contact Padmé about an exchange of prisoners. Dooku has Rish Loo join him at Rish Loo's lab, luring Anakin in behind him. Dooku kills Rish Loo, reveals that the Sith were part of manipulating the Battle of Naboo over a decade earlier, then duels Anakin until incapacitating him with Force lightning. Dooku contacts Padmé, and the prisoner exchange is made. Padmé has been forced to allow her heart to dictate a decision that might keep the war going with Grievous once again free. But, hey, at least the Gungans and Naboo are at peace once again.

(Shadow Warrior)

- C-3PO and R2-D2 have journeyed with Commander Wolffe and his clonetroopers to Aleen on a mission to aid the Aleena after a series of groundquakes. Wolffe is none too happy about this, as they are bound for Quilura to reinforce Plo Koon's forces. Local king Manchucho, tries to explain that they (that is, the troopers and C-3PO the golden messenger of the gods) should stop the groundquakes. While the clones work, the droids are led by the Aleena to a seal in the ground that has been opened. The trouble, it seems, is being caused below. C-3PO slips into the hole, followed by R2-D2, and they discover an underground society of tree-based lifeforms known as the Kindalo. They are ordered to leave, since those from aboveground are not welcome. They believe that the surface dwellers have purposely poisoned their environment by opening the seal. They are sent to the mystical being Orphne, who explains that the air is indeed poisonous to the Kindalo if not filtered by the soil. They are causing quakes to shift the seal back into position but have not been successful. C-3PO offers to close the seal for them. They follow clues from Orphne to make their way back to the surface via Orphne's Fountain and fix the open seal, which the Aleena cannot do themselves because air coming from below is poisonous to them as well. With the seal closed, the droids are heroes to the Aleena, but Wolffe and his men don't appreciate the gravity of what has transpired. They are simply grumpy and ready to get on with their mission.

(Mercy Mission)

- A secret agent of Supreme Chancellor Palpatine hidden among Commander Wolffe's Republic team on Aleen notes Orphne's Fountain as a potential Force phenomenon and saves some of the water from it. He is never able to get it back to Palpatine, though, as he is thwarted under unknown circumstances, and the so-called "Dram of Orphne" becomes part of an Aleena shrine.

(conjecture based on Nexus of Power)

- Having helped save the Aleena, Wolffe, C-3PO, R2-D2, and their clone comrades have joined Adi Gallia on her Republic cruiser. The droids are now needed back on Coruscant for a diplomatic function, but the ship is attacked by General Grievous' forces and boarded. The ship is evacuated, and the two droids find themselves escaping aboard a Y-wing before the ship is destroyed. They are attacked by a vulture droid and forced to land on Patitite Pattuna, a world of tiny sentients, the Patitite. They are captured by the tiny beings and threatened by their leader, the "Great" Hay-Zu. When R2-D2 accidentally falls over, literally squashing Hay-Zu, C-3PO suggests that the rival Patitite left decide democratically amongst themselves who will rule now. The droids then take the Y-wing, which R2-D2 has repaired, and leave the planet. With the ship still in bad shape in terms of its power reactor, but flyable, they make their way to the nearest planet, Balnab. They are captured by the natives, who appear to worship Albee Dewa, a "god" that is actually a holographic image. R2-D2 discovers that the image is coming from a buried ship, which he enters. He finds that the hologram is controlled by a group of pit droids, who are reveling in ordering around sentients. R2-D2 has the hologram emitter show what is really happening inside, which causes the natives to enter the ship and attack the pit droids, destroying their ship. With no way to leave the planet, since the Y-wing is out of power, C-3PO and R2-D2 rest by a nearby giant mushroom, knowing that

their own power us running out. They both eventually run out of power, but they are found by a group of Weequayan pirates from the starship *Marauder*. The pirates intend on putting the two droids in an arena to battle K0-5D, a droid warrior, for entertainment. Grievous' starship is nearby, though, and the droids aboard begin using the pirate ship for target practice at Grievous' suggestion. The ship is blasted open, and the two droids are blown out into space. They are captured by the Separatists and set to be incinerated, but the ship is attacked by Plo Koon's Republic force. They have come to save Adi Gallia and Wolffe's Wolfpack, but the droids run into them as well, much to Wolffe's shock and chagrin. Reunited with Republic forces, the droids will make it back to Coruscant after all.

(Nomad Droids)

- A Republic force, led by Anakin Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi, Saesee Tiin, and Pong Krell are tasked with taking the planet Umbara from the Separatists by capturing its capital city. After a brief assault in which Anakin's 501st troops (including Rex, Fives, Hardcase, Jesse, Dogma, Tup, and many others) are struck by a sneak attack, Krell informs Anakin that he is being recalled to Coruscant on urgent business of some kind for Supreme Chancellor Palpatine. Krell is being left in charge of Anakin's clonetroopers. Once Anakin has left, Krell changes their plan of attack from a series of sneak strikes to a frontal assault on the city, which, when attempted, costs more clone lives than the earlier plan. Rex and Fives attempt to convince Krell to alter his tactics, but the Jedi Master is extremely dismissive of clones, as if they are nothing but biological droids. They try again, but more men ("not clones: men!") are lost. Krell gives Rex a small compliment for his tenacity and loyalty to his men, and he even acknowledges that he does not lead like Anakin. They are then set upon by another wave of Umbarans. The offensive will press on, whether the clones will survive or not.

(Darkness on Umbara)

- On Umbara, Pong Krell is contacted by Obi-Wan Kenobi, who needs Krell's 501st troopers to take a nearby airbase to assist in Obi-Wan's mission to take the capital city. Krell orders the troopers to go through a gorge that is a direct route, despite the heavy losses that they might incur by being so exposed. The clones begin to split over Krell's leadership with Rex on the side of remaining loyal to Krell, despite his own misgivings about Krell's plans, and Fives being the most vocal on the side that Krell is off his rocker. Nevertheless, they continue forward with the plan, broken into groups led by Rex, Fives, and Hardcase. They are set upon by Impeding Assault Tanks and Mobile Heavy Cannons. Krell refuses to send reinforcements, so Rex comes up with a new, unorthodox tweak to their plan. He sends Fives and Hardcase to the airbase ahead of them using stealth. After they have already left, Rex informs Krell, but the general is against the plan. Still, Rex follows orders to press onward with their assault, hoping that they can hang on long enough for Fives and Hardcase to steal a pair of Umbaran starfighters and return with air support to take out the enemy tanks. The tactic works, and the two clones return with starfighters that decimate the tanks on the ground. With the way now clear, Krell sends the rest of the clonetroopers, led by Appo, to join Rex's team in continuing to the airbase. Still, though, Krell does not approve of this initiative and refuses to acknowledge the deaths of clones as loss of real life. Even Rex's loyalty is being pushed to its limits.

(The General)

- With the Umbaran airbase under Jedi Master Pong Krell's command in its tower, Obi-Wan Kenobi contacts Krell with a status update, noting that he is unable to move forward with his troops, but the transmission is cut off. With the clonetroopers already straining under Krell's harsh and callous leadership, they are surprised when Krell orders that they strike at the capital city itself. He is assuming that they would be able to take the city and end the conflict in one stroke, but with the Umbarans getting more material from a supply ship, it seems a costly decision. When the clones learn of the plan, Fives and several of their brothers suggest that they can use captured Umbaran starfighters to sneak past the enemy lines, board the supply ship, and destroy it, making an attack at the capital city more likely to succeed. Rex suggests this to Krell, but Krell refuses to allow the mission. Upon learning of Krell's decision, Fives and Hardcase still intend to go ahead with the mission. They practice with the starfighters a bit in the hangar, ending in quite a bit of damage as Hardcase learns the ropes. They cover the accident by claiming that the starfighters were booby trapped but that everything is fine now. Finally, Fives, Hardcase, and Jesse (with Rex not ordering them to stop but not able to protect them after the fact either) take a trio of starfighters and put their plan into motion. Rex covers for them, even though he said he could not, by suggesting that

they are out on a recon mission to aid the upcoming assault, rather than on a mission against the supply ship. Dogma notices that Fives, Hardcase, and Jesse are gone, so he and Tup (who is reluctant to turn them in) try to inform Krell, but they are intercepted by Rex and inform him. Rex can see that his own troopers are splintering over Krell. In space, the trio get their starfighters aboard the supply ship but are detected by a battledroid who notices that the pilots aren't droids. They try to destroy the ship's reactor, but it is ray shielded. Hardcase abandons his starfighter, goes through a small door to the reactor room, and uses the detached missile pod from his starfighter to blow up the reactor, sacrificing himself as Fives and Jesse escape. Upon arriving back at the base, they should perhaps be heroes, and they mourn for Hardcase, but Appo has been sent to take them to the command tower. Fives and Jesse (though not Rex, despite him trying to claim responsibility for their actions) are to be court-martialed for disobeying Krell's orders and likely executed.

(Plan of Dissent)

- On Umbara, Rex attempts to convince Pong Krell not to court-martial Fives and Jesse for their actions in disobeying his orders and taking down the Separatist supply ship. Krell considers those two to be "defective" and decides that they cannot waste time on a court-martial. Instead, he is going to have the two clones summarily executed. He orders Rex to prepare just such a squad. Rex organizes a squad, even though he does not agree. When they are ready to take aim and fire upon Fives and Jesse, none of the clones fire. Only Dogma thinks the execution should have gone forward, but he is the one counting down, not holding a weapon, possibly by Rex's design. Rex orders Fives and Jesse to have their binders removed. When Krell learns of this insubordination, he is unable to punish anyone just yet. They receive a message that the Separatists are attacking but have stolen clone gear in an attempt to trick the Republic troops and get close enough to wipe them out. Rex is sent to lead a team out to find the enemy, and they run into a group with clone armor. A firefight ensues, until Rex realizes that the enemy they are attacking are not Umbarans in clone armor but actual clonetroopers. He stops the battle and learns from a fatally wounded Waxer (just before he dies) that the 212th was sent against the 501st by General Krell, under the same false information about stolen gear that Rex and his men were given. Krell has gone off the deep end. Krell's men agree that the time has come to arrest Krell for treason against the Republic. Only Dogma disagrees and leaves the group before they reach the command tower. At the tower, Rex orders Krell to stand down and explain his actions, but Krell dismisses Rex's demands and draws his two double-bladed lightsabers and attacks, killing several clones before leaping from the tower to the ground outside. He runs off into the Umbaran night. Before Rex's team can give chase, Dogma stops them, calling them traitors and preparing to shoot them. They talk him down, though, and take Dogma into custody, sending him to the brig. They continue their search for Krell, finally coming upon him in the jungle. They engage Krell and use a vixus to distract him long enough for him to be injured and stunned for capture. Krell awakens in the brig, near where Dogma is being kept. Krell claims to have had a vision of the future in which a New Order emerges. The Jedi will lose the war, and the Republic will be torn apart. He intends to join that new force by getting Dooku's attention with his actions on Umbara. He plans to be Dooku's new apprentice. He mocks Dogma's loyalty. They leave the brig with Dogma and Krell still imprisoned and learn from Appo that Krell sabotaged their transmitter. The capital has been taken by Obi-Wan Kenobi, but the rest of the Umbarans are heading there to retake the airbase. Knowing that Krell is too dangerous to be allowed to be freed, they return to the brig and free Dogma, intending on executing Krell. Rex orders him to turn around and face the wall, but he is reluctant to fire, even though he knows that he must. Before he can act, Dogma, overwhelmed by a sense of betrayal, grabs one of Fives' pistols and shoots Krell in the back, killing him. Dogma is taken into custody (more for form than cause), and they learn that Obi-Wan's teams have taken down the approaching Umbarans. They can now only wonder what will happen to them, as cloned soldiers, when the war finally ends one day.*

(Carnage of Krell)*

*NOTE: This episode was originally aired in a regular version, then re-released as an extended director's cut within *The Clone Wars: The Complete Season Four* on DVD and Blu-Ray. The extended version features two extended cuts. After slicing the legs from under one trooper (around 14:40 in the episode), Krell then stabs through a tree (in the same shot) to impale another clone who is behind it. After Rex gives the order to "lure him toward Tup," we see the clones run past Krell, but in the extended cut, we first see Krell draw his saber back out of another trooper that he has impaled. (Note that you can see a scene by scene comparison of these changes in my *From the Star Wars Home Video Library* series on YouTube.)

- The peaceful Kiros system, home to a colony of Togruta, Ahsoka Tano's people, is under

threat from the Confederacy of Independent Systems. Count Dooku arrives to “welcome” them into the Separatist fold, even as the local leaders fear for their safety with either side, knowing that being caught in the middle of the Clone Wars often leads to devastation. Dooku, however, claims to have a solution for this . . . A short time later, Republic forces have descended upon the world, under the command of Obi-Wan Kenobi and Anakin Skywalker, along with Anakin’s Padawan, Ahsoka, and clones under Rex. After securing the area, though, they still have not found any civilians anywhere. When the local Separatist leader, the Zygerrian slaver Darts D’Nar, asks to meet with Obi-Wan “the Negotiator” Kenobi, Obi-Wan challenges him to one-on-one combat for the future of the system. As they battle, Anakin (extremely agitated at the idea of slavers, given his own background) and Ahsoka race around the city, disabling bombs that were planted by the Separatists as a last resort tactic. They manage to get to them all, and D’Nar is undone. He uses a bomb in his tactical droid to distract Obi-Wan and flees back to his ship, the Tecora. Anakin and Ahsoka are able to leap aboard when it lifts off. As Ahsoka enters, Anakin battles a blixus before joining her. They corner D’Nar on the bridge, where they force him to reveal that the colonists are being taken to a slave auction. Knowing that the Zygerrians may be working with Dooku to revive the Zygerrian Slave Empire (and unwittingly Sith power), they must find the colonists quickly. *

(Kidnapped)*

*NOTE: This story adapts the original *Slaves of the Republic* storyline from the TCW tie-in comic series (originally C-Canon and now *Legends*). Given that this version supersedes the previous one, I have moved that version into the apocryphal timelines in the appendices. This TCW episode adapts (and alters) the first two issues of that six-issue storyline. Also, I should note that this is included between *Trespass* and the Ryloth episodes from Season 1 of TCW on p. 63 of *The Ultimate Visual Guide: Updated and Expanded*. I have checked with author Ryder Windham to determine whether this was included because of the theme of that page (“Close Calls”) or to suggest an actual timeline placement that would be rather strange, given the older Ahsoka character model. He confirmed that this was just a thematic inclusion, not an indication of timeline placement. This was further confirmed in *The Clone Wars Episode Guide* and on the *Official Star Wars Blog*.

- Anakin Skywalker (as “Lars Quell,” a slaver), Obi-Wan Kenobi (as a Zygerrian in armor), Rex (as another guard in armor), and Ahsoka Tano (as Anakin’s slave) travel aboard Darts D’Nar’s confiscated Tecora to Zygerria in a plot to infiltrate the upcoming slave auction and free the Togruta slaves from Kiros. Anakin draws unwanted attention, but he (with Ahsoka, of course) merits an invitation to meet the queen, Miraj Scintel, when he claims to have killed one of the queen’s hated enemies, Bruno Denturri. When they meet, she is impressed with Anakin, and she is also impressed with Ahsoka’s beauty (if not her attitude). Anakin flirts with her to get close, which annoys her Prime Minister, Atai Molec. Meanwhile, Obi-Wan and Rex free the Togruta governor, Roshti, from his slave pen, but their escape on a flying creature ends in Rex escaping with Roshti but Obi-Wan being blasted and captured by the Zygerrians. Anakin is with Miraj when she is attacked by a Twi’lek servant. He stops the servant, only for her to commit suicide. Anakin then “gives” Ahsoka to the queen as a replacement servant, which, along with saving her, grants him an opportunity (along with “servant” Ahsoka) to sit with her at the auction. Obi-Wan, though, is being tortured for information, and Maloc realizes who he truly is. Soon, the auction begins. The auction for the Togruta is interrupted when Obi-Wan is brought forth as a “special guest.” Anakin is then forced to whip Obi-Wan to prove his loyalty, but instead he gives a secret signal to Rex, who is undercover as a guard. All hell breaks loose, as R2-D2 launches lightsabers to all three Jedi. The escape does not go as planned, as all four of them are finally captured (mostly using electro-whips). Anakin awakens to find himself in Miraj’s quarters. After Anakin tries to Force choke her, she offers him a chance to protect his friends and the Togruta by being her bodyguard and pledging himself to her. He is again a slave to another’s will. As for Ahsoka, she is held in a cage high above the city, looked over by Zygerrian guards. Obi-Wan, Rex, and the Togruta are sent to the planet Kadavo, home to the Zygerrian labor processing hub. Once there, Obi-Wan intends to help fellow slaves, but the Zygerrian slave master (Keeper Agruss) has an interesting mode of punishment: if Obi-Wan does not follow orders or acts in a resistant fashion, other slaves will be made to suffer or killed. (He proves this by killing several Togruta as a demonstration.) For now, Obi-Wan is basically powerless, unless he wishes to sacrifice innocents. *

(Slaves of the Republic)*

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- On Kadavo, Obi-Wan Kenobi and Captain Rex can do nothing to help Roshti or the other

Togruta slaves, for fear that Keeper Agruss or his minions will punish innocent Togruta in response. Obi-Wan is slowly being worn down, which is what Miraj intends to do to any and all captured Jedi so as to break their spirit. Back on Zygerria, Miraj (with Anakin as her bodyguard under threat to those on Kadavo and Ahsoka Tano, who remains held in a cage above the city) learns that Count Dooku is on his way to speak with her. She leaves Anakin and R2-D2 alone, trusting Anakin's word not to act against her. While Anakin and R2-D2 race off to find Ahsoka, Dooku (who is there under orders from Darth Sidious to secure control of the Zygerrians, since slave labor is an important part of any Sith Empire) arrives. Miraj, her Prime Minister (Atai Molec), and Dooku meet in her palace, where Dooku orders Miraj to have the Jedi prisoners killed. She instead claims that she will break Obi-Wan, proving it can be done with other Jedi. She intends to convert captured Jedi into servants for the Zygerrians (and, in theory, the Separatists), but Dooku does not want the Jedi broken. He wants them exterminated. As they talk, Anakin finds Ahsoka, saving her from her birdcage-like cell, suspended high in the air. Anakin sends Ahsoka and R2-D2 to get the Tecora, while Anakin goes to find out from Miraj where Obi-Wan and the others are. At the palace, Miraj refuses to bow to Dooku's will. He reveals that Atai will be the new Zygerrian leader . . . once he takes out Miraj. Dooku Force chokes Miraj, but before he can kill her, Anakin arrives and interrupts them. Anakin grabs Miraj's electro-whip and engages Dooku, but the Sith Lord disarms him, just as Miraj's guards enter. Rather than being framed for her murder, Anakin takes Miraj, who is dying, and leaps out the window onto the waiting Tecora. Once safely in space, Miraj reveals the location of the other slaves, then dies. On Kadavo, Obi-Wan and Rex are taken to meet Agruss, who turns them over for a holographic communication from Dooku, who intends to gloat and say "farewell" before Agruss has them killed. Anakin, Ahsoka, and R2-D2 arrive on the Tecora and begin working their way through the outer doors, despite the defense systems destroying the Tecora on the landing pad and threats from Dooku (relayed to Anakin via Obi-Wan) that the slaves will be killed if he does not back off. Anakin refuses to negotiate, then reveals that he is not alone. A Republic force emerges from hyperspace, launching gunships and Z-95 Headhunters, led by Plo Koon's Wolfpack, to attack the slave processing facility. Obi-Wan frees himself and Rex, and they take out the nearest guards. Obi-Wan leaves the room with Agruss still alive, but Rex, not a Jedi, has no such moral qualms about killing Agruss in cold blood. He tosses a spear right through the slavemaster, killing him. Meanwhile, Agruss has electrified the cell walls of the Togruta from Kiros and opened part of the floor beneath them, intending for them to fall to their doom. While Anakin takes out the gun towers, Ahsoka gets to the Togruta and has Republic Admiral Barton Coburn move the Hand of Justice beneath the slave pen, from which Ahsoka and clonetroopers with jetpacks get the Togruta down to safety on the ship. They make their way to safety, as Plo's forces blow up the facility. The Togrutans have been saved and will now side with the Republic.*

(Escape from Kadavo)*

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- Lux Bonteri learns that Count Dooku ordered the murder of his mother, Mina Bonteri. He begins to plot revenge on Dooku.
(conjecture based on *A Friend in Need*)
- A while after the efforts of Padmé Amidala and the late Mina Bonteri nearly allowed for peace talks between the Republic and the Separatists, the attempt is being made again. Padmé, Ahsoka Tano, Mon Mothma, Bail Organa, and R2-D2 attend a meeting on Mandalore, overseen by the neutral world's leader, Duchess Satine Kryze. They are meeting with representatives of the Confederacy, but the potentially fruitless meeting is interrupted when Lux Bonteri bursts into the room and accuses the Separatists (namely Count Dooku) of ordering the murder of his mother to silence her. Lux is taken away by the Separatists, but Padmé allows Ahsoka to go after him, so he cannot be executed before he speaks the truth. Aboard the Separatist ship, Lux is lectured by Dooku, who is contacting him via hologram. Lux uses a tracking device on his wrist to track the source of Dooku's call, then Ahsoka saves him from being killed by the two commando droids that escorted him there. Ahsoka, R2-D2,

and Lux escape Mandalore aboard the Republic starship Phoenix. Ahsoka contacts Anakin to be ready for her to bring Lux to Coruscant, but Lux has other plans. He stuns Ahsoka, and when she wakes up, she finds them on the snow-covered planet Carlac. Lux has struck a deal with Death Watch to take out Dooku, due to their mutual hatred of the man. Lux (and Ahsoka, whom he passes off as his “betrothed”) is met by Death Watch’s Night Owls, led by female Mandalorian Bo-Katan. The trio from the Phoenix are taken to the Death Watch camp. There, R2-D2 is put with other droids that the Mandalorians want him to repair. They are using the droids for sport. Lux and Ahsoka are taken to meet with Death Watch leader Pre Vizsla, then Lux attends dinner with Vizsla, while Ahsoka is sent to the servant girls’ tent, where she meets the local Ming Po chief’s granddaughter, Tryla, who says that Death Watch has subjugated her people as servants. At dinner (which Ahsoka is obliged to help serve, along with the other girls), the chief, Pieter, enters and demands that the Mandalorians give back their women, including his granddaughter, then leave. The next morning, Pre Vizsla gives Tryla back to Pieter, then stabs her through the back with his darksaber, killing her. Death Watch then torches the town. Ahsoka, unwilling to stand by and watch this happen, tosses off her disguise and engages Death Watch. She is captured, however. Before she can be executed, though, R2-D2 arrives and causes a distraction, utilizing the other droids that he has repaired and who now return the favor by helping to save R2-D2’s friends. R2-D2 gives Ahsoka back her two lightsabers, and she immediately beheads four Mandalorians, then engages Pre Vizsla, lightsabers to darksaber. Ahsoka damages Pre Vizsla’s jetpack, forcing him to drop it as it explodes, giving her cover to join Lux and R2-D2 aboard a speeder Lux has taken. They escape, pursued by Bo-Katan and other Night Owls, but Ahsoka is able to defeat their pursuers. They reach the Phoenix and leave Carlac, but Lux still will not return to Coruscant with Ahsoka. He uses the escape pod to launch himself into space, leaving her behind, despite the feelings that they have for each other.

(A Friend in Need)

- Evil mastermind Moralo Eval has engineered a plot to kidnap Supreme Chancellor Palpatine for the Separatists. While he has now been caught and locked up at the Republic Judiciary Central Detention Center on Coruscant, the Jedi believe that the plot may still be active. They need to find out the details of the plot from Moralo himself, but he is not talking. The Jedi Council calls an emergency meeting, and the trio of Obi-Wan Kenobi, Anakin Skywalker, and Ahsoka Tano are on their way to the meeting when they are attacked by a sniper, mercenary Rako Hardeen. They chase Hardeen, but Obi-Wan is apparently shot and killed. After a funeral for Obi-Wan (attended by the Jedi, along with Padmé Amidala and Satine Kryze), Anakin is ready for payback. Hardeen, meanwhile, is hanging out in a cantina, celebrating Obi-Wan’s death and making a name for himself with his boasts. Unbeknownst to Hardeen, Anakin, or anyone else but Jedi Masters Mace Windu and Yoda, Obi-Wan is very much alive. He used a vital suppressor to make himself appear to be dead, hiding his survival from even Anakin. Yoda and Mace worry that Anakin will discover Obi-Wan is alive, but they needed him to believe Obi-Wan’s death to sell the lie that Obi-Wan is dead. Now, Obi-Wan is transformed via facial reconstruction technology to look like Hardeen. Obi-Wan and Mace then head for the cantina and capture Hardeen, using a voice emulator droid to capture Hardeen’s voiceprint and allow Obi-Wan to speak like him by swallowing the spider-like droid. Obi-Wan completes the disguise with Hardeen’s clothing. Obi-Wan (as Hardeen) is then found by Anakin and Ahsoka, while he is supposedly drunk. Obi-Wan is taken into custody (despite Anakin wanting to kill him) and sent undercover to prison, where Obi-Wan’s secret mission is to make contact with Moralo Eval. Inside, Obi-Wan’s reputation for killing, well, himself, is already growing, and Moralo respects this. Unfortunately, Moralo’s cellmate and partner in a plan to escape is Obi-Wan’s old enemy Cad Bane. Soon, Cad Bane hires Boba Fett to start a fight with “Hardeen,” which brings Bossk into the fray on Boba’s side. In the riot that ensues, Bane and Moralo try to escape, but Obi-Wan catches up with them, providing vital “slicing” skills to get them out of the cellblock. Now part of the escaping trio, Obi-Wan leaves with them aboard a stolen starfighter. They then switch over to a larger vessel and escape from Coruscant. The game is afoot, so to speak.

(Deception)

- Having helped break Moralo Eval out of jail (along with Cad Bane) to ingratiate himself with him, Obi-Wan Kenobi (as Rako Hardeen) is aboard their stolen ship when it crashes on Nal Hutta. They need to find new clothes and a new ship, then get off of Nal Hutta, and Obi-Wan still needs to know the details of Moralo’s plan to kidnap Supreme Chancellor Palpatine. They head for the Bilbousa Bazaar, where they buy new clothing and gear from the Rodian dealer

Pablo (though Bane manhandles him a bit). While Bane and Moralo go for weapons, Obi-Wan buys them a new ship, but he puts a tracking device on it, just in case he is double-crossed. He is smart in doing so. Bane doesn't intend to let Obi-Wan join them and will not give him his part of any reward. He gasses Obi-Wan and leaves him for the Hutt authorities, who have been alerted by Pablo. As Bane and Moralo escape, Obi-Wan is interrogated by a Nikto working for the Hutts. Meanwhile, Moralo contacts Count Dooku. They will be rewarded upon reaching Serenno. Obi-Wan, though, has alerted the Hutts to their ship and its tracking device, which agents of the Hutts shoot down. Obi-Wan uses the Force to free himself, then escapes Hutt custody. He contacts Yoda and Mace Windu, who make sure he has enough funds in an account to buy another ship. On Coruscant, Anakin Skywalker meets with Palpatine. His anger at the "death" of Obi-Wan is overwhelming. He goes along with Palpatine's suggestion that he might be able to stop the plot against Palpatine by going after Moralo near Nal Hutta. Anakin leaves with Ahsoka Tano to do just that. On Nal Hutta, Bane and Moralo encounter "Hardeen," who has bought a new ship and claims to have been owed a favor by the Hutts. The trio leave, but they are forced to stop at a refueling station on Orondia (as part of a scheme where the Bith he bought the ship from only has enough fuel in it to reach the station, where they must buy fuel from the Bith's brother). As they leave, Anakin and Ahsoka arrive. They interrogate the nearby saloon owner (with Anakin using a Force choke on him), then learn that the fugitives have left. Mace Windu is trying to get through to Anakin, but he cannot reach the young Jedi Knight. Instead, he reaches Palpatine, who reveals that Anakin is going after the fugitives. Mace and Yoda are worried about what will happen when Anakin catches up to Obi-Wan, who is in the guise of Obi-Wan's "killer." Yoda and Mace agree that the time has come to reveal the truth to Anakin, if they can reach him. Anakin and Ahsoka speak with the Bith ship dealer and learn of the con that should have the fugitives on Orondia. They race off to Orondia, where they (in their Republic shuttle) see the fugitives' ship escaping. They give chase, and Anakin leaps down out of the shuttle onto the escaping ship. Bane gets onto the hull as well and battles Anakin. "Hardeen" forces them all to crash down to the surface. It is enough to disrupt the fight and keep Anakin from being killed by Bane, but it does little to solve their problems. When Obi-Wan goes out to look for Bane and check the situation, Anakin attacks him, ready to kill him for "killing Obi-Wan." Anakin is stopped by Bane, who ties him up and is ready to kill him. Anakin frees himself and engages Bane, as Ahsoka runs toward where the fight has begun. "Hardeen" gets the drop on Anakin and knocks him out, but only after saying, "Anakin, don't follow me" and allowing Anakin to sense his survival in the Force. Ahsoka then arrives, giving "Hardeen" an excuse to escape with Moralo and Bane on their ship, which is not as badly damaged as it seemed. Anakin, though, now wants answers. He knows that Obi-Wan is still alive, and he and Ahsoka will get to the bottom of this . . .

(Friends and Enemies)

- *Moralo Eval, Cad Bane, and Obi-Wan Kenobi (disguised as Rako Hardeen) arrive on Serenno to meet with Count Dooku. Dooku and Moralo have set up a contest for newly-arrived bounty hunters in the Box (which Moralo designed). Those who succeed will eventually be knocked down to five hunters to go on a mission to complete Moralo's plot to kidnap Supreme Chancellor Palpatine for Dooku (the very plan Obi-Wan went undercover to discover). As they gather, Bane kills Bulduga (one of two Ithorian brothers) to take his hat. This leaves Bulduga's brother Onca, the Selkath Mantu, the Frenk Twazzi, the Weequayan Kiera Swan, the Parwan Derrown, the Snivvian Sinrich, the Rodian Jakoli, the Sakiyan Sixtat, and the Kyuzo Embo, along with Cad Bane and "Rako Hardeen" to compete in the Box for the five slots. When the trials begin, Obi-Wan discovers the secret of the first trap room (with poison gas) to allow them all to escape to the next trial. In the second trial room, where energy blades emerge from the walls, Obi-Wan finds the way out and helps Cad Bane and the others escape, except for Onca and Kiera Swan, who are killed by the blades, and Sinrich, whom Embo kills for denying him a bounty earlier in their careers. In the third trial, which uses ray shields, Derrown is able to deactivate the ray shields to save the survivors, but Mantu and Jakoli die before they can escape. In the final trial, they must shoot a moving target with a sniper rifle. Sixtat dies when he fails to do so, but Obi-Wan manages to do it repeatedly, which prompts Moralo, who is angry that Dooku would consider putting "Rako" in charge of the mission instead of Moralo himself, to try to kill Obi-Wan directly. This leads to a direct one-on-one fight that Obi-Wan wins, though he refuses to kill Moralo. As the trials end, the team is formed: Cad Bane; "Rako Hardeen;" Twazzi; Darrown; and Embo. They will be led not by Moralo or even "Rako," but by Cad Bane.*

(The Box)

- Supreme Chancellor Palpatine goes to Naboo to participate in the Festival of Light. Mace Windu, Yoda, Kit Fisto, and other Jedi, including Ahsoka Tano (as Padmé Amidala's bodyguard) and Anakin Skywalker (who now knows that Obi-Wan Kenobi is alive and in disguise as Rako Hardeen) also join them. Obi-Wan journeys to Naboo as well, as part of a team led by Cad Bane to kill Palpatine for Count Dooku (all part of a broader Sith plot, presumably to test Anakin in various forms). The team consists of Obi-Wan (Rako Hardeen), Bane, Moralo Eval, Embo, Derrown, and Twazzi. The ceremony area is shielded, but Derrown can get through (as he did in the Box) to deactivate it. Embo and Twazzi are to be in disguise (under holographic disguise matrices) as Senate guards, while Bane will be at the ceremony in disguise as a Neimoidian attendee. Obi-Wan is to be their sniper, whose job is to kill Palpatine, while Moralo acts as their driver for their escape. The event begins, and Obi-Wan warns the Jedi of what is happening (not realizing that he himself is being spied upon). Derrown is able to take down the shield, despite Anakin's warning. Obi-Wan wastes what he quickly learns is his rifle's only shot to knock out Derrown's jetpack. When the shield generator explodes, Palpatine is knocked to the ground, but not killed. Twazzi and Embo use another disguise matrix to make the real Palpatine look like a guard, while Twazzi takes on Palpatine's appearance. While one guard (Embo) takes "Palpatine" (Twazzi) to "safety," Bane (as the Neimoidian) drags the fallen guard (Palpatine) away. Embo then deactivates his disguise, which Obi-Wan sees through his scope. Obi-Wan reports what Dooku had planned upon suspecting Obi-Wan's real identity during the Box trial: that "Palpatine" is being guarded by a bounty hunter (Embo). This prompts Mace and Anakin to "save" him, only for Twazzi to be revealed. Unfortunately, this has given Bane time to get the real Palpatine to where Moralo awaits with their getaway speeder. Obi-Wan races off for the rendezvous point to try to stop Bane, Moralo, and their captive Chancellor. Obi-Wan blows his cover by joining Mace and Anakin in capturing Moralo and Bane, rescuing Palpatine. Obi-Wan, however, believes that the plot might not yet be over, while Anakin grouches about how the Jedi Council doesn't trust him. He is shocked to learn that the ruse of his faked death was Obi-Wan's idea, and now Anakin questions whether even Obi-Wan ever gets the whole story from the Jedi Council. Trying to figure out how he was discovered, Obi-Wan returns to his sniper perch and abandoned rifle case, which he discovers had a transmitter in it. Dooku was listening in the entire time. Meanwhile, Anakin speaks with his other mentor, Palpatine, who claims that they are about to attend a banquet set up by Queen Neeyutnee, but when they arrive, they find that Dooku is waiting for them, along with some MagnaGuards. Dooku claims to have been waiting until the Jedi security force was lulled into a sense that things were over, so that they would leave. Now he only has to deal with Anakin. Current and future Sith apprentices duel with Anakin getting closer to the Dark Side with every attack. Anakin is knocked down momentarily by Force lightning from Dooku, allowing Obi-Wan time to catch up. The two go after Dooku and the droids, taking them on until Dooku escapes, goading Anakin in the process. Palpatine is "safe," but, then again, this was never really about Dooku capturing his own Sith Master. Anakin is moving closer and closer to Sith territory . . .

(Crisis on Naboo)

- After spending a long while in hiding, Asajj Ventress returns to Dathomir seeking sanctuary, now that Savage Opress has betrayed her (and, unbeknownst to her, been sent on a quest to find Darth Maul by Mother Talzin) and Count Dooku wants her dead. Upon arrival, Talzin convinces her to go through a Nightsister ritual to make her into a "true Nightsister." However, shortly after the initiation, they are attacked by Separatist forces. Count Dooku has sent General Grievous to wipe out the Nightsisters, upon somehow learning that Asajj has returned to Dathomir. As the Separatists strike (including using Lok Durd's defoliator weapon) against the Nightsisters, Talzin has Old Daka use her Force magicks to raise a horde of Nightsisters from death to become Undead warriors. The battle rages, and most Nightsisters fall. Asajj battles Grievous one-on-one, but when Talzin begins using a form of "voodoo doll" to attack Dooku all the way on Serenno, he orders Grievous to hunt down Talzin and stop her by following a glowing green trail of magic that he believes would be coming from Talzin (which is actually from Old Daka to animate the Undead). He kills Daka, and Talzin escapes by transforming into a sort of green spirit mist. The Nightsisters have been decimated, and Asajj is left alone, told by the departing spirit version of Talzin that she has her own path to follow and will not be going with Talzin wherever she is escaping to. Where will Asajj go from here?*

(Massacre)*

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- *Asajj Ventress, lost without purpose, goes to Chalmun's Cantina in Mos Eisley on Tatooine for a drink, only to be hit on and "forced" to kill a bounty hunter named Oked. With Oked dead, she is approached by two of Oked's partners, Bossk (freed from prison during the same riot that freed Moralo Eval, Cad Bane, and Obi-Wan Kenobi in his Rako Hardeen disguise) and Latts Razzi. She is told that with Oked dead, she must take Oked's place in their mission. With nothing better to do, Asajj agrees, though one wonders if they could have made good on their threats if she had refused. She is brought to meet the other members of their team: Dengar; C-21 Highsinger (a prototype droid); and Boba Fett (their leader, also freed in that prison riot). While Asajj is dubious about Boba, given his age, they all head for Quarzite, where they meet with the Balugan Major Rigosso, for whom they will be guarding a large container for transport to the local dictator, Otua Blank. They head for the surface, then board a train to deliver the guarded cargo. En route, they are attacked by Kage Warriors, led by Krismo Sodi. During the battle that ensues, all of the hunters except for Boba and Asajj are knocked from the train (and survive) and Rigosso is killed. During the scuffle, Boba knocks over the container they are guarding, revealing its contents to be a young girl, Krismo's sister, Pluma Sodi, who is to be taken to become the bride of Otua Blank. Asajj subdues Krismo, but when she hears Pluma's plight about being taken away from her family (much like Asajj feels after what happened on Dathomir), Asajj turns on Boba, Force-choking him into submission. When they finally arrive at Otua Blank's pickup point, Asajj is paid and leaves, but the container actually holds a bound Boba. She then takes Krismo and Pluma back to their people and accepts payment from them as well. Rather than leaving on her own, she returns to reunite with the other bounty hunters, giving them their shares, and even giving them Boba's share to give to him when he shows up again looking for it. She may have made a new enemy in Boba, but Asajj is starting to see that she might actually have a future of her own choosing.**

(Bounty)*

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- *The talisman given to Savage Opress by Mother Talzin has led him on a search to find his brother, Darth Maul. He has reached Stobar, where he chokes a waitress at Plop Dribble's diner, then follows further clues and reactions from the talisman to hijack a cargo ship and force its pilot to take Savage back to where his cargo, which reacted with the talisman, came from: the junk planet of Lotho Minor. He arrives (jettisoning the pilot along the way) and searches the surface for clues, eventually fighting off some junkers (cyborgs) and encountering a rather insistent guide, the Anacondan named Morley. It turns out that Morley is actually working with Darth Maul, providing him with beings to consume by leading them into a trap. Savage ends up in the trap, falling down into tunnels beneath the surface. Once there, he encounters what seems to be a large spider creature, but the creature is actually his brother, Darth Maul. Maul has spent many years on Lotho Minor and has used the Force on instinct to graft spider legs to his body. His horns are overgrown, and he seems quite mad, babbling and reciting bits of the Sith Code. As his senses come to him, however, he reveals that he wants revenge on Obi-Wan Kenobi, the Jedi who took his legs during the Battle of*

Naboo. Unfortunately for the brothers, Jedi and Sith alike may know they are coming, as “sinister” events and currents in the Force being stirred by Savage and Maul have alerted Count Dooku, Anakin Skywalker, Asajj Ventress, Obi-Wan Kenobi, and Yoda to a threat looming in the galaxy.*

(Brothers)*

*NOTE: *Galactic Maps* puts this episode in 20 - 19 BBY, which seems (surprisingly, given that book’s TCW issues) to be accurate.

- Arriving on Dathomir, Savage Opress leaves his nearly mad brother, Maul, in the cargo bay while he goes outside to meet with Mother Talzin, who emerges from her misty state to pick up where her preparations have left off and restore Maul to the status of a great Nightbrother. Using a green orb of light, Talzin draws Maul out of the ship, and the three head for an altar where she has been preparing for this moment. Maul is laid on the altar and stripped of his spider-like lower body, leaving only his long-horned upper half. She then draws out the dark memories that are making him unbalanced, while also crafting new legs for him out of various scrap (including some from his spider legs). His horns are reshaped back to normal size, and he emerges with two new cybernetic legs, ready to take revenge. As for Talzin, she vanishes again into her green mist form, leaving Savage’s damaged horn unhealed. Darth Maul intends to draw out Obi-Wan Kenobi, and the method that makes the most sense is the suffering of the innocent. He and Savage head for Raydonia, where they send a message to the Jedi Temple, showing Maul killing several children and threatening others. While Mace Windu is hesitant to let Obi-Wan go alone, Yoda agrees with the need for Obi-Wan to follow Maul’s instructions to go on his own, as he senses that someone else will emerge to help Obi-Wan. Around the same time, Asajj Ventress discovers that a bounty has been placed on Savage, noting his recent activities. Using this information, she takes the bounty as an excuse to hunt him down and leaves Tatooine for Raydonia. Obi-Wan arrives on Raydonia and confronts Maul, but he is outmatched when Maul is joined by Savage. Together, they knock him out and capture him, then take off in their stolen transport, but not before Asajj arrives and leaps aboard the transport in secret. In space, the two Nightbrothers toy with Obi-Wan, until Maul is left alone with him briefly. Finally, Asajj emerges, taunting the two Nightbrothers, and a two-on-two battle ensues. Still over-powered, Obi-Wan and Asajj (unlikely allies but familiar enough with each other to work well together) get into the ship’s detachable cockpit and launch themselves away from the transport to escape. Savage and Maul then use the transport’s auxiliary controls to fly the transport, but they do not immediately give chase. Maul is now counting on the Jedi reacting to his newly-revealed presence in the galaxy. Revenge can wait a bit longer . . . *

(Revenge)*

*NOTE: *Absolutely Everything You Need to Know* pins this arc down to 20 BBY, thanks to Maul being believed dead for “12 years.” *Galactic Maps* puts this episode in 20 - 19 BBY, which seems (surprisingly, given that book’s TCW issues) to be accurate.

- The process of recreating legs for Maul and helping to return his sanity significantly weakens Mother Talzin (who has already been weakened by the battle for Dathomir in which her Nightsister clan was all but wiped out). As a result, she is no longer able to maintain physical form for more than short periods of time. She begins seeking out ways to absorb the Living Force from other beings in order to give her the life energy to return to physical form without constraints.

(conjecture based on *Son of Dathomir*)

- Obi-Wan Kenobi and Asajj Ventress part ways, while Maul and Savage Opress eventually gain another ship to replace the bulk of the one they lost when escaping from Obi-Wan and Asajj.

(conjecture based on unexplained transition between the fourth and fifth seasons of *The Clone Wars*)*

*NOTE: In *Legends* continuity, this was addressed in *The Sith Hunters*, but that story is not, as far as we know, part of Story Group Canon.

- A rebel movement on Onderon, led by Saw Gerrera, Steela Gerrera, and Lux Bonteri (whom Ahsoka Tano has feelings for) contacts the Jedi Council for aid in bringing down the usurper King Sanjay Rash, who has aligned Onderon with the Separatists. While technically a Republic world, Onderon declared neutrality under the rightful king, Ramsis Dendup, who was later overthrown by Rash. That should keep this from being a situation in which the Jedi can intervene. Unable to help with troops directly, Anakin Skywalker suggests that a small team travel to Onderon to provide training and resources for the rebels, so that they can fight the Separatists on their own. Obi-Wan Kenobi and others worry that this might mean

essentially training terrorist groups, but Anakin and Mace Windu are able to convince the Jedi to allow this to be attempted on Onderon. Anakin, Ahsoka, Obi-Wan, and Captain Rex head for Onderon, where they link up with Saw, Steela, and Lux (who appears to be flirting with Steela, which bothers Ahsoka, who is frequently reminded to keep her mind on her duty, not on Lux). After battling some battledroids that are sent to check out where the Jedi landed, a group of rebels, including the Jedi team, heads into the capital city, Iziz, to begin anti-Separatist operations.*

(A War on Two Fronts)*

*NOTE: *Galactic Maps* puts this episode in 20 - 19 BBY, which seems (surprisingly, given that book's TCW issues) to be accurate.

- On the planet Onderon, ruled by the usurper King Sanjay Rash, who holds the rightful king, Ramsis Dendup, as a prisoner, a Jedi team consisting of Anakin Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi, Ahsoka Tano, and Captain Rex is assisting a rebel group led by Saw Gerrera, Steela Gerrera, and Lux Bonteri. They have made their way into Iziz, where they use ion weapons and the like to target Separatist droids. While this does harm the Separatist forces in Iziz, it also strikes fear into the populace, who are not certain what is going on. For his part, Rash orders Dendup to stop the attacks, as if he could possibly have ordered their activities from within his imprisonment. The rebels decide that the people will only support them if they are given a reason to believe that they can truly succeed. They must also earn the people's trust. They decide to hit a major (and highly symbolic) target: the city's main power generator, which is guarded by droids. (By this time, Anakin, Rex, and Obi-Wan are heading back to other duties, while Ahsoka remains to help the rebels.) They knock out the power and take out battledroids in the streets, gaining the acceptance and cheers of some of the citizens. In the wake of this success, Rash contacts Count Dooku, needing help to stop the "terrorists." He is sending a Super Tactical Droid, Kalani, to assist Rash. The rebels, meanwhile, must choose a leader to represent them. While discussing the possibilities, the group present quickly chooses Steela, causing Saw to briefly step out in frustration over everyone choosing his sister over him.*

(Front Runners)*

*NOTE: *Galactic Maps* puts this episode in 20 - 19 BBY, which seems (surprisingly, given that book's TCW issues) to be accurate.

- The rebel movement on Onderon, led by Steela Gerrera with the aid of her brother, Saw Gerrera, and Onderon's former Separatist Parliament representative, Lux Bonteri, is gaining momentum, thanks to the training and resources provided by the Jedi, including Ahsoka Tano, who remains on Onderon to assist them. After another successful strike against battledroids, Steela presents a holographic message to the people, urging them to join together to fight for their true king, Ramsis Dendup, who is currently a prisoner of the usurper king Sanjay Rash. Rash is currently working with Dooku's Super Tactical Droid, Kalani, and local military leader General Tandin. When Dendup, who has had nothing to do with the attacks directly, is unwilling (and unable) to call off the rebel attacks, Rash orders his execution the next day. Knowing it will likely be a trap, the rebels need to save him anyway. While Steela and Lux make plans for how they will be able to rescue Dendup when brought to a public square for execution, Ahsoka contacts Anakin Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi with her doubts that the rebels could be successful. She wants to help, but she finds herself torn between her duties as a Jedi (to step in only if required) and to the rebels (whom she wants to help as much as possible). Meanwhile, Saw breaks into the palace, where Dendup is being held. He informs Dendup of the rebel movement and their progress, but Saw is captured while with Dendup. Steela, knowing what Saw would want, will not derail their plans to save Dendup in order to save Saw, and Ahsoka, who is to sit out the coming rescue, agrees. Saw is tortured by Kalani and Tandin. While Tandin then interrogates Saw alone, the young man is able to plant seeds of doubt in Tandin about his loyalty to Rash and his Separatist puppetmasters. The next day, the execution begins as Rash, Kalani, MagnaGuards, and battledroids bring Saw and Dendup into the square to have them both executed in public. Tandin, meanwhile, watches from far above. Just before Rash can be killed, the rebels emerge from the crowd and blast the droids at the decapitation device, saving him. A firefight ensues, during which the rebels, led by Lux and Steela, save both Saw and Dendup. One of them, Steela's supporter Dono, is killed, then the others are surrounded by Super Battledroids before they can vanish into the crowd. Before they can be taken into custody, however, Tandin intervenes, just as Ahsoka is about to disobey orders and do so herself. Tandin's soldiers hold off the battledroids long enough for the rebels to escape with

*Dendup. Tandin, holding Rash as a human shield to let the others escape, is ready to die, but Ahsoka leaps in to clear the way, and the people in the square rise up against Rash, allowing Ahsoka and Tandin to escape. The tide is turning in the battle for Onderon. Dendup is now with the rebels, as is the Onderonian army. With Ahsoka revealing herself, though, the Separatists will fight even more fiercely, and the Jedi Council may not be able to provide further support.**

(The Soft War)*

***NOTE: Galactic Maps puts this episode in 20 - 19 BBY, which seems (surprisingly, given that book's TCW issues) to be accurate.**

- *On Onderon, the conflict between usurper king Sanjay Rash and his Separatist allies, including Super Tactical Droid Kalani, and the rebel forces loyal to deposed King Ramsis Dendup, led by Steela Gerrera, is coming to a head. The rebels provide a holographic message from Dendup that the citizens of Iziz see. This gains further public support for action against the Separatists. At the rebel base in the nearby mountains, Saw Gerrera urges taking the fight to Iziz, but Ahsoka Tano agrees with Steela that the goal should be to draw the droids out of the city into battle in order to protect the citizens of the city. Dendup puts his faith and command of the army in Steela's hands, rather than Tandin's, since she is the leader of the rebel movement. (Tandin agrees with the decision.) Before leaving for battle, Steela plants a kiss on Lux Bonteri, who seems to care for her, which is something that Ahsoka seems to be coming to terms with. Kalani orders an all-out assault on the rebels in the mountains using new heavily-shielded droid gunships and ground forces. As battle commences, Ahsoka is ordered by Obi-Wan Kenobi to let the rebels win on their own, since the Jedi cannot send help. She must evacuate if it appears they are about to lose. Anakin Skywalker disagrees, waning to help directly, rather than just helping the survivors after the fact. Obi-Wan, though, knows that the Jedi cannot be seen to be further involved, since the goal of the mission was to help the Onderonians help themselves. Anakin recognizes that they can supply the rebels, as before, without themselves joining the battle, so they contact Hondo Ohnaka to purchase a bunch of weapons, including rocket launchers. He delivers them to the rebels between battles, then leaves as a Separatist patrol attacks again. Back on the front lines, they use the rocket launchers to destroy droid gunships that were otherwise impossible to take down with hand-held weapons. During the battle, commando droids nearly capture (or kill) Dendup as they push him back to a cliff edge, but Steela saves him. At that moment, though, Saw blasts another gunship with a rocket, sending it crashing down onto the cliff, causing its edge to break off. Steela and Dendup begin to fall, but she pushes him to safety. Steela herself can only hold on by her fingertips. Lux, trying to reach her, falls over the edge himself, but Ahsoka is able to grab him with the Force and pull him to safety. She then goes back for Steela, reaching out to her in the Force, but the damaged gunship fires off one last shot, disrupting Ahsoka's concentration and allowing Steela to fall to her death below, at Saw's feet. Back at the palace in Iziz, Kalai reports to Dooku that efforts on Onderon will now take longer than expected, if possible at all. Dooku orders them to withdraw their forces to Agamar, and Kalani kills Rash. Back in the mountains, there is enough guilt over Steela's death to go around, but Steela knew the cost of freedom could be high. Soon, King Dendup is restored to his throne and leads a memorial for Steela at the palace, attended not just by the former rebels and citizens, but by Ahsoka, Anakin, and Obi-Wan. Dendup appoints Lux, whose mother had been a Republic senator, then Separatist representative, and who replaced his mother as Separatist representative before leaving the Separatist Congress, as the new Republic Senator for Onderon. Onderon will side with the Republic.**

(Tipping Points)*

***NOTE: Galactic Maps puts this episode in 20 - 19 BBY, which seems (surprisingly, given that book's TCW issues) to be accurate.**

- *Padawan Ahsoka Tano and R2-D2 join Yoda in taking a group of younglings, who are nearly ready to become Padawans, to Illum aboard the Crucible for the "Gathering." The younglings (Petro, Katooni, Byph, Ganodi, Zatt, and Gungi) are to find their own lightsaber crystals within the icy Crystal Caves. They must do so quickly, though, as the gates are opened by Yoda using the Force, and they will freeze back closed once the sun sets. Petro, overconfident and arrogant, rushes in and recovers what he thinks is a crystal, only to exit and see it melt. He must return to get a real one. Meanwhile, Byph overcomes his fears to find a crystal. Katooni finds one by climbing an ice wall. Zatt finds one after finally letting go of his dependence on his scanner. Gungi is patient enough to await the freezing of water between him and his crystal, then moves across the frozen surface to obtain it. Ganodi picks the right one from*

many around her. Everyone leaves except for Katooni and Petro. Katooni falls and finds herself trapped by ice, and when Petro comes by and sees her, it seems as though he will leave her. Instead, they combine their use of the Force to free her, even if it means Petro might not get a crystal. He ends up finding a crystal amid the ruins of the ice they shattered, and both Katooni and Petro escape the Caves. They have faced their own fears and individual shortcomings, and they are ready for the next part of their training.

(The Gathering)

- With Gathering complete, Yoda has returned to Coruscant directly, and Ahsoka Tano and R2-D2 are responsible for taking the younglings from Ilum (Petro, Katooni, Byph, Ganodi, Zatt, and Gungi) back to the Jedi Temple aboard the ancient Jedi training vessel Crucible, where the younglings are instructed in lightsaber construction by the ancient Jedi training droid Huyang. While the younglings build their lightsabers, Hondo Ohnaka and his crew strike at the Crucible to steal the Kyber crystals that they are using in their sabers. The pirates board the ship, and all of the younglings give Huyang their lightsaber crystals for safekeeping except for Petro, who only pretends to. They then hide in the ventilation system. Zatt and Ganodi are sent to the cockpit to find R2-D2 and secure the ship's controls. The others are to seal themselves in the cargo hold, while Ahsoka works to try to reroute power to give them the boost they will need to escape and tear the docking tube from the ship, blowing the pirates out into space. Unfortunately, the group going to the cargo hold is captured by the pirates while in the vents. Petro puts his crystal back into his lightsaber, but, as Huyang warned him during construction, the emitter matrix is backward. He knows this and allows a pirate to take it. When it explodes, it allows them to escape. They outwit the pirates, until the group comes face to face with Hondo. Ahsoka intervenes, confronting Hondo, who was far more helpful during their last encounter (on Onderon). During the encounter, Zatt, Ganodi, and R2-D2 activate the ship's engines, tearing it free of Hondo's ship. This causes the pirates to be blown out into the docking tube (and some into space). Unfortunately, the last pirate to fly out of the ship hits Ahsoka on his way out, knocking her into the pirate vessel. The younglings and Huyang are safe, though Huyang is heavily damaged, but Ahsoka is now a captive of the pirates.

(A Test of Strength)

- With Ahsoka Tano captured by Hondo Ohnaka by accident during the purge of the pirates from the Jedi training vessel Crucible, the younglings (Katooni, Ganodi, Petro, Byph, Zatt, and Gungi), R2-D2, and what is left of Huyang contact Obi-Wan Kenobi aboard the Negotiator. Obi-Wan plans to head for their location to pick up those still on the Crucible and then go rescue Ahsoka, but the ship comes under attack by General Grievous. Obi-Wan and Commander Cody lead an evacuation of the ship, which they set to self-destruct. While they escape in a pod, Grievous learns of the deception and escapes just as the Negotiator is destroyed. For now, the younglings are on their own. Due to damage to the Crucible, the younglings, who have all now completed their lightsabers except for Katooni, are forced to land on the nearest planet, which turns out to be the pirates' base planet, Florrum. Seeing a chance to get to Ahsoka, Petro and the others leave the ship (and Huyang's remnants) in the capable hands of Ganodi and R2-D2, who are to try to repair both. Unsure of how to reach Ahsoka, the younglings encounter a traveling carnival run by Preigo. They use their Jedi skills to prove that they could be fine additions to his acts, and when Preigo stops to have his troupe perform for a drunken Hando and his men, Katooni slips away to steal back Ahsoka's lightsabers, then free and arm the Padawan. A chase ensues, during which the performers unwittingly provide cover for the Jedi, who escape and head back to the Crucible. They need to get off the planet as soon as possible. Their pirate troubles are not over yet . . .

(Bound for Rescue)

- On Florrum, Ahsoka Tano, Petro, Katooni (with her lightsaber still unfinished), Gungi, Byph, and Zatt race for the Crucible, where Ganodi and R2-D2 have put Huyang back together (except for his two missing arms). They are pursued by pirates loyal to Hondo Ohnaka. At Ahsoka's command, Ganodi flies the Crucible to pick up the others from their stolen speeder. Unfortunately, the pirates damage the Crucible so much that it is forced to crash, and Ganodi, R2-D2, and Huyang must drop down to join the others, who crash their speeder. Now they are all captives of the pirates, not just Ahsoka, whom they had planned to rescue. Unfortunately for the pirates, General Grievous has arrived with his droid army, declaring that Florrum belongs to the Separatists now. Apparently, Dooku has taken this opportunity to finally repay Hondo for the time he captured Dooku and tried to sell him to the Republic.

Fortunately, the pirates holding the Jedi have not yet reached the base. The pirates know that Hondo has a private fleet, but only Hondo knows where it is located. The pirates free Ahsoka and the others in return for them helping the pirates escape Florrum and the Separatist invasion. They sneak in as pirates and find Hondo. Katooni finally completes her lightsaber, and they free Hondo, making their way to his Vault, where the ships are hidden. The pirates and Jedi attack the Separatists, who are currently dismantling much of Hondo's operation and weaponry. The base is ravaged in the firefight, but as the other Jedi and pirates fight, Katooni is the only one actually with Hondo when he reaches the hangar. Hondo prepares Slave I (repaired after Aurra Sing crashed it while attacked by Ahsoka) for flight, but Katooni convinces him that he has a duty to help the others as part of their deal. As the others crash their speeder and find themselves at the mercy of General Grievous, Hondo and Katooni arrive in Slave I. Ahsoka holds off Grievous long enough for the others to leap aboard, then Ahsoka disengages and joins them, covered by fire from Slave I. Hondo transports the Jedi and droids to a Republic Fleet, where they are met by Obi-Wan and Cody aboard a replacement for the destroyed Negotiator. The young Jedi have proven themselves worthy of taking their next step in their training.

(A Necessary Bond)

- The Jedi Council intercepts a transmission from General Grievous, which they believe contains information about a major Separatist offensive that will happen soon, but they cannot break the new encryption on the message. They plan a mission into Separatist-controlled space to steal a decoding ship that can decrypt the message, but the team assigned is an odd one. Led by the small Zilkin Colonel Meebur Gascon (a strategist without any real field experience), the team, D-Squad, will consist of droids: four astromechs (R2-D2, QT-KT, M5-BZ, and U9-C4) and a pit droid, WAC-47. Before the mission, all of the astromechs are augmented by Doctor Gubacher to have new features. R2-D2 receives even better leg rockets. QT-KT is given a powerful magnet that she can launch. U9-C4 is given a powerful laser cutter (requiring anchoring his rollers to avoid recoil). M5-BZ has his memory banks removed to turn his dome into a mobile command center for Gascon, who will ride inside the droid. With WAC-47 as their pilot, they set out in a captured Separatist shuttle. When they reach the Separatist fleet where a command vessel is expected to have the decoder aboard, WAC-57 puts them on a collision course, and the Separatists take them aboard in a tractor beam. The droids (with Gascon inside M5-BZ) are to be taken in for "interrogation," but they get the drop on the battledroids who enter the shuttle and continue on into the Separatist warship. They deactivate comms for the security system, drawing the attention of Super Tactical Droid Aut-O. They make their way to the chamber with the decoder, only to be temporarily stopped in their tracks when M5-BZ sticks a probe into a power socket, instead of a computer terminal, zapping Gascon's command droid. Briefly leaving M5-BZ behind as a fallen comrade, the others make their way into the decoder chamber, where they do battle with Aut-O and his droids in zero gravity. They prevail, stealing the decoder and returning to the shuttle with M5-BZ, who was temporarily deactivated by the electrical jolt earlier. Their mission has been a success, but now they must return to the Republic fleet with the decoder.

(Secret Weapons)

- D-Squad's shuttle encounters a comet while on the way back to the Republic fleet. It damages their shuttle, forcing them to crash on the planet Abafar, amid the featureless desert known as the Void. As the droids and Colonel Meebur Gascon go through bouts of losing and regaining hope for survival and escape from the planet, they split up. The astromechs (R2-D2, QT-KT, U9-C4, and the now-fixed M5-BZ) race ahead, while WAC-47 and Gascon come upon a stampede of void strider creatures, which they mount and ride. The team finally reunites when Gascon and WAC-47 arrive at the town of Pons Ora, which the other droids have already discovered. Now, they must find a way off-planet with the decoder they stole from the Separatists.

(A Sunny Day in the Void)

- In Pons Ora, Colonel Meebur Gascon leads D-Squad (WAC-47, R2-D2, QT-KT, U9-C4, and M5-BZ) in trying to find a contact to get them off-planet. They also need food for Gascon. To achieve both ends, they visit the diner of the Sullustan Borkus, only to be turned out into the street, where Gascon finds food in the diner's trash. Borkus' dishwasher, Gregor, exits to take out the trash, and Gascon recognizes him as a clonetrooper, though Gregor has no memory of this. They confront him at his home, showing him holographic records of his military

service after scanning a code on his wrist. Apparently, Gregor was a Republic Commando captain, but he was lost during the Battle of Sarrish, having crashed onto Abafar while seeking help. They convince him to retake his duty and his life, rather than living as a badly-treated employee (basically a slave) of Borkus. Gregor breaks into the diner, finding where Borkus kept his armor when he was found with amnesia. He dons his armor, after the droids disable Borkus. Gregor leads them to the nearby spaceport, where battledroids are loading a shuttle with canisters of rhydonium, an explosive fuel that is mined on Abafar. Gregor attacks, allowing the others to get to the shuttle, but to cover their escape, Gregor stays behind, sacrificing himself (to either capture or death) so that they can make their way in the shuttle to a Republic Venator-class Star Destroyer, the *Renown*, in orbit of Abafar.

(Missing in Action)

- Upon reaching the *Renown* in orbit of Abafar, Colonel Meebur Gascon and D-Squad (WAC-47, R2-D2, QT-KT, U9-C4, and M5-BZ) find that the arrival of their Republic shuttle (retrieved from battledroids in Pons Ora on Abafar and full of rhydonium canisters) is not met by anyone whatsoever. Upon following empty corridors to the bridge, they find that the ship's "crew" on the bridge are all holograms, designed to sell the deception that everything is normal on the bridge. The ship is actually being piloted and controlled by a Super Tactical Droid and B1 battledroids. The ship is loaded up with rhydonium to be used as a kamikaze vessel, meant to crash into the space station *Valor* above Carida, where a high-level Republic strategy conference is taking place. Aboard the station are Obi-Wan Kenobi, Anakin Skywalker, Mace Windu, Wulff Yularen, Tarkin (now an Admiral), and many others. With the help of BNI-393, a servant droid left aboard when the Separatists took over the ship and killed its crew, they face off with a hangar full of buzz droids, which manage to destroy M5-BZ. They unite with other droids left behind with BNI-393, to battle the droids, allowing R2-D2 to get to the cockpit, where the bomb controlling the explosive rhydonium canisters is located. As the others escape in a shuttle, R2-D2 detonates the bomb, blowing up the *Renown* before it can reach the *Valor*. The space station is hammered by debris but safe from destruction. Gascon and the others board the *Valor*, and recovery droids find the rather damaged R2-D2 amid the ruins of the *Renown*. D-Squad has arrived with the decoder it stole for the Republic, and it has saved the day at Carida. It is suggested that D-Squad will remain together for more missions, but R2-D2 will return to service with Anakin, as expected.

(Point of No Return)

- Having raided worlds in the Outer Rim, including at least one mission in which Maul killed Jedi Knight Finn Ertay, the Nightbrothers Maul and Savage Opress raid the Cybloc Transfer Station, acquiring a great deal of money from a safe. While considering their next move, Maul reminds his brother that they are not equal partners. As a Sith Lord, Maul follows the Sith Rule of Two. He is to be the Master, while Savage will be his Apprentice, not his equal by any means. Shortly after the brothers leave with their booty, Jedi Masters Obi-Wan Kenobi and Adi Gallia arrive, tracking the brothers. InterGalactic Banking Corporation representative Morlimur Snugg points them to the Sertar Sector, which a droid survivor overheard the brothers discussing. It appears that they have stolen a cargo ship from Snugg and are heading for Florrum, home base to Hondo Ohnaka's pirate gang, recently devastated in battle with General Grievous forces. (The Separatists are now gone, and Hondo oversees what is left of his base.) En route, Maul and Savage encounter one of Hondo's lieutenants, Jiro, and his crew, who board the brothers' ship in space. Intrigued by the spice found aboard, the pirates are taken off-guard by Maul and Savage, whom they at first think are Jedi. Maul calls them Lords, but not "Sith Lords," just "crimelords" for now. Maul and Savage wish to hire Jiro and his crew. Jiro accepts, bringing along others like Goru and Sabo (who is not sure about betraying Hondo). When Maul contacts Hondo to demand his allegiance, Maul kills Sabo as a demonstration of the penalty that resistance will incur. While the Nightbrothers are still on their way to Florrum, Obi-Wan and Adi contact Hondo to warn him about them. Hondo is able to confirm that the "horny-headed maniacs" are Sith (well, sort of). Maul and Savage arrive on Florrum and strike at Hondo's forces, followed very quickly by Obi-Wan and Adi. The brothers face off with the Jedi Masters. Maul battles Obi-Wan, while Savage takes on Adi. When their duels are drawn apart from each other, Savage manages to kill Adi, taking out the Jedi Council member with his horns and lightsaber. Obi-Wan is forced to retreat and join Hondo and his men before moving out to confront the brothers. Hondo forgives his pirates that sided with the brothers, as long as they work with him now. (After all, pirates are expected to switch loyalties when most profitable.) In a fast-paced duel, Obi-Wan severs Savage's left arm, which emits a green mist reminiscent of the Nightsister magic used to transform him to

become Asajj Ventress' servant. Maul, concerned for his brother and their plans, takes Savage and retreats, ordering "his" pirates to follow. Unfortunately, they are now loyal to Hondo again at the promise of killing the brothers to take their riches. While running back to their ship, the bottom half of Maul's large, mechanical left leg is blasted off. They lift off in the cargo ship, but a pirate rocket launcher takes out one of its engines. The wounded brothers make it to the ship's escape craft and escape into space, as the rest of the ship crashes back to Florrum. Obi-Wan joins Hondo in searching the wreckage, which seems to prove to Obi-Wan that the brothers have survived. When Obi-Wan later reports this in a meeting with Supreme Chancellor Palpatine, the secret Sith Lord redirects the Jedi away from Maul, suggesting that he and his criminal activities are not relevant to the Separatist threat and a personal matter just for Obi-Wan. The Jedi, though, know that the criminal underworld has been gaining in power, and if Maul and Savage have survived, that element can only help them grow into a more formidable threat.*

(Revival)*

*NOTE: Even though this episode aired first in Season 5 of TCW, I confirmed with Jason Fry that it does indeed still take place here chronologically, just before *Eminence*. This was later confirmed again in *The Clone Wars Episode Guide*, written by Fry, and it was in this correct order that it appeared when the series was released on home video. (Netflix, however, inexplicably returns the episode to the incorrect order, as aired.) *Galactic Maps* puts this episode in 19 BBY, somehow crammed in with about 30 other episodes (either as episodes, unfinished story reels, or issues of *Son of Dathomir*) before ROTS in that year, which seems very unlikely. As with most of the seemingly-erroneous or illogical TCW dates from *Galactic Maps*, I have ignored this indicator.

- *In space, the escape craft used by Maul and Savage Opress to escape Florrum is found by a Death Watch team led by Death Watch leader Pre Vizsla and Nite Owl leader Bo-Katan. Vizsla brings them back to the Death Watch base on Zanbar in hopes of finding them to be a new ally against the Jedi and the New Mandalorians under Duchess Satine Kryze. The Mandalorians replace Maul's large legs (given to him by Mother Talzin but with one blasted in half during the Florrum escape) with a pair of regular-sized cybernetic legs. They provide Savage with a mechanic arm to replace the one he lost to Obi-Wan Kenobi. Maul identifies himself and Savage as the "true Lords of the Sith," pointing to Obi-Wan as the one who did this to them. Now, they want revenge and power, making them prime candidates to work with Death Watch. They strike a deal, forging an alliance. Vizsla thinks that he can control the brothers, since there are only two of them, but Maul, as a Sith Lord, intends to manipulate Death Watch to do his bidding with him truly in power. Bo-Katan is not particularly interested in a deal, and she notes that Dooku, also a Sith Lord, had betrayed them before. Maul nearly Force chokes her to death at the suggestion, but it gives Maul a chance to call Dooku a "Sith pretender," distancing the Nightbrothers from the "other" Sith in Vizsla's eyes. Maul's plan is to create a new fighting force (a "Shadow Collective"), consisting of Death Watch and forces from various criminal organizations. They begin by traveling to Mustafar, where they interrupt a meeting of Black Sun. When Xomit Grunseit refuses to join or follow them, Maul has Savage kill the Black Sun leaders. Black Sun then joins them, led by the first Black Sun member they met outside, Ziton Moj. Once Black Sun resources are moved to Zanbar, ships arrive from the Pyke Syndicate, led by Lom Pyke, who have heard of what Maul is up to and have come to join them voluntarily. The Shadow Collective next goes to secure the allegiance of the Hutts by traveling to Nal Hutta, where they interrupt a meeting of the Hutt Grand Council. (Jabba and Gorga attend via hologram, while Arok, Oruba, and Marlo are there in person.) Maul wants all of Hutt Space in return for their lives. Instead, Jabba orders the bounty hunters present to attack Maul, Savage, and Vizsla. The hunters (Sugi, Latts Razzi, Dengar, Embo, and Embo's Anooba, Marrok) do so, chasing them out to the landing pad, where the Nite Owls come to their aid, so that the trio can force their way back to the Hutt meeting chamber. (Shockingly, none of the bounty hunters is killed in the fray.) By the time the bounty hunters retreat and the chamber is secure, all of the Hutts have escaped, except for Oruba, whom Maul threatens for information. All Oruba can do is point them to Jabba's Palace on Tatooine, which is rather obvious, so Savage goes ahead and kills Oruba. They head next to Jabba's Palace, where they confront Jabba and Gorga, who, under threat, agree to join the Shadow Collective. Vizsla is proud to see that they now have enough forces to take Mandalore, but Maul notes that Mandalore is basically just a minor part of his larger plan to control a vast underworld empire. Feeling as though he has been slighted and used by the Sith Lord, Vizsla reveals to Bo-Katan that once they take back Mandalore, it is his intention to kill Maul and Savage, just like the rest of their adversaries among the New Mandalorians.**

(Eminence)*

*NOTE: This episode was originally aired in a regular version, then re-released as an extended director's cut

within *The Clone Wars: The Complete Season Five* on DVD and Blu-Ray. The extended version features one new addition (or actually something cut before airing in this case). When the Black Sun leaders refuse to join the Shadow Collective, Savage throws his double-bladed lightsaber to kill them. In the aired version, it jumps from a close-up as the saber strikes the leader to a shot of the saber returning to Savage. In the Director's Cut, the bodies of the leaders are shown standing, decapitated, before they fall. Then the blade returns to Savage as originally aired. (Note that you can see a scene by scene comparison of these changes in my *From the Star Wars Home Video Library* series on YouTube.) For *Galactic Maps* issues, see the note with *Revival* above.

- *The Shadow Collective makes its move on Mandalore. Maul, Savage Opress, and their allies from Black Sun, the Pyke Syndicate, and their Hutt forces invade Mandalore, specifically striking Sundari to create chaos. As this situation grows and makes Duchess Satine Kryze look impotent, Vizsla sweeps in with Death Watch (including Bo-Katan's Nite Owls) to promise order and an end to the criminal activities. The plan works. The New Mandalorians, for the most part, agree with Vizsla and the need for a hard line against the gangsters plaguing them. Once the city is "saved" from the criminals, Vizsla confronts Satine and has her arrested and put into the same prison as former Prime Minister Almec, claiming that she and the New Mandalorian leaders abandoned Sundari and fled. They then parade the "leaders" of the crime gangs (and Savage) in front of the people, claiming to have captured them. With Mandalore under Vizsla's control, he says he will go forward with the deal with Maul, putting an end to Obi-Wan Kenobi, but he will not help Maul expand his criminal empire. He expects Maul to listen to him now, and Maul is shown to the public as part of the criminal element. Maul is put into prison with Savage, but Vizsla seems to have little intention of letting them go any time soon. Realizing that other political figures may be in the same prison, Maul and Savage break out of their cell and find Almec, whom they recruit to be their puppet Prime Minister. With Almec in tow, Maul and Savage travel to the throne room, where Maul challenges Vizsla to one-on-one combat for the rule of Mandalore, forcing Vizsla to follow his warrior code and accept. Maul and Vizsla do battle, lightsaber against Darksaber (and all of Vizsla's other weapons). After one of the fiercest duels of this era, Vizsla is defeated and brought to his knees, where Maul decapitates him, seizing control of Death Watch and Mandalore, intending to use Almec as his public face. Not willing to see Mandalore in the hands of outsiders, let alone a Sith Lord, Bo-Katan and her Nite Owls blast their way from the throne room, escaping to form a resistance against Maul and Savage. Almec announces that they will be returning to their warrior ways, as the days of the New Mandalorians come to an end.**

(Shades of Reason)*

*NOTE: This episode was originally aired in a regular version, then re-released as an extended director's cut within *The Clone Wars: The Complete Season Five* on DVD and Blu-Ray. The Director's Cut has one small addition. In the aired version, Maul cuts off Vizsla's head, then we see Bo-Katan's reaction, followed immediately by Savage's reaction and Maul's declaration of himself as leader of Death Watch. In the Director's Cut, there are two small shots between Bo-Katan's reaction (in which her eyes are shown) and Savage's reaction. First, we see the room from above, showing Vizsla's dead body. Second, we see another shot of Bo-Katan from a few feet away, with her seeming to fight back tears or revulsion. Then it continues onward as in the aired version with Savage's reaction. (Note that you can see a scene by scene comparison of these changes in my *From the Star Wars Home Video Library* series on YouTube.) For *Galactic Maps* issues, see the note with *Revival* above.

- *The battle for Mandalore continues. Deposed Duchess Satine Kryze is rescued from her prison cell in Sundari by her nephew, Korkie Kryze, and Bo-Katan, leader of the Nite Owls (and Satine's sister, with whom she had a falling out years ago!). As they make their escape, Satine is able to send a message to Obi-Wan Kenobi, seeking help, even as she is recaptured by Mandalorian Supercommandos loyal to Maul. Without there being Separatist involvement in the conflict on Mandalore, the Jedi Order cannot intervene, but Obi-Wan disobeys the decision of Yoda and Ki-Adi-Mundi to go to Mandalore anyway and help his long-lost love, Satine. He arrives aboard the Twilight, borrowed from Anakin Skywalker. He is not immediately recognized, since he arrives in the armor he wore when impersonating Rako Hardeen. He takes out a Mandalorian Supercommando who comes to inspect the ship and steals his red armor to blend in. His arrival, however, is noticed by Bo-Katan. Obi-Wan sneaks into the prison, freeing Satine. They escape on a speeder bike, but they are pursued back to the Twilight. Obi-Wan gets them off the landing pad, and Satine intends to contact her sister (whom Obi-Wan didn't know existed) for help, but the ship is shot down and crashes, forcing them to escape in the nick of time. (Yes, Anakin's ship and pet project is destroyed.) Obi-Wan and Satine are captured by Maul and Savage, who have just arrived on the scene. They are brought to the throne room, where Maul holds Satine in a Force choke, taunting Obi-Wan to push him toward the Dark Side. Growing in anger when Obi-Wan dares mention Maul's past on Dathomir, Maul lashes out at Obi-Wan. Rather than killing Obi-Wan, he delivers a blow far more painful. He uses the Force to draw Satine to him, just as he holds*

out his Darksaber, running her through. Satine dies in Obi-Wan's arms, professing her love to him. Obi-Wan is to be taken back to his cell to rot in misery. Meanwhile, on Coruscant, Supreme Chancellor Palpatine (Darth Sidious) has sensed Maul's activities on Mandalore and orders Mas Amedda to prepare his ship. Back on Mandalore, Bo-Katan and other Mandalorian rebels attack the group escorting Obi-Wan, rescuing him. They race for the landing pad, where Bo-Katan is able to get Obi-Wan to a ship amid a devastating battle. He will go back to the Jedi Order, bringing news of what has happened here, even if it means invasion by the Republic. As he leaves, Obi-Wan realizes that Bo-Katan was the sister Satine spoke of. At the same time, Darth Sidious arrives in full Sith attire and confronts Maul and Savage. Maul claims to have acquired power, as Sidious taught him, so that he could return to Sidious' side as his Apprentice. Sidious recognizes this as a lie. Maul is not a potential Apprentice now; he is a rival with the intent of replacing Sidious and Dooku with himself and Savage as a Sith Lord. Sidious draws two lightsabers and battles both Nightbrothers. While Maul is knocked away momentarily, Sidious delivers a killing blow to Savage. Maul rushes to his brother, whose Dark Side magic fades away, leaving him the small man he once was. Maul then attacks Sidious and is defeated, blasted by Force lightning. Rather than killing him, however, Sidious claims that he has other uses for Maul now . . . *

(The Lawless)*

*NOTE: For *Galactic Maps* issues, see the note with *Revival* above.

- Anakin Skywalker and Ahsoka Tano lead a squadron of starfighters against invading Separatist forces on the planet Cato Neimoidia. During the dogfight, Anakin's Jedi Interceptor is heavily damaged by buzz droids, and Anakin is knocked out. Ahsoka is able to leap aboard the crashing starfighter, saving Anakin, while R2-D2 ejects on his own. By the time Captain Rex arrives to pick them up, though, they receive a message from Yoda, recalling them to Coruscant. A terrorist bombing has taken place at the Jedi Temple, and Anakin and Ahsoka, having been away at the time, are placed in charge of investigating the bombing, which was an explosion in a hangar that killed not just Jedi but Republic clonetroopers. They are assisted by the droid Russo-ISC. Under the shadow of the idea that a Jedi that is against the war could have been responsible for the explosion, they investigate. While interviewing the few survivors from the attack, Ahsoka and Russo-ISC are pointed to Jackar Bowmani, a member of the maintenance crew, who was working all morning in the section the blast came from. When Anakin goes outside to speak with Cin Drallig, who is guarding the front of the Temple from anti-Jedi protests outside, he shows a picture of Jackar to Drallig. Jackar's wife, Letta Turmond, emerges from the crowd, demanding to know what has happened to her husband. When questioned by Anakin, she expresses resentment toward the Jedi, but she claims her husband was loyal and not a terrorist. While recreating the explosion holographically, Ahsoka and Russo-ISC find the location of the actual explosion. As Anakin arrives, Russo-ISC points out an anomaly – explosive nano-droids on pieces of debris from near the blast point. As they look for answers, the Jedi Council lets them know that the Senate may take the investigation out of their hands, since Republic military personnel also died in the blast. Fortunately, Russo-ISC has found Jackar . . . or at least pieces of him. It turns out that Jackar's bloodstream was full of the nano-droids. The reason there are no bomb fragments is because Jackar himself was the bomb. Anakin and Ahsoka visit Jackar and Letta's home, where they find a datapad with anti-Jedi propaganda, along with nano-droids in the food disposal. It appears that Jackar ingested the nano-droids in his food, though a question remains as to whether he did so willingly or unknowingly. Letta arrives and is again questioned. As they leave with her for more questioning, Letta runs away, but she is quickly captured by Master and Padawan. Cornered, she claims that the Jedi are trying to frame her for Jackar's death, to which Anakin reports that no one said he was dead to her. Under pressure from Anakin, Letta admits to having given the nano-droids to Jackar in his food, but she claims that something larger is going on. They return to report to the Jedi Council, and Ahsoka is glad that, no matter what the war is doing to the Jedi, it was not a Jedi behind the plot. How little they know . . . *

(Sabotage)*

*NOTE: *Galactic Maps* puts this arc and all that come after it in 19 BBY prior to ROTS, which seems unlikely, though not as unlikely as in previous cases. Like with most *Galactic Maps* dates for TCW (which are ridiculously fouled up), I have ignored that indicator for now.

- Anakin Skywalker's Jedi Interceptor is recovered and undergoes repairs that will leave it ready for the Battle of Coruscant near the war's end.
(conjecture based on *Ultimate Star Wars*)

- *Republic Intelligence special ops soldier Matese loses an eye during the Battle of Cato Neimoidia.*
(conjecture based on *Catalyst*)
- *A funeral is held for the Jedi who died when Jackar Bowmani exploded in the Jedi Temple, during which Barriss Offee, a friend to Ahsoka Tano, tells her that she had been friends with one of the dead Jedi, Tutso Mara, who had taught her how to correctly hold her lightsaber. After the funeral, Anakin Skywalker, Ahsoka, and Barriss are walking with Admiral Tarkin, who tells them that Letta Turmond is being taken into military custody, rather than Jedi custody. The Jedi are being removed from as many military command matters as possible, on Tarkin's recommendation to Supreme Chancellor Palpatine. As Anakin leaves with Tarkin (who is somewhat like-minded), Ahsoka walks with Barriss, who asks her whether she has ever doubted the Jedi path of not letting emotions control them. Ahsoka is called away to a Jedi briefing, in which Obi-Wan Kenobi (via hologram) explains that they have uncovered a Separatist attack plan. The Republic will move forces to Anoa, then Saleucami. Rather than being able to join in the mission, though, Tarkin interrupts to say that Ahsoka is being requested by Letta. She visits Letta in the brig of the nearby Republic military base, where Commander Fox and his men guard the brig. To enter, she must leave her lightsabers and comlink with the guards. Once inside the cell with Letta, the terrorist tells her that she was told that if she was in trouble, she should contact Ahsoka. She reveals that the idea to feed Jackar nano-droid explosives was not hers. She was working for a Jedi, who is the real terrorist mastermind, intending to strike at the Jedi and Republic because they believe, as Letta does, that the Jedi have strayed into warmongering, rather than peacekeeping. Letta asks for protection in return for revealing what she knows. Before she can, she is pulled into the air and Force-choked. Ahsoka, reaching up to try to help her somehow, is unable to do so. Letta falls dead, and the clones, having seen Ahsoka waving her hands toward Letta when she was being choked, arrest her for the murder of their prisoner. Tarkin arrives to question her, confronting her with the recording of her reaching for the choking Letta. He uses her earlier comments about wanting Letta to face justice, Letta's fear of a Jedi (whom he suggests is Ahsoka), and the like against her. When Anakin arrives to see her, Fox will not allow him in, and he only barely restrains himself from fighting his way past the guards. Later, Ahsoka awakens from sleep to find a keycard left just outside her cell. Assuming wrongly that it is from Anakin, she uses it to open her cell. She sneaks into the hallway, discovering her lightsabers and comlink among several beaten (but not dead) clone guards. Commander Fox enters, sees her over his downed troopers, and sounds the alarm. As Ahsoka races away to find a way out, Anakin returns with Captain Rex. Things get worse when three clones are found dead from lightsaber wounds, though neither Anakin nor Rex can believe she killed them. When Ahsoka will not turn herself in to Anakin immediately, they are forced to order an all-points bulletin for her capture. Ahsoka makes it outside of the base, but she is pursued by Anakin and clones, under Anakin's orders to take her alive. During her escape, a large blast causes her to lose one of her lightsabers. With only one, she continues her escape, making her way into a series of water pipes nearby. Pursuit continues, until Anakin catches up to her, as she stands next to the end of one of the pipes, which opens into the air above a huge drop down many levels of Coruscant's structure. Anakin orders her to stand down and trust him, but she knows that he cannot help her now. No one will believe her innocence unless she can prove the truth, and he must trust her now. Just as Rex arrives, Ahsoka leaps from the pipe, falling down to land on a descending ship, which takes her to the lower levels of Coruscant. Ahsoka is on her own now . . . **

(The Jedi Who Knew Too Much)*

*NOTE: For *Galactic Maps* issues, see the note with *Sabotage* above.

- *At some point after Ahsoka Tano loses her first lightsaber during her escape, Anakin Skywalker comes into possession of it, keeping it for her.*
(conjecture based on *Ahsoka*)
- *Framed for the murder of terrorist Letta Turmond while in Republic custody, Ahsoka Tano has fled into Coruscant's underworld, seeking to somehow clear her name. The Republic, including her own Jedi Master, Anakin Skywalker, pursues her. Anakin and Captain Rex, at least, believe in her innocence. Admiral Tarkin provides a report to the Jedi Council that claims "facts" that are mostly assumptions made during dead time in security recordings, rather than how Ahsoka actually escaped, such as claiming that she used the Force on a guard to have him open the gate for her. Plo Koon cannot believe that Ahsoka has fallen this far, but Tarkin claims that this is a matter of sedition against the Republic and that Ahsoka*

must be brought to justice. Anakin claims that he could not have stopped Ahsoka from escaping, which is not true, and the Jedi Council believes that it is possible that Ahsoka is actually guilty of these crimes. Against Mace Windu's concerns about Anakin's emotional ties to Ahsoka, Obi-Wan Kenobi and Yoda agree to let Anakin join Plo Koon in hunting for his Padawan. Down below, Ahsoka contacts her friend and fellow Jedi, Barriss Offee, looking for help. Barriss will look into things for her at the Jedi Temple. After trading food for a cloak, Ahsoka tries to hide her identity while traveling on a train. When Underworld Police spot her, she escapes (without killing anyone) and makes it down to a lower level. There, she is tracked and attacked by Asajj Ventress, who is currently working as a bounty hunter. Ahsoka believes that Asajj is the one who framed her, but Asajj has no idea what she is talking about. Ahsoka makes a deal with Asajj: if Asajj helps Ahsoka prove her innocence and find the true culprit, she will work to get a pardon for Asajj for her crimes during the war. (Asajj would not need to go to the Jedi herself to turn in Ahsoka, since she can give her to the bondsman instead.) They agree, just as Anakin and Rex catch up to them in a police gunship on Level 1313. Asajj returns Ahsoka's lightsaber (her only one, after losing the other during her escape from prison), and the two abandoned women escape by lowering a force field. Seeing Ahsoka working with Asajj causes great concern for Anakin, nearly shaking his faith in her. Soon, on Level 1312, Ahsoka again contacts Barriss, while Asajj awaits. Barriss has apparently tracked the nano-droids to a warehouse on Level 1315, but she will not reveal her source. After taking down a group of clonetroopers who catch them (non-lethally, of course), they make their way to the warehouse. Upon arrival, Ahsoka thanks Asajj for her help, and the two part ways for now. While leaving, Asajj is attacked by someone using the Force, and her lightsabers and mask are stolen. At the warehouse, Ahsoka investigates until attacked by a woman in dark clothing and a cloak, wearing Asajj's mask and wielding her lightsabers. Thinking Asajj has betrayed her, Ahsoka duels the newcomer, but she is defeated handily. She loses her last lightsaber over a railing and is then kicked down into a storage room, full of boxes of nano-droids. Unfortunately, an explosion during the fight has brought Commander Wolffe, Anakin, Rex, Plo, and others. Wolffe stuns her, and they see the nano-droids. With Ahsoka found with the nano-droids "in her possession," Ahsoka is brought back to the Jedi Temple, while Anakin intends to keep looking for evidence and to determine what Asajj's role is in all of this.*

(To Catch a Jedi)*

*NOTE: For Galactic Maps issues, see the note with Sabotage above.

- At some point after Ahsoka Tano loses her second lightsaber during her clash with the unknown terrorist (Barriss Offee, Anakin Skywalker comes into possession of it, keeping it for her.
(conjecture based on Ahsoka)
- Having been captured after escaping from a Republic military brig, Jedi Padawan Ahsoka Tano has been brought back to the Jedi Temple by her Jedi Master, Anakin Skywalker, and the team sent to catch her. Anakin still believes that she is innocent in the murder of Letta Turmond and the clonetrooper guards from the Republic base, but there is no way, as of yet, to prove this. With the Jedi Order unsure of what to believe and under political pressure, they give her a trial, in which they appear to bow to the Senate's request to have her expelled from the Jedi Order. In the Chamber of Judgment, Ahsoka is stripped of her Jedi ties and expelled, despite objections from Obi-Wan Kenobi and others on the Jedi Council. Anakin protests that they had already made up their minds before putting her on trial, which is at least partly true. Ahsoka is then turned over, at Senate request, for a trial on charges of treason. This trial will be conducted by the Republic, with Supreme Chancellor Palpatine presiding, Admiral Tarkin representing the government, and Senator Padmé Amidala representing Ahsoka. As they prepare for trial, Anakin races off to seek Asajj Ventress for answers. Once he catches up to her, he beats her in combat (in which Asajj isn't helped by having lost her lightsabers to the mysterious Force-using woman who later attacked Ahsoka in the Level 1315 warehouse). She explains that she had heard Ahsoka was on the run and tried to collect a bounty on her. However, they had made a deal to help each other, partly because Asajj felt as though she and Ahsoka had much in common, especially with both having felt abandoned by their masters (her by Dooku and Ahsoka by Anakin). Shocked by this hard truth, Anakin questions her further, learning that the only other person Asajj knows Ahsoka contacted while on the run was fellow Jedi Barriss Offee. Knowing that Letta was killed with the Force and that only Barriss had spoken with Ahsoka, Anakin travels back to the Jedi Temple and questions Barriss, whose views certainly make her a possible suspect. As Anakin questions her, she

moves away from him suspiciously. He holds her lightsaber thoughtfully, then ignites it, drawing on her. She blocks his strike by retrieving both of Asajj's lightsabers from their hiding place. It was Barriss who killed Letta and framed Ahsoka, and it was Barriss who attacked both Asajj and Ahsoka in the underworld. They duel, blue lightsabers (Barriss' and Anakin's) versus red (Asajj's, which Barriss claims suits her), and the battle carries through the halls of the Jedi Temple. When Temple Guards arrive and Anakin orders her arrest, Barriss carries their battle onto the grounds outside (where several of the younglings Ahsoka served with on the Crucible adventure are training). As the duel continues, Anakin is knocked down to the training grounds level, losing Barriss' lightsaber in the process. He then relieves her of one of Asajj's lightsabers, and they duel with single sabers until she leaps at him. He grabs her with the Force and slams her backward into a tree, knocking away her last lightsaber and taking her into custody. They arrive at the trial chamber, where it seems Palpatine is part of a concerted effort to railroad Ahsoka. Anakin interrupts the proceedings to present Barriss to the court. Barriss confesses, making a political statement about the Jedi having lost their way, becoming an army for the Dark Side, fighting a war rather than keeping the peace. Barriss is taken away, and Ahsoka is exonerated, but the scars from her ordeal remain. Shortly thereafter, Anakin and Jedi Council members Obi-Wan, Yoda, Plo Koon, Mace Windu, Ki-Adi-Mundi, and Saesee Tiin meet with Ahsoka. Anakin apologizes for all she has been through, as do the others, who claim that her struggle to prove her innocence showed her potential as a Jedi and has acted as her Jedi Trials. She can, in theory, become a Jedi Knight now. They invite her to rejoin the Jedi Order, and Anakin offers her the Padawan chain that she wore in place of a braid, but Ahsoka does not accept. Ahsoka Tano will not rejoin the Jedi Order. She walks away, leaving all but Anakin behind, as he follows her out of the Temple. Outside, he asks why she is leaving, and she claims that she cannot trust herself if the Council could not. She knows Anakin trusts her, but this is not about him, and she cannot be a Jedi any longer. She might be making a mistake, but she needs to sort things out on her own. Anakin tells her that he understands, more than she realizes, the desire to walk away from the Jedi Order and its rules, and she, to Anakin's surprise, tells him that she knows. She has known about Anakin's love for Padmé, and she hasn't cared or violated his trust. Ahsoka remains honorable and true, but no longer a Jedi.*

(The Wrong Jedi)*

*NOTE: For *Galactic Maps* issues, see the note with *Sabotage* above.

- *In the wake of the wrongful prosecution of Ahsoka Tano for treason, Anakin Skywalker and Wilhuff Tarkin work together a few more times, but the partnership between the two men that Palpatine has been attempting to foster for his own ends never materializes, due to residual resentment from Anakin over Tarkin's role in the whole affair.*
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)
- *Sometime after having her lightsabers stolen by Barriss Offee, Asajj Ventress acquires a yellow-bladed replacement lightsaber.*
(conjecture based on *Dark Disciple*)
- *The Battle of Ringo Vinda begins, wherein a Republic fleet battles a Separatist armada under Admiral Trench to control the space station that exists as a "ring" around the planet (much like the Mon Cala shipyards). Anakin Skywalker leads a Republic force into the station, alongside Jedi Master sisters Tiplar and Tiplee. However, for several rotations, it appears that the battle is at a deadlock. At some point during this encounter, clonetrooper Tup briefly goes missing, though he reappears shortly thereafter.*
(conjecture based on *The Unknown and Conspiracy*)
- *Anakin Skywalker, Jedi Master Tiplee, Jedi Master Tiplar, and the 501st board the "ring" space station of Ringo Vinda in an attempt to finally gain ground against the Separatist forces there, who are commanded from an armada under Admiral Trench (now returned to battle with cybernetic implants after his defeat at Christophsis in the early days of the war) and Tactical Droid Kraken. As Anakin leads Tiplee, Captain Rex, and other clones in one direction, Tiplar and clone Commander Doom lead a second offensive, including ARC Trooper Fives and various clones, including Tup. As the groups merge again, Tup is disoriented and seems to go into a brief trance, in which he states that good soldiers follow orders. He then moves behind Tiplar and kills her before Fives can tackle him to the ground. Fives is placed in charge of getting Tup away from the front lines to figure out what could possibly have made him murder a Jedi General. Upon seeing this on his monitors, Trench reports this to Count Dooku, who recognizes this as a possible manifestation of "Protocol 66" and contacts Darth Sidious. The Sith Master knows that this "programming" is necessary to*

their master plan and the Sith must monitor the situation. When questioned, Tup returns to his trance state and attacks Tipler, who stops him. Tup is checked out by 501st medic Kix, who suggests that this might be the result of a virus of some kind, perhaps created by the Separatists as a means of biological warfare. Only the Kaminoans have the expertise to determine if this is true, so Tup is to be sent back to Kamino aboard a transport, flanked by ARC-170 starfighters. They are barely off Ringo Vinda when they are attacked by an incoming Separatist force, which destroys the ARC-170s and kills everyone else aboard the transport, utilizing an upgraded form of super battle droid rocket trooper and buzz droids. Tup is kidnapped and taken to Trench, who orders Kraken to take Tup to Dooku. Anakin, Rex, and Fives infiltrate Kraken's shuttle. Anakin questions Kraken, who will not reveal why they took Tup, so Anakin decapitates the droid. They recover Tup, then send him to Kamino as planned. Rex will accompany him there and return once he is safely on Kamino, while Fives requests to go with Tup and stay by his side during testing. Hopefully, they will be able to determine what has happened to Tup.

(The Unknown)

- Sometime between now and the Banking Clan crisis, Super Tactical Droid Kraken is either repaired or replaced by an identical model.*

(conjecture based on *Crisis at the Heart*)*

***NOTE: Both of these explanations were suggested by the episode's guide on *StarWars.com*. In truth, it is just a way to explain away the inconsistency, since the Clovis episodes were originally meant for an earlier season.**

- Clonetrooper Tup, accompanied by Captain Rex and ARC Trooper Fives, arrives at Tipoca City on Kamino to be examined. They hope to discover the source of the strange trance-like state he entered into during the Battle of Ringo Vinda, during which he killed Jedi Master Tiplar. Tup is to be examined by Nala Se, one of the Kaminoan scientists responsible for the creation of the Grand Army's clones. They are met by Jedi Master Shaak Ti, who recognizes Fives from his time training with Domino Squad near the beginning of the war. Rex is returning to Anakin Skywalker's side, while Fives is to remain behind to also be checked out. (If Tup's condition and actions were caused by a Separatist-engineered virus, then Fives himself might also be infected.) While Tup undergoes hypertests, designed to provide rapid results, Fives is kept in the next room (able to see Tup until Shaak Ti closes off his view) with droid medic AZ-3452 1189624649872 1347 (AZI-3). Shaak Ti and Nala Se learn through Tup's examination that he seems to be in perfect health, but he also seems to have orders from someone (or somewhere) to kill Jedi. Later, AZI-3 suggests to Nala Se and Shaak Ti that they should run a Level 5 atomic scan on Tup, but Nala Se sticks to the theory that a virus is at fault and argues for terminating Tup to then gain answers through an autopsy. Shaak Ti refuses, for now, and contacts the Jedi Council about a brain scan, while Nala Se takes the issue to Prime Minister Lama Su. The two Kaminoans know that what has happened to Tup is an early activation of an "inhibitor" chip in Tup's brain. They contact Lord Tyranus (Dooku), the original source of the inhibitor chip, who orders Tup terminated, the chip removed, and the chip returned to him for analysis. Tyranus (whom the Kaminoans believe to be a Jedi) claims that this secret chip is a safeguard against betrayal by rogue Jedi, thus the secret of its existence must be kept. According to Tyranus, only one "other" Jedi knew of the chip, deceased Jedi Master Sifo-Dyas. The real Jedi of the Jedi Council order Tup returned to Coruscant for examination for possible brainwashing. Back on Kamino, AZI-3 checks on Fives and explains the situation to him. Fives is able to manipulate the droid through logic to violate his orders and perform the brain scan on Tup with Fives' assistance. The scan reveals what appears to be a strange tumor in Tup's brain. Nala Se hears Fives bumble into a tray and interrupts them. Fives hides, and AZI-3 reveals the tumor to Nala Se, who, of course, already knows about it. She argues that Tup has an undetected virus, that there is no tumor, and that AZI-3 is defective like Tup. She intends to follow her orders to terminate Tup. Lama Su arrives as Nala Se is about to begin the procedure when AZI-3 hacks into the computer system to cause a false intruder alert and lockdown. This allows Fives and AZI-3 to get into Tup's room (by cutting a hole in the connecting window) and extract the tumor so that a biopsy can be run. The tumor is left in a small container, but Nala Se arrives and takes it away, even as Shaak Ti arrives to interrupt their scuffle. For his part, Tup appears lucid again, but only briefly. He states that he is free from "the nightmare" and dies. Shaak Ti and Nala Se report Tup's death and the existence of the "tumor" to Supreme Chancellor Palpatine. Shaak Ti suggests bringing the tumor to the Jedi Temple for further analysis, but Palpatine (knowing it could reveal part of the Sith master plan) suggests that it instead be taken to the state-of-the-art Grand Republic Medical Facility, also on Coruscant, instead. The

Sith are not about to let the truth of their plans for the clone army come to light.

(Conspiracy)

- Jedi Master Shaak Ti and Nala Se visit Fives in his room on Kamino to inform him that Supreme Chancellor Palpatine wants the tumor from Tup and all related information sent to the Grand Republic Medical Facility on Coruscant. Fives wants to go along, but his request is denied. Nala Se insists that the truth about the situation might have been learned if Fives had not had AZI-3 remove the tumor against Nala Se's wishes, which the Kaminoan insists was the cause of Tup's death. Shaak Ti defends Fives a tiny bit, noting that no such proof of Tup's cause of death exists. The tumor in its small container is placed into a briefcase-like container, which is resting on a counter right next to another similar container. Shaak Ti hands it to a medical droid, while telling Nala Se that it will be sent to the Jedi Temple for analysis before it can go to the medical facility. Lama Su arrives to take Fives away. Shaak Ti tells him that he is to be examined one last time before being sent back to the 501st. While all attention is focused on the newcomers, the medical droid, under orders, swaps the case with the tumor for the other identical empty case. While in the hallway, Fives encounters AZI-3, who is about to be reprogrammed and reveals that he has heard that Fives' mind is to be wiped, and he is to be put on sanitation detail. Knowing the truth about his impending fate, Fives takes action, knocking out the clonetroopers around him. He grabs AZI-3 and runs back to his room, where he retrieves the real tumor slide container from the actual case. (He had seemed to notice something amiss when the swap occurred, but he said nothing at the time.) They reach a landing bay and steal a small craft, which Shaak Ti orders pursued. Rather than heading into space, Fives and AZI-3 drop into the ocean. AZI-3 transforms into one of his survival modes, a small jet scooter, which Fives then rides back to the city. Meanwhile, Lama Su has informed Lord Tyranus (Dooku) of the situation, and Nala Se is required to contact him. The scientist explains that the malfunction of the inhibitor chip in Tup was an aberration, but Fives' own rebellious actions seem to stem from the individuality that the Jedi have sometimes instilled in the clones. In speaking, she notes that the inhibitor chip has been stolen by Fives, confirming that the "inhibitor chip" and the strange "tumor" are, in fact, the same thing. Nala Se assures Tyranus, however, that these events will not have any detrimental effect upon what Tyranus refers to as "Protocol 66." He insists that the true nature of the chip cannot be discovered by the Jedi. In the city, AZI-3 lures a clonetrooper to Fives, who knocks him out and takes his armor. They head to the genetic records hall, where they compare the tumor's DNA against the DNA of the original clone template, Jango Fett. The sample does not match anything in Jango's genotype. They are also able to determine that the "tumor" is not entirely organic and that it is an implant made of foreign tissue. (It is biotech, essentially.) Access of the Jango genotype leads to troopers informing Shaak Ti and Nala Se in the command room. The records room is quietly emptied, but Fives and AZI-3 recognize this and manage to escape. As they make their way through a series of access tubes, AZI-3 postulates that the tumor is an organic chip, and Fives requests that AZI-3 remove a similar chip from his head, which he believes must be there, since it was missed in Tup's other examinations and may very well be in Fives and other clones as well. He knows that he might die like Tup if it is removed, but they must know the truth. They make it to a sterile room, where AZI-3 removes Fives' own inhibitor chip, but it looks different than the one taken from Tup. They realize that Tup's chip malfunctioned, as it appears degraded. Now, they must know whether other clones have these chips and when they were implanted with them. AZI-3 believes they were likely implanted while the clones were still embryos. They head for a large room where baby clones are kept in incubators. Stage 1 embryos appear not to have the chips, but by Stage 3, they do. In fact, they all have the chips by Stage 3. Nala Se, quietly informed of their whereabouts by Kaminoans outside the room that they passed, confronts Fives. She explains that the "tumor" is a structural inhibitor chip that is meant to keep clones from being aggressive like Jango Fett. The Kaminoans were instructed by Jedi Master Sifo-Dyas to implant them during the clones' growth cycle, and the original chip was brought by Lord Tyranus (definitely Dooku). Fives is shocked to find that the Jedi seemingly did this to the clones. Shaak Ti and clonetroopers arrive, and Fives holds Nala Se at blasterpoint. He and AZI-3 reveal the truth to Shaak Ti and argue that the malfunctioning chip led to Tup's murder of Tiplar. Fives argues that they must remove the chips from all clones, but Nala Se states that the lack of an inhibitor chip now makes Fives a danger to others. Shaak Ti decides to take Fives back to Coruscant, over Nala Se's objections, to meet with the Supreme Chancellor. Nala Se insists on making the journey with them. AZI-3 will remain on Kamino.*

(Fugitive)

- A shuttle from Kamino bears Jedi Master Shaak Ti, Kaminoan scientist Nala Se, ARC Trooper Fives, and clone guards to Coruscant. While no one else is looking, Nala Se injects Fives with a drug. They arrive at the Grand Republic Medical Facility. Supreme Chancellor Palpatine meets them there. Shaak Ti confirms that she has kept matters mostly confidential. Fives is released from his restraints from the journey, though he remains under the influence of Nala Se's drug. Both inhibitor chip samples (Fives' healthy one and the malfunctioning one from Tup) are given to Palpatine. Fives makes his case that this may be a Separatist plot to make the clones more aggressive, but Palpatine (and Shaak Ti) agree that such a plot is unlikely to have been in effect prior to the outbreak of the Clone Wars. Palpatine claims that he wants to speak with Fives alone (with his clone guards) and sends both Nala Se and Shaak Ti away. Shortly thereafter, Shaak Ti and Nala Se hear fighting from the room. Fives is seen manhandling Palpatine. He then escapes as Palpatine claims that Fives attacked him, having "gone mad without his chip." As Shaak Ti begins pursuit, Palpatine gives the (incriminating) inhibitor chip samples to Nala Se. The Jedi confer on the situation, and Anakin Skywalker, Fives' former 501st commander, leads a search for Fives with Rex, on behalf of the Jedi, even though Palpatine has not requested Jedi involvement in the search (which is an oddity in itself). Fives makes his way to a taxi, which takes him to 79's, a bar for off-duty clones. There, Fives notices fellow 501st members Jesse and Kix (the medic who first checked out Tup back at Ringo Vinda). He speaks with Kix in the bathroom, telling him that he is being framed. He tells Kix that the clones and the Jedi are in grave danger. He needs to speak with Anakin and Rex, but he believes that he will never make it to them if he turns himself in to anyone else. He states that the conspiracy he is now caught up in goes all the way to the top (implying the Supreme Chancellor). Kix agrees to contact Rex with coordinates for a meeting. Still feeling the effects of Nala Se's drug, Fives heads for the meeting place he chose on Level 1325 in Sector I-9. A small probe droid spots him en route, however. Commander Fox is informed, who then informs Palpatine. Soon, Rex and Anakin arrive to speak with Fives. Unable to trust anyone, he has them put down their weapons and hear him out. He traps Rex and Anakin in a ray shield to make sure they are a captive audience for what he has to say. He claims to have been framed, but he is babbling somewhat from the drugs in his system. He explains about the inhibitor chips, which he believes will force them to do whatever someone wants, including killing the Jedi as with Tup and Tiplar on Ringo Vinda. He claims that Palpatine will try to kill him. Before Fives attacked him in the medical bay, Palpatine flat-out told him that he was behind the plot, but when he tells Anakin this, Anakin refuses to believe it out of his own ties to the Chancellor. Fox's troopers arrive to arrest Fives and, despite pleas from Rex and Anakin, Fives reaches for one of Rex's discarded blasters. Fox's men blast him. Fox shoots the ray shield emitter, freeing Anakin and Rex. Rex holds Fives as he dies, echoing the words of Tup that his mission, "the nightmare," is over. In the wake of Fives' death, Yoda, Mace Windu, Shaak Ti, and Anakin meet with Palpatine and Mas Amedda. Palpatine claims that Nala Se missed the source of the clones' actions. He claims that the doctors at the Grand Republic Medical Facility found a rare parasite from Ringo Vinda in Tup and Fives' bodies, which caused the degradation of the inhibitor chip. He claims that the chip is perfectly safe with a simple inoculation for all clones that will prevent such a parasitic concern in the future. As for the inhibitor chip samples, Nala Se has sent them back to Tyrannus, who contacts Darth Sidious (Palpatine). The Sith Master orders all evidence destroyed. Nothing remains in their way to prevent them from someday executing Order 66.

(Orders)

- While most of the Jedi and clonetroopers cease investigating the inhibitor chips and the conspiracy Fives was trying to reveal, Fives' old friend (and clonetrooper medic) Kix keeps investigating on his own.

(conjecture based on *The Crimson Corsair and the Lost Treasure of Count Dooku*)
- War threatens to come to Scipio, where the InterGalactic Banking Clan's Main Vault resides, due to concerns about the stability of the banking system. Senator Padmé Amidala and her handmaiden Teckla Minnau travel there aboard the *Valorous*, alongside Banking Clan delegate Nix Card and a pair of Senate guards, on behalf of the Republic to check on a bank transfer that has not been forthcoming. They are met by Mak Plain and are to be taken into a "neutral zone" where both the Republic and Separatists can do their banking. Unbeknownst to them, they are being watched by bounty hunter Embo and his anooba, Marrok. Embo

sends a seeker droid to track them as they enter the secure IBC zone. Padmé is taken to speak with the Core Five (the leaders of the IBC, who speak via holographic conference call). Core Five spokesman Chu Lesser asks that, in order to secure the loan the Republic needs, she work with a special IBC representative. When that person enters, it turns out to be Rush Clovis, former Republic Senator and Separatist, last seen by Padmé when left behind at Lott Dod's palace on Cato Neimoidia after betraying the Republic. Padmé refuses to work with Clovis and returns to her suite. As soon as Nix Card leaves, Clovis sneaks in through the window to speak with Padmé. He says he needs her help, but she recalls that the last time he said he needed her help, she wound up poisoned. Claiming that it is not safe to speak inside, he urges her to speak on the balcony without Teckla. They speak in private, and Clovis explains that the economics of the war don't add up. He says that the IBC is nearly broke and on the verge of collapse. It is basically a Ponzi scheme, using one loan repayment to give another, shuffling things around. The Republic might get its initial installment of a new loan, but he claims that, if they could check the Main Vault (which only the Core Five can access), they would see that the IBC is essentially "cooking the books" to make the banking system appear to be far more stable than it actually is. They are observed by Embo from a nearby rooftop. Embo fires at them, missing them, but allowing Clovis to save Padmé from a close shot. Clovis escapes back to his waiting airspeeder, claiming that the IBC wants him dead for what he knows (or suspects). Padmé, seemingly seeing credulity in his words after the attempt on his life, contacts Supreme Chancellor Palpatine, who urges her to look into the matter with this "old friend." Padmé meets with the Core Five again. This time, she agrees to accept Clovis and the transaction, but only if she is able to travel with the funds through the Vault to verify the entire process. The Core Five balks at the idea initially, but relents so that they can complete the transaction the next morning. That afternoon, they take Clovis' shuttle, the Scipio, to his estate on the planet. He lays out a plan of sabotage that would leave Padmé locked in the Vault with the IBC officials, where she can sneak away and gain access to the information she needs to prove the IBC's circumstances. After making their plans, Padmé leaves him for the night. The next morning, Padmé is allowed to enter the Vault with IBC agents, but Clovis is not allowed to leave, so that he can carry out the sabotage of their power grid. Teckla goes in his place. She put a thermo charge in the appropriate place, but she is shot and killed by Embo after doing so. The charge detonates, sending the Vault into a lockdown mode as expected. While in the Vault, Padmé accesses the necessary data and finds that what Clovis has said is true – the IBC's coffers are essentially empty. She is unable to do much with this information, though, as she is arrested for espionage (based on the saboteur being Teckla) and taken into custody. A few days later, another Republic ship arrives, bearing Anakin Skywalker and R2-D2. Anakin meets with Padmé in her cell and is immediately angered by the idea that Clovis is involved in the current situation. (Anakin is still dealing with intense jealousy over Clovis' previous relationship with Padmé years earlier.) Padmé is released to Anakin's custody, and the couple heads for Clovis' estate. They find it torn to pieces during a search for the stolen information, but Clovis is alive and emerges from hiding as they search. Clovis is dismissive of Anakin because he only knows Anakin under his pilot cover from Cato Neimoidia. Anakin reveals himself to be a Jedi, and they bicker a bit until Anakin senses danger. Embo is nearby and fires several bowcaster shots into the room through its broken window. They escape to the hover sledge they arrived aboard, but Embo blasts out its repulsors, leaving it essentially a glorified sled or barely-powered snowmobile. As they race away, Embo gives chase, using his hat as a snowboard. They leap from a ledge and onto the ship, which R2-D2 has brought to their location. They escape, leaving Embo behind to contact his employer – Darth Sidious. Embo's mission was to provide a threat that would drive Clovis and Padmé's quest for information and to escape, not to actually kill them. That mission done, the rest of the Sith Lord's plot will be handled personally . . .

(An Old Friend)

- Rush Clovis, now working for the InterGalactic Banking Clan, has joined with old flame Senator Padmé Amidala to uncover wrongdoing and "cooked books" at the Banking Clan's Main Vault on Scipio. Now, carrying files that should prove that the bankers are low on funds and making some shady dealings, Padmé and Clovis have been taken back to Coruscant by Anakin Skywalker and R2-D2. The Core Five blames Nix Card for the theft of the information and their escape. Clu Lesser urges calm to his Core Five colleagues. Nix contacts Darth Sidious, who has orchestrated this plot (using bounty hunter Embo) to get that stolen data into Republic hands. Upon arrival on Coruscant, they are met by Yoda, who was personally asked to greet them by Palpatine. Clovis claims to hope to right the wrongs he has done in

the past by helping in this situation. In a meeting between Clovis, Palpatine, Anakin, Padmé, Mace Windu, Ki-Adi-Mundi, Yoda, Plo Koon, Luminara Unduli, and Bail Organa, Clovis says he wishes to expose corruption in the banking system. The data proves that money from client accounts has been moved to other accounts, likely private accounts for conspirators. Padmé is asked by Palpatine to continue working with Clovis, which causes Anakin to demand that she not work with him. As was the case on Cato Neimoidia, Clovis' presence is pushing all of Anakin's buttons. Obi-Wan Kenobi even speaks with Anakin about this, referring to Anakin's feelings for Padmé and comparing those to how he had felt about Satine Kryze. Obi-Wan does not know about the marriage and such, but he believes Anakin is bothered by feelings for Padmé and that he must put his Jedi duties above that, just as he did with Satine years ago. At Count Dooku's residence, the Sith Apprentice is contacted by Darth Sidious, who wants Dooku to maneuver events so that Clovis must turn to him (and, unknowingly, the Sith). After a night at the opera, Padmé and Clovis get down to work in her apartment. He hits on her, as expected, and then he realizes that she is rebuffing him because of feelings for Anakin. She denies it, just as Anakin did to Obi-Wan, but as a test of her statement, he tries to kiss her. Just as his lips near hers, the apartment door opens to reveal Anakin. Anakin proceeds to beat the living crap out of Clovis. Padmé is only barely able to get him back under control, and he is shocked by his own anger. When Captain Typho arrives to check on them with a pair of guards, Clovis covers for Anakin by claiming they were attacked by someone whom Anakin was able to drive off. The damage is done, though, as Padmé tells Anakin to stay away from her as she gets Clovis to medical attention. Husband and wife speak again. She focuses on all that is wrong with their marriage, a relationship built on lies and deception, except between each other. She says that she does not feel happy or safe right now, and she decides that they should separate for a while. In his own quarters, Clovis is treated by a medical droid, which is also a Separatist spy. The droid puts Dooku through to him. Clovis notes that the Separatists are allowed to get loans from the IBC without any interest paid at all. This could cause further distrust of the banks and push the system further toward collapse. Dooku will provide the location of the secret accounts that would prove his claims. The Separatists will even start paying interest, all to supposedly create stability for both sides. As a result of the information provided by Dooku, the IBC finds those accounts and arrests the Core Five. Both the Separatists and the Republic (after he addresses the Senate) support having Clovis himself become the new head of the banking system. (He grew up alongside IBC families and friends, making him uniquely qualified to be such a mediator.) Anakin expresses his concerns about trusting Clovis to Palpatine, who notes that while he publicly supports Clovis, he has his own misgivings and reasons to think that more is being hidden by Clovis. Both he and Anakin will keep an eye on Clovis, as the Sith Lord plays on Anakin's own fears masterfully . . .

(The Rise of Clovis)

- Rush Clovis, now nominated by the Republic and Separatists alike to head of the InterGalactic Banking Clan, travels to Scipio with Padmé Amidala (and a substantial Republic escort) to continue looking into the corruption that brought down the Core Five and led to Clovis' rise to control. They are met by Bec Lawise of the Separatists, then they enter the Main Vault in the neutral zone, leaving Padmé's clonetroopers (under Commander Thorn) and Lawise's commando droids outside. Sentence is passed by the Muun government on the Core Five, who are to be imprisoned, and Clovis officially takes control of the IBC. (Clovis states that he intends to restore order, rather than "control" the banks.) Clovis is soon contacted by Count Dooku, who helped him find the information necessary to expose the Core Five. Clovis will not be his puppet, though, which angers Dooku, who then threatens not to pay back Separatist loans if he does not bend. With four Muuns at his side as a new "Core Five" (now called the "Traxus Division"), Clovis, forced by Dooku, raises interest rates on all loans to the Republic. This shocks Padmé and then the Republic Senate, especially since the Separatists have had no corresponding rise in their interest rates (which, until recently, did not even exist at all). Dooku then orders Kraken (a Super Tactical Droid) to begin an attack on the Main Vault, taking out the Republic ship and Thorn's forces. The Separatists land near the Vault, and Dooku enters and takes command of the facility. Padmé, contacting Palpatine and Anakin about this, is urged to leave, but she is now a prisoner. Palpatine calls an emergency session of the Senate. Dooku is now in control of the Banking Clan, and when Padmé confronts him about it (with Bec Lawise also present), Dooku uses the Force to cause Padmé to shoot Lawise, rather than Dooku. The Republic cries out for further warfare to take Scipio, so the Republic sends Anakin on a mercy mission to the planet. Dooku and Sidious

confer, agreeing that their plot is succeeding as planned. They have made Clovis look like a Separatist puppet that took over for them in the first place, rather than his true intentions being trusted. The Separatist incursion on Scipio is also prone to put Sidious (as Palpatine) in control of the banks. A Republic task force arrives over the planet and engages the Separatist fleet. Dooku orders Kraken away, so that the Republic (and thus Sidious) can gain control. As what is left of the Separatist ground forces do battle with Republic troops, Anakin finds Padmé with Clovis (who has tried to explain to her that he can use Dooku for now and then take him down to regain control, similar to what Anakin will say about Sidious later). Clovis uses her as a human shield to buy time to explain that this was really all Dooku's fault. He has no time to prove himself, though, as a vulture droid crashes into the building, sending them sliding toward an edge that would dump them to their deaths. Anakin is able to catch both Clovis and Padmé with one hand each. He is unable to hold them both, so Clovis tells Padmé that he is sorry and lets go, falling to his death so that Padmé can be saved. In the wake of these events, the InterGalactic Banking Clan cedes control to Supreme Chancellor Palpatine. (He promises to return control to the banks themselves when the Clone Wars end.) The Sith have again gotten what they wanted. As for Padmé and Anakin, this "rough patch" is now behind them.*

(Crisis at the Heart)*

*NOTE: Interestingly, SWT-G reader Jared Rascher has suggested that if this arc is assumed to be about nine months before ROTJ, it could explain why people didn't question Padmé's pregnancy. Perhaps they thought she was pregnant by Clovis, a now-dead war "hero" that she was known to consort with.

- The equatorial ring for the Death Star is completed over Geonosis. (conjecture based on *Catalyst*)
- Months after returning Poggle the Lesser to Geonosis and weeks after the completion of the Death Star's equatorial ring, Orson Krennic observes the slow building of wedges that will form the superlaser disc for the Death Star, even though no one is quite sure how they will make such a weapon, and the Geonosians never got that far in designing it before the Battle of Geonosis. Krennic believes Wilhuff Tarkin is being groomed to one day take over the project, which rankles the ambitious Krennic. Lyra Erso takes a walk while leaving Jyn Erso with Galen Erso, and her feelings of growing fear are growing, thanks to an anonymous message that it is not too late for Galen to "change his mind." Galen, now going stir-crazy without a new position, is contacted by Krennic again, who offers him the chance to work under Roman Herbane at Helical HyperCom on Lokori to help them produce a crystal array to better serve in remote areas where communication relays have been destroyed during the war. Galen decides to do so once Krennic says he will use his influence to get Galen's travel ban lifted. Once again, Galen is being put into Krennic's debt. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Catalyst)*

*NOTE: This segment of *Catalyst* starts with the tenth chapter. Months have passed since Poggle was brought back to Geonosis when the segment begins. References are made to the Clone Wars affecting Saleucami, Mon Calamari, and Malastare (all seen in TCW, seemingly a bit farther back in time than to be thought of in this segment as relatively new developments). This is approximately seven months before the end of the Clone Wars, since it will jump three months to the next segment and then four to the next, which shows the end of the Clone Wars in that segment.

- Religious leaders known as the Dagoyan Masters (Force-attuned mystics) on the peaceful planet Bardotta are going missing. Sensing foul play, the Queen of Bardotta, Julia, seeks the help of the Republic. Supreme Chancellor Palpatine chooses Senators Bail Organa and Padmé Amidala to visit Bardotta, but Julia specifically requests Representative Jar Jar Binks, with whom she has previously had a romantic relationship and thus trusts, though no one realizes this at first and are thus baffled by her choice. Palpatine asks the Jedi Council to assist in the matter as well, and they choose Jedi Master Mace Windu to accompany Jar Jar to Bardotta. Upon arrival on Bardotta, they are met by High Seneschal Peteen and Savatte, who are not particularly happy to see Mace, who was not requested. They take his lightsaber as a precaution (standard protocol). They then visit the Bahk-tov Council chamber, where they meet Queen Julia, who sits in a throne among twelve, seven of which are empty due to the missing Dagoyan Masters. Jar Jar vouches for Mace (as, in essence, his servant), but she insists on speaking with Jar Jar alone. She tells her old love that she believes an ancient prophecy is coming true: the Dagoyan Masters are vanishing, and if they all vanish, evil will rise and engulf the galaxy. Mace contacts Yoda with a report, telling Yoda that he senses a great disturbance in the Force on Bardotta. Julia and Jar Jar, meanwhile, meditate together, and she tells him that she has sensed a terrible plot through the Force while trying to meditate in the Force to seek out the missing Dagoyan Masters. Mace slips away from

guards that are keeping tabs on him and then barges into the royal apartments, where he thinks he should be with Jar Jar. Jar Jar keeps Mace from being arrested and explains that it is only the love between him and Julia that has allowed them to be on the planet in the first place. Unfortunately, Mace burst in before Jar Jar could learn the nature of what Julia had found in the Force. He will continue to press for answers, accepting a comlink from Mace to keep him informed. Unfortunately, when Jar Jar returns to Julia's apartment, she is gone, disappeared from under the noses of her guards, just like the Dagoyan Masters. The Bahk-tov Council holds an emergency meeting, in which Peteen declares that the prophecy is indeed being fulfilled. If Julia is not returned in three rotations, she will be gone forever and darkness will rise. They will not allow Mace to speak, thinking his arrival was a harbinger of doom, so Jar Jar is allowed to speak, asking questions Mace needs answered. The Council explains that the prophecy was from the Frangawl Clan, who worships an ancient demon, Malmourral ("Demon of War"). They have a shrine far below the present Dagoyan Temple, but no one who goes there ever returns. Mace (through Jar Jar) proclaims that the shrine is where they will search for Julia first. Savatte leads them to a series of passages to the shrine, returning Mace's lightsaber and explaining that the Frangawl ruled Bardotta for much of its early history as warriors. Thought of as barbarians, they were actually very spiritual, gaining their power from that spirituality (likely the Dark Side). They find Julia's headdress, but Jar Jar is accosted by a masked Frangawl clansman, who blows a dust onto Jar Jar that makes him "disappear." Jar Jar is then taken to a sacrificial chamber in the shrine and put into a hanging cage. Around him are the missing Dagoyan Masters from the Bahk-tov Council, also in cages. They are all to be sacrificed to Malmourral. Mace contacts Jar Jar via comlink to have him stay put until Mace can reach him, but when some of the Council start being lowered toward the cultists, Jar Jar's cage is rattled, causing him to drop the comlink to where the cultists destroy it. Jar Jar sees Julia chained up nearby, and she explains that the Frangawl are stealing the Force from their very bodies. One of the Dagoyan Masters is put into an energy web over the statue of Malmourral and has his Force energy stolen and put into a green orb. Mace finally enters (drawn in the right direction by the Master's torment in the Force) and attacks the cultists, giving Jar Jar (about to be sacrificed) a chance to escape. Mace Force-tosses Jar Jar up to Julia, while Mace battles the cultists. They are unable to stop the Frangawl leader, though, as he takes Julia and the glowing Force-filled orb and escapes to a small craft, launching away from the shrine and into the night. The surviving Dagoyan Masters are returned to the Temple above, where the Bahk-tov Council meets again. One of the Masters that Jar Jar and Mace saved, Joseph, declares that the Frangawl have returned and that darkness will rise if Julia's Force essence is stolen. Mace and Jar Jar pledge to save her . . .

(The Disappeared, Part I)

- On Bardotta, the Frangawl cult, former Dark Side-driven rulers of the planet and cultists worshipping the Demon of War known as Malmourral, have kidnapped Queen Julia, love interest of Jar Jar Binks, who has been called to the planet (alongside Jedi Master Mace Windu) in an effort to save the planet. An ancient prophecy predicts the rise of darkness in the galaxy (actually more like just the rise of the Frangawl back to power on Bardotta) if the queen's Force essence is stolen by the Frangawl. After saving the other missing Dagoyan Masters from the cultists, Jar Jar and Mace are on a mission to save Julia. Mace's investigations have revealed that the Frangawl themselves are not Force sensitive, which makes him wonder what they intend to do with the captured Force essence (the Living Force, he surmises) that the Frangawl are harvesting. Mace believes that if they can follow his sense of the orb containing the essence, they might be able to find the leader of the cultists, referred to as their queen or the "Great Mother," which may reveal the real intent of the cult's actions. They follow its trail (and the direction of the escaping cultist leader when he fled with Julia) to Bardotta's moon, Zardossa Stix. On the moon, the cultist leader (whom we are meant to eventually realize, without them revealing it, is High Seneschal Peteen) arrives with Julia to confer with other cultists who follow the Great Mother, who are oddly not all Bardottan. It is their intent to draw out Julia's Living Force into the orb, then to transfer it from the orb to the Great Mother. Jar Jar and Mace arrive at a market that Mace has seen in the Force. In that town, they see cultists carrying away Julia. Jar Jar gives chase before Mace can join him, but a cultist ally sends eopies to block Mace's path and delay him. He arrives at the next intersection in time for Jar Jar to come screaming back out, pursued by Frangawl, whom Mace quickly defeats. They near Julia and her captor, only for the cultists to escape with her on a rail speeder, while another cultist ally releases a pair of gundarks against Jar

Jar and Mace. Amid the scuffle, Jar Jar bumps Mace, causing him to drop his lightsaber, which the animal trainer cultist then recovers. Fortunately, as Jar Jar fights the trainer, he is able to grab the lightsaber back with his tongue and tosses it to Mace, who then uses it to finish one gundark and send the other fleeing. The defeated trainer only claims that “the Shadow is coming” and that the Great Mother will deal with the Jedi. Mace and Jar Jar use eopies to race off after the rail speeder. The cultists arrive with Julia at a large ziggurat, another temple to Malmourral. With the sun and moons nearly in alignment, they put Julia in a large lens-shaped contraption on the temple, intending to draw out her Living Force, which will then allow the Great Mother to combine her own powers with the Living Force from the sphere to lead them to a new era of dominance. Soon, a ship arrives, bearing the Great Mother, who is not a Frangawl at all but Mother Talzin, having survived the devastation wrought upon her Nightsister tribe by General Grievous and his droid army. She is the one who, by reaching out through the Force, has been driving the cult leader’s actions through visions. By harnessing the powers of the eclipsing sun, the device should rip out Julia’s Living Force and spirit, thereby giving the “Living Sphere” (as Talzin calls it) enough power to allow Talzin to become the most powerful being in the galaxy. (Talzín seems to suggest that she does not have a connection to the Living Force herself, hence harnessing it from others.) Meanwhile, Jar Jar and Mace near the temple, close enough to spot Julia, but as they move through a series of stone pillars, Jar Jar touches one, and they begin to transform into stone guardians. As they try to destroy Jar Jar and Mace, Jar Jar must hop from one to the next, which causes one to inadvertently blast another, allowing Jar Jar to grab its fallen energy cannon and fire it at the others, blasting through them all in one shot. They reach the platform where Julia awaits, and Talzin emerges from the shadows. As Jar Jar works to free Julia, Talzin manifests a blade of green Dark Side “magic” and engages Mace in a fierce duel. Jar Jar frees Julia just in time and is grappling with the cultist leader just as the alignment happens. Julia tackles Jar Jar out of the way, leaving the cult leader to be struck by the blast, which causes him to drop the Living Sphere, which shatters, causing a massive explosion of Force energy. Her plot foiled, Talzin shrieks and transforms into a green mist to escape. Julia reveals that it was Talzin that she saw in the Force. With this threat passed, it is a new beginning for the Bardottans and the Jedi, as Mace and the lovers ride off on their way home.

(The Disappeared, Part II)

- On the desert moon over Oba Diah, Jedi Master Plo Koon and the Wolf Pack discover a crashed Jedi shuttle (T-6 shuttle number 775519), in which they further discover the lightsaber that once belonged to Jedi Master Sifo-Dyas. He had been a leading member of the Jedi Council, but his views (including the idea that the Jedi needed an army to confront a coming darkness) got him removed from the Council. Obi-Wan Kenobi discovered on Kamino that he had apparently ordered the creation of the clone army without the Jedi Order’s knowledge. Jocasta Nu relates to her fellow Jedi that Sifo-Dyas’ last mission was to mediate a dispute between warring tribes on Felucia. When negotiations failed, Sifo-Dyas was supposedly killed in the fighting, over ten years earlier. When Plo requests to know what happened to his body, they learn that this and other information about the mission has been sealed and restricted by the office of the Supreme Chancellor. Upon visiting current Supreme Chancellor Palpatine, Yoda learns that the information was sealed by the former Chancellor, Finis Valorum. (Of course, by asking Palpatine about this, Yoda has alerted the Sith to the Jedi’s inquiry.) Meanwhile, Obi-Wan Kenobi and Anakin Skywalker visit Felucia, where they learn from the Felucians that Sifo-Dyas was accompanied on the world by another Jedi, who is unnamed. They claim to have cremated Sifo-Dyas’ body after his death. Yoda visits Valorum, who tells him that he had sent Sifo-Dyas to visit the Pyke Syndicate in order to calm a situation that would have begun a full-scale underworld war. Sifo-Dyas was sent in secret out of fear that any kind of official acknowledgement of the Pyke Syndicate would have provided political power to those supporting them in the Senate. Shortly after the Republic delegates arrived on Oba Diah, though, the conflict on Felucia caused the meeting to be postponed, so that Sifo-Dyas could deal with that problem. However, Valorum does not remember a second Jedi ever being assigned to the mission to Oba Diah, and he claims that Sifo-Dyas and Valorum’s own personal aide, Silman, both died on Oba Diah, meaning that the Jedi Master did not die on Felucia as claimed. (Silman was also diverted to Felucia with Sifo-Dyas, but the Felucians claim that he was not there with Sifo-Dyas, but that mysterious second Jedi was.) As the investigation continues, Darth Sidious contacts Dooku and orders him to clean up this mess, left from Dooku’s actions over a decade ago, threatening him with death if he fails. Following one of their only leads, Anakin and Obi-Wan travel to Oba Diah to

meet with Pyke leader Lom. When Anakin recognizes a necklace being worn by Lom to be one worn by Silman, the Jedi force his hand. He reveals that the Pykes had intended to get an advantage over other crime families, so they struck a deal with a man named Tyranus (Darth Tyranus AKA Dooku) in order to gain that advantage. Tyranus' price was that the Pykes kill Sifo-Dyas. They did so, shooting down Sifo-Dyas' shuttle over the desert moon on which his shuttle was just found. Sifo-Dyas' body was turned over to Tyranus as proof that they fulfilled their part of the bargain. However, they discovered Silman alive in the wreckage and kept him as insurance against any betrayal by Tyranus. He has been kept on Oba Diah in a cell all this time, and the Pykes give him to the Jedi in return for forgiveness for their role in the death of Sifo-Dyas. Obi-Wan has recognized the name "Tyranus" as the person Jango Fett claimed hired him as the prime clone on Kamino. As they meet with Silman, Dooku arrives and kills various guards in his way. Obi-Wan and Anakin learn from Silman that someone more powerful than the Pykes (Tyranus) wanted Sifo-Dyas dead with the intention of stealing his identity. He cannot reveal any more, though, as Dooku arrives and Force chokes Silman to death. Anakin and Obi-Wan duel with Dooku, who escapes back to the landing platform. There, Lom and his guards confront him as well, stating that their agreement is now over and calling Dooku "Tyranus," thereby revealing his dual identity to the Jedi. Dooku claims that Sifo-Dyas saw the coming conflict and helped him in his actions. Dooku manages to kill Lom and escape in his Solar Sailer, but disturbing truths are now in Jedi hands. They now know that the Sith had a role in creating the clone army, but they are so deeply involved in the Clone Wars that there is no way that the Jedi can do much of anything except to stay the course and wonder what the Sith's game is in all of this. For now, the truth about the creation of the clone army must be covered up, even from the Supreme Chancellor (who, of course, was behind it all in the first place).

(The Lost One)

- While Yoda meditates to seek insight on the recent revelation that the Sith had a role in the creation of the clone army, he is contacted through the Force by Qui-Gon Jinn, who says he is now part of the Living Force and proves it by levitating Yoda and objects in the room. This is not the first time he has heard Qui-Gon's voice, having heard it years earlier when sensing Anakin's slaughter of the Tusken Raiders on Tatooine just before the Battle of Geonosis. The Jedi Council meets again to discuss recent revelations, and they tend to agree that Dooku / Tyranus is likely the Sith Apprentice, not the Sith Master. Yoda is distracted, however. Mace Windu speaks with Obi-Wan about the turmoil in the Grand Master and suggests that they keep an eye on him. Anakin later speaks with Yoda, who asks him about his encounter with Qui-Gon (supposedly) on Mortis. Anakin believes that Qui-Gon is truly gone, meaning that their encounter was with something formed from their memories, not the real man. Yoda is not so sure, believing that he has truly spoken with the late Jedi Master. Yoda asks the Jedi Council to meditate with him on the subject, and they do so, not discovering anything. They wonder whether Yoda might be experiencing some kind of manipulation from the Sith. Yoda is placed in the medical ward, where he is overseen by Jedi doctor Rig Nema. There seems to be nothing physically wrong with him. Ki-Adi-Mundi suggests that Yoda's connection to Dooku might have made him vulnerable, but Obi-Wan notes that they all trained under Yoda at one point, so that may not be true. Rig Nema suggests the Deprivation Ritual, which is dangerous but might allow Yoda to seek the source of the mysterious voice. Yoda is being called to a meeting with Palpatine, though. Mace goes to meet with Palpatine instead, while Yoda chooses to undergo the ritual, which induces a deep meditation. While in this state, Yoda is again contacted by Qui-Gon, who says this is not the way. Instead, he wants Yoda to go to Dagobah to finish what Qui-Gon could not (likely the ability to retain more of himself than just a voice in the Force after death). He is to tell no one of this and go alone. Yoda nearly dies in the ritual, but he survives and is again put into a room in the medical ward. He is guarded by Temple Guards, ordered there by the Jedi Council because they still believe that the dead are part of the Cosmic Force and thereby unable to contact the living. From his room, Yoda summons Anakin, needing his help to escape leave Coruscant. Anakin takes Yoda to the Temple hangar, where R2-D2 is ordered to help him get to his starfighter and leave immediately. With that, R2-D2 and Yoda leave Coruscant alone, with Anakin left to be blamed for the Grand Master's escape, though Anakin insists that it was Yoda's idea. Soon, Yoda arrives on Dagobah, where he meditates and again hears Qui-Gon. The long-dead Jedi Master urges Yoda to follow a group of Force-influenced fireflies as he walks Dagobah's surface, a world Qui-Gon says is very pure in the Force and strongly connected to the Living Force. As such, it allows for strong manifestations through the Living Force, including Qui-

Gon's disembodied voice. Qui-Gon had been studying the Living Force but died before he could be trained (by whom, Yoda must wonder) enough to manifest himself as anything more than a voice (such as a "Force ghost") after his own death. He explains that all living things feed into the Living Force, which in turn feeds into the Cosmic Force that binds all things together and which speaks to living beings through the midichlorians. Yoda wonders if Qui-Gon can see the future or perhaps reveal the identity of the Sith Master at work in the Clone Wars. Qui-Gon and the fireflies direct Yoda to the Dark Side cave nearby, where Yoda has visions of Jedi clashes and deaths during the Clone Wars, some that will come true and some that will not. He sees: Jedi charging into and killing clonetroopers; the attempt to arrest Supreme Chancellor Palpatine (though Palpatine's face is not seen) that results in the deaths of Saesee Tiin, Kit Fisto, and Agen Kolar; the death of Shaak Ti at the hands of an unseen Anakin Skywalker / Darth Vader; Sidious using Force lightning against Mace; and the form of Darth Sidious saying his own name ("Sidious" not "Palpatine") and thereby revealing it to Yoda. The spectral Sidious tells Yoda to join him, but Yoda refuses. As the visions fade away, Yoda briefly collapses. He is then urged on by Qui-Gon, who says that he was once chosen to learn mysteries of the Force, including the ability to retain his essence in the Force and communicate with the living after death. Now, Qui-Gon must guide Yoda, who has been chosen to learn such knowledge in his place. The Force will guide Yoda (and R2-D2) to a planet that is one of the origins of life in the galaxy.*

(Voices)*

*NOTE: The error-prone *Galactic Maps* would put this story in 19 BBY, prior to ROTS, which is theoretically possible but ignored here because the book's TCW dates have proven unreliable.

- Guided by the Force and at the urging of the spirit of Qui-Gon Jinn, Yoda and R2-D2 arrive at a nebula, in which lies a Force-strong planet that is one of the origins of life in the galaxy. While entering the nebula and approaching the planet, the Force actively takes control of the ship, guiding Yoda to a particular spot on the surface. Huge geysers on the planet seem to be emanating energy that stretches out into the galaxy. Yoda recognizes this energy as the essence of life itself. Leaving R2-D2 at their landing area near a geyser, Yoda takes the ship into one of the geysers, where he finds a subterranean "world" of floating islands that are rich with plant life. He lands on one and is called to by a disembodied female voice. A glowing orb approaches, which transforms into a Force Priestess, Serenity. The priestesses (of which there are five) watch all who are strong in the Force in the universe, including Yoda. Serenity guides Yoda to a meeting with the other four (Anger, Joy, Confusion, and Sadness). Yoda explains that he is there to learn how to manifest himself to the living after death. While the others react in a way befitting their masks, Serenity claims that it is Yoda's destiny to help address a great imbalance in the Force, so he is worthy of being trained. Yoda's training begins. He awakens in a wilderness, where Serenity explains that this place is the birthplace of life in the galaxy, specifically the birthplace of the midichlorians, which form the basis of how living beings connect with both the Living and Cosmic Force. When a living thing dies, the individual passes from the Living Force into the Cosmic Force. To retain one's essence after death requires knowing one's true self and the ability to let go of that self. Yoda is sent to one of the floating islands, which contains what some call "Evil" and might more accurately be called "Fear." There, all that he must overcome in himself can be found. Yoda believes that he has already mastered and conquered his fears, but Serenity wonders if this is true. On the Fear island, Yoda is stalked and taunted by a shadowy doppelganger of himself, the embodiment of his own dark side, his hubris. The imp slaps Yoda around, claiming to have been growing stronger as the Clone Wars rage. As they fight, Yoda continuously denies that this could be part of him. Yoda finally recognizes that this hubris is indeed part of himself and uses the Force to draw the shadowy being to himself, where it truly resides. He insists that through training and discipline, he has gained control over that part of himself, rather than letting it control him. He then rejects that part of himself, conquering his hubris in a fiery flash of Force energy. Serenity notes that it is in denying our Dark Side (in his case, hubris) that we give it power over ourselves. By recognizing it, we can overcome it. Now, having faced his hubris, he must face his temptations. He is sent into the Valley of Extinction, through which he must pass without emotion or attachment. Inside, he sees a vision of Jedi dead and dying in the Jedi Temple, including Mace Windu, Petro, and even Ahsoka Tano (who is no longer a member of the Jedi Order). The dying Ahsoka claims that the Sith did this, and asks if she can still become one with the Force when she dies, despite what has happened to her. Yoda is wracked by idea that he has not been strong enough to protect them and has thus failed them. The young Padawan Katooni appears, offering to guide him to a place without pain or

sadness. When he holds her hand, they disappear from the ravaged Temple and appear again on a peaceful, sunny day at the Jedi Temple in an alternate version of the present, in which there is no war, only tranquility. In this false present, Obi-Wan and a living Qui-Gon are sharing humorous stories with Dooku, who is not a Sith Lord but still a Jedi. He speaks of a time when Dooku was traveling with Yoda during his training, and the older Jedi Master had to face a giant terentatek on Kashyyyk, an event that really happened. Yoda reluctantly recognizes this reality as a creation based on lies. He points out that Adi Gallia, who is present, is truly dead, as is Qui-Gon, and Dooku is a traitor. This reality fades into shadows, as Dooku turns evil and tries to strike Yoda down. Yoda knows this is another illusion, though, and is able to defeat the illusion simply by closing his eyes and focusing on the truth. When Serenity returns, he asks to see her face behind her serenity mask. When Serenity removes her mask, her cloak falls away. She reveals that the Force Priestesses died long ago. She is one with the Force and retains her essence, able to move between the realms of the Force and the living. They inform Yoda that the final step on his journey is to visit the planet Moraband, the ancient Sith homeworld. Yoda takes his ship back to the surface, reunites with R2-D2, and sets a course for Moraband.

(Destiny)

- Yoda arrives on Moraband to face his final steps in the journey to learn how to manifest himself in the Force after death and complete the training that Qui-Gon Jinn began before his own death. Guided by the Five Priestesses from the homeworld of the midichlorians, he and R2-D2 land on the Sith homeworld. Yoda journeys into the Valley of the Dark Lords, telling R2-D2 to leave and contact the Jedi if he does not return in three nightfalls. In the Valley, Yoda encounters a Sith serpent composed of smaller serpents than the spirits of Sith warriors that attempt to convince him that nothingness awaits after death. The spirits tell Yoda that they will inform the Sith of this time that he is there. They disappear, but they are true to their word, it seems. Both Darth Sidious and Darth Tyrannus have sensed something amiss, and Sidious orders Dooku back to Coruscant immediately. In a Sith tomb, Yoda finds the sarcophagus of Darth Bane. The a fiery "spirit of Bane" (actually a Sith illusion thereof) emerges and challenges Yoda, suggesting that Yoda could be his Sith Apprentice. Yoda declares the spirit to just be an illusion. Deprived of Yoda's fear to sustain it, the specter disappears. Yoda follows the voices of the Five Priestesses into a chamber within the temple where the Sith used to sacrifice captured Jedi. There, he must face another trial, but this one is created by the darkness of Moraband and the Sith, not the Priestesses. On Coruscant, Sidious and Dooku meet. They go to a ceremonial chamber, where they intend to use Dooku's connection to Yoda as a means of striking against him while Yoda is on the Sith homeworld. Sidious cuts Dooku's hand to allow a drop of his blood to fall into a basin on an altar. Both Sith Lords then use Force lightning to feed energy into the basin. Sidious speaks a Sith incantation in the Balc language. Sidious then puts his face into the liquid in the altar, giving himself the power of Force illusion, which he can use to trap Yoda on Moraband. On the Sith planet, Yoda sees an illusion of Sifo-Dyas, seemingly being held prisoner by the Sith. He claims that he can give Yoda the true identity of Darth Sidious if he were to be released. Yoda senses deception and refuses the offer, leaving Sifo-Dyas to transform into Sidious. The Sidious form traps Yoda, and Yoda "awakens" to find himself aboard a Republic gunship with Anakin Skywalker and clonetroopers, on their way into the industrial district of Coruscant to chase down a ship that they believe is carrying Dooku to meet with Sidious. It is their mission to confront the Sith and discover Sidious' true identity. Yoda is disoriented, not entirely recognizing that this is another illusion. If the Sith try to escape, Yoda insists that they be executed to end their threat now. They arrive in the vision at the same tower where Sidious and Dooku are currently performing their ritual. They seemingly barge in during the ritual, interrupting it, though it is still going on in reality. Clones led by Rex charge into the room but are blasted by Force lightning from Dooku. As Anakin duels Dooku, Yoda pursues Sidious. Anakin defeats Dooku and holds him with both his own blade and Dooku's at his neck, just as he will in real life later. Despite Yoda warning him not to execute Dooku, Anakin does so anyway. Yoda follows Sidious outside, where they battle on a series of catwalks and platforms. Anakin soon joins Yoda in the duel, but when Sidious is momentarily knocked down, Anakin rushes in, not heeding Yoda's warnings. Anakin is grabbed with the Force and thrown backward. Yoda faces Sidious alone, until the Sith Lord goes over the side, only to reappear nearby, cutting supports to the catwalk. As the side with Anakin starts to fall, Yoda uses the Force to catch him, but he must also fend off Force lightning from Sidious on his other side with his lightsaber. Sidious taunts Yoda, claiming that if he would only let Anakin

die, he could stop Sidious. Yoda states that he is ready to sacrifice everything if he must, but not to stop Sidious. He turns and saves Anakin by levitating him to a safe place, even though it means that Sidious blasts Yoda with more Force lightning unimpeded. With Anakin safe, Yoda begins to fall, but the entire catwalk collapses, sending Sidious down with him. The two grapple in the air, and just as Yoda is about to finally remove Sidious' hood to learn the true identity of the Sith Lord, Sidious vanishes, leaving only his cape in Yoda's grasp. Yoda has not broken, and the real Sidious and Dooku have failed. They end their ritual, knowing that they will need more time to defeat the Jedi. On Moraband, the priestess Serenity wakes Yoda and tells him that he has finished his trials. The spirit of Qui-Gon Jinn is directed to guide Yoda's training in learning to preserve his essence. As Serenity vanishes in a flash of light, Yoda senses sounds from the future, and the fading voice of Serenity tells him to remember that there is another Skywalker, a phrase that will later be Yoda's own dying declaration. Finally, with the sound of Darth Vader's future mechanical breathing, Yoda's quest ends. He returns to R2-D2 and his starfighter, then returns to the Jedi Temple on Coruscant. Mace Windu and Obi-Wan Kenobi meet Yoda in the courtyard to summon him to meet with the Jedi Council. Yoda states that he cannot share his experiences, but he notes that they are coming to the end of the Clone Wars. While victory in the Clone Wars (or any war) may not truly be possible, he believes that another path to victory, a path unknown to the Sith, is open to them, through which they may be able to find victory over the Sith for all time.

(Sacrifice)

- Three months after accepting Orson Krennic's suggestion of employment with Helical HyperCom on Lokori, the travel ban on Galen Erso is finally lifted so that he, Lyra Erso, and Jyn Erso can move to Lokori for the job. It is immediately clear that Roman Herbane has no interest in Galen's theories or any experiments. He simply wants the job done as ordered, even if Galen's ideas could make the process more efficient or cost-effective. Frankly, Herbane is not particularly happy to have been pushed into hiring Galen at all. From the start, the job is unrewarding for Galen in the extreme, almost as bad as not having a job at all. His ongoing frustration and unhappiness was Krennic's intent in arranging the job, all the better to push him toward finally working for Krennic on the Death Star project in some form. (Krennic knows he is the right man to solve the issue of how to make a true superlaser for the battle station.) At Geonosis, Poggle the Lesser has insisted that more drones be brought up to the construction project than there are jobs to do yet, and this, as expected, results in drones killing each other over the jobs that do exist. Poggle shrugs this off as normal and even suggests bringing in more drones to fight over the work if their numbers dwindle too much. Meanwhile, on Lokori, Separatist raids on the planet have begun. During the second, Galen laments that even the Jedi are only capable of accomplishing so much in an era of such chaos. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Catalyst)*

***NOTE:** This segment begins with chapter 11 of the novel. Three months have passed between chapters 10 and 11, and it is approximately four months before the end of the Clone Wars.

- Late in the Clone Wars, Jedi Masters Obi-Wan Kenobi discusses the Jedi Temple's emergency signal with a group of students, including the inquisitive Caleb Dume, who is being considered as a Padawan for Jedi Master Depa Billaba, who is watching the session with other Jedi Masters just outside. Caleb suggests a scenario in which the signal might be used not to call Jedi back to the Temple but instead to warn them away and into hiding. Unbeknownst to Caleb, he has just suggested to Obi-Wan the very strategy he and Yoda will use after Order 66.*

(A New Dawn)*

***NOTE:** The only indication we have of when this occurs is a reference to it being late in the Clone Wars.

- Jedi Master Tu-Anh becomes the first Jedi to visit Utapau (at least in any official capacity) in many years. She is following the trail of General Grievous' MagnaGuards and is able to secretly spy on a meeting between MagnaGuards and various Amani. It appears that the Separatists are intending on allying themselves with the Amani to gain control of Utapau from the Pau'ans and Utai. While spying on the meeting, she is discovered and shot in the optic nerve with a precision laser dart. As it causes seizures, she tries to crawl to safety but only makes it a few meters before dying. Her body is discovered and reported to the Jedi Council, who send Obi-Wan Kenobi and Anakin Skywalker to investigate.
(conjecture based on A Death on Utapau)
- Obi-Wan Kenobi and Anakin Skywalker arrive on Utapau to collect the dead body of Jedi Master Tu-Anh. They meet with Pau'an Inspector Jen June, who cannot yet give a cause of

death, nor explain why Tu-Anh was on Utapau, which is also a mystery to the Jedi. Through the Force, Anakin determines that Tu-Anh's mind was somehow left unsettled. They visit where her body was found on a high ledge and determine that she was killed on a part farther along the ledge, then crawled away before dying. At that spot, they determine that she was watching an office across a chasm, where they see a window with a laser hole through it. It appears that the neurological "unsettling" nature of her wound suggests being struck with a precision laser dart, directly in her optic nerve. The resulting electromagnetic pulse would have caused a seizure, causing her to only be able to crawl. They investigate the office where the shot came from, where they question a Toydarian, Garri, and learn that, a few days before, a large gathering took place, during which he was paid to give them privacy. A droid that was likely a MagnaGuard was present. They also find a form of slime in the room that is determined to have come from the skin of an Amani. They meet with Pau City Governor Torul Blom, who wants them to leave, even though Anakin and Obi-Wan believe that the Separatists, unable to make inroads with the Pau'ans or Utai, might be trying to foment an Amani uprising from below. Ignoring the governor's request, Anakin and Obi-Wan visit the Amani. The local chief remembers some Amani outcasts dealing with droids recently and points them to a nearby cave where the droids were most recently seen. They sneak inside and spot a pair of MagnaGuards, but they are attacked by a Nos monster. They manage to give chase on flying Dactillion beasts, following the MagnaGuards to the surface as they try to escape on STAPs. They manage to knock them down and face them in one-on-one combat. Anakin destroys his opponent, then he leaps atop Obi-Wan's opponent, upon whom he puts a device to load its memories. The droid destroys itself before they can question it, but the recordings in its memories point to Sugi arms dealers. It appears that the Separatists are also involved in a major arms deal with the Sugis, who include Amani in the recording. They are members of the plains tribe. A funeral pyre is set up and a funeral held for Tu-Anh, attended by Anakin, Obi-Wan, June, and Blom. Their investigation continues . . .

(A Death on Utapau)

- On Utapau, Anakin Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi have discovered a major arms deal in the works between local Sugis, in cahoots with plains Amani, and the Separatists. Despite pressure from Governor Torul Blom to leave Utapau, Anakin and Obi-Wan head out to the plains to continue their investigation, so that the death of Jedi Master Tu-Anh, which they came to investigate, is not in vain. They are attacked upon reaching the Amani encampment, but when the Amani flee, they find an abandoned weapon that fires precision laser darts of the kind that killed Tu-Anh. They find the tracks of the Amani leader and follow it, but it is slower going now because the Amani managed to kill their flying Dactillions during the battle. Upon finding more tracks, Anakin suggests that they contact Ahsoka for help, only to quickly realize what he said and admit aloud that she is gone from the Jedi Order. Obi-Wan offers to talk about it, but Anakin denies that there is anything to talk about. As they make camp that evening, he admits to missing Ahsoka and not understanding how she could have left the Order. He believes that the decision was wrong and that she belongs with the Jedi. He blames the Jedi Council for turning its back on her when she came under suspicion. Obi-Wan admits that mistakes were made, but he also notes that Ahsoka let emotion drive her decisions at her most critical moment in walking away. Anakin asks him how well he could sleep if Anakin himself were to become a major failure or disappointment to Obi-Wan. His former Master simply reassures him that such will not be the case. They awaken in the morning (after Anakin falls asleep while on watch) to find themselves surrounded by Sugis and Amani. They allow themselves to be taken capture and have their lightsabers taken. The Sugis take them to their leader. Along the way, when one of the Sugis (who are somewhat primitive) plays around with Anakin's lightsaber, he puts its emitter to his eye. Anakin uses the Force to activate it, killing him. They speak with a more advanced Sugi in the group and claim to be wanting to make an arms deal to get whatever it is that Grievous is wanting from them. He is willing to pass along the offer to the Sugi leader. They finally reach the main camp and speak with that leader, Endente. Their discussion reveals that the item being sold is a crystal of some kind. They are taken to see the merchandise at the Sugi base (actually a ship). Dooku contacts Endente and will pay him extra to kill the two Jedi. When the Sugis try to do so, they escape without their lightsabers. They escape into an arsenal, where Anakin takes a pair of pistols, though Obi-Wan refuses. Anakin takes out all of the incoming Sugis with an almost dance-like performance with the blasters, then sees Chong, the Sugi with their lightsabers on his belt. Anakin activates them with the Force, killing Chong, and retrieves them for the duo. They pursue Endente, but he escapes. In the ship, they find what Grievous

is intending to purchase. The crystal is somewhat what Obi-Wan suspected, a Kyber crystal, but instead of being a small one that could be used in a lightsaber, it is an enormous crystal of the size that could be used to create a superweapon (like the Death Star that is secretly under construction). Anakin and Obi-Wan make plans to steal the Sugi ship, along with the giant Kyber crystal inside it . . .

(In Search of the Crystal)

- Having discovered a giant Kyber crystal on the ship of Sugi arms dealer Endente on Utapau, Anakin Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi must steal the crystal and the ship before General Grievous can arrive to claim the crystal. Unfortunately, the ship has been sabotaged as the Sugis left, requiring the Jedi to find some way to get the crystal to a spaceport to get a new ship off the planet, since their own is back in Pau City. They gather a harness and a creature from a nearby Amani camp, and use it to haul the crystal on a repulsorlift toward the spaceport, even as Endente has Dooku divert Grievous to the spaceport when he lands, hoping to salvage the deal by recapturing the crystal with Grievous' help. En route, the Jedi are attacked by Sugis on speeders and take them out, taking one of the speeders to pull the crystal's repulsorlift cart to the port faster. At the port, Grievous arrives, meeting with secretly ally Governor Torul Blom (which explains why he tried to order the Jedi off the Utapau). Anakin and Obi-Wan are attacked by Endente's group again. One blast hits the crystal and is in turn blasted back outward in multiple directions, magnified. This is the true danger of the crystal, it's a ability to turn energy into even more powerful blasts, of a kind that could power a superweapon (like the Death Star). In Pau City, at the port, Endente tries to claim that all is well, but Grievous' forces have already spotted the Jedi with the crystal, so he knows Endente is lying and kills him. Grievous and his MagnaGuards head out on speeders and STAPs to engage Obi-Wan and Anakin, who are nearly to the port. The Jedi defeat the droids and reach the port, only to be met by Blom and June, who are both in league with Grievous and load it onto a Separatist ship. Blom then orders the Pau'an troops to kill the Jedi, who grab Blom and June as Pau'an shields long enough to defeat the troops, but not fast enough to prevent the Separatist ship from launching. By the time Grievous arrives from being diverted during the earlier chase of the Jedi, Anakin and Obi-Wan have taken a ship in pursuit of the Separatist ship. Grievous punishes Blom's failure by running him through with a lightsaber. The chase continues . . .

(Crystal Crisis)

- Anakin Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi, in a commandeered ship from Utapau, are chasing a Separatist transport that carries a huge Kyber crystal that could be used in a superweapon. While in space, they contact the Jedi Council, reporting on the facts behind Jedi Master Tu-Anh's death and the nature of the arms deal that she had stumbled onto. They advise not to let Grievous have the crystal at any cost. As they near the Separatist fleet in orbit, they are pursued by droid tri-fighters and vulture droids. As the transport carrying the crystal nears the cargo ship commanded by Super Tactical Droid Kalani, Anakin and Obi-Wan set their ship on autopilot to hit the cargo ship's and launch in escape pods, maneuvering them into the cargo ship's hangar . . . or more accurately, hangars, as Anakin lands in the wrong one. Obi-Wan battles droids guarding the newly-arrived crystal, but Grievous arrives in Soulless One to face him (yet again). Grievous bests Obi-Wan and captures him, ordering him locked in a cell. His lightsaber is taken a droid commander. Anakin bursts in, takes back the lightsaber, then determines where the crystal is being moved within the ship. Dooku, contacted by Grievous, orders Obi-Wan executed, but when the droids arrive to bring him to the "execution room," Anakin frees him and returns his lightsaber. Guided by information Anakin found in the central computer system (back in the room where he retrieved Obi-Wan's lightsaber), the duo heads for the ship's vault, where the crystal has just been stored. They find themselves locked in with it, however. Grievous sends a squad of droids to secure the crystal, only to have them open the door for the Jedi, who bowl them over with the crystal, which has small repulsorlift pads attached to it now. As the droids fire upon them, the energy hits the crystal and is redirected and magnified outward again and again, leaving a path of destruction (that somehow does not manage to kill the two Jedi). They pass by where Grievous is located, and Obi-Wan saves, while Anakin does not notice Grievous (continuing the idea that Anakin and Grievous do not meet until the Battle of Coruscant). As they reach the hangar, Anakin secures a shuttle for their escape, as Obi-Wan leaps from tank to tank, blasting the crystal over and over again, causing magnified blasts that tear through the ship and droids. Anakin and Obi-Wan escape, followed closely by Grievous in Soulless One, who barely makes it out of the hangar before the crystal's bursts of energy destroy the entire cargo ship. With the

crystal no longer available to either side (since apparently they incorrectly do not think it would have survived the ship's destruction), the Jedi return to Coruscant. Upon meeting with the Jedi Council, Obi-Wan and Anakin learn the startling truth that in the ancient past, when the Jedi and Sith fought great wars against each other, the Sith used superweapons that always had Kyber crystals at their core. Anakin always thought that these were legends, but they were true, and they know that if the Sith could have found this one to acquire, they will surely hunt and eventually find another . . .

(The Big Bang)

- Discovering that the giant kyber crystal from Utapau has not actually been destroyed, the Jedi Order stores it on an Outer Rim world for safekeeping.
(conjecture based on Catalyst)
- Late in the Clone Wars, artist Ansibella Dellu, who has been overseeing the CIS shadowfeed surrenders too Republic forces.
(conjecture based on Star Wars Propaganda)
- On Yalvik Prime, the Bad Batch takes on Yalviks. When Wrecker cuts off the Yalvik queen's stinger while still alive, various male Yalviks try to mate with them, which they interpret as trying to kill them.
(conjecture based on The Bad Batch)
- The Republic and Separatists battle for control of Anaxes. Admiral Trench commands the Separatist forces, while Mace Windu leads Republic troops on the ground and Anakin Skywalker leads Republic air forces. After weeks of battle, the Republic is losing its grip on the planet. Captain Rex believes that Admiral Trench somehow has an algorithm that he created to run Republic plans and look for weaknesses. Rex's datafiles are heavily encrypted, and only two other clones ever knew about the plans: Fives (now dead) and Echo (believed lost at the Citadel during the rescue of Wilhuff Tarkin). As a hobby, Echo used to run the algorithm frequently, and he may have had it on him when he died. Commander Cody and Rex are tasked with seeking out the truth of the matter by infiltrating a Separatist cyber center. Cody decides to use the experimental unit Clone Force 99. They have unusual but beneficial mutations from their cloning and refer to themselves as the "Bad Batch." The Bad Batch consists of Crosshair (a great sniper), Hunter (with elevated senses), Tech (with a great mind for details and such), and Wrecker (with great strength). They come immediately to Fort Anaxes when called from a mission on Yalvik Prime. Jesse and Kix will accompany the Bad Batch, Cody, and Rex on the mission. They are shot down while approaching the cyber center, and Cody is trapped beneath wreckage. Wrecker has a sort of super-strength, though, and lifts the gunship off of him. While Kix tends to Cody, the Bad Batch rushes headlong into approaching droids, using part of the gunship as a shield and coordinated use of ion grenades to thin enemy numbers. They then proceed to destroy all of the remaining droids that were approaching. Soon, a tactical droid arrives, and the droids report to Trench about the odd tactics used against them but the absence of a Jedi in the Republic force. Tension mounts between the Bad Batch clones and the "regular" clones, given their different operational approaches. They come upon a droid outpost and thoroughly decimate the droid forces there. Before droids reinforcements can arrive, they steal some speederbikes to get to the cyber center. Meanwhile, the reinforcements under the tactical droid discover the emptied outpost and contact Trench, who puts the droids at the cyber center on alert just in time for the clones to arrive. They breach the facility and search for the algorithm. It turns out that there are traces of it, but it is not a program but a live signal from the planet Skako Minor. They send a query to determine who is sending the signal and hear a designation repeated: CT-1409. It's Echo, who appears to have survived his apparent death at the Citadel!

(The Bad Batch)*

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- Captain Rex, Commander Cody, and their team (including the Bad Batch) report back to Anakin Skywalker about ARC Trooper Echo possibly being alive on Skako Minor. Anakin proposes a rescue mission to the Jedi Council, but they refuse. He decides to go ahead with such a mission anyway.
(conjecture based on A Distant Echo)*
- With the approval of Anakin Skywalker, Captain Rex and the Bad Batch (Hunter, Crosshair, Wrecker, and Tech) undertake a mission to rescue ARC Trooper Echo, who was thought dead at the Citadel but appears to be transmitting a live signal from Skako Minor. Obi-Wan

*Kenobi reminds Anakin that the Council rejected sending a rescue mission, but neither Anakin nor Rex (whose idea the mission is) is willing to leave Echo behind. Rex is able to argue that going to the neutral planet should be a priority anyway because, even if Echo is not alive, the Separatists there still appear to have his algorithm that can predict Republic moves and give the Separatists an advantage. Unable to stop them, Obi-Wan reluctantly stands aside. (As they board the Bad Batch's ship, Anakin notices that they have a pinup style drawing of his secret wife, Senator Padmé Amidala, on the ship. They apparently find her hot, which annoys Anakin, who intends to have the image removed.) Meanwhile, Admiral Trench contacts Wat Tambor on Skako Minor, noting that he believes a Republic strike is imminent. Anakin's team arrives, and Rex warns them to be wary of the local Poletec natives and the flying keeradaks they worship. No sooner is the warning issued than a keeradak attacks the ship, then grabs Anakin in a talon and flies off. Hunter "follows" on a grappling line that the team attaches to the creature's tail. He is unable to free Anakin, but he is able to find the Poletec village that the keeradak delivers Anakin to. The rest of the team reunites to free Anakin. Under cover of an engineered rockslide, they assault the village (in non-lethal fashion) and drive off the keeradak to save Anakin. The Poletec chief states that they do not want the war on the planet, but Anakin notes that it was Wat Tambor that brought it there, rather than the Republic. After promising to leave once Echo is rescued, the team gains the limited support of the tribe, who will show them to Tambor's base in a nearby city of Purkelle. While overlooking the city, they lose Echo's signal, suggesting that it may be a trap. The Bad Batch begin to doubt their mission, leading to a brief confrontation between Rex and the others. Anakin breaks it up and orders the Bad Batch to scout the area, while he calms Rex and notes that he too has considered that Echo could have been turned by the Separatists somehow. Neither wants to believe it, but Rex says that if that is the case, he, not the Bad Batch, will "do what must be done." They infiltrate Tambor's tower. While the goal is stealth, they end up in a firefight with droids anyway, which ends fast enough to somehow keep their presence unknown to the rest of the tower. Tech realizes that Echo's signal is only detectable during transmissions, so they can look for him but won't be able to find him for certain until a new transmission is made. As Anakin and Crosshair take on droids, Rex, Wrecker, Tech, and Hunter reach the door to the room where Echo seems to be. Unfortunately, Tambor has predicted their every move with the algorithm and claims that the Republic has violated the Techno Union's neutrality by coming there. Rex notes that by bringing a Republic prisoner there, Tambor has already done so. (Apparently, after all they have already done, the Republic Senate has still granted new neutrality to the Techno Union.) Anakin and Crosshair rejoin them and engage a horde of droids. When Tech finally opens the door to the chamber, he and Rex enter and find a stasis chamber. From inside, they release Echo, but he is not the clone he used to be. He has been cybernetically changed and wired into the Separatist computer system. He awakens babbling about needing to escape the Citadel. Rex brings him to his senses, promising that he will take Echo home.**

(A Distant Echo)*

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- *On Skako Minor, Anakin Skywalker's team (Captain Rex and the Bad Batch: Wrecker, Crosshair, Hunter, and Tech) has just discovered and freed ARC Trooper Echo from a stasis pod, finding him cybernetically altered by the Separatists. As Wat Tambor's droids bear down on them, Tech tries to figure out a way to separate Echo from the computers he is wired into. With no help coming for this unsanctioned mission, they must keep the room containing Echo secure until they can fully free him. Outside, Tambor prepares to send in an organic decimator weapon. He claims to Anakin via comm that the Techno Union purchased Echo after his capture by the Separatists and that he is thus Techno Union property as a research tool. He claims that the Techno Union is neutral (which it is now, legally, thanks to the Senate). Tambor makes a point of using the decimator against a Poletec villager so that Anakin can see the fate that awaits them. Tech is finally able to free Echo from the cables going into his head. Echo points them to an exhaust vent to the cooling systems of the tower, allowing them to escape upwards, as explosives from Wrecker destroy the computer system, just as the decimator enters and senses no organics. Echo, thanks to having been plugged in for so long, is able to show them a way out, but it takes them to a landing pad across a narrow pipe far above the surface. As they are on the pipe, droids emerge from both ends and converge on them. Tech uses recorded calls from the Poletec village to call upon a trio of*

keeradaks, which they jump aboard to escape. They return to the village. This appears to drag the village into the war, but Rex tries to argue that it was unavoidable and that the Techno Union has indeed chosen a side in what they have done to Echo. He argues that the Poletec must choose a side. As droids descend upon the village the locals join with the Republic forces without much choice. The droids are driven into retreat. Tambor, for his part, is not yet ready to report the loss of Echo to the Separatists. With a final word of friendship to the Poletecs, the Republic team departs Skako Minor.

(On the Wings of Keeradaks)*

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- *With Echo recovered from Wat Tambor, Anakin Skywalker and Captain Rex rejoin the Battle of Anaxes. Echo's ability to interpret and access Separatist computers due to the changes forced upon him by the Techno Union. While Mace Windu and Obi-Wan Kenobi lead troops against the Separatists on the surface, Anakin, Rex, Echo, and the Bad Batch (Crosshair, Hunter, Wreckage, and Tech) fly up to Admiral Trench's command ship, which they board by having Echo convince the Separatist computers (and droids) that their ship is a returning Separatist shuttle. Back on the planet, Mace and Obi-Wan lead forces into a Separatist base, where fierce battle ensues (but only after Mace tries to convince the battledroids that he has destroyed so many of them during the Clone Wars that they might as well give up without a fight). The team on the ship reaches the communication hub and send a fake transmission (appearing to still come from Skako Minor) via Echo into Trench's system. He falls for it, sending all droids to Mace and Obi-Wan's position, so that they can all be deactivated and taken out at once. Once the droids arrive, Echo sends a pulse that shuts all of the droids down by overloading their circuitry. Anaxes begins to easily return to Republic hands. Trench's Tactical Droid tracks the source of the pulse to their own ship. Seeing defeat coming, Trench activates a countdown on a massive bomb in the fusion reactor at the very base that was just taken by the Jedi. If it explodes, it could destroy much of the planet. As Anakin races off to deal with Trench on the ship, Mace goes to the fusion reactor to try disarming the bomb, which he discovers is ray shielded. Echo decrypts the deactivation code for the shield and gives most of it to Mace, who can use the Force to move the necessary switches on the shield generator. Unfortunately, the Separatists send their own pulse to zap Echo before he can provide the last number in the sequence. As Trench and his Tactical Droid prepare to leave the bridge, Anakin enters, taking out the Tactical Droid. He holds Trench at lightsaber point to force him to turn over the deactivation code for the bomb. Trench argues that Dooku would kill him if he gave them the code, but he believes that Anakin, as a Jedi would never kill him in such a situation. Anakin states that he has no such weakness, cuts off Trench's cybernetic arms, then forces him to give up the code. Mace uses the code to disarm the bomb. Before Anakin can take Trench fully captive, Trench tries to electrocute him, leading Anakin to instinctively run him through, killing Trench. Anakin's team escapes the ship, as Wrecker presses the button necessary to destroy the ship. The clones are all decorated for their victory. Echo is once again a true Republic hero, back where he belongs.*

(Unfinished Business)*

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- *For about two months prior to busting Sheb Valaad on Otor's Hub for selling stolen merchandise, Quinlan Vos acts undercover as "Tal Khar," a potential customer for Sheb. (conjecture based on Dark Disciple)*
- *When Asajj Ventress is hired to escort the cargo ship Steady On to protect a package aboard (containing a small statue, likely for Sheb Valaad on Otor's Hub), she is caught in an adventure with pirates. First, pirates from Hondo Ohnaka's gang, led in his brief absence by Jiro, strike the Opportunity and take it back to Florrum, leaving Asajj's ship dead in space. She is then rescued by other pirates (the Blood Bone Order) that had planned to capture the Opportunity, led by Lassa Rhayme. Lassa saves Asajj and, recognizing her lightsaber, enlists her aid in recovering the Steady On (as if Asajj was a Jedi, though she admits not being one) in return for Asajj getting to keep the single item that she was hired to escort. They head for Florrum under the guise of one of Lassa's subordinates (actually Lassa) and a captured Jedi (actually Asajj) that Lassa is turning over to Hondo's gang as part of an offer to join Hondo's gang and give them the location of Lassa's fleet for an attack. Jiro, after seeing Lassa*

“subdue” Asajj in a brief scuffle, believes her story and sends a large portion (but not all) of Hondo’s ships to go after Lassa’s fleet, which they won’t find. While they are lured away, Lassa and Asajj enact their plan to recover the Steady On. Unfortunately, Hondo arrives first. Lassa reveals her true identity to him as Asajj, with her lightsaber tossed back to her, takes no the pirates. Lassa gets the better of Hando, and while holding him at blasterpoint, she convinces him to hand over the Steady On’s cargo. Asajj is given the package she requested as agreed, and Lassa even offers her the chance to join her pirate crew. They two have become as close to friends as Asajj will let herself get with anyone, it seems, but she declines the offer, intending to remain on her own.

(Kindred Spirits)

- *The Separatists make a major strike at the planet Mahranee. Overwhelmed, the Republic forces (led by General Chubor and local fighters like Ashu-Nyamal (Nya) are nearly defeated. Chubor surrenders the planet, seeking only to save the innocent lives on evacuation ships. Dooku orders all of the ships destroyed anyway in a near-genocide of the Mahranee people. At the Jedi Temple on Coruscant, Yoda, Mace Windu, Anakin Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi, and Plo Koon bear witness to the attack via holocomm, as are those present at the meeting via hologram: Saesee Tiin, Shaak Ti, Kit Fisto, Oppo Rancisis, and Depa Billaba. With reluctance (and at the urging of Mace and Anakin), the Jedi decide that the time has come to cross the line into assassination. They will send an assassin to kill Count Dooku and thus cut the head off of the Separatists, hopefully ending the war. To carry out the mission, they recall Quinlan Vos from Otor’s Hub, where he has been tracking down stolen artifacts and such with fellow Jedi Akar-Deshu (a Mahran known usually as “Desh”). They wrap up busting a merchant named Sheb Valaad, then return to Coruscant as ordered. Once there, Quinlan is briefed on the mission. At Yoda’s insistence, he is to secretly recruit Asajj Ventress, Dooku’s former apprentice and two-time failure at assassinating him, as an ally in getting close to and killing Dooku. Obi-Wan actually suggests that he perhaps banter and flirt a bit, so that Asajj can feel superior by showing her lack of interest. Quinlan heads down to Level 1313 to seek a group of bounty hunters known to have run with Asajj since she left Dooku: Bossk, Embo, Latts Razzi, C-21 Highsinger, and Boba Fett. They aren’t too fond of Asajj after she let their “cargo” (Pluma Sodi) escape and turned Boba over to the lecherous Otua Blank as his supposed “bride.” Believing that Quinlan is another hunter with a score to settle with Asajj, they point him to Pantora, where she is hunting down a Volpai named Moregi. Once there, Quinlan interferes in Asajj’s chase of Moregi, acting like a competitor for the bounty. When they lose their prey, he continues to try to “charm” Asajj with over-the-top cockiness and flirtation. Quinlan uses his psychometry on a piece of metal plating she was able to take from Moregi, which leads them to Moregi’s home, where he guards his Rodian wife and stepchildren. They confront and capture Moregi at his home, and, upon returning to Asajj’s Banshee, Asajj agrees to allow Quinlan to tag along with her for a while as a partner. She has walls up emotionally, but she is tired of being alone, even though she flatly tells Quinlan that any kind of romance won’t be happening, just business. Asajj trains Quinlan so that he can be faster, stronger, etc. as her partner. All the while, he tries to hide his identity as a Jedi and Force-user. She even reveals to him her flirtatious means of snagging a target, including the more subtle version known as the “nod and wink” and the more extreme version called the “full-on gambit.” They take a job from Blood Bone Order pirate leader Lassa Rhayme. They are to capture her former first mate and lover, who ran off with a heiress and the valuable haul that was to be the pirates’ next target. They manage to pull it off easily with Asajj as flirtatious bait, even without the “full-on gambit.” It is their fifth successful mission together. As they celebrate with some alcohol, Asajj slowly begins opening up to him about how her own stories are all unhappy. Quinlan claims to have no story of his own, which turns out to be far closer to true than he had realized, since he has only ever known life as a Jedi. After Quinlan secretly meets with Obi-Wan for a check on his progress, Quinlan and Asajj take a new job from the Pyke Syndicate. They travel to Oba Diah, where they meet with Marg Krim’s majordomo, Fife, who reveals that Black Sun is starting to move in on Pyke turf (apparently despite them both being part of Maul’s Shadow Collective). Marg’s mate and two children have been kidnapped by Black Sun agents loyal to Ziton Moj and taken to Mustafar. He refuses to join Black Sun, but his own men would gladly let his family die to avoid joining Black Sun, so Marg must get independent agents (Quinlan and Asajj) to secretly recover his family. They go to Mustafar and visit the Last Resort bar, where they use Asajj’s feminine wiles to get a Black Sun guard alone. They then beat him up and question him to learn where in the local Black Sun fortress the family is being held. They climb in through a window,*

freeing the children, Vram and Laalee, but their mother has already been taken away. They get the kids back to the ship, while under fire, and Quinlan is again forced to use the Force and hope Asajj doesn't notice. He then uses psychometry on a hologram emitter held by Laalee, which gives him impressions needed to know that the mother, Tezzka Krim, is being held in Ziton Moj's palace. They visit the palace with Asajj entering as an "envoy" of the Pykes. Quinlan follows when she confronts Ziton. They rescue Tezzka and leave Ziton with his pride bruised from losing a fight to Asajj, who warns him to leave family out of business affairs. They get back to Oba Diah to reunite the Krims and accept their (doubled) pay, but as they leave, they spot Black Sun ships heading for Marg Krim's base. It would appear that they saved Krim's family, only for them all to end up killed by Black Sun in an assault anyway. (Fife will manage to survive and help lead the Pykes for a while longer.) Frustrated in the wake of all of this and wanting to have a true partnership with Asajj, Quinlan finally reveals to her that he is a Jedi . . . but she has already figured it out. Her only surprise is that the Jedi Council would actually sanction an actual assassination. Recognizing that Quinlan does not have the knowledge of the Dark Side to truly face Dooku in combat, she agrees to prepare him for such a battle and to be his partner in his mission to kill Dooku. Quinlan meets to let Obi-Wan know of his progress, and his demeanor and references to Asajj's loyalty to him give Obi-Wan pause. Quinlan may be forming a dangerous attachment to Asajj. Asajj and Quinlan head for Dathomir so that she can train him. She reveals her origins: how she was given over to the pirate Hal'Sted when she was young, how she was rescued from a Weequay raid by Jedi Knight Ky Narec on Rattatak, how she became Narec's Padawan only to see him killed by other Weequay ten years later. She had killed all of the local warlords and ruled in their place when Dooku found her and took her as an apprentice, sensing her anger and willingness to use the Dark Side. She then tells Quinlan of Dooku's betrayal and the massacre on Dathomir, so that he understands why she is willing to kill Dooku and why she is different now. He reveals that he too lost a Jedi Master. He was supposed to be partnered with Jedi Master Tholme on a mission during the Clone Wars, but the Jedi Council sent him on a different mission. Tholme died during that mission, leaving Quinlan with feelings of rage and guilt. Asajj claims that Dooku killed him and kept Tholme's lightsaber as a trophy. She cannot tell him the truth – that she was the one who killed Tholme – until Quinlan is someday ready to hear it without turning on her. With these feelings of loss welling up, Quinlan finally gives in to emotions that he should avoid as a Jedi and kisses Asajj. They are now partners in more than just business and mission. They train for quite a while, though Asajj deems Quinlan not ready yet to enter the Dark Side saturated area that was her home village. He has learned to touch and use the Dark Side at will, but he needs to be willing to let go of compassion now by killing a living thing. He tries to lure a snake to him and kill it the way Asajj did on the day they arrived, but he is instead bitten. He isn't ready yet. After helping him build endurance, she takes him to the pools where the Nightsisters would carry out their rites of passage. A Nightsister would have to summon the massive, ancient Dark Side creature known as the Sleeper from the pool's depths, dominate it, and force it to remove part of its body, which the Nightsisters would then boil with other elements to create their Water of Life, a major component of Nightsister magicks. Now, Quinlan will have to do the same domination exercise, though he at least has some assistance and advice from Asajj. As he prepares, Quinlan admits that once Dooku is killed, he intends to leave the Jedi to be with her. When Asajj learns from her Gossam ally, Sumdin, that Dooku will soon be present at a gathering on Raxus, Quinlan rushes to summon the Sleeper so that he can be deemed ready to go after Dooku at that event. They travel to the pools again, and Asajj admits to never facing the Sleeper herself, since she was first a Sith and then sort of re-baptized as a Nightsister when she returned to Dathomir. Quinlan summons the Sleeper, battles it, dominates it, and then makes the choice (at Asajj's urging) to kill it in cold blood to deepen his connection to the Dark Side and prepare to kill Dooku in cold blood as well. When the time comes for Quinlan to meet with Obi-Wan again, he does not bother, leaving Obi-Wan worried. Obi-Wan expresses his concerns to Yoda, and they can only have faith that even if Quinlan walks a dark path, it will lead him back to the light. Quinlan and Asajj head for Raxus, where they stop in Tamwith Bay for clothing to blend in at Dooku's event in Raxulon. They receive passes to Dooku's event from Sumdin, then Asajj kills her, tying up a loose end. They attend the event, where Dooku is being given the Raxian Humanitarian Award. Dooku is there, of course, with General Grievous at his side. Asajj makes contact, challenging him to meet her on the overlook soon. For his part, Quinlan takes Grievous out of the fight, briefly, by slamming him down from a higher level into a stone walkway. A short time later, Asajj and Quinlan confront

Dooku alone, and in the battle that ensues, Asajj is interrupted when attacked by Grievous, and in thinking that Asajj may be dead, Quinlan lets his emotions and thoughts about her distract him enough for Dooku to get the upper hand. Rather than killing Quinlan, Dooku takes him captive, intending to break him to make him into a new replacement for Asajj. As for Asajj, she is able to get away from Grievous, recovering Quinlan's lightsaber that fell during his fight with Dooku. She escapes into the sewers, swearing that she will rescue Quinlan. Days or weeks go by with Quinlan in the hands of Count Dooku. In captivity, Dooku works to break the Jedi, who has already gone toward the Dark Side in his training with his lover, Asajj, to make him a Sith apprentice. The Jedi have no idea where Quinlan has gone, after he did not bother meeting with Obi-Wan at their last arranged meeting. Asajj, meanwhile, wants to rescue Quinlan herself, so she goes to the Mos Eisley Cantina on Tatooine and offers enough money to hire the "syndicate" of bounty hunters led by Boba Fett, who despises her. The group (Asajj, Boba, Bossk, C-21 Highsinger, Latts Razzi, and Embo) sets out for Raxus. Meanwhile, Dooku uses a last major revelation to gain Quinlan's allegiance. He reveals a recording that shows Asajj, not Dooku, killing Jedi Master Tholme. When Quinlan refuses to believe the recording, Dooku gives him Tholme's lightsaber. At first Quinlan refuses to read it with his psychometry, but Dooku leaves it with him in his cell, knowing the "Jedi" will not be able to resist the temptation to know the truth for long. Soon, Asajj's rescue mission begins. Asajj manages to reach Quinlan in his cell, but he has already "read" the lightsaber. It has revealed that Dooku is telling the truth. Asajj was the true killer of Tholme and hid it from him (so that it would not push him away). He lashes out at her, refusing rescue. Quinlan (with Sith eyes) leads battledroids in attacking Asajj and the bounty hunters, until they are forced to retreat. In the aftermath, Asajj visits a cantina to meet with Obi-Wan in Quinlan's place at another of their arranged meetings that Obi-Wan thinks Quinlan will skip. She reveals that Quinlan now belongs to Count Dooku . . . (To be continued below . . .)

(Dark Disciple)*

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- *Having failed to rescue Quinlan Vos, Asajj Ventress separates from Boba Fett's "syndicate" after the botched job and begins taking whatever jobs she can to make money. She also begins losing herself in alcohol. Meanwhile, a new "right hand of Count Dooku" emerges on the battlefields of the Clone Wars, the mysterious and highly successful "Admiral Enigma" – Quinlan, fallen to the Dark Side.*
(conjecture based on *Dark Disciple*)
- *In the Spire, a secret prison on the planet Stygeon Prime, Maul is being held by his former master, Darth Sidious. While Sidious is there, Dooku arrives. The Sith now plan to go after enemies other than the Jedi. In particular, the survival of Maul suggests that Mother Talzin is still alive somewhere, despite General Grievous wiping out her Nightsister clan on Dathomir. They intend to coax Talzin into the light so that she can be destroyed. To do that, Sidious orders Dooku to learn more about the underworld power base that Maul created (the Shadow Collective). Sidious leaves, and Dooku goes to question Maul about the Collective. As both Sith Apprentices, current and former, share harsh words two Mandalorians loyal to Maul, Commander Gar Saxon and Rook Kast, arrive under orders from Mandalorian Prime Minister Almec to free Maul. They blast their way in, freeing Maul and escaping in a Gauntlet fighter. The Separatists track the ship to Zanbar, and Dooku orders Grievous to attack, but not to kill Maul. Maul is to be weakened until he calls for help, which they believe will lead them to Talzin. On Zanbar, Maul thanks Almec via comm, and he is given back his Darksaber, which was recovered by the Mandalorians after Maul was taken away by Sidious. The Hutts have abandoned the Shadow Collective, but the Pykes and Black Sun are still loyal. When Grievous arrives, a huge battle ensues between Grievous' droids and the Death Watch Mandalorian forces loyal to Maul's Shadow Collective. Both sides are decimated, and the battle ends with Maul joining Kast on a Gauntlet fighter and escaping from the planet. While in hyperspace with ships that escaped Zanbar, Maul calls out to Talzin, who appears to him in mist form. She warns him to avoid doing what Sidious expects. Thus, he cannot run to her for aid. Instead, she tells him to lead his fleet to Ord Mantell and reunite with the Black Sun stronghold there. She will not meet them there, but she will send aid from Dathomir. On Ord Mantell, Maul briefs Ziton Moj of Black Sun, Fife of the Pyke Syndicate, and Mandalorians*

Kast and Saxon on his intentions to remove Sidious and Dooku, thereby defeating their forces by removing their "head." Soon, Dooku and Grievous learn from Super Tactical Droid Tey-zuka that a single ship has left Dathomir for Ord Mantell. The Separatists head for Ord Mantell, where Grievous will attack from orbit, while Dooku and MagnaGuards go after the ship, which they assume to be carrying Talzin. Before the Separatists arrive, the shuttle does, but it is not bearing Talzin. Instead, it has carried Brother Viscus and other Nightbrothers to join Maul's cause. When the Separatists arrive, battle begins anew. Grievous' ship is drawn into a trap by moving too close to the planet to bombard it. Mandalorian ships emerge from behind a moon to ambush, led by Maul in the lead Gauntlet. On Ord Mantell, the Shadow Collective battles droid forces, while the Nightbrothers ambush Dooku and his MagnaGuard when they reach the command center. Maul and his comrades in his Gauntlet board Grievous' ship, forcing the general to deactivate the droids below by remote. The battle below ends, though Fife has been killed. The Shadow Collective systematically destroys the deactivated droids. In the command center, Dooku defeats the Nightbrothers and is about to kill Viscus when Maul's lieutenants arrive and capture him. With both Grievous and Dooku in Maul's custody, yet separated, Maul has control of their forces, which he can add to his own. He contacts Talzin, who praises his success. Soon on Coruscant, Palpatine (Sidious) speaks with Mace Windu via holocomm, while Mace, Aayla Secura, Obi-Wan Kenobi, and Tiplée (lone survivor of the Jedi duo of Tiplée and Tiplar) investigate the battlefield at Ord Mantell City. Mace suggests that Maul could be a "rogue Sith," and if found to be in league with Dooku, this would, Mace thinks, reveal the two Sith of this era to be Maul and Dooku (which Sidious could certainly use, since it would keep the Jedi from looking for him). The Jedi find remnants of droids and Mandalorian helmets, confirming that the alliance between Prime Minister Almec and the underworld appear to be intact. They head for a known Mandalorian supply outpost in an asteroid base nearby, which is a likely location for Maul to have escaped to. Meanwhile, at the asteroid outpost, Maul contacts Sidious to gloat and press for Sidious to agree to demands he is relaying from Talzin. He holds both Dooku and Grievous in binders as proof of his superiority. Sidious says to simply go ahead and kill them, but when the transmission ends, Maul has Grievous put in the brig and Dooku left to talk. Maul "channels" the spit of Talzin through green mist emanating from his chest again, and Talzin reveals to Dooku that she was once allied with Sidious to mingle Dark Side abilities and Nightsister magic, but rather than making Talzin his equal as a Sith, Sidious abandoned her and took her son, Maul, with him to train. She believes Sidious is just using Dooku and will abandon him too. She tells Dooku that if he joins with her and Maul, they actually will keep their word and rule the galaxy with Dooku at their side, not throw him away. When the Jedi quartet and their clonetroopers arrive, Dooku agrees to team up with Maul against them. Dooku, however, also uses the Force to press a button that opens the cell that holds Grievous. Grievous battles through Mandalorians and escapes in a pod. The Jedi arrive at the hangar, with Obi-Wan, Tiplée, Cody, and their troopers arriving first. Mace and Aayla then arrive, just as Dooku and Maul reach the hangar. In the four-on-two battle that ensues, Dooku kills Tiplée, and Mandalorians fire a rocket that causes an explosion to cover the escape of Maul and Dooku in a Gauntlet. Many other Mandalorians are taken into Republic custody, and Mace reports to Palpatine that Maul and Dooku are indeed working together, suggesting that them being enemies was a deception. (Unfortunately, the Jedi's role in this tale ends abruptly there.) As both Black Sun and the Pyke Syndicate begin to reconsider working for Maul due to his motives not being about profit but his own crusade, Maul orders them to prepare for a next phase, which includes him revealing that he believes Dooku joining him was simply part of Sidious' plan and under Sidious' orders. They return to Dathomir, where Maul and Brother Viscus take Dooku to a temple, where the spirit of Mother Talzin is waiting in a monument. She emerges in spirit form and enters Dooku. Even as Grievous and Sidious arrive in space above Dathomir and head down in a cloaked Sith Infiltrator (likely the Scimitar, recovered by the Republic from Naboo years earlier), Talzin draws on Dooku's life energy, his Living Force, as she tried to do on a larger scale on Bardotta. She intends to drain enough from Dooku to again return to a true physical form, something she began losing after she used so much of her own energy to heal Maul's mind and body when Savage brought him to her in his mad, spider-like state. As Maul gloats over Dooku, Grievous and Sidious blast in through a wall, ready for a showdown. Droid vessels, meanwhile, begin arriving to lay siege to Black Sun and Pyke worlds, finally severing links between them and Maul when Maul's Mandalorians have no way to protect or reinforce them with their numbers cut down so badly recently. In the temple, Maul uses the Darksaber to battle Grievous, as Dooku, possessed by Talzin,

duels Sidious. Sidious easily bests Talzin, who has none of Dooku's lightsaber skills. When Sidious blasts Dooku with Force lightning, though, Talzin finally emerges from Dooku in spirit form and solidifies into physical form, having drained enough of Dooku's energy to do so, even though Dooku is still alive, just weakened. (Meanwhile, Separatist ships arrive over Dathomir as well, sending forces to engage Maul's minions.) Maul Force pushes Grievous out of the temple, then Maul puts a hand on Talzin's shoulder to give her some of his strength as she uses her energy to fend off both Sidious and Dooku, who are blasting her with Force lightning. Knowing that it means her own doom, Talzin tosses Maul back to the ramp of a waiting Gauntlet, where his loyal Mandalorians begin dragging him aboard. Talzin falls to her knees from the lighting onslaught, leaving her vulnerable when Grievous, having returned to the temple, impales her with two lightsabers, finally killing the Nightsister leader. With this sight now etched into his psyche, Maul is dragged aboard the Gauntlet, which escapes Dathomir. With Talzin dead and Maul's army broken or wiped out, Sidious knows that the Sith Lords' plans are even more certain than ever, while Maul's future has effectively been erased, or so Sidious assumes. *

(Son of Dathomir)*

*NOTE: This is the only TCW tie-in tale that is in both the Official Continuity (*Legends*) and in Story Group Canon. That is because the story was written based on unproduced TCW scripts for Season 6. Note that in this story, it suggests that Mother Talzin gave Maul to Sidious. I should also note that this story is comprised of four comic issues, based on four episodes: *The Enemy of My Enemy*; *A Tale of Two Apprentices*; *Proxy War*; and *Showdown on Dathomir*. *Galactic Maps* (probably erroneously) puts this story in 19 BBY, prior to ROTJ.

- With his army defeated away from Mandalore, Maul returns to Mandalore, his last remaining power base, to engage Bo-Katan's "rebels" to reassert control over the planet.
(conjecture based on Ahsoka)
- Months have passed since Quinlan Vos was captured and "broken" by Count Dooku with the truth about Asajj Ventress killing Jedi Master Tholme. Asajj has taken odd jobs in the interim, but she believes any chance of rescuing Quinlan is a lost cause now. Asajj is approached at a bar on Level 1313 on Coruscant by Akar-Desha (Desh), one of Quinlan's closest Jedi friends. He convinces her to return to the Jedi Temple with him to convince the Jedi Order to mount a rescue (or capture) of Quinlan, something they have refused to do up to this point but might now consider, given the danger posed by "Admiral Enigma." The Council members question her about her relationship with Quinlan and her attempt to help him "manage" the Dark Side to be able to take out Dooku, a mission the Jedi themselves selected for him. When she admits that, despite her love for him, she would not be willing to become a Sith for him, they confer a bit and decide to prepare a rescue mission. When word comes from Admiral Wullf Yularen that "Admiral Enigma" is apparently about to mount an assault on Taris, they decide to trust in Asajj. She has gone to the Dark Side and returned, so she may be Quinlan's best hope of redemption. In return, Asajj is offered a full pardon for all of her crimes. She will have a clean slate, much as she had hoped to receive by helping Ahsoka Tano during the Barriss Offee situation. A team of Asajj, Obi-Wan Kenobi, and Anakin Skywalker go to Taris and infiltrate Dooku's flagship using her Banshee and knowledge of Separatist codes and behaviors from her time as Dooku's apprentice. They sneak to the bridge, but the man in the captain's chair is Dooku himself, not Quinlan. Anakin is left to hold off Dooku, while Obi-Wan and Asajj check the cells below, discovering Quinlan, seemingly as a prisoner. Could "Admiral Enigma" be some kind of holographic fake to make the Jedi just think that Quinlan has turned? Asajj senses something in Quinlan and declares that it is too late, Quinlan has fallen entirely to the Dark Side, but Obi-Wan cannot sense anything like that. She is about to kill Quinlan with his own lightsaber (which she'd been using since recovering it on Raxus), but Obi-Wan stops her. Anakin rejoins them at the Banshee, and Quinlan briefly leaves them to make sure the doors to leave are open. Then they all escape, and Quinlan tries to explain to Asajj that it was all a ruse. He had to pretend to be on Dooku's side in order to keep him from believing that Quinlan was still intending to kill him at some point as a loyal Jedi. Asajj still does not believe, but the others accept his story. Quinlan is reunited with Desh and then presented to the Jedi Council, who honor their pardon bargain with Asajj. She still refuses to believe that he hasn't fallen to the Dark Side. He tries to claim to her that he should have tried to escape with her when she came with Boba Fett's bounty hunters, but he thought that he could remain close enough to Dooku to kill him. Knowing that he is back with the Jedi and cannot be with her, even if she didn't believe he was still a Darksider, Asajj still walks away. That night, Anakin visits his secret wife, Senator Padmé Amidala, and they discuss the relationship between Quinlan and Asajj. Anakin feels that he and Padmé are different in their ability to have a relationship with Anakin as a Jedi, and he

can't bring himself to believe that Asajj could truly love Quinlan. Padmé notes, though, that if he really has been tainted by the Dark Side, then if Asajj truly loves him, she could be his way back to the light. A month passes, during which Quinlan recovers from his "captivity." The Jedi Council finally deems him fit to return to the field, despite Mace Windu's reservations. No one seems to sense what Asajj sensed in him. His first mission will be to join Anakin, Obi-Wan, and Desh in a mission to take (or take out) a Separatist supply base asteroid. Once they secure the asteroid and are transporting some of what it stores, Quinlan discovers explosives set up to destroy the asteroid if not deactivated by droids at specific intervals. They are forced to escape without most of the cargo they could have gotten for the Republic. Quinlan seeks out Asajj and again pleads his case, claiming that he had actually been bent by Dooku's will for a while, but that he had managed to break away from it by remembering how Asajj was once Dooku's apprentice and had herself changed to find something better. He chose to follow her path because of his love for her, and he is now willing to leave the Jedi Order to be with her once they finish what he can do in their shared goal of destroying Dooku. Despite her own reservations, Asajj accepts him at his word this time. The Jedi Council also comes to fully accept Quinlan's trustworthiness and puts him back into combat with a first mission to accompany Obi-Wan and Anakin to take out a Separatist listening post on Vanqor. They go there with Admiral Block's Vigilance, but they find it abandoned entirely. A psychometric reading of a comb by Quinlan suggests that the base was abandoned two weeks earlier. It seems that each location that they have tried to go after based on information that Quinlan can vaguely confirm from his time with Dooku are busts. They wonder if there might be a leak within the Jedi Order (but do not necessarily suspect Quinlan himself). Only Mace suggests to Obi-Wan any suspicions that Quinlan may not truly be rehabilitated. Only Quinlan could claim when the listening post was abandoned, and only Quinlan found the bombs at the asteroid. When they suggest a leak to Desh, who is still checking out the debris from the asteroid, he notes that some of the materials there, including bomb parts, were Republic issue. Obi-Wan does not want to believe that Quinlan might be a traitor, but Mace seems sure, and Yoda is willing to continue investigating now. Quinlan meets briefly with Quinlan, then speaks privately with Obi-Wan. Yoda has the ability to sometimes sense what is hidden within someone by touch and the flow of the Force. He has confirmed that Quinlan has indeed been taken by the Dark Side, even if only Asajj was able to sense it before. Yoda, Mace, Obi-Wan, Plo Koon, and Ki-Adi-Mundi meet to discuss Quinlan's true nature and possible punishments, including even execution or banishment to the Outer Rim. They decide to give Quinlan a last secret chance to show that he is no longer loyal to Dooku. They will resume his mission to kill Dooku and see how he reacts. When given this new (old) mission a matter of weeks after reuniting with Asajj emotionally, Quinlan shares the news with Asajj during one of their secret romantic meetings. She asks him to just leave the Jedi Order now and go away with her, but he claims that neither of them will ever be truly free of Dooku until he is dead. Asajj refuses to let him go after Dooku alone and insists on joining him. They convince the Jedi Council to allow the team-up that they once suggested, and the duo sets out for Christophsis, where they will find Dooku leading his own vendetta against some local interests. Quinlan knows that he is likely being followed and is counting on it. He claims that all will become clear to Asajj in due time. When they arrive, Quinlan leads Asajj aboard the Banshee to essentially fly the cloaked vessel as a getaway ship, as he makes his way into Dooku's base. Meanwhile, Anakin and Obi-Wan slip into the base in a stolen Separatist shuttle by faking being droid pilots. They are able to reach the observation deck and hide just in time for Dooku to enter, followed shortly by Quinlan. Quinlan claims to have succeeded in a task for Dooku, acknowledging that they were working together, but then Quinlan turns on Dooku, intending to kill him. After a brief duel, still observed by Obi-Wan and Anakin, Quinlan has Dooku on the ground at saberpoint when he reveals what he truly wants. Quinlan intends to kill Dooku and take his place as the apprentice to Darth Sidious, but Dooku claims that he would need an audience. When Quinlan hesitates, Dooku makes a proposition: they, unusual Sith if ever there were any, could partner up equally against Sidious. When Quinlan accepts, Obi-Wan and Anakin leap out from cover and declare their intentions to arrest both men. Quinlan and Dooku, weakened from fighting each other, are both captured. Obi-Wan and Anakin contact Desh and another Jedi, Kav Bayons, to join them. Desh, Bayons, and a ton of clonetroopers take Dooku and Quinlan into custody, as Anakin and Obi-Wan go to a transmitter to let the Jedi Council know what has transpired. While they are away, Quinlan grabs Desh's lightsaber with the Force, frees himself and Dooku, and the two kill Bayon and Desh, then the clonetroopers. They

escape through the base to the Banshee, where Quinlan convinces Asajj to take off, despite her utter shock at seeing Dooku. Quinlan again reassures her that he has a plan. Quinlan has her divert back toward Christophsis to link up with a Separatist ship, but Obi-Wan and Anakin make it back to the Vigilance in time to order an attack on the Banshee. The ship crashes down to the surface of Christophsis. When Anakin arrives at the crash site, the trio have already left the scene. Dooku is badly injured, but he, Quinlan, and Asajj are escaping the scene, Quinlan still claiming that he intends to finish the mission. Asajj is contacted by Obi-Wan, who tells her that Yoda has now sensed in Quinlan what she once did but now does not. Mace contacts Obi-Wan with new orders: they are to capture the fugitives (all three of them now) and execute them. Dooku leads Asajj and Quinlan into a Separatist base, where he is contacted by Darth Sidious. The other two refuse to wait outside, so they get a glimpse of Sidious, but he is his usual cowed self, unable to be recognized. Dooku claims that Quinlan (who can barely be seen by Sidious, while Asajj cannot) is his new assassin, not quite the introduction Quinlan expected. They are interrupted by a Republic attack that sends them racing for exit stairs. The tower itself breaks and begins to shatter around them under walker assault from outside, led by Anakin. When Asajj comes to, she is seriously injured. Quinlan carries her as he and Dooku race for a way out of the debris. Right as Dooku reaches an exit, another blast comes, nearly killing him. (Unfortunately, he is still alive, just badly injured on the ground.) Quinlan intends for them to hunker down inside and wait for a rescue ship from Sidious, and he wants Asajj to help keep Dooku alive. While she tends his wounds, Dooku mocks her, revealing that Quinlan is now a Dark Lord alongside Dooku, and that together they will destroy Sidious in the way he once promised Asajj. That is why Quinlan is keeping him alive. Quinlan is lost. Outside, Anakin and Obi-Wan call off the Republic attack and decide to sneak in through a back entrance to get to the fugitives, rather than have a stalemate at the more fortified entrance they've been attacking. Inside, Asajj confronts Quinlan over what Dooku revealed. Quinlan admits to joining Dooku, claiming to have done it for their love. He claims that he can handle Dooku and that they can be together once he completes his plan to topple the Sith. She refuses to go back to live in the Dark Side as slaves to hatred. In that instance, Asajj is filled with the Force. Time seems to slow down as she sees the different possible outcomes of that moment. Unbeknownst to Quinlan, Dooku has been preparing a massive blast of Force lightning to take out Quinlan. Asajj thrusts Quinlan out of the way and takes the blast herself. Seeing her near death, Quinlan nearly kills Dooku with his lightsaber, but Asajj's sacrifice has reawakened something in him. He refuses to take revenge and continue down the path of the Dark Side. He returns to her side, where they recognize what has happened to Quinlan. He truly had fallen to the Dark Side while with Dooku, but he had not been willing to acknowledge it, always thinking that he was working for his and her best interests, that the ends justified the means as long as they ended up together and free of Dooku. That is why she could originally sense his darkness when others couldn't, then why Yoda could later. He literally did not know he had fallen. They profess their love one last time, and then Asajj Ventress dies in his arms. By the time Anakin and Obi-Wan find Quinlan with Asajj's body, Dooku has managed to escape. Quinlan is taken back to the Jedi Council, where he confesses to having willingly become Admiral Enigma, killing Dosh and Bayons, setting the bombs on the asteroid, etc. all so that he could get close enough to take down both Sith Lords. He breaks down when asked about Asajj, whom he claims saved him from death and from the Dark Side. Obi-Wan notes that she even perhaps saved the Jedi from losing their way on a path of assassinations. Obi-Wan argues that Quinlan's fall was of the Council's making. He asks that they lay Asajj to rest with proper respect and care, since she was a true friend of the Jedi in the end. Quinlan is left in Yoda's care and slowly rehabilitated away from darkness. Finally, Obi-Wan and Quinlan travel to Dathomir to lay Asajj to rest beside her sisters, where she belongs. As they lay her to rest, the Water of Life emerges, glowing, and the voices of the lost Nightsisters of the planet call out for their sister. Asajj has finally come home.

(Dark Disciple)*

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- While investigating the inhibitor chip conspiracy that Fives tried to expose, clonetrooper medic Kix discovers the truth, confirming Fives' beliefs. He is captured by the Separatists before he can reveal this (probably due to being sold out to keep him silent). The droids try to

interrogate him, but he does not break. They put him into brief stasis to be turned over to Count Dooku. The Sith need to make sure this is kept quiet.

*(conjecture based on **The Crimson Corsair and the Lost Treasure of Count Dooku**)*

- *Sometime during the Clone Wars, likely late in the conflict after he has been separated from Ahsoka Tano, Anakin Skywalker meets and briefly allies with the mysterious Chiss explorer (and soldier) known as Mitth'raw'nuruodo (AKA Thrawn). Anakin is impressed with Thrawn, which he will mention to Supreme Chancellor Palpatine.*
*(conjecture based on **Thrawn**)*
- *The Obrexta III, a Separatist cruiser carrying clonetrooper Kix in stasis (because he has figured out the truth about the inhibitor chips) to Serenno is caught off-guard by Republic gunships. Battle droid B1-CC14 tries to escape by sending the ship into hyperspace using random coordinates, but this just results in the ship crashing into the southern hemisphere of the planet Ponemah. (To be continued below . . .)*
(The Crimson Corsair and the Lost Treasure of Count Dooku)
- *After years of studying the Republic, the Grysk reach out to Count Dooku and the Separatists to suggest the use of the rare material known as cortosis, which can be mined on Mokivj, to effectively counter both blasters and lightsabers. Duke Solha of Serenno is assigned to develop such technology on Mokivj, taking over a factory and cortosis mind there to produce both cortosis-enhanced Super Battle droid prototypes and cortosis-enhanced clonetrooper armor. (The locals are forced out of work as the operations are taken over, though some are allowed to work again as custodial staff. Retooling the factory's assembly areas takes about two months.) The armor production confuses the Grysk, who see that there is more going on than they realized. Rather than trying to get the Separatists under their influence, they instead decide to bide their time before making a move to expand out of their territory in the Unknown Regions. Soon, a shipment of materials bound for this factory is noticed by allies of the Republic and passed along to Duja, one of Padmé Amidala's handmaidens, who undertakes a mission in her ship, the Pioneer, to investigate. Unfortunately, she is caught upon discovering that a group of smugglers is stealing from their Separatist employers and killed, but not before sending a message to Padmé that she has found something important and recording information about it in her ship's computer.**
*(conjecture based on **Alliances**)**

***NOTE: This entry spans a few months worth of time before **Alliances** begins.**

- *One month before Anakin Skywalker journeys to Baku, R2-D2 is damaged in a battle by a B2-RP battle droid because the little droid simply wants to get a better view of the action. It takes Republic techs three days to reassemble and repair the droid.*
*(conjecture based on **Alliances**)*
- *A few weeks before Padmé Amidala arrives on Mokivj, a worker at the Separatist factory there dies. Cimy and Huga try to reuse the worker's bracelet that activates door controls, but it is too heavily damaged to work correctly, at least with the repair tools they have on hand. They will still have the item when Padmé needs it a few weeks later.*
*(conjecture based on **Alliances**)*
- *Padmé Amidala informs her secret husband, Anakin Skywalker, that one of her handmaidens, Duja, has sent a message to inform her that something is going on in the Batau area on the edge of the Unknown Regions that needs to be checked out. With no further information, Padmé intends to go meet Duja and investigate, while Anakin must continue with his Jedi duties in the Clone Wars. As Anakin goes off to fight in his next battle, Padmé travels to Batau. She arrives and can't reach Duja, so she lands at Black Spire Outpost, where she claims to be there to deliver a ship to a buyer named Kuseph Jovi. However, her search for Duja is short lived, as she finds her old friend dead and lying out in a public coffin, as the villagers await anyone who might know her to claim her body. Padmé claims to want to write a song in memory of this "stranger," and when she delivers the song to the body, she takes an old, plain brooch from the body, which contains a beckon call for Duja's ship, the Possibility. She lands in a clearing relatively close by and has Duja's ship land next to hers. Once inside Duja's ship, she recovers messages recorded for her by Duja, which point to the location of a Separatist factory operating on nearby Mokivj. Before she could strike at it (or await others to aid in doing so), Duja must have been killed, meaning the Separatists were on to her and might now be on to Padmé. Rather than wait for Anakin, she instead sends him a message (or tries to, but it ends up jammed without her knowledge), and she heads to Mokivj to spy on the factory, taking Duja's better-armed ship and leaving hers*

behind. She is briefly pursued by local police who perhaps think she is a ship thief, but she evades them. However, upon reaching Mokivj, the Possibility is attacked by vulture droids, so Padmé must use an escape pod to get clear as it crashes. She checks out the factory by following coordinates left in Duja's data, but she runs into a group of locals out (against the wishes of "the duke") fishing for extra food. The group includes Cimy, Huga, and LebJau, whom she convinces that she was supposedly out fishing too when her boat sank. She eventually convinces them that she is rich and could be held for ransom (or reward) rather than turned over to the Separatists who run the factory (using locals as custodians basically), if only she can send a message out to her "Uncle Anakin" to bring money. She has to write 500 messages in order for there to possibly be enough to convince another local, Grubs, to take a new batch of messages to where they can be sent from one of the independent message companies in the region, Interstel (with whom Padmé set up an account, just in case of needing another line of communication out of the system). She hides on LebJau's makeshift boat for most of the next week. As for Anakin, there has been no word from Padmé when he returns to Coruscant, and he seeks the Jedi Council's permission to investigate. He cannot, but after his next, quick battle, word arrives that her ship has been found abandoned on Batuu, and he is finally allowed to take R2-D2 in a Jedi Interceptor to find her. He arrives in space near Batuu, where hyperspace lanes are somewhat unreliable, and is met by a strange ship. The being in command aboard (who has an unidentified pilot with him) speaks in the trade language Meese Caulf and identifies himself as Commander Mitth'raw'nuruodo of the Chiss Ascendancy's Expansionary Defense Fleet, who asks to simply be called "Thrawn." He is there on his own mission, and given that he now has a chance to study a Republic agent up close and learn about the Clone Wars, he makes a point of joining Anakin's "quest" to find whom he refers to as a missing ambassador. Leaving his main ship behind, Thrawn takes his own shuttle to Batuu, while Anakin sticks with his Interceptor. They land next to Padmé's Nubian ship, where a group of humans with cargo vehicles is trying to break into the abandoned vessel. They stop the group, who appear to be smugglers who were intending to land a ship to load in the spot where Padmé landed her ship, and send them away. Anakin checks for sent messages in the ship's memory, but all were encrypted (a standard feature since Padmé is a diplomat) and unreadable. Thrawn notices markings that suggest Duja had also landed there but left about a week earlier. Leaving R2-D2 with Anakin's landed starfighter, they head to nearby Black Spire Outpost in Thrawn's shuttle. They question the bartender (Janott) at the local cantina, who claims to know nothing about either woman, but then the mugs in front of them explode and disperse gas. As Anakin is knocked out, Thrawn defeats a small group of attackers (humans and one Rybet). Seeing Anakin's precognitive reaction (that just wasn't quite fast enough), Thrawn recognizes Anakin as either a Jedi or Sith, and he quickly confirms himself to be a Jedi. They counted their attackers when first spotted following them, so they know at least one is outside, and with the door locked and windows covered, that remaining member of the group (which seemed to be targeting Anakin and aware of the need to knock out a Jedi to move in for the kill) is still outside, knowing that his comrades have been either killed or captured and that at least one of his targets must still be alive. He is likely still observing but would soon report to his superiors. To enable themselves to follow him back to his bosses, Anakin and Thrawn have Anakin used the Force to make one of the attackers appear to be alive but injured so that Anakin appears to be taking him as a prisoner for questioning, which the remaining thug would not want. R2-D2 arrives with the Interceptor with jamming active, and Anakin carries out the ruse, putting the body across part of the starfighter as he takes off. The plan only partially succeeds, as one of the starfighter's repulsorlifts is blasted as he takes off, forcing R2-D2 to increase their speed so that the starfighter will stay aloft like a traditional airplane. Thankfully, this carries the jamming field away after their quarry has already left the Black Spire communications region (created by three linked devices that allow transmissions in a limited range) and is heading for his ship to report. The dead "captive" has fallen to the ground, making that ruse impossible, but Thrawn is able to catch up to the fleeing member of the team and, upon determining which ship he's heading for, subdues him for questioning. Anakin arrives in the area and leaps to safety, only to face an armed droid that emerges from the target ship. He takes it out, then he and Thrawn examine the now-captive ship, which appears to be a Techno Union vessel. R2-D2 joins them after safely escaping from the now-wrecked Interceptor. They discover crates of gold strips and quadranium but also that at least one group of them encountered is actually stealing from the other, and Thrawn noticed five others entering the cantina and taking out the unconscious Janott for questioning as he chased the

party member earlier. Other members of this ship's crew are also waiting (outside the cantina) to see what Janott says when he awakens. (Thrawn has used a Chiss method to basically bug Janott and has been able to hear the conversation of those with him through a method that avoids normal communication limitations.) They also determine that the ship was to supposedly head for Cermau but was probably more likely going to somewhere along that route and used Cermau in ship records to throw off others. They return to the cantina, where Janott is coming to. They stop the outdoors group from entering, taking out some but leaving at least one (a cargo inspector named Oneti) conscious, then enter the cantina with Oneti. Upon hearing the immediate conversation that ensues, Thrawn deduces that the aliens inside holding Janott are smugglers and thieves, stealing from Oneti and his employers, the Separatists. Janott was in league with them, at least to the extent of providing information on when the most valuable shipments come through Black Spire. When Duja followed one of these shipments and broke into a Separatist ship to determine the destination of the cargo (a Separatist factory), she was caught and killed as a presumed thief. That, however, made the Separatists more watchful for all theft, so this gang of smugglers needed to get off Batuu immediately, only to find that the only nearby landing zone where they could secretly load up their cargo was blocked by Padmé's ship, and they were interrupted in trying to do something about that when Anakin, R2-D2, and Thrawn arrived. Thrawn notes that they intend to use the Separatist ship to head for the Separatist factory on Mokivj (a deduction that he needs confirmation about, which they provide by attacking immediately to save their own hides). All but Janott are killed, and they realize also that Oneti was in on the scheme and playing dumb. Janott is allowed to go into hiding, given that the Separatists will want him now, but only after confirming that Padmé left Batuu in Duja's ship and was pursued by local police but managed to escape. They return to the Separatist ship, which they've learned is the Larkrer, and launch for Mokivj, fine with the idea that the Batuu Separatists might be only a few hours behind them. They arrive and claim to be there on behalf of the ship's true captain, Boroklif, with the expected cargo for the factory. As they land, they note a powerful shield generator in place. They then claim that they actually took the ship since Boroklif was killed, and it only had this destination programmed. They claim they saw a member of Duja's "gang" trying to take the ship, having also put coordinates in for their own base on top of those for Mokivj. This causes the Separatist duke from Serenno (but not Dooku) to be intrigued enough to consider their story, then Anakin uses the Force to cause a faked attack by a "Jedi" (really just his lightsaber slicing up droids) to make it look like a Jedi was the "gang member" and that the Jedi allowed the ship to be stolen and taken to Mokivj because he stowed away. The ruse gets them inside (but tossed into "the Bins," makeshift cells), while R2-D2 (leaking oil on purpose to create a trail to his location) is taken away, and Anakin's lightsaber is left hidden high up on the roof of the factory. Once they are locked up, the duke reveals himself to be Duke Solha of Serenno, about whom Anakin had heard Padmé speak before. (He's basically an ambitious, political animal through and through.) They work on a plan for getting free and checking out the facility, along with looking for Padmé, and as time goes on, Thrawn becomes more and more convinced that there is more between Anakin and the missing Padmé than just duty or even friendship. Unbeknownst to them, Padmé finally convinced LeJau to help her get into hiding in the closed down west wing of the factory, so she was actually present to witness Anakin's ruse with the lightsaber. While Anakin uses some of the lubrication left behind by R2-D2 and both a rag and small rope that Thrawn has fashioned from his own clothing to get them free, Padmé leaves the west wing, bumps into Huga and Cimy on their custodial rounds, and learns about a bracelet that, if used correctly can get through security doors. She has to take out a couple of battle droids with her own blaster and use blaster-hot metal to fuse it back together, but it works. Thus, just as Anakin gets himself and Thrawn free, Padmé finds them at the Bins. Anakin is sent to keep investigating and create a distraction, while Padmé and Thrawn go to retrieve Anakin's lightsaber from the roof. LeJau is able to help them find a safe path. Anakin follows R2-D2's trail to an assembly room, where the droid is fine. The room is odd in that it seems to be assembling Super BattleDroids with strange internal components and armor that makes use of an unusual metallic substance, but the droids don't all have their programming yet, which normally happens during production, suggesting possible prototypes. The few workers and guarding droids in the assembly room are joined by Duke Solha, who is wearing clonetrooper armor. Anakin causes a droid to fire on another, beginning his distraction. Once on the roof, Thrawn uses Padmé's communicator to contact his own ship to set up decoys, draw out vulture droids, and destroy them, clearing the skies and enabling them to safely get to the lightsaber.

Thrawn uses the lightsaber to cut the defensive shield generator from where it is anchored, shutting it down and acquiring the technology, which is more advanced than what the Chiss currently have, for his government. This was his true mission all along. He parts ways with Padmé, so that he can load the generator, and it appears that Thrawn's part in the mission is over, despite Padmé appealing to his honor. Inside, Anakin defeats active droids, then explosions outside drive off the others in the room, enabling Anakin to destroy the unusual droids. He tries to cut one with his lightsaber, only for it to deactivate when the blade strikes the metal. Even blasters don't seem to work. Three droids become active and attack, forcing Anakin to take them out the only way he can: a blade to their unprotected eye. Thrawn emerges and takes out the last one with a weapon that is essentially a lightning gun. Now that Thrawn's own mission has succeeded, he is free to aid them. LebJau also arrives, having gotten everyone out of the factory as warned earlier. Thrawn reveals that the metal that is so resistant to blasters and shuts down lightsabers is known as cortosis, and due to how it works, the lightning gun (which has limited charges) is one of the few weapons effective against it. (The weapon happens to be a technology Chiss use more regularly.) Rather than just destroying the factory, they decide to have R2-D2 tamper with the programming that is to be entered into each droid produced that would cause them to frequently essentially zap themselves internally to eventually destroy their own armor just a few minutes into combat. While Padmé stays with R2-D2 as the droid tampers with the Super Battledroid programming, Anakin and Thrawn head to the other experimental area in the facility in the north wing. While R2-D2 works, Padmé is confronted by Solha, who recognizes her. He gloats about how his new developments will bring victory for the Separatists. In the north wing, Anakin and Thrawn discover a production line for cortosis-enhanced clonetrooper armor, which makes Anakin believe that the Separatists must be trying to infiltrate the Grand Army of the Republic, probably on Coruscant, to strike at sensitive targets, such as Supreme Chancellor Sheev Palpatine. Thrawn isn't so sure. Anakin is now convinced that the factory must be destroyed, as must the mine where the cortosis was coming from. Back in the other assembly room, Padmé tries to shoot Solha, but his armor is cortosis-enhanced, so she ends up shooting him repeatedly in the faceplate with the weapon's grappling attachment until he is knocked out or dead. After repelling more droids (mostly regular), they decide to leave the Super Battledroid area active to sabotage the program with R2-D2's tampering (so they don't just restart elsewhere), blocking the way back to that assembly room to make sure it looks like they just couldn't return to destroy it. They then completely destroy the assembly room with all of the cortosis-enhanced clonetrooper armor. They then head off to destroy the mine. LebJau and the others get miners to safety, while Anakin rigs the mine to explode. LebJau asks to go with them, since helping cause the destruction of the factory and the mine won't sit well with some locals who will now have no livelihood at all. Anakin, Padmé, and R2-D2 part with Thrawn. He has duties of his own, even though Anakin wishes that he could return to the Republic with them to meet Palpatine. Before he leaves, Thrawn suggests to Anakin that his assumption that the clonetrooper armor was meant for an infiltration is perhaps incorrect. Such a large-scale infiltration would take time and likely be discovered before the Separatists could act. Anakin sees this as no longer relevant, since the armor was destroyed. (If he took time to really consider the matter, he would realize that it is as if the Republic is preparing its clonetroopers to be able to handle Jedi, yet another step toward Order 66.) Thrawn leaves, and as the others set out in a ship they have stolen from the newly-arrived Separatists that were "a few hours behind" when leaving Batuu, Anakin sets off the charges in the mine. Rather than just destroying the mine, though, the cortosis causes the energy to be directed downward, opening up cracks in the surface and releasing lava, devastating the best crop land that the natives had. The war has taken its toll on Mokivj, whether intended or not. Padmé wonders if the Republic is becoming like the Separatists in their methods with ends justifying means. As for LebJau, they will drop him off on Mokivj where he will become the new bartender at Black Spire Outpost, while Anakin, Padmé, and R2-D2 return to Coruscant. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Alliances)*

*NOTE: It is made clear early in the novel that this takes place after Ahsoka has left the Jedi Order. When this occurs in relation to the Clone Wars events after *The Wrong Jedi* is not clear. I would also note that this summary is chronological, so Padmé's side of the tale, which we don't actually begin to see until the fifth chapter, appears earlier in this summary than it does in the book.

- Upon arriving at Batuu, LebJau takes the new name "Nodlia" and becomes the bartender at the cantina at Black Spire Outpost.

(conjecture based on *Alliances*)

- *Mere weeks before her death, Padmé Amidala attends a Cantham House meeting with Terr Taneel, Bail Organa, and Mon Mothma to discuss the Petition of 2,000 that they plan to present to Supreme Chancellor Sheev Palpatine soon.*
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- *Caleb Dume, Tai Uzuma, and Sammo Quid, all Jedi in training that hope to be Padawans soon, train with Jedi Master Yoda at the Jedi Temple on Coruscant. His hand is slightly injured in the training, so Yoda sends him to the infirmary, where the medical droid shoos him away, but not before he can see Jedi Master Depa Billaba in a bacta tank, seemingly in a coma. He senses that he somehow knows her, drawn to her in the Force. Immediately after Caleb leaves, Depa awakens and knocks on the glass of her bacta tank to be let out. After six months of healing, she is awake, though Jedi Masters Obi-Wan Kenobi, Mace Windu, and Yoda are unsure of her mental state. She has been in a coma after a battle against General Grievous on Haruun Kal in which she lost 90% of her clonetrooper battalion. Even as Caleb undergoes the first stages of Initiate Trials, Depa herself undergoes trials with the three Jedi Masters to determine whether she is fit to return to the Clone Wars. By the time she is deemed ready to return to the Jedi Council, Caleb, Tai, and Sommo have also passed their Initiate Trials. They are discussing how Padawans are chosen with Jedi Librarian Jocasta Nu when they are secretly observed by Jedi Masters (including Depa, who is amused when Caleb questions traditional practice and why it became tradition). Depa soon leads them in a bit of lightsaber training against remotes and is again amused when Caleb accidentally destroys his with deflected fire. Caleb wants Depa to choose him as her Padawan, but Tai warns him that she is “damaged goods” and informs him about how her battalion was virtually wiped out. Rather than wondering, Caleb goes straight to Depa and asks her about it in private. She admits that she is unsure how useful she can be in command of troops again if she finds herself afraid to lose her men again. Before the conversation can go further, tiny round explosives drop into the area from the ventilation system and explode. It is a Separatist plot, initiated by General Grievous, General Kleeve, and Captain Rackham Sear (a Kage Warrior of Quarzite). to blow up a tower at the Jedi Temple in order to show the galaxy that the Jedi are not invulnerable. The intruder has entered using plans bought from Cad Bane, based on Bane’s earlier infiltration to steal a holocron. Depa and Caleb (more on his initiative than hers, since she is doubting herself) head upward to catch the bomber that they have sensed. It is Rackham himself. Caleb faces him alone and is nearly defeated when Depa arrives. Together, they disarm some of his smaller bombs and detonate the bomb he has put on the central tower at a safe distance so it cannot damage the tower. By jumping off the roof and releasing numerous smaller bombs to cover his escape (or suicide), Rackham eludes capture. Before they can even leave the roof, Depa agrees to take Caleb as her Padawan . . . (To be continued below . . .)**

(First Blood)*

***NOTE: This is approximately six months before Order 66.**

- *In the three weeks between when Caleb Dume becomes Depa Billaba’s Padawan and when they are assigned to Kardoa, Depa takes Caleb to get a kyber crystal so that he can build his own lightsaber.*
(conjecture based on *First Blood*)
- *Three weeks after being taken as Depa Billaba’s Padawan, Caleb Dume goes on his first real Jedi mission, which is also Depa’s first mission since recovering from her six-month coma. They are sent to Kardoa, where they join a new battalion that is led by the only four surviving clonetroopers from her previous, devastated battalion: Commander Grey, Captain Styles, Sergeant Soot, and Corporal Big-Mouth. They are joined by a few other experienced clonetroopers (Lieutenant Remo, Corporal Mixx, and Corporal Kaylon), but the rest of their troopers are rookies. They are there on a recon mission to search out a Separatist presence. Meanwhile, the Separatists have made note of their arrival. Three Separatists discuss the new Republic force. Among them are General Kleeve (who then has to leave to lead the conquest of Kaller), Colonel Cogburn Sear, and General Grievous (who has to leave for Mygeeto). Sear is left to deal with the Republic forces. While on recon, Depa and Caleb’s group find themselves ambushed. Caleb is wounded by a blaster shot while Depa tries to flank Sear, but he is saved by a clonetrooper who, through these actions, earns the nickname “Stance.” The clonetroopers manage to win the day, but Sear escapes, unwilling to risk capture by staying to fight. Caleb is given bacta tank treatment to recover from his wounds, and the duo of Billaba and Dume gets their next assignment: Mygeeto. Once out of bacta*

treatment, Caleb (who is surprised to find Stance having waited for him to recover by his tank for a long while) and the others land on Mygeeto with orders to clear the southern mesas of battledroids. Remo, Soot, Big-Mouth, Mixx, and Kaylon lead squads into battle, while Commander Grey takes the other clones, with the exception of Captain Styles and Stance, who will accompany Depa and Caleb. They are fighting in the Third Battle of Mygeeto. As they reach the top of a tall platform, Caleb has a brief flash of a vision in the Force, which shows him the moment right before Depa's death during Order 66, but the vision does not last, and he is unsure how to interpret it. The quartet is beset on all sides by battledroids climbing up the tower. Thankfully, they are saved by the timely arrival of the Mandalorian Skull Squadron, led by Fenn Rau, who are among the Mandalorians who remember their obligations to the Republic and are fighting to defeat the Separatists, despite the chaos on their homeworld. Before they can leave and investigate how the Separatists seemed ready for them, their gunship is destroyed, Stance is killed, and Depa and Caleb face off with Grievous and Sear. As Grey and Styles provide some blaster fire, Caleb battles Sear (with anger over Stance's death) and Depa battles Grievous. Sear is killed when he tries to use his own flamethrowing weapon against Caleb, after Caleb has severely damaged it. A combined effort then forces Grievous into retreat. Caleb has now taken his first life and lost his first friend to the war, but it is not over yet. They already have a new assignment. They are to travel to the planet Kaller . . . (To be continued below . . .)

(First Blood)

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(conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)
- Around this time, Eeth Koth is removed from the Jedi Council (and possibly the Jedi Order itself) and replaced by Agen Kolar.
(conjecture based on *Star Wars: Episode III--"Revenge of the Sith"* and *Fortress Vader*)
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(conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)
- Near the end of the Clone Wars, Mon Cala Commander Karbin is believed dead when his ship is lost.
(conjecture based on *Vader*)
- Near the end of the Clone Wars, propagandists for the Republic begin to portray the clonetroopers as the Republic's "Boys in White" in need of public support (such as in the case of Hamma Elad's COMPOR poster Support the Boys in White). This backfires, however, as dissenting voices emerge that question the use of these "boys" (who are, after all, only about 13 years old in real terms) as disposable soldiers.
(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)
- Near the end of the Clone Wars, the Jedi discover that the owner of a particular merchant shop on Otor's Hub has been dealing in black market items. He is taken into custody, and the Dug Rudaga takes over the shop.
(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)
- Around this time, Kuat Drive Yards designs the R-22 prototype A-wing starfighter in hopes that it can be used by the Republic to replace the Aethersprites being used by the Jedi.
(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi: Incredible Cross-Sections*)
- Near the end of the Clone Wars, Tok and Steya move from Rodia to Jedha, where they buy a storefront near the Blessing Way to sell guides on spirituality, the Force, and other subjects of

interest to tourists. Shortly after their arrival, Steya seeks out Guardian of the Whills Chirrut Imwe and asks him to teach her in the Jedhan fighting style known as zama-shiwo.

(conjecture based on *Guardians of the Whills*)

- *By the end of the Clone Wars, Aayla Secura is promoted to Jedi Master.*
(conjecture based on *Ultimate Star Wars*)
- *Sometime late in the Clone Wars, Captain Rex, Commander Wolffe, and Gregor have the chips in their heads (the ones discovered by Fives) removed.*
(conjecture based on *The Lost Commanders*)
- *In the last days of the Republic, the settlement of Crispus Commons is set up on Gorse as a refuge for homeless Clone Wars veterans.*
(conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)
- *By the end of the Clone Wars, Wilhuff Tarkin is an adjutant general.*
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)
- *Just before the Battle of Coruscant, Ahsoka Tano travels to Mandalore with the intention of helping Bo-Katan's faction to gain control over their opposition, which remains loyal to Maul, who has returned to Mandalore after the recent defeat of most of his forces. She (or possibly Bo-Katan) reaches out to Ahsoka's former comrades in the Jedi Order for help in stopping Maul's faction. While the Jedi will not engage in the fight for Mandalore directly, Anakin Skywalker travels to the system, where he gives Ahsoka back her lightsabers and hands over command of a large contingent of Torrent Company (including Captain Rex) to Ahsoka to aid her in the fight. Unfortunately, neither Anakin nor Obi-Wan Kenobi can remain on Mandalore to join the fight (whether the Jedi Order would allow it or not), because they are soon called away when Supreme Chancellor Sheev Palpatine is "abducted" by General Grievous.**
(conjecture based on *Ahsoka* and comments made by Dave Filoni at *Star Wars Celebration Europe* in 2016)*

*NOTE: This could very likely be actually in early 19 BBY, right before ROTS, but since we do not yet have a digital calendar that references months for Story Group Canon, we have no way to know whether ROTS is *exactly* 19 BBY or something more like 18.8 BBY as in the case of the *Legends Continuity*.

- *Has Obitt narrowly misses out on getting caught up in the invasion of Saleucami, but he ends up in the middle of a sneak attack on Roche.*
(conjecture based on *Catalyst*)

Aftermath Trilogy [continued] (novel trilogy: Chuck Wendig)

Empire's End (novel: Chuck Wendig)

Part Five

Interlude: The *Imperialis*, Twenty-Five Years Ago

Catalyst [continued] (novel: James Luceno)

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Life During Wartime [continued]

Angry Red Planet

The Clone Wars [continued] (cartoon series: Drew Z. Greenberg & Steven Melching & Tim Burns & George Kristic & Kevin Campbell & Kevin Rubio & Paul Dini & Henry Gilroy & Julie Siege & Katie Lucas & Bill Canterbury & Craig Titley & Brian Larsen & Eoghan Mahony & Wendy Meracle & Melinda Hsu & Andrew Kreisberg & Ben Edlund & Carl Ellsworth & Dave Filoni & Cameron Litvack & Steve Mitchell & Craig Van Sickle & Daniel Arkin & Christian Taylor & Matt Michnovetz & Bonnie Mark & Jose Molina & Brent Friedman & Chris Collins & Charles Murray & Jonathan W. Rinzler)

Battle Lines (cartoon series: Jose Molina & Daniel Arkin & Bonnie Mark & Steve Mitchell & Craig Van Sickle & Matt Michnovetz & Brent Friedman & Katie Lucas)

Water War (cartoon: Jose Molina)

Gungan Attack (cartoon: Jose Molina)

Prisoners (cartoon: Jose Molina)

Shadow Warrior (cartoon: Daniel Arkin)

Mercy Mission (cartoon: Bonnie Mark)

Nomad Droids (cartoon: Steve Mitchell & Craig Van Sickle)

Darkness on Umbara (cartoon: Matt Michnovetz)

The General (cartoon: Matt Michnovetz)

Plan of Dissent (cartoon: Matt Michnovetz)

Carnage of Krell (cartoon: Matt Michnovetz)

Kidnapped (cartoon: Henry Gilroy & Steven Melching)

Slaves of the Republic (cartoon: Henry Gilroy & Steven Melching)

- Escape from Kadavo (cartoon: Henry Gilroy & Steven Melching)
 - A Friend in Need (cartoon: Christian Taylor)
 - Deception (cartoon: Brent Friedman)
 - Friends and Enemies (cartoon: Brent Friedman)
 - The Box (cartoon: Brent Friedman)
 - Crisis on Naboo (cartoon: Brent Friedman)
 - Darth Maul Returns (cartoon: Katie Lucas)*
 - Massacre (cartoon: Katie Lucas)*
 - Bounty (cartoon: Katie Lucas)*
 - Brothers (cartoon: Katie Lucas)*
 - Revenge (cartoon: Katie Lucas)*
- *NOTE: The feature-length version of this story, entitled *Darth Maul Returns*, begins with the “fortune cookie” from *Brothers*, then a mash-up of the opening narration from *Massacre* and *Bounty* (but re-recorded to flow well). We then see the first five minutes or so of *Brothers* (up until Anakin and Ahsoka are talking in the booth at the diner), but it cuts out Dooku’s opening scene of the episode and Asajj sensing Savage (since, in the feature-length version, she has not even arrived on Dathomir yet). (One interesting element here is that this puts Talzin on Dathomir on her own, during her scene about Savage and Maul “soooooon” being reunited during a time frame *before* Asajj arrives and Dooku wipes out much of the clan, rather than after the massacre.) It then returns to the original airing order to take us through the entire *Massacre* episode. It then returns to *Brothers* for the trek across the surface, right where it left off before *Massacre*’s segment began. It continues through *Brothers* without cutting anything until it reaches Maul’s line, “I must have revenge.” In the single episode, that would mean it was time for a scene at the Jedi Temple. In the feature-length cut, it instead jumps to the beginning of *Bounty*. From that point, we continue straight through *Bounty* without cutting anything, just like we did with *Massacre*. (Again, an interesting point here is that this version makes Savage’s quest for Maul an interlude in Asajj’s story, giving her more time to go through her “transformation” from Nightsister to bounty hunter than it originally seemed.) After *Bounty* ends, we move immediately into *Revenge*. When *Revenge* ends, though, so does the feature-length film. In other words, there are three scenes from *Brothers* that were *cut* to create this feature-length release that are never re-inserted (Dooku’s opening scene, Asajj sensing Savage, and then Yoda and Obi-Wan sensing Maul’s return).
- A War on Two Fronts (cartoon: Chris Collins)
 - Front Runners (cartoon: Chris Collins)
 - The Soft War (cartoon: Chris Collins)
 - Tipping Points (cartoon: Chris Collins)
 - Young Jedi (cartoon: Christian Taylor)
 - The Gathering (cartoon: Christian Taylor)
 - A Test of Strength (cartoon: Christian Taylor)
 - Bound for Rescue (cartoon: Christian Taylor)
 - A Necessary Bond (cartoon: Christian Taylor)
 - Secret Weapons (cartoon: Brent Friedman)
 - A Sunny Day in the Void (cartoon: Brent Friedman)
 - Missing in Action (cartoon: Brent Friedman)
 - Point of No Return (cartoon: Brent Friedman)
 - Revival (cartoon: Chris Collins)
 - Eminence (cartoon: Chris Collins)
 - Shades of Reason (cartoon: Chris Collins)
 - The Lawless (cartoon: Chris Collins)
 - Sabotage (cartoon: Charles Murray)
 - The Jedi Who Knew Too Much (cartoon: Charles Murray)
 - To Catch a Jedi (cartoon: Charles Murray)
 - The Wrong Jedi (cartoon: Charles Murray)
 - The Lost Missions (cartoon series: Katie Lucas & Christian Taylor & Jonathan W. Rinzler)
 - The Unknown (cartoon: Katie Lucas)
 - Conspiracy (cartoon: Katie Lucas)
 - Fugitive (cartoon: Katie Lucas)
 - Orders (cartoon: Katie Lucas)
 - An Old Friend (cartoon: Christian Taylor)
 - The Rise of Clovis (cartoon: Christian Taylor)
 - Crisis at the Heart (cartoon: Christian Taylor)
- Catalyst [continued] (novel: James Luceno)**
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 - Life During Wartime [continued]
 - The Long Comm

The Clone Wars [continued] (cartoon series: Drew Z. Greenberg & Steven Melching & Tim

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The Lost Missions (cartoon series: Katie Lucas & Christian Taylor & Jonathan W. Rinzler)

The Disappeared, Part I (cartoon: Jonathan W. Rinzler)

The Disappeared, Part II (cartoon: Jonathan W. Rinzler)

The Lost One (cartoon: Christian Taylor)

Voices (cartoon: Christian Taylor)

Destiny (cartoon: Christian Taylor)

Sacrifice (cartoon: Christian Taylor)

Catalyst [continued] (novel: James Luceno)

Catalyst [continued] (novel: James Luceno)

Life During Wartime [continued]

Mundane Science

Kindred Spirits (SW1159 short story: Christie Golden)

Kindred Spirits (SW1159 short story: Christie Golden)

A New Dawn (novel: John Jackson Miller)

A New Dawn (novel: John Jackson Miller)

“Prologue”

The Clone Wars [continued] (cartoon series: Drew Z. Greenberg & Steven Melching & Tim Burns & George Kristic & Kevin Campbell & Kevin Rubio & Paul Dini & Henry Gilroy & Julie Siege & Katie Lucas & Bill Canterbury & Craig Titley & Brian Larsen & Eoghan Mahony & Wendy Meracle & Melinda Hsu & Andrew Kreisberg & Ben Edlund & Carl Ellsworth & Dave Filoni & Cameron Litvack & Steve Mitchell & Craig Van Sickle & Daniel Arkin & Christian Taylor & Matt Michnovetz & Bonnie Mark & Jose Molina & Brent Friedman & Chris Collins & Charles Murray & Jonathan W. Rinzler)

Story Reels (cartoon series: Daniel Arkin)

A Death on Utapau (cartoon: Daniel Arkin)

In Search of the Crystal (cartoon: Daniel Arkin)

Crystal Crisis (cartoon: Daniel Arkin)

The Big Bang (cartoon: Daniel Arkin)

The Bad Batch (cartoon: Brent Friedman)

A Distant Echo (cartoon: Brent Friedman)

On the Wings of Keeradaks (cartoon: Brent Friedman)

Unfinished Business (cartoon: Brent Friedman)

Dark Disciple (novel: Christie Golden)

Dark Disciple (novel: Christie Golden)

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Darth Maul: Son of Dathomir (comic series: Jeremy Barlow)

The Enemy of My Enemy (comic: Jeremy Barlow)

A Tale of Two Apprentices (comic: Jeremy Barlow)

Proxy War (comic: Jeremy Barlow)

Showdown on Dathomir (comic: Jeremy Barlow)

Dark Disciple [continued] (novel: Christie Golden)

Dark Disciple [continued] (novel: Christie Golden)

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Chapter 2

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Chapter 5 [continued]

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 Chapter 11 [continued]
 Chapter 10 [continued]
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Tales from a Galaxy Far, Far Away [continued] (TFAGFFA:A short stories: Landry Q. Walker)

The Crimson Corsair and the Lost Treasure of Count Dooku (TFAGFFA:A short story: Landry Q. Walker)

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Kanan [flashback] (comic series: Greg Weisman)

First Blood [flashback] (comic series: Greg Weisman)

The Corridors of Coruscant [flashback] (comic: Greg Weisman)

The Towers of the Temple [flashback] (comic: Greg Weisman)

The Canyons of Kardoa [flashback] (comic: Greg Weisman)

The Mesas of Mygeeto [flashback] (comic: Greg Weisman)

The Fog of War [flashback] (comic: Greg Weisman)

19 BBY (SW3)

- After three long years of relentless fighting, the Clone Wars are nearly at an end. The Battle of Coruscant rages in the skies over the capital world. Supreme Chancellor Palpatine has been kidnapped by General Grievous (an act Jedi Master Shaak Ti was unable to prevent) and taken aboard Grievous' flagship, the Invisible Hand. Help is on the way, though, as the legendary pair of Jedi Master Obi-Wan Kenobi and Jedi Knight Anakin Skywalker is en route. They burst onto the scene leading Clone Flight Squad Seven (under Odd Ball and launched from the carrier Ro-Ti-Mundi), whose V-19 Torrent Starfighters take the lead before their ARC-170s and the two Jedi follow. Obi-Wan and Anakin are forced to take on numerous Separatist starfighters, including tri-fighters and vulture droids. When Obi-Wan's newer-model starfighter (an Eta-2 Actis Jedi Interceptor) is nearly incapacitated (and his droid, R4-P17, is destroyed) by a series of buzz droids, Anakin is able to help him get his ship just enough under control to careen into the docking bay of the Invisible Hand. Anakin follows in his own starfighter, similar to his trip inside the Trade Federation vessel during the Battle of Naboo. Together, the two Jedi begin slicing their way through battle droids on their way toward Grievous' quarters, where Palpatine waits, shackled to Grievous' throne-like chair. (Of course, this has all been arranged by Palpatine himself, since he is the Sith Lord Darth Sidious, in partnership with his Sith Apprentice, Darth Tyranus, better known as the Separatist leader Count Dooku.) Obi-Wan and Anakin finally enter the room, seeing Palpatine as a prisoner. When Dooku enters, the three do battle, two blue lightsabers against one red Sith saber. Dooku is able to incapacitate Obi-Wan, leaving him under a fallen platform. Anakin, though, is not as easily defeated. He presses his advantage, even as Palpatine urges him on (prompting Dooku to wonder if Sidious has lost his mind or if he has betrayed his apprentice). Anakin follows Palpatine's prompting, finally cutting off both of Dooku's hands, leaving him on his knees, defenseless. At Palpatine's command, Anakin beheads Dooku, killing the Sith Apprentice and paving the way for himself to later take his place. Anakin is shocked by his own actions, but Palpatine tries to reassure him of the necessity of Dooku's death. Anakin then frees Palpatine, puts an unconscious Obi-Wan over his shoulder, and they begin their escape. Unfortunately, their escape through shifting passages on the wounded vessel leads them, along with the newly-returned R2-D2 (from the hangar bay), to be captured again by General Grievous' MagnaGuards and droids. The droids take the quartet to General Grievous on the bridge. Once there, they leap into action. Anakin, R2-D2, Obi-Wan, and even Palpatine (to a degree) do battle with the droids, tearing through them. The ship reaches the point of being unable to escape destruction. As the ship begins to burn in Coruscant's atmosphere and fall apart, Grievous smashes open the front viewport, leaping out through it in the massive winds that result, using a cable to bring himself onto the hull of the ship, allowing him to get to the bridge's escape pods from the outside and escape the ship's impending doom. He also sends the other escape pods away empty, leaving no way for Anakin, Obi-Wan, Palpatine, and R2-D2 to escape. (Grievous does not know that Palpatine is Darth Sidious and thus, technically the boss of his boss, Dooku.) They land the*

Invisible Hand harshly, but it is a landing they can walk away from. The four of them leave the ship and are met by Mace Windu. Palpatine suggests the importance of capturing Grievous now that Dooku is gone. (Grievous is now, by default, the de facto head of state for the Separatists.) Mace says that they will make capturing Grievous the Jedi Order's priority. Obi-Wan and Anakin head off on their own. During their trip to the Jedi Temple, Mace expresses his concerns over Anakin's relationship with Palpatine and trust issues with both. Meanwhile, Anakin and Palpatine are to head off together toward the Senate. On their way toward the building, Anakin finds Padmé. Padmé, though, is hiding a secret from the world and now must reveal it to Anakin. Padmé is pregnant with their unborn child. Anakin is excited, just as she is, but who knows how such a birth will affect their secret marriage? If the Jedi learn that he is with her, he would be expelled from the Jedi Order. That night, though, their happiness is attacked by a dark vision in the Force. Anakin has had a dream, or a vision, of Padmé dying during childbirth. He resolves that nothing else matters but finding a way to save her. Meanwhile, politics continues to be another battlefield of the Clone Wars. The Senate is about to pass a new law that would turn over direct control of the war (essentially a title of Supreme Commander of the Army of the Republic) to Supreme Chancellor Palpatine. This would also include complete authority over the Jedi Council, which at this point still rests with the Senate. Worse yet, the control over the Jedi Order would allow Palpatine to, in theory, call for the disbanding of the Jedi Order itself. Amid the discussions on the issue, it becomes apparent that the Jedi Council does not trust Palpatine, and they are wary of Anakin's relationship with the man. They want to essentially use Anakin to spy on Palpatine, since they believe that Darth Sidious is very likely among his top advisors. Elsewhere, General Grievous informs Nute Gunray and the Separatist Council on the planet Utapau that their new hiding place on Mustafar is complete. They are to leave Utapau immediately for this new, secret base. Soon, Anakin meets with Palpatine, who fills Anakin in on his various suspicions that the Jedi Council is after power and may be plotting against him. To protect against this, now that the law has been passed that has put him in control of the Jedi Order, he appoints Anakin to be his personal representative on the Jedi Council. At the Jedi Temple, Anakin arrives to take his place on the Council, but the situation is anything but welcoming. He is allowed on the Jedi Council, but he is not granted the rank of Jedi Master. What's more, they want Anakin to serve on the Council (as ordered) and also spy on Palpatine for them. Later, Anakin and Padmé discuss the situation with Palpatine, the Senate, and the Jedi Order, and they seem to be increasingly on opposite sides of the issue, she on the side of the Senate and Jedi and him, without realizing it, on the side of Palpatine against the Jedi Order, or at least the Jedi Council. Shortly thereafter, Anakin joins Palpatine at a Mon Calamari ballet, where Palpatine further reveals his beliefs about the Jedi plotting against him. Palpatine has already figured that Anakin had been asked to spy on him, and he claims to have nothing to hide. He suggests that the Sith, whom he studied quite a bit, were after power, but so are the Jedi. He makes a convincing case for the idea that the Sith are not evil, but another, simply different philosophical order dedicated to the Force. Among the stories he tells Anakin is the tale of Darth Plagueis the Wise (Darth Sidious' AKA Palpatine's very own Sith Master). Plagueis had delved so far into the Force that he eventually learned to master life and death, being able to cause life to spring forth by manipulating midichlorians and, yes, using that same power to extend his own life in a form of virtual immortality. Unfortunately, Plagueis had taught this knowledge to his own Sith Apprentice (Palpatine, but Anakin doesn't know that, of course), who then killed Plagueis. Seeing the potential to save Padmé in this knowledge and hoping that the story is more than just a legend, Anakin wonders if it is a power that can be learned. Palpatine simply answers, "Not from a Jedi." The Jedi Council decides to send a Jedi out to hunt down General Grievous, whom Clone Intelligence has tracked to Utapau, but they won't send Anakin, who might be powerful enough to handle it. Instead, they will send Obi-Wan. Anakin has to stay behind and keep an eye on Palpatine. Obi-Wan leaves for Utapau with his Republic force (including a new Jedi Interceptor and R4-G9). Obi-Wan lands on Utapau, where General Grievous has, quite obviously, set a trap for Obi-Wan. Upon landing his Jedi Interceptor, leaving his clone troopers (under Commander Cody) ready for action above, Obi-Wan sets out on a varactyl named Boga. Obi-Wan soon confronts General Grievous. Obi-Wan is set upon by Grievous' droids, yet he is able to defeat many and still continue forward. Obi-Wan brings down his Republic force to engage the Separatist force. The Battle of Utapau has begun. Back on Coruscant, the Jedi Council sends Anakin to report to Palpatine that Obi-Wan has engaged Grievous. Palpatine's reaction will tell the Jedi whether he intends to give up his emergency powers when Grievous is captured or killed,

which in turn would allow the Jedi to know if Palpatine, surrounded by the Dark Side, should be removed from power. They know they would have to lead the Senate to make sure transition is peaceful in that situation, but no matter how peaceful their intentions, it would still take the Jedi to a dark place by taking over the government, even to save it from its own corrupt Chancellor. When Anakin finally arrives at Palpatine's office, Palpatine discusses the actions of the Jedi and feeds into Anakin's suspicions of them, finally stepping beyond his Chancellor persona to begin revealing the truth to Anakin about being a Sith Lord. Palpatine offers the chance to leave the Jedi Order and be his friend and student. (Palpatine somewhat reveals that the legend of Darth Plagueis is real . . . and he, Palpatine, was Plagueis' Sith Apprentice.) Palpatine . . . is Darth Sidious. Anakin draws his lightsaber immediately, as everything finally falls into place. Palpatine/Sidious reminds Anakin that he has always been Anakin's friend, that theirs is only a philosophical difference, and, yes, that he may be the only hope Padmé has of survival. Anakin decides to reveal Palpatine's identity as Sidious to the Jedi Council, which Sidious knows will be the excuse the Jedi are looking for to overthrow him and "take over the Republic." It comes down to a question of whether Anakin is loyal to the Jedi Order or the Republic, whether he loves Obi-Wan or Padmé more . . . Back on Utapau, Obi-Wan, the true lightsaber master of the Jedi Order, personally duels, blade to blade, with Grievous, taking on numerous lightsabers at once, slicing apart the saber hilts (and even Grievous' fingers). Grievous runs for it. Obi-Wan gives chase on Boga as Grievous escapes on his wheelbike. Obi-Wan pins Grievous down near his escape ship, Soulless One, sending the wheelbike off a cliff. The two again fight one-on-one, Grievous' holdout blaster against Obi-Wan's confiscated MagnaGuard staff. Finally, when Obi-Wan seems at Grievous' mercy, Obi-Wan pulls Grievous' discarded blaster to his hand and fires into an open armor panel on Grievous' chest, killing the living organs inside. General Grievous is dead, but the Battle of Utapau continues. With the knowledge that Grievous and Dooku are both gone, the Jedi Council decides that it is time to confront Palpatine and have him cede his emergency powers back to the Senate. The decision is made for four Jedi Masters to go to Palpatine's office. The quartet will include Jedi Council members Mace Windu, Agen Kolar, Saesee Tiin, and Kit Fisto. Before they can move, Anakin enters, out of breath. Mace orders Anakin to wait in the Jedi Council chamber until they deal with Sidious. In his office, Palpatine waits for the Jedi to come for him. Anakin fights against his urges to somehow ensure that Palpatine survives, knowing he needs Sith knowledge to save Padmé's life. At Palpatine's office, the four Jedi Masters barge in. Meanwhile, Anakin decides to go to the office as well. At the office, Palpatine plays his role well, playing innocent, even as Mace announces intentions to arrest him. Palpatine doesn't flat-out deny the accusations, but instead strikes out at the Jedi. He cuts down Kit, Agen, and Saesee, then duels Mace one-on-one, even as Anakin nears the office. Anakin arrives to find three dead Jedi Masters as he enters the office. Inside, Mace Windu duels against Darth Sidious in the room . . . and then outside, as they both moved out onto the ledge outside the office, half a kilometer in the air. Once outside, Mace is able to discard Sidious' saber. Now holding Palpatine at his mercy, Mace says that Palpatine is under arrest. Palpatine blasts Mace with Force lightning, but Mace reflects it back at him, creating a circuit of energy, neither defeated. Both of them call toward Anakin for help, and Anakin makes his choice. Finally, Sidious gives in, letting the lightning end and feigning surrender. Mace, though, will not accept surrender. Seeing that Mace will not allow Palpatine to stand trial, knowing that Sidious controls the government, including the Senate and courts, Anakin has only one choice. As Mace swings to attack, Anakin severs Mace's saber-hand, even as Sidious blasts Mace with another burst of Force lightning, sending him over the edge. Mace Windu, revered Jedi Master, is dead. Anakin has made his choice and chosen Padmé . . . and Sidious. The Jedi are traitors, just as Palpatine (who now stands as a wrinkled, Force-ravaged being) said. Now, Palpatine needs his help to continue to root out the traitors in order to protect Palpatine and, by extension, Padmé. To Anakin, it is no choice at all . . . he accepts his Sith apprenticeship, even though Palpatine tells him that Darth Plagueis is the only Sith to have mastered control of life and death. He simply says that, together, they will find it. Darth Sidious dubs his new Sith Apprentice with a new name, "Darth Vader." Vader's first task will be the sterilization of the Jedi Temple, then the assassination of the Separatist leadership in their base on Mustafar. Only then can the Sith rule the galaxy forever in a New Order of peace. Darth Vader, Anakin Skywalker no more, returns to the Jedi Temple, this time with brigades of clonetroopers at his command. He kills many Jedi (including Padawans and Younglings). Meanwhile, on Utapau, the clonetroopers under Cody are encouraged to see Obi-Wan return to their landing craft, where Cody returns his

recovered lightsaber to him so he can return to battle. No sooner does Obi-Wan leave than the clones receive a transmission from Palpatine to execute "Order 66," the secret, pre-planned order to exterminate the Jedi. The Jedi Purge has begun. On Mygeeto, Galactic Marine clones under Commander 1138 (Bacara) kill Ki-Adi-Mundi. On Felucia, Aayla Secura falls to Commander Bly's troops. In the skies of Cato Neimoidia, Plo Koon is blasted in his Jedi Starfighter by Captain "Jag" Jai'galaar. On Saleucami, Stass Allie is gunned down on her speederbike. On Kashyyyk, Yoda is able to kill his would-be assassins (Commander Gree of the 21st Elite and another trooper) and escape. On Coruscant, the Senate declares martial law, and the Jedi Temple, which is now burning, is cited as the heart of a Jedi uprising against the Republic. Seeking to help, Senator Bail Organa lands on the Temple roof and orders Captain Raymus Antilles to ready his personal ship, the Tantive III (which both Captain Antilles and Captain Colton command, jointly), for possible emergency launch. Even as Bail watches, despite being held back by clones under Commander Appo, a ten-year-old Jedi emerges, slashing through clones until being cut down by blasterfire. Bail is targeted for death as well, as they are to leave no witnesses. Bail runs for it, taking his speeder back into the sky. (He is actually allowed to go by Sergeant Fox, the lead clone on the roof.) He orders Antilles to prepare to leave the capital world. On Utapau, every available weapon is aimed at Obi-Wan Kenobi when Commander Cody receives Order 66. Boga is killed, but Obi-Wan manages to escape the barrage. Back on Coruscant, Anakin (and R2-D2) land at Padmé's veranda in his Jedi Interceptor. He informs her that the Jedi have been outlawed and all Jedi are being required to turn themselves in to the Republic. He gives her the "happy" news that they can be together now, happy and a family, now that the Jedi Order is no more and there is no need to hide. Without much ado, Anakin (and, again, R2-D2) launch in his Jedi Interceptor to complete his mission of death on Mustafar. Elsewhere on Coruscant, Bail and Antilles make plans to head for Kashyyyk in hopes that Yoda might have survived Order 66. On Utapau, Obi-Wan confiscates Grievous' now-abandoned Soulless One and escapes the planet. Near Kashyyyk, the Tantive III spots an escape pod launched from the planet by Wookiee warriors Tarful and Chewbacca (yes, that Chewbacca), bearing Yoda, who had escaped clones on Kashyyyk with the Wookiees' help. The little Jedi Master is saved. In space, Obi-Wan tries to make contact with any allies, making contact with Bail. They rendezvous in space. Obi-Wan fears that Anakin has died along with the others when the Jedi Temple was attacked. They determine that they must return to Coruscant, despite its being a trap for all Jedi, so that they can change the Temple's beacon to tell Jedi to stay away, rather than that the war is over and to come home, as Anakin had set it to broadcast during his raid. The Senate has been called into session by Mas Amedda anyway, though, so they all have to return. Meanwhile, Vader arrives at Mustafar. As Anakin heads for the Separatist hidey-hole, the final signal to stand down all of the droid armies across the galaxy is completed. Sidious tells them via hologram that the Separatist leaders will now receive their reward . . . as Vader enters and begins slaughtering every last one of them. Meanwhile, Palpatine speaks out to the Senate. He claims that the Jedi deformed him and left him with his new visage during the attempted "assassination." Now he declares the Republic's transformation into the first Galactic Empire, under the leadership of Emperor Palpatine, ruler for life alongside the power of the Galactic, nay, "Imperial" Senate. It is a New Order based on safety, security, justice, and peace. Amid the Senate, Padmé and Bail discuss what is happening. At the Jedi Temple, Yoda and Obi-Wan set about taking out numerous clones. The bodies of the Jedi are everywhere, but they find bodies felled by a lightsaber, not just blasters. Yoda already knows who carried out the carnage. Obi-Wan cannot bear to accept what he too knows must be true. They then reset the Jedi recall beacon that is set to bring any remaining Jedi back to Coruscant to now tell any remaining Jedi to escape and hide (as Jedi student Caleb Dume suggested months earlier in one of his moments of curiosity). It now broadcasts the following: "This is Obi-Wan Kenobi. Republic forces have been turned against the Jedi. Avoid Coruscant, avoid detection. Stay strong. May the Force be with you." Now, the two known remaining Jedi Masters, Yoda and Obi-Wan Kenobi, must take on the two Dark Lords of the Sith, Sidious and Vader. As Yoda heads for Palpatine's office, Obi-Wan sneaks to Padmé's apartment. Padmé, whom Obi-Wan now realizes is pregnant by Anakin, won't help him find and kill him. Obi-Wan leaves. Shortly thereafter, Padmé and C-3PO leave as well, heading for Mustafar. Obi-Wan, though, is spying at the time, as one might expect. He stows away on her ship as she leaves Coruscant. Even as the ship comes to land on Mustafar, Yoda steps toward destiny on Coruscant as well. He enters Sidious' office, confronting the Dark Lord. Yoda begins reaching for his lightsaber as Sidious strikes against

him with Force lightning . . . Back on Mustafar, Padmé is reunited with Anakin. She holds him, still loyal to him after all that has happened, but he is not the man she knew. Anakin believes that he is doing what he is doing for the greater good. He is securing peace now, and when Palpatine, the public face of the Empire, makes himself the most hated man in the galaxy, Anakin will rise up and kill him, taking power and ruling benevolently. Finally, Obi-Wan emerges from the ship. Vader believes that she purposely brought him there. As punishment, he uses the Force to choke her. On Coruscant, Yoda, with the Light Side of the Force and all of its dead Jedi symbolized in him, engages Sidious, who now bears his own holdout lightsaber, with the Dark Side and all of its dead Sith masters symbolized in him . . . On volcanic Mustafar, Vader releases Padmé, then he and Obi-Wan ignite their lightsabers and the duel begins. As they do so, C-3PO and R2-D2 bring Padmé aboard her ship . . . On Coruscant, Yoda and Sidious enter the Senate chamber and begin fighting amid hovering podiums, even as Yoda starts to realize that he would not be able to defeat his adversary. Yoda tries to disengage, but takes a blast of Force lightning and falls to the base of the Senate chamber. Yoda escapes, even as an alert goes up to capture the fleeing Jedi Master. Sidious cannot wait, though. He orders a shuttle readied to take him to Vader's aid. Even as he does so, Yoda escapes the building and flies off with Bail Organa in Bail's speeder . . . Back on Mustafar, the duel continues, intense and personal, as the two move inexorably closer to open rivers of molten lava. When the superstructure collapses, they battle, swinging on cables before heading to solid metal again, part of a structure being pulled outward toward a lavafall. Obi-Wan leaps to safety, using a platform moving along the lava flow as a landing point, which he then guides toward the shore, even as Anakin, aboard a faster repulsorlift droid, charges toward him above the lava, moving between him and the shore. Anakin leaps aboard the platform, continuing the duel, before Obi-Wan leaps away, landing on the shore, just barely. Anakin, overconfident, leaps toward Obi-Wan . . . but he isn't fast enough. Obi-Wan's next saber moves, guided by the Force, sever both of Anakin's lower legs and his remaining fully-human arm, leaving Anakin to try to save himself by clawing at the sand with his mechanical hand . . . It isn't enough. As Anakin begins to burn, Obi-Wan takes up Anakin's saber with his own and tells Anakin that he was the Chosen One, meant to destroy the Sith, not join them. In the end, Obi-Wan loved him like a brother, but the Master could not save his former Padawan. Even as Sidious' shuttle arrives to land nearby, Obi-Wan leaves Anakin to die, refusing to kill a helpless man. Instead, he chooses to run back to Padmé's ship, where he finds Padmé badly injured by Anakin's attack. He launches for space, never looking back. In the short time that follows, Sidious pulls Vader from certain doom, willing him to live. Elsewhere, on the asteroid colony of Polis Massa, in a surgical theater, Padmé is dying, just as Anakin's vision foretold. Rather than giving birth to one Skywalker heir, she is giving birth to two. First comes a boy, whom she names Luke. Next comes a girl, Leia. Fading away, Padmé tells Obi-Wan that she knows there is still good in him, as she holds something, the jappor snippet that Anakin gave her when she was only fourteen. With that, Padmé Amidala passes away. Yoda, Obi-Wan, and Bail confer on what to do now. They decide to send Padmé back to Naboo for burial, disguised as if she is still pregnant. The two children will be separated and hidden away, not to be instructed in the ways of the Jedi until such time as the Living Force brings Obi-Wan or Yoda back to them. Bail offers to adopt Leia as his daughter with his wife Breha on Alderaan, as they have considered adopting a daughter for years. Luke will be taken to live with the closest thing to kin that he has, the Lars family on Tatooine (who cannot have children of their own). Obi-Wan will go to Tatooine also to keep an eye on Luke, fulfilling an obligation to his greatest friend. Yoda believes that these two will someday be the foundation of a new Jedi Order. As for Bail, he will blend into the Senate, while working behind the scenes against the Sith. Yoda suggests to Obi-Wan that he has something that Obi-Wan should learn while in solitude from Obi-Wan's old Master, that same secret of Force identity that Qui-Gon's spirit promised to teach Yoda. As for C-3PO and R2-D2, they were owned by Anakin and Padmé, thus the property now of Leia, but while Bail will take them with him to Alderaan, he orders Antilles to have C-3PO's memory wiped. Meanwhile, on Coruscant, surgical droids finish reconstructing their patient. More machine now than man, Darth Vader lives again. His first words are to ask for Padmé. Sidious informs him of what will be his truth for years to come, that Anakin himself killed her. And now, his power is nothing compared to what it was. His anger destroys the droids around him and the surgical table, but he cannot harm Sidious. Sidious is all he has left. Finally, as our tale comes to a close and the dark era of the Empire begins, a funeral is held for Padmé Amidala on Naboo, attended by many dignitaries, including Sio Bibble and Naboo's Queen Apailana.

A small Jedi Master on Dagobah makes his new home. A baby girl is brought to her new family. A baby boy is brought to his new family by the Jedi Master that will watch over him. And two Sith Lords, aboard a Star Destroyer with Governor Wilhuff Tarkin (one of twenty Imperials to be named Moffs), look upon the first superstructure of a massive spherical battle station, the size of a small moon . . . The Sith's revenge is complete.

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- The Rule of Two (PTS short story: Rebecca L. Schmidt)**
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- Darth Vader Rises (PTS short story: Rebecca L. Schmidt)**
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CONCURRENT TO SW3 (19 BBY)

- *In the wake of the Battle of Coruscant, Odd Ball records his thoughts on the battle as part of an after-action report, and that testimony will find its way into a book on major battles of the*

last 70 years (or so) in the wake of the Battle of Starkiller Base.

*(conjecture based on *On the Front Lines*)*

- *On Mandalore, Ahsoka Tano engages with Maul in a lightsaber duel. Knowing that her chances of defeating him are in question, she tricks him into stepping into just the right place for her allies (who on Mandalore include Captain Rex and much of Torrent Company, plus Bo-Katan's Mandalorian faction) to capture Maul in a ray shield. (To be continued below . . .)*
(Ahsoka)
- *With Maul captured, the tide shifts on Mandalore so that the Republic force (under former Jedi Padawan Ahsoka Tano) gains control of the planet. The Jedi place Bo-Katan Kryze in control of the planet as regent.*
*(conjecture based on *Ahsoka*, *The Protector of Concord Dawn*, and *Heroes of Mandalore*)*
- *On Mandalore, as Order 66 is issued, confusion ensues. Captain Rex, who has had his chip removed, is not compelled to follow the orders. He is saved from the situation by Ahsoka Tano, as she saves herself from being targeted (if she was targeted at all, given that she is not officially a Jedi anymore). Unfortunately, Maul escapes in the chaos.*
*(conjecture based on *Ahsoka*)*
- *When Order 66 is issued, Commander Wolffe and Gregor (like Captain Rex), who have had the chips in their heads (the ones discovered by Fives) removed, do not carry out Order 66.*
*(conjecture based on *The Lost Commanders*)*
- *On the planet Kaller, Jedi Master Depa Billaba (now returned from some mysterious disappearance) and her Padawan, Caleb Dume, lead Republic troopers under Captain Styles and Commander Grey in battling Separatist forces under General Kleeve. Kleeve orders Separatist withdrawal, leaving the Kalleran ruler, Gamut Key, on his own. Gamut, though, knows that the Republic could be just as oppressive as the Separatists. For her part, Depa has the troops camp out for the evening, rather than imposing on the Kallerans, as a sign of good faith. That night around the campfire, Caleb questions Depa on why she did not talk back to Gamut, and she notes that their actions will show their intentions and that she believes that the Jedi made an error in becoming military leaders. The clones disagree, and Caleb is shocked to find her questioning the decisions of the Jedi High Council. She reminds him, though, that he himself is known at the Temple for constantly asking questions, something the clones find hilarious. Depa chose him because he had a questioning nature, though, and she gives him a holocron to study the role of questions and peaceful dissent in the Jedi Order. As Styles, Grey, Depa, and Caleb continue their banter, Grey receives the call to initiate Order 66. As the clones attack, Depa awakens Caleb and orders him to run. Caleb freezes in the moment, as Depa take down Kaylon, Remo, and Mixx. Caleb finally snaps back to reality and helps her take down Soot and Big-Mouth. Again, she orders him to run, lying to say she will follow when she is really sacrificing herself to save him. As she tries to stop Styles from blasting Caleb as he runs away, she is shot and killed. Caleb makes his way back to Plateau City. (To be continued below . . .)*
(The Last Padawan)
- *Four months after Separatist raids began on Lokori (shortly after Galen Erso, Lyra Erso, and Jyn Erso moved there), Galen's "friend" Orson Krennic has other problems. Geonosian drones are now tearing up all of the work they have done for the last three months on the Death Star. Poggle has left them behind as a distraction, while he heads for Utapau to rejoin the Separatist Council there. (He will proceed from there to Mustafar soon, only to meet his end at the hands of Darth Vader.) Despite attempting to catch him, Poggle manages to escape Geonosis. Around the same time, Galen, Lyra, and Jyn are caught amid yet another battle between the Separatists and Republic on Lokori, but the battle ends abruptly when the droids shut down. The Clone Wars are apparently over. (To be continued below . . .)**
(Catalyst)*

*NOTE: This segment begins with chapter 12 of the novel. Three months have passed between chapters 10 and 11.

- *When the signal to shut down all Separatist battledroids reaches Agamar, super tactical droid Kalani overrides the order, believing it to be a possible Republic trick. This leaves Kalani and his droids some of the only Separatist droids still active from the Clone Wars in the years after the conflict ends. They remain on Agamar at the munitions depot where they were stationed by Separatist command.*
*(conjecture based on *The Last Battle*)*
- *On the day the Clone Wars end, Has Obi is in Sy Mythrian space doing scut work for a local*

Hutt.

(conjecture based on *Catalyst*)

- *On the same day that the Clone Wars end, the last thoriide mines on the dark side of Gorse close.*

(conjecture based on *Star Wars: Rebels: The Visual Guide* and *A New Dawn*)

- *On the day the Empire is founded, Ezra Bridger is born on Lothal to Ephraim Bridger and Mira Bridger.**

(conjecture based on *Empire Day*)*

***NOTE: I would usually put a birth at the beginning of year section, but this one is specific to a particular day, which plays a significant role in *Empire Day*.**

- *As Emperor Sheev Palpatine addresses the galaxy about the Jedi insurrection, Nipaltoo, whose sister (Palabee) was taken to become a Jedi years earlier, blames the new Empire for his sister's presumed death. He is approached by surviving Jedi Padawan Ferren Barr, who claims to be a Jedi Master and partially mind tricks Nipaltoo into joining his group of acolytes to work against the Empire. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Burning Seas)

- *Ahsoka Tano and Captain Rex escape Mandalore, and Ahsoka hears Obi-Wan Kenobi's message about Jedi needing to go into hiding to survive to fight another day. She and Rex decide to go their separate ways in the Outer Rim to more easily disappear. They dig a fake grave for Rex (which may actually hold a different dead clonetrooper), falsely claiming that he died and killed Ahsoka. Rex leaves, while Ahsoka remains behind briefly.*

(conjecture based on *Ahsoka*)

- *On Coruscant, on the day after the founding of the Empire, 63 senators are arrested for supposed collusion with the "Jedi insurgency." Among them are figures like Shea Shadashassa of Herdessa, Ivor Drake of Kestos Minor, Fang Zar of Sern Prime, Streamdrinker of Tynna, and Tanner Cadaman of Feenix. Part of the reason that these senators were targeted is that they signed the Petition of 2,000 that spoke out against a new system of regional governorship. Bail Organa and Mon Mothma are detailed but released after professing their loyalty. Mon Mothma will later say that part of why she fights the Empire is her guilt over this act that saved her life while others were killed.*

(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)

- *With the "deaths" of both Captain Rex and Ahsoka Tano now inscribed in a headstone at Rex's fake grave, Ahsoka stands at the grave and wishes she had been with Anakin Skywalker at the time of Order 66, thinking she could have saved his life (and believing he is dead). She leaves both of her lightsabers stuck into the ground at the grave as a supposed trophy in tribute to Rex for "killing her." She will no longer carry them as a former Jedi in hiding, and leaving them will help sell the illusion that she and Rex are dead, at least until someone steals the lightsabers for their obvious black market value. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Ahsoka)

- *As the Trade Federation leadership is slaughtered by Darth Vader on Mustafar, Imperial moneylender Arsin Crassus plunders their accounts to help fund the new Imperial government.*

(conjecture based on *Aftermath*)

- *Immediately after his cries of "no" upon discovering that Padmé is dead, Darth Vader uses the Force to pin Darth Sidious to the wall of the chamber. Sidious claims that while he could have saved her, Vader chose a different path in his anger. Vader chooses to embrace the pain of this fact to help him survive, even as his master blasts him with Force lightning, highlighting his lack of a lightsaber. Sidious informs him that if he ever attacks his master again, Sidious will kill Vader and finish what Obi-Wan Kenobi started. Sidious then shows Vader a ceremony on the steps of outside, where Mas Amedda is destroying captured lightsabers, even Yoda's. Vader must find a surviving Jedi and take his lightsaber, bending its kyber crystal to his will so that it "bleeds" and changes to red, the color of Sith rage. (To be continued below . . .)*

(The Chosen One)

- *Due to letting Poggle the Lesser escape from Geonosis, Orson Krennic is not aboard the Imperial Star Destroyer that bears the new Emperor and Darth Vader to observe the construction of the Death Star near Geonosis. He observes the ship's progress from Sentinel Base, frustrated that Wilhuff Tarkin is aboard with the new Empire's leadership. With the war over, he sees the Death Star now not as a key to winning the war but to preventing future*

wars through power that cannot be challenged. To do that, though, he still needs Galen Erso to work on the superlaser. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Catalyst)*

*NOTE: This segment begins with chapter 13 of the novel.

- *Surviving Jedi Padawan Ferren Barr, who now claims to be a Jedi Master, continues to recruit a group of acolytes to work against the Empire. He approaches Rebb and Stell, whose planet has been occupied by the Empire. He approaches Orvek, whose home was relocated due to the Empire needing the area. He approaches Daren, who was once saved by Anakin Skywalker sometime during the Clone Wars. He also recruits Verla, who actually seems able to use the Force. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Burning Seas)

Ahsoka (novel: E.K. Johnston)

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Interlude Before Chapter 1

Kanan [flashback] [continued] (comic series: Greg Weisman)

The Last Padawan [flashback] (comic series: Greg Weisman)

Fight [flashback] (comic: Greg Weisman)

Flight [flashback] (comic: Greg Weisman)*

Catalyst [continued] (novel: James Luceno)

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Life During Wartime [continued]

A Cog in Something Turning

Darth Vader: Dark Lord of the Sith (comic series: Charles Soule & Chris Eliopoulos & Robert Thompson & Chuck Wendig)

Burning Seas (comic series: Charles Soule)

Burning Seas, Part IV [flashback] (comic: Charles Soule)

Ahsoka [continued] (novel: E.K. Johnston)

Ahsoka [continued] (novel: E.K. Johnston)

Interlude Between Chapters 5 and 6

Darth Vader: Dark Lord of the Sith [continued] (comic series: Charles Soule & Chris Eliopoulos & Robert Thompson & Chuck Wendig)

The Chosen One (comic series: Charles Soule)

The Chosen One, Part I (comic: Charles Soule)

Catalyst [continued] (novel: James Luceno)

Catalyst [continued] (novel: James Luceno)

Life During Wartime [continued]

Kyber Crystal Persuasion

Darth Vader: Dark Lord of the Sith (comic series: Charles Soule & Chris Eliopoulos & Robert Thompson & Chuck Wendig)

Burning Seas (comic series: Charles Soule)

Burning Seas, Part IV [flashback] (comic: Charles Soule)

Burning Seas, Part V [flashback] (comic: Charles Soule)

19 – 18 BBY

- *Moreena Krai is born on Lothal.*
(conjecture based on *Ezra's Gamble*)
- *Dalné, future queen of Naboo, is born on Naboo.**
(conjecture based on *Leia: Princess of Alderaan*)*

*NOTE: She is "a girl no older than Leia herself."

- *Thane Kyrell is born to Oris Kyrell and Ganaire Kyrell on Jelucan.*
(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*)
- *Ciena Ree and Wynnet Ree (twins) are born to Paron Ree and Verine Ree on Jelucan. Within hours, Wynnet dies. In later years, Ciena will wear a braided bracelet as a reminder of Wynnet and follow a tradition of saying, "Look through my eyes," as a way of sharing her experiences with her deceased twin.*
(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*)
- *Ved Foslo is born on Coruscant.*
(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*)
- *Nash Windrider is born on Alderaan.*

(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*)

- *Galactic news media reports that Nute Gunray (killed by Darth Vader on Mustafar) supposedly committed suicide when the Separatist Council saw no path to victory in the Clone Wars.*

(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)

- *Jannitha Xoczuiko, a droid programmer, begins working for the Corellian Engineering Corporation on Corellia.*

(conjecture based on *Solo: The Official Guide*)

- *Breha Organa and Bail Organa present baby Leia Organa at her first Name Day ceremony as their “daughter by adoption and love.” This makes her a princess of Alderaan, but she will not be the crown princess (i.e. heir to the throne) until she is invested after completing her challenges from the Day of Demand when she is 16 years old.*

(conjecture based on *Leia: Princess of Alderaan*)

- *Around this time, Dil Pexton does a deal with a Trandoshan smuggler in which he acquires many false ship transponder IDs. He provides these IDs to Auric Graf in case he ever needs them.**

(conjecture based on *The Snare*)*

***NOTE: This is two years prior to Dil being forced to betray Lina and Milo Graf.**

- *With the fall of Anakin Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi’s self-imposed exile to Tatooine to look after Luke Skywalker, Qui-Gon Jinn, who has retained his essence in the Force but can currently only manifest as a voice for Obi-Wan to hear, begins pushing himself to learn how to manifest himself visually as a Force ghost to make Obi-Wan’s “exile” less lonely. It will take him a decade to learn how to do so.*

(conjecture based on *Master and Apprentice*)

- *With the rise of the Empire and so many business organizations dismantled or absorbed into the Empire, the Fardi family is able to set up their own legal and illegal operations on Thabeska without needing to ally with the Hutts, since there is such a power vacuum.*

(conjecture based on *Ahsoka*)

- *With the rise of the Empire and the transformation of the Grand Army of the Republic into the Imperial Army, General Hurst Romodi is one of the Empire’s very first generals.*

(conjecture based on *Destiny and Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)

- *With the rise of the Empire and the end of the Jedi Order, Chelli Aphra’s father becomes obsessed with the Ordu Aspectu and finding their lost Citadel. This obsession runs counter to the wishes of his wife, Lona Aphra, who wants only to just go make a home in the middle of nowhere and live without fear of the Empire or anything else. Chelli’s father cannot bear not finding the Ordu Aspectu so that he, someone who is far from being a warrior, might help create a peaceful, safe galaxy for his daughter to grow up in. This drives a wedge between them, and Lona leaves with Chelli, blaming his obsession.*

(conjecture based on *Aphra*)

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(conjecture based on *Ahsoka*)

- *With the rise of the Empire, Corellia’s famous shipyards are converted for Imperial production. They will produce TIE fighters, Star Destroyers, and more in the years to come.*

(conjecture based on *Solo: The Official Guide*)

- *With the rise of the Empire and its military expansion, demand will rise for medical supplies, resulting in a full-scale seizure and occupation of the planet Iakar.*

(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)

- *With the rise of the Empire, the cloning facilities on Kamino are shut down, leaving just the current class of clonetroopers to receive training and enter active service.*

(conjecture based on *The Chosen One*)

- *Early in the era of the Empire, the Empire chooses not to use R-22 A-wings from Kuat Drive Yards, so they do not enter mass production. Those already produced are mostly sold to the planet Tammuz-an. Early rebel cells will later acquire many of these (likely from Tammuz-an) and strip them down to increase their speed to create the so-called “RZ-1 A-wing,” which will serve as a counter to TIE Interceptors.*

(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi: Incredible Cross-Sections*)

- *With the Clone Wars over and Roman Herbane having lost a limb and the confidence of*

Helical HyperCom, Galen Erso is offered the chance to take his place at the Lokori facility. Galen says he will think it over, but he is inclined to decline.

(conjecture based on Catalyst)

- *With the death of Poggle the Lesser, the Geonosian queen appoints a new archduke to oversee the soldiers and drones, but this is just for the sake of appearances and appeasing the queen. The Empire now fully controls Geonosis.*
(conjecture based on Catalyst)
- *On Tatooine, Obi-Wan Kenobi finds an old prospector's hut that has been abandoned. He decides that it will be a decent place to live in his "exile," and he purchases a humidifier from Watto to manage the air inside.*
(conjecture based on Time of Death)
- *Caleb Dume spends days in Plateau City on Kaller without food or sleep, afraid of being found by clonetroopers. He has been taught to be a Jedi but never how to survive in the "real world" away from the Jedi Order on his own. He encounters a Kalleran named Janus Kasmir, who had been confronted by clonetroopers days earlier for insulting the Jedi. Janus gives him food and a chance to sleep aboard his ship, the Kasmiri. He then gives him a cloak. Caleb's communicator pings with the Jedi emergency signal that tells him to return to Coruscant. Before he can investigate any further message, Janus is called outside to be questioned by clones looking for Caleb. On an impulse, Caleb steals the Kasmiri and leaves Kaller to return to Coruscant. He is just about to emerge from hyperspace when he receives Obi-Wan Kenobi's "updated" message from the emergency signal. Obi-Wan has used the signal in the way that Caleb suggested during the Clone Wars to warn Jedi away from Coruscant, rather than call them home into a trap. Obi-Wan's recording warns the Jedi to go into hiding because the Republic has fallen. Unfortunately for Caleb, he then emerges right above Coruscant and is immediately surrounded by ARC-170 starfighters, there to capture him as a starship thief and, more importantly, as a Jedi. Caleb makes a run for it, escaping into hyperspace and heading where no one would expect – back to Kaller. Upon arrival, Janus confronts him, takes back his ship, and sends Caleb on his way. (To be continued below . . .)*
(The Last Padawan)
- *In his quest to acquire a new lightsaber and twist it to his control, Darth Vader is dropped off on a Mid Rim world by Darth Sidious to begin his search. He finds the ship left for him stolen already, so he hunts down the thieves, killing them all. He then sets out for the Mid-Rim outpost known as Brighthome, formerly a Jedi outpost, where some of the remaining clonetroopers (Ding, Kicker, etc.) are taking an inventory of Jedi artifacts. As Vader's Sith ship nears, clones in ARC-170s try to stop him, since he refuses to present codes that he actually does have (or his droid has, at least), Vader wipes them out. He boards and takes out the clonetroopers waiting for him, briefly using a lightsaber that the clonetroopers were checking into inventory. He leaves it behind, as he has not killed its master to earn and control that blade. He has his droid seek out information in the station's databank about Jedi known as Barash-takers, those who have cut themselves off from the galaxy and would not have reacted to Order 66, thus likely still being alive to hunt. He learns of Barash-taker Jedi Kirak Infil'a, whose only duty for the Jedi Order was to fight. That will be Vader's target. Kirak is on the River Moon of Al'doleem, where he keeps his skills strong by dueling the droid Arex. Vader arrives there, and when Kirak senses his approach (something dark in the Force), the ship is hit by pieces of artwork propelled by Kirak through the Force high into the air. While the droid works on repairs, Vader confronts Kirak, to whom he confesses having killed the Jedi, something Infil'a sensed in the Force. Kirak declares his Barash vow complete, his true path now revealed: to stop Vader. A valley with a sluice gate runs alongside Kirak's chosen meditation place, Mount Passvaal, so Kirak first opens the gate, hammering Vader with rushing water. Vader emerges and crosses a bridge, where Kirak causes raptorans to attack him. Instead of having Arex activate various traps like blowing up the bridge, he simply allows Vader to confront him in combat. Vader has no lightsaber, but when Arex leaps in with a weapon designed to train against lightsabers, Vader defeats him easily and rips his arm off to acquire the weapon. Vader and Kirak do battle, until Kirak slashes off the bottom of Vader's left leg and deduces that Vader must have a master out there that Kirak will need to hunt down and destroy. Kirak then Force pushes the kneeling Vader off the mountain and down to the cliffs below (the same place Vader threw what was left of Arex). Vader uses the Force to blast Arex into tiny pieces, which he then adds to his armor as he "heals." Meanwhile, Kirak travels to the dam at Am'balaar City, finally returning to civilization from years of meditation.*

He returns to the workshop of mechanic Mareena (and her daughter, Colli, and Jogg, who appears to be Mareena's mate, holding a newborn). Mareena has been storing his Jedi Starfighter (a Delta-7A) for years. It needs repairs, though, before he can leave in it. Back in the valley, Vader attaches the lower part of Arex's left leg to his own limb, retrieves Arex's saber, and seeks Kirak. At the dam, they duel again. Vader uses the Force to start a flood, using it to distract Kirak long enough to get him in a Force choke, kill him, and acquire his green lightsaber. Vader returns to the ship, which is now repaired, and the droid takes over, per instructions from Palpatine to take control of its navigation once Vader acquired a lightsaber. The droid takes Vader to the end of his journey, Mustafar. He is to seek out a locus of Dark Side energy and, upon finding it, draw upon it to corrupt the kyber crystal in Kirak's lightsaber, making it "bleed" and become red. When Vader first attempts this, the kyber crystal seems to zap him through the Force, sending him into a vision that seems real. In the vision, he rebuilds the lightsaber without corrupting the crystal, returns to Coruscant and the Emperor, then engages him in a lightsaber duel, killing him. He then finds Obi-Wan Kenobi (somewhere, since his vision does not reveal that Obi-Wan is on Tatooine), where he begs (either for forgiveness or death), but Obi-Wan does not strike him down. Upon returning into his right state of mind, Vader refuses the vision's possibilities, believing that his current life and the Dark Side are all there is for him now. He forces the crystal toward the Dark Side, turning it crimson as required. He returns to Coruscant as Palpatine is meeting with Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin and Mas Amedda. When he arrives, a pair of royal guards attempt to stop him, but he Force throws them into the window, nearly shattering it. Finally alone when Palpatine sends the others away, Vader draws his lightsaber, not to strike down his master, but to show him that he has indeed turned it crimson. The crystal is his now. Having now proven himself in this instance, Vader must be healed and his armor repaired, so he goes into a bacta tank while his armor (and the pieces of Arex used to patch it) are laid out nearby. When Palpatine says that he will have the armor repaired, Vader's flash of anger causes Palpatine to realize that Vader intends to modify, repair, and upgrade his own armor. He does so, using the Force to do the work while still inside the bacta tank. As he finishes the last adjustments to his mask and has put on all but that piece of armor, he receives word from Palpatine that there is an intruder in the old Jedi Temple Archives. He confronts the intruder, fighting him with the Force and his new red lightsaber against the intruder's unusual red-bladed lightsaber with a half-circle grip that becomes a double-bladed lightsaber with a full circle grip that can spin like a propeller. Vader defeats the intruder by damaging his lightsaber, but before he can kill the intruder, Palpatine arrives and stops him. The Emperor introduces the intruder as the Grand Inquisitor, to whom he gave permission to explore the Jedi Archives for information that could serve the Inquisitorius. Palpatine engineered the encounter as a means of introducing Vader to the concept of the Inquisitorius and to show the Grand Inquisitor why he might be first of the Inquisitors but the Inquisitors all serve the Sith, including Vader. They travel to the Works, where Palpatine introduces Vader to the Inquisitorius, former Light Siders (including the Grand Inquisitor, who was once a Jedi Temple guard known as the Sentinel), who have been a pet project of the Emperor. They are now his Dark Side-using Jedi hunters. Palpatine instructs Vader to train the Inquisitors to be the best Jedi hunters possible, as the remaining Jedi who survived Order 66 represent the greatest current threat to the Empire.

(The Chosen One)

- After bouncing around a small number of places to hide out, Ahsoka Tano takes her ship (which may be recognizable to the Empire) to Thabeska, where she sells it to the patriarch of the Fardi family, a family running both legitimate and illegal enterprises on the planet. Fardi takes a liking to Ahsoka, who goes under the name "Ashla." He helps her find a place to live, she meets his family (including several daughters), and when she shows an aptitude for fixing droids, Fardi makes her part of the family business as a mechanic. In this situation, Ahsoka remains "numb" to the outside world and all that she experienced at the end of the Clone Wars for months. (To be continued below . . .)

(Ahsoka)

- On Coruscant, Darth Vader trains the Inquisitors, most of whom he has now maimed in some way, teaching a lesson in loss. The Grand Inquisitor is not particularly fond of Vader's methods, but Vader believes that the Inquisitors are currently hampered by the fact that they used to be Jedi, which means that they tend to fight defensively and believe that a battle can be a victory if both sides survive. Vader finds them pathetic, but he believes that could change, especially given that he will now have to own the success or failure of the

Inquisitorius. The Grand Inquisitor shows Vader a list of Jedi who survived Order 66, including one on the list that is marked as a high priority by Emperor Palpatine: Jocasta Nu, former caretaker of the Jedi Archives. For her part, Jocasta is hiding out on a planet with her friend and non-Jedi scholar, Gar. Jocasta finishes recording a holocron about the purpose of the Jedi Order. She has been putting together as much information as she remembers from the Jedi Archives in hopes that the Jedi can rise again one day. At the former Jedi Temple on Coruscant, Vader gives the Grand Inquisitor the access to the Jedi Archives that he always wanted but could never get when Jocasta was in charge. He is to seek out clues on where Jedi might be in hiding. Elsewhere, Jocasta completes her library of holocrons, making her current hiding place a future school for Jedi. However, she still needs students, and for that she will need to get into the Jedi Temple to acquire information from a secret chamber that includes a list of all Force sensitive children located within the galaxy. Jocasta leaves Gar behind and takes her Delta-7 Jedi Starfighter, droid (B2), and lightsaber (unused in a long while) to Coruscant. At the same time, Vader asks Palpatine why Jocasta is such a high priority target. It seems that the Jedi have acquired various artifacts from Light Side and Dark Side sites throughout the galaxy, and Jocasta knows the secrets and location of these artifacts, including those of the ancient Sith. He also, however, sees the list of Force sensitive children as a treasure necessary for the future of the Empire. The Inquisitors can know she is on the list and help hunt her, but only Vader, as a Sith Lord, can know the truth of why they need to capture her alive. Jocasta makes it into the Jedi Temple, but when local guards discover her starfighter and droid, Beetoo causes the starfighter to explode, killing the guards and destroying both the starfighter and the droid, covering her tracks. Jocasta notices the Grand Inquisitor reading through material in the Jedi Archives, but she has a mission of her own and does not yet interfere. Meanwhile, investigation into the explosion by the Imperial Security Bureau leads to Vader being called to the Temple, even though few know his actual role and rank within the Empire. Jocasta accesses a secret room within the Archives, where droid caretaker Cator has kept the most important and dangerous artifacts safe. Vader arrives at the site of the explosion and uses the Force to pull the ship's pieces together enough to recognize the Jedi ship. He intends to search the Temple for Jocasta alone. Inside, Jocasta recovers a datacard with the names of the Force sensitive children of the galaxy, then leaves Cator to continue guarding the other artifacts. On her way out, she sees the Grand Inquisitor disrespecting "her" books by tossing ones he deems to be "drivel" over his shoulder. She can bear no more and leaps down onto the table where he sits, drawing her lightsaber on him and telling him to get his hands off of her books. Outside, Vader arrives and orders Fox and other stormtroopers to keep the site secure. Inside, Jocasta duels the Grand Inquisitor, who reveals that he was once a Jedi and his frustrations over her blocking his access to these books. Just as he is about to deliver a death blow, Vader stops him. As they bicker over whether she should die, she uses the Force to drop books on them and escapes with her lightsaber. As Vader calls out to Jocasta, she recognizes him as a Sith and deletes all of the records in the Jedi Archives. He follows her into her secret area, where the droid recognizes him as Anakin Skywalker by his bioscans. As Vader destroys the droid, Jocasta, reacting to his true identity, takes drastic measures. She inserts her lightsaber into a Jedi weapon, which turns it into the power source for a powerful rifle. It quickly runs out of power, though, melting her lightsaber. Vader does not intend to kill her, since he needs her knowledge, but instead of giving in, she sends the rifle toward him, where it self-destructs, blasting a hole in the side of the building so that she can escape. As she prepares to leap down to where the stormtroopers await, she retrieves a lightsaber from the shelves to block their attack. As Vader emerges with his own lightsaber, the stormtroopers below mistake him for a Jedi and open fire. Fox arrives in a gunship and orders them to cease fire, but Fox has seen his true nature, so Vader hops aboard and kills him. The troopers below have nearly captured Jocasta when she tries to jump backward from the roof to her death. Instead, Vader grabs her with the Force and brings her aboard. The stormtroopers aboard recover a memory crystal from her, which Vader puts into his suit to reveal that it is a list of the names of Force sensitive children. Jocasta says that this means the Emperor wants to make more of Vader, but what does Vader himself want? She then reveals Vader's true identity to the other troopers aboard, "forcing" Vader to kill them all. Vader then kills Jocasta. He reports to Palpatine that Jocasta tried to escape custody and was killed in the attempt. He destroys the memory crystal and reports that he learned nothing from her before her death. Meanwhile, Jocasta's ally, Gar, uses explosives to bury the entrance to Jocasta's secret trove of Jedi knowledge and Holocrons until the time is right for them to be found. (They will indeed be

found years later by the son of Anakin Skywalker, Luke Skywalker.)

(The Dying Light)

- Caleb Dume lives on the streets again for a bit until, having followed Janus Kasmir around secretly, he jumps in to “save” Janus from goons he was trying to hire that were threatening him. He takes Caleb in as a subordinate, since he lost the chance to hire those goons. Janus has Caleb cut off his Padawan braid, put his hair (which has grown on the streets) into a ponytail, separate his lightsaber into two pieces to be hidden, smash his Jedi comlink, and hide away his Holocron, while also taking to holding a blaster, rather than a lightsaber. His “look” is very similar to how he will look while as a member of the Ghost crew years later. He must also give up his name, as he is wanted by the Empire, but he does not take a new one yet, simply being referred to by Janus as “Kid.” They are carrying out the job, the theft of IG-RM droids, when they are caught by Gamut Key. Janus tries to make a deal to get himself out of trouble by turning over Caleb! He will keep the IG-RM droids they were taking, and Gamut Key can keep Caleb for the bounty on his head. Gamut agrees and lets Kasmir go, then contacts Grey and Styles about Caleb. The troopers will arrive within the hour to carry out Caleb’s execution. Fortunately, Kasmir is far more loyal than Caleb expected. He uses an IG-RM droid to break through the wall of Caleb’s cell and rescue him. They escape the planet, and Caleb continues working with Kasmir as his partner in smuggling, keeping his true identity hidden. The two become friends, even as they race to stay one step ahead of Grey and Styles. They reach Lahn to arrange an agreement to steal cargo and trade it. Kasmir sends Caleb to check that their buyer has what they need, only to discover that “Jondo” is actually Separatist General Kleeve. Kleeve convinces Caleb that he was fighting for freedom in his own way and that the Republic did indeed turn out to be on the enemy’s side, so perhaps they should never have been enemies at all. Kleeve does want to trade a spice haul for a ship that Kasmir requested, which will allow Caleb to have his own ship in their operations. Unfortunately, by the time Caleb nears their landing site, Grey and Styles have caught Kasmir, who claims that he ditched Caleb after leaving Kaller. To save Kasmir from being caught in the lie, Caleb has no choice but to escape alone. He heads back to Kleeve and convinces him to let him leave with the ship, the Kasmiri II (or Escape, as Caleb suggests). Once they reach its docking bay, though, Grey and Styles pounce, with Styles subduing Kleeve and pinning Caleb to the ground with a blaster to his head, while Gray keeps Kasmir subdued. They leave Kasmir and Kleeve behind, and Styles takes Caleb back to their ship. Gray arrives to find that Styles has not killed Caleb yet. Styles wants to share the kill with Gray and seems excited by the prospect of killing a “traitor,” but Caleb makes an argument that the Republic was betrayed by Palpatine, and the Jedi were betrayed by him, not the other way around. Styles brushes off the argument and is about to shoot Caleb when he breaks free of his wrist bonds and Force pushes both troopers away. Nearby, both the Kasmiri and Escape emerge from hyperspace and attack, piloted by Kasmir and Kleeve. Caleb uses the Force to blast open the airlock hatch, sending himself out into space without an EVA suit. He is saved by a rather surprised Kasmir. As the space battle continues, Caleb’s rescuers are nearly defeated when Gray finally has a change of heart. He recognizes how they never questioned orders and acted as if under a spell when Order 66 had them kill Depa Billaba, whom the clones had virtually worshipped. At a critical moment, Gray draws his blaster and shoots the ship’s control panel, dropping their shields just in time for a final desperate volley from the rescuers to destroy the ship. Gray has set things right as best as he can. With Styles and Gray apparently dead, Caleb, Kasmir, and Kleeve return to Kaller, where Caleb, having now lost the clones too (even though he still believes both were trying to kill him), decides that he must be on his own so as not to lose anyone else. He pushes Kasmir away, then takes his meager belongings (Depa’s holocron and the parts of his lightsaber) with him aboard the Escape and leaves his new allies behind. He travels to Moraga, where he meets a local named Morfizo, to whom Caleb introduces himself under a new name that he has assumed: “Kanan Jarrus.” (To be continued below . . .)

(The Last Padawan)

- Several weeks before being reunited with Matese, Has Obitt becomes interested in a Dressellian barmaid named Woana on Rajtiri.
(conjecture based on Catalyst)
- To cover the arrival of Leia Organa, Bail Organa and Breha Organa claim that she is a war orphan, never denying that she is adopted, just hiding her true parentage.
(conjecture based on Bloodline)

- Sometime this year, Auric Graf and Rhyssa Graf take their children, Lina Graf (age 8) and Milo Graf (age 7), on a visit to Orto Plutonia, where Lina is trained in navigating frozen terrain. (conjecture based on *The Cold*)
- Sometime soon after his memory wipe, C-3PO has his “first job,” programming binary load lifters.* (conjecture based on *Star Wars: Episode IV—“A New Hope”*)*

***NOTE: I can’t believe I never thought of this. Kudos to Andrew Gilbertson for realizing that this item missing!**

- Jedi Huulik of the Chekkoo Rodian clan, injured during Order 66 by his clonetroopers, makes it all the way back to Rodia, where he dies. He is buried with honor in a tomb in the jungle. (conjecture based on *Heir to the Jedi*)
- In the wake of Order 66, the resentment and fury of Darth Vader during the assault on the Jedi Temple leaves a lingering Dark Side energy in the lower levels of the building for at least the next half decade. (conjecture based on *Tarkin*)
- With the rise of the Empire, Emperor Palpatine takes samples from the special tree in the Jedi Temple on Coruscant and will eventually have those samples studied in a lab on Vetine. (conjecture based on *Shattered Empire*)
- With the rise of the Empire, artist Palo Jemabie of Naboo is sentenced to a labor camp. He will eventually produce artwork for the Rebel Alliance. (conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)
- With the rise of the Empire, artist Ansibella Dellu is declared an enemy of the Empire. (conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)
- With the rise of the Empire, Saw Gerrera leads his forces on Onderon against the Republic as one of the first anti-Imperial rebel cells in the galaxy. (conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)
- With the rise of the Empire, Cassian Andor will join various anarchist groups until, years later, being recruited into Rebel Alliance Intelligence by Davits Draven. (conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)
- With the rise of the Empire, thoriide mining operations on the night side of Gorse, which have ended on the same day as the Clone Wars, shift to Gorse’s moon, Cynda, which had previously been known as a beautiful tourist destination. (conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)
- With the rise of the Empire, the Republic forces on Ryloth become Imperial forces and refuse to leave. They become an occupying force on the planet, giving Cham Syndulla and the freedom fighters who stood up against the Separatists a new enemy to rise against. Sometime during the resistance against the Empire, Cham’s wife (mother of his daughter, Hera Syndulla) is killed, causing Cham to become hardened and focus entirely on the liberation of Ryloth from the Empire, considering it more important than Hera or the fate of the galaxy beyond Ryloth. (conjecture based on *Homecoming*)
- In the wake of the Clone Wars, Skelly awakens from his coma from the Battle of Slag’s Pit, learns the fate of his comrades, and discovers his poorly-attached prosthetic hand. With the war over, his soldiering days are done. He lives in poverty until returning to demolitions work for various corporations until finally making his way to Cynda years later. (conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)
- In the wake of the Clone Wars, Tengenine comes under the control of crime syndicates due to how badly the infrastructure of the planet was hit by the Separatists during the conflict. (conjecture based on *Twilight Company*)
- In the wake of the Clone Wars, droids like AP-5 are relegated to less important duties in the Empire, as other, newer models take precedence. (conjecture based on *The Forgotten Droid*)
- In the wake of the Clone Wars, Hodnar Borrum leads a force of clonetroopers against the supposed final stand of the remaining Jedi in their mountain fortress on a planet known as either Madar or Morad.* (conjecture based on *Life Debt*)*

NOTE: When recounting this, Rae Sloane is not sure of which name of the planet is correct.

- With the rise of the Empire, Jedi Master Uvell, a survivor of Order 66, provides a ship full of Jedi artifacts to historian Antron Bach for safekeeping. Antron takes them to a moon with an old, abandoned Geonosian colony and creates a vault to protect them. As for Uvell, he goes

on to fight the Empire, passing along Antron's name and location as a potential ally to a resistance against the Empire.

(conjecture based on The End of History)

- *With the rise of the Empire, the study of Jedi history (and, by extension, the Sith) is banned. As such, Korin Pers loses her position on the subject at the University of Bar'leth. Little does she know that her expulsion was partly due to the machinations of Toob-Nix, who replaces her.*
(conjecture based on Lando and Aphra)
- *A bottle of Alderaanian wine from this year will be shared by Trusk Berinato and Leia Organa on Crait shortly after the Battle of Yavin.*
(conjecture based on Storms of Crait)
- *With the rise of the Empire, the Wookiees of Kashyyyk are enslaved by the Empire.*
(conjecture based on The Nest)
- *In the wake of the Clone Wars, the Imperial government uses archaic eminent domain laws to take ownership of the pristine B'ankora reserve in the western hemisphere that had been set aside and preserved since the era of Supreme Chancellor Chasen Piiian as a sanctuary for the B'ankora, the last remaining survivors of a sentient species of ruminants. The Empire relocates the B'ankora to a similar landscape on a dying world in the Mid Rim, then transforms the former nature preserve into the home of the massive Project Celestial Power complex.*
(conjecture based on Catalyst)
- *With the rise of the Empire, religions that worship or believe in anything supernatural, including the Force, are banned by Imperial law. Followers of such religions, including the Church of the Force, must go underground or resettle to remote locations.*
(conjecture based on The Force Awakens Visual Dictionary)
- *With the rise of the Empire, Jan Dodonna is one of the first officers selected to captain one of the Empire's Star Destroyers.**
*(conjecture based on The Princess, the Scoundrel, and the Farm Boy)**

***NOTE:** This could theoretically be during the Clone Wars for the Republic, but Wedge specifically says the Empire when talking to Luke about this.

- *With the rise of the Empire, the remaining clonetroopers become part of a new military arm, the Stormtrooper Corps. Eventually, due to the threat of biological weapons targeting clone genetics, as evidenced during the Clone Wars, Emperor Palpatine opens the ranks of the stormtroopers to all citizens, not just clones.*
(conjecture based on Absolutely Everything You Need to Know and The Secret Academy)
- *With the rise of the Empire, the Jedi Temple on Coruscant is refit to become the new Imperial Palace with Darth Sidious residing in the Tranquility Spire and holding court in the Pinnacle Room. Sidious tasks 11-4D, a droid that once belonged to his own master, Darth Plagueis, with excavating and restoring the Sith shrine in the deepest sublevels of the building. Sidious keeps the shrine as secret even from Darth Vader, for now. As the Temple is being refit, its grounds become the new Palace Court, and new buildings will soon be built nearby, the COMPNOR Arcology Building and the headquarters of Naval Intelligence. The entire area around the new Imperial Palace becomes the Federal District.*
(conjecture based on Tarkin and Nexus of Power)
- *In this era, a saying emerges: "Better to be spaced than based on Belderone." The saying is meant to reflect how those who are stationed closer to Coruscant tend to be more important than those farther away. Some say the phrase originates with the last clones produced on Kamino to be stormtroopers, while others claim that the saying originates with the first generation of graduates from Imperial military academies.*
(conjecture based on Tarkin)
- *In the wake of the Clone Wars and the rise of the Empire, Mandalore comes under Imperial occupation (thanks to the Republic – now Imperial – forces that have just liberated the planet from Maul's faction). Some Mandalorians, warriors known as the Protectors, who fought for the Republic during the Clone Wars, led by Fenn Rau, choose to settle on Concord Dawn and its moons.**
*(conjecture based on The Protector of Concord Dawn and Ahsoka)**

***NOTE:** This occupation seems to be a different, earlier event than the actual full subjugation of the planet under Gar Saxon that takes place much later, once Sabine Wren has developed the Duchess weapon. It is unclear whether Bo-Katan Kryze is pushed out of power now or later, but since Gar Saxon appears to have been

involved, that would seem to be something that happens in the Sabine-influenced era of subjugation.

- *With the rise of the Empire, the Commission for the Protection of the Republic (COMPOR) is converted into the Commission for the Preservation of the New Order (COMPOR), under which the Imperial Security Bureau (ISB) is founded. Admiral Wullf Yularen of the Republic (now Imperial) Navy gives up his naval position to become a colonel in the ISB, overseeing a division that investigates sedition in the Senate. He will also act as a liason between the ISB and Military Intelligence, including the newly-founded Naval Intelligence Agency. The Naval Intelligence Agency itself will have its headquarters built atop monads that once made up the Republic's strategic center on Coruscant, making it the third piece of the Federal District's so-called "supreme triangle," alongside the Imperial Palace (the old Jedi Temple) and the COMPOR headquarters (which houses the Imperial Security Bureau, the Ubiquorate, and other organizations).*
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)
- *Ferric Obdur, master of propaganda, assists the Empire's COMPOR in easing the transition of the galaxy from Republic to Empire.*
(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)
- *With the rise of the Empire, efforts are made to destroy evidence of Jedi culture. The Empire comes to Devaron, where they heavily damage the Jedi's Temple of Eedit and restrict access to the structure. Eventually, an Imperial governor tries to go on a pikhron hunt to kill the creatures the locals have lived in harmony with for many, many years. When no one will take him, the Empire restricts the locals from sending their crops to market. They have to lead the hunts or starve, and the pikhron population is significantly decreased.*
(conjecture based on *The Weapon of a Jedi*)
- *When the Empire now on Devaron, an old Republic outpost near the Karatokai Mountains comes under Imperial control.*
(conjecture based on *Empire's End*)
- *In the wake of the Clone Wars, a large group of droids that were abandoned after the conflict join together over their grievances to form the Droid Gotra, a lethal droid band, mostly consisting of battledroids, which are mostly confined to an industrial region of Coruscant. Their movement does not gain much traction, and they end up becoming enforcers for the Crymorah crime syndicate.*
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)
- *In the wake of the Clone Wars, Techno Union R&D material is taken into Imperial custody. Among this information are the memories from the Triple-Zero personality matrix, which will eventually be housed at Hivebase-1.*
(conjecture based on *Remastered*)
- *In the wake of the Clone Wars and the formation of the Droid Gotra, droid Q2-B3KO joins the organization.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)
- *In the wake of the Clone Wars, the former Republic base Fort Anaxes is abandoned due to an infestation of fyrnocks.*
(conjecture based on *Out of Darkness*)
- *In the wake of the Clone Wars, Aiolin Astarte and Morit Astarte are handed over to Doctor Cylo for indoctrination and enhancement to serve Emperor Palpatine. The parents have given the children away as a means of helping the kids escape retribution that is likely to come upon the family because they supported the Separatists during the Clone Wars.*
(conjecture based on *Vader*)
- *In one of Darth Vader's first missions for Emperor Palpatine, he assassinates the leader of the Black Sun organization on Murkhana. This eventually paves the way for Black Sun to abandon the planet, though it is quickly replaced by the Sugi, a local affiliate of the Crymorah criminal organization, led by Faazah.*
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)
- *Sometime soon after the Clone Wars, Wilhuff Tarkin has the Carrion Spike built, mostly by Sienar Fleet Systems, using the stealth ship from the Battle of Christophsis as a template for many of its systems. It is outfitted by "every shipbuilder from Theed Engineering to Cygnus Spaceworks."*
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)
- *Sometime soon after the Clone Wars, Thrawn, still exploring to learn things for the Chiss Ascendancy, discovers a colony of refugee Neimoidians who beg him and the Chiss*

Ascendancy to help them rise up against the Empire, claiming their entire populace would join them. Thrawn claims he will perhaps help them, then leaves them, never to return. When he eventually meets Eli Vanto, who knows myths about the Chiss from Wild Space, he will briefly think Eli might be an agent of these Neimoidians, sent to keep an eye on him.

(conjecture based on Thrawn)

- *Soon after meeting Darth Vader on the journey to view the Death Star under construction, Wilhuff Tarkin begins to piece together things like how Vader inspires loyalty in his troopers, his lightsaber skills, how he looks at Tarkin as if he knows him, and so on, to form his unspoken belief that it is very likely that Darth Vader was originally Anakin Skywalker.*
(conjecture based on Tarkin)
- *With the rise of the Empire, Skree, a space station in a dust nebula and thus hidden from Imperial scrutiny, becomes a haven for scum and villainy (or continues to do so, assume that such a hidden stature existed during the Republic as well since its inception about a century ago).*
(conjecture based on The Heist)
- *With the rise of the Empire, mining operations in the “ring” or “asteroid field” of Noctu (actually an ore-rich moon that shattered after over-mining in the past) are reopened after having been shut down years earlier by the Republic over safety concerns.*
(conjecture based on The Darkness)
- *In the early days of the Empire and the Death Star’s construction, imperial Officer Jylia Shale is a vocal opponent of the battle station. This leaves her marginalized in the military command structure.**
*(conjecture based on Aftermath)**

***NOTE:** She says that she opposed it “from the beginning,” but since it was kept secret from most of the Empire, one wonders if this might take place later, whenever the Death Star’s existence becomes more known in the Empire’s highest ranks.

- *Around this time, Eeth Koth becomes a priest of the Church of the Ganthic Enlightenment and takes a lover (Mira), who becomes pregnant with his child.*
(conjecture based on Star Wars: Episode III--“Revenge of the Sith” and Fortress Vader)
- *The early days of the Empire see a new sports fad emerge: asteroid slalom. One prominent ski speeder used in asteroid slalom is the V-4 series produced by Roche Machines. During the Orleon Belt Grand Slalom Finals, an undetected stone-mite infestation leads to several racers and their ski-speeders being devoured. This tragedy is broadcasted live throughout the galaxy, causing the sport to quickly decline in viewership and popularity. Roche Machines sells off its remaining stock of V-4 ski speeders for bargain prices. Those they cannot sell are scrapped. Most of those sold will become exploration craft for asteroid settlements.**
*(conjecture based on The Last Jedi: Incredible Cross-Sections)**

***NOTE:** This is early in the reign of the Empire, but we don’t know how long it lasts, nor exactly when it starts.

- *When the Empire comes to Tangenine to bring order, they underestimate the strength of the local Malandro syndicate that runs Tangenine. The Empire turns to bounty hunters, especially locals. One such bounty hunter Lauren Mel Coelho, who choose to go by the name “Brand” these days. She takes bounties that are almost exclusively against the Malandro syndicate, working from Tangenine only.**
*(conjecture based on Inbrief)**

***NOTE:** This is “a few years” after the death of Julian Coelho, which is “a few years” after the deaths of their parents, which is about 30 years before ANH.

- *Very early in the rule of the Empire, pilots and gunners from the militaristic world of Pamarthe enter Imperial service in large numbers.*
(conjecture based on Bloodline)
- *Around this time, the construction of the Death Star enters phase three, work on the shield generators and hypermatter reactor.*
(conjecture based on Catalyst)
- *A few months after the end of the Clone Wars, Galen Erso, Lyra Erso, and Jyn Erso head to Coruscant. En route, they are asked by Orson Krennic to divert to meet him at the Orona Hotel on Kanzi. Krennic reveals that the Emperor has authorized a new venture called Project Celestial Power to supposedly create a new, virtually unlimited power source (but really a power source for the Death Star’s superlaser). A facility is under construction in the B’ankor Refuge on Coruscant. Palpatine (and Krennic) want Galen to be the director of research there. It is the kind of venture that Galen had proposed to Krennic during the war, and now Krennic can sweeten the deal. He provides a case full of kyber crystals for Galen’s use. While*

*Krennic is out of the room briefly, Lyra and Galen speak privately. Given the size and number of crystals, they could only have come from one source: Jedi lightsabers. Soon thereafter, Krennic meets with Wilhuff Tarkin aboard Tarkin's Star Destroyer, under repairs at Kartoosh. Krennic notes the need for more resources for the Death Star and suggests (per Mas Amedda) appropriating some planets for their resources with proper (fabricated) justification. At the Wanton Wellspring on Rajtiri, Has Obitt meets with several of his old drinking buddies and fellow smugglers when met by his contact, who turns out to be Matese from the Merj job (albeit now having lost an eye at Cato Neimoidia). Matese claims to be out of Republic service and avoiding Krennic specifically. He offers Obitt the chance to get in on an arms theft (from abandoned depots) and sales, based on information Matese has available. (To be continued below . . .)**

(Catalyst)*

***NOTE:** This segment starts a few months after ROTS, and by the time we meet Has Obitt again in this section, it is approximately two years since the rescue of the Ersos from Vallt, which was about two months into that "year relative to ANH." It ends perhaps as late as about four months into the year relative to ANH, given the timing reference in chapter 15 that provide some context looking back on this segment.

- *As the Empire establishes order, they begin turning their attention to Wild Space and the Unknown Territories.
(conjecture based on *The Escape*)*
- *Sometime in the wake of the Clone Wars, the Empire retakes control of Lansend 26.
(conjecture based on *Thrawn*)*
- *Two months before the first Empire Day celebration, Ahsoka Tano (living as "Ashla" on Thabeska and working for the Fardi family) watches the Fardi girls play, while little Hedala Fardi also watches from the sidelines. When the crates that the girls are playing on start to collapse, which would seriously injure the girls, Ahsoka instinctively uses the Force to protect them, pretending that it was just good fortune that saved them. Hedala appears to be the only one who actually saw what "Ashla" did to protect them. Three days later, as if inspired by seeing Ahsoka's act of Force uses, Hedala is spotted by Ahsoka using the Force to move a stone around. Ahsoka is shocked to find that Hedala is Force-sensitive, and she knows what this might mean for the child's future, but without knowing how to address this with her family without giving away her own identity, Ahsoka remains quiet about what she has seen. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Ahsoka)

- *Aboard his Venator-class Star Destroyer, Darth Vader orders an MSE droid to prepare his meditation chamber. He then checks with Mummert (either a general or an admiral, as Vader speaks to him using both ranks), who reports that they are unable to deploy ships to the Hortolo System by Vader's deadline, so Vader Force chokes him to death from the other side of the communication. Another officer arrives to report that only 10,000 of Vader's requested 50,000 troops have deployed in the Winnikk System, so Vader kills him as well, and the MSE droid must remove the body. Another officer arrives to report trouble preparing Vader's TIE fighter, leading to another death and the MSE droid carting away another body. The MSE droid then rushes to prepare the meditation chamber. Vader notes that it is the only entity that has not failed him or annoyed him that day, but then it bumps into him, and Vader destroys it with the Dark Side. Some days there is just no pleasing a Dark Lord.**

(No Good Deed...)*

***NOTE:** This story is found in the first issue of the second *Darth Vader* series from Marvel Comics. I place it here because it must be relatively early in the era of the Empire, since Vader is still using a Venator-class Star Destroyer, rather than a newer model. It is, of course, quite possible that this story is considered strictly a parody and thus non-canonical.

- *According to the story told to Darth Vader by the Ninth Sister, a bar fight occurs on Cabarria, wherein someone is reported using the Force to get out of it.
(conjecture based on *The Rule of Five*)*
- *Darth Vader travels to Cabarria due to a report from the Ninth Sister, who has reported that in a recent bar brawl, someone was reported using the Force to get out of it. Vader is there in case there is really a Jedi, since the Inquisitors are not ready yet. The Ninth Sister is particularly connected to emotions and recognizes Vader's eagerness to fight but also his eagerness to die. Vader visits the bar, where he becomes a target himself by a trio of bounty hunters (Bhada, his wife Ramat, and their daughter Chanath). Chanath draws Vader's lightsaber away with a tractor rifle, and the strain of trying to get it back destroys it, leaving its crystal and power cell. An ion grenade is set off so that only the family's own weapons can be used. Vader contacts the Ninth Sister to be given her lightsaber, but the Inquisitor pretends*

that the comlink was affected by the ion pulse and ignores his request. Vader starts to get the better of the hunters, so they flee, stealing the Ninth Sister's speeder without resistance. Vader blames the Ninth Sister for using a false report of a Jedi to set this trap, but she denies it, suggesting that someone else close to him did this. Vader chases them down and crashes their escape speeder. He then holds Chanath at the point of the Ninth Sister's now-commandeered lightsaber to demand who hired them. They do not know but can find out. Vader lets Chanath go once they confirm that the contract on him came from Coruscant and that Chanath will take no revenge in the future. She escapes, while Vader learns from her parents that the contract came from the Republic Executive Building, all the way at the top. The Emperor himself set this trap. Vader eliminates them (presumably), then heads for Coruscant with the Ninth Sister. En route, he assembles a new lightsaber (the one he will use for many years to come). Upon arrival over Coruscant, they are attacked as a threat with comms jammed. They are shot down, but Vader lands them without either taking severe injuries. Vader then heads to the former Jedi Temple, where Palpatine is going over the artifacts Jocasta Nu had been hiding away. Vader questions the Emperor directly on whether the kill order came from him. Palpatine asks to see Vader's new lightsaber and turns it on him briefly, noting that if he wanted Vader dead, he would not need indirect methods to make it happen. He further tells Vader that if he does his job properly, he will never lack for enemies that want him dead, so if he wants to pursue the matter, he can, but he will do so on his own. Vader meditates shortly thereafter, and while doing so, those who actually set up the plot to kill him confer about needing him out of the way. Vader realizes that this has happened because others know that he has strength but not that he has power in the Emperor's name. He must make sure there are consequences to make it clear that he has power as the Emperor's right-hand. As such, they gather elite military officers, to whom Palpatine introduces Vader. Vader calls forward a few seemingly random officers (Ferro, Bingan, Strephe, Azoras, and Barokki, the latter of which seems to have had a hand in the plot). Every time someone tries to take out Vader, five of them will die, starting with these five examples. His power base is growing in the eyes of the servants of the Empire.

(The Rule of Five)

Kanan [flashback] [continued] (comic series: Greg Weisman)

The Last Padawan [flashback] [continued] (comic series: Greg Weisman)

Flight [flashback] [continued] (comic: Greg Weisman)*

Pivot [flashback] (comic: Greg Weisman)*

*NOTE: These entire issues are flashbacks. There is no framing story in either issue, outside of a brief mention in the opening crawl of *Flight*.

Darth Vader: Dark Lord of the Sith [continued] (comic series: Charles Soule & Chris Eliopoulos & Robert Thompson & Chuck Wendig)

The Chosen One [continued] (comic series: Charles Soule)

The Chosen One, Part I [continued] (comic: Charles Soule)

The Chosen One, Part II (comic: Charles Soule)

The Chosen One, Part III (comic: Charles Soule)

The Chosen One, Part IV (comic: Charles Soule)

The Chosen One, Part V (comic: Charles Soule)

The Chosen One, Part VI (comic: Charles Soule)

Ahsoka [continued] (novel: E.K. Johnston)

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Interlude Between Chapters 10 and 11

Darth Vader: Dark Lord of the Sith [continued] (comic series: Charles Soule & Chris Eliopoulos & Robert Thompson & Chuck Wendig)

The Dying Light (comic series: Charles Soule)

The Dying Light, Part I (comic: Charles Soule)

The Dying Light, Part II (comic: Charles Soule)

The Dying Light, Part III (comic: Charles Soule)

The Dying Light, Part IV (comic: Charles Soule)

Kanan [flashback] [continued] (comic series: Greg Weisman)

The Last Padawan [flashback] [continued] (comic series: Greg Weisman)

Pivot [flashback] [continued] (comic: Greg Weisman)*

Catch [flashback] (comic: Greg Weisman)*

Release [flashback] (comic: Greg Weisman)

*NOTE: These entire issues are flashbacks. There is no framing story shown.

Catalyst [continued] (novel: James Luceno)

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Life During Wartime [continued]

Kyber Crystal Persuasion [continued]

The Pursuit of Peace

Congruence

Ahsoka [continued] (novel: E.K. Johnston)

Ahsoka [continued] (novel: E.K. Johnston)

Interlude Between Chapters 10 and 11 [continued]

Darth Vader [continued] (comic series: Charles Soule & Chris Eliopoulos & Robert Thompson & Chuck Wendig)

No Good Deed... (comic: Chris Eliopoulos)

Darth Vader: Dark Lord of the Sith [continued] (comic series: Charles Soule & Chris Eliopoulos & Robert Thompson & Chuck Wendig)

The Rule of Five (comic series: Charles Soule)

The Rule of Five, Part I (comic: Charles Soule)

The Rule of Five, Part II (comic: Charles Soule)

18 BBY

- *Sadori Vushan is born to Ru Vushan and Halia Vushan on Quarzite.**
(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)*

***NOTE: He is 18 in *Inferno Squad*.**

- *The former Separatist cruiser Lucid Voice, which saw action at Quell and Ryloth, is dismantled at the Bilbringi shipyards.*
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)
- *Mon Cala Commander Karbin, severely injured near the end of the Clone Wars when his ship was lost, is placed on life support. He will remain so for the next eighteen years.*
(conjecture based on *Vader*)
- *Murra, the wife of Delian Mors, is killed in a freak speeder accident on Coruscant that sends a passenger speeder into a building. In the wake of this tragedy, Mors becomes more and more hedonistic and detached from her duties.*
(conjecture based on *Lords of the Sith*)
- *In the early days of the Empire, atrocities are carried out on Dinwa Prime.*
(conjecture based on *The Nest*)
- *In the early days of the Empire, the Siemar Fleet Systems Delta-class T-3c shuttle (part of the Abecedarian line of executive shuttles, designed by Lamilla Tion's Cygnus Spaceworks team during the days of Republic Siemar Systems) declines in use due to being less popular than the more versatile Lambda-class shuttles.*
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)
- *Incom Corporation develops the T-65 X-wing starfighter, which is meant to be a spiritual successor to crafts like the Z-95 Headhunter or ARC-170. It is poised to be a mainstay of the Imperial fleet, but political and corporate rivalries result in Siemar Fleet Systems getting the Empire's favor, rather than Incom, so TIE fighters will be the primary starfighters of the Imperial fleet, rather than X-wings. The designs will eventually be provided to the Rebel Alliance after being unused for a while.**
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)*

***NOTE: We do not have a firm date for when this happens, but it must be fairly early in the Empire, otherwise, how could it have been competing with TIE fighters, which become ubiquitous so early in the Empire's reign?**

- *Soon after the rise of the Empire, the Republic targets Antar 4, a Gotal moon that was formerly a Separatist stronghold, despite a Republic resistance there. Rather than separating out the "good" and "bad" natives and possibly allowing Separatists to escape, the Empire, led by Moff Wilhuff Tarkin, "pacifies" the planet by engaging in arrests, executions, and massacres. The event becomes known as the Antar Atrocity, but it is an early instance of the Empire making an example of a population. At this time, Berch Teller, formerly a Republic Intelligence station chief on Antar 4 during the Clone Wars, is the security chief at Desolation Station. When his appeals to COMPNOR for a chance to get loyal assets off of Antar 4 before the massacres begin go unanswered, he "disappears" from the base and begins feeding intel about the Empire's actions on Antar 4 to rising news reporter Anora Fair and master HoloNet manipulator Hask Taff, who develops vivid recreations of these events. Teller*

also arranges to get at least some of his old assets off of Antar 4, including pilot Salikk and munitions expert Cala. More than likely, Dr. Artoz, a scientist from Desolation Station, is also with Teller already, having been among the scientists that start to go missing from Desolation Station due to their displeasure with Imperial brutality. These individuals will be among a dissident group that allies itself with Imperial Vice Admiral Dodd Rancit in what they think is an anti-Imperial conspiracy four years from now.

(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)

- Around this time, Auric Graf and Rhyssa Graf take their children, Lina Graf and Milo Graf, on a trip to Ikara, where they witness a local village elder using a mask that enhances his senses.

(conjecture based on *The Nest*)

- On Coruscant, Tsuulo takes a pamphlet from a strange man who loiters on the street corner near where his family lives. It leads him to an underground museum of Jedi and Force-related artifacts, all of which are illegal. There, he learns about the Force from an ancient manuscript on display called the Annals of Light and Being. From now on, he believes the Force is real.*

(conjecture based on *Most Wanted*)*

*NOTE: See note with Tsuulo's presumed birthdate above.

- Commandant Deenlark is stuck spending the next four years ignoring the antics of Spenc Orbar, a new cadet at the Royal Imperial Academy on Coruscant, because of the Orbar family's political connections.*

(conjecture based on *Thrawn*)*

*NOTE: This is four years prior to chapter 6 of *Thrawn*, about 1 month after that novel starts.

- The Empire comes to Lothal. The people of Lothal welcome them because Lothal was once a major exporter of crops, but with the Clone Wars over, many worlds have been unable to afford to import crops and have begun growing their own, leaving Lothal in financial difficulties. Unfortunately for future Imperials on the world, the initial setup of Imperial facilities is more concerned with speed than in doing a good job setting up computer networks and such. They also build up Capital City with modern Imperial style buildings.

(conjecture based on *Rebel in the Ranks*, *The Heist*, and *Nexus of Power*)

- Captain Raymus Antilles of the Tantive IV receives important information from an ally, Garsa, along with other goods. In the process, he must deal with C-3PO (recently memory-wiped), who has little affinity for R2-D2 at this point and is instead paired with a seeker droid, PTZ-1K. While observing loading of equipment, C-3PO notes his opinion regarding the Tantive IV's reliance on an inefficient and out-of-date Corellian command code language. While only R2-D2 is watching, PTZ-1K tries to access a communications grid, but R2-D2 raises enough ruckus that the droid is unable to do so. Once back in space, R2-D2 explains his concerns about PTZ-1K's actions to C-3PO, who doesn't believe R2-D2's assertion that the seeker droid was acting on its own to send a message to the Empire. R2-D2 convinces C-3PO to join him in spying on PTZ-1K in the hangar, where the droid is again trying to access computer systems. Astromech and seeker are about to come to blows when Antilles and fellow crew members Caibol and Bonipa interrupt them. R2-D2 and C-3PO are to get memory wipes (for C-3PO the second time recently), but R2-D2 spouts oil to trip up C-3PO, Caibol, and Bonipa, so that he can get away. C-3PO is tossed into a room full of terminals, while Caibol and Bonipa chase R2-D2. In the room, C-3PO finds PTZ-1K, who remotely closes the door. R2-D2 makes it to the cargo hold, where Antilles is, and explains what he believes to Antilles. Meanwhile, C-3PO inadvertently keeps PTZ-1K from sending a large amount of data to the Empire when he suggests using a binary code instead of the Corellian command codes of the ship, which would be more efficient but isn't actually compatible with the system, keeping anything from being sent. Antilles has PTZ-1K examined and then his memory wiped, while also noting that C-3PO and R2-D2 seem to make a good team.*

(**Trouble Again**)*

*NOTE: This story is sometime post-ROTS but early enough that a rapport hasn't yet formed between R2-D2 and the memory-wiped C-3PO.

- It has been about a year since the founding of the Empire. As Darth Vader meditates, he imagines how the confrontation with Obi-Wan Kenobi on Mustafar could have gone if he hadn't fallen prey to Obi-Wan's high ground ruse. Emperor Palpatine calls Vader for new orders. They are going to use Mon Cala as an example of the price of defiance. The Empire must understand that it is not just an extension of the Republic with the Senate having a hand in its will. Only the Emperor's will matters. Palpatine believes that a Jedi is advising Mon Cala King Lee-Char. He wants Vader to investigate and destroy any Jedi he finds. Meanwhile,

Governor Wilhuff Tarkin has been given command of the actual military operation from his Star Destroyer Sovereign. With him are Major Rantu (ready for an aquatic assault), Commander Jordo (there to discuss non-military opportunities for disruption), and Colonel Bergon (as part of the space force). They intend to take control of Mon Cala, rather than destroying it, because it can provide valuable resources to the Empire. In Dac City, the capital, Imperial Ambassador Telvar meets with Lee-Char again, but the king still refuses to turn over their resources at a fraction of their value and at any quantity required. He does not see the Empire as protecting Mon Cala from enemies but exploiting the planet. (Raddus, governor of the city of Nystullum is there as an advisor, speaking out against the Sovereign in orbit.) As word arrives to Tarkin of Telvar's failure to find a diplomatic solution, Vader arrives on his shuttle, the Infernum. The shuttle lands and reveals others in his team, including special stormtroopers and three Inquisitors (the Ninth Sister, Sixth Brother, and Tenth Brother). Gial Ackbar has no choice but to let them remain, since their orders have the Emperor's Seal. Ackbar claims that there are no enemies of the Empire on Mon Cala, but just as Telvar's shuttle launches, it explodes in an act of sabotage. The apparent assassination of the ambassador gives Tarkin the excuse he needs to send down Rantu's troops and have Bergon and Jordo begin their operations. The king contacts his mysterious Jedi advisor, who seems to somehow know that the leader of the new Darksiders who have arrived is none other than Anakin Skywalker. As the Battle of Dac City ensues, Lee-Char, Ackbar, and Raddus discuss what to do next in a war council, while as much of the population as possible is moved beneath the surface. Vader intends to get to the Jedi through Lee-Char and knows he would not leave until the battle is done. Lee-Char tries to reason with Tarkin via comms, threatening that he will not allow his world to be occupied, even though he professes their loyalty to the Empire and the treaty Mon Cala has with the Empire. In a cave nearby, the Jedi advisor, Master Ferren Barr, explains to his students (Verla, Rebb, Nipaltoo, Orvek, Stell, and Daren) the truth that the Jedi were betrayed by Anakin Skywalker during Order 66 and after. He has used security footage from the attack on the Jedi Temple during Order 66 that a slicer recovered for him to prove (at least to himself and his students) that Anakin is Darth Vader. He knows, though, that revealing that Vader and his Inquisitors are former Jedi would do nothing at this point, not while Palpatine is in power. Instead, he must convince the galaxy to rise up against the Empire's atrocities, and he intends to make the battle over Mon Cala the example that will convince the galaxy to rebel against the Emperor. Barr contacts Lee-Char, claiming that he has had a vision that shows the Empire getting worse but Mon Cala and Lee-Char being instrumental in stopping it. (This is true, in a sense, but something that will only come true about two decades from now at the time of Lee-Char's death.) Lee-Char has Ackbar handle planetary defense in the northern hemisphere and Raddus lead in the south. Lee-Char is alone in the war room, ready to address his people once more before leaving, when Vader and the Inquisitors arrive. As Vader holds Lee-Char with the Force, intending to learn the location of the Jedi, the next part of Lee-Char's plan is carried out, as a pair of giant sea creatures emerges from the water nearby and crash back down, causing a massive wave that effectively sinks what's left of the city while they are still in it. This event is repeated across the planet, as all of the Mon Cala surface cities are destroyed by their own plan. Tarkin, though, knows that the true civilization is beneath the surface. With Rantu's ground forces in Dac City presumably lost, Colonel Bergon is to lead the next assault. As for Jordo, he must redeem himself in Tarkin's eyes, since the ISB apparently had no idea that the Mon Cala had the capability of wiping out their own cities through collaboration with sea creatures. As for Vader, he is sinking into the Great Ungeness Trench, where he battles a sea creature before being picked up by an Imperial sub, where he reunites with the Inquisitors. They have no idea yet if Lee-Char or the Jedi are dead. The Ninth Sister, though, was able to get the Jedi's location from Lee-Char before the wave hit, so they know where to strike. If Lee-Char is alive, he will likely warn the Jedi, so they must move quickly. Meanwhile, Lee-Char is indeed alive and saved by a Quarren sub. In the battle for the northern hemisphere, Bergon's floating command vessel (skybase) is destroyed by Ackbar's forces. Ackbar is then called upon to return to where Lee-Char is recovering from his wounds. Ackbar suggests that now is the time for a truce and reopening negotiations, but Lee-Char refuses, focusing on Barr's prophetic statements. Lee-Char warns Barr that the Imperials know his location. Above, Tarkin again blames Jordo for the ISB not knowing about the tactics that took down Bergon's skybase, so he has Jordo put into stormtrooper armor and sent out to do battle himself. Rather than just retaliation, Tarkin believes the time has come for escalation. In his cave hideout, Barr orders an evacuation, having his droid, Endee, destroy itself after providing a

copy of all of Barr's archives on a datacard. Barr intends for them to escape and again instigate conflict between other worlds and the Empire to cause Imperial atrocities that would rouse the galaxy to action. As they leave, Vader's sub arrives. As his acolytes die after the Imperials' hands, Barr remembers how he originally recruited them all, using a Jedi mind trick to convince (or coerce, frankly) each one to join him. In the southern hemisphere, Raddus has linked the vessels of the Mon Cala merchant fleet from the shipyards near the pole and linked them together for defense. Aboard the Sovereign, Tarkin considers that there are too many entanglements below. Tarkin request that Vader let the Inquisitors go after the Jedi so that Vader can capture Lee Char as a personal favor to him, putting him in Vader's debt. Vader agrees. When the Inquisitors finally have only Verla and Barr to deal with, Barr reveals that he knows the three Inquisitors to have been Prosser Dibs, Bil Valen, and Masana Tide, all former Jedi, just as they know him to be Ferren Barr. Barr then removes the helmets of the clone stormtroopers with the Inquisitors, using the Force, then, with the Force behind his words, he tells them to execute Order 66, causing the mind tricked and activated troopers to attack the Inquisitors, while Barr and Verla escape. Barr orders Verla to hide and seek out allies when she can, including other Jedi left in the galaxy. Barr has his own task ahead. As for the Inquisitors, the Sixth Brother escapes, while the Tenth Brother and Ninth Sister are killed. Vader reaches Lee-Char and captures him, forcing him to watch as Tarkin's Star Destroyers fire from orbit and lay waste to Mon Cala cities. Lee-Char refuses to stand down his forces, given what Barr has told him of the future. At that moment, Barr arrives to confront Vader himself. As they duel, Vader realizes that it was Barr who killed the ambassador, all to start a conflict that would destroy the Mon Cala but show the galaxy the Empire's true face. Lee-Char, now knowing he has been used, orders his forces to stand down so that he can Tarkin can talk terms, but Tarkin keeps firing until Lee-Char is taken into custody. In the southern hemisphere, where bombardment is not taking place yet, Raddus orders the ships to separate from each other and run the Imperial blockade to safety to fight another day. Barr believes that he has fulfilled his vision, knowing that Raddus' ships and others will be part of the Rebellion against the Empire and even stand as a symbol in the days of a future threat (the First Order). As the battle winds down, Raddus' ships escape. Tarkin orders and end to bombardment. Lee-Char is kept in custody. The Sixth Brother lives to fight another day, as does Verla. The Empire has won the day. As Vader says, "There is no Mon Cala. Mon Cala is gone. There is only the Empire."*

(Burning Seas)*

*NOTE: This story can be confusing to those who purchased the original first issue in this arc in print form. That print version followed the writer's original intention that the story had jumped ahead by three years into 16 BBY or so. However, this led to a pair of contradictions in that the Sixth Brother (killed in *Ahsoka* in 18 BBY) was still alive and Tarkin was referred to as a "Grand Moff" prior to actually getting the title in *Tarkin*. As a result, references to the three-year time jump were changed (and Tarkin's title was changed to "Governor") in the digital edition of the comic and in subsequent reprintings. According to Matt Martin of the Story Group, the tale is set only about one year after ROTS, which is reflected in the updated internal text. This story would appear to be the setup for Raddus leaving Mon Cala and Lee-Char being arrested. Raddus leaving with his city ships and their refit to become Rebel battleships (with only the *Profundity* ready by the Battle of Scarif) was covered in the *Rogue One: Ultimate Visual Guide* and seemed to be a single event that was fairly recent as of *Rogue One*. However, the comic *Mutiny at Mon Cala*, which began being released shortly before the first issue of this arc, suggested that it was actually two events, since the refit would be recent as of *Rogue One* but Raddus leaving and Lee-Char being arrested was referred to repeatedly in that story as 20 years earlier. If we assume that *Mutiny at Mon Cala* is in 1 ABY (which would make it the first story in the ongoing *Star Wars* series that appears to confirm that at least a year has passed, due to that string of 20-year references, which means the Empire must have existed that long), then we still have a bit of an issue here, since this story in 18 BBY would mean that even a 1 ABY date for *Mutiny* would leave only a 19-year gap between the stories, not 20. We can only assume that it was a case of rounding, I suppose. Either way, the first issue of this arc proved to be one of the last straws for me when working on the timeline, given that the writer's quite obvious intentions had to be retconned away because a story that surely must have gotten approval was still somehow not taken into account by the Powers That Be. When the last issue of *Poe Dameron: Legend Found* arrived eight days later with another obvious continuity issue (this time with *Escape from Vodran*), I'd had enough. Fans can't be the only ones who care about making sure these things are coordinated and don't contradict in rather obvious ways. That isn't healthy for the saga's future, and I can only hope such issues are ironed out more efficiently and effectively in the years to come.

- *Darth Vader tasks Wilhuff Tarkin and a team under his command to try to kill Vader himself, as something of a test of Vader's prowess in an era when the number of Jedi to challenge himself against is dwindling. (Tarkin agrees as repayment of his debt to Vader from the Battle of Mon Cala.) They begin the hunt on Chandar's Folly in the Outer Rim. Tarkin begins with a team of twenty (including him). On the second day of the hunt, they lose four of their number when trying to use flamethrowers against Vader, since he can block blaster bolts with his lightsaber. Vader just destroys the flamethrowers, causing them to explode. On the fourth*

day, six more members of the team are killed during an operation that successfully manages to steal Vader's lightsaber. When Vader starts using the Force to kill by choking or breaking necks, Tarkin sends more team members to their deaths to learn just how close Vader must be to effectively kill with the Force in that fashion. As dawn on the ninth day nears, only eight members of the original team remain . . .

(conjecture based on *Bad Ground*)

- On Chandar's Folly, Darth Vader has tasked Wilhuff Tarkin and a team under his command to try to kill Vader himself, as something of a test of Vader's prowess in an era when the number of Jedi to challenge himself against is dwindling. Today is the ninth day of the hunt. The team has only eight members left (Tarkin, Hardhear, Yerga, Eighty-One, Sissian, Tarkin himself, and two others). Vader wants his lightsaber back, which the team stole on the fourth day, so as they hunt him, he hunts them. They spot him wearing the skin of a valath, which can render him invisible (so being seen with it is designed to intimidate them). Two of their number are Chadra-fans with great hearing to track Vader, but when they enter a crystal canyon that makes such hearing difficult, Vader kills one of them (Hardhear), leaving just one (Sissian). Vader strikes, leaving only five alive as they near the edge of the so-called Stormlands ("bad ground" where lightning thrives). That night, Vader uses the valath skin to cloak himself from sight and kills Sissian and Tarkin's other three subordinates, leaving only Tarkin himself. Tarkin runs from Vader so that he is outside of Vader's range for Force choking in combat, then pretends to submit by kneeling, knowing that Vader, being covered in metal and standing quite tall, will be struck by lightning. Tarkin calls for the Carrion Spike to pick them up. Even as Vader is on the ground, smoking from being struck by lightning, he uses the Force to choke Tarkin, just enough to prove that he is still deadly. It is this experience that reminds Tarkin of Vader's singlemindedness in service to the Empire and its Emperor and considers the Empire lucky to have Vader on their side.

(Bad Ground)

- At the home of Eeth Koth (former Jedi Master turned priest in the Church of the Ganthic Enlightenment) and Mira, she gives birth to their child, just as Darth Vader arrives at the home to take the child as a potential member of Project Harvester. The two do battle while Mira and the baby escape. Vader sends Inquisitors (including the Fifth Brother and a Sister) to get the child. The Sister catches up to Mira as she reaches where her father has a ship waiting. Mira begs the Sister not to take the child "woman to woman," so the Sister lets her board the ship, then uses the Force to recover the child as the ship leaves, knowing this will mean that Mira will never trust another woman again. When the Inquisitors arrive at the site of Vader and Koth's duel with the baby, Vader kills Koth by using the Force to snap his neck. They return to the Works on Coruscant, where the baby is turned over to Project Harvester and the Grand Inquisitor waits to speak with Vader. The Grand Inquisitor notes that the Jedi who are left seem to be hiding well, so it will take time to find them. They are bound to appear eventually. Vader then bides his time, eventually walking in on his Inquisitors as they are toasting Koth's death and discussing how even when the Jedi are gone, Vader will keep himself busy. After all, he will always find someone to kill . . . (To be continued as more issues are released . . .)

(Fortress Vader)

- It is the first anniversary of the founding of the Empire, a new holiday known as Empire Day. On Thabeska, Ahsoka Tano has been living for the last year (or so) as "Ashla," a mechanic in the employment of the Fardi family, with whom she has grown somewhat close. With Imperials now arriving on Thabeska in large numbers, Ahsoka sees no choice but to leave the planet, despite having seen little Hedala Fardi (age 4) using the Force two months ago and not warning her family of the danger that might bring upon the family. Ahsoka sneaks to the Fardi's hangar, where she finds one of the ships seemingly left waiting for her, as if the Fardi patriarch had a sense that she was hiding from the Empire and would want to leave when they arrived. She leaves in the ship without saying goodbye. She heads for the moon Raada, home to a small farming settlement. There she meets Kaeden Larte (age 17), an orphan who, along with her younger sister Miara (age 14), work on the farming crew of Vartan, a man who took them in after their parents were killed in a farming accident. Kaeden helps Ahsoka (again as "Ashla") find an empty home in which to stay and promises to send work her way when "Ashla" states that she is a mechanic (much as she was for the Fardis). She fixes Kaeden's thresher device, earning herself a bit more business with how well it works, and she spends time scouting the cave system nearby, setting up a small hiding place

for various odd little metal pieces and such that she has instinctively been collecting for no obvious reason (yet). A member of Vartan's team, Tibbola, visits "Ashla" to have his thresher fixed (and to basically hit on her to no avail). Kaeden invites Ahsoka to join her crew at the nearby cantina, which is run by Selda, a Twi'lek with his own ties away from Raada and who is now partly cybernetic due to the same farming accident that killed Kaeden and Miara's parents. The rest of Vartan's crew are the Sullustan Malat (married to another farmer on a different crew with whom she has children) and a pair of twins, Hoban and Neera. They take her into their circle of friends. Meanwhile, elsewhere in the galaxy, information and illegal goods broker Jenneth Pilar has a new assignment from the Empire. The Empire wants a planet that can be used for food production with a small enough population not to be missed. He points the Empire to Raada and travels there as part of an Imperial occupation force. Ahsoka goes to the caves to meditate and emerges when the Imperials arrive with a Star Destroyer over the settlement. At Selda's cantina, over a game of carkin, Ahsoka and the crew discuss the new arrivals, a couple of whom show up and post a new list of rules and regulations (including a curfew) to the inside wall of the cantina. The Empire is beginning its work to control and subdue the local population, who are to be put to work still farming. Rather than farming normal crops that can be harvested and replanted in useful soil, the plants that they will be farming are those with high nutrient value that are used in Imperial military rations, which also leave the soil entirely depleted after being harvested. The Imperials' actions here will essentially leave an already less-than-ideal moon barren. As the farmers settle into a new routine, Ahsoka continues to stock the caves with some provisions and odd tech parts, just in case, and she "steals" her own ship from its berth so that she can hide it in a nearby ravine in case she needs to make a getaway without Imperial scrutiny. Upon meeting the crew at the cantina again (minus Tibbola, who is there by at the bar utterly drunk, and Malat, who has left the planet with her family for their safety), Ahsoka asks if Miara can build shocking or explosive devices like a kind she set up on Ahsoka's own door for security, and they begin talking about possible resistance to the Empire, but Ahsoka urges them to wait until the time is right, rather than risk death or capture by acting prematurely. (They seem to agree with her, but the locals start making their own plans for action alongside Ahsoka's more cautious suggestions.) When the drunken Tibbola starts to hassle some newly-arrived Imperials in the cantina, he is shot dead on the spot. Two weeks later, the farmers have finally realized what they are growing and the consequences for Raada. Ahsoka reveals what she has been doing in the caves and still urges caution, though she does work with Kaeden and Miara for a few days on creating more explosives. Unbeknownst to them, Jenneth is planning to take a close look at the caves soon, just to be sure the Imperial position (and his employment in this venture) is secure. Also unbeknownst to Ahsoka, Hoban and Neera convince Kaeden to have Miara work on making even bigger explosives than "Ashla" wants without her knowledge. Soon, Ahsoka leads strike at night against the Imperials. With Miara, Neera, and a Rodian named Kolvin from another farming crew at her side, she sets up small devices that Miara has made onto the knee joints of the local Imperial walkers. While handing Ahsoka the devices, though, she hands her one of the larger ones by accident, tipping Ahsoka off that other plans are afoot. She has the team head back to Selda's rather than splitting up to their own homes, and when they arrive, Ahsoka finds Kaeden, Hoban, and several others gone on their own mission at Vartan's directive. They have decided to strike the administrative building's entrances, not realizing that their supposed non-lethal act of property destruction will become a bloodbath with all of the Imperials racing to the administrative building upon learning about the walker sabotage. Moreover, more Imperials will mean that it is unlikely that the farmers' team will escape without engaging the Imperials. Ahsoka orders everyone else to their homes, then she, Miara, and Neera (who both refuse to go home with Kaeden and Hoban still in danger) race for the administrative building. They arrive amid a firefight. Several farmers are already dead, Kaeden is wounded. When the Imperials start lining up prisoners (not for interrogation but to be shot more easily), Hoban charges the stormtroopers and is killed. Without another option but to let the others all be shot, Ahsoka uses the Force to pull away their blasters, revealing her presence to the Imperials and her true nature to her friends. In the wake of the botched attack, Jenneth rechecks his numbers to determine the best course of action with walkers disabled and tanks able to be repaired quickly, while the Imperial commander reaches out to his superiors about having encountered an apparent Jedi. For her part, Neera, despondent and ready to harm herself after losing Hoban, is sedated. Ahsoka reveals the truth about herself to the others, and Kaeden, still dealing with the loss of so many friends, lashes out,

claiming that Ahsoka should have acted sooner with her abilities to help them all. She stalks away once Ahsoka is out of sight and heads back to town. Miara tells Ahsoka, but it is too late to get to Kaeden. The impulsive young woman is captured and taken back to the administrative building for interrogation about these rebellious farmers and their "Jedi" ally. After Kaeden has been interrogated for a while and has fallen in the chair she was trapped to, inadvertently breaking her own arm, she is left alone in her cell. Ahsoka rescues her through a window, and Kaeden urges her to run. She has seen the look in the Imperial commander's eyes when talking about Ahsoka. She needs to leave and let the farmers handle their own problems. Promising to return, Ahsoka returns to her hidden ship and leaves Raada. On Alderaan, Senator Bail Organa reads a report on Raada and sees the note that Jedi activity has been confirmed there. He reaches out to Captain Raymus Antilles to have R2-D2 brought to him. Meanwhile, an Imperial Inquisitor known as the Sixth Brother is on Thabeska, drawn by reports of a child exhibiting Force abilities. He is drawn away by the report from Raada, which leaves Hedala safe for now. After checking seven Outer Rim systems to find a safe haven and finding all of them with an Imperial presence, Ahsoka chooses to do what she should have done before leaving Thabeska. She will return to Thabeska to find a way to protect Hedala before finding a way to return to Raada. She returns and finds the Fardi family still welcoming, despite her sudden departure. She also learns five days later that "a shadow" had been there while Ahsoka was away (Hedala's way of describing the Inquisitor). She works as a mechanic with the Fardis again, but after a week on Thabeska, she asks to expand her job to include flying cargo runs for the family (some of which are illegal). She seeks a path of passive resistance against the Empire but soon finds herself engaged in small acts of heroism to help others while on her runs for the Fardis. Her valiant acts are noticed, however. The Sixth Brother arrives on Raada. The Jedi he seeks is gone, but he decides to do a bit of research in hopes that he can set a trap for the Jedi somehow. He leaves Raada, but Imperial attention on Raada shifts focus to finding the Jedi, rather than going after the rebel farmers. On Coruscant, Bail has two of his pilots, Chardi Tage and Tamsin get R2-D2 from where the droid was left on Alderaan when Antilles delivered him, then head out to seek out the source of recent heroics. (Bail does not tell them, though, that this is a Jedi.) On Thabeska, the Imperials are looking into Ahsoka's activities too, without knowing who is doing them. They are putting so much scrutiny on the Fardi operation that the patriarch tells Ahsoka that while he approves, she needs to leave. She warns him to look out for Hedala because she is "special," says her goodbyes, and leaves Thabeska . . . only to immediately be confronted by a Black Sun ship! Meanwhile, on Tatooine, Obi-Wan Kenobi is now living as "Ben Kenobi" in an old hut. He meditates, earning a comment from Qui-Gon Jinn in the Force telling him to "let go." On Raada, Kaeden and the other rebellious farmers have been hiding out in the caves. The Sixth Brother has returned. After learning about random heroics in the Outer Rim, he has decided that it is the work of the Jedi from Raada and intends to lure the Jedi back into a trap. He starts searching for likely hiding places for Kaeden and the rebel farmers. (For his part, Jenneth has given up on doing anything more on Raada and has left for his next job.) Near Thabeska, the Black Sun agents offer her a position with their organization, but she refuses. This results in a starship chase in the skies over Thabeska until the ship sent by Bail shows up and scares the Black Sun ship away. The ship then draws in Ahsoka's vessel with its tractor beam. On Thabeska, the Sixth Brother and Imperial forces head for the caves and call for Kaeden to surrender herself. She does, but as the others try to fire on the Imperials from other cave entrances, the Inquisitor pulls Kolvin from the cave with the Force and slices him in half with his double-bladed, spinning lightsaber. He also deflects blaster bolts back at the others, killing Neera and all the others in the caves except Miara. (Vartan and Selda still live, though, since they were not hiding out in the caves.) Back at Thabeska, Ahsoka immediately incapacitates Tage and Tamsin without hearing them out, thinking they are here to capture her. She is shocked to find R2-D2 aboard and learns that he and the two pilots are working for Bail. She will not allow herself to be taken to Bail aboard this ship, but she has R2-D2 delete the records of her arrival and give her a code that will let her track the ship so that she can then come to them on her own. Shortly thereafter, the Alderaanian ship reunites with the Tantive IV (under Antilles and Bail), R2-D2 is reunited with C-3PO, and Bail is shocked to find Ahsoka in his office aboard the ship, having followed the other ship and entered by going extravehicular in a spacesuit. Not all of the footage from the ship was erased by R2-D2, so he does know it was her, and he is happy to see her. They make a deal. She will help the efforts of his small but growing Rebellion, while he helps her identify who the "shadow" is that is out there seeking Force-

sensitive children. Bail has learned about Imperial activities on Raada and the plight of the farmers. He wants her to go there on a mission for him, and she deduces from his descriptions and the sudden detail of his information about Raada that the Jedi-hunter is there and this must be a trap set for her. He shows her a transmission that supposedly leaked out, which shows Kaeden in the Sixth Brother's clutches. Ahsoka begins planning a rescue, but first she needs weapons. The collection of small technical bits and pieces that she has been instinctively collecting will work well with a staff style weapon she took from Tago in their initial encounter to make decent lightsaber hilts, but she needs crystals. Her first instinct is to head for Ilum, where she acquired her crystals before. However, the Empire has come to the planet, crystals are being taken away and mined, and some are being given to the Inquisitors. The Dark Side connection of the Inquisitors is turning crystals they acquire red, hence Inquisitors and most Dark Side adherents having red lightsaber blades, while Light Side Force-users tend to have other colors like blue, green, yellow, or even (in Mace Windu's case) purple. Upon arriving alone in her ship near Ilum, Ahsoka examines the Imperial presence and reaches out in the Force. As it turns out, the kyber crystals that are calling to her through the Force to become her new lightsaber crystals are not below on Ilum. She feels drawn by their call to the same place she has already intended to go: Raada. She arrives on Raada and finds Miara all alone. They make their way through the settlement toward the Imperial facility, but Ahsoka sends Miara off to bring Selda a recording she made while en route. Ahsoka arrives at the Imperial facility and is confronted by the Sixth Brother. She engages him with the Force and martial arts, while he attacks her with his lightsaber. Once he sets it spinning, though, she is able to lightly touch its handle with her hand and the Force just right to cause it to not only separate into pieces but also to have the power cell explode, killing the Sixth Brother. Ahsoka then recovers the crystals from both sides of his lightsaber, the crystals that were calling to her, and purifies them with the Force, allowing her to finally build a new pair of lightsabers that blaze brilliant white. She enters the facility and rescues Kaeden (again), then they head for Selda's, where Selda has watched the message and begun making arrangements for a full evacuation of the settlement. They begin the massive escape under cover of some of Miara's explosives, until the Tantive IV and A-wings loyal to Bail arrive. The people of Raada are saved, though Vartan is badly injured and must recuperate for a while. Shortly thereafter, Ahsoka tracks Bail in his Tantive III while making some innocuous supply runs and meets with him on a moon close to Coruscant. Before they speak, she briefly notes him speaking to his adopted daughter, Leia Organa, from Alderaan, but Bail does not reveal anything to Ahsoka about Leia's parentage, Obi-Wan's survival, Luke Skywalker's existence, or the truth of what Anakin Skywalker has become. The rescued farmers want to join the Rebellion, and Bail will see what he can do, since any rebel army will need to eat, after all. When Ahsoka shows her unusual white lightsabers (not quite Jedi but certainly not Sith) and wonders about her role in Bail's Rebellion, he suggests that she is meant to focus on the present (noting mentally that it is Obi-Wan's job and his own to guard the future via the Skywalker twins). She suggests that she could run his intelligence network, working like she did at times during the Clone Wars to bring together anti-Imperial groups and coordinate their actions. She will need a codename when dealing with operatives, and as she senses that Alderaan is the heart of the new Rebellion and a tipping point for the galaxy as a whole right now, she chooses the name "Fulcrum." Her adventures are far from over. Back on Raada, though, the hunt continues as the Grand Inquisitor arrives and assesses the failure of the Sixth Brother and the talents of the mysterious Jedi Padawan survivor he had reported. The Grand Inquisitor reports to Darth Vader that he has found evidence of another survivor . . .

(Ahsoka)

- At some point over the next 15 – 16 years, Ahsoka Tano's "Fulcrum" alias is used by other anti-Imperial agents, rather than just Ahsoka herself. There will be multiple Fulcrums active around 3 – 2 BBY.
(conjecture based on *The Antilles Extraction*)
- Around this time (eight months before Orson Krennic reports sabotage on Geonosis to Darth Vader), an accident occurs that delays production of the Death Star's turbolaser framework arrays on Geonosis due to sabotage by a Geonosian hive.
(conjecture based on *Technological Terror*)
- Ten months after being presented with Orson Krennic's offer of employment while on Kanzi, Galen Erso now leads Project Celestial Power in the old B'ankora reserve on Coruscant, where an entire facility has been created just for his work. That work is then sent out to other

facilities on other worlds to continue work that, unbeknownst to Galen, is being used to create the Death Star's superweapon. Galen arrives at the facility to discover a massive, natural kyber crystal, the largest Galen has ever seen. (As it turns out, it appears to be the same one fought over in the latter days of the Clone Wars on Utapau. It was presumed destroyed, but the Jedi apparently checked to be sure, found it still intact, and stored it away on an Outer Rim world, where the Empire, now having access to the Jedi Temple and other Jedi information sources, have recovered it and brought it to the lab. Research has shown interesting things about the kyber crystals. Galen has spotted elements like organelles in cells, that the matrices of the crystals tend to be in flux, and there are psychological effects from being around them. This seems to support the idea that the Jedi could somehow bond with kyber crystals with the Force as if they were alive, which also suggests reasons for why synthetic kyber crystals just isn't viable. Elsewhere, Has Obitt (now flying the Good Tidings V) is carrying munitions secured through Matese's contact when stopped by an Imperial inspection vessel. Instead of being arrested for what he is carrying, the Imperials instead give him new instructions to go to his destination (Samovar), wait in space, then transfer the cargo to be brought down to the surface without him. He has no choice but to agree, and the payment he and his co-pilot Yalli receive is much higher than expected. Soon, around the time Jyn Erso is 3.5 years old (so around two months into this year BBY), Galen shows Lyra Erso footage of the giant kyber. They discuss the origins of kyber crystals and what little is known of them. Lyra suggests that the Jedi may have been trying to keep the power potential of the crystals out of the hands of others for the safety of the galaxy, and Galen admits to being concerned about them being used for evil as well during the war, but he has become firmly convinced now that the Emperor's supposed dream of sustainable power from Galen's work is a noble, pure thing. Galen even suggests that the Jedi might just have been hoarding the power of kyber crystals to their own ends, having bought into the government's story about the Jedi attempting to assassinate Palpatine. Galen now sounds like Krennic in his justifications of why the Jedi Order had to be defeated from when they all met on Kanzi. Oddly, at the time of the war's end, Galen had been as skeptical as Lyra, but something is changing in him as he buries himself in his passion for his work. Unfortunately for them, Krennic watches a surveillance recording of their conversation at the lab and decides that Lyra will need to be watched carefully. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Catalyst)*

*NOTE: This segment starts at the opening of chapter 15, which is said to be just under 10 months after the end of chapter 13, which was an unspecified "few months" after ROTS. Given that "a few" would likely mean more than two, that puts this segment into this year, probably in the first half of the year. The first two segments of the chapter also lead into a third, in which Jyn I said to be 3.5 years old, which would put this around two months or so into this year.

- Shortly after Has Obitt leaves Samovar, he heads to the area coming to be known as the Corporate Sector in the Outer Rim to spend some of his payout. He is unaware that samovar has lost its "Legacy world" status and been taken over by the Imperial government. Meanwhile, Matese gets a new eye implant, rather than having to wait on Veterans Services. (conjecture based on Catalyst)
- Around this time (five months before Orson Krennic reports sabotage on Geonosis to Darth Vader), tests on upgraded tractor beams for the Death Star go haywire due to tampering with programming code by a Geonosian hive. (conjecture based on Technological Terror)
- Lona Aphra is killed and left dead in a ditch. Chelli Aphra, her daughter, is taken by Imperials to be reunited with her father. (conjecture based on Aphra)
- With Chelli Aphra's mother, Lona Aphra, dead in a ditch on the alien world she took Chelli to when they left her father, the Empire drops Chelli off at his current location, where he continues to study the ruins of the Ordu Aspectu he has been obsessed with over the years. (To be continued below . . .)
(Aphra)
- Two months after the job to deliver munitions to Samvar during which Has Obitt was both paid well and kept from delivering his cargo himself, he returns to the Wanton Wellspring on Rajtiri again at the invitation of Matese. There, he learns from Molo that Samovar has been declared no longer a Legacy world (thereby removing virtually all environmental laws). Mining operations have been appropriated, and the planet has been deemed off-limits. It appears that Matese knew about this beforehand. Matese arrives, bearing a new cybernetic eye, and

it seems that the Empire “discovered” the weapons Obitt helped to deliver, which was what the government used as an excuse to take the planet as a potential threat. (This is Krennic’s plan to gain the resources he mentioned to Wilhuff Tarkin that they needed to somehow acquire.) Some of the other patrons, such as Molo, want in on the action on such profitable runs, while others are wary of Obitt and his luck in getting away from Samovar just before it was locked down, assuming (rightly) that he had a role in the process. Matese has a new job for him at Wadi Raffa. At Samovar, Tarkin oversees operations for the moment aboard the Executrix, from which he speaks with mining conglomerate lawyer Arsha Lome, who argues that her clients had nothing to do with the weapons that were found. Tarkin assures her that all will be worked out in court at some point in the future. Meanwhile, the Empire has control of all mining on the world. This is about the time when Tarkin starts to consider Krennic as a good scapegoat for any problems the Death Star’s construction suffers, while he is certainly not the person to command it. Tarkin would prefer to do so himself. On nearby Malpaz, Project Celestial Power has a base to use some of Galen’s research in practical application. Over 10,000 locals have just died when a test of kyber crystal enhanced power caused explosions and the meltdown of a nearby nuclear reactor. The energy from the kyber crystal used was immense, but it was also unable to be controlled or contained. The team responsible for the accident includes Galen’s old colleagues, Dagio Belcoze and Sahali, the former of whom recognizes that the work they are trying to replicate must be Galen’s. The destruction is written off as an attack, and Krennic has the science team “removed.” At Wadi Raffa (another Legacy world with plenty of resources to mine but very limited mining allowed due to its Legacy status), Obitt delivers another batch of old Separatist weapons secretly to contacts on the planet. Soon, Lyra receives a call from Galen’s old colleague, Reeva Demesne, who asks if Galen has heard from Belcoze, who has dropped out of contact (because he was “removed,” i.e. killed). She mentions being on Hypori and repeats that fact enough that Lyra knows something may be up and it is important to remember that Reeva is on Hypori for her work. At Geonosis, Krennic shows off the Death Star’s progress (which has been great physically but not very good in terms of the superlaser weapon) to Grand Vizier Mas Amedda, who is not happy that Galen has not provided the key to the weapon, since he has not really been brought into the fold on the weapon. Instead, they keep him in the dark and try to recreate his work without success. Moreover, Amedda is not happy with Krennic taken it upon himself to orchestrate the seizure of resources from the Legacy worlds. The decision has been made to shift his responsibilities specifically to the station’s construction and not to procurement of resources, which will presumably fall to Tarkin. However, Krennic is able to convince Amedda to propose a promotion of Krennic to full commander as a sign that those working on the project had better jump at his command and that they are indeed making headway. Amedda considers it but does not immediately get the Emperor’s approval for such a promotion. More than a month after Obitt’s delivery to Wadi Raffa, Ryloth celebrates the anniversary of the battle that drove the Techno Union off of the planet during the Clone Wars. Obitt is present at the behest of Matese, who but it turns out that the man who meets him isn’t Matese. Matese is dead in a supposed “industrial accident.” He is also informed by the new officer that his operations on behalf of Matese are now suspended (due to the procurement shift from Krennic to Tarkin, it seems). The man also bears a message from Krennic, “asking” Obitt to meet him on Coruscant in the near future. Krennic drops by Galen’s lab for a visit, then visits with the Ersos at their home on-site. He claims to be concerned for Lyra and wants her to be the one to check out a potential vein of kyber crystals in the Outer Rim on Alpinn, since he can supposedly trust her with that information. He even suggests that it would be safe for Jyn to go along. Galen is enthusiastic, so Lyra (after three weeks of considering and discussing it with Galen) finally agrees to do it, even though it will take at least a couple of months, but she sees through Krennic’s intentions to separate Galen from them so he can focus on his work for Project Celestial Power. It is made a bit better because Lyra’s old colleague and friend, Nari Sable, will be along. In fact, it turns out that Krennic has arranged for Obitt to be their pilot, the very same man who helped save the Ersos from Vallt when Jyn was only six months old. With Lyra and Jyn gone, Galen eventually decides to visit Krennic, who meets with him at the Imperial Energy Division headquarters, yet another new institution acting to coordinate and cover the various aspects of the Death Star project, alongside others with codenames like Stellar Sphere, Mark Omega, and Pax Aurora. Krennic continues his manipulation, trying to bring Galen into the fold. He mentions them having issues making progress in giving his ideas practical application and takes him to see the devastation at Malpaz. On Alpinn, Jyn takes well to the members of

Lyra's team, and Obitt even becomes a good friend to the Erso ladies. Lyra expresses her worries over Galen's work with kyber crystals to Obitt. Meanwhile, Krennic and Galen arrive at Malpaz, where Krennic claims that the devastation came at the hands of Separatist holdouts. He is able to finally convince Galen that he needs to reach the breakthrough he is nearing in coaxing raw power from the kyber crystals in incredible amounts, all to help the Emperor keep the galaxy safe for Jyn and her generation. Galen agrees to focus his efforts on that, rather than on containment to go with it, all in secret (including from Lyra). (To be continued below . . .)*

(Catalyst)*

*NOTE: This segment starts two months after the second segment of ch. 15, so about four months into this year. The segment runs about two months, it seems, so until about six months into the year.

- Galen Erso is brought further into the fold for the Empire's Death Star project, finally signing the Official Secrets Oath that means he cannot discuss the project even with Lyra Erso. (conjecture based on *Catalyst*)
- Around this time (one week before Orson Krennic reports sabotage on Geonosis to Darth Vader), an Imperial orbital load-lifter at Geonosis goes rogue and creates havoc due to sabotage by a Geonosian hive. (conjecture based on *Technological Terror*)
- Moff Wilhuff Tarkin arrives at the Citadel Tower on Scarif with a group of Deathtroopers. He heads immediately to the data vault, where Darth Vader has paid an unauthorized visit. Vader wants to learn more about Project Stardust. Tarkin is resistant, and Vader considers killing him, but Tarkin contacts Emperor Sheev Palpatine, who did not send him. Palpatine takes the opportunity to have Vader go to Geonosis to serve Tarkin's needs by uncovering the source of treachery that has been sabotaging the project and interrupting its timeline. Tarkin is given full authority over Vader for the mission. Vader heads to Geonosis, where he is met by Orson Krennic. Both men are almost immediately buried in rubble when an explosion occurs on the landing pad. Krennic actually believes Tarkin was behind it, seeking to get rid of them both and to take over the Death Star Project. Vader investigates, returning to the Petranaki Arena where he was among the Jedi who fought in the first struggle of the Clone Wars. He is met there by Loyalty Officer Uddra, who doesn't believe that either Krennic or Tarkin would undermine the project, since they love the Empire, even if they hate each other. Uddra suggests that the source of the sabotage might be Galen Erso. Vader travels to Coruscant to investigate Galen, while Lyra Erso and Jyn Erso are away on Alpinn. Vader finds many kyber crystals and even a Geonosian egg in Galen's office on Coruscant, then returns with the egg to Krennic on Geonosis. Because Geonosians are a servant species and forbidden from breeding freely, this egg is a major issue. Galen hasn't ever been to Geonosis, but they wonder if a rogue infestation sent him the egg to make him sympathetic. Vader takes Deathtroopers to the Korakanni Mound, where he discovers a rogue Geonosian queen and her subjects. They are the saboteurs, based on the egg's origin. He kills them all. He then reports to Tarkin aboard the Carrion Spike, clearing Galen of any complicity in the sabotage. Vader also reveals that he knows that the project is a planet-killer, due to the kyber crystals involved. Tarkin accuses Vader of wanting to be the Emperor's only technological terror weapon. The two part on adversarial terms. Soon, on Alpinn (at least according to one account that is questionable), Lyra is digging up crystals when a strange droid approaches her, refusing to tell where or whom it came from. It tells her that Galen is working on a superweapon of unparalleled magnitude before it self-destructs. Lyra rushes to have Nari Sable prepare to leave Alpinn. She needs to get to Galen and get their family away from the Empire as fast as they can.*

(Technological Terror)*

*NOTE: This issue presents a few issues. First, it presents Tarkin as a Grand Moff when he should just be a Moff. It is numbered "2" as if this is the second annual for *Darth Vader: Dark Lord of the Sith* when the previous annual was actually for the previous *Darth Vader* series (minus the subtitle). Vader and Tarkin are at odds before they really should be. It also, most notably, presents a completely different reason for Lyra leaving Alpinn that ignores the goodbye party and has her running off to get back to Galen immediately when *Catalyst* has Lyra, Jyn, Nari, and Has checking out Wadi Raffa and Samovar before returning to Galen on Coruscant. Finally, fan reaction to these contradictions, which showed that author Chuck Wendig (always a lightning rod, given his responses to those who disliked the *Aftermath* trilogy) had at least a bit of an understanding of *Catalyst* but didn't bother to make things fit, led Wendig to speaking out against the very idea of internal consistency in a fictional universe, essentially giving the finger to the very concept of canon.

- After twelve weeks (about three months) on Alpinn, Lyra Erso's mission is over. The kyberite vein they expected to find was actually ranite, meaning that there will be no kyber crystals to be found. By now, Lyra, Jyn Erso, Nari Sable, and Has Obitt are close-knit, and when Lyra

mentions her love of such Legacy worlds, Obitt notes that Legacy status would not save the planet if the Empire came to it. He takes them to see the devastated environment of Samovar. The same has now become of Wadi Raffa, both thanks to the weapons he brought that provided the Empire an excuse to take over and remove Legacy world status. At his lab at Project Celestial Power, Galen Erso now works mostly on his own for a breakthrough, having now signed all of the security oaths necessary to be part of the Empire's grand project, the full scope of which is not clear to Galen quite yet. He is beginning to realize that it seems that the kyber crystal is resisting him, so he must compel it to do as he desires. After nearly four months away, Lyra and Jyn finally return home. Lyra is shocked at how the atmosphere has changed at the lab, and Galen seems distant, since he won't talk about his work. Lyra tells him about Samovar and Wadi Raffa, but Galen explains it away as something the Republic would also have done, giving answers more fitting of Krennic. Lyra wonders if an Empire ransacking worlds in secret might also be lying to Galen about what his research is all about. He tells her a little bit about his trip with Krennic to see Malpaz and the threats he now believes the Empire faces. He is sounding more and more like Krennic. Weeks pass, and Obitt returns to the Wanton Wellspring, where he meets with other scoundrels like Yalli, Molo, Dajo Koda, "The Dug," Xosad Hozem, and anti-Imperial partisan leader Saw Gerrera. Obitt has a job for them (provided by Krennic, though he does not make that clear to the others). They will be flying armaments and other munitions to the Zerpen Industries moon Epiphany in the Salient System, which is also guarded by a sentry station at the edge of the system. Obitt is becoming more wary of Krennic after what happened to the Legacy worlds and being asked extensively about Lyra upon their return from Alpinn, but it is not as if he could really refuse Krennic's "job offer." Saw understands the mission clearly: they deliver the weapons to Zerpen Industries and then wait for the Empire to arrive and accuse Zerpen of purchasing stolen weapons, providing justification for yet another takeover. Meanwhile, Galen finally makes a major breakthrough in extracting a huge amount of enriched energy from the giant kyber crystal. (He still thinks that when Krennic speaks of the Emperor making an example of a world with the results of Galen's work someday that he is referring to renewable energy and a dream of a brighter future, not a superweapon to destroy a planet as a deterrent to others.) In the Salient System, Wilhuff Tarkin arrives to lead the "investigation" of Zerpen on Epiphany, but Obitt's ship didn't stop on the moon but instead went deeper into the system, heading for Salient II. Obitt's team has betrayed the Empire and brought their cargo to local forces on Salient II, eliminating Tarkin's pretext for a takeover but also urging them to fight if necessary. They don't think the Emperor would sanction a full-scale conflict that couldn't be kept quiet. The Salient defenders are determined to keep the Empire from taking their system and resources, even if that means destroying anything they cannot protect. In space, Reeva Demesne and Professor Sahali are present with Krennic aboard an augmented Star Destroyer for a test of Galen's work. The Star Destroyer fires two kyber-driven beams of energy that then merge into a single, highly powerful beam that races off toward the binary black holes known as The Hero Twins. Krennic believes his greatest contribution to the Death Star has now been assured. Back in the Salient System, Tarkin briefly considers that Krennic might have arranged the actions of Obitt's team just to stall him there in the system, but his musing is interrupted by an attempt by Salient II to send a ship on a kamikaze run into the Executrix. Elsewhere, Krennic speaks with Mas Amedda via hypercomm. Palpatine is pleased with the results of the test, and Krennic gets his promotion to full commander, though now he is pushing for a rank of rear admiral. He is to begin construction on a real superlaser weapon immediately, and he is able to do so without Tarkin's interference for now because he did indeed set up Obitt and his team, expecting them to probably switch sides and end up drawing the stubborn Tarkin into a conflict from which he would refuse to extract his forces. Now, he sees only Lyra as an obstacle. Krennic (tipped off to Lyra's visit to Samovar and similar worlds with Obitt by Galen, who had sent him the info as a means to express her concerns about the planets) visits Lyra and Jyn while they are at a playground. In essence, he warns her of difficulties their family might encounter if her concerns or doubts result in Galen's critical work for the Empire's security being hindered. Lyra knows a threat when she hears one. Weeks later, while waiting for something new to do after the successful test of his work (the details of which are kept from him), Galen starts to dig into data on Project Celestial Power, its resources, etc., all of which suggests to him a massive construction project of some kind that the Empire wants kept secret. Lyra, meanwhile, is distant since her meeting with Krennic, fearful for Jyn and herself. After weeks, Tarkin reports to Amedda that the struggle over the Salient System is effectively over, leaving only months of mop-up work to

be done. Tarkin is asking for more troops to shore things up and solidify the situation, but Amedda has none available, telling Tarkin that his actions are being seen as grandstanding and asking for the impossible, while others (Krennic) are doing their part for the Death Star project without such activities. As for Obitt and Saw (plus some of their confederates), they are there to work with the resistance to Tarkin's forces for as long as it takes. On Hypori, Krennic visits another research lab (Reeva's), the location where the lasers tested on at The Hero Twins were created. They are to now create the real thing, but Reeva raises questions shared by others about the sheer size (fifty times their prototype) and whether the Empire has something in the works that will be large enough to use it. He admits to its existence, claiming though that it is a kind of new and improved capital ship. She questions whether they will be relocated to work on such a project, given that they would lack such a facility on Hypori. After the meeting, Krennic orders that all of the researchers be "permanently relocated" (i.e. executed). (To be continued below . . .)*

(Catalyst)*

***NOTE:** This segment starts at the beginning of ch. 20, about 2 - 3 months after the end of ch. 19, so sometime about eight or nine months into the year, which is also supported by Galen noting that he has been working on the Project Celestial Power project for over a year.

- *The TIE Striker is unveiled as a new suborbital and atmospheric fighter.* *
(conjecture based on *Voice of the Empire*)*

***NOTE:** The TIE Striker is "new" as of VOTE.

- *At the headquarters of HoloNet News on Coruscant, reporter Calliope Drouth is shocked when she attends a meeting for an expected discussion with her Editor-in-Chief, Mandora Catabe, about a promotion and instead learns that Mandora is retiring (based on an offer from the Empire that she couldn't refuse) and being replaced by Imperial public relations officer Eridan Wesyse. Calliope is indeed getting a promotion, though, as Eridan intends to make her the trusted "Voice of the Empire" to help convince those in the Empire of its largesse and positive inner workings until "the" Empire becomes, to citizens, "their" Empire. As an investigative journalist, the kind of fluff pieces he wants her to run grate upon her, but she takes silent cues from Mandora to simply agree to the position and to accept Mandora's old recording droid, X-0X. (More modern droids that can actually send out live signals instead of just recording for later use have been recently recalled by the Empire, so that content can be controlled.) Her first assignment is to attend the Imperial Ball on Empire Day, which is actually that night. After racing home to quickly change into a dress left over from her sister's wedding, she notices that X-0X has been augmented. While examining the droid, a recording plays with a message from Mandora. She is being pushed out of HoloNet News as the Empire takes more control over it, but she will be taking a more active role in helping the rebellious cells out in the galaxy. She provides information that would allow Calliope to help her from the inside of HNN, if she so chooses. Her old boss knows her all too well, and Calliope decides to help, as Mandora surely suspected she would. That night, Calliope attends the ball with X-0X on her shoulder (albeit often malfunctioning). She is expected to get interviews, report on fashion, and basically produce fluff, but she strikes up a conversation first with Alderaanian Pol Treader, who is there on behalf of the Organas, who are absent on other business. She then meets a pair of officers, Ianna Wick and Tilfno, the latter of whom has just gotten a promotion. While buying them drinks and making small talk, she discovers that Tilfno now works under Commander Orson Krennic on Project Celestial Power and recently led a team that discovered a cache of kyber crystals on Jedha that has the Empire's interest. To cover this conversation as if it was more friendly than information-gathering, Calliope tries to convince Ianna, since she claims to have carried Tilfno through the Academy, to try to convince him or even Krennic to give her a chance to join their scouting teams, since she is already a solid shuttle pilot. When the droid malfunctions and falls off of her shoulder onto the floor, it is recovered by Krennic himself, who questions her about it and HNN, clearly seeming to think there might be something else going on here. When he offers to take the droid to have it repaired, she has to get it away from him (because, like a fool, she didn't delete Mandora's message from it). Thankfully, she is able to draw Ianna into the conversation to discuss a possible new position with Krennic long enough for X-0X to reactivate, allowing her to retrieve it and get out of there. The next day, she appears as the Voice of the Empire on HNN, reporting on the various fashions and such at the Imperial Ball. Unbeknownst to Eridan, though, she has positioned her hands to let Mandora's rebel allies know to look for a specific cypher in her word choices to pass along information about the Empire's interest in Jedha. Her career as a journalist has taken a turn,*

*but her career as a subversive has only just begun.**

(Voice of the Empire)*

***NOTE: We do not have an exact date for this story, but Matt Martin of the Lucasfilm Story Group, while confirming that “exact placement isn’t established,” stated that it likely takes place “somewhere around the latter half of Catalyst.”**

- *For the next year, Twin Horns Storage, a criminal front on Lothal, will report little or no official profit in Imperial tax records.*
(conjecture based on *The Heist*)
- *Gozetta discovers the prime hunting location of the planet Xirl and begins setting up a hunting lodge there and bringing various beasts into the mostly non-threatening ecosystem to hunt.*
(conjecture based on *The Nest*)
- *Shel (the Butcher of Brentaal IV) has been on the run from Republic authorities for years. However, when the new Empire finally catches him, they are not there to arrest him but instead to offer him a job. He is to capture rebels for them, starting with a Lasat named Davin.*
(conjecture based on *The Darkness*)

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 Trouble Again (comic: John Barber)

Darth Vader: Dark Lord of the Sith [continued] (comic series: Charles Soule & Chris Eliopoulos & Robert Thompson & Chuck Wendig)

Burning Seas [continued] (comic series: Charles Soule)

 Burning Seas, Part I (comic: Charles Soule)

 Burning Seas, Part II (comic: Charles Soule)

 Burning Seas, Part III (comic: Charles Soule)

 Burning Seas, Part IV [continued] (comic: Charles Soule)

 Burning Seas, Part V [continued] (comic: Charles Soule)

Bad Ground (comic series: Charles Soule)

 Bad Ground (comic: Charles Soule)

Fortress Vader (comic series: Charles Soule)

 Fortress Vader, Part I (comic: Charles Soule)

Ahsoka (novel: E.K. Johnston)

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 Aphra, Part II [flashback] (comic: Kieron Gillen)

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Catalyst [continued] (novel: James Luceno)

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Voice of the Empire (SWI170 short story: Mur Lafferty)

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17 BBY

- *Dak Ralter is born.**

(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*)*

*NOTE: His birth could be in this year or perhaps 15 BBY. He is said to be two years younger than Thane Kyrell, which would put his birthdate here, but then Thane later says that Dak was 18 during the Battle of Hoth, which would put his birthdate in 15 BBY. (This birthdate coincides with his Legends Continuity birthdate, for what it's worth.)

- *Verge (future Imperial "Prelate") is born.*
(conjecture based on *Twilight Company*)
- *Garrick Versio and Veehay Versio divorce. Their daughter, Iden Versio (age 5), remains with her father, who considers only her and himself to be "true Versios." Iden now attends the Future Imperial Leaders Preparatory School on Vardos, where headmaster Gleb briefly fills the void left by her absent mother and work-focused father.*
(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)
- *Believing it could provide a worthwhile profit (and under threat of having his criminal history exposed), Dil Pexton points Imperial Captain Visler Korda to where he can find Auric Graf and Lina Graf in Wild Space.*
(conjecture based on *The Snare*)
- *Mira and Ephraim Bridger begin broadcasting rebellious, anti-Imperial messages on Lothal. They are the first to speak out against the Empire on the planet. The Empire gives Lothal Governor Ryder Azadi one month to track down the source of the transmissions.*
(conjecture based on *The Heist*)*

*NOTE: *Galactic Maps* puts the start of their broadcasts in 14 BBY, but that does not fit with what we see in *Adventures in Wild Space*, nor would it make sense as a reference to when they are caught, which would be in 12 BBY. As usual, an erroneous *Galactic Maps* date is simply ignored for our purposes.

- *Gideon Hask (age 10) is orphaned when a rebel infiltrator detonates a bomb at the Kuat shipyards. Both of his parents die in the blast. He grieves them on his own for a few days alone in his room at their now-empty house, then his legal guardian arranges for his enrollment at the Future Imperial Leaders Military Preparatory School on Vardos. It is there that Gideon meets the Versio family, including Garrick Versio (who brought Vardos into the Empire years earlier and Iden Versio, who will grow to be one of his closest friends and fiercest competitors. (Veehay Versio, Iden's mother, had divorced Garrick when Iden was five, so Gideon does not meet her.) He is tapped to keep an eye on Iden, who is five years younger and behind him in the program.*
(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)
- *Approximately one week before Lina Graf and Milo Graf arrive on Xirl, Gozetta's hunting lodge's communications tower comes online.*
(conjecture based on *The Nest*)
- *On a remote world in Wild Space, Auric Graf and Rhyssa Graf, explorers, survey the world, while their children, Lina Graf and Milo Graf enjoy themselves a bit under the care of their droid, CR-8R ("Crater"). As usual, Lina has to help Milo when he gets himself into a tangle (quite literally) amid the new environment. While trying to help Milo, who was after an ash-*

rabbit, Lina herself has to be saved from creepervines. Lina, Milo, CR-8R, and their Kowakian monkey lizard pet, Morq, are about to head back to Auric and Rhyssa at their camp when CR-8R receives a strange, large, encrypted transmission from Rhyssa. He begins decrypting it, but it will take quite a while. In the meantime, they return to camp and find it empty of both their parents and their parents' gear. They find a necklace worn by Rhyssa that Auric had given to her on Morellia, then find a holo-recorder with a recording on it. When they play it, they are shocked to discover a warning from their mother that the Empire has come. In the recording, Imperial Captain Visler Korda is provided with the data from the Grafts' research, for which they expect to be paid, as agreed upon by Dil Pexton, their agent. Instead, Korda proclaims the planet Imperial territory now that Imperials are on it and simply takes the data. He then takes Auric and Rhyssa prisoner, pressing their skills into the service of the Empire against their will. Korda orders his stormtroopers to destroy all evidence of the Grafts being there, including destroying their ship, the Whisper Bird, and finding and killing Lina and Milo. Lina, Milo, CR-8R, and Morq reach the cave where the ship is located and manage to get past the stormtroopers planting explosives, but they end up trapped aboard the ship in the cave. Fortunately, they have echo-mapping tools on the ship and are able to map the rest of the cave system and use it to fly through and escape from a different exit. They escape only to find the Imperials already jumping to hyperspace with their parents as captives. Not knowing how else to rescue their parents, they set course for Thune, where their parents have friends. It will now be up to the Graf children to somehow save their parents from the Empire.*

(The Escape)*

*NOTE: We were first informed that it has been "a year or so" since the end of the Clone Wars when this series starts. The editor on the series has since revised that, stating that the series is set 17 - 16 BBY instead (which also necessitated a retcon of Ezra Bridger's brief appearance in the series as a baby to being a toddler).

- The Whisper Bird arrives over Thune, carrying Lina Graf, Milo Graf, CR-8R (Crater), and Morq. They need to find Dil Pexton, the Sullustan who set up contracts for their parents, Auric Graf and Rhyssa Graf, who have been taken captive by the Empire's Captain Visler Korda. The ship was damaged by explosives during their escape from Korda's men, though, and they nearly crash on Thune. Thankfully, Lina (age 10) is a bit of a prodigy with technology and is able to do a brief spacewalk to enter the engine room and save the day. Imperials in orbit see the ship coming, but they do not recognize it, thanks to Crater mysteriously providing a false ID for the ship, which he claims is Starstormer One. After landing, they learn that the false ID for the ship was included within the huge amount of encrypted data that Rhyssa transmitted to Crater before the Grafts were captured. However, only 12% of the data is currently decrypted, so the rest of its contents remain a mystery. They are approached at the spaceport by a Jablogian, Nazgorigan, who offers to sell them insect repellent (and boy do they need it on this planet!). He sells them some fake spray, not realizing that Morq (their Kowakian Monkey-Lizard) has stolen a bottle of the real spray. They get into contact with Dil, who seems to want to help, since it was he who pointed Korda to the Grafts in the first place, thinking it could net a legitimate contract. Lina and Morq go to meet with him, leaving Crater and Milo behind. When Dil learns that Lina has not brought her parents data, which is still inside Crater's memory back at the ship, he freaks out. He has been coerced by Korda (who arrives at Dil's shop) into helping get the rest of the data (including valuable maps of Wild Space) he had expected to get when taking the Grafts into Imperial custody. He has threatened to have Dil arrested for his various criminal activities before he met the Grafts and Auric helped set him on a more virtuous path. Back at the ship, Milo investigates nearby, finding and capturing a wart-hornet (a creature with a venomous tongue and loud cry). He had hoped that he had found a new species, but it is rather well-known already. He and Crater are contacted by Korda, who is holding Lina prisoner. They set up an exchange (her for the data) at Merchant's Bridge, but Milo has a different plan. During the exchange, Dil has a brief change of heart and turns on Korda but is almost immediately stunned and incapacitated. Milo has Crater transmit the cry of the wart-hornets, bringing a huge swarm to attack. He is able to rescue Lina, and they use the real spray Morq stole to protect themselves from the creatures and their venom, while the Imperials are overwhelmed. The quartet is able to escape on a small boat, but even suffering from venom, Korda gives chase on a speederbike that he rides along the canal the escapees are using. With a burst of Crater's repulsors, they are able to leap over Korda and into the spaceport, where they barely make it aboard the Whisper Bird and take off. In trying to hear the local Imperial frequency to know where to expect ships in the new blockade over the planet, they stumble upon a transmission

that seems to be encouraging people to rise against the Empire. Thinking that whomever is sending the transmission might be willing to help them rescue their parents from the Empire, they set a course for the source of the transmission, disengage hyperdrive safeties in the already damaged ship, and jump to hyperspace from inside Thune's gravity well. They have escaped the Empire, but as damaged as the ship is at the moment, their escape might end in their deaths anyway . . .

(The Snare)

- Having escaped from Thune by disengaging hyperdrive safeties and jumping to hyperspace within Thune's gravity well, Lina Graf, Milo Graf, CR-8R, and Morq (the Kowakian Lizard-Monkey) emerge from hyperspace over Xirl , the apparent source of the anti-Imperial transmission that they picked up during their escape . They want to find its source, so that perhaps the rebels behind it might be able to help Lina and Milo rescue their parents, Auric Graf and Rhyssa Graf, from the clutches of Imperial Captain Visler Korda, who is also trying to capture the kids for the data stored within CR-8R. They find an ostentatious building and a damaged ship nearby. They land close enough to check them out, hoping to salvage hyperdrive parts from the downed ship to repair damage done to the Whisper Bird's hyperdrive in their escape from Thune. The crashed ship is the Venture, and it appears to have been attacked by something gigantic, which caused it to crash. It also appears to have been carrying veermoks, one of which is found dead inside, while another appears to have escaped. The hyperdrive can be salvaged for parts, but after that good news, CR-8R gets stuck inside (with Morq keeping an eye on him) while Lina and Milo must leave the scene, as a shuttle from a larger ship in orbit is on its way, suggesting that Korda has found them. Once the shuttle is in view, they realize that it isn't the Empire. The shuttle carries three big game hunters (Corin, Bort, and their leader, Gozetta). The Venture was carrying their colleagues to bring veermoks to the planet, which the group is using as a private hunting ground. The planet has little in the way of local wildlife worth hunting (or so they think), so they have been bringing their own into the environment. The building the kids saw is their hunting lodge. The trio checks out the wreck but doesn't notice CR-8R as an intruder, then intends to hunt down the trespassers (the kids) based on evidence that they had been on the ship. Lina and Milo make their way to the source of the rebel transmission, which they start to pick up again. It turns out that it is apparently automated from an earlier recording, as the source (the lodge) has been heavily damaged by what appears to be the same gigantic "something" that brought down the Venture. While looking around, they are attacked by the remaining veermok but saved by Gozetta, who demands to know what they are doing on "her planet." The kids are essentially taken prisoner and forced to join the hunting party when they see small creatures ("stinkers") and some larger counterparts heading off in the same direction through the jungle via a path of crushed foliage. The hunters anticipate that whatever damaged their ship and lodge will be in that direction. They track the path to a cave, and Gozetta sends Milo and Lina in as bait (but not before they get a brief transmission from CR-8R, who is freed himself and is moving the hyperdrive salvage to the Whisper Bird). The kids discover two other members of the hunting group, Sata and Meggin, trapped in the cave. (Their other colleague, Delih, is dead.) The kids help them get out of the pit they are in, and they all race for the cave entrance, as an enormous version of the "stinkers" emerges. It is the apex predator of the planet, the largest version of the constantly growing and changing creatures. It is what brought down the Venture and attacked the lodge. Everyone runs back toward Gozetta's shuttle, but once she reaches it, she leaves them all behind. CR-8R arrives nearby and distracts the beast a bit, then Gozetta's shuttle returns to attack the creature, only to be struck down. The kids, Sata, and Meggin are finally able to protect themselves by staying still and covering themselves with stinker slime so that the creature does not attack them, then make their way to the Whisper Bird, even as Gozetta emerges from her wrecked shuttle with a rocket launcher to blast the beast, which attacks her. Whether either has been killed is unknown, but Sata, Meggin, CR-8R, Milo, Lina, and Morq escape on the Whisper Bird, ready to fix the hyperdrive while already in space. Sata reveals that the voice in the recording is Delih's, and they did not know that kind of message was being sent. Knowing that Delih was frequently making secretive trips alone to the planet Lothal, she suggests that the kids might find people to help them on Lothal, though they must be wary of an Imperial presence there. Sata and Meggin will not join them, though. They will be returning to the hunters' larger ship and going back to their own homes. The Whisper Bird quartet will be heading to Lothal next.*

(The Nest)

- Shel (the Butcher of Brentaal IV) has captured a rebel Lasat, Davin, and has joined some*

stormtroopers in delivering him to Lothal for trial in Capital City. However, plans change (likely as a result of Ryder Azadi's influence after a request from Ephraim Bridger and Mira Bridger). They are to transfer Davin to Shalla Mondatha's (the Shroud's) Moveable Feast for transport to Noctu. (The Bridgers intend for Davin to free Lina Graf, Milo Graf, and CR-8R from Shalla, so that they can rendezvous when the ship reaches Noctu.) Suspicious, Shel begins plotting how best to capture not only Davin during his escape attempt but also anyone he is working with.

(conjecture based on *The Darkness*)

- It has only been about a week since Captain Visler Korda took away their parents, but Milo Graf and Lina Graf, along with their droid CR-8R (carrying encrypted data from Auric Graf and Rhyssa Graf, their parents) and Kowakian Monkey-Lizard, Morq, are now on a path that they believe might gain them allies in rescuing Auric and Rhyssa. They have followed a lead from the late Delih (via Sata) to the planet Lothal. Meanwhile, unbeknownst to them, Meggin (another survivor from the Graf children's adventure on Xirl) has been drawn into a trap set by the bounty hunter known as "the Shade," who has been hired by Captain Korda to capture Milo and Lina (and, more importantly, CR-8R). The Shade tortures Meggin and learns that the Whisper Bird is on the way to Lothal, where the Empire recently took power (three months ago). Upon arriving on the outskirts of Capital City on Lothal, low on both fuel and funds, the Graf crew are "saved" from an approaching thug by Cikatro Vizago, who offers to help them find the source of the anti-Imperial transmissions that might be their hope of finding a real ally. He takes them to Twin Horns Storage, by which time they deduce that this is a criminal organization. Knowing they are wanted by the Empire due to a slip of the tongue, Vizago takes them to his boss upstairs, a Mon Cala named Rask Odai, Lothal's criminal overlord, who is also guarded by a Rodian goon (Rom) and IG-70. Rask gives them a scanner to lead them to the source of the transmissions, but as payment he has IG-70 rip the head off of CR-8R, since his head is that of an ancient Jedi architect droid, making it a valuable piece for Rask's collection. Lina and Milo are dumped back off at the shanty town where they landed, realizing too late that they have been separated from Morq, who may be back at Twin Horns Storage. Feeling hopeless, they are found by Captain Shalla Mondatha of the Moveable Feast, a flying restaurant and catering ship. Shalla offers them a good meal, where they also find that Morq made his way back and reached the foot ship first, seeking something to eat. They tell Shalla their story, including the fact that CR-8R's head holds the maps that the Empire wants, and she agrees to help them get the head back. Shalla acts as a customer to Twin Horns Storage and has a crate stored that includes some exotic beetles and the Grafs. The kids infiltrate Rask's office, buying time with a fake fire alarm, and recover CR-8R's head, then escape via a water tube route that Rask uses to fill his own relaxing water tank. Rather than reuniting with Shalla, they end up being rescued by Ephraim Bridger, the man whose voice was in the transmissions! He takes them back to his home, where they meet his wife, Mira Bridger, and their toddler son, Ezra Bridger. The Bridgers want to help, but they have been having to be extra careful, since they have heard that the Shade is on Lothal, seeking a big prize, which they deduce must be the data in CR-8R. When the Bridgers show the Grafs a recording of the Shade's ship, they recognize it as the Moveable Feast. Shalla is the Shade! Needing to find the droid's head, Shalla confronts Rask, taking out IG-70 and blasting off the tip of one of Vizago's horns in the process. The kids, meanwhile, realize that the very equipment that they were able to use for the break-in will allow the Shade to track them. The Bridgers give the Grafs some money for fuel, then Ephraim tries to lead the Shade away from the Whisper Bird by driving away on a swoop bike with the tracker. Shalla, though, has also sent her own end of the tracker away to make it look like she's heading out, when she is instead waiting for them with Milo and Lina arrive. Using Morq, whom she has taken captive and fitted with a shocking device, she is able to manipulate Milo and Lina into boarding the Moveable Feast where they are locked in as cell as prisoners, ready for the Shade to collect her bounty. Realizing what has happened, Ephraim risks calling in an unexpected ally, Governor Ryder Azadi. They need to mount a rescue!*

(*The Heist*)*

*NOTE: Ezra is said to be a baby in the novel, then the author later said he is about 6-months-old, only for the editor of the series to say there was miscommunication and retcon that Ezra was a toddler in the story. Yeesh! Also, I know this book was initially released as *The Steal* in the UK. In fact, that's the name under which I originally summarized it for this timeline. However, since I try to stick to U.S. titles on the document whenever possible, I have changed the title here to reflect the U.S. title, rather than the UK one.

- Having been captured by Shalla Mondatha (AKA "the Shroud"), Lina Graf, Milo Graf, and CR-

8R (without their Kowakian monkey lizard, Morq, or their ship, the Whisper Bird) are prisoners of Shalla aboard her ship, the Moveable Feast. They are being taken to Imperial Captain Visler Korda, but Shalla has a brief job for the Empire first. They receive a pair of apparent prisoners, Shel (a human) and Davin (a Lasat), for transport to the mining operation of Noctu. Davin must be stunned to go into his cell after a brief struggle with stormtroopers during the drop-off, which leaves Shel to act friendly and tell Lina and Milo about himself and Davin (the supposed "Butcher of Brentaal IV") while Shalla takes CR-8R to the bridge with her. A short time later, once Davin is awake and trying to slam his way out of his cell, the ship drops out of hyperspace unexpectedly. CR-8R, having been sent on an errand by Shalla and not hearing from her again, frees Milo and Lina, who are unwilling to free Davin or Shel because they don't know them well enough to trust them and were so recently "burned" by trusting Shalla. The power (at least some of the power on the ship) is also out. The trio discover a swarm of cybernetic spiders from within a cargo that was marked for Imperial scientist Cylo. The spiders are eating their way through parts of the ship, seeking power sources. They are why some of the power sources have done dark, though, fortunately, others (such as in the cells) remain active for the moment. They reach the bridge and find Shalla knocked out by a spider attack. The ship appears to be able to go to hyperspace, but they need another power source, such as one in the cellblock. CR-8R, low on power, is able to access some corrupted files to confirm that either Shel or Davin is indeed the Butcher of Brentaal IV, but he cannot determine which one. They return to the cells and find that Davin has broken out of his, leaving Shel caged. When Shel suggests that Davin is on his way back to kill them all, the Grafs trust him enough for Lina and Milo to each get into a cell to protect themselves, while also freeing Shel to grab a stun stick and wait to ambush Davin. When Davin arrives, Shel zaps him, then does the same to CR-8R, revealing to them that he is the Butcher of Brentaal IV, and Davin was actually there to rescue them (sent by Ephraim Bridger and Mira Bridger, presumably with the help of Ryder Azadi). Shel was indeed a wanted man, but when the Empire came to power, they saw a use for his unique skill set, so they have hired him for various jobs. He was supposed to escort Davin to Lothal for trial at Capital City, but when orders changed (probably thanks to Ryder) so that Davin would be transported to Noctu instead, Shel figured something was amiss, so he posed as a prisoner to determine what was going on. He takes Lina and CR-8R to the bridge (with a threat to Milo to keep them in line) so that they can use what is left of CR-8R's power to run the navicomputer with Lina making some repairs. Milo wakes Davin (put back into his cell by CR-8R with a threat to the kids), and the two are able to manipulate the spiders by turning off the lights with a cup Davin used earlier to slam against the bars. The spiders manage to free them in their feeding, though Davin must be extra careful because they are after power sources, and he has an artificial lung. They jump to hyperspace and soon arrive at Noctu, where they are met by the Sunburst, flown by the Bridgers. An Imperial shuttle, awaiting the Moveable Feast, attacks the Sunburst. Davin and Milo enter and subdue Shel briefly, but Shel lunges out and battles Davin again, leading to Davin being stunned once more, though the Grafs are able to back him to an unseen hole from the spiders, sending him falling into their nest to his defeat (if not his doom). Free of his threat, Lina is able to disable the Imperial ship with a shot from the Feast's cannons. They leave the Feast with Shalla and Shel aboard and join the Bridgers on the Sunburst. A spider makes it aboard too, but Morq, a stowaway on the ship, catches it before it can do damage. They head back to Lothal with a new lead, provided by one of the Bridgers' allies with Imperial ties (Ryder, perhaps?). The Bridgers believe they know where Auric Graf and Rhyssa Graf are being held by the Empire.*

(The Darkness)*

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- As a result of hiring the Shade, a bounty hunter, to hunt for Lina Graf, Milo Graf, and the data held in CR-8R, Imperial Captain Visler Korda is court-martialed, discharged from military service, and sentenced to the spice mines of Kessel. However, he manages to steal the prototype starship Star Herald, piloted by RX-48, and escapes, intending to capture the Grafs himself so that he can sell the data in CR-8R to the highest bidder now that he is no longer in Imperial service.
(conjecture based on *The Cold*)
- During a visit from Orson Krennic to the home of Galen, Lyra, and Jyn Erso, Jyn (age 4) is fearful of Krennic. Galen reassures her. (To be continued below . . .)

(Rogue One)

- Soon after the Hypori installation is destroyed, Lyra Erso, after a jog to try to sort out her thoughts on the current situation and how to get the Ersos out of it, tries to check in with Reeva, only to find the Hypori installation's connection no longer active and Reeva completely gone from the Project Celestial Power database. She contacts Nari and asks her to actually fly out to Malpaz and Hypori to check the situation in person. In the Salient System, Tarkin continues to fight the local militias, finally ordering a turbolaser bombardment meant to bury the insurgents on Salient I. On Coruscant, Galen spends time in his work and is able to finally break his mind away enough to realize how much he has let his work keep him from telling Jyn how much he loves her. Krennic returns to Geonosis, where he ponders where the superlaser components will need to be built, even as he considers that Galen looking into Project Celestial Power resources and Lyra trying to contact Reeva must mean that she has told Galen about his threat, even though she hasn't. He intends to pay them another visit. Coincidentally, that is right around when Lyra finally uses a ruse of getting fresh air to take Galen out of the apartment while Jyn sleeps so that they can talk without being watched. She does not tell Galen about Krennic's threat, the disappearance of old friends, and Nari's "mission" to check Malpaz and Hypori. She expects him to resist using whatever info Nari finds to get to the bottom of the situation, but he shares that he has had suspicions of his own. Aboard the Executrix, one week after the strike meant to bury the insurgents, Obitt awakens in the prisoners' medbay, having spent a week in a bacta tank. He is questioned by Tarkin about his action and reveals what caused his change of heart, along with the fact that one of the women on the trip that finally tipped the scales was Lyra, whom he was keeping out of trouble for Krennic. This reveals to Tarkin that Galen is working with Krennic, something he did not know was the source of Krennic's recent successes until now. On Coruscant, one week after their conversation about their suspicions, Galen and Lyra now have Nari's report from her trip, including proof that the Hypori installation was "scoured," destroyed within the last month. Galen reveals that Malpaz must also have been a result of Imperial attempts to weaponize his research, something that appalls him. Put together with his suspicions about the project's resources, he realizes that he has been unwittingly helping to create a superweapon for the Empire. When they learn that Krennic is on the way, they decide to allay his suspicions, even as they try to find a way to get away from him and the Empire. In a guarded discussion, Krennic claims that the Hypori installation was closed down due to an industrial accident, hence why Reeva would be out of contact. Lyra pretends to be concerned that they are targets because they work for Project Celestial Power (and, remember, the Malpaz facility was supposedly destroyed by Separatist holdout anarchists). Krennic accuses Lyra of trying to use her concerns to pull Galen from his research and the like, but Krennic leaves at least somewhat convinced that he has retained Galen's trust. He begins considering "removing" Lyra and Jyn when he is contacted by Tarkin, who claims that Obitt escaped the Executrix and Salient System after receiving a transmission to meet someone on Coruscant, which causes Krennic to assume that Lyra reached out to Obitt and intends to take Galen away from his control. Lyra says that they have been contacted by someone who can get them off of Coruscant. By the time Krennic arrives, the Ersos have been away from the facility for two hours, and Krennic finds a message apparently from Obitt that is clearly trying to offer getting the family away without raising suspicion. Krennic gets to the spaceport and intercepts Obitt on arrival, but it becomes clear that Obitt is not actually there for the Ersos. His transmissions have been to and from a fellow smuggler. (He has actually been sent back with a cover story for his actions at Salient so that he can try to get back into Krennic's good graces and inform on him to Tarkin.) Galen, Lyra, and Jyn actually meet up with Obitt's ally, Saw, who helps them get off of Coruscant at Obitt's request. Krennic recognizes that he has lost Galen, which means that work on the Death Star will soon stall. Months later, Obitt returns to the Wanton Wellspring, now back in the good graces of both Krennic and Tarkin, both of whom have tasked him with finding the Ersos, which he is not inclined to do. He has also made sure to provide Nari with an alibi to make sure she is not arrested for helping the Ersos escape. He finally has the confidence in doing good to ask Woana out. Krennic is reduced in rank back to lieutenant commander for losing Galen. Tarkin is being given command of the sentinel bases (specifically the main one, Sentinel Base) to oversee Krennic's work on the Death Star, though he retains his position as leader of the Special Weapons Group. The work, though, has already stalled without Galen. As for the Ersos, Saw takes them to the remote planet Lah'mu, a place they can live a simple life and give Jyn plenty of time to grow up. Saw gives them a comm card that will let them contact him*

at any time if they need his help, as he respects Galen and Lyra for being willing to stand up to the Empire and not bow to their wishes. Little do they know that their freedom will only lasts a scant four years . . .

(Catalyst)

- *Moff Wilhuff Tarkin takes command of Sentinel Base and nearby supply and sentry outposts that all serve the Death Star construction project. In doing so, he replaces Vice Admiral Dodd Rancit, who is “promoted” (though it is seen as a demotion by his peers) to head Naval Intelligence.*
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)
- *The YT-1000 freighter Reticent is purchased on Lantillies by the crew who will still fly the ship three years from now.*
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)
- *Unable to act yet on another new lead that suggests that Auric Graf and Rhyssa Graf are being held by the Empire in the Xala System, Lina Graf and Milo Graf, who have been staying with Ephraim Bridger and Mira Bridger on Lothal for a while now, are allowed to go on a mission aboard the Whisper Bird with Morq and CR-84. One of the Old Republic satellites that the Bridgers have been using to hijack frequencies for their broadcasts has gone silent in the Pion System. Since Lina is technologically savvy, the Bridgers feel this is an okay mission for the quartet. Instead, though, Lina takes them first to the Xala System, hoping to scan for some signs of their parents. It is a trap, though. There are no Imperial prisons there, and instead they are set upon by the prototype Imperial starship Star Herald, piloted by RX-48 under the orders of passenger Visler Korda. The Whisper Bird is shot down on a frozen moon. When Lina goes out to try to carry out repairs, geysers underneath the frozen surface they landed on cause the ice to break, and the Whisper Bird (with Milo, Morq, and CR-8R aboard) sinks down into the freezing waters. Lina escapes to a cave as the Star Herald lands nearby, but Korda figures out where she is and tracks her into the cave. There, she nearly escapes before falling from a steep climb directly into his arms. Outside, an Imperial ship arrives carrying snowtroopers, who enter the Star Herald and blast RX-48 before he can alert Korda to their presence. Korda and Lina hear echoes of the blaster fire, and based on Korda’s reaction, Lina realizes that he is not with the Empire anymore. He confesses that after hiring the Shade to find them, which was an action not approved by the Empire, he was court-martialed, sent to Kessel, and then escaped by stealing the prototype Star Herald, which the Empire wants back. He is still coming for the Grafs because he believes he can sell the data in CR-8R that the Empire wants so badly for enough money for a new start. Lina and Korda become temporary partners for long enough to clash with some snowtroopers, but they are captured, and Korda immediately changes the deal. He reveals to the snowtroopers what CR-8R is carrying and that the droid is aboard the ship underwater. With the Star Herald linked to Korda’s voice commands and set to be destroyed if he dies, they have no choice but to let him handle the ship as they use a tractor beam to pull up the Whisper Bird. Thankfully, while underwater, Milo and CR-8R have been using blinking, colored lanterns to communicate with a pair of large sea creatures. Once the ship is on the surface, the trio aboard sinks away so that when the creatures attack the ship, as planned through lantern communication, only snowtroopers are killed when the ship is destroyed. Korda is watching from nearby, away from the Star Herald just long enough for the Grafs to reunite and steal the ship, leaving Korda alone on the frozen moon to curse their treachery. Korda had already set the ship to access Imperial files and transmissions so he could keep tabs on the Empire’s hunt for him. He had already run a search for info on the Grafs, and the kids find the results of that search, which show that Auric and Rhyssa have recently been taken to the planet Agaris, one of the first ones they ever visited together. They now have a new clue to help them save their parents. Meanwhile, the Graf parents are brought before an Imperial officer who wants to speak to them about their kids: Wilhuff Tarkin himself . . .*

(The Cold)

- *On Agaris, 16 Imperial patrols vanish in the eight days prior to the arrival of the Grafs. Among those taken just two days before the Grafs arrive are DZ-372 and DX-491.*
(conjecture based on *The Rescue*)
- *Lina Graf, Milo Graf, Morq the Kowakian Lizard-Monkey, and CR-8R take the Star Herald (stolen from Visler Korda) to Agaris, where their parents (Auric Graf and Rhyssa Graf) are being held by the Empire, namely by Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin, whose Executrix is in orbit. They arrive to find only a minimal Imperial base that used to be a mining outpost, while the*

rest of the planet seems to be full of fungus-based life. They are spotted by TIE fighters that are then taken down by huge spiked spores fired by large fungus stalks, but then another such spore damages the Star Herald, forcing them to crash. The spikes of the spore pin CR-8R to the ship, forcing Lina, Milo, and Morq to leave without the droid, taking refuge in a nearby cave. For his part, Tarkin, now stuck with the Imperial security droid K-4D8 (sent by Director Orson Krennic), continues to question the Graf parents, claiming to have the children already in custody as leverage. The Imperials are there for quadanium ore, which unfortunately has been mostly already tapped out at the current location. Other location scouting is proving problematic, as teams sent into the fungi jungle tend to disappear. In the cave where they took refuge, Lina, Milo, and Morq discover the sentient fungus-based beings known as the Agarians, about whom the Imperials are currently ignorant. The leader, Hffrr, recognizes Lina and Milo, mistaking them as their old friends (who visited 13 years earlier), Rhyssa and Auric. They agree to help rescue the Graf parents, but a generator at the Imperial base emits a signal that is harmful to the Agarians, driving them mad if they get too close. They can attack, but only up to a certain radius of the base. They also reveal that they have all of the missing Imperials kept under sedation, thanks to their spores, since the Agarians are generally against violence. Meanwhile, K-4D8 finds CR-8R on the Star Herald and removes his head to return to Tarkin, since that is where all of the Grafts' data is held that the Empire has been after for so long. He shows the head to the Graf parents to convince them that he does indeed have the children. Even then, the children are brought on a flying (well, gliding) spore to the base. Just as they are captured by Imperials outside, their parents try to steal a ship to escape, only to be recaptured when they try to aid their children. It is little matter for now, though, as the family has finally been reunited. As for Morq, he winds up in the garbage, right where Tarkin tossed the head of CR-8R after taking the data and using it to scare the Grafts. Thinking that he can get food for the droid, he brings other pieces from the garbage to the droid head, which begins reassembling itself with whatever is available, eventually getting onto a rather strong walker-style body with an energy saw for one arm. They set out to save the children. CR-8R nearly saves them while being prodded along by K-4D8, but a cave-in separates CR-8R and Lina from the others. Around the same time, the Agarians begin attacking the base, but they are held at bay near the base grounds by the generator's signal. CR-8R and Lina take out the generator (well, mostly CR-8R), which allows the Agarians to press the attack. As Tarkin tries to get Auric, Rhyssa, and Milo onto the Carrion Spike to leave Agaris, Hffrr intervenes but is unwilling to destroy K-4D8 when he takes Milo as a hostage, since Hffrr sees the droid as a lifeform. Thankfully, CR-8R arrives and attacks K-4D8, finally defeating the security droid in an extended clash (with a little help from a pipe-wielding Lina). Tarkin, meanwhile, escapes on the Carrion Spike. In the wake of the battle, the Imperials withdraw, but they are given back their captured, sedated comrades. Knowing Tarkin will be back for payback against this newly-discovered Imperial enemy, Hffrr leads his people in getting aboard massive spores that fire off into space and then use the system's sun to slingshot through interstellar space in search of a new home. Having made it through the storm of evacuating spore ships in the repaired Star Herald (with a repaired CR-8R as well), the Grafts are ready to resume their normal life, or at least a safe one, but Lina and Milo encourage their parents to join in working to protect other children from the Empire, taking a stand against tyranny. They set course to rejoin the Bridgers on Lothal.

(The Rescue)

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16 BBY

- *Anandra Milon is born.*
 (conjecture based on *One Thousand Levels Down*)
 - *Mapo is born.*
 (conjecture based on *Empire's End*)
 - *Skelly begins being hired (and subsequently fired) by every major mining firm on Gorse and Cynda except for his last employer, Moonglow Polychemical, over the span of the next five years.*
 (conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)
 - *The brandy that Agent Terex will drink when accepting Captain Phasma's mission to pursue Poe Dameron begins to be aged this year. It will later have spice from Kessel added to it.*
 (conjecture based on *Black Squadron*)
 - *Around this time, Qi'ra begins stocking her "safehouse" in the Bottoms on Corellia as a location to retreat to when needed.*
 (conjecture based on *Most Wanted*)
 - *Arihnda Pryce will provide financial data from this date forward to assist in clearing her mother Elainye Pryce' name when facing false embezzlement charges two years from now.**
 (conjecture based on *Thrawn*)*
- *NOTE: This is two years prior to chapter 4 of *Thrawn*.
- *Around this time, senators begin to send bodyguards for updated training and sparring at the Yinchom Dojo on Coruscant, owned by the Togorian H'sishi. Over the next five years, thirty senators will make use of this dojo's excellent training.**
 (conjecture based on *Thrawn*)*
- *NOTE: This is about 5 years prior to chapter 15 of *Thrawn*, which puts it about 2 years before the novel begins.
- *Around this time, Anglang Lehet is working for the Syndicate on Alderaan and smells sun-sensitive chinar trees for the first time.**
 (conjecture based on *Rules of the Game*)*
- *NOTE: This is "fifty-odd years ago" as of the novella, which is set during or around the time of TLJ.
- *On Coruscant, the underground museum where Tsuulo learned about the Force is shut down by the Empire, and the "street preacher" whose pamphlets led there disappears, probably captured by the Empire.**
 (conjecture based on *Most Wanted*)*
- *NOTE: See note with Tsuulo's presumed birthdate above. This is two years after he visits the museum.
- *As Obi-Wan Kenobi is struck down by Darth Vader, he remembers his home on Tatooine as it was this year, bearing the markings of three years of his exile on the wall. He also remembers the spirit of Qui-Gon Jinn urging him to action and finding Luke Skywalker (age 3) playing by a vaporator with a model starship, one of several that he leaves for Luke anonymously over the years. While Luke does so, bandits attack the homestead, and Obi-Wan must urge Luke away by saying the same words he would echo to send Luke away from the Death Star: "Run, Luke, run!" Owen joins the fray, but when Obi-Wan is briefly*

endangered, Luke nearly leaps in to save him. This angers Owen once things calm down, since he sees it as another proof that Obi-Wan being nearby puts Luke in danger (in this case because Luke would try to protect him or anyone else in danger).

(conjecture based on *Time of Death*)

- *Drua's mother dies.*

(conjecture based on *Lords of the Sith*)*

*NOTE: This is "two winters" before LOTS, which I have interpreted as two years.

- *Gallius Rax (age 22), who has been secretly working for Sheev Palpatine for the last decade, officially enters Imperial service and is immediately assigned as a commander in the Naval Intelligence Agency (NIA). (His records are slightly falsified to hide his true age, it seems, as they will claim he is 20, not 22, at this time.) His reports bypass superiors like Dodd Rancit and Terrinald Screed and go straight to Wulff Yularen.**

(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)*

*NOTE: See the note with Gallius' birth in 38 BBY for an explanation of the age discrepancy.

15 BBY

- *A'Koba is born on Tatooine.**

(conjecture based on *Rites and Absolutely Everything You Need to Know: Updated and Expanded*)*

*NOTE: This assumes that he does his krayt hunt as a rite of passage at the age when Tusken Raiders typically become adults: 15 years old.

- *A'Vor and his twin are born on Tatooine.**

(conjecture based on *Rites and Absolutely Everything You Need to Know: Updated and Expanded*)*

*NOTE: This assumes that he does his krayt hunt as a rite of passage at the age when Tusken Raiders typically become adults: 15 years old.

- *The stormtrooper who will one day be saved by Luke Skywalker in the aftermath of the Battle of Jakku is born.**

(conjecture based on *The Legends of Luke Skywalker*)*

*NOTE: He is 20 as of the Battle of Jakku.

- *The oldest child slaves saved by Jyn Erso about eleven years from now are born.*

(conjecture based on *Rebel Rising*)

- *According to Jyn Erso when being questioned by Mon Mothma, Davits Draven, and Cassian Andor, she last saw her father, Galen Erso, around this time.**

(conjecture based on *Rogue One*)*

*NOTE: The novelization makes it clear that she was "it was a guess, but close enough." Their parting was actually two years later than her guess.

- *Months before Wilhuff Tarkin is briefly recalled to Coruscant, Emperor Palpatine ceases going out in public. His absence is conspicuous enough that his advisors begin sending out fake motorcades to make it appear that he is leaving the Imperial Palace.*

(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)

- *As late as this year, Imperial forces continue to chase down Separatist holdouts in possession of old Separatist warships.*

(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)

- *The Empire begins systematically taking over mines on various worlds. By about three years from now, 28 such operations will have been taken over.**

(conjecture based on *Thrawn*)*

*NOTE: This is one year prior to chapter 4 of *Thrawn*, as described in chapter 14.

- *Sometime during this year, Drua's isolated village on Ryloth loses its only ship.*

(conjecture based on *Lords of the Sith*)*

*NOTE: Drua's phrasing makes it possible that it is their communicator that is lost this year and the ship perhaps earlier.

- *Tanith Ponta, while traveling on Ponta One with her mother, Akshaya Ponta, contracts Bloodburn. She begins taking haidera serum for it, only to eventually die of addiction and an overdose this year. When Tanith dies, Akshaya grounds her son, Hadder Ponta, from flying at all, afraid to lose him as she lost Tanith and the children's' father.*

(conjecture based on *Rebel Rising*)

- *Around this time, the alluvial damper line at the Foundry on Corellia has its last dismemberment for nearly the next two years.**

(conjecture based on *Most Wanted*)*

*NOTE: This assumes *Most Wanted* is fairly late in 14 BBY.

- *Leia Organa (age 4) receives her first “big girl bed” and declares that she is too old to sleep with her parents, Bail Organa and Breha Organa, anymore.*
(conjecture based on *Leia: Princess of Alderaan*)
- *Imperials on Murkhana request a replacement hyperdrive motivator for an abandoned Judicial cruiser in Murkhana City. The request will go unfulfilled for at least the next three months, when it will hinder Wilhuff Tarkin and Darth Vader using the vessel.*
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)
- *Three months before Berch Teller’s fake raid on Rampart Station, Lieutenant Thon is assigned to the facility.*
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)
- *After a while of working as a bounty hunter on Tangenine, Brand (formerly Lauren Mel Coelho) is finally able to get revenge for the deaths of her family by hunting down the Malandro syndicate’s Annaz, whom she kills, noting that while Annaz offered her a new life if she would not kill her, Annaz already gave Brand a new life by killing her parents so long ago. (To be continued below . . .)**

(Inbrief)*

***NOTE:** This was apparently meant to be about 10 – 15 years after the initial flashback to Brand’s childhood, according to the story’s author. This makes sense with the approximate time of her activities listed in the prior year, based on *Twilight Company*.

- *Galen Erso will claim to Orson Krennic that around this time (some two or three years before her real death) that Lyra Erso died.*
(conjecture based on the *Rogue One* novelization)
- *Arik Uvis, an observer from the Core rather than Lothal, is forced upon Pryce Mining by Governor Ryder Azadi of Lothal.**
(conjecture based on *Thrawn*)*

***NOTE:** This is six months prior to chapter 4 of *Thrawn*.

- *A few months prior to meeting the crew of the Strikefast, Thrawn sets up camp on the world where he will meet them, making his camp appear years old and long abandoned instead of just a few months old. He then sets about trying to lure an Imperial ship to the planet.**
(conjecture based on *Thrawn*)*

***NOTE:** This is a few months prior to the beginning of *Thrawn*.

Inbrief [flashback] (SW1161 short story: Janine K. Spendlove)

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14 BBY

- *Taka Jamoreesa is born, likely on Alderaan.*
(conjecture based on *Last Shot*)
- *Ironically, the young girl who will kill TK-146275 on Lothal is born this year, the same year when the man’s own hatred of rebels over the death of his sister, Xea, will be born.*
(conjecture based on *TK-146275*)
- *Lead Transport Security Officer Falthina Sharest sees her workday at the Coronet Spaceport on Corellia repeatedly lengthened with no pay increase to compensate. She begins pocketing and reselling contraband to bring in more credits, while making sure that any subordinates who begin to suspect her are transferred to different terminals.*
(conjecture based on *Solo: The Official Guide*)
- *Jenkes manages a gladiator arena on Nyriaan. Around the same time, Gronson “Shifty” Tokkaro works as a bookmaker for the same arena.*
(conjecture based on *Ezra’s Gamble*)
- *Around this time (or perhaps late in the previous year), a Rodian woman who works as a sales representative for a small freighter company wins a big sales bonus, so she decides to take her entire family, including her husband and their two sons, Reezo and Tsuulo, with her on her next business trip, which takes them to Corellia for a sales conference at the Buckell Center. On the second morning of the conference, the two boys sleep in, while their parents decide to eat an early breakfast nearby. Meanwhile, an angry factory worker who had recently lost his job hijacks a speeder and tries to crash it into the local employment office. Along the way, he swerves off the road and strikes both Rodians, killing them, before crashing into Diadem Square. Reezo and Tsuulo are now orphans on an unfamiliar world, and when CorSec tells them of their parents’ deaths, Reezo assures them that he is old enough to care for Tsuulo so that they don’t get sent to an orphanage or a work camp. They soon receive an insurance settlement from Coruscant, but instead of using it to pay for their*

educations and get them back on their feet, Reezo decides to use the money to buy a speeder and upgrade it, expecting to get into local races and win enough to double their money or more. Instead, he crashes the speeder, leaving them utterly broke. For a while, they use whatever means they can, including begging, to make money, but Reezo just keeps putting it into his speeder instead of their well-being, driving a wedge between the brothers.

(conjecture based on *Most Wanted*).

- A statue of Palpatine is commissioned for Imperial Plaza (formerly Senate Plaza).
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)
- Prefect Phoca Soot is tasked by the Empire with controlling crime on Level 1331 of Coruscant. Instead, he hires himself out to the Droid Gotra. Meanwhile, the Empire comes to an agreement with the Crymorah crime syndicate, for whom the Droid Gotra often acts as enforcers.
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)
- Around this time (a few years after stormtrooper ranks start being filled by volunteers instead of clones), the Empire begins using propaganda (such as Stassen Bine's We Fight, We Win) that depicts Imperial soldiers without their faces covered. Unsure about any particular soldier becoming the face of the Imperial military, the Empire's propagandists instead use a holographic composite of over 5,000 different faces from the Imperial military to create the Imperial soldier visage used in such propaganda art.
(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)
- Weeks before meeting Isval, Ryiin leaves the Hole on Ryloth for the last time prior to that meeting.
(conjecture based on *Lords of the Sith*)
- One month before the destruction of the Perilous, the last attack by the Free Ryloth Movement on Imperial assets on Ryloth itself prior to that event takes place. The month of quiet will grow to annoy Belkor Dray, who will see the need to nudge Cham Syndulla's rebels toward further action soon.
(conjecture based on *Lords of the Sith*)
- A Free Ryloth team under Pok leads a raid on the Yaga Minor shipyards, but their strike has been noticed by the Imperials . . .
(conjecture based on *Lords of the Sith*)
- In this era, Klaatu is infamous for his "black deeds" on Tatooine.*
(conjecture based on *Beware the Power of the Dark Side!*)*

*NOTE: This is while Luke is "still a boy."

- On Eriadu, anti-Imperial rebels attempt to steal air scrubbers from the home of a young boy, his sister (Xea), and their father. (Their mother passed away previously.) When the rebels try to escape with a scrubber on a tow cable, the cable snaps and falls through the house, killing Xea. It is this moment that creates a true hatred of rebels in the young boy, who will grow up to be stormtrooper TK-146275. (To be continued below . . .)*
(TK-146275)*

*NOTE This happens in the same year that Tarkin becomes "Grand Moff." Given that the narrator also refers to how things might have been different if Tarkin was in charge at this point, it suggests that this must be in the same year but earlier than the *Tarkin* novel.

- Aboard the Imperial Star Destroyer Perilous, Darth Vader is alerted by Captain Luitt of a rebel strike at the Yaga Minor shipyards. The team behind the strike are members of Cham Syndulla's Free Ryloth Movement. Cham and his crew, including his second-in-command, Isval, wait at a predetermined rendezvous point, hiding from sensor view in the ring around an out-of-the-way planet, for the raiders to arrive. They do, but the rebel crew, led by Pok, has been pursued through hyperspace by the Perilous. There is nothing that Cham and Isval can do as an Imperial squadron of V-wings (led by Vader in one of his Eta-2 Interceptors) attacks Pok's ship. Vader boards after crashing his starfighter into it to breach its hull. As Cham, Isval, and their crew listen via an open communications line, they hear the infamous Vader kills Pok and his crew. The experience leaves a definite impression on Cham and his second. Shortly thereafter, as the Free Ryloth ship returns to Ryloth, Vader returns to Coruscant, where he reports to Emperor Palpatine (whom the galaxy at large does not know is the Sith Lord Darth Sidious). Vader is still struggling somewhat with ghosts of his past as Anakin Skywalker and the balance between his duty to serve Palpatine and his desire to one day usurp him. Palpatine recognizes this conflict within Vader and is setting events in motion to reinforce and solidify his obedience. Ryloth's Senator Orn Free Taa joins them and is shocked (as is Vader) to hear that the Emperor intends to journey (with Vader and Taa)

aboard the *Perilous* to Ryloth to see the situation with the Free Ryloth “terrorists” first-hand. They inform Ryloth’s complacent Moff Delian Mors of Taa’s imminent visit, but not that the Emperor or Vader will be accompanying him. For Vader, this is a return to one of the Clone Wars battlefields where he fought as Anakin, then alongside the Jedi and allies among Cham and his people. Just as soon as plans are made, word from a mole within Taa’s staff reaches Cham of the imminent visit and the truth of who is coming. They begin making plans to strike at the *Perilous* in an attempt to free Ryloth and the galaxy from Palpatine’s rule by destroying it and assassinating the Empire’s two top figures. At Ryloth, Imperial Colonel Belkor Dray travels to Ryloth’s moon to report on recent events to Moff Mors. After Mors lost her wife in a tragic accident years earlier, she had withdrawn into a life of decadence and complacency, leaving the actual leadership duties of her position to Belkor, who, unbeknownst to her, is working secretly with Cham. In his case, he intends to use the Free Ryloth attacks to undermine Mors in hopes of taking her place one day. Cham calls for a meeting with Belkor at a Free Ryloth base, where he reveals that he has been manipulating Belkor over the years more than the opposite. Now, Cham is able to blackmail him with evidence of their connections into full-blown collaboration in the plan to strike at the *Perilous*. Cham does not reveal Palpatine or Vader being aboard, only that they can strike at Taa. Belkor is not happy but agrees that Taa dying on Mors’ watch would help disgrace her and elevate Belkor. As preparations are made, Isval slips away and visits one of the lower level crime-riddled areas where she herself grew up until “saved” by Cham, where she protects a young prostitute, Ryiin, from an Imperial, then helps get her out of prostitution and into a new life, as she tries to help other girls any chance she gets. (It is her background here that has made Isval somewhat more extreme in her activities than Cham has ever been.) (To be continued below . . .)

(Lords of the Sith)*

*NOTE: See note with the rest of the summary below.

- *En route to Ryloth aboard the Perilous, Emperor Palpatine orders a stop in the Denon system to confer with several of the Chiefs of the Navy. The meeting is held aboard the Defiance, a cruiser known as the Defiance Flight Training Institute (or simply the Baylo School, named for Commandant Pell Baylo, who runs the school). As the Emperor meets with his chiefs, Darth Vader observes Baylo’s instruction of young crew members on the bridge of the Defiance. Baylo has a young cadet, Rae Sloane, set their course for Christophsis, where the Perilous will meet them to continue the Sith Lords’ journey to Ryloth after the meeting, but he berates her when she supposedly puts in poor coordinates and changes them himself. Once he leaves the bridge, Sloane expresses concerns about the route to Vader, who alters the coordinates again without Baylo’s knowledge. Once the last chief leaves, they jump to Christophsis as planned. Baylo then joins Vader and Palpatine in a meeting, during which Palpatine reveals that the various Imperial military schools, including the Defiance, will go from their semi-independent status left over from the Republic into a new unified Imperial Academy, under the main academy at Corellia. Baylo is to take a chair at the navigation institute on Corellia, but he refuses. He does not recognize Palpatine’s authority in the matter. He resigns, not fearing death because his coordinates earlier should have made the Defiance emerge from hyperspace and then plunge into Christophsis’ sun. Instead, Vader has foiled that plot with his new coordinates. Without awaiting orders from Palpatine, Vader kills Baylo with the Force. Sloane enters to let them know that the Perilous is waiting for them to return, and Palpatine conveys an order to her superiors at the Academy through Sloane herself: the Defiance is to be renamed the Obedience, a more fitting name.*

(Orientation)

- *When the Perilous arrives at Ryloth, the plan goes into action. Droid starfighters gathered by the Free Ryloth Movement attack the Star Destroyer, heavily damaging it. As the attack is underway, Moff Delian Mors and Belkor Dray are in contact when Mors finds out that Emperor Palpatine and Darth Vader are aboard, which puts Belkor into an even more difficult situation. Cham Syndulla is able to use his desperation to keep him deeply involved in the next few hours. Multiple Free Ryloth ships, including one team led by Isval, head out as “repair ships” to “help” the Perilous, and they use the opportunity of getting aboard to set up explosives and disable the ship even further. All but Isval’s team are killed, but Isval’s team narrowly avoids capture by Vader and escapes in a stolen ship. Taa and others make it off the ship, and Vader joins Palpatine and several Royal Guards in leaving aboard Palpatine’s personal shuttle. The Perilous itself is demolished by explosions, its remnants crashing mostly down to Ryloth. Amid this, Cham has Belkor help identify the command shuttle, and*

he instead points out two shuttles: the one carrying the Sith Lords and the one carrying Mors, who was on her way from the moon. Isval's team is able to shoot down Mors, who crashes down and survives (but her pilot does not), but they are unable to do more than damage Palpatine's shuttle, which also crashes down into a jungle area on Ryloth's surface. In order to have time to get to and kill Vader and the Emperor, Cham has Belkor tell the Equatorial Communications Hub that Isval's incoming ship is carrying an injured VIP from the Perilous. This makes them let their guard down, so that Isval can fly over and destroy most of their communications dishes and damage the rest. Kallon, Cham's expert slicer, is then able to slice into the Imperial network and sent out a jamming signal to keep the downed Imperials isolated. As for the Emperor's shuttle, only four have survived the crash: Vader, Palpatine, and two Royal Guards, a captain (who is a clonetrooper) and Erstin Deez. Mors pilots herself to the Equatorial Communications Hub, where she links up with loyal officer Steen Borkas, who has people working to repair the remaining (but damaged) dish. Believing Belkor is a traitor, she and Borkas create their own group to go rescue the Emperor and Vader. Meanwhile, the Sith Lords have brought down Free Ryloth ships with pure Force use, giving pause to Cham, Isval, and tracker expert Goll as they arrive at the site of the crash(es). Belkor is also searching for Vader in his own unarmed pod, while keeping V-wings as part of the search (and on standby to attack the leaders' location without knowledge of their target when discovered). The Imperial group runs into a huge number of lyleks, the only creature more dangerous on Ryloth than gutkurrs. In an intense battle with the creatures, the captain is killed but the other three survive, thanks to Palpatine and Vader wiping out the creatures utterly. They emerge from the lylek cave system and encounter a young girl, Drua, who is from an isolated village with no ship but a damaged communications device that they might be able to use to call for rescue. The naïve girl and her village take them in as honored visitors, having no idea of the turmoil that has engulfed Ryloth since the Clone Wars. As Mors nears the area, she contacts the V-wings under Wing Leader Arim Meensa and reveal Belkor's treachery and who is truly in danger, so that they act loyally to the Empire when Belkor finally orders them into action. They are also to delay Belkor so that Mors can rescue the Emperor and Vader. As Cham's group nears the village and spots the Imperials, things take on a new urgency when the communicator is fixed by Vader and the Hub's dish reactivates, allowing Vader to contact Mors for extraction. Cham's people are unwilling to sacrifice the villagers' lives to get at Vader and the Emperor, so they fire warning shots, even as Belkor taunts them over his plan to now kill the Imperial leaders and Cham's own team. Unfortunately for Belkor, the V-wings obey Mors, who arrives and orders his ship destroyed, killing him. As Isval and much of the team attack Vader in a desperate attempt to take him, the most dangerous threat they think, down, Isval convinces Goll to manhandle Cham back to the ship so that he (and his movement) can survive this day. Their attempt to spark a broader rebellion today has failed, but Cham will keep fighting to honor the sacrifices of his comrades. As for Isval, she watches as the team is cut down but is herself captured by Vader, who briefly questions the defiant woman before killing her. Palpatine then orders him to kill all of the villagers to eliminate any witnesses to the Emperor's true Dark Side power. Throughout the ordeal, Vader has considered his past life in light of his present one, the nature of power, and the balance between himself and Darth Sidious. He is coming out of this more loyal, it seems, exactly as the Emperor had planned.

(Lords of the Sith)*

*NOTE: There was some initial confusion over when this story takes place. The "opening crawl" states that it is "eight years after the Clone Wars ravaged the galaxy," which would suggest that it is 8 years after ROTJ and thus 11 BBY. The so-called *The Story of Star Wars* timeline that made its debut in the front of the book, however, placed the novel before *Tarkin*, which is set in this year (14 BBY). I asked the author, Paul S. Kemp, who referred me to the Story Group because he "wrote the substance of the crawl but not the date reference." I then asked Pablo Hidalgo of the Story Group, who was able to confirm that it is set 8 years after the *beginning* of the Clone Wars and thus in 14 BBY, the same year as *Tarkin*, and is set before *Tarkin* as the timeline suggests. (This also makes the reference that Cham had "fought for his people and Ryloth for almost a standard decade" accurate, since the later date of 11 BBY would have been past 10 years, whereas 14 BBY makes it 8 years (or "almost" a decade).

- Former Free Ryloth Movement agent Goll and volunteer Hera Syndulla (daughter of Cham Syndulla, though the two have been separated with Cham's location being a secret) are working with the crew of the Eclipse (captain Krysiant Rheden, engineer Eira Tay, and gunner Ul'ligan) and a member of the Karthakk Group (clinician Trae Baratha) to smuggle gattis extract from the Karthakk Group to Ryloth, where elders around Lessu are dying from Bybbec fever, which is fatal to older Twi'leks. The Empire is offering extract as a cure as well, but they are requiring registration with the government to do so, which in turn is being used to

root out subversives with false identities. Agents on the surface disrupt power briefly enough for the Eclipse to slip away from the planet's automated docking systems, but Moff Delian Mors is not going to let herself look bad again, not after what happened a year earlier during Palpatine's visit and the breaking of the Free Ryloth Movement. She sends V-wings to seek out the missing ship. In an ensuing chase, Rheden is wounded, but Hera is able to make suggestions to get the ship repaired and hyperspace-ready, even while avoiding pursuit. They land just long enough to deliver the gattis extract to their local contact, Dianthy, then escape into hyperspace. With the mission complete, despite Baratha's worries, things calm down, and Goll suggests that Hera has the makings of a good leader like her father. She considers the possibility of gathering together her own team in the future. She already has Chopper (who is not with her on this mission), and maybe some day she will lead a crew of her own in standing against the Empire. Time will tell.*

(Mercy Mission)*

***NOTE:** For some reason, Del Rey has confirmed that this story takes place between *Lords of the Sith* and *Tarkin* (which are both in this year), despite Delian Mors referring to the events of LOTS as "last year." They imply that she is just estimating. This makes sense, I suppose, if we assume that LOTS and *Tarkin* are so far apart in the year relative to ANH that they are actually in different calendar years.

- Four weeks prior to Wilhuff Tarkin's brief visit to Coruscant, the Imperial Security Bureau receives information, supposedly from Military Intelligence, about a possible cache of communications devices on Murkhana. The local case officer, Stellan, orders one of his agents, Bracchia, to look into the location, which is an old medcenter that once housed a Separatist shield generator during the Separatists' hijacking of HoloNet feeds for Shadowfeeds nine months into the Clone Wars. After a week of checking out the building, Bracchia enters and finds the communications equipment cache, enough to perhaps pull off something similar to the Shadowfeeds of the Clone Wars. The building is kept under watch for the next three weeks. Unbeknownst to Bracchia, Stellan, and the ISB, the transmission that alerted Stellan to the cache was a fake, never originating from Military Intelligence. Vice Admiral Dodd Rancit of the Naval Intelligence Agency, seeking power and advancement, has made himself the secret "inside man" benefactor of a group of dissidents led by one of his former Republic Intelligence station chiefs, Berch Teller, and with the help of another of the agents he one supervised, Knotts. This fake transmission is just the beginning of a scheme that will, if it works, make Rancit a hero to the Empire, despite the dissidents' intentions of working against the Empire.
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)
- The Immobilizer 418 Interdiction cruiser that will aid Wilhuff Tarkin's search for Berch Teller's dissidents, is completed in the Corellia system.
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)
- On Corellia, Tsuulo finally has enough of how his brother, Reezo, keeps wasting what little money they have on his speeder, so he leaves him and ends up joining Lady Proxima's White Worms. Tsuulo won't speak to his brother for the next six months.*
(conjecture based on *Most Wanted*)*

***NOTE:** This is six months before their encounter in *Most Wanted*.

- Moff Wilhuff Tarkin (age 50), adjutant general and former admiral, is currently in command of Sentinel Base, a lifeless moon in a system in the Outer Rim somewhat near Tatooine and Geonosis. When a HoloNet call from Rampart Station is received, supposedly coming from Lieutenant Thon, Tarkin notices telltale interference in the transmission that reveals that it is faked footage. In it, a cobbled-together capital ship is attacking Rampart Station, along with starfighters. Recognizing it as a ruse but unable to have his own Imperial Star Destroyer, the Core Envoy, ready because it is en route to Geonosis escorting parts from Desolation Station for the Death Star (called the "deep space mobile battle station" at this point) being built at Geonosis, Tarkin orders Captain Burke's *Electrum* (a Venator-class Star Destroyer) to leap away from the base to the edge of the system. Sure enough, as expected, the capital ship emerges from hyperspace over Sentinel Base and launches starfighters to (droid starfighters left over from the Clone Wars) to attack the base. The *Electrum*, safe from the initial bombardment because Tarkin sent it away, returns and leads a counterattack, driving the capital ship away into hyperspace, leaving some of the droids behind to be captured and investigated. For its part, Rampart Station is fine, having only suffered a HoloNet disruption from the faked transmission, according to its commanding officer, Commander Jae Lin. Parts from the droids and analysis of footage of the capital ship yield no real leads, as all seem to have been material left over from the Clone Wars and sold by any number of second-hand

dealers. Two days after the attack, Vizier Mas Amedda contacts Tarkin on behalf of Emperor Palpatine, ordering Tarkin to Coruscant. He leaves Base Commander Cassel in charge at Sentinel Base and takes a small crew with him on his custom starship, the Carrion Spike (based in part on the stealth ship used during the Battle of Christophsis), to Coruscant. He arrives and meets Amedda at the spaceport, briefly bumping into old academy colleague and Clone Wars Star Destroyer commander Nils Tenant, whose questions suggest that rumors are slowly leaking out about the Death Star. Amedda takes him first to meet Darth Vader, whom Tarkin has suspected for a few years to be Anakin Skywalker. Vader is with Deputy Director Harus Ison of the Imperial Security Bureau, addressing a crowd of criminal leaders (minus the Crymorah). He tells them that the Empire will not turn a blind eye to their activities as the Republic did, so they can relocate, be imprisoned, or worse. To make his point, he Force chokes Twi'lek Phoca Soot, prefect of Level 1331, who had hired himself out to the Droid Gotra instead of actually controlling crime on his level as instructed. Tarkin reports to Vader that the Death Star's hyperdrive generator will soon ship from Desolation Station, work continues on its navigational matrix and hypermatter reactor, and the sublight engines and shield generators are at an un concerning point in their production. As for its laser array, the project's chief designers have yet to reach an agreement, given that some think it should be a proton beam and others do not, while they continue debating the optimum configuration for the Kyber crystal assembly. He notes that he feels that there are too many voices weighing in on the project, continuing to push for consolidation of the project and the region into one person's hands (his own, most likely). After a brief reunion with Palpatine, whom he has known since Palpatine's days as a Senator and his own at the Sullust Sector Spacefarers Academy, he attends a much larger assembly. In the audience chamber, the Ruling Council is represented by Ars Dangor, Sate Pestage, and Janus Greejatus. The Imperial Security Bureau is represented by Deputy Director Harus Ison and Colonel Wulff Yularen, while the Naval Intelligence Agency (a semi-independent branch of Military Intelligence) is represented by Vice Admiral Dodd Rancit and Vice Admiral Terrinald Screed. Ison and Rancit bicker over whether the ISB or Naval Intelligence should handle the investigation into a possible HoloNet attack or something larger, since both want the clout from such a success. Tarkin's report of the attack on Sentinel Base (though not revealing that name) is used by Rancit to suggest that this is too big a plot for the ISB to deal with alone. (Rancit is able to reveal how Tarkin figured out the transmission during the attack was fake because Rancit was the case officer who supplied counterintelligence operatives to Tarkin back during the Clone Wars when he shut down a similar operation by the Separatists.) After the meeting, Darth Sidious orders Vader to go with Tarkin to investigate a cache of gear on Murkhana, believing that the planet's ties to both men due to previous missions and how all three of them (Palpatine, Vader, and Tarkin) were born and forged into in a small region of the galaxy to become the architects of the Empire is not a coincidence. The Dark Side is directing them to Murkhana, he feels. Vader is at first resistant to having Tarkin go with him, but Palpatine reassures him that Tarkin too has undergone his own trials and is the right man for the job. He suggests Vader ask Tarkin why Tarkin's ship is called the "Carrion Spike." As for Tarkin, he sends all but the Carrion Spike's captain and communications officer back to Sentinel Base, so the ship can carry him, Vader, those two crew, and a dozen of Vader's handpicked stormtroopers under clone Sergeant Crest. (Vader's meditation sphere will also be carried on the ship.) Arriving at Murkhana City, they check out the site of the cache, which is an old Corporate Alliance medcenter that was the shield generator building during Tarkin's mission against the Separatist Shadowfeeds in the first year of the Clone Wars. They determine that the scene may have been staged and that the components were moved there from an original location. As they have the cache dismantled for shipment and study via serial numbers and such, Vader and Tarkin go to meet with the ISB asset who first reported the cache, a Koorivar named Bracchia, identified earlier by Ison as the source. Bracchia reveals that he discovered the cache after a week of checking out the building, but it was not a random discovery. He was directed to check out the building by his ISB case officer, who somehow already knew about the cache. Before they can inquire further, they are contacted by Crest, who has returned to the building after unloading parts at the Carrion Spike. He claims that Tarkin ordered them to return, which is another false transmission from their adversaries. They race back to the landing area only to discover that the Carrion Spike has been stolen, its captain and communications officer shot dead on the landing pad, alongside the two stormtroopers Crest had left with the ship. They visit the local Sugi criminal operation headquarters and try to use the fact that they are only in charge because Vader took out the local Black Sun head

and led to Black Sun leaving the planet, all shortly after the end of the Clone Wars, to get the local crimeboss, Faazah, to hand over his ship to them. When he refuses, Vader and Tarkin reveal that Crest and his men are ready to destroy a Sugi warehouse, where they have also gathered the criminals' families. Faazah gives in, and the Imperials leave Murkhana in the crime boss' ship, the Parsec Predator. (Unfortunately for Faazah, it takes a bit to get the codes and such for the ship, so once they have the ship, they wipe out Faazah's forces before leaving.) Meanwhile, their adversaries escape the planet on the stolen Carrion Spike. The team consists of the humans Berch Teller and Anora Fair, the Zygerrian Hask Taff, Gotal Salikk, Mon Calamari Artoz, and Koorivar Cala. Even though the ship is cloaked, though, they are still being pursued by the Predator and realize quickly that it is not Faazah following them but Vader and Tarkin, probably because Vader has some means (the Force) to follow them even when supposedly invisible to all tracking. They are somewhat correct in that Vader is able to track his meditation sphere with the Force. To escape, Teller's crew jump to hyperspace. Vader and Tarkin recognize now that the cache was definitely part of a bigger plot, just as Rancit and Screed of Naval Intelligence suggested. Vader, though, can tell in the Force that they did not jump far. The Imperials head for the Fial system, but they are entering a region where hyperspace routes are sparse, leading to buoy-to-buoy travel for any Imperial reinforcements that could join them, such as in the Nilgaard sector or from Belderone. Back on Coruscant, Palpatine is made aware of these events by Rancit and Ison, still jockeying for position against each other. In the Fial system, the Predator nearly catches up with the Carrion Spike before Teller has them jump to Galidraan, chased by the Predator. Upon arriving at Galidraan, Vader and Tarkin witness the invisible Spike attacking the Imperial space station at Galidraan III. In the battle that follows, they are able to damage the Spike, enough for the crew to go into brief hiding, during which they realize that Vader must be tracking his property (the sphere). Meanwhile, the Predator is also disabled, so Vader and Tarkin begin allocating resources, including having the Venator-class Liberator sent from Belderone to Nam Chorios, a potential target of the thieves (including Belderone, Felucia, and Rhen Var also). Unfortunately, before they can get to a different ship or otherwise get back underway, the Spike thieves dump the meditation sphere into space, take out the Galidraan hyperspace buoy, then jump to hyperspace and escape, unable to be tracked. On Coruscant, another meeting is held (with Palpatine watching via cameras, sending Mas Amedda and Ars Dangor in his place), wherein the Joint Chiefs (including Admiral Antonio Motti, General Cassio Tagge, Rear Admiral Kendal Ozzel, Rear Admiral Tiaan Jerjerrod, and others), members of the ISB (Director Armand Isard, Deputy Directory Harus Ison, and Colonel Wulff Yularen), and Vice Admirals Rancit and Screed from Naval Intelligence all discuss the Carrion Spike situation. The ISB downplays its significance, since it is only one ship and attacked a relatively unimportant outpost, while Rancit and Screed argue that this is the beginning of a larger campaign, so the Imperial Navy should redistribute its ships to major systems. Their thought is that if the communications cache was to be used for anti-Imperial propaganda, the Carrion Spike itself could now be their means of propaganda. Sure enough, a transmission hits the HoloNet from Lucazec, recorded by the Carrion Spike, showing the ship attacking the Imperial presence on the planet. (This is of special concern to Tagge, since TaggeCo has operations there.) As a result of this new attack, ships near the Perlemian Trade Route are redistributed to Ord Cestus (including the Liberator that has helped the dead-in-space Vader and Tarkin), Centares, and Lantillies. Vader and Tarkin board the cruiser Goliath, which has arrived from Ord Mantell, carrying Vader's personal starfighter (a black Eta-2 Interceptor) that was shipped from Coruscant. Tarkin reports to Vader things he has learned in the interim. The communications equipment in the cache was indeed old Separatist material but it had been captured and stored by the Empire, only to apparently "disappear" in the last three years, as was the case with many of the droid components from the starfighters from the Sentinel Base assault, all of which suggests that there is someone in the Empire helping these insurgents. Moreover, the attack at Galidraan happened just after a Star Destroyer had left, suggesting that they are being fed real-time intelligence. Based on the need of the Carrion Spike to refuel soon, Tarkin determines that their next likely target for fuel and a propaganda-heavy strike on the Empire will be Gromas, where the Empire has phrik mines. Unbeknownst to the Imperials, though, Teller's team spent much of their money on getting fuel to the ship while still in the Murkhana system, meaning that they need not go to Gromas. As it turns out, they are instead refueling again at Phindar, which Tarkin has anticipated since he gave orders for Imperials to go to Gromas, which it appears the dissidents were warned about. In fact, he has the local Imperials let the ship refuel per

specific instructions and to record footage of the people aboard. Teller, disguised as an Imperial named "Abel LaSal" (who is really stationed at Fondor on the Sovereign), is recorded. Before the Spike can leave, Vader leads a V-wing squadron (Yellow Squadron, with Tarkin as Yellow Two) in an attack on the ship. The Carrion Spike escapes, and the tanker they were using to refuel is destroyed, but not by either the Spike or the Goliath. It turns out that Teller's team put a bomb in the tanker while refueling and recorded its destruction as more propaganda, despite the Empire suspending most HoloNet transmissions in the region. Tracking the Spike by using a tracking device inserted by the fuel tanker (as part of the special instructions given to them), the Imperials prepare to spring a trap. Back on Coruscant, another briefing takes place (with most of the same players as before and another member of the Ruling Council, Kren Blista-Vanee) in what used to be the Jedi Temple's galactic map room. The Spike's propaganda is causing some new unrest, and both Ison and Rancit are frustrated by Tarkin acting unilaterally out in the field, rather than coordinating and sharing intel on Coruscant. They expect the dissidents to strike next at Lantillies (which has had many of its ships relocated), Cartao, or Ice Station Beta on Anteevy, though Taanab and Garos are also within range. They intend to use Interdictor cruisers to capture the Carrion Spike. They are even diverting resources from as far away as Bothawui and Rothana. Palpatine, though, is still skeptical of all of this and wants all of the traitors caught, including their allies in the Empire. He orders the case officer who pointed Bracchia to the cache on Murkhana in the first place to report to him. Back on the Spike, now in the Thustra system, Teller's crew discovers the tracking device in an empty fuel cell but decides to use its ability to transmit the navicomputer coordinates that they enter to their advantage. The Imperial forces gather, including three different Interdictor vessels (a CC-2200 Detainer, a CC-770e0, and a new Immobilizer 418), the Executrix (with Tarkin aboard), and other vessels, including a picket ship carrying Vader and his stormtroopers, still led by Crest, whom Vader has promoted to lieutenant. They are waiting at Obroa-Skai, seemingly warned of the impending arrival of the Spike by the beacon. They activate their gravity well projectors and pull numerous ships from hyperspace around the same time, including the Mon Calamari luxury ship Stellar Vista and the arms smuggling ship Truant, which starts to attack the Imperials when the interdiction field is deactivated. They destroy the Truant and find no sign of the Carrion Spike among the many ships. They detain them all and investigate, starting with the YT-1000 freighter Reticent that arrived first, closest to the anticipated arrival time of the Spike. They also check and find that the tracker is no longer active. They have been duped. They question the ship's Koorivar captain, whose ship, slower than the Spike, had gone from Taris to Thustra to pick up medical supplies on orders from a client, Knotts on Lantillies, and he denies any knowledge of the dissidents. On Coruscant, Palpatine questions Bracchia (arrived from Murkhana) and Stellan, Bracchia's ISB case officer. He learns that Bracchia was ordered to check out the cache by Stellan, who received his orders via a transmission to the ISB from Military Intelligence, which was supposedly checking on old caches of abandoned gear and weapons on many planets and happened to hear of this one. Given how Rancit had avoided questions from Ison about why they were not concerned about the cache on Murkhana at first but then became very concerned once the strike at Sentinel Base happened, Palpatine has 11-4D check transmission records, finding a record of that transmission being received by the ISB but not sent by Intelligence. Someone faked the orders, using all of the necessarily Intelligence resources to make it look official. In the Force, he is drawn toward the true mastermind behind the scenes of the attacks. He gives Vice Admiral Rancit command over the entire task force, including the Executrix, that is hunting the Carrion Spike, which has just hit an Imperial facility at Nouane on orders from their mysterious inside source. Rancit's forces had nearly caught the Spike or destroyed it at Nouane because Rancit was able to predict that as a likely new target. (The only reason they were not destroyed was that Teller had Salikk change their reversion coordinates before they arrived.) With Rancit now in command, Tarkin is able to devote his time to trying to determine the identity and motives of the dissidents. Through a Crymorah contact, Vader was able to add one more piece to the puzzle: the fuel cells that had allowed the dissidents to refuel the Carrion Spike in the Murkhana system and avoid having to refuel until reaching Phindar had come through Lantillies, through the same broker that had sent the Reticent on the Taris to Thustra to Obroa-Skai run: Knotts. He discovers that Knotts used to contract out to Republic Intelligence and was a runner of supplies to anti-Separatist insurgent groups, including on Antar 4. That former Separatist world was one of the first places Tarkin had been ordered to make an example of after the Clone Wars, leading to arrests, executions, and a rout that

came to be known as the Antar Atrocity in anti-Imperial circles. The firestorm of controversy about the move is what caused Tarkin to be assigned to the Western Reaches operation and then secretly to replace Rancit over the various Death Star related sites like Sentinel Base, at which time Rancit had been moved to head Naval Intelligence. He recalls that the anti-Imperial reporting of the Antar incident was spearheaded by Anora Fair (a HoloNet reporter) and master HoloNet manipulator Hask Taff. Their inside information was too good to come without help, and it was believed at the time that a disaffected Republic Intelligence station chief named Berch Teller was helping them. Tarkin actually knew Teller briefly, since he was one of the Intel officers who debriefed Tarkin after the Citadel incident. Teller had been assigned to Antar 4 near the end of the Clone Wars, and after the war ended, he had sought to get his loyal assets off the planet before Tarkin brought "justice" to the world, but COMPNOR refused assistance. Many of his assets died. However, he was not still on Antar 4 when Tarkin's attack came. Instead, he had already been transferred to be head of security at Desolation Station, the source of much of the Death Star research. After what happened on Antar 4, Teller had disappeared and, presumably, fed intel about the massacre to Anora and Hask. He also likely worked under the same supervisors as Knotts. That did not account for piloting skill, though, as none of them are pilots. Teller had been responsible for getting a few dissidents off of Antar 4, including Anora, Hask, and two members of what had once been Teller's local anti-Separatist group, Salikk and Cala. He had probably learned of the Carrion Spike while at Desolation Station and brought this group (or a similar one) together. He might also be working with Dr. Artoz, a Mon Calamari that had once been a Mon Cal Knight, who was among quite a few researchers at Desolation Station who disappeared over grievances with the Empire. (It was a Mon Cal team that had designed the stygian crystal stealth system for the Spike). Teller's involvement is confirmed by a comparison of his image with the fake Imperial officer from the Phindar tanker. These things still do not explain their resources and funding, however, nor their inside knowledge, so Tarkin must continue to dig deeper. As it stands, it appears that the dissidents are not former Separatists but former Republic loyalists, now turned against Palpatine. Aboard the Carrion Spike, the crew feel betrayed. Their Imperial ally was supposed to make an attack on them look real at Nouane, but instead, it appeared that the Imperials did indeed try to kill them. They have one more target and hope that their "ally" still anticipates them continuing with their original plans. Palpatine contacts Vader, indicating that Rancit believes the dissidents will attack the Imperial Academy at Carida as their "last stand." On the way to have Vader take a shuttle to another ship, Vader takes the time to finally ask Tarkin about the name Carrion Spike. Tarkin relates the story of his final test at the Carrion Spike on Eriadu. Soon, at Carida, Rancit commands the Secutor-class Star Destroyer Conquest. It turns out that the "other ship" Vader was boarding was the Conquest, where he confronts Rancit. He has the crew scan the Carrion Spike as it arrives, discovering no life forms aboard, which surprises Rancit. Vader rightly accuses Rancit of being one of the conspirators (the Imperial "inside man" for the dissident group). He had gathered this group of angry former Intelligence assets and agents to supposedly strike at the Empire, building up to an attack at Carida, but he was really just using them to create a situation in which he could destroy them at Carida and thereby earn himself accolades and power in the Imperial Court. Unfortunately for him, his co-conspirators have abandoned the Spike. It turns out that they had never really intended Carida to be their big final target, and they have betrayed Rancit by transferring to a different ship and heading for their real target. The real target is not revealed to Rancit, though, as he is taken by Crest to an escape pod, launched, and forced to give the order to have his own ship blast the pod and execute him for his treason. Teller's dissidents have returned to the "ugly" capital ship that was used during the raid on Sentinel Base and which contains the same Z-95 Headhunter that was used in the false footage from Rampart Station. With Rancit pulling Imperial resources to Carida, they now have a clear shot at a convoy going from Desolation Station to Pii and then onward to Geonosis. The convoy carries hyperdrive components for the Death Star that Artoz was privy to during their development. Destroying them will set the Death Star back at least four years, he believes. They strike at the convoy with their droid starfighters and other allies (mostly Antar 4 refugees). While the others remain aboard the huge capital ship, Teller flies the Headhunter in the battle. When the Executrix arrives, commanded by Tarkin, things start to unravel. The modular capital ship is disabled, and the attack on the convoy is defeated. Teller, though, at the urging of his comrades on the command ship, escapes into hyperspace in the Headhunter. With the arrival of the Star Destroyers Compliant and Enforcer from Pii, the day is won by the Imperials. On Coruscant,

Palpatine notes the success and the need to not let himself be distracted from his true goal of mastering Sith abilities beyond that of his predecessors so that he can reshape reality itself to fashion a universe of his own creation (or recreation). Back at the convoy, the dissident command ship is boarded. Many are dead, but Tarkin manages to capture Anora, Hask, Artoz, and even Knotts, who had joined them for this final strike. They refuse to rat out Rancit, but it is no matter. They are sent to Coruscant for more thorough (and painful) interrogation. In the wake of the conspiracy (over the next three weeks), the conspirators are executed in secret and the circumstances of Rancit's betrayal and death are kept quiet, though rumors are enough to keep others in line for now. The Empire learns that Teller's people had already gathered before joining Rancit, but he saw them gathering and took advantage of the situation, rather than being the originator of their dissident ways. Some of their funding, however, came from Naval Intelligence's "black budget." They learn that the capital ship had been created at a shipyard in the Bajic sector under the Tenloss Syndicate and lower-level Crymorah syndicate members. Those involved who are found are killed, as are scientists from Desolation Station that violated security oaths in providing information to their former colleague, Artoz. The Headhunter is found abandoned on Christophis. With Rancit dead and his ability to have duped the ISB and Naval Intelligence known, Naval Intelligence is folded back into Military Intelligence, and Wulf Yularen is made the new Deputy Director of Military Intelligence under Screed. Harus Ison is moved to the Ubiqtorate. Admiral Nils Tenant becomes one of the Joint Chiefs. Motti, Tagge, and others receive promotions. Tarkin himself is given the brand new title of "Grand Moff" and control over the Outer Rim, including the entire Death Star construction project. His suggestion of oversectors with their own governors for easier control is being put into effect. Once completed, Tarkin will control the Death Star itself. He spends the next two weeks on Coruscant giving interviews to the Imperial media and being hailed as a hero. He gives a famous speech in which he describes the growing Imperial military as a force for creating a pacified and prosperous galaxy, rather than steps toward galactic domination. The broad concepts of his speech become known as the Tarkin Doctrine, the concept of rule by force and fear of force to create peace. He meets with the Ruling Council and Joint Chiefs. He orders changes at Desolation Station and has the HoloNet access in systems along the convoy routes limited to use only by the Empire. He has a new gray-green uniform created for his new position, including four rank cylinders and a rank plaque of twelve colored squares (six blue over three red and three gold). He is addressed as "governor" as an honorific in all interactions except with the Emperor, where he is referred to by his "Grand Moff" rank. Tarkin is given the Executrix as his own personal vessel to replace the Carrion Spike, along with a large crew and a personal guard of 32 stormtroopers. He visits Eriadu, where he is given the key to Eriadu City by another Tarkin, who happens to be the city's governor, and he allows a sculptor to prepare a statue of him for the city's public square. While on Eriadu, he makes a journey alone to the Carrion Plateau and the Carrion Spike, the area he once pacified in his final test. He meets Jova at the Spike, who points out that Teller, whom Tarkin knew was stalking him, had followed him to the Spike as planned but, also as planned, was not skilled enough to keep from falling into one of the pit traps that Tarkin had created many years ago, which Jova prepared again by Tarkin's request when he arrived on the planet. Teller and Tarkin exchange words, and Tarkin makes him a deal, so to speak. If he can get out of the pit on his own, he can get his blaster at the top, then he can make his way (through night predators most likely) to his speeder where Tarkin will leave it. If he can do all that and survive, Tarkin will answer his questions about what the Empire is building at Geonosis. Jova even stays behind to give him tips if he gets out of the pit, but even Teller knows it is a lost cause. Tarkin leaves the plateau and Eriadu. He finally makes his way to Geonosis to board the Death Star, which has had its sublight engines installed. While a long way from complete, the project is one more step toward readiness. On Tarkin's order, the new sublight engines engage, and the Death Star breaks away from Geonosis' orbit and moves out into deep space . . .

(Tarkin)

- *During a party at Pryce Mining, heavy equipment inventory specialist Pomi Harchmak has digestive issues that cause her to seek a restroom at inopportune times.**

*(conjecture based on Thrawn)**

***NOTE: This is two weeks prior to chapter 4 of Thrawn.**

- *Around this time, there are stirrings of political conflict in the Chiss Ascendancy. Many, including Mitth'raw'nuruodo (Thrawn) expect it to die down as conflict between Aristocras*

often does. This time, however, it does not, and the society begins to veer toward possible future civil war.

(conjecture based on *Alliances*)

- While searching for smugglers, Imperial Venator-class Star Destroyer *Strikefast*, under the command of Captain Voss Parck, arrives at a planet at the edge of Wild Space, where they discover evidence of an unknown alien castaway. Owing to the languages used in the castaway's empty campsite, Parck has Cadet Eli Vanto, one of ten Myomar Academy cadets on their way to finish training to handle logistical and supply duties for the Empire (similar to duties Eli handled for his family of traders), is brought down to the surface to provide insights and act as a translator. The Imperials, including Colonel Mosh Barris and Major Wyan, seek out the unknown alien due to first contact protocols lingering from the era of the Republic that the Empire has yet to fully repeal. On *V-wing* has already crashed, its pilot's body taken and the pilot's uniform stuffed as a scarecrow. That night, the Imperials' camp is attacked by the unseen castaway, and another *V-wing* crashes, taken down by unknown means. When Barris decides to withdraw to the *Strikefast*, taking all of the items from the campsite to be studied onboard instead of locally, another attack occurs as armor taken from a stormtrooper explodes where it stands. Once back aboard, Parck, Barris, and Eli observe the camp materials in the hangar bay when the unknown castaway is finally spotted, having stowed away as a stormtrooper, using another set of stolen armor. The alien is captured and brought to Parck, Barris, and Eli (as translator). Eli recognizes the blue-skinned, red-eyed being as a Chiss, a race considered a myth to those in Wild Space, more known by rumor and tall tales than real observation. He introduces himself as Mitth'raw'nuruodo, though he offers a shorter name for ease of conversation: Thrawn. Speaking in Basic with a need for Eli to translate a few phrases and words from Sy Bisti, Thrawn claims that he has been exiled from his people, the Chiss Ascendancy. He revealed his use of fermented berries as rodent lures, monofilament line to bring down the *V-wings*, overloading blaster power packs on rodents, etc. to explain how he harassed the Imperials on the surface. He had gone after the original pilot to get his communicator, and he used stolen stormtrooper armor to get aboard a leaving Imperial ship (while everyone was focused on the other stormtrooper armor that was stolen and used to house explosives). He says that he needed their help to get offworld, even if he had to force it, because his people need him. There are major dangers and threats in the Unknown Regions, one in particular that he is concerned about. His people agree about this danger but do not agree with the idea of a pre-emptive strike, which was why Thrawn was exiled. Still, they are his people, and he says that he wants to serve their best interests. Parck is impressed, so he decides to take Thrawn and the information about the Chiss he can provide back to Emperor Sheev Palpatine on Coruscant. He assigns Eli to be Thrawn's liason, translator, and aide, deviating from Eli's expected career path, which Eli hopes is only temporary. He is also to learn all he can about Thrawn and the Chiss. Parck takes Thrawn (and thus Eli) to the Imperial Palace, where Parck presents Thrawn as a "gift" but Thrawn offers to establish his worth with information about the Chiss, threats to both the Empire and the Chiss in the Unknown Regions, and his own military service. He offers the recommendation of Anakin Skywalker as proof of his loyalty to such a vow, since he met Anakin in the Clone Wars. (He has no idea that Anakin has become Darth Vader and is actually still around to confirm this.) Palpatine has heard of Thrawn from Anakin, so he welcomes a conversation about what Thrawn can offer to the Empire. He decides to accept Thrawn's proposal and have him train as an Imperial officer at the Royal Imperial Academy on Coruscant. Thrawn requests that Eli attend the academy with him as a translator and aide, and Palpatine sees to it, despite Eli's own career path and being only three months from graduation. This puts both Thrawn (an alien) and Eli (a Wild Space fringe trader) into the Royal Imperial Academy as "fish out of water," overseen as Commandant Deenlark, who is not happy to have them foisted upon him. He gives Thrawn the three months that Eli has left before graduating to get through an Imperial procedure course that would usually take six months for a raw recruit and two years for a cadet from the Imperial backwater regions. With instructions from Admiral Foss (and the Emperor) to make sure Thrawn graduates as a lieutenant instead of an ensign, he gives Thrawn the rank immediately, knowing it will draw resentment from other students. (Thrawn keeps the rank insignia hidden so as not to draw that ire and so he can use that rank to his advantage at some point if necessary.) Meanwhile, on Lothal, Arihnda Pryce helps her parents run Pryce Mining, which just discovered a new vein of valuable doonium. Arik Uvis, a liason sent by Governor Ryder Azadi, tries to pressure the Pryces to sell enough shares in Pryce Mining to give Azadi and Uvis control. She refuses,

and by the time she gets to the family home that night, her father, Talmoor Pryce, tells her that her mother, mine manger Elaine Pryce, has been arrested for embezzlement. Recognizing that Azadi and Uvis were obviously behind this false arrest, Arihnda brings her case to Lothal's Senator Domus Renking, who is on Lothal for meetings. She shows evidence that her mother is innocent and frames employee Pomi Harchmak for being a possible embezzler based on video from a party two weeks earlier when Pomi vanished for a bit (because, in reality, she was not slicing computers but using the restroom due to digestive issues). They strike a deal. Renking will get the charges against Elaine dropped, then Pryce Mining will be sold to the Empire instead of Azadi or Uvis. Elaine and Talmoor can become the new foreman and assistant managers for a mine on Batonn, while Arihnda joins Renking's staff on Coruscant at a citizen assistance office. She agrees, intending to one day exact revenge on Renking for taking her family's mine away (even if it was supposedly to keep it out of the hands of Azadi and Uvis.) Thus, Arihnda's climb to power within the Empire begins . . . (To be continued below . . .)*

(Thrawn)*

*NOTE: We have not yet been given a specific time frame for this novel. In fact, other than that it spans a matter of years, Timothy Zahn has stated that it does not appear to have been pinned down by the Story Group yet. At one point, Zahn suggested it begins 1 - 2 years after ROTJ, but that doesn't make sense with the internal book timeline that puts it as starting after *Tarkin*. We know from that "front of the book" timeline that it is set (or at least starts) between *Tarkin* and *A New Dawn*, which would mean between 14 and 11 BBY. The novel also leads up to Thrawn's appearance in the third season of *Rebels*, set in 2 BBY, which means that the span of the story must be 14 - 11 BBY to 2 BBY, suggesting a maximum duration of 12 years and a minimum of 9 years. Given that Ryder Azadi is flagged as a Rebel sympathizer and taken down due to (and after) the Bridgers are arrested in 12 BBY (when Ezra was 7, according to *Rebels*), then placing the story starting here in 14 BBY would put his arrest in 11 BBY or so, a while after what happens to the Bridgers but not too far after. (We wouldn't be able to put his arrest in 12 BBY because that would push the beginning of *Thrawn* into 15 BBY, prior to *Tarkin*, which would violate that "front of the book" timeline.)

- Very soon after arrival on Coruscant, Arihnda Pryce begins acting as a courier whenever Senator Domus Renking needs data cards and such taken back and forth to Moff Ghadi. (conjecture based on *Thrawn*)
- During Thrawn's first month at the Royal Imperial Academy, he has run-ins with four different, disrespectful cadets. He chooses not to return such actions in kind. He intends to wait for them to cross a line so that they will be officially disciplined, rather than acting in a means that might get Thrawn, Eli Vanto, or both disciplined themselves. (conjecture based on *Thrawn*)
- Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin visits the farm where Xea was killed earlier this year. He meets with Xea's father and brother (age 12), and he is accompanied by stormtroopers. With Xea having been killed by rebels, seeing stormtroopers channels the young boy's anger into a drive to one day become a stormtrooper, even though his father will not give his permission. (To be continued below . . .)

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- One month after Thrawn and Eli Vanto are enrolled at the Royal Imperial Academy on Coruscant, disrespect is frequently shown to Thrawn, but he does not act upon it. When fellow cadets Spenc Orbar and Rosita Turuy invite them to a card game in the metallurgy lab (which is limited to those actually conducting experiments), Thrawn decides that they should walk directly into the trap. When an instructor, in on the ruse, arrives to supposedly catch Thrawn and Eli where they shouldn't be (since the other two are actually doing an experiment too), Thrawn slips on his lieutenant rank insignia, allowing him to be there and for Eli to be there as his translator. The trap appears foiled, but on their way back from the lab, they are set upon by masked cadets, who are forced to flee. Now they can go to Deenlark. Thrawn suggests that the offenders, whom comlink records will identify easily, should not be punished, per se. Instead, he advises that they be transferred to starfighter training at Skystrike Academy based on their aptitudes, but he suggests that this could be done incommunicado. The Empire gets some strong pilots, while the conspirators left behind see their fellow conspirators simply vanish without a trace, an unspoken transfer easily interpreted as a threat. The incident also makes Thrawn consider adding electronics, a comlink, or something similar into his rank plague. About one month later, Arihnda Pryce has been working for Senator Domus Renking for about two months now, assisting Lothal citizens on Coruscant. She has done a great job, and Renking promotes her by putting her in charge of a general citizen assistance center that caters to anyone on Coruscant, not just citizens of Lothal. This also provides her with an upgrade in housing. About one month later, graduation has arrived at the Royal Imperial Academy. Eli meets with his visiting parents, who are not

sure what to make of Thrawn. They are given their assignments. Thrawn is to be second weapons officer aboard the Gozanti-class cruiser Blood Crow, while Eli, who expects to be sent off to a base or somewhere similar to be a supply and logistics officer, is instead assigned to the Blood Crow as aide to Lieutenant Thrawn. His career remains sidetracked and linked instead to Thrawn's own. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Thrawn)*

*NOTE: This segment spans about 2 months, from one month into Thrawn's time at the Royal Imperial Academy (beginning of chapter 5) through his graduation after three months (i.e. two months in this segment and one prior to it) there at the end of chapter 6.

- Arihnda Pryce begins working at "Bash Four," the citizen assistance office in Bartanish Four on Coruscant.

(conjecture based on Thrawn)

- Around this time, Thrawn begins collecting data cards on art. Within three years, it rivals some of the most extensive art archives in the Empire.*

(conjecture based on Thrawn)*

*NOTE: He started collecting three years prior to chapter 12 of the novel, which would be around this time, shortly after graduation from the Royal Imperial Academy (or just as he was entering the academy, if three years was rounding on Zahn's part).

- About halfway through this year, Nera Kase's parents' ship is impounded and her parents killed. Nera now considers the Empire her enemy.*

(conjecture based on Grounded)*

*NOTE: She spent "half her life" on her parents' ship, and she is 27 as of ANH. This assumes that the event that kills her parents is why she did not spend more time past the halfway point of her life on the ship.

- Filia Rossi is transferred from a position at an orbital defense platform near Socorro to a position as first officer of an ore freighter escort.*

(conjecture based on Thrawn)*

*NOTE: This is about 1 year before chapter 7 of Thrawn, which would make it about 6 months after the end of chapter 6.

- A few weeks before Han and Qi'ra become allies after a botched job for Lady Proxima, Proxima's extra secrecy causes Han's instincts to start telling him to cultivate allies.

(conjecture based on Most Wanted)

- Their current "Head" for Lady Proxima's White Worms gang goes missing under mysterious circumstances in the territory of Old Man Powlo. Rumors spread that he was killed and dumped there so that Powlo could eat him. Regardless of the truth of the matter, the position of Head is now open, and Han, Qi'ra, Tsuulo, and Rebolt are the main contenders among the scumrats.

(conjecture based on Most Wanted)

- Beneath Coronet City on Corellia, Han (age 18) is a member (a "scumrat") of Grindalid Lady Proxima's White Worms gang. In trying to get back to the Den before curfew, he risks passing through the "home" of Old Man Powlo, a strange being that is considered quite dangerous. Han manages to befriend him, introducing himself and being able to pass through without incident. He gets back right at the last minute, then grabs some breakfast sludge and sits in the mess hall of the Den with three other scumrats: the Rodian Tsuulo; young human girl Qi'ra (age 18, like Han, but presumably a few months younger); and Rebolt, master of a pair of hounds. All four of them are generally considered to be the most likely candidates to become the new Head Boy or Head Girl for Proxima's operations. As it turns out, Han and Qi'ra are the top candidates, and both are brought to see Proxima to receive new orders, separately, with both being offered the position of Head if they succeed in their new mission. Qi'ra is sent to be noticeable in mildly fashionable clothing to the Buckell Center, a massive hotel and business complex, where she is to attend a meeting in the Obsidian Room. She takes a glass tram up to the penthouse to reach the Obsidian Room. Once there, she is among several other individuals representing different groups, including the Droid Gotra, the Kaldana Syndicate, and a seller's representative to whom they are expected to place bids. Qi'ra provides the White Worms' bid just as expected (which is 450,000 credits), but that is insultingly low compared to the other bids. The human-centric Kaldana Syndicate bids 675,000,000 credits, and the Droid Gotra bids 1,000,000,000 credits, winning the bid. Qi'ra is nearly shot because they think she might be a mole for CorSec, since her offer was obviously not "serious," but when the representative from the seller confirms that the Droid Gotra offer has been accepted, the woman from the Kaldana Syndicate is order to blast everyone present. Qi'ra barely escapes, while the others cut each other down, but she knows that she will soon be wanted by local security (CorSec), possibly the Empire, and most definitely

members of at least the Kaldana Syndicate if not also the Droid Gotra, since she was the only survivor. Moreover, she has failed Proxima, she believes, though perhaps she could explain and be welcomed back, just possibly not as Head Girl. Meanwhile, Han's mission takes him to the basement of the Foundry, which he has slipped through plenty of times on his own secret runs to do things like building his own secret speeder. He passes through Powlo's again on his way, still cultivating him as an ally, then reaches the Foundry, where his frequent acquaintance, Tool-and-Die droid TD-H4 (AKA "Tool," or to others present, "Die"), greets him. It is only then that Han realizes that Tool is actually one of the beings he is there to meet. There are representatives there from the Kaldana Syndicate as well, and Tool represents the Droid Gotra. There is also a seller's representative present. This is where the actual exchange of a datacube will take place, depending on the results of the bids being made back at the Buckell Center. When news comes that the Droid Gotra won the bid, a group of Kaldana Syndicate thugs bursts into the room and holds everyone else at blasterpoint. Trusting Han from their personal connection, rather than his White Worms affiliation, Tool creates a distraction, gives the datacube to Han, and tells him to run for his life. Now, the Kaldana are pursuing him as well, and he also believes his mission has come to a bad end, only he has less faith than Qi'ra in Proxima's forgiveness and decides he cannot go back to the Den. While running from their pursuers, Han and Qi'ra run into each other, and Han convinces her to stay with him in their escape, not wanting to leave her behind. They make their way through a sewer. He convinces her of how Proxima doesn't really care about them and would serve them both up to the Kaldana if it suited her. They briefly take refuge in Powlo's "home." They confer and realize their missions were related, and that both were offered the Head position. They need to find out what is on the datacube before they can make their next move, so they reach out to Tsuulo, who is great with electronics and machines. When Powlo returns home, he is introduced to Qi'ra as a friend, then Tsuulo arrives and is introduced as such also. They learn from him that Proxima has offered the Head position to whomever brings in Han and Qi'ra, so Rebolt is hunting for them with his hounds. They use Tsuulo's datapad to examine the cube and discover that it holds blueprints for a shield generator that are Imperial property, stamped confidential for only officers ranked admiral or above. Part of it is still encrypted, and there are repeated references to "the Engineer." They debate what to do with the datacube, and while Han thinks they should give it to the Droid Gotra, since that was how the bidding went, Tsuulo objects because he is aware that the Droid Gotra are droid rights extremists (i.e. terrorists) from his time as a kid on Coruscant. They also can't just sell it because that would be seen as a double-cross. Before they can decide, they are forced to flee as Proxima's scumrats near, so they head for the Bottoms, where Qi'ra has a "safehouse" that she has been maintaining for two years. They make their way to the entrance to Proxima's Cistern of Discipline, from which they swim to safety (with Tsuulo putting the datacube in his Rodian mouth). They make their way to the speeder garage of BJ-64, whom Han has befriended while trying to build his own speeder, and at whose garage Tsuulo's somewhat-estranged brother, Reezo, keeps his own highly customized speeder. Tsuulo hasn't spoken to his brother in six months, but they need his speeder to reach the Bottoms. They knock out Reezo and stuff him to Han's inoperable speeder, then talk their way past BJ-64 to take Reezo's speeder by promising to strip it of its most garish and (to BJ-64's sense of purity) "impure" elements before returning it. They join the race that Reezo was about to enter, so that they can follow its route and then just veer off to head to the Bottoms. Qi'ra has had some lesson in driving for some of Proxima's jobs, so she takes control, though it is Han who has the best instincts for driving and flying. (For her part, Qi'ra is much better at concocting plans than Han.) They survive the dangerous race, though only once Han is able to take control from Qi'ra. They follow Qi'ra's directions upon leaving the track and enter the freighter boneyard (site of many downed and half-buried ships and parts of ships) in territory controlled by the Silo, a work camp filled with orphans. They hide the speeder then enter the "safehouse," which is actually a buried ship with a door still accessible via the surface of the boneyard. Once safely in the safe house (which turns out to be where Qi'ra once lived, before being taken to the Silo and eventually freed from there by Proxima), Tsuulo reveals a bit of why he and his brother are estranged. (They had come with their parents from Coruscant on a business trip for their mother, but then an angry factory worker who hijacked a speeder to crash into the employment office near Buckell Center ended up running over their parents before crashing into Diadem Square. CorSec and the other local officials let Reezo act as Tsuulo's guardian instead of sending both to an orphanage or work camp, but when the insurance settlement came through, instead of using

it for their education and such, Reezo decides to increase it by purchasing and improving a speeder to supposedly make back that money and more in the races. He then crashed the speeder, leaving them broke. They tried to make money any way possible, but no matter how much they acquired, Reezo put it into his speeder hobby, so Tsuulo left his brother six months earlier and hasn't spoken to him until this day's incident.) That night, Han and Qi'ra bond and develop a fondness for each other, despite their extreme differences, particularly her planning versus his recklessness. The next morning, they decide that their best bet, for now, is to go back to the Foundry to see if they can find Tool and contact the Droid Gotra. They put on goggles and sell the bounce package from the speeder for cloaks in order to sneak back into the Foundry as volunteer, daily workers, known as "duct rats." After a few close calls and some fast talking, they reach Tool, and they (well, Han and Tsuulo) are able to fix some of his damage. Tool isn't quite ready to explain the nature of the datacube's information, but Tsuulo trades Tool a holo-flames projector from Reezo's speeder for the information. He explains that the Droid Gotra is dedicated to droid emancipation, though Tsuulo believes them to be terrorists. He explains that the shield generator blueprints are for a new type of generator that is extremely low on energy use, which would allow the smallest freighters or personal yachts to use it. More importantly, it is not hardwired to a ship, so it can be disconnected and taken from ship to ship. Moreover, it is military grade. For a small price, any small ship could have Star Destroyer level deflector shielding. Smugglers and transport companies could stand up to the Empire or pirates, but if someone like the Kaldana Syndicate got their hands on it, it would create a nearly invincible pirate fleet. The shield was designed by an Imperial known only to him as "the Engineer," who helped on a huge, secret project for the Empire (probably the Death Star), and after designing this new shield generator, she decided to sell the blueprints and retire in great wealth to an Outer Rim planet. She herself is in the Corellian system, and she was supposed to provide the encryption key to access all of the data once the sale was completed, which it wasn't. Tsuulo suggests that their best course of action, which might get everyone off their backs, would be to somehow contact the Engineer, return the datacube, and essentially let the auction be reset. Tool agrees, since they won't turn it over to the Droid Gotra and risk bounties on their heads from the other factions, and he sends a message to his colleagues to get word to the Engineer. Moments later, stormtroopers arrive, and they are forced to flee. Oddly, the stormtroopers don't blast them when they have the chance. It is only when they are finally caught that the stormtroopers reveal themselves to be on the Engineer's payroll. They give the trio a small holoprojector and leave. They return to the freighter boneyard, then use the holoprojector to contact the Engineer. They agree to deliver the datacube to the Engineer (in person only) on her ship, and the Engineer will provide an escort, but the Engineer wants a "favor" to prove that they are legitimate first. She tasks them with freeing a prisoner from a CorSec holding cell in downtown Coronet City. She will provide disguises and identification for them to use during the operation. Tsuulo, who believes in the Force even though he doesn't entirely understand it, believes the Force will be with them. Once they acquire the disguises, they discover that she has also left them a couple of "stun grenades" that release a knockout gas, along with breathers. Their disguises say that they work for Sienar Advanced Projects Laboratory, so their best bet is to act as if they are there to pick up the prisoner (or a prisoner) as a lab specimen for experiments on sentients, since they've heard of such things and that local officials look the other way. The prisoner turns out to be a Wookiee, Kirroo, who doesn't trust them to be who they say they are when they explain that they were sent by the Engineer. They have to use the first stun gas grenade on him, then make their way out with him on a med lift. They are nearly stopped as they exit, though, when Qi'ra makes a snide comment, so they have to use the other grenade to make their escape. They are pursued by the authorities but manage to (just barely) make it to their rendezvous with a shuttle sent by the Engineer, though Reezo's speeder is destroyed. They make a quick hyperspace jump to throw off any pursuit, then arrive at the Engineer's Red Nimbus. They finally meet the Engineer in luxury, and she has them call her "Jenra," which isn't a name so much as a title from her homeworld. They are given a chance to clean up and eat, and Han would love to see the cockpit. They soon fill Jenra in on their recent adventures, and she is quite impressed, especially with Qi'ra. Unfortunately, while she intends to hold a new auction, increased Imperial presence since the first failed auction (and just due to her presence) has left the various parties less willing to come to the table for a second auction. Qi'ra, though, comes up with a plan. For a percentage (0.5%, which is still crazy credits) of the selling price of the datacube, they can get Lady Proxima to handle the introductions and arrangements,

which will also get them back into her good graces, such as they are. They reach out to Proxima from the ship, and along with the deal already decided upon, they make sure it is contingent upon them being welcomed back without any repercussions and double food rations for all scumrats, since she will certainly now be able to afford it, easily. After bidding it up to 0.55% commission, the deal is made. As they are about to tour the ship while waiting around, Jenra asks to speak to Qi'ra alone, but she insists that the others stay, thus they hear when Jenra offers Qi'ra a chance to serve her instead of Proxima and see the galaxy. Han and Tsuulo agree that Qi'ra would be great, but when Jenra clarifies that she would only have a use for Qi'ra, not the others, Han storms away. Qi'ra asks for time to consider the offer. By the next morning, the bidding is over, and the Kaldana Syndicate has won, which doesn't sit well with any of the scumrat trio. Moreover, Proxima has arranged for the three of them to handle the actual delivery to an incoming Syndicate ship, then for them to be taken to Coronet City (if the Syndicate doesn't just kill them). Jenra gives Qi'ra one more chance to join her, but she chooses to remain with Han and Tsuulo. They are stuck going together to the Syndicate ship, which is a fairly rickety old ship, given that they sold their flagship in order to have the credits to win the second auction. Once they are aboard (with Tsuulo holding the datacube), the Syndicate will confirm the contents, then they will transfer the money to Jenra and Proxima, at which point Jenra will send the encryption key, and they will be escorted to a shuttle to return to Corellia, though whether the shuttle will have a hyperdrive or not was never specified, so it might be a long trip. Just as they are about to go through the airlock, once Jenra is sure Qi'ra isn't staying, she tells her something quickly by whispering into her ear. She is told that as soon as the exchange is made, they need to get the hell off of the ship as fast as they can. She also slips Qi'ra one of the gas grenades. Of course, as soon as the deal has gone through and the data is all decrypted, the Syndicate members present decide to kill the scumrats. Qi'ra releases the gas grenade, and they run for it. They are attacked en route to an escape pod, and Tsuulo is shot and killed. As he dies, Qi'ra tries to reassure him by telling him that the Force is real. They promise to tell Reezo what happened to his speeder, then he's gone. Han uses Tsuulo's datapad to get an escape pod open, but Qi'ra nearly doesn't make it into it when they come under attack again. Instead of just launching as she expects, Han risks himself to get her into the pod with him before launching. When she is surprised by this (after coming to from passing out), Han finds it unthinkable that he would've just left her, since she is his friend, meaning that he would never leave her. While slowly making their way toward Corellia, they consider recent events and the loss of Tsuulo and decide that neither of them wants to be a White Worm anymore. They both want a life away from Corellia, and when they are finally able, they will escape from Proxima. Before they can plan much, the Kaldana Syndicate ship nears them, ready to blast them to bits, but before they can, the Red Nimbus destroys the Syndicate ship (and most of the Syndicate for that matter). Perhaps Jenra liked them and wanted to save them, or perhaps she wanted her shield tech out of Kaldana hands. Either way, they are able to safely continue to Corellia. They reach Corellia, make it to the safe house, then make it to the Den to rejoin the White Worms, who are indeed getting the double-rations as promised. Two days later, they are met by Tool, who reveals that they made a second deal with Jenra, offering 300,000 credits to destroy the Syndicate ship after the deal, hence why she knew they needed to escape and why it was destroyed. Tool and the Droid Gotra knew they would be wiped out by the human-centric Syndicate if they kept the shield tech. She wasn't going to take the offer, but the three scoundrels changed her mind by being present. He also reveals that in the last couple of days, the Droid Gotra has utterly wiped out the rest of the Kaldana Syndicate. The Droid Gotra are quite grateful and want to present a speeder to Tsuulo, who got Tool working again, but with Tsuulo dead, they (well, mostly Qi'ra) decide that the best person to get the speeder would be Reezo. It is only fair, and he is, in essence, Tsuulo's heir. Very soon, they are called before Proxima for an announcement. She has indeed narrowed down the choices for Head to Rebolt, Han, and Qi'ra. When she speaks well of each of them, Han speaks up, stating that he shouldn't be Head. Instead, Qi'ra should. He tells Proxima of how Qi'ra was given a job offer but turned it down, supposedly out of loyalty to Proxima. Qi'ra gets the position as Head Girl. She sends Rebolt off to give Old Man Powlo some more dog biscuits (which he seems to enjoy). As Head Girl, Qi'ra gets a special dinner that isn't quite as disgusting as the others eat, and she shares it with Han. With them eating alone, he wonders aloud if this is a date. Of course not, she says, but maybe someday . . . *

(Most Wanted)*

*NOTE: I have put this summary late in this year, though it could be early in the following year. The rationale here

is that Han and Qi'ra are both said to be “eighteen-ish” in *Most Wanted*, but when the *Solo* film's opening occurs, he is 19 and she is still 18. That suggests different birth months, with hers being later in the year than Han's. This is the book, not to be confused with the *DJ* comic of the same name.

TK-146275 [flashback] (SWI166 short story: Sylvain Neuvel)

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Lords of the Sith (novel: Paul S. Kemp)

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Chapters 1 – 4

Orientation (SWI157 short story: John Jackson Miller)

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Lords of the Sith [continued] (novel: Paul S. Kemp)

Lords of the Sith [continued] (novel: Paul S. Kemp)

Chapters 5 – 18

Mercy Mission (short story: Melissa Scott)

Mercy Mission (short story: Melissa Scott)

Tarkin [continued] (novel: James Luceno)

Tarkin [continued] (novel: James Luceno)

The Measure of a Man

Blows Against the Empire

Cold Case

A Boy's Life [continued]

Predacity [continued]

Imperial Center [continued]

Masters of War

The Emperor's New Spies

As Above, So Below [continued]

A Better Womp Rat Trap

Fair Game [continued]

Burying the Lead

Soft Targets

A Case of Do or Die

Negative Capability

Hazard Mitigation

Zero Defects

Hung Upside Down

Footprints

The Carrion Spike

Dissolution

Red, in Tooth and Claw

Thrawn [continued] (novel series: Timothy Zahn)

Thrawn (novel: Timothy Zahn)

Chapters 1 - 4

Thrawn (comic series: Jody Houser)

Thrawn (comic series: Jody Houser)

Thrawn, Part I (comic: Jodi Houser)

Thrawn, Part III [flashback] (comic: Jodi Houser)

TK-146275 [flashback] [continued] (SWI166 short story: Sylvain Neuvel)

TK-146275 [flashback] [continued] (SWI166 short story: Sylvain Neuvel)

Thrawn [continued] (novel series: Timothy Zahn)

Thrawn [continued] (novel: Timothy Zahn)

Chapters 5 - 6

Thrawn [continued] (comic series: Jody Houser)

Thrawn [continued] (comic series: Jody Houser)

Thrawn, Part I [continued] (comic: Jodi Houser)

Most Wanted (youth novel: Rae Carson)

Most Wanted (youth novel: Rae Carson)

Chapters 1 - 22

14 – 3 BBY

Backstories [continued] (youth novel series: Calliope Glass & Jason Fry)

Backstories [continued] (youth novel series: Calliope Glass & Jason Fry)

Princess Leia: Royal Rebel [continued] (youth novel: Calliope Glass)

The Young Princess*

*NOTE: There isn't much story in this section that can be pinned down to a particular area, nor that is in need of a summary. It is basically just a quick overview of Leia growing up on Alderaan to bridge her arrival at the end of ROTS with *A Princess on Lothal* in 3 BBY.

14 – 6 BBY

- Sometime in this period, Jenkes ends his time as an arena manager on Nyriian and joins the Imperial military, eventually becoming an officer in the Imperial Security Bureau.
(conjecture based on *Ezra's Gamble*)

13 BBY

- Around this time, Roach is born, probably on Haidoral Prime.*
(conjecture based on *Twilight Company*)*

*NOTE: She claims to be twenty, but Namir refers to her as more likely being sixteen.

- Around this time, Mon Calamari on Coruscant protest against the Empire amid the Old Market Sector Riots on Coruscant. As a result, the Mon Calamari are relocated by force. One Mon Calamari family leaves a B-14 airspeeder behind, which a friend of the Milon family acquires.*

(conjecture based on *One Thousand Levels Down*)*

*NOTE: We don't have an exact date for this event, but it is when Anandra Milon (who is 16 in the story) is "really young," so young that she has only very vague memories of the Old Market Sector Riots.

- Sometime this year, the year of rent paid by Isval for Ryiin on Ryloth runs out.
(conjecture based on *Lords of the Sith*)
- Around this time, Iden Versio learns human and alien anatomy (along with the most vulnerable places for attacking both) while at the Future Imperial Leaders Preparatory School on Vardos.*

(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)*

*NOTE: This is "before she was ten," so I have placed it when she is nine.

- The Imperial Security Bureau begins hearing rumors about a "consultant" to outlaw groups, known only as "Nightswan."*
(conjecture based on *Thrawn*)*

*NOTE: This is about a year before chapter 11 of *Thrawn*, which is about two years after the novel begins, making this about one year after the novel begins.

- Arihnda Pryce is working at Bash Four when she meets Juahir Madras when the latter comes to Bash Four looking for help finding an apartment. Arihnda finds her one in Arihnda's own building and the two strike up a friendship.*
(conjecture based on *Thrawn*)*

*NOTE: This is a little over a year after Pryce starts working at Bash Four, which began around two months after the beginning of *Thrawn*. Thus, this is probably around 14 - 15 months after the beginning of *Thrawn*.

- Galen Erso, Lyra Erso, and their daughter, Jyn Erso (age 8, not having had her birthday this year yet), have been living in hiding on Lah'mu since escaping from Orson Krennic. Now, Krennic has finally found them. He lands near their home, and Galen sends Lyra and Jyn to hide in an underground safe room beneath a hidden hatch. As Krennic confronts Galen (who claims Lyra is dead), Lyra gives Jyn her kyber crystal necklace and urges her to hide as planned, while Lyra returns to confront Krennic and support Galen. Krennic tells Galen that their work (i.e. the creation of the Death Star, which requires Galen's extensive knowledge of kyber crystals and how they interact with energy in order to create a working superlaser for the otherwise completed battle station) has stalled. He needs Galen to return to work for the Empire. He tries to avoid doing so, but when Lyra arrives and pulls a blaster on Krennic, he has his deathtroopers kill her. With Lyra dead and Jyn hopefully safe, Galen is taken by Krennic. For her part Jyn has made it into the safe room and waits until Saw Gerrera, having been called by Lyra as part of their plan for when this day would eventually arrive, comes to take her away to safety. Saw will raise Jyn as best he can while leading his anti-Imperial faction, crafting her into one of the greatest fighters he has ever trained. As she grows up, Jyn will come to believe she was abandoned by Galen and find comfort in believing he could be dead, rather than working for the Empire on a superweapon. (To be continued below . . .)

(Rogue One)

- Having arrived to save the Ersos, Saw Gerrera discovers Jyn Erso in hiding. With Jyn's help, Saw searches the Erso home to see if there is any information on Galen Erso's work left

behind that the Empire did not find. They find nothing, so they leave Lah'mu. They make their way to Smuggler's Run and the planet Wrea, where Saw has his main outpost. Saw is rather awkward as a father figure, and their bond forms over time. She begins combat training with Saw, practicing against Clone Wars era droids and others. She trains with a blaster against targets clad in the armor of dead stormtroopers. She trains with truncheons, which will come to be one of her favored weapons. (To be continued below . . .)

(Rebel Rising)

- On Utapau, Fyzen Gor and Greesto Ftrak, a pair of Pau'an medical students, have been looking forward to graduation in just a few weeks from the prestigious Prasteen Braak medical school in Pau City. When armed members of the Wandering Star gang burst in and demand who is the best medical student, Greesto tries to step in to protect Fyzen (the real star), but when Fyzen objects to protect Greesto, both are taken. Now, they have traveled beyond the Shrapnel Fields and into hostile territory. Just as one of the thugs shoots Greesto in the chest for talking too much (since that still leaves them with a gifted doctor in Fyzen), they are ambushed by Utai raiders. Only Fyzen, one medical droid, and two dying sentients (Greesto and one of the Utai raiders) survive the first attack. Fyzen's outlook has changed, though, and instead of trying to find a way back to Pau City, he has the droid help him take the two wounded with them to an abandoned sinkhole nearby. He comes to consider the area they stop in as "his canyon," and he considers how all flesh will decay but droids could be forever if properly maintained. Greesto remains comatose. Fyzen has marveled at how the medical droid has worked on his old friend, despite being missing an arm. After discussing how droids work with the medical droid, Fyzen decides to give one of Greesto's arms to the droid, an operation which Greesto doesn't survive. Fyzen has realized that he can repair droids with biological parts just as biological beings are often fixed with synthetic parts, and the site of the recent ambush is full of bodies and droids in need of repair, while he still has the injured Utai to use as well. The madman laughs into the Utapauan night . . . (To be continued below . . .)*

(Last Shot)*

*NOTE: This assumes that "about 20 years ago" can actually be interpreted as 20 years before the story's "present" in 7 ABY, even though the segment between Fyzen's journey and Han's, which is the Lando segment, is set "about 15 years ago" but more like 17 - 18 years ago when accounting for Solo. In theory, this story segment could be dated back five years from the Lando segment, which would put it in 16 or 15 BBY. I am choosing to take it literally in relation to the "present," rather than to the next segment, chronologically.

- Fyzen Gor does not see another civilized creature from this point until Cli Pastayra come calling two years from now.
(conjecture based on Last Shot)
- Ballia Noaddo, an executive at the Corellian Engineering Corporation, resigns her position due to growing Imperial influence within the company. She intends to leave the planet via the Coronet Spaceport.
(conjecture based on Solo: The Official Guide)
- Jannitha Xoczuko, a droid programmer at the Corellian Engineering Corporation, has grown disheartened at the conditions in the military industry. She quits her position and takes her family to Coronet Spaceport to return to their home planet, Czerialus, which actually doesn't fare any better under the Empire than Corellia does.
(conjecture based on Solo: The Official Guide)
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(conjecture based on Solo: The Official Guide)
- Pashevur Duine steals secret engine schematics from the office of Kuat Drive Yars, then heads for the Coronet Spaceport to leave Corellia. He brings a container full of Corellian wines to distract customs officials from the schematics, which he has hidden in a breath mask.
(conjecture based on Solo: The Official Guide)
- In Coronet City on Corellia, Han (age 19), a local "scrumrat," races back in a stolen speeder from an assignment from White Worm leader Lady Proxima. He was to make a trade of coaxium to for credits. The gang he was to trade with instead double-crossed and jumped him, keeping the credits and the coaxium (except for a single phial that Han kept for himself). He is able to get back into the Den just before curfew to reunite with Qi'ra (age 18, not having had her birthday yet this year), his current love interest and Head Girl for Proxima. (Proxima

is a Grindalid and mostly stays in the Den's central cistern, using some of her lieutenants like Moloch and Head Girl Qi'ra to carry out and delegate her orders.) Han quickly shows Qi'ra the coaxium and talks of a plan to get off of Corella. Thankfully, he passes it to her for safekeeping just as he is pulled away and searched before being brought before Proxima. She is not happy about the failed deal or Han's snarky demeanor. He is to be punished, but when struck by fellow scumrat Chates, he threatens to strike back, then he threatens the room with a rock that he claims is a thermal detonator. Proxima calls his bluff, but he throws it through a window, shining light down onto Proxima, who is forced back underwater. In the chaos, Han and Qi'ra escape back to the stolen speeder and escape, pursued by Moloch in a truckspeeder. They nearly make it nearly to the spaceport before their speeder gets stuck between buildings, then they make their way into the spaceport on foot. With White Worm hunters and Imperial stormtroopers all around, Han and Qi'ra try to bribe their way past Lead Transport Security Officer Falthina Sharest. She lets them through, but just after Han passes through Sharest's checkpoint, Qi'ra is grabbed from behind to be returned to the White Worms, and the door slams shut, separating Han from her (and his lucky dice that he had her hold for luck). Han is forced to find a way to avoid being caught and either imprisoned or taken back to the White Worms when Sharest reports him getting through the checkpoint without proper credentials. With little to lose, he approaches Imperial recruitment officer Chief Drawd Munbrin and enlists in the Imperial Navy. Since Han gives only a first name and has no people to call his own, Munbrin gives him a surname to indicate his singular status: "Solo." He is now "Han Solo" to the galaxy at large. He is to go to the Imperial Academy on Carida to learn to be a pilot, vowing to one day return to Corellia, find Qi'ra, and take her away to a better life. (To be continued below . . .)

(Solo)

- Han Solo enters the Imperial Academy at Carida.
(conjecture based on Solo)
- At some point in the period between Han Solo leaving Corellia and joining Tobias Beckett's crew, Qi'ra is acquired from Lady Proxima's White Worms by the Crimson Dawn criminal syndicate. She eventually works her way up the ranks to become the lieutenant (and consort) of Dryden Vos.
(conjecture based on Solo)
- Assuming Orson Krennic is good to his word, a service is held on Coruscant for the late Lyra Erso, who was killed on Lah'mu by Krennic's own deathtroopers when she threatened him.
(conjecture based on the Rogue One novelization)
- For 18 months, Lieutenant Thrawn and Ensign Eli Vanto have served on the Blood Crow under Captain Rik Virgilio. Unlike many Imperials, he has no issue with Thrawn being an alien. In fact, Thrawn's competence earns him a promotion from second weapons officer to first weapons officer when that position opens up. After 18 months, though, Virgilio is removed and replaced with Captain Filia Rossi.
(conjecture based on Thrawn)
- Lieutenant Thrawn is now first weapons officer on the Blood Crow, having been promoted by Captain Rik Virgilio. However, Virgilio has now been transferred without explanation and replaced by Captain Filia Rossi, whose career path seems oddly suited for someone to become captain of a cruiser. Rossi and her first officer, Senior Lieutenant Nels Deyland, call Thrawn to account for his stash of antique, Clone Wars era technologies and weapons that Virgilio had let him keep in one of the storage bays. When he mentions that the buzz droids he has collected as Mark Ones, which she knows have doonium around their brain cores, she is willing to let him keep tinkering with them in the three months they have left before returning from patrol to Ansion, but then she will take possession of the "junk" (and the valuable doonium inside the droids). As it turns out, the droids are functional already, not needing "tinkering" for another three months in hopes of making them useful. After one week aboard, Rossi gains a general respect from the crew and forms good relationships with the crew, except for Thrawn (the alien) and Eli (the aide to a lower ranking officer, which is nearly unheard of). By one month into Rossi's tenure, it becomes clear that Thrawn (and thus Eli) always tend to get the most undesirable jobs available. As such, they are part of a team sent to the supposed derelict freighter Dromedar that is holding a cargo of static-locked (and very dangerous if unlocked) tibanna gas, alongside Ensign Merri Barlin and Engineering Techs Jakeeb and Layneo. Aboard, they discover Nevil Cygni, who claims to be a member of the crew, who were captured by pirates. He claims also that the hyperdrive is locked (which it is)

and that there is a leak in the reactor. Thrawn recommends a full crew be brought aboard and the tibanna gas cylinders have their static-locks disengaged so they can be moved to the Blood Crow. Rossi refuses, partly because of the danger and partly because it was Thrawn's request. The Blood Crow leaves to go help Ho'Din settlers on Moltok against local Makurth criminals. Eli convinces her to let Thrawn, Eli, and the techs remain to deal with the Dromedar and await the Blood Crow's return. Thrawn also has a crate brought aboard. Thrawn shows Cygni and the others how he can use one of his buzz droids to cut through the hull, empty one tibanna gas container, then take out the others or empty them without worrying about the static-lock. As they start this plan, Barlin gets the hyperdrive online, only for Cygni to then draw a weapon. He is the employer of the pirates, and his comrades are all hiding in the room with the reactor that supposedly had a leak but really didn't. Cygni convinces the leader of the pirates he hired, Angel, to accept the Mark One buzz droid as a bonus, then take the tibanna and the others as prisoners, unharmed, per original orders from Cygni to the pirates. The Imperials are put into a cell with the ship's original crew, but they are quickly freed by the buzz droid, another of which is also working against the ship. Very soon, the ship is under Imperial control, though Cygni has gotten away with the Dromedar and its tibanna gas cargo, while Angel and his best (i.e. least expendable) pirates have left on another ship with him to rendezvous with Cygni. Thrawn had recognized Cygni as an interloper immediately by dust on his clothing and his not immediately pointing out the supposed reactor leak as a crew member would have. Rossi is not happy at them losing the tibanna, though. After they reunite at Ansion, she decides to dump Thrawn there before returning to patrol. Thrawn manipulates her into leaving Eli as well. Thrawn has a plan to still recover the tibanna and Cygni. Thrawn, with Eli at his side, questions the three captured pirates, revealing that he has recognized them as remnants of Q'anah's Marauders, a pirate group that Wilhuff Tarkin took down. He claims Angel left them behind to delay Thrawn, and he was dumping the Marauder (the ship now stolen by Thrawn) in favor of just using the Dromedar as a replacement. He offers to let them go before Tarkin can arrive to finish the job on them if they will give him the location where Cygni and Angel will hand-off the tibanna. They appear to agree and give Thrawn the location of Cartherston on Keitum, not realizing that when they discussed whether to agree, Eli was able to listen in, both he and Thrawn witnessing and translating on the fly, since the pirates are speaking in Sy Bisti, thinking the Imperials wouldn't know the language. (Everyone keeps assuming Thrawn is a Pantoran with strange red eyes, not a Chiss.) They determine from the terminology used by the pirates in their "private" discussion that the real location is Uba in the Barsa sector. Thrawn also reveals to Eli that he wasn't sure the pirates were remnants of Q'anah's forces, but when they referred to themselves in their first encounter as "Culloss," Thrawn interpreted that as a derivation of "Q-less." (And, no, he never actually contacted Tarkin. It was a bluff.) They convince Imperial Admiral Wiskovis to allow a force to go to Uba to recapture the released pirates and hopefully capture Angel, Cygni, the pirates, and the cargo, while also sending a small group to Keitum. (The name came so quickly to the pirates that it suggests that might be where the rest of the Dromedar crew is to be dropped off unharmed, and, if so, they will need rescue.) (To be continued below . . .)*

(Thrawn)*

***NOTE:** This segment begins with chapter 7, 18 months after the end of chapter 6. (That means this segment starts about 21 months after the beginning of the *Thrawn* novel.) Chapter 7 moves ahead by one month to 22 months from the beginning of the novel and continues from there through chapter 9.

- Imperials under orders from Admiral Wiskovis on information from Thrawn manage to recapture tibanna gas stolen by Nevil Cygni.
(conjecture based on Thrawn)
- Nevil Cygni, realizing that those he worked with on the Dromedar job were actual insurgents, considers returning to the Mining Guild he used to work for, but instead he begins chasing rumors and hints that the Empire is building something massive.
(conjecture based on Thrawn)
- One month after Jyn Erso was saved by Saw Gerra and taken to Wrea, anti-Imperial allies of Saw begin to arrive for a meeting at Saw's Wrean outpost. They include Xosad Hozem, a Twi'lek whom Saw knows "from the old days," the human Reece Tallent, and a woman about Saw's age, Idryssa Barruck. These partisans have been looking into the Empire's interest in crystals, tying into what Galen Erso was working on. Christophsis has been mined but mostly abandoned by the Empire, while Ilum is a site of current activity. When Jyn overhears the group discussing Galen and how he is being seen as a willing shill for the Empire, Jyn nearly

exposes her identity to the others by blurting out that it is untrue. Saw reminds her of the need to keep her identity a secret for her protection. Even Saw seems to believe that Galen went with Orson Krennic at least somewhat willingly. Jyn shows her slicing and editing skills in forging Imperial clearance codes for the group. Saw then reveals that his own spies have spotted Galen on Coruscant working for Krennic, seemingly with no intention of coming for Jyn. He appears to be willingly working for the Empire, beginning a mantra in Jyn's mind that will continue for years to come, that her father is alive, a coward, and a bastard, the latter in Saw's words. (To be continued below . . .)

(Rebel Rising)

Rogue One (movie: John Knoll & Chris Weitz & Tony Gilroy & Gary Whitta)

Rogue One (movie: John Knoll & Chris Weitz & Tony Gilroy & Gary Whitta)

"He's Come for Us"

Unfinished Business

Rogue One (novel: Alexander Freed)

Rogue One (novel: Alexander Freed)

Prologue

Rogue One (youth novel: Matt Forbeck)

Rogue One (youth novel: Matt Forbeck)

Chapter 1

Rogue One (comic series: Jody Houser)

Rogue One, Part I (comic: Jodi Houser)

Rebel Rising (youth novel: Beth Revis)

Rebel Rising (youth novel: Beth Revis)

Chapters 1 - 4

Last Shot [continued] (novel: Daniel José Older)

Last Shot [continued] (novel: Daniel José Older)

Part One [continued]

Utapau, About Twenty Years Ago

Part Two [continued]

Utapau, About Twenty Years Ago

Solo (movie: Lawrence Kasdan & Jon Kasdan)

Solo (movie: Lawrence Kasdan & Jon Kasdan)

Thrawn [continued] (novel series: Timothy Zahn)

Thrawn [continued] (novel: Timothy Zahn)

Chapters 7 - 9

Thrawn [continued] (comic series: Jody Houser)

Thrawn [continued] (comic series: Jody Houser)

Thrawn, Part II (comic: Jodi Houser)

Rebel Rising (youth novel: Beth Revis)

Rebel Rising (youth novel: Beth Revis)

Chapter 4 [continued]

Chapter 5

12 BBY

- *Arhex is born on Jakku. He will one day be known as Captain Cardinal among the First Order.*
(conjecture based on *Phasma*)*
- *Greyjin Marscopo is born.*
(conjecture based on *Rebel Rising*)
- *Dex Tiree's little sister is born.*
(conjecture based on *Sparks*)
- *K-2SO, an Imperial KX-series security droid, is constructed by Arakyd Industries on Vulppter.*
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)
- *Thetis Quelton of Quelton Fabrication on Gilvaanen is working with other anti-Imperial groups offworld. She makes plans to gain a contract to make Imperial stormtrooper armor, so that she can introduce a local biological agent that causes "bottleneck" into part of the helmets to harm stormtroopers and Imperial recruiting. She goes ahead with the plan, failing in getting an exclusive contract for armor with the Empire (due to putting in such a low bid to*

“guarantee” getting the job that the Empire rejects it because it would have undermined the company quickly). She does, however, get part of the contract, alongside Cladtech, so she is able to continue ahead with her plan.

(conjecture based on Bottleneck)

- *Lando Calrissian wins the Millennium Falcon, a YT-1300 freighter, in a game of sabacc (in which he may have cheated). He refits the ship’s skin, adds an escape pod, alluvial dampers, and more as he turns the ship into a sleek vessel that is just right for either racing or, more importantly to Lando, smuggling.*
(conjecture based on Solo: The Official Guide)
- *Sometime this year, Hera Syndulla leaves Ryloth to work against the Empire away from her homeworld with other like-minded rebel factions.*
(conjecture based on Galactic Maps)
- *On or after Empire Day of this year, Ephraim and Mira Bridger, the first to speak out against the Empire on Lothal years ago, are taken by the Empire. Their son, Ezra Bridger (age 7), is left with only the family’s close friend Tseebo to raise him, but Tseebo cannot do so, leaving Ezra alone to live on the streets. Tseebo, for his part, joins the Imperial Information Office to gather information from inside the Empire.*
(conjecture based on Empire Day)
- *Upon learning of Thetis Quelton’s plan to introduce “bottleneck” spores into stormtrooper armor to strike a blow against the Empire, her allies in other offworld rebellious groups break contact with her, based on disapproval of the plan.*
(conjecture based on Bottleneck)
- *Luke Skywalker (age 7) sneaks out of the Lars moisture farm to watch a meteor shower. This sparks an argument later that night between Owen Lars and Beru Lars over Luke’s safety. Quite to Beru’s disapproval, Owen informs Luke the next morning that he will begin teaching him how to use a laser rifle, ostensibly so he can protect himself. (To be continued below . . .)**

(Star Wars)*

***NOTE:** Since it isn’t obvious from the title, this is part of the Korean webstrip series by Hong Jac Ga that is mostly made up of adaptations of the *Original Trilogy*.

- *On Coruscant, Arihnda Pryce has been working at the citizen’s assistance center in Bartanish Four (AKA “Bash Four”) for over a year now. She has made friends with Juahir Madras, who is currently a waitress. They are making plans for Empire Day festivities, and Juahir tells Arihnda that her friend Driller MarDapp is now using an apartment at Sestra Towers in the Federal District. Driller and Juahir take care of lodging and transportation, as long as Arihnda uses her connections with Senator Domus Renking to get them into at least one exclusive party. (The apartment isn’t Driller’s, just the apartment of his uncle, a senior staff officer at the Royal Imperial Academy who will be offplanet for the next three months.) The party they attend is at the Alisandre Hotel’s grand ballroom, and Renking is also attending. By chance, Renking introduces her to Colonel Wulf Yularen of the Imperial Security Bureau, who is there with Lieutenant Thrawn and Ensign Eli Vanto, fresh from their success in the Dromedar incident. Renking instructs Arihnda to take a data card to Moff Ghadi, something she has been doing off and on for the last couple of years, though this time he is actually at the same building. Ghadi is to transfer its contents to a secure datapad, then return the card. She takes it to Ghadi, and all seems to go normally, but she realizes that the data card he has handed her back is not the one she initially gave him. Recognizing that she has discovered this, Ghadi sprays a large powdery dose of polstine spice onto her, putting enough in her system to identify her not just as a user but as a dealer (due to concentration) so that she will spend the rest of her life in prison. He uses this to blackmail her into being his eyes and ears within Renking’s ranks. Back at the party, Yularen, Thrawn, and Eli receive notice that with extra info from Thrawn’s analysis and ISB data, the ISB has been able to determine that the operation they thwarted seems to be tied into the operations of an anti-Imperial operator who appears to act as a consultant for various groups illegally arming themselves. He is known only by his alias, “Nightswan.” They believe that Cygni, given his role with the pirates and that he has apparently escaped from Admiral Wiskovis’ forces, is Nightswan under an alias (though probably not his real name). Unfortunately, 12 of the 20 tibanna cylinders that were recovered were already emptied (using the very method of emptying them that Thrawn had suggested aboard the Dromedar). As for Arihnda, she makes it back from the party and barely sleeps off the spice’s effects before she and many other employees are called to Renking’s office. Due to the instructions she had to follow about returning the different data*

card to Renking for Ghadi, Renking is now under suspicion for financial and other issues in his office. As a result, he is shutting down many of his outlying operations, including the assistance center where Arihnda works. Moreover, he knows she was the one who betrayed him, regardless of whether she had a choice or if he should have brought her in on his own scheming beforehand so she knew to be wary of Ghadi. Either way, she is now lost both her job and her apartment. She asks Driller and Juahir to let her stay with them for the rest of Ascension Week while she figures out what to do next. Shortly thereafter, Thrawn is cleared of a set of trumped up charges stemming from the loss of the tibanna and such. As for Eli, he is starting to wonder if this is the path he would have chosen, rather than the path that he thought he was on originally. Thrawn's investigations into doonium prices and Cygni's immediate recognition of it have made him suspect that there may be massive shipbuilding or another secret project going on within the Empire. He intends to continue investigating. Eli is approached by Culper, an aide to Ghadi, who offers him a job to essentially get him out of the way to weaken Thrawn. He recognizes the purpose of her offer and refuses it, despite threats that Ghadi could torpedo his career. The Empire assigns Thrawn as first officer to the Arquitens-class light cruiser Thunder Wasp, while Eli is assigned to continue as his aide-de-camp. Thrawn has also been promoted to captain (as Culper suggested he had been), but there is no corresponding promotion for Eli, who remains an Ensign. Elsewhere, Arihnda visits the Proam Avenue Citizen Assistance office, where she pretends to be a run-of-the-mill, ignorant citizen so she can determine where the already poorly-staffed office's weak points lie. She then uses this to convince the supervisor of the office, Alistar Sinclair, that she has the experience and effectiveness to work there. He lets her work without pay for the rest of Ascension Week for free to prove herself, which she will certainly do, securing a job to replace the one she just lost. (To be continued below . . .)

(Thrawn)*

*NOTE: This segment begins shortly after the end of chapter 9, about two years after the start of *Thrawn* and Arihnda Pryce moving to Coruscant to work under Renking. Since the last segment was set around 22 months after the beginning of the novel and a bit after that, this makes logical sense. Empire Day occurs during chapter 10, which also helps us with some relative dating. As of chapter 11, Eli has at least three more years of service to the Imperial Navy before he could move on to something new. Also in chapter 11, Arihnda says she worked at Bash Four for two years, suggesting perhaps that we have reached 26 months after the beginning of *Thrawn*, since she took that position two months after the novel began. (She could also just be rounding 22 months to 2 years.)

- Over the first year Thrawn spends on the Thunder Wasp, he is summoned back to Coruscant to speak with the Emperor four times, and each time he also takes the time to meet with Wulff Yularen for an update on Nightswan's activities.
(conjecture based on *Thrawn*)
- About four months after Arihnda Pryce begins working at the Proam Avenue Citizen Assistance office, Juahir Madras stops waitressing and begins working at the Yinchom Dojo where she trains civilians and various government bodyguards in martial arts.*

(conjecture based on *Thrawn*)*

*NOTE: This is four months after chapter 11 of *Thrawn*, placing it about 28 - 30 months after the start of the novel.

- About six months after Arihnda Pryce begins working at the Proam Avenue Citizen Assistance office, Juahir Madras drops by to visit her. This is the only time she does so in the entire first year of Arihnda working there.*

(conjecture based on *Thrawn*)*

*NOTE: This is six months before chapter 12 of *Thrawn*, placing it about 30 - 33 months after the start of the novel.

- About seven months after Thrawn begins serving on the Thunder Wasp, someone begins buying up as many vulture droids as can be found. Thrawn notices this due to his interest in Clone Wars "antiques."*

(conjecture based on *Thrawn*)*

*NOTE: This is five months before chapter 12 of *Thrawn*, placing it about 31 - 34 months after the start of the novel.

- Months before meeting Hera Syndulla, Kanan Jarrus comes to Gorse, where he meets Okadia Garson when breaking up a brawl in Okadia's bar, The Asteroid Belt. Okadia helps Kanan get a job with Moonglow Polychemical as a freighter pilot, gives him a part-time job tending bar, and arranges for him to live in a flophouse next door to the bar.
(conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)

- Months before actually meeting Denetrius Vidian, Skelly begins sending information on his studies into the instability of Cynda to Imperial mining oversight offices. He never hears back.
(conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)

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An Old Friend

Thrawn [continued] (novel series: Timothy Zahn)

Thrawn [continued] (novel: Timothy Zahn)

Chapters 10 - 11

Thrawn [continued] (comic series: Jody Houser)

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Thrawn, Part II [continued] (comic: Jodi Houser)

Thrawn, Part III [continued] (comic: Jodi Houser)

11 BBY

- *Temmin Wexley is born to Norra Wexley and Brentin Wexley on Akiva.*
(conjecture based on *Aftermath*)
- *The youngest slaves saved by Jyn Erso about seven years from now are born.*
(conjecture based on *Rebel Rising*)
- *As of the time of the evacuation of the Gimm orphanage on Jedha, the oldest child in its care was born around this time.**
(conjecture based on *Guardians of the Whills*)*

*NOTE: This is 10 years prior to the book, since the eldest children were “not yet eleven.”

- *Around this time (or the next year), future Acolyte of the Beyond “Oblivion” is born.**
(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)*

*NOTE: Erno estimates him to be 14 – 15 in *Life Debt*.

- *Weeks before he meets Hera Syndulla, Kanan Jarrus wins some fine, expensive cloaks from tourists in a sabacc game.*
(conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)
- *The Empire comes to the planet Jelucan, taking control of the planet.*
(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*)
- *Starting around this time, Orson Krennic keeps a Delta-class T-3c shuttle in use. Krennic’s eventual aide de camp, Captain Dunstig Pterro, will one day dub the shuttle, which is officially just shuttle ST 149, the “Pteradon.”**
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)*

*NOTE: He has kept the shuttle in active use “for over a decade” as of *Rogue One*, which I have rounded to 11 years. No, I don’t see why it would have been named after a dinosaur native to Earth.

- *On Ord Mantell, Qi’ra is pursued by IG-88, who drives her straight into the clutches of his current partner, pirate Hondo Ohnaka. They know that Qi’ra, now their prisoner, is a lieutenant in the Crimson Dawn criminal syndicate and will earn them a nice bounty. In trying to talk her way out of the situation, Qi’ra mentions how she heard that Hondo hates droids and that the bounty on IG-88 is bigger than the one on her. At that, Hondo boasts that the bounty on him is greater than those on Qi’ra and IG-88 together, which prompts IG-88 to turn on Hondo. As IG-88 is about to pounce, Hondo defends himself by blasting IG-88 and putting him in stun cuffs, even as Qi’ra frees herself from hers, then knocks down Hondo and cuffs him as well. Qi’ra will take them both in for a nice pair of bounties. Hondo tries to talk his way out of it, but IG-88 claims they are not in a position to negotiate, prompting Hondo to confirm his dislike for droids, citing IG-88’s kind of comments as the reason for his dislike.**

(Triplecross)*

*NOTE: I have placed this story here because Qi’ra is already a lieutenant in the Crimson Dawn organization.

- *On Utapau, Fyzen Gor has now built a small group of at least twelve (the “Original Dozen”) repaired droids with organic components from sentient victims, beginning with Number One (the medical droid that he repaired with Greesto Ftrak’s arm. He has since been raiding nearby Amani settlements for their children to use for his experiments and parts, but now he is approached by a group led by Cli Pastayra, head of the fourth directorate of the Wandering Star syndicate (the gang he escaped from two years ago that began this bizarre crusade toward droid supremacy). Cli wants Fyzen’s creations and Fyzen to serve him by creating more. When Fyzen tries to defeat Cli’s band, they wipe out four of Fyzen’s creations and threaten to scour the area clean entirely. Fyzen takes this as a sign of his destiny and an opportunity, so he submits to Wandering Star control (for now). (To be continued below . . .)**

(Last Shot)*

*NOTE: This assumes that “about 18 years ago” can actually be interpreted as 20 years before the story’s “present” in 7 ABY, even though the segment between Fyzen’s journey and Han’s, which is the Lando segment,

is set "about 15 years ago" but more like 17 - 18 years ago when accounting for *Solo*. Yes, this placement does mean that Fyzen's development of the Phylanx Redux Transmitter occurs throughout this year so that it can be discovered by L3-37's ally, D9, near the end of this year, since that's when I have placed the Lando portion of the story so that I can be prior to *Solo*.

- Now working for the Wandering Star syndicate, Fyzen Gor develops Number One (his first droid subject) into the core of a new device known as the Phylanx Redux Transmitter, which can be an ultimate weapon to turn droids across the galaxy into killers. He programs it to hide within the Mesulan Remnants.
(conjecture based on *Last Shot*)
- Captain Thrawn has been serving for one year as the first officer of the *Thunder Wasp*, under the command of Commander Alfren Cheno, with Ensign Eli Vanto still at his side. They have just busted a smuggling operation where smugglers were hollowing out mollusk shells to hide iridium for transport offworld. However, they did not follow their employer's advice and spread out the meat they dumped into the ocean along a long distance. Instead, they dumped it all at once, drawing an unusual concentration of predators, which Thrawn noticed. Thrawn is still gathering Clone Wars era items, now storing them aboard the *Thunder Wasp* as he had aboard the *Blood Crow*. Thrawn has noticed that vulture droids are being bought out very quickly over the last five months, and he has noted one such order from a Rodian that was for *Nightswan*. The shipment was to be paid for in iridium, which suggests a *Nightswan* link to the operation they just stopped. There was also a mention of Umbara, suggesting that they should keep an eye out for *Nightswan* activity there as well. They soon arrive at Umbara as part of a task force that includes the Imperial Star Destroyer *Foremost* under Admiral Carlou Gendling and four corvettes. The Umbarans have been found to be harboring insurgents who have been gathering illegal weapons. Gendling gives them an ultimatum: the insurgents turn over themselves and their weapons, and those who led will be charged and others allowed to return to their families . . . or the Star Destroyer will bombard them from orbit. Based on studying Umbaran artwork, Thrawn does not believe the Umbaran insurgents will attack, but four hundred vulture droids launch from an Umbaran moon to do just that. Thrawn recognizes that these aren't Umbaran attackers but just in their system. Battle ensues, during which Cheno is in over his head, so Thrawn, still deferential, takes the lead in the *Thunder Wasp's* response. Thrawn and Eli are able to use brief stutters in the droids to pinpoint the source of the transmission controlling them. Only the *Foremost* could take out the target, so Cheno tells Gendling, who refuses to fire on a city, even in a small area, to take out a supposed transmitter. Rebuffed, Thrawn sends targeting data to all other Imperial ships so they at least can hit the vulture droids when their signal is blocked and they are most vulnerable. The Imperials win the day, but Gendling is furious, taking it out on Cheno, who is willing to take the blame for sending the orders out without Gendling's permission. Cheno's career was not going to advance any further, and he recognizes Thrawn's talents and the need for them in the Empire. The *Thunder Wasp* crew determine that the building with the transmitter was owned by humans, unknown to the Umbarans, but Gendling still advises that the Empire should take over the mining and refining sector on Umbara that housed the building. Thrawn and Eli are able to deduce that this was an attack by *Nightswan* specifically so that the Empire would take over the mines, since it is statistically actually far easier to steal and smuggle minerals from mines owned by the Empire than private ones with a personal stake in profits. Thrawn believes that *Nightswan* essentially invited him here through the mollusk operation with its ties to iridium, vulture droids, etc., playing on what *Nightswan* knows of Thrawn's collecting and investigative interests. What they don't yet know is what *Nightswan's* motivations might be. Is he a smuggler himself, a criminal mastermind, or something else entirely? On *Coruscant*, Juahir Madras and Driller MarDapp visit Arihnda Pryce at the Proam Avenue Citizen Assistance office. She has barely seen them over the last year, and now they invite her to dinner at the swanky *Pinnacle*, a restaurant at the highest point of the Federal District. Juahir now trains bodyguards at the *Yinchom Dojo*, while Driller is still part of his advocacy group, the *Higher Skies Group*. He offers her a job because they need a mining expert on staff, though it will mean moving in with Juahir instead of having a government-provided apartment with her current position. She accepts. She soon realizes that others on the staff are up to nefarious things (or there is no other staff at all), and all is not as it appears, but the position gives her access to powerful people in the Empire, which is enough for her. They are looking into patterns of the Empire taking over mining operations. She finds plenty of evidence of this, but she works so late on the analysis that it is dark before she leaves. On the way home, she runs afoul of some lower level denizens who intend to rob her

(or worse), only to be saved by Juahir and one of her students, Senate Guard Ottlis Dos, who then offers to train Arihnda in self-defense while he waits on his employer to return in six weeks. (Little does she know that Juahir is trying to set the two up for a more personal relationship.) Based on what happened at Umbara, Cheno is “permitted to retire.” Wulf Yularen provides a list of various protests and other activities known to be tied to Nightswan, and Thrawn wonders if he might be trying to seed unrest on Coruscant as part of a broader protest based on some of his others. To do that, he would have to seed his own people into positions like those of bodyguards to get close to power and be in a position to act. They take a tour of some local dojos, including the Yinchom Dojo where Juahir works for the Togorian H’sishi. When they arrive, Arihnda is also there training, which allows a re-acquaintance of Yularen, Eli, and Thrawn with her. Thrawn learns that Arihnda now works for the Higher Skies Group. When she mentions it, Thrawn notices a reaction from Juahir, but when he spars a brief demonstration bout with H’sishi, she does not try to take him down, so he grows suspicious of Higher Skies Group but not the dojo. The ISB will begin looking into Higher Skies Group, and while Thrawn would like to participate, he has other duties. When the Thunder Wasp is repaired and ready to ship out again in about four weeks, it will ship out again with Thrawn in command with the new rank of Commander, a promotion from captain that usually takes about six years. (Eli is still an ensign, which means he has been an ensign for about a year longer than one would usually think normal. He is definitely being blacklisted due to Moff Ghadi or just general negativity toward Thrawn.) During that time, though, Thrawn will not be inactive. Shortly thereafter, Ottlis, who has had to miss two training sessions with Arihnda due to his employer briefly returning, invites her to her boss’ office to spar in one of the rooms during a dull night. When she arrives, it turns out that his employer is none other than Moff Ghadi, the same man who blackmailed her into betraying Senator Domus Renking. She suggests that if he had just brought her into his plan, she would have taken down Renking gladly due to his takeover of Pryce Mining. He interrogates her about who has apparently hired Higher Skies Group to take him down, which she knows nothing about. With her own butt on the line, she is willing to call Driller to see if she can get him to let something slip. She calls and tells him she will be at Ghadi’s office, which raises no alarms, but when she mentions a (fake) possible new job with Wilhuff Tarkin and he is willing to let her go, it seems clear that Ghadi is not a target, or he would not want to let her go, and he would have asked her to spy somehow on Ghadi. He now wants her to be his eyes and ears inside Higher Skies Group, using another blackmail threat, this time of having Ottlis (who has been his man the entire time) to claim she was caught there trying to steal files. Now, though, she is prepared for blackmail, and she reaches out to Thrawn for help. They meet at a diner. She reveals that Ghadi mentioned a mine being attacked, which led her to investigate, learning that he apparently has been selling doonium off the books to the Empire through unofficial (i.e. illegal) channels or selling on the black market, which is also illegal. She suggests that if he passed that info to Yularen, she could in turn help him with Imperial politics, such as finally getting Eli the promotion(s) he has been denied. She proves her political knowledge by noting to Thrawn’s surprise that the Thunder Wasp is last in line for repairs on purpose. He suggests to her that she could also benefit from turning someone Ghadi hates (i.e. Tarkin) into an advantage. She goes back to Higher Skies and contacts Ghadi, claiming that Higher Skies has spied on many Imperial figures, including Tarkin. She offers extensive files on Tarkin (which don’t really exist) on an encrypted data card to him. He is too obsessed with his rival to realize he is being baited into a trap . . . (To be continued below . . .)

(Thrawn)*

*NOTE: This segment begins with chapter 12, starting about 1 year after Thrawn and Eli were assigned to the *Thunder Wasp*, which was about two years (or as much as 26 months) after the start of the novel. There are two references in this section to events earlier in the novel as three years earlier, though at least one must be rounding. The first reference is to Thrawn beginning to collect Clone Wars artifacts on the *Blood Crow* three years ago, as of chapter 12, which have been about 39 months after the novel began. However, Arihnda also says that the Empire took over Pryce Mining “three years ago,” which put this segment at 36 months into the novel if it isn’t rounding. Either or both must be rounding, as both events referenced as “three years ago” happened three months apart. Thus, this segment must begin sometime 36 - 39 months into the novel, though we cannot be more accurate than that. It lasts probably about 2 - 3 months, given that less than a month must pass between the end of chapter 15 and the beginning of the next segment with chapter 17, due to the time for the *Thunder Wasp*’s repairs, and when Ottlis starts training Arihnda, his employer will not visit for about 6 weeks, and he has just visited as of the beginning of chapter 16.

- On the planet Jelucan, the Empire has begun to take control of the planet, though not aggressively. The people are welcoming new opportunities, though the view of the Empire is

different between the so-called Second-Wavers (settlers who came after the original settlers) and the valley kindred (the original settlers). Nevertheless, it is an exciting day for the unsuspecting inhabitants of the capital city, Valentia, including the Kyrell family: Thane Kyrell (age 8), Dalven Kyrell (age 12), Oris Kyrell (their secretly abusive father), and Ganaire Kyrell (their mother). A valley Ree family is also among those attending the Empire's official arrival ceremony, including: Ciena Ree (age 8), Verine Ree (her mother), and Paron Ree (her father). After an official ceremony, presided over by Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin himself, a reception is held. During the reception, both Thane and Ciena (along with other kids) sneak over to the hangar to see an Imperial Lambda-class shuttle firsthand. When Mothar Drik and some other local Second-Waver boys start picking on Ciena, Thane (who has never met Ciena) acts in her defense, attacking Mothar. He has learned how to deal with bullies from years of dealing with his own father. The scuffle is stopped by Tarkin. The others run away, but Thane and Ciena stay and speak with Tarkin, who is impressed with them and lets them check out the shuttle. Both children want to become Imperial pilots someday, a notion Tarkin supports. Ciena, who is relatively poor and has access only to a rather old simulator, is invited to join Thane in his own flying practice, so that the two new friends can one day both join the Empire. (To be continued below . . .)

(Lost Stars)

- Thane Kyrell and Ciena Ree begin to set up a small cave as their own personal space, which they refer to as the "Fortress."
(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*)
- The Empire takes control of the planet Tsevuka.
(conjecture based on *Bottleneck*)
- While on a tour of Tsevuka, the Empire's newest member world, Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin's transport is attacked by local insurgents. When he questions why the route was not secured with stormtroopers stationed all along it, the answer is that there are plenty of troopers but not enough armor right now. The Empire has grown too fast for armor production to keep up, or so it would seem. Tarkin returns to his Star Destroyer, the *Executrix*, and speaks via holocomm with Emperor Palpatine on the matter. On Palpatine's end, Count Denetrius Vidian is also present. Vidian, a cybernetic business man with ruthless but successful tactics, is a member of the Imperial court and a "troubleshooter." He and Tarkin disagree on how to increase stormtrooper armor production on the primary source world of Gilvaanen. The companies that produce the armor there are private entities with mostly Ithorian colonists as paid labor. Tarkin believes the businesses should be nationalized ("Imperialized"), but Vidian believes he can find other means of increasing production, using competition. Palpatine also sees a chance to see competition improve practice and orders both Tarkin and Vidian to Gilvaanen to resolve the situation. As the *Executrix* arrives, Tarkin studies Vidian's background and tactics. The research materials and a short briefing come courtesy of the ship's executive officer, Commander Rae Sloane, who is about to become a captain and gain a command of her own. (Unfortunately, there are currently more captains than Star Destroyers, so she may have a long wait on her hands.) This should be her last mission on Tarkin's command ship. Tarkin has been impressed by her career advancement and skills, but he is not one to help someone rise based on personal favors. Tarkin's first stop on Gilvaanen is to visit the head of one of the production facilities, Thetis Quelton of Quelton Fabrication. She is a collector of rare armor, including armor she is currently wearing and testing that is from the Pikaati species. Vidian has already arrived and is also present. Tarkin suggests a harsh approach overall to both Quelton Fabrication and its nearby competitor, Cladtech. The issue appears to be that Cladtech's owner, Mawdo Larrth, is kinder to his workers, but the workers have been coordinating protests and work slowdowns over various work pressures, including the demand for increased production. Vidian suggests various solutions, and Tarkin simply brings in stormtroopers and Imperial Security Bureau officers to round up workers who have not shown up for their shifts. Shortly thereafter, Vidian learns from his aide on Calcoraan, Everi Chalis, that Tarkin has been looking into his background. Vidian is angered, especially when he learns that Tarkin has been talking to Baron Lero Danthe about Vidian, since Vidian knows that Danthe, one of his underlings, is trying to usurp Vidian's position. Their growing "discussion" is cut short when Quelton contacts them with word of a treasonous plan that has come to her attention. They follow the information and break up a meeting of Cladtech supervisors that are planning action. Vidian has figured out that Larrth is in on it, since he does indeed shut down power to his machines when work

stoppages happen in order to save power, but he tends to do it before the stoppage happens, meaning that he is in league with his striking workers. He claims it was the only way to give his people a break. Vidian gives him a break – a broken neck, killing him – instead of Tarkin having all of the supervisors killed. Production resumes under threat, and Cladtech is merged with Quelton Fabrication, under Thetis Quelton. Tarkin congratulates her and invites himself over for dinner. When he arrives, he actually brings Vidian with him, as he has figured out that Thetis orchestrated things on a larger scale. Yes, she tipped off the Imperials to gain control of Cladtech, but she has also been protecting her workers and focusing on trying to limit Imperial impact on the planet. She has anti-Imperial sympathies and has actually had her production line putting together stormtroopers helmets that would hold a grommet that is part of the filtering mechanism in the helmets. In these pieces, though, she has had spores inserted that would bring about a condition called “bottleneck” in any troopers using them. Her intention was to cause so many stormtroopers to become ill that recruitment for new stormtroopers would fall, weakening the Empire. (Vidian had detected traces of the biological agent when he was surveying the facility on arrival.) She was working with other rebellious factions offworld, but they cut her off because they disapproved of her plan. Before she can be taken captive and tortured for information, Quelton closes her Pikaati helmet and seals it to atmosphere, causing it to activate its own air system, using the hydrogen cyanide that the Pikaati breathe, killing herself. When Tarkin and Vidian finally report to Palpatine, they have the entire Gilvaanen operation nationalized under the Imperial Department of Military Research. This transfers it from Vidian’s portfolio, and the transfer is to be handled by Everi Chalis. This also frees up Vidian for other matters, such as helping to increase Star Destroyer research production by visiting worlds involved in mining such resources (like Gorse). He needs military might to enforce his edicts in these locations, so Tarkin seconds one of his own Star Destroyers, the *Ultimatum*, to work under Vidian. Vidian is given the choice of several veteran captains, but he chooses the newest and least set in old ways: Rae Sloane. The *Ultimatum* was to be under Captain Yale Karlsen, but Tarkin has him sent to a construction committee for a while, so that Sloane can take command for the time being. He offers congratulations to her, along with a warning: Vidian’s eyes never close, and neither should hers.

(Bottleneck)

- For several weeks, Count Denetrius Vidian cuts a swath of misery as he increases “efficiency” on three planets in the same sector as Gorse. Associates of Hera Syndulla alert her of his activities, but they soon go silent, likely found and killed.
(conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)
- Eight days before getting the attention of Transcept Media Solutions on Gorse for making “threats” against the Empire by warning Kanan Jarrus about danger on Cynda, Skelly does something else that causes Transcept to pull up his file.
(conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)
- One week before arriving at Gorse, Count Denetrius Vidian and his aides are assigned to the *Ultimatum* to go to Gorse and fix production problems there.
(conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)
- Dalborg Mining demotes Skelly from explosives supervisor to lowly demolitions placement tech.
(conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)
- The Imperial Star Destroyer *Ultimatum*, temporarily under the command of Captain Rae Sloane (while Captain Karlsen is detached elsewhere) and Commander Nibiru Chamas, has been assigned to the planet Gorse (tidally-locked with society in perpetual night) and its moon, the much nicer Cynda, which move together in very close proximity. Sloane has come bearing a passenger, a favorite “fixer” in the Empire, Count Denetrius Vidian, more cybernetic machine than man these days. The Empire needs more thorilide that is mined on Cynda and transferred for processing on Gorse, and thus Vidian is there to increase productive efficiency. When one of the Mining Guild ships, *Cynda Dreaming*, bumps into the *Ultimatum* and lags behind other ships in the crowded lanes between planet and moon, Vidian orders the *Ultimatum* to destroy the ship as a warning to others. Hera Syndulla (age 18), pilot of the Corellian Engineering Corporation VCX-100 light freighter *Ghost*, watches all of this as part of her goal of keeping an eye on Vidian’s activities after his actions on three other worlds in the sector were reported to her by fellow rebels. Among the other ships is the *Expedient*, a freighter for Moonglow Polychemical in Gorse City, that is carrying a cargo of explosive-grade

baradium bisulfate (making it a "Baby Carrier"). The Expedient's pilot is Kanan Jarrus (age 22, actually former Jedi Padawan Caleb Dume, who gave up that identity to go into hiding after Order 66), who taunts and flirts with Sloane before charging his way through the pack, carrying his cargo and passenger (and part-time employer) Okadiah Garson, down to Gorse. Okadiah is both a foreman for a Cynda mining team and the proprietor of The Asteroid Belt, a cantina. Okadiah helped Kanan get his job with Moonglow, allows him to tend bar part-time, and has even let Kanan live in a flophouse next to The Asteroid Belt. After landing and having a brief clash of wills with one of Okadiah's miners, Yelkin, Kanan delivers his cargo and runs into mining demolitions expert Skelly (a Clone Wars veteran) and Moonglow's chief, Boss Lal Grallik. Skelly is warning Lal (and anyone else who might listen) that there is great danger to Cynda if mining in Zone 42 continues, but no one seems willing to close down mining in that area, especially now that Vidian has arrived. Skelly believes that blasting the moon with baradium to get to crystals with thoriide in them puts the moon's core in danger of literally cracking the moon apart. He has a holodisk with data to prove it and cites groundquakes that happen on Gorse when Cynda gets too close as proof of similar damage done to Gorse in the past. Kanan, unwilling to listen or get involved (mostly for fear of drawing attention, since he is essentially a former Jedi in hiding), simply punches Skelly and walks away when approached to help the doomsayer. Unfortunately for Skelly, his words have been caught on camera. All of Gorse and Cynda is observed by Transcept Media Solutions, with the Empire as its primary client, with most of that monitoring done under the lead of Sullustan Zaluna Myder and her subordinates, known as "Myder's Mynocks." As they consider whether to bump Skelly's status up from basically a tough talker to someone who is a real threat, Vidian contacts Transcept to order the area to Security Condition One, which means they have little choice but to elevate Skelly's threat level. Vidian then meets with the head of the Cyndan Mining Guild, Director Palfa, for a tour of the mining operation. Meanwhile, both Hera and Skelly try to get close to Vidian: Hera to learn about his activities and Skelly to get his holodisk and warning to someone he thinks may listen. Skelly manages to reach one of his supervisors, Tarlor Choh, who is with a group of stormtroopers, but they do not listen to him. Instead, they try to arrest him, based on his threat level. He activates one of his explosives nearby and escapes. With even the Empire not listening, he decides that it is time to create a demonstration that will make them listen . . . Angered by this turn of events when quickly reported to Vidian's cybernetics, Vidian orders Palfa to set new age caps on laborers and generally make life tougher to become more productive. When Palfa balks, Vidian simply beats him to death. After doing so, Vidian begins to accost another miner nearby, Okadiah, but Kanan appears and pulls a blaster on Vidian. He is able to talk Vidian out of killing Okadiah for his own smart mouth by noting how Okadiah teaches younger miners great skills. Vidian finally leaves them alone, so Kanan continues on to Zone 42. Unbeknownst to Kanan, his brief heroic intervention was noticed by Hera, but she is not on a recruiting mission at the moment, so she does not follow him. When Kanan reaches Zone 42, Yelkin, who is already there, notices something wrong. Explosives are already where Kanan's are meant to go, and it is a lot. Upon noticing Skelly's toolbox nearby, Kanan realizes that the area has been rigged to blow by Skelly. The charges explode, and Kanan is able to use the Force for one of the first times in years, to save himself and an unconscious Yelkin without being noticed. Still, though, Kanan prepares to leave Cynda for Gorse, then to leave Gorse to find a new place to live in hiding from the Empire. He takes the Expedient with Okadiah back to Gorse, only to find Skelly hiding aboard the ship. Skelly was trying to send a message about the danger to the Empire, not harm anyone. Workers weren't meant to be in Zone 42 until the next day, but Vidian pushed up their schedule. Skelly now believes that the Empire is looking for him to thank him and accept his holodisk of information, not to arrest him. (Boy is he wrong!) Unfortunately, they notice more ships moving in for the next shift, showing that Vidian has not heeded the danger and is continuing as normal. Kanan now intends to head for Moonglow on Gorse and turn Skelly over to Boss Lal's husband, Moonglow's security chief, Gord Grallik. Meanwhile, Hera, having gotten the Ghost off of Cynda around the same time as the Expedient, and noting that they were the only two ships to get off the moon before a grounding order, assumes that Skelly is probably on the Expedient. Since she is already going to Gorse to meet with a rebel contact there, she decides to seek out Skelly as well in order to find out what his actual story might be. The Expedient reaches Gorse, and Kanan turns Skelly over to Gord, also telling Gord that he is quitting Moonglow. Meanwhile, Vidian takes his shuttle from Cynda and is contacted en route by his greatest Imperial rival, Baron Lero Danthe of Corulag, head of a massive droid-making business. Danthe has maneuvered

things on Coruscant to have the Emperor push for a 50% increase in Cynda's output under Vidian, as a means of Danthe trying to humiliate and replace Vidian in the Imperial Court. Vidian heads for Gorse to see the refineries there and works to buy Captain Sloane's loyalty by suggesting that he could use his influence to make her the permanent captain of the Ultimatum, diverting the absent Captain Karlsen to a different posting. At Transcept, Zaluna's team of watchers discovers Skelly's apprehension by Moonglow and alerts the Imperials, a few of whom are present to oversee their surveillance. Hetto, a subordinate of Zaluna for twenty years, reveals to her in secret that he has gotten involved with anti-Imperial activity and has been conversing with a contact (Hera) on the HoloNet that he was to meet tonight and give a data cube to her. Knowing he is about to be arrested, he gives the data cube, a location, and Hera's first name to Zaluna, hoping she can make the meeting for him. Sure enough, Hetto is arrested immediately thereafter. Soon, Hera awaits outside Moonglow, looking for signs of Skelly, but she is being watched by the Sarlaccs, a gang led by Charko. Shortly thereafter, Charko, a constant thorn in Kanan's side, calls him out at Drakka's Diner, near the route where Kanan drives Okadia's hoverbus to move miners between the bar and Moonglow along Broken Boulevard. When Kanan exits, the Sarlaccs have run off, but not before Kanan sees them talking to Hera, who briefly asks him directions. With little else to do, Kanan makes it a mission to discover who she is. (He is infatuated pretty much immediately.) Vidian visits Moonglow and arranges an inspection in twelve hours, intending to see how Moonglow is being so efficient compared to other companies on Gorse. After he leaves, stormtroopers are to arrive and take Skelly, but before they can do so, the Sarlaccs, paid by Hera for a diversion, steal Moonglow's nearby hovertruck, allowing her a chance to free Skelly, telling him that she will find him again soon as they both make a run for it. Moments later, Hera is paying the Sarlaccs when Charko tries to hassle her for more credits. Kanan intervenes, and when the scuffle is over, the Sarlaccs are all knocked out. Kanan introduces himself and tries to join her in whatever she is up to, but she takes off on her own. He does, at least, learn her first name. She then heads for Skelly's "base" in an old bomb shelter in Crispus Commons, where she finally hears the details of his concerns. She is intrigued by his concerns, but when he starts babbling conspiracy theories, she leaves. His only hope for action seems to be to reach Vidian directly and make him listen. Soon, at The Asteroid Belt, Zaluna waits for Hera with the data cube, which she has determined contains all of the surveillance of Transcept over the years, which would show anyone interested in Imperial surveillance how the most advanced modern methods were carried out. Kanan returns to the bar as well, and he is just starting to talk to Zaluna, who is asking for his help since she has seen him help people by going out of his way before, when Hera shows up. The trio sits down together for business, though Kanan is an unnecessary party to the meeting. Hera is allowed to check out the data cube but not keep it yet. They learn that the last person Hetto looked up, thanks to a request from the Ultimatum, was Lemuel Tharsa, someone who has supposedly not been back to Gorse for twenty years. Before Hera can copy the data cube or anything else, Skelly arrives, loudly proclaiming to be there to see Kanan and Hera. Upon seeing the wanted "bomber," Zaluna escapes. Hera explains helping Skelly escape, and Skelly requests Kanan's badge to get onto Moonglow's grounds to get to Vidian. As Hera tries to leave, dismissing Kanan as not of use (because he seems unwilling to commit to being against the Empire in any way), stormtroopers arrive. (Seeing them outside, Zaluna hides in the nearby hoverbus' bathroom but ends up locked in.) They are able to pretend that Hera is a cleaning lady, trying to clean a back room where Skelly is vomiting (well, faking it), and the stormtroopers leave of their own volition. With them gone, Hera also requests Kanan's badge. She knows that the Empire needs thorilide for more Star Destroyers, but why have they chosen now to focus on Gorse and Cynda? She believes that Vidian's entire career seems to be pointing to giving him full authority over the planet and moon, and as soon as he got it, he came immediately with an Imperial escort. She thinks Vidian has something else planned, perhaps a secret mission to benefit the Empire. Kanan is willing to help by going to pick up the last of his pay during a run of the hoverbus, so he can let her in with his badge then. The next day, Vidian has an old miners' hospice that he ordered closed destroyed for reasons that are not immediately apparent, supposedly to build on its grounds. Vidian, Sloane, and their troops then head for Moonglow, where Lal leads his tour. Meanwhile, the hoverbus arrives, driven by Kanan and Okadia. Kanan lets Hera use his badge to enter the grounds, while he pretends to have engine trouble. He expects to get it from her when she is done, so he can enter and get his pay. As for Skelly, he spots them arriving and uses a sewer entrance near Drakka's Diner to get himself onto the Moonglow

grounds. As someone (Hera) begins skulking around, Gord and stormtroopers go to investigate, leaving the tour group. As Lal is showing Sloane around a bit, Skelly emerges and approaches Vidian, giving him the holodisk, but Vidian slaps it away and attacks Skelly as an enemy of the Empire. He beats Skelly, but Skelly manages to escape when Sloane provides an accidental distraction. At the same time, Gord and the troopers spot Hera and give chase. Despite driving off Skelly, Vidian takes the holodisk to investigate his claims. Hearing alarms going off, Kanan uses the Force to leap the fence onto Moonglow's grounds, only to end up face-to-face with Sloane. Vidian (still bearing recent anger over a second conversation with Danthe that noted him casting aspersions on Vidian's thoriide franchise and the return of a comet-based thoriide gathering vessel to Vidian's Calcoraan Depot) is introduced by Lal to Moonglow's automated xenoboric acid bath. He must make Lal wait for more of his berating when Danthe contacts him again, patched through from Ultimatum. Thanks to Danthe's maneuvering, the 150% quota that was recently implemented is now to be doubled to 300%, putting Vidian in a nearly-impossible position. When the call ends, he demands more from Lal's operation than is possible to meet the new quota. When she says it is impossible, he tosses her into the acid bath to her death. As she dissolves, Gord arrives on the scene to witness his wife's death throes. Hera calms him enough to not kill himself or go after Vidian immediately. She then tries to keep Kanan out of trouble with Sloane, until Sloane is called away by Vidian. Vidian has a new scheme that will use Skelly's holodisk to reach his quotas in a more destructive fashion. The Imperials are about to board their shuttle when it explodes, rigged by Skelly, who then escapes on a speederbike. The Imperials then commandeer the hoverbus to head for the spaceport and take another arriving shuttle to Ultimatum. Hera and Kanan take over a truck of thoriide from Moonglow and head for the spaceport (mainly so that Kanan can get back Okadia's hoverbus). Skelly has also gone there, intending to take out Vidian. Kanan and Hera arrive, but when she tries to follow to find more about what has changed in Vidian's plan and Kanan intends to drive the bus back to Okadia, Skelly emerges and tosses a bomb at Vidian's arriving shuttle, destroying it. The three of them escape in the hoverbus when Gord arrives to arrest Vidian for Lal's death and attacks. The hoverbus is pursued by Imperials. They escape, even taking out a pair of TIEs with some creative driving. (Vidian, though, kills Gord at the spaceport.) As Kanan and Hera argue over whether to leave Skelly with the dying hoverbus, they discover Zaluna stuck in the bathroom ever since hiding out the night before. They all hide out at The Asteroid Belt for the night, where they find Okadia minding the closed bar. Later, they find that Zaluna's entire team has been suspended because of their connections to Hetto, and Zaluna has no job to return to. They also watch recordings from surveillance cameras from the hoverbus, which recorded the Imperials while they were aboard. They realize that Vidian is going to use Skelly's information to purposely blow up Cynda to gather thoriide from the debris in massive quantities to meet his new quotas. Everyone on both Cynda and Gorse is now in danger. Sloane and Vidian discuss his plans, which would allow him to use baradium-357 to blow up the right points on the moon to break it up, allowing his thoriide collection ships to gather it up. However, it could very easily destroy Gorse's biosphere by setting the world spinning again. Vidian, though, does not care. To Sloane's shock, Vidian goes forward with ordering a test of the process. Soon, Kanan, Skelly, Hera, and Zaluna head for a midpoint between their destinations. Skelly is going to destroy an explosives plant near the spaceport to delay Vidian's plans. Kanan is going to leave the planet on his own. Hera is going to get Zaluna somewhere safe aboard the Ghost. As they are about to go their separate ways, part of Cynda explodes from Vidian's test. Kanan races to a speederbike, races to the Expedient, then returns to gather the others. They head for Cynda to Moonglow's mines in hopes of helping Okadia and others. When they finally get there, Hera and Kanan go in alone and find Okadia gravely injured. They are unable to save his life, but Kanan uses the Force (outside of Hera's sight) to free him from debris so that he can at least have a real burial. This revelation begins to shine light on just who Kanan is and why he is so focused on staying out of the Empire's sights. As they return to the Expedient, all mining ships are ordered to follow the Ultimatum to Calcoraan Depot. Our heroes agree to go to Calcoraan in hopes of somehow stopping Vidian's plans to send ships back full of baradium-357 to destroy the rest of Cynda and, as a result, Gorse. As Ultimatum arrives at Calcoraan Depot and Sloane notes the presence of Vidian's massive harvester ship, Forager, she receives a call from Danthe, who wants details on Vidian's progress and tries to ingratiate himself with her. Being courted by both Vidian and Danthe for political reasons makes Sloane all the more wary of her situation. As the Expedient arrives, they learn that Moonglow is being blamed for the

explosion on Cynda, and the company is basically out of business. Whereas Hera wants to destroy the depot, Kanan realizes that this will only delay Vidian. Instead, they concoct a plan to get to Vidian's personal office and upload a falsified report that the test blast on Cynda failed, thereby causing the Empire to give up on Vidian's plan. Upon boarding the depot, Sloane notes droids being studied (only to later understand that they are the droids that Danthe's business has developed for high-heat environments like Mustafar, and Vidian is having them studied to try to reverse engineer them to create his own). Kanan, Hera, Skelly, and Zaluna sabotage a conveyor, then make their way deeper into the depot, following Vidian toward his office (the "hub"). Unfortunately, Hera and Kanan are caught spying on Vidian as he sends his report to the Emperor. (Skelly stays on a level just below them, too injured to continue, with Zaluna to look after him.) When Vidian toys with them before killing them, Zaluna uses a remote-controlled medical droid to knock out Vidian, allowing them to put him into his own stasis field while they continue their sabotage of his plans. They are unable to just kill Vidian, as it would alert the Empire to rebellion on Gorse, even if there really isn't one, and Gorse would experience a purge. Instead, they need to go through with their false upload, having to download data from Vidian's cybernetics to find his personal passcode, along with blanking his recordings of their encounter. However, they discover that Vidian's report to the Emperor is already false: the real tests show that the thoriilide would cease to be within a year of Cynda's destruction if they went forward with it, but they know that Vidian still intends to do it and has now told the Emperor the lie that there would be a two-thousand year supply of thoriilide if he destroys Cynda. They then play back a conversation between Vidian and Danthe, in which Vidian finally yields to Danthe, claiming that after he meets this year's quota for the Emperor, he will turn over the entire operation over Gorse to Danthe. Thus, Vidian intends to ruin his rival by meeting Palpatine's demands, then leaving Danthe in charge when everything dries up, having to explain to the Emperor where two millennia worth of thoriilide went wrong. They know that the Emperor would not just take Vidian's word for anything, so they look deeper and find that Lemuel Tharsa, the person who was being asked about earlier, is the scientist signing off on things for Minerax Consulting. Zaluna runs a search of Moonglow's records from when it was Introsphere two decades earlier and finds a recording of Lemuel, revealing that Lemuel is in fact Vidian, just before all the cybernetics! Vidian's biography is a fake. The miners' hospice he had destroyed was where he was once tended to, hence destroying it to help cover his tracks. They realize that Vidian has been using his original persona to scientifically sign off on whatever his new persona wants to do. With Vidian still disabled, they impersonate him and call Sloane to the room, where Kanan claims to be an agent working directly for the Emperor, hence all his meddling. He gives Sloane the story of what is really going on, spinning it as information that must reach the Emperor to undermine Vidian's own plot. As our heroes race to the Expedient and launch for Gorse to recover the Ghost and use its more modern systems to hijack Transcept channels and alert everyone to the danger that is coming their way, Sloane revives Vidian and tells him about what Kanan told her, pretending to be loyal, but she pushes enough to get him to cross the lines of what is appropriate as he, among other things, claims the ability to make her not just the Ultimatum's permanent captain but also an admiral as well. She now believes Kanan's story, at least partially. She does not, however, announce that Vidian is "a goner" when the Star Destroyer reaches Gorse as Kanan hoped. Vidian also soon arrives with the Forager. Kanan pretends to be going nuts from fumes from baradium-357 canisters and broadcasts his intent to attack fellow miners, which causes them to start moving out of the Empire's predetermined flight paths. Kanan takes the ship near towers being used to set up the explosives that will destroy Cynda. He cannot shoot them without risking destruction, so he uses blasts to scare off workers and otherwise delay the process. Unable to reach the Ghost on Gorse due to TIE fighters, they turn back and actually board the Forager, intending to use its own transmitter array to send their warning, or perhaps stop the entire project in its tracks. As they disembark, Kanan gathers his hidden lightsaber, which he has in a case that he straps to his leg across from his blaster, along with Skelly's bag of explosives. They are only partly into their mission when Skelly takes a blaster shot and falls out of sight. The others are forced to move on, with Hera above on her own and Kanan guarding Zaluna on the way to the command center (where Vidian is) to use the transmitter. Speaking of transmissions, Sloane receives one from the Emperor. Kanan gets Zaluna into the command center through a stalled blast door, but he remains outside to fight Vidian's personal cybernetic goons. Unfortunately, Vidian is able to grab Zaluna and shock her when she tries to attack him. He hurls her across the room, just as Kanan enters, using the Force to yank up

the blast door. He leaps upon Vidian's back amid their fight, but when Zaluna comes to and tries to shoot him, not only does the blaster – blocked by Vidian – explode and injure both Zaluna and Vidian, but it nearly shocks Kanan before he can leap away. Before Kanan can draw his lightsaber to take on Vidian more directly, Hera enters with a stolen forklift, threatening to decompress the whole bridge. Meanwhile, Sloane, who, after hearing Vidian's line about making her an admiral, had used Chamas to contact Danthe to get word to the Emperor of what "his agent" (Kanan) had relayed to her, has now had a chance to speak to the Emperor's agents herself. The Emperor did not know about Vidian's dual identity, and now he is aware of this and the plot at Cynda to discredit Danthe by destroying a rich supply of needed thorilide. They have also decrypted a file that Hera had noticed and made sure Kanan got to Sloane, which proves that not only was the report decades ago that moved mining from the night side of Gorse to Cynda faked, there was actually a greater source of thorilide on Gorse's day side than either of the other locations, something Vidian wanted to keep to himself. Given the heat of the day side, that explained Vidian trying to reverse engineer Danthe's droids, so that he could use them on the day side once Danthe was ruined by Vidian's destruction of Cynda and falsified report. Much of what had happened in recent days would be blamed on Sloane as well, which she will not allow. Word has finally arrived, and she is happy to give the order to arrest Vidian. When Vidian refuses to step down, and he transfers detonation control for the towers back to the Forager, Sloane orders the stormtroopers on the bridge to kill all of the workers running the ship. Sloane then orders the Imperial ships outside to fire on the transmitter on the Forager, destroying it and stopping the detonation command, but when a TIE bomber then launches at the bridge again, Kanan is only able to save Hera and the injured Zaluna from having a catwalk fall upon their heads by leaping in and using the Force, witnessed by Hera while Zaluna is mostly unconscious. His cover has been blown. They leave in an escape pod as the Forager is destroyed with Vidian still aboard. As for Vidian, he makes it back through acid-washed corridors to the Expedient, intending to escape as the ship destructs, but Skelly has made his way back and recovered some of his explosives. He grabs Vidian before he can escape and detonates them, killing both Skelly and Vidian before the Forager itself finally finishes its destruction. As the escape pod heads for Gorse, Zaluna wants to return to find Skelly, but Kanan knows he is dead through the Force. Hera does not reveal his secret, but she confirms that "he just knows." As things wind down, Danthe is given oversight of the industrial region that was once Vidian's domain, Vidian's HoloNet site goes dark as he supposedly goes into a relapse (a lie that keeps his legend alive and his betrayal secret), and mining begins on the day side of Gorse. Sloane is given command of the Ultimatum, without any machinations from Vidian. She learns that Danthe had been using Chamas, and it was he who sent the inquiry about Lemuel Tharsa on Danthe's orders. As for our heroes, they split up with Hera returning to the Ghost and taking Zaluna to live on an agrarian world, which suits her. Her days of watching are over, as she is now blind from the injuries aboard the Forager. Kanan takes a freighter to meet them there after handling affairs back on Gorse, making sure that there is enough evidence there to cover his tracks during the whole affair. After leaving Zaluna, Hera considers a suggestion from Zaluna that she take Kanan with her. They agree to do so with Kanan as a member of her crew, not a traveling companion or romantic companion, since there are bigger things to deal with in the galaxy than romance or adventure. She would wait for him to reveal his true self and his true past in time. As for Kanan, he will get by with or without the Force, but he is in love . . . with the Ghost. They take off for the galaxy at large.

(A New Dawn)*

*NOTE: While the novel itself does not make it clear, *Rebels: The Visual Guide* pins down this first encounter between Kanan and Hera as being six years before *Rebels* and thus in 11 BBY.

- With the death of Count Denetrius Vidian, Everi Chalis becomes the Empire's primary logistics expert.
(conjecture based on *Twilight Company*)
- Three months after Kanan Jarrus meets Hera Syndulla, Philo's Fueling Station on Gorse is supposed to reopen after repairs, but Kanan's battle with the Sarlaccs there have pushed back that reopening.
(conjecture based on *A New Dawn*)
- A few months after the confrontation with Nightswan's vulture droids at Umbara, the Thunder Wasp is now at Cyphar, where a land dispute is erupting between human colonists and Cyphari natives of the Afe tribe. The humans claim that the Afes have been attacking border settlements, but the Cyphari claim that the humans raided Afe territory, so their attacks

(which they don't deny) were retaliation. Commander Thrawn has requested this assignment. Local shellfish exports have nearly doubled in the last four months and seem to be following the pattern of Nightswan's iridium smuggling operation that Thrawn stopped previously. That much exporting of hidden metals would suggest a new vein of something valuable discovered around the time the local squabbling began (eight months ago), with the vein probably beneath Afe territory, hence the colonists trying to get Afe territory either by moving in on that territory or getting the Empire to give it to them as a resolution to the supposed Afe aggression. Again, Nightswan is inviting Thrawn with his actions. Thrawn meets with the colonists, led by Mayor Pord Benchel, then visits Afe Chief Joko as well. Thrawn is able to convince Joko to join him in a plan to catch the few humans who are part of this smuggling operation, once he deduces the location of the vein. He cautions restraint on behalf of the Afes, so they do not give the humans a reason for further violence. Thrawn and Eli Vanto spend the night there, and the conspirators arrive just as expected in an attempt to get as much metal (which turns out instead to be pre-spice, not metal) out of the ground as possible, while other humans harass areas farther away to draw attention. Thrawn ambushes them with a little help from Eli, and the conspirators, led by colonist Tanoo, are all captured. As it turns out, though, pre-spice is not illegal, only actual spice. Thrawn confirms Tanoo's connection to Nightswan through conspirator Scath, then uses a hand scanner attached to a TIE fighter flown by Lieutenant Gimm and some fancy targeting from Lieutenant Commander Osgoode on the Thunder Wasp to blast the pre-spice vein from orbit, destroying it utterly and ending the need for local conflict. Because he followed his own initiative, Thrawn is again a subject of ire from his superiors. While Thrawn deals with this, Eli learns that Gimm, the pilot, was one of the jerks who attacked him and Thrawn at the academy, one of the ones Thrawn had sent to Skystrike without their knowledge. The man even brags about his training there, believing Commandant Deenlark pulled strings to get them there, never realizing that he actually owes his career to the officer he attacked. (To be continued below . . .)

(Thrawn)*

*NOTE: This segment begins with chapter 17, a few months after chapter 13 (and probably also months after chapter 16) and thus sometime late in the third year of the *Thrawn* novel.

- A couple of months before Ryder Azadi is arrested, Maketh Tua joins his administration on Lothal as an assistant minister.*

(conjecture based on *Thrawn*)*

*NOTE: This is two months before chapter 19 of *Thrawn*, placing it in this gap between chapters 18 and 19 or during the latter part of the segment ending with chapter 18.

- Because of his actions on Cyphar, Commander Thrawn is again brought before a court-martial panel and again exonerated for his methods. He returns to duty, where the Thunder Wasp is able to successfully attack four smuggling operations, three of which include black market doonium, two of which are tied to Nightswan.
(conjecture based on *Thrawn*)
- During the Great Drought on Tatooine, thugs working for Jabba the Hutt hassle moisture farmers for water they "owe" to Jabba, simply for existing. Obi-Wan Kenobi, now known as "Ben," has been in hiding on Tatooine for years now, looking out for Luke Skywalker from a distance. It has been years since he last used his lightsaber. He tries hard to just be a hermit, not a Jedi. He wishes he could start training Luke, but Owen Lars will not allow it. When the thugs come to the Lars' moisture farm, Obi-Wan uses a mind trick to turn them back. One day while in town, he uses the Force to again foil thugs stealing water for Jabba. One night, he senses trouble. Luke has seemingly gone missing. He has, in fact, gone out to steal water from the thugs' speeder, even though he is only eight years old. Luke is seemingly unafraid. Obi-Wan douses their lights and leaps in to save Luke, knocking out the thugs and carrying Luke, who is knocked out by one of the thugs and thus unable to see Obi-Wan, back to the Lars home. The drought soon lifts, and Jabba vows to hunt down the man who disrupted his water thugs, but no one knows who Obi-Wan is at this point. He is revitalized in thinking of himself as part of continuing the Jedi because Luke's courage has reminded him that the Jedi are not gone forever . . . (To be continued below . . .)*

(The Last of His Breed)*

*NOTE: According to Marvel editor Jordan D. White, this story takes places when Luke is "eight-ish."

- A few weeks after Commander Thrawn's resolution to the crisis on Cyphar, Arihnda Pryce finally has an opportunity to follow Thrawn's advice about making Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin an ally against Moff Ghadi. When Driller MarDapp sends her to speak to Tarkin on behalf of Higher Skies Group, she instead reveals that she is now loyal to them and instead wants to

bring down Ghadi for her own reasons, even it that also includes taking down Higher Skies and her supposed friends. She believes Higher Skies Group is a rebel front, and she provides a data card that shows what the Higher Skies Group has managed to slice from various powerful Imperials' computers. She has gotten that information using a program developed by Wulf Yularen and is now bringing it to him as advised by Thrawn. In return for his help, she provided Thrawn with expedited repairs on his ship when others were trying to hold it back, and she agreed to help get Eli Vanto a long-overdue promotion, something she can't do herself but which Tarkin could. She notes that Ghadi is who stands in the way, and Tarkin appears to hate Ghadi as much as vice versa. She plays for him a recording of the conversation in which she offered Ghadi (fake) files on Tarkin, which proves his illegal activities (but not hers, thanks to a voice changer). Tarkin is pleased and asks what exactly Arihnda herself wants. As it turns out, she wants his patronage and support, along with, if possible, governorship of Lothal, mostly as a big "screw you" to current governor Ryder Azadi and Senator Domus Renking, whose actions cost her parents Pryce Mining. She also provides all of her own information on Lothal's resources and such to sweeten the offer. Tarkin notes that Azadi is about to "retire" anyway (due to rebel activities), so the position will soon be open. Renking wants it, but Tarkin will make sure Arihnda gets it, first as "acting governor," then officially after a matter of months (a year at the most). She immediately goes to the Yinchom Dojo with Colonel Wulf Yularen to arrest her "friend" Juahir Madras as a traitor. Juahir reveals that Driller did use her and is (when Yularen asks) connected to Nightswan (who has been trying to influence or organizer advocacy groups in his continuing efforts to apparently undermine the Empire). With her former colleagues all being rounded up, Arihnda Pryce's political career is in rapid ascendance. As for Thrawn, his Thunder Wasp succeeded in stopping its fourth smuggler group in the last few weeks, thanks in part to Eli Vanto's shipping and logistical expertise. Two of the four operations had ties to Nightswan. Unfortunately, Thrawn can't be everywhere, and despite warnings he sends out when he notices a pattern that indicates another Nightswan operation elsewhere, few other than Wulf Yularen seem to take it seriously. They have yet to figure out just why Nightswan is so obsessed with denying doonium to the Empire (and why the Empire is so obsessed with getting as much doonium as possible, which continues to play into Thrawn's suspicious of a massive construction project somewhere). Thrawn and Eli are recalled to Coruscant, where they appear before Grand Moff Tarkin, who presents Thrawn with a promotion from commander to commodore and finally, in fulfilling his bargain with Arihnda (and hers with Thrawn) and sticking it to Ghadi, presents a promotion to Eli from ensign to lieutenant commander, a massive jump in ranks long deserved but politically denied. They are also being transferred to a new command. Commodore Thrawn is now captain of the Imperial Star Destroyer Chimaera. Its current First Officer, Commander Karyn Faro, stays with the ship as Thrawn's new first officer. (To be continued below . . .)*

*(Thrawn)**

*NOTE: This chapter begins in chapter 19, just a few weeks after chapter 18 ends, sometime late in the third year of *Thrawn* by my calculations. (This is backed up by a reference in chapter 19 of it being "nearly four years" since Eli started "serving" Thrawn.) As of chapter 19, Ryder Azadi is about to be arrested, and Arihnda Pryce is to be appointed in his place. We do not have an exact date for Azadi's arrest, but since it is due to his support for the Bridgers, we can assume it must be after their arrest in 12 BBY. We also know that Arihnda is already governor by 6 BBY, when she appears as such in *Edge of the Galaxy*.

- Former Governor Ryder Azadi of Lothal is incarcerated in the same Imperial prison where the Bridgers are being held.
(conjecture based on *Legacy*)
- Over her first year as governor of Lothal, Arihnda Pryce will only spend one week actually on Lothal, thanks to the politicking necessary on Coruscant (and favors in finding more incriminating information that she owes to Wilhuff Tarkin). She appoints Minister Maketh Tua (formerly an assistant minister under Ryder Azadi for about two months before his removal) to act as overseer of Lothal's industrial production while she is away.
(conjecture based on *Thrawn*)
- Fyzen Gor oversees a test journey for the Phylax Redux Transmitter near the Mesulan Remnants. Little does he know that rumors have circulated about the project, and L3-37 has tasked ally droid D9 to find it. The droid succeeds and sends a signal to alert L3-37.
(conjecture based on *Last Shot*)
- At Weigh Station Karambola, Lando Calrissian is hitting on Vice Grand Administrator Prita Sven when he is interrupted by L3-37, who claims an urgent need for his help right at that moment. They must head for the Farfax system on the Millennium Falcon immediately. They

wind up at the Mesulan Remnants Belt (the remains of the Mesula ice moon), where they discover a sort of container or chamber in the Remnants, which is approached by Imperial ships. The chamber's cannon holds them back until an individual in a spacesuit launches away with a jetpack, pursued by the Imperials. Only one TIE fighter remains, and Lando blasts it. They get aboard the container and find many dismembered droid and humanoid bodies, the site of a massacre. Among them is D9, a friend (or more?) of L3-37, whose signal for help is what prompted L3-37 to interrupt Lando at the Weigh Station in the first place. D9 has them destroy an astromech aboard that is a plant for the Empire, then explains that the being that just left with the jetpack is building something horrendous that must be stopped. D9 refers to it as "the Phylanx." D9 insists that L3-37 needs to get its operating codes and that the being has the Phylanx with him. They must go after the fleeing individual in the spacesuit. As they witness Imperials in a skirmish with Fyzen (in the spacesuit with weapons, even as the Phylanx floats beside him in space), L3-37 thanks Lando for caring about things she cares about, even if he pretends not to care. She urges Lando to get her close to the Phylanx, which seems to be a flying clump of random junk. Going EVA, she is able to grab it and interact with it for a moment, then L3-37 returns from the ship's hull, and they escape into hyperspace. Unbeknownst to Lando, she knows the terrible intentions Fyzen Gor has for the Phylanx Redux Transmitter, but she has reached out herself, creating a sort of antivirus code in the form of a droid she will create in her own image to be resistant to the transmitter, and she has implanted something of her own into the Phylanx itself: doubt. Is everything okay now? No, but hopefully one day it will be . . . (To be continued below . . .)*

(Last Shot)*

*NOTE: The actual timing of this segment of *Last Shot* is up for debate. The novel's "present" is 7 ABY (2 years after the Battle of Jakku), and this segment is "about 15 years ago," which should put it around 8 BBY. However, L3-37 appears in the segment with no mention of having had to somehow be rebuilt or have her personality removed from the *Millennium Falcon*. More than likely, that means that it is meant to take place *before* the destruction of L3-37 in *Solo*, set in 10 BBY. For now, the Story Group seems to be using the fact that it says "about" 15 years ago instead of an exact date as their way of fudging the timing so that this can be shortly before *Solo*, even though that makes it over 17 years before the novel's "present." (Fortunately, it can't be any earlier than 12 BBY because Lando doesn't get the *Falcon* until then, per *Solo: The Official Guide*.) The only other explanation would be for Lando to somehow reacquire the *Falcon* after *Solo* (then lose it to Han again later) and to rebuild L3-37 after the film, which isn't as feasible as just that the "about" in the timing can push the story to late 11 BBY or very early 10 BBY to be set prior to *Solo*. To make this even more complicated, at one point in the book (p. 271 of the hardback), Fyzen refers to the Lando segment ("about 15 years ago," remember) as being "two years before" events in the Han segments ("about 10 years ago"), which makes even less sense in that it isn't even internally consistent to the book, let alone something that makes sense with *Solo*. If the present is 7 ABY, Han's segment is in 3 BBY, so Lando's segment would then be in 5 BBY, five full years after he had either the *Falcon* or L3-37. That calculation is repeated by the Elthree Assault Team members also, who refer to those events in the present as 12 years ago, the same nonsensical 10 + 2 calculation. Oh, but wait! There's more. In a segment set before the Han segment "about 10 years ago" (but still presumably in the same year), the leader of the Wandering Star refers to Fyzen's test run of the Phylanx as "a year ago." Yes, 1 year instead of 2, so it's yet *another* date for this chronologically-damned segment! Seriously, what the actual kriff? This kind of ambiguous dating and flawed internal continuity in modern *Star Wars* novels (especially books like *Last Shot*, *Thrawn*, and *Phasma*) is a big part of why the SWT-G's 2018 release is its last. I'm far past my tolerance point with this crap.

- *Annoyed from the trip to the Mesulan Remnants with L3-37, Lando spends a month-long vacation at a luxury resort on Raysol Prime, and L3-37 is not invited. It is likely during this time that L3-37 creates the first of the "Elthree Assault Team," an armored droid very much like L3-37 in every other respect, which has the ability to resist the controls of the Phylanx Redux Transmitter. The new droid is sent out into the galaxy with instructions to build more of itself to one day battle to stop the Phylanx.**

(conjecture based on *Last Shot*)*

*NOTE: This assumes that Lando holds to his comments on p. 133 (of the hardback) of *Last Shot*.

Forces of Destiny [continued] (cartoon series: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)

Forces of Destiny, Volume 4 [continued] (cartoon: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)

Triplecross (cartoon: Nicole Dubuc)

Last Shot [continued] (novel: Daniel José Older)

Last Shot [continued] (novel: Daniel José Older)

Part Three [continued]

Lando

Mesulan Remnants, About Fifteen Years Ago

Part Five [continued]

Lando

The *Millennium Falcon*, About Fifteen Years Ago

Thrawn [continued] (novel series: Timothy Zahn)

Thrawn [continued] (novel: Timothy Zahn)

Chapters 12 - 16

Thrawn [continued] (comic series: Jody Houser)

Thrawn [continued] (comic series: Jody Houser)

Thrawn, Part III [continued] (comic: Jodi Houser)

Lost Stars (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Lost Stars (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Prologue

Lost Stars (manga series: Claudia Gray & Yusaku Komiyama)

Lost Stars, Vol. 1 (manga: Claudia Gray & Yusaku Komiyama)

Bottleneck (short story: John Jackson Miller)

Bottleneck (short story: John Jackson Miller)

A New Dawn [continued] (novel: John Jackson Miller)

A New Dawn [continued] (novel: John Jackson Miller)

Ignition

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Reaction

Chapters 23 – 36

Detonation

Chapters 37 – 55

Damage Assessment

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Thrawn [continued] (novel series: Timothy Zahn)

Thrawn [continued] (novel: Timothy Zahn)

Chapters 17 - 18

Thrawn [continued] (comic series: Jody Houser)

Thrawn [continued] (comic series: Jody Houser)

Thrawn, Part IV (comic: Jodi Houser)

Star Wars [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron & Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Chris Eliopoulos & Jason Latour & Dash Aaron & Cullen Bunn)

From the Journals of Old Ben Kenobi (comic series: Jason Aaron)

The Last of His Breed [flashback] (comic: Jason Aaron)

Thrawn [continued] (novel series: Timothy Zahn)

Thrawn [continued] (novel: Timothy Zahn)

Chapter 19

Thrawn [continued] (comic series: Jody Houser)

Thrawn [continued] (comic series: Jody Houser)

Thrawn, Part III [continued] (comic: Jodi Houser)

Last Shot [continued] (novel: Daniel José Older)

Last Shot [continued] (novel: Daniel José Older)

Part One [continued]

Lando

Weigh Station Karambola, About Fifteen Years Ago

Part Two [continued]

Lando

The *Millennium Falcon*, About Fifteen Years Ago

Mesulan Remnants, About Fifteen Years Ago

Part Three [continued]

Lando

Mesulan Remnants, About Fifteen Years Ago

10 BBY (Before Solo)

- *Around this time, Pendra is born to Larn and Huika.*
(conjecture based on the *Rogue One* novelization)
- *The mother of Nakari Kelen, the wife of Fayet Kelen, is part of the musical group known as Hakko Drazlip and the Tootle Froots when they produce a political song called "Vader's Many Prosthetic Parts" that is critical of the Empire. The result is that the group is arrested and sent to the spice mines of Kessel, where Nakari's mother will eventually die.*
(conjecture based on *Heir to the Jedi*)

- *Nash Windrider of Alderaan (age 9) develops a crush on Leia Organa (also age 9) from afar. (conjecture based on Lost Stars)*
- *A few months into Arihnda Pryce's tenure as governor of Lothal, about one year prior to the fall of Senator Domus Renking, Juahir Madras begins sending messages to Arihnda. She will send about twenty messages over the next year from her imprisonment, and Arihnda will ignore all of them.* (conjecture based on Thrawn)**

***NOTE: This would begin about 1 year prior to the end of chapter 21 of Thrawn.**

- *After about three years, Han Solo is finally drummed out of the Imperial Academy at Carida for insubordination and similar offenses. Rather than wasting his Imperial training, he is transferred from naval training into the Imperial Army as a corporal. He is assigned to Camp Forward on Mimban with the 224th Imperial Armored Division ("mudtroopers") to fight against the local Mimbanese. (conjecture based on Solo: The Official Guide)*
- *Chewbacca managed to escape the enslavement of Wookiee tribes on Kashyyyk by the Empire, but now he is a wanted fugitive. He is betrayed by a greedy bounty hunter and winds up in Imperial custody on Mimban. Local Imperials have neither the inclination nor the resources to send him back to Kashyyyk, so they keep him in a pen as "the beast" to terrify other criminals. (conjecture based on Solo: The Official Guide)*
- *Around this time, Tarubo Bunzo, a sales representative from the Astantu Distillery in the Rings of Kafrene, heads for Vandor to show off some of their finest reserves to Dryden Vos in hopes of securing a lucrative business deal with Crimson Dawn. (conjecture based on Solo: The Official Guide)*
- *At Batuv, Lando Calrissian and L3-37 are aboard the Millennium Falcon, which Lando has begun to modify, but he still has more plans. L3-37 suggests upgrading the communication and defense systems, but Lando wants a more luxurious environment to go along with his "prodigiousness" that he is trying to capture in his Calrissian Chronicles. On Kullgroon, Kristiss and a team of anti-Imperial insurgents is in contact with Kristiss' father, Rythus, who is stuck in an Imperial factory. They need to get their hands on weapons to smuggle past the stormtroopers so that they can rescue their comrades at this Imperial outpost. Kristiss knows that Lando once traded arms with them after the Empire seized control of Petrusia (their homeworld) by bypassing their defenses easily, so she intends to hire Lando for the job. She approaches him at Batuv. He refuses, despite the payday, until Brushaun, a card player he cheated on Canto Bight, comes to get 2,000 credits back. Kristiss helps him get away, kisses him to play on his legendary tail-chasing, and leaves him to decide for himself. L3-37 convinces him to take the job, if only because they need the money to pay off Brushaun so that Lando doesn't end up dead. Lando, L3-37, and Kristiss leave Batuv with the weapons for the Petrusians at the outpost. Kristiss explains that the money she is using for this job was really meant to help set up a new colony after rescuing those at the Kullgroon outpost, but Lando doesn't seem inclined to lower his fee. They have to battle and elude some TIE fighters, but they finally reach Kullgroon. They land in the wastelands to plan for their next move. They head out on foot and eventually split up into two directions (Kristiss on her own because Lando is driving her nuts). Kristiss is captured. L3-37 convinces Lando that it would look better in the Calrissian Chronicles and such if he helped her instead of just leaving with the weapons. He heads out on his own to get to the outpost, only to be attacked by locals. He evades them by finding a crashed, old airspeeder, then must elude their airspeeders. His is destroyed, but he survives. As L3-37 makes her way into the outpost in a line of droids, Kristiss contacts her through a secret comlink. Rather than staying quiet, though, L3-37 sees droids being destroyed and abused and jumps into action, blowing her cover. Meanwhile, the Imperials come for Kristiss in her cell, even as Lando is being shackled and held captive by the locals from the wastelands, whose leader, Batalla, knows him. Lando swindled Batalla's Zakku Rain Cartel a while back at the Calladus Festival by pretending to be an Imperial guard. Batalla intends to sell Lando to one of his enemies, perhaps the Zakku Rain Cartel itself. Lando is tossed into a cell, but he escapes by making a droid bringing him food think that he's ill then attacking the droid, which L3-37 is not happy about when he contacts her. (She has escaped pursuit in the Imperial droid facility.) Lando is caught before he can escape, and Matalla intends to make him a "meal" for Crimson Dawn. At the Imperial outpost, Kristiss is put with the other workers, including her father, but when they try to convince the*

other workers that the time has come to rise up, they all walk away, unwilling to risk their lives for their freedom. Lando is taken into an arena, where he is forced to fight several members of the Zakku Rain Cartel that he has swindled: Murkel Kev, Cantor Zain, Kawal Tane, and Siswan. Lando holds his own long enough for L3-37 to get back to the Falcon and fly in to his rescue, taking him away from the arena. Lando contacts Kristiss to let her know they are heading her way, but they find themselves encountering another group of TIE fighters . . . (To be continued as more issues are released . . .)

(Double or Nothing)*

*NOTE: This must be sometime after Lando had the *Millennium Falcon* refit. It could be this year or during the last two years. Solicitation text for the first issue claims that it will lead directly into *Solo*. I'm hoping that by the time the mini-series ends, we will know for sure when it occurs. Alas, by that time, *The Star Wars Timeline Gold's* final edition, the one you're reading right now, will have been released already. This is actually the last set of three issues (*Lando: Double or Nothing, Parts I - III*) that I summarized for this final release.

- *Lando Calrissian adds a wet bar to the Millennium Falcon.* *
(conjecture based on *Solo: The Official Guide*)*

*NOTE: This must be before *Solo* yet after *Double or Nothing* because Lando is fantasizing about adding a wet bar during the comic.

Lando: Double or Nothing (comic series: Rodney Barnes)

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 Double or Nothing, Part I (comic: Rodney Barnes)
 Double or Nothing, Part II (comic: Rodney Barnes)
 Double or Nothing, Part III (comic: Rodney Barnes)

10 BBY (Solo)

- *On Mimban, Corporal Han Solo has been deployed as part of the Imperial Army's 224th Imperial Armored Division of mudtroopers to battle the local Mimbanese. After watching his commanding officer get blasted amid the utter chaos of the battle, Han meets three individuals who aren't actually soldiers but are instead disguised criminals: Tobias Beckett of Glee Anselm; Beckett's lover, Val; and their Ardennian pilot (and veteran of the Freedom's Sons independent army during the Clone Wars), Rio Durant. Han survives primarily because he sticks with Beckett as the battle winds down. Later, back at Camp Forward, Han tries to use his understanding of the team's true nature to blackmail them into bringing him onto their crew so that he can get off of Mimban, desert from the Empire, and make his fortune with them so that he can eventually return to Corellia for Qi'ra. Rather than bringing him onto their team, Beckett sees potential in Han but does not like being blackmailed, so he reports Han as a deserter to the same lieutenant he has already clashed with recently. As Beckett's team continues their plan to steal an AT-hauler, Han is tossed into an underground cell with "the beast," which hasn't been fed in three days. The "beast" turns out to be 190-year-old Wookiee Chewbacca, who was captured after being betrayed by a bounty hunter. The Imperials have been keeping him around to terrorize others and for lack of resources and inclination to send him back to Kashyyyk in Imperial custody. Chewbacca attacks Han out of hunger, but Han speaks enough Wookiee to provide a plan for freeing them both by taking out the pole they are both chained onto. Han also promises that his "very good friends" can get them off of Mimban. They make it to the landing pad just as Beckett, Val, and Rio lift off in their stolen AT-hauler, and while Beckett and Rio are impressed with Han, it is actually the usefulness of Wookiee muscle suggested by Rio that convinces them to actually let their "good friends" join them in leaving Mimban and on the job for which they needed the AT-hauler in the first place. After a shower (which turns out to involve both newcomers), Chewbacca formally introduces himself to Han, who argues that he needs a nickname (i.e. "Chewie") because he doesn't intend to say "Chewbacca" every time. The crew make their way to Vandor, where their job is to use the AT-hauler as part of a plan to steal a fortune in coaxium from an Imperial conveyer on its way to an Imperial vault (which once belonged to the InterGalactic Banking Clan). Their plan is for Val to set explosives to destroy part of the conveyer track, while Han, Chewie, and Beckett locate the car with the coaxium and uncouple it from the others. They will then connect it with cables to the AT-hauler (flown by Rio), so that when the train comes off of the tracks at the destroyed section, they can fly away with just that car and their coaxium prize. Their main concern is in a rival group that wants the coaxium, the Cloud-Riders led by the mysterious, masked Enfys Nest. The night before the job, they bond a bit at their campfire. Chewbacca is given a bandolier that will be part of his gear for decades to come. Beckett takes most of a set of sniper attachments off of a BlasTech DL-44 and gives the blaster to Han. Han reveals how he wants to earn enough to*

buy his own ship and then return to Corellia for a girl he expects is still waiting. Beckett and Val express their affections in front of the others, while Rio vows not to be tied down by anyone. Chewbacca reveals that the Empire has enslaved the Wookiees of Kashyyyk and taken them from their homeworld (which is likely common knowledge) but since he escaped, he is now searching for his family or tribe. (Beckett wonders if there is any difference between the two.) The next day, the job goes down, but it does not go as planned. Imperial probe droids are alerted to Val's presence, and Enfys Nest's Cloud Rider marauders strike to steal the coaxium. Val sacrifices herself for the others when under fire by detonating her explosives when she is also caught in the blast. Amid the firefight with Imperial Range Troopers and Cloud-Riders, the AT-hauler is boarded, and Rio is shot. Han is forced to return to the AT-hauler as pilot, and Rio dies right next to him, now agreeing that everyone needs someone. As Han veers the AT-hauler to safety, he is forced to choose between risking the lives of Chewbacca and Beckett or dropping the container of coaxium. With two lives lost already, Han chooses to save his remaining companions and lets the car full of coaxium drop to explode against the frozen Iridium Mountains below. Free of pursuit for now, they land nearby, and Beckett punches Han, berating him for disobeying his orders. Val and Rio have, in essence, died for nothing, and now they are in even bigger trouble. The coaxium they were stealing was not for them. They were hired to do the job by the criminal syndicate known as Crimson Dawn, via their local representative, Dryden Vos, who is already on Vandor (well, sailing over the surface but in the atmosphere) in his Kalevalan star yacht, the First Light. Now they owe Crimson Dawn 100 kg of refined coaxium. Beckett must somehow report to Dryden and find a way to make this up to him, though he may well just be killed instead. They can't simply run, as Han suggests, because unlike the Empire hunting for deserters, Crimson Dawn would send enforcers to hunt them. He warns Han and Chewie against going with him to see Dryden, since Crimson Dawn doesn't know them. If they show their faces to Crimson Dawn, then they will be known and therefore "in this life for good." Still in need of credits for a ship (or in Chewie's case to seek out his family or tribe), they decide to stick with Beckett when he meets with Dryden. Upon boarding the First Light, Han is shocked to discover Qi'ra is aboard. She has been sold to (or otherwise acquired by) Crimson Dawn and now bears their mark. She is the most trusted advisor (and possibly a somewhat unwilling lover) to Dryden, having gotten off of Corellia through one of the very means she originally feared (being sold specifically to Crimson Dawn). Dryden finally meets with them (after killing the regional governor, Diles Anevi, who was there to secure financial contributions to his favorite charities in exchange for waiving certain travel restrictions for Crimson Dawn ships along the Great Gran Run trade route). They meet in Dryden's study, where Dryden is quite angry and ready to kill them, given that he answers to someone even more powerful (whom Beckett seems to also know about). Qi'ra acts as a moderating voice, helping to convince Dryden to accept a suggestion by Han that they make it up to Crimson Dawn by making a Kessel Run to steal unrefined ("astatic") coaxium from the fissure under the spice mines on Kessel, then taking it to be refined on Savareen before turning it over to Crimson Dawn. Dryden is unconvinced at first, since the mines on Kessel are run by the Pyke Syndicate (which has a history with the leader of Crimson Dawn), but he is willing to let them try because no one among the Pykes knows that Beckett, Han, Chewie, or even Qi'ra are affiliated with Crimson Dawn. To do it, though, they will need a fast ship and a brilliant pilot (Han considers himself the latter) so that they can get from Kessel to Savareen fast enough to get there before the coaxium destabilizes and explodes, killing them all. Qi'ra knows a local who might be convinced to join the job, and Dryden sends her with them (putting her own fate at risk if the job goes poorly) to make sure the job gets done. To find the ship they need, they travel to the nearby bar and gambling establishment known as the Lodge at Fort Ypso, where they find the ship's owner (a professional "gamesman" now, rather than the smuggler he used to be), Lando Calrissian, who is engaged in a game of sabacc. (Lando actually won his ship, the Millennium Falcon, just two years earlier in a game of sabacc, though he has modified it since then with an escape pod, a wet bar, alluvial dampers, and more, which make it a sleek, speedy YT-1300.) Han joins the game, staked by Qi'ra, bluffing that he has a fast ship that he can put up as stakes against Lando's Millennium Falcon. Han is doing quite well, but then Lando cheats with a card hidden in his sleeve. Han loses and is certain that Lando cheated. When Lando approaches him to accept the non-existent ship, Qi'ra intervenes and discusses the job with him. (They appear to have a history from sometime during the three years since Han left Corellia, perhaps a romantic one.) Beckett joins them and ingratiates the team with Lando a bit because Beckett gave bounty hunter Aurra Sing the push that resulted in the fall

(and landing) that killed her while Lando still owed her credits. Lando is finally convinced to join the team, alongside his eccentric self-developed droid, L3-37, who is an extreme and constant advocate of droid rights, and the Falcon (which he has the team help him basically steal back from where it has been impounded). To carry out a Kessel Run, the Falcon will have to go through the dangerous Si'Klaata Cluster and then through the Akkadese Maelstrom, which are full of naturally occurring gravity wells like the infamous (and enormous) Maw (and a few dangerous creatures like the summa-verminoth). En route to Kessel, Han tries to convince Qi'ra to pick up where they left off, romantically, and she seems to do so, even after briefly protesting that he has no idea "what she's done" in the time since they were last together. They are interrupted by Beckett, who warns him to assume everyone to betray him, which will never leave him disappointed. (He sees Han and Chewie as the makings of a new crew, led by Beckett, but that, Beckett believes, would not work with Qi'ra, presumably due to her Crimson Dawn connections.) They land at the mining operation, which is controlled by Pyke Syndicate operative Quay Tolsite. They enter with Qi'ra as the Deputy Assistant Administrator to the Vice Admiral of the Federation of Trade Route Allocation and Monetization, who comes with one guard (Beckett in armor that will one day be worn by Lando when rescuing Han from Jabba the Hutt), her droid (L3-37), and two slaves to be sold into the mining operation (Han and Chewie). Those two are supposedly samples of the merchandise that the Senior Vice Admiral she represents would want to trade with the Pykes for spice from Kessel. Han and Chewie are taken away (after Qi'ra secretly gives Han back his lucky dice that he gave to her on Corellia before they were separated) to be processed, while the others are taken to the operation's control center. Only Qi'ra and L3-37 are allowed into a separate room to negotiate with Quay. Han and Chewie take out their guards (with Chewie ripping the arms out of one's sockets), Beckett blasts all of the guards in the control center, and Qi'ra knocks out Quay with Teras Kasi moves taught to her by Dryden. When needing to use a terminal, L3-37 removes a restraining bolt from adminmech DD-BD and makes an offhand remark about going to free the droid's "brothers and sisters" while L3-37 works. This unintentionally leads DD-BD to do exactly that, instigating a droid rebellion in the mining operation, which in turn allows slaves to be freed and rebel as well. During this "distraction," Chewie spots other Wookiee slaves (including Sagwa) and separates from Han to free them, while Han heads for where unrefined coaxium is stored in the operation's vault. On the Falcon, Lando is recording his Calrissian Chronicles on a holorecorder when he spots the ensuing breakout and riot. Han (with help from Chewie, Sagwa, and others) is able to get the coaxium out of the tunnels and onto the Falcon, which is under fire. Lando, Qi'ra, Han, and others defend the ship, but L3-37 is heavily damaged in the battle, leading Lando to recover her from the landing field. The crew makes it off the surface and out of the atmosphere aboard the Falcon, but L3-37 is beyond repair. She "dies" in Lando's arms as he grieves. As they near their clear path along the Kessel Run, their way is blocked by an Imperial Star Destroyer that sends TIE fighters to stop their escape (having learned about the slave riot and intending to stop such an escape). During the pursuit, the Falcon loses its rectenna and its main cannon, and Han must take them into the Maelstrom in hopes of completing the Kessel run in less than the typical 20 parsec distance the regular route requires. (Otherwise, they will all die when the coaxium explodes from either destabilizing or the battle with the Imperials.) Lando had previously boasted that L3-37 has the best navigational database in the galaxy, which is part of why he never had her memory wiped or personality revised. To survive this Kessel Run "shortcut," they connect L3-37's neural core to the Falcon, loading her into the ship itself. This makes her part of the Falcon (giving the ship what C-3PO will one day call "the most peculiar dialect"), along with her navigational data. They fly through a graveyard of ships, "way off the edge of the map," but L3-37's processing allows for mapping of the area around them. They are near the Maw, a large singularity, where they encounter a summa-verminoth creature. They are only able to get away from the creature by flying near the Maw and distracting it by releasing the Falcon's escape pod (which is fitted to its front mandibles). The creature eats the escape pod, allowing the Falcon to get enough distance between the ship and the creature for the creature to be destroyed by the Maw. L3-37's calculations determine a safe passage to escape, but they must alter their course to aim for it, and it is taking all of their power to keep from being drawn into the Maw. To escape, they allow the ship to drift in a circle to eventually point toward the escape path, while Beckett extracts some of the raw coaxium to inject a single drop into the ship's fusion reactor to give it a massive, albeit short, burst of speed. The gamble works (after the Falcon nearly shuts down upon injection), and they blast out of the Maw. They wind up

completing the Kessel Run in just over 12 parsecs and head to Savareen to refine the coaxium as soon as possible. The Falcon is an absolute mess (at least on the outside). Lando hates Han and never wants to see him again, choosing to wait on the Falcon while the others remain at the Bis Refinery there on the Pnakotic Coast as the coaxium is refined and packed up. Dryden Vos is on his way, and Han hopes this will now allow him to buy a ship and leave with Qi'ra, but she cannot leave with him. She owes Dryden for getting her out of a terrible situation (perhaps something between her time with the White Worms and her time with Crimson Dawn) and cannot leave. Everyone serves someone, she says, including her and even someone like Dryden (again hinting at the true leader of Crimson Dawn in the shadows somewhere). She claims to Han that he is the only person in the galaxy who knows what Han truly is. He's not the outlaw he believes himself to be. He's the good guy, a claim he fervently denies. They go to pick up the coaxium amid the tattered villagers from the Republic's lost past, only to be confronted there by Enfys Nest and the Cloud-Riders. Han tries to bluff their way out of the situation by claiming to have hired guns nearby on the Falcon but at that moment, Lando decides enough is enough and cuts his losses, leaving them behind. When Beckett first rejects a compromise that Qi'ra suggests, he claims that the Cloud-Riders are just marauders who only know how to kill. In response, Enfys removes her helmet, revealing a young woman. She tells the stories of how men once came to a planet (Savareen) with resources they coveted over and over again, until the people resisted. As a result, the marauders cut out the tongues of every man, woman, and child there (including some of the villagers present). Those marauders were Crimson Dawn, and they have committed terrible crimes across the galaxy. Everyone present among the Cloud-Riders (including some who will one day join Saw Gerra's Partisans) has had their own homeworld brutalized by Crimson Dawn, who will use the profit from the coaxium to continue terrorizing systems while in league with the Empire. Enfys intends to sell the coaxium to fund efforts to fight back against the Empire and Crimson Dawn, just as her mother would have. They aren't "marauders," she says, they are "allies, and the war has just begun." Han is convinced that they cannot give the coaxium to Dryden, and he has a plan. He lays out the plan to Beckett, but the older scoundrel is not interested. Instead, he intends (or at least claims) to just walk away so he can survive this situation. (He does, however, offer Han the chance to leave with him. Beckett might not believe in running with a price on his head, but he does prefer it to dying immediately. He tells Han that if he somehow survives, he should try to join Beckett on Tatooine, where a bigshot gangster - presumably Jabba the Hutt - is putting together a crew for a big score that might be the last big score Beckett needs before he can retire onto Glee Anselm and start learning to play the valichord.) When Dryden arrives, Qi'ra, Han, and Chewie board the First Light with cases of coaxium. (While nearing Dryden's office in a lift, Qi'ra suggests that she knows a bit more than Han and that this isn't the kind of game you win so much as just try to stay in the game as long as you can.) They are met by Dryden in his study and claim that Beckett died on Kessel while saving Han's life. Qi'ra reports well on Han and Chewie's participation, and Dryden welcomes her back, emphasizing how much he trusts her. Before he is willing to pay Han and Chewie, he wants to see the coaxium. Han removes a container from a climate-controlled larger container (which hides Han's blaster) and reluctantly shows it to Dryden, who claims to be impressed with how real these fake containers of coaxium look. Dryden reveals that "his associate" already informed him of their plan to provide him with fake coaxium and keep the real haul. For a moment, Han believes it was Qi'ra who betrayed them. However, she was trustworthy to Han (and thus betraying Dryden). Dryden's real informant then enters. It is Beckett, looking out for himself and his own survival, while fulfilling his earlier prophetic comment that Han should not trust anyone and thereby expect betrayal. Han claims that it is too late because Enfys already has the real coaxium, but Beckett and Dryden planned for that, so Dryden's security team, led by Aemon Gremm, arrives at the village and surrounds Enfys' Cloud-Riders. Dryden asks Qi'ra what she would do if the person she most trusted betrayed her (as she did to him). She says she would want to know why, whether it was a moment of weakness. She says she would then expect that person to prove their loyalty by sacrificing something they love. The guard still in the room draws a sword for Qi'ra to do just that by killing Han, but Han reveals that Beckett has screwed up. He once told Chewbacca that people are predictable, and they know that Beckett is no exception. At the village/refinery, the coaxium container is empty, and the individual wearing Enfys' mask is just a local. The real Enfys and her Cloud-Riders attack and subdue Dryden's force. Aboard the First Light, which is rather short-handed right now, Beckett realizes that the coaxium in the room is not fake like Han supposedly planned. That

is the real haul. He blasts Dryden's remaining guards and changes plans. He has Han load the coaxium into the container and has Chewbacca go with him to carry it. (Han's blaster is thankfully left behind.) The moment the doors close on the lift to take Beckett and Chewie back outside, the other three burst into action. Han grabs his blaster, Dryden draws his Kyuzo pretars, and Qi'ra recovers the sword that was drawn for her. Han briefly fights Dryden until disarmed and held at swordpoint by Qi'ra. As Dryden gloats over the apparent betrayal, but she was taught to find her opponent's weakness and use it. She turns the sword on Dryden, knowing that she is his weakness. The two duel until she delivers a killing blow to her master. She claims to Han that they will leave together. She just needs to steal from Dryden's study to get them money for the future (since the coaxium is going to Enfys), while she sends him to stop Beckett and save Chewie from him. There is something final about that moment, but Han leaves anyway, reassured that she is "right behind him." She is not, in fact, intending anything of the kind. She knows how to play this game, and she has now taken down her immediate superior in Crimson Dawn. She takes Dryden's ring, shuts the viewports of the study, and uses the ring to activate a transmitter to make contact with Dryden's master, Crimson Dawn's true leader . . . Maul! She reports that Dryden was killed by Beckett, who stole the coaxium. She claims that she alone survived, which essentially puts her in charge of Dryden's operations and means that she and Maul will be working closely in the future. Her ascension through the ranks of Crimson Dawn has made great progress from this situation. She is ordered to take the First Light to join Maul on Dathomir. Then they will decide what to do about Beckett and his accomplices. She has made her choice, and it wasn't Han. Meanwhile, outside, Han gets ahead of Beckett and Chewie. As Chewie stands aside, he and Beckett exchange words and stand off as if about to engage in a blaster duel. Beckett speaks the truth to Han when he guesses correctly that Dryden is dead, killed by Qi'ra, and that for Qi'ra this was never about Han, since she is a survivor. As Beckett is about to berate Han a bit more to cover drawing his blaster, Han blasts him in the chest. Beckett admits that he would've killed Han, so it was a smart move. Even after this betrayal, it is tough for Han to watch his brief mentor die. At that moment, the First Light leaves Savareen, confirming that Qi'ra has chosen Crimson Dawn over Han. Now, it is just Han and Chewbacca. They return the coaxium to Enfys, who calls it the blood that brings life to something new, a rebellion. She suggests that they should join the fight against the Empire. Han declines, though Enfys suggests they might someday. Enfys gives them one phial of coaxium (the same amount Han and Qi'ra had tried to use to get off of Corellia three years earlier), which Han has Chewie hold for safe-keeping. They gain passage off of Savareen and make their way to a jungle world where Lando is once again running his mouth at a sabacc table. When they enter, Lando claims that they are friends and asks for his cut. Han nearly has Chewie rip Lando's arms off (or at least pretends as such), but when Han spots the device that holds Lando's secret green sylop card to allow him to cheat, he changes from anger to friendship immediately, hugging Lando and acting like his anger was all just a joke. Han then requests a rematch to win the Falcon. This time, though, when the stakes are at their highest and Lando tries to cheat, he finds that Han has stolen his secret card, keeping him from being able to cheat. As a result, Han wins the Millennium Falcon from Lando fair and square. Aboard their new ship, which Lando has already had repaired, Han and Chewie head for Tatooine to follow Beckett's tip about a gangster putting together a crew for a big job. Chewbacca is reluctant, but Han insists that it will be great. After all, when has he ever steered Chewie wrong?

(Solo)

Solo [continued] (movie: Lawrence Kasdan & Jon Kasdan)

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10 BBY (After Solo)

- One week before Leia Organa's Name Day this year, she is exploring behind screens around her parents' room when she nearly catches them doing "exactly what spouses did together in their private hours."
(conjecture based on *Leia: Princess of Alderaan*)
- On the run from Imperials, Miru Nadrinakar crashes her small vessel on a moon that was once briefly host to a Geonosian colony centuries earlier. She has come seeking Antron Bach, a historian. She has learned that the Empire is planning a purge of resistance cells, including on Corellia, and she needs to get there. However, she was pursued and is turning to Antron for help because his location and status as an ally was given to her own resistance

group (likely the same Corellian resistance she hopes to save) by Antron's old friend, Jedi Master Uvell, years ago. Fortunately, it is Antron who finds her crashed ship. He takes her into his secret vault nearby, which houses a huge library of Jedi artifacts, which Master Uvell had given to him for safekeeping after Order 66 began the Jedi Purge. He intends to help Miru hide until the Imperials stop searching the moon for her, but she knows that this would be too late to help the resistance. Antron, for his part, fears that the Imperials will discover the vault and destroy it and its storehouse of Jedi information. They climb toward where a hatch will get them to his generator, so that they can shut off the power and hide from the Imperials, only to find four Imperials near the hatch. While he pretends to have been attacked by a "pirate" (Miru), he tries to lure them away. She simply shoots the quartet. This draws attention, though, and they race down through the hatch, hoping for a solution to their situation. Finally, Antron remembers that the Jedi are willing to die for people more than for things and that "there is no more selfless act than to perish for another's cause." He sends Miru to a supposed second generator (which is actually not a generator but the hangar with his old, battered but operational ship), while he works to get defenses running instead of deactivating the generator. Miru takes the hint when she sees that there is a ship, not a generator. With Antron providing a distraction, Miru launches in the ship, racing off to warn the Corellians about the Imperial purge to come. As for Antron, he remains behind, ready to die if necessary to protect Miru's cause. He does not give up hope, though, as he knows that Jedi (whom he admires but is not himself) might sacrifice themselves, but they never give up hope in the process.*

(The End of History)*

*NOTE: The author of this story has estimated that it takes place around 10 BBY.

- One year after the Great Drought on Tatooine, Obi-Wan Kenobi watches from afar as Luke Skywalker zips through Beggar's Canyon with his family's T-16 Skyhopper, but he manages to damage it severely, causing Owen Lars to ground him (literally, as in no flying anymore). Shortly thereafter, Obi-Wan is able to feel like a Jedi again by helping Jawas by driving off a group of Tusken Raiders who had been raiding Jawas recently. Realizing that Luke will need to know how to fly one day, Obi-Wan arranges with the Jawas to provide Luke with the parts necessary to fix the skyhopper during Luke's next trip to buy other tech with Owen. Owen realizes where the parts are from, though, and he brings them back to Obi-Wan, giving him a lecture on responsibility and how Luke would never return home alive if he follows Obi-Wan in a Jedi crusade, just like Anakin died (as far as Owen knows at least). He is not sure what to do next, but that decision may be made for him. Jabba the Hutt, still angry over Obi-Wan acting against his tax collectors a year earlier, has finally hired bounty hunter Black Krrsantan to hunt him down. Soon, at the Lars moisture farm, Owen has Skyhopper parts that he brings to apologize to Luke, but Luke has run away from home. Black Krrsantan, though, is there and captures Owen with Jabba's goons, injuring Beru Lars in the process. Luke senses this from where he walks away from the farm nearby and rushes back. Beru tells him to lock himself in the maintenance bay, while she heads out with a rifle. Nearby, Krrsantan tortures Owen with electricity to cause him to scream, knowing it will draw in "Ben." It works, and when Obi-Wan can't dissuade Krrsantan with a mind trick, a fight ensues, during which Obi-Wan briefly loses his lightsaber and is captured in an energy net. He recovers his lightsaber and frees himself quickly enough to save Owen, whom Krrsantan has tossed off the cliff. Obi-Wan finally briefly stops Krrsantan by flipping into the air and slicing a boulder Krrsantan is about to throw in half. The slash also scars the Wookiee's face and injures his left eye. Krrsantan is able to get back into the fray before Obi-Wan can fully pull Owen back to the top of the cliff with the Force, and Owen falls, only to be rescued by a fancy-flying Luke in his Skyhopper. As Luke takes Owen to safety and a fond reconciliation, Obi-Wan temporarily blinds Krrsantan with a deflected blast, sending him tumbling off the other side of the cliff. In the wake of this incident, Krrsantan leaves Tatooine, annoying Jabba because the job was not fulfilled. The Lars family is back together. Obi-Wan has returned to his friendly Bantha herd, over which, at times, a new hope (Luke in his T-16 Skyhopper) will fly.

(From the Journals of Old Ben Kenobi)*

*NOTE: This story has no title of its own, unlike its predecessor under the *From the Journals of Old Ben Kenobi* banner, *The Last of His Breed*. This story is set one year after that tale.

- Expecting to be married off to some prince she has never met, Leia Organa (age 9), runs away for the first time, hiding in the woods. It takes palace guards a week to find her and bring her back to the palace.

(conjecture based on *Rebels in the Wild*)

- On Kashyyyk, a group of Trandoshan hunters led by Noka works to hunt a Wookiee for the Xonti Brothers. They find Black Krrsantan bound, unconscious, and bleeding against a tree. It was a trap set by other Wookiees that decimates the Trandoshan team. Once freed, Krrsantan wants to join them, fighting for the Xonti Brothers as a means of getting offworld. As Krrsantan reaches the top tier of fighters in his training, the brothers decide to put him into the ultraheavy class, and they prepare him by cybernetically enhancing him with subdermal endoskeleton enhancement (i.e. metal bones), a process developed by Cylo. He becomes their greatest fighter, having learned showmanship as well. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Doctor Aphra Annual #1)*

*NOTE: This is “years ago” as of the present of the annual, but that is as specific as it gets. I have assumed it takes place about 10 years earlier.

- Four months before Arihnda Pryce is able to return to Lothal for a longer stay as governor, refinery output on Lothal begins a four-month drop of 20% output.*
(conjecture based on *Thrawn*)*

*NOTE: This begins 4 months before chapter 21 of *Thrawn*.

- Two squadrons of V-19 Torrent starfighter squadrons are stolen. The theft is reported to the Empire.*
(conjecture based on *Thrawn*)*

*NOTE: This is eight weeks before chapter 20 of *Thrawn* begins.

- Under the command of Commodore Thrawn, the Chimaera pursues and captures both pirates and smugglers so often and successfully that it begins to feel routine to officers like Lieutenant Commander Eli Vanto.
(conjecture based on *Thrawn*)

The End of History (SWI154 short story: Alexander Freed)

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Star Wars [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron & Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Chris Eliopoulos & Jason Latour & Dash Aaron & Cullen Bunn)

From the Journals of Old Ben Kenobi (comic series: Jason Aaron)

From the Journals of Old Ben Kenobi, Part I (comic: Jason Aaron)

From the Journals of Old Ben Kenobi, Part II (comic: Jason Aaron)

Doctor Aphra [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen & Si Spurrier)

Doctor Aphra Annuals (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Doctor Aphra Annual #1 [flashback] (comic: Kieron Gillen)

9 BBY

- *Jak is born to Rorak and his wife.**
(conjecture based on *Aftermath*)*

*NOTE: Yes, he is 12 in the opening of *Aftermath*, a part set during ROTJ, but then he has his 13th birthday later in the novel, some months after ROTJ. Thus, his birthday must be a fair amount into this year, not the following year.

- *Santiago Milon is born.*
(conjecture based on *One Thousand Levels Down*)
- *The Death Star is moved from Geonosis to Scarif.*
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)
- *At a point relatively early in her training for the Alderaan guard, Miara Larte is promoted to the rank of captain in a ceremony held by Queen Breha Organa. Leia Organa (age 10) is present, and this is the first time Miara sees her. Miara’s first classified mission comes soon and answers the question of why she was promoted so early. The mission bears the symbol of “Fulcrum,” whom Miara and few others know is actually Ahsoka Tano. She secretly passes this information to her sister, Kaeden Larte as well.*
(conjecture based on *By Whatever Sun*)
- *The Empire enacts the Commodities Enhancement Program. It is ostensibly to provide better market access across the galaxy for food and other organic raw materials. However, it actually works to secure planetary control of agriculture and production for the Empire. On worlds like Wobani, Imperial quotas are unrealistically high, so that farmers are then fined so much that they cannot afford to pay. Land is then taken from them as payment and parceled out to Imperial officials, who then maintain control and become more wealthy, while the local population grows ever poorer.*
(conjecture based on *Leia: Princess of Alderaan*)
- *After a decade of further learning and practice, Qui-Gon Jinn, who has retained his essence*

in the Force but could previously only manifest as a voice for Obi-Wan Kenobi to hear, succeeds in manifesting himself visually as a Force ghost to make Obi-Wan's "exile" less lonely. Over the next nine ears, he will manage to become so solid in his visage as to appear nearly corporeal in the last days of Obi-Wan's life.

(conjecture based on Master and Apprentice)

- *Nearly a decade before the Battle of Scarif, Arhul Nemo, currently a lieutenant in the Commenor Underground, meets Saw Gerrera's fighters and reports back that his favorite partisans was a 12-year-old girl named Jyn (Jyn Erso, though her last name is not revealed) that Saw claims to have rescued from the Empire and raised as his own.*
(conjecture based on the Rogue One: Rebel Dossier)
- *Commodore Thrawn has been in command of the Chimaera for a while now, chasing down pirates and smugglers. At this point, Thrawn's command team includes First Officer Commander Karyn Faro, Senior Comm Officer (Senior Lieutenant) Lomar, and Stormtrooper Commander Major Ayer, along with, of course, his constant aide, Lieutenant Commander Eli Vanto. They are called upon to answer a distress call from the Sempre, which has been attacked by the Castilus and V-18 Torrent starfighters that were stolen eight weeks earlier, likely be Nightswan. Strangely, Ayer has orders not to reveal the contents of the Sempre, which is usually a troop transport, even to Thrawn. When they get to the ship, it is dead in space, the battle over. Thrawn and Eli board, and after pulling rank on some stubborn stormtroopers protecting an empty ship, they discover the truth. The Sempre was carrying Wookiee slaves. The attackers were there to liberate them. Thrawn determines that the slaves must have been en route to nearby base Lansend 26, where the liberators must have an inside man. Moreover, Thrawn believes that they are likely going to try to liberate more slaves from the base, which is protected from nearby Baklek Base, albeit 20 minutes away. If no slaves remain, they will take vengeance upon the base. Either way, the Chimaera races to Lansend 26, which they find already under attack by the same forces that came after the Sempre. At the station, Colonel Zenoc has already captured their saboteur and informant, but she has disabled long range communications at the base. Thankfully (uhm, if you root for the Empire), Thrawn has already contacted Baklek Base. Thrawn fires on the base, cutting off areas so that the slaves remain trapped inside, alive. That said, Thrawn acknowledges the slaves as Imperial assets with unknown reasons for being taken as slaves, which means he is not in a position to liberate them himself. They will remain slaves. On Lothal, Governor Arihnda Pryce returns home after over a year as Lothal's governor, during which time she has only been able to spend about a week on Lothal instead of Coruscant. She receives a mining report from Minister Maketh Tua that shows ore quality and output falling, along with the doonium vein from the old Pryce Mining as tapped out. No longer sentimental for her family's old business, she orders Pryce Mining shut down. She visits Senator Domus Renking, who is on-planet, essentially to assert her superiority and make sure he doesn't cause any trouble over "his" Pryce Mining) being closed. Of course, she knows that the report about the doonium being gone already was falsified by Renking. She also knows neighboring miners led by the Anx Eccos are already tapping into it. She calls Eccos and essentially gives her full authority to mine the doonium, now that Pryce Mining is closing.**

*(Thrawn)**

**NOTE: This segment begins in chapter 20, an unspecified amount of time after the end of chapter 19 when Thrawn takes over the Chimaera. Chapter 21 then specifies that it has been over a year since Arihnda became governor, which puts chapter 21 more than 1 year after the end of chapter 19, about 5 years now since the beginning of the novel, since chapter 19 was a little under 4 years after the novel began.*

- *During her first three months actually back on Lothal, Governor Arihnda Pryce deals with cronyism, suppression of people speaking out against the New Order for forced relocation of farmers, then a growth in new jobs due to new Imperial development.*
(conjecture based on Thrawn)
- *The young man (now 17) who lost his sister, Xea, in a rebel encounter on Eriadu about five years ago runs away from home to sign up for the Junior Academy, his first step to eventually becoming stormtrooper TK-146275. (To be continued below . . .)**
*(TK-146275)**

**NOTE: This assumes that his regular academy training takes two years as the story seems to suggest.*

- *Shortly before the Chimaera's mission to Botajef, Senior Lieutenant Pyrondi joins the crew as weapons officer.*
(conjecture based on Thrawn)
- *Three months after returning to Lothal, Governor Arihnda Pryce faces her first real crisis*

when it appears that nearby planet Kintoni may begin expanding its naval facilities, something that Arihnda believes should be done on Lothal instead. She travels immediately to Coruscant, where she tries to meet with Wilhuff Tarkin, but he is offworld. She instead contacts Commodore Thrawn to see whether he believes Lothal or Kintoni would be the best place for naval expansion. He concludes that Lothal would be best and even provides his own analysis documents for her to give to High Command. She then meets with Senator Domus Renking, who has returned to Coruscant. She asks him to persuade Kintoni's Governor Sanz to withdraw the opposing proposal. Six days later, the decision of the select committee over the issue is announced: the contract goes to Lothal. Renking is arrested by Imperial Security Bureau Major Hartell on the way out. He is charged with trying to bribe Sanz, which was how he interpreted Arihnda's request (as she knew he would, hence slipping him a recording data card). It is Arihnda's final revenge on Renking, as she was the one who tipped off the ISB. She is ready to return to Lothal though before she does, her receptionist lets her know that she has gotten about twenty messages from Juahir Madras (her former friend) over the last year that she has not opened. Arihnda still does not bother to do so. Aboard the Chimaera, Commodore Thrawn receives orders from Fleet Admiral Jok Donassius to travel to Botajef and end a budding insurrection there. Governor Quesl is declaring independence from the Empire. Knowing that the native Jefies tend to be followers, Thrawn considers the need to perhaps replace Quesl with a new leader to easily sway the Jefie population. Lieutenant Commander Eli Vanto wonders if perhaps Thrawn is being set up politically: an alien quelling a revolt on a mostly non-human world. While en route to Botajef, Thrawn reveals that, based on doonium shipments and such, he believes he has figured out the location of whatever massive construction project the Empire is secretly undertaking. (He actually tracked some of the ore freighters once guarded by a ship previously commanded by Blood Crow captain Fila Rossi, an old thorn in Thrawn's side.) After orders to Stormtrooper Commander Ayer and Starfighter Commander Senior Lieutenant Yve, the Chimaera reaches Botajef, finding exactly what Thrawn expected. Two CR90 corvettes and five squadrons of V-19 Torrent starfighters launch, and five turbolasers are situated around the palace. Thrawn engages Quesl in discussion, then has a small group of TIEs divert from those going after the V-19s to take out three of the turbolaser batteries around the palace. There is no background reaction on Quesl's transmission, confirming that he is on one of the corvettes. Thrawn snags it with a tractor beam. He knew it was that one because it was the only one that twitched at a TIE flyby, hence having a human crew without implicit, absolute faith in their leader's tactics, which was the case with the other ship that did not react at all. It seems that Quesl was really pulling a heist, trying to steal a fortune in valuables from the planet, while pretending to be a strong, independent leader to gain the Jefies' cooperation. Thrawn's understanding of culture has paid off, and Botajef will soon have a new leader. (To be continued below . . .)

(Thrawn)*

***NOTE:** This segment begins during chapter 21, after a three month time jump, which would put this segment over 5 years and 3 months (over 63 months) after the beginning of the novel. The segment appears to continue through chapter 22, though there may be an unspecified time gap. There is definitely a significant time gap, though, after the end of this segment before chapter 23 begins the next segment.

- Sometime between the Botajef "rebellion" and coordinated actions against rebels on Batonn, Denash, Sammun, and Lothal, Commodore Thrawn is promoted to the rank of admiral and put in command of the 96th Task Force, led by his Chimaera. Eli Vanto is also promoted from Lieutenant Commander to Commander. Karyn Faro is given command of the Chimaera, though she remains subordinate to Thrawn, who commands the entire 96th.

(conjecture based on Thrawn)

Thrawn [continued] (novel series: Timothy Zahn)

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Chapters 20 - 21

TK-146275 [flashback] [continued] (SWI166 short story: Sylvain Neuvel)

TK-146275 [flashback] [continued] (SWI166 short story: Sylvain Neuvel)

Thrawn [continued] (novel series: Timothy Zahn)

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Chapter 21 [continued]

Chapter 22

8 BBY

- Santiago Milon is born.

(conjecture based on *One Thousand Levels Down*)

- *Althin is born to Tok and Steya on Jedha. Chirrut Imwe knows the boy from the day of his birth, owing to being a friend of Althin's parents.**

(conjecture based on *Guardians of the Whills*)*

***NOTE: He is almost eight in *Guardian of the Whills* (about 9 weeks, give or take, from his birthday when the book begins).**

- *After one year, the stormtrooper recruit who will eventually become TK-146275 graduates from the Junior Academy (with his father absent, since he never told him where he had gone) and enters the Imperial Academy of Eriadu. He is put under the command of an aging clonetrooper named Commander Lassar (but nicknamed "Jogan"). Lassar sees human recruits as inferior to clones and a disgrace, causing him to mistreat those who are the less impressive of the new recruits, including the recruit in question. For the entire first year, Lassar has his fellow recruits beat him each morning, intending for him to eventually give up trying to become a stormtrooper. He does not yield.**

(TK-146275)*

***NOTE: This assumes that his regular academy training takes two years as the story seems to suggest.**

- *A while before Han Solo and Chewbacca discover an actual immobilizer beam, Azmorigan first convinces Han that such things are even real at all when he tries to sell one to Han, who doesn't fully believe him.*

(conjecture based on *Powered Down*)

- *Weeks before Han Solo encounters Zuckuss and 4-LOM, the two bounty hunters capture "small-time hoodlum" Beris Ford.*

(conjecture based on *Hunter vs. Hunted*)

- *While loading cargo onto the Millennium Falcon at the Valtos Space Port, Han Solo is captured by Zuckuss and 4-LOM, who intend to collect the bounty on him offered by "crook" Rekias Nodo. (Chewbacca is at Tovey's Cantina and seemingly unable to help him when the duo strikes.) Han is taken aboard the Mist Hunter, where another prisoner, small-time criminal Beris Ford, has been held for weeks. The bounty hunters also take Han's cargo, only to discover upon preparing to launch that Chewbacca made it back in time to hide among the cargo containers. He emerges and knocks out Zuckuss, then frees both Han and Beris. It was all a trap Han and Chewbacca set to draw in Zuckuss and 4-LOM so that they could rescue Beris, whose family will pay for his rescue. They stick him into a cargo barrel, then once in space, they eject the airtight barrel with a homing beacon to draw in his family for (another) rescue. Unfortunately, the Mist Hunter is on their tail and gives chase through space . . .*

(Hunter vs. Hunted)

- *Pursued by 4-LOM and Zuckuss in the Mist Hunter, Han Solo and Chewbacca take the Millennium Falcon into the atmosphere of an unidentified planet, only to very quickly have a total power shutdown that sends the ship splashing down into the sea, where they must deploy flotation devices to keep it from sinking entirely. They spot the Mist Hunter nearby, also out of power, and inside they find Zuckuss pinned by debris and 4-LOM shut down. When Han tries to help Zuckuss, the Gand tries to put stuncuffs on him (unsuccessfully due to no power), so Han leaves him stuck. Han and Chewie soon discover a large tower-esque antenna that seems to be emitting an immobilizer beam, a technology Han didn't believe was real (even after Azmorigan tried to sell him one). They climb up to deactivate it, chased by Zuckuss once he frees himself. They deactivate it, only to find that it was the only thing holding back a horde of scorpion-like droids intent on destroying all organic life in the galaxy, which begin to emerge from beneath the soil. Fortunately, 4-LOM is also reactivated once the immobilizer is turned off, and he manages to get the others down and joins them in a brief truce in escaping to the Falcon. Once they are aboard and in the air, though, the bounty hunters turn on Han and Chewie, intending to turn them over to Rekias Nodo for a bounty. Han fakes a power failure as if the beam is back on, then he and Chewie pretend to bicker over their (conveniently only) two anti-grav chutes. Zuckuss and 4-LOM take them and leap off the ship, only to realize belatedly that the power isn't actually back off, since the chutes are working. Han and Chewie have tricked them. Han and Chewie escape, as Zuckuss and 4-LOM land and continue to battle the scorpion-esque droids, vowing that Solo will get what is coming to him sooner or later.*

(Powered Down)

- *Sometime late this year, Dorin Bell is recruited by the Empire to work with kyber crystals.*
(conjecture based on *Rebel Rising*)

TK-146275 [flashback] [continued] (SWI166 short story: Sylvain Neuvel)

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Hunter vs. Hunted (comic: Cavan Scott)

Powered Down (comic series: Cavan Scott)

Powered Down, Part I (comic: Cavan Scott)

Powered Down, Part II (comic: Cavan Scott)

7 BBY

- *Around this time a Bodach'i child that Thane Kyrell will see abused by Imperials on Kerev Doi is born.**

(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*)****NOTE: The child is "seven or eight" in the month or so after ANH.**

- *As of the time of the evacuation of the Gimm orphanage on Jedha, the youngest child in its care was born around this time.**

(conjecture based on *Guardians of the Whills*)****NOTE: This is 6 years prior to the book.**

- *The daughter of Enoch Akagarti is born.*
(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)
- *Jai Kell's father dies.*
(conjecture based on *Rebel in the Ranks*)
- *On Crucival, Hazram Namir leaves home to find his own way. He does not see his father for three years.*
(conjecture based on *Twilight Company*)
- *Greyjin Marscopo enters indentured servitude to Allehander Pso. His contract is supposed to last three years.*
(conjecture based on *Rebel Rising*)
- *Iden Versio (age 15) kills for the first time while at the Future Imperial Leaders Preparatory School on Vardos.*
(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)
- *Around this time, Bodhi Rook enters the Terrabe Sector Service Academy.*
(conjecture based on the *Rogue One: Rebel Dossier*)
- *A little over a year before she meets Zare Leonis (during Lothal's summer months), Merei Spanjaf and her family move to Lothal from Corulag.*
(conjecture based on *Edge of the Galaxy*)
- *Bandis Yong graduates from Lothal's Vocational School for Institutional Security (V-SIS).*
(conjecture based on *Rebel in the Ranks*)
- *The style of dress and hair that will be in style on the backwater world of Lothal two years from now is popular on Corulag.*
(conjecture based on *Rebel in the Ranks*)
- *Three months prior to the mission in which Jyn Erso supposedly kills her first Imperial, the Empire sends a (or another) team of scientists to Ilum.*
(conjecture based on *Rebel Rising*)
- *The stormtrooper recruit who will eventually become TK-146275 hopes that with a new year, new recruits will mean that Commander Lassar backs off on his hazing of the recruit. He is not so lucky. (To be continued below . . .)**

(TK-146275)****NOTE: This is assumed to be about one year before graduation.**

- *Jyn Erso (age 14) continues to train with Saw Gerrera's partisans and working with them to create fake Imperial codes. Idryssa Barruck arrives to speak with Saw, revealing that she has found more confirmation of the Empire working on crystals, but they still do not know why. Idryssa has begun to work with other anti-Imperial rebels, starting with a small base of*

operations. (Saw, for his part, has multiple bases, though Jyn only knew about one until this point.) Idrissa notes a chance recently to stop a shipment of kyber crystals that was not carried out due to the chance of innocent bystanders being killed. Saw scoffs at this, perfectly willing to inflict collateral damage if the Empire itself is also hurt. He is just as willing to gain compliance through fear as the Empire. Saw finally tells Jyn of the death of Steela Gerrera and his accidental role in his sisters death. He believes the resistance needs more fighters, a leader, and more martyrs. As he notes, “One fighter with a sharp stick and nothing left to lose can take the day,” if you make sure that the fighter in question “believes.” Soon, more partisans, led by Xosad Hozem and Reece Tallent arrive for a new action. Jyn spars with Reece. Jyn wins, but in the process she accidentally reveals the kyber crystal she wears, providing a clue to her identity to Reece. Saw gives her a cloth scarf to wear to help hide it, since she won’t take it off. Saw will finally let her join one of their missions. Xosad, for his part, is also suspicious about Jyn’s identity, having been a friend of Has Obitt as well. Their next mission (to be carried out by Saw’s crew and Xosad’s, while Reece’s team is elsewhere) is to essentially hijack an Imperial ship for information. Jyn begins carrying a blaster, a knife, and her truncheons on such missions, even when not on the front lines. The mission goes well enough, but when an Imperial officer intends to overpower or coerce Jyn’s help in taking over the partisans’ ship, Jyn is unable to kill him, leading Jari (another partisan) to do so. This is treated as Jyn’s first kill, as neither tells what really happened. (To be continued below . . .)

(Rebel Rising)

- Saw Gerrera’s partisan group on Wrea expands with the addition of Jari and others previously working with Xosad Hazem, new recruits sent by Idrissa Barruck, and some of Reece Tallent’s team, who leave him to work with Saw instead.
(conjecture based on *Rebel Rising*)
- Around this time, Saw Gerrera goes on a mission where he receives wounds to his face and a badly broken leg. He returns to Wrea and must spend quite a while stuck at the base while his leg heals.
(conjecture based on *Rebel Rising*)
- Maia joins Saw Gerrera’s partisans on Wrea. She soon wins a pair of synthskin gloves from Codo.*
(conjecture based on *Rebel Rising*)*

*NOTE: This is four months before her conversation with Jyn about the bond between Jyn and Saw.

- Jyn Erso (still 14 but nearly 15 now) has continued working with Saw Gerrera’s partisans and is getting to know the various new recruits who have joined them, including Maia, who recognizes that Saw and Jyn mean something to each other, a sort of parent-and-child bond. (Saw is currently on a mission but still recovering from a recent broken leg.) Jyn is finally invited to drink and play with others, including Maia and Staven. Maia begins referring to her as “Jyn Gerrera.” Maia and Codo then go off on a mission, just as Saw returns from his own. He has Staven work with her on how to rewire or shut down a detonator. Staven notes that he thinks that while Jyn is good enough for more missions, perhaps Saw does not want to admit that, as it would mean not keeping her safe. Soon, just before her fifteenth birthday (and perhaps in honor of it), Jyn is given her first solo mission for Saw. She is dropped off on Horuz, one of the planets with a communications blackout and unusually high level Imperial protocols for an “insignificant” world. She is outfitted with a sniper blaster rifle so that she can take out Imperial kyber crystal researcher Dorin Bell, who will be scouting on Horuz. During the mission, she struggles with the idea of essentially assassinating him, but it turns out to be a moot point, as other traps set by the partisans, including land mines, actually take out Bell instead of Jyn. Her role was redundant, just in case. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Rebel Rising)*

*NOTE: Jyn is still 14 in this segment but nearly 15. Given that Maia seems to have arrived after chapter 10 but before chapter 11 and was there for four months by the time of chapter 11, we can surmise that this segment must begin at least four months after the previous segment. I would note here also that while the *Rogue One* novelization says that Jyn carried out her first solo mission at age 14, here we find that it was in honor of her 15th birthday, suggesting that it must have been right before her birthday, so that it can fit both sources’ information.

- Jyn Erso continues going on missions for Saw Gerrera’s partisans, including missions relating to ore from Siriamp, Jelucan, and Centori, mines on Ilum, etc.
(conjecture based on *Rebel Rising*)

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Rebel Rising [continued] (youth novel: Beth Revis)

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Chapters 6 - 10

Chapters 11 - 13

6 BBY

- *Tiras Or'un is born into a moisture farming family on Jakku.**
(conjecture based on *The Force Awakens: Beginner Game: Tiras Character Folio*)*

*NOTE: Tiras is 11 during the Battle of Jakku.

- *Sabine Wren, while at the Imperial Academy, has been controlled through loyalty and fear. As part of her activities as a technological prodigy, she has designed weapons, including one particular weapon known as "the Duchess," which involves an Arc Cannon that sends energy into Mandalorian Beskar armor and heats it until the body inside is burnt to ash, thereby turning the traditional armor that has been a strength of Mandalore into a weakness. She completes plans for the weapon's prototype as a sort of thought exercise or creative challenge, but she soon learns that the Empire will soon turn it against Mandalore, thus making her complicit in (and she believes responsible for) the subjugation of her homeworld (even though Clan Wren technically is based on Krownest). Sabine sabotages the prototype and destroys the files on its creation, but it is too late. Her fellow Mandalorians and even her family believe her a traitor to Mandalore. As Mandalore is subjugated by the Empire, Gar Saxon, former member of Maul's Shadow Collective, emerges from the shadows and is made Governor when Bo-Katan Kryze will not go along with the Empire. Saxon is put in command of a Mandalorian force loyal to the Empire that is known as the Imperial Supercommandos. Clan Wren is disgraced, as other clans turn against them, despite Clan Wren being part of the respected House Vizsla. Tristan Wren, Sabine's brother, is able to regain some status by joining the Supercommandos. Sabine's father is stuck on Mandalore, where he is essentially a "free" hostage, subject to execution if Clan Wren steps out of line. Neither her mother (Ursa Wren), nor Tristan, supports Sabine at this point. Sabine finally escapes (or goes AWOL) from the Imperial Academy with the help of Ketsu Onyo and Janard (who just helps by knocking some containers into the way of pursuing Imperials). Sabine and Ketsu become bounty hunters, while Janard remains with the Empire, feeding intel on Imperial activity to Sabine.**

(conjecture based on *Blood Sisters*, *Ocean Rescue*, *Trials of the Darksaber*, and *Legacy of Mandalore*)*

*NOTE: In theory, there could be more spacing between these events, but there is a lot that has not been pinned down chronologically yet and many details not yet known. For now, it makes the most sense to treat this as a single "event" on the timeline to make her story more coherent.

- *Relatively soon before Ezra Bridger starts his journal and Dhara Leonis is accepted to its program, the Empire opens an Imperial Academy for children on Lothal.*
(conjecture based on *Ezra's Gamble*)
- *Sabine Wren begins a sketchbook that is also a journal. It is the first of seven she will have by the time she meets Ezra Bridger.*
(conjecture based on *Sabine: My Rebel Sketchbook*)
- *In spring on Lothal, Ames Bunkle applies to the Imperial Academy.*
(conjecture based on *Edge of the Galaxy*)
- *Ciena Ree buys an oversized flight suit at a surplus store.*
(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*)
- *Luke Skywalker (age 13) is now pretty good with a laser rifle, which he uses to kill womp rats that damage the moisture vaporators on the Lars moisture farm. When Luke and his friend, Windy, go out on a dewback, they find themselves in a sandstorm. They get lost and separated both from the dewback and each other, only for Luke to be nearly eaten by a krayt dragon. Thankfully, Obi-Wan Kenobi is watching over him and kills the dewback. He then takes Luke back to the Lars moisture farm, where Owen Lars urges him to leave. That said, the damage is somewhat done, as he has planted in Luke's mind the notion that he is "Ben Kenobi," an old friend of Luke's father. (To be continued below . . .)**

(*Star Wars*)*

*NOTE: Since it isn't obvious from the title, this is part of the Korean webstrip series by Hong Jac Ga that is mostly made up of adaptations of the *Original Trilogy*.

- *Shortly before graduation from the Imperial Academy on Eriadu, the recruit who will become TK-146275 continues being mistreated by Commander Lassar. Just two weeks prior to graduation, he is forced to run in boots filled with broken glass. He falls unconscious during*

*the run and awakens three days later in the infirmary, his feet having had to be reconstructed. He is ordered to rest for two weeks, but he does indeed graduate to become a stormtrooper, TK-146275. His first assignment is patrolling Eriadu City for petty crimes and such. (To be continued below . . .)**

(TK-146275)*

***NOTE: This assumes that he is on Lothal the year prior to the year in which he is killed.**

- *Leia Organa (age 13) is warned by Bail Organa to stay clear of Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin. Being a teenager and doing the opposite as she is told, she sneaks around behind Bail and Tarkin as they have tense words during an official visit by Tarkin to Alderaan. Her impression is that he is a snake.*

(conjecture based on The Princess, the Scoundrel, and the Farm Boy)

- *Luke Skywalker (age 13) begins bull's-eye blasting womp rats in his T-16 Skyhopper.*
- *In spring on Lothal, Beck Ollet's family sells their jogan-fruit orchard to the Imperial Agricultural Collective, not realizing that the Empire intends on turning the area into a mineral mine. The Ollets move to Capital City, where Beck will attend the Junior Academy of Applied Sciences.*

(conjecture based on Edge of the Galaxy)

- *Leo Leonis, Tepha Leonis, Dhara Leonis, and Zare Leonis move from Hosk Station to Lothal, where Leo and Tepha will work for the AgMinistry.*

(conjecture based on Edge of the Galaxy)

- *Around this time, Sienar Fleet Systems releases a new TIE fighter model with P-s4 ion engines that are far superior to the previous P-s3 engines.*

(conjecture based on Edge of the Galaxy)

- *Around this time, the Empire begins using two-man AT-DP walkers, which see one of their first battles when the 29^{1st} Legion battles Thalassian slavers on Galpos II, then during urban fighting on Mendavi.*

(conjecture based on Edge of the Galaxy)

- *The Malkhani Insurrections begin on Crucival.*

(conjecture based on Twilight Company)

- *Ciena Ree and Thayne Kyrell are now 13. When the Nierre family in the valley has its honor questioned (over the father of the family possibly abusing his power as an Imperial communications monitor), the Ree family stands with them. This nearly makes Ciena late for flying practice with Thane. For his part, Thane is stuck studying trigonometry with CZ-1. He convinces the droid to let him leave, and the duo meet up at their secret cave, which they call the Fortress. Their flying practice always takes place in the V-171 that belongs to Thane's brother, Dalven, who is already gone to an Imperial academy. Now, they are starting to slowly look at each other as potentially having a relationship, but it seems impossible at the moment because of their difference in social status on Jelucan. Thane finally asks her about her "look through my eyes" statements, and she reveals how she was born a twin, but her twin, Wynnet, died within hours. She now wears a braided bracelet and says "look through my eyes" to create a connection to, in essence, let Wynnet's spirit (in the Force, in which the valley people still believe) to live through her. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Lost Stars)

- *On the planet Crucival on the 47th day of the Malkhani Insurrections, a young man now known as "Donin" from the Gulches (born Hazram Namir), son of a Clone Wars veteran, fights alongside fellow soldiers of the Warlord Malkhan. When the time finally comes, they engage with Imperial forces at the Imperials' tower as part of their supposed righteous, holy path for Malkhan. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Twilight Company)

- *On a summer evening in Capital City on Lothal, a party is held at the Leonis household to celebrate Dhara Leonis being accepted to the local Imperial Academy. Her parents, Leo and Tepha Leonis, scientists for the local Imperial Ag Ministry, mingle with Imperial big shots from Lothal like Minister Maketh Tua and Governor Arihnda Pryce, while Dhara's brother Zare Leonis (nearly 15, compared to Dhara's 16 years of age) laments that he has to wait another year to enter the Academy and is thus "stuck" with a year at the Junior Academy of Applied Sciences (AppSci). Ames Bunkle is also attending, given that his parents are colleagues of the Leonises and he too will be entering the Academy soon, though he worries that he will only be found capable of being a stormtrooper, rather than an officer. Once fall begins, Zare,*

who is a very good grav-ball player, meets a girl named Merei Spanjaf, who is also a grav-ball player and a great strategist in the game. Neither Zare nor Merei is particularly fond of how conservative Coach Ramset tends to be, but Merei's scouting and analysis (along with her kicker skills) would be a great asset to AppSci's SaberCats. Zare convinces her to try out, and she joins the team with him. During a class with Mr. Tralls, Zare gets a glimpse into how Imperial propaganda and revisionist history is being used to turn the truth of situations (such as a crop issue on Chrona in which Zare's parents had been heavily involved being twisted into a lesson on the dangers of organizations like the Trade Federation) into whatever suits the Empire's propaganda needs. The SaberCats begin their season with Zare as center striker, Merei as kicker, Claith Bennis as a striker, Frid Kelio as a striker, Hench Sina as a fullback, Beck Ollet, Kord Plandin, Orzai Atropos, and Lazar, among others. The SaberCats defeat the West Capital City Carvers, though they do so by ignoring some of Ramset's play calls and following Merei and Zare's ideas instead. Later that night, in telling Dhara (via comm) about their win, Zare's words make it clear to Dhara that he likes Merei, which gives the big sister a chance to poke some fun at her little brother. The next morning, Zare is called into a meeting with Janus "Fury" Fhurek, the school's Athletics Director and arguably the most powerful person on campus, whose word can easily help a student get into the Academy. He seems to be grooming Zare for leadership, pushing him to control his team the way the Empire maintains order in the galaxy through strict control. Soon, Merei is showing off her talent for anonymous slicing and accessing of Lothal's computer network when Beck Ollet returns from working with nerfs. When he mentions his family's old jogan-fruit orchard in Westhills, they use the computer network to look in on the place, they find it marked for reuse (in other words, that the orchard that was in the Ollet's family for many years before the Empire bought them out, would be destroyed). Thinking that this must be a mistake, Merei flags it for attention in hopes that the "mistake" can be fixed. The next weekend, they defeat the Green Dragons in grav-ball, then Zare, Merei, and Beck head out to visit the old orchard. They run into a security guard and learn that droids are now harvesting the fruits (which is too delicate a job for droids), and it seems that the orchard is being poorly run. Perhaps the order to "repurpose" the land is legitimate. Their next game is against the East City Brawlers, wherein they have to deal with a crooked referee whose bad calls, coupled with his angst over his family's old land, causes Beck to lash out and get ejected from the game. The SaberCats lose. The next day, Zare and his parents, along with Auntie Nags (a droid that has been in the family for so many generations that the circumstances of her purchase have been forgotten), attend Visiting Day at the Imperial Academy. Dhara seems to be doing well and is still enthusiastic about the Empire and its goals of supposedly making the galaxy better for everyone. After another meeting with Fhurek on "leadership," Zare leads the team against the Thrashers in an away game. On the way back, Beck notes his intention to go back out to the old homestead, and both Zare and Merei believe they should go with him to keep him out of trouble. That night, they sneak back there, only to find that the trees are in horrible shape, and droids are set up to scan for minerals under the ground for potential mining on the site. Moreover, the droids are rigged with explosives! They scared the culprits away, though, and the bombs are not primed. They call the Imperial authorities, but while they do manage to have the bombs dismantled, Beck purposely sends the pursuers in the opposite direction of the saboteurs they interrupted, suggesting that he is possibly starting to have anti-Imperial sentiments. Later, Lieutenant Piers Roddance arrives at the Leonis home to collect Zare to question him about what happened at the orchard (as a witness, not a suspect), and Zare tells what little he knows about that night, except he leaves out any mention of Beck's misdirection of the authorities. Merei keeps quiet about Beck's actions as well. After a while of some tension and avoiding each other, Beck begins to warm to Merei and Zare again as winter begins on Lothal. One night at dinner, Zare talks about the orchard incident with his parents, and it slowly begins to become clear that his father is a definite supporter of Imperial policy and its "big picture," while his mother is more open-minded. The SaberCats next play the South Capital City Volunteers, whom they defeat, but they do so with Beck ignoring called plays and basically trying to work out his frustrations through the game. Fhurek congratulates and praises Beck (a human), while seeming to purposely avoid giving any credit to Hench Sina (an Aqualish), who also had a solid game. Soon, on the way home, Zare runs into Ames, who has indeed become "just" a stormtrooper, "DX-5778." He appears both broken and brainwashed into submission to the Empire's will. After the next two games (one win and one loss), the SaberCats are looking at possibly winning this year's championship game, but Fhurek's true anti-alien sentiments finally start to show when he (and a submissive Coach

Ramset) requires that if they make it into the championship game, the two non-humans on the team (Hench Sina and Frid Kelio) be replaced, supposedly so that no one can argue that the team “cheated” by having aliens on the team. They next play the Forked River Mavericks, and Zare makes sure that Hench and Frid are the stars of the game, so that it will be obvious to everyone why they would be excluded from the final game if Fhurek continues to press for them to be dropped. Unfortunately, this angers Fhurek, not someone of whom anyone at AppSci should make an enemy. Shortly thereafter, Beck learns that the orchard has now been destroyed and used as land for mining. Worse yet, Zare can tell when they visit the site that the equipment is obsolete and damaging to the environment, which more modern technology would not be. Upon arriving for practice the next day, Zare finds that Hench and Frid have been transferred to the Technical Institute for Agricultural Research. It is good for them but obviously Fhurek’s attempt to get back at Zare. Zare has to get substitute players ready for the championship. To serve the team, yet retaliate against Fhurek, Merei learns that Fhurek is betting on the team winning by at least eight points. They make plans to still win (and help secure good futures for the team members because of how athletic “heroes” are often treated in Academy admissions and such) yet to make sure that they win by less than eight so that Fhurek loses his bet and a good chunk of money. As they make their plans, Merei and Zare finally kiss for the first time, becoming the couple that everyone else figured they would be. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Edge of the Galaxy)*

*NOTE: This book is broken into segments for a first summer, then fall, winter, spring, and another summer. It is the fall that comes after that *second* summer when Zare would be at the Academy to be able to appear in *Breaking Ranks*. Given that we know Ezra’s ages from *Rebel Journal* by Ezra Bridger and *Empire Day*, this helps us pin down time frames for this book, putting its first summer through most of its winter segment in 6 BBY and its fall and second summer section in 5 BBY before the first season of *Rebels* begins. I only include “most of” the winter segment here (and put the rest of that winter into 5 BBY) because there is a contradiction here between *Edge of the Galaxy* and *Star Wars Rebels: The Visual Guide*. The guide claims that Zare is 14 in *Rebels*, but that is impossible, given that Zare is 14 during the summer, fall, and first part of the winter segments of *Edge of the Galaxy*, then another whole spring and summer pass before he attends the Academy that fall, when he appears in *Breaking Ranks*. There is no logical way that Zare can actually be 14 in *Rebels*. He *must* be 15. Splitting things here, at least, keeps his birthday in early 5 BBY, rather than in 6 BBY, making the difference in the two sources less striking at a glance.

- *Late this year (or early the next year), the Tripartite Culture Effrontery begins on Crucival. This is likely as the Malkhan Insurrection ends with Warlord Malkhan’s death and a splintering of his forces as different lieutenants try to stake claims to Malkhan’s cache of offworld weapons. Vows of loyalty to Malkhan die with him, so “Donin” (born Hazram Namir) has no one to follow. He joins the Opaline Creed and changes his name to “Umu Seven” in honor of the second son of the Hieroprince (Umu) and being the seventh person in the Creed to use that name.*

(conjecture based on *Twilight Company*)

Star Wars [continued] (webstrip series: Hong Jac Ga)

Star Wars [continued] (webstrip series: Hong Jac Ga)

An Old Friend [continued]

Meeting the Droids

TK-146275 [flashback] [continued] (SWI166 short story: Sylvain Neuvel)

TK-146275 [flashback] [continued] (SWI166 short story: Sylvain Neuvel)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Chapter 1

Lost Stars [continued] (manga series: Claudia Gray & Yusaku Komiyama)

Lost Stars, Vol. 1 [continued] (manga: Claudia Gray & Yusaku Komiyama)

Battlefront (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Twilight Company (novel: Alexander Freed)

Withdrawal

Chapter 1

Servants of the Empire (youth novel series: Jason Fry)

Edge of the Galaxy (youth novel: Jason Fry)

Summer

Fall

Winter

5 BBY

- *In this era, Phaniel is a relatively new musical artist on the Mon Calamarian diaspora scene. Sabine Wren is a fan.*
(conjecture based on *Sabine: My Rebel Sketchbook*)
 - *Leia Organa (age 14) becomes a member of the Imperial Senate as a junior legislator (i.e. a newly elected senator).*
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)
 - *Around this time, Bodhi Rook graduates from the Terrabe Sector Service Academy after completing its two-year program. With marks that are not high enough for starfighter academy training, he chooses to remain at the academy for two more years of flight training.*
(conjecture based on the *Rogue One: Rebel Dossier*)
 - *The Empire takes control of Inusagi. It will soon receive its first Imperial governor.*
(conjecture based on *Rebel Rising*)
 - *Leia Organa begins working with Bail Organa in his Senate office as an intern. She will continue to do so for two years, prior to joining the Apprentice Legislature. To get to Coruscant, they take the Polestar. This is Leia's first visit to Coruscant.*
(conjecture based on *Leia: Princess of Alderaan*)
 - *Five years prior to the Battle of Scarif, Leevan Tenza, serving in Jan Dodonna's rebel cell, preemptively engages an Imperial target against orders. He faces a court-martial but instead considers his actions justified and escapes custody. He soon joins Saw Gerrera's Partisans.*
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)
 - *The Empire comes to Oktaro, taking over the planet, pushing the natives from coastal areas to deserts with toxic sands. Things look bleak, and Mayv's parents (librarians) decide to break into the central library in New Tobura, which they helped rebuild, to steal the holy book known as the Mola Oktaro to reproduce it and spread it to remind native Oktarians of their heritage and inspire them to stand up against the Empire. They break in only to find that the book has already been taken to Coruscant.**
(conjecture based on *The Mighty Chewbacca in the Forest of Fear*)*
- *NOTE: This assumes that TMCITFOF (what an acronym!) takes place in 2 BBY.**
- *Around this time, Senator Mon Mothma tasks a trusted subordinate, Hendri Underholt with compiling documentation on the development and history of the growing rebellious movement against the Empire to which she, Bail Organa, and others belong.*
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
 - *A group of anti-Imperial rebels on Mantooine seize control of the local Imperial garrison. This does not last long, as the Imperial Navy crushes them and restores Imperial order on the planet. However, the deaths of these freedom fighters convinces the Atrivis Resistance Group that it is time to partner with Senator Mon Mothma's resistance group in a burgeoning Rebel Alliance (though not formally declared yet). Once connected, this broader group tends to show Mon Mothma that the Military High Command and Political High Command structures that have been sketched out for such an alliance are indeed both necessary and effective.*
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
 - *Obi-Wan Kenobi writes in his journal about Yoda's encounter with the Rockhawkers and Mudwhackers. He then visits Mos Eisley, where he secretly uses a mind trick from a distance to stop a blaster duel between Greedo and another denizen of Mos Eisley. His actions are noticed by a former resident of the planet of the Rockhawkers, who advises him to never leave "his mountain" (i.e. Tatooine). (To be continued below . . .)**
(**Yoda's Secret War**)*

***NOTE: We have no indication of when this actually happens, aside from Obi-Wan appearing older than in previous installments from his journal.**

- *Jyn Erso continues to work with Saw Gerrera's partisans. They are hired by Arane Oreida for a mission that still relates to the Empire but not in the same vein as many of the partisans' other missions. This will be a job as paid mercenaries. Jyn's job is to obtain (or create) Imperial clearance codes to help the others (including Saw and Maia) get into the local palace during the sakoola blossom festival, which includes a dedication ceremony to commemorate Inusagi getting its first Imperial governor, Cor Tophervin. Upon arrival, Saw tells her how to deliver her forged invitations to the ceremony, but even though there are more than they actually need, Saw tells her to return to their ship, rather than joining the others. As she hands them off to agents using code phrases, she sees native Rayeths trying to enter the palace, only to be turned away and disdained as "animals" instead of people, which does not sit well with her. She disobeys Saw and decides to attend a few minutes of*

the ceremony, where she learns from one talkative attendee about the origin of the nickname her parents gave her ("Stardust"), which is based on the legend of the starbird that would live inside the heart of a star and then die a fiery death when the star dies, eventually becoming stardust to later reform again. Once the ceremony begins, Saw's team emerges from the audience with FC-1 flechette launchers. They open fire, killing the local chieftess, Governor Tophervin, and many others. Jyn gets back to the shuttle in shock, waiting for Saw and the others. Maia does not make it, killed by a stormtrooper as Jyn watches. Jyn decries the mission as murder and a massacre, but Saw notes that since Inusagi is close to Naboo, the Emperor's homeworld, it should send a strong message. Jyn begins to wear the synthskin gloves Maia won from Codo that were left behind. A few days later, Saw reveals that he believes there is a leak in their operation. For a new mission, Saw selects Jari, Jyn, and Reece Tallent (who has returned to Saw's partisans a bit less arrogant after so many of his original crew left him to join Saw anyway). While in space with Saw, he reveals to them that the traitor has been sending transmissions to Imperial barracks on a nearby planet. He then reveals that Jari is the traitor, prompting Jyn and Reece to help bind him. Jari argues his innocence, but Saw dumps him at the Imperial compound, and then they all leave immediately. To justify his actions, Saw tells Jyn that Jari "knows," referring to her true identity. Soon, that paranoia grows, as Saw tells her that "they" (i.e. his people, or at least some of them) know who she is. It is becoming dangerous for her to be there. Idryssa Barruck arrives to speak with Saw. Idryssa is now working with a larger rebel group (possibly Phoenix Squadron), and she notes that Saw's team could become part of that growing rebellion, but Saw refuses for now. She is there to give him information for a potential mission against the Empire, one that Idryssa's own team wouldn't be able to carry out. It relates not to kyber crystals but to mines on Tamsye Prime with doonium and dolovite, something else the Empire has been hoarding that probably ties into the construction project Saw suspects exists (based on information originally from Galen Erso). She needs intel on the situation on the planet, so that perhaps she can pitch a raid idea again to her own faction once there is more information available. Saw begins planning such a mission with Reece and Codo. Reece suggests, based on his own contacts, that perhaps they could use scandocs, falsified by Jyn, to be assigned as temporary crew to be part of the recording of an Imperial propaganda program on Tamsye Prime. Reece sets everything up. For the mission, Jyn operates under the alias "Kestrel Dawn." They arrive and are assigned to Imperial propaganda master Lieutenant Colonel Senjax as his crew. The facilities on the planet seem to be building parts for something enormous, though they are nearing the end of their production. During the mission, Reece turns the others over to Senjax, revealing that he has been playing them all along, intending to get revenge on Saw for how his own group disbanded to follow Saw. It was all a setup. Before Reece can reveal whom he believes Jyn to be, Saw blasts Reece, then they grab him and try to escape. Senjax, held at blasterpoint, reveals that the Empire is basically done with the planet, so rather Imperial fire rains down from above to destroy the factory, its workers, and Saw's partisans. Saw saves Jyn from one bombardment by putting his body over hers, receiving severe wounds. Saw gives Jyn knives and a small blaster, telling her to hide in a shell turret (a sort of small bunker). Saw and Codo take Reece away and escape by stealing a ship, leaving Jyn behind, supposedly intending to return for her, though that is not really the case, as Saw believes that she can take care of herself and would be safer away from his partisans, some of whom might also turn on him and try to use her against them or to gain favor with the Empire. A while later, as the orbiting Star Destroyer blasts the factor and area around it, Jyn slips to the spaceport and back onto Reece's ship, which they had arrived aboard. There, she recovers her code replicator, truncheons, and other belongings. She spots a pilot nearby trying to get into other ships to escape. She brings him aboard, ignoring his arguments that they should wait to save other survivors, and the two escape, using more codes forged by Jyn. Upon arriving at a nearby planet, she leaves the pilot behind and looks for someone to take her offworld. She signs on with Akshaya Ponta's cargo ship, the Ponta One, claiming that her name is "Jyn Dawn" (a combination of her real name and her name from the Tamsye Prime mission). Because she is against violence and her planet, Skuhl, is neutral, Akshaya requires Jyn to give up her blaster, her first step toward choosing a different life for herself. Akshaya figures out that Jyn came from Tamsye Prime, perhaps with nowhere else to go, and offers to let her stay on with her operation, especially once her codes get them past Imperial inspections. (Ostensibly, Jyn is kept aboard to fix a droid, but her codes are far more useful, which is good, since Jyn can't really fix the droid.) They arrive on Skuhl, where Jyn meets Akshaya's son (age 17), Hadder

Ponta. Jyn will stay in the room that once belonged to Tanith Ponta, Akshaya's deceased daughter. The Imperial media, meanwhile, including Senjax (who survived), portrays what happened on Tamsye Prime as the work of insurgents and anarchists, not the Empire wiping out their own operation to take out insurgents. As Jyn tries to earn her way around the home, Akshaya refuses to let her fly with her, due to Tanith's death a decade ago. (Tanith had also suffered from Bloodburn, due to space travel, and took haidera serum for it.) (To be continued below . . .)

(Rebel Rising)

- Sometime between now and the destruction of Jedha City, Staven is apprehended by the Empire.
(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)
- After one year on patrol in Eriadu City, TK-146275 transfers to Lothal from Eriadu. He initially enjoys the new posting and his comrades, but he will soon be involved with activities that make him question his service, such as burning down villages of rebel sympathizers. (To be continued below . . .)*

(TK-146275)*

*NOTE: This assumes that he is on Lothal the year prior to the year in which he is killed.

- Thane Kyrell and Ciena Ree (both age 14) are studying for exams to get into an Imperial academy. To do so, Thane has begun smuggling his droid, CZ-1, to the Fortress so that he can teach them both. Their bond continues to grow . . . (To be continued below . . .)

(Lost Stars)

- In late winter on Lothal, Dhara Leonis comes home for winter break from the Academy and joins the family in helping Zare Leonis, on his fifteenth birthday, to submit his application to the Academy, despite his own secret misgivings about the Empire. Dhara recognizes his reluctance and urges him to keep his worries to himself (and Beck too, for that matter) because of what the Empire tends to do to anyone thought to harbor insurrectionist thoughts. Finally, the championship game begins against Kothal, and the SaberCats not only win but manage to win by less than eight points, striking back at Janus Fhurek. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Edge of the Galaxy)*

*NOTE: I have split this "winter" segment of the book so that Zare's birthday can remain in this year, rather than very late in 6 BBY. That, at least, means that the *Rebels Visual Guide* is only off by one year in its profile. (See other notes with parts of this book for the reasons why Zare cannot possibly be 14 in *Rebels*.)

- Sometime this year, prior to her "art attack" diversion on Lothal, Sabine Wren begins a new sketchbook that also doubles as a journal. It is her seventh since the previous year. She records thoughts on the Ghost crew's adventures, her art, her gear, the crew, and even their adversaries. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Sabine: My Rebel Sketchbook)*

*NOTE: Interestingly, Sabine mentions the Grand Inquisitor as an adversary in this period well before *Spark of Rebellion*, suggesting that he is rather well-known or has come after them before (the former of which is more likely).

- Around this time, some seven months before being sold out to the Empire (and Merei Spanjaf), grafter Pinson runs afoul of Imperial authorities. He pays Laxo to hide him.
(conjecture based on *Imperial Justice*)
- It is now spring on Lothal, one week after the Junior Academy of Applied Sciences (AppSci) SaberCats won the grav-ball championship. Zare Leonis, having defied Athletic Director Janus Fhurek during and just before the championship game, he finds himself saddled with several demerits on his record due to nitpicky and/or false activities by Coach Ramset, who has been forced to do so by Fhurek. Moreover, Zare cannot join any new sports, again because of Fhurek. Later, Zare asks Merei Spanjaf to check Academy records with her computer skills. They find that Ames Bunkle is in stormtrooper training (which Zare already knew), Dhara Leonis (Zare's sister) has applied for an internship at Imperial Headquarters but her status is still pending, and Zare's application is also pending . . . yet hampered by a letter questioning his suitability that was submitted by Fhurek. Two months pass, and Zare tries to keep his head down and not confront Fhurek, as he promised Merei he wouldn't. He is on an errand for his mother when he runs into Beck Ollet, who challenges his views on the Empire and tells him that planets are being ruined, just like Beck's family's old orchard land. Beck and Zare take unregistered jumpspeeders from Beck's home and head out to see what has become of the orchard. They are there when a large number of farmers, whose farms have been ruined by Imperial pollution from local mining (like on the old orchard grounds), have gathered to discuss the situation. The Empire has told them that a representative is coming to

speaking with them, but it turns out to be AT-DPs and stormtroopers, led by Lieutenant Piers Roddance. The farmers are ordered to disperse, then the Imperials begin firing into the crowd, slaughtering the protesting citizens. Zare and Beck get out of there undetected, and the event is reported by Alston Kastle on the news as malcontents attacking Imperial surveyors and equipment that were then defeated by the valiant Imperial military. Bothered by all of this, Zare tries to contact Dhara to no avail. He then speaks with Merei, who tells him that his Academy application has been accepted. He is certainly not as happy as he thought he would be at hearing that news. As for Beck, he has chosen to work against the Empire, even if it costs him his own life. After a week of no word from Dhara, Merei reports that her status is now "inactive," whatever that might mean. Commandant Cumberlayne Aresko arrives at the Leonis home, informing them that she has "run off" from the Academy. The next morning, the official acceptance message arrives from the Academy to confirm Zare's admission. Rather than accepting it, though, Zare declines, though he does not tell his parents just yet. His status changes to "deferred" when Merei checks it next. A short time later, he is walking with other students in Capital City when he runs into Fhurek, who makes snide comments about disloyalty directed at Dhara's disappearance. Zare jumps the jerk and has to be pulled off by the other students. A few weeks later, no word has come from Dhara, and Tephra Leonis' opinion of the Empire has changed to believe that they are lying about Dhara and perhaps much more. As for Zare, he graduates from AppSci in a joyless graduation ceremony. (To be continued below . . .)

(Edge of the Galaxy)

- A little over three months prior to Bossk's arrival on Lothal, Imperial Security Bureau officer Jenkes arrives on Lothal. Three months prior to Bossk's arrival, another ISB agent, Lieutenant Herdringer, is killed in a speeder bus crash that is arranged by Jenkes, allowing Jenkes to not only take his position (a nice promotion) but to also begin re-establishing the kind of illegal gladiatorial fights that he had run on Nyriaan. He makes arrangements for Gronson "Shifty" Takkaro to join him in this venture.
(conjecture based on Ezra's Gamble)
- At the abandoned communications tower that serves as his home on Lothal, Ezra Bridger (almost 14 years old) discovers an old official communications logbook, which he turns into a journal, marking his first entry as "Day 1." He quickly gives up on the idea, but he gets bored enough six days later (Day 7) to begin writing again. On Day 8, he writes about the tower, which is officially LothalNet communications tower E-272. On Day 12, he writes on the merits of being a loner. On day 13, he focuses on how he is putting together armor, piece by piece. On Day 14, he writes about Lothal. He continues on Day 17 with a detailed map of Capital City (the, uhm, capital city). On Day 18, he notes how he likes to scam in the market, where he also managed to steal Commandant Cumberlayne Aresko's ID card. On Day 22, he writes of his black market contact, Ferpil Wallaway and how much of what he steals and takes to Ferpil ends up with the Broken Horn Syndicate, run by Cikatro Vizago. (To be continued below . . .)

(Rebel Journal by Ezra Bridger)

***NOTE:** The journal starts when Ezra is "almost 14" (which he writes on Day 8). We know, though, that by the time we reach Day 114 (when it starts to cross over with *Ezra's Gamble*), Ezra is 14. Therefore, this part of the journal must be very early in this year, which is also able to make it work fine with the seasons used to label parts of *Edge of the Galaxy*.

- Summer has arrived on Lothal, but things are not bright for the Leonis family. Dhara Leonis has gone missing (supposedly having "run off") from the Imperial Academy. Leo Leonis, her father, remains loyal to the Empire, while Tephra Leonis, her mother, is growing ever more skeptical of anything the Empire says. Zare Leonis, her brother, remains concerned. After running into Frid Kelio in Capital City, Zare asks if he has seen Beck Ollet. After asking around for a day or two, he is finally approached by Beck, who claims that Dhara must be dead. He has spent a month out of sight and now intends to continue to fight the Empire with a small band of rebels. He is willing to let Zare join them, but Zare has no stomach for violence against the Empire yet. When Beck sends a message soon thereafter that sounds like a "goodbye forever," Zare knows that Beck must finally be making a strike at the orchard and its Imperial mine. Zare races off in the unregistered jumpspeeder he still has from Beck, and he arrives in time to see a bag of unattended thermal detonators before a huge explosion rocks the area from detonators destroying Imperial mining equipment. Zare then sees Beck in a speeder with others zooming by, pursued by an Imperial troop transport. Zare grabs the bag of detonators and uses it in a frantic chase on his jumpspeeder to delay the Imperials

from capturing Beck. He then races back home. Soon thereafter, he and Merei meet Beck on the grav-ball field. Beck informs them that his allies are being rounded up, so it is only a matter of time until he is arrested too. He urges them to fight the Empire from the inside, learning its playbook (so to speak), so that they can help bring down the Empire later. Direct action like Beck's attack on the orchard will not work at this point. A short while later, in the market, Zare watches helplessly as Beck is marched among other Imperial prisoners in a group surrounded by stormtroopers (including Ames Bunkle). That evening, Zare turns off Auntie Nags for privacy and speaks with his mother alone, expressing his true beliefs about the Empire and the idea that the Empire is lying about Dhara. Knowing they must keep these ideas secret from his father, they resubmit Zare's Academy application, which is quickly accepted. Zare will work against the Empire and discover the truth about Dhara's disappearance from the inside . . .

(Edge of the Galaxy)

- During summer on Lothal, Currahee and Chiron are transferred to the Imperial Academy on Lothal from Marleyvane.
(conjecture based on *Rebel in the Ranks*)
- Piers Roddance is promoted to the rank of lieutenant to captain.
(conjecture based on *Rebel in the Ranks*)
- On Day 37 of his journal, Ezra Bridger writes of boredom and Loth-cats. On Day 45, he discusses his collection of stolen Imperial helmets. Day 57 brings a lesson written on the art of pickpocketing. On Day 60, he writes of how he has booby-trapped the tower and how he frequently sees a girl named Moreena Krai in town, but he is afraid of scaring her away by telling her too much about himself. On Day 66, he writes of some of his best pranks. On Day 70, his antics nearly get him caught by Taskmaster Grint, whom he is able to escape. On Day 89, he sketches the training course he created in the tower. On Day 93, he writes of trying to catch a Loth-cat to give to Moreena, but it runs away, suggesting to him that he brings everyone, even animals, down. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Rebel Journal by Ezra Bridger)*

*NOTE: See note with previous section above.

- Nine days before Bossk's arrival on Lothal, Gronson "Shifty" Takkaro arrives on Lothal.
(conjecture based on *Ezra's Gamble*)
- On Day 114 of his journal, Ezra Bridger gets a job for Ferpil selling tickets for Gladiator Night at the old Monad Outpost. It is illegal, but it pays. (To be continued below . . .)
(Rebel Journal by Ezra Bridger)
- The Empire, needing the Krai family's farm for its expanding mining operation, condemns the home of Moreena Krai and her family, seizing the land without payment of any kind.
(conjecture based on *Ezra's Gamble*)
- On Lothal, Ezra Bridger (age 14) is working for Ferpil Wallaway, the Xexto who taught Ezra how to pickpocket, as both a pickpocket and seller of tickets to illegal gladiatorial combat events being arranged by a mysterious being known as the "Commissioner," whose real identity even Ferpil does not know. After selling tickets to (and pickpocketing) a new Chagrian arrival to Lothal's capital city (known as, I kid you not, Capital City), Ezra discovers that his friend Moreena Krai and her family are leaving Lothal, after having lost their family's farmland to the Empire. They leave for Alderaan to live with Moreena's grandmother. This is another lost friend for Ezra, who is himself an orphan. Moments later, the bounty hunter Bossk arrives on Lothal in the Hound's Tooth. He announces his intentions to the Imperial authorities to apprehend bail-jumper Gronson "Shifty" Takkaro, a Dug criminal that is to be taken back to Ahakista. Shifty is a gambler and former operations manager of Ahakista's Daystar Casino. He owes money to Imperial Senator Hack Fenlon, who put a bounty on the Imperial Enforcement DataCore for Shifty to be captured alive and returned. He receives "help" from an Imperial Security Bureau officer who claims to be "Lieutenant Herdringer." He advises Bossk against using weapons in the city, then notes that Shifty has been sighted recently at Ake's Tavern in Capital City. Upon landing, Bossk meets Ezra, who has seen his ship landing and drops by to sell more fight tickets. Instead, Bossk hires him for 1,000 credits (half up front) to guide him to Ake's Tavern. Meanwhile, ISB Lieutenant Jenkes (who impersonated Herdringer to Bossk) orders a stormtrooper squad (with remotes) to keep an eye on him. (To be continued below . . .)*/
(Ezra's Gamble)
- On Day 116 of his journal, Ezra Bridger apparently makes a brief note of first meeting Bossk

*(and stealing his ID card), while aboard the bus en route to Ake's Tavern. (To be continued below . . .)**

(Rebel Journal by Ezra Bridger)*

***NOTE:** This seems the only way for this to make sense, given that Ezra and Bossk don't separate after meeting for a while.

- When Ezra Bridger and Bossk near Ake's Tavern, Bossk pretends to have forgotten the name of the person he is to "meet." He pays Ezra the other half of his 1,000, then offers him another 1,000 to enter the tavern, ask if someone is waiting for Bossk, then announce that he is coming. Ezra, getting a sense (perhaps through the Force) that something is not quite right once he enters, instead tries to use a ruse of giving away fight tickets to get names of those inside. Instead, one of a pair of Niktos (the Kratchell twins) inside with Shifty recognizes Ezra as being with Bossk (thanks to being tipped off by Jenkes, who sent the Kratchells and a Duros, Angrigo, to protect Shifty). Ezra is just about to be accosted when Bossk enters from the other direction. A firefight ensues, during which Angrigo and the Kratchells are killed, but Shifty is captured. Unfortunately, Jenkes has set them up, never sanctioning Bossk's hunt as "Herdringer." Stormtroopers arrive to arrest Bossk for his acts of violence, but Bossk attacks them. Ezra claims a fallen stormtrooper helmet during the scuffle, then he and Bossk manage to escape through an upper level. They then uses a speeder bike to escape with Shifty (now a corpse, having been killed in the fighting), but Bossk is injured. On a promise of receiving all of the money in a strong box back on the Hound's Tooth, Ezra gets Bossk to the abandoned tower in which Ezra lives in order to give him time to heal. Upon their escape, Jenkes puts out kill orders for both of them, though he does not know Ezra's identity. Once Bossk recovers, they use a jump bike Ezra has kept nearby to go into the city again, where Bossk, posing as a blind tourist, will use the local Imperial bounty posting agency to gather needed information. Under an alias, Bossk has Ezra pay 15 credits to access a computer. He learns that the real Herdringer died three months ago when hit by a speeder bus. He was then replaced by Jenkes. They also learn that Jenkes, before joining the military, ran a gladiator arena on Nyriian nine years ago, where Shifty was a bookmaker, suggesting that the illegal fights to which Ezra was selling tickets are the work of Jenkes and Shifty, further suggesting that Jenkes is the "Commissioner." Unfortunately, Jenkes has flagged such files and now knows that they are learning too much. Jenkes has also had his RA-7 droid check for footage of what Ezra was doing prior to working for Bossk. Thus, he learns that Ezra was selling tickets for his fights via the intermediary, Ferpil. Jenkes secretly takes two stormtroopers and goes to Ferpil's pawn shop, where he delivers a lethal wound to Ferpil. After eluding more stormtroopers (and even a pair of bounty hunters trying to collect on a government bounty posted on them by Jenkes), Ezra and Bossk get to Ferpil's in time for him to die in Ezra's arms from his wounds, another friend lost. The duo then heads for Monad Outpost, site of the gladiatorial battle this time. It seems that Jenkes is wiping out all of his loose ends and may be about to make a run for it, but he will surely try to take profits from this last fight before he goes. Jenkes and his two troopers arrive under the pretense of seeking the Commissioner for arrest, even as Gladiator Night at Monad Arena begins. (It is actually a rigged match between Borbig Drog and Warjak.) Jenkes kills one of his own henchmen to "seize" the night's box full of credits. As the troopers take the box out to the armored speeder that Jenkes intends to use to escape (once he kills the troopers too), Bossk confronts Jenkes, whom he tricks into admitting arranging the death of Herdringer. As Bossk and Ezra pursue Jenkes, the Imperial tries to turn the crowd against Bossk by taking the microphone and telling everyone that the Empire has surrounded the arena and only wants Bossk. Bossk, though, makes his own announcement, claiming to want to die in combat. He leaps into the arena and defeats both combatants easily. Now that he has everyone's attention, he announces Jenkes' crimes to everyone, including his attempt to steal all the proceeds from tonight's bout, including what would have been the winnings for the gamblers in the arena. Jenkes tries to escape the angry crowd, but Ezra knocks him out with a well-placed slingshot strike. Bossk turns Jenkes over to Imperial Commandant Cumberlayne Aresko and Taskmaster Grint, is paid for his efforts, and is ready to leave Lothal. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Ezra's Gamble)

- On Day 119 of his journal (the night Monad Outpost's illegal fights are shut down, thanks to him and Bossk), Ezra Bridger discusses his adventure with Bossk and how they made a good team in his opinion. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Rebel Journal by Ezra Bridger)

- Before Bossk leaves Lothal on the morning after busting Jenkes, he gives Ezra the money in his strong box, which only actually amounts to 75 credits. He also accepts a larger box from some stormtroopers that he claims holds Jenkes himself (or his body, more likely). After Bossk leaves, Ezra sees the Ghost, a ship currently unknown to him, down a TIE fighter. He reaches the crashed TIE and pretends to be wanting to help the pilot, Baron Valen Rudor. Instead, he steals the pilot's helmet and some other small items before escaping the scene by zapping the pilot with his slingshot. He has a feeling, though, that he just might see that diamond-shaped starship, the Ghost, again. How right he is . . . *

(Ezra's Gamble and Property of Ezra Bridger)*

*NOTE: The video *Property of Ezra Bridger* from the *Rebels Shorts* series overlaps with the last chapter or so of *Ezra's Gamble*. Bear in mind that it was called *Property of Ezra Bridger* in its original advertisement, then changed to *Not What You Think* in its online release, but then changed back to *Property of Ezra Bridger* for the DVD release of *Spark of Rebellion*, on which this was a bonus feature.

- When the Ghost is pursued by a quartet of TIE fighters, Hera Syndulla flies, while Kanan Jarrus uses the turret. The real hero of the moment, though, is Chopper, as the droid manages conflicting orders from the two on what to fix or address first. As it stands, he saves the day, only to finally return to the cockpit to find Hera and Kanan congratulating each other on their shooting and about to kiss. Chopper just gives up and returns to fixing the shields.

(The Machine in the Ghost)

- On Lothal, Mandalorian rebel Sabine Wren sneaks onto a landing pad to paint graffiti on the wing of a TIE fighter, right under the noses of a pair of stormtroopers. When caught, she banters with them briefly before escaping. As the stormtroopers check her "tag," a bomb she left behind on the wing explodes, providing a nice artistic display for the art-loving Sabine and good cover as the Ghost lifts off after completing another job for this small rebel crew. *

(Art Attack)*

*NOTE: If there was any doubt as to whether this takes place before *Spark of Rebellion* or not, *The Rebellion Begins* makes a reference to Sabine (or someone in similar armor – yeah, Sabine) being wanted for this attack.

- Sabine Wren records in her sketchbook (journal) the events of her "art attack" diversion. (To be continued below . . .)

(Sabine: My Rebel Sketchbook)

- On Lothal, Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios is late for a rendezvous with Kanan Jarrus. While in the wrong alley than the actual rendezvous point, Zeb spots a pair of stormtroopers manhandling an Ugnaught and his droid. He knocks out the two stormtroopers, only to be pursued by others, until he reaches a restricted area with a TIE fighter and its pilot, Baron Valen Rudor. He knocks Rudor aside and takes on the troopers, leaping up and around the TIE frequently, all while Kanan, exasperated, comments via comlink. When Rudor gets back into the action, Zeb knocks him out. When other stormtroopers arrive, blaster fire ignites leaking fuel from the TIE, ending the confrontation with a bang. As he leaves the scene, Zeb is met by the Ugnaught he helped, who offers to pay him for helping, but Zeb just accepts one of the Ugnaught's fruits instead of credits. As more stormtroopers arrive, Zeb is ready to continue the fight.

(Entanglement)

- When the crew of the Ghost (Hera Syndulla, Kanan Jarrus, Sabine Wren, Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios, and C1-01P AKA "Chopper") are directed by Cikatro Vizago of the Broken Horn Syndicate on where to meet with a ship that bears others with anti-Imperial sentiments, they head for the ship, only to find when they board that the ship has been attacked. The freedom fighters are revealed to have been Wookiees, including Clone Wars hero Wullffwarro and his son, Kitwarr. However, they appear to have been attacked by the Empire and taken as slaves, as often happens to Wookiees. Meanwhile, on Lothal, Ezra Bridger (age 14) somewhat reluctantly takes a job from a being who once taught him how to pickpocket, the Ruurian (who staves off becoming a chrome-wing with expensive medical treatments) known as Slyyth. The job is to supposedly steal Imperial helmets, something of which Ezra has a collection, but after he sneaks aboard a transport by impersonating an Imperial cadet and mages to steal the bag he was sent to steal, it only ends up holding a bunch of datapads full of Imperial propaganda. He nearly was caught without much to show for it. He needs a bigger score soon. (To be continued below . . .)*

(The Rebellion Begins)*

*NOTE: This is all apparently after Ezra leaves Bossk, as we near the end of that day.

- On Day 120 of his journal Ezra Bridger discusses how Bossk has left and he is always alone. He is laying low for now with a big score planned for the next day. *

(Rebel Journal by Ezra Bridger)*

***NOTE:** From this point forward, the journal stops using day numbers, but it appears that the “next day” is meant to be the day *Spark of Rebellion* begins, as the rest of the book is a sort of first person summary or recounting of that episode of *Rebels*.

- Imperial Security Bureau Agent Aleksandr Kallus arrives in a shuttle over Lothal and boards the Imperial Star Destroyer *Lawbringer*, which is under the command of Captain Hiram Zataire, who is rather surprised to see the ISB Agent. During a dinner to welcome the agent to the ship, Kallus brings up Zataire’s son, who is an anti-Imperial agitator. Kallus recognizes that the wine being served as if it is Lothal’s own type is actually from Alderaan and a gift from Zataire’s son, which the officer, who is fiercely loyal to the Empire and despises his son’s ideas while still loving him as a son, confirms. Using the promise of being able to keep Zataire’s son safe from the ISB finding him on Alderaan, Kallus makes sure that Zataire answers to him unquestioningly, which, frankly, may not have been necessary anyway, given the man’s loyalty. To make a show of strength to the citizens of Lothal below, Kallus orders the *Lawbringer* to be lowered to hover over Capital City, even though that leaves Lothal space (which Kallus deems peaceful due to the Empire’s very existence) technically undefended for a short time. (To be continued below . . .)*

(The Rebellion Begins)*

***NOTE:** Just in case you are looking for where this summary continues below, it does not do so under its own name. The rest of the book is an adaptation of *Spark of Rebellion*.

- Aboard an Imperial Star Destroyer, the Grand Inquisitor is contacted by Darth Vader, who relays a command from Emperor Palpatine. With the Jedi all but extinct, the Emperor has foreseen a new threat: the children of the Force, who could one day become Jedi. They must be found and either recruited to serve the Emperor or eliminated. On Lothal, Ezra Bridger (age 14) is atop the decommissioned communications tower where he lives when the Imperial Star Destroyer *Lawbringer*, under Imperial Security Bureau Agent Aleksandr Kallus’ orders, dips low above the capital to instill fear in the populace of Capital City. He uses his jumpspeeder to head into the town bazaar, looking for a decent opportunity for theft. He witnesses Commandant Cumberland Aresko of the Imperial Academy and his “flunky,” Taskmaster Myles Grint harassing a Jogan fruit seller, Yoffar. As Yoffar is about to be taken away and Grint confiscates and begins eating the fruit, Ezra “bumps” into Aresko, pickpocketing his comlink and calling in a fake emergency to draw the Imperials away. As they abandon Yoffar, he thanks Ezra, but Ezra takes his own “thanks” in the form of some Jogan fruit. Ezra follows the Imperials to where they meet Supply Master Yogar Lyste, whom they think sent the call. Lyste is guarding some speederbikes that are transporting some crates. While spying on them and wondering what is in the crates, Ezra senses something through the Force (without realizing it is the Force) and has his attention drawn to a man in the bazaar (Kanan Jarrus), who he sees coordinating with a Mandalorian girl (Sabine Wren) and a Lasat (Garazeb “Zeb” Orrelios). Kanan senses him as well. Kanan, Zeb, and Sabine enact a plan to steal the speederbikes with the crates, but before they can leave with all three bikes, Ezra steals one trailing two crates and zips away, stealing from the thieves. Sabine leaps aboard the crates and frees one, leaving Ezra with the other. Ezra is pursued by Kanan and Zeb, and all are pursued by Imperials, including a TIE fighter that nearly kills Ezra. Ezra is saved by the timely arrival of the Ghost, flown by the thieves’ other allies, Hera Syndulla and C1-10P (“Chopper”). The Ghost destroys the TIE, and Kanan allows Ezra to board the ship and escape with them into space, where they outfight TIE fighters and jump to hyperspace. Kanan tells Hera about Ezra, and she is impressed, wonder if he might be something special. Zeb tosses Ezra into a room for safekeeping when he rubs Zeb the wrong way, but Ezra slips out through a vent and finds himself in the seat of the ship’s turret. Sabine enters, removing her helmet and taking control of the turret. Ezra is immediately infatuated with Sabine (who is 16 to his 14). Back on Lothal, Aresko reports to Agent Kallus, who is on the trail of this group that is not just thieves but anti-Imperial rebels. With the Ghost’s signal scrambled, the rebels return to Lothal, where they go to “Tarkintown,” a sort of shantytown for displaced families. Whereas the one crate that Ezra was able to check out when boarding the Ghost was full of weapons, the others that Zeb, Sabine, and a reluctant Ezra deliver to Tarkintown are full of food. As Ezra receives thanks that he knows he does not deserve, Hera and Kanan take the crate of blasters to their contact, the leader of the Broken Horn Syndicate, Cikatro Vizago, who pays them some of what he owes them and offers them information for the rest of the fee. Recently, the crew attempted to make contact with a ship full of anti-Imperial Wookiees when tipped off to a possible alliance by Vizago. However, when they got to the ship, they found that the Wookiees, including Clone Wars hero Wulffwarro and his son Kitwarr, had been found and captured as slaves to the Empire.

Vizago has apparently discovered on which Imperial ship the Wookiees are being held during transfer to their destination and where to find it. Back at the Ghost, Ezra follows a strange instinct through the Force that draws him to Kanan's quarters on the ship. There he finds Kanan's holocron (given to him by Depa Billaba on Keller) and his lightsaber. Ezra steals the Holocron but is caught by Kanan and Hera, alerted by Chopper, once he activates the lightsaber. Ezra returns the lightsaber but not the holocron. Both Hera and Kanan, though, wonder about Ezra and will wait to see what happens with him now that he has the holocron (which they realize he kept). As Kanan briefs the crew on the Wookiee situation, Ezra eavesdrops and is caught in the act. Hera decides to keep an eye on Ezra in the cockpit, while they head for the Imperial transport. Upon reaching it, Hera claims that they have another Wookiee prisoner to transfer to the ship on behalf of Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin. The Imperials allow them to dock, and Zeb (as a "rare, hairless Wookiee") is to be escorted aboard by Kanan, Sabine, and Chopper. They knock out some troopers and carry out their duties. On the Ghost, Ezra senses danger just as the Lawbringer emerges from Hyperspace. It is a trap! Hera is able to convince Ezra, after some thoughts on the need to live for more than himself, to board the transport. Against his better judgement, he races aboard, finding Kanan and Zeb just as they reach the room where the Wookiees are said to be held and find it instead filled with stormtroopers. Elsewhere on the transport, Sabine and Chopper enact the next part of the plan, shutting off the artificial gravity at a predetermined time and duration, which Kanan, Zeb, and Ezra use to make their way past the newly-arrived Agent Kallus and his stormtroopers. The team reunites and is nearly at the ship, with only Zeb and Ezra left to go, when Kallus catches up to them and grabs Ezra. Zeb chooses not to help Ezra, telling him simply that he "did good" before boarding the Ghost and signaling that they are clear to launch. The Ghost escapes amid the destruction of the transport (thanks to detonators left by Sabine), then leaps to hyperspace. It is only once in space that Zeb admits that he left Ezra behind. Aboard the Lawbringer, Ezra (who claims his name is "Jabba the Hutt") is informed that he will be bait for the rebels. Stormtroopers take his bag and the energy slingshot he wears on his wrist, but they do not find the holocron. He drops it to the floor and begins to think deeply, only to find that he unconsciously uses the Force to open the holocron, which begins playing Obi-Wan Kenobi's warning to the Jedi after Order 66. He soon pretends to be ill and manages to lock his two guards in his cell so that he can escape. He reclaims his gear and takes an Imperial helmet, which he uses to eavesdrop on transmissions aboard the ship. Even as he makes his way through air ducts, he hears that the Ghost has arrived, apparently to rescue him. He sends a fake transmission to thin out the number of Imperials going to the hangar where the Ghost is landing. The rebels are barely into the halls when Ezra meets them. This time, they all escape on the Ghost. Rather than letting them take him home, Ezra reveals that he overheard that the Wookiees are being taken to the spice mines of Kessel. He intends to stay with them to finish the job of saving the Wookiees. Kallus, though, learns that Ezra was listening when the helmet is found with the transmitter still turned on. He follows them to Kessel. Soon, the Ghost arrives at Kessel as the Wookiee slaves are being unloaded from the real transport they were on. The crew (minus Hera still aboard the Ghost, piloting, and Chopper, who mans the ship's weapons) engages stormtroopers, while Ezra sneaks over to free Wullffwarro and the other Wookiees. They are taken by surprise when Kallus arrives with more troopers and TIE fighters. The Wookiees help the rebels engage the Imperials, but young Kitwarr is separated from the others. To save them and draw the Imperials' attention, Kana stands from cover, approaches the Imperials, dodging blaster fire with ease, then ignites his lightsaber, outing himself as a Jedi. As expected, the shocked ISB agent orders the stormtroopers to focus on the Jedi. As Zeb and Sabine get the Wookiees to a container to be picked up by the Ghost when Hera makes it back around again soon (after taking out some TIEs), Ezra takes off after Kitwarr to save the young Wookiee, like something Kanan himself would do. An instinctive Force-assisted jump and some fire from his slingshot save Kitwarr from a stormtrooper, but Kallus has pursued him, thinking him Kanan's Padawan. Before Kallus can kill or capture Ezra, the Ghost rises near the platform they are on, with Kanan atop it. Some well-placed blasts send Kallus over the railing, where he manages to catch himself. Ezra is brought aboard the Ghost, which docks with a friendly Wookiee ship that Wullffwarro contacts. With the Wookiees gone, the ship lands on Lothal to return Ezra home. As a last act of thievery, Ezra bumps into Kanan and pickpockets his lightsaber. Kanan notices, of course, but says nothing. Hera and Kanan note how Kanan was considering that he could train Ezra as a Padawan, and Hera encourages him to let Ezra keep the lightsaber to see if he would return it as he did

before, as another test. If he does not, then Kanan can build another lightsaber. As Ezra leaves, Kanan requires his property back, and Ezra gives him only the opened holocron. Upon seeing it open, Hera notes that he has passed “the test,” presumably of being able to use the Force to open it, instinctively or otherwise. Ezra returns to the communications tower, deciding that he should not sell the lightsaber but somehow learn to use it and the Force. He senses Kanan behind him and asks him what the Force actually is. The two discuss Ezra’s options. He can keep the lightsaber and go his own way, or he can return it, join the crew, and be trained as Kanan’s apprentice. Kanan leaves Ezra to consider his choice. Once back on the Ghost, Kanan meditates and listens to Obi-Wan’s final message. He opens his eyes to see Ezra at the door, returning the lightsaber and joining the Ghost “family.” Meanwhile, Kallus contacts the Grand Inquisitor, reporting the presence of a Jedi and potential Padawan among the rebel cell operating out of Lothal . . .

(Spark of Rebellion)

- Sabine Wren records in her sketchbook (journal) the events of the Ghost crew’s most recent adventure, including comments on Ezra Bridger joining the crew and her interest in languages. (To be continued below . . .)
(Sabine: My Rebel Sketchbook)
- In space, the Ghost only narrowly escapes pursuit by an Imperial Star Destroyer. Unfortunately, they have escaped without the shipment they were seeking. They are low on food, fuel, explosives, and other necessities. They have little choice but to take a job as “arms redistributors” for Cikatro Vizago. With Kanan Jarrus already knowing the specifics of the job, they travel back to Capital City, where Sabine Wren, Garazeb “Zeb” Orrelios, Ezra Bridger, Chopper, and Kanan board a shuttle (piloted by RX-24) to Garel in separate, smaller groups. The shuttle is also carrying Lothal’s Minister Maketh Tua and the Aqualish weapons designer Amda Wabo of Garel. Wabo does not speak Basic, so Maketh is being helped by two droids on loan from Bail Organa: C-3PO and R2-D2. While in hyperspace, Ezra and Chopper create a scene, leading to Kanan acting like a passenger annoyed with Chopper’s antics. RX-24 orders Chopper to the back of the ship, which Ezra uses as an excuse to also have C-3PO and R2-D2 sent to the back, per Imperial regulations. This leaves Maketh without a translator until Sabine pretends to be Zeb’s ward and a Level 5 student at the Imperial Academy. She offers to translate as practices for her exams, but when Maketh asks for where “the shipment” is being held, she purposely mistranslates his answer as “Bay 17” instead of “Bay 7.” Upon arrival at the Garel spaceport, Maketh, Wabo, C-3PO, and R2-D2 head for Bay 17, while the Ghost crew members head for Bay 7. Ezra makes his way there first and opens the doors for the others, using his Force-assisted jumping skills. Hera arrives in the Ghost, but things take a turn for the worse when Zeb opens a crate and reveals that the contents are T-7 Ion Disruptors, which have been banned by the Senate. Zeb is particularly shocked because these type of weapons were used against his people when the Imperials came to Lasan and wiped out most Lasats. Over in Bay 17, the Imperials realize that they are in the wrong place, and no amount of distractions from Chopper dissuade them from heading to Bay 7. The Imperials arrive and confront the rebels. As Zeb distracts and then attacks the stormtroopers (with some help from Kanan), Sabine and Ezra get the crates to the ship. Seeking to escape the firefight, R2-D2 and C-3PO follow Chopper when he boards the Ghost. Our heroes escape into space, only to realize that they have two stowaways. Zeb suggests that they destroy the disruptors. Sabine has overheard that they are prototypes of weapons to be mass-produced for the Empire on Lothal. Their job, though, is to sell them to Vizago. Meanwhile, Maketh reports to Imperial Security Bureau Agent Alexsandr Kallus (aboard the Lawbringer) about the theft, mentioning members of the rebel team, which draws him in search of the rebels who eluded him recently. On the Ghost, Hera explains the tragedy of Lasan to Ezra, who is currently frustrated because Kanan has promised to train him to be a Jedi, yet training has still not truly begun. The Ghost arrives at their meeting with Vizago on Lothal, but they now have a counter-offer. R2-D2 claims that their true mission had been to make sure the Empire did not get the disruptors. Left on the Ghost when the others step out to speak with Vizago, C-3PO sends a distress call to be rescued by the Imperials. The call, put in to Governor Arihnda Pryce, is re-routed to Kallus, who now knows their exact location. The Empire arrives at the meeting coordinates, and Vizago takes off before he can be caught with the rebels. Kanan orders Sabine to destroy the disruptors, and R2-D2 suggests putting them on overload so that they explode. An Imperial AT-DP is dropped from a transport and attacks, even as Kallus and stormtroopers arrive. Amid the firefight that ensues, Kallus steps forward with a Lasat bo-rifle, a weapon that is supposed to only have been used by the Honor

Guard of Lasan. It turns out that Kallus was the one who gave the order to use disruptors against the Lasat during the Fall of Lasan, and he got his bo-rifle after killing an Honor Guard. Zeb and Kallus engage in a fierce bo-rifle duel, while the others send the overloading disruptors into the walker and stormtroopers, disabling them. As Kallus knocks Zeb to his knees and is about to kill him, Ezra instinctively lashes out with the Force, using a Force push to throw Kallus away from Zeb, saving his life. The crew (along with the two stowaways) escape aboard the Ghost. A short time later, they meet with C-3PO and R2-D2's true owner, Senator Bail Organa of Alderaan (whose identity is not revealed to the crew), returning them. They have made a new friend, and Bail wants to know all about them from the droids. His own anti-Imperial activities may make them useful allies later. As for Ezra, his true Jedi training will finally begin.

(Droids in Distress)

- Sabine Wren records in her sketchbook (journal) the events of the Ghost crew's most recent adventure, their disruptor deal. (To be continued below . . .)

(Sabine: My Rebel Sketchbook)

- Aboard the Ghost, Ezra Bridger tries to use the Force to levitate a bowl, only for Chopper to raise it with his manipulator arm as a practical joke. This leads to Ezra and Chopper chasing each other around, waking Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios, whose room Ezra shares, and then angering him when Ezra jumps onto his bunk, which falls on Zeb, thanks to some bolts removed by Chopper. When Zeb is ready to pound Ezra, he throws having saved him from Agent Alexandr Kallus recently in Zeb's face. When another chase between Ezra and Zeb crashes across the ship, Hera Syndulla orders them off of the ship until they can go to Kothal on Lothal to acquire items on a market list, including a meiloorun fruit. (If they return without that fruit, they cannot board the ship again.) In the market, Ezra runs into Morad Sumar, an old family friend, Morad Sumar, who has no meiloorun fruits, which do not grow on Lothal. Meanwhile, Zeb gathers all of the rest of the supplies. Ezra also sees the Empire, represented by Yogar Lyste, trying to pressure Sumar into selling his farm. They finally spot a seller who has meiloorun fruits, only to find that all have been requisitioned by the Empire. Crates of the fruits and other items are being loaded onto an Imperial troop transport. Ezra and Zeb intend to steal one. Ezra tries to use the Force to remove a crate lid and a fruit, but his still are too unrefined to do so. Instead, he sneaks aboard the transport to steal one and is caught in the act. Zeb has to leave the other supplies and come to Ezra's aid. They flee empty-handed into the streets and onto the rooftops but get separated. Zeb runs straight into where Baron Valen Rudor is launching his TIE fighter. Caught between the TIE and stormtroopers, Zeb leaps into action (literally) and opens up the TIE, throwing out Rudor. He then uses the TIE to attack the stormtroopers and fly away, gathering up Ezra along the way, making them even now that Zeb has saved Ezra. They escape Kothal in the TIE, but they blast some market stalls along the way, ending up with fruit covering the viewport. Fortunately, Ezra's sense of danger in the Force saves them from crashing into obstacles in flight. Ezra then cleans off the viewport while Zeb flies relatively safely. They contact the Ghost, telling them that they stole a TIE, though they have not deactivated its locator beacon until Kanan Jarrus mentions it. Kanan orders them to dump the starfighter because of how much attention they must be drawing. Meanwhile, a trio of Imperial troop transports (including the one with the fruit), visits Sumar's farm, simply taking it for the Empire and making prisoners of Sumar and others. They set off but are quickly noticed by Ezra and Zeb. They swoop in to help. Ezra leaps down from the TIE onto the transport carrying the prisoners. When Zeb tries to impersonate an Imperial ("Commander Meiloorun"), the Imperials recognize the ruse and consider the TIE a threat. Ezra uses the Force to manipulate the release button to save the prisoners, who are able to jump to safety. Ezra comes under attack by stormtroopers on the roof of the transport, even as Zeb is being fired upon by cannons. Ezra uses meiloorun fruits as weapons, then clogs the cannon firing on Zeb with a wrench. He steals a fruit, then gets back aboard the TIE with Zeb's help (hanging from his feet as the TIE flies upside down.) They supposedly crash the TIE (instead actually hiding it to keep for later) and return to the Ghost. Their animosity is somewhat gone now, especially since Zeb saved Rudor's helmet for Ezra. Ezra thinks Sabine Wren might paint it for him, but she has already been busy. In their absence, she has painted a mural in their room of the moment their scuffle started when Ezra's bunk, sabotaged by Chopper, fell on Zeb. Chopper makes fun of them both, leading to another chase in the ship, this time both chasing after Chopper instead of each other. This "family" is acting more like one every day.

(Fighter Flight)

- Sabine Wren records in her sketchbook (journal) the events of the Ghost crew's most recent adventure, including sketches of the image she painted onto the wall in the quarters shared by Ezra Bridger and Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios. (To be continued below . . .)
(**Sabine: My Rebel Sketchbook**)
- The crew of the Ghost raid an Imperial supply yard but are pursued by TIE fighters. Kanan Jarrus, Chopper, and Hera Syndulla eventually destroy the TIEs, but the Ghost is now in need of repairs. They head for Osisis Station in the Regani Sector.
(conjecture based on *Ring Race*)
- At Osisis Station in the Regani Sector, the crew of the Ghost intend to buy parts to repair the ship from Galus Vez. Unfortunately, Galus has been having to work harder and harder to hide all trace of the Ghost being on the station each time because the Empire has increased its scrutiny on the station. Galus considers just turning the crew over to the Empire, but due to their long history together, he decides instead to give the crew a fighting chance. He challenges them to a race through his private Fool's Run course with Hera and Chopper in the Ghost and Galus in his modified Mandalorian Gauntlet starfighter, the Splendour. They agree that no guns will be used in the race. If Galus wins, the crew is turned over to the Empire for a profit, and he keeps their ship. If the crew wins, they get all the parts to fix the ship and are allowed to leave. The race begins. During the race, Galus uses remote-controlled boosters on asteroids to try to crush the Ghost repeatedly. Hera is aided by Kanan and Ezra Bridger, who are watching the race and use to Force to nudge other asteroids toward the Splendour, turning the tables on Galus. The Ghost wins, but Galus refuses to let them leave. Sabine Wren and Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios have been busy, however, setting explosives onto Galus' three cargo transports. They blow up one to make their point and threaten to destroy the other two if Galus does not stick to his deal. He finally relents, giving them the parts as agreed. The crew leave, and Galus once again removes all traces of their visit from his records.*
(**Ring Race**)*

*NOTE: According to the writer, Martin Fisher (via an email reposted to Wookieepedia), this story takes place between *Fighter Flight* and *Rise of the Old Masters*.

- On Lothal, Kanan Jarrus trains Ezra Bridger in Jedi skills, while the Padawan stands on his hands on the gun turret of the Ghost, while it hovers far above the surface. (Yeah, Jedi teaching includes no workplace safety regulations!) Chopper and Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios also serve as distractions. Kanan lets Ezra practice a little with Kanan's lightsaber to deflect trash thrown by Chopper, but Ezra falls from the ship after missing several pieces that hit him. He is only saved by Kanan levitating him back to the ship with the Force. (Seriously, they couldn't train while on the ground? And isn't Chopper pretty much a sociopath from all we've seen and are going to see in this season of Rebels?). Ezra's problem, according to Kanan, is that he lacks focus. Ezra and Kanan are not getting along well as master and apprentice. They return inside and catch part of Imperial propagandist Alton Kastle's twisted report on their recent theft of the TIE fighter during their meiloorun fruit run, and the broadcast is interrupted by Senator-in-Exile Gall Trayvis, who is believed to be an Imperial Senator on the run due to speaking out against the Empire. It is said that he is the only Senator who has been brave enough to do so thus far. Trayvis reports that Jedi Master Luminara Unduli is alive, held captive by the Empire but not publicly shown to be so because the Empire has tried to erase all records of the Jedi over the last 14 years. Trayvis claims that she is being held at a prison in the Stygeon System. Kanan knows they must rescue her and that she would be a great teacher for Ezra. (This is because Kanan does not think he is capable of teaching, but Ezra sees it as Kanan not wanting to teach him because of some deficiency in Ezra.) Sabine Wren reveals details of the only Imperial prison in the Stygeon System, the Spire. (This is the same prison that once held Darth Maul when held by Darths Sidious and Tyranus.) The prison is supposedly impregnable, a veritable work of art in terms of security. Despite the dangers involved, the crew of the Ghost head for Stygeon Prime. With Chopper left on the Ghost, Hera Syndulla pilots the others down to the prison in the Phantom (a smaller ship that can separate from the rear of the Ghost). Kanan, Ezra, Zeb, and Sabine infiltrate the prison from a balcony, taking out stormtroopers in their way, while Hera attaches the Phantom below the balcony, against the outer wall of the prison. The ship is soon accosted by Tibidees, flying creatures that are drawn by her jamming signal, which they hear as a mating call. She is forced to disengage and fly away to avoid drawing attention. Kanan can sense Luminara somewhat in the Force, so he and Ezra make their way to her cell, while Zeb and Sabine hold the elevator they need for their escape. When they reach her cell,

though, they find that Luminara is already dead. In fact, she likely died long ago, but her body is in the cell in a containment unit, still able to emanate a strange version of her presence in the Force. The entire mission has been a trap (though they have no reason yet to believe Trayvis had any role in it). Kanan and Ezra are confronted by the Pau'an Darksider known as the Grand Inquisitor. Kanan duels the Grand Inquisitor but is outmatched. The Grand Inquisitor is so skilled that he can even recognize Kanan's lightsaber style as that of his former Jedi Master, Depa Billaba. Kanan and Ezra flee, but the Grand Inquisitor pursues with his spinning, double-bladed lightsaber. Kanan tries to protect Ezra, but the Grand Inquisitor Force pushes and nearly knocks him out. It is only when Ezra refuses to join the Inquisitor that the Grand Inquisitor leaps to kill him, forcing Kanan to his senses to grab the Grand Inquisitor through the Force to save Ezra. The duo flees again, rejoining Sabine and Zeb, who have realized that they are being set up and planned a new way out at a nearby landing platform. The Grand Inquisitor continues to pursue, only briefly held off by a blast door. Using the Force together, Ezra and Kanan open the locked hangar doors as a sort of impromptu training exercise. They open to a large contingent of stormtroopers, but they are able to battle their way through with help from Phantom cannon blasts and riled Tibidees from above. They escape to the Phantom just as the Grand Inquisitor emerges from the blast doors, throws his spinning saber, and fails to strike them, thanks to a deflection from Kanan. They head back to the Ghost, then back to Lothal. Once back on Lothal, Ezra tells Kanan that he knows Kanan wanted to dump him on Luminara, so he will let Kanan off the hook in terms of training him. Kanan reveals the truth that he just wanted Ezra to have the best teacher. (Ezra doesn't want the best teacher. He wants Kanan.) Kanan and Ezra spoke during his training about Yoda's "do or do not, there is no try" lesson, and Kanan was unsure what it would mean. He realizes now that it is not about trying but about doing, even failure is possible. He will not try to teach Ezra. He will teach Ezra. Training resumes.

(Rise of the Old Masters)

- Sabine Wren records in her sketchbook (journal) the events of the Ghost crew's most recent adventure, including her thoughts on the Spire. (To be continued below . . .)

(Sabine: My Rebel Sketchbook)

- Kanan Jarrus attempts to help Ezra Bridger learn how to purposely use the Force to move objects with precision, but it seems that Ezra's patience is wearing thin. Someday he will learn the value of patience, one of the most important Jedi skills. The next day, Kanan and Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios leave the Ghost in the Phantom to attack an Imperial communications center. While they are away, an Imperial transport attacks the Ghost. Hera Syndulla pilots the ship into a nebula to evade pursuit, leaving both the Imperial ship and the Ghost zapped by lightning. Chopper must fix the reactor, while Ezra works on the power grid, and Sabine Wren works on the targeting systems. All three must be repaired to escape the nebula and the Imperials, but Ezra seems to be having a lot of trouble. Finally, the Imperials get underway and attack again. Ezra's is the only repair job not done, but he finally finds the patience to stop and use the Force. The pieces lift into the air and fit perfectly into place, allowing them to escape for their rendezvous with the Phantom. When Kanan asks what they have been up to, Ezra tells him he will find out soon. He just needs a little patience as well.*

(Learning Patience)*

*NOTE: According to the writer, Martin Fisher (via an email reposted to Wookieepedia), this story takes place between *Rise of the Old Masters* and *Breaking Ranks*, which is where I had originally placed the story.

- The Empire destroys a slavers' nest on Carrandar Secundus.
(conjecture based on *Rebel in the Ranks*)
- The Galactic league commissioner reviews a proposed trade between the Shad Furies and the Eriadu Patriots.
(conjecture based on *Rebel in the Ranks*)
- Lothal grain production exceeds ministry targets.
(conjecture based on *Rebel in the Ranks*)
- Zare Leonis and his girlfriend, Merei Spanjaf, part ways (physically, not in terms of their relationship), as he heads for the Imperial Academy on Lothal and she joins Lothal's Vocational School for Institutional Security (V-SIS). Zare's cadet orientation will keep them out of touch for two weeks.
(conjecture based on *Rebel in the Ranks*)
- It is now fall on Lothal. Zare Leonis reports to the Imperial Academy for intake, where he is interviewed by Sergeant Currahee. She perpetuates the Imperial lie that his sister, Dhara Leonis had abandoned the Academy and is now missing, but her questions about whether

Zare ever dreams of her are a specific enough to suggest something Force-related might be involved with her disappearance or what they may expect of Zare. His answers do not spark attention, and he is sent for normal intake. Two days after Zare's intake and the beginning of his two-week orientation (during which he will have no outside contact), his girlfriend, Merei Spanjaf, has also begun her studies at Lothal's Vocational School for Institutional Security (V-SIS). While out of contact with Zare, Merei continues to do all she can with her slicing and security programming skills to look for hints about what happened to Dhara. At the Academy, Zare is assigned to squad NRC-077's Unit Aurek, which includes Zare, Jai Kell, Nazhros Oleg (a real jerk), and Pandak Symes, who all answer to Sergeant Currahee and Lieutenant Chiron. Pandak has a lot of trouble with the physical requirements of their exercises and is taunted mercilessly by Oleg, whom everyone else grows to dislike rather quickly. (Oleg's dislike even extends to being annoyed with Pandak for winning a roll of his chance cube to see who would get the lower bunk.) As training continues, Zare again shows leadership abilities, leading to a brief meeting with Chiron, who offers to look into Dhara's disappearance on his end. Merei, meanwhile, uses the cover of an "assignment" to ask questions of her security specialist parents, Gandr and Jessa, that lead her to the idea of breaking into deeper Imperial network access by starting with something of lower security, which seems possible due to how quickly (and poorly) the Empire set up their network on Lothal. She visits the lab on campus where older students are running tests on counter-measure programs and the like, hoping to enlist their help to create a program for her, but she is rudely mocked and sent away. One of the boys, though, Jix Hekyl, catches up to her later and offers to help. At the Academy, training continues until a field exercise takes place, during which Pandak freezes briefly. He is helped by Zare, but Pandak washes out of the Academy (which gives a smug Oleg the bunk he had wanted all along). Merei is pointed by Hekyl to Bandis Yong, who points her to an older man who knows who can get her the kind of program she needs to use the less secure Transportation Ministry network to infiltrate into other, deeper networks. The night of her meeting with the old man marks the end of Zare's two-week orientation, allowing Zare to finally comm home to his parents and then speak with Merei, whom he urges not to put herself in danger when looking for leads on Dhara. Merei Spanjaf follows instructions from the old man to a meeting with Yahenna Laxo of the Gray Syndicate, who is willing to provide the program and devices that she needs to break into the Imperial network at the Transportation Ministry and dig deeper into the Imperial network. In return, though, she delivers a package with unspecified contents for Laxo, no questions asked. Back at the Academy, other cadets continue to wash out of the program. With so many leaving, Unit Aurek is informed that their unit, and others, will soon be brought back to full strength over the next couple of weeks with transfer cadets from other academies. Unit Aurek is introduced to the Well, a training facility based on the Box. After two tests in the Well, Zare goes to ask Chiron about the lesson of the most recent session, only to find Chiron speaking with Piers Roddance, who is now a captain, who brings no news of Dhara but has at least responded to Chiron's inquiries on the subject. Meanwhile, Merei goes undercover as Kinera Tiree, daughter of a Transportation Ministry official, at the ministry to "sell raffle tickets in the cafeteria." She uses this ruse to get inside and plant three slicing devices to input programming that will help her break through walls in the network. Soon, she delivers a report on her progress to Zare during Visiting Day. Things are moving along for the two young rebels, but not nearly fast enough with Dhara still out there somewhere. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Rebel in the Ranks)*

*NOTE: The first few segments in this story carry over from fall into early winter on Lothal, while also spanning an indeterminate number of weeks (including a two-week stretch of orientation for Zare). I have split the story here, at a logical breaking point, so that readers of this timeline have a sense of time passing and other events transpiring (such as *Ring Race* and the like) before *Breaking Ranks*. To have put it before other episodes of *Rebels* might have stretched credulity if we are ever given a more detailed timeline of the span between *Rebels* episodes.

- Ezra Bridger is sent by Kanan Jarrus and the crew of the Ghost on a mission to infiltrate the Imperial Academy as a cadet, using a fake background that claims that he, as "Dev Morgan," is transferring to Capital City's academy from the Pretor Flats Academy on the far side of Lothal. With this fake background, he enters training. Meanwhile, Chopper is inserted into Imperial headquarters on Lothal with a new paint job to hide his real color scheme. Weeks will pass while Ezra trains and builds his cover, time that leaves Kanan on edge and worried about his new apprentice behind enemy lines.*

(conjecture based on *Breaking Ranks* and *Rebel in the Ranks*)*

***NOTE:** It is unclear whether Ezra is infiltrated directly into the Capital City academy or first into the Pretor Flats Academy and then transfers in. It is possible, given the “weeks” he spends undercover that don’t really feel like they have passed in *Rebel in the Ranks*, that the latter may well be the case.

- *At the Imperial Academy in Capital City on Lothal, Unit Aurek (Zare Leonis, Jai Kell, and Nazhros Oleg) are introduced to their newest member, “Dev Morgan,” who has transferred from Pretor Flats Academy. (“Dev,” however, is actually Ezra Bridger undercover.) Meanwhile, Merei Spanjaf, Zare’s girlfriend, uses her recent infiltration into the Imperial network via the Transportation Ministry (which she used to create a fake Imperial Security Bureau identity) to look into what has happened to Dhara Leonis and their old friend Beck Ollet. Beck was interrogated and then sent to something called “Project Unity,” while Dhara’s file requires a ZX-5 access disk to open the file. Again under the guise of work for her security classes, Merei learns from her parents that this is a physical disk required for such access. She also learns that her intrusion at the ministry has been noticed. She was not on camera (due to records being frequently deleted), but her mother, Jessa Spanjaf, has been assigned to investigate. Soon, at the Academy, Unit Aurek is awakened and informed by Sergeant Currahee that the rest of their training that week, a special training for the most promising cadets, will be handled by Commandant Cumberlandyne Aresko himself . . . (To be continued below . . .)**

(Rebel in the Ranks)*

***NOTE:** See note with the first part of this summary above.

- *At the Imperial Academy on Lothal, a group of cadets (Unit Aurek) goes through training under Taskmaster Myles Grint and Commandant Cumberlandyne Aresko. Among the cadets are Jai Kell, Nazhros Oleg, Zare Leonis (age 15), and “Dev Morgan,” who is actually Ezra Bridger undercover for the last couple of weeks. The cadets are sent into the Well, a pit from which they must escape via obstacles that appears to be made of similar technology to the Box or the training facilities used for clone cadets during the Clone Wars. During their first such test, Ezra and Jai make it to the top together, despite Oleg trying to knock them out of the “game.” Zare also makes it up in third place. They are given a tour of Imperial headquarters in Capital City, where Ezra uses a hand signal (seen by Zare) to communicate with Chopper, who has also been inserted into the Imperial ranks with a temporary paint job. Garazeb “Zeb” Orrelios and Sabine Wren observe from nearby, while Kanan Jarrus and Hera Syndulla remain in orbit aboard the Ghost. Kanan is nervous about having sent Ezra in undercover. Back at Imperial Headquarters, the cadets are given small errands to run. Zare uses his access to Minister Maketh Tua’s office (while she is in meetings all day) to use her unmonitored comm to contact Merei Spanjaf (his girlfriend, who is looking into the disappearance of Zare’s sister Dhara Leonis from this very academy a year earlier). He is not sure what “Dev” is up to but believes that the droid (Chopper) is helping him cheat in the Well trials. Merei looks up his profile and finds it pretty thing, as if “Dev Morgan” is not a real cadet. She also explains her need for a ZX-5 decoder, an access disk that will allow her to use a fake Imperial Security Bureau identity she has created for herself in the Imperial network to break into Dhara’s classified file. Zare believes he knows where he can get one, not realizing that it is the same disk that Ezra has been sent in to steal as well.) That evening, they return to Imperial headquarters for assigned errands. While there, Ezra breaks into ISB Agent Aleksandr Kallus’ office, stealing the ZX-5 decoder from his computer, but before he can leave, Ezra is confronted by Zare, who keeps him from leaving the office. Zare points out that the decoder has a built-in sensor that would have put the headquarters on lockdown if Ezra had taken it out of the room. Ezra puts it back in the computer, and the two leave. Ezra (or “Dev,” as far as Zare knows) has a new ally on the inside. The crew give Ezra one more day to get the decoder, which they need to figure out where the Empire will be transporting an enormous Kyber crystal, similar to the one Obi-Wan Kenobi and Anakin Skywalker stopped the Sith from getting from Utapau during the Clone Wars. (It is, presumably, to be used in the creation of the Death Star’s superlaser array, though the crew only knows that it is dangerous and that the Empire wants it.) Zare explains to Ezra that he is in the Academy in hopes of learning what happened to Dhara. He knows the Empire is lying about her disappearance but not why. Ezra reveals that he needs the decoder so his friends can stop a shipment relating to an Imperial weapon. Zare then reveals the need for the ZX-5 decoder for Merei to keep digging, and they agree that they will work together in the Well to get back into Imperial HQ, then work together to get the decoder. Once they get it to Chopper, if Merei can meet with Zeb and Sabine, they can take turns with the decoder so that everyone but the Empire wins. They find Pandak Symes’ chance cube still in the bunk room and use it to determine that*

Ezra's crew will get to use the decoder first. (Zare does not realize until later that Ezra used the Force to rig the toss.) The next day, the cadets of Units Aurek and Besh return to the Well for a tougher test, which includes using training blasters (with yellow, low-power beams). While Oleg tries to take out his competition, Ezra, knowing that Zare won't make it up in at least third place without help due to Oleg's actions, sabotages Jai so that Zare can still get into the top three. Later that day, Ezra and Zare enter Tua's office when she is in meetings again. The office is right across from Kallus' own office. Thanks to Merei's slicing, they know the vents between the two are connected. While Zare distracts Kallus at the door, Ezra uses the Force from a vent in the ceiling to retrieve the decoder. As Ezra is on his way back through the ventilation system, he overhears Aresko speaking via holocomm with the Grand Inquisitor, whom he has informed of two cadets (Ezra and Jai) that may have Force abilities. The Grand Inquisitor is now on his way. Ezra informs Zare of this, and the two briefly discuss Ezra's Force abilities and how the Well training seems designed to also test for Force-attunement. Ezra suggests that Dhara may have been found to be Force-sensitive during training and taken away. Zare agrees that she did often seem to have unnatural insights and such, so his working theory is now that Dhara was taken away for being Force-sensitive. Ezra leaves the decoder and a message for the crew with Chopper and sends him out to where Zeb and Sabine have just met Merei. When Chopper arrives, the duo have Merei wait out of earshot so they can speak with Chopper, who plays the message from Ezra, telling them that he cannot leave until he keeps Jai from falling into the Grand Inquisitor's hands. He also asks for a distraction the next day. Zeb and Sabine return to Merei, use the decoder, then let her use it to break into Dhara's file. As they part ways, Sabine and Zeb report back to Kanan and Hera. Using their decoded information, they figure out where the Kyber crystal shipment will be very soon, so Kanan and Hera leave immediately in the Ghost, while Chopper, Zeb, and Sabine remain on Lothal to provide aid to Ezra in his rescue effort (with some help from Merei keeping an eye on various security feeds for them). That night, Ezra tells Jai that he is going to be handed over to the Grand Inquisitor, but Jai does not believe in the danger. Zare's story of Dhara's disappearance, though, changes his mind. Soon, in space, Kanan uses the Phantom to attack the ship carrying the Kyber crystal, while Hera flies cover in the Ghost. They are successful in destroying the ship, keeping the crystal from Imperial use. They barely escape the big, green energy discharge that ensues, then head back to Lothal. On Lothal, Jai, Zare, and Oleg win the day's challenge, which means they get to ride in an AT-DP walker with its driver. (Ezra was supposed to be with them, but he came in fourth.) With Chopper, Zeb, and Sabine attacking walkers outside, Jai stuns the driver and Oleg, then he and Zare take the AT-DP and join the attack. Ezra leaps atop the walker as it comes under fire from an Imperial troop transport. When its legs are taken out, it falls just right for its cabin to hold open the hangar door. Outside, Ezra is reunited with Zeb, Sabine, and Chopper. They rescue Jai, but Zare refuses to leave, needing to stay to find his sister. As the others escape in a speeder, Zare fires some purposely-missed shots, making himself appear to be a loyal Imperial, trying to stop their escape. In the aftermath of these events, Zare is kept by Lieutenant Chiron for a bit until the Grand Inquisitor finally arrives. The Grand Inquisitor meets with Aresko, Grint, and Zare. He wants to know all there is to know about "Dev Morgan," having met Ezra on Stygeon Prime. Zare uses half-truths to keep the Grand Inquisitor's mental Force use from revealing his true motivations, then speaks as if he can sense Dhara still alive in the Force as a means of convincing the Grand Inquisitor that he might have Force potential himself. (The Grand Inquisitor's reaction also confirms that Dhara is alive.) Zare speaks with Merei, who reveals that Dhara's file has shown that she was discovered to be "special" (i.e. Force-sensitive) and transferred as part of Project Harvester to Arkanis, where the project is headquartered and the Arkanis Academy is located. Zare now needs to be a top cadet at the Lothal academy (and play up his supposed Force-attunement) to hopefully get transferred there and continue his search for Dhara. Things seem to be looking up, until Merei's mother, Jessa Spanjaf, who has been looking into Merei's security intrusion at the Transportation Ministry, mentions that one of Merei's programs did not delete correctly due to a faulty timekeeping device on a console. They can probably trace it back to its user, which would put Merei directly in the crosshairs of her own mother and the wrath of the Empire . . . Meanwhile, the Ghost returns, and the crew agrees to take Jai to his family to help them go into hiding. *

(Breaking Ranks and Rebel in the Ranks)*

*NOTE: *Rebel in the Ranks* follows Zare's portions of *Breaking Ranks* very closely, inserting other elements of his story into the mix the same way that *Breaking Ranks* adds in more elements of the story of the Ghost crew.

Rather than breaking each summary into tiny bits, I have chosen to merge the summaries of the episode and this portion of the book to make for easier reading. Their interweaving (albeit without much detail because the book lacks chapter numbers) can be found in the title listing below.

- *With Jai Kell and “Dev Morgan” gone, Kabak and Rykoff transfer into the Imperial Academy’s Aurek unit to join Nazhros Oleg and Zare Leonis.*
(conjecture based on *Imperial Justice*)
- *After an encounter with Imperial ships, Kanan Jarrus is forced to land the Phantom, with only him aboard, on Vyndal. There he collapses but is found and treated by members of a local village, who take him to see “Yeleb the Protector,” another stranded pilot who appears to be a Jedi because he carries a lightsaber. Kanan immediately realizes that the man is a fake and speaks with him in private. After challenging Kanan’s assertions but being unable to save a villager from a falling tree branch (which Kanan senses and stops from hitting her), Yeleb reveals the truth. He had crashed there years earlier and been taken in by the village. At one point, he came upon a crashed Jedi Interceptor with a dead Jedi inside. He took her lightsaber and became the village protector when the villagers saw the Jedi weapon and his ability to use it (barely). Unfortunately, the Grand Inquisitor and two ships of Imperial stormtroopers have now arrived to hunt down Kanan. Yeleb tries to pretend he knows nothing of Kanan when the Grand Inquisitor confronts him in the village government building. When the Grand Inquisitor orders the village destroyed by the stormtroopers in their search for Kanan, he reveals himself and attacks the Grand Inquisitor. In the struggle, Yeleb ignites his own lightsaber and intervenes, suggesting to the Grand Inquisitor that Kanan is training multiple Padawans, since he has already seen Kanan with Ezra Bridger. Yeleb is killed and his lightsaber taken by the Grand Inquisitor, while the villagers fight back to cover Kanan reaching one of the Imperial transports. The transport lifts off, and the Grand Inquisitor gives chase with the other Imperials, leaving the planet behind. In truth, Kanan has slipped out of the ship and put it on autopilot. He reassures the villagers of their ability to stand up for themselves, then commits himself to fixing the Phantom to return to the Ghost and their fight for freedom in the galaxy.**

(The Fake Jedi)*

*NOTE: According to the writer, Martin Fisher (via an email reposted to Wookieepedia), this story takes place between *Breaking Ranks* and *Out of Darkness*.

- *At the Imperial Academy on Lothal, Agent Aleksandr Kallus’ old friend Lieutenant Jovan has been revealed as a traitor to the Empire, out only for his own greed. He escapes the compound, despite an alert, by stealing a TIE fighter. Kallus pursues him to the Dinar settlement, then back into the skies in a TIE fighter. In the midst of a one-on-one TIE fighter battle, Kallus disengages just as Jovan slams his wing into an outcropping. This allows Kallus to land near his crashed starfighter and subdue him, all based on lessons in tenacity that he had learned from Jovan. Jovan is taken into custody. As for Kallus, he warns Commandant Cumberland Aresko (who is about to welcome in new recruits) that one cannot allow personal connections to get in the way of one’s duty to the Empire.**

(Kallus’ Hunt)*

*NOTE: According to the writer, Martin Fisher (via an email reposted to Wookieepedia), this story takes place between *Breaking Ranks* and *Out of Darkness*.

- *Ezra steals an Imperial device and flees on a speeder. Stormtroopers attempt to chase him, but Kanan is able to use his lightsaber to stop them. Returning to the Ghost, Chopper determines that the device contains the location of a new weapon the Empire has developed. Deciding to destroy the weapon, the Rebels take the Ghost to the Imperial base housing it. Sabine sneaks onto the base and finds an unguarded walker. Climbing in, she is able to power up the walker’s systems and use them to destroy the weapon. In the chaos, she manages to sneak back out of the base and return to the Ghost. TIE fighters give chase, and the Rebels’ escape is hampered by a damaged hyperdrive. While Chopper works on repairs a Star Destroyer arrives to assist in the chase. Before the Imperials can destroy or capture them, Chopper finishes the repairs and the Ghost escapes into hyperspace.**

(Rebels to the Rescue!)*

*NOTE: Summary provided (with thanks) by Luke Van Horn.

- *Sabine Wren records her frustrations with Hera Syndulla’s secrets surrounding “Fulcrum” in her sketchbook (journal). (To be continued below . . .)*

(Sabine: My Rebel Sketchbook)

- *On a tip from intelligence source Fulcrum, the crew of the Ghost engages in a new mission. Hera Syndulla, Ezra Bridger, and Sabine Wren take the Phantom to attack an Imperial convoy. They destroy their target, but Imperial forces are larger than expected. They head*

back to Lothal, but they arrive still pursued by TIE fighters. This is one of several such instances lately when intelligence from Fulcrum seems to be spotty at best.

(conjecture based on *Out of Darkness*)

- In the skies over Lothal after a strike at a convoy, Hera Syndulla, Ezra Bridger, and Sabine Wren are aboard the Phantom when pursued by a TIE fighter. They take it out, only to be pursued by three more. When Sabine notes that the intel they use for setting up missions has been a bit spotty lately, Hera will not reveal the identity of her source beyond his or her name ("Fulcrum"), which Sabine already knows, nor will she reveal what was in the convoy they were trying to attack. During the pursuit, the Phantom is damaged and leaking fuel. Sabine again confronts Hera (and Kanan Jarrus) about the identity of Fulcrum. They refuse to answer, leaving Sabine to demand to join Hera on her next trip to meet with Fulcrum. She had enough of following orders blindly when at the Imperial Academy on Mandalore. Aboard the Phantom, now docked with the Ghost, Ezra, Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios, and Chopper engage in their usual antics, picking on and chasing each other. This causes them all to miss seeing a warning on the Phantom's diagnostic scan that indicates its fuel line damage. They claim that the ship is fixed when caught messing around. Thus, Hera and Sabine set out with the Phantom damaged. They take the Phantom toward their meeting with Fulcrum, who contacts them with a scrambled transmission. Fulcrum has dropped supplies at a previously-determined drop-off location, so that Hera can pick them up. They will not be meeting Fulcrum in person at the drop-off site. The site turns out to be Fort Anaxes, an old Clone Wars base on an asteroid with breathable atmosphere. As they load the cargo, Hera tries to explain why she and Kanan keep information close to the chest so that the others cannot be tortured to reveal information if captured. They discover that some of the crates were dragged away by dangerous creatures called fyrnocks, who mostly come out at night (insert Newt or Eric Cartman: "mostly . . ."), due to being burned by the system's sunlight. When attacked by the creatures, Hera and Sabine try to escape on the Phantom, but the last of its fuel has leaked out. They are stranded with the creatures. They are helped only by the sunlight, but with a large asteroid about to block its light, they must set up defenses to hold off the creatures. Hera contacts the Ghost, wanting to know the results of the diagnostic that was run earlier, which no one bothered to check due to their immature antics. Ezra, Zeb, and Chopper inform Kanan, and they head immediately to Fort Anaxes. On the asteroid, Sabine and Hera cannot just hide in the Phantom because of having seen gunships torn up by fyrnock claws. They set up canisters of rhydonium on the landing pad to blow up and use against the fyrnocks. As darkness falls, the attack begins. They take down and thus survive multiple waves of fyrnocks, but they are finally forced back to the Phantom by the creatures' sheer numbers. They get on top of the Phantom to hold off the creatures and are nearly overwhelmed when the Ghost arrives to save them. Ezra even gets a heroic moment of saving Sabine, with whom he remains smitten, before she then has to save him in return. Once everyone is aboard, Hera electrifies the hull to zap fyrnocks that have leaped onto it. They snatch the Phantom with a magnetic lock on the underside that they use for cargo (like when battling on Kessel), then escape the planet. They have the majority of the cargo, and the trio of Zeb, Ezra, and Chopper will fix the Phantom (for real this time). For her part, Hera tells Sabine that she trusts the young woman. Sabine will try to trust Hera, even without all of the information.

(Out of Darkness)

- Sabine Wren records in her sketchbook (journal) the events at Fort Anaxes and her understanding of Hera Syndulla's need for secrecy in terms of Fulcrum's identity. (To be continued below . . .)
- (Sabine: My Rebel Sketchbook)**

After spending quite a bit of time with the Pontas on Skuhl, Jyn Erso (as Jyn Dawn) has grown close to Hadder Ponta and his mother, Akshaya Ponta, who is often away on transport runs. Although Hadder is not allowed to leave the planet, he and Jyn take a planet hopper up toward the atmosphere, and Jyn convinces him to take it just once into space, taking what he wants from the opportunity. For her part, Jyn has chosen life with them, especially Hadder. However, as they celebrate their flight, Jyn recognizes a partisan (Berk) from the Inusagi attack in the local diner. When he follows her when they leave, she confronts him, and he reveals that Saw has paid him to check to make sure she landed on her feet after Tamsye Prime, yet not to bring her back to Saw. He has truly abandoned her. She settles in, truly becoming part of the Ponta family in most respects, over the next week and months, during

which, no other partisans are spotted. (To be continued below . . .)

(Rebel Rising)

Star Wars [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron & Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Chris Eliopoulos & Jason Latour & Dash Aaron & Cullen Bunn)

Yoda's Secret War [flashback] [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron)

Yoda's Secret War, Part II [flashback] [continued] (comic: Jason Aaron)

Yoda's Secret War, Part III [flashback] [continued] (comic: Jason Aaron)

Rebel Rising [continued] (youth novel: Beth Revis)

Rebel Rising [continued] (youth novel: Beth Revis)

Chapters 14 - 23

Chapters 24 - 29

TK-146275 [flashback] [continued] (SWI166 short story: Sylvain Neuvel)

TK-146275 [flashback] [continued] (SWI166 short story: Sylvain Neuvel)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Chapter 2

Lost Stars [continued] (manga series: Claudia Gray & Yusaku Komiyama)

Lost Stars, Vol. 1 [continued] (manga: Claudia Gray & Yusaku Komiyama)

Servants of the Empire [continued] (youth novel series: Jason Fry)

Edge of the Galaxy [continued] (youth novel: Jason Fry)

Winter [continued]

Servants of the Empire [continued] (youth novel series: Jason Fry)

Edge of the Galaxy [continued] (youth novel: Jason Fry)

Spring

Rebel Journal by Ezra Bridger (book: Dan Wallace)

Rebel Journal by Ezra Bridger (book: Dan Wallace)

Day 1

Day 7

Day 8

Day 12

Day 14

Day 17

Day 18

Day 22

Day 28

Servants of the Empire [continued] (youth novel series: Jason Fry)

Edge of the Galaxy [continued] (youth novel: Jason Fry)

Summer

Rebel Journal by Ezra Bridger [continued] (book: Dan Wallace)

Rebel Journal by Ezra Bridger [continued] (book: Dan Wallace)

Day 37

Day 45

Day 57

Day 60

Day 66

Day 70

Day 89

Day 93

Day 114

Ezra's Gamble (youth novel: Ryder Windham)

Ezra's Gamble (youth novel: Ryder Windham)

The Pickpocket and the Bounty Hunter

Ezra's New Job

Rebel Journal by Ezra Bridger [continued] (book: Dan Wallace)

Rebel Journal by Ezra Bridger [continued] (book: Dan Wallace)

Day 116

Ezra's Gamble [continued] (youth novel: Ryder Windham)

Ezra's Gamble [continued] (youth novel: Ryder Windham)

An Explosive Confrontation

A Narrow Escape

- Master of Disguise
- The Posting Agency
- Plan B
- The Pawn Shop
- Gladiator Night
- Rebel Journal by Ezra Bridger [continued] (book: Dan Wallace)**
- Rebel Journal by Ezra Bridger [continued] (book: Dan Wallace)
 - Day 119
- Ezra's Gamble [continued] (youth novel: Ryder Windham)**
- Ezra's Gamble [continued] (youth novel: Ryder Windham)
 - The Strong Box
- Rebels (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)**
- Rebels Shorts (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman)
 - Property of Ezra Bridger (cartoon: Simon Kinberg)
 - Rise of the Rebels [continued] (children's book: Michael Kogge)**
 - Rise of the Rebels [continued] (children's book: Michael Kogge)
 - Chapters 10 – 12
 - Ezra and the Pilot (children's book: Jennifer Heddle)**
 - Ezra and the Pilot (children's book: Jennifer Heddle)
 - Property of Ezra Bridger (children's book: Brooke Vitale)**
 - Property of Ezra Bridger (children's book: Brooke Vitale)
 - Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)**
 - Rebels Shorts [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman)
 - The Machine in the Ghost (cartoon: Greg Weisman)
 - Rise of the Rebels (children's book: Michael Kogge)**
 - Rise of the Rebels (children's book: Michael Kogge)
 - Chapters 1 – 3
 - Chopper Saves the Day (children's book: Elizabeth Schaefer)**
 - Chopper Saves the Day (children's book: Elizabeth Schaefer)
 - Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)**
 - Rebels Shorts [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman)
 - Art Attack (cartoon: Greg Weisman)
 - Rise of the Rebels [continued] (children's book: Michael Kogge)**
 - Rise of the Rebels [continued] (children's book: Michael Kogge)
 - Chapters 4 – 6
 - Art Attack (children's book: Brooke Vitale)**
 - Art Attack (children's book: Brooke Vitale)
 - Sabine: My Rebel Sketchbook [continued] (book: Dan Wallace)**
 - Sabine: My Rebel Sketchbook [continued] (book: Dan Wallace)
 - Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)**
 - Rebels Shorts [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman)
 - Entanglement (cartoon: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg)
 - Rise of the Rebels [continued] (children's book: Michael Kogge)**
 - Rise of the Rebels [continued] (children's book: Michael Kogge)
 - Chapters 7 – 9
 - Zeb to the Rescue (children's book: Michael Siglain)**
 - Zeb to the Rescue (children's book: Michael Siglain)
 - Entanglement (children's book: Brooke Vitale)**
 - Entanglement (children's book: Brooke Vitale)
 - The Rebellion Begins (youth novel: Michael Kogge)**
 - The Rebellion Begins (youth novel: Michael Kogge)
 - Prologue

- Lothal
 - Chapter 1
 - Rebel Journal by Ezra Bridger [continued] (book: Dan Wallace)**
Rebel Journal by Ezra Bridger [continued] (book: Dan Wallace)
Next Day
 - The Rebellion Begins [continued] (youth novel: Michael Kogge)**
The Rebellion Begins [continued] (youth novel: Michael Kogge)
Lothal [continued]
Chapter 2
 - Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)**
Rebels (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)
Spark of Rebellion (cartoon: Simon Kinberg)
 - Rebel Journal by Ezra Bridger [continued] (book: Dan Wallace)**
Rebel Journal by Ezra Bridger [continued] (book: Dan Wallace)
“Final, Numberless Section”
 - The Rebellion Begins [continued] (youth novel: Michael Kogge)**
The Rebellion Begins [continued] (youth novel: Michael Kogge)
Lothal [continued]
 - Chapters 3 – 7
 - To Space and Back
 - Chapters 8 – 16
 - Kessel
 - Chapters 17 – 20
 - Epilogue
 - Ezra’s Wookiee Rescue (children’s book: Meredith L. Rusu)**
Ezra’s Wookiee Rescue (children’s book: Meredith L. Rusu)
 - Rebels Cinestory Comics (comic series: Joe Books)**
Spark of Rebellion Cinestory Comic (comic: Joe Books)
Spark of Rebellion
 - Sabine: My Rebel Sketchbook [continued] (book: Dan Wallace)**
Sabine: My Rebel Sketchbook [continued] (book: Dan Wallace)
 - Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)**
Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)
Droids in Distress (cartoon: Greg Weisman)
 - Rebels Cinestory Comics [continued] (comic series: Joe Books)**
Spark of Rebellion Cinestory Comic [continued] (comic: Joe Books)
Droids in Distress
 - Sabine: My Rebel Sketchbook [continued] (book: Dan Wallace)**
Sabine: My Rebel Sketchbook [continued] (book: Dan Wallace)
 - Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)**
Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)
Fighter Flight (cartoon: Kevin Hopps)
 - TIE Fighter Trouble (children’s book: Brooke Vitale)**
TIE Fighter Trouble (children’s book: Brooke Vitale)
 - Rebels Cinestory Comics [continued] (comic series: Joe Books)**
Spark of Rebellion Cinestory Comic [continued] (comic: Joe Books)
Fighter Flight
 - Sabine: My Rebel Sketchbook [continued] (book: Dan Wallace)**

Sabine: My Rebel Sketchbook [continued] (book: Dan Wallace)

Rebels Magazine Comics (RM/RMUK comic series: Martin Fisher & Jeremy Barlow)

Ring Race (RM1 comic: Martin Fisher)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Rise of the Old Masters (cartoon: Henry Gilroy)

The Inquisitor's Trap (children's book: Meredith L. Rusu)

The Inquisitor's Trap (children's book: Meredith L. Rusu)

Rebels Cinestory Comics [continued] (comic series: Joe Books)

Spark of Rebellion Cinestory Comic [continued] (comic: Joe Books)

Rise of the Old Masters

Sabine: My Rebel Sketchbook [continued] (book: Dan Wallace)

Sabine: My Rebel Sketchbook [continued] (book: Dan Wallace)

Rebels Magazine Comics [continued] (RM/RMUK comic series: Martin Fisher & Jeremy Barlow)

Learning Patience (RM2 comic: Martin Fisher)

Servants of the Empire [continued] (youth novel series: Jason Fry)

Rebel in the Ranks (youth novel: Jason Fry)

The Intake

Orientation

Impersonation

Infiltration

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Breaking Ranks (cartoon: Greg Weisman)

Rebels Cinestory Comics [continued] (comic series: Joe Books)

Spark of Rebellion Cinestory Comic [continued] (comic: Joe Books)

Breaking Ranks

Servants of the Empire [continued] (youth novel series: Jason Fry)

Rebel in the Ranks (youth novel: Jason Fry)

Infiltration [continued]

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Breaking Ranks [continued] (cartoon: Greg Weisman)

Rebels Cinestory Comics [continued] (comic series: Joe Books)

Spark of Rebellion Cinestory Comic [continued] (comic: Joe Books)

Breaking Ranks [continued]

Servants of the Empire [continued] (youth novel series: Jason Fry)

Rebel in the Ranks (youth novel: Jason Fry)

Infiltration [continued]

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

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Breaking Ranks [continued] (cartoon: Greg Weisman)

Rebels Cinestory Comics [continued] (comic series: Joe Books)

Spark of Rebellion Cinestory Comic [continued] (comic: Joe Books)

Breaking Ranks [continued]

Servants of the Empire [continued] (youth novel series: Jason Fry)

Rebel in the Ranks (youth novel: Jason Fry)

Infiltration [continued]

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Breaking Ranks [continued] (cartoon: Greg Weisman)

Rebels Cinestory Comics [continued] (comic series: Joe Books)

Spark of Rebellion Cinestory Comic [continued] (comic: Joe Books)

Breaking Ranks [continued]

Servants of the Empire [continued] (youth novel series: Jason Fry)

Rebel in the Ranks (youth novel: Jason Fry)

The Inquisitor

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

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Breaking Ranks [continued] (cartoon: Greg Weisman)

Rebels Cinestory Comics [continued] (comic series: Joe Books)

Spark of Rebellion Cinestory Comic [continued] (comic: Joe Books)

Breaking Ranks [continued]

Rebels Magazine Comics [continued] (RM/RMUK comic series: Martin Fisher & Jeremy Barlow)

The Fake Jedi (RM2 comic: Martin Fisher)

Kallus' Hunt (RM3 comic: Martin Fisher)

Rebels to the Rescue! (children's book: Brian Houlihan)

Rebels to the Rescue! (children's book: Brian Houlihan)

Sabine: My Rebel Sketchbook [continued] (book: Dan Wallace)

Sabine: My Rebel Sketchbook [continued] (book: Dan Wallace)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Out of Darkness (cartoon: Kevin Hopps)

Sabine: My Rebel Sketchbook [continued] (book: Dan Wallace)

Sabine: My Rebel Sketchbook [continued] (book: Dan Wallace)

Rebel Rising [continued] (youth novel: Beth Revis)

Rebel Rising [continued] (youth novel: Beth Revis)

Chapter 29 [continued]

Chapters 30 - 31

4 BBY

- *Future First Order stormtrooper HF-0518 (AKA "Huff") is born.*

(conjecture based on *Phasma**)

*NOTE: He is in his early twenties in the "10 years ago" segment of *Phasma*, making this 32 years before the novel if we round that to him being 22 years old.

- *A month before meeting Nazhros Oleg, a worker for Sienar Fleet Systems comes to Lothal for work. He registers himself with the Empire but does not immediately register his wife or child, which will be an oversight used to pressure him a month later during an Imperial security crackdown.*

(conjecture based on *Imperial Justice*)

- While visiting various worlds to reach their populations with her pro-Imperial artwork, Veehay Versio contracts a disease that cannot be cured, only treated. She will suffer from the disease for the next four years.
(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)
- Around this time, R5-D4 is acquired by Jawas on Tatooine. He will remain their captive/possession for the next four years.
(conjecture based on *The Red One*)
- The people of Lolet tax their fuel reserves to nearly the breaking point while having to evacuate one of their moons due to geological instability. This will cause them to miss providing fuel for Imperial ships later this year, resulting in potential punitive action while Leia Organa is in the Apprentice Legislature.*
(conjecture based on *Leia: Princess of Alderaan*)*

*NOTE: The situation on Lolet comes under scrutiny by the Apprentice Legislature in L:POA, and this situation happened “earlier in the year” that they did not provide Imperial fuel due to this event. Presumably, this would be in the year prior to L:POA, which is very early in 3 BBY.

- Around this time or shortly before, MandalMotors releases the Lancer-class pursuit craft, based on a special commission from *Black Sun*.*
(conjecture based on *No Disintegrations*)*

*NOTE: This is the most recent MandalMotors release as of just after ANH (per *No Disintegrations*' assumed timeframe), but since the *Shadow Caster* is one of these ships, that release must have been at this point or earlier so that Ketsu Onyo could own one already.

- A couple of years before encountering Eli Vanto in person again, Nightswan hears from someone working the Thrugii asteroid belt about how a strange blue alien with red eyes once worked alongside Anakin Skywalker briefly during the Clone Wars. He does not realize immediately that the alien in question is his nemesis, Thrawn.*
(conjecture based on *Thrawn*)*

*NOTE: This is two years prior to chapter 24 of *Thrawn*.

- Sometime this year, Thrawn's forces take down a pirate operation. Thrawn keeps one of their freighters for his own use and has it upgraded.
(conjecture based on *Thrawn* and *Alliances*)
- Between now and two years from now (during Darth Vader's mission to Batuu), the First Legion will have four different commanders. Two will be demoted, while one is summarily executed. By the end of this two-year period, Kimmund will be in command.
(conjecture based on *Alliances*)
- TK-146275 is among a group of stormtroopers sent to recover a stolen shipment of rare Kyber crystals on Lothal. The group's captain first grabs a Rodian shopkeeper and threatens to kill him if the thieves are not revealed by the count of three. No one comes forward, so the Rodian is killed. The captain then grabs a human woman, counts to three, and before being able to kill her, is interrupted by a man emerging with a rifle aimed at the captain. TK-146275 kills the man immediately on reflex, since one does not point a weapon at a stormtrooper without consequences. A young girl (no more than ten-years-old) cradles his body, then takes his rifle and blasts TK-146275. Just as he became a stormtrooper with a destiny to kill Rebels after the death of his sister, Xea, at Rebel hands, this girl will grow up to want to kill stormtroopers. The cycle of violence continues. While dying, TK-146275 flashes back to his Imperial training and the death of Xea.*

(TK-146275)*

*NOTE: The timing of this story was suggested by the author on Facebook: “It takes place just before *A New Hope* (from 14 BBY to (very) approx. 4 BBY, if you're into *Star Wars* timelines.”

- Thane Kyrell and Ciena Ree (both age 15) are taking part in the preparatory track to enter an Imperial academy. They run an obstacle course for the Endurance and Agility program, but Thane was beaten by his father again the previous night and can only make it with Ciena's help. She convinces him to stand and keep running, not letting his father win. He never really talked to her about the beatings before now, but he shows her his wounds later, and she tends to them. (To be continued below . . .)

(Lost Stars)

- On the 400th day of the Tripartite Culture Effrontery on Crucival, Umu Seven (formerly “Donin” when serving Warlord Malkhan) now serves the Opaline Creed. While on an errand for the Creed, he encounters his own father, who calls him by his original name, Hazram Namir. He refuses to return with his father, choosing instead his supposedly content life with the Creed and his girlfriend within the Creed, Pira. (To be continued below . . .)

(Twilight Company)

- In space aboard the Ghost, the crew receive a message from Fulcrum, who gives them a new mission, a “milk run” to pick up supplies for Tarkintown refugees on Lothal from the planet Keller, which is coincidentally where Kanan Jarrus (as Caleb Dume) was during Order 66. When asked if he has ever been to Keller, he replies that “Kanan Jarrus” has never been there, which is true because he had yet to take his new name at that time. They are supposed to be collecting crates of supplies for Tarkintown, but the crates are found to be empty. Someone got to them first. They are confronted by Governor Gamut Key and some troops, who was tipped off that smugglers were using this particular drop point. Fortunately, they have nothing to hide because they did not get the contents of the crates, and Gamut does not recognize Kanan as Caleb Dume from their encounters years ago. Hera Syndulla says they need to track down the supplies themselves now, so they split into pairs to head into Plateau City: Hera with Ezra Bridger, Garazeb “Zeb” Orrelios with Sabine Wren, and Chopper with Kanan. When Kanan finally discovers intel on the whereabouts of the supplies, the information points to his old partner and friend (whom he had to abandon), Janus Kasmir. Rather than finding Kasmir when he follows the trail, he finds Tapusk, an old adversary. Tapusk does not recognize him, but he also does not turn over the supplies. Instead, Kanan has to battle some of Tapusk’s gang. He defeats them, but Tapusk manages to stab Kanan in the shoulder. Kanan knocks Tapusk out, and Gamut emerges from the shadows. Gamut is tired of Imperial rule and is willing to work with Kanan and his people. He allows Kanan to keep the supplies. He has only briefly been able to contact Hera when his wound finally causes him to pass out, leaving him vulnerable and freaking out Chopper.**

(The Last Padawan)*

***NOTE:** It has been 15 years since Order 66 and 14 years since the end of the flashback to how Kanan took his name. The Ghost crew is also working with Fulcrum at this point.

- Thanks to Chopper, the crew of the Ghost (Hera Syndulla, Garazeb “Zeb” Orrelios, Sabine Wren, and Ezra Bridger) manage to find Kanan Jarrus where he passed out after being stabbed by Tapusk on Kaller. They take him to get bacta treatment at the Plateau City Medcenter.**

(conjecture based on First Blood)
- While Kanan Jarrus recuperates from his stab wound in a bacta tank at the Plateau City Medcenter on Kaller, the crew of the Ghost (Hera Syndulla, Garazeb “Zeb” Orrelios, Sabine Wren, Chopper, and Ezra Bridger) is left to wonder how someone could have taken their fearless leader out of action. Inside the bacta tank, Kanan flashes back to the days leading up to being taken as Jedi Master Depa Billaba’s Padawan and his first missions with her. Unfortunately, Tapusk has tracked them and reports their location to the Empire, who send stormtroopers to the medcenter. The building is surrounded. The Imperials rush in, capturing the team, while Kanan is dimly aware from inside the bacta tank. He finally blasts his way out of the tank with the Force and incapacitates the stormtroopers, saving the rest of the crew. While the rest of the Ghost crew leave Kaller, Kanan and Ezra join Gamut Key in answering a coded message from Morfizo of Moraga, one of the first friends Kanan made as “Kanan” after parting ways with Janus Kasmir. When they reach Moraga and speak with Morfizo’s wife, Morfizia, they learn that Morfizo joined a rebel cell and has been taken to Lahn by the Empire. While Gamut takes Morfizia and her children to Kaller to set them up with new identities, Kanan and Ezra take Kanan’s old starship, the Escape, which he had stored on Moraga, to Lahn. While Ezra diverts Imperial attention from Morfizo’s cell, Kanan enters to rescue him, only to be confronted by his old nemesis from Gorse, Rae Sloane (now a Vice Admiral). She has been hunting him down and tracking his past ever since their encounter on Gorse, making him her “hobby.” He knocks her out with the Force and escapes with Morfizo and Ezra. When Sloane comes to, she is met by the Grand Inquisitor, who wants to know all she knows about Kanan. Ezra reveals to Kanan that he was nearly caught during his diversion, but he was saved by “some random guy.” In a bit of irony, the “random guy” was Janus Kasmir, who had been on Lahn with Kleeve. Kasmir saved Ezra because he reminded him of Kanan. He has no idea how close the connection between Ezra and Kanan actually is.*

(First Blood)
- On Lothal, Ezra Bridger trains with Kanan Jarrus, but the young man is more negative than normal. The lesson being taught is the need to let his guard down and connect to others, since all are connected in the Force. Ezra cannot let go of his past and stop trying to always protect himself. Something is up with Ezra today. Today is Empire Day, the anniversary of the day that Supreme Chancellor Palpatine became Emperor Palpatine, declaring the First Galactic Empire. Ezra was born on that day, making this also Ezra’s fifteenth birthday. At Old*

Jho's cantina, they reunite with Hera Syndulla, Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios, and Sabine Wren, while Imperial pilots drop in to look for the Rodian known as Tseebo, an old friend of Ezra's parents, Ephraim and Mira Bridger. Not finding Tseebo, they hassle Jho to turn on the Imperial HoloNet broadcast of the Empire Day celebrations. During the broadcast, Senator-in-Exile Gall Trayvis breaks into the transmission to urge citizens to boycott Empire Day celebrations like Governor Arihnda Pryce's upcoming parade. The Ghost crew have plans for the parade, but Ezra does not intend to join them. Instead, he returns to the communications tower that was once his home, taking his keycard to his old family home in Capital City. (In doing so, he seems to hear the voices of his parents in the Force, though the voices could well be only memories.) Ezra realizes that he knows where Tseebo would be hiding – in the old Bridger home. During the massive Empire Day event, organized by Commander Cumberlayne Aresko, presided over by Minister Maketh Tua (while Pryce is on Coruscant), and Imperials (including Imperial Security Bureau Agent Aleksandr Kallus) are still looking for Tseebo. Maketh reveals a brand new model of TIE fighter, the TIE Advanced v1, which is being produced, based on Sienar Fleet Systems designs, in Lothal's own shipyards. (They are due for mass production in six weeks.) This particular starfighter is for Baron Valen Rudor. The Rebels put their plan into action. Sabine and Zeb toss fireworks of Sabine's creation into the air during the festivities, drawing praise for Aresko, though they were not his idea. While they are distracted, Kanan puts an explosive device on a repulsorlift under one of the TIE Advanced's wings. When nearly caught, he acts somewhat looney with patriotism and is saved by Ezra, who pretends Kanan is his crazy dad. Right on time, the bomb goes off, destroying the TIE Advanced and sending the event into chaos. The crew escapes together into the streets, spotting another antagonist as they leave. Not only is Kallus there, so is the Grand Inquisitor. Zeb tries to assassinate the Grand Inquisitor and misses. With Hera unable to reach their rendezvous point, Zeb races over the roofs to meet her at the old market and get back to the Ghost (where Chopper is presumably waiting), while the others hide out in the old Bridger home, where they find Tseebo, just as Ezra expected. He has been fitted with a cybernetic device on his head (akin to what Lobot will eventually have), which is causing him to act mentally-addled. They initially think this may have been forced upon Tseebo so that he could be a better technician when he joined the Imperial Information Office after the Bridgers were apparently taken by the Empire, eight years ago. (Ezra has not told the crew about this until now.) Also in the home, they find an old broadcasting unit that Ezra's parents used to make anti-Imperial transmission, similar to what Gall Trayvis does, but on a smaller scale. They also find an old disc of content from his parents, but Ezra does not view it. (Sabine secretly takes it.) As for Tseebo, they access his implant and realize that he holds a plethora of information that could damage the Empire. It is no wonder they are after him. They must get Tseebo off of Lothal. They steal an Imperial Troop Transport to get back to the Ghost, and they make it past a roadblock commanded by Aresko and Taskmaster Myles Grint. They are pursued by Kallus' own transport. Kallus informs the Grand Inquisitor, who takes off in his own TIE Advanced with a pair of regular TIE fighter wingmen. As Hera, Chopper, and Zeb bring the Ghost in low to help the others our heroes' transport is boarded by Kallus, whose own transport is taken out. When Kallus is seemingly knocked off the transport (but actually hanging on), everyone but Kanan gets aboard the Ghost. Rather than continuing to engage Kallus, Kanan leaps aboard the ship. The Ghost is pursued by the Grand Inquisitor's TIEs, which have increased in number on the way. Chopper is knocked out by an energy discharge, leaving everyone but Ezra to man the ship's weapons. As Sabine is leaving Ezra with Tseebo, the Rodian says, as translated by Sabine, that he knows what happened to Ezra's parents . . .

(Empire Day)

- In the wake of the Empire Day attack on Lothal, local courts begin allowing security-related requests from local and Imperial authorities with far less difficulty.
(conjecture based on *Imperial Justice*)
- The Ghost is pursued into space by four regular TIE fighters and a TIE Advanced that is piloted by the Grand Inquisitor. With Chopper disabled by an energy discharge, Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios and Kanan Jarrus handle the ship's weapons. Sabine Wren should join them, but she has just witnessed Tseebo revealing to Ezra Bridger that he knows what happened to Ezra's parents, Ephraim and Mira Bridger. Ezra has believed them dead for eight years, and he wants to know the truth. Insisting, though, that they are dead, he tells Sabine to head to her station. Tseebo speaks of the day when the Empire came and took his parents away, and he asks for Ezra's forgiveness for failing him, but Ezra says he will never forgive the Rodian

for not somehow saving his parents. With the navicomputer down, Ezra is needed to fix it, but even that takes too long. Just before the Ghost can be caught by two Star Destroyers, Tseebo walks into the cockpit and feeds hyperspace coordinates directly to the ship via his cybernetic implant. (It is the implant that explains why the Empire wants him, since it holds many Imperial secrets.) The Ghost escapes into hyperspace, but not before the Grand Inquisitor can fire a tracking device onto the ship. The Grand Inquisitor boards the Star Destroyer Relentless, commanded by Admiral Kassius Konstantine, to continue the pursuit. With the crew back together, they discuss Tseebo and Ezra's anger. Sabine points out that the implants are not mandatory, which suggests that Tseebo volunteered to take one, even knowing that it would suppress his own mind, as a means of perhaps carrying information to factions who could use it against the Empire, perhaps as a means of making up for not being able to save the Bridgers. (As Kanan Jarrus points out, though, there is little Tseebo could have done, most likely.) Tseebo, in a mildly lucid moment, reveals that the tracker is on the ship and works through hyperspace. Chopper is fixed and instructed to scan for the tracker. It turns out that the tracking device is not on the Ghost, per se, but on the Phantom, attached to the Ghost. Kanan comes up with a plan. He and Ezra, whom the Grand Inquisitor can likely track in the Force if near enough, can take the Phantom and release while still in hyperspace when they near the asteroid where the fynnock-riddled Fort Anaxes was recently visited by Hera Syndulla and Sabine. Disengaging will allow them to fall out of hyperspace and lead the Grand Inquisitor after them, rather than after Tseebo aboard the Ghost. Ezra reluctantly agrees to go. Despite Sabine's urgings, though, he refuses to allow himself to believe his parents could possibly be alive, since Tseebo is not in any condition to confirm anything. Kanan and Ezra carry out their plan, making their way to Fort Anaxes. The Grand Inquisitor senses their movement, and Konstantine notes the tracker's location. The Relentless heads for Fort Anaxes. Once at the old Clone Wars era base, Kanan tries to teach Ezra again on how to connect with animals, so that they can connect with the fynnocks. While Kanan deactivates the tracking device, Ezra must try to make such a connection with the creatures. Kanan succeeds in removing the device, but Ezra has trouble with the creatures, which are about to attack him when Kanan leaps into the situation. Kanan tells Ezra that he must let go of his fear. When pressed as to identifying his fear, Ezra finally reveals that he is afraid of knowing the truth about what happened to his parents. He speaks as if to Tseebo, saying that he forgives his old friend. Tseebo, on the Ghost, somehow hears it and accepts the forgiveness. In that moment of letting go, Ezra succeeds in bringing the fynnocks under his influence. Meanwhile, in space, the Ghost docks with a Corellian Corvette so that Hera can deliver Tseebo to her anti-Imperial ally, Fulcrum. Just before leaving Tseebo, the Rodian reveals that he did access Imperial files on purpose. He also accessed the file on Ephraim and Mira and knows their true fate. He tells Hera, so that she can one day reveal the truth to Ezra. Back at Fort Anaxes, the Grand Inquisitor arrives in a shuttle with a contingent of stormtroopers. As they enter the base, Kanan and Ezra send a horde of fynnocks against them. The stormtroopers are taken down one by one, but the Grand Inquisitor is not such easy prey. He and Kanan duel, lightsaber-to-lightsaber, for the second time. The Grand Inquisitor relieves Kanan of his blaster, then Force pushes him into a rock, causing him to drop his lightsaber and fall nearly unconscious. Ezra takes up Kanan's lightsaber to save him, but the Grand Inquisitor snatches it in the Force. Approaching Ezra with both lightsabers now, the Grand Inquisitor taunts Ezra and offers to train (i.e. corrupt) him, but Ezra taps into his anger and fear (i.e. the Dark Side), causing an enormous fynnock to emerge from a chasm and attack the Grand Inquisitor at his command. Ezra then collapses from the effort and the brief connection with the Dark Side. Kanan awakens Ezra, who is still suffering the cold feeling of the Dark Side, and heads back to the Phantom, recovering his lightsaber from where it falls when the large fynnock knocks it from the Grand Inquisitor's hand. The Grand Inquisitor makes a last attempt to stop their escape by throwing his lightsaber at them (as he had on Stygeon Prime), but Kanan again deflects it away. They escape into space, leaving the Grand Inquisitor empty handed and knowing that his master will not be pleased. Once in space, Kanan warns Ezra of how he can find himself vulnerable to the Dark Side because of his emotions. Ezra does not remember his actions in calling upon the giant fynnock. They reunite with the Ghost. Ezra needs time to himself, which does not allow Hera to tell him of his parents. Kanan, though, needs to talk to Hera about what happened. Ezra goes to one of the turrets and sits staring at space alone, until Sabine enters with the disc he had found (and she had taken) at the Bridgers' old home on Lothal. She has been able to recover and clear up an old family holoimage of Ezra with his parents. She gives it to him with a fond "happy

birthday.”

(Gathering Forces)

- Sabine Wren records in her sketchbook (journal) the events surrounding Empire Day.
- When Sabine Wren hears rumors of a slaving ring operating on Oon, she allows herself to be captured from Lothal and taken to the planet, but she leaves behind a painting of the planet and an airbrush for the other members of the Ghost crew to find. Once on Oon, she is brought before MaDall, a Zygerrian attempting to rebuild her people’s slaving empire with the help of Falleen enforcers. After a particularly rough time with MaDall, wherein Sabine is zapped through her slave collar, she causes trouble in a slave pen, just enough to inspire the other slaves. The next day, the slaves begin to rebel, even as Sabine confronts MaDall with her own collar deactivated while MaDall was sleeping. As the revolt commences, MaDall makes one last attempt to save herself and her “empire” by challenging Sabine in combat. Sabine immediately bests the slaver with her own electrowhip, freeing everyone. When the Ghost finally arrives, she explains everything to Ezra Bridger, Garazeb “Zeb” Orrelios, Hera Syndulla, and Kanan Jarrus. They do not turn the slavers over to the Empire, since that would be stooping to the slavers’ level (or, y’know, something like that), and Sabine suggest that they use MaDall’s resourcefulness to one day help fight the Empire, rather than enslave.*

(Return of the Slavers)*

*NOTE: According to the writer, Martin Fisher (via an email reposted to Wookieepedia), this story takes place between *Gathering Forces* and *Path of the Jedi*.

- Two (bad) bounty hunters, the Gamorrean Gowski and the Ithorian Fissol, learn from a Duros in a cantina on Lothal that there is a Jedi on Lothal. They decide to track down the Jedi for a bounty and come upon Ezra Bridger using the Force to remove rocks that he had set up at a cave opening. Once inside, Ezra practices with his skills, but the bounty hunters interrupt him. He is able to give Fissol the slip but runs right into Gowski. Before he can save himself from the bumbling, Kanan, having realized that Ezra is gone, arrives and defeats the pair easily. He then mind tricks them into believing that there are no Jedi on Lothal and that they need to settle a score with the person who gave them that “false” information.*

(Eyes on the Prize)*

*NOTE: According to the writer, Jeremy Barlow (on Twitter), this story takes place between *Gathering Forces* and *Path of the Jedi*.

- Aboard the Ghost on Lothal, Ezra Bridger arrives late for his training session with Kanan Jarrus because he has been doing something with Sabine Wren (which is later revealed to be working on painting the TIE that Ezra and Garazeb “Zeb” Orrelios stole). Frustrated and worried about Ezra in the wake of what happened with the Grand Inquisitor at Fort Anaxes, Kanan has been using his holocron to determine the location of a Jedi Temple, and there happens to be one right there on Lothal. It is time for Ezra to undergo some Jedi tests to determine if he can truly become a Jedi, or if the darkness within him is too dangerous to go down that road. Ezra lacks discipline and focus, which he blames on his years on the streets with a lack of rules. He wants to be a Jedi, though, to become the Jedi Knight that Kanan sees in him but that Ezra often cannot see in himself. Even Kanan is not sure he can help Ezra, but Hera Syndulla believes in them both. Kanan and Ezra take the Phantom to seek out a Jedi Temple (which, again, Kanan already knows is there). Ezra is to meditate in the Force to lead them to it. He does so, leading them to the Lothal Jedi Temple, a large stone formation with no obvious entrance. It is up to Ezra to find a way inside. In the Force, Ezra senses that the temple “wants” to admit not just Ezra, but Master and Padawan. They recognize that this means that they both must use the Force on the temple’s giant stone to gain entry. As they do, it spirals upward, revealing an entrance that would otherwise have been hidden below ground. They must retain focus, however, to keep it from sealing again. (This is the first trial: Teamwork.) They enter and find the bodies of several Jedi Masters, who were sealed inside when their Padawans went deeper into the structure, only to never return. Ezra is so shocked to see the skeletons that he loses focus, and the temple entrance seals. While Kanan stays in the entryway with the dead Jedi Masters, Ezra is sent ahead into the main bulk of the temple. He is to look for “nothing and everything,” the same thing Depa Billaba once told Kanan during his own version of such a test. (This is his second trial: Isolation.) Ezra’s first challenge is to choose between three different doorways, and it seems that Kanan has gotten impatient. He appears behind Ezra and leads him down one path, only for Ezra to race after him and find himself at a precipice, without Kanan ahead of him. He turns at the sound of a lightsaber. The Grand Inquisitor has appeared behind him and is

holding Kanan on his knees. Kanan leaps into action, dueling the Grand Inquisitor until he proves Ezra useless by holding off the boy with a Force grip. (This is the trial of Fear.) The duel continues, but the Grand Inquisitor overpowers Kanan with his spinning, double-bladed lightsaber, then stabs him through, killing him. He kicks Kanan's body over the precipice. Now knowing Kanan's name, the Grand Inquisitor taunts Ezra, but even though Ezra, in his anger, intends to make the Grand Inquisitor pay, he is no match for the Grand Inquisitor either. (This is the trial of Anger.) He grabs Kanan's lightsaber with the Force but is unable to even turn it on, instead causing it to split into its two halves that Kanan developed to hide it. As the Grand Inquisitor nears for the kill, Ezra goes over the precipice, only to "fall" into a hallway on the Ghost. From there, he overhears Sabine, Hera, Zeb, and Chopper talking about him in a way that plays on all of his fears about being alone. (This is the trial of Betrayal.) The Grand Inquisitor then appears, killing them all and continuing to pursue Ezra, who is starting to realize that this cannot possibly be real. As the Grand Inquisitor is about to kill him (again), Ezra falls through an open door, "landing" back in a hallway at the Jedi Temple. He must sort out what is and is not real. Feeling alone and abandoned, he drops to his knees. He realizes, though, that he has survived alone before and can do so again. Kanan may not really be dead, or he may need Ezra's help. He is just getting confident enough to move forward when the Grand Inquisitor returns again, claiming to be real instead of an illusion like so many other things in the temple. The Grand Inquisitor asks if he is afraid to die, but Ezra is not. He is afraid of being alone again or letting down Kanan, but not of death. Ezra controls his fear as the Grand Inquisitor delivers a killing blow, which passes harmlessly through Ezra. The Grand Inquisitor then vanishes. (This is the trial of Focus.) Finally having faced and acknowledged his fears, Ezra slumps to the ground and is contacted through the Force by the voice of Jedi Master Yoda, seemingly able to reach out to him in the Jedi Temple from Dagobah in the same "floating balls of light" form that Qui-Gon Jinn's spirit used to guide Yoda when he first came to Dagobah during the late Clone Wars. (Following the Force is the trial of Instinct.) Even as the lights guide Ezra along in the temple, Yoda's voice also speaks to Kanan, who is surprised to hear him. Kanan admits that he is not sure about training Ezra, but not because of Ezra. He is unsure because of who he is himself and how he changed and lost the Jedi way for so long after Order 66. Kanan is determined not to allow Ezra to lose his way. Meanwhile, Ezra is asked why he wishes to become a Jedi. He answers that Kanan believes in him, and that he knows he will become stronger and more powerful, so that he can make the Empire pay for all he has done. (He must realize that revenge is not the Jedi way, the trial of Forgiveness.) He would no longer be helpless. Yoda counters by asking if Jedi seek revenge? Ezra refines his view to say that he just wants to protect himself and his friends, along with protecting everyone else. (This is the trial of Protection.) Before he met Kanan, he admits, he only thought ever of himself, but now he sees how the crew is selfless. He sees how that makes people feel, including making him feel truly alive. Yoda seems satisfied with this answer, saying he may yet become a Jedi. Ezra then receives a blue Kyber crystal, something Kanan had not expected him to find. Both Ezra and Kanan emerge from the Jedi Temple changed, yet the same. They will not make a base out of the Jedi Temple, since it is a relic of the past that should be left alone. They return to the Ghost. Over the next few weeks, Ezra works to build his own lightsaber with parts provided by members of the crew, plus the Kyber crystal. He finally completes it to show to the crew. It is a blue lightsaber with an unusual handle that no one yet realizes makes it also a blaster that fires stunning balls of blue energy as well as being a lightsaber. Ezra has taken another step into that larger world, completing what the Jedi once called "the Ordeal."

(Path of the Jedi)

- When the Ghost crew drops off stolen food to Tarkintown, Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios is shocked to find that the food is poisoned and has made his young friend Mindiz very sick. With Mindiz and others having only hours to live, Zeb decides to correct "his" mistake (since he gave Mindiz food) by going to get an antidote from the medical center in Capital City. Once there, he clashes with Imperials then reaches the antidote, only to find Agent Aleksandr Kallus waiting for him. The poison was meant to teach the Rebels a lesson about stealing from the Empire, but now it has provided a rematch between Zeb and Kallus. Just when Kallus has Zeb on his knees, the rest of the crew arrives to snatch the antidote and save Zeb from his impetuous actions. The crew escapes with the antidote, and Mindiz and her fellow residents of Tarkintown are saved.*

(Sabotaged Supplies)*

*NOTE: According to the writer, Martin Fisher (via an email reposted to Wookieepedia), this story takes place

between Path of the Jedi and Idiot's Array.

- *Lando Calrissian comes to Lothal, purchasing land from Cikatro Vizago, in hopes of violating Imperial law and mining for precious minerals. One week before meeting the crew of the Ghost, Lando tries to smuggle mining equipment to Lothal but is unsuccessful. He decides to seek out a puffer pig, which can naturally sniff out valuable minerals, and to hire a ship to smuggle it to Lothal.*
(conjecture based on *Idiot's Array*)
- *At Old Jho's cantina on Lothal, Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios plays sabacc with a Rodian and Lando Calrissian. Thinking that he is going to win with his card value of 23 ("sabacc"), he bets Chopper with Kanan Jarrus' agreement. However, Lando has an Idiot's Array (a zero, two, and three), making him the winner. He is now the owner of Chopper. Kanan and Zeb return to the Ghost with Lando and Chopper. Hera Syndulla, Sabine Wren, and Ezra Bridger are shocked to find Chopper now Lando's possession, but Lando has already made a deal with Kanan. If the Ghost crew will help him complete a deal with the criminal Azmorigan to acquire a piece of "mining equipment" (actually a puffer pig that can sniff out precious minerals) and smuggle it back to land Lando now owns on Lothal, then the crew will both get paid and have Chopper returned to them. With little choice, they proceed to carry out the deal, even as Lando works his charm on members of the crew to "divide and conquer" and give himself an advantage in their dealings. They dock in space with Azmorigan's Merchant One vessel. Upon boarding, Lando points out the escape pods to Hera and Kanan. When they meet Azmorigan, Lando reveals that the plan is to turn Hera over to Azmorigan as a servant or slave in return for the cargo (the puffer pig). Hera accepts, sticking to Lando's unspoken plan, while Kanan and Lando return to the Ghost. As Lando planned (or hoped, perhaps), Hera quickly overpowers the slovenly Azmorigan, knocks him out, and takes an escape pod. The Ghost retrieves the escape pod, then leaps to hyperspace to return to Lothal as the Merchant One begins pursuit. Arriving over Lothal, they use the Ghost's ability to alter its signature and signal to try slipping past the Imperial blockade. Meanwhile, Ezra and Zeb accidentally free the "mining equipment," which turns out to be a puffer pig. When the pig is scared by Zeb and his growling voice, it puffs up so large that it blocks the corridor to the cockpit, leaving Kanan alone to handle the blockade. They are nearly past Admiral Kassius Konstantine's Relentless when Ezra, jealous of how Lando is sucking up to Sabine, tries climbing over the pig. Its reaction bounces Zeb into the cockpit where he falls onto the controls that mask the ship's identity, deactivating them and revealing their true profile to the Relentless. Chased by TIE fighters, Kanan heads down into the atmosphere, where they lose their pursuers. They land at Lando's plot of land, where he intends to have the puffer pig sniff out minerals that could make him a great deal of money. (The Empire does not want private mining on Lothal, hence needing to smuggle in the pig.) Unfortunately, Azmorigan and his thugs have arrived before them. Azmorigan wants the pig, the crew, and to kill Lando. A brief firefight ensues, during which Ezra reveals the dual nature of his lightsaber by firing off round, blue stunning bolts from the weapon. The puffer pig even gets in on the action when Zeb scares it into puffing up and bouncing into a pair of thugs. As the others battle, Chopper steals a container of Lando's fuel. Finally, Azmorigan holds Zeb at blasterpoint, demanding Lando in return for letting the others go. Hera refuses, though Kanan and Ezra jump at the deal and are overruled. Chopper blasts from the Ghost, knocking down Azmorigan and turning the tables. Azmorigan and his crew are allowed to leave alive. Lando, however, cannot pay the crew. He never had the money, only expected to get it after mining, which will take a while. Chopper is returned. Lando suggests a game of sabacc to settle their debt, but Hera declines. The crew of the Ghost launches, now with Chopper reunited with them. They need fuel but are happy to find that Chopper has stolen Lando's fuel. Chopper was only pretending to be cordial to Lando. As it turns out, Lando actually had some credits, it seems, but he knew Chopper stole the fuel, so he did not pay them. They are all even, and they will likely meet again.*
(**Idiot's Array**)
- *BlasTech opens a new weapons lab on Lothal.*
(conjecture based on *Imperial Justice*)
- *It is now only a couple of weeks away from winter break for students on Lothal. Having been at the Imperial Academy on Lothal for many months now, Zare Leonis (age 15) and the members of Unit Aurek are growing accustomed to their grueling routines. Two new members have replaced "Dev Morgan" and Jai Kell, Kabak and Rykoff, while Zare Leonis and Nazhros Oleg remain with the unit, though Oleg holds many (accurate) suspicions about Zare's role in the escape of "Dev" and Jai. Zare continues to seek information about Project*

Harvester that has taken her Force-sensitive sister, Dhara Leonis, off of Lothal to Arkanis. They are still all training under Sergeant Currahee and Lieutenant Chiron, along with tougher training exercises under Piers Roddance, whom Zare had secretly witnessed kill unarmed farmers during a peaceful protest in Westhills. Now, he has them train to capture or destroy protocol droids that are deemed out of date, one of which reminds Zare of Auntie, the caretaker droid at his family's home. Zare captures the droid without needing to destroy it, but Oleg does anyway out of a desire to both show off and annoy Zare. Meanwhile, Zare's girlfriend, Merei Spanjaf, remains worried about her own intrusions into Imperial computer systems via the Transportation Ministry being caught by a team led by her own mother, Jessa Spanjaf. Her mother has already figured out that the girl suspected of carrying out the intrusion ("Kinera Tiree") is not the real Tiree (since it was Merei). Now they are trying to pin down the identity of the girl by having a bureaucrat who ran into "Kinera" look through photos of all school aged girls that could be her. Eventually, logic dictates that they will show the bureaucrat Merei's picture and likely have her identified if she cannot somehow stop it. She has been doing odd jobs for Yahenna Laxo's Gray Syndicate since the intrusion to repay her debt to him and keep him from reporting her to the authorities, but she just keeps being drawn deeper and deeper into his organization. (At least she has a friend, Jix Hekyl, who is working with Laxo as well, since he was the one who put her in touch with Bandis Yong, who had pointed her to Laxo for help.) At the Academy, Commandant Cumberland Aresko announces to the cadets that they will be tested for officer and other training after winter break, while they will also be questioned about recent events, including those surrounding the "defection" of "Dev" and Jai. Oleg sees his chance to nail Zare, and he goads Zare into hitting him in a brief scuffle when Oleg accuse Zare's sister of being a deserter. Soon, due to increased rebel activities on Lothal, Gandr Spanjaf, Merei's father, gives her a locator to keep with her at all times, just in case of trouble. She continues doing deliveries and such for Laxo, then confides in Jix about how her snoop program left traces that require her to not only figure out how to avoid eyewitness identification but also to get rid of her account at Bakiska's repeater service, which she had used to do the intrusion. Jix suggests that they swap out her photo in her V-SIS (school) records to avoid eyewitness ID, then go to the data center for Bakiska's to delete the account on-site somehow. They just need an opportunity. At the Academy, Zare is questioned by Chiron, who is fairly easygoing, and Roddance, who questions his assault on Athletic Director Fhurek at AppSci, if he knew Dhara was going to "desert," and about his interactions with "Dev" and Jai. Roddance finds Zare's proximity to so many rebel activities to be suspect, but his request to have Zare's review turned over to the Imperial Security Bureau is denied. Instead, Zare undergoes one more test on orders from the highest levels: the speeder/cup/ship test to determine possible Force sensitivity. At the Spanjaf home, Jessa reveals that they have struck out when trying to have the eyewitness identify the intruder (thank to Jix), but with security measures tightened in the wake of the Empire Day attacks by the Ghost crew, they should be able to get to the repeater service to track the culprit. Merei and Jix must clear the records at Bakiska's soon. Meanwhile, Merei is given new tasks by Laxo, including checking in on various individuals, such as the "treasonous" painter and poet Holshef, from the Empire (at least until it becomes more profitable to turn them in than to take in their heavy fees for hiding them). At the same time, Merei grows closer to Jix, making things tough because of how little contact she has with Zare. Finally, as Merei prepares for exams, winter break begins for Zare, allowing them a brief chance to see each other when he comes home to his parents. Unfortunately, things just get worse when they try to spend some time together. They can hardly relate to one another, and both are caught up in their own troubles (Zare more so than Merei), leading to a great distance between them. By the last day of the break, Zare has a chance to finally talk frankly about his worries and activities to his mother, Tepha Leonis, but they soon learn that there is now an Imperial crackdown, which will include Academy personnel and cadets as soon as Zare returns. When he does return, the cadets are assigned to patrol and question civilians for even minor violations of Imperial law. To make matters worse, Zare is paired with Oleg, while Kabak and Rykoff as paired. Zare takes it easy and thoughtful with the populace, but Oleg is harsh and pushes for citizens to inform on their neighbors with thinly-veiled (and outright) threats against others. Ironically, Oleg finds leads on illegal movement of product without official Imperial tax labels (and thus no taxes paid) in a particular neighborhood. Due to his efforts at the Academy, Chiron, Currahee, and Aresko have signed off on Zare transferring to Arkanis, exactly where he wanted to go to find Dhara. Also, due to the crackdown, Laxo has sold out one of the people he was hiding, helping prove to Merei that he

would certainly sell her out if he saw the need as well. Knowing that her mother is getting closer in her investigation, Merei and Jix plan to get into Bakiska's, pretending to be there for Laxo, so that they can use a pulse-mag to delete all information on the machine with the deleted and inactive accounts on it, which would include Merei's brief account used for the Imperial network intrusion. After planning the attack but before pulling it off, she speaks with Zare briefly by comm, and they end their relationship, Merei unable to handle it any more and Zare mostly agreeing. Soon, Oleg and Zare lead stormtrooper to raid the illegal no-tax operation that Oleg had found during their earlier field work, only for it to turn out that Oleg's own uncles are operating part of it. This leads Oleg to try to help them, thereby getting Oleg himself in trouble and booted, seemingly saving Zare from Oleg's constant accusations. Merei Spanjaf and Jix Hekyl try to get into Bakiska's to use the pulse-mag, but they are sent away and unable to get to the systems inside. Merei sends Jix away and takes the pulse-mag to handle things in a more dangerous way on her own. She sends a message to her parents with a timed delivery for a short time later, but her plans are briefly interrupted by a call from the Ghost crew, who are looking for Zare. She cannot help them find him at the moment and suggest that they send Chopper to do so. Merei arrives at Laxo's base of operations, where she learns that Holshef has been sold to a bounty hunter and that Merei is to take the bounty hunter to him as punishment for her trying to act behind his back at Bakiska's. Just then, stormtroopers burst in. In a brief flurry of activity, Laxo is shot dead, and Merei is able to use the pulse-mag on Laxo's own computer storage system. The message that Merei had sent to her parents had been a faked message from Merei (under supposed duress) on behalf of the Gray Syndicate claiming to have taken Merei hostage to force her mother to back off the intrusion investigation, which the Syndicate supposedly carried out itself. With no computer records and Laxo dead, the story is believed, ending Jessa's investigation. Merei is now in the clear and free of Laxo. Back at the Academy, Zare meets with the Grand Inquisitor, who is there to process his immediate transfer to Arkanis. It is in this meeting that he learns of Oleg's dismissal. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Imperial Justice)*

*NOTE: Placing this story is tricky because it refers to a "winter break," but it must not necessarily be as the year changes the way it often is in modern real world societies because there are also references to it being after the Empire Day "terrorist attacks." Zare is also still 15 throughout the story, from what I can tell, which puts some timing in question. Since we can't be sure exactly how it interweaves with episodes of *Rebels* prior to *Vision of Hope*, I have kept the summary together here until crossing over with that episode.

- On Lothal, Ezra Bridger again trains in Jedi skills near the landed Ghost. This time, he is blocking training level blaster bolts with his lightsaber, but he is not doing a particularly good job of it. Suddenly, he falls into a sort of trance, deflecting all bolts at the helmet that he is using as a target, while simultaneously experiencing a vision in the Force that leads him to believe that Senator-in-Exile Gall Trayvis, a potential ally against the Empire, will soon be on Lothal and in danger, needing the crew's assistance. It also sounds from the vision like Trayvis knew Ezra's parents, who went missing after standing against the Empire with illegal broadcasts eight years ago. The crew gather to watch Trayvis' next broadcast as he breaks into a propaganda news byte from Minister Maketh Tua. In his transmission, Trayvis refers to Lothal's rebels (i.e. the Ghost crew) and includes a message for them that, according to Hera Syndulla's contact Fulcrum, includes loosely-coded hints as to a time and place for them to meet. They are to meet at the New Freedom Mural in the abandoned Old Republic Senate building in Capital City. They are to meet at sunset that very day. To be sure it is not a trap, they need help from their old ally, Zare Leonis. (To be continued below . . .)

(Vision of Hope)

- Meanwhile, Merei Spanjaf and Jix Hekyl try to get into Bakiska's to use the pulse-mag, but they are sent away and unable to get to the systems inside. Merei sends Jix away and takes the pulse-mag to handle things in a more dangerous way on her own. She sends a message to her parents with a timed delivery for a short time later, but her plans are briefly interrupted by a call from the Ghost crew, who are looking for Zare Leonis. She cannot help them find him at the moment and suggest that they send Chopper to do so. Merei arrives at Laxo's base of operations, where she learns that Holshef has been sold to a bounty hunter and that Merei is to take the bounty hunter to him as punishment for her trying to act behind his back at Bakiska's. Just then, stormtroopers burst in. In a brief flurry of activity, Laxo is shot dead, and Merei is able to use the pulse-mag on Laxo's own computer storage system. The message that Merei had sent to her parents had been a faked message from Merei (under supposed duress) on behalf of the Gray Syndicate claiming to have taken Merei hostage to force her mother to back off the intrusion investigation, which the Syndicate supposedly

carried out itself. The stormtroopers have come to rescue her, following her locator. With no computer records and Laxo dead, the story is believed, ending Jessa's investigation. Merei is now in the clear and free of Laxo. Back at the Academy, Zare meets with the Grand Inquisitor, who is there to process his immediate transfer to Arkanis. It is in this meeting that he learns of Oleg's dismissal (or arrest). He is briefly met by Currahee and given his new security clearance and rank cylinder. On his way out, he bumps briefly into Chopper, disguised as an Imperial droid. He carries a message to meet "Dev Morgan" that evening on a matter of life and death . . . (To be continued below . . .)*

(Imperial Justice)*

*NOTE: See note with first part of summary above.

- To be certain that the Empire is not also aware of the time and place from the broadcast, Ezra visits the Imperial Academy, where he secretly meets as "Dev Morgan" with his old friend and fellow rebel Zare Leonis. Zare confirms that the Imperials are mounting a major operation at the Old Republic Senate building, meaning that a trap is being set for the rebels and, presumably, Travis himself. Zare also notes that he is being transferred to officer training on Arkanis, so he is leaving Lothal. Ezra reveals that his name is not really "Dev Morgan," but he is unable to tell Zare his true name before stormtroopers arrive. Ezra knocks Zare down to hide that he was helping rebels, then Ezra escapes to the rooftops. (To be continued for both stories below . . .)

(Vision of Hope and Imperial Justice)

- After meeting with "Dev Morgan," Zare Leonis is confronted by Nazhros Oleg, now a civilian, who saw him with the rebel. Zare threatens him to keep him quiet. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Imperial Justice)*

*NOTE: See note with first part of summary above.

- Ezra Bridger returns to the Ghost crew, who decide to follow Ezra's vision and try to save Gall Trayvis from the Imperial raid on the meeting site, even though it is a trap. The trap is being set by Imperial Security Bureau Agent Aleksandr Kallus, who believes that the entire rebel cell should be captured, whereas the Grand Inquisitor (not present at the moment) seems to want to focus on capturing just the Jedi (Kanan Jarrus and Ezra, the latter of whose name he does not yet know.) At sunset, the crew arrives at the Old Republic Senate building, where they see stormtroopers patrolling nearby. Using a fairly clean sewer pipe (due to water rationing) to get close, Kanan, Ezra, and Hera enter to meet with Trayvis, who is flanked by two guard droids. Chopper remains to guard the entrance to the pipe, which will be their exit when they leave, while Sabine Wren and Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios provide cover from the rafters. As expected, Kallus arrives with stormtroopers and Maketh Tua. Having already seen Sabine, Zeb, Ezra ("Jabba," as he called himself when captured early on), and Kanan, Kallus can now add Hera to his list of rebel targets. The rebels escape with Trayvis after his droids are taken out, thanks to Zeb and Sabine providing cover. They head for the sewer pipe, but they are pursued into the sewers by Kallus and stormtroopers. As they flee, Trayvis slows them down, claiming not to have been pursued this close to capture before. He asks probing questions about their contacts and potential allies. The group splits up. While Kanan, Zeb, and Sabine hold off the Imperials, Ezra and Hera take Trayvis toward their exit. They are stopped at a giant fan, which Hera might be able to disable. She hands Trayvis her blaster to cover them, only for him to immediately turn on them. It turns out that Trayvis is not against the Empire at all but an Imperial agent, luring out rebel cells with his transmissions and promises of aid. Rebels that are useful are left alive to draw out even more dissidents, while others are quietly taken out. Unfortunately for Trayvis, Hera was already suspicious and deactivated the pistol's power supply. Ezra is shocked by this turn of events. When Ezra mentions how Trayvis' transmission were a light in the darkness like that of his parents, Trayvis is able to deduce Ezra's identity, another bit of useful information for the Empire. Events transpire just as in Ezra's vision, only the context is now known and paints things in a different light. Ezra was unwilling to doubt his vision because of his hope for a new ally and more about his parents. Hera knocks Trayvis out, and the crew escapes when Kanan uses the Force to hold the fan stationary. Unfortunately, Trayvis has to be left for the Imperials to recover, meaning that they have not just lost someone they believed could have been an ally but have also exposed themselves even more to the Empire on Lothal.

(Vision of Hope)

- Ezra Bridger experiences two identical visions of someone with a blue lightsaber killing Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios aboard the Ghost. For now, he says nothing to the rest of the crew.

(conjecture based on *Ezra's Vision*)

- *In space aboard the Ghost, Ezra Bridger has a vision of someone with a blue lightsaber killing Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios aboard the Ghost. Concerned because this is his third time having the same vision, Ezra asks Kanan Jarrus for guidance, and they try to take a cautious approach. When Zeb returns from a brief mission in the Phantom, they learn that the Empire has put a large bounty on their heads. Again, they will take a cautious approach that sticks to their routines, since they are unlikely to be in danger just yet. Just as they decide this, though, a power cell overloads, putting the crew on edge. While trying to get wiring to fix the cell, Chopper is blasted by an unseen (by anyone but Chopper) assailant. The crew cannot tell who would have done this, since they all carry blasters. Going on a hunch, Ezra checks the Phantom and finds Zeb (the real Zeb) just returning to consciousness. The individual that blasted Chopper is apparently a Clawdite shapeshifter that posed as Zeb upon the Phantom's return. When the crew tries to corner the shapeshifter in the cabin Zeb and Ezra share, they open the door to find Sabine Wren, who was also looking for parts, incapacitated by the shapeshifter. The "Sabine" with the crew then reveals herself to be the Clawdite bounty hunter and escapes into the ventilation system after shifting into Ezra's form. When caught by Zeb when trying to escape, the shapeshifter then becomes another Zeb again. The two fight, and Ezra arrives to take down the shapeshifter. It is then that he realizes that it was him in the vision with his own blue lightsaber killing Zeb. Rather than cutting anyone down, he determines which is the real Zeb and stuns the fake. The crew drops the shapeshifter off on a "middle of nowhere" world out of compassion for even their enemies. It is only then that Ezra finally reveals that the way he was able to determine which was the real Zeb was by his sense of smell. Even with Zeb's appearance, the Clawdite had not replicated his awful stench. Zeb is not sure whether to thank Ezra or be offended.**

(Ezra's Vision)*

***NOTE:** According to the writer, Martin Fisher (via an email reposted to Wookieepedia), this story takes place between *Vision of Hope* and *Call to Action*.

- *Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios responds to a distress call when piloting the Phantom alone. He finds a group of humans (Greve, Lexim, Wad, and Alyson) at a hunting facility owned by Lexim, where he provides exotic beasts. He currently has gundarks at the facility, but they have gotten loose and are hunting the humans. Ironically, Greve brought Wad there to get over his fear of animals, and this obviously is not helping. They all race back to the Phantom, battling the gundarks along the way, but when Lexim is injured, he closes the door to let the others escape and essentially sacrifices himself to make things right, since it was he who brought the gundarks there to be a challenges that might bring hunters back and save his failing business. Once the others get to the Phantom and then to the Ghost, Zeb tells the story of how a friend was once attacked by a fierce creature while out with an older brother. The older brother sacrificed himself to allow the younger brother to live. Now, no one knows what has happened to that younger brother, Zeb's friend, after the devastation of Lasan. Zeb hopes that somehow he survived, since his story helped Zeb learn about courage, and he hopes to repay his friend for that lesson one day.*

(Hunted)*

***NOTE:** According to the writer, Martin Fisher (via an email reposted to Wookieepedia), this story takes place between *Vision of Hope* and *Call to Action*. I would also note that in the original UK *Rebels Magazine*, the story was entitled *Becoming Hunted*, rather than just *Hunted*, which the was name it was published under in America.

- *Imperial Assessor Potalla and her aide, Dunum, come to Lothal to meet with Commandant Cumberland Aresko and Taskmaster Myles Grint at the Imperial Academy. They are there to assess whether Aresko is fit for command, given the number of rebel incidents that they have failed to stop. She dresses them down, then interviews Zare Leonis, who lives up to his reputation and does not speak ill of his instructors. Potalla believes he will do well when he heads off to Arkanis. While Dunum observes the Academy with Grint, Grint begins questioning him in turn. Dunum worked with them at the Academy until recently, and he quickly became Potalla's aide once he left. Grint wonders if he has other goals in mind, given that he was there for the incidents that Potalla cited. Perhaps he wants control of the Academy for himself. Just then, an alarm goes off. Sabine Wren and Chopper have broken in to blow up the Academy's weapon storage area. They elude capture until Dunum corners Sabine in the weapon storage room while setting charges. He is mysteriously stunned from behind, allowing the rebels to escape. The storage area is destroyed. In the aftermath, Aresko and Grint tell Potalla that the codes the rebels used to get in were Dunum's old codes, and he was found near where the rebels blew up the storage area. Potalla takes*

*Dunum into custody and leaves Aresko and Grint in charge, for now. Unbeknownst to her, Dunum was trying to capture the rebels himself to secure command of the Academy, but Aresko and Grint alter the security feeds and sent a probe droid to stun him. They then falsely implicated him to discredit him and ruin any chance of him replacing them. All is not well for the duo, though, as Potalla reports her assessment of the Academy situation to Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin, advising that Aresko and Grint have become complacent in their duties. Tarkin will have to visit Lothal much sooner than anticipated to deal with the situation personally.**

(Assessment)*

***NOTE:** According to the writer, Martin Fisher (via an email reposted to Wookieepedia), this story takes place shortly before *Call to Action*. (That is obvious, but it is nice to have an author's confirmation.)

- *Zare Leonis finally informs Merei Spanjaf, his ex-girlfriend (and still friend) that he is being transferred to Arkanis officially. When Merei checks his status in Imperial records, she learns that he has been transferred not for training, per se, but on the Grand Inquisitor's orders pursuant to the investigation into local rebel activities on Lothal and Dhara Leonis' involvement in Project Harvester. Merei visits and informs Zare's mother, Tepha Leonis, who believes that she may now have lost two children to this mysterious Imperial program.**

(Imperial Justice)*

***NOTE:** See note with first part of summary above. I would also note that the epilogue (which this part of the summary covers) seems to include a reference to Ezra's transmission in *Call to Action*, but the Grand Inquisitor being called away to participate in the events of *Call to Action* a few days after these events seems to make that impossible. I asked author Jason Fry about this, and it appears that the reference was *meant* to be referring to Ezra's transmission, but when the timing of the books in the series was shifted a bit, those references were meant to be cut. This reference missed that cut. Therefore, it can either be ignored or assumed to be Gall Trayvis' transmission that is being discussed. Either way, this part of *Imperial Justice* is *not* set after *Call to Action*.

- *Having just informed Tepha Leonis of what she has discovered about Zare Leonis being transferred from the Lothal Academy to the one on Arkanis based on the orders of the Grand Inquisitor, Merei Spanjaf goes to where the wanted poet Holshef is being hidden by the Gray Syndicate. Now that Yahenna Laxo is dead, Merei knows that it is only a matter of time before Holshef is tossed out to be caught by the Empire. She assures those controlling the safehouse that new arrangements are being made, then spends a few minutes with Holshef, who speaks of, among other things, the scent of jogan fruits, which reminds her of Beck Ollet's family orchard before the Empire destroyed it. She races off to not be late for class at the Vocational School for Institutional Security. Her first class includes Jix Hekyl, who is angry with her about what happened at Laxo's, but she tells him that they need to take the opportunity for a second chance and let it go. At dinner that night, she asks her mother, Jessa Spanjaf, about security crackdowns, which helps her being making plans to somehow get Holshef off of Lothal. Meanwhile, Zare Leonis (age 16) arrives at the Imperial Academy on Arkanis, ready to continue his search for his sister, Dhara Leonis. He meets the commandant's droid, DDM-38, and is warned that a nearby tower is forbidden. He is taken to meet some of his fellow cadets, including Orman le Hivre, Tigard Manes, Bedal Cerroux, Penn Zarang, Chan Harra, and Anya Razar. Orman is one of the Commandant's Cadets, a special, select group, as Zare finds out when he tries to sit with Orman at that group's table for a meal. Cadets are "invited and tested" to join the Commandant's Cadets. Zare attends a Strategy and Tactics class with Colonel Julyan with other students (such as Commandant's Cadets member Rav Horan). Zare earns some respect with answers to Julyan. They head out soon for a training exercise under Sergeant Pocarto, requiring Zare to learn how to ride a local diplopod. The training is a live fire exercise, during which Zare is part of a squad under Anya that includes Manes, Harra, and Xan Lanier (whom Anya says not to worry about because he is the worst cadet in the class and won't be there long). When Lanier is caught under the opposing team's fire, Zare wants to help him, but he is cut off by jamming while trying to convince Anya to allow it. (She is distinctly against it to start with.) Zare gets to him, but a rocket attack kills Lanier and Zare's diplopod, nearly killing Zare too. When he comes to, Zare is ordered to continue the exercise as if Lanier's death means nothing. When the exercise ends, Anya explains it by saying that a gunship copilot transposed coordinates for a target and accidentally killed Lanier. Anya seems pleased that he is dead, as it makes the overall class of cadets stronger to lose that weak link. That night, cadets hiding their faces arrive to take Anya away from the dorm. Warned away, Zare follows anyway, discovering that she has been taken to the tower. Zare is found by DDM-38, who does not heed his concern about Anya and instead gives him demerits for being out of the dorm at night. After this, Zare realizes that Anya has been taken to become one of the Commandant's Cadets, and he sees*

how they seem to work as one cell, even when not sitting near each other in classes. Shortly thereafter, they are called to an assembly because an important visitor is arriving. The visitor's ship lands atop the tower (AKA "Area Null"). Penn claims that secret programs take place there, convincing Zane that Dhara must be there for Project Harvester, and the only way he will get to her is to become a Commandant's Cadet himself. Commandant Brendol Hux then calls the assembly to attention, as the visitor emerges. It is the Grand Inquisitor that Zane encountered on Lothal, the one who, unbeknownst to Zane, got him transferred to Arkanis for his own purposes, partially based on Zane pretending to have Force abilities like his sister. The Grand Inquisitor requests that Zane join him on the commandant's balcony, where he questions Zane about trying to get to the tower, "Dev Morgan" (AKA Ezra Bridger), and his knowledge of Project Harvester. He appears to be about to take Zane into custody (or worse), when the Grand Inquisitor gets an urgent call from Lothal. Fortunately for Zane, the Grand Inquisitor is needed there. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Secret Academy)

- Around this time, the Empire is having trouble with criminal organizations in the Minos Cluster.
(conjecture based on *The Secret Academy*)
 - Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin arrives on Lothal to take a firmer hand in taking down the local rebel cell and to address the supposed Jedi in their midst, whom Tarkin does not believe could possibly be a real, surviving Jedi. He is met by Minister Maketh Tua, Imperial Security Bureau Agent Aleksandr Kallus, the Grand Inquisitor, and an array of Imperial troops. Tarkin believes that the local Imperials are not competent enough to capture the rebels on their own, including the Grand Inquisitor. Elsewhere, Kanan Jarrus, Sabine Wren, and Ezra Bridger are chased by Imperials (led by Commandant Cumberland Aresko) during a mission. They escape back to the Ghost, where they view an Imperial transmission in which supposed Senator-in-Exile (and actual Imperial agent) Gall Trayvis proclaims to have come back to the Imperial fold in an interview with Imperial propagandist Alton Kastle. The transmission includes an image from recent events that shows the entire crew, except for Chopper. He is offering a reward for their capture, supposedly because they have twisted his messages of hope into an excuse for violence. Kanan decides that they will mirror Trayvis' activities by sending out a message via the Empire's own communications network to rally anti-Imperial rebels and send out the truth to people on Lothal and on nearby worlds. To do this, though, they must get access to an Imperial communications tower. The one in which Ezra used to live is an old Lothal local network tower, so it will not work. (To be continued below . . .)
- (Call to Action)**
- A few days after the Grand Inquisitor returns to Lothal (and one week after Merei Spanjaf informs Tephla Leonis of the truth of why Zane Leonis was transferred to Arkanis), Merei visits Holshef the poet again and pays with her own money to give him a little while longer in his safehouse. Meanwhile, Zane and Penn Zarang visit Scaparus Port on Arkanis during a break from Academy training. Zane learns of how Penn wants to serve the Empire because the lack of Imperial might and order had caused the deaths of his parents at the hands of Zygerrian slavers after a raid on Syngia Station when he was younger. Zane takes time to go to Jasko's to use a communications array that is not monitored like those at the Academy. He calls his home on Lothal and talks with Tephla Leonis (to whom he cannot tell much about his search for Dhara because his father, Leo Leonis, then joins in on the call). Tephla urges him to call his ex-girlfriend, Merei Spanjaf. He does so, and she warns him about the reason for his transfer (Grand Inquisitor request) and to be wary of the Inquisitor, but the warning is about three days too late, since the Grand Inquisitor left Arkanis already. He asks her if she remembers the smell of jogan fruit, something he was reminded of moments earlier when purchasing one. She is surprised that he mentioned it because Holshef recently mentioned the same thing. She urges him to leave Arkanis, but he will not do so until he finds his sister, Dhara Leonis. (To be continued below . . .)
- (The Secret Academy)**
- The day after the Ghost crew decides to send out their own rebel transmission if possible, Commandant Cumberland Aresko and Taskmaster Myles Grint are called to meet with Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin, Aleksandr Kallus, Maketh Tua, and the Grand Inquisitor. Tarkin has noticed that the local rebel cell has been less willing to kill than other rebel cells (which, of course, confirms that they exist). However, he worries that Kanan Jarrus, an alleged Jedi, creates a sense of hope in the Empire's enemies, and he blames Aresko and Grint for their

role in failing to capture Kanan and his rebels. At a predetermined moment known only to Tarkin and the Grand Inquisitor, the Grand Inquisitor steps forward and executes Aresko and Grint for their failure. Kallus and Maketh are shocked but reminded that failure will have consequences. Meanwhile, Ezra Bridger, Sabine Wren, and Kanan carry out a recon mission to check out the main communications tower. They are nearly spotted by a probe droid, which Ezra is able to take down with a Force-influenced Loth-cat before it can spot their speederbikes. Unfortunately, the droid is only disabled from flying and is able to record them leaving on the speederbikes. This allows the Imperials to set a trap for them at the tower. The plan for the Ghost crew is to get into the tower, have Chopper put a computer spike into the system, and use it to hijack the Imperials' signal to broadcast as long as the tower is operational. They will use the communications device that they recovered from the old Bridger home on Empire Day to send out their messages of truth and hope. Ezra, though, is going uncertain. His own parents tried to do this same thing and were taken by the Empire for doing so. Ezra does not want to lose his "new family" the same way. That night, they carry out the mission, but once Sabine and Chopper are in the control room, Imperials begin to arrive in police transports and Imperial troop transports. Kanan, guarding the door, sends Ezra to grab Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios from the gun emplacement he is using, so that they can hold the door together. Once the spike is inserted, Kanan sends the infiltration team (Ezra, Chopper, Zeb, and Sabine) up the elevator to the top of the tower so that Hera Syndulla can retrieve them with the Phantom. He promises to be right behind them, but Ezra senses otherwise. When Kallus and his men are joined by the Grand Inquisitor, Kanan destroys the elevator controls to protect the others. Kanan duels the Grand Inquisitor but deactivates his lightsaber at an offer to let the others live as long as Kanan meets with a "friend" of the Grand Inquisitor (Tarkin). Just then, the Phantom arrives, and Kanan strikes at the Grand Inquisitor again, having bought them time. The others are able to escape, despite Ezra's protests at leaving Kanan behind. (He outright orders them to leave him. Here is reluctant but follows the order.) The others return to the Ghost, while Kanan is taken into custody to meet with Tarkin. The next morning, Tarkin arrives to meet Kanan. As they meet at the base of the tower, the Imperials discover Ezra sending out a transmission from the Ghost that urges the people of Lothal and surrounding worlds to stand up together against the Empire, suggesting the very kind of unity against the Empire that Tarkin knows would make them a true threat. Tarkin orders the entire communications tower, the link between Lothal and the rest of the Empire, destroyed to stop the broadcast. Tarkin claims that he, unlike Kanan, knows what it takes to truly win a war. Their message has been heard, but the crew of the Ghost knows that with Kanan in custody, this is not over . . .

(Call to Action)

- After hearing Ezra Bridger's call for hope and action against the Empire, geologist Ria Clarr begins planning a stand against the Empire.
(conjecture based on Rebel Bluff)
- Ezra Bridger's call for hope and action on Lothal will eventually make its way around the Empire, even to the prison where his parents (Ephraim Bridger and Mira Bridger) are being held.
(conjecture based on Legacy)
- Two days after speaking with Merei Spanjaf (and one day after Ezra Bridger's rebel transmission on Lothal), Zare Leonis is among a group of cadets taken by Commandant Brendol Hux to see a nerf get killed by a sea creature to make a point about the weak being culled. Meanwhile, Merei learns that Imperial Intelligence will be investigating student records to be sure that no one from her school was the speaker on Ezra Bridger's transmission. Merei must turn to Jix Heklyl for help in swapping back her photo for that of Hestia Tarleton, with whom Jix had swapped her picture during Jessa Spanjaf's recent investigation of data breaches that Merei carried out. The next day, the cadets go to Sirpar for more training exercises in high gravity. Back on Lothal, Merei is questioned by investigators and finds that her photo has not changed because Jix has lost access. She is able to bluff her way past the investigator by claiming that the wrong picture is an error she has been trying to get fixed for a while. Knowing that she needs to get Holshef off of the planet because he is the antithesis of Operation Guiding Light (an Imperial propaganda initiative), she goes to visit Old Jho at his Pit Stop and, after impressing him by letting him know that it is Holshef she needs to get offworld (Jho is a fan), he tells her to return in six days with him. Meanwhile on Sirpar, the exercises that last for a few days, Zare proves himself by completing a mission and

impressing Anya Razar with his resourcefulness. He has apparently gained the attention of others too, as Orman le Hivre approaches him, basically confirming that he will soon be tested to become a member of the Commandant's Cadets. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Secret Academy)

- Sometime prior to the Sovereign being taken to Mustafar, Abel LaSal is replaced as commanding officer of the Star Destroyer and replaced with Admiral Konstantine, who will work under Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin.
(conjecture based on *Epic Battles*)
- In Capital City on Lothal, Ezra Bridger, Sabine Wren, Chopper, and Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios hijack an Imperial AT-DP in hopes of accessing its computer and the Imperial network to determine where Kanan Jarrus has been taken by Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin. Unfortunately, while they do escape to rejoin Hera Syndulla on the Ghost, they are unable to learn Kanan's location because Lothal's connection to the Imperial network remains down, thanks to the Imperials destroying their own main comm tower to stop Ezra's message of hope to anti-Imperial factions on Lothal and nearby worlds. (For his part, Kanan is being questioned and tortured by Tarkin, Aleksandr Kallus, and the Grand Inquisitor, but he has nothing he can reveal to them, thanks to Hera keeping information compartmentalized in their rebel cell.) Hera speaks with Fulcrum, her mysterious rebel contact, who urges Hera to look at the bigger picture and not risk their current operations in an attempt to rescue Kanan. Their transmission has gathered attention from the highest levels of the Empire, and it has given people hope, but their mission (whatever it is) was supposed to be kept secret, and now they have drawn attention. Fulcrum argues that Hera and Ezra (perhaps to a greater degree than the rest of the team) must not be captured by the Empire. Fulcrum wants them to go into hiding. Hera is forced to take this position with the rest of the crew, arguing that they should respect Kanan's recent sacrifice to save them at the comm tower. The others do not agree with the decision, nor do they intend to follow it. Sabine, Zeb, and Ezra leave in the Ghost, while Chopper provides a distraction for Hera. They seek help from their "last resort," Cikatro Vizago, who is only willing to help when Ezra reveals that he and Kanan are both Jedi and Ezra promises any favor to Vizago in return for his help. Vizago reveals that with the comm tower destroyed, the Empire is using astromech droids to carry sensitive information from the surface of Lothal to Imperial ships in orbit so that the ships can relay information to the rest of the Empire. After learning this from Vizago, Ezra returns outside to find an angry Hera with the others. However, given that Ezra has already promised a favor in return for this information, which puts them somewhat at Vizago's mercy, Hera is unwilling to let that go to waste. She joins the others in plotting a way to learn Kanan's location. (Ezra can sense that he is still alive and on Lothal, just not exactly where.) They intercept an Imperial astromech courier, replacing it with a temporarily repainted Chopper. It works, and Chopper is taken aboard the shuttle Lagos and then onward to an Imperial cruiser in orbit. Chopper access the ship's communication logs, then signals the others. They attack in the Ghost, drawing attention so that Chopper can escape out of an airlock to be picked up by the Ghost. They decide to keep the Imperial droid, which was rather helpful during the brief battle, but Chopper, not wanting competition, dumps it when they return to Lothal, leaving it to crash down amid some Loth-cats. Within the information Chopper obtained, they learn that Kanan has been taken aboard Tarkin's Star Destroyer Sovereign to be taken for further questioning to Mustafar, a place Kanan once said "Jedi go to die."

(Rebel Resolve)

- On Lothal, Sabine Wren returns to the landing pad where she once pulled off her "art attack" vandalism. This time, she sets explosives that will destroy all of the TIE fighters on the pad. This provides enough distraction for Ezra Bridger and Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios to steal an Imperial transport. Sabine joins them by leaping to the boarding ramp as the TIEs explode. In space, they dock with the Ghost to make their plans with Chopper and Hera Syndulla. They know that Kanan Jarrus is being held aboard Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin's Star Destroyer, the Sovereign, which is among quite a few Star Destroyers in space over Mustafar. They intend to rescue him by using the transport to get to the Sovereign. However, they need a distraction to cover their entry. They need something small enough to enter the ship's hangar. It turns out that they have just the thing. The TIE fighter that Ezra and Zeb stole late the previous year was not crashed and destroyed as they reported. They kept it, and Ezra and Sabine have been taking time now and then to paint it into colors that resemble symbols on all of their gear, a true visual representation of their new family. They will use that rather brightly-

colored TIE to carry out the mission. They Imperials should not see it visually (just scanning instead) until it is too late anyway. Meanwhile, the Grand Inquisitor continues to question and torture Kanan, trying to get him to reveal information about rebel activities and his crew. He refuses, even when the Grand Inquisitor prods him with how he allowed his Jedi Master, Depa Billaba, sacrifice herself to save him years ago. Soon, the crew's transport arrives near Mustafar, and Ezra uses the Force to confirm that Kanan is still alive. Chopper launches the painted TIE remotely, and it flies automatically to land in the Sovereign's hangar. Once there, a large number of pulse detonators explode, causing the ship's main power to fail, leading to using auxiliary power, and also knocking out most of the stormtroopers nearby. With the troopers knocked out, the team boards by having Ezra cut a hole for their docking ring with his lightsaber. Unfortunately, Tarkin had prepared for contingencies. He sends "all clear" signals to his other ships at regular intervals. He misses the next one, thanks to the power outage, which automatically leads to shuttles with more stormtroopers arriving as reinforcements. Ezra, Zeb, Hera, and Sabine run into the new stormtroopers while trying to get to Kanan. Ezra is able to use his lightsaber to fuse a blast door closed to block the troopers, but it cuts them off from Kanan. The only way to get to him now is for Ezra, the only one small enough, to go through the ventilation system. Meanwhile, aboard the transport, Chopper calls for help by contacting rebel agent Fulcrum . . . Back aboard the Sovereign, Ezra frees Kanan and helps his weakened from his cell. As they enter the generator section of the ship, though, they find themselves on a narrow walkway above another, below which are elements of the power core. On the other end stands the Grand Inquisitor, drawing his own lightsaber, with Kanan's own saber hanging on his belt. Kanan borrows Ezra's lightsaber and attacks the Grand Inquisitor, firing energy blasts from it in blaster mode as part of his strategy. When Kanan leaps to the Grand Inquisitor's other side, Ezra sees Kanan's lightsaber and draws it to him in the Force. Now, it is two against one, a fight that "might" be worthy of the Grand Inquisitor's time. They duel fiercely, but the Grand Inquisitor is able to push Ezra away with the Force, then does the same to Kanan. This knocks Kanan back long enough for the Grand Inquisitor to throw his double-bladed lightsaber at Ezra. It appears to Kanan that Ezra has been killed, as he stumbles back and falls from the walkway. In truth, Ezra has taken a pair of cuts to the side of his face, but his fall has been cut short by the lower walkway. He is very much alive. Believing Ezra dead, Kanan rises, ready to put an end to the Grand Inquisitor. His only fear had been failing Ezra, and with him apparently dead, Kanan has nothing to fear any longer, so he can fight with abandon and trust entirely in the Force. He draws his own lightsaber back to him from where it fell when Ezra dropped it. With two lightsabers against the Grand Inquisitor's double blades, the duel resumes. Meanwhile, the others realize that the stormtroopers are between them and the transport, where Chopper awaits. They instead head for the hangar where the painted TIE awaits, still functional. They call to let Ezra know this change in plans, which awakens him from being knocked out. Above, Kanan stabs both blades into the opening in the ring that runs around the Grand Inquisitor's saber, then withdraws them, severing its two halves. The ignited halves fall below, where they strike part of the generator, creating a massive conflagration that will soon cause the ship to explode. The Grand Inquisitor falls to hang from the side of the walkway. With final words that there are things far more frightening than death, the Grand Inquisitor allows himself to fall to his apparent death in the explosions below. Ezra reunites with Kanan, and the two head for the hangar as well. With danger all around from Imperials and the ship's damage, the Jedi order Hera, Sabine, and Zeb to take the TIE and leave without them. They will get out another way. The Jedi reach the hangar and steal the Grand Inquisitor's TIE Advanced. They narrowly escape as the hangar goes up in flames. The Sovereign is falling toward Mustafar's atmosphere. In space, the team's two TIEs face off with dozens of TIE fighters from other Star Destroyers, and there is no sign of Chopper or their stolen transport. When things seem most dire, the transport emerges from hyperspace ahead of them, followed by the Ghost and three corvettes with markings like the cruiser on which Hera once met with Fulcrum. With these unexpected allies at their side, they battle through the TIEs until both of our heroes' TIEs can dock with Chopper's transport. Then they all jump to hyperspace and escape. (Speaking of escaping, Tarkin is able to escape in a shuttle before the Sovereign is finally destroyed.) Reunited the crew of the Ghost are in for a surprise. They dock the transport with the Ghost, where Chopper reveals their allies. He projects a transmission from Senator Bail Organa. Kanan is surprised to see him, since they only met once when returning R2-D2 and C-3PO, and Kanan did not even know his name. Hera does, however. The crews of the blockade runners are members of other rebel cells (which

confirms that there are other rebel cells out there). All of his support was arranged with the help of Fulcrum after a conversation with Chopper. In fact, Fulcrum is the one who flew the Ghost during the rescue. The mysterious rebel contact finally emerges from the Ghost cockpit to reveal her true identity. Fulcrum is former Jedi Ahsoka Tano (now age 32). They came to help because of the hope that Ezra and Kanan, along with their message, has generated on oppressed worlds. They are now part of a bigger picture, and a new beginning awaits. Meanwhile, Tarkin returns to Lothal, where he meets with Agent Alexsandr Kallus, who notes that whispers are rising from the Mustafar incident, and some are considering the Empire to be weak. Tarkin has brought "an alternate solution" to the rebel problem, sent by Emperor Palpatine himself. That solution: Darth Vader has arrived on Lothal . . . *

(Fire Across the Galaxy)*

***NOTE:** After all of its issues with TCW, it blows my mind that *Galactic Maps* gets the date for this episode correct.

- *In the period surrounding the destruction of the Sovereign by the Spectres at Mustafar, Ahsoka Tano reports on the activities of the Ghost crew (and the impact of the Sovereign rescue mission) to General Davits Draven.*
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- *In the wake of their final encounter with the Pau'an Grand Inquisitor at Mustafar, the crew of the Ghost carries out missions with Phoenix Squadron under Commander Jun Sato aboard the Phoenix Home.*
(conjecture based on *The Siege of Lothal*)
- *In the wake of the infiltration of the Sovereign by the Ghost crew, the Empire improves its defenses against Star Destroyer infiltration.*
(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*)
- *In the wake of Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin's crackdown on Lothal, Imperial Security Bureau trainee Swain goes AWOL from Imperial service and joins the ranks of Lothal's rebels.*
(conjecture based on *No Sympathy*)
- *When the Arkanis Academy cadets return to Arkanis from Sirpar, Zare Leonis is surprised to find that his old instructor (and sort-of-friend), Lieutenant Chiron, has been transferred to the Arkanis Academy. Zare goes to see him in his office and learns that Commandant Cumberland Aresko and Taskmaster Myles Grint at the Lothal Academy have been killed for being lax in their duties. Captain Piers Roddance is now in charge of the Lothal Academy, and he gave approval (gladly) for Chiron to transfer. Chiron is there under orders from Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin to check on rumors that Commandant Brendol Hux is creating a secret academy within the Arkanis Academy. The Empire cannot have chains of command independent from the true chains of command, so he is there to investigate. He also confirms to Zare that the Grand Inquisitor that had been curious about him recently is dead, killed by Lothal's insurgents. Zare may have caught a break finally! That night, Zare is taken by members of the Commandant's Cadets to begin his process of joining them. He is informed that he must pass a trial by killing Penn, another weak link in the cadet ranks. (It is clarified that Anya did indeed arrange for Xan Lanier's death as her own rite of passage.) Zare agrees with no intention of following through. The next day, Zare brings the situation to Chiron, who works with him that night to arrange to get Penn away from Arkanis and into hiding, while using burnt nerf meat to create a fake grave. Zare is thus able to claim that instead of killing Penn during an exercise and risking his own scores at the Academy, he killed Penn in the night to prove his worthiness. The next day, he gives that story to the Commandant's Cadets, who buy it after some checking of the nerf meat and accept him into their ranks. He joins them all for a dinner with Commandant Hux, who reveals his plans for them, now that they have their final member (Zare). He served in the Clone Wars and admired how the clonetroopers were effective because they were bred for warfare. However, with them being genetically identical, they were always at risk from targeted bioweapons. He now wants to create a secret corps within the Imperial ranks of individuals over the generations who are essentially recruited, cultivated, and eventually bred to fight for the Empire. After dinner, Zare is being taken to a central room in the tower for his official initiation when another group exists the room. It is a group from Project Unity (a project that essentially brainwashes captured dissenters into loyal Imperials). Among them is Zare's old friend, Beck Ollet, who recognizes Zare as one of his old allies as an insurgent and turns him in immediately. Meanwhile, on Lothal, Merei Spanjaf visits poet Holshef four days after making her deal with Old Jho to help get him off of the planet (just two days from now, according to the plan). Unfortunately, Holshef does not want to go. He intends to spend his life on Lothal, even to die*

there if need be. She convinces him to leave when she explains that his poetry about what the Empire has done to Lothal could help inspire others in the galaxy to resist the Empire. Merei goes to school for the day, but after some classes, Jix Hekyl is arrested, and she learns that so has Hestia Tarleton, whose face was swapped into Merei's records. The Empire is obviously on to her slicing activities and has gone after Jix and Hestia in their efforts to catch her. She has to get away, now rather than in two days. She calls her mother, Jessa Spanjaf, to get herself and Merei's father, Gandr Spanjaf, to Old Jho's Pit Stop. Merei then goes to get Holshef, and they escape pursuit to reach the Pit Stop too. She reveals everything about her activities to her parents, then also shows them documents she has downloaded under false credentials that show how horribly the Empire is affecting Lothal. The next morning, the Spanjafs agree to leave Lothal with Holshef, and they learn that Hestia has been released (so the Empire is now looking for Merei for certain). Their ride to safety is to be the Ghost, thanks to having worked with the crew before (as has Jho). However, the Ghost cannot come to Lothal just yet, so Jho will take everyone to Garel, where they can link with the Ghost. However, the day's Imperial updates are finally uploaded from a droid into the Imperial system on Lothal, and Merei learns that Zare's cadet status has been revoked. She realizes that he has been discovered and intends to somehow rescue him. First, they need to save Zare's family (Tepha and Leo Leonis) from Imperial arrest. Gandr stays with Jho and Holshef while Merei and Jessa go to the Leonis home. Leo refuses to believe the truth, so they stun him so that both them (and the droid Auntie Nags) will leave with the Spanjafs. They are nearly caught by a roadblock, but Jho arrives in his battered old ship to save them. Now, though, they must find a way to save Zare. At the tower on Arkanis, Zare is brought before a tribunal and found guilty with little to no actual evidence presented because he confesses to the charges and speaks out against the Empire in the tribunal. That night, as he awaits his execution the next day, Zare is visited by Lieutenant Chiron, who tries to convince him to just join Project Unity and be brainwashed. Beck Ollet also visits to convince him, but Zare instead tries to convince him to turn against the Empire. It does not work. He speaks with Chiron again and requests that when his last meal is brought that it be Beck who brings it. He also requests just one thing as that meal: a jogan fruit from Lothal, the kind grown in Beck's family's orchard (that Beck fought for) before the Empire destroyed it. When Beck arrives with the fruit, Zare asks him to smell it and uses words and that scent to finally break through to Beck and make him realize all the Empire has done, things he already knew but had suppressed. Beck is willing to help Zare find Dhara within the tower and escape. Zare is able to get into the computers to discover Dhara's location, but Imperials are closing in. When they are about to be captured, Merei arrives with Jessa and a team from the Ghost (Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios, Sabine Wren, and Ezra Bridger, who have taken the Ghost to help Merei without the permission of Hera Syndulla or Kanan Jarrus). Zare and Merei are reunited, then they find and rescue Dhara, who has been tortured and otherwise abused in the Force by the Grand Inquisitor. She comes to her senses somewhat only when Zare confirms that the Grand Inquisitor is dead. The team is split now, though, and Zare, Merei, Beck, and Dhara are trapped in a room with Imperials coming up one of two elevators. Beck takes a detonator and sacrifices himself to destroy the elevator. The other elevator then brings more Imperials, led by Chiron, who tries to get Zare to surrender. He will not, and when under this threat, Dhara lashes out with the Force as Project Harvester has taught her. The Force push she unleashes slams through the Imperials, breaking Chiron's neck and killing him. With Merei sworn not to reveal what she just saw Dhara do, they use the second elevator to reach the Ghost, and they all escape from Arkanis. They head for where Tepha, Leo, Holshef, and Jho await them at Garel. En route, "Dev Morgan" finally reveals his true name of Ezra Bridger to Zare (better late than never). Merei and Zare are now seemingly back together, and they intend to help the rebels battle the Empire. At Garel, the Spanjafs and Leonises are reunited. Gandr is working on new identities for all of them, though the future is uncertain. One thing is certain, though: Dhara is finally back with her family, where she belongs. Zare's quest to save her has finally come to an end.

(The Secret Academy)

- On Lothal sometime soon after Ezra Bridger's rebellious broadcast of hope, Lando Calrissian is playing sabacc with Old Jho, Cikatro Vizago, and a mysterious woman, Ria Clarr. After he puts in his Ubrikkian 9,000 speeder into the pot, he wins, but Vizago believes he cheated. In the verbal scuffle that follows, neither man notices when the Ria steals all of Lando's winnings (including his speeder keycard) and runs for it. After dealing with questions from Imperials, Lando and Vizago give chase, following her to Tarkintown, where she is giving

away all of the stolen money (and, yes, the keycard). When they confront her, she reveals that she was with the Mining Institute. In fact, it was her research about a rich vein of ore that caused the denizens of Tarkintown to be relocated to that settlement in the first place. She is trying to make amends. With Ezra's broadcast, she now feels that she shouldn't be afraid to stand up to the Empire. She wiped her research and left Capital City, intending to leave the planet. However, when she saw the chance to steal the sabacc pot and give it to those in Tarkintown, she could not resist. Unfortunately, the Imperials, having already questioned Lando and Vizago before they took off after Ria to Tarkintown, arrive to capture her as a rebel. Ria hides briefly, and Lando and Vizago are nearly arrested before she gets into the Imperials' transport and begins blasting at them. She saves Lando and Vizago, but one of the Imperials is able to strike back, gravely wounding her. The people of Tarkintown rise up against the few remaining Imperials, driving them off. Lando then checks on Ria. She will survive. In the aftermath of this confrontation, Ria remains on Lothal to work against the Empire, but Lando decides to join Vizago in briefly leaving Lothal aboard Vizago's Broken Horn to carry out another caper that will also keep them away for a few weeks until the investigation into this incident dies down. In the meantime, he leaves his protocol droid, W1-LE, to tend to his land and his puffer pig.

(Rebel Bluff)

- Lando Calrissian and Cikatro Vizago part ways. Lando hires pilot Rikarda to take him to his next destination.
(conjecture based on *Rebel Bluff* and *Puffer Problems*)
- Lando Calrissian is traveling with his hired pilot, Rikarda, en route to his next destination. While in hyperspace, he makes contact with his droid, W1-LE, who informs him that his puffer pig has been stolen. An image of the thieves' ship makes it clear that this is the work of the Varluk Organization on Zyzzar, led by Ango Croom, to whom Lando owes money. Lando has Rikarda divert to Zyzzar, where he knocks out a pair of guards and steals one's armor to sneak into the Varluk headquarters. There, he is caught while freeing the puffer pig and brought to Ango. Lando tells him that he has merely invested the credits he owes and is waiting on a return to pay Ango back. Ango intends to keep the puffer pig to look for new raw materials, since, as Lando figures out, they have run out of raw materials for their own operations. Lando incites the pig to inflate, then uses it as a weapon (of sorts) to get out of the headquarters, then escapes aboard Rikarda's ship. He has cleared his debt, though, by leaving behind a device that reveals the location of a massive haul of raw materials beneath the planet's surface, which will pay Lando's debt and even more in profit.*

(Puffer Problems)*

*NOTE: According to the writer, Martin Fisher (on Twitter), this story takes place shortly after *Rebel Bluff*.

- While working with the rebels of Phoenix Squadron, Ezra Bridger replaces the slingshot with a wrist comlink and begins carrying his lightsaber in a holster like a blaster.
(conjecture based on *The Siege of Lothal*)
- With Darth Vader now on Lothal, Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin returns to his other duties.
(conjecture based on *The Siege of Lothal*)
- To stop rebel activity on Lothal, Minister Maketh Tua doubles-patrols, sets up checkpoints, and establishes curfews.
(conjecture based on *The Siege of Lothal*)
- Hera Syndulla responds to a distress call in the Phantom that brings her to the site of a shuttle crash. The survivor is Senator Nadea Tural of Thrad. Initially, she pulls a blaster on Hera, recognizing her as one of the rebels from Lothal shown on the HoloNet. She passes out, though, and is taken aboard the Ghost when the rest of the crew arrives to reunited with Hera. When she wakes, they try to convince Nadea of their good intentions and how they are helping people, including showing a shipment of food they have recent stolen from the Empire to give to those in need, but she resists their arguments, claiming that she is the one doing good in the Senate. Hera counters, though, by asking how much of what she has done in the Senate has actually done real good. She starts to realize that she is perhaps just a puppet of the Empire since so much of what she passes in the Senate is never acted upon. They are discovered by Imperials, led by Commander Earll. After a brief dogfight, the Ghost is boarded and the crew taken prisoner. When they are to be executed immediately right there on the Imperial ship, Nadea demands that they get a fair trial and is rebuffed as having no jurisdiction. As the execution is about to take place, Nadea jumps in to divert stormtrooper fire and provides the distraction that Kanan needs to attack the Imperials. The Ghost crew

*manages to escape back to the Ghost from the Imperial vessel and into hyperspace. They drop Nadea off on Camson, and she has quite a bit to think about now.**

(Senate Perspective)*

***NOTE:** According to the writer, Martin Fisher (via an email reposted to Wookieepedia), this story takes place between *Fire Across the Galaxy* and *The Siege of Lothal*.

- *Janard, who helped Sabine Wren escape from the Empire and later fed her intel, is taken into custody by the Empire. The freighter carrying him, though, goes down in the ocean on Quila. (conjecture based on Ocean Rescue)*
- *Hera Syndulla, Sabine Wren, and Ahsoka Tano arrive at Quila in the Ghost in search of an Imperial freighter carrying Janard, a contact of Sabine's who once helped her escape the Empire during her initial escape from the academy on Mandalore. They have tracked the freighter to where it appears to have gone down into the planet's ocean. Sabine intends to rescue him to repay his help to her. Sabine and Ahsoka dive into the ocean and take an underwater route to enter the ship, bypassing some creatures feeding on drowned stormtroopers along the way. When they reach where Janard was being held, the rack he was to be attached to is empty. They get into a part of the ship that isn't flooded yet, which is good for Sabine, since she went through some crazy things at the academy that dealt with underwater scenarios that have left her a bit skittish about being underwater. They find Janard and save him from a pair of stormtroopers, but before they can get to a station to contact the Ghost, other Imperials board from an evac ship, and they are nearly captured. The Ghost swoops in to blast the new Imperial ship, and the trio nearly escapes. Janard, though, is shot in the back by a surviving Imperial. He urges them to leave him, saying that he has helped Sabine because he once turned in a cadet that he caught trying to escape. He has tried to make things right. Janard then dies. Ahsoka and Sabine return to the Ghost, noting that by helping Sabine, Janard has helped more people than he could possibly have realized.**

(Ocean Rescue)*

***NOTE:** According to the writer, Martin Fisher (via an email reposted to Wookieepedia), this story takes place between *Fire Across the Galaxy* and *The Siege of Lothal*.

- *Aboard the Shadow Caster, Ketsu Onyo awaits with other allies to pounce upon a convoy for valuable information. She does not expect it to be an easy feat, but if it was easy, it wouldn't pay so well.**

(Grab and Smash)*

***NOTE:** This mission is found in the *X-wing Miniatures Game's Shadow Caster Expansion Pack*. It is one of the few that is more likely to fit with Story Group Canon than Legends or being ambiguous. In this case, that is because Ketsu Onyo is explicitly mentioned in the setup.

- *A member of the Spectres (i.e. the crew of the Ghost, unless another Rebel group is using similar callsigns) awaits in their VCX-100 (likely the Ghost) for Spectre 5 (a female, likely Sabine Wren) to reach their rendezvous point. Unfortunately, the arrival of a new TIE prototype and regular TIE fighters causes them to go into battle during this wait.**

(Sabotage)*

***NOTE:** This mission is found in the *X-wing Miniatures Game's Ghost Expansion Pack*. It is one of the few that is more likely to fit with Story Group Canon than Legends or being ambiguous. In this case, that is hinted at because the ship type originated in Story Group Canon, and the group using the ship is using the "Spectre" callsigns of Rebels.

- *Burl, part of a farming outpost on Fekunda, reaches out to the fledgling Rebel Alliance with an offer to join the Rebel supply chain to provide grain. Unfortunately, shortly thereafter, the Empire arrives and takes over the planet for its own uses. (conjecture based on Hera)*
- *Two weeks have passed since the Empire came to Fekunda Outpost to take over farming operations, forcing ridiculous quotas on the populace. Captain Hera Syndulla and Chopper arrive aboard the Ghost under fire from TIE fighters, but elude them. They are there to meet with Burl at the farming facility, in hopes that they can take Burl up on an offer of support for the Rebellion. When they arrive, the local Lieutenant (Mettic) is barking orders from Commander Zhou to increase production, and the duo manage to drive them off by speeding up a conveyor belt of grain to drive the Imperials off in frustration (with orders to fix it). They meet Burl, Au B'ree, and mechanic Lemnos. Hera suggests that they frustrate Imperial efforts (which might well get Zhou pulled from this post by his high-ranking father) by playing into the incompetence from which the Imperials already claim they suffer. They slow down production of phareen, claim some has spoiled, etc. Meanwhile, Mettic is getting tired of being bullied by Zhou. As Zhou orders around the clock shifts, Mettic writes a report condemning Zhou's*

leadership. Hera wants Au B'ree to lead the local resistance, since she is more prudent than Burl tends to be. When Au B'ree mentions that the Imperials are about to take a shipment of grain from the colony, Hera concocts a plan to stop this, knowing that the people will need that grain to survive. Au'Bree distracts guards while Lemnos and Hera steal the ground transport full of grain. They engage in a chase that sends the container to its doom, making the Imperials believe the food was all destroyed. Instead, they have stashed it. The Imperials determine the situation a failure and leave Fekunda for now. The locals provide some food to Hera to take back to the Rebellion, and the others are ready to continue their fight on the home front on Fekunda when necessary.*

(Hera)*

***NOTE:** I've place this story here between the first two seasons of *Rebels* because Hera is still a captain, not yet a commander or Phoenix Leader at this point.

- Ahsoka Tano approaches Ezra Bridger as he practices with his rather unusual lightsaber. When Ahsoka asks about his lightsaber and where he got it, he explains how he built it after acquiring its kyber crystal with the help of a voice (Yoda) at the Jedi Temple on Lothal. As he explains, she removes and examines the crystal. She asks how it feels to wield the weapon, and he describes it as making him strong, confident, and powerful, so she tests whether he is powerful without the lightsaber and tosses the crystal aside. She asks if he still feels powerful, and when he says he doesn't, she draws one of her lightsabers and advance on him in a form of aggressive training that Kanan Jarrus has never tried. He is forced to rely on the Force to dodge her blows, find his crystal, insert it into his lightsaber, and draw it to block her blows. He has learned that the Force is what should give him confidence, not his weapon. He could have kept going without recovering the crystal, but he was getting tired, he claims.*

(A Disarming Lesson)*

***NOTE:** This takes place sometime during the period when Ahsoka is working with Phoenix Squadron and the Ghost crew, so it must be sometime between the end of the first season of *Rebels* and the end of its second season.

- Six months prior to Leia Organa's Day of Demand, her parents become distant. She does not realize that this is because they are deep in planning and executing actions in resistance to Sheev Palpatine's rule.
- The crew of the Ghost (Hera Syndulla, Sabine Wren, Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios, Kanan Jarrus, Chopper, and Ezra Bridger) have been working with Ahsoka Tano and fellow rebels. The rebels they are currently working with are known as Phoenix Squadron, an A-wing squadron with Corellian Corvettes and a repurposed Clone Wars medical frigate as Phoenix Home, all under the leadership of Commander Jun Sato. The Ghost and the Phantom engage with Imperials in an effort to steal cargo from an Imperial freighter. They are successful, but it is a much closer call than they expected. Moreover, the shield generators they expected to be in the shipment were not there. They are all able to escape into hyperspace just as Imperial Star Destroyers arrive to support the other Imperials. On Lothal, Darth Vader is displeased with current efforts to stop the rebels. Blame (i.e. scapegoating) is falling upon Minister Maketh Tua from both Vader and Agent Alexandr Kallus. Tua is to journey to meet with Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin in person to report on her lack of progress. Vader's intentions are to squeeze Lothal in order to draw out the rebels on Lothal or draw them back to Lothal if they have left. Tua recognizes that she is very likely not going to survive much longer. She reaches out to the Ghost crew (while they are aboard Sato's Phoenix Home) by pleading with Old Jho to get in touch with them. She offers Imperial information, including a list of rebel sympathizers that have been too connected to arrest and the real reason why the Empire is on Lothal, in return for safe passage away from Lothal. Ezra senses her fear, as does Kanan. Kanan resists the idea, which further exacerbates tensions between him and Hera. Kanan does not believe that they should be part of a broader rebel movement because he saw what the Clone Wars did to everyone, Jedi and non-Jedi alike. Sabine suggests laying low for a while, but both Zeb and Ezra believe that they should stick with Phoenix Squadron for now and go ahead with the mission to extract Tua. When Tua is set to leave, she is followed by a spy probe droid. The Ghost team, traveling in a nondescript shuttle to avoid having the Ghost recognized, returns to Lothal for the first time since going to Mustafar. The Dark Side is now stronger here with Vader's presence and far more Star Destroyers are present. Leaving Zeb and Chopper with the shuttle, Hera, Kanan, Ezra, and Chopper go to the hangar with Tua's shuttle. Kanan takes out a stormtrooper to steal his armor. When Tua finally arrives, it turns out that Kallus has joined her to "escort" her to her shuttle. Sabine leaps down and takes out some of the real stormtroopers nearby, while Kanan takes out others. At Ezra's urging, Tua

rushes into the shuttle, which explodes before the others can board. The Imperials have set her up, so that Kallus can immediately blame the rebels for her death. Zeb and Chopper return in the shuttle to get the others out of there, but the shuttle is immediately shot down, crashing into the streets. They are forced to abandon it and hide out in the old Bridger home. Vader orders the spaceport locked down with any ship trying to leave to be destroyed. With help from propagandist "reporter" Alton Kastle, the death of Tula is pinned on the Ghost crew, who are identified in a photo. The people now believe that rebels are among them, murderers of Minister Tula, and they will recognize the crew. They have no choice but to leave Lothal for now. When stormtroopers track them down, they are forced to escape through a back exit into the streets as the stormtroopers destroy the interior of the Bridger home with thermal detonators. They determine that the most likely place to steal a shuttle will be the Imperial complex, since so much of the Imperial force is spread throughout Capital City to search for them. Kanan and Ezra, disguised as a stormtrooper and a cadet, make their way into the area as cargo loaders (with Sabine, Zeb, Chopper, and Hera in the cargo containers). Once they ditch their subterfuge, the group gets to a hangar, where they not only steal an Imperial shuttle but load it up with military-grade shield generators that they know the growing rebel fleet need. As they load the generators, both Kanan and Ezra sense the Dark Side. Darth Vader enters, lightsaber-ignited, leading a contingent of stormtroopers. Kanan and Ezra cover the others' escape by drawing their own lightsabers. Vader easily bests Kanan and throws him aside, then uses the Force to nearly kill Ezra with his own lightsaber before Ezra can jump back into the fray. Vader expends little effort in parrying their attacks and tossing them aside. Kanan takes a blow to his shoulder armor, but when Sabine and Zeb send explosives at some walkers, the resulting explosion and a Force push from both Jedi bring down the walkers onto Vader . . . who almost immediately emerges from the flames unscathed. As the Jedi jump aboard the rising shuttle, Sabine gives them cover with blaster fire, only to have shots deflected by Vader that scorch her chest armor and the faceplate of her helmet. Kanan recognizes that this is not a mere Inquisitor but a Sith Lord, and they were lucky to have survived. As a show of force to draw out the rebels again, Vader orders Tarkintown destroyed and its inhabitants enslaved. Unable to leave in the shuttle, the Ghost crew needs to have themselves smuggled off of Lothal somehow. They turn to the man they think can pull it off: Lando Calrissian. At Lando's homestead, they find him gone (due to the Ria Clarr incident) but available via holocomm. For a trio of shield generators, they make a deal with Lando to have his droid, W1-LE, set them up with some sensor buoys (per a plan from Sabine) to create a duplicate of the shuttle's transponder to confuse the Imperials until they can escape. Before they can leave, Ezra sees the smoke from Tarkintown's destruction. He gets closer but sees no one to help. Kanan explains that there is a price to any move they make now, including this. He notes the futility of fighting the Empire with just two Jedi, and Ezra is not afraid . . . which is precisely what worries Kanan. The crew leaves Lothal in the shuttle, using the buoys as intended. They successfully make it past Admiral Kassius Konstantine's Imperial Star Destroyer Relentless and back to Phoenix Home, only for it to have been a trap. Vader had purposely left the bay around the shuttle somewhat unguarded so that the rebels would steal that shuttle, which carries a tracking device aboard. It activates once they reach Phoenix Home and shut down. The Empire now knows the location of Sato's fleet. The first Imperial ship to arrive is Vader's TIE Advanced x1 (similar to the Grand Inquisitor's prototype TIE Advanced v1 but without the folding wings). He engages Phoenix Squadron's A-wings easily (eventually destroying most of them), leading to the Ghost crew (with Ahsoka tagging along) launching in the Ghost to assist them against Vader. During the dogfight, Ezra, Kanan, and Ahsoka sense the darkness emanating from Vader's ship. Together, Ahsoka and Kanan reach out through the Force in hopes of discovering more about the mysterious pilot. Upon making contact with him in the Force, pain and fear flood through Ahsoka and knock her unconscious. Vader, meanwhile, recognizes her in the Force, realizing that "the apprentice lives." With the Phoenix Home heavily damaged by Vader and Star Destroyers entering the battle as well, Sato is forced to evacuate the command ship in escape pods that are then picked up by the other rebel capital ships, while Vader is distracted by chasing the Ghost in hopes of capturing Ahsoka and the others alive. Just as the other rebel ships jump to the safety of hyperspace, Hera takes the Ghost between the Relentless and another Star Destroyer, close enough to only barely squeeze through. The Relentless, attempting to snag the Ghost with its tractor beam, manages only to grab Vader's TIE, as the Ghost jumps to hyperspace. In the wake of the battle, the Ghost crew recognize that they will be best able to serve Lothal by remaining with the rebel fleet to become better and stronger

themselves. Kanan and Ezra ask Ahsoka about the Sith Lord, but while she agrees that such a presence has not been felt since the Clone Wars, she does not acknowledge any recognition of the Sith as her former Jedi Master, Anakin Skywalker. As for Vader, he makes contact with Emperor Palpatine, reporting that the rebel fleet is broken and Anakin's (his) apprentice is still alive and working with the rebels. The Emperor agrees that Ahsoka might be able to lead them to other surviving Jedi, perhaps even Obi-Wan Kenobi (if he is still alive). With other duties for Vader to attend to, though, Palpatine orders Vader to exercise patience and send another Inquisitor to continue his pursuit of Ahsoka and the rebels.

(The Siege of Lothal)

- Darth Vader provides details on what is known about the Ghost crew and their ally, Ahsoka Tano (albeit with a false age, possibly on purpose) to an Imperial agent who might join Vader's own personal quests. To prove worthiness, the agent must hunt down the rebels, who are active on Lothal. Shortly after receiving this information, however, the agent is contacted by rebel Commander Jun Sato. Sato's cell intercepted the transmission, and he implores the agent to forego seeking to impress Vader and to instead work with the rebellion against the Empire.*

(Battle Plans from Darth Vader)*

*NOTE: This is a strange one. This is a book from Put Me in the Story that has a very rough framing story (which doesn't entirely make sense really) so that you can send in your name, picture, and some details to have yourself put into the book. The title of mine, for instance, is actually *Nathan's Battle Plans from Darth Vader*. I highly doubt it is actually canonical, especially given the Ahsoka age error and some other minor inconsistencies of ages, but I am including it until we learn specifically that it is non-canon.

- Still reeling from the loss of Phoenix Home, the rebels under Jun Sato are pondering their next move. Ezra Bridger suggests not fighting again just yet, which gives them the idea of finding a new base (on a planet or somesuch, rather than a ship this time). Unfortunately, they don't know of a decent place, nor do they have many allies. Ahsoka Tano, however, knows of someone who could be a great ally and has extensive knowledge of the Outer Rim. She lost track of him, though, and her transmissions to him have gone unanswered. She brings the head of a Clone Wars era tactical droid onto the Ghost. With its help and knowledge that the ally was last seen in the Seelos system, they will make their search. Ahsoka does not join them, as she is seeking answers about Darth Vader. She tells Kanan Jarrus that he must trust the ally when they meet. Upon arriving over Seelos, the Ghost must undergo repairs due to rushed repairs. With the Ghost stranded in space with Hera Syndulla and Chopper working to fix it, Kanan takes Ezra, Sabine Wren, and Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios down to the surface in the Phantom. They discover a modified AT-TE walker being used as a traveling home for the allies in question. When they stop to introduce themselves, they turn out to be a trio of retired clonetroopers (Rex, Wolffe, and Gregor). Kanan draws his lightsaber, and Wolffe fires at him, nearly causing a battle before Ezra calms things down. The three clonetroopers survived the Clone Wars and have since been retired. They did not betray the Jedi during Order 66 because they removed the chip in their heads that forced obedience to that directive. The clones are not ready to join the fight against the Empire, but Rex has some ideas for bases from sites never reported to the Empire. Wolffe disagrees with helping at all, as he worries that the Empire will come after them. As for Gregor, who is somewhat out of his mind, he wants to trade help finding a base for help catching a giant joopa creature with Zeb's help (as bait, though that is not realized at first). Meanwhile, Agent Alexandr Kallus receives a transmission from the Seelos clones that alerts him to the presence of a Jedi. The Imperials send probe droids to investigate. The Ghost team helps the clones capture the joopa as planned. At sundown, Kanan reports to Hera, who is a bit more sympathetic to the clones and how the Jedi and clones once worked together and might be able to again. As she continues repairs to the Ghost above Seelos, Rex informs Ezra and Sabine that he has compiled the information on bases that they need. When Sabine goes to put the data onto tapes, she discovers the transmission that was sent from the AT-TE to the Empire. The transmission was sent by Wolffe in an attempt to keep from being lumped in with a Jedi as a target of the Empire. (He was also the one keeping Ahsoka's messages from Rex when they arrived.) He regrets his actions, and when the probe droids emerge and attack, Rex helps make it right by destroying the last one. Unfortunately, now the Empire knows where they are, and with the Ghost still being repaired, they have no way out of the system. To make matters worse, the Phantom took a direct hit from a probe droid, so they cannot even get off the surface to the Ghost. The Empire is on its way . . .

(The Lost Commanders)

- Having been outed on Seelos by a conflicted Wolfe, Kanan Jarrus, Ezra Bridger, Sabine Wren, and Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios are stuck on the AT-TE shared by Wolfe, Rex, and Gregor. They know, though, that the Empire is on the way, and without repairing the Phantom, they may be forced into battle. In keeping with their original mission, Rex provides the Ghost team with the locations of every former Republic base, former Separatist base, pirate hideout, smuggler's den, and forgotten Mandalorian bases in the Outer Rim that the clones think the Rebels might be able to use as a base of operations. The clones, though, don't intend to return with the others to join the fight against the Empire and reunite with Ahsoka Tano. They are alerted by Hera Syndulla and Chopper aboard the Ghost that the Imperial Star Destroyer Relentless has arrived. Agent Aleksandr Kallus contacts Wolfe, who tries to pretend it was a false alarm, but Kallus now has footage from the downed probe droid that proves that the clones are harboring the fugitives. The Empire attacks the AT-TE with TIE fighters and then AT-AT walkers. Kanan, Ezra, Zeb, and Sabine are leaving on the repaired Phantom but turn around to save the clones from the approaching AT-ATs. With Ezra and Kanan hijacking an AT-AT, Sabine flying the Phantom, and Rex manning the cannon on the AT-TE, they are able to disable Kallus' force, even when visibility is nearly zero in a sandstorm (thanks to the Force). With the Imperials in retreat, Rex decides to return with the Ghost crew to reunite with Ahsoka and join the Rebellion, while Wolfe and Gregor choose not to do so. Meanwhile, Imperial Admiral Kassius Konstantine greets a new arrival aboard his Star Destroyer after having been ordered to meet "Darth Vader's shuttle" and leave Kallus' team on the surface for now. The new arrival is an Inquisitor known as the Fifth Brother, who is ready to take over the hunt for the Jedi.*

(Relics of the Old Republic)

- On a mission for Jun Sato's rebel fleet, Kanan Jarrus and Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios are ferried by Hera Syndulla on the Ghost to a Sienar Systems factory on Absanz, where they are to seek intel on new bomb upgrades and TIE fighter prototypes, but when they are nearly discovered, the "simple" technician they run into is Dron Ryall, one of Sienar's leading designers. Kanan decides that they should kidnap him to interrogate for information that could be far more valuable than what their mission was to claim. Unfortunately, they are pursued by stormtroopers with more on the way. They intend to give Dron a lesson in conscience, noting how many people have been hurt by what he has designed. He feels no real remorse, as he has a family to feed and claims that the Imperials only use his designs to go after those who have chosen to break Imperial law. When Kanan steals an Imperial ship to escape, Zeb must leap aboard with Dron, who starts to fall from the boarding ramp. Zeb is able to grab him, but Dron convinces him that the lives lost in an Imperial search for him would not be worth it, suggesting that it is Zeb's conscience that needs to take center stage. Zeb allows him to drop free safely, and the two Ghost crew members return to the ship, where Kanan agrees that he was overzealous, and Hera simply suggests that if they ever hit that same facility again, they will now know more based on this earlier mission.**

(Secrets of Sienar)*

***NOTE: According to the writer, Martin Fisher (via an email reposted to Wookieepedia), this story takes place between *Relics of the Old Republic* and *Always Two There Are*.**

- As tensions rise between Rex and Kanan Jarrus over the needs of Ezra Bridger during his training, Hera Syndulla gives Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios, Sabine Wren, and Chopper a mission to salvage medical supplies from an old Republic medical base. Sick of the bickering between Kanan and Rex, Ezra joins the mission. They head for the base in the Phantom, but they do not notice being tracked aboard the station by a small ID9 seeker droid. They are also unfortunate in that when they turn on as much power as necessary at the base, it is picked up by Admiral Kassius Konstantine's Star Destroyer Relentless. Konstantine dismisses the report as unlikely to be the Rebels they seek, but the Fifth Brother believes it is indeed them and heads to the base alone. Aboard the base, Chopper is left alone to fix corrupted inventory files and encounters the seeker droid, which zaps him into brief dormancy, but not before he can send a distress message to the others. While trying to reach Chopper, Zeb is separated from the others (by his bulk when trying to go through a ventilation shaft), leaving Ezra and Sabine to reach him alone. Instead of finding Chopper, though, they run straight into another Inquisitor, the Seventh Sister, the master of the seeker droid and a few others. Ezra engages her, while Sabine engages the seekers, but they are outmatched. Ezra and Sabine try to run, but they encounter the Fifth Brother in their way. Ezra is quickly captured, while Sabine is able to escape (at his urging) to go help Zeb and prepare a rescue plan. They would contact Kanan for help, but any transmission could alert the Inquisitors to*

the location of the Rebel fleet. The Seventh Sister interrogates Ezra, and the two banter a bit. She reveals that the death of the Grand Inquisitor over Mustafar has created new opportunities for other Inquisitors like her. She also reveals that the Empire knows that Ahsoka is still alive and working with the Rebels. That is the high-value target they are currently after. The Fifth Brother encounters Sabine and Zeb, turning some of Sabine's explosives against them, driving off Zeb and capturing Sabine. Zeb defeats a pair of seeker droids, finds the medical supplies they were looking for, and then reunites with Chopper. They make their way back to the Phantom, seeking a way to free both Ezra and Sabine, who are even then being held by the Inquisitors, who appear to be in competition rather than cooperating. Zeb reaches out with a fake communication (as "Commander Meiloorun") in which he claims to be about to arrive with other Rebels in their team. Ready to claim this prize, the Inquisitors march Ezra and Sabine into the hangar. Warned by a hint in Zeb's message to keep their chins up, the teens look up and see the Phantom attached to the hangar ceiling. Zeb charges in to save them with the Phantom, allowing Ezra and Sabine a chance to jump aboard. They escape through the closing hangar door when the Inquisitors are unable to cooperate enough to keep them from escaping through it. Once back at the fleet, the group tells Hera and Kanan about the Inquisitors. Kanan is shocked. They had no idea that there were more Inquisitors out there. Who knows what kind of true threat they are up against?

(Always Two There Are)

- Aboard a Rebel vessel at their temporary hideout on Garel, Ezra Bridger is training with Rex, only to be interrupted for Jedi training with Kanan. Ezra is growing increasingly tired of how the two men seem to be "fighting" over him and wants little to do with either of them at the moment. They board the Ghost for a briefing (via holocomm) from Commander Jun Sato, who tells them that the people of Rinn (an ice planet) are in desperate need of power generators for heating. Without them, the people of Rinn will die. Because Ezra hasn't finished a cleaning chore on the Ghost due to his other training, he is left behind to finish when the others leave (except Chopper, who is left behind with him when he laughs at the Padawan's misfortune). While working on the Ghost, Ezra and Chopper receive a distress call from Cikatro Vizago's Broken Horn. Intending to repay the favor he owes Vizago and to follow Kanan's standard procedure of helping those in need of assistance, Ezra and Chopper take the Phantom to the Broken Horn, only to be separated. While Chopper discovers the exact kind of power generators they need for Rinn aboard the Broken Horn, Ezra discovers that the ship is captained not by Vizago but by longtime pirate (and former pirate leader in earlier decades) Hondo Ohnaka. Hondo claims that Vizago lost the ship and the IG-RM droids aboard in a game of sabacc. Not trusting Hondo just yet, Ezra claims to be "Lando Calrissian." (Hey, at least he didn't call himself "Jabba" this time.) The Broken Horn has breached an Imperial checkpoint, so they must make a quick escape when Imperials arrive. Chopper accesses the hyperdrive, and they escape into hyperspace. While in flight, Hondo constantly tries to convince Ezra to join him as a member of his crew or a partner. Ezra agrees to help him on his current job in return for two of the five power generators aboard, along with splitting the profit from selling the third. Ezra also secretly acquires the remote that Hondo used to shut off the IG-RM droids and has Chopper hold it in case they need it later. They travel to Nixus Hub 218 to carry out a deal (originally brokered by Vizago) with Azmorigan. Not trusting someone he doesn't know, Azmorigan has his men restrain Hondo and Ezra. He also reveals that Ezra is not Lando Calrissian but instead one of the Lothal Rebels who once worked with Lando. Azmorigan plans to kill them both by sending them out the hangar doors to their deaths, since the Rang Clan has a price on Hondo's head. Thankfully, Chopper charges in, having heard the exchange over comlink, and causes some chaos. Ezra and Chopper manage to free Ezra of his binders with a thug's blaster bolt, then Chopper recovers Ezra's lightsaber for him. In the ensuing battle, Azmorigan escapes but leaves his credits behind, and Ezra must use the Force to stop Hondo from being launched out of the hangar to his doom. Hondo recognizes Ezra as a Jedi and notes that he is an old school Jedi sympathizer, having one of his "best friends" (Obi-Wan Kenobi) as a Jedi. With the truth out to Hondo, they return to the Broken Horn, where Ezra renegotiates their deal. Hondo keeps all of Azmorigan's credits, while Ezra gets all of the power generators. Ezra briefly considers whether he might actually leave the Rebellion to join Hondo's crew, but then he and Chopper discover Vizago locked in his own brig. Vizago and Hondo had been working on the deal with Azmorigan together, but Hondo turned on him, shutting down his droids and stunning him, then locking him up. Ezra repays Vizago's earlier favor from when Kanan was

captured by the Grand Inquisitor by helping him retake the ship, but as soon as they reach the bridge, Vizago turns the IG-RM droids back on (thanks to the remote that he has gotten from Ezra) and has them attack both Ezra and Hondo. Ezra shuts them down, but not before Hondo can escape and try to steal Chopper, while Vizago gives chase. Finally, Hondo steals the Phantom with the generators aboard, and Vizago launches Ezra and Chopper back to Garel in an escape pod. Ezra and Chopper return to the Ghost only to find that Hondo has returned the Phantom and brought them the generators, fulfilling his part of the deal, even if he's spinning lies about how everything transpired. Ezra and Hondo say their goodbyes, and Ezra recommits himself to working with the Ghost crew, no matter how annoyed he can get with Rex, Kanan, and his responsibilities. The people of Rinn will get their generators after all.

(Brothers of the Broken Horn)

- Months before Leia Organa's visit to Wobani, the Senate begins negotiating for resettlement of the Wobani population.*

(conjecture based on *Leia: Princess of Alderaan*)*

*NOTE: This is "months" before the book, which is in early 3 BBY.

- Leia Organa's Day of Demand ceremony date is announced.*

(conjecture based on *Leia: Princess of Alderaan*)*

*NOTE: This is "months" before the ceremony, which is in early 3 BBY.

- Leia Organa notices that her normally timeless looking father, Bail Organa, has started to show more gray at his temples and more lines on his forehead and around his eyes.*

(conjecture based on *Leia: Princess of Alderaan*)*

*NOTE: This is "months" before the book, which is in early 3 BBY.

- Phoenix Squadron is called upon to help the people of Ibaar who desperately need food shipments. When the Rebel ships exist hyperspace at Ibaar, though, they discover an Imperial blockade led by Agent Alexsandr Kallus. They try to run the blockade anyway, but the transport carrying the food shipment is destroyed, and several Rebel pilots, including Phoenix Leader, are killed. The leaders of Phoenix Squadron regroup and discuss their options. Hera Syndulla thinks that she can get at least one ship through if they send their last two transports across the blockade line, but that is a long shot. Rex suggests that they speak with engineer Quarrie on the planet Shantipole, who claims to have a new heavy starfighter that might be what they need to break the blockade. Kanan volunteers Hera (accompanied by Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios and Sabine Wren) for a mission to visit Quarrie to acquire the craft, while the other members of the Ghost crew pick up more supplies for Ibaar. They reach Shantipole and are nearly sent to their doom by the crazy weather patterns and power loss phenomenon of the planet, but Hera's masterful flying in the situation lands them at Quarrie's relatively safely (on the edge of the platform, but Quarrie is able to grab the ship with a loader before it can tumble off the edge). Quarrie proudly shows them his invention, developed on Shantipole because it is the last place the Empire would look, and any ship that can fly there can fly anywhere. The ship, which he calls the "Blade Wing," is quite advanced with a hefty weapon loadout. (It is his attempt to improve upon typical Verpine designs, hence its resemblance to V-4 ski speeders and the like.) Unfortunately, Quarrie is not simply handing it over. He needs to see how Hera flies the ship. Quarrie is not unfriendly, though. He has his droid, BG-81, help repair the Phantom. While working on the Phantom, Hera and Quarrie discuss her past and why she chose to leave Ryloth to fly and to help others. Her words about how she feels when flying convinces him that she should be the one to pilot the Blade Wing. She carries out a successful test of the ship with some fancy flying through the obstacles of Shantipole. It turns out that the ship has a special weapon that fires energy beams from each of its four far points that then converge into one larger blast (similar to a certain superweapon in current development). With the Phantom's communications suite repaired, Hera lets Kanan know about their success, but Kanan informs her that they are making a second run at the blockade. They could not wait because the situation on Ibaar is at its breaking point. Unfortunately, the Blade Wing does not have a hyperdrive yet. Fortunately, Quarrie has had BG-81 provide a hyperdrive upgrade to the Phantom, along with an astromech slot. As the attack at Ibaar begins, the Rebels are in bad shape again, but the others arrive just in time with Zeb and Quarrie flying the Phantom attached to the Blade Wing, where Hera is in the pilot's chair and Sabine is in the gunner's seat. They release the Blade Wing into the fight, and it turns the tide against the Imperials. The Ghost is able to enter Ibaar's atmosphere and drop the supplies that save the day. The Rebels then escape into hyperspace. Commander Jun Sato informs Quarrie that Senator Bail Organa has found a sympathetic shipworks to mass produce his design, which will become known as the "B-wing"

instead of the “Blade Wing.” Quarrie himself will supervise the operation. Speaking of supervising, with the death of Phoenix Leader, Phoenix Squadron needs a lead pilot during their engagements. Hera is promoted to the position. The Rebellion continues to grow stronger in small increments.

(Wings of the Master)

- After testing out the “Blade Wing,” Commander Hera Syndulla sends a report to General Jan Dodonna that describes its capabilities. By then, Senator Bail Organa is already collaborating with Slayn & Korpil to manufacture a line of A/SF-01 B-wing Assault Starfighters based on that model.

(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)

- Aboard Admiral Kassius Konstantine’s Star Destroyer Relentless, Agent Aleksandr Kallus arrives at the planet Thrad, seeking a stolen Imperial shuttle. The thieves are Swain (former Imperial Security Bureau trainee) and Cogon, a pair of rebels from Lothal. The rebels meet with a local contact, Beneda, who connects them via holocomm with Senator Nadea Tural (who is now a rebel sympathizer after her encounter with the Ghost crew). She has Beneda accept their stolen Imperial data and has arranged for them to join a rebel cell on Klonold. Kallus’ Imperials attack, capturing Beneda. Swain and Cogon escape with the Imperial data on their pad, along with coordinates to Klonold’s rebel cell. In their escape, they encounter Kallus, giving Swain a chance to battle her former superior. She is captured, though, and when Cogon escapes on their ship, the Relentless shoots it down, capturing him after a crash landing. Both Konstantine and Darth Vader congratulate Kallus on his success, but to him this is just another objective accomplished. They are a long way from truly ending this growing rebellion.*

(No Sympathy)*

*NOTE: According to the writer, Martin Fisher (on Twitter), this story takes place between *Wings of the Master* and *Blood Sisters*.

- On Garel, Hera Syndulla is passing along orders to Rebel agents. She has a mission for Sabine Wren. She is to intercept a courier with important data. Ezra Bridger and Chopper are allowed to go along as backup. On the way, she notices graffiti that she recognizes. They get to the transport that is arriving and try saying the code phrase (“It’s a long way to Alderaan.”) to everyone they encounter, but no one replies to the code phrase. When they are about to give up, Ezra sits on a power droid (EG-86) and utters the phrase, eliciting a response from the droid. Now that the courier has been identified, though, another player enters: bounty hunter Ketsu Onyo, former friend and partner of Sabine who helped her escape the Mandalorian Academy before eventually she was left for dead on a job and later joined the Rebels through Kanan. It was her mark that Sabine had noticed en route. Ketsu is there for EG-86, of course. She is now working for Black Sun. Stormtroopers interrupt their scathing words for each other, leading to a brief firefight, during which Ezra has Chopper put EG-86 aboard the now-empty shuttle. Sabine and Ezra board and force the RX pilot droid to give them control. Unfortunately, as they lift off, Ezra is knocked from the boarding ramp to land (safely) on a building below. The shuttle is pursued immediately by Ketsu in her Shadow Caster. Ketsu knocks out the shuttle’s hyperdrive and blasts open its hatch, which causes Chopper to be ejected into space. Sabine seals the hatch, and Chopper uses his rocket to head for the Shadow Caster as the two ships face off. Ketsu tells Sabine that if she doesn’t release EG-86 to her, she will destroy the shuttle. Fortunately, when she finally pulls the trigger, Chopper has disabled the Shadow Caster’s cannon. Sabine maneuvers the shuttle, and Chopper tries to get aboard, but Ketsu uses her tractor beam to pull him aboard. The two ships dock so that they can supposedly trade droids. Sabine and Ketsu have it out in a discussion about how much Sabine has changed. She is not going to hand over EG-86. Sabine forgives Ketsu for leaving her for dead and offers her a chance to join the Rebellion. They are interrupted when Imperials arrive, seeking the stolen shuttle. Sabine and Ketsu are forced to work together. The shuttle’s hyperdrive is down, and the Shadow Caster’s main cannon is down. While feigning major damage to buy a couple of minutes to rig the shuttle to explode with some of Ketsu’s explosives. Sabine reactivates the RX pilot droid, claiming that they are under attack. As the shuttle powers up, the Imperials begin firing. Sabine is knocked out aboard the shuttle, requiring Ketsu to race across the docking tube to retrieve her. Once they are all aboard the Shadow Caster, the two ships separate and the shuttle explodes, covering the Shadow Caster’s escape to hyperspace. They take EG-86 to Havoc Outpost, where they turn him over to Alderaanian Rebels and R2-D2. Sabine, Chopper, and Ketsu then return to Garel. Hera thanks Ketsu for her assistance, and Sabine notes that if Ketsu

ever does choose to join a full-fledged battle against the Empire, she would certainly be welcome. For now, at least their friendship has been renewed. For now, Ketsu will spend some time considering any further alliances.

(Blood Sisters)

- Sometime after her encounter with Sabine Wren on Garel, Ketsu Onyo leaves Black Sun. (conjecture based on *Newest Recruit*)
- While en route to the Del Zinnis system to find a missing Rebel patrol, Commander Jun Sato, Ezra Bridger, and the crew of their corvette are shocked to find themselves pulled out of hyperspace and confronted by a new Imperial vessel, an Interdictor. They send a distress signal just before their ship is powered down and captured. On Garel, the distress call is received by the rest of the Ghost crew. Hera believes that a ship cannot be pulled from hyperspace, but when Sabine was at the Mandalorian Academy, she knew about Imperial work with gravity well projectors to create just this kind of prototype vessel. Hera sends Kanan Jarrus and Rex to rescue the lost crew. Aboard the Interdictor, Ezra and Sato are brought before Imperial Admiral Brom Titus. Despite their claims to be with the Corporate Alliance, Titus recognizes Sato and Ezra as Rebels that Agent Aleksandr Kallus has been pursuing. On Garel, Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios captures a pair of stormtroopers so that Kanan and Rex can wear their armor and head for the corvette's last known coordinates in a stolen Imperial shuttle. Chopper accompanies them, wearing alternate colors to appear to be an Imperial droid. Upon arrival in the restricted area, Rex is able to use emergency protocols that he and Commander Cody developed during the Clone Wars (which the Empire carried over) to get them cleared to land aboard the Interdictor. Titus contacts Kallus, who warns Titus not to underestimate Ezra. With a little help from a mind trick, Kanan, Rex, and Chopper make it past the docking bay. Unbeknownst to them, Kallus' warning to Titus was right on point, as Ezra recovers his lightsaber while being escorted by stormtroopers and frees himself, locking them up in the brig instead. When Kanan and Rex race toward him, Ezra briefly blasts them both by accident. When they awaken, he claims they faced off with many troopers, but Chopper plays a recording of the actual event, amusing Rex and annoying Kanan. Ezra and Chopper head for the ship's reactor to make sure the ship is destroyed, while Ezra sends the bickering Rex and Kanan to free Sato. The elder duo reach Sato (who is surprised that Ezra has already freed himself), while Ezra acts as a distraction in the reactor room so that Chopper can access controls to the artificial gravity. Chopper sets the reactor to overload. Both groups head for the corvette, and Rex stays behind to cover the escape of Kanan and Sato's group, leading to his capture. He is brought to Titus, who questions Rex's loyalty and then offers to allow him reinstatement if he turns over the others. Rex is tortured to get him to turn in the others, but Kanan races to save him as Ezra leads Sato and the others to the corvette. Kanan saves Rex just in time, and they make it to an escape pod just as the corvette also launches. The corvette recovers the escape pod, but they are not safe yet. They try to go to hyperspace, but the Interdictor activates its gravity well projectors, stopping them. Thanks to Chopper's sabotage, the Interdictor draws all ships to it, including other Imperial vessels that are much closer, until the Imperial ships collide and the Interdictor is destroyed, allowing the corvette to jump to hyperspace. Kallus only arrives in time to see the wreckage of the Interdictor and to rescue Titus, who made it to an escape pod. In the wake of the mission, Kanan and Rex now have a respect for one another that was not there before, that of loyal Republic clonetrooper and Jedi, now brothers in arms again.

(Stealth Strike)

- While the Ghost (under Hera Syndulla) makes a supply run from Phoenix Home to Crandel, Ezra Bridger stays behind with Commander Jun Sato to learn more about how the fleet's ships work, since he already knows quite a bit about the workings of the Ghost. Ezra will train alongside Mizel Pomdak, who is earning Sato's ire with tardiness. They train together, and it becomes obvious that Mizel admires Ezra and lacks self-confidence. When an A-wing returns from patrolling Rinn, pursued by Imperial ships, they must fight back. In the midst of battle, Mizel has to fix ship systems and finds confidence when realizing that even Ezra can make mistakes. The Ghost returns to cover their escape, and the fleet makes it to hyperspace. By making a mistake during their training routine, Ezra has accidentally taught Mizel to be more confident.*

(A Day's Duty)*

*NOTE: According to the writer, Martin Fisher (on Twitter), this story takes place between *Stealth Strike* and *The Future of the Force*.

- Over the planet Chandel, a civilian transport is captured by the Fifth Brother and Seventh

Sister, who are there to acquire a Force-sensitive child, Alora, who is aboard with her grandmother, Darja. The Inquisitors take the child and kill everyone aboard (except Darja, who is left grievously wounded and alone). On Garel, Ahsoka Tano arrives to speak with Kanan Jarrus. She has been monitoring information from Mustafar to find out more about the Sith Lord they encountered, but she has not found much. However, she has learned more about the Inquisitors. She reveals that the Inquisitors appear to be going after Force-sensitive children (much like the Sixth Brother had been after Hedala Fardi over a decade earlier when Ahsoka first joined Bail Organa's Rebellion). She has learned of two potential targets, so Ahsoka will go check on one target (the ship from Chandel), while Kanan, Ezra Bridger, Chopper, and Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios look in on the other on Takobo. Ahsoka discovers the ship dead in space and finds Darja barely alive. She promises to find Alora. Meanwhile, the others arrive on Takobo in the Phantom. Chopper and Zeb discover two TIE Advanced v1 starfighters like the one the Grand Inquisitor used. While rigging them to explode, they discover Alora inside one of them and take her to the safety of the Phantom. Kanan and Ezra discover the target apartment of Oora but learns from her that she had a droid take Pypey, her Force-sensitive child, away when the "two Red Blades" (the Inquisitors) came for the kid. They let Zeb know, and he finds the droid in question, citing Oora's name in order to take custody of Pypey. Before he can return to the Phantom, the Inquisitors appear, destroying the droid and chasing him as he tries to get the baby to safety. Zeb hides out with Pypey in an apartment building, where Ezra and Kanan reunite with him after dodging the scrutiny of one of the Seventh Sister's ID9 seeker droids. Pypey begins crying and throwing a fit again (based on sensing the others' fear of the Inquisitors), which the Inquisitors sense. They escape through the ceiling. They split up so that Ezra can get Pypey back to the Phantom, while Kanan and Zeb draw off the Inquisitors. It does not work very well, as Ezra and Pypey are attacked by lightsaber thrusts while in the air ducts until Kanan and Zeb engage the Inquisitors directly. While on the way out of the building, Ezra tries to keep Pypey calm by suggesting that perhaps after reuniting with his mother, they can come with the Rebels back to Garel. Unbeknownst to Ezra, this is recorded by one of the Seventh Sister's seeker droids. Kanan and Zeb race back to the spaceport by jumping into a civilian's speeder, but the Inquisitors give chase. Just outside the hangar, Kanan must battle both Inquisitors while Ezra protects Pypey. When Kanan is knocked out, Ezra turns to fight but is also knocked back. Just then, Ahsoka emerges from the hangar and draws her lightsabers. The former Jedi engages both Inquisitors, while the others get to the waiting Phantom (where Oora also awaits) and lift off. Ahsoka bests both Inquisitors, knocking the Fifth Brother unconscious and holding the Seventh Sister at saberpoint. Imperial reinforcements arrive, but rather than engaging the Inquisitors again as the Fifth Brother regains consciousness, she leaps aboard the escaping Phantom. The children are safe from the grip of the Sith, which reminds Ahsoka of a disturbingly similar situation during the Clone Wars. However, all is not well. Thanks to the seeker droid's recording, the Inquisitors now know that the Rebels are heading for Garel.

(The Future of the Force)

- *After about a year living with the Pontas on Skuhl, Jyn Erso (as Jyn Dawn and age 18) goes on a picnic with Hadder Ponta (whom she has grown very close and attracted to), who reveals that he is considering joining a rebel faction to fight the Empire. She does not intend to join him if he does, and that settles the matter for him. He will stay for her. The two become romantically involved with their first sexual encounter as the conversation ends. They return home to find Akshaya Ponta back from a run early, reporting that the Empire is cracking down. More than half of the mines for which she tends to carry cargo are now owned by the Empire. Their family friend, Dasa, who runs a nearby mine on Skuhl, does not intend to sell out to the Empire, though she will not have a choice. When Hadder runs off to speak with his rebel contact, Jyn follows. The contact turns out to be Xosad Hazem, who used to work with Saw. He is now working with the same group Idryssa Barruck worked with, which is uniting into a larger rebel force. He offers Hadder a chance to join them and tries to get Jyn to join as well, though he seems disappointed when she does not notice the importance of him using the word "fulcrum." Jyn takes Hadder away, telling Xosad that surely the Empire must already know who he is and whom he is working with by now, since the Empire is already making its presence known on Skuhl. The Empire takes over Dasa's refinery, and it is time for the Pontas and Jyn to leave. Jyn forges their documentation, and they intend to get offworld aboard the Ponta One and the planet-hopper (Ponta Two). Their plan is for Akshaya and Hadder to leave in the former and Jyn in the latter. Then they can meet up after escaping. Before they can do so the next day, stormtroopers raid their home, the site of previous*

meetings for Dasa's supporters. The Pontas are able to escape once Jyn intervenes in Ponta Two, while some of Xosad's rebels battle against Imperial starfighters in Y-wings. As the two Ponta ships make their escape, an explosion strikes just as Jyn is able to jump the planet-hopper away to the space station in the Five Points system. She arrives, expecting the others right behind her, but they do not yet, making Jyn fear the worst: that the explosion just before her escape may have been Ponta One. When docking, she gives her own name as Tanith Ponta, taking as an alias the name of the daughter that Jyn briefly "replaced" in the Ponta home. With only 100 credits from selling the heavily damaged Ponta Two and a small pack of supplies, she must find a way to survive on the station. She is nearly robbed by a Gigoran and a Caldanian, but she sends them running, losing her knife but gaining a blaster in the process. The blaster is damaged, though, so she spends some of her credits to buy batons similar to her old truncheons. She keeps the blaster for show, but not for use. She spends a night at a crappy inn, then leaves in the morning after seeing a notice for a "Ponta" to report to level TJ56. Her hopes rise that Akshaya or Hadder might have survived and finally arrived. It turns out that it is an Imperial calling for the Ponta, and it was Tanith Ponta (Jyn) that she wanted. She grabs Jyn and takes her to her office, where the Imperial introduces herself as Commander Lucka Solange. Solange recognized Jyn's forged codes. (Incidentally, Jyn realizes during the meeting that she has totally missed her own birthday recently, wherein she turned 18.) Solagne is in debt to Pso's Palace, a casino. She wants Jyn to forge some credits to help pay off that debt. Jyn will be paid and have a place to stay for the duration of the job. After being paid, she rents a temporary place to live, while frequenting Moeseffa's cantina most evenings, watching the crowds. Eventually, Allehander Pso (of Pso's Palace) comes for her. She is knocked out and taken to him for questioning. He discovered the counterfeit credits, but when he went to Solange, she offered a deal, which includes selling some of Pso's property to the Empire at a good price to cover the debt and more. They need Jyn to alter some documents. The mission should get Jyn off of Five Points station and to Rumatika, one of the five planets nearby. She joins the ship's crew, meeting the Captain, Mathey, and others. She learns that the cargo being carried are actually indentured servants whose time is finally up. Jyn is to alter their records so that instead of going free on Rumatika on arrival, they will be seen as still in servitude with their contracts owned by the Empire. In essence, she will be an accomplice to slavery. She is obviously troubled by it, and the others take notice. The Captain speaks with her privately, revealing that he was originally sold into slavery by his stepfather, who sold him to Kiretim, who then sold him to Allehander Pso. He has earned his freedom by being a pilot for Pso and enslaving others. After a few days of ingratiating herself to the crew, she turns on them, knocking them out and imprisoning them in an airlock, while also setting the slaves free. The slaves, led by Annjin, will be able to start a new life. Jyn takes the shuttle aboard and just leaves, expecting the freed slaves to eventually open the airlock and kill all of the slavers. They do as expected. She heads for Rumatika, sells the shuttle, then travels on a transport to Uchinao a few weeks later. Over time, she will take various jobs outside the Five Points system, working under aliases, including the one she will bear when returning to the Five Points system years later, "Liana Hallik." (To be continued below . . .)*

(Rebel Rising)*

*NOTE: Oddly, as this segment opens, Jyn has been with the Pontas for over a year, yet later says she has been on Skuhl for almost a year, suggesting that a bit of time may have elapsed between originally meeting Akshaya and being taken aboard Ponta One and actually arriving on Skuhl. Either way, this is about a year after Jyn's abandonment by Saw. That said, she lives through and forgets her own 18th birthday in this segment of the story, which must put it late in this year.

- Starting now and over the next few years, Jyn Erso bounces around the galaxy on various jobs, including time working on a Tibanna gas tanker in the Anoat system, spending time on Cerea and Coyerti, working on a freighter, and even spending about a year on Takodana. (conjecture based on Rebel Rising)
- In a frozen cave on Blizen, Kanan Jarrus trains Ezra Bridger in meditation and Force uses. Ezra is trying to use the Force to bring down an icicle from the frozen ceiling when they discover an ID9 probe droid watching them. The Fifth Brother and Seventh Sister have arrived to capture them. As Kanan battles the Fifth Brother, Ezra evades the Seventh Sister and goes deeper into the caves. Ezra is able to divert the Seventh Sister with an icicle (as he was practicing), then he and Kanan use the Force to evade the Fifth Brother. They launch in the Phantom, but its engine has been damaged by the Fifth Brother. Thankfully, the Ghost arrives to recover them, and they get away while the Inquisitors are busy freeing themselves from the ice cavern.*

(Ice Breaking)*

*NOTE: According to the writer, Martin Fisher (on Twitter), this story takes place between *The Future of the Force and Legacy*.

- On *Imvur in the Hasmir system*, Kanan Jarrus, Rex, and Chopper meet with local rebels under Commander Ryden during a mission on the *Phantom*. They are stowing supplies stolen from an Imperial base under the command of Viggen when Viggen arrives in a *Star Destroyer* to take revenge on Ryden. Rather than bombarding them from space, which would work well enough, he decides to lead AT-AT walkers in a ground assault, which allows the overconfident officer to be defeated when our heroes use the *Phantom* and some flawed MLC-3 tanks to take down the walkers. While the Imperials are distracted with their own problems, the rebels are able to escape on their transport, *Evac One*.*

(Vulnerable Areas)*

*NOTE: According to the writer, Martin Fisher (on Twitter), this story takes place between *The Future of the Force and Legacy*.

- Before her mission to meet briefly with Leia Organa in Garel City, Sabine Wren is a bit nervous about the mission. Unbeknownst to her, so is Leia, who is just now arriving at Garel. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Leia Chronicles)*

*NOTE: This small segment of story appears before the regular adaptation of *Bounty of Trouble* begins in *The Leia Chronicles*.

- Leia Organa visits Garel City. She is “captured” from her stormtrooper escorts” by Sabine Wren, pretending to be a bounty hunter. Leia uses her access to acquire an datatape of Imperial bases and gives it to Sabine. Unfortunately, they are attacked by IG-88, who is presumably after Sabine. Leia is able to turn her stormtroopers on IG-88, allowing Sabine to get away with the datatape. Leia will continue fighting from the inside, while Sabine does from the outside, and one day, they hope to fight together again.

(Bounty of Trouble)*

*NOTE: We do not have an indication of when this takes place, other than Sabine’s armor style and the fact that she and Leia apparently haven’t worked on a mission together as we eventually see in *A Princess on Lothal*.

- In Garel City on Garel, stormtroopers harass a young girl for having a Tooka cat (similar to a Lothcat). When she refuses to give up the animal, Jyn Erso, having witnessed their actions from nearby, stands up to the stormtroopers and gets away with the cat. She is able to maneuver the stormtroopers onto a grate and dumps them into a level below street level, then returns the cat, named Tookie, to its owner. For one of the few times in this era, she introduces herself to the young girl not as one of her aliases but under her real name, Jyn Erso.

(The Stranger)*

*NOTE: I have placed this here (a) it makes sense for this to be in the gap in *Rebel Rising* after she leaves the Five Points system (and before her return) and (b) she runs into Sabine in *Accidental Allies*, and we already know Sabine is on Garel at this point, thanks to *Rebels* and *Bounty of Trouble*.

- In Garel City on Garel, Sabine Wren has completed a mission to acquire a holographic map, but she manages to drop it when escaping. It is found by Jyn Erso, who comes under attack by stormtroopers when she is seen looking at the projection. She is saved by Sabine, who wants it back. She explains that the information is there to help people and how she used to work alone too. Jyn is convinced to hand it over, and the two part ways. Sabine lets Phoenix Squadron know she has the map.

(Accidental Allies)*

*NOTE: Given where I’ve placed *The Stranger* so that it fits in a gap that makes sense in *Rebel Rising*, that would also put this episode here.

- Just prior to leaving for Garel City aboard the *Ghost* with Hera Syndulla, Sabine Wren puts finishing touches on her personal speeder’s artistic design. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Tales of Hope & Courage)*

*NOTE: This is the lead-in to the *Newest Recruit* episode of *Forces of Destiny*, and the rest of this portion of the book is covered in the summary for that episode.

- En route to Garel City aboard the *Ghost*, Sabine Wren expresses hope to Hera Syndulla that Ketsu Onyo, who has now left *Black Sun*, might be able to help with their current mission. Sabine meets Ketsu at the Garel City Spaceport, and they work together to break into a restricted area in bay 19, where they find the crates full of food that the Rebellion needs in order to help people starving under Imperial rule. They battle stormtroopers over control of the crates and to protect a Chadra-Fan child they discover stowed away in one of the food crates. They are able to get away with the crates with some help from a newly-arrived Chopper and Hera flying the *Ghost* for a quick getaway. In the wake of saving the child and

*procuring food that could really do some good, Ketsu relents in her protests at the idea of working with the Rebels instead of alone and decides to join the cause. As such, Sabine takes a moment to paint a Phoenix Squadron symbol onto Ketsu's armor.**

(Newest Recruit)*

*NOTE: We have no indication of when this takes place, other than that it must be sometime between *Blood Sisters* and *The Forgotten Droid* (Ketsu's first two appearances in *Rebels*). However, since we also see Ketsu on Garel with Sabine in *Crash Course*, I would argue that it must be sometime before *Legacy*. I'd also note that in *Daring Adventures, Vol. 1*, the story is called *The Newest Recruit*, but the title of the episode itself drops "The" and is simply called *Newest Recruit*.

- *On Garel, Sabine Wren finishes working on her personal jumpspeeder aboard the Ghost, and then she and Hera Syndulla head off on the speeder to meet Ketsu Onyo (now a member of the Rebellion). Ketsu zooms in and crashes her own speederbike. In order to carry out her mission to deliver a datacard to an informant, she must go alone, and she needs to borrow Sabine's speeder to do so. A while later, the mission has been a success, but the speeder is wrecked by the time Ketsu gets back. Sabine is just glad Ketsu made it back safely, but Ketsu will now need to stick around the Ghost for a few days to learn how to repair engines.**

(Crash Course)*

*NOTE: Since Sabine and the Spectres are still on Garel at this point, it suggests this must be prior to *Legacy*, yet also sometime between *Blood Sisters* (and *Newest Recruit*) and *The Forgotten Droid*, due to Ketsu being a Rebel.

- *On Ord Mantell, Jyn Erso spots a young Chadra-fan child being run off by a merchant, who suspects that he wants to steal something. Jyn approaches the same merchant and buys a fruit for a credit, though the merchant notes (within hearing of the boy) that she could buy far more by trading her necklace (a last memento for Lyra Erso that bears a kyber crystal). She declines, but as she leaves, the boy steals it from her. Jyn gives chase, until she finally manages to catch him when he tries to return to the marketplace. Realizing that the child is just hungry, she gives him her fruit after reclaiming her necklace back and lets him leave.*

(Jyn's Trade)*

*NOTE: I have placed this here so that it is fairly close to *The Stranger* and fits within Jyn's gap in *Rebel Rising* before returning to the Five Points System. It could very well be later than this (or a bit earlier).

- *A disease begins to strike young Chalhuddans on Chal Hudda.**

(conjecture based on *Leia: Princess of Alderaan*)*

*NOTE: This was "recently" as of the story.

TK-146275 [continued] (SWI166 short story: Sylvain Neuvel)

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Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Chapter 2 [continued]

Lost Stars [continued] (manga series: Claudia Gray & Yusaku Komiya)

Lost Stars, Vol. 1 [continued] (manga: Claudia Gray & Yusaku Komiya)

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Twilight Company [continued] (novel: Alexander Freed)

Withdrawal [continued]

Chapter 7

Kanan [continued] (comic series: Greg Weisman)

The Last Padawan [continued] (comic series: Greg Weisman)

Fight [continued] (comic: Greg Weisman)

Release [continued] (comic: Greg Weisman)

Haunt (comic: Greg Weisman)

First Blood [continued] (comic series: Greg Weisman)

The Corridors of Coruscant [continued] (comic: Greg Weisman)

The Towers of the Temple [continued] (comic: Greg Weisman)

The Canyons of Kardoia [continued] (comic: Greg Weisman)

The Mesas of Mygeeto [continued] (comic: Greg Weisman)

The Fog of War [continued] (comic: Greg Weisman)

The Ties That Bind [continued] (comic: Greg Weisman)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin

Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff &

Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Empire Day (cartoon: Henry Gilroy)

Rebels Cinestory Comics [continued] (comic series: Joe Books)

Path of the Jedi Cinestory Comic (comic: Joe Books)

Empire Day

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Gathering Forces (cartoon: Greg Weisman)

Rebels Cinestory Comics [continued] (comic series: Joe Books)

Path of the Jedi Cinestory Comic [continued] (comic: Joe Books)

Gathering Forces

Sabine: My Rebel Sketchbook [continued] (book: Dan Wallace)

Sabine: My Rebel Sketchbook [continued] (book: Dan Wallace)

Rebels Magazine Comics [continued] (RM/RMUK comic series: Martin Fisher & Jeremy Barlow)

Return of the Slavers (RM3 comic: Martin Fisher)

Eyes on the Prize (RM4 comic: Jeremy Barlow)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Path of the Jedi (cartoon: Charles Murray)

Rebels Cinestory Comics [continued] (comic series: Joe Books)

Path of the Jedi Cinestory Comic [continued] (comic: Joe Books)

Path of the Jedi

Rebels Magazine Comics [continued] (RM/RMUK comic series: Martin Fisher & Jeremy Barlow)

Sabotaged Supplies (RM4 comic: Martin Fisher)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Idiot's Array (cartoon: Kevin Hopps)

Servants of the Empire [continued] (youth novel series: Jason Fry)

Imperial Justice (youth novel: Jason Fry)

Loyalty

Justice

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Vision of Hope (cartoon: Henry Gilroy)

Rebels Cinestory Comics [continued] (comic series: Joe Books)

Path of the Jedi Cinestory Comic [continued] (comic: Joe Books)

Vision of Hope

Servants of the Empire [continued] (youth novel series: Jason Fry)

Imperial Justice [continued] (youth novel: Jason Fry)

Justice [continued]

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill

Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Vision of Hope [continued] (cartoon: Henry Gilroy)

Servants of the Empire [continued] (youth novel series: Jason Fry)

Imperial Justice [continued] (youth novel: Jason Fry)

Justice [continued]

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Vision of Hope [continued] (cartoon: Henry Gilroy)

Servants of the Empire [continued] (youth novel series: Jason Fry)

Imperial Justice [continued] (youth novel: Jason Fry)

Epilogue

Servants of the Empire [continued] (youth novel series: Jason Fry)

The Secret Academy (youth novel: Jason Fry)

Merei

Chapters 12 – 13

Zare

Chapters 1 – 4

Rebels Magazine Comics [continued] (RM/RMUK comic series: Martin Fisher & Jeremy Barlow)

Ezra's Vision (RM5 comic: Martin Fisher)

Hunted (RM6 comic: Martin Fisher)

Assessment (RM6 comic: Martin Fisher)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Call to Action (cartoon: Greg Weisman & Simon Kinberg)

Rebels Cinestory Comics [continued] (comic series: Joe Books)

Path of the Jedi Cinestory Comic [continued] (comic: Joe Books)

Call to Action

Servants of the Empire [continued] (youth novel series: Jason Fry)

The Secret Academy [continued] (youth novel: Jason Fry)

Merei [continued]

Chapter 13 [continued]

Zare [continued]

Chapter 5

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Call to Action [continued] (cartoon: Greg Weisman & Simon Kinberg)

Servants of the Empire [continued] (youth novel series: Jason Fry)

The Secret Academy [continued] (youth novel: Jason Fry)

Merei [continued]

Chapter 13 [continued]

Chapter 14

Zare [continued]

Chapter 7

Merei [continued]

Chapter 14 [continued]

Zare [continued]

Chapter 7 [continued]

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Rebel Resolve (cartoon: Charles Murray & Henry Gilroy)

Fire Across the Galaxy (cartoon: Simon Kinberg)

Servants of the Empire [continued] (youth novel series: Jason Fry)

The Secret Academy [continued] (youth novel: Jason Fry)

Zare [continued]

Chapters 8 – 11

Merei [continued]

Chapters 15 – 18

The Tower

Chapters 19 - 22

Rebel Bluff (SWI158 short story: Michael Kogge)

Rebel Bluff (SWI158 short story: Michael Kogge)

Rebels Magazine Comics [continued] (RM/RMUK comic series: Martin Fisher & Jeremy Barlow)

Puffer Problems (RMUK comic: Martin Fisher)

Senate Perspective (RM5 comic: Martin Fisher)

Ocean Rescue (RM7 comic: Martin Fisher)

X-wing Miniatures Game (miniatures game series: Fantasy Flight Games)

Shadow Caster Expansion Pack Rules Supplement (miniatures game: Fantasy Flight Games)

Grab and Smash

Ghost Expansion Pack Rules Supplement (miniatures game: Fantasy Flight Games)

Sabotage

Forces of Destiny [continued] (comic series: Jody Houser & Devin Grayson & Beth Revis & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Delilah S. Dawson)

Hera (comic: Devin Grayson)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (cartoon series: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)

Forces of Destiny, Volume 4 [continued] (cartoon: Nicole Dubuc)

A Disarming Lesson (cartoon: Nicole Dubuc)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

The Siege of Lothal (cartoon: Henry Gilroy)

Battle Plans from Darth Vader (book: Chris Conti)*

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*NOTE: See note with the summary above. It very well may not be canonical at all.

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

The Lost Commanders (cartoon: Matt Michnovetz)

Relics of the Old Republic (cartoon: Steven Melching)

Rebels Magazine Comics [continued] (RM/RMUK comic series: Martin Fisher & Jeremy Barlow)

Secrets of Siemar (RM7 comic: Martin Fisher)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill

Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Always Two There Are (cartoon: Kevin Hopps)

Brothers of the Broken Horn (cartoon: Bill Wolkoff)

Wings of the Master (cartoon: Steven Melching)

Rebels Magazine Comics [continued] (RM/RMUK comic series: Martin Fisher & Jeremy Barlow)

No Sympathy (RM8 comic: Martin Fisher)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

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Blood Sisters (cartoon: Kevin Hopps)

Stealth Strike (cartoon: Matt Michnovetz)

Rebels Magazine Comics [continued] (RM/RMUK comic series: Martin Fisher & Jeremy Barlow)

A Day's Duty (RM8 comic: Martin Fisher)

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The Future of the Force (cartoon: Bill Wolkoff)

Rebel Rising [continued] (youth novel: Beth Revis)

Rebel Rising [continued] (youth novel: Beth Revis)

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Rebels Magazine Comics [continued] (RM/RMUK comic series: Martin Fisher & Jeremy Barlow)

Ice Breaking (RMUK comic: Martin Fisher)

Vulnerable Areas (RMUK comic: Martin Fisher)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)

The Leia Chronicles (youth novel: Emma Carlson Berne)

Bounty of Trouble

Forces of Destiny [continued] (cartoon series: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)

Forces of Destiny, Volume 1 [continued] (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

Bounty of Trouble (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)

The Leia Chronicles [continued] (youth novel: Emma Carlson Berne)

Bounty of Trouble [continued]

Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)

Daring Adventures, Vol. 2 [continued] (youth novel: Emma Carlson Berne)

Jyn: The Stranger

Chapter 12

Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)

Tales of Hope & Courage [continued] (youth novel: Elizabeth Schaefer)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (cartoon series: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)

Forces of Destiny, Volume 1 [continued] (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

The Stranger (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)

Daring Adventures, Vol. 2 [continued] (youth novel: Emma Carlson Berne)
 Jyn: The Stranger [continued]
 Chapter 12 [continued]
 Chapters 13 - 14

Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)

Tales of Hope & Courage [continued] (youth novel: Elizabeth Schaefer)
 Forces of Destiny, Volume 1 [continued] (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)
 Accidental Allies (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)

Tales of Hope & Courage [continued] (youth novel: Elizabeth Schaefer)
Forces of Destiny [continued] (cartoon series: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)
 Forces of Destiny, Volume 1 [continued] (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)
 Newest Recruit (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)

Daring Adventures, Vol. 1 [continued] (youth novel: Emma Carlson Berne)
 Sabine: The Newest Recruit
 Chapters 6 - 9

Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)

Tales of Hope & Courage [continued] (youth novel: Elizabeth Schaefer)
 Forces of Destiny, Volume 2 [continued] (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)
 Crash Course (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)
 Forces of Destiny, Volume 3 [continued] (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)
 Jyn's Trade (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

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- *Taryai Akagarti is born to Enoch Akagarti and his wife.*
(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)
 - *Around this time, the volcano where Operation Yellow Moon will put a hyperspace-transceiver on Sesid erupts for the last time, according to Nien Nunb.*
(conjecture based on *Moving Target*)
 - *Shortly before entering the Royal Imperial Academy, Thane Kyrell finally starts to grow faster, bring him closer in stature to his older brother, Dalven Kyrell.*
(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*)
 - *Upon turning sixteen, Leia Organa's aunts and adoptive parents agree for her to begin training in self-defense.*
(conjecture based on *The Princess, the Scoundrel, and the Farm Boy*)
 - *Leia Organa becomes a full member of the Senate when she replaces Bail Organa, her adoptive father, as the Imperial Senator for Alderaan. Bail also brings her into his confidence by revealing the existence of the rebellion against the Empire.*
(conjecture based on *Princess Leia: Royal Rebel*)
 - *Senator Mon Mothma welcomes Leia Organa to the Imperial Senate with a letter that will one day become part of a historical cache of Rebel historical files on Durkteel.*
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
 - *Around this time, Bodhi Rook finishes two extra years of flight training at the Terrabe Sector Service Academy. He is now rated to fly cargo transports, tenders, and shuttles. He receives a rank of ensign.*
(conjecture based on the *Rogue One: Rebel Dossier*)
 - *Around this time, some old Roche Machines V-4 ski speeders are acquired by Bail Organa's Alderaanian Rebel cell to use for patrols at their hidden base on Crait.**
(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi: Incredible Cross-Sections*)*
- *NOTE: This assumes the speeders were for the original Crait base, seen in *Leia: Princess of Alderaan*.
- *Around this time, Kongo the Disembowler, a large roggwart with skin resistant to lightsabers, is set loose to keep dolovite mine tunnels on Mustafar free of xandanks and lava fleas. Sometime in the next three years, Kongo will be transported to Nar Shaddaa for Grakkus the Hutt.*

(conjecture based on the *Galactic Maps*)

- *Barion Raner (who will fly Blue 4 at the Battle of Scarif) begins serving with Antoc Merrick. Raner will one day write the definitive guide for new T-65 X-wing pilots, which Alliance Intelligence will leak onto the HoloNet to help prepare possible recruits that might start studying it even before officially joining the fight.*

(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)

- *In Canto Bight on Cantonica, Wandering Star member Cli Pastayra intends to orchestrate his rise in power, thanks to the creations of Fyzen Gor, whom he captured and forced into his service on Utapau eight years earlier. He is attended to by a droid, Fenbolt, who creepily refers to Fyzen as “Master Gor,” which should be a warning to Cli, but Cli is too wrapped up in his dreams of power. The leader of the Wandering Star syndicate, the Grand Vygoth, arrives. They hold an auction for the Phylanx Redux Transmitter, a device Fyzen has designed that allows for remote control of droids to force them to act as killers and potentially to serve other functions. Amid the auction, Fyzen has his droids spring into action. They wipe out the Vygoth, Cli, and most everyone present. In his final moments, Cli tries to force Fyzen to spare him by revealing that he knows Fyzen has been sending credits to his parents each month. They will die if Cli does. Fyzen simply doesn’t care. He said goodbye to them when he went missing a decade ago and is now, let’s face it, quite mad with dreams of droid apocalypse. He leaves with the Phylanx. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Last Shot)

- *Around this time, Imperial Admiral Raus Fastent, who has been searching for Fyzen Gor and the Phylanx Redux Transmitter, supposedly goes mad and is sent to an Imperial asylum on Grava. In fact, he captures and questions Fyzen about the Phylanx, which Han Solo has sent into space. He questions Fyzen there at Grava, only to be converted to Fyzen’s cause as he creates the Brotherhood of Wire and Bone. Fyzen winds up at Substation Grimdock, an Imperial prison.*

(conjecture based on *Last Shot*)

- *On Alderaan, it is Princess Leia Organa’s Day of Demand, just three or four days after what her adoptive parents, Bail Organa and Brea Organa, treat as her birthday (though whether it is her actual birthday is unclear, as it may have been subtly changed to help protect her identity). She is the princess but not actually vested as the crown princess (i.e. the heir to the throne) until completing the challenges she announces on her Day of Demand. After being dress and groomed by her droid, WA-2V, and picking up the ceremonial Rhindon sword, she attends the ceremony, declaring her Challenge of the Body (climbing to the summit of Appenza Peak), Challenge of the Mind (joining the Apprentice Legislature instead of just interning in Bail’s Senate office), and Challenge of the Heart (undertaking charitable and mercy missions to planets in need, paying for those trips from her own share of the royal purse). After the ceremony, she hopes to spend more time with her parents, but they have been increasingly distant over what she believes to be the last six months or so. The next day, she undertakes her first mercy mission to Wobani with Captain Raymus Antilles in command of the Tantive IV, the crew of which includes Lieutenant Ressa Batten. The local Imperial officials (under Major Tadam) first attempt to keep them from landing, but after getting permission, Leia sees the horrible situation for so many citizens of Wobani. She decides to take as many refugees to Alderaan as the ship can hold. Unfortunately, Imperial law only allows the ship’s crew to leave as they came, not to take other passengers or refugees with them. Thus, Leia follows the letter (but not the spirit) of the law and hires as many Wobani citizens as she can for various positions on the crew (even ridiculous ones), based on their skills. They are able to leave by sticking to the letter of the law in speaking with the officials as they leave, and Leia has managed to both anger the Imperials on Wobani and take 100 people away to Alderaan. En route back to Alderaan, they must use Calderos Station as a waypoint, only to find that it has been attacked. Luckily, the Imperial ships on site recognize Leia’s diplomatic status and allow the ship to continue on its way. Leia is starting to see the more violent side of clashes between anti-Imperial Rebel cells and the Empire. She has no idea how close to home this will hit, despite knowing that Bail is one of the few Senators working to curb Emperor Sheev Palpatine’s excesses. Upon return, the refugees are allowed to stay, but Leia learns that in being kept out of the loop by her parents, she has made the situation on Wobani worse. There were already secret negotiations taking place to relocate the citizens of Wobani elsewhere, but now that Leia has pulled her recent “stunt,” those negotiations will likely be derailed. The next day, she starts survival and climbing*

training (i.e. Pathfinding) in preparation for scaling Appenza Peak sometime soon. The group is trained by Chandrilan Pathfinding Corps Chief Pangie and includes Leia, Chassellon Stevis of Coruscant, Harp Allor of Chandrila, Sssamm Ashsssen of Fillithar, an Ithorian, Amilyn Holdo of Gatalenta (who is borderline looney), and fellow Alderaanian (and hunk, apparently) Kier Domadi. (It becomes clear during training as Leia and Kier grow closer that while he is willing to speak plainly about the Empire's abuses, he would not want to see Alderaanians take up arms against the Empire, as it would bring the Empire's wrath down on the entire planet, one of the few bastions of peace and tranquility in the galaxy.) Their first real test is being left alone on a mountain by Pangie and having to find their way back. Harp breaks her ankle. Fortunately, with some clever use of Sssamm as a makeshift sled, Leia, Kier, Sssamm, and Amilyn are able to get back with Harp even before those who refused to wait for them and blamed Harp for her own injury. A few days later, Leia heads to Coruscant to join the Apprentice Legislature in its next session, as do many of her Pathfinding colleagues. They receive an official greeting by Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin. At a reception that night, Tarkin seems to warn her in vague terms about using the legal loopholes to do what she wants, as on Wobani, and she wonders if he is also warning her not to ask questions about Calderos Station, given that it never made the news how the Empire had been attacked. Bail is not there to welcome her to the Apprentice Legislature, and when she sees him the next morning, he admits to having forgotten. Something has him so focused that he is unknowingly neglecting Leia (at least in terms of attention) far more than her parents ever have before, which is a growing concern for her. He has to leave again soon on a "fact finding mission" for a week or two after a brief meeting with Senator Mon Mothma of Chandrila. The Apprentice Legislature finally holds its first session, in which Leia tries to tell something interesting about herself like the others and says she likes thunderstorms (a bit odd, but still not as odd as Amilyn is at just about anything). They take up their first task. The Empire is about to build a new academy for aeronautical engineering and design, and the Apprentice Legislature is to decide between four planets to make a recommendation. The planets are Iloh, Harloff Minor, Lonera, and Arreyel. Leia makes a convincing case for choosing Arreyel because all four worlds are equally qualified, but Arreyel's depressed economy could really use the boost that an important new Imperial installation could bring. That night, as Leia digs into more about Calderos Station, she finds many records just erased, but there is some in the background material that the Apprentice Legislature was given. She checks shipping records and finds oddly recurring trade with Itapi Prime, Wobani, and Crait. Leia asks some Wobani refugees who are on their way to settle with family on Itapi Prime what they know about such trade. The type of trade remains a mystery, so she decides to investigate Crait first aboard the Polestar with Ress. She thinks she might find anti-Imperial activity or something else important. They reach Crait and begin looking around near the source of a tractor beam that draws them down and are "caught" by some soldiers. When they bring them inside their base, it turns out that it is a Rebel cell base, and Bail is there! This is what has been taking all of his time and attention: covert organizing against the Empire. (Bail's cell did not strike Calderos Station, but another cell did.) They return to Alderaan (Ress and Leia, sworn to secrecy, on the Polestar and Bail with his crew on the Tantive III). Upon return, Leia speaks with Breha. Both of her parents are concerned about the danger such knowledge puts Leia into. They have sought (probably unrealistically) to insulate her from any repercussions of their anti-Imperial activities, but Leia wants to help instead of being protected. Thankfully, as insane as it all feels at the time, this does reconcile Leia with her parents, who really weren't intentionally ignoring her at all. Leia intends to find some way to fight in her own way, whether her parents wish it or not. Shortly thereafter, Leia is doing mountain climbing practice with her fellow Pathfinder students, when she and Kier finally move from admiring each other secretly to making an excuse to spend time together (with Kier teaching her to be a sharpshooter, which they begin two days later). When she returns to Alderaan, her parents pick up on her interest in Kier, then they give her the okay for a humanitarian mission to Onoam, a moon of Naboo. Leia goes with Ress again just two weeks after the mission to Wobani. They make a brief diplomatic detour to greet the Queen of Naboo, Queen Dainé. Danle decides to visit the miners on Onoam with Leia. Miner Ti Vorne notes that the equipment Leia has brought would soon be taken away by Imperials, so they decide to seek relief by visiting the local Imperial governor, Moff Quarsh Panaka (who once served Padmé Amidala, Leia's mother, whose identity she has never known). Panaka is shocked when he meets her and quickly deduces, based on her age, adoption, and other factors that she is likely Padmé's supposedly lost child. He agrees to help the miners, but as Leia and Dainé

leave, his chalet explodes, killing Panaka and other Imperials on his staff. Could Leia's parents have been behind something like this? Dalné has Leia leave with Ressa immediately, just in case of a likely Imperial lockdown that might delay her return home. Upon returning, Leia goes to speak with her parents in their library and, before entering, overhears them criticizing the judgment of Saw Gerrera, whose cell was apparently behind the attack on Onoam. Her parents claim they would not stoop to assassination. Brea takes Leia aside and explains about Saw's radicalism and questions her (in a way Leia doesn't understand, given her ignorance about her true parentage) about what Panaka asked her about after he was startled by her presence. Panaka will be telling no one now, which is at least one positive thing to come of the attack. Bail gives Leia an approved list of planets for her mercy missions, from which she is not to deviate. Days later, she heads for the first one (with Antilles on the Tantive IV and bringing C-3PO as translator), Chal Hudda, where a recent disease outbreak among the mostly insular Chalhuddans' children. Leia brings vaccines, but their leader (Occo Quentto) is initially unwilling to accept, as it would be seen as weakness or charity. It must be a trade, so Leia simply claims a future favor in return. A few days later, she returns to Coruscant, only to learn from Kier and Amilyn that the Senate did choose Arreyel as recommended, but then they discovered a radiation source beneath the surface, which the Empire intends to claim. Citing the idea that the locals should feel lucky not to be fined for "concealing" the energy source, the Empire is ordering the entire population to evacuate in just six weeks. Leia is angered at the Empire using one of her supposed good deeds to do wrong to a population. Leia spends time with Kier there, then returns to Alderaan and attends a "dinner party" (the kind her mother holds often that Leia had come to resent for taking her time), only to realize that all those who attend the dinner parties tend to be allies of Bail and Brea in wanting to stop the Empire's abuses (Mon Mothma, her fellow Senator Winmey Lenz of Chandrila, Senator Tynnra Pamlo of Taris, Senator Vasp Vaspar of the Taldot Sector, etc.). Leia makes an ally of Mon Mothma before dinner begins and is surprised when Kier arrives, having been invited by the Organas. After the adults shuffle Leia and Kier off to begin talking Rebel planning, Leia and Kier eavesdrop from behind screens built into the palace architecture. What they hear is more criticism of Saw but also Brea seemingly giving in to the inevitability of warfare when political options fail. Kier is worried because while he agrees with their sentiments, he wishes it could be anywhere but Alderaan so the planet would not be put at risk. Kier swears himself to secrecy. Leia starts to believe that the key for her becoming an active part of any rebellion will be to win over Mon Mothma, not her parents. She decides that she will impress Mon Mothma by using one of her mercy missions to gain evidence of how much of the devastation now plaguing Chasmeene was caused by Imperial irradiation in response to missing a quota. She expects such evidence to be used against Palpatine. She gives R2-D2 special instructions while on Chasmeene to record evidence and access computer systems to download evidence. Just as they are leaving, the data breach is detected, but their diplomatic immunity and Antilles' lack of knowledge of what Leia had R2-D2 do gets them away from the planet without being held. Leia takes the evidence to Mon Mothma, but she reveals that things like this are well known, especially the farther one gets away from the Core Worlds. People simply lack the will to act on such information. Leia then attends the Apprentice Legislature the next day, where they are to advise on sanctions for the planet Lolet that recently missed a quota for supplying fuel. As it turns out, Amilyn discovers that they simply did not have fuel to provide, outside of completely depleting their emergency planetary reserves. Their recommendation is that instead of sanctions, the law be revised so that the ambiguity on whether emergency reserves must be provided is clarified. Leia spends more time with Kier on basically dates, while she also spends time with Amilyn, who teaches her how to meditate while suspended by scarves, known as skyfaring. She finds Bail in his suite carefully watching a report of a Rebel cell's attack on an Imperial convoy with no loss of life. Most importantly, an Imperial medical frigate was captured whole, which the media tries to pretend is not a big deal. The Pathfinding group takes a trip to Felucia to continue climbing exercises. When Kier and Leia lose their spot, and Kier is likely to fall to his death with his anti-impact field generator busted, Leia risks her own life to save his, and they return safely. Kier tells her that she has to put Alderaan and her future first, not him, but she learns that he, in essence, is putting her before anything else. They're about as much a couple as one could get without picking a term for it. A sharpshooting training session is interrupted by a call to attend a formal address in the Senate. There, now a few weeks after the capture of the medical frigate, Tarkin gives a speech in which he reveals that Christophis was supposedly behind the convoy attack and that while the planet's two senators have been jailed for up to

four years, the planet's prime minister has been executed for treason and his home city of Topphen "pacified" (i.e. an Imperial strike with many dead). Leia recognizes that what happened on Christophsis could easily happen on Alderaan if they are not careful. Bail, Leia, and Kier return to Alderaan, where Breha seems more and more resolved to physically fight the Empire. Leia gets into her mother's records one night, discovering that funds supposedly for "building a new spaceport" at several locations seem to be going to what might be more Rebel cells or bases, given that one location is Crait. (Others include Itapi Prime, Chandrila, Ocahont, Paucris Major, Unzel, and Mon Cala.) In particular, Paucris Major seemed a hub of outgoing funds and activity. She then speaks to Bail, who reminds her that standing against the Empire is not just about his work in the Senate but also about the connections he makes to potential allies there, which is a path Leia will someday continue once he retires. During the next Pathfinding trip (to marshes and mud flats on Chandrila), Leia, Harp, and Chassellon are nearly caught in a mudslide, and Leia actually is. In the wake of this, they realize that the lesson being taught is not just in Pathfinding but in the idea that danger does apply to them. They must think on their feet and deal with real risks, even how to face the fear of death. With Ressa on the Polestar on the way back to Alderaan, Leia has her take them to check out Paucris Major just to see what her parents might be up to. They arrive to discover a huge Rebel fleet being assembled. Her parents really are intending to go to war if it comes to it. Soon, the Apprentice Legislators tour the Emperor's Museum on Coruscant. Leia then attends another dinner party on Alderaan, but before she can reveal to Mon Mothma that she discovered the fleet at Paucris Major, Tarkin arrives uninvited, supposedly to pay his respects while his ship, the Carrion Spike, is repaired from a small malfunction. As Tarkin tries to get a feel for the group, obviously suspicious, Breha, Bail, and Mon Mothma pretend as though Breha suspects Bail of an affair with Mon, and Leia joins in by pushing her self into fake crying. This causes Tarkin to leave in disgust at their manners in front of guests and their daughter and opens the door for Tarkin to try to subvert Leia by being the "understanding" adult. The Organas' allies now start to recognize that Leia is in on the secret. On the next Pathfinding trip to Pamarthe, Leia and Amilyn witness Senator Lenz speaking with an Imperial official (likely Director Orson Krennic) discussing the sale of cut-rate quadanium from Chandrila to the Empire. She also overhears him mention a shipment to Ocahont, one of the worlds in Breha's records. Leia doesn't believe that her parents know that Lenz seems to be double-dealing, so she needs to learn more. Amilyn takes it upon herself to stow away on Lenz's cargo vessel to Ocahont, taking Leia with her. En route, Leia fills Amilyn in on most of what she knows of the growing Rebellion. Upon arriving at Ocahont, Leia and Amilyn meet with Mon Mothma, who is in charge of that cell. Leia tells Mon about Lenz, and Mon intends to make Lenz believe the Rebellion is fracturing so that he won't see the value in turning them over to the Empire if it ever comes to that, along with slowly pushing Lenz out of their confidence. Upon returning to Alderaan, Breha is willing to let Leia in on more, but Bail is not, so Breha does it on her own. Breha uses Leia's challenges as an analogy for the new growing Rebel movement. Their Challenge of the Mind is to get everyone involved to agree. Their Challenge of the Body is making the idea of rising up physically into a reality, such as on Crait and Ocahont, and the Challenge of the Heart is moving forward without becoming what they are against. She tells Leia that when she acts from now on, she should come to Breha or Mon, not to Bail yet. Leia then returns to Coruscant for a ball at the Imperial Palace that is attended by Royal Academy graduates and the Apprentice Legislators. Leia attends with Kier, but then they slip away to a rooftop garden nearby, where Kier offers to climb Appenza Peak with her and she tells him that she worries that her parents will soon be engaged in something dangerous. Leia and Kier then proceed to make out (and possibly make love, which would be Leia's first time). Later, Leia is called to Tarkin's office, where he offers to be a patron to her (basically a puppet-master). When he mentions various planets like Lothal and Rattatak, he makes it a point of watching how she reacts to Paucris. She isn't sure if he caught any reaction, but she immediately reaches out to Mon Mothma after the meeting when her father isn't in his office. She warns Mon that the Empire knows about Paucris, which she hadn't had the chance yet to even tell them she knew about herself. Mon has a meeting with a grand admiral and cannot leave, so she gives Leia the funds she needs to hop ships a few times to race to Paucris Major to warn Bail, who is there right now. Unfortunately, she cannot get anyone to take her to her first intended destination in hopping between planets, Pamarthe. Thankfully, she finds Amilyn and Chassellon arguing over a ship Amilyn has chartered, and when she learns of Leia's need, Amilyn goes with her, changing the destination of her chartered ship. She has bad luck getting a ship on Pamarthe too, until

she sees some Chalhuddans. She calls in the favor owed by Occo Quentto and gets the ship and crew to take her. When she tells him that the Imperials will soon be striking most likely, and she does not wish to put his people in harm's way, he not only still helps but also sends any other Chalhuddan ships near Paucris Major to help as well. Leia will just owe him another favor sometime. They arrive in time, and Bail begins evacuating the makeshift shipyard that has been refitting the makeshift Rebel fleet. (Ress is there too, having recently been brought into the "conspiracy" by Bail.) Bail sets the base to explode as they evacuate, but just as they are nearly out of the system, another ship comes charging in. Leia realizes that it is Kier. He had followed her earlier comments that mentioned the system before racing away. When the shipyards explode, his ship is severely damaged. Leia and Amilyn go aboard to save him, but he is dying. She realizes that a data storage device he gives her with his dying words is information about these Rebel activities. He makes her promise to turn it in to the Empire, though she knows it is an empty promise. He was intending to report them to the Empire in hopes of stopping Alderaan from paying the price for Rebel activities. In the end, her first love has essentially shown his love for her and their planet by betraying her family and what they, and now Leia, are fighting for. Leia leaves the device behind when the ship is eventually drawn to Parucris and destroyed, and she makes her way back to Alderaan with Amilyn. Upon arrival, they are questioned by an Imperial ship due to the ionization level of their ship suggesting that they came from Paucris. Amazingly, it is Amilyn's attention to various star systems' astrological charts (and thus their stars and such) that saves them, as she claims they came from Shili, which has a similar ionization level to Paucris. Kier's parents are told that there was a small-craft accident in the upper atmosphere, and that Kier sacrificed himself to save Leia. He is buried near the palace that he had studied for so long. She puts a piece of his hair into her keepsake chest and begins to heal emotionally. The tragedy makes her a closer friend to Amilyn. On her fourth day back, she gets a call from Tarkin in her father's office. He hints that he knows she lied to him and that she is why the ships at Paucris Major got away. Breha ends the conversation politely, and she begins to teach Leia how to essentially feed the Empire false information when they know they are being watched by those like Tarkin. When the Apprentice Legislature session finally ends, Leia has fulfilled her Challenges of Mind and Heart, so she scales Appenza Peak. Kier had wanted to go with her, but with him gone, her mother joins her and even recounts the day when she herself fell and was injured during her Challenge of the Body, resulting in damage to her heart and lungs that required pulmonodes be implanted. (She could have had skin grown over them, but she let the lights be visible in order to remind herself constantly.) Having now fulfilled her Challenge of the Body, Leia is finally declared the crown princess of Alderaan, true heir to the throne.

(Leia: Princess of Alderaan)*

*NOTE: This story must be rather early in the year because Leia is 16 throughout, it spans a matter of months, and it must all take place prior to Leia's appearance in *A Princess on Lothal*.

- Chelli Lona Aphra is a doctoral candidate at the University of Bar'leth, where she amuses herself by disrespecting and antagonizing her supervisor, Sava Toob-Nix, whose approval she needs to complete her doctorate in archaeology. After taking over his holoprojector in the middle of a lecture to undergrads, Aphra tells her friend Susina that she need not worry about Toob-Nix. Even though her grant money is nearly gone by now, she believes her project will be so amazing and important that Toob-Nix will have no choice but to approve her doctorate. She has discovered a hidden vault beneath the surface of the rather stagnant farming planet Boothi XII. Her intention is to open that vault and find proof of a previous civilization on Boothi XII that predates the Republic. When she finally enters the vault, though, it is empty. When Toob-Nix soon inquires about what she found, he berates her, and she mocks his lack of findings of merit and how he sat behind a desk since Sava Korin Pers was purged for having pro-Jedi opinions in the wake of the Clone Wars. As proof of his talents, he shows her his collection of Abersyn symbiotes, a species that is considered "Beyond Quarantine" and must be fed into a plasma furnace before they inevitably reactivate and take over someone's brain stem. Because they were responsible for the fall of many empires, Toob-Nix refuses to destroy them before he can study them. He considers this the work of his lifetime, and he reveals that he chose Aphra not in spite of her attitude but because of it, because he will have the control necessary to deny her a doctorate because, frankly, he hates her. Undeterred, Aphra contacts her friend, Sana Starros, who has a friend with a "hardware obsession." They break into Toob-Nix's office and steal his secret symbiotes, which they then deposit into the vault on Boothi XII. Two days after their meeting, word arrives of Aphra's "discovery" of the symbiotes on the planet. The fact that they have not reactivated (due to

Toob-Nix's stasis containers, not natural causes) suggests that the planet itself might somehow inhibit them. It is the biggest find in archaeoxenobiology in centuries. Toob-Nix is furious, but Aphra notes that the Empire has already disintegrated them, hiding such evidence, and if word got out of where they really came from, Toob-Nix would go down right alongside Aphra. Like it or not, Toob-Nix has no choice but to approve her doctorate. As for her friend, Susina, she intends to dedicate her life's work to studying the vault and how the symbiotes got there and remained inert. To that, Aphra simply wishes her "good luck with that." And so, Doctor Chell Lona Aphra is born. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Aphra)*

*NOTE: We do not have a concrete date for this, but it is when Aphra is at least a bit younger than she is in *Darth Vader* and *Doctor Aphra*, yet quite a while after we see her in a flashback as a child in 18 BBY. I am assuming that she earned her doctorate sometime within a few years of when we first met her in *Darth Vader*, so I figure that 3 BBY is a decent approximation for when this would take place. Its placement, however, is simply conjecture on my part. (For those who might be confused here, this is a summary of the portion of the first issue of *Doctor Aphra* that actually appears after the credits page for *Aphra, Part I* yet before the end of that issue. It does not appear to have its own title and thus bears the name of the overall arc and is treated as part of that arc for summary purposes.)

- *Thane Kyrell and Ciena Ree (both now age 16) are excited and awaiting the announcement of who has made it into an Imperial academy, along with which planet's academy they will be attending if either is selected. It turns out that not only are they both accepted, both will be training at the Royal Imperial Academy on Coruscant. They soon leave for Coruscant. At the Academy, Thane meets his two new roommates: Ved Foslo of Coruscant (son of General Foslo) and Nash Windrider of Alderaan. Ved is a bit of an arrogant Core Worlder, while Nash tends to be a decent guy. Ciena's two roommates are Jude Edivon of Bespin (big on science) and Kendy Idele of Iloh (a sharpshooter). They meet Commandant Deenlark, who reminds them that they are here to be citizens of the Empire, not of their homeworlds, suggesting that they cut old ties. Neither Thane nor Ciena intends to cut ties with each other. Their classes begin, and after two months at the Academy, Thane feels free, since this is something he has wanted, and his parents had always been overbearing. Thane and Ciena both continue to rank at the top of their class, competitive with each other only in a friendly way, proud of each other. Thane runs into his brother, Dalven Kyrell, also, only to find that he is only an ensign on the clerical staff, despite lying to his family back on Jelucan and claiming to be a lieutenant now. When preparing to practice on another course, Thane notices Ciena, but this time he "notices" her in a romantic, attractive way. Shortly thereafter, Kendy notices Thane becoming rather handsome and mentions it to Ciena, who tries not to admit that she has noticed. When the time finally comes for them to fly, Thane and Ciena are both competing speeder flyers, and they are a bit awkward around each other because of their recent thoughts. When they go through the race, they end up with their speeders suck together by flying closely and crashing briefly, so they both technically win. A few months later (six months into their time at the academy), students are asked with creating laser cannons from common materials, as an exercise in being able to use their surroundings when in need of a weapon. On the night before the cannons are to be inspected, Thane stays in, but his roommates and the trio of Ciena, Kendy, and Jude all enjoy some time off. When Commander Harn finally inspects their materials, the cannons are all in good shape, but Thane's does not power up at all. They discover that it has been sabotaged. While he immediately thinks of Ved and his jealousy, computer records suggest that only one person had been there alone since Thane finished: Ciena, who utterly denies sabotaging his cannon. Jude does her own digging and finds records that are brought to Harn and Commandant Deenlark that indicate Thane himself sabotaging it. He also denies it. Both Thane and Ciena are called into a meeting, wherein they are told of the conflicting records. Since they cannot prove either, they are both dropped in the rankings of cadets but not disciplined further. With Jude's help, they discover the truth: someone in the Office of Student Outcomes sabotaged the cannon and put in both sets of data as false information. While they initially consider someone acting on behalf of Ved or his high-ranking father, they realize that the Student Outcomes officers are likely trying to drive a wedge between Thane and Ciena, who are still too close for two cadets from the same homeworld are supposed to be. Thane wants to report it to someone, but Ciena expects that to be a road to expulsion for disloyalty. It finally does drive a wedge between them, as they argue over what to do, Ciena's respect of the Empire clashing with Thane's wariness of authority figures due to his father's abuse. They will rarely speak over the rest of their three-year stretch at the Academy, but has their bond been broken entirely? (To be continued below . . .)*

(Lost Stars)

- *After the laser cannon incident that drops Thane Kyrell and Ciena Ree in class rankings at the Royal Imperial Academy, Ved Foslo briefly takes first place, until Jude Edivon overtakes him two weeks later.*
(conjecture based on Lost Stars)
- *At Maz Kanata's castle on Takodana, Sana Starros approaches Han Solo about a job. Before they can discuss much, the Hassks arrive, annoyed that Sana stole their landspeeder and has since wrecked it. He and Chewbacca join her in getting away from the Hassks, then finally discuss the job. That night, Han is back at the castle talking to Maz and waiting on Sana to show up with whatever she needs smuggled, only for Sana to arrive pursued by bounty hunters (including a Trandoshan). They barely escape to the Millennium Falcon and into space, pursued by the bounty hunters and TIE fighters. They finally make it into hyperspace, but Sana has some explaining to do now. Due to Han's annoyance, Sana goes ahead and pays him half of his cut of their upcoming job in advance. They have been hired to acquire the Phylanx Redux Transmitter, which Sana knows can somehow access droid programming. It went up for bid a few weeks earlier. The auction was held by the Wandering Star gang, and the highest bid came from Crimson Dawn, but someone started shooting and all hell broke loose. Two major Wandering Star leaders were killed in the chaos. Sana needed to draw out the other bidders to see what they might know about the Phylanx and its current location, so she put out the word that she herself had it, but instead of showing up to purchase it, bounty hunters arrived trying to kill her and take it. Now they need to get to it first in order to get their payday. Thankfully, Sana has a lead. As it turns out, she has Mozeen Parapa of the Parapa Cartel (a rather small being called a Frizznoth) trapped in a box. (Sana tricked him into a date and then kidnapped him.) She offers Parapa 7% of their take and to return him to his people if he will give them the last location his expert techs tracked the Phylanx to before he was kidnapped. Strangely, the signals they tracked point to Freerago's, a diner orbiting Hosnian Prime. They head there immediately. Parapa is reunited with his people and decides to honor their agreement instead of having them all killed. He identifies the current possessor (as far as the Parapas know) of the Phylanx as Fyzen Gor (whom Parapa doesn't seem to know actually invented it). When arguments erupt at the diner over food not yet arriving to tables, Han overheard a waitress noting that they had hired a Pau'an to oversee the kitchen droids. The droids then start emerging ready to kill customers. Han realizes (based on Parapa's description and the droid disruption) that Fyzen is there, though escaping at present. Han and Chewie give chase. As Han nears various droids, they become set to kill him, thanks to Fyzen's technology. By the time they near Fyzen's location, he is already holding off a group of stormtroopers on his own. Once Fyzen goes on the run again, Han and Chewie catch him, but he won't give up the Phylanx, which he has with him. Instead, he releases it to launch toward space, claiming this is only the beginning . . . only for the Phylanx to be scooped up by the Falcon, flown by Sana, who swoops in to save the day. Han, Chewie, Sana, and the Parapa group return to space in the Falcon, and Sana intends to take the Phylanx to the Droid Gotra, who are extremely concerned about the device. The ship that arrives, though, bears Gorben Frak, a humanoid who works for the Droid Gotra and leads a group of bounty hunters aboard. He is there to acquire it, based on a deal with Sana, but then Mozeen Parapa steps in, claiming it for the Parapa Cartel. In the chaos, Sana threatens to jettison it into space so that no one gets it, and Han, not realizing that it was just a bluff, does just that, sending it out the trash chute. (For what it's worth, he didn't think Sana ever really bluffed, so it was what he thought she wanted him to do.) She punches him hard enough to leave him flat on his back, as she demands to be taken back to Takodana so she can clean up this mess somehow. (For Han's part, he thinks that despite her anger, Sana is in love with him. Not so much.) (To be continued below . . .)**

(Last Shot)*

***NOTE:** This segment also suffers from an issue with the timing of *Solo* in light of *Last Shot*. Han refers to himself in this segment as in his early twenties, which isn't the case. He would be 29 by now, thanks to the new age given to him by *Solo: The Official Guide* and *Most Wanted* and confirmed by the Story Group. Perhaps he's just being sarcastic, given that he is responding to someone calling him even younger than early twenties, or perhaps it's just another chronological foul up due to not having the timing of *Solo* pinned down when *Older* was writing *Last Shot* and letting it go to print with dates that don't make sense with the film.

- *Inspired by Ezra Bridger's call for hope and action on Lothal a while ago, which has finally reached a particular Imperial prison, Ezra's captive parents, Mira Bridger and Ephraim Bridger are inspired by his words. Alongside their ally and former Lothal Governor Ryder Azadi, they stage a massive prison break. Ryder manages to escape back to Lothal, but the*

Bridgers are both killed.

(conjecture based on Legacy)

- *Aboard the Ghost, Ezra Bridger has a Force vision. He is standing on Lothal and hears the voices of his mother (Mira Bridger) and father (Ephraim Bridger). He then sees a Lothcat, his parents as Imperial prisoners, and an unknown bearded man in a hat. He awakens and rushes to tell Kanan Jarrus, who warns that visions can be misinterpreted. Hera Syndulla and Kanan reveal that Tseebo told her when they rescued him that the Bridgers had been taken away to an Imperial prison. Using Tseebo's limited information, they called in every favor they could, including through Bail Organa, seeking to determine with of the many prisons holds the Bridgers. Unfortunately, they have other problems as well. Thanks to a slip of the tongue by Ezra back on Takobo, the Fifth Brother, Seventh Sister, Agent Aleksandr Kallus, and Admiral Kassius Konstantine know that the Rebels are on Garel. An attack is imminent. Meanwhile, back on the Ghost, Hera, Kanan, and Ezra discuss new information. A contact of Commander Jun Sato has reported a massive escape from an Imperial prison the night before (which Ezra believes is why his vision came when it did). Unfortunately, the list of prisoners has no names or faces. They need to narrow down where to go, though, which Kanan leads Ezra in doing through the Force, which he points to as it scrolls until the Force guides him to stop the list. The prisoner he points to, "X-10," had been arrested for treason on Lothal. That information, plus seeing a Lothcat in his vision, causes Ezra to believe that they must go to Lothal. Conveniently, the Imperial fleet over Lothal has just left . . . to attack the Rebels at Garel! The Imperial attack begins with withdraw by Imperial stormtroopers, which Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios and Chopper notice while picking up supplies. As stormtroopers come after Zeb and Chopper, Ezra and Kanan come to their aid (with Ezra displaying some amazing skills in the confrontation, even knocking out Kallus with a powerful Force push). The Inquisitors are there as well, though, and when Ezra rushes them to possible death, Kanan blasts door controls to separate his Padawan from the Jedi hunters. They return to the Ghost as Sato's Liberator and other Rebel ships prepare to launch en masse. Knowing that they must go their separate ways if Ezra is to look for his parents, Kanan, Ezra, and Chopper launch in the Phantom, while Hera, Zeb, and Sabine Wren go after the tractor beam emitter on Star Destroyer to allow the Liberator to escape. They will remain with the fleet. The Phantom returns to Lothal, where Ezra and Kanan return to the old Bridger home, which has been burned to the ground by the Empire as a message. Ezra uses the Force to sense what to do next as a white Lothcat like in his vision emerges from the debris. It runs off, and Ezra pursues until it jumps on the back of a swoop with an unknown driver and zooms away. Thankfully, Ezra put a tracker on it. They find the parked speeder nearby but come under attack by prisoner X-10, the bearded man from Ezra's vision. Ezra reveals his identity and the shooting stops. The man is Ryder Azadi, former governor of Lothal, a secret ally of Mira and Ephraim. He reveals that Ezra's parents are indeed dead, but it was more recent than had been thought. They were imprisoned, as was Ryder, and it was Ezra's message of hope back when they took over the Imperial communications tower on Lothal that reached the Bridgers and inspired them to lead a prison revolt. Ryder was one of the lucky ones who made it out, but the Bridgers were killed in the attempt. While out on a cliff, thinking about what he has learned, Ezra seems to experience a vision in the Force of his parents, as the three of them look out over what Capital City looked like before the Empire came to Lothal. They express how proud they are of him, that he must stay strong, and that they have nothing if they don't have hope. Kanan comforts him by telling him that his parents will always live inside him.**

*(Legacy)**

**NOTE: The initial news release on StarWars.com noted that A Princess on Lothal is "set roughly three years" before ANH. Since that episode follows immediately from this one, that likely makes Legacy a 3 BBY story as well, rather than 2 BBY.*

- *Kanan Jarrus, Ezra Bridger, and Chopper remain in Ryder Azadi's camp on Lothal. They are contacted by Hera Syndulla, who tells them that Bail Organa is sending three cruisers to bolster the rebel forces after their losses at Garel. The ships arrive as "relief vessels" under the command of Organa's daughter Leia Organa (age 16 and on one of her very first missions for her father's rebellious efforts). The ships land at Jalath. Kanan and Ezra disguise themselves as a stormtrooper and a cadet and take Ryder's speeder bike to the city. (Ryder himself will not join them, as he may support their cause but does not wish to end up back in an Imperial prison again.) They meet Leia, who intends for them to take custody of the ships by "stealing" them. Unfortunately, when Lieutenant Yogar Lyste arrives and puts gravity locks on the ships, deploys a pair of AT-ATs, and brings more stormtroopers to protect the ships for*

Leia, their plans become more difficult. Leia commandeers Lyste's own shuttle with Kanan and Ezra helping her deliver her relief supplies. Leia explains that they could not just hand off ships in space because it would put Alderaan in danger of being caught supporting rebels, costing them their seat in the Imperial Senate and putting Bail and others in line for treason charges. If the ships are stolen from an Imperial world, Alderaan can escape blame. They take the shuttle back to where Ryder and Chopper await, only to find that they have been grabbed by stormtroopers that have orders to execute Ryder immediately as an escaped Imperial prisoner. The Ghost finally arrives, swooping in to break up the situation by attacking the stormtroopers. Chopper recovers the Phantom, while Kanan, Ezra, and Ryder protect Leia's affiliation by having Ryder pretend to take her hostage and board the Ghost, while Garazeb (Zeb) Orrelios and Sabine Wren take stormtrooper Kanan and cadet Ezra "prisoner" on the Ghost. In the calm after the escape, Zeb and Sabine console Ezra on the loss of his parents. Recognizing the burden Ezra bears and how Leia also bears great responsibility at the same age, Kanan suggests she speak with him. She does, and they both often wonder if the fight is worth it but believe that since they can fight, they must. The rebels come up with a plan to steal the ships. The gravity locks cannot be forcibly removed, but Ryder helped build them while in prison and he cannot remain on Lothal, so in return for getting him off of the planet, he will help them disable the locks. Leia and the Jedi (back in disguise) take the Phantom back to the landing field, distracting Lyste while Chopper, Sabine, and Ryder work on disabling the gravity locks and the Ghost (flown by Hera with Zeb at the guns) provides air support. The first ship lifts off with Sabine piloting, but the ship is attacked by one of the AT-ATs. The Ghost knocks an AT-AT down, but only temporarily. Both walkers continue to attack. The Jedi knock out Lyste and his troopers. Kanan reveals himself to Ryder as a Jedi by activating his lightsaber and taking down one of the walkers single-handedly. Ryder takes the second ship once it is freed from the lock. While Chopper works on the last lock, Ryder boards, so that the moment it is released, he is able to take the third ship into the air and uses its engines as a weapon against the remaining AT-AT, blowing it over. Leia lets Ezra stun her to convince the waking Lyste of her loyalties. The ships have been "lost," and Leia's cover is intact. Once with Phoenix Squadron, Ryder tells the others that the Bridgers started something, and now he owes it to their memory to see it through. He will return to Lothal to continue the fight against the Empire.*

(A Princess on Lothal)*

*NOTE: The initial news release on StarWars.com noted that this episode is "set roughly three years" before ANH.

- In the wake of having Alderaanian hammerhead cruisers "stolen" by Phoenix Squadron, Leia Organa sends a complaint to Lothal Sector Moff Stattata, demanding repayment for the stolen ships. The Empire actually pays.
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- Phoenix Squadron needs to find a new hyperspace route into and out of the Lothal sector. The Imperials have made their usual routes too dangerous with patrols. In a strategy session with the Ghost crew, Commander Jun Sato, and Rex, Sabine Wren suggests that the use a route through space around Concord Dawn, home to Mandalorian warriors known as the Protectors that fought for the Republic during the Clone Wars. The Empire does not yet have control of the system, they believe. However, since Mandalore is occupied by the Empire, there could be trouble, but Sabine assures Sato that the Protectors like to follow their own rules. Kanan Jarrus and Hera Syndulla want to try diplomacy to get permission to use the system as a shortcut, so that perhaps they could even become allies. Sato and Sabine disagree. Hera and Sabine lead three other Phoenix Squadron pilots in A-wings on a scouting mission to make contact with the Protectors. They are met in space by the Protector of Concord Dawn, Fenn Rau. When Hera makes it clear that they represent an anti-Imperial faction, Fenn declares that he represents the interests of the Empire in the system and attacks with his fellow Mandalorians in their Fang starfighters. In a furious dogfight, two A-wings are blasted. While Hera attempts to cover for Phoenix Two and Sabine to escape into hyperspace, her own ship is severely damaged just after the others jump. Her A-wing still makes the jump, but upon arriving back at the fleet, Hera is unconscious in her cockpit. While Hera is taken for medical treatment, the others reconvene. Kanan recognizes Fenn Rau as a pilot at the Third Battle of Mygeeto, when he saved Kanan and Depa Billaba (along with some of their troopers) from incoming Separatist droids. Kanan still wants to negotiate, but Sabine wants to head to Fenn's base on Concord Dawn's third moon to destroy Fenn's faction. Kanan intends to go there to negotiate (even though Sato has ordered him to destroy

the Protectors' starfighters), and he will not risk anyone else's life. Only he and Chopper will go. Of course, en route in the Phantom, Kanan discovers that Sabine has stowed away, refusing to let this go without getting justice for Hera. Chopper drops them off, and they sneak to the base. They observe Fenn taking a payment from an Imperial to whom he reports. While Hera plants explosive charges on all of the starfighters on the landing pad, Kanan makes his way inside to speak with Fenn. He thanks Fenn for how Skull Squadron saved him and Depa during the Third Battle of Mygeeto, which also reveals that Kanan is a Jedi survivor. Fenn believes that resistance to the Empire is futile, so he believes he has picked the winning side for his Protectors. Outside, Sabine is caught and surrounded by Mandalorians who demand to know where she stole her armor. She reveals that she forged the armor with her family and proclaims herself to be of Clan Wren, House Vizsla. They immediately assume that she is with Death Watch, enemies of the Protectors, but she reveals that her mother was, but she is not. She is there to settle a score. She invokes their warrior code to settle that score in single combat. Fenn is alerted, which brings him and Kanan out. With the situation now out of Kanan's hands, Sabine calls out Finn specifically for combat. Kanan tries to talk her down, though she argues that he has to trust her. She and Fenn engage in a quickdraw, and Sabine blasts away Fenn's blaster, then activates the explosives to take out most of the starfighters, except Fenn's that she did not get to. (At least she did not kill anyone.) Under orders from Kanan that they will not kill anyone, they head back to the landing zone, where Sabine holds off others while Kanan leaps aboard Fenn's starfighter as it launches. Kanan cuts into the cockpit and knocks out Fenn, then leaps aboard the Phantom with Fenn prisoner when Sabine and Chopper arrive. In custody, Fenn is contacted by his men, but he orders them to stand down and hide his capture from the Empire. The rebels are to be granted safe passage and their presence hidden from the Empire. Fenn does not want Imperial ships at Concord Dawn, which is what would happen if they learned he was held captive. He is kept prisoner for now. Back at the fleet, Hera has awakened, and she is impressed that Sabine did not kill when she did not have to. She has been "raised right" by the Ghost family's "parents," Kanan and Hera.

(The Protector of Concord Dawn)

- Hondo Ohnaka gives the Empire the location of the Lasats Gron and Chava for a payday, then contacts Ezra Bridger so that the Ghost crew can rescue them. (This makes it somehow morally okay for him to have sold them out in the first place.)
(conjecture based on Legends of the Lasat)
- The Ghost crew travels to Nixus Hub 218, where a "contact" has told Ezra Bridger that two individuals wanted by the Empire can be found. (Ezra has not told the crew who that contact is, for reasons that are soon obvious.) They arrive in time to see Imperials taking two refugees into custody. They are Lasat, members of Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios' species. (Zeb had thought he was now alone in the galaxy.) They save the Lasats, and are met by Ezra's contact . . . Hondo Ohnaka! Hondo was the one who sold the Lasats location to the Empire, but he did so knowing that the Ghost crew would rescue them. The Lasats recognize Zeb as the captain of the Lasat High Honor Guard. The male of the pair, Gron, served under Zeb, though Zeb does not remember him much. The older woman of the pair is the mystic known as Chava the Wise, who is an expert in the Lasat version of tapping into the Force (or Ashla). The rebels head out with the Lasat, leaving Hondo behind (without ever intending to pay them, which makes him proud). Other Imperials arrive, giving Hondo a chance to sell out the rebels for another payday. As the crew work their way back to the Ghost, Gron and Chava reveal that they are on their way to Lira San, the prophesized new home of the Lasat after the Imperial decimation of Lasan. Zeb believes it to just be a myth. Just before stormtroopers reach them, Hondo lets them know that they are on the way. (The Weequay pirate just loves playing both sides.) The crew escapes, but Hondo is kept in custody, since he might be able to help the arriving Agent Aleksandr Kallus and Admiral Kassius Konstantine to find the rebels again. Once in hyperspace, Chava prepares a ritual to determine the location of Lira San. In the ritual, she calls upon the Ashla (Force), which she believes drew them together. The promise of Lira San will follow the fate of the Three: the Fool (simple and selfish, leading), the Warrior (hunting the hope of tomorrow, bloodthirsty), and the Child (to destroy the warrior). The path will only be revealed if the Child can save both the Warrior and the Fool. Zeb believes he is the Warrior, though Chava suggests that he might not be. Zeb walks out during the ritual, taking his bo-rifle with him. He is haunted by having failed to save his people. When a bomb went off at the palace on Lasan, he was knocked out and not awake until it was all over. Ezra urges him to put things right by not failing his people now. Ezra and

Zeb return to the ritual, where Chopper projects a star chart. Chava reveals that Zeb is the Child (i.e. child of Lasan). They have him turn his bo-rifle into an ancient configuration. When combined with the charged stone in Chava's staff, energy is emitted that connects repeatedly with a specific planet on the chart. That must be Lira San. They head there, but they are forced to exit hyperspace when they find that the path to Lira San is "blocked" by an imploded star cluster, the gravity well of which could destroy the Ghost. This is the "maze" that was prophesized, according to Chava. Drawn by a tracker on the transmitter Hondo gave Ezra, Kallus' ship arrives as well. Kallus is the Warrior, while Hondo is the Fool, though Chava notes that in a lifetime, Zeb will be all of those things. Zeb uses the charged bo-rifle again in its ancient form. It zaps the ship's controls with golden energy, causing the ship to head into the imploded star cluster, as the energy surrounds the ship. It allows the Ghost to survive entry, while pursuing TIE fighters are destroyed by the cluster. Ezra and Kanan add their help with the Force. Eventually, Kallus is forced to pull back, expecting the rebels to be destroyed. Under the staff's control (or the Force's control), the Ghost jumps to hyperspace, still energized by the staff, emerging on the other side of the cluster, having charted a safe path through it that they will now be able to use to leave and come back at will. On the other side, they discover Lira San, and Zeb flies Chava and Gron to the surface. When Zeb returns, he reveals that there were already Lasat there. Lira San is not just the prophesized new home of the Lasat. It was the original homeworld of the species before Lasan! The crew leave Lira San, and Zeb vows that if they find any other Lasat, he will show them the way home.

(Legends of the Lasat)

- On the Ghost, Hera Syndulla, Rex, Ezra Bridger, and Chopper follow a distress call to an Imperial transport. They board and discover three Imperial academy cadets. One, Reann Tomvig, has some doubts about the Empire after what she has seen. Rex and Ezra tend to the cadets, their supervisor (knocked unconscious when the ship had trouble), and the Imperial transport, despite technically being enemies. Reann even offers to help and gets to know Ezra. Once the ship is repaired, another cadet, Jeken, leads the rest of the cadets (except Reann) in trying to capture the rebels for the Empire. Reann helps turn the tables by refusing to cooperate and stunning Jeken. The transport is left with its Imperial crew, but Reann joins the rebels on the Ghost. Jeken is rewarded by Admiral Kassius Konstantine and will expect a reward upon arrival at their post on Imvur.*

(Academy Cadets)*

*NOTE: According to the writer, Martin Fisher (on Twitter), this story takes place between *Legends of the Lasat* and *The Call*.

- Dangerously low on fuel, the Ghost travels to an asteroid field where the Mining Guild is refining Clouzon-36 for the Empire. If the crew can find the refinery and acquire the Clouzon-36 first, it would be a huge win for Phoenix Squadron, providing fuel for quite a while. In space, they encounter a group of purrgil (sort of "space whales"), whose call Ezra Bridger senses in the Force, thanks to his special affinity for bonds with animals. These are legendary creatures, roaming the stars, though there are many tales that make them out to be monsters, thanks to chance encounters that ended with ships lost. Hera Syndulla grew up with both those stories and stories of how the purrgil were what inspired hyperspace travel. Hera is ready to attack and drive them back, but both Kanan Jarrus and Ezra disagree. They fly with the purrgil to remain safe and find that the creatures have led them near enough to the refinery that they are attacked by Mining Guild TIE fighters (modified from Imperial models). They defeat the two TIEs and are able to track their point of origin, discovering the refinery on a small planetoid with a limited atmosphere (poisonous to humans and Lasat due to Clouzon gas, but breathable by the Rodians and supervisor Yushyn. The crew locate the Imperial shipment, but they don't have enough fuel to swoop down and scoop the containers up and escape. They must land and refuel on the platform. They intend to blow up some of the gas in a "pit" that the refinery overlooks, but Ezra begins to realize that the purrgil are connected to the fuel and want it as well for some reason. With helmets for breathers, Sabine Wren, Ezra, Kanan, and Chopper leap from the Ghost and glide down to the platform with purrgils gliding beside them, seemingly to cover them. Ezra begins to form a bond with them. They are immediately attacked. Ezra, who wasn't really paying attention at the briefing because of focusing on the purrgil, refuses to let them blow up the gas as a distraction, forcing a change of plans. He does not want to destroy any of the gas because it will harm the purrgil flying through it (and because they need it too). Without the distraction, Ezra covers the others with a commandeered cannon, while the others work to secure the landing zone. (Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios and Hera await their signal to land.) As the firefight goes on,

Ezra is distracted by the calls of the purrgil and his connection to them in the Force. The landing zone is secured, and the Ghost lands, allowing Zeb to start fueling the ship and Sabine to start loading fuel canisters, but as Ezra watches the purrgil swimming through the gas below the platform he is on, the firefight resumes. One of the Mining Guild fighters blasts Ezra's cannon, sending him falling off of the edge and into the gas below. Kanan works against more Mining Guild starfighters, finally noticing that Ezra has fallen. Ezra has, in fact, fallen on top of the "king" purrgil. He loses his helmet and begins to succumb to the gas. He looks into the purrgil's left eye, and the two truly connect. Ezra understands what the purrgil want and need and offers to help, though he needs help too. The purrgil uses a tentacle to return Ezra's helmet, saving him from the gas. When the rest of the crew is finally cornered by the Mining Guild's troops and TIEs, the purrgil, led by Ezra atop the king, emerge from the pit and join the fight. The Ghost lifts off with the others aboard, fully loaded with fuel and fuel canisters, while the purrgil go after the Mining Guild, including one grabbing Yushyn in its jaws and diving into the gas again. Finally away in space, the purrgils and Ghost fly together, allowing Ezra to return to the ship. As the crew watch, the purrgils, having now been able to freely gather as much of the gas into their bodies as they needed, prove their connection to the origins of hyperspace travel by naturally jumping to hyperspace using the gas stored within themselves. Legends are indeed sometimes true. Rather than heading immediately back to the fleet, Hera sets a course to follow the purrgil in a bit of whimsy.

(The Call)

- *When a hull breach on the Ghost results in Chopper being ejected from the ship, the droid is found by scavengers and brought to a junkyard by Bidvel and Davil. They are about to dismantle Chopper, but they realize he is carrying valuable rebel data and intend to sell it to the Empire. Chopper escapes and is recaptured, but not before acquiring the codes needed to reactivate many deactivated droids to create his own army to save him. They do so, just as the Ghost arrives to recover Chopper. The droids that were reactivated will form a new group to seek out and help other droids. They offer Chopper the chance to lead them, but he chooses to remain with the Ghost crew for now.**

(Escaping the Scrap Pile)*

**NOTE: According to the writer, Martin Fisher (on Twitter), this story takes place between *The Call* and *Homecoming*.*

- *Sometime in the years after the Battle of Ryloth during the Clone Wars, Numa records her thoughts on the battle when she was so little. That testimony will find its way into a book on major battles of the last 70 years (or so) in the wake of the Battle of Starkiller Base.**

*(conjecture based on *On the Front Lines*)**

**NOTE: We have no indication of when this is recorded, so I have placed it here, prior to our next encounter with Numa.*

- *Phoenix Squadron is barely able to finish a cargo transfer from the Ghost to one of their new transports ("stolen" from Leia Organa) while under Imperial attack. Phoenix Two (a different Phoenix Two than during the clash with the Protectors) is killed, her starfighter destroyed. They are losing starfighters far too rapidly, and they still do not have a place for the starfighters to land, since they are a fleet moving from place to place, rather than having a set planet as a base. Commander Jun Sato suggests that they capture an Imperial carrier that the rebels on Ryloth have reported is currently over the planet. Hera Syndulla is reluctant, but she contacts her estranged father, rebel leader on Ryloth, Cham Syndulla. The Ghost heads for Ryloth, where the crew meets with Cham. Kanan Jarrus is enthralled, as he remembers exploits of Cham during the Clone Wars alongside his Jedi Master Depa Billaba's own Jedi Master, Mace Windu. (He is also nervous to be meeting Hera's father for the first time.) Cham meets them with a pair of fellow Twi'lek rebels at his side, Gobi Glie (who fought alongside Cham during the liberation of Ryloth in the Clone Wars) and Numa (who was a young girl at the time, found by clonetroopers Waxer and Boil amid the battle). Hera's plan is for them to get aboard the carrier's hangar in a stolen TIE bomber, then split into two teams, one to secure the hangar and the other to capture the bridge. Cham, however, wants to destroy the ship instead. He believes that destroying the ship would be a great symbol of resistance for all of Ryloth to see. (Cham has been fighting for Ryloth for so long that his perspective has become limited. He cares only for Ryloth's liberation from the Empire, not the galaxy's liberation or the fall of the Empire itself.) Cham seems to agree with the plan, reluctantly. As they await their mission, Ezra Bridger asks Hera about the strain between her and her father. When Hera's mother died during the resistance against the Empire on Ryloth, freeing Ryloth became the sole focus of her father, creating a rift between them. Cham tries to talk to her,*

chastising her for focusing on the “lost cause” of defeating the Empire, rather than focusing on Ryloth. She is so agitated that she even slips into her old Twi’lek accent. Their conversation does nothing but continue the rift between them. Finally, the time comes for the mission. They take a transport through hyperspace with an A-wing escort. They release the bomber from the transport so that the A-wings can chase them to the carrier. Pretending to be under attack, they crash the bomber on the carrier, while the A-wings escape into hyperspace. The crash causes explosives to spill from a bag, revealing that the Twi’leks have betrayed them. Cham only needed help to get aboard the carrier, but now he, Numa, and Gobi will destroy it. They stun the Ghost crew (except Hera, who is cuffed to the pilot’s chair) and leave them in the bomber. While Cham heads for the engine room, Gobi and Numa set other charges. Hera “wakes” Chopper, who then frees her, so that they can wake the others. Now they need to complete their mission and stop the Twi’leks in the process. Zeb and Sabine engage Numa and Gobi, eventually using a reprogrammed mouse droid to get close enough to stun them without accidentally detonating their charges. Ezra and Kanan use the Force to hurl each other through closing blast doors to reach the bridge, which they take over easily once Chopper opens its door for them and Hera. Ezra uses a mind trick (after a couple of tries) on the Imperial captain, having him and his men abandon ship. Unfortunately, Cham has disabled the hyperdrive. As Imperial reinforcements near, Hera speaks to her father about how he rallied everyone to save their planet during the Clone Wars, not just a village. Hera knows they can rally the galaxy not just one world, if only he will believe in her and that dream. Her words convince Numa and Gobi, and Cham allows her a chance to prove herself. He tells Chopper how to fix the hyperdrive, while the others use the ship’s cannons to hold off the Imperials. More TIE bombers, returning from a run to the surface, pose a new threat, but they are able to take them out. Unfortunately, one ion bomb gets through, costing them a stabilizer. As the ship lists and nears atmosphere, Cham steps in to help Hera wrangle the controls, finally saving them. (They were always better working together.) While Chopper fixes the hyperdrive, Cham and Sabine load explosives into an empty bomber and set it loose with a shove through the Force from Ezra. The Imperials outside do not realize the danger, and when it nears their ship, Cham blasts the bomber, causing a chain reaction that sends the Imperial vessel crashing, just the kind of symbol Cham had hoped to turn the carrier itself into. Finally, they are able to jump to hyperspace. Phoenix Squadron has a new home, and people have seen the crashing ship on Ryloth, providing a rallying moment that Cham wanted. Cham has realized that Hera is a dreamer like her mother, though she acknowledges that she is a leader because of him. He is proud of her, and their rift is healed. Cham, Numa, and Gobi return to their fight, as the Ghost crew return to theirs.

(Homecoming)

- Around this time, the Profundity is undergoing transformation into a battleship in the Telaris cometary cloud. A report about the ship’s progress that is sent by Colonel Anj Zavor to Mon Mothma includes an addendum about the successful capture of the Quasar Fire-class bulk cruiser at Ryloth by Cham Syndulla’s insurgents and members of Phoenix Squadron.
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- The crew of the Ghost and Rex visit Geonosis, based on a tip from the Rebellion’s intelligence network that the Geonosians are building something massive here. They arrive to find wreckage and empty construction modules in orbit and the planet itself completely devoid of life (at least based on scans from orbit). The crew checks one of the modules, and it’s a trap! An astromech notes their arrival and opens a door to stormtroopers and Agent Alexandr Kallus. Chopper stops the droid from locking everyone in and battles the droid until zapping it into submission, while Kanan and Ezra fend off Imperial fire and Zeb battles Kallus in a clash of bo-rifles. The others get back to the Ghost, but Zeb is late in disengaging from Kallus. Rather than having the others wait, he tells them he will take an escape pod. He gets to one and activates it, but Kallus catches up to him at that moment and ends up stuck in the pod with him when it launches. The Ghost crew is distracted by engaging TIE fighters when the escape pod gets damaged and ends up crashing not on Geonosis itself but on one of its moons, the frozen moon of Bahryn. Kallus, injured from their fight and the crash, survives, as does Zeb. The two are stuck in an underground area with the only obvious exit being the hole in the ceiling that they crashed through. They worry about freezing overnight as both hope it will be their faction that will find them first. Meanwhile, the Ghost looks for them, but they are focusing all of their scans and attention on the planet instead of its moon. Zeb and Kallus work together in as cordial a manner as one could expect, sharing heart sources and looking for ways out of the cavern. Unfortunately, they are not alone. Huge Bonzami creatures also

inhabit the cavern. They work together more directly to drive the first one they encounter off. Zeb learns that Kallus does not seem to question orders or look deeper on situations like the lack of any life on Geonosis. He also learns how Kallus acquired his bo-rifle (which is now being used as a splint to help him stand). He did not take it from a slaughtered Lasat as Zeb first suspected. During the assault on Lasat, Kallus battled a member of the Honor Guard who fought bravely and well. When finally defeated by Kallus in one-on-one combat, the Guard followed the Lasat warrior code, the Boosahn Keeraw, and gave his weapon to Kallus before he died. It seems that he also has things that haunt him, including an early mission in which his entire unit, except Kallus, was wiped out on Onderon by rebels (including a Lasat) working under Saw Gerra. When the Bonzami arrives with a second, Zeb is climbing a central pillar at Kallus' suggestion with Kallus hanging on his back. When the creatures get near, Zeb slings Kallus to stick him into the ceiling by the bayonet on the bo-rifle, upside down. Zeb catches him when he falls, throws him out the hole in the ceiling, then leaps out himself, only to find Kallus standing there with Zeb's bo-rifle, which he points not at Zeb but at the pursuing Bonzami's face. They wait with a heat-generating meteor fragment on the frozen surface for rescue. While waiting, Kallus tells Zeb that the massacre on Lasan was not supposed to happen, but the Empire wanted to make an example of the planet. Kallus clears the air about having originally claimed responsibility to rile Zeb up. For his part, Zeb allows Kallus to call him by his name. The Ghost finally arrives, drawn by Zeb's transponder, and Zeb returns on his own, choosing not to take Kallus prisoner. Kallus is later retrieved by the Empire using the transponder, and he returns to the Relentless with the meteor fragment and much to think about, especially given how little anyone seems to care that he has returned or even survived.

(The Honorable Ones)

- While scouting the planet Oosalon as a potential base, Kanan Jarrus and Ezra Bridger battle the Fifth Brother and Seventh Sister once again. They are nearly defeated when Ezra is knocked from a cliff edge, but he uses that moment to reach out in the Force to a group of tibidees, which they are able to leap onto to escape. Chopper then arrives in the Phantom to get them off of the planet. Kanan recognizes that as long as they are with Phoenix Squadron, they are endangering them all by being a target for Inquisitors. The Phantom reunites with the Ghost, where Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios is repairing his bo-rifle from the situation on Bahryn. Kanan tells Hera Syndulla about the Inquisitor situation. Ahsoka Tano is also aboard, viewing a holocron recording of her old Jedi Master, Anakin Skywalker, giving Jedi training techniques. Ezra enters and talks with her about Anakin, whom she says she last saw as he raced off to save Supreme Chancellor (now Emperor) Palpatine during the Battle of Coruscant. Kanan enters and suggests that the three of them pro-actively hunt down the Inquisitors, rather than being the hunted. When Ahsoka laments that they would have just asked advice of Obi-Wan Kenobi or Yoda during the days of the Republic, Kanan surprises her by suggesting they do just that – contact Yoda. The three Jedi travel back to Lothal (which Ahsoka had not realized was Ezra's homeworld). They go to the Jedi Temple where Ezra first encountered Yoda through the Force. Ezra and Kanan raise it up so that they can enter, while Ahsoka (who does not help raise it because she is no longer a Jedi, having left the Order) watches. Oddly, the temple rises much farther than before, revealing a level lower in the structure than the original door they had entered through last time. While Chopper waits with the Phantom, the Jedi enter, and the door seals behind them. They meditate together in hopes of reaching Yoda in the Force, and each begins to have a different experience within the Force (visions guided by Yoda, even if Yoda is not appearing in all of them). Kanan sees a bright doorway and goes through it, finding himself in a Jedi Temple dojo, where he is met by a Jedi Temple Guard known as the Sentinel. The Sentinel warns Kanan that Ezra must be eliminated before he can embrace the Dark Side, which is what would happen if Kanan fails him. Kanan duels the Sentinel to protect Ezra. Outside, Chopper is forced to take the Phantom away to a safe distance when the Seventh Sister and Fifth Brother arrive in their TIE Advanced Prototypes. The Fifth Brother believes the Jedi have fled, but a scan from one of the Seventh Sister's probes reveals the hidden temple structure. Back inside, Ahsoka and Ezra discuss Yoda, then Ezra has a vision of Yoda. Last time, he could only hear Yoda, but now that Ezra has grown in his Force abilities, he can see Yoda as they talk. In Kanan's vision, the Sentinel is joined by other Temple Guards. Ahsoka also enters a vision, in which she hears the voice of Anakin (and would see his ghostly presence if she were to turn around). He accuses her of being selfish by leaving the Jedi. He asks if she knows what he has become, finally confirming for the former Padawan that Darth Vader is

indeed Anakin Skywalker. Back in Ezra's vision, Yoda shows Ezra visions of the Clone Wars and how the Jedi were drawn into the Clone Wars and consumed by the Dark Side. He even admits having been consumed by fear himself and reminds Ezra that it is a lifelong challenge not to let fear become anger. Meanwhile, outside, the Inquisitors use the Force to raise the temple, seeking entry. The Jedi inside sense that the enemy is coming. In Kanan's vision, he finally stops fighting and admits that he will never be able to fully protect Ezra, even from himself, but will continue to teach him as best as he can, which is all he can do. Rather than delivering a killing blow, the Sentinel dubs Kanan a full Jedi Knight. When Kanan asks what the dubbing means, the Sentinel removes his helmet to reveal the late Grand Inquisitor, who was a Jedi Knight (a Jedi Temple Guard), as Kanan is now, before he became an Inquisitor. In Ezra's vision, Yoda is disappointed that Ezra and the other Jedi have chosen to fight directly, just as in the Clone Wars. Yoda tells Ezra that they must find Malachor, then the vision ends, just as the Inquisitors enter the temple. Rather than encountering the Jedi, the Inquisitors face with ghostly Temple Guards, led by their own former Grand Inquisitor (the Sentinel). This distracts them long enough for the three Jedi to escape, but not before Ahsoka catches a glimpse of Yoda in the Force herself. The trio escapes aboard the Phantom. When Ezra reveals what Yoda said to him, Ahsoka reveals that Malachor is a place, not a person. Darth Vader then arrives (too late) at the Jedi Temple and notes to his underlings that Palpatine will be pleased with their discovery, and the Jedi's own growing power will be their undoing.

(Shroud of Darkness)

- Ezra Bridger, Chopper, Hera Syndulla are aboard Commander Jun Sato's Liberator to test new engine modifications when they encounter an Imperial cruiser. They escape to hyperspace, but damage from the brief battle has caused an engine leak. Meanwhile, the Ghost is on a mission to rescue refugees.*
(conjecture based on *The Gangsters of Galzez**)
- Commander Jun Sato's Liberator has been damaged in a battle with an Imperial cruiser. Despite the best efforts of Hera Syndulla, Ezra Bridger, Chopper, and Sato's crew, the ship has damage (a leak) to its newly-modified engines and must land on Galzez to make repairs. Unfortunately, Dugs belonging to the Syvik Delegation (led by Rokeg) are nearby and recognize the ship and its crew as wanted by the Empire. The Rebels need assistance from the Ghost and the rest of its crew, but they are still dropping off refugees from their own mission. Ezra senses danger nearby, and when they cannot use scanners due to nearby crystals, he and two officers (including Higz) go out to check nearby. They are fired upon by the Dugs, leading to a wounded Higz needing to be taken back to the Liberator by the other officer. Ezra is captured and held hostage. When Rokeg demands the Rebels surrender to get Ezra back, Sato, who was once held by this same gang, takes off and blasts the Syvik Delegation's nearby base, then returns and threatens to destroy their remaining ship if Ezra isn't released. Ezra is released, and they return (after repairs are completed) to the fleet, where Ezra thanks Sato for rescuing him, and the Ghost crew has returned . . . with Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios the victim of a "paint incident" and covered head to knees with green paint.*

(The Gangsters of Galzez)*

*NOTE: According to the writer, Martin Fisher (on Twitter), this story takes place between *Shroud of Darkness* and *The Forgotten Droid*.

- Phoenix Squadron has managed to combine Captain Rex's map and the map created during the search for Lira San to discover a likely base location on a moon of Berzite in the Yost System. Ketsu Onyo, there to help, confirms this. They realize that their new carrier will not make it all the way to that location, since it needs fuel. The Ghost crew will raid an Imperial fuel shipment at Horizon Base at Ketsu's suggestion. They do so, but while Chopper is supposed to be waiting at the Ghost, he goes to haggle with a scrap dealer, who has an astromech leg that matches one of Chopper's legs, which would allow him to finally have a matching set again. Chopper steals the leg, but he is unable to get back to the Ghost before it leaves. Instead, he hides from stormtroopers aboard an Imperial cargo ship, when then lifts off. Aboard the cargo ship, another droid from the Clone Wars, AP-5, is handling inventory and putting up with a verbally abusive captain. Chopper is found hiding with his spare leg by AP-5. The two briefly clash, but when Chopper refers to himself as a war hero, they realize that they both served in the Clone Wars, specifically at the Battle of Ryloth. AP-5 was a military strategist there (and his commander died), but in the years since the Empire took power, he has been relegated to these lowly duties. Chopper was in a Y-wing that was shot down, which was when he was found by Hera Syndulla. Chopper tries to convince AP-5 of

his worth and other options, removing the droid's restraining bolt. The duo, now a team, are found by Imperials and chased, until they manage to trick most of the Imperials into going into the ship's cargo container, which they then disconnect from the cargo ship itself. Meanwhile, the Ghost returns to Phoenix Squadron and discover the rebels under attack by Admiral Kassius Konstantine's Imperials. Fortunately, Ketsu is there in the Shadow Caster to aid them. The Ghost lands on the carrier to begin refueling it, while word comes from Chopper and AP-5 that they will be arriving in their stolen cargo ship soon. When Hera mentions their need to get to the Yost system, AP-5 warns her that the Empire has been building up a large presence in that system, making it either a trap or horrible luck. Either way, Yost is out. Fortunately, AP-5 can use the rebel cartographic data and Imperial data to determine a better location for a base. Before he can transmit it, the cargo ship's captain, whom they had incapacitated earlier, comes to and fights Chopper, then AP-5. Fortunately, even after AP-5 takes severe damage, the new ally is able to transmit the coordinates to Phoenix Squadron. Chopper knocks out the captain, using his extra leg as a club, even as the rebels jump to the new base location, the planet Atollon. AP-5 seems to "die" from his damage, but he awakens aboard the Ghost to find that Chopper has sacrificed the leg he so coveted so that its thermo-sensors and such could be used to repair AP-5. The Ghost appears to have a new crew member, and Chopper has a new friend . . . and a dynamic now similar to the bickering of R2-D2 and C-3PO.

(The Forgotten Droid)

- As the Ghost makes supply runs for Phoenix Squadron's new base ("Chopper Base") on Atollon, Ezra Bridger and Kanan Jarrus train in extreme lightsaber combat (with lightsabers in training mode). Hera Syndulla understands why the Jedi (Kanan, Ezra, and Ahsoka Tano, who is on her way to the base) need to go hunt down the Inquisitors, but she always expected that they would do so together. As preparations are made for that mission, Lieutenant Dicer discovers kryknas while placing sensor markers. The large, spider-like creatures apparently kill Dicer. When Sabine Wren and Captain Rex go to investigate, they also come under attack by kryknas. The rest of the Ghost crew arrive and rescue Sabine, but Rex is taken by the creatures. Based on scans from Chopper, the team (now also including Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios) go into a tunnel system, where they fight off the creatures and save Rex. Once back outside, though, they find krykna webs holding down the Ghost. Realizing that the sensor markers drive off the kryknas, they use them to hold them off while Kanan and Ezra cut the ship free. They escape the area and set up sensor markers around Chopper Base to protect it from the creatures, which Ezra has repeatedly tried to connect with through the Force to no avail. Finally, Hera and Kanan share a long goodbye hug, as Ahsoka arrives. The Jedi trio's new mission begins now . . .

(The Mystery of Chopper Base)

- Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios and Sabine Wren head for Thune to pick up a cargo of "foodstuffs and clothing" (actually weapons and ship parts) for Chopper Base. Upon arrival, Zeb doesn't apply a bug spray and has to be reminded by Sabine after being accosted by insects. They then reach the pick-up point only to find the cargo having been stolen by the Garbis family gang. They seek out the gang and make an attempt to steal the cargo back, but they are met by a high ranking member of the family, Tomith Garbis, who claims that any unattended cargo on Thune belongs to the Garbis family. He offers to let them have 75% of the cargo, while he keeps the other 25%, which Sabine declines. When the Garbis try to attack them, Zeb tosses a bottle of water (used to remove the bug spray) onto several Garbis goons, causing them to fall under insect attack. The duo steal back the cargo, besting the Garbis in combat, but Tomith calls upon his gruthic winged beast to go after them. He gives chase, but Sabine and Zeb are saved by the arrival of Hera Syndulla in the Ghost. They escape the planet, while Tomith is called before Lord Donith Garbis, leader of the family (and his father). Donith declares the Rebel group to be enemies of the family, who will either perish or see the family itself perish. The Ghost crew have a powerful new enemy (at least on Thune).*

(The Thune Cargo)*

*NOTE: According to the writer, Martin Fisher (on Twitter), this story takes place between *The Mystery of Chopper Base* and *Twilight of the Apprentice*.

- Following the advice of Jedi Master Yoda, Kanan Jarrus, Ezra Bridger, and Ahsoka Tano travel to the planet Malachor, long forbidden to Jedi. As they arrive, Ahsoka shares a brief message with Captain Rex, which echoes their first real conversation during the Battle of Christophsis. Little do they know that this is goodbye for the foreseeable future. Upon reaching Malachor, the Jedi track another ship nearby and land near it. There, they discover

pillars inscribed in the Old Tongue. When Ezra touches one, the trio falls through the surface and into an underground cavern system, where they stand before a massive Sith Temple. It is there that they should be able to find the knowledge they seek, Sith knowledge that will help them understand and ultimately defeat their Sith enemies. Before they can venture too close to the temple, the pilot of that other ship reveals himself as another Inquisitor, the Eighth Brother, who attacks them. Ezra is separated from them by falling farther underground, while Ahsoka and Kanan chase the Eighth Brother, who is able to use his spinning lightsaber blades almost like helicopter blades. (No, that is not a joke.) Ezra meets the real target the Inquisitor was hunting, an old Force-user who offers to help. This "Old Master," as he calls himself, is Maul, former Sith Lord, who crashed years ago and has been seeking the power of the temple as well, so that he can strike out against the Sith, whom he considers to have abandoned him. Unsure of whether to trust the Old Master, Ezra follows his guidance, for now. Maul leads Ezra to a Sith Holocron on the other side of a large crevasse. After revealing his true name of "Maul" to Ezra, Maul helps Force-push Ezra to the other side of the drop-off, where he acquires the Sith Holocron, then he also helps Ezra get back across, not taking the opportunity to steal the Holocron and let Ezra fall to his death when he could have. This cements more trust for Ezra, who reveals his own true name (having originally called himself "Jabba" as he so often does). By the time they return to the others (using the Sith Holocron, which requires using the Dark Side to be opened but can also be used as a key to open doors in the temple), Kanan and Ahsoka (with Chopper's help in the Inquisitor's stolen TIE from nearby) have captured the Eighth Brother, but the Seventh Sister and Fifth Brother have now arrived and joined the fray in a 3-on-2 battle. Ezra and Maul join the battle, making it 5-to-3 against the Inquisitors. Kanan and Ahsoka (who actually knew Maul from the Clone Wars) are reluctant to trust him, but Ezra urges them to do so, as Maul draws a double-bladed lightsaber from his "cane." During their battle, the Inquisitors reveal that they think Maul must know about "the artifact." The Inquisitors retreat, and Maul further tries to reassure the others that his enemy (the Empire) is theirs, making them allies. Moreover, he knows that the Inquisitors will draw Darth Vader, as Maul desires. Maul reveals that the Sith Holocron can be used with an obelisk at the top of the temple to "unlock the knowledge of the Sith." Kanan and Ahsoka reluctantly support Ezra in working with Maul. They split into pairs (Ahsoka with Maul, Ezra with Kanan) to take a pair of lifts up toward the peak of the temple. As they do, the Eighth Brother* attacks Ezra and Kanan, until Maul joins them and drives him back. They split up again, this time Ezra with Maul and Kanan with Ahsoka to take another pair of lifts. On the way up, Maul urges Ezra to find the strength (the Dark Side) inside of himself to defeat the Inquisitors. They are attacked at the next terrace by the Seventh Sister, as Ahsoka and Kanan are attacked by the Fifth and Eighth Brothers. When Maul grabs the Seventh Sister with the Force and urges Ezra to finish her, Maul throws his lightsaber and does the deed himself. Maul scolds him that the next time he hesitates, it may cost his life or the life of one of his friends. Maul senses Vader on his way and sends Ezra to the obelisk, while Maul goes down to help Ahsoka and Kanan. In short order, Ahsoka destroys the Fifth Brother's lightsaber, and Maul kills him. Then Kanan shorts out the Eighth Brother's lightsaber, which he still tries to escape with, only to fall to his doom in the chasm below when the blades turn off entirely. Maul takes that moment to finally turn on Kanan and Ahsoka, immediately attacking Kanan and leaving him blind. Maul reveals that he intends to make Ezra his apprentice and that the temple is actually a battle station, a superweapon he intends to use against all of his enemies. Still believing the temple to be a source of knowledge, Ezra puts the Sith Holocron in the designated area of the obelisk. A voice from within states that knowledge is power, and great energy blasts forth from the obelisk up through the surface of Malachor and into the sky. As Ahsoka battles Maul, Kanan picks up an old Jedi temple guard mask and puts it on, focusing on his other senses now that he has been blinded. He takes Ahsoka's place in battling Maul so that she can go help Ezra. Kanan gets the upper-hand on Maul and tosses him to a lower level, ending the fight. Upon calling Chopper to pick them up, Kanan learns that Chopper has spotted another TIE fighter en route. At the obelisk, Ezra does not want the power he has unleashed, the power to destroy life. He turns to find Darth Vader descending toward him on his TIE Advanced. Alone against the Sith Lord, Ezra draws his lightsaber. Claiming that the power of the temple will soon serve the Emperor, Vader easily disarms Ezra by destroying his hybrid lightsaber. Before he can deliver a further attack, Ahsoka arrives to face him. Vader offers her mercy if she reveals the location of any more Jedi, but Ahsoka claims that there are none left. She claims that she had begun to think that Vader was Anakin, but she has turned away from that belief because she

cannot believe that Anakin would become as vile a monster as Vader. Former Master and Padawan duel fiercely, while Ezra tries in vain to remove the Sith Holocron from the obelisk. Kanan and Chopper arrive, and as a pair of Master and Apprentice, they are able to remove the Sith Holocron (since so much of the temple is built around pairs). The weapon has been deactivated, but the temple begins to collapse. Meanwhile, Ahsoka is knocked to a lower level, allowing Vader to return to the temple's peak, where he tries to grab the holocron from Ezra with the Force, dragging Ezra toward him. Ahsoka emerges from behind Vader and attacks, dealing a blow to Vader's helmet that reveals part of his face, confirming to Ahsoka that Vader is indeed Anakin. She refuses to leave him this time, but Vader draws his lightsaber once again. Ahsoka uses the Force to push Ezra back into the Phantom, so that he can escape with Kanan and Chopper, as a large door closes, blocking their view of Vader and Ahsoka's battle. (To be continued below . . .)

(Twilight of the Apprentice)*

*NOTE: This "episode" aired as one whole on Disney XD when it first premiered, but it was broken in half for subsequent airings and all home video releases.

- Ahsoka Tano has just Force pushed Ezra Bridger to safety so that he and Kanan can escape the destruction of the temple on Malachor and its Sith weapon. As Ahsoka duels her former master, Darth Vader (Anakin Skywalker), she pushes her former master back and stabs her lightsabers into the floor, causing it to start shattering. As the cracks reach him, Vader slashes toward Ahsoka for a killing blow. It never lands, as a different Ezra Bridger from around two years into the future, reaches out via a portal in the World Between Worlds and pulls Ahsoka from her time to the safety of the World Between Worlds, as Vader falls through the shattering floor. (To be continued below . . .)

(A World Between Worlds)

- As the Phantom clears the Sith temple on Malachor (with Ezra Bridger still in possession of the Sith holocron), a huge explosion of energy wracks the temple. Soon, Kanan Jarrus (now wearing a mask over his damaged eyes, Ezra, and Chopper return to Chopper Base to their friends. Maul has stolen one of the Inquisitor's TIEs and escaped as well. (To be continued below . . .)

(Twilight of the Apprentice)*

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- Ahsoka Tano re-emerges from her time in the World Between Worlds with an older Ezra Bridger and returns to the remains of the temple on Malachor, where Morai the convor (the Daughter or an agent thereof) arrives with her. (To be continued below . . .)

(A World Between Worlds)

- A short time after the collapse of the temple on Malachor, Darth Vader emerges from the remains of the temple, battered but alive, a convor (who unbeknownst to him is Morai, either an embodiment or agent of the Daughter of Mortis) flying overhead. Inside the temple, Ahsoka appears to walk deeper into its depths, still alive. As for Ezra Bridger, as he meditates with the Sith Holocron, it begins to open, signaling a shift in Ezra toward the Dark Side . . .

(Twilight of the Apprentice)*

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- At some point in the six months or so between the events on Malachor and the raid on Reklam Station, Ezra Bridger builds a new green-bladed lightsaber.
(conjecture based on *Steps Into Shadow* and *Absolutely Everything You Need to Know: Updated and Expanded*)
- While attempting to steal an Imperial shuttle full of medical supplies, Hera Syndulla, Sabine Wren, and Chopper infiltrate an Imperial facility, but while Chopper waits on the correct Lambda-class shuttle, Hera and Sabine are a bit hasty and end up stealing the wrong shuttle. When Sabine checks on the cargo, she instead finds several stormtroopers. Chopper flies the correct shuttle in front of theirs so that Hera and Sabine can eject the viewport of their shuttle and leap aboard Chopper's via its hatch. The shuttle with the stormtroopers is allowed to crash. Sabine apologizes for how being in a rush nearly fouled up the operation.

(Hasty Departure)*

*NOTE: We have no indication of when this takes place, other than that it is in the era prior to *Steps into Shadow*.

Last Shot [continued] (novel: Daniel José Older)

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Part Four [continued]

Cantonica, About Ten Years Ago

Leia: Princess of Alderaan (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

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Doctor Aphra [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen & Si Spurrier)

Aphra (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

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Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Chapter 2 [continued]

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Lost Stars [continued] (manga series: Claudia Gray & Yusaku Komiya)

Lost Stars, Vol. 1 [continued] (manga: Claudia Gray & Yusaku Komiya)

Last Shot [continued] (novel: Daniel José Older)

Last Shot [continued] (novel: Daniel José Older)

Part One [continued]

Han

Takodana, About Ten Years Ago

Takodana, About Ten Years Ago

Part Two [continued]

Han

The *Millennium Falcon*, About Ten Years Ago

The *Millennium Falcon*, About Ten Years Ago

Part Three [continued]

Han

Freerago's Satellite Diner, About Ten Years Ago

Freerago's Satellite Motel, About Ten Years Ago

The *Millennium Falcon*, About Ten Years Ago

The *Millennium Falcon*, About Ten Years Ago

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Legacy (cartoon: Henry Gilroy)

A Princess on Lothal (cartoon: Steven Melching)

Backstories [continued] (youth novel series: Calliope Glass & Jason Fry)

Backstories [continued] (youth novel series: Calliope Glass & Jason Fry)

Princess Leia: Royal Rebel [continued] (youth novel: Calliope Glass)

An Alliance Spy [continued]

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

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The Protector of Concord Dawn (cartoon: Henry Gilroy & Kevin Hopps)

Legends of the Lasat (cartoon: Matt Michnovetz)

Rebels Magazine Comics [continued] (RM/RMUK comic series: Martin Fisher & Jeremy Barlow)

Academy Cadets (RMUK comic: Martin Fisher)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

The Call (cartoon: Bill Wolkoff)

Rebels Magazine Comics [continued] (RM/RMUK comic series: Martin Fisher & Jeremy Barlow)

Barlow)

Escaping the Scrap Pile (RMUK comic: Martin Fisher)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

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Homecoming (cartoon: Steven Melching)

The Honorable Ones (cartoon: Kevin Hopps)

Shroud of Darkness (cartoon: Henry Gilroy)

Rebels Magazine Comics [continued] (RM/RMUK comic series: Martin Fisher & Jeremy Barlow)

The Gangsters of Galzez (RMUK comic: Martin Fisher)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

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The Forgotten Droid (cartoon: Matt Michnovetz)

The Mystery of Chopper Base (cartoon: Steven Melching)

Rebels Magazine Comics [continued] (RM/RMUK comic series: Martin Fisher & Jeremy Barlow)

The Thune Cargo (RMUK comic: Martin Fisher)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

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Twilight of the Apprentice, Part I (cartoon: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Steven Melching)

Twilight of the Apprentice, Part II (cartoon: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Steven Melching)

A World Between Worlds (cartoon: Dave Filoni)

Twilight of the Apprentice [continued] (cartoon: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Steven Melching)

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A World Between Worlds [continued] (cartoon: Dave Filoni)

Twilight of the Apprentice [continued] (cartoon: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Steven Melching)

Twilight of the Apprentice, Part II [continued] (cartoon: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Steven Melching)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (cartoon series: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)

Forces of Destiny, Volume 3 [continued] (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

Hasty Departure (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

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- *Ransolm Casterfo is born on Riosa.*
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)
- *Fatil is born (possibly on Orinda, the world from which she will eventually be a New Republic Senator).*
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)
- *Mon Cala Commander Karbin, severely injured near the end of the Clone Wars and on life support under the care of Doctor Cylo for the last sixteen years, begins being cybernetically enhanced in similar fashion to General Grievous.*

(conjecture based on Vader)

- *On Ghorman, peaceful protesters are killed by the Empire in what will become known as the “Ghorman Massacre.” Magva Yarro survives the event and soon joins Saw Gerrera’s Partisans on Jedha.*

(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)

- *In this era, Sabine Wren’s Mandalorian helmet becomes so synonymous with her anti-Imperial artwork that others begin distributing stencils that could be used to create artwork of her helmet, which is then used frequently in anti-Imperial artwork not actually created by (but often still credited to) Sabine.*

(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)

- *After two years in the custody of Jawas, R5-D4’s treads and other parts finally begin to succumb to the effects of sand in sensitive places. This degradation will continue over the next two years.*

(conjecture based on *The Red One*)

- *Early this year (a few months before Laina is born), the Empire comes to the part of Burnin Konn where Ryland and Fiona live. They claim that the company they have been working for has missed its Imperial quotas, so it is being taken over, but they recognize this as just a lie to justify such a takeover.*

(conjecture based on *Laina*)

- *Sometime this year (and after the Ghorman Massacre), Mon Mothma delivers a HoloNet proclamation that labels Sheev Palpatine a “lying executioner.” She is branded a traitor to the Empire and must resign her Senate seat. She flees Chandrila.*

(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)

- *A while before Han Solo and Chewbacca work for Alinka Aloo, they are paid a small fortune to smuggle a Junarian vase off of Chandrila for Gorga the Hutt.*

(conjecture based on *The Mighty Chewbacca in the Forest of Fear*)

- *Around this time the stories of the Ghost’s activities become so widespread, and the Empire’s pursuit so strong, that many VCX-100 owners sell off their ships because it just isn’t worth the trouble (or scrutiny) to own one anymore.**

(conjecture based on *Keeping the Peace*)*

*NOTE: This is one of the few Story Group Canon (i.e. non-*Legends*) references in *Keeping the Peace*. Assuming that its “present” is right after ANH like most of the RPG guides in its line, that would put this event about two years prior to ANH (“a couple of years ago” in the guide).

- *A status report from the Imperial garrison on Scrim Island on Batonn notes that five of the garrison’s eight ion cannons need replacement cathtron tubes and are either out of commission or soon will be.**

(conjecture based on *Thrawn*)*

*NOTE: This is six weeks prior to chapter 23 of *Thrawn*.

- *Luke Skywalker (age 17) is now bullseyeing womp rats frequently from his landspeeder and turning in their pelts for bounties. He uses the pay from about 1,000 womp rat pelts to finally upgrade the engines on his T-16 Skyhopper. He and Biggs Darklighter then race, and Luke narrowly wins by taking a dangerous shortcut that leaves his T-16 damaged and crashing to a landing. Unbeknownst to him, Obi-Wan Kenobi is watching from nearby. That night, he speaks with Biggs about his dream to get off of Tatooine, and Biggs tells him that he will be going to the Academy. He tells Luke that he will wait for him. (To be continued in the Original Trilogy film summaries below . . .)**

(*Star Wars*)*

*NOTE: Since it isn’t obvious from the title, this is part of the Korean webstrip series by Hong Jac Ga that is mostly made up of adaptations of the *Original Trilogy*. The rest of this webstrip series picks up with an adaptation of ANH, then moves into ESB and ROTJ with a few original tidbits thrown in but nothing akin to original stories in need of separate summaries.

- *Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin sends a message to Director Orson Krennic, telling him to cease compartmentalizing information to hide the Death Star’s true nature from his scientific teams. It is a weapon of war, plain and simple, and it will bring about peace through its strength. It is not meant to be a monument to his team’s scientific prowess, so it would be perfectly acceptable for it to be “crude but functional.” Krennic writes back that it is his understanding that the Emperor himself initiated the project, and he would hate to see anything the Emperor envisioned being considered “crude but functional.” Tarkin does not reply. (To be continued below . . .)*

(*Rogue One*)

- *Sometime after his encounter with Garazeb “Zeb” Orrelios on Bahryn, Imperial Security*

Bureau Agent Aleksandr Kallus begins covertly leaking information to Rebel cells, acting as one of a new group of agents acting under the “Fulcrum” codename. For now, his identity as one of the Fulcrum agents is kept secret from even the Ghost crew, though some of his information will eventually help them strike at the Empire.

(conjecture based on An Inside Man)

- *Aboard the Millennium Falcon, Han Solo, Chewbacca, and their ally, Frax, are pursued by TIE fighters. They are hauling two tons of Cordaxian ore, acquired using Frax’s own security codes. Han intends to dump the ore to avoid pursuit, but this would mean Frax has essentially made himself a criminal for nothing. He will not allow it. When Chewbacca tries to keep Frax from attacking Han, his sudden barrel roll causes Frax to fall through a broken panel and down into the ocean below. The Falcon gets away, but Frax is captured by the Empire. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Star Wars Annual #3)*

***NOTE:** This is “not too long ago,” based on the annual’s flashback, but then there is at least a one year time jump to the next flashback, then a gap of another four months to the last piece of the flashback, which seems relatively soon before the annual. Thus, I am putting the final flashback around the time of ANH, which would make the first flashback around this time, 16 months or so before ANH. It is only an approximation, of course, since the story provides no specifics.

- *The crew of the Ghost is called upon to get aboard an Imperial cargo ship (though TIE fighters and stormtroopers) to rescue a bird known as the argora, the sacred bird of the planet Xendek that is born only one per generation. It is central to their religion in that it is supposed to bring rain, crops, and good fortune, but the Empire stole it for Emperor Sheev Palpatine’s personal zoo of rare and endangered species. It has left the Xendekians with no hope for the future. They must get to it before it can reach Coruscant and enter the Emperor’s zoo. While Hera Syndulla, Chopper, and AP-5 use the Ghost to draw off TIE fighters, Kanan Jarrus, Ezra Bridger, Garazeb “Zeb” Orrelios, and Sabine Wren use the Phantom to attach to the cargo ship’s hull and breach its hull to get aboard. This immediately alerts the ship’s commanding officer, Captain Zarda, and Imperial zoologist Doctor Hazlekk. The boarders battle the Imperials and follow schematics from a “source” to reach the argora, only to find Hondo Ohnaka there with it. He was Ezra’s source, and now he has used their breach as a distraction to get to the bird, intending to sell it to a private collector instead of taking it back to Xendek. They have bigger problems at the moment, though, since Hondo didn’t know which container carried the argora, so he opened them all, releasing many dangerous beasts aboard the ship. Ezra pursues Hondo and the argora, as the others battle (but try their best not to injure) the endangered creatures that attack them. They eventually all converge in the same hall as the incoming stormtroopers, Hazlekk, and Zarda, where Kanan, Zeb, and Sabine must protect the creatures from Zarda’s troopers, while Ezra again chases Hondo. Kanan uses the Force to touch the minds of the creatures, making them docile but also helping them remember who took them from their homes. The creatures turn on the Imperials, whom Ezra and Hondo lock in the animals’ former cages. Ezra release the argora, which then pecks at Hondo, causing him to retreat to his custom-painted Lambda-class shuttle to escape. They take the argora back to Xendek, where Kanan believes it might be more attuned to the Force than other animals. As for the few other creatures aboard, they will either take them home, or perhaps they will join the Rebellion (if they can make that choice for themselves).**

(Endangered)*

***NOTE:** This story must be between *Twilight of the Apprentice* and *Steps Into Shadow*, since characters look like they do starting in *Steps Into Shadow*, but the *Phantom* is still around.

- *Upon taking down a smuggler gang, Thrawn chooses to keep one of the gang’s light freighters as his personal shuttle instead of using the typical Lambda-class shuttle.**
*(conjecture based on Thrawn)**

***NOTE:** This was the most recent smuggler gang taken down by Thrawn prior to chapter 23 of the novel.

- *As insurgents start to encounter resistance on Denash, the owner of the Creeppath Mining and Refining Complex on Batonn (Nightswan), tries to convince the insurgents there to send soldiers to help on Batonn. Instead, the Denesh forces send them an energy shield generator to protect Creeppath.*
(conjecture based on Thrawn)
- *Five days before the Imperial task force briefing that sends Admiral Durril to Batonn, Insurgents on Batonn’s Scrim Island overrun and take over an Imperial garrison, taking some civilians and plenty of Imperial navy troopers and techs hostage.*
(conjecture based on Thrawn)

- *Thrawn, now an admiral and in command of the 96th Task Force, and Commander Eli Vanto attend a briefing on Coruscant, held by Fleet Admiral Jok Donassius, which includes both Admiral Durril of the Imperial Star Destroyer Judicator of the 103rd Task Force, Admiral Kinshara of the ISD Stalwart of the 125th Task Force. They are there to deal with criminal and insurgent (i.e. rebel) activity in the Outer Rim, so they are also joined by Governor Restos of Batonn, Governor Wistran of Denash, Governor Estorn of Sammu, and Governor Arihnda Pryce of Lothal, Thrawn's old ally. (There are only three task force commanders present because the Lothal situation is already being handled by Admiral Kassius Konstantine, so Arihnda is mostly just there as an observer, given Lothal's proximity to the other systems.) Colonel Wulf Yularen leads the briefing. Thrawn is initially assigned to go to Batonn to deal with insurgents who took over an Imperial garrison on Scrim Island five days earlier, an area surrounded by an energy shield and at least three (out of eight) working ion cannons. When Thrawn requests time for reconnaissance and planning, Donassius refuses and reassigns Thrawn's 96th to Sammu, while Durril's 103rd is sent to Batonn. Thrawn sends the Chimaera and almost all of the 96th to Sammu, while he and Eli take his "shuttle" (a light freighter taken from the last smuggler gang they took down) and Captain Brento's Shyrack to observe Durril's forces at Batonn. (The 96th will have no trouble taking Sammu, given what Thrawn has learned from local art about cultural tendencies there. He is proven correct.) They watch as Durril fails in his mission. They observe freighters escape the battle area, seemingly delivering munitions to other areas on the planet, while another heads into space, also with munitions. Pretending to be the Slipknot with Eli (as "Horatio Figg") as captain, they contact the fleeing ship and offer to sell them weapons to aid their cause. The fleeing vessel's captain falls for the ruse and arranges a rendezvous elsewhere. Thrawn and Eli travel there, having already sent a distress call on behalf of the damaged Judicator and leaving the Shyrack behind to track the destinations of the other munitions-carrying vessels still in the atmosphere. They dock at an old Nomad repair ship, and Thrawn sends Eli aboard as Figg in Thrawn's uniform (with some improvised damage to make it look like it was taken from a dead officer), a hold-out blaster, a regular blaster as a sample of their "merchandise," and Thrawn's old rank insignia from when he was a lieutenant, which has been modified with a special transmitter as he considered back at the Royal Imperial Academy. Eli is taken to see the insurgents' leader, only to be immediately recognized because their leader is Nevil Cygni, who reveals himself to be, as Thrawn suspected, Nightswan! Nightswan set up the Scrim Island situation, expecting Thrawn to be assigned (because he has allies with influence in the Empire), intending for Thrawn to be killed in the battle. He believes Thrawn is either dead, about to die, or going to lose his command because of the damage to the lead Star Destroyer, which he incorrectly believes was the Chimaera. Nightswan has always wondered how Thrawn got into the military anyway and only now pieces it together with stories he heard of a blue alien with red eyes who briefly worked with Anakin Skywalker during the Clone Wars. When Nightswan sends his men to a "reactor leak" to find other Imperials on the freighter, it instead explodes, causing a need for the entire Nomad to be abandoned. Just then, Eli uses the rank insignia transmitter to cause the "merchandise" blaster near Nightswan to explode, allowing him a chance to escape. He reunites with Thrawn in the docking bay, where Thrawn has stolen another ship, which he had already been investigating for navigational data. Thrawn had expected that the leader might be Nightswan. He hadn't told Eli so that his reactions would be genuine. They jump back to Batonn, where Brento's Shyrack, under Thrawn's orders, has already coordinated several freighters' tractor beams to pull the Judicator out of harm's way. In the debriefing on the overall mission so far, Kinshara reports that the insurgents on Denash have been defeated, though many of their ships seem to have escaped, probably heading for Batonn. Durril gives Thrawn no credit for his escape, though Donassius already knows. He orders Durril's 103rd to the Marleyvane shipyards for repair. Meanwhile, Thrawn and his 96th are sent to Batonn, where Thrawn already has a plan to recapture Scrim Island. After hearing Thrawn's plans, Commander Karyn Faro tells Eli that he belongs on the bridge, not as a supply officer as he once intended. Eli downplays his skills, but she notes that not everyone could actually understand Thrawn's plans. People can follow orders and make his plans work, but it takes some one exceptional like Eli and few others to truly understand them, even if it requires an explanation first, which does not diminish the skills needed to understand once explained. As the battle nears, Thrawn sends all three of their light cruisers (Shyrack, Flensor, and Tumnor) out to positions Eli initially considers odd. Those cruisers quickly draw fire from the three (now four!) working ion cannons on Scrim Island, leaving them in a diminished state, too far away for the Chimaera*

to assist. On auxiliary power, the three ships follow orders to get into exact positions. Below, the extra ion cannon burns out. Rather than firing on the island when in range, since it is shielded, Thrawn orders blasts offshore to cause tsunamis that slam into the base, undeterred by the physics of the shield. The weapons and shield are quickly defeated, and the insurgent leader surrenders Scrim Island. However, the Shyrack's earlier tracking of fleeing munition ship has pinpointed their actual stronghold, the Creekpath Mining and Refining Complex near Paeragosto City. Thus, Colonel Yularen and Arihnda soon arrive to offer assistance. Arihnda's parents, Talmoor Pryce and Elainye Pryce, hold high positions at that facility, though she doubts they are insurgents. They are likely caught within the insurgents' battle lines, though. Arihnda visited them back when she was working for Senator Domus Renking, though, so she knows the area. Yularen intends to send Arihnda down to make contact with her parents and scout the insurgents' defenses and weapons, alongside an ISB agent, Gudry. Thrawn disapproves of the plan, but he is unable to overrule it. Yularen leaves, asking Eli about Thrawn's odd placement of the three mildly disabled freighters still in a triangular formation around the Chimaera on the way. Arihnda and Gudry are sent to another town below, then make their way to the mine, which they infiltrate on the pretense of looking for a friend of Gudry (as "Mattai Daw") who caught up in the situation and is in over his head. They meet with Talmoor and Elainye, who note that the local Imperial governor, Restos, is corrupt. Arihnda promises Imperial investigations, though her father seems more prone to siding with the insurgents in revolution. After swapping her mother's phone for a copy secretly, Arihnda joins Gudry and Talmoor in "looking for Gudry's friend." Aboard the Chimaera, Thrawn uses a frequency from the ship stolen from Nightswan's Nomad to contact him, requesting a face-to-face meeting on neutral ground, a field a bit away from Creekpath. As incentive, Thrawn promises Nightswan that he will do all in his power to minimize civilian casualties in the coming battle, given that he knows Nightswan would not have purposely put them in harm's way. Many just came to the facility for the safety of its shield. Claiming that his friend is a tech who might be working on the shield, Talmoor directs Gudry to the generator, while Arihnda slips away and uses Elainye's phone to call Talmoor, feigning being a seriously ill Elainye. This allows Arihnda to draw Talmoor back toward the Pryce home, while Gudry is able to go alone to the generator. Before they split up, Gudry points out that he has noticed stockpiles of explosives and other gear that must be taken out. Nearby, Thrawn and Nightswan (Nevil Cygni) meet again face-to-face and have an interesting discussion. Nightswan purposely had Angel take one of Thrawn's buzz droids as a "prize" during the Dromedar incident so that Thrawn could escape and save the lives of his crew and the other hostages, even though Thrawn already had another to assist that Nightswan didn't know about. Thrawn has deduced through Nightswan's knowledge of mining and metals, along with a comment about the Thrugii asteroid belt when he was with Eli recently, that Nightswan was once part of the Mining Guild. Nightswan admits that he had been among those who left years ago, joining a group to supposedly help those hurt by high metal prices get what they needed, only to find that the people they were helping were actually just turning around and reselling the metals on the black market. He left and soon joined a group who smuggled and such in order to raise money to help those wronged by the Empire have enough to pay for legal expenses to seek justice. It was only during the Dromedar incident that he realized that anyone he was working with was actually an insurgent group, rather than just others harmed by the Empire. He considered returning to the Mining Guild at that point, but they had already sent the Empire after his old comrades, which would also have made him a target. He began hearing about the Empire's mining activities, takeovers, planetary strip-mining, etc. and began to believe there was some kind of secret construction project in the works, very much as Thrawn has deduced. Nightswan admits that while he was using money from the pre-spice operation on Cyphar to assist those at Creekpath, he tipped Thrawn off with his mollusk smuggling technique because he hoped Thrawn would shut that operation down, as he detests what spice does to people and wanted no part of those activities once they began. Even Nightswan had been lied to about what they were smuggling. He says that operatives in Higher Skies Group were never meant to carry out assassinations, just used their bodyguard positions and such to get access to high level data. This has confirmed for Nightswan that Tarkin is in charge of the unknown construction project and that it is being created at a single site, though most materials were delivered long ago. He once considered bringing insurgent groups together into a single larger force, but he was paranoid and didn't believe he was the right leader to do that. Thrawn reveals to Nightswan that he was not actually exiled from the Chiss Ascendancy. Instead, his "campsite" was only around for a matter of months, all part of

a ruse to get him into the Empire. His mission is essentially to learn about the Empire and either bring them to join the Chiss when facing whatever menaces emerge in the Unknown Regions or to turn on the Empire when necessary to make it, rather than the Chiss, the most opportune target for such an enemy. He was sent because he had met Anakin Skywalker during his early explorations around the time of the Clone Wars, which made him an obvious choice to send. He hadn't expected to be made an officer, only to be able to study the Imperial military and political structure. Thrawn argues that the Empire must be strong to face this outer threat, so any rebels must be crushed. The stakes, he says, are too high, as open civil war would just be a return to the chaos of the Clone Wars and a weakening of this part of space. He simply hopes that one day, when Palpatine finally dies, a better, more benevolent leader will take his place. He reveals that the reason he initially latched onto Eli Vanto was because refugee Neimoidians he had encountered in his post-Clone Wars travels had urged him to help them rise up against Imperial control, and he was worried that the Neimoidians had put Eli on the Strikefast specifically to observe Thrawn, due to his knowledge of the Chiss. (This, of course, turned out not to be the case.) Now, he sees great things in Eli, as he sees in Nightswan. He offers to send Nightswan to serve the Chiss Ascendancy to serve the greater cause against those Unknown Regions threats. He would also offer that if the local insurgents disperse, they will not be harmed. Unfortunately, Nightswan feels an obligation to them, and he knows that once Thrawn leaves Batonn, other Imperials will eventually take reprisals on the planet and its people. It is only a matter of time. Thrawn offers one last incentive; to travel together to where he believes the Empire's secret project is located, since Thrawn himself must know if it will one day be a threat to the Chiss. Even knowing he will likely die in the coming battle, Nightswan still declines the offer and goes his own way back to Creekpath. It is only then that Colonel Yularen emerges, having spied on the meeting (though not hearing everything) and now wondering if he should kill Thrawn as a traitor. He had come down to watch Arihnda and Gudry from afar, but when he learned of Thrawn's side trip, he decided to observe. Thrawn tells the truth (mostly) about offering Nightswan a position with the Chiss that he declined, arguing that this would have deprived the local insurgents of their leader and caused their movement to fall apart. They return to their duties, knowing that Gudry has now primed the generator to explode and has the detonator keyed to his comm. Meanwhile, Arihnda's priority is getting her parents out of the area. When a Gudry, annoyed at being abandoned in the mission, arrives, she kills him. They pack and begin making their way out of Creekpath, even as Thrawn and Yularen set up a team to go in and retrieve Arihnda and Gudry at the Pryce home. In space, the numerous ships that had fled Denash when Kinshara struck now emerge to come after the Chimaera, though they must dodge around the three "dead" cruisers, which Thrawn knew Nightswan wouldn't allow to be attacked since they are "helpless." In truth, as soon as the ships pass, the repair barges at each cruiser launch a horde of TIE fighters borrowed from the Judicator before it left for repairs, trapping the incoming ships between Imperial ships. Before the battle can push much farther, though, Thrawn and those above receive a shocking surprise because, down below, Arihnda has gotten her parents to safety. Now, she uses a signal given to her as backup by Gudry not to destroy the generator but to blow up the explosives she knew he was planting on the ordinance found inside Creekpath. The resulting explosive force tries to escape into the atmosphere, only to be stopped by the shield and slapped back downward, utterly obliterating Creekpath and everyone inside. Thrawn immediately orders his troops, who were outside the facility (except Yularen's rescue team) to enter the remains of Creekpath, not to arrest or attack but for search and rescue. Any surviving insurgents who try to run, though, will be shot. Arihnda sends her parents to the safety of Lothal on a transport. Thrawn requests her presence and she expects that he suspects that she caused the devastation, but she has no worries about that. She is an Imperial governor, leading a planet of vast resources for the Empire. As long as that remains true, she is effectively untouchable. Thrawn, Arihnda, and Yularen meet. Arihnda blames the explosion on Gudry, who was conveniently "killed by his explosives." Nightswan has been confirmed dead. The Emperor is quite pleased with the outcome and requests Thrawn's presence at the Imperial Palace. Arihnda speaks privately with Thrawn, reminding him that whatever he thinks of her, he still needs a politically-savvy ally, and she is it. She now wants to direct his power in a way that will benefit them both: to deal with the rebels based out of Lothal, which Admiral Kassius Konstantine has been unable to defeat. High Command has not issued the order yet, but she has spoken with Tarkin, so the assignment is essentially confirmed. She also notes that Fleet Admiral Sartan 7th Fleet, which is much larger than the 96th Task Force, will soon be

replaced, and Thrawn would be a good fit to replace him. He is reluctant, fine with the 96th, but she plays on his “humanity,” pointing out that the 7th Fleet has massive firepower, something that could kill many innocents if someone like Thrawn, who cares about limiting casualties in battle, is not in command of it. Thrawn will consider it. While the rest of the task force assists on Batonn, the Chimaera returns to Coruscant, where he meets with Emperor Palpatine. He asks the Emperor about the Death Star, having learned its name from unguarded dispatches. He has known it must exist, even before knowing its name, and he wants to know why it exists. The Emperor assures him that he has no designs on using the Death Star against the Chiss, even if he knew where the Chiss Ascendancy was. (Thrawn has been assisting the Emperor in mapping the Unknown Regions for other purposes, but he has kept his people’s location a secret, something that the Emperor can respect.) Palpatine tells Thrawn that the Death Star’s existence will be a deterrent to further rebellion. Thrawn is promoted to Grand Admiral and formally introduced to Darth Vader, little knowing that he is Anakin Skywalker, Thrawn’s former ally from the Clone Wars. As for Eli Vanto, he has an entirely different mission. He has accepted Thrawn’s proposal to do what Thrawn had offered to Nightswan, to be an emissary to the Chiss Ascendancy and serve the combined best interests of the Chiss and the Empire. Thrawn has seen the talents in Eli, and now, he has groomed him into the perfect man for the job. Thus, Eli travels to the Chiss Ascendancy, where he meets Admiral Ar’alani of the Chiss Defense Fleet. His future is just beginning.

(Thrawn)*

*NOTE: This segment begins with chapter 23. An unspecified amount of time (potentially quite a bit) has passed since the end of chapter 22. Thrawn has jumped in rank from Commodore to Admiral, and the *Chimaera* has been assigned to lead the 96th Task Force “recently.” If that happened at the same time as Thrawn’s new promotion, which seems likely, that would make his promotion recent, but that still does not account for how much time has elapsed since the Botajef victory at the end of chapter 22. As of chapter 23, *Rebels* has already begun and has at least reached as far as *Gathering Forces* in 4 BBY because Admiral Kassius Konstantine is already there to hunt the local Rebels. Given that this segment eventually ends right before Thrawn’s arrival in the first episode of *Rebels*’ third season, *Steps into Shadow*, and surely years are not passing in the last seven chapters of *Thrawn*, that this segment must be in the latter part of 3 BBY or very early 2 BBY. (Oh, and, yes, this part of the book spells Arihnda’s dad’s name “Talmoor,” while earlier he was “Talimoor.”)

- Around this time (174 days before Thrawn’s mission back to Batuu), Darshi, sent by the Grysk, arrive on Batuu at Black Spire Outpost and begin setting up a communications triad and three houses for eventual use by the Grysk, who will arrive in a few months with important cargo. In the process, the Darshi tend to drive off other legitimate traffic, annoying the locals.
(conjecture based on *Alliances*)
- About six months after the clash with Maul and the Inquisitors on Malachor, Ezra Bridger (now a bit angrier and prone to shows of force) leads Garazeb “Zeb” Orrelios, Sabine Wren, and Chopper on a mission to infiltrate an Imperial prison on Naraka to free Hondo Ohnaka, who has valuable information. They free him, only to find him imprisoned with his current partner, the Ugnaught Terba. During their escape, Terba is apparently killed, and Ezra uses the Force to control the actions of an AT-DP driver to make him blast stormtroopers and then step off of a landing platform to fall to his doom. Once picked up by Hera Syndulla on the Ghost, Ezra is frustrated at Hera’s reaction to him not having had all of the relevant information for a successful mission (i.e. knowing about Terba). He returns to his cabin, where he consults the Sith Holocron that he secretly kept from Malachor, seeking ways to become more powerful so that he can fulfill a desire to never allow his friends to be hurt again. Elsewhere, Lothal Governor Arihnda Pryce reports to Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin on recent Rebel activities. They agree that even though Darth Vader has dealt with the Rebels’ Jedi leadership, the Rebels are still a threat, as the raid on the prison on Naraka demonstrates. Scorning Admiral Kassius Konstantine as more of a politician than a true military leader, Pryce requests that Tarkin have the Seventh Fleet reassigned to the situation. At Chopper Base on Atollon, Hondo requests a ship as payment for his information, and Commander Jun Sato is willing to consider it if the information is worthwhile. Hondo provides the location of the Imperials’ Reklam Station in the clouds of the planet Yarma, where Y-wings from late in the Clone Wars are currently being dismantled at the salvage yard. (Terba had brought this information to Hondo, having worked there previously.) Rex confirms that despite being old, such Y-wings would be useful, particularly, as Sato notes, for a Rebel raid to destroy the Empire’s factory on Lothal. As a result of his successful recovery of Hondo and this intel, Ezra receives a promotion to Lieutenant Commander and will lead the Y-wing recovery mission. Kanan Jarrus would be proud, but he is “never around” these days. Kanan, now blind after the battle with Maul on Malachor, has been meditating and hearing a voice

calling to him through the Force. After Hera reminds him that Ezra feels responsible for what happened to him and Ahsoka Tano (who is presumed dead), Kanan visits Ezra in his quarters, only to discover that he still has the Sith Holocron and has opened it by using the Dark Side. Unwilling to let Ezra keep it and continue down a path of anger, despite Ezra claiming that he won't be corrupted by it, Kanan takes it when he leaves. Soon, Ezra leads a recon mission to scout Reklam Station on the Phantom, carrying himself, Hondo, Chopper, Sabine, Zeb, and Rex. After an encounter with Mining Guild forces controlling the Sereeda Hyperspace Waypoint (during which Ezra argues to the others that they should destroy the Mining Guild ships to eliminate any witnesses, a suggestion they don't follow), they reach Yarma. Meanwhile, back on Atollon, Kanan follows the voice in the Force to its source, the huge being known as the Bendu, a wise Force-connected being that speaks of the Ashla (Light Side) and Bogan (Dark Side). He helps Kanan by showing him the fear and turmoil inside himself, guiding him in using his other senses and the Force to "see" the world around him and a bigger picture beyond his own self-doubt after being blinded. Kanan chooses to rejoin the Ghost crew after so much time mostly on his own lately, and he leaves the Sith Holocron with the Bendu to keep it safe (and away from Ezra). Elsewhere, newly-promoted Grand Admiral Thrawn arrives with the Seventh Fleet and meets with Tarkin, Pryce, Konstantine, and Agent Aleksandr Kallus. Having learned of Hondo's rescue by the Ghost crew, Phoenix Squadron's destruction of Mining Guild starfighters at the Sereeda Hyperspace Waypoint, and that Hondo's cellmate was formerly a worker at Reklam Station (just one jump away from that waypoint), Thrawn has determined that Phoenix Squadron is likely going to attempt a raid at Yarma to acquire more starfighters. Thrawn will begin his operations there, intending to pull them apart by making them the architects of their own destruction. When the Phantom arrives at Yarma, scans show that the Y-wings are being destroyed at a steady rate and there are already only about 14 left. Rather than sticking to their orders that the mission is to be recon only, Ezra orders a change in the mission to acquire the Y-wings now. They battle dismantler droids in the atmosphere and arrive temporarily unnoticed by the station's Imperial crew, led by Commander Brom Titus (formerly of the Interdictor project). They attach the Phantom to the same long arm of the station that holds the remaining Y-wings and work with a trio of Ugnaughts (Terba's former coworkers) to get the Y-wings fueled and ready to launch by remote guidance from Chopper. (Thankfully, the Ugnaughts can shut down the conveyor that is taking them to their destruction.) They are finally noticed, though, and Titus orders the ships locked down and the conveyor to destroy them reactivated. While Sabine, Zeb, and Chopper work on the Y-wings, Ezra and Rex head inside the station to deactivate the security systems at their source. Rex is immediately called away, though, when another dismantler droid briefly disables Chopper and attacks Sabine and Zeb. Rex manages to save them, while Hondo and the Ugnaughts join Ezra inside, stopping in the station's hangar to secure an Imperial shuttle for their eventual escape. Ezra makes his way to the control room, where he confronts Titus, who has sabotaged the controls. The only way to disable the security systems now would be to shut down power to the entire station, which would send it falling into the atmosphere to be destroyed. Ezra has faith in his team and doesn't really give a damn what happens to the station, so he uses his lightsaber (a green one that he is using in place of his destroyed first lightsaber) to destroy the power systems, which begin shutting down and also start a chain reaction that will destroy the station (even if falling deeper into the atmosphere and its storms wouldn't do so). Rex, Sabine, Zeb, and Chopper leave aboard a trio of Y-wings with four others under remote control from Chopper, giving them a total of seven recovered Y-wings. Hondo, meanwhile, gets the ship he asked for as payment by escaping with the Ugnaughts on the shuttle, leaving Ezra to get away on the Phantom. As he races for it, the Relentless arrives over the planet and sends TIE fighters to engage the Y-wings, which do not have hyperdrives installed. Back at the station, storms and the station's slow destruction cause the Phantom to release from its hold below the conveyor and fall into the atmosphere, where it is destroyed, leaving Ezra stranded. Since Ezra's team has not checked in and Kanan has sensed that Ezra is in danger, Phoenix Squadron's carrier (acquired at Ryloth and referred to as Phoenix Home and Phoenix Nest), escort ships, and the Ghost arrive at Yarma to render assistance. With the Y-wings recovered, Hera pilots the Ghost to the crumbling station, where Kanan is able to reach out and save Ezra before he can fall to his death with the station. Aboard the Relentless, Pryce, Konstantine, and Kallus contact Thrawn, who notes that this force sent by the Rebels is not the full Rebel fleet. He orders that they allow this Rebel cell to escape with their meager prize. He has larger objectives than just that one cell as his target. Upon returning to Atollon,

Hera suspends Ezra's command because he disobeyed orders in changing the mission from recon to recovery, which nearly got them killed and did lose them the Phantom. She also reveals that the Y-wings are not meant for Phoenix Squadron. They are sending them to another Rebel cell under the command of General Jan Dodonna, as part of how they are trying to create a much larger Rebellion against the Empire. Shortly thereafter, Ezra and Kanan patch things up a bit, and Kanan notes that the Sith Holocron is now somewhere safe and that he "will always come back."

(Steps Into Shadow)

- Maul attacks a Rebel Hammerhead vessel, seeking the location of the Ghost, so that he can reacquire the Sith Holocron from Malachor. He learns the ship's location and strikes at the ship while, as it turns out, Ezra Bridger and Kanan Jarrus are away on a mission. He takes the crew hostage to trade for the Sith Holocron.
(conjecture based on *The Holocrons of Fate*)
- Aboard a Rebel corvette, Ezra Bridger and Kanan Jarrus and their crew reach their planned rendezvous with another Rebel cruiser, only to find that it has been attacked by what a surviving crew member calls a "Red Blade." The survivor says that the Ghost is in danger, and when they contact Hera Syndulla to warn her of the presumed Inquisitor coming for them, it turns out that it isn't an Inquisitor. Instead, it is Maul, who has captured the rest of the Ghost crew and is holding them hostage. He will trade their lives for the Sith Holocron, which Kanan recently left with Bendu, something even Ezra has not been told (only that it is "safe"). Kanan is willing to make the trade, but Maul further demands Kanan's Jedi Holocron, something Ezra revealed to him back when he thought Maul was on their side on Malachor. While awaiting the Jedi duo, Maul has Hera show him to Kanan's quarters, from which he recovers the Holocron. (He further reveals that he knows that Kanan is really Caleb Dume.) On Atollon, Kanan and Ezra visit Bendu, who reveals that if a Jedi and Sith Holocron are merged, it would allow a Force-user to essentially see all answers to questions of destiny. Sensing how there is imbalance between Kanan and Ezra, Bendu allows the duo to enter krykna caves nearby where he has stored the Sith Holocron. While they search, the crew of the Ghost tries to escape from Maul and get the better of him, only to be recaptured. In the caves on Atollon, Ezra apologizes for what happened on Malachor, including Kanan being blinded, and Kanan reassures him that he does not blame Ezra and that Ezra should stop blaming himself. They recover the Sith Holocron, then learn from Bendu that just like the Dark Side is required to open a Sith Holocron, a Sith cannot open a Jedi Holocron. One of them will end up having to open the Jedi Holocron for Maul, which would also mean that they'd have access to the combined Holocrons. They should be wary, though, as things seen cannot be unseen. They travel to where Maul is holding the Ghost crew at an asteroid base that he used during his time as leader of the Shadow Collective (*Vizsla Keep 09*). Maul has his Mandalorian droids escort Ezra to the rest of the crew, while Maul takes Kanan to an airlock. He forces Kanan into the airlock and ejects him into space, but thankfully Kanan is able to use the Force and zero gravity to quickly get back inside the hangar in which they had landed earlier. Thinking Kanan gone, Maul quietly orders his droids to kill the others while he meets with Ezra alone. The two sit together in meditative positions to use the Force and unlock the power of the Holocrons. Ezra seeks to destroy the Sith, and Maul seeks "hope," for whatever that means to such an individual. They work together and use the Force to open their respective Holocrons, which then come together in a blinding white light. Aboard the Ghost, where the crew are being kept, Kanan destroys Maul's droids and saves the crew. They rush to reach Ezra. Even then, Ezra begins to see a vision. Kanan tells him to look away as he walks into the light, seeing Ezra through the Force and the light of the Holocrons. In the light, Ezra sees twin suns that somehow suggest a means of destroying the Sith (i.e. Luke Skywalker's location), while Maul gains proof that, as he puts it, "He lives!" (referring to Obi-Wan Kenobi). Maul escapes in his Gauntlet fighter, while the crew looks after Ezra. Ezra has no idea whether what he saw was what he was wanting to see or what Maul wanted to see. Either way, they will discover the meaning of what Ezra saw together.

(The Holocrons of Fate)

- Wedge Antilles reaches out to the Rebels with a desire to defect from his Imperial flight training, along with two other pilots, Derek "Hobbie" Klivian and Rake.
(conjecture based on *The Antilles Extraction*)
- When a Rebel supply run to the people of Teralov ends in disaster with TIE fighters destroying the ship, its crew, and its escort of A-wings, Phoenix Squadron is badly in need of

more pilots to keep up its operations. Hera Syndulla discusses the situation with Jun Sato, Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios, Ezra Bridger, Kanan Jarrus, Chopper, and Sabine Wren on Atollon, revealing that Ahsoka Tano was only one of the many agents who used the "Fulcrum" codename (which Ahsoka did come up with herself). Now, one of these other Fulcrum agents has contacted them with an idea that might help them recruit more pilots. There are Imperial cadets at the high-level Imperial flight training facility known as Skystrike Academy who wish to defect. Sabine will infiltrate Skystrike as part of a group of new cadets with credentials forged by AP-5. (Sabine is a bit of a prodigy, so she is well suited to handle this academy based on her years at the academy on Mandalore.) While she arrives and checks in as "Ria Talla," Ezra and Kanan take up a position with a Phoenix Squadron corvette one hyperspace jump away to be ready for her extraction. After a briefing on essentially needing to be "top guns" to stick around at Skystrike, Sabine engages in a simulated mission with wingmate Wedge Antilles. When they hesitate to destroy a damaged Rebel freighter against standard protocols, they are then destroyed in the simulation by the Ghost, which Sabine pretends not to recognize. (They have certainly been a thorn in the Empire's side if the Ghost has been inserted into their training scenarios.) They receive a dressing down by instructor and ace pilot Vult Skerris. Shortly thereafter, Governor Arihnda Pryce and ISB Agent Aleksandr Kallus arrive to investigate intel that suggests that pilots are planning to defect. (For her part, Pryce is rather condescending to Kallus.) When Sabine overhears Wedge talking to two other pilots, Derek "Hobbie" Klivian and Rake, about what the Imperials don't know about their plans and such, Sabine approaches Wedge, identifying him as one of the pilots wanting to defect. They discuss what the Empire is becoming, then she reveals her real name and mission. All four of them will leave together. With no luck finding the potential defectors, the Imperials lay a trap for them. They send the pilots up in a simulated dogfight with powered down weapons, watched over by Skerris and two other pilots in fully-functional TIE Interceptors. When Sabine reaches out to the corvette, the Jedi jump in to recover Sabine, Hobbie, Rake, and Wedge, but this was all part of the Imperial plan to out them. The TIE fighters have been rigged, and at a signal from Pryce, the TIEs lose power and their wings. On Pryce's orders, one of the fighters (Rake's) is destroyed, then the TIE Interceptors attack the corvette, forcing Kanan to order Chopper to launch into hyperspace, leaving Sabine, Wedge, and Hobbie behind. They are captured and brought in for interrogation. When Pryce prepares to torture Wedge to learn who is the actual rebel contact among them, Sabine outs herself to protect him (and Wedge accidentally uses her name in the process). Hobbie and Wedge are put in a cell together, while Pryce questions Sabine separately. Sabine is able to get free of her binders and attack the two stormtroopers guarding her, then fights Pryce hand-to-hand until Sabine is able to knock her into the shock arm of the torture device she had planned to use on Wedge. Sabine then rescues Wedge and Hobbie, who are bickering about plans to somehow rescue her. They are pursued through the halls on their way to freedom. While locked in a corridor, Kallus emerges and tells them what areas to avoid and where their best chance of escape lies. Sabine is shocked and doesn't believe he would help them, but he simply tells her to tell Zeb that they are even (for Zeb helping Kallus on Bahryn). They escape by stealing a TIE bomber, but Skerris gives chase in an Interceptor. With their bomber damaged and communications jammed, things look bleak until the corvette arrives, not signaled but back on faith that Sabine would find a way out of their situation. The corvette recovers the bomber and escapes into hyperspace, leaving a furious Skerris behind. On Atollon, Sato welcomes the newest members of the Rebellion.

(The Antilles Extraction)

- Sometime in the early days of the then-burgeoning Rebel Alliance (or the movement that would become the official Alliance), Wedge Antilles undertakes a piloting mission for Fulcrum (a Fulcrum agent, not Ahsoka Tano), during which he crashes an A-wing on the lip of a volcano and has a broken leg. It nearly ends his piloting days until he temporarily convinces the leadership to have him carry out other duties on freighters before returning to starfighters. (conjecture based on Aftermath)
- On Ryloth, Cham Syndulla and Numa are chased on blurrigs by Imperial scout troopers on speederbikes and a troop transport. Thankfully, the Ghost arrives and saves the day by taking out the bulk of the Imperials and then scooping up the duo with its boarding ramp. They even scoop up the last remaining scout trooper, whom Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios knocks out so that Ezra Bridger can have his helmet. Cham, though, has bad news. The Imperials now occupy the entire Tann Province where Hera grew up. Imperial Captain Slavin is showing uncharacteristic leadership lately, and he has now made the Syndulla home his

headquarters. Cham was able to escape, but he was unable to take anything with him, including leaving behind the family's heirloom Kalikori, to which each parent adds over time. It was very important to Hera's mother, so she intends to get it back. Everyone aboard agrees to help out of respect for her. While Zeb, Kanan Jarrus, Gobi Glie, Numa, and Sabine Wren distract an Imperial patrol, Hera and Ezra (dressed in the scout trooper's armor) get through to the complex where she once lived, posing as a trooper with a prisoner. Chopper has already arrived, disguised as an Imperial droid. He is a bit hesitant to join them, though, as he spends time checking out the Y-wing crashed in the complex. It was that Y-wing that brought Chopper into Hera's life. They get into Cham's old office, where Hera quickly finds the Kalikori. As they near the exit, Slavin enters with Grand Admiral Thrawn, the true mind behind recent activity here. They reunite with Chopper soon and try to leave, but Hera is captured by Thrawn. Hera is questioned, and Thrawn reveals that he has deduced her identity from her age, interest in the Kalikori, etc. As Thrawn introduces Slavin to her, Ezra tries to sneak in and save her, only to be stunned and captured as well. Meanwhile, the diversion the others carried out has led to continued pursuit from Imperials until the fighting stops long enough for Slavin to inform them via hologram that they have Hera and Ezra. He demands Cham turn himself over in trade. He agrees. At the Syndulla home, Chopper frees Hera and Ezra but rather than escaping, Hera orders Chopper to gather explosives from the armory while they await the exchange. When the time for the exchange finally comes, Slavin stands outside with Hera and Ezra, while Thrawn watches from above with the Kalikori. The Ghost arrives, and the prisoners have reached the midpoint of the trade, taking a moment to speak, as Chopper exits the home. On Hera's signal, Chopper activates all of the explosives he has planted around the home (i.e. the Imperial base). The structure is reduced to ruins, and the Rebels are able to escape on the Ghost in the chaos. It is a victory for the Rebellion (an escape, even without the Kalikori), but Thrawn has been victorious too in a way, given how much he has learned by observing the Rebels and their behavior during this encounter.

(Hera's Heroes)

- Hera Syndulla and Sabine Wren, aboard the Ghost, drop Kanan Jarrus, Ezra Bridger, Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios, Chopper, and Captain Rex on Agamar, then head back into space. Agamar was the site of a battle between clonetroopers and battledroids during the Clone Wars, and it is their hope that they will be able to recover some proton bombs from the abandoned munitions depot that survived the conflict. When all but Chopper get captured by a ray shield, Battledroid B1-268 declares them prisoners of the Separatist Alliance, which has not existed since the Clone Wars ended. They are stunned and taken to super tactical droid Kalani, who had led much of the subjugation of Onderon during the Clone Wars and was left here, along with other droids, after the conflict ended. Rex tries to convince Kalani that the Clone Wars are over. Kalani instead claims that he can win the Clone Wars as he planned by instigating a Separatist victory on Agamar, which would prove once and for all whose tactical strategy is superior. To do this, he intends to pit his droids against the Rebels in a deadly simulation based on 132 actual Clone Wars battles (so-called "Battle Plan Zeta"). Zeb refuses and is instead designated as a hostage, given that the Lasat were not involved in the Clone Wars. Rex and Kanan also initially refuse, but Ezra is able to convince them to go along with Kalani by placing what amounts to a wager on the wargame. If the Rebels are able to succeed in rescuing Zeb, they will all be free to go and allowed to take the depot's proton bombs with them. As the simulation begins, Chopper works on trying to restart an old Separatist shuttle. Speaking of the Ghost, they have troubles of their own. Governor Arihnda Pryce has set a trap to catch the Ghost near a fuel depot, which nearly works, but the Ghost eludes them. When the Imperials intercept an encrypted message from Agamar (sent by Chopper from the shuttle) to the Ghost before it can be received, Pryce orders Imperial forces to Agamar. Back on Agamar, Kanan, Ezra, and Rex engage battledroids, then cautiously enter the depot's hangar, where they encounter droidekas. Ezra is sent to drop a catwalk down onto the droids, but while on his way to do so, he encounters Chopper at the shuttle and orders the droid to have the ship ready to leave. Ezra brings down the catwalk, saving them, but not before Rex can be wounded. Rex is highly annoyed at Ezra for fouling up their timing, but it seems that it is more a matter of how the battle is affecting Rex's mood instead of actual anger at Ezra. The trio reaches Kalani and Zeb. Kalani tries to claim that the Separatist side would have won if not for the battledroids being so old, but Ezra counters that the end of the Clone Wars did not make sense in terms of how abrupt it came. They start to realize, thanks to a comment from Zeb, that the real "winner" of the Clone Wars was the Empire, which emerged out of its ashes as if planned (which, of course, it was). With Imperial

craft now arriving nearby, Ezra is able to convince Kalani, who claims the Separatists were fighting against Republic tyranny, that the Rebels are also fighting tyranny of what the Republic became, so they should join together to battle the Imperials. The Rebels and droids battle the oncoming Imperial walkers by blowing up proton bombs with droid blasterfire deflected by Jedi lightsabers. Thanks to their cooperation, the Rebels are able to escape on a shuttle, as are Kalani and some battledroids. Kalani does not choose to join the Rebels in fighting the broader conflict with the Empire, though, since he calculates that a rebellion against the Empire only has about a 1% chance of success. Thus, they go their separate ways. Rex is impressed that Ezra has managed to truly end the Clone Wars by find a middle ground between what amounted to Republic and Separatist forces. The shuttle then reunites with the Ghost. Kanan notes that the shuttle they have taken can act as a replacement for the lost Phantom as the Phantom II.

(The Last Battle)

- Aboard a Rebel corvette, Sabine Wren and Mandalorian Protector leader (and Rebel captive) Fenn Rau, play a game of Cubikahd and discuss how Sabine hopes the Protectors will truly join the fight against the Empire, whereas Fenn hopes she will one day work with him for the benefit of Mandalore. When contact is lost with the Protectors on one of the moons of Concord Dawn, Hera Syndulla sends Sabine, Ezra Bridger, Chopper, and Fenn (in binders) in the Phantom II to determine whether the Mandalorians are setting a trap for Phoenix Squadron (as Jun Sato suggests) or have lost contact for some other reason. As Ezra checks out the devastated landscape of Concord Dawn, Fenn gets the better of him, stunning Ezra and Sabine. Sometime shortly thereafter, Chopper awakens Ezra and Sabine and breaks a pair of binders that are holding them together. They have landed, and Fenn is standing atop a nearby rise. Ezra disarms him with the Force, but Fenn is not looking for a fight with them. Down below the rise, the Protectors' camp has been wiped out by other Mandalorians in a surprise attack. As they check out the camp, they are attacked by an Imperial probe droid. Sabine shoots it down. Sabine intends for them to leave, but Fenn, believing that he could have prevented this destruction if he had been there instead of held by Phoenix Squadron, says that he intends to stay behind. He will negotiate with the Empire, and he now knows the location of Phoenix Squadron's base on Atollon, which he can trade. Before they can settle the issue, Mandalorian supercommandos, Mandalorians loyal to the Empire, led by Imperial Viceroy Gar Saxon, who fly using jetpacks and standardized white armor (except for Saxon, whose armor includes red as well). As Ezra leads the newcomers away until caught, Sabine and Fenn get away. Thankfully, Fenn still has Ezra's lightsaber from knocking him out, which might keep Saxon and his men from recognizing Ezra as a Jedi. Chopper is also caught. When questioned, Ezra claims to be a smuggler working with Hondo Ohnaka, not a Rebel. When that is not believed, he claims to be Lando Calrissian. Fenn is reluctant to help Sabine save Ezra and Chopper or to keep the Imperials from the Phantom II (which bears the coordinates to Atollon), but he has a desire for revenge upon Saxon, whom he sees as a traitor to Mandalore. (He also notes that Saxon is from House Vizsla, the same house as Sabine's Clan Wren.) Fenn still blames the Rebels, but he will help Sabine to undermine Saxon. Ezra finally claims to have been sent by Fenn, prompting Saxon to take credit for the destruction of the Protectors and noting his desire to draw Fenn into conflict to finish the job. Eavesdropping through a recovered helmet, Fenn realizes that he would have been killed with the others if he had been there, since Saxon intended to kill them all, regardless of any attempts at negotiation. Sabine and Fenn begin their rescue effort, and Sabine acquires a jetpack from a downed supercommando. Fenn and Sabine secure the Phantom II. When Saxon tries to blast Chopper to punish Ezra, Ezra uses the Force to deflect the shots, revealing his Jedi nature to Saxon. Sabine then rescues them both and returns Ezra's lightsaber, only to find Saxon launching in the Phantom II before they can get to it. The supercommandos catch up to them. Saxon claims that Sabine's mother, Ursa Wren, joined him and the other Mandalorians who sided with the Empire after Sabine ran away from the Mandalorian Imperial Academy. In return for not killing Sabine out of respect for her mother, Saxon wants Sabine to convince Fenn to return and give himself up. Sabine removes her helmet and gives it to Chopper, giving him a secret command. As Saxon approaches, Chopper executes the command, sending a loud and disorienting squeal through the communication gear in the supercommandos' helmets. The heroes then take to the air with her new jetpack and Chopper's rockets. They are pursued into a series of canyons amid an aerial battle. As the chase continues and Chopper scans for Saxon's ship so they can use it to escape, Fenn has a change of heart and returns with the Phantom II. Just as the Rebels

reach Saxon's ship and are caught by Saxon, Fenn arrives in the ship. Ezra and Chopper get aboard, but Sabine must briefly battle Saxon hand-to-hand. She destroys Saxon's jetpack, then escapes to the Phantom II, grabbed by Ezra just as Saxon blasts her own jetpack. Thankfully, Fenn destroyed Saxon's Gauntlet starfighter in an attack run, limiting the chances of pursuit. After this combined effort, Fenn decides that the Protectors will fully join Phoenix Squadron and their fellow Rebels in standing against the Empire.

(Imperial Supercommandos)

- Martial law is declared by Imperial officials on Mykapo. Members of Phoenix Squadron are sent to evacuate any anti-Imperial dissidents they can reach.
(conjecture based on Iron Squadron)
- The Ghost crew arrives at Mykapo with another Phoenix Squadron ship (a hammerhead corvette, led by Rex) and a pair of A-wings to evacuate Rebel sympathizers off of the planet before the Empire fully takes over the planet. As they arrive, they spot a YT-2400 freighter (Sato's Hammer) attacking Imperials above the planet. Hera Syndulla urges them to get clear, but the Hammer forces the last Imperial transport to retreat by releasing cargo into its path. The Hammer crew claims to be Iron Squadron, which Phoenix Squadron Commander Jun Sato reveals when notified to have been his brother's old squadron. His brother, though, was killed on Mykapo, and Jun believes that his nephew, Mart Mattin, died there as well, since he never responded to any of Jun's transmissions. Recognizing that Mart must be on the Hammer, which they have been invited to visit, Jun asks Hera to bring Mart back to Atollon safely. While Kanan Jarrus goes with the transport down to aide the evacuation of sympathizers, Hera, Sabine Wren, Ezra Bridger, and Chopper visit the Sato's Hammer, where they meet Iron Squadron, which turns out to be a bunch of teens and a droid: Mart, Gooti Terez, Jonner Jin, and R3-A3. The ship's hyperdrive doesn't work, but they have been fighting the Empire where they can at Mykapo. Hera reveals the Ghost crew as part of Jun's Phoenix Squadron and their mission to evacuate sympathizers, but Iron Squadron is not willing to leave the planet, seeing their prior successes as proof of their prowess. (Of course, Mart can't even tell that the ship they drove off was a transport, rather than a Star Destroyer, so they aren't exactly the most savvy of crews.) Elsewhere, Admiral Kassius Konstantine reports to Grand Admiral Thrawn aboard a Star Destroyer, telling him that the blockade over Synistahg is proceeding as planned and that martial law has been declared on Mykapo. When he notes troubles from Iron Squadron and the help they just received from the Ghost, Thrawn orders Konstantine to Mykapo personally in a single light cruiser (despite's Konstantine's reservations against going in so light). The evacuation is a success, and Kanan returns to the Ghost, while Rex and the hammerhead heads out of the system. Even if Iron Squadron will not leave with them, Sabine and Chopper are tasked with staying aboard Sato's Hammer to help repair their hyperdrive and give them a chance to escape, now or later. With the help of R3-A3, Sabine and Chopper work on the hyperdrive, but Mart diverts power to shields and weapons and calls everyone to battle stations when Konstantine arrives in his cruiser with TIE fighters. Everyone except Mart gets into the Phantom II, but Mart releases them from the Hammer's airlock without joining them, then he takes the fight to the Empire on his own, using the same cargo drop trick as before, which does not manage to take out Konstantine's ship. At the urging of Sabine (to follow Hera's orders) and Mart (to save his friends), Ezra reluctantly takes the Phantom II into hyperspace. The Imperials place a magno-mine on the disabled Sato's Hammer and allow Mart to get out a distress call without jamming it. Jun intends to try to save Mart himself, since he is Mart's only family member left, but Hera, knowing Jun could not arrive in time, volunteers to take the Ghost to the rescue. The Ghost holds off TIE fighters as R3-A3 and Chopper go EVA to remove the mine from the Hammer. They do so, connecting it to one of the Hammer's cargo pods, then the droids board to join Mart. Under cover from arriving Phoenix Squadron forces, Hera links the Ghost to Sato's Hammer to take it to safety, and they use the cargo trick again, this time with the mine attached, to deal critical damage to Konstantine's ship. Just as the Rebels escape, Thrawn arrives in a Star Destroyer. Konstantine claims that he has driven off the Rebels, but Thrawn knows better. Iron Squadron is reunited on Atollon, as are Jun and Mart. The Rebels have some new, albeit young, allies.

(Iron Squadron)

- Azmorigan approaches Hondo Ohnaka about an Imperial transport that is carrying treasures stolen from Imperial subjects, along with proton bombs. Hondo and Azmorigan, along with Hondo's Ugnaught crew (including Melch) try to attack the ship over Wynkahthu, only to end

up with Melch stuck aboard, the others escaping, and the ship trapped in the stormy maelstrom of Wynkahthu. Needing a way to recover from this setback, Hondo reaches out to Ezra Bridger.

(conjecture based on *The Wynkahthu Job*)

- *Ezra Bridger brings the Ghost crew to meet with Hondo Ohnaka and his new (and shocking) partner, Azmorigan, about a job that could make Hondo and Azmorigan wealthy, while providing needed proton bombs for Phoenix Squadron. An abandoned Imperial transport, complete with treasure and bombs, is floating in the storms of Wynkahthu, where it will eventually be pulled down and destroyed. Hera Syndulla agrees to the partnership, but she puts Garazeb “Zeb” Orrelios in charge instead of Ezra, knowing that, as Kanan notes, Ezra is going to somehow need to see for himself that Hondo is not a trustworthy ally. Thankfully, they have AP-5 along, who creates a plan to get aboard the ship, based on his experience on a similar ship (on which Chopper found him originally). Ezra, Zeb, Hondo, Azmorigan, and Chopper get aboard and send Chopper to the bridge to get the power working again. Hondo is attacked by Melch, a member of his Ugnought crew, which forces him to admit that they actually already tried taking the ship by force, which resulted in the Ugnoughts being left behind and the ship stuck in the storms. Hondo cuts the Ugnought in for 2% instead of the original 1% and earns his help again. Chopper gets the power back on, and the others begin loading proton bombs from the hangar onto magnetic winches on two lines that are connected magnetically to either side of the Ghost’s boarding ramp, where Sabine brings them aboard. Azmorigan argues with Hondo about a piece of treasure and storms off to get his own, then seemingly disappears. Unbeknownst to the team, turning the power back on has also reactivated an Imperial sentry droid aboard. Azmorigan and Zeb are knocked out by the droid and put into the brig, while lightning outside strikes the ship’s stabilizers and begins a much faster descent. Disappointed that Hondo won’t help him search, Ezra leaves the hangar to look for Zeb and Azmorigan. After reuniting with Chopper, Ezra frees the two captives from the brig. On the way back, they encounter a sentry droid, which AP-5 advises that they leave alone. Instead, Azmorigan grabs Ezra’s blaster and destroys the droid, which awakens four more that begin a new attack. In a hasty evacuation back along the winch lines to the Ghost, Melch seems to have vanished, and the two pirates cross first. Chopper joins them, then Ezra and Zeb attempt to ride a set of proton bombs across on a line, only for the sentry droids to cut the line and nearly send them to their doom. They climb up the rope, now connected only to the Ghost, as the other rope, still attached, threatens to drag the Ghost down into oblivion. As soon as the duo get aboard, Kanan cuts the other line, and they escape into space. When Hondo and Azmorigan argue over the only treasure chest they managed to recover, they open it to find Melch hiding out inside, alive but without any treasure. The Rebels have their proton bombs, and Ezra has seen, once again, that Hondo really cannot be trusted, even when it comes to his supposed “friends.”*

(The Wynkahthu Job)

- *Alexsandr Kallus, acting as a Fulcrum agent, sends word to Phoenix Squadron about a new weapons project that is being developed at the Imperial Armory Complex on Lothal.*
(conjecture based on *An Inside Man*)
- *On Lothal, Kanan Jarrus, Ezra Bridger, and Chopper await the arrival of Ryder Azadi, who arrives chased by Imperials. After evading their pursuers, they head to Ryder’s hideout, where they are introduced to familiar faces as the new resistance on Lothal: Morad Sumar, his wife Marida Sumar, and Jho (the bartender of Old Jho’s). Ryder has infiltrated people into the Imperial assembly line for speederbikes, sabotaging them to give out at speeds of 190 or above. Based on information from a Fulcrum agent, Phoenix Squadron is planning to work with another Rebel cell to destroy the Imperial Armory Complex on Lothal that is producing weapons for the Empire. However, if they can get inside and figure out exactly what new weapon is being developed there, it might spur other Rebel cells to also get involved in the strike. To this end, Morad sneaks Ezra and Kanan into the factory as workers wearing protective masks that cover their faces, while Chopper enters, disguised as an Imperial droid (again). They attend an inspection held by Governor Arihnda Pryce, Agent Alexsandr Kallus, and Lieutenant Yogar Liste. The Rebels are shocked when Grand Admiral Thrawn also arrives representing Imperial High Command in the inspection. Thrawn cites statistics that show that products from this plant have a higher rate of failure than elsewhere, which he believes indicates sabotage. He forces Morad (who admits to being pressed into service after losing his farm) to try out one of the speederbikes that Morad claims to have tested himself,*

which does just as the resistance's sabotage intended: it explodes. Morad is killed. (Kallus seems just as disturbed as Ezra and Kanan.) Thrawn orders the factory on lockdown while he seeks the source of the sabotage, leaving Ezra, Kanan, and Chopper trapped inside. Chopper launches a speederbike as a distraction (and is ordered to maintenance for this "malfunction," providing cover for Kanan and Ezra to escape. When they encounter a stormtrooper and scout trooper, they knock them out and steal their armor, then head for Section A2, where Morad had believed the Empire is developing its new weapon. Thrawn has ordered anyone trying to enter A2 without his personal authorization code shot on sight. Kallus can question workers, but he presses for more information about the weapon project so that he can be more thorough in his questioning. Pryce reveals that it is a new starfighter. Thrawn has an AT-DP tested, which quickly collapses, resulting in the arrest of a worker who admitted working on it. Ryder informs Hera Syndulla (who is at Chopper Base with Sabine Wren, Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios, and Commander Jun Sato) about what has happened and gives a description of the Imperial now in command of the factory, whom Hera immediately recognizes must be Thrawn. Ryder intends to attack the factory's east gate to distract Thrawn from paying attention to the factory, hopefully providing some time for Ezra, Kanan, and Chopper to investigate and escape. The Kanan and Ezra stop an Imperial astromech carrying a clearance code card for Section A2 so that Chopper can zap it and steal the card. Chopper then enters the restricted area and access its computer system, downloading data about Thrawn's new starfighter project. Meanwhile, Thrawn studies art from Phoenix Squadron, especially Sabine Wren, and he believes that the Ghost crew have a special love for Lothal and will return. In fact, the saboteurs at the factory may well be connected to the same Rebel cell, who would be after information about the project if inside the facility. Kallus is ordered to lock down A2. After Chopper emerges with his stolen data, stormtroopers pursue the three Rebels, only for them to run into Kallus in a lift. Kallus brings them onto the lift and is nearly knocked out by Kanan, but he reveals that Kallus is in fact the new Fulcrum on Lothal, using a code phrase to prove it. He refers back to his actions in helping Zeb on Bahryn and helping Sabine at Skystrike Academy as proof of his good will. (It seems that his encounter with Zeb on Bahryn put enough doubt in his mind to turn him into a Rebel informant, one of the agents acting under the Fulcrum name now that Ahsoka Tano is out of the picture.) He was the Fulcrum who got word to them about the project in the first place. Pretending that Kallus is being attacked by the three Rebels, Kallus gets them to a communications room, from which Chopper contacts Hera and Kanan reaches Ryder. To keep Kallus' cover, Ezra Fore pushes Kallus through a glass screen and across the room. Kanan scolds him (but not for doing it, just that Kanan wanted to do it himself). Thrawn recognizes that the attack on the east gate (defended by Lyste) is cover for the Rebels' escape, even as the trio try to escape by taking out an AT-DP amid the attack. Thrawn turns the nearby AT-ATs against the AT-DP, but they are able to escape with help from Ryder's resistance, to whom they must deliver the sad news of Morad's death. Thrawn, however, has deduced that they have made off with the starfighter information, since he is aware of Chopper's existence and prior subterfuge and has seen reports of an unauthorized droid accessing the project files. In the aftermath, Sabine decrypts the data, revealing plans for the TIE Defender, a new three-winged TIE with shields. Hera and Sabine are shocked that Kallus is indeed a Fulcrum agent, while Zeb remarks that he must have accidentally recruited him, which is essentially true. Meanwhile, Thrawn reveals to Kallus and Pryce that analyzing their escape shows that they definitely had a mole within Imperial ranks. Pryce reacts angrily, which Thrawn knows will not serve them just yet. They must be patient to root out the spy so that they can turn him from an obstacle into an asset. Kallus supports the plan as being without flaw, but he knows that his time on the inside may be over sooner than he had expected.

(An Inside Man)

- At Chopper Base on Atollon, Hera Syndulla briefs Phoenix Squadron members on a recon mission they will soon undertake to Lothal to gain information about ship movements and such to support a future assault on the Imperial factory there. Ezra Bridger, however, is distracted by what appear to be visions in which he keeps hearing the voice of Maul and seeing Maul as if he is there at the base. Ezra wants to continue focusing on the recon that he and Sabine Wren will carry out, but Kanan Jarrus is worried that whatever Ezra went through with Maul when the Jedi and Sith Holocrons were opened (which now sit open and inactive in Ezra's quarters) is not over yet. While loading the Ghost, Ezra "sees" Maul again and ends up accosting a Rebel whom he had seen as Maul. Hera sets out on the recon mission herself, while Kanan has Sabine plant a tracker in Ezra's wrist-comm. Kanan and

Ezra then visit Bendu. They tell him about how Ezra and Maul opened the two linked Holocrons but how Ezra cut off his connection before they could see an entire, clear vision. Ezra simply wants to stop seeing Maul, but Maul is actually, physically there behind them as Bendu disappears. Maul tells them that when Ezra broke their connection, they each received part of the answers the other one sought. (In this transfer of mental information, Maul learned about the base on Atollon.) Maul is willing to keep the base a secret if Ezra will go with him to recover the parts of the vision that were meant for each other. Maul is able to force their hand by noting a beacon that he planted nearby that will go off and alert the Empire of the base's location if he is killed. Ezra leaves Atollon with Maul in Maul's Gauntlet starfighter, and they head for Dathomir, not realizing that Kanan and Sabine are following in the Phantom II, using the tracker Sabine planted. On Dathomir, Maul reveals that he is the last of his kind. The Nightbrothers and Nightsisters are all gone now, since they were threats to the Empire. They are to journey together into a cave in which they will use the Force to merge their minds again, putting the information they each have together to provide the answers they had sought in merging the holocrons. They necessities at a makeshift home Maul has made for himself in the cave, which includes various relics from his past, including the Darksaber that he acquired from Pre Vizsla during the Shadow Collective events of the Clone Wars. Maul prepares a ritual in which he and Ezra must both drink of a potion made with the magical waters that helped give the Nightsisters their power. They each drink, and their eyes begin to glow green as the spell takes effect. They both see the rest of the answers they sought. Maul now knows the location of Obi-Wan Kenobi, and Ezra now also knows that Obi-Wan is part of what will be required to destroy the Sith. Unfortunately, the spirits of the Nightsisters must be repaid for the knowledge they have now acquired, and two spirits emerge and attempt to possess Maul and Ezra, just as Kanan and Sabine arrive. The spirits possess Sabine and Kanan instead of Ezra and Maul, then they attack. Ezra and Maul exit the cave while under attack, but the possessed duo cannot leave the cave. Maul claims that they cannot be saved now and offers Ezra the chance to join him again as his apprentice, but Ezra refuses. Maul, who sees that their paths could converge on Tatooine and that they could walk that path as brothers, leaves on his own in disappointment, leaving Ezra to figure out how to help his friends. Ezra returns to the cave, where Sabine attacks him with the Darksaber. He is able to get Sabine outside with a Force push, so that the spirit leaves her. Ezra returns again to the cave, where he offers to take Kanan's place. He is forced to duel Kanan. Upon holding Kanan at bay, Ezra offers himself again, and as the spirits consider his offer, he uses his lightsaber and the Darksaber to destroy the Nightsister altar from which the spirits emerged, causing them to disappear. Ezra tells Kanan that the key to defeating the Sith is Obi-Wan, who must still be alive. He also notes, though, that Maul is also after Obi-Wan, which puts the destruction of the Sith in jeopardy. As they leave, Sabine recovers the Darksaber, recognizing its Mandalorian heritage, and takes it with her as they leave Dathomir.

(Visions and Voices)

- Upon returning from Dathomir, Sabine Wren gives the Darksaber to Kanan Jarrus for safekeeping. She will not bring it up again until Kanan reveals its presence to Fenn Rau. (conjecture based on *Trials of the Darksaber*)
- Eighteen months before Operation Fracture and the subsequent Battle of Yavin, Galen Erso exchanges messages with Engineering Operations Manager Shaith Vodran regarding the Death Star's waste radiation and how to deal with it. Galen has ordered the main reactor modified as a form of sabotage, and when Vodran's actions to prevent radiation buildup nearly derail that, Galen strenuously objects and requires the reactor modifications to remain intact. He instead offers three options for dealing with the waste radiation: a particle funnel and recycler (which would require replacing a large amount of material under one of the command sectors that would take weeks), further refinement of the reactor (which may or may not even be possible so research could take a while), or the creation of exhaust ports to reduce particle buildup. Due to bureaucracy and timetables, Vodran takes the third option, unknowingly creating the very means by which the Rebel Alliance will be able to exploit the reactor imbalance that Galen has set as his trap. It is unclear whether Galen realizes that the exhaust ports will be the key to his reactor "trap," but it certainly furthers his plans. (To be continued below . . .)

(Rogue One)

- Around the halfway point of this year, Laina is born to Ryland and Fiona on Burnin Konn.* (conjecture based on *Laina*)*

*NOTE: I would usually have put this birth at the beginning of the year with the others, but since we know this

actually happens halfway (or so) into the year, I have broken the usual pattern and placed it here.

- A team, led by Saw Gerrera, is sent by Rebel leaders Jun Sato and Bail Organa to investigate Geonosis to look into the disappearance of the Geonosians that was reported by the Ghost crew the previous year. A short while into their investigation, contact is lost with the team, just after reporting that an energy source had been found.
(conjecture based on Ghosts of Geonosis)
- Aboard the Ghost, the crew (and Rex) are informed by Jun Sato and Bail Organa that the growing Rebel network considered what the Ghost crew discovered over Geonosis the previous year (i.e. that the Geonosians appeared to be all gone) and have decided that the matter should be looked into. Unfortunately, they have lost contact with the team sent to investigate. Now, the Ghost crew is to attempt to join the investigation or rescue the original team if they are in trouble. Contact was lost just after the team, led by Saw Gerrera, reported finding an energy source. Rex, aboard the Ghost, believes that if Saw (whom he helped train during the Clone Wars) was concerned about something, it deserves investigating. Saw had his own concerns about Geonosis and is concerned about what was not found there. (Saw had been investigating reports that related, unbeknownst to him, to the Death Star, based on sketchy information and hints provided years ago by Galen Erso. In fact, he got so close to discovering work being done on the Death Star over Geonosis that it prompted the Empire to move it away from the planet and wipe out the Geonosian population to cover their tracks. The lack of a major construction project is what Saw was worried about.) The Ghost crew arrives, finding all of the abandoned construction modules that they saw in orbit last time are now simply gone. They land near the source of the energy readings. While Hera Syndulla, Sabine Wren, and Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios remain with the Ghost in case the Empire arrives, Kanan, Ezra, Rex, and Chopper enter the structure into which Saw's team also reported entering. They enter the Geonosian tunnels through an entrance that is nearly sealed. Underground, they find other passages purposely sealed, and Kanan senses someone watching them, just as they discover numerous abandoned helmets from members of Saw's unit. They move deeper and encounter B1 battledroids and a droideka. They battle in the tunnels until an explosion takes out the battledroids and the Jedi take out the droideka. The explosion was the work of Saw, who emerges from a side tunnel. Saw and Rex are reunited, and Rex introduces Saw to Chopper and the Jedi. Back at the Ghost, Sabine and Zeb are working their way through a sandstorm to see if they can find the power source that their sensor picked up. It turns out to be a military grade shield generator that would be a huge help if they could get its deflector core extracted and back to Chopper Base on Atollon. (Of course, this begs the question of what the shield was protecting originally.) Down below and out of contact, Saw tells the others about how he found the shield generator, and it seems that someone, probably a Geonosian, took out his team and has been repairing the battledroids and keeping the shield generator operational. They know the Empire wiped out the Geonosians, and that surviving Geonosian might well know what the Empire was trying to hide. With Saw's help in finding a large central shaft that is essentially hollow going far, far down and open to the surface above, they are able to contact the Ghost to warn them about the old droids being operational. Hera warns Sabine and Zeb, and they realize that the "rocks" around them are actually inactive, covered droidekas. Unwilling to abandon the shield generator and unable to use the Ghost to blast the droids because its cannons are clogged with sand, they begin to slowly, carefully remove the deflector core and work their way past the "sleeping" droids. Below, Saw and the others spot the Geonosian, but he activates his remote control for the droids, which activates them all, including those near Sabine and Zeb! Knowing that they will never reach Sabine and Zeb in time, Saw suggests that if they capture the Geonosian, they can shut down the droids. They just cross a broken bridge to do this, so Kanan sends Ezra across with the Force, while Chopper zooms across on his rocket booster. Above, Hera urges Sabine and Zeb to activate the deflector core with a minimal field, which creates a small shield around just them and the core so that they can continue toward the Ghost. Below, Kanan uses the Force to move a blasted-off part of another bridge to form a bridge for Saw and Rex. Kanan then leaps across, and they race off to rejoin Ezra and Chopper. (Saw notes that Kanan is pretty good, though Rex notes that Kanan is no Skywalker.) They finally catch the Geonosian, and Saw blasts his remote, which deactivates the droids, saving Sabine and Zeb. Saw then demands that the Geonosian tell them what the Geonosians were building for the Empire. Ezra calms the Geonosian, whom he nicknames Klik-Klak. When Ezra questions him about what the Empire was building, Klik-Klak actually answers clearly by drawing a big circle with a smaller circle inside, a representation of the

Death Star, in the dirt, but since none of the Rebels have any idea such a thing is being built, they assume that it might mean something like Geonosis and the ring around it. They decide to check out an energy reading Chopper picked up, and as Saw roughly puts Klik-Klak into binders, he does not notice that he has dropped a small hologram emitter, which Ezra recovers, activating it. He gives it back to Saw, who says it is all he has left of his sister, Steela Gerrera, whose visage it projects. Rex explains how Steela was killed by a Separatist gunship during the Clone Wars. Since the gunships were built by the Geonosians, that explains at least some of Saw's prejudice against Klik-Klak (and, y'know, how Klik-Klak droids killed his entire team). In space over Geonosis, an Imperial cruiser under Captain Brunson is nearby and picks up life readings on the planet. She sends TIE bombers to investigate. Hera notices the incoming Imperials, so Sabine works on loading the deflector core, while Zeb enters the caves to get the rest of the team. Below, the others reach Klik-Klak's workshop, the source of the energy signal. When Saw reacts in anger again to how Klik-Klak has been maintaining the droids that killed his men, Ezra points out that the Geonosians had been on the receiving end of genocide, and then Saw showed up armed to the teeth, so it makes sense that the droids would have responded with force. Rex finds that Klik-Klak has a working transmitter, so Chopper starts helping them use it to reach the Ghost. Klik-Klak keeps trying to show them the circle within a circle, but Saw just grows more frustrated. He then discovers the secret that Klik-Klak has been protecting: the last remaining Geonosian queen egg. With it, the Geonosian species could survive. Without it, they will become extinct. They reach Zeb, who relays their message to Hera. They must get out of there, but Saw refuses to let Klik-Klak remain to protect the egg and his people's future. Kanan suggests a compromise. They will take Klik-Klak back to question him, then they will bring him and the egg both back to Geonosis to hopefully find a way to restore his people. Saw reluctantly agrees. (He has already shown himself in the past to be more extreme than other Rebel groups, and his interaction with the Ghost crew only reinforces that characterization.) Above, the Ghost launches and takes out the TIE bombers with few working cannons, but the ship has been recognized by Brunson. They are running out of time. As Chopper leads the others back to the shaft for extraction, Klik-Klak tries to get them to go a different way (possibly a short cut), but Saw refuses to trust him. They rendezvous with the Ghost as it hovers its way down the shaft, and they prepare to ascend back to the surface. Saw is pleased to meet Hera, since he knows of her actions as Phoenix Leader, which have been noticed by other Rebel cells like his own. Klik-Klak wants to stay and go deeper into the planet, but Saw refuses, wanting to stick to their original deal. As Hera warns Kanan privately about Saw's extremism, Saw tries to torture Klik-Klak with electroshocks through his binders. The others stop him, but Saw intends to take Klik-Klak and the Phantom II. He claims that the Republic "lost" the Clone Wars because the Jedi were soft. When the crew tries to stop him from taking Klik-Klak and the Phantom II, Saw holds the queen egg at blasterpoint. He believes that the Empire shows no mercy, so they cannot either. When he claims not to care if destroying the egg will mean the loss of the Geonosian people and Klik-Klak's "family," Rex pushes that Saw knows exactly what it is like to lose family (i.e. Steela and on a larger scale, Onderon). If he goes through with this, he is no better than the Empire. As they continue to argue what to do, the Imperial cruiser nears and launches rocket troopers (i.e. jump troopers) down the shaft. Since they cannot go up due to the cruiser, Hera starts moving them downward, while Rex, Saw, Ezra, Zeb, and Kanan do battle with the troopers. Sabine joins them in battle with her own repaired jetpack (the one she picked up on Concord Dawn while there with Fenn Rau and Ezra recently, albeit now painted to match her armor). Brunson orders the cruiser into firing position to blast down the shaft at the Ghost. When the Ghost reaches the bottom of the shaft, they discover roughly spherical containers from the Imperial Weapons Division, bearing the Imperial cog symbol. This reveals to them that the Empire used chemical weapons (a gas in this case) to kill off the Geonosians. Rex believes that the circular symbol inside the circular container is the symbol Klik-Klak has been drawing. Saw finally agrees that Klik-Klak belongs on Geonosis. He believes that the containers are all that the Imperial Senate would need to prove what the Empire did to the Geonosians. Klik-Klak slips away (with their blessing) with the egg, securing a future for his people. The crew loads some of the chemical weapon containers onto the Ghost's cargo connections to bring back as proof, but Brunson orders her cruiser to fire on the shaft's entrance, causing it to begin collapsing. They are able to use their cannons and proton torpedoes (likely those recovered from WYNKAHTHU) to blast the cruiser and escape, but they lose the empty chemical containers in the process. They still have images of them, but Bail

knows that while it would not be enough to prove the truth of the situation to the Senate, but it might be enough to also continue to bring more worlds and factions to the Rebel cause. As they make their way from Geonosis, the crew recognizes that not all of their allies will share their same reasons and values when fighting the Empire, but, at least for now, Saw is not the Empire. He is an ally, albeit a difficult one at times.

(Ghosts of Geonosis)

- At some point in the two years after his first encounter with the Ghost crew, Saw Gerrera will lose one of his legs. He will also develop breathing problems from breathing in Geonosian pesticides.
(conjecture based on *Absolutely Everything You Need to Know; Updated and Expanded*)
- Sometime between now and the liberation of Mandalore, Saw Gerrera's activities finally push Mon Mothma's tolerance too far, and she issues a formal resolution of censure that condemns Saw and his Partisans for their extremist activities in the name of the Rebellion, formally distancing the broader Rebel Alliance from Saw's group.
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- In space, an Imperial Star Destroyer launches small probe vessels that scatter. One finds its way to land on Atollon, where an E-XD Infiltrator droid (EXD-9) emerges and almost immediately encounters a pair of kryknas . . . As the rest of the Ghost crew leaves Chopper Base for a training exercise with Phoenix Squadron, Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios (now chief of security for the base) is left in charge with Chopper and AP-5. When a Rebel reports to Zeb that a perimeter sensor was knocked out recently, probably by some meteorite activity, Zeb volunteers to check it out himself. Chopper goes with him so as not to get drawn into AP-5's inventory process. As Zeb fixes the marker, he spots the infiltrator droid, which looks friendly and non-Imperial, under a dead krykna. Zeb decides to carry it back to the base and repair it for possibly Rebel use. In space, the loss of contact with the droid is reported to Agent Alexandr Kallus, who deflects and delays the issue for a cycle in order secretly protect Chopper Base. (He is a Fulcrum agent, after all.) When Zeb and Chopper get back to AP-5, the latter gives the droid enough power to restart, though its memory systems are supposedly damaged. It quickly inventories the entire weapons cache, which suggests to AP-5 that he is a logistics droid. Zeb takes a message at the command center from Fulcrum (Kallus in this case), which reveals that the Empire has been sending out infiltrator droids. The schematics provided show that these battle-ready droids can disguise themselves as the very type of droid they just found. Worse yet, they cannot just destroy it because the Empire will investigate if it remains out of contact. Zeb confronts the droid with his bo-rifle, and the droid transformers into its battle mode, recognizing this as a Rebel base. It attacks, but they are able to drive it off, leaking fluid that they then use to track it. They find an astromech that EXD-9 drained power from, but they know it needs more power still. They use Chopper as bait to lure in EXD-9, then attack, allowing AP-5 to shut it down. The good news is that it has not sent any long-range communications to the Empire yet because it would need its pod to do that, but the bad news is that it has activated a failsafe in case of capture, a proton warhead that is about to go off that would destroy Chopper Base. They cannot let that happen, but they cannot let it go with what it knows. Chopper freezes EXD-9, which stops the countdown temporarily. Zeb has AP-5 update the warhead's timer to reset its countdown as soon as it connects to the Imperial network. AP-5 restarts the droid's main systems in non-combat mode with the warhead deactivated. (They cannot just wipe its memories, as that would set off the warhead immediately.) They make sure it gets back to its pod and launches. As expected, EXD-9 immediately tries to contact the Empire, but Zeb blasts the long-range transmitter. The droid must return to the Empire physically if it is to deliver its report, so it launches the pod back into space. Shortly thereafter, the pod reaches a Star Destroyer, where technicians recognize this as the missing droid and link it to the network to recover its data. The countdown resumes, and the droid explodes its proton warhead, destroying the Star Destroyer. Kallus, aboard a nearby Star Destroyer, witnesses the destruction with secret satisfaction. When the Ghost returns from the training exercise, Zeb reports what happened, and they receive a message from Fulcrum that confirms its destruction without giving up its information. Shortly thereafter, Kallus reports to Grand Admiral Thrawn aboard the Chimaera. He explains what he believes caused the explosion. Thrawn does not see the other Star Destroyer's destruction as a loss. Until now, Thrawn had only been able to narrow down the location of Phoenix Squadron's base to being among 1,000 worlds. Now, he knows for sure that it is among the 94 worlds surveyed by his infiltrator droids. His mission to wipe out the

Rebel cell is proceeding along nicely.

(Warhead)

- On Atollon, Kanan Jarrus invites Fenn Rau aboard the Ghost for a conversation in his quarters. Kanan shows him the Darksaber, which Sabine Wren recovered from Maul's cave on Dathomir during their recent encounter. Fenn recognizes it as an important symbol for House Vizsla (both before and after Pre Vizsla's tenure as leader of Death Watch). Fenn reveals that the Darksaber was created over a millennium ago by Tarre Vizsla when he became the first Mandalorian Jedi. When Tarre died, the Jedi kept the Darksaber in the Jedi Temple, but House Vizsla stole it, then used the Dark Saber to solidify their power and unite Mandalore under their leadership. Even now, the Darksaber remains a symbol of Mandalorian power. Kanan has it only because Sabine gave it to him to keep safe, and Fenn believes that if Sabine Wren of Clan Wren and (more importantly) House Vizsla were to wield the Darksaber, she could unite all of Mandalore under her leadership and form a Mandalorian army to help fight the Empire, even in the face of such Mandalorian traitors as Gar Saxon and his Imperial Supercommandos. Sabine reluctantly meets with Fenn and the Ghost crew. She does not want to wield it, but Kanan states that he does not believe it came into her possession by accident. Even though she is not a Jedi, she could be trained to be proficient in its use. Even then, combat training is not as important as its use as a symbol. Sabine believes that the rift between herself and the Wren family is too great, but even Hera asks Sabine to put aside that pain for the greater good. The Mandalorians could be indispensable to the Rebels, especially during their upcoming assault on the TIE Defender development factory on Lothal. Sabine, Ezra, and Kanan travel out to a remote area away from Chopper Base to begin her training. They begin training with wooden training sabers. Kanan quickly shows her the weaknesses of her approach when fighting someone other than stormtroopers. He has Ezra train with her first, drilling the same positions with which Ezra learned to use his first lightsaber. Kanan confesses to Hera that Sabine is so tightly wound that training her is difficult. She is connected to the Force like any other living thing, but her own reservations are the greatest barrier to her success. Fenn arrives to bring supplies. He gives Sabine a gift: Mandalorian vambraces that are equipped with grappling hook, paralyzing darts, and a repulsor that are meant for fighting Jedi. The next time she and Ezra duel with their "sticks," Sabine is able to use the repulsor to gain the upper hand. When Kanan chastises her for treating training like a game, she snares him with the grappling line, but he cuts himself free and bests her easily again. He tells her that such tricks may work in some cases, but only training and discipline will win the day. She storms off in frustration. As she stands near a "rock," Ezra approaches her to encourage her. She reveals that while she believes she could learn to wield the Darksaber, she does not want the responsibility that comes with it. Ezra asks about her family. She replies that her family sees her as a disgrace and a traitor. No one knows how she feels and the truth about the situation because she never wants to talk about them. She cannot see how she could ever face her family and lead her people, but Ezra notes that at least she has family to go back to. As she follows him away, the "rock" emerges from the ground as Bendu, having overheard them unnoticed. Via holocomm, Hera urges Kanan to let Sabine train with the real Darksaber. Not letting her do so is allowing her to refuse to commit, and when he comments that he does not want her to get hurt, Hera breaks through his resistance by reminding him that she is already hurt (emotionally, that is, by her family). Her family hurt her, but she won't let Kanan see it. Hera sees it, though, because of the hurt she went through with her own father, Cham Syndulla, when he was unwilling to believe in her and let her walk away. It was terribly difficult for Sabine to trust Kanan and Hera at first. She needs Kanan to help her face her demons, not to protect her from them. That night, Sabine returns to the camp and apologizes to Kanan, who apologizes to her for not showing the faith he actually does have in her. He gives her the Darksaber, as it belongs to her, and he begins teaching her about the blade itself, about how energy constantly flows through its crystal, and her emotions, thoughts, and actions become energy and flow through the crystal into the blade as energy. She must guide its power more than just moving around a mere physical blade. Kanan draws his lightsaber, and she can feel the blades pulling toward each other. They go through what amounts to a fast-paced blocking drill, then a series of counters using the forms Ezra taught her, moving faster each time. She falls once but stands to continue. As she connects with the blade more and more, making it part of her, it begins to feel lighter, but Kanan reminds her not to rely solely on the blade but to combine it with all of her skills. He disarms her, knocking it away, but she uses her grappling line like a Jedi using the Force to retrieve it and continues. One vambrace is damaged. As Fenn holds Ezra back*

from intervening, Kanan begins challenging her. He says that she is not fighting him but herself (and losing). He taunts that she does not to commit but to quit and walk away, just as she left her people and her family (as they believe). When she claims these are lies, he demands the truth. She reveals finally that she left to save her family and Mandalore. She built terrible weapons for the Empire that were then used against Mandalore, including people she knew. She helped enslave her people to the Empire, and when she spoke out to save them, her family would not stand with her. They chose to stand with the Empire and abandoned her, leaving her no choice but to run away. Kanan tells her that her family is in a prison of their own making, but now, it is up to her to help them out of it. Fenn tells her that he would follow her. Ezra agrees. Where she goes from here is up to her, but her new family, the Ghost crew, will be with her no matter which path she chooses . . .

(Trials of the Darksaber)

- Sabine Wren, Ezra Bridger, Kanan Jarrus, Chopper, and Fenn Rau arrive at Krownest, home of Clan Wren, in the Phantom II. Upon announcing who she is, they are met by Imperial Supercommandos firing rockets at them. Two get atop the ship near Chopper and force it to crash and in the nearby forest. Recruiting the Wrens will be difficult, but so was recruiting Fenn. They leave Fenn aboard the Phantom II as backup for later, and the others stand outside to meet the incoming Supercommandos. The Imperials attack, until Ezra says Sabine's name, causing her brother, Tristan Wren, who is leading the Supercommandos to order the others to cease fire. He is willing to take Sabine and her Jedi allies to the Wren stronghold but cannot vouch for how they will be received. When they reach the stronghold, Sabine's mother, Ursa Wren (Countess of Sereen), sees that Sabine has indeed joined a Rebel cell and orders her held for trial. Sabine then draws and ignites the Darksaber, telling her mother that they need to talk. The weapon's symbolic weight changes things. Ursa is willing to listen to them and not throw the Jedi in a brig, as long as they turn over their weapons, including the Jedi's lightsabers. They hold a private conversation inside. Sabine urges her mother to help her unite the clans to stand against the Empire, but her mother is not willing. In fact, her mother seems to agree with the other clans that blame Sabine and Clan Wren for what happened to the Mandalorians. Sabine protests that she did not know that the Empire would use the weapon she designed against her own people, but her mother does not believe her. (Even if she did, it wouldn't change the ruling houses' opinion of her and Clan Wren.) It is only through Tristan serving Gar Saxon as the Emperor's Hand on Mandalore that Clan Wren has earned back any of its lost status. Ursa also believes that Fenn Rau's Protectors were rightfully executed for treason, as Fenn should be when eventually caught. Ursa and Sabine talk alone, and Ursa reveals that she wanted to resist the Empire, but when Mandalore was on its knees and Gar Saxon was given power, she could only join the Empire or see Clan Wren wiped out. Even now, Sabine's father is on Mandalore as a prisoner or hostage in everything but name. If they were to turn against the Empire, he would be the one to pay the price first. Her mother never tried to find her not because she didn't want to but because by running away, Sabine was saved from the fate of her people (or from a terrible fate at the hands of her people, frankly). When Sabine confirms that she got the Darksaber from Maul but did not do so through combat, Ursa tells her that she has no right to claim it. Anyone can hold the Darksaber, but the trick is keeping it (and one's head). They do not see eye to eye, but Ursa can see her as a warrior at least. Sabine requests Clan Wren's help (for the upcoming strike at the factory on Lothal). She insists that this could be what frees Mandalore from Imperial control. To earn her mother's trust, Sabine gives her the Darksaber. (Perhaps Sabine hopes for Ursa, not herself, to become the leader of Mandalore.) They have been observed, unknowingly, by Fenn. While Sabine goes to spar with Tristan, Fenn uses his helmet's gear to spy on Ursa as she contacts Saxon, informing him of the presence of Sabine and the Jedi. She intends to give Saxon Ezra and Kanan, but she wants Sabine kept safe. He claims that Clan Wren will be well taken care of, which is plenty ominous. Fenn infiltrates the stronghold and recovers the Rebels' weapons. Ursa speaks with Ezra and Kanan. When Ezra reveals that Sabine was telling the truth about Saxon wiping out the Protectors in a surprise strike and being proud of it, he also mentions that he and Sabine fought Saxon on Concord Dawn. Ursa is surprised that Sabine stood up to Saxon and held her own. At that moment, her guards draw weapons to take the Jedi into custody for Saxon. Elsewhere, Tristan and Sabine spar (as a distraction while Ursa takes the Jedi into custody). Tristan blames Sabine for Clan Wren losing their power and respect. He is serving Saxon because Saxon promised to help protect Clan Wren and their father. When he claims that their mother trusts Saxon enough to trade the Jedi for Sabine's safety, she rushes to the

audience chamber to intervene. She arrives just as Saxon does. Ursa gives Saxon the Darksaber and is about to turn over the Jedi, but Saxon claims that Clan Wren is harboring Rebels and must be made an example of. (Apparently only Ursa and Tristan didn't see that coming.) Saxon gives Tristan a choice: stand with him as an Imperial Supercommando or die with his family. He chooses his family. Fenn bursts in and tosses Ezra and Kanan their lightsabers. Battle ensues with Ursa and Clan Wren finally taking the correct (anti-Imperial) side. As Saxon wields the Darksaber and tries to assassinate Ursa, Ezra tosses Sabine his lightsaber, and she blocks the blow. He tackles her while using his jetpack, sending them both onto the snow outside, where Sabine's own jetpack is damaged. The two duel, lightsaber against Darksaber. Ursa stops Ezra from interfering, as Mandalorian custom demands this to be a one-on-one fight. Despite Saxon's jetpack advantage, Sabine holds her own and then shoots down his jetpack with her gauntlet. Now facing each other on the ground, saber-to-saber on a frozen lake, Sabine disarms Saxon with a slash to his arm, sending the Darksaber into the air, where she catches it, then holds Saxon with both sabers across his throat (eerily mirroring Anakin Skywalker's defeat of Count Dooku). She orders him to yield. He refuses, saying she will have to kill him. She deactivates her sabers, saying that is the Mandalorian way but not her way. As she walks away, he draws a blaster to shoot her in the back, but Ursa shoots him through the chest plate instead. Fenn notes that Saxon, now dead, was guilty of treason against the throne, collaboration with the enemy, and the execution of the Protectors, but when the rest of Mandalore learns of his death, there will be chaos. Ursa wonders if chaos is exactly what Mandalore needs, so that as they emerge from it, they will find a leader worthy of their people (i.e. Sabine). As Kanan, Ezra, and Chopper prepare to leave (and Fenn stays behind), Kanan warns that the Empire will be coming. He offers Rebel aid, but these are the same Rebels that first came to Clan Wren for aid. Clan Wren will protect its own. Sabine agrees and chooses to remain with her mother and brother in working to free her father and work toward the liberation of Mandalore. She thanks her friends (her surrogate family), and they set out in the Phantom II. As they do, Fenn tells Sabine that others saw her claim the Darksaber in combat, and others will follow her as a leader of Mandalore. Sabine does not want to lead, though. She intends to seek out the person who can be a true leader for Mandalore.

(Legacy of Mandalore)

- During Sabine Wren's time on Mandalore working to free her planet from the Empire and find a rightful leader for Mandalore, Sabine and Tristan Wren visit a giant statue of their ancestor Tarre Vizsla, an ancient Mandalorian ruler. However, they find that stormtroopers have set up an outpost on the actual statue (via platforms and the like). Sabine decides to clear out the Imperials, though Tristan doesn't see why they should risk it for an old statue. Sabine counters that the statue is important to Mandalore. While he did like her better when she was off in space (supposedly), Tristan joins Sabine in setting detonators on some of the outpost's "additions" to the statue, while Sabine also slices some supports with the Darksaber. Once at a safe distance, they bring all of the outpost components down, clearing them away so that the statue can stand tall on its own. Tristan agrees in retrospect that they did the right thing for Mandalore.

(Art History)

- Above Lothal, Agent Aleksandr Kallus reports to Lieutenant Yogar Lyste on the bridge of a command cruiser when an alert is sounded. A stolen shuttle from Lothal is about to be captured. When they bring it in with a tractor beam, its occupants turn out to be Ezra Bridger (in disguise, somewhat, as a bounty hunter), AP-5, and Chopper (with his Imperial droid disguise decals on). The droids are told to wait for processing while Kallus interrogates Ezra in a cell alone. Ezra reveals that the Empire was monitoring Kallus' last transmission as Fulcrum. Ezra let himself get captured as part of a plan not just to warn Kallus but to get him away to safety. Kallus is frustrated, as now he has no choice but to plunge further into being a Rebel, and Ezra does not entirely trust him because this could all have been an elaborate setup for a trap. They must trust each other to make it through this alive. They are interrupted by Lyste, and Ezra feigns confessing under torture. Grand Admiral Thrawn's Chimaera has arrived, and Lyste intends to take Kallus and Ezra (as a prisoner, of course) to show Thrawn Lyste's prowess in dealing with Rebels. (Kallus notes that he's just a bounty hunter, but by being from Lothal, that is enough for Lyste.) They bring along AP-5 and Chopper when encountered in the ship's hangar because AP-5 claims that they have recordings that could be used as testimony against Ezra. They transfer via shuttle over to the Chimaera. As Lyste takes Kallus and Ezra to see Thrawn, the droids make contact with Kanan Jarrus and Rex,

who are flying a stolen Imperial shuttle through hyperspace, waiting to retrieve Ezra, the droids, and Kallus. However, when they learn that their targets are now on the Chimaera, this presents a problem. They had command clearance codes for the Arquitens-class cruiser that Kallus was on before, not Thrawn's personal Star Destroyer. Chopper must get the codes quickly. Unfortunately, they will need an officer's data port for that. Meanwhile, Kallus and Lyste note Captain Brunson (from the Geonosis encounter) and Commander Brom Titus (from the Y-wing theft), and another member of the sector command staff being treated as possible prisoners. While Ezra waits in the brig and the droids seek out an officer's port, Kallus and Lyste present their code cylinders and are allowed entry to their meeting with Kassius Konstantine, Imperial Security Bureau Colonel Yularen (who trained Kallus), and Thrawn in his office, where Thrawn is currently sparring with a pair of Imperial sentry droids. He shuts them down and gets down to business. Thrawn informs them that there is a Rebel spy among them, who must be rooted out. He reveals the codename Fulcrum and that he intends for Yularen to interrogate everyone, including them. Thrawn also notes that he has nearly found the secret Rebel base, having used hyperspace routes, proximity to Lothal, and other methods to narrow the number of possible planets down from the 94 he showed Kallus previously to only a handful of worlds now. After the meeting, Yularen asks for Kallus' profile of the traitor, whom Kallus claims must be an officer and possibly in the Communications Division. Yularen agrees about him being an officer but suggests that he must have his own covert communication method. Kallus walks with Lyste, and they encounter Governor Arihnda Pryce. When she commends them for stopping the shuttle theft on Lothal, Kallus gives all credit to Lyste. Once Pryce leaves, Kallus warns Lyste to be careful with Pryce, since ISB is watching, which suggests to Lyste that she could be the spy. While they speak, Kallus uses a friendly palm on the shoulder to covertly swap out Lyste's code cylinder with another. Since Pryce wasn't in the meeting, Lyste grows suspicious and takes Kallus' suggestion to keep an eye on her. Pryce joins Thrawn and Yularen, and Thrawn is sure the traitor was in their meeting. Yularen notes a Rebel transmission (the one from AP-5 and Chopper) just after Ezra (as yet unidentified) was transferred to the detention block. Kallus meets AP-5 and Chopper, then uses Lyste's code cylinder to open Ezra's cell door and release him. He warns Ezra that Thrawn is near to finding the Rebel base. He wants to know the actual location so he can make sure to remove it from Thrawn's database. To do that, they would need to reach Thrawn's office, which would also have an officer's data port. Kallus contacts Lyste for an update, and Lyste reports that Pryce is on the way to the detention block with Thrawn, meaning that Thrawn is not in his office. They are gone by the time Thrawn, Yularen, and Pryce arrive, finding Ezra gone and records indicating that Lyste's cylinder freed him. Kallus, Chopper, and Ezra (now in an officer's uniform), approach Thrawn's office and use a mind trick and Lyste's code cylinder to make the stormtrooper outside believe he is Lyste. Chopper gets into the data port, gets the codes, and sends them to Rex and Kanan directly from Thrawn's office. Without telling Kallus which planet is the Rebel base, Kallus has Chopper delete it from Thrawn's database. AP-5 reports Thrawn approaching his office. When Thrawn enters with the two stormtrooper guards from outside, Kallus seemingly disappears, and Ezra and Chopper quickly hide. Kallus has, in fact, gotten into Thrawn's sparring room, where he activates the droids and sends them to attack Thrawn as a diversion, having used an override to make sure Thrawn's "Override: Rukh" code will not shut them down. During the struggle, Kallus, Ezra, and Chopper escape and rejoin AP-5. Thrawn takes out his own droids and calls Yularen. Rex and Kanan arrive in their stolen shuttle and give their new clearance codes to land on the Chimaera. Lyste informs Pryce of the unexpected arrival, so she goes to meet the shuttle. When Kanan and Rex emerge, she orders them arrested, but since they are wearing stolen stormtrooper armor, when a fight ensues, Lyste sees it as proof that Pryce is a traitor, since she is attacking Imperials who arrived with a legitimate code. Lyste stuns her and only realize his mistake when Kallus subdues her as the others board the shuttle. Kallus swaps out the code cylinders again and decides to stay behind. The others escape in the shuttle, but Kallus has now caught "Fulcrum," in the person of Lyste, whose code cylinder and act against Pryce make him look guilty. Kallus, Yularen, Pryce, Konstantine, and Thrawn meet, and Yularen confirms Lyste's guilt. Thrawn praises and then dismisses Kallus, and Pryce leaves with him. Yularen believes things fell too easily into place. He does not believe Lyste's guilt. Thrawn has the helmet worn by Ezra when he was captured brought to him. It has a stylized Lothcat on it, which he recognizes as the work of Sabine Wren. Thus, he also deduces that the captive was Ezra. The fact that Kallus did not reveal the truth about the prisoner allows other facts to fall into

place, proving for Thrawn that Kallus is indeed Fulcrum. Now, he intends to use Fulcrum against his Rebel allies . . .

(Through Imperial Eyes)

- *The Empire slaughters peaceful protesters on the planet Ghorman in what comes to be known as the Ghorman Massacre.*
(conjecture based on *Secret Cargo*)
- *As a direct result of the Ghorman Massacre, Senator Mon Mothma of Chandrila finally speaks out forcefully in the Senate, blaming Emperor Palpatine himself for the atrocity. She is forced to go on the run, abandoning her place in the Senate.*
(conjecture based on *Secret Cargo*)
- *TriNebulon News reports on Mon Mothma's speech, taking a decidedly Imperial slant and noting that Mothma "could not be reached for comment."*
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- *Magva Yarro survives the Ghorman Massacre and soon joins Saw Gerrera's Rebel cell.*
(conjecture based on *Secret Cargo*)
- *In space, the Ghost is attached with extra fuel containers to the wreckage of Clone Wars era Separatist ships, as Ezra Bridger, Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios, Hera Syndulla, and Chopper await an important rendezvous about which they know very little, other than that Senator Bail Organa believes it to be of great importance. (Sabine Wren remains with Clan Wren, and Kanan Jarrus has gone on a supply run.) As they watch Alton Kastle's HoloNet (i.e. propaganda) broadcast, they are shocked at the news that Senator Mon Mothma of Chandrila (whom they had not known was a secret early Rebel ally of Bail Organa) has spoken out publicly in the Senate against Sheev Palpatine himself, blaming him for the Ghorman Massacre in which peaceful protesters were wiped out and calling him a "lying executioner." She is now on the run from Imperial authorities. As they continue waiting, an Imperial pod bearing an E-XD Infiltrator droid arrives, forcing them to shut down the Ghost and power down Chopper to avoid being spotted. The effort fails, and they must destroy the pod before it can report their position. They manage to destroy it (but only after it sends out a transmission) just as another Rebel craft (the Chandrila Mistress) arrives, escorted by Gold Squadron Y-wings, part of another Rebel cell, led by Jon Vander (Gold Leader). When they connect the extra fuel containers to begin refueling the new arrival, they meet Vander and Senate attaché Erskin Semaj. Gold Two has heard of the exploits of Phoenix Squadron and praises them, though Vander is not happy about the probe noticing them. That said, the probe was probably specifically looking for the Mistress because of its very important, secret cargo. Imperials arrive and attack, and in the initial jostling of ships, Gold Two is injured, leaving her Y-wing in need of a pilot. Ezra steps into the role. The Mistress takes too much damage, forcing the skeleton crew aboard to escape to the Ghost via the airlock, including (much to Hera's shock) Mon Mothma herself, the true "secret cargo" that they had been carrying. They are able to escape into hyperspace. Semaj wants Mothma to go to Chandrila to go into hiding, but Mothma refuses to miss a major meeting in which she hopes to draw together various anti-Imperial groups and sympathizers into a true Rebel Alliance (or an Alliance to Restore the Republic if you like). They head for Dantooine. Meanwhile, Grand Admiral Thrawn, Admiral Kassius Konstantine, and Governor Arihnda Pryce review the encounter and determine that Mon Mothma was aboard, and Hera will likely try to pass through the Archeon pass (and its Archeon Nebula) to evade capture. Knowing this, Thrawn decides to deploy his prototype TIE Defender (from the project on Lothal) with Vult Skerris (ace pilot formerly of Skystrike Academy) to pursue them. He orders Pryce and Konstantine to await the Rebels at the far end of the nebula, anticipating that Skerris will be able to flush them out. Inside the nebula a short time later, Skerris' TIE Defender arrives and demands that the Ghost turn over Mothma. Against Ezra's warnings, Gold Three and Four go after the TIE Defender and are destroyed. As they try to escape, hampered by the fact that they cannot use proton torpedoes without igniting gasses in the nebula and that their weapons cannot penetrate the TIE Defender's shields, Gold Five sacrifices himself to protect the Ghost. Hera orders their shields to maximum and to get closer to a protostar. The intense heat is able to make Skerris break off the chase, allowing the Ghost to emerge from the nebula . . . and straight into a pair of Star Destroyers. Pryce demands that Mothma surrender, and she pretends to be ready to comply in order to buy time. Inside the nebula, Vander and Ezra continue dealing with Skerris, until Ezra uses Force-born instincts and good timing to tell Vander when to blast Skerris with his ion cannon, disabling the TIE Defender. Outside,*

Pryce's Star Destroyer begins using a tractor beam to reel in the Ghost. The two Y-wings emerge and are fired upon by the Star Destroyers. Hera orders them to fire their torpedoes at the nebula itself. They do so, and the resulting explosions cause focused eruptions that severely damage both Star Destroyers, cutting the Ghost free. All three Rebel craft jump to hyperspace. The Y-wings soon link to either side of the Ghost for a reunion. Now at the Rebel rendezvous point at Dantooine, Mon Mothma delivers an address to the galaxy at large, proclaiming her resignation from the Senate and intention to fight together to restore the Republic. Out in space around them, ships from numerous Rebel cells emerge from hyperspace, including Phoenix Squadron. The Rebel Alliance has been born.

(Secret Cargo)

- *In conjunction with Mon Mothma's address to the galaxy, a formal Declaration of Rebellion is issued through the HoloNet under the auspices of "We the beings of the Rebel Alliance." It outlines Palpatine's and the Empire's various abuses and proclaims the Alliance's intention to restore the Republic. Artists on various worlds take the text of this message and create artistic versions of this founding document and distribute it far and wide in support of the Alliance.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)
 - *Captain Jon Vander issues a report to General Jan Dodonna on the successful extraction of Mon Mothma, referring to the mission under its official title, "Operation Handoff."*
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
 - *As the Rebel Alliance takes shape in an official fashion, Mon Mothma becomes the head of the Alliance Civil Government as its Chief of State, while also becoming the Commander-in-Chief of the Alliance Forces. Alliance High Command heads the Alliance Forces and includes (at least by the time of the Battle of Scarif) General Jan Dodonna (Sector Command), General Pitt Onoran (Special Forces), Colonel Haxen Delto (Alliance Intelligence: Communications), Colonel Bandwin Cor (Starfighter Command), Major Capin Harinar (Alliance Intelligence: Technology), General Dustil Forell (Support Services), General Baccam Grafis (Ordinance and Supply), and Colonel Anj Zavor (liason for Admiral Raddus of Fleet Command). The Alliance Civil Government includes (or will by the Battle of Scarif) such Imperial Senators and former Senators as Minister of Finance Nower Jebel of Uyter, Minister of Industry Vasp Vaspar of Taldot Sector, Minister of Education Tynnra Pamlo of Taris, and Bail Organa (Secretary of the Cabinet). Members of both the military and governmental arms of the Alliance form the so-called "Rebel council," while an even smaller group from within the Rebel council acts as Mon Mothma's cabinet.*
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)
 - *Around this time, Emperor Palpatine has Imperial scouts blazing hyperspace trails beyond the frontier of the Unknown Regions, setting up a vast network of labs, shipyards, and bases. His intention is to use this foundation to expand the Empire substantially once the threat of the Rebel Alliance is quelled. (It will instead end up becoming part of his Contingency and eventually be "inherited" by the founders of the First Order.)**
(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi: Incredible Cross-Sections*)*
- *NOTE:** This could easily be earlier in Palpatine's reign as Emperor, but the book specifically says that this was happening "even as he fought to destroy the Alliance," which didn't exist as the "Rebel Alliance" (in name at least) until *Secret Cargo*.
- *Around this time, the giant Mon Calamari ships that left Mon Cala after Imperial occupation join the Rebel Alliance and begin being refit into combat vessels. The first to finish refit will be the Profundity, which was previously the governance tower of the underwater city of Nystullum. Much of the Profundity's crew is made of the city's former defense staff, and its commanding officer is Admiral Raddus, the city's former mayor. The Profundity's atrium will be converted into a docking and maintenance area.**
(conjecture based on *Mutiny at Mon Cala* and *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)*
- *NOTE:** I had originally assumed that Raddus and the ships leaving must have been fairly soon before *Rogue One* because the film's *Ultimate Visual Guide* has the ships "now" being converted for combat, with only the *Profundity* confirmed as ready to go. However, it would appear that only the refit was recent, since *Mutiny at Mon Cala* suggests that Raddus left almost immediately after the Empire formed.
- *The Empire installs its own governor on Virujansi, displacing the original local authorities. As a result, members of the Rarified Air Cavalry leave their planet's service. (In the case of Garven Dreis and Antoc Merrick, they take early retirement, rather than being absorbed into the Imperial Navy.) These pilots then seek out the Rebel Alliance and join, providing desperately needed pilots for the cause.**
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)*

***NOTE: We do not have an exact date for the occupation or this refit, but since we are told that the pilots who left Virujansi sought membership in the “Rebel Alliance,” that would suggest that it must be sometime between the official start of the Rebel Alliance and *Rogue One*.**

- *When Mon Mothma spots a piece of artwork by Sabine Wren that depicts the ships of Phoenix Squadron, including Hera Syndulla flying an A-wing, which Sabine intends to give to Hera as a gift, Mon Mothma sees something special in the art and asks that she complete it, add the tagline “Fly for freedom!,” and allow Mon Mothma to release it as a piece of pro-Rebel propaganda to convince others to join the fight as pilots.
(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)*
- *In space, Wedge Antilles (dressed as a TIE pilot), AP-5, and Chopper leave the Ghost (bearing Hera Syndulla, Garazeb “Zeb” Orrelios, and Ezra Bridger) in a stolen Imperial landing craft on a mission to retrieve Imperial clearance codes in the lead-up to the upcoming Rebel attack on Lothal’s Imperial TIE Defender factory. As the droids bicker, they near the Imperial Security Bureau base on Killun 71 (AKA Killun Station). Wedge’s clearance codes get them cleared to land with “service droids” to deliver, but when AP-5 and Chopper go through the entry scanners, one of them recognizes Chopper despite his Imperial color disguise. This is picked up by Communications Officer 3-9 on an Imperial Information Office surveillance vessel, who reports it to his commander, Imperial Controller LT-319. They think this might be the Rebel spy droid they have been hunting and head for Killun Station. As the droids bicker while making their way through the base, to the point where they finally part ways to each try to complete the mission on their own, the Information Office ship arrives at Killun Station and is able to pull footage of Chopper’s arrival and compares that footage with other instances when Chopper infiltrated Imperial computer systems. LT-319 believes that this is definitely the same droid that Grand Admiral Thrawn has reported on as being linked to Phoenix Squadron. Rather than alerting the ISB right away, though, LT-319 intends to inform them only after he gets what he needs from Chopper. AP-5 reaches the computer core access room (after convincing another droid, PZ-7, that AP-5 has replaced her) and downloads the newest codes for Lothal onto a datacard. Meanwhile, the Intelligence Office crew is alerted that Chopper is trying to access a terminal. LT-319 orders Chopper captured. The team remotely initiates an electrical jolt to Chopper and while the droid recovers uses the terminal’s two-way access to check for the location of the Rebel base. Unfortunately, Chopper does not have it (probably as a security precaution during the infiltration mission). Instead, LT-319 decides to use Chopper to find the base otherwise. He initiates a remote takeover of Chopper through the terminal, turning Chopper into a double agent. AP-5 returns to Chopper, who is abnormally docile under Imperial control. Once a member of LT-319’s team confirms that AP-5 accessed the Lothal codes, they decide to allow AP-5 to escape so as to lead them to the Rebel base. Thus, LT-319 sends Chopper aboard the landing craft to rejoin Wedge. They head back into hyperspace, from which Wedge reports to Hera. They are only an hour away from the rendezvous point with the Ghost. Chopper is acting abnormally helpful and kind. (The Information Office team seems not to realize that “normal” for Chopper is to be a complete jerk to just about everyone.) When Chopper exits the cockpit, AP-5 expresses concern that Chopper might have been compromised. AP-5 does not relent, following Wedge into the ship’s refresher as he tries to urinate. AP-5 tells Wedge how he found Chopper quiet at a terminal and then responding with an Imperial code instead of backtalk. They reunite with the Ghost and pass the datacard to Hera. AP-5 expresses his concerns to everyone else aboard, though not seemingly believed. Hera catches Chopper accessing the ship’s hyperspace logs to supposedly update his database, claiming to have had files wiped on Killun. Hera reminds him that she is the one who wipes his files as a security precaution, so perhaps he needs to recharge. As he does so, she returns to the others and expresses concerns similar to those of AP-5. They intend to run a diagnostic on Chopper, but before they can do anything, the linked ships drop out of hyperspace, and Chopper claims that there is a malfunction in the engine room of the Ghost. Once all of the others are in the cargo bay on the way to the engine room, Chopper locks them in and releases the landing craft, flying the Ghost away. Chopper recovers the datacard with the Lothal codes and is then ordered to install a data spike into the Ghost’s navicomputer to decode its files and obtain the location of Chopper Base. Seeing no need for prisoners, LT-319 makes Chopper open the cargo bay doors in an attempt to eject the Rebels into space. Thankfully, Hera uses emergency controls to seal the door again before anyone is lost. They need to get someone to an access port on the hull that would allow them to bypass the locked door and get to Chopper. The only one able to do so, though, is AP-5, since the others do not have spacesuits handy. AP-5 goes*

EVA. He reaches the port but is attacked by Chopper, navigating in space with his rocket booster. AP-5 unlocks the door for the others inside, but Chopper knocks him into space away from the ship. Chopper returns into the ship, only to find Zeb waiting with his bo-rifle to zap Chopper into submission. Meanwhile, the data spike has been doing its work, with over 50% of the data decoded, prompting LT-319 to order the recovered data searched for the location of the Rebel base. Ezra removes the data spike, leaving the transfer incomplete. Hera wants payback for someone messing with her droid (her companion since the Clone Wars). She tweaks Chopper to send back more than the Imperials expect, overloading the Information Office ship's computers and memory core, causing a destabilization of its systems until it explodes. Doing this, though, requires a heck of a jolt to Chopper, but the droid finally reboots and is back to his old self. In space, AP-5 befriends some neebay creatures and starts singing (yes, singing) until the Ghost finally recovers him. Chopper apologizes, prompting AP-5 to think he is still compromised. Once they begin bickering again, everything is well again . . . or as well as they ever are when Chopper and AP-5 are around.

(Double Agent Droid)

- On Tatooine, guided by the vision from the joined Holocrons and Dathomir, Maul continues his quest for vengeance against Obi-Wan Kenobi, who bisected him and left him for dead on Naboo three decades ago, ending his future as a Sith Apprentice to Darth Sidious and his promised role in the Clone Wars. He has been unable to find Obi-Wan, given that he has hidden himself well on the desolate desert world, but Maul believes he knows how to draw Obi-Wan out. He carries with him a small piece of the opened Sith Holocron as he cries out Kenobi's name . . . At Chopper base on Atollon, Ezra Bridger awakens to find Kanan Jarrus' Jedi Holocron playing bits of Obi-Wan's message about Order 66. He also finds the Sith Holocron glowing and hears Maul calling out "Kenobi" on Tatooine. Kanan and Ezra know that Maul is back, and he seems closer than ever to achieving his goal of finding Obi-Wan, the very same individual that the Holocrons seem to have convinced Ezra is part of the key to defeating the Sith. Ezra believes that they must save Obi-Wan from Maul. They tell Commander Jun Sato, Hera Syndulla, Chopper, and Rex about this, and Rex says that Bail Organa had reported Obi-Wan as dead. Ezra (rightly) believes that must be wrong. Kanan warns that hearing Maul's voice could be another trick like when Ezra went with him to Dathomir. Hera does not want Ezra to leave because he knows Lothal better than anyone and is needed in planning the attack on the Empire's factory on Lothal. She finds it hard to believe that, if Obi-Wan were alive, he would not already be in the fight against the Empire. After Ezra delivers a load of munitions for the A-wings from AP-5, he learns that the training A-wing is fully prepared for flight, so he takes it and leaves by himself without permission. He travels to Tatooine, not realizing until he arrives that Chopper had gotten aboard unnoticed (somehow) and came with him. Ezra uses the Force and tiny pieces of both Holocrons (much like the one Maul carries) to guide their flight down to the surface. Upon landing, Ezra orders Chopper to stay with the A-wing while he follows the Force through the Holocrons to the tiny piece that Maul used to lure him with, hearing Maul's voice saying, "Now you see" as he picks it up. Ezra immediately comes under attack by a group of Tusken Raiders. Ezra and Chopper get away from the A-wing as the Sandpeople destroy it with slugthrowers, but Ezra is knocked out. Before they can make their way to Ezra and Chopper, Maul arrives with his lightsaber and puts an end to them, leaving Ezra to awaken on his own, ignorant of who just saved him. Ezra and Chopper set out across the desert, where Ezra sees a vision of Maul urging him onward. Chopper is told to follow the ridge, find a settlement, and then contact Chopper Base, but instead the droid follows Ezra into the desert (gripping along the way, of course). Ezra and Chopper get caught in a sandstorm, during which he again hears Maul's voice urging him to draw Obi-Wan out because his pain and sorrow call to Obi-Wan through the Force. Before Ezra can find Obi-Wan, though, Chopper's power cells are depleted and the droid grids to a halt, "dead" without more power. Ezra berates himself for not staying home and how he does not know what to do. He hears Maul's voice again, claiming that Obi-Wan is dead because Ezra led Maul to him, claiming that Ezra failed his friends and that Ezra will die. Ezra lashes out with his lightsaber at nothing upon hearing the voice, then collapses. He and Chopper are found by Obi-Wan. Ezra awakens by Obi-Wan's fire, next to Obi-Wan, Obi-Wan's dewback, and Chopper, who is being recharged by a portable battery. Obi-Wan will help Ezra back off of Tatooine, but he does not intend to leave with Ezra, nor did he want to confront Maul, though that now seems inevitable. Ezra tells him how the Holocrons suggest that he will help defeat the Sith, but Obi-Wan knows better (that the true "new hope" will be Luke Skywalker, whom he is on Tatooine guarding from a short distance). Obi-Wan

tells him that he already has what he needs, and the Holocrons did not truly send him to Obi-Wan. Maul did by manipulating the truth and Ezra's own perceptions about what the Holocrons said. In essence, Ezra heard and believed what he wanted to, and the only one to gain has been Maul, who arrives just outside the light of their fire. Obi-Wan sends Ezra and Chopper away with the dewback northward, where they will find their way home. Maul tells Ezra he will see him soon, calling him his "apprentice" again. Finally, Maul and Obi-Wan are face to face. Obi-Wan has found peace and has found his path. Maul seeks only revenge and is, as ever, in conflict. Maul determines that Obi-Wan did not come to Tatooine to hide but to protect something. Once he realizes that Obi-Wan is protecting someone, not something, Obi-Wan ignites his lightsaber to match Maul's that is already activated. The two tense and prepare to strike. When Maul finally moves, it is over in an instant. He attempts the same upward thrust of his hilt into Obi-Wan's face that had worked to stun Qui-Gon Jinn for a killing blow, but Obi-Wan is prepared for this and dodges, using that instant to slice downward through the hilt and Maul's torso, delivering a killing blow of his own. Maul collapses into the arms of his nemesis. With his dying breaths, Maul asks Obi-Wan if the person he is protecting is the Chosen One. Obi-Wan, having now had time to consider Anakin Skywalker's fate and the hopes for Luke answers that, yes, he is. Maul, knowing the Sith's own views on the Chosen One, tells Obi-Wan that he (Luke) will avenge the Sith. Soon, Ezra returns to Chopper Base in Maul's Gauntlet starfighter, which he found where Obi-Wan sent him. He tells the rest of the Ghost crew that they will not be seeing Maul again. He tells them that this is where he is meant to be. They are his family, and they should go home (Lothal). Meanwhile, on Tatooine, Obi-Wan rides his returned dewback to the Lars Moisture Farm, where he briefly watches Luke being called inside by Aunt Beru. Much rides upon the shoulders of this boy.

(Twin Suns)

- Around this time (six weeks before Thrawn's mission back to Batuu), Karyn Faro is promoted to the rank of Commodore. She remains with Thrawn on the Chimaera, though she has been told that she would soon take over command of Task Force 231 once its current commander is promoted. That promotion seems to take longer than expected, so she remains on the Chimaera once the Batuu mission begins.
(conjecture based on *Alliances*)
- Around this time (18 days before Thrawn's mission back to Batuu), Grysk ships arrive at Batuu to make use of the homes and communications triad set up by their Darshi servants. They bring with them hibernation tanks holding Force-sensitive Chiss children.
(conjecture based on *Alliances*)
- On Lothal, Admiral Kassius Konstantine and Governor Arihnda Pryce meet Grand Admiral Thrawn as he arrives (now guarded by a pair of deathtroopers). Seeing them about to go into a private meeting, Aleksandr Kallus sends a co-opted MSE droid into the room to spy on the conversation. Thrawn contacts Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin to inform him that he believes that Phoenix Squadron and another Rebel cell under Jan Dodonna (Massassi Group, based on Yavin IV) will soon strike Lothal's TIE Defender factory. Such a coordinated strike between Rebel groups would be unprecedented. Tarkin wants the Rebel leaders captured to be used as an example to others. At Chopper Base on Atollon, preparations are underway for the strike. Kanan Jarrus and Ezra Bridger discuss his training, and Kanan wonders if he has anything left to teach Ezra about being a Jedi, given how limited his own training was before Order 66. Above Atollon, Dodonna's fleet (bolstered by the Y-wings that Phoenix Squadron acquired from Reklam Station on Yarma) arrives. Back on Lothal, Kallus returns to his "hideout" (the old communications tower where Ezra once lived) and tries to contact Phoenix Squadron to warn them that the Empire knows they are coming, but he is interrupted by Thrawn, who reveals that he knows Kallus is Fulcrum (or at least a Fulcrum). A fight ensues, and Kallus is taken into custody by Thrawn's deathtroopers. His warning transmission did get out, but this has played into Thrawn's hands. Since Thrawn knows the trajectory of Dodonna's fleet and the trajectory of Kallus' transmission, he is able to pin down the location of the Rebel base on Atollon. It is not found in Imperial records (thanks to Kallus), but ancient artwork of the region shows the planet. Thrawn has discovered the location of Chopper Base! From Lothal, Ryder Azadi lets Chopper Base know that the Imperial fleet over Lothal just left. They emerge from hyperspace over Atollon and jam long-range transmissions, forcing an immediate evacuation of Atollon. Commander Jun Sato tries to cover the escape of Dodonna's ships, but the Imperials have an Interdictor with them (commanded by

Konstantine) that keeps them from escaping to hyperspace. The trap now sprung, Thrawn, Pryce, and the captive Kallus (on the bridge with Thrawn) arrive aboard the Chimaera. He contacts Hera Syndulla, who says they will never surrender. Thrawn, however, was not going to accept any surrender anyway. He intends to deliver a crushing defeat to the Rebels. Hera believes that Thrawn likely thinks that this is the entire Rebel fleet. As such, if they can get one ship out of the system, that ship could contact other allies to bring into the fight. She decides that Kanan and Ezra should go, and they will take the Gauntlet starfighter that Ezra took from Tatooine (which formerly belonged to Maul). Kanan has Ezra go immediately (taking Chopper along), so that he can instead warn Bendu of what is coming and hopefully enlist his aid. In space, the Battle of Atollon begins. Even early on, it is clear that Konstantine is motivated to act on his own initiative without being able to see the big picture tactics Thrawn is using. As Phoenix Squadron's A-wings (led by the Ghost) and Dodonna's Green Squadron Y-wings engage Thrawn's Star Destroyers, Kanan reaches Bendu, who is angered at the Rebels having brought war to Atollon. He refuses to play any part in the struggle. Kanan work to convince him otherwise, speaking about his own past. In space, Rebel ships continue to be destroyed, leaving Sato with what he sees as only one way to get Ezra past the Imperial Interdictor. He orders Phoenix Nest evacuated and veers off, prompting Konstantine (against Thrawn's wishes) to try to find glory in destroying the carrier. Sato turns the Nest at the right moment, slamming it into the Interdictor and destroying both ships. With the Interdictor gone, Ezra jumps to hyperspace, while the rest of the Rebel ships return to the surface in the face of the Imperial blockade. Nearby, Kanan finally reaches Bendu by pressing the issue and calling him a coward. The ancient being seems to disappear, transforming into a storm. In hyperspace, Ezra contacts Mon Mothma, but she does not have resources available to send to their aid. The best she can do is promise to negotiate for fair treatment for any prisoners after the battle. With Rebel reinforcements impossible, Ezra heads for Krownest to enlist the aid of Sabine Wren and her Mandalorian allies. With Dodonna and Hera commanding Chopper Base, Rex and Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios get the shield generator (using the core recovered from Geonosis by the Ghost crew) activated, protecting the base for now. Thrawn orders an orbital bombardment of Chopper Base which nearly causes the shield generator to overheat and the shield to collapse before Thrawn breaks off the bombardment, which was more meant to test their shields than to bring them down. Nearby, the bombardment has caused Kanan to get into an accident that destroys his speederbike, but he survives to continue to base on foot. Ezra arrives at Krownest, where Ursa Wren initially says that she cannot help, given the warfare now ongoing between Clan Wren and its allies against Imperial Supercommandos and their Imperial allies. With the aid of Feen Rau and Tristan Wren, Ezra and Sabine study battle information provided by Chopper. They recognize that the main target must be the second Interdictor cruiser in Thrawn's fleet. Even knowing it could be impossible, Sabine intends to go. Ursa allows her to take a few ships and any willing warriors to assist at Atollon, while not leaving Krownest undefended. They need to get there soon, as even as they make preparations, Thrawn sends ground forces toward Chopper Base, starting with AT-DPs and followed by AT-ATs. Since the shield is meant to protect from energy weapons, the AT-ATs simply walk through it. Wedge Antilles and Derek "Hobbie" Klivian attack the walkers from the sky in A-wings, while Kanan arrives and makes a great entrance by taking out a walker by cutting its legs with his lightsaber. Thrawn and his deathtroopers arrive in a landing craft, and Thrawn orders a full penetration of the Rebel base and the capture, if possible, of Rebel officers (per Tarkin's wishes). Ezra, Sabine, and Chopper arrive in Ezra's Gauntlet, accompanied by about half a dozen Mandalorian starfighters (flown by, among others, Fenn). Ezra contacts Hera and Kanan, just as the shield generator overloads, causing the shield to fall. Thrawn and his deathtroopers surround and capture Kanan, Hera, Rex, AP-5, Zeb, and Dodonna. He will now accept their surrender. Hera refuses, but a massive storm has been brewing. Now, lightning bolts strike the ground around them (mostly near the Imperials), and fiery eyes appear within the clouds. The storm is Bendu, acting far more Dark Side than Light Side or balanced, and he states that he brings death. Above, while the Mandalorian starfighters keep the Imperials busy, Ezra, Sabine, and a group of Mandalorian warriors deploy from the Gauntlet onto the hull of the last Interdictor. They battle rocket troopers sent by Pryce while they work to disable or destroy the ship. Below, as Bendu's lightning takes out Imperials (and endangers but doesn't kill the Rebels), Rebel forces escape in their remaining ships, including the Ghost crew and Dodonna aboard the Ghost. Once in flight, they have to deal with the lightning as Bendu calls Kanan's name. (This is all a bit shocking to Hera, given that

he had kept Bendu's existence mostly a secret.) The Imperials, including the AT-ATs, fire at Bendu's eyes in the storm, and Bendu falls from the sky like a meteor. Above, Ezra deals damage to the Interdictor that begins a chain reaction within it. They escape back to the Gauntlet as the Interdictor explodes. After taunting Pryce for making a mess of Thrawn's fleet, Kallus is ordered executed. He is to be thrown from the airlock. While in a lift, he incapacitates the two stormtroopers guarding him. He launches himself in an escape pod and sends his coordinates to the Ghost, which swoops in and recovers the pod before joining the rest of the Rebel ships in escaping into hyperspace. On the surface, Thrawn and his deathtroopers journey to the site where Bendu has crashed down. A gravely wounded Bendu tells Thrawn that he sees Thrawn's defeat like many arms in a cold embrace. Thrawn then shoots (or attempts to shoot) Bendu in the head. By the time the blast reaches the ground at his feet, Bendu is simply gone. Now in hyperspace, Sabine tells Hera that she wants to return the favor by helping Ursa and Clan Wren. Kallus thanks Kanan for saving him, and Kanan thanks him in return for all that he has done. The Rebels will head for Yavin IV for now. Ezra does not see any victory today, since they lost "everything" in his words. Kanan, though, sees a future in which the galaxy will be free, and their survival today will help create that future.

(Zero Hour)

- In the wake of the Battle of Atollon, most of the remnants of the Phoenix Squadron Rebel cell relocated to Yavin IV and join that Rebel cell, known as Massassi Group.
(conjecture based on *In the Name of the Rebellion*)
- In the wake of the Battle of Atollon, Grand Admiral Thrawn is called back to Coruscant to join Darth Vader on a mission to investigate a disturbance in the Force around Batuu, where Thrawn and Anakin Skywalker once worked together during the Clone Wars.
(conjecture based on *Alliances and Flight of the Defender*)
- In the wake of his failure to destroy the Rebel's Phoenix Cell on Atollon, Grand Admiral Thrawn is now on Coruscant, alongside Darth Vader. Both have been summoned to Emperor Sheev Palpatine for a mission together. Palpatine has sensed a disturbance in the Force at the edge of the Unknown Regions on Batuu, the planet where Thrawn and Anakin Skywalker (now Darth Vader) worked together late in the Clone Wars to find Padmé Amidala and destroy a Separatist factory that was trying to produce cortosis-enhanced Super Battle Droids and clonetrooper armor (which Vader now knows was meant to help in the facilitation of Order 66). They are to investigate the disturbance. Throughout the mission, Vader will be suspicious of Thrawn's allegiance to the Empire in light of his duty to the Chiss Ascendancy and question whether those two loyalties are compatible. For his part, Thrawn already has suspicions about Vader's true identity and will continuously drop hints during their interactions that will help him confirm those suspicions. Thus, this is a tense mission. Vader brings along the Darkhawk (a small ship for his team) and members of his First Legion (his personal force, pulled from the broader 50^{1st} Legion) under Commander Kimmund, while Thrawn will command the Chimaera with Commodore Karyn Faro beneath him, along with resources like the Noghri Rukh and the freighter he stole from pirates approximately two years earlier. While en route to Batuu, the Chimaera is pulled from hyperspace by a phenomenon similar to an Interdictor, but nothing is detected in the vicinity. When they keep experiencing the phenomenon, they instead travel first to Mokivj (site of the old Separatist factory) and then on to Batuu. During their brief stop at Mokivj, they notice that it seems that four of the planet's ten moons are gone without explanation, but they do not have time to investigate. Keeping the Chimaera out of sight, Thrawn and Vader take Thrawn's freighter to Black Spire Outpost on Bakuu, where they manage a tough landing, given that three new large houses have been built since Thrawn (and Anakin) was last here, likely to conceal part of a communications triad, a means of using three devices to enable long-distance communication in this part of the Unknown Regions. Six other ships are nearby, and the Chimaera (running somewhat quiet with only passive sensors) spots four more heading for Batuu. Then two larger freighters also emerge from hyperspace, heaving for Batuu, leaving one in orbit and the other heading for Black Spire. At Black Spire, Thrawn and Vader notice humans, Shistavanens, Jablogians, and mysterious, blade-wielding Darshi, a species known to travel a bit in the Unknown Regions and Wild Space, where hyperlanes are few and difficult, making travel tough over all but fairly limited distances. They enter the local cantina and question its bartender, known now as Nodlia (but formerly LebJau, whom Thrawn and Anakin met during their last time here). Nodlia explains that the Darshi arrived 174 days earlier, and they built houses on land they paid for legitimately (the three houses noted upon arrival). They are

carrying out their own errands, but they have been driving off other ships and traders, making them a frustration for the locals. Just 18 days ago, other aliens arrived with coffins as if prepared for battle of some kind. The Darshi seem to be arming themselves with combat sticks (but not their blades) to take on Vader and Thrawn, while Vader, upon a report from Faro about the approaching ships, orders Kimmund to intercept those ships in the Darkhawk. As the attack in the cantina commences, Thrawn and Vader defeat their adversaries, but during the battle, Vader senses the disturbance in the Force again, this time as anxiety and fear, as explosions rock the cantina, coming from the nearby Darshi houses that appear to be under attack with the source of the disturbance inside, along with crucial pieces of the communications triad. The duo then comes under attack by Darshi who are using a similar cloaking device as Rukh (later revealed to be a Chiss variant on a Sinrich optical dephaser) and weapons that release swarms of artificial insects that strike and solidify like concrete on contact. They narrowly defeat this new attack, and before investigating outside, Thrawn checks the scabbard of one of the Darshi and checks his unused blade, which provides a clue. In space, as the Darkhawk nears the large freighter in orbit, TIE Defenders (Thrawn's pet project starfighters, led by Captain Vult Skerris) join the attack, sent by Faro. The Defenders cripple the freighter's ability to blast the Darkhawk, but when Skerris tries to follow Faro's new orders to fire on one of the ship's hatches to make it appear that the Darkhawk team is going to enter from a different spot than they planned as a diversion, Kimmund threatens to blast Skerris' TIE Defender for interfering. This prompts the revelation that Rukh is actually on the Darkhawk, behaving himself but very much able to strike if given an order to protect Thrawn's crew's wishes. The Darkhawk First Legion team boards the alien ship and encounters resistance from aliens they don't recognize (and definitely not Darshi). When it becomes clear that the aliens are trying to destroy the ship's cargo (some kind of pods or canisters) before they are defeated, Skerris is ordered by Kimmund to blast the cargo hatch to stop the aliens and possibly save the cargo, but doing so also costs them the chance to stop the other large freighter from escaping as it rises from the surface and goes to hyperspace, even as the cargo Vader wanted from the freighter is indeed blown up by the aliens. On the surface, Thrawn and Vader find two of the Darshi houses destroyed (by the escaping, large alien freighter). The other is abandoned but has many rooms and a set of ten pods that seem similar to cloning cylinders but relatively small, as if for children or a small being. When Kimmund is asked about the captured ship's cargo, he describes those pods as different, so they are not the same technology, though they have three alien prisoners from that ship to question. Thrawn and Vader load a pair of the house's pods into Thrawn's freighter to bring back to the Chimaera for study. Thrawn orders the captured freighter brought aboard the Chimaera in a particular docking slot and the three alien prisoners kept from being able to see the Chimaera until very close to it so that Kimmund can observe their reactions upon seeing such a large ship. Thrawn and Vader return to the cantina to question Nodlia and find that other Darshi have taken away most of the Darshi, and a new group of Darshi patrons has arrived. Thrawn examines a blade from one of the new Darshi and learns that the blades they usually carry are ceremonial and of great value as family tokens, similar to a Twi'lek Kalikori, but the blades carried by the earlier, attacking Darshi didn't fit their scabbards right and were not this type, suggesting that they were props to make it look like they still had their familial blades when they were indeed taken from them to manipulate them into action for fear of losing them forever. They also learn that while the Darshi were the ones who arrived first and built the houses, it was the second group of new aliens, who were the same ones as aboard the Darkhawk's target, that brought the "coffins," which they realize is Nodlia's description of the pods they found inside the remaining house. Thrawn recognizes that these aliens are the near-mythical, supposedly-nomadic species known as the Grysk, who are likely manipulating the (well, some) Darshi to do their bidding. On the way back to the Chimaera, Thrawn and Vader confer about their findings. The pods found in the house (which, along with the communications triad would've been set up by the Darshi at the behest of the Grysk) must be hibernation tanks. The occupants in the tanks were brought there by the Grysk (in the tanks) and must be Force-sensitive, hence the disturbance and the way Vader felt it during the engagement. The Darshi were to remove the Force-sensitives in the hibernation tanks aboard the incoming large freighters, but they couldn't land due to Thrawn's freighter being in the way, hence why the Grysk in the landing freighter blasted two of the houses to clear out space to land and take away the occupants, leaving some of the actual tanks behind. Thrawn also has a theory about the other cylinders or pods that the Grysk on the other freighter were desperate to destroy. Thrawn orders the Chimaera, upon their arrival,

to return to where they were originally stopped along the Batau hyperlane before their diversion to Mokivj when first arriving, believing he has the key to figuring out how they were pulled from hyperspace, given that they know that gravity well generators and cloaking devices cannot work simultaneously yet nothing was found when they were pulled from hyperspace earlier. They learn from reports from the battle aboard the large freighter that the Grysk aboard managed to destroy the data in the ship's computer system and seemed to fight with a goal of not leaving any of their own to be captured, even though three were. The other ships seemed to also be part of the pickup plan for the Force-sensitives, seemingly to perhaps link up with a large freighter in orbit to take aboard some of the hibernation tanks. Their surprise at seeing the Chimaera suggests that they are not nomadic as believed, since they would have to have large ships of their own for that kind of society to exist. Vader and Kimmund aren't sure if the Empire should be engaging the Grysk directly, given that they are a warlike species that the Empire has no direct quarrel with when it should be focusing on the Rebels. Perhaps Thrawn is seeking to act against a threat to the Chiss instead of to the Empire. Thrawn assures them that they will act against the Grysk only when they are a threat to the Empire. Once they reach the point where they were pulled from hyperspace, Thrawn has the ship go through multiple short jumps around the area from different angles of approach, seeking answers. They finally discover a device like the ones the Grysk destroyed on the freighter, floating in space. These devices remain visible and project a gravity well until a ship is pulled from hyperspace. Immediately after that occurs, the projector shuts down in favor of a cloaking field, thus allowing it to swap modes so quickly that it doesn't actually need to use both modes simultaneously. The Grysk seem to be blocking off this hyperlane, perhaps to protect from Imperial interference in their affairs or other adversaries. To find answers, they will need to somehow acquire data on the Grysk's origin point, which they can't from the captured ship. A team led by Vader and Kimmund takes Thrawn's upgraded freighter along a course Thrawn projects will draw out more of the Grysk. They draw in two, board one, then have the second destroyed. They manage to capture the ship's records, some prisoners (to be kept away from the others), and Grysk artifacts and such that are indicative of some conflicts in the history of the Grysk that help Thrawn, thanks to records of other conflicts with some of the species involved, fill in some sense of Grysk activities over time. They return to the Chimaera, where the new prisoners are kept locked in quarters that require some of Kimmund's troopers to bunk aboard their own Darkhawk. Thus, they are present on the Darkhawk when the new prisoners break out and try to get aboard that ship (instead of their own captured freighter or Thrawn's freighter). With help from Rukh, the Grysk escapees are defeated. Thrawn notices that the Grysk were able to start up preflight procedures on the Darkhawk, despite being so isolated. That means they have to have studied similar ships, and given that the Darkhawk dates back to the Clone Wars era, it suggests that the Grysk are based out of the old Separatist factory (or nearby) on Mokivj, where they could have studied such a ship. They return to Mokivj, where their earlier observation of moons being missing bears fruit. The Grysk appear to be using the cloaking gravity well projectors as a temporary fix for blocking hyperlanes, but they are actually using another technology to literally drag moons away from Mokivj and relocate them to places where their gravity wells would serve the same purpose more effectively and consistently. The Chimaera arrives and catches Grysk ships in the act of trying to haul away another moon. They wait until the moon is far enough from the planet to not risk damage to the planet itself if they intervene, then once Vader has confirmed that some of the Force-sensitives are aboard ships and others are on the surface, they are ready for battle. Vader overrules Thrawn and doesn't let Thrawn accompany the First Legion in the Darkhawk to the surface of Mokivj, choosing instead to let them himself with Thrawn commanding from the Chimaera. Vader wants to know what it is about the situation that Thrawn seems to be so evasive about in their conversations. Vader leads his team to the very same factory where Anakin, Thrawn, R2-D2, and Padmé had dealt with Separatist Duke Solha during the Clone Wars, which is currently repurposed as a Grysk facility, where the other Force-sensitives are located. Vader realizes that the Force-sensitive minds he senses are Chiss minds, akin to the sensation he felt as Anakin from Thrawn's pilot all those years ago. He briefly wonders if there are Chiss Jedi in the Unknown Regions or perhaps a separate faction of Sith who are Chiss. Either could be the kind of threat that Palpatine would want Thrawn's knowledge about as part of learning about the Unknown Region and its threats. He senses their numbers dwindling, suggesting being put back into hibernation tanks or killed. They strike at the facility, making their way to the Chiss Force-sensitives, and using a spare set of Vader's armor as a ruse to

get past their concrete-bug weapons. What they discover surprises Vader: not just Force-sensitive Chiss but Force-sensitive Chiss children, hence the small size of the hibernation tanks. They also discover one of the factory's production lines working again, but this time it isn't cortosis-enhanced Super BattleDroids being created but the Grysk cloaking gravity well projectors. In space, the Grysk ships haven't fled or engaged quite yet, since they might risk losing their Chiss prisoners on Mokivj (now rescued) or the ones aboard one of their ships. Thrawn's tactics are able to draw away one ship, which he orders disabled, as it is likely the one with more Chiss children aboard. The others are wiped out entirely, and the moon is allowed to continue drifting away. Kimmund requests a transport to bring some of the cloaking gravity well projectors back to the Chimaera, but Thrawn only allows the Darkhawk to return with the rescued children. It is time for Thrawn to come clean to Vader with more information than he was willing to share before. One of the most closely-guarded secrets in the Chiss Ascendancy is that their way of expanding and traveling long distances when so many other species cannot due to the nature of the Unknown Regions and its various phenomena is to have their ships navigated by Force-sensitive Chiss children, who are able to use the Force instinctively through precognition (what the Chiss call "Third Sight") to make course corrections that allow their ships to go where others couldn't venture. However, Chiss Force-sensitives are extremely rare, almost always female, and eventually grow out of their abilities. However, while any Chiss with Third Sight is young enough to still use that gift, they are required to do so for the good of the Ascendancy. To acquire this ability from the Chiss doesn't just require stealing a computer program or some new technology but the kidnapping of ultra-rare individuals who are no more than children at the time, something the Chiss simply cannot allow. Thrawn now wants to find the nearby Grysk staging base (not their homeworld) that he knows must be nearby to oversee their operations locally, so that they can be defeated and other children rescued. Without a strike now, they will know something is wrong and move their operations, taking any other children with them. Vader initially refuses, but Thrawn offers proof that the Grysk are not just a threat to the Chiss Ascendancy as they grow their power base but also to the Empire, and not just due to closing off hyperlanes when the Emperor has designs on expanding into the Unknown Regions someday. He just needs Vader's trust, and he will be able to provide proof after they deal with the threat. Vader agrees, and Thrawn has Vader use the Force to navigate the Chimaera as as one of the children would. If someone experienced and powerful like Vader guides the ship, they can arrive before escaping Grysk can alert the base. (Thrawn also reveals that the reason why he was a bit shocked when he met Anakin Skywalker so long ago was that the Cheunh word for the Force-sensitive child pilots is ozyly-esehembo, which translates to "sky-walker.") They arrive and discover not a base but more Grysk ships. Vader is tired of Thrawn's machinations without explanation and nearly calls off the attack entirely, but Thrawn is willing to risk the anger of the Emperor if Palpatine believes his actions incorrect after the fact, so the attack goes forward, following Vader's direction. The Darkhawk is sent to get Kimmund's team and Rukh aboard a Grysk ship, while Vader leads TIE Defenders in combat, and Thrawn commands from the Chimaera. They use Thrawn's growing understanding of Grysk culture to turn a battle in which the Grysk technically have greater numbers into a more fair fight, since the Grysk culturally perceive nearer enemies as the greatest threat, rather than assessing based on relative strength, tactics, etc. The Darkhawk team takes out their opposition and rescues another group of Chiss children. Most of the Grysk ships are defeated, but one that only Vader seems to notice and pursue manages to escape into hyperspace. Thrawn then sends a message to the Grysk, telling them who he is (but addressing them with his full Chiss name, suggesting to them that he is of the Chiss Ascendancy, not just the Empire) and that they must abandon their ambitions to extend their rule and return to their homeworlds, otherwise they will be defeated and destroyed. They finish taking out the Grysk adversaries, and during the engagement, Thrawn studies Vader's piloting style, the final confirmation he needs to be entirely certain that Darth Vader is indeed Anakin Skywalker. Soon, they meet with a Chiss warship under Admiral Ar'alani, who will take the children back to the Ascendancy. Thrawn is finally able to explain the nature of the Grysk threat to the Empire to Vader. He shows the insides of one of the Grysk cloaking gravity well projectors to Vader, revealing that the Gryks have been using cortosis (the very same substance the Separatists were trying to use during their Clone Wars era mission) in the power and energy management of the projectors. They also seemed to know that the material would be effective against blasters and lightsabers, as seen in an earlier firefight on Mokivj. Thus, the Gryks must have been observing the Republic (then Empire) for much

longer than they originally thought likely. He also believes that it wasn't that the Grysks observed the Clone Wars era mission and realized cortosis would be useful against blasters and lightsabers but that they learned the nature of blasters and lightsabers during their observations of the Republic and were the ones, as experts in using the substance already, who provided that information to the Separatists that sparked Duke Solha's entire project on Mokivj in the first place. They had seemingly intended to offer Dooku and the Separatists a taste of the technology but not help with mass production until they had Dooku under their control like the Darshi, but Dooku was not to be controlled and surprised them with Solha's production of cortosis-enhanced clonetrooper armor. This caused the Grysks to rethink their actions, but now they appear to be ready to make a move against the Empire and are protecting their own territory with the hyperlane blocking and giving themselves more time to build up for an assault. Whereas Thrawn sees this threat to the Empire, Vader sees this as Thrawn perhaps intending to have the Empire fight a war against the Grysks for the benefit of the Chiss, not the Empire. He proves his loyalty to the Empire by noting that in using his Chiss name when ordering the Gysk to back down, he made sure the Gysk thought of the Chiss as an adversary, and since they culturally always attack the closest enemy first, this buys the Empire time to prepare a decisive strike. But there is more, as Vader reveals that he recognized the ship escaping the final battle as a Chiss ship and the cloaking technology used by individual Grysks as similar to Rukh's dephaser. He wonders if Thrawn was simply trying to inform Chiss allied with the Grysks that he knew of their presence. That was part of his purpose, in fact, as he reveals that when he left the Chiss Ascendancy and joined the Empire, there were already stirrings of political conflict among his people. Rather than working things out as the Aristocras tended to do, that split has continued. One side in what might be a burgeoning Chiss civil war might already be under the influence of the Grysks. Would Thrawn return to help his people win? Yes, but only after his duties to the Empire are done, which itself is only done once threats to the Empire are eliminated. Vader is satisfied and no longer considers Thrawn a possible rival for the Emperor's favor, as he will always have one foot planted in each society. He does however declare with finality to Thrawn that Anakin Skywalker is dead. Thrawn says that he knows, recognizing that Vader is no longer the man he once was. They will never speak of this again, but Thrawn intends to honor Anakin's legacy all the same. As for the TIE Defender that Vader had a chance to fly, he was impressed by the ship, and he will speak to Palpatine in favor of it, though he believes the controls should be a bit simpler for other pilots and that it should be faster and more heavily armored. Thrawn will pass along those suggestions to the Lothal facility when they return to Coruscant. It appears that these potential adversaries are now allies once again.*

(Alliances)*

***NOTE:** This part of the novel takes place between *Zero Hour* and *Heroes of Mandalore*, so it is either in the latter part of this year or early the following year.

- *In the wake of the mission to Batuu, Grand Admiral Thrawn provides Darth Vader's suggestions on how to improve the TIE Defender to his factory on Lothal. Thus, the TIE Defender Elite prototype begins development.*
(conjecture based on *Alliances* and *Flight of the Defender*)
- *Cassian Andor suggests a mission to Wecacoe to General Dravits Draven. Draven agrees to the mission and assigns Kertas and Rismor to be on his team.*
(conjecture based on *Cassian* and *K-2SO*)
- *In the Colonies, a Rebel Intelligence team (consisting of Cassian Andor, Kertas, and Rismor, the latter two of whom communicate by scent) travels to Wecacoe to acquire Imperial security protocols. They discover a larger Imperial presence there than expected, but they manage to find "the guts" that they are looking for: a decommissioned Imperial cruiser that fell into private hands and is being stored on the planet. When the alarm goes off, Cassian decides on an alternative means of gaining what they need instead of extracting it from the ship. He purposely makes a noise that draws in Imperial security droid K-2SO. He attacks K-2SO and is nearly defeated before Kertas and Rismor return and deactivate the droid with its kill switch. Cassian tries to reprogram the droid to join them and provide the security protocols. They manage to recruit him but not entirely alter his personality. For instance, as they use the droid to escort them to their ship to escape, K-2SO honestly answers a stormtrooper's question, revealing that he is escorting Rebels to their ship. A fight ensues, but they make it back to their docking area, only to find stormtroopers around it. Kertas and Rismor tell Cassian to get K-2SO back to the Alliance, since the droid will have the information they need. The duo then blows up their own ship. Cassian again gets into K-2SO's programming*

to stop its core programming from arresting him and such, then they work together to steal a ship and escape from the planet, as Kertas and Rismor, alive and well, watch them launch. K-2SO has now become a Rebel agent and Cassian's new frequent partner.*

(Cassian and K-2SO)*

*NOTE: Other than that this story must be set between K-2SO going online in 12 BBY and his appearance in *Rogue One*, we are not really given much indication of when this story takes place. Since the Rebel Alliance does indeed exist at this point, though, I am putting it here, so that it is at least after the Declaration of Rebellion that emerges out of *Secret Cargo*.

- Cassian Andor and K-2SO have infiltrated an Imperial freighter in the F'tzner system. Using gas, they knock out the crew and intend to take the supplies the Imperials have aboard and leave them thinking that smugglers raided them, rather than the Rebel Alliance. When they get access to the cargo area, though, they discover that the "supplies" are three Wookiee younglings (Wyhyatt, D'yylaa, and D'koetaa). They take the Wookiees with them and escape in a U-wing. Cassian needs to assist in a Rebel raid, but he does not want to put the younglings in harm's way, so he drops them and K-2SO off on the Monastery Moon of Charissia in the Bartahn Sector, where the droid must go beyond his typical programming to babysit the Wookiees. After clashing with some local creatures and discovering both his own ingenuity and that of the Wookiees, all is well for K-2SO once Cassian returns with fellow Rebels to retrieve them. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Adventures in Wookiee-sitting)

*NOTE: We have no indication of when this takes place, other than that it must be after *Cassian and K-2SO* yet before *Rogue One*.

- Around this time, Mayv comes from Oktaro to Coruscant in hopes of stealing the Mola Oktaro back from the Empire. She manages to find other holy works from her homeworld on the black market and steals several before being caught by Sim Aloo's guards.
(conjecture based on *The Mighty Chewbacca in the Forest of Fear*)
- "Not long before" K-2SO goes to Ushruu, he and Cassian Andor battle a few Trandoshans and find them rather difficult to kill.
(conjecture based on *The Mighty Chewbacca in the Forest of Fear*)
- Han Solo and Chewbacca deliver illegal cargo to Coruscant aboard the Millennium Falcon. They stick around for the next week, until approached by Alinka Aloo.
(conjecture based on *The Mighty Chewbacca in the Forest of Fear*)
- On behalf of Emperor Sheev Palpatine, Janus Greejatus and Sim Aloo are tasked with recovering the Enchantress' book from Ushruu. Greejatus makes the first attempt, sending Trandoshan mercenaries to recover it. They are all killed by local wildlife. Sim turns to his daughter, Alinka Aloo, for assistance in completing the task.
(conjecture based on *The Mighty Chewbacca in the Forest of Fear*)
- While hanging out at Urrett's Marque, a bar on Level 1329 of Coruscant, Han Solo and Chewbacca are met by Alinka Aloo, daughter of Sim Aloo (an advisor to Emperor Sheev Palpatine), who asks them to come to a meeting with her that night. (Han finds her attractive, but after what happened on Elgamor 5 - whatever that was - he will keep this strictly business.) At the meeting, she reveals that she wants to hire them. Supposedly, she just needs Chewbacca to fly a ship she has available to Centax 3 (a moon of Coruscant), carrying a load of now-illegal tooka cats from Coruscant to a new home in the moon's forest. She will pay 20,000 credits, about four times as much as someone would likely charge, which suggests there is a catch. Once they agree, they are introduced to a young woman named Mayv. Alinka wants Han to stay with her while Chewbacca is gone. She also has a book that Mayv seems to want very much, refusing to provide it to Mayv until the job is done. Chewbacca helps load the tookas onto the ship, but they are unruly (including one that takes a liking to them, which they name "Goldie"). They are aided by the cargo droid that will go with them for the mission, K-2SB, which is actually Rebel agent K-2SO, sent by Cassian Andor to make sure that the mission doesn't succeed quite as planned. What mission? Well, once they get airborne, Mayv reveals the truth of their mission (but even she doesn't know K-2SO's true identity). Alinka is on the comlink at the time, with her goons holding Han at blasterpoint as a hostage to guarantee Chewbacca's cooperation. They will still get paid (supposedly), Han and Chewie with their credits and Mayv with the book. It turns out that they are heading to the planet Ushruu, not Centax 3, where they are to recover an ancient book that was left behind in the temple of a local religion that is no longer active. Mayv is the mission's librarian, but she is more of a bounty hunter. They are being sent without any weapons to a planet where the last team of Trandoshan mercenaries that were sent after the

book were presumably killed by some rather dangerous creatures. Mayv reveals that she is from Oktaro, a world that was formerly a battleground in the Clone Wars, though she grew up during the Dennig-Far ("false hope") after the Republic drove off the Separatists and the people began to rebuild, only to eventually have the Empire take over. The ancient ways of their culture are written in their most important sacred book, the Mola Oktaro. The Imperials took it back to Coruscant, which wasn't clear until her own parents tried to steal it, only to find it already gone. Mayv came to Coruscant to get it back, but she first ran across another important Oktarian book on the black market. Since she couldn't afford it, she stole it, then did so again and again, only to be caught by Sim Aloo's guards. Now, Alinka is offering to give her the actual Mola Oktaro in return for carrying out this mission. She believes that book can bring hope back to her people and be a unifying symbol of their culture in the face of Imperial oppression. They land on Ushruu and almost immediately lose all of the tookas as they run off, except for Goldie, who travels with them for the rest of the mission (albeit without really contributing, since, y'know, it's basically just a cat). They clash with various local creatures, including dog-like snarlers and giant worm-like sniffers, as they make their way to find the old temple. Along the way, they find the remains of the previous Trandoshan team. By making their way across trees, they avoid most snarlers, but when Mayv is grabbed and pulled away by a sniffer, Chewie saves her only to end up captured himself. It is only then that it becomes clear that the "sniffers" aren't worms at all but giant tentacles from a huge beast in a nearby chasm (right next to the temple), known as a Vathyr. The Vathyr is ancient and has lived by feeding off of the Dark Side inherent in Ushruu (while the trees have grown extremely tall to get away from it). Chewie is saved, thanks to the use of a blaster that "K-2SB" happens to hold in his chest compartment. They make their way into the old temple and learn from historical carvings and such on the walls that tell the story of the place. Natives were often drawn to the chasm and the Vathyr, only to be eaten by it. Rather than understanding that it is feeding off the Dark Side of the Force, they believed that the creature is what created that power, so they worshipped it. Eventually, one follower found a cave that was safe, but then that follower was killed by the next to find it, and then by the next, etc. until a powerfully Force-sensitive woman takes residence, changes it into a temple for worship, and lives for centuries by feeding off of the Dark Side energies of the planet just like the Vathyr. She became known as the "Enchantress." Eventually, she grew so powerful that the Vathyr sensed her and tried to get to her and devour her for decades. When a follower's mistake allowed "sniffers" to get through the walls, everyone inside the temple was killed except for the Enchantress, who fled, but as she got farther and farther from the temple, her power disappeared, and she eventually arrived at a nearby village as an old woman and died. The villagers didn't do her bidding and kill the Vathyr, since her story seemed too bizarre to be true, but the Vathyr went back into a slumber until recently, when one of Palpatine's minions, Janus Greejatus, tried sending Trandoshans to steal the book of the Enchantress' teachings, straying close to the Vathyr's chasm. Chewie's team finds the book, which turns out to be imbued with the spirit or personality of the Enchantress. It speaks to both Chewie and Mayv telepathically, and both are wary of the book (which is actually more like a scroll). They are then attacked by a queen snarler, but they manage to prevail, arriving outside the temple to find a Rebel transport has arrived. In the chaos of the temple, K-2SO had put the scroll into his chest compartment for safekeeping, and now he turns it over to Cassian Andor. The Rebels knew that Palpatine had to be kept from getting his hands on a Dark Side artifact like this one, so Cassian had K-2SO impersonate a cargo droid to go with them and acquire it. Cassian considers killing them, since they are technically working for the Empire by seeking out the book (since it is clear that Palpatine had Sim seek the book, and he had Alinka hire a team), but K-2SO determines a 64% chance that they will be valuable to the Rebellion one day and a 0% chance that they would work for the Empire again after this mission. They are left behind when Cassian and K-2SO leave, but they still have the ship they were given by Alinka. Unfortunately, they don't have anything to give her in return for the Mola Oktaro or Han's life. Fortunately, a group of snarlers that accosted them when they arrived was trapped in the cargo compartment by K-2SO and left there all this time, so they travel back to Coruscant and unleash them on Alinka's landing platform, where they tear through her guards. In the chaos, Chewie saves Han, and they make sure Mayv gets the Mola Oktaro, which was still in the room. They all escape on the Millennium Falcon, evading some TIE fighter pursuit, and then Han agrees (at Chewie's urging) to take Mayv back to Oktaro at no charge. They've survived another double-cross by a woman who caught Han's eye.

(The Mighty Chewbacca in the Forest of Fear)

*NOTE: We have no indication of when this takes place, other than that it must be after *Cassian and K-2SO* (and *Solo*) yet before *Rogue One*.

Star Wars [continued] (webstrip series: Hong Jac Ga)

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Meeting the Droids [continued]

Rogue One [continued] (novel: Alexander Freed)

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Supplemental Data: Battle Station DS-1

Star Wars [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron & Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Chris Eliopoulos & Jason Latour & Dash Aaron & Cullen Bunn)

Star Wars Annuals [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Jason Latour & Cullen Bunn)

Star Wars Annual #3 [flashback] (comic: Jason Latour)

Star Wars Adventures [continued] (comic series: Landry Q. Walker & Cavan Scott & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Alan Tudyk & Shannon Eric Denton & Scott Beatty & Ben Acker & Ben Blacker & Delilah S. Dawson & Shaun Manning & Sholly Fisch & Paul Crilley & John Barber & Nick Brokenshire & Scott Peterson & John Jackson Miller)

Star Wars Adventures [continued] (comic series: Cavan Scott & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Alan Tudyk & Shannon Eric Denton & Scott Beatty & Ben Acker & Ben Blacker & Delilah S. Dawson & Shaun Manning & Sholly Fisch & Paul Crilley & Otis Frampton & John Barber & Nick Brokenshire & Scott Peterson & John Jackson Miller)

Endangered (comic series: Sholly Fisch)

Endangered, Part I (comic: Sholly Fisch)

Endangered, Part II (comic: Sholly Fisch)

Thrawn [continued] (novel series: Timothy Zahn)

Thrawn [continued] (novel: Timothy Zahn)

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Epilogue

Thrawn [continued] (comic series: Jody Houser)

Thrawn [continued] (comic series: Jody Houser)

Thrawn, Part IV [continued] (comic: Jodi Houser)

Thrawn, Part V (comic: Jodi Houser)

Thrawn, Part VI (comic: Jodi Houser)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Steps Into Shadow (cartoon: Steven Melching & Matt Michnovetz)

The Holocrons of Fate (cartoon: Henry Gilroy)

The Antilles Extraction (cartoon: Gary Whitta)

Hera's Heroes (cartoon: Nicole Dubuc)

The Last Battle (cartoon: Brent Friedman)

Imperial Supercommandos (cartoon: Christopher Yost)

Iron Squadron (cartoon: Matt Michnovetz)

The Wynkahthu Job (cartoon: Gary Whitta)

An Inside Man (cartoon: Nicole Dubuc)

Visions and Voices (cartoon: Brent Friedman)

Rogue One [continued] (novel: Alexander Freed)

Rogue One [continued] (novel: Alexander Freed)

Supplemental Data: Battle Station Engineering Notes

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Ghosts of Geonosis (cartoon series: Steven Melching & Matt Michnovetz)

Ghosts of Geonosis, Part I (cartoon: Steven Melching & Matt Michnovetz)

Ghosts of Geonosis, Part II (cartoon: Steven Melching & Matt Michnovetz)

Warhead (cartoon: Gary Whitta)

Trials of the Darksaber (cartoon: Dave Filoni)

Legacy of Mandalore (cartoon: Christopher Yost)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (cartoon series: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)

Forces of Destiny, Volume 4 [continued] (cartoon: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)

Art History (cartoon: Nicole Dubuc)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Through Imperial Eyes (cartoon: Nicole Dubuc)

Secret Cargo (cartoon: Matt Michnovetz)

Double Agent Droid (cartoon: Brent Friedman)

Twin Suns (cartoon: Dave Filoni & Henry Gilroy)

Zero Hour (cartoon series: Steven Melching & Henry Gilroy & Matt Michnovetz)

Zero Hour, Part I (cartoon: Steven Melching)

Zero Hour, Part II (cartoon series: Henry Gilroy & Matt Michnovetz)

Thrawn [continued] (novel series: Timothy Zahn)

Alliances [continued] (novel: Timothy Zahn)

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Cassian and K-2SO (comic series: Duane Swierczynski)

Cassian and K-2SO (comic: Duane Swierczynski)

Star Wars Adventures [continued] (comic series: Landry Q. Walker & Cavan Scott & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Alan Tudyk & Shannon Eric Denton & Scott Beatty & Ben Acker & Ben Blacker & Delilah S. Dawson & Shaun Manning & Sholly Fisch & Paul Crilley & John Barber & Nick Brokenshire & Scott Peterson & John Jackson Miller)

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Tales from Wild Space [flashback] [continued] (comic series: Cavan Scott & Alan Tudyk & Shannon Eric Denton & Ben Acker & Ben Blacker & Delilah S. Dawson & Shaun Manning & Paul Crilley & Otis Frampton & Nick Brokenshire & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Scott Peterson)

Adventures in Wookiee-sitting [flashback] (comic: Alan Tudyk & Shannon Eric Denton)

The Mighty Chewbacca in the Forest of Fear (youth novel: Tom Angleberger)

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- *Keldo is born on Parnassos.* *
(conjecture based on *Phasma*)*

*NOTE: He is 1 year older than *Phasma*, who is about the same age as *Siv* and *Armitage Hux*.

- *Qarwell Krass, son of Romwell Krass and Yileen Krass, is born.*

(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)

- *On Devaron, the wife of Kivas and mother of Farnay, dies. To help make ends meet for her and her father, Farnay begins serving as a guide for visitors near Tikaroo, even though her dad does not entirely approve.*

(conjecture based on *The Weapon of a Jedi*)

- *Tabor Seitaron attends a test flight of the Imperial vessel Rueful Confession. It is the last time he will experience artificial gravity until being summoned to the Herald four years later.*

(conjecture based on *Twilight Company*)

- *Harb Benli of Eriadu joins Red Squadron at Yavin Base as Red 7.**

(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)*

*NOTE: He is “relatively new” to the ranks as of *Rogue One* but has already worn down his first flight helmet, so I am estimating him joining a year or less before the story.

- *The Xonti Brothers begin training Kthoo-Ra.*

(conjecture based on *Doctor Aphra and the Enormous Profit*)

- *Around this time, Brand (Lauren Mel Coelho) joins Twilight Company at one of its recruitment drives. She is actually a bounty hunter, who has taken an offworld contract to take down Captain Micha “Howl” Evon for the Empire, so that she can get away from Tangenine and the Empire’s excesses there.**

(conjecture based on *Inbrief*)*

*NOTE: This assumes that *Inbrief* is set around the time of ANH (where I have put it just after the film). It also assumes that she is with the unit for a year or less. We know that she took an offworld job to get away from Tangenine because of *Twilight Company*, and the author of *Inbrief* has informed me that it was their intention that the mission to kill Howl was that first offworld job.

- *On Burnin Konn, Ryland, Fiona, and their six-month-old daughter Laina have been continually harassed by jealous, lonely Imperial officer Corbin. When Fiona finally stands up to him and calls him a bully, he turns them in to Imperial Officer Duggan as “spies.” When they have nothing to confess, Duggan kills Fiona. Ryland survives with Laina, and they soon leave Burnin Konn so that Ryland can join the Rebel Alliance. He is assigned to Yavin IV, where he will serve as a lookout at Base One’s Gold Tower.*

(conjecture based on *Laina*)

- *As related in the third chapter (Not for Nothing) of the book The Lady has a Jocimer: My Life as a Modal Node by Ickabel G’ont, Figrin D’an and the Modal Nodes (Ickabel G’ont, Figrin D’an, Tech M’or, Tedn Dahai, Sun’il Ei’de, and Doikk Na’ts) are stuck on Tatooine and must work for Jabba the Hutt, playing at his palace, because Figrin owes Jabba quite a bit of money. While he claims that this is a prestigious gig that will only last about a week, they are stuck there instead for a year. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Not for Nothing)

- *Jyn Erso is in Garel City (as Tanith Ponta or Lyra Rallik) to meet with a contact for whom she has spent weeks forging documents. After the deal, she buys a fruit and is briefly concerned when she hears stormtroopers saying, “There she is,” but the troopers are speaking of a little girl with a Tooka cat, not Jyn.**

(Daring Adventures, Vol. 2 and Tales of Hope & Courage)*

*NOTE: This, of course, is set up for *The Stranger* and is included only in the young reader adaptations, rather than in the episode itself. The rest of this portion of the book is just an adaptation of the cartoon.

- *A smuggler flying a C-ROC freighter is working for a Rebel operative when they come out of hyperspace near an Imperial patrol (Patrol ORP-38, under the authority of Moff Sanguid). The ship is scanned and found to be carrying illegal armaments, but the Imperials offer to let the C-ROC go if the ship joins in their capture of Rebels (the very same ones the C-ROC was supposed to meet). The smugglers stick to their job-based loyalties and help the Rebels defeat the patrol, but they have limited time before their crimes just now become known to Sanguid. They decide to join the Rebels in their plan to uncover Sanguid’s location and attack. They soon prepare for a final showdown with Sanguid’s forces. Regardless of the outcome, the smugglers know that their story will be a cautionary tale about getting caught up in galactic wars.**

(Smuggler’s Lament)*

*NOTE: This mission is found in the *X-wing Miniatures Game’s C-ROC Expansion Pack*. It is one of the few that is more likely to fit with Story Group Canon than Legends or being ambiguous, since the entire expansion pack tends to lean toward Story Group Canon crew, pilots, and ship names. I have placed it here so that the Rebel Alliance already exists.

- *On a scouting mission for the Rebel Alliance in his U-wing, Heff Tobber and his escorts spot an Imperial patrol and lure them into an asteroid field for an ambush, only to realize too late*

that the Imperials have also set up forces in the asteroid field for an ambush. The traps are sprung. Tobber, for his part, manages to escape unscathed (to later participate in the Battle of Scarif).*

(Patrol Ambush)*

*NOTE: This mission is found in the *X-wing Miniatures Game's U-wing Expansion Pack*. It is one of the few that is more likely to fit with Story Group Canon than Legends or being ambiguous, since the entire expansion pack tends to lean toward Story Group Canon crew, pilots, and ship names. I have placed it here so that the Rebel Alliance already exists, yet it is prior to *Rogue One*, where we see him flying and do not see his fate.

- On Mandalore, far from any cities, Sabine Wren (wielding the Darksaber) leads a team consisting of Kanan Jarrus, Ezra Bridger (with a jetpack he can barely control and a Sabine-painted scout trooper helmet), Fenn Rau, Chopper, and Mandalorians loyal to Clan Wren in an assault on an Imperial prison where Sabine's father, Alrich Wren, is supposedly being held. It turns out that it is actually a trap set by the new leader of the Imperial Supercommandos, Tiber Saxon (brother of defeated former leader Gar Saxon). As Imperial reinforcements arrive, help arrives for the Rebels in the form of members of Clan Kryze, led by Bo-Katan Kryze. (Bo-Katan is the sister of former New Mandalorian leader Duchess Satine Kryze and was the Jedi-appointed regent of Mandalore briefly between the civil conflict that began as a result of Maul's Shadow Collective and the eventual takeover of the planet by the Empire.) When Sabine realizes who is leading these allies that her mother, Ursa Wren, sent to their aid, she tries to bestow the Darksaber upon Bo-Katan, which would return her to leadership of Mandalore's loyal (i.e. anti-Imperial) forces. She does not see herself as worthy, having failed to keep the Empire from taking over in the first place and being betrayed by Clan Saxon. She refuses the Darksaber and the leadership role that goes with it. Ursa and Tristan arrive and inform them that Alrich is being taken to Sundari, the Mandalorian capital, for a public execution. (It is, of course, a trap, but they have no choice but to do something now.) Kanan checks in via holocomm with Hera Syndulla. While updating her, he teases her about his feelings for her, which are growing more overt. Soon, Ursa, Tristan, and others cause a diversion that sends a trio of transports and minimal escort speederbikes on an alternate route to carry Alrich to Sundari. This brings them right where the other Rebels want them, and they attack the convoy. They rescue Alrich, and while Sabine is a bit wary of how he will react to her, given that he did not agree with her decisions prior to leaving Mandalore and seemed to follow Ursa's lead in seeing her as an enemy to her people after her designs were used against Mandalore, he is happy to see her and welcomes her back far more warmly than her mother did. (Alrich is more of an artist than a warrior, but he can no longer be used against their family.) At the site of the diversionary battle, an Imperial transport drops off an augmented scout walker with a strange weapon built onto it. It is an AT-DP bearing an Arc Cannon prototype, a weapon designed by Sabine when she was at the Mandalorian Academy, known as "the Duchess." It releases energy that turns the specialized Beskar from which Mandalorian armor is made into a liability instead of an asset. It superheats Beskar, frying the wearers to ash after a short while. Other armor, such as stormtrooper armor, which is plastoid, is entirely unaffected. This is a Mandalorian-specific weapon that Sabine created as a sort of engineering challenge while at the Academy, which she never expected to see actually used against her people by the Empire. Now, the Duchess attacks, and by the time the other Rebels arrive, it appears that all of Ursa's forces have been killed, along with Ursa and Tristan, who are nowhere to be seen. At the site of the massacre, Sabine confesses that she created the weapon in front of her allies. As she does so, Ursa and Tristan emerge from an Imperial transport where they took cover, barely able to survive. The assembled immediately comes under attack by Tiber's Supercommandos and TIE fighters, but they are able to escape in a Kom'rk fighter brought by Clan Kryze with some fancy flying from Bo-Katan and Ezra with their jetpacks. Tiber then contacts Grand Admiral Thrawn to present proof of the Duchess' effectiveness. It is fully operational, as Tiber promised, but Thrawn notes that it is only a single prototype with limited range. Moreover, Thrawn is not so sure that removing the Beskar armor from Mandalorian culture would cause the people to turn to the Empire in fear, though Tiber thinks so. Thrawn knows, though, that to perfect the weapon, they will need its designer: Sabine. Aboard the Kryze ship, Bo-Katan confronts Sabine over her work on the weapon, but Sabine reveals that as soon as she learned that her "thought exercise" had become a real weapon and tested to be used on Mandalorians, she sabotaged the prototype and erased all of the plans for the weapon. The Empire must have rebuilt the prototype from what was left, even without her plans, though it isn't as powerful as her original plans would have made it. (That, in part, acts as proof that

she did indeed get rid of the plans and sabotage it.) Mandalorian armor is part of their heritage and not easily abandoned. Sabine's armor itself is revealed to be 500 years old, just reforged for her use. They return to the Clan Kryze base, where several members of Clan Kryze immediately try to arrest or kill Sabine for her role in the creation of the weapon. She speaks strongly for her role in its creation and what it can do, along with the need to fight together to destroy the weapon instead of fighting each other. Bo-Katan, swayed by Sabine's words during the trip and now, speaks on Sabine's behalf, noting that they need her and cannot afford to be divided. Now is when Sabine will have to prove her loyalty to Clan Wren and all of Mandalore by helping destroy the Duchess. Alrich believes that the Duchess must now be aboard Tiber Saxon's Star Destroyer right outside of Sundari. There is brief consideration of capturing and using the weapon on the Supercommandos, but they agree that it must be destroyed as the risk of its use is far too great. With Ursa staying behind as tactical support, two teams will board the Star Destroyer to deal with the weapon. Ezra and Kanan will escort Chopper to the ship's datacore to wipe out all records of the re-development of the Duchess. Meanwhile, Bo-Katan will go with Sabine to get to the Duchess itself and destroy it. (Bo-Katan is impressed by how Sabine has faced up to her past and returned to face any consequences from it and to try to make it right. She sees her as someone who could inspire and represent the best of what Mandalorians could be.) Using jetpacks, the infiltration team boards the Star Destroyer via its hangar. The Duchess is there, but the Arc Cannon has been removed to be further upgraded in a nearby lab. With cover from Mandalorian allies, led by Fenn, Sabine and Bo-Katan reach the lab, but the Arc Cannon (or Arc Reactor) has been activated. It zaps Sabine and Bo-Katan enough to knock them down, but it has no effect on Tiber (who wears plastoid armor like a stormtrooper) and his right-hand man, Hark (who wears Beskar but arrives just as it is deactivated). Tiber wants Sabine to complete the weapon to its fullest potential, but even Hark questions Tiber, since the only obvious target of the weapon would be fellow Mandalorians. Tiber simply activates it again, zapping Sabine, Bo-Katan, and Hark (but not enough to kill, just to teach a lesson). Elsewhere on the ship, Kanan, Ezra, and Chopper reach the datacore and begin deleting the Duchess files. When Sabine does not answer when Ezra calls her, he races off to help her, while Kanan protects Chopper during the deletion. Back in the lab, Tiber and two stormtroopers threaten to kill Bo-Katan if Sabine will not help them. Sabine pretends to give in and changes some settings on the device, while also linking it to one of her vambraces. The weapon is now at full power, but when Tiber activates it, it instead lashes out and strikes the stormtroopers and Tiber. Sabine has changed its settings to go after plastoid armor, rather than Beskar. With it at full power, it also reaches out of the lab and zaps the Imperials battling the Mandalorians in the hangar, those facing off with Kanan, and (briefly) Ezra (before he removes his scout trooper helmet). Sabine is about to let the weapon continue its work and kill Tiber and the Imperials, but Bo-Katan reminds her that they came her to make things right, and Sabine's actions now will show whether she wants to follow the Mandalorian way or the Imperial way, and whether the future of Mandalore will be one of honor and hope or fear and cowardice. Sabine chooses the former and uses the Darksaber to slash through the generator. With its power core breached, they must escape. As it melts down, molten metal drips through the floor of the lab and down onto the AT-DP that carried the weapon. Further eruptions then destroy the Star Destroyer as the Rebels escape (again with their jetpacks). Back at their base, Sabine tells Bo-Katan that she trusts her to wield the Darksaber and lead them, and she is not alone. Members of Clan Vizsla, Clan Rook, and Clan Eldar are also there to pledge their loyalty, alongside Clan Wren, Clan Kryze, and the Protectors, to Bo-Katan. Sabine believes that the Darksaber came to her so that she could pass it to Bo-Katan, who now accepts it in the name of her fallen sister, Clan Kryze, and all of Mandalore. The Mandalorians have a new leader, and a unified anti-Imperial Mandalorian faction now stands alongside the Rebel Alliance against the Empire.

(Heroes of Mandalore)*

*NOTE: I am assuming, based on things like Saw Gerra's look in the final season of *Rebels* and comments on revising Bo-Katan to look 18 or so years older than when we last saw her, that the series is now in the last year prior to ANH.

- Kanan Jarrus, Ezra Bridger (now a Lieutenant Commander), Sabine Wren, and Chopper take a Gauntlet fighter from Mandalore to finally rejoin Hera Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios, Rex, Alexandr Kallus, and their other allies, who, as part of Phoenix Squadron (or Phoenix Cell) have joined the Rebel cell (Massassi Group) based out on Yavin IV. Hera Syndulla has been on a supply mission with a squadron of Y-wings (including Wedge Antilles), but their intel was

bad, and they end up barely making it back to crash land on Yavin IV. Apparently, the reason for the failed mission was that the Empire has a new communications really operating in the Jalindi system (something Saw Gerra's Partisans already learned through torturing a prisoner), which lets the Empire coordinate more quickly. Rather than destroying it, Kallus suggests compromising it and then using it to track Imperial movements and adjust their own operations accordingly. The Ghost crew will undertake the mission. (For his part Ezra is frustrated that they are still not doing anything new to help Ryder Azadi and the other Rebels on Lothal as promised, since their original plan for liberation didn't work. Mon Mothma reminds him that even her own homeworld, Chandrila, is suffering, but their recent loss to Thrawn at Atollon is proof that they aren't yet ready to fight an open war against the Empire. The time will come for Lothal, but that time isn't now.) Ezra speaks with Kanan, expressing his belief that Saw is the only Rebel leader who doesn't get bogged down in politics, but Kanan reminds him that methods matter as much as motives. They are interrupted when an astromech, R4-C2, projects a large holographic transmission from Saw for all to see. He claims that Mon Mothma and other Rebel leaders refuse to act and have paid the price for ignoring his own information about the Jalindi relay. He believes the war must not be fought on Imperial terms. Mon Mothma counters that he breaks rules of engagement, targets civilians, and stoops to the Empire's own level, begging the question of what they will become if they do so as well. En route to Jalindi, Ezra notes that tapping into the relay won't hurt the Empire, and while Hera agrees privately (and expresses as much to Kanan), they know the Empire would just build another if one is taken out. They arrive with a scrambled signature and fly over the relay, where Ezra, Sabine, and Chopper drop down onto the relay dish to install a spike to tap into its systems. As they land (and nearly fall off), they disrupt the signal a couple of times, which is noticed by Imperial operators. When they tap in, they accidentally tap into the main communication channel at first, just as the Marauder (an Imperial light cruiser). Rather than just letting the Imperials communicate, Ezra tries to impersonate an Imperial, using the name of one they have encountered a few times: Commander Brom Titus. In a rather unfortunate coincidence, the real Titus is the Imperial in command of the Marauder, so he knows it's a ruse and looks down at the relay, recognizing Ezra. Things go haywire from there. Instead of tapping into the relay, now they will try to blow it up and escape, but Ezra, Sabine, and Chopper come under stormtrooper assault while the Ghost faces TIE Defenders. The Ghost is able to escape pursuit by flying into large rock pillars as Kanan uses the Force to give directions to Hera. Meanwhile, a Partisan U-wing arrives, commanded by Saw himself and flown by Edrio Two-Tubes. The U-wing attacks the Marauder, which draws it close to the dish when Saw offers Ezra, Sabine, and Chopper a ride. He also drops proton bombs onto the dish as the U-wing pulls away, causing the dish to explode, taking out the Marauder (and frequent nuisance Titus) in the process. As they get into space, the Ghost is about to link with the U-wing to take the trio aboard when a Star Destroyer arrives, forcing them to jump to hyperspace before making the transfer. The others aren't worried about where the trio might be going but whom they are with. Saw wants their help on a mission. He has continued investigating the idea of a secret Imperial construction project since their encounter on Geonosis. He now believes that he has a clue in the form of shipments coming from Faos Station. While Edrio takes the U-wing to a safe distance via hyperspace, the others (including Chopper, repainted and rather reluctant) get onto the station and sneak aboard Freighter 2716 via cargo containers. Saw believes it is heading to the Imperial construction project. They find construction materials aboard, along with a manifest that shows an Imperial shuttle in one of the cargo bays and a destination of the empty Tonnis Sector, which Saw believes would be a perfect place to hide such a construction project. They also run afoul of Imperial stormtroopers. They soon find a cargo container that turns out to hold not materials but people, a group of power and reactor technicians who have been taken by the Empire against their will to be shipped off to work on something. One of the techs, Mich Matt, recalls overhearing stormtroopers discussing Jedha, from which he believes the ship's cargo (whatever it might be) originated. With innocents now in the line of fire, Ezra urges them to get the prisoners to safety. (They are nearly caught when stormtroopers spot them trying to hide in the crate again, but the Rebels take care of those troopers also.) While Chopper takes the techs to escape pods, Ezra, Sabine, and Saw will sabotage the ship's hyperdrive to cause them to revert to realspace and launch the escape pods. (For his part, Saw wants to know about the shuttle and suggests just getting them out that way, but the others recognize that it will be guarded.) They wind up in an area where Ezra hears strange singing (which he also heard as they came aboard). Drawn to it,

they discover Deathtroopers, who attack. They use cover of smoke bombs to take out all but the lead Deathtrooper, DT-F16, then discover after she retreats that a stray shot has caused the carbonite covering the ship's precious cargo to start to thaw. It's an enormous kyber crystal! (That was the source of the "singing," similar to how Ezra was drawn to his first lightsaber's kyber crystal.) As they debate what to do next, DT-F16 consults with Imperial Captain Wells and has security alerted and all escape pods jettisoned. (Orson Krennic is also to be notified of the situation.) As Chopper notices this, he gets the prisoners all back to the cargo hold (again). Back at the crystal, Saw believes that the Empire must be weaponizing kyber crystals and they must know where the ship is heading. Thus, they need to let it reach its destination. More concerned about the lives of the prisoners, Ezra and Sabine insist on continuing with their plan to sabotage the hyperdrive. Once the Spectre duo reaches the engine room to do so, though, Saw stuns them both and puts them in binders, refusing to allow them to keep him from learning what the Empire is building. Saw has also brought the crystal on its hoverpallet to the engine room, prompting the Imperials to start hunting for it. They emerge from hyperspace in the Tonnis sector, but it is just a transfer point, so the only thing there is a Star Destroyer under Captain Slavin (formerly of the Ryloth occupation). Saw signals for Edrio to return for him and destroys the hyperdrive, causing energy to be absorbed into the kyber crystal, which will continue building energy until it explodes. Ezra and Sabine, now freed, refuse to go with Saw, so he leaves with Edrio to fight another day. Ezra, Sabine, and Chopper get the prisoners all to the Imperial shuttle Saw was so worried about, and after a brief battle with more Imperials, they escape aboard the shuttle. Unable to escape into hyperspace before the kyber crystal causes the freighter to explode, they fly around the Star Destroyer so that it is between them and the freighter. It explodes, destroying the crystal, the freighter, and the Star Destroyer (along with Slavin, DT-F16, and plenty of Imperials). The blast disables the shuttle, leaving them adrift, but then the Ghost arrives, summoned by Chopper, and they are saved. When the prisoners are given the chance to return home, they instead decide to join the Rebellion. They will need all the help they can get if the Empire is weaponizing kyber crystals, which seems more and more to be the case, given that this is no the second time they've kept the Empire from acquiring a giant kyber crystal (the first being while Ezra was infiltrating the Imperial Academy on Lothal and meeting Zare Leonis for the first time). If they can create a weapon from kyber crystals, the Empire might already be in a position to win the war against the Rebel Alliance, which many in the galaxy (and even in the Alliance) don't even consider to have begun yet.

(In the Name of the Rebellion)

- Saw Gerrera begins making plans to move his Partisans to Jedha, the source of the giant kyber crystal he helped stop the Empire from acquiring in the Tonnis sector. (conjecture based on *Guardians of the Whills* and *In the Name of the Rebellion*)
- *In the Holy City on Jedha, Guardian of the Whills Chirrut Imwe (and by extension self-proclaimed former Guardian of the Whills Baze Malbus, who gave up being a Guardian to fight the Empire on Jedha) is approached by Silvanie Phest, who seeks his help in driving away a "Jedi" at the Temple of the Kyber that is riling up the locals. When they arrive, they find that the Trandoshan in question, Wernad, is not a Jedi, just a miner who lost his family because of the Imperial occupation of Jedha. He is trying to lash out at the Empire in his pain and grief. Chirrut talks him down and suggests that while Wernad believes he must do something, keeping faith is certainly not doing nothing. Of the Guardian duo, Baze is more of a mind to join in active violence against the Empire than the almost constantly pacifistic Chirrut. The two then set about capturing Imperial supplies, taking out Imperials driving a supply speeder with Baze's E-5 blaster. Unfortunately, the E-5's capacitor system melts down during the encounter, rendering it useless and Baze in need of a new weapon. They take the supplies to Denic's garage, who keeps all but the humanitarian supplies, which Chirrut and Baze take to the orphanage run by Killi Gimm (whose breathing suffers from Jedha's contaminated air) and her sister, Kaya Gimm. All of the adults present recognize that by striking the Imperials for resources, they invite reprisals that just create more suffering, which requires more supplies to alleviate the suffering. It is a terrible cycle that must somehow be broken. While leaving, they are followed by a Sabat and a Twi'lek and then encounter stormtroopers searching the streets. They split up, and Baze makes his way to lay low at Denic's, where he learns that the other supplies they stole included Imperial weapons, one of which is a powerful Morellian 35c Repeater Cannon with its own power supply that would be worn on the user's back. He takes it as his own, replacing the E-5. Both he and Denic recognize that this is not a weapon for single arrests or takedowns but for "crowd control" (i.e.*

killing large crowds all at once), suggesting that the Empire is intending to escalate its oppression. By the time Baze gets to the home he shares with Chirrut, Chirrut is meeting with the two aliens that had been following them, who are revealed to be Beezer Fortuna and Leevan Tenza. They have come with an offer to bring Chirrut and Baze into cooperation with a newly-arrived anti-Imperial (formerly Rebel) leader, Saw Gerrera. They are taken to the Three Faces (old monuments) to meet Saw in person. Saw is there to bring battle-hardened partisan fighters to Jedha in an effort to join with scattered local insurgents in ousting the Empire from the moon. He wants Chirrut and Baze to join him. Chirrut is initially unwilling due to the cycle of violence just escalating, though Baze is more willing to throw his support behind any effort to defeat the Empire. They soon discover that the orphanage has been raided due to the stolen Imperial rations and medical supplies. Fortunately, the orphans and Gimms has made their way to a second house that had been abandoned years ago, shortly after the Imperial occupation began. It is the need for more supplies for the orphans that finally pushes Chirrut to agree with Baze about Saw. They agree to fight alongside Saw and his partisans in return for food, water, and medicine for the orphans. For their first mission with the partisans, Chirrut and Baze join Fortuna in spearheading a strike against a speeder full of kyber crystals from the local mines. This proves the effectiveness of information and insights provided by Chirrut. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Guardians of the Whills)*

*NOTE: While we do not have a definite date for this story, we can narrow it down. It must be prior to *Rogue One*, and it must be after Saw breaks away from the main Rebel Alliance, which takes place sometime in the final season of *Rebels*. That would put this story likely this year, 1 BBY. (A reference is made to Ezra Bridger's transmission during the first season of *Rebels*, but that is simply a reference to a past event, not necessarily a recent event.)

- Saw Gerrera's partisans begin attacking the Empire on Jedha, aided by information about the Holy City provided by Chirrut Imwe and Baze Malbus. (For his part, Saw does not trust the duo with the location of his main base.) With this escalation in conflict, the Empire recalls its AT-DPs and replaces them with AT-STs. During the first two months of this campaign against the Empire, the associated violence leads to a doubling of the number of children in the care of Killi Gimm and Kaya Gimm's orphanage from about a dozen to twenty-four.
(conjecture based on *Guardians of the Whills*)
- On Lothal, Ryder Azadi transmits a message to the Rebel Massassi Cell on Yavin IV to let them know that the Empire is moving into testing their newest TIE Defender upgrade. Ryder's transmission is cut off. Imperials raid the Rebel hideout, but many are captured along with Old Jho, who tries to help them escape. Old Jho and other Rebel captives are executed. Ryder escapes and sends Jai Kell to Jho's old bar to keep an eye out for the Ghost crew.*
(conjecture based on *The Occupation*)*

*NOTE: This is two days before *The Occupation*. Presumably, Ezra was on a mission at the time and thus didn't learn of the transmission sooner.

- En route to Yavin IV from a mission aboard the Ghost, Ezra Bridger senses Old Jho and Ryder Azadi in trouble on Lothal. Upon arrival, he is called to meet with Mon Mothma. The other members of the crew (Hera Syndulla, Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios, Kanan Jarrus, and Chopper) go with him, and they learn that Ryder Azadi sent a transmission that arrived two days earlier, letting them know that the Empire's TIE Defender upgrades on Lothal are about to be tested. The transmission was cut off. Mon Mothma knows of Ezra's feelings about freeing his homeworld, and she has seen TIE Defenders up close and knows the danger they represent. Ezra, the Ghost crew, Rex, and Aleksandr Kallus volunteer to undertake a mission to investigate, even though they might not be able to be extracted from the planet. To get through the Imperial blockade, they provide puffer pigs to Cikatro Vizago, who will smuggle them through the blockade aboard the Broken Horn. (Rex and Kallus are left in command of the Ghost nearby.) When they emerge from hyperspace, they are shocked by the environmental toll that Imperial activities have taken on the planet. The Imperial blockade lets them through, but their extra lifeforms are detected, so an Imperial Security Bureau team is summoned. They are escorted to land by TIE fighters and then a gravity lock is placed on the ship. They release the valuable puffer pigs in hopes of using them to distract a boarding party, which sort of works. The Spectres get away, but Vizago's greed in trying to grab at least one puffer pig to take with them gets him captured. They split up to continue the mission, expecting Vizago to get out of trouble on his own as usual. Ezra, Sabine, and Chopper head for Old Jho's Pit Stop, while Kanan, Hera, and Zeb seek out transportation. Ezra, Sabine, and Chopper discover that the old cantina is now an Imperial establishment, playing propaganda broadcasts and catering to Imperial soldiers. They would simply turn

around, but stormtroopers hassling others out after curfew who are now questioning Chopper outside causes them to stay inside for a drink to avoid suspicions. Ezra speaks to the bartender, who turns out to be former Imperial pilot ace Baron Valen Rudor. He explains that he now runs the bar, and when he seems to recognize Ezra (but isn't sure from where), he further reveals that Jho was recently (presumably around the time of Ryder's interrupted transmission) caught while trying to help a group of Rebels escape during a raid. Jho and others were caught and executed. Unbeknownst to them, their conversation is overheard by another patron of the bar (and a fellow Rebel), Jai Kell, whom Ezra had met during his infiltration of the Imperial Academy on Lothal four years earlier. Meanwhile, as Kanan and Hera seek transportation, they have to duck into an alley to avoid being caught by stormtroopers, leading Kanan to remark about how little time they have together anymore and how he wishes he could see her. She tells him that he has always seen her. They nearly kiss but are interrupted when Zeb calls them with news: he has found the speeders used by the local Rebels, all confiscated by the Empire and in a guarded area. When Ezra and Sabine nearly get stopped by stormtroopers when exiting without paying (which was rather dumb), Jai steps in and pays for their drinks, getting them out safely, claiming Ezra is "Oleg" (another of the cadets Ezra met). Ryder has been sending Jai to the bar since the raid in hopes that the Ghost crew would arrive to help. Hera, Kanan, and Zeb steal a speeder and blow up others, but when they rendezvous with the others, they are stuck on foot when an Imperial tank destroys the speeder. They are forced to escape into the sewers, pursued by stormtroopers, probe droids, and Deathtrooper DT-L21. When one of the probe droids alerts the other Imperials to their position, they are forced to split up. Kanan, Hera, Chopper, and Jai go one way, while Sabine, Ezra, and Zeb take a different route. Lost in the sewer system, Ezra laments that Lothal is already lost, just like Saw Gerrera said, but Sabine talks him out of that mindset then recognizes one of her Starbird symbols painted on the sewer wall, presumably left by Ryder as a guide for the local Rebel cell or the Ghost crew themselves. The other group also spots them, but it just leads them together into a large area where they come under attack. Thankfully, it isn't a trap, just confusing. The symbol is above them, so they must escape up to street level. They are nearly caught while trying to escape (though the controls and ladder have been cut below them to keep the stormtroopers from reaching them). The hatch opens, suggesting another trap, but it is Ryder, who gets them to a waiting U-wing, flown by Marida Sumar (widow of Morad Sumar). Ryder is shocked that no one else will be coming to join the fight, but Ezra notes that rebellions always start small, with just a few people. Ryder wonders aloud whether Ezra will still feel that they have a chance once he sees the Empire's new model of TIE Defender . . .

(The Occupation)

- On Lothal, Ezra Bridger, Ryder Azadi, Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios, and Sabine Wren watch an Imperial airfield from cover nearby (with some Loth-cats) in hopes of spotting the test flight of the Empire's new, upgraded TIE Defender, the TIE Defender Elite. Meanwhile, Hera Syndulla, Kanan Jarrus, and Chopper are at the old communications tower where Ezra used to live, and let them know that fuel tanks and anti-air cannons suggest that the Empire is about to move into production. Finally, the prototype TIE Defender Elite arrives and lands. Sabine recognizes the pilot as Vult Skerris, whom she first encountered at Skystrike Academy. They get footage of the new starfighter, which has improved engines and supposedly an improved targeting computer, but Sabine is able to convince them that they need more information. If they could steal the flight recorder from the ship, then they'd have all the data they would need to help the Alliance fight this new ship. However, once they get the flight recorder, they would still need a way to get the information off of Lothal physically, since transmissions are easily blocked. In Sabine's mind, if they already have the recorder and then just need to figure out how to send the information, that's a "good problem." Ezra and Sabine sneak onto the airfield, and after some Loth-cats draw away stormtroopers guarding the prototype, Sabine is able to get aboard the Elite and start removing its flight recorder. However, as she is doing so, a new Imperial shuttle arrives, bearing Grand Admiral Thrawn and Governor Arihnda Pryce. As Ezra tries to come up with a distraction to give Sabine more time, he is distracted himself by the presence of a white Loth-wolf nearby. He is caught by a pilot, and in protecting himself from the Imperial, he reveals his presence and the fact that he is a Jedi. Thrawn easily recognizes him and orders his capture. Zeb and Ryder intend to rescue them from the far end of the airfield, but Ezra tells them to instead get their recordings back to base and that he and Sabine will find their own way out, even as Thrawn and Pryce's Deathtroopers move to secure the prototype. Inside it, Sabine has discovered

that it has a navicomputer (and thus a hyperdrive), which typical TIE models don't have. Sabine opens fire with the Elite's weapons on the Imperials and picks up Ezra. (Her intention is to simply fly to Yavin IV with the actual ship, rather than just stealing its flight recorder.) After blasting many of the TIE Interceptors and Fighters present, they leave in the prototype, but three of Skeriss' pilots pursue in TIE Interceptors. As Ezra flies, Sabine works on deactivating the prototype's homing beacon. Ezra takes out all three pursuing TIEs. Thrawn, knowing that the Elite was flown by one Rebel and picked up another knows that two of them are aboard. He knows the pilot isn't Hera because of how long it took for the TIEs to be destroyed. The homing beacon goes down so quickly that he deduces that Sabine is aboard, and the other was, of course, Ezra, whom Thrawn already recognized. Sabine realizes belatedly that the TIE has a kill switch, similar to TIEs from Skystrike Academy, so she urges Ezra to land. Thrawn has learned enough already, since if someone like Ezra could take out three Interceptors, then it is a formidable craft. Ezra and Sabine make it as far as they can, but then the kill switch (activated by Pryce only once Thrawn is satisfied with this demonstration of its abilities) causes two wings to come off before she can shut it down. They have made it to a wild area, where they crash. Sabine has the flight recorder, but she now insists that they need to also take its improved hyperdrive to replace the dead hyperdrive in Ryder's U-wing. As Hera, Kanan, and Ryder head to the crash site in the U-wing to find them, Ezra and Sabine remove the hyperdrive and need a place to hide it. Ezra is guided by a white Loth-cat that Sabine doesn't notice, and they hide it in a small opening in a hillside. They hide inside, putting a large stone in front of the opening, and await rescue. Thrawn's Imperials secure the crash site, making recovery much more difficult. That night, Ezra and Sabine leave the hyperdrive for now (to recover it later) and take just the flight recorder as they try to slip away. While doing so, they encounter the white Loth-wolf again, which only Ezra sees. He explains to Sabine how Loth-wolves were native to Lothal but haven't been seen for a century. The wolf then reappears behind Sabine and puts her to sleep as she turns to see it. Ezra thinks this is some kind of attack but the white Loth-cat that saved them earlier is atop the wolf, so he realizes that Loth-wolf is an ally. When Ezra explains their predicament, the Loth-wolf takes Ezra and Sabine (still asleep) on its back and races them out of the area where Imperial searchlights could have spotted them. The wolf drops them off around sunrise near where the U-wing has landed. When Ezra asks why the wolf helped them, it simply says, "Dume." (Of course, without knowing that "Dume" is Kanan's real surname, anyone hearing the name would assume that the creature said "doom" instead.) The others reunite with them, and when they ask how they arrived so quickly, Ezra tries to point to the wolf, but it has vanished. Only he has seen it. Kanan believes Ezra, though, stating, even though he doesn't quite know what it means, that "all paths are coming together now." They've not seen the last of the white Loth-wolf . . .

(Flight of the Defender)

- On Lothal, as other members of the Ghost crew head out to retrieve the TIE Defender Elite hyperdrive that Ezra Bridger and Sabine Wren hid, Hera Syndulla and Kanan Jarrus discuss how they keep coming back to Lothal, noting that they were drawn to the planet even before they met Ezra, so it isn't just that it is Ezra's planet, unless perhaps they were destined to meet Ezra. Meanwhile, the absence of the hyperdrive and flight recorder from the Elite crash site causes Grand Admiral Thrawn to determine that the Rebels will be trying to get the flight recorder to the broader Rebel Alliance (i.e. off Lothal) but must have stashed the hyperdrive nearby, given its size. Against the objects of Governor Arihnda Pryce, Thrawn sends in his own agent to deal with the issue, the Noghri known as Rukh. Ezra and Jai Kell (disguised as stormtroopers) go with Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios to retrieve the hyperdrive, but they have trouble finding it until the white Loth-cat reappears and points them in the right direction. They reach the hyperdrive, but that is when Rukh arrives on the scene, immediately catching Zeb's Lasat scent and recognizing that he is not alone. He immediately goes on the hunt. When Ezra and Jai try to bluff their way out of the situation as stormtroopers, Rukh doesn't fall for it. The team splits up. Jai and Ezra lead Rukh, Pryce, and other troopers on a high-speed chase, while Zeb manages to steal an Imperial troop transport and escapes with the hyperdrive. Meanwhile, Ezra and Jai think they manage to lose their pursuers, but Rukh managed to put a tracker on them without being noticed. Back at the Rebel camp, Kanan and Hera discuss when Hera will believe she has given enough to the Rebellion and what she will do after the conflict is over. She claims not to have thought about it, suggesting that she might never have thought about a future for Hera and Kanan together. She says they've talked about this before and he knows how she feels, and as they are about to kiss, they are

interrupted (again) when Zeb arrives in the transport (startling everyone with his choice of vehicle). Ezra and Jai rejoin them, and Sabine is able to get to work on the hyperdrive, which might work with Ryder Azadi's U-wing (but might not, given its age). Rukh reports back to Pryce that he has tracked the Rebels to their camp. Rukh and Imperial reinforcements head for the camp. Once they are noticed, our heroes must scatter. Aboard the U-wing (with the hyperdrive installed and maybe working), Kanan tells Hera he worries about her (since she seems to be throwing herself so much into the Rebellion and into some dark places after the destruction of Phoenix Squadron), and they finally kiss (in full view of the other members of the Ghost crew, who certainly approve of "mom" and "dad" finally being truly together). The Rebels attempt to evacuate the camp. Hera and Chopper take the U-wing, Jai takes supplies and leaves on a landspeeder, and Ryder and Zeb intend to use the stolen transport to get themselves and the others out, but it is destroyed, leaving them with only one speederbike. Ezra notices several Loth-wolves, and the rest of the Rebels follow the wolves, hoping they will lead them to safety as with Ezra and the white Loth-wolf. (They have little choice due to the Imperials now bombing the area.) That very wolf is waiting inside a rocky tunnel with others and seems to have a possible connection in the Force to Kanan (whose real surname is "Dume"). They follow the wolves through tunnels, which bear cave paintings of humans interacting with the wolves. They seem to enter an area that looks like hyperspace or a starfield (the "World Between Worlds," we will later understand). In space above Lothal, Hera and Chopper escape the Chimaera and the Imperial blockade by jumping to hyperspace (using the Elite's hyperdrive now in the U-wing) through a construction module's hangar, causing a large explosion inside. Soon, the other Rebels awaken where the wolves led them and seem to have left them unconscious. They realize that they started in the northern hemisphere of Lothal and have somehow arrived in the southern hemisphere, traveling a massive distance through some secret means known to the Force-connected Loth-wolves. Ezra and Kanan look for answers in the cave, which feels in the Force much like the Lothal Jedi Temple and has paintings that look like Jedi coming from space to be guided by the wolves. When Kanan asks the white Loth-wolf why it helped them, it answers "Dume." It said this to Ezra also, but it only now that Kanan reveals that his birth name was Caleb Dume. He senses that the wolves are deeply connected to the Force and Lothal, but what that means and how it will affect their paths is still unknown. Kanan believes that the Empire is doing something worse on Lothal than just the TIE Defender factory to draw the wolves into the situation. Kanan, though, is at least sure that Hera made it to safety. Indeed she did, as she arrives at Yavin IV (where the Ghost is currently on the landing pad) to deliver the flight recorder to Mon Mothma.

(Kindred)

- On Lothal, Ezra Bridger, Kanan Jarrus, Sabine Wren, Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios, Jai Kell, and Ryder Azadi have been taken halfway across the planet from where they clashed with Rukh, thanks to the intervention of the Loth-wolves. With their transmitter limited to short-range and all non-Imperial communications being jammed, they need to find a way to contact Hera Syndulla, who, along with Chopper, is back at Yavin IV, having brought the TIE Defender Elite's flight recorder to Mon Mothma. When Sabine picks up a transmission nearby, they decide to check it out. On Yavin IV, the flight recorder from the Elite has been analyzed, and no weakness has been found yet. Thus, Hera insists that they need to take out the factory on Lothal to stop it from entering full-scale production. The Alliance leadership present (Mothma, Bail Organa via hologram, General Jan Dodonna, and Mothma's aide, Erskin Semaj) discuss their options. On Lothal, the team discovers a Mining Guild ore crawler that is stripping the planet for resources for the Empire, which seems to have devastated huge swaths of the planet. They can use this, though, since the ore hauler has a long-range transmitter. Ezra, Zeb, Kanan, and Sabine board the ore crawler and capture its captain, Seevor, but the Trandoshan is still able to signal an alert and stop the crawler. When the Mining Guild calls to check in on the alert, Ezra tries to bluff. While Ezra and Sabine are left to watch Seevor (and Sabine must find a way to get more power to the transmitter), Kanan and Zeb follow a signal into the bowels of the crawler, where they discover natives enslaved by the Empire, including Cikatro Vizago, who was imprisoned after smuggling the team back onto Lothal recently. They are confronted by the foreman of the mining crew, Proach, whom both Kanan and Zeb fight until he falls to his death from a catwalk on the outside of the crawler. Meanwhile, Seevor comes to and is quickly stuffed into a closet by Ezra. Back on Yavin IV, Mon Mothma slips out of the debate over a new Lothal mission and informs Hera that the Empire has activated Protocol 13 on Lothal, which would mean a full Imperial evacuation. Lothal

seemingly has very little time left, so Hera barges back into the briefing room and gives a stirring reminder of how they need to show the Empire that they will not give up the fight. Mothma agrees, and the mission is approved. Back on Lothal, two Imperial gunships arrive to inspect the stopped crawler, tipped off by the Mining Guild. Vizago acts like the captain, while Zeb pretends to be the foreman, so that they can bluff their way through the encounter, while Kanan, Ezra, and Sabine hide in a closet (different than the one Seevor is in). When Vizago accidentally draws attention to Seevor's closet, stormtroopers find it empty, as Seevor has escaped into the ventilation system. The Imperials leave, but now they have the problem of Seevor on the loose. He deactivates the reactor just in time to cut off power to the transmitter as Sabine is able to get it working. Ezra must go through vents to reach the reactor room, which has been sealed by Seevor. He reactivates the reactor while dodging and fighting with Seevor, until Ezra's lightsaber is knocked away. Before he can retrieve it, Seevor steps on it, loses his footing, and falls into the smelter. Ezra seems to find this fitting. The Rebels send a transmission to Hera. While waiting to hear back, plans are made for Vizago to be captain of the ore crawler with the now-freed slaves as his crew, all part of the Lothal resistance. They then finally hear back from Hera, who confirms that ships are being prepared for a strike at the Imperial factory on Lothal . . .

(Crawler Commanders)

- As Hera Syndulla prepares to lead the strike against the Imperial forces on Lothal, she is promoted to the rank of general in the Rebel Alliance.
(conjecture based on Rebel Assault)
- Above Lothal, newly-promoted General Hera Syndulla leads a large squadron of 24 X-wings (a new Phoenix Squadron) and Y-wings from the Rebel Alliance's Massassi Group in the beginning of a new assault on the Imperial forces there (specifically the TIE Defender factory and its fuel depot). The squadron includes, among others, Mart Mattin, Cleat, Duke, and Secon Daree. Aboard the Chimaera, Grand Admiral Thrawn orders Imperial starfighters into battle, informing Commander Vult Skerris that the Rebels are not to reach the surface to link up with Rebels on the ground for any reason. Meanwhile, the Rebels on the ground (Kanan Jarrus, Ezra Bridger, Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios, Sabine Wren, Ryder Azadi, etc.) set explosives at the Imperial Armory Complex to take down its anti-air cannons. It works, and the cannons are destroyed, leading a worried Governor Arihnda Pryce to tell Thrawn that their TIE Defender factory is vulnerable, but Thrawn doesn't believe any of the Rebel starfighters will breach his blockade. Things are indeed pretty tough for the Rebels in space, as both Cleat and Duke are killed by Skerris in a TIE Defender Elite before engaging Hera. Skerris' desire to prove himself in killing Hera is his undoing, however. When Hera flies straight at the Chimaera, Skerris refuses Thrawn's orders to break off, so the Chimaera fires on both ships, taking out their shields. Hera manages to zip past the bridge, then fire on its sensor array, creating debris and gasses that briefly obscure Skerris' vision so that she can turn the tables on him. She takes out his wings, and he crashes into a light cruiser, which then begins to explode from damage to its magazine. It crashes into a Star Destroyer, causing heavy damage and creating an opening for the Rebel X-wings to slip through. They are intercepted by another group of TIES, and the ground-based Rebels can see X-wings being shot out of the sky from their vantage point. A few get through, though, to crash land, including Hera (with Chopper in the astromech slot) and Mart. Unable to rescue Hera without being caught themselves, the ground-based team must retreat. Thrawn sends Rukh out to capture Rebel pilots but specifically wants Hera in custody (again). Hera and Chopper emerge from their crashed X-wing to find supportive citizens pointing them to safe paths from Imperial patrols. Unfortunately, they cannot contact the others because Chopper's transmitter was damaged in the crash. En route back to the Rebel hideout, Kanan turns around and returns for Hera. Ezra fully understands and makes sure the others know that Kanan will find her (so that they don't insist on going back too). Elsewhere, Rukh has captured Rebel pilot Secon Daree, who is taken for interrogation. Hera and Chopper think they can get past Imperial reinforcements but receive a distress call from R3-A3, Mart's astromech. Mart is injured, so the droid is protecting him from stormtroopers. Hera and Chopper rescue Mart, but not before R3-A3 is blasted. Mart allows Hera to take R3's transmitter to install on Chopper so that they can try to contact the others. Unfortunately, the Imperials are jamming transmissions, and Rukh has arrived, having caught Hera's scent. They engage in a running battle as the Rebel trio tries to reach a sewer grate. Hera fights Rukh hand to hand until he is forced to retreat by Mart's blasterfire. En route back into the city, Kanan is thrown from his speederbike when he tries to avoid the white Loth-wolf that appears in his path. Others appear, but he tells them to help or

get out of his way. The white Loth-wolf growls at him, and when Kanan asks what it wants, it again says, "Dume." Kanan says he understands and asks what to do, believing the Force is guiding the wolves (or at least bringing them together again). Mart, Hera, and Chopper find a sewer entrance, but it has stormtroopers and an AT-DP guarding it. Mart acts as a distraction, then Hera uses a landspeeder to knock down the AT-DP. As Mart and Chopper are heading for the grate, Rukh attacks again, and when more Imperials begin to arrive, Hera orders Mart and Chopper to leave without her. She is captured and has her first in-person encounter with Pryce, who arrives to take her into custody. Meanwhile, Mart and Chopper follow the Starbird markings in the sewers to reach a grate where they find Kanan waiting. There was nothing Mart or Chopper could have done to help Hera, but there is something Kanan can do. They all escape the area on Kanan's speederbike, as the white Loth-wolf watches from nearby.

(Rebel Assault)

- On Lothal, Kanan Jarrus meditates, watched by the white Loth-wolf. He tells Ezra Bridger that Ezra will need to lead and plan the mission to rescue Hera Syndulla because Kanan's feelings for her might complicate the situation. At the Imperial governmental complex, Hera is tortured by Governor Arihnda Pryce, who hasn't even asked any questions yet. Grand Admiral Thrawn arrives and questions Hera, using her family's Kalikori to describe her family connections and get under her skin, including mention of her brother, who died when very young. At the communications tower where Ezra used to live, Ezra can sense that Hera is in the governmental building (the "Dome"), and Sabine knows where administrative offices would be located within the Dome. To get past the various patrols, turrets, etc. and reach the Dome, they decide to use a low-tech solution to come in from above: gliders that would look like large Loth-bats to anyone not paying close attention. As Ezra, Sabine Wren, Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios, Jai Kell, and Ryder Azadi build the gliders, Kanan shaves off his beard, cuts his hair close, and discards the mask that he has worn over his injured eyes since Malachor. Ezra and Sabine put on TIE pilot gear, then Chopper and Zeb pull three gliders (for Sabine, Ezra, and Kanan) to flying speed with a speeder. The trio flies off to the Dome. Meanwhile, Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin contacts Thrawn to let him know that he believes that funding and support for Thrawn's ongoing TIE Defender (and TIE Defender Elite) project is in danger due to Orson Krennic's "Stardust" project (i.e. the Death Star), which Tarkin doesn't believe will succeed. He has arranged for Thrawn to have a personal meeting with Emperor Sheev Palpatine to argue for continuing the TIE Defender project. Thrawn leaves Lothal to do so, leaving Lothal operations in Pryce's hands. As night falls, the gliders (thanks to their starting boost and likely the Force) arrive at the garbage chute entrance to the Dome. After a few words of encouragement and a final wish of "May the Force be with you," Kanan uses his gear to clime down the outside of the Dome toward where Hera is being held, while Ezra and Sabine head off to find a transport to use for their escape once Hera is rescued. Pryce subjects Hera to a mind probe via an Interrogator Droid and truth serum but still gets nothing, so she leaves, just as Kanan cuts his way into the room from below (leaving a gaping hole that points straight down at street level far below), takes out the two troopers left guarding Hera, and finally frees her. He even retrieves her Kalikori. (She hates his hair, by the way, though it's about as short as when they first met.) Pryce is alerted and orders efforts to recapture Hera. Her team includes Deathtroopers, stormtroopers, gunships (carrying stormtroopers), and Rukh. Ezra and Sabine get aboard a gunship full of troopers with Sabine as the supposed Imperial pilot and Ezra as her backup. Full of stormtroopers, the gunship heads for the breach point. Kanan and Hera make their way back along the side of the building through the garbage chute. They reach the top again (with Hera still a bit loopy from the injections). She nearly expresses her love for Kanan but is distracted by the gliders, which impress her. Kanan says there is something he needs to tell her, but he is interrupted as Rukh (carrying a MagnaGuard style electrostaff) emerges from the edge of the building, having followed them up. Kanan briefly battles Rukh, throwing the Noghri off the building (to cling to it, not to his death) but not before his own lightsaber is knocked away to fall to the ground far below. Stormtroopers open fire, and they return fire, then leap away on Kanan's glider. Hera acts as pilot, but the wings are shot and begin to burn. They must try to make it to the fuel depot, one of the two most important targets for the Rebels (alongside the TIE Defender factory). They land at the depot and await extraction atop the main fuel pod. Ezra and Sabine dump their stormtrooper passengers out of the gunship and head for the fuel pod. Atop the pod, Hera finally tells Kanan that she loves him, and the two embrace and kiss, a scene witnessed by the arriving "kids" (Sabine and Ezra). However, Pryce has also arrived

with an AT-AT and orders it to open fire on the fuel pod, despite the danger that presents to the entire fuel depot. (She is blinded by needing to destroy the Rebels.) The AT-AT's blast ignites the fuel pod, resulting in a huge explosion, which Kanan uses the Force to hold back, protecting Hera and the gunship. Hera doesn't want to leave, but Kanan Force pushes her into the gunship to safety. In his last moments, Kanan looks at Hera, and his eyes, which have appeared fogged over since being blinded on Malachor, suddenly appear as they used to be, as if he can finally see her for real one last time. Then he ceases blocking the explosion with the Force and instead uses all of his might to Force push the gunship out of the blast zone to safety. The explosion consumes the fuel pod and Kanan, setting off a chain reaction that destroys the entire fuel depot as the others escape. Kanan Jarrus, survivor of Order 66, which killed his Jedi "family," has now sacrificed himself as a Jedi to save his new "family" and the woman he loves.

(Jedi Night)

- As the Imperial fuel depot in Capital City on Lothal burns, Governor Arihnda Pryce is informed that while a gunship of Rebels escaped, Jedi Knight Kanan Jarrus is confirmed dead. Even though the fuel depot's destruction will set back the TIE Defender project, Pryce orders that a parade be thrown to celebrate their victory in killing Kanan. The gunship arrives at the Rebel hideout, carrying Ezra Bridger, Sabine Wren, and Hera Syndulla, who must inform the others (particularly fellow Ghost crew members Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios and Chopper) that Kanan is gone. As they mourn, they hear Alton Kastle's newest propaganda broadcast, telling them that all citizens are required to attend the celebration. When Ryder Azadi asserts that they need to contact Yavin IV for reinforcements, Ezra tells him that as far as the Rebel Alliance is concerned, the battle for Lothal is over, since Mon Mothma and the other Rebel leaders won't be willing to provide more ships to the Lothal mission (especially after what happened during the initial attack that led to Hera's capture in the first place). Sabine and Zeb head out, intending to sabotage the parade somehow. Hera goes off to grieve alone. Ezra sits alone, wondering what to do now, and he is approached by the white Loth-wolf and two smaller, black ones. They growl at him and chase him into tall grass, then knock him out. Back at the Imperial governmental Dome, Pryce must justify the parade to Grand Admiral Thrawn (calling during his trip to Coruscant to meet with Emperor Sheev Palpatine). Pryce has Kanan's lightsaber, and his death is a major blow to the local Rebels, but Thrawn berates her for compromising the TIE Defender project as the price she was willing to pay to kill Kanan. (This was the very project he was to convince Palpatine to keep going instead of Orson Krennic's "Stardust.") He will deal with her when he returns. Knowing that the Rebels will likely strike out recklessly in their grief, Thrawn orders Rukh to eliminate them when such a mistake is made. Elsewhere, Hera grieves the loss of Kanan and how long it took her to finally tell him she loved him. She believes that she is responsible for his death because it was her decision to get them into a war against the Empire, something Kanan warned against years earlier. Chopper points out the Kalikori that she still carries, and she becomes convinced that Kanan, more than anyone else, deserves the honor of becoming part of her Kalikori, part of her official family. That evening, as the parade begins, Zeb and Sabine are worried about how the Empire seems to have grown on Lothal, but they also realize that the destruction of the fuel depot has halted factory production (based on no smoke being emitted). The parade makes an excuse for them to not produce anything, but the Rebels know the true reason why production is shut down. Once night has fully fallen, Ezra awakens in the grassland and calls for the Loth-wolves to show themselves. When they don't, he begins walking back to the Rebel hideout. Elsewhere, Zeb and Sabine take out a trooper on a speederbike, then link into the bike's transmitter, learning that the TIE Defender factory is indeed shut down because the explosion at the fuel depot didn't just destroy the depot. It also heavily damaged the factory itself. Kanan's sacrifice actually completed the Rebels' original mission by striking both of their targets. Now, Pryce's parade is more to cover that up than any kind of real Imperial celebration. Elsewhere, Ezra remains lost, resorting to an old rhyme to randomly pick a path to take. In the city, Rukh and some troopers discover the downed trooper and realize that the Rebels got into their communications, but Sabine has rigged the speederbike to explode. It does, taking out the troopers, but Rukh survives. Rukh manages to spot Zeb and Sabine, who are watching from nearby. Since they can't let it track them back to the hideout, they approach Rukh to get some payback. In the wilderness, Ezra is awakened by a new, giant Loth-wolf that bears the same symbol on its head as Kanan did on his pauldron. When Ezra asks who the wolf is, it tells him, "I am Dume," using the original surname of Kanan Jarrus that the white Loth-wolf has also said aloud in the past. (Is the wolf

inhabited by Kanan's spirit? Guided by it? Somehow, it is certainly connected to Ezra's recently-deceased Jedi teacher.) Closer to the city, Zeb and Sabine engage Rukh (who has a personal cloaking device, a Chiss variant on a Sinrich optical dephaser). Thankfully, Sabine's rangefinder on her helmet lets her track him and detonate a paint bomb on him, making him visible to Zeb too. They turn the tables on him, but instead of letting Zeb kill Rukh, Sabine merely paints him, knocks him out, and send him back to the Empire on a speederbike (but not before attaching a homing beacon to him). Back with the wolves, the Dume wolf asks Ezra why he ran from the wolves, and Ezra admits to being afraid and feeling lost without Kanan. Dume tells Ezra to "fight together," and the white Loth-wolf gives Ezra a piece of stone from the old Jedi Temple on Lothal that is covered with ancient markings. Ezra tells the wolves that he, Kanan, and Ahsoka Tano accidentally led the Empire to the Jedi Temple previously, and Dume tells him that the Temple's secrets are in danger, secrets that include knowledge and destruction. Ezra is wary of following this guidance because they had also believed that the secrets to destroying the Sith would be found on Malachor, but they were wrong. Dume tells Ezra to restore the past to redeem the future. Dume bends down as if to eat Ezra, but then he awakens. It may have just been a dream, but the Temple stone is right there beside him. Back at the hideout, Hera uses a piece of Kanan's Jedi Holocron (which was blasted apart when merged with the Sith Holocron by Ezra and Maul) to represent Kanan on her Kalikori. Sabine and Zeb then arrive, telling Hera of how Kanan succeeded in their mission and how the Imperial production line has stopped due to lack of fuel. There is still a chance to beat them, and Ezra (now returning) knows how. The Jedi Temple is a danger that only they can deal with.

(DUME)

- On Lothal, Ezra Bridger explains to Hera Syndulla, Sabine Wren, Chopper, and Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios that the Loth-wolves, led by the new Loth-wolf known as "Dume," gave him the stone from the Lothal Jedi Temple far to the north, where the Empire is doing something terrible now that they know its location (thanks to Kanan Jarrus, Ezra, and Ahsoka Tano's visit there). Zeb is skeptical in believing the wolves, but Sabine believes that if she were to see the Temple up close, she might be able to make sense of the symbols on the stone if she could see the full Temple. The Jedi Temple is far away, and they lack a ship, but Ezra uses the Force to draw the Loth-wolves (including the white Loth-wolf but not Dume) out of the wilderness to carry them to there. They race off toward the Temple, eventually passing through a "hyper tunnel," a sort of location displacement phenomenon, similar to (or perhaps the same as) the passage used by the Loth-wolves to lead the Rebels through part of the "World Between Worlds" to safety after the Empire tracked their location shortly after Hera's capture. Within the hyper tunnel, they hear voices and seem to have visions. Rather than witnessing their own emergence from the phenomenon, they (or perhaps all but Ezra) emerge unconscious and awaken much closer to the Jedi Temple. Ezra can't explain how the wolves travel that way, but Kanan said they were deeply connected to the Force and Lothal. They head the rest of the way to the Temple on foot and discover that the Empire has set up a large operation there, excavating the Jedi Temple, seemingly searching for something. The main doors have been cut away, but all they can see is rock with artwork on the walls. (The Temple's interior has seemingly been shut off from outsiders like the Empire.) Using a hologram of Grand Admiral Thrawn from the attack on Atollon to distract a pair of scout troopers, Ezra and Sabine knock them out and take their armor and speederbikes, using them to infiltrate the Imperial operation. Sabine recognizes that the art is a kind of pictographic language, but they are interrupted in their observations by Imperial Minister Veris Hydan, who explains that the troopers should leave the artifacts alone, as they might be crucial to understanding something Hydan called "the Gateway." Hydan is called away by an incoming communication from Coruscant, and Sabine and Ezra are left to supposedly give their numbers and clearance codes to a Deathtrooper that Ezra then mind tricks into forgetting they were ever there. With the help of Chopper (observing from nearby with Zeb and Hera), they are able to listen in on Hydan's call, which turns out to be Emperor Sheev Palpatine himself. Hydan explains that they have made some discoveries now that they have reached the roots of the Jedi Temple, including artwork that resembles some found in the old Coruscant Jedi Temple that Palpatine knows depicts the three gods (the "Ones") of Mortis: the Son, the Daughter, and the Father. He believes they are somehow the key to unlocking the secrets of the Temple. Palpatine notes that their enemies are moving against them and that Kanan's death has changed the fate of Lothal in a way unknown to Palpatine. This has been a great disturbance in the Force. Palpatine says that they must take the power within

the Temple, a “conduit between the living and the dead.” Hydan is ordered to proceed with his work. Hera believes they should leave, now that they know the Emperor himself is involved, but Ezra argues that his involvement only makes the situation more important. Zeb reminds her to remember why they came. With support from the spirit of Kanan beside her (that no one else can sense), Hera agrees to let them continue the mission. She used to believe they would all be find on missions like this, but now, she’s no longer sure. Hydan and his Mining Guild lackeys dive into his work even more, shining spotlights on the Mortis artwork and finding even more. With Hydan distracted by the new artwork, Ezra and Sabine are able to examine the Mortis image. It depicts the Daughter, Father, and Son, and the Daughter has a convor on her shoulder. Loth-wolves are depicted beneath them. They remember that such a convor seemed to always be around when Ahsoka visited them on Atollon. (There was also one on Malachor when Ahsoka was left behind and presumed dead fighting Darth Vader.) Ezra examines a holographic representation of the stone the wolves gave to Ezra, and she recognizes that the hands depicted on the stone are in the same shapes as those in the painting for each of the Ones. There are rays of light that are actually doorways or paths, like a strange star map. Sabine thinks that changing the configuration of the hands somehow might be the key to entering the sealed Temple. Ezra checks it out, while Ezra bluffs some troopers away, learning that the operation is classified under Directive 8014. Ezra uses the Force to “listen to the stone” (based on Kanan having recently told him that listening would serve him well soon, shortly before his death). As he does so, golden parts of the artwork begin to glow, and portions of the artwork become animated. The Daughter turns to face right instead of straight ahead. The Father’s left opens and changes to point to the right. The Loth-wolves that were depicted seem to come to life, howling and then walking off along the face of the rocks, also toward the right. Ezra follows. (Nearby, Hera thinks she saw the painting move, but Zeb is skeptical. Sabine, meanwhile, has been led off by the troopers she was bluffing.) The artwork wolves reach a point where they start running in a circular pattern on the wall. Ezra realizes that this must be the “Gateway” Hydan mentioned. Sabine is brought to Hydan, who then orders a lockdown. At the rock wall, Ezra’s hand seems to slip through the rock when he tries to touch it, showing that he can actually pass through the rock within the circle of wolves like a portal. When Hydan brings Sabine, Deathtroopers, and stormtroopers to capture Ezra, Sabine urges him to “go,” and Ezra turns back to the wall. He leaps through the portal into the unknown. Stormtroopers are unable to follow, simply slamming into the wall. Wherever Ezra has gone, he has done so alone . . .

(Wolves and a Door)

- Ezra Bridger has entered a strange portal within the Jedi Temple on Lothal. He hears the voices of Jedi like Yoda, Obi-Wan Kenobi, Qui-Gon Jinn, Ahsoka Tano, and Kanan Jarrus. When he finally emerges from the portal, he finds himself in a strange place that seems to be like a transparent, white-lined pathway in open space, where he continues to hear the voices. This is the World Between Worlds, a dimension that exists outside of regular space and time and links different points in space and time for the “real world.” Back at the Jedi Temple dig site on Lothal, Imperial Minister Veris Hydan questions his captive, Sabine Wren. He knows of her artwork, as does Grand Admiral Thrawn. He wants Sabine to help him open the portal the way Ezra did. His efforts to convince her include telling her that the Emperor now knows that Ezra entered the portal (based on his own report), so he will be found soon, and he explains that the portal isn’t an entrance to the Jedi Temple but to a pathway into all time that will allow whomever controls the pathway to control the universe (a form of ultimate power that Emperor Palpatine seeks to acquire). Within the World Between Worlds, Ezra hears more voices from various times, now even including non-Jedi like Jyn Erso, Poe Dameron, and others). He calls out to the voices to no avail, but he spots a convor perched above one of the various gateways (large rings) that the various paths lead to. It is the convor that was always around when Ahsoka was around. The portal begins to show a destination in the past, when Darth Vader and Ahsoka were dueling on Malachor, just after Ahsoka Force pushed Ezra to safety so that he and Kanan could escape the destruction of the temple and its Sith weapon. As they duel, Ahsoka pushes her former master back and stabs her lightsabers into the floor, causing it to start shattering. As the cracks reach him, Vader slashes toward Ahsoka for a killing blow, but Ezra reaches through the portal and pulls Ahsoka from her time to the safety of the World Between Worlds, as Vader falls through the shattering floor in the past. Back on Lothal, Hydan shows artwork from the Jedi Temple on Coruscant to Sabine, then asks her about the one on the Lothal Temple, which has changed due to Ezra’s interactions with it. When Sabine still won’t help Hydan (other than saying that the hands of

the Ones in the painting are a form of language), he has his Deathtroopers use force to threaten her into helping. In the *World Between Worlds*, Ezra explains to Ahsoka how she got there. She speaks to the convor by name (which she reveals to be Morai). Ahsoka says that Morai is an old friend to whom she owes her life (suggesting that Morai the convor is perhaps actually the Daughter). She asks how Ezra got there and what happened to Kanan. She has missed a lot in the two years (or so) between her time and Ezra's. He fills her in. Ahsoka describes the place as a "World Between Worlds," giving it a name, and she also finds that it cannot be a coincidence that the large "Dume" Loth-wolf appeared only after Kanan ("Caleb Dume") died. She suggests that now that he has died, Kanan is part of the Cosmic Force and can still guide or influence the living, so his will might still be being enacted through Dume. Ezra thinks this, and the fact that he saved Ahsoka, means that he was not meant to be there to stop the Empire (at least not just that) but to save Kanan the way he saved Ahsoka. He thinks Kanan (through Dume) sent him to save them both, so he runs off to find a portal to the moment of Kanan's death, following echoes of his voice farther down the timeline of his life. Ahsoka warns him of messing with time, just as they find the correct portal. She warns that Kanan died so that Ezra, Sabine Wren, and Hera Syndulla could live. If he is rescued from that moment, they will be killed by the fuel depot explosion. Ezra can't save his master, nor can Ahsoka save hers. They must both choose to let go. As much as it pains him, Ezra turns away from the portal. Ahsoka tells him that Kanan found the moment when he was needed most and did what he needed to do for everyone. That is the lesson that Ezra must take from this. He tells her that somehow he wishes things were different, such as being able to see his parents. As they prepare to find a portal to leave, one of the portals resolves to show something on the other side. It is Darth Sidious (Emperor Sheev Palpatine) using the Dark Side on Coruscant to look through the portal and see them in this *World Between Worlds* that he covets. Back on Lothal, Hera and Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios leave Chopper to keep watch and make their way into the Imperial camp to save Sabine. They intend to use Hydan's mobile command center against him. Inside, Sabine and Hydan realize that if the Daughter in the artwork was the key to opening the portal, perhaps the Son in the artwork is the key to closing it. Just then, her allies knock in code on the walls, signaling Sabine that she is about to be rescued. The mobile command center's thrusters fire, but only on one side, tipping it vertically and allowing Sabine to escape. Back in the *World Between Worlds*, Ezra and Ahsoka are attacked, as Sidious uses Sith alchemy to send blue flames through the present day portal toward them. They block the flames with the Force, and the Sith Lord briefly relents. They then run for it, chased by more flames, until a tendril of flame that acts more like a whip is able to catch one of Ezra's ankles and begins pulling. This serves the purpose of drawing Ezra toward him but also providing an anchor for the Emperor to try to pull his way into the *World Between Worlds*. Thankfully, Ahsoka still has her lightsabers and cuts the tendril, and Palpatine's hand, which has begun to enter the *World Between Worlds*, is forced back out. As they run toward portals to exit, each to their own present, Ezra tells Ahsoka to find him when she gets back, and she promises to do so. Ahsoka makes it back through her portal with Morai, returning to the ruined Sith Temple but now having survived its collapse. Now she must find a way off of Malachor. Meanwhile, Ezra manages to get back to the present through another portal, just as the others reach the portal on the Lothal side. Before they can escape, they must seal the portal so that Palpatine cannot use it. With Chopper attacking stormtroopers on a big excavation vehicle as a distraction, Sabine directs Ezra to activate the Son's hand in the *Mortis* painting with the Force, which seals the portal to the *World Between Worlds*. They then escape aboard the excavation vehicle as the picture changes one last time, spreading the Father's hands, and the entire Lothal Jedi Temple collapses. Ezra passes out, hearing Kanan's voice, telling him, "The Force will be with you . . . always." He awakens and joins Hera outside. They are at the site of the Jedi Temple, but it is completely gone, except for a symbol on the ground. All of the Imperials, the portal, and everything else are utterly gone. Ezra confirms that Kanan is now really gone, but Ezra now knows what to do, thanks to Kanan's final lesson. He sees the white Loth-wolf in the distance as it turns and walks away. Ezra finally says goodbye to Kanan.

(A World Between Worlds)

- General Hera Syndulla sends Ketsu Onyo to find Hondo Ohnaka for a mission. (conjecture based on *A Fool's Hope*)
- The Ghost heads for Seelos to reunite with Gregor and Wolffe on the captured Imperial AT-AT that now serves as "Joopa Base" for the duo. Hera Syndulla, Rex, and Alexandr Kallus have gotten through the blockade over Lothal and arrived to enlist the aid of not just Wolffe

and Gregor but Hondo Ohnaka and Melch, who have been found by Ketsu Onyo and brought to Joopa Base. This is not a mission for the Rebel Alliance that they are to undertake. This is a mission for Ezra Bridger. They are going to liberate Ezra's homeworld of Lothal from Imperial control, even without further help from the Alliance. Wolffe is skeptical, but Hondo says that Ezra reminds him of a time when there was something to believe in, which Ketsu says was the Jedi, whom the clonetroopers fought alongside. Now, they will do so once more, and for Ezra, there is nothing Hondo would not do, he says. On Lothal, Ezra senses that something has changed. Ezra, Sabine Wren, Cikatro Vizago, Ryder Azadi, Mart Mattin, Jai Kell, and Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios gather around Chopper, who gets them into contact with Hera at Ezra's urging. They must act immediately to retake Capital City. Ezra has had a vision that shows that Emperor Sheev Palpatine (whom they just recently stopped from gaining control of the World Between Worlds via the Lothal Jedi Temple) is sending Grand Admiral Thrawn back to Lothal. Ryder believes there is no chance of success, so they should lay low and rebuild the local resistance, since they would need an army to take the city. Ezra tells him that they don't need an army, just one person. At the Imperial governmental Dome, Governor Arihnda orders increased searches for the Rebels when current searches prove fruitless. She knows that if she hasn't found them by the time Thrawn arrives, she will likely be executed for her failure (and for having destroyed the fuel depot to kill Kanan Jarrus, which resulted in halted production of Thrawn's TIE Defender project). She receives a transmission on an old Republic era frequency. It is Ryder, offering to hand over the Rebels in return for amnesty, since they can't win, and he doesn't want to end up back in an Imperial prison. She seems to accept the deal, and Ryder sends her coordinates. At the Lothal Rebel hideout in the hills, Sabine asks Ezra about the connection he has with the Loth-wolves, three of which is nearby. He's not quite sure, though the connections are there when he needs it. They see the wolves leave, which draws their attention to the sound of incoming Imperial patrol gunships. The base comes under attack by the gunships and jump troopers. As the battle rages, Ezra has Chopper inform Hera that they are under attack, then must battle Rukh, lightsaber to electrostaff. Meanwhile, the Ghost is hurrying back through hyperspace to Lothal. They emerge near the planet on the far side of the Imperial blockade and immediately shut down most power. Hondo has them take up station near a hyperspace lane that they can use to hitch a ride on an incoming freighter past the blockade. Back at the base, Ezra sends Rukh falling off the cliff, but he manages to save himself. The Rebels (including the crew of the ore crawler that is currently parked and considered part of the base) hold off the Imperials, while an Imperial transport emerges from hyperspace over Lothal. The Ghost clamps to it magnetically. At the base, Rukh reaches the top of the ore crawler again, and Ryder doesn't shoot him, playing into his supposed role of a "traitor." The ore crawler is heavily damaged, forcing the Rebels to leap back to the cliff platforms of the normal hideout. Ezra and Zeb barely make it, only to find the others subdued and held at blasterpoint by stormtroopers, led by Rukh. Ezra and Zeb surrender, as three more patrol gunships approach. Pryce emerges from one, thanking Ryder. Once Ezra receives a signal from Hera, Ryder reveals that he wasn't really betraying the Rebels. Instead, this was all a ruse to draw Pryce into a trap. As the Rebels duck, the Ghost arrives and blasts Pryce's gunship. Battle resumes with the Ghost engaging the gunships and new reinforcements from the Ghost joining the battle at the base. The Rebels, still outnumbered, fall back to the caves as intended. Pryce orders Rukh and her troopers to pursue, but this was part of the plan as well. When Ezra seems cornered alone, Rukh asks where his army is now. Ezra simply ignites his lightsaber, revealing Loth-wolves behind him. The wolves and Rebels make short work of the Imperials, as the wolves throw Rukh from the cliff face and the white Loth-wolf captures Pryce in its jaws. She is now their captive, the one person that they need in order to free Lothal. Ryder, the governor forced out by Pryce in her rise to power, is allowed the pleasure of being the one to put her into binders. This group, made up of allies made over the years in service to Lothal, must now chase the Empire from Lothal and show the galaxy that despite the Empire's power, they can be defeated.

(A Fool's Hope)

- The stage is set for the final moves in the struggle to free Lothal from the Empire. At the Rebel base, aboard the Ghost, Ezra Bridger speaks to his dead parents (Ephraim Bridger and Mira Bridger) while looking at a hologram of them. He says he knows what to do now, but he is afraid not for himself but for his friends. He wishes his parents could have met his new family. They will, in a sense, be with them today, as Ezra finishes what they started. Governor Arihnda Pryce, now the Rebels' prisoner, is brought to see Hera Syndulla and Ezra by Ryder

Azadi and Aleksandr Kallus (who says that the day he betrayed the Empire was the day he stopped betraying himself). Ezra tells Pryce that her last act as Governor of Lothal will be to free Ezra's (and Pryce's) homeworld. When she refuses, the white Loth-wolf threatens her, and Ezra tells her that she will bring them to the capital Dome as her "prisoners" by transmitting a victory code to let them land safely. Besides, he notes, if the odds are really as much against the Rebels as Pryce claims, what does she have to lose? She agrees, mostly to get the wolf to back off. Aboard two patrol gunships, captured during the battle at the base, the Rebels head for the Dome. Aboard one of them, Ezra cryptically tells Sabine Wren that he knows he can always rely on her. (He has seemed different, as if he has come to terms with something in his own future, ever since he returned from the World Between Worlds and Kanan's final lesson, so to speak, about acting in the moment by doing the right thing, even if it means sacrificing himself.) They land at the command center, intending to launch the Dome, which is actually essentially a giant ship. Pryce sends the clearance code, which Kallus is able to confirm is authentic. They land, and Ezra and Sabine (in scout trooper disguise), along with Kallus (in Imperial disguise also) and Rex (in stormtrooper armor), escort Pryce and the "prisoners" (Ryder, Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios, Hondo Ohnaka, Ketsu Onyo, Melch, and Gregor). All of the heroes then burst into action, taking out the team that meets them on the landing pad, as they are joined by Chopper and Hera Syndulla. Thanks to Sabine's slicing skills and Imperial knowledge, the team is able to infiltrate the command center and lock the crew into a storage bay. They need to get all of the Imperials on Lothal into the Dome to send them all away at once, so they intend to use Protocol 13, the Empire's relatively new order that draws all Imperials into a coordinated evacuation of a planet. Back at the Rebel hideout and Ghost, Matt Matrin tells Cikatro Vizago and Wolffe that Ezra gave him a special mission. Before he can say anything more, Rukh emerges from hiding (having been thought dead in the battle) and attacks. Even with the help of a Loth-wolf, the Rebels are unable to keep him from stealing their remaining captured patrol gunship and escaping. En route to Capital City, Rukh contacts Grand Admiral Thrawn, who is on his way back to Lothal aboard the Chimaera. Rukh has a sense of what the Rebels are planning, and Thrawn has him head for the Dome to deactivate or destroy the planetary shield generator before the Rebels can get it ready to launch. At the Dome, Kallus gets on the intercom in his best Imperial voice and issues Protocol 13. When an Imperial officer contacts the command center to question the order, Ryder impersonates Colonel Wullf Yularen of the Imperial Security Bureau and confirms the order, convincing the officer that this might be a drill. The officer doesn't want to be punished for disobeying a superior officer, so the Imperial forces comply with the Protocol 13 order. From all around, Imperial air and ground forces converge on the Dome, which is then, per Protocol 13, placed on lockdown. Just as they start preparing the launch cycle, though it will take some time, the Chimaera arrives and is positioned directly overhead. If they were to launch, they would crash into it, bringing both down onto Capital City, destroying it and killing countless innocents. Thrawn contacts them, and Ezra tells him that he now has all of the Imperial forces trapped, so the Empire must leave Lothal. Thrawn, though, tells Ezra to surrender, noting that with the Imperials inside the Dome, this means that he is free to bombard the city with impunity, free of inflicting casualties through friendly fire. They immediately try to activate the planetary shields, but they have just gone offline, thanks to Rukh having Imperial officers engage the manual overrides, putting them under Thrawn's control. To make his point, Thrawn has the Chimaera open fire on Capital City. With no other choice, Ezra surrenders, but the losses are already heavy. Ezra must go alone and turn himself over to Thrawn. This, Ezra believes, is what he was meant to do. In essence, this is his moment, just as the fuel depot was Kanan's. He leaves his lightsaber with Chopper. Hera doesn't intend to let him go, saying there must be another way. He makes it seem like he is about to stay, while the others (except Sabine and Chopper) discuss other options. While Sabine watches, Chopper opens the door for Ezra. Sabine does as she must, as Ezra trusts her to do, and draws the others' attention away from the door while Ezra slips out. The others don't notice he is gone until Ezra leaves in a patrol gunship. Sabine insists that they have to trust Ezra and be ready when he makes his move. Thus, they need to send two teams into the generator room from different directions to capture both power terminals that will give them back control of the planetary shield. As stormtroopers prepare to breach the control center, Ezra arrives aboard the Chimaera and is put in binders, then taken to Thrawn. Ezra notes that he didn't have a choice in turning himself in, but Thrawn notes that he did have a choice. He could have chosen to let his people die, but instead, he chose to act like a Jedi, which made him predictable. They Jedi tended to always choose what was morally

correct instead of strategically sound. For all their power, the Jedi lacked the vision to properly wield it. Thrawn says that he had never intended to destroy Lothal, but now he must. He shows Ezra some of Sabine's art in his collection, and Ezra tells him he doesn't deserve that art, nor Lothal. Thrawn explains that it isn't about deserving but about power. He takes Ezra to a chamber on the ship where a holographic transmission of Emperor Sheev Palpatine (altered to look more like he would have looked if he had not been transformed by his own Force lightning in battle with Mace Windu), wearing white robes instead of his true black ones. Back at the Rebel base, the Rebels, knocked out by Rukh during his escape, finally come to, recognizing that Rukh will have left to warn the Imperials. Mart says that this is just like Ezra said, explaining (as they all get aboard the Ghost with Mart as pilot) that Ezra told him before leaving that there would be a chance that Thrawn would return before the mission was completed. If that were to happen, Mart has a special mission that they need to carry out. They are to go into high orbit over Lothal and send out a transmission on the long-unused Frequency Zero. They aren't contacting a "who," though, so much as a "what," and the others would never believe it if Mart told them what they were contacting . . . Back inside the Dome, Melch draws Imperial attention to draw stormtroopers from the command center door. While Sabine stays in the control center to guide their teams, two teams head out. The first consists of Rex, Hondo, and Ketsu, who will go to the north tower, while the second consists of Zeb, Kallus, and Gregor, who will go to the south tower. Hera, Ryder, Chopper, and the captive Pryce remain with Sabine. Aboard the Chimaera, Thrawn leaves Ezra with the holographic Palpatine, who notes large parts of the Jedi Temple that he had moved, stone by stone, from Lothal to the Chimaera before the Temple's destruction. Palpatine offers Ezra a chance to be with his parents again, showing him what appears to be a doorway (not opened but seen through) that shows his parents, alive and well, calling to him as if for dinner. They can make this real by opening that door, but it will only be real if Ezra chooses for it to be. Ezra is facing his greatest temptation yet. Meanwhile, the Dome teams each the generator room and engage the Imperials there. From the control room, Chopper tries to remotely activate the bridges to get the teams through the room, but it is protected, and Chopper gets shocked by the dataport. Back on the Chimaera, Palpatine urges Ezra to go through the gateway to be with his parents before it is too late. Palpatine reminds him that Ezra knows that it is possible to change fate, that there are infinite paths with possibilities, but Ezra himself must open the door to such possibilities. In the generator room, Melch is gravely wounded. As Hondo tends to him, Zeb leaps across the room and tackles Rukh, allowing Kallus and Gregor to rush their terminal. Before they can activate it, though, Gregor takes a blaster wound to the chest, telling Kallus to continue working on the shield. Back on the Chimaera, Ezra nears the portal, and Palpatine uses the Force (from Coruscant!) to remove Ezra's binders. All Ezra must do is activate the portal to return to his family. If he does so, he will save his parents, but Palpatine won't tell him what would happen to his friends, his new "family." Ezra reaches out to the control to the door, even as his parents come to the door. They are face to face for the first time in years, across the boundary of the portal. Ezra refuses the temptation, however, telling them he will always be with him but that he must let them go. The smile at their son's decision and disappear, saying they love him, as Ezra deactivates the portal, causing the entire transferred temple structure to collapse. As it does, Palpatine's hologram flickers between his fake and true visages before settling on his true form. Ezra has a family and needs nothing from him. He is not willing to give Palpatine access to the World Between Worlds and ultimate control of time. Three Royal Guards enter and attack Ezra with force pikes, lifting him from the deck in pain, but he uses the Force to throw pieces of the temple stones at them and newly-arriving stormtroopers, defeating them quickly. In the Dome generator room, Zeb battles Rukh across the generator towers down where he tackled the Noghri earlier. Just as the teams get the shield back online and Sabine activates it from the control room, Zeb leaps to safety before the energy fries him. Rukh, though, has gotten his ankle caught and is presumably killed by the energy. The planetary shield activates, cutting off any threat from Thrawn's Star Destroyers. Thrawn tries to reach Rukh by comlink but reaches Zeb instead, who notes that he might as well not call back. Sabine revives Chopper to have him contact the Ghost to get them out of the Dome when they launch it. Down below, Melch comes to, surprising Hondo, who believed him dead. Gregor, though, is not so fortunate. He tells Rex that it was an honor to serve with him and to fight for something they chose to believe in this time. Gregor then dies of his wound. Aboard the Chimaera, Ezra gets into the bridge, having used a stolen blaster to take out troopers. He holds Thrawn at blasterpoint, as one of the ship's crew reports several unknown objects have

just emerged from hyperspace. When Thrawn claims the blockade of Imperial ships will stop them, he is told that the ships are being destroyed and are simply gone. Thrawn contacts Captain Pellaeon on one of the blockade ships, only to be cut off as he tries to report. Thrawn and Ezra look out the viewport as the unknown objects approach. It is the Ghost, leading a huge swarm of purrgils, the strange, giant, space-faring creatures that can travel through hyperspace naturally (and were the basis for the discovery of hyperspace technology). That is who Ezra had contact for help, owing to their connection from their first encounter. The purrgils attack the Star Destroyers, including the Chimaera. One of the purrgils nears the bridge of the Chimaera, and Thrawn notes that whatever happens next will happen to both of them. That was Ezra's plan. The purrgil attacks through the viewports with its tentacles, taking out several Imperials and briefly pulling Thrawn away from Ezra. While Ezra blasts incoming stormtroopers, Thrawn tries to shoot him in the back but only wounds him. Ezra removes his blaster with the Force, then pins Thrawn to the wall long enough for the purrgil to get a grip on him. Ezra then closes the hatch to the room with the Force. Outside, Hera and Sabine see the purrgils gripping the Chimaera begin to glow, which means they are about to go to hyperspace. Ezra tells her that he has to see this through to the end. He uses the Force to keep the door closed and Thrawn trapped, even as Hera and Sabine urge him to escape. He tells them, either through his comlink or telepathically through the Force, that it is up to them now and to remember that the Force will be with them . . . always. Then, seemingly sacrificing himself just as Kanan would have done, Ezra remains aboard gripping Thrawn as the purrgils jump to hyperspace. With the viewports smashed in the struggle, it is likely that the ship was exposed to hyperspace (and eventually to space), so Ezra may well be dead, as might Thrawn. With the skies cleared, the Rebels at prepare to escape the Dome aboard the Ghost, while the entire Dome with all of the Imperials still sealed inside begins to launch. Ryder offers Pryce a chance to escape with them, but she refuses, serving the Empire to the end. Sabine slashes the viewport with Ezra's lightsaber, and they fend off advancing Imperials until they can all escape on the Ghost. Once the Dome is over the sea and unlikely to harm anyone on the ground, Sabine detonates the Dome, destroying it and the Imperial occupation force. Aboard the Ghost, Hera orders star charts pulled up for everywhere along Ezra's trajectory, but then Chopper (who has been in on Ezra's plan since back at the hideout) plays a recorded message from Ezra. In it, he explains that he saw several paths in front of him, and while this was not the path he wanted to take, it was what he had to do, as Kanan taught him. Zeb can have the top bunk on the Ghost back for now, and he left a meiloorun fruit for Hera in her cabin. Sabine is told not to forget that he is counting on her, though she not sure what he wants her to do. He says he could not have wished for a better family and cannot wait to come home. The message ends there. Rex believes that the Empire won't allow them to keep Lothal, and Kallus suggests that their victory might convince the Rebel Alliance to send more support. Zeb claims that since they liberated the planet without the Alliance, they can keep it without them. Zeb may be right, as they fly over Capital City to the cheers of countless civilians who turn on any remaining Imperials who didn't get to the Dome in time for the lockdown. If the Empire wants a fight, Lothal will be ready for them. (To be continued below . . .)

(Family Reunion - and Farewell)

- Two months after Chirrut Imwe and Baze Malbus joined Saw Gerrera's efforts on Jedha and the partisans begin their fight to oust the Empire from the moon, Chirrut assists in guiding the efforts of the partisans in taking down an AT-ST in an ambush. The partisans take many kyber crystals in the attack and take them back to where Saw seems to be hoarding them to keep them out of Imperial hands. Chirrut is concerned because the number of orphans now needing the help of Killi Gimm and Kaya Gimm has doubled, and the refugee situation in Jedha is reaching a crisis point. Baze brings an idea to Saw that might help the situation for the orphans. They should steal an Imperial vessel (one of the inspection vessels that enters and exists the system without the aid of a Star Destroyer and without interference from the same) to take the orphans somewhere other than Jedha, where they will, in theory, be safer. As a result of the ambush just carried out, the very next day, the Imperial Star Destroyer Dauntless moves into position directly over the Holy City, rather than higher in orbit, and TIE fighters and stormtroopers are deployed. When the partisans react to this provocation, they are forced into retreat. One young boy, Althin, is injured in the fighting on the day of their intended escape, requiring Chirrut to carry him. His parents, Steya and Tok, have been killed in a partisan strike on one of the Empire's remaining AT-DPs, which involved explosives in the street outside their shop that destroyed it and killed them. Althin is taken to the

orphanage, but there is at least some good news for Chirrut: Saw has indeed agreed to the plan to steal an Imperial ship. A week of planning ensues, during which all options other than simply walking to the spaceport are rejected. With the aid of partisans Leevan Tenza and new recruit Wernad (who now has an outlet for his anger at the Empire), the plan is set in motion. They have recruited Denic to be their pilot and, after some heartfelt discussions, it has been decided that Kaya will leave with the orphans, while Killi stays behind. (Killi's health issues would split Kaya's attention and perhaps endanger the orphans.) Chirrut, Kaya, Killi (for now), and Denic lead a long procession of orphans across the city toward the spaceport, even as other citizens join the procession as a sign of peaceful protest and solidarity. The Empire cannot act without political ramifications, especially when the main procession is made of children. At the spaceport, Baze, Wernad, and Tenza get to the ship. When Beezer Fortuna and Kullbee Sperado arrive, though, it becomes clear that Saw's forces have reneged on their deal. Saw intends for his agents to set explosives on the ship, then send it up to the Star Destroyer as a Trojan horse to destroy it as a symbol to all of Jedha of the vulnerability of the Empire and the strength of the partisans. Chirrut is able to get through to Wernad with a reminder of something he said months earlier when Wernad was riling up people at the Temple of the Kyber: that the Empire must be fought but not at the cost of the innocent. With Fortuna knowing that any clash with the procession of children and pilgrims will look bad for Saw, Chirrut and Baze lead the children aboard and send them all on their way with Kaya and Denic. This is still a victory for Saw, just not as he intended. As for Baze and Chirrut, they cut any ties with Saw after this betrayal. The duo returns to their regular life in the Holy City, seeking freedom for the moon but primarily focused on protecting the innocent, even if Baze no longer considers himself a Guardian of the Whills.

(Guardians of the Whills)*

*NOTE: For placement rationale, see the note with the first part of the summary above.

- About a month before Blue's rebel team delivers food to locals on Watassay, an Imperial blockade of the world shuts down outside, legal food shipments.
(conjecture based on *Rebel Rising*)
- Under the alias "Liana Hallik," Jyn Erso returns to the Five Points system, landing on Rumatika. She meets Risi Amps, the same Labbo to whom she had sold her stolen shuttle the last time she was on the planet. He is willing to set her up with jobs forging documents as she does so well, this time for a group that she soon recognizes is probably a rebel cell. Stormtroopers arrive in the night to take "Tanith Ponta" into custody. Risi is also arrested. They are taken to Five Points station, where "Tanith" is reunited with Commander Lucka Solange. She also meets Imperial Admiral Rocwyn. Jyn claims that "Tanith Ponta" was an alias, and her real name is Liana Hallik. They want Jyn's aid in taking down Risi's rebel cell. With one of the cell, a Rayeth named Bardee, being tortured in front of Jyn, she accepts the job of returning to the group with forged documents that will allow the Imperials to track the rebels to their base. She is sent back to the group, which she joins by showing that she was the one Risi was using to get their forged documents. The rebels, led now by Blue, have no idea that they are being duped. They all head to Watassay, smuggling food to starving locals under an Imperial blockade. They go on other runs before Rocwyn's Star Destroyer Authority finally stops them and arrests everyone aboard. When held by the Imperials, Jyn's duplicity is outed by Rocwyn, only for Jyn to also be arrested because, aside from being a criminal, she is useful, and if she is in prison, Rocwyn will always know where to find her if needed. At Jyn's "trial," Rocwyn passes sentence without being able to testify (because when she tries to speak, Solange advises that she be muzzled). She is sentenced to prison camp LEG-817 on Wobani. The only good news is that the Imperials still believe her to be Liana Hallik, not knowing her true identity as the daughter of Galen Erso. (To be continued below . . .)

(Rebel Rising)

- When "Liana Hallik" (Jyn Erso) is brought to Wobani, her intake form gives her an estimated age of 22 instead of the correct 21, resulting in future issues in documents relating to Jyn.
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- On Vodran, shortly before her capture, Omi the dianoga battles another of her kind, Iduna. During that battle, Omi connects with the Force and wins the clash, but she lets Iduna live.
(conjecture based on *The Baptist*)
- Six months before the Battle of Scarif, a Rebel SpecForce team infiltrates Iakar to steal medical supplies. When the Imperials spot them and begin pursuit, they are assisted (and saved) by Bistan, whom the SpecForce commandos then invite to join their ranks.
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)

- *Rebels at their base on Dantooine abandon that base in favor of joining the contingent at Base One on Yavin IV.**

(conjecture based on *The Trigger*)*

***NOTE: This is “months” before *The Trigger*.**

- *Sometime after the Rebels abandon their base on Dantooine in favor of Yavin IV, Captain Broan Danurs, a Y-wing pilot with Gold Squadron, is transferred to Green Squadron to fly an X-wing as Green 10. (His close friend and mentor, Davish Krail, remains with Gold Squadron as Gold 5.)*

(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)

- *Despite their anger at Figrin D’an getting them stuck on Tatooine playing at Jabba’s palace, the rest of the Modal Nodes finally accept their lot in life after a few months. They have learned that it was Greedo who turned Figrin in to Jabba for his debts, so Figrin wants the other Modal Nodes to keep an eye on Greedo to find dirt on the Rodian. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Not for Nothing)

Not for Nothing (FACPOV short story: Mur Lafferty)

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X-wing Miniatures Game (miniatures game series: Fantasy Flight Games)

C-ROC Expansion Pack Rules Supplement (miniatures game: Fantasy Flight Games)

Smuggler’s Lament

The Deal Gets Worse

Intel Raid

Showdown

U-wing Expansion Pack Rules Supplement (miniatures game: Fantasy Flight Games)

Patrol Ambush

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Heroes of Mandalore (cartoon series: Steven Melching & Henry Gilroy & Christopher Yost)

Heroes of Mandalore, Part I (cartoon: Henry Gilroy & Steven Melching)

Heroes of Mandalore, Part II (cartoon series: Christopher Yost)

In the Name of the Rebellion (cartoon series: Gary Whitta & Matt Michnovetz)

In the Name of the Rebellion, Part I (cartoon: Gary Whitta)

In the Name of the Rebellion, Part II (cartoon: Matt Michnovetz)

Guardians of the Whills (youth novel: Greg Rucka)

Guardians of the Whills (youth novel: Greg Rucka)

Chapters 1 - 6

Chapter 7 [flashback]

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

The Occupation (cartoon: Christopher Yost)

Flight of the Defender (cartoon: Dave Filoni & Steven Melching)

Kindred (cartoon: Dave Filoni & Henry Gilroy)

Crawler Commanders (cartoon: Matt Michnovetz)

Rebel Assault (cartoon: Dave Filoni & Steven Melching)

Jedi Night (cartoon: Dave Filoni & Henry Gilroy)

DUME (cartoon: Dave Filoni & Christopher Yost)

Wolves and a Door (cartoon: Dave Filoni)

A World Between Worlds [continued] (cartoon: Dave Filoni)

A Fool’s Hope (cartoon: Henry Gilroy & Steven Melching)

Family Reunion - and Farewell (cartoon: Dave Filoni & Henry Gilroy & Kiri Hart & Simon Kinberg & Steven Melching)

Guardians of the Whills [continued] (youth novel: Greg Rucka)

Guardians of the Whills [continued] (youth novel: Greg Rucka)

Chapter 7 [continued]

Chapters 8 - 13

Rebel Rising [continued] (youth novel: Beth Revis)

Rebel Rising [continued] (youth novel: Beth Revis)

Chapter 43 [continued]

Chapters 44 - 46

Not for Nothing [continued] (FACPOV short story: Mur Lafferty)

Not for Nothing [continued] (FACPOV short story: Mur Lafferty)

0.5 – 0.1 BBY (Before RO)

- *Around this time, Jawa Jitt on Tatooine falls in love with a Gonk droid named EG-30. They will be inseparable for months, including through when C-3PO and R2-D2 are sold by the same sandcrawler to the Lars Moisture Farm. (To be continued below . . .)*
(**Gonk!**)
- *Jyn Erso, as “Liana Hallik,” arrives for her first month at the LEG-817 labor camp on Wobani, under the prisoner designation 6295A. She has been officially sentenced for forgery of Imperial documents and resisting arrest. The warden greets her, telling her, “Welcome to the worst days of your life.” During her second month, while working with the rest of her crew, she tries to take a sharp metal shard as a weapon, only to be caught, beaten, and have “possession of an unsanctioned weapon” added to her crimes. Jyn is simply dumped back into her cell with her bunkmate, Zorahda, who has had sympathy oppressed out of her. Soon, she witnesses a child from an Ociock family being taken away. The family resists, and Jyn jumps into the fray to help, only to have a charge of “aggravated assault” added to her crimes. Soon, during her third month on Wobani, she witnesses the warden walking with an Imperial officer who is inspecting the labor camp. In an effort to show how threat of death could increase worker output, the officer kills another prisoner, who, ironically, is Berk, one of the few prisoners who might have recognized Jyn from years earlier and revealed her true identity. (To be continued below . . .)*
(**Rebel Rising**)
- *Six months before the takedown of the Dreamers (and thus a few months before the Battle of Yavin), Piikow of the Dreamers discovers ruined “droids” from an ancient civilization on Jeosyn. He begins tinkering with them as a hobby.**
(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)*

*NOTE: This is one of the few instances of chronological inconsistencies in the otherwise expertly “pinned down” dates from *Inferno Squad*. When Del asks Piikow near the end of the book how long he has been working on them, Piikow says that he has been doing so for six months. However, earlier in the book, Piikow says that he found them and started tinkering when he first came to Jeosyn “a few years ago.” I can only assume that he meant a few *months* ago, not years, given that there would have been no reason for Piikow to be on Jeosyn before the Dreamers formed, and the “a few years ago” reference directly clashes with the six month reference.

- *On Vodran, Omi the dianoga is captured by local Vodrans and put into a spherical tank. The tank is put into the cargo hold of an outgoing ship, which gives Omi her first taste of weightlessness. In that moment, she seems to feel the Force guiding her away from home on her own path. She also has a vision of the place she is in exploding (her eventual fate on the Death Star). Days later, her tank is still on the ship, and she manages to escape it into the corridors. In the corridor, she is nearly blasted by a crew member, but the Force guides her in defeating the attacker. She is forced to take refuge back in her tank. She is still in the tank and looking out a viewport into space when the ship arrives at the Death Star, which she perceives as a planet or moon that is dead (or was never alive in the first place). She is brought aboard and dumped into Trash Compactor 3263827 to deal with some of the station’s garbage. (To be continued below . . .)*
(**The Baptist**)
- *Aboard a Jawa sandcrawler on Tatooine, Jawa salvage crew member Jot discovers a small gap in the sandcrawler’s structure that Jot, who is smaller than most Jawas, can barely get into. This becomes Jot’s new secret compartment for leisure and getting away from the other Jawas. (To be continued below . . .)**

(Stories in the Sand)*

*NOTE: This is “several weeks” before the next portion of the story and “several months” (at least) before ANH, given references that are explained in the note for the next story segment.

- *After a year in the coral mines as punishment from the Empire, thanks to falling from the Millennium Falcon and being left behind by Han Solo and Chewbacca during a botched job, Frax is nearly killed when Rebel X-wings and Imperial TIE fighters battle above the coral mines. Frax helps a surviving X-wing pilot, but he then takes the pilot's weapon and kills him. Frax sets out alone on the Cordaxian Sea with stormtrooper helmets full of valuable Cordaxian ore. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Star Wars Annual #3)*

*NOTE: This is "not too long ago," based on the annual's flashback, but then there is at least a one year time jump to the next flashback, then a gap of another four months to the last piece of the flashback, which seems relatively soon before the annual. Thus, I am putting the final flashback around the time of ANH, which would make the second flashback around this time, 4 months or so before ANH. It is only an approximation, of course, since the story provides no specifics.

- *Several months prior to the Battles of Scarif and Yavin, Iden Versio is assigned to Sigma Squadron, a small, elite TIE fighter unit aboard the Death Star. This annoys her close friend Gideon Hask a bit, since he was five years older and more experienced, yet he is assigned to a TIE fighter squadron aboard the Advance.*
(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)
- *A few months before the Battle of Yavin, Luke Skywalker applies to the Imperial Academy without his uncle Owen Lars' knowledge. (He will continue trying to convince Owen to let him apply so that he can actually go if he gets accepted.)**

(conjecture based on *The Princess, the Scoundrel, and the Farm Boy*)*

*NOTE: Yes, apparently when Luke asks Owen about applying in ANH, he is lying his butt off and has already done so. Perhaps people on Tatooine are taught that it is better to ask for forgiveness than permission.

- *In the months before the Battle of Yavin, the Bodach'I on Kerev Doi continue to resist Imperial regulations. The Empire finally enslaves the entire species.*
(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*)
- *Sometime shortly before the destruction of Jedha City, a group of Anomid's arrive on Jedha to join the Disciples of the Whills. This group includes Silvanie Phest.**
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)*

*NOTE: This is "recently" as of *Rogue One* but must be at least a little bit before *Guardians of the Whills*, since she appears in that book.

- *Britarro bounty hunter Nik Hephro, having exhausted Church of the Force targets in the lower levels of Coruscant, travels to Jedha aboard his Apostate, where he intends to use a list of suspected Church members that was created by the Imperial Security Bureau to continue hunting these targets.**
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)*

*NOTE: This seems to be fairly recently as of *Rogue One*, but no firm date is given.

- *Shortly before the Battle of Scarif, Stordan "Stordie" Tonc joins the Rebel Alliance forces on Yavin IV after an uprising on the planet Qemia 7.*
(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)
- *In the months before the Battle of Yavin, the Empire starts tying gunnery officer promotions to their kill ratios. Any shot that is not a kill shot is considered wasted. This is to counter the Rebel propaganda that Imperial stormtroopers and other officers are terrible shots. When the policy is issued, logistics liason Arvira of the Devastator believes this will only encourage Rebels to use unmanned drones for missions, since a lack of lifeforms aboard might result in no shots being fired at all to protect kill ratios.*
(conjecture based on *The Sith of Datawork*)
- *A while (probably months) before the Battle of Yavin (and several weeks or months after discovering a private compartment for himself), Jawa salvage crew member Jot is aboard their sandcrawler when they encounter a freighter buried in sand. It appears to belong to a bounty hunter, and Jot finds a black astromech aboard. The droid has a holoprojector and a connected memory core. He takes it back to his hidden compartment and sets it up, so that he can play back holograms of the droid's memory and experience the galaxy away from Tatooine. He then erases the memory core so that the droid can be sold. This becomes a pattern for him over the days to come. He even transfers off of the salvage line to focus on refurbishing droids for sale in order to gain access to more memory cores. (To be continued below . . .)**

(Stories in the Sand)*

*NOTE: This is likely a matter of months, not weeks, prior to ANH. This is due to two overlapping references. At one point, we are told that the discovery of the holoprojector and memory core is "several weeks" after Jot discovered the "gap" compartment, but the story also says that it takes "several months" after that discovery for Jot to become proficient at getting in and out of it. Since Jot leaves Tatooine (presumably) immediately after the

story (during ANH), and both are dating forward in months or weeks from the same starting point, that must mean that the gap between this event and ANH is the rest of the “several months” between the gap’s discovery and ANH that is not otherwise accounted for among the “several weeks” mentioned.

- *Sometime relatively soon before to the Battles of Scarif and Yavin, Mon Mothma writes Short Notes on the History of the Rebel Alliance Navy for posterity. In it, she details how the old tactics of the Clone Wars can no longer work, thanks to the Empire being designed to deliver hammer blows, rather than precision strikes. Palpatine understands that any Rebellion could easily assemble a vast army of ground troops, but this would also allow the Imperial forces to exact a huge cost in lives without Jedi to protect those troops. Instead, the Alliance had to develop a navy. To maintain such a patchwork fleet, they needed to set up a distribution network for parts through smugglers and legitimate merchants, to network pilots to share skill sets and form bonds of trust, and to risk greatly to acquire more starfighter squadrons. These goals were helped by the arrival of the Mon Calamari city-ships (like the command ship Profundity under Admiral Raddus), and the work of others like General Antoc Merrick have actually formed a solid Rebel fighting force for space combat. Mon hopes their makeshift forces need never be tested in battle, but if the day comes, she believes they can achieve victory.*

(conjecture based on the *Rogue One* novelization)

- *In the period shortly before the Battle of Yavin, Thane Kyrell and Ciena Ree (now both age 19) have still not really talked since the laser cannon sabotage incident about six months into their time as cadets. Thane is heading for the elite pilot track, while Ciena will be on the command track. Thane has learned more about the Empire and is growing disenchanted, though he still hates terrorists (the Rebel Alliance) and intends to stay with the Empire for at least his upcoming post-graduation five year commission before deciding what to do next. After over two years of being separated, Thane runs into Ciena in a hallway, where she is trying not to cry over the death of her family’s muunyak back home, the one she used to ride to their Fortress. He consoles her briefly, but then her walls rise again, and they separate in formal fashion. A while later, a few weeks before graduation, top cadets are invited to a special reception and ball at the Imperial Palace. Jude Edivon and Ciena are attending (with Ciena in a dress bought by the much wealthier Jude), while Thane and Ved Foslo are attending as well. Also in attendance is Senator Leia Organa, who had just the day before spoken on behalf of Bail Organa about impending mercy missions to planets that the Organas believe have been negatively impacted by Imperial policies. A computer assigns dance partners, and Ciena and Thane find that their first dance is together. After the dancing (during which Thane is also able to briefly dance with Leia), they spend some time catching up, mending the rift between them. A drunken Ved bumps into them, and he notes how stupid they have been acting, doing the work that whomever in the Student Outcomes office wanted: letting the situation tear them apart for over two years. She even shares with him how she now carries the braided bracelet that symbolizes her connection to her lost twin, Wynnet, in a small pouch. It is not regulation to wear it, but it is not against regulations to carry it with her. Soon (three weeks before the Battle of Yavin), their graduation ceremony finally arrives. Ciena is posted to the Star Destroyer Devastator, Darth Vader’s own ship. Thane is assigned to the defense fleet for the Death Star. They plan to keep in contact and see each other again when they can. (Nash Windrider is also being assigned to the Devastator, while Jude Edivon is being assigned to the Death Star.) (To be continued below . . .)*

(Lost Stars)

- *The Battle of the Tower begins on Crucival. On the very first day of the battle, Hazram Namir’s weapon charge is drained to empty.*
(conjecture based on *Twilight Company*)
- *During Jyn Erso’s fourth month on Wobani, while on a mining job as part of the labor camp’s operations, her cellmate, Zorahda, despondent, uses a laser pick to commit suicide. This only adds to Jyn’s sense of isolation. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Rebel Rising)

- *About two months before the Battle of Yavin, on Crucival, on the fourth day of the Battle of the Tower, Hazram Namir (formerly “Donin” and “Umu Seven” but now returned to what appears to be his birth name after also serving the Lady of Coins, since that name is what his father calls him) participates in the battle against the Imperial tower, which seems hopeless. He fights alongside Pira, whom he has known since being “Umu Seven” with the Opaline Creed, though they were separated for a year. She has gangrene setting into a wound and*

will soon die, but he is forced to leave her behind, intending to return. He does not manage to do so before she dies. The Imperials, though, are defeated by the Rebel Alliance. In the aftermath of the battle, Namir is unsure about his future. Will he just join another faction or crusade and continue making war all he has known? If so, whom will he serve. He stumbles into a recruitment event being held by Rebel Captain Micha "Howl" Evon of Twilight Company. He is recruited by Gadren the Besalisk who sees how war has forged Namir into a good judge of soldiers and a potentially good trainer of soldiers. When Twilight Company leaves Crucival, he has finally left his past behind him. (To be continued below . . .)

(Twilight Company)

- During her fifth month on Wobani, Jyn Erso's new cellmate, a Mirialan named Yalla, talks about plans for escape. When Yalla's people from outside the prison try to rescue her, Jyn is thrust briefly into the scenario when Yalla gives her a blasting hammer as a weapon. Jyn immediately drops it when stormtroopers arrive, but it still puts another "possession of an unsanctioned weapon" charge on her record. She is given yet another new cellmate, the murderous Nail. (To be continued below as part of the summary for Rogue One.)
- (Rebel Rising)**
- Three weeks before the Battle of Yavin, in Bestine on Tatooine, Tusken Raider female Reirin meets a trader. The trader seeks what sounds like a kyber crystal, and Reirin agrees to acquire one from a Jawa sandcrawler in hopes that the trader will get her off of Tatooine. (conjecture based on Reirin)
 - When pilot Puck Naeco (Green 12 of Green Squadron, assigned to the Profundity) breaks his ankle in a rough landing, Lieutenant Wion Dillems steps in as Green 12. He will remain so during the Battle of Scarif. (conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)
 - About two weeks before the Battle of Yavin, Doctor Chelli Aphra travels to Dantooine, where she holes up in Dantoo Town trying to reactivate and repair war-surplus droidekas. Unfortunately, her first experiment with trying to integrate their deflector shields with new rocket pods she has added ends in the droids being blown to pieces. She will spend the next two weeks trying to put them back together until the only thing she needs to finish the job is a 3.23 colicoicidic pulse field modulator that she believes might be found at the abandoned Rebel base nearby. (conjecture based on *The Trigger*)
 - Sometime very soon before the Battles of Scarif and Yavin, Jek "Tono" Porkins transfers from the Tierfon Yellow Aces to Yavin IV, where he replaces injured pilot Wes Janson. (conjecture based on *Grounded*)
 - Cassian Andor investigates reports that the Empire is transporting kyber crystals on Patriim, Horuz, and elsewhere. These investigations lead him to Corulag and Coruscant before the Ring of Kafrene.* (conjecture based on the *Rogue One: Rebel Dossier*)*
- *NOTE: This source says that Cassian went to Corulag, then Coruscant, then the Ring of Kafrene, whereas the *Rogue One* novelization has him leaving Corulag directly for the Ring of Kafrene. I am including both references and assuming that it is possible that this reference is meant as him being at Corulag and Coruscant instead of necessarily in that order.
- While on Corulag, Cassian Andor receives an urgent message from Tivik, asking him to meet at the Ring of Kafrene. Cassian extricates himself from his current operation and rushes to meet him.* (conjecture based on the *Rogue One* novelization)*
- *NOTE: See note with reference from *Rogue One: Rebel Dossier* immediately above.
- Bodhi Rook learns about the evils of the Empire from Galen Erso while making his runs as an Imperial transport pilot from Jedha to Eadu. He is tasked with taking a message from Galen to Saw Gerra, rather than straight to the Rebel Alliance, since it is unlikely that Bodhi will be able to find a definite Alliance contact and Saw is a former ally of the Ersos. (It also probably helps that Saw is on Jedha, one end of the cargo run that Bodhi is already making.) (conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)
 - Around this time, things get so busy around Base One on Yavin IV that Nera Kase does not have time to cut her hair short again until after the Battle of Yavin, leaving her appearance a bit shoddy at the time of the battle. (conjecture based on *Grounded*)
 - Two days prior to ordering Hija not to fire on the escape pod that carries the Death Star plans to Tatooine from the Tantive IV, Imperial gunnery captain Bolvan completes a required

*viewing of a holo about the family of forms that includes Form SUG-171-TI.**

(conjecture based on *The Sith of Datawork*)*

*NOTE: Since we don't have an exact day-to-day breakdown of *Rogue One*, I did not deem it necessary to splice up that film's summary to insert this rather minor entry.

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Gonk! [flashback] (comic: Otis Frampton)

Rebel Rising [continued] (youth novel: Beth Revis)

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The Baptist (FACPOV short story: Nnedi Okorafor)

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Star Wars Annuals [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Jason Latour & Cullen Bunn)

Star Wars Annual #3 [flashback] (comic: Jason Latour)

Stories in the Sand [continued] (FACPOV short story: Griffin McElroy)

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Rogue One [continued] (novel: Alexander Freed)

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Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

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Lost Stars [continued] (manga series: Claudia Gray & Yusaku Komiya)

Lost Stars, Vol. 1 [continued] (manga: Claudia Gray & Yusaku Komiya)

Rebel Rising [continued] (youth novel: Beth Revis)

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Month 04

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Twilight Company [continued] (novel: Alexander Freed)

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Rebel Rising [continued] (youth novel: Beth Revis)

Rebel Rising [continued] (youth novel: Beth Revis)

Month 05

Month 06

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- *It has been 13 years since Galen Erso was conscripted by Orson Krennic, Lyra Erso was killed on Lah'mu, and Jyn Erso was effectively orphaned and entered the "care" (and training) of Saw Gerrera. The Rebel Alliance, under Mon Mothma as both Chief of State of the Alliance Civil Government and Commander-in-Chief of the Alliance Forces, has been working to determine whether there is truly a massive engineering process underway and what the*

Empire might be creating? Tactical deployments of the Empire to Jedha, Patriim, Eadu, Horuz, and twelve other planets of note, along with chatter about Galen from communications linked to Krennic, have led Mon Mothma to believe that such a project may well exist, but hard evidence is lacking, and many other leaders in the Rebellion are not convinced. Saw Gerrera and his partisans on Jedha (based out of the Cadera Catacombs and with their own forces that include six X-wings known as the “Cavern Angels”) have been looking into the matter for years, but thanks to the intervention of General Jan Dodonna, efforts to restore contact with Saw’s extremist Rebel faction have been cut off. (Mon has covered this in her “Situational Analysis Regarding Jedha, et al” document in her personal files.) Finally, pieces begin to come together when Rebel Intelligence agent Cassian Andor travels to the Ring of Kafrene space station in the Kafrene asteroid belt, summoned away from an assignment on Corulag by an urgent message from one of his contacts, Tivik. Tivik, who is from Jedha, reveals to Cassian that an Imperial transport pilot, who makes runs from Jedha to secretive Imperial sites, has come back to Jedha with a message, claiming that he now knows that the Empire is using kyber crystals from Jedha as part of a massive, planet-killing superweapon project. The pilot claims to have been sent by Galen Erso, which alarms Cassian. The pilot is apparently on his way to meet with Saw’s partisans. When they are nearly caught by stormtroopers, Cassian blasts them, but Tivik has an injury that prevents him from climbing to get away like Cassian can. To protect the information he has received, knowing Tivik would break under torture, Cassian shoots his “friend” and heads back to the Rebel’s Base One at Yavin IV. Meanwhile, on Jedha, the pilot, Bodhi Rook, is indeed being taken to see Saw by fellow partisan Benthic Two Tubes. Shortly thereafter, on the Imperial prison planet Wobani, a Rebel team led by Ruescott Melshi (on a mission planned by Cassian Andor, who has shifted from Rebel Intelligence’s Operations department to Retrieval) rescues prisoner “Liana Hallik” from a turbo tank prison transport, six months into serving her sentence on Wobani. Liana is actually Jyn Erso (now age 21, not yet having had her birthday this year), daughter of Galen and former ally of Saw. Jyn is taken to Yavin IV, where she meets with Mon, Cassian, and Imperial Intelligence agent General Davits Draven (representing Intelligence head Airen Cracken’s interests on the Alliance High Command council while Cracken himself is setting up Rebel spy networks in the Outer Rim). They reveal that it is believed that her father is alive and working on a secret Imperial superweapon and that the defector with information from her father is being held by Saw. Due to strained relations with Saw’s extremists, they need Jyn to provide a way to meet with Saw without getting killed in the process. They believe Saw looked on her as a daughter (as he truly did, after a fashion), and in return they will make sure Jyn (who should be serving a twenty year sentence on Wobani) will go entirely free. She agrees. As part of Operation Fracture, Cassian, reprogrammed Imperial security droid K-2SO, and Jyn take an Alliance U-wing to Jedha, where Bodhi has now been brought before Saw, who is rather paranoid at this point, seeing plots everywhere. Saw decides to use his Bor Gullet creature to extract the truth from Bodhi, even if it has the potential to damage his mind. Meanwhile, Director Krennic is aboard the Death Star, which is having the newest version of its iconic superlaser installed. The station itself has not taken over two decades to be built, but even though the station is essentially ready, it awaits a working superlaser, the portion of the project that required Galen Erso’s efforts. Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin has arrived on his Star Destroyer, the Executrix, to receive Krennic’s report on the major step in the weapon’s development. Tarkin orders a test of the weapon. Krennic, paranoid about Tarkin trying to undermine his standing in the Empire, has no choice but to agree to such a test. The Rebel team arrives on Jedha, where Cassian orders K-2SO to stay with the U-wing as he and Jyn enter the Holy City (AKA Jedha City or NiJedha), center of Imperial power on the planet (with the Imperial Star Destroyer Dauntless hovering above it) but also where they are most likely to find one of Cassian’s contacts who could help put them in touch with Saw’s insurgents. On their way through town, they briefly run afoul of Ponda Baba and Dr. Cornelius Evazan, who are about to leave Jedha themselves to head for Tatooine. While en route to reach out to the sister of one of Saw’s rebels (his contact), Cassian steps away to check with another old associate, who has no concrete information on Saw’s location. As he does so, Jyn has an unusual encounter with a blind Guardian of the Whills, Chirrut Imwe, who offers to tell her future in trade for her kyber crystal necklace. She assumes he must be trying to con her, as she notes a “spotter” near him, his constant companion (and former Guardian himself), Baze Malbus. They are just returning to their search when they realize that members of Saw’s faction are about to attack a nearby shipment of kyber crystals under Imperial guard. When the attack happens, Jyn and Cassian are forced into cover and then

into the fight. Jyn saves the life of a child (Pendra, daughter of Larn and Huika) caught in the crossfire, then K-2SO arrives to assist them, despite having been told to stay with the ship. During the firefight, Cassian saves Jyn from being the victim of an explosive by taking out the rebel wielding the weapon, which draws the attention of Benthic and his fellow Tognath partisan Edrio Two Tubes. When the fight is seemingly over, stormtroopers assume that K-2SO is watching over Jyn and Cassian as prisoners. The prisoners are to be turned over to other stormtroopers and K-2SO taken for a diagnostic (against their will, of course) when Chirrut demands that the stormtroopers let them pass in peace. When they refuse, Chirrut, who can touch the Force but is not a Jedi, uses his martial arts skills to take down the stormtroopers, only for more to arrive. Baze uses his heavy repeating blaster to clear out the other Imperials. K-2SO is sent back to the U-wing. Unfortunately, the others are not safe yet, as the Two Tubes order the impromptu quartet taken prisoner or killed because Cassian killed the rebel earlier. Jyn plays her trump card, revealing her identity so that they will be taken to Saw as prisoners, rather than killed on the spot. When they reach Saw's base, the men are put into a cell that turns out to be right next to Bodhi's, whom Cassian realizes is the pilot he's seeking (after Baze recognizes him as an Imperial pilot and wants to kill him). Meanwhile, Jyn is taken to see Saw, the man who raised her but then abandoned her when she was only 16. She confronts him about that but sees a man who is paranoid and weaker than she had expected, rather than someone willing to fight her with words or otherwise. He now has a cybernetic leg and uses a breathing apparatus. He wonders if she is here as part of a trap, given the timing of her visit in relation to Bodhi's message. He decides to trust her and plays the holographic message from Galen Erso that Bodhi had brought to Jedha. In it, Galen shows himself to be a father who dearly misses his daughter, rather than the bastard she expected. He reveals that he was trying to protect her and the galaxy by pretending to give in to Krennic so that he could bide his time and plot revenge for how the Erso family's life was disrupted. He has been working on the weapon system for a superweapon known as the "Death Star," the planet-killer feared by some Rebels. He has, however, laid a trap within it. The main reactor is unstable, so any disruption to it could bring down the entire system and destroy the station. To do this, though, the Rebellion will need access to more plans than he can provide, given how Krennic has kept him isolated to work just on the superlaser and its power source (the reactor). He knows that a full set of the plans can be found in the Imperial data vault at the Citadel Tower on Scarif and urges Saw, or Jyn, or whomever is watching his message to go there and secure the Death Star plans so they can seek a way to exploit the weakness he has built into the station. As the message nears its conclusion, the Death Star takes position over Jedha City for its test, which Tarkin has ordered should only destroy one city so as not to draw undue attention yet. The weapon fires, destroying the city (including citizens like Pendra, the little girl she saved earlier). Thankfully, Saw's base is at the old Cadera Monastery outside of the city, which gives them time to escape. Jyn, devastated by having all of her preconceptions about her father shattered and unsure what to do next, is dragged away by Cassian after the others break out of their cell and take Bodhi with them. Saw, for his part, chooses to stay, defiant against the oncoming wave of destruction, knowing he would slow them all down if he tried to leave with them. As it is, K-2SO arrives with the U-wing just in time to pick up Cassian, Jyn, Baze, Chirrut, and Bodhi. They escape just as the Monastery is wiped out, taking the closest thing Jyn had known to a father since Lah'mu with it. (The Imperials have nearly all been evacuated, though one small group, including JN-093, JK-027, and JN-092 aren't able to evacuate in time and are killed by the blast wave.) Bodhi has revealed to Cassian back in the cells that he had carried Galen's message from Eadu. Cassian provides this information to Draven, who confirms that they should head for Eadu. (Unbeknownst to Jyn, Cassian has orders from Draven to kill Galen so the Imperials can no longer use his expertise, rather than taking him captive or rescuing him from the Empire.) Unsure whether the Alliance council will believe what Jyn heard in the message, since the original has now been destroyed on Jedha, Jyn suggests that if they can rescue Galen, he can convince the council himself. As they head for Eadu, Tarkin congratulates Krennic on a successful test then takes full command of the Death Star, taking credit for its success since he suggested the battle station and its potential to the Emperor years ago (though Palpatine already had plans for such a station from the Geonosians). He cites the defector's origin point of Eadu as a security problem that Krennic failed to deal with. (Ironically, Tarkin himself actually owned Eadu and gave it to the Tarkin Initiative for its research, so this is his former planet upon which Krennic has seemingly lost a level of control.) Krennic heads for Eadu to deal with the matter personally. Back amid the Rebel leadership, Mon sends a message

regarding troubling rumors about Jedha and a weapons test to other members of Operation Fracture Oversight. General Ria wonders if the contact providing that info from the Senate might be baiting a trap, but Mon trusts her (indicating that it might be Leia Organa). Admiral Raddus suggests that he can send a cargo freighter to Jedha to confirm if they don't hear from Cassian soon. For his part, having made contact with Cassian, Draven tries to buy time for Cassian's assassination mission by putting off any new investigations or intelligence sharing until he can confirm Cassian's status. Cassian's team arrives at Eadu, following Bodhi's guidance to near the Imperial installation, but they crash land the U-wing amid a storm, leaving them without a way off the planet. Cassian takes Bodhi to check out the facility's location from afar, though Chirrut senses darkness in the Force around Cassian as he leaves, suggesting that he is about to kill. K-2SO is able to confirm that Cassian's weapon was in sniper mode, convincing Jyn that he must be intending to kill her father. She rushes out to find a way to get to him first. Shortly thereafter, Chirrut leaves to follow and protect Jyn, which means Maze also must follow him to keep Chirrut safe. Back on Yavin IV, the crash has meant that Draven has lost contact with Cassian, so he orders a backup mission of X-wings and Y-wings to fly to Eadu and take out the Imperial facility in case Cassian's mission has failed. Back on Eadu, Krennic's shuttle arrives, and he calls Galen and other scientists (Rasset Milio, Vlex Onopin, Ames Uravan, Sirro Argonne, and Feyn Vann) out to the landing pad. This allows Bodhi to identify Galen for Cassian, who then sends Bodhi to secure a ship to get them off Eadu. Cassian intends to take out Galen with a sniper shot, but the need for his information, the earnestness of Jyn's belief in his message, and the changes he has seen in Jyn over the short course of the mission, coupled with his own growing distaste for the kind of immoral acts he has had to carry out for the greater good of the Rebellion, finally cause him to abandon taking the shot. On the platform, Galen confesses to being the traitor within the project in order to save the other scientists, but Krennic has them shot anyway. He is then gloating over Galen about how the weapon Galen helped create has destroyed Jedha City when Jyn reaches the platform, having climbed a service ladder all the way up. Cassian spots her even as word comes from the incoming Rebel Blue Squadron that they are on their way to attack the base. He is able to have K-2SO contact Draven to call them off, but it is too late to halt the attack. Cassian races off to save Jyn from the impending bombing. As TIE fighters engage the incoming Rebel starfighters, Chirrut blasts one with his lightbow that takes out an Imperial turbolaser below. Jyn has just seen her father and called out to him when the first strike explodes on the landing pad. Jyn is thrown aside but still alive, though her father is gravely wounded. She speaks to him for a brief moment. He calls her "Stardust" as he had so often when she was a child, but then Galen dies there on the landing pad. Cassian gets to her and, covered by Baze from nearby (who takes out several stormtroopers from Eadu's 975th Garrison), takes her away from the facility. K-2SO and Bodhi have acquired a transport shuttle like the ones Bodhi flew from Jedha to Eadu so often, and they leave Eadu behind. Unfortunately, Krennic has also managed to escape during the chaos. As his shuttle leaves Eadu, he receives new orders to travel to Mustafar for a face-to-face meeting with Darth Vader himself. On Yavin IV, Mon debates with Draven, now that she has discovered his secret orders to Cassian. She has been working to organize Rebel allies in the Senate to push through a vote on a declaration of intent for the Empire's demilitarization and reconciliation with the Alliance, but that would only have been possible with rumors of a planet-killer coming down the line, not one actually existing currently, which would cause either disbelief or panic. A political solution may no longer be viable for now. They call together the Alliance council. On Mustafar, Krennic meets with Vader, who tells him Jedha City's destruction will be blamed on a mining accident. He expresses the need for Krennic to keep things under control, which just suggests to Krennic that he is still in command and that Vader might speak to the Emperor on his behalf. Vader briefly Force chokes him as a lesson in not choking on his aspirations, then lets him leave. He sets course for Scarif. The stolen transport arrives at Yavin IV, and on the journey Jyn has come to see her own purpose as fulfilling her father's wishes and destroying the Death Star somehow. She attends the council meeting, which does not go well. Senator Tynnra Pamlo of Taris (Minister of Education) argues that the existence of the Death Star means that any resistance risks entire worlds, so the Alliance must disband (something Bail Organa is very much against). Finance Minister Senator Nower Jebel of Uytter and Senator Vasp Vaspar of Taldot (Minister of Industry) also speak against taking on the station. Jebel in particular is incensed over Draven already attacking an Imperial base without prior discussion. Jyn makes a strong argument, but without full council support, no action can be taken. The Rebel Alliance will do nothing.

Returning to Bodhi, Baze, and Chirrut, Jyn is unsure what to do next, but then Cassian and many other Rebels arrive, pledging their support. They have all done terrible things in the name of the Alliance and their cause, and they could not live with themselves if they simply gave up now. Together, this ragtag group will use their stolen transport to carry out a mission to Scarif themselves. As they begin takeoff, they are ordered to stand down by Base One's control center, but Bodhi claims they have authorization and a call sign ("Rogue One"), then they launch for Scarif. Not all of the Rebel leaders are inactive, however. Mon and Bail confer and decide that it is time to call upon Obi-Wan "Ben" Kenobi, who has been on Tatooine since the rise of the Empire. Bail will send his adoptive daughter, Leia Organa, to retrieve him. (At the time, Leia is actually at Yavin IV, as is Raymus Antilles and his ship, the Tantive IV, though the ship is undergoing repairs aboard General Raddus' flagship, the Profundity.) Bail will head back to Alderaan to let his people know that there will be no chance for peace with the Empire, as war is now inevitable, regardless of what the council has decided. At Scarif, Bodhi is able to use his old Imperial codes to gain access to the planet, passing through the massive shield gate in orbit that is the only way to pass through the planetary shield. They land and incapacitate the boarding party sent to check the transport, which allows Cassian to dress in Imperial officer clothing and Jyn to wear a security uniform. K-2SO will also be able to move freely, since he is an Imperial droid, similar to many others of the same model around the base. They must enter the Citadel Tower, home of the data vault where the Death Star plans are held. Meanwhile, Bodhi and Corporal Stordan "Stordie" Tonc will remain with the ship to protect their own means of escape, while Melshi and his Rebel Pathfinders spread out and set explosives that can be used to sow confusion in the Imperial ranks, making ten men feel like a hundred. (Melshi is not actually the highest ranking member of the Rogue One team but is given command because Cassian knows and trusts him personally. The actual ranking member of the team is Lieutenant Taidu Sefla, who defers to Cassian's decision, despite also outranking Cassian himself. It is Sefla who provides Jyn with the brevet rank of sergeant for the mission.) Shortly after they land, Krennic also arrives and joins General Sotorus Ramda in the Citadel, where he intends to have all of Galen's communications analyzed for hints as to any other security breaches. Soon, the Rebel team sets off their explosives, beginning their distraction and the Battle of Scarif. Imperial transmissions about Rebels on Scarif are intercepted by Tenzigo Weems on Yavin IV, who brings news to Mon, Draven, and Starfighter Command's General Antoc Merrick. Raddus is already preparing to leave aboard the Profundity to join the fight. (C-3PO and R2-D2 are at Base One and barely return to the Tantive IV aboard the Profundity to join Leia in time to leave.) Regardless of what the council has decided, the Rebel Alliance must go into battle. Meanwhile, General Hurst Romodi informs Tarkin aboard the Death Star of Rebel activity on Scarif and Krennic's recent arrival there. Tarkin orders the Death Star through hyperspace to Scarif. Inside the Citadel's lower levels, K-2SO accosts a droid similar to himself in order to download a map of the structure, then he is able to guide Jyn and Cassian to the data vault, where they enter to begin looking for the Death Star plans while K-2SO guards them from just outside the entrance. Above Scarif, Rebel ships emerge from hyperspace and begin their attack against Imperial General Gorin's forces, allowing a few Rebel ships to get through the shield gate before it can be closed. Merrick takes Blue Squadron on their first fully-mobilized mission (comprised of X-wings, U-wings, and a few Y-wings) to aid the Rogues, while Garvin Dreis and Jon Vander lead Red and Gold Squadrons in battle over the planet, targeting the shield gate and a pair of Star Destroyers in orbit that stand against the Profundity and other Rebel capital ships. On the surface, Baze and Chirrut's group of Pathfinders encounter AT-ACT walkers but are saved by the timely arrival of Blue Squadron. U-wings drop reinforcements, and the battle intensifies. With the shield gate closed and the Citadel on lockdown, there is no way for Jyn and Cassian to get the datatape with the Death Star plans off of Scarif once they find it. They need to get word to the Rebel fleet to have them take down the shield. Bodhi should be able to contact them, but with communications now blocked, the signal would have to go through the Citadel Tower's own communications dish. To get access to it, Bodhi will have to use an actual hardline cable to connect to the communications systems on their landing pad, and then someone will have to flip a nearby master switch to initiate a connection. Then they can use the Citadel's own dish to reach out to their comrades in orbit. Inside, Jyn and Cassian find the Death Star plans when she recognizes a file called "Stardust," Galen's nickname for her. They locate the datatape, but then Imperials arrive, notified of the unauthorized access. K-2SO sacrifices himself to seal them in the vault, telling them that they can still climb up to the base of the Citadel Tower's

dish, where they could transmit the plans out to the Rebels. However, the files are so large that the shield gate must be down in order to transmit it all. At the transport, Tonc has been killed, but Bodhi is able to get the hardline connected. He contacts Melshi, who is injured and fighting alongside Chirrut and Baze. They need the master switch flipped. When Melshi is killed, Chirrut taps into the Force and makes his way through blasterfire from deathtroopers to flip the switch, but then a grenade explodes nearby, gravely wounding him. Baze takes out the troopers temporarily and rushes to his old friend, who dies in his arms, convincing him to trust the Force as a true Guardian of the Whills again. Baze takes the fight to the deathtroopers again, but a fallen trooper drops another grenade, which kills Baze. With the switch flipped, Bodhi is able to tell the Rebels in orbit that the shield gate must be down for them to receive the plans. Shortly after doing so, a grenade is tossed into the transport, which explodes, killing Bodhi and destroying the transport. Inside, the last remaining members of the quintet that escaped Jedha, Jyn and Cassian, climb up the towering structure holding the datatape, retrieve it, and begin climbing upward. Krennic and deathtroopers arrive, though, firing on them. Cassian is wounded and falls several meters. Jyn must leave him, unsure whether he is alive or dead, so that she can reach the dish. Outside, the battle rages. Merrick has been killed, and atmospheric fliers known as TIE Strikers are engaging the Rebel ships. In space, Raddus orders an ion attack on one of the Star Destroyers. Once the ship is briefly disabled, he has the crew of the Lightmaker (a hammerhead corvette) abandon ship so that just a skeleton crew can ram the side of the disabled Star Destroyer, pushing it into the other Star Destroyer. The wreck causes both to crash down into the shield gate, destroying it and disabling the planetary shield. The way is clear for transmission of the plans. Jyn makes it to the transmitter and inserts the tape, but she must go out on a catwalk to realign the dish. As she is on her way back from doing so, she is nearly blasted by a passing TIE, then she is confronted by Krennic. She reveals her identity and bluffs that she has now let the entire galaxy know about a flaw Galen built into the Death Star, even though the transmission is not yet sent. As he is about to kill her, Cassian arrives, injured but not dead, and blasts Krennic. This allow Jyn to reach the console and send the plans to the Profundity. Cassian keeps Jyn from wasting time by killing Krennic, and the pair make their way down from the Citadel, even as the Death Star emerges from hyperspace near Scarif. Using the same kind of single-reactor ignition that destroyed Jedha City without destroying all of Jedha, Tarkin orders a strike to wipe out the Scarif facility. The superlaser rips through the top of the Citadel as it arrives, killing Krennic just before striking the rest of the facility, destroying it and sending a blast wave outward. On the Scarif shoreline, Cassian tells Jyn that her father would have been proud of her, then the blast wave reaches them, killing them both. In space, the Devastator, Darth Vader's personal Star Destroyer (and the last Imperial I-class Star Destroyer to launch from Kuat Drive Yards before the start of work on Imperial II-class Star Destroyers), arrives. Much of the Rebel fleet escapes, but the Profundity is disabled and boarded. Vader kills his way through the ship. Rebels aboard transfer the Death Star plans received from Scarif onto a disc, which an officer is able to slip to another Rebel trooper aboard the repaired Tantive IV, just before Vader can kill him. The Tantive IV launches immediately with the plans aboard. The plans are brought to Leia, who, when asked by Raymus Antilles what has been received, answers, "Hope." Darth Vader soon gives chase, however. Can the Tantive IV get the plans back to the rest of the Rebel Alliance and fulfill Leia's mission to recover Obi-Wan from Tatooine before Vader catches up with them? With great sacrifice, Rogue One has given the Rebellion a chance at survival. Shortly after the mission's conclusion, Mon Mothma writes an "in memoriam" message about Jyn's sacrifice and how she believed that Jyn did not go there to die as a martyr but to channel her best and worse impulses, her darkest and brightest moments, toward a cause that was worthy. She laments not being able to see whom Jyn might have become in a kinder universe in which she could have escaped Scarif, but Mon is grateful to have known this unexpected Rebel heroine.

(Rogue One)

Rogue One [continued] (movie: John Knoll & Chris Weitz & Tony Gilroy & Gary Whitta)

Rogue One [continued] (movie: John Knoll & Chris Weitz & Tony Gilroy & Gary Whitta)

Jyn in Prison

Ring of Kafrene

An Urgent Message

Wobani Prison Break

Rebel Interrogation

Mission Departure
Saw Gerra
Krennic and Tarkin
Jyn's Dream
Scouting Jedha City
Bor Gullet
Guardians of the Whills
Holy City Ambush
"Let Them Pass"
Saw's Catacombs
Galen's Message
Jedha Escape
Tarkin Commands
Race to Eadu
Eadu Crash
Scouting Eadu
Krennic and Galen
Attack on Eadu
Eadu Aftermath
Mustafar
Jyn Before the Council
"May the Force Be With Us"
Rogue One Launches
Scarif Gate
10 Men Like 100
Imperial Inspection
Ground Forces
The Battle Begins
Scrambling the Rebel Fleet
Sowing Confusion
Rebel Reinforcements
Beach Battle
Master Switch
Stardust
Data Vault
Sacrifices
"We Have the Plans"
Final Confrontation
Transmission Received
Fire When Ready
Hope
End Credits

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Rogue One [continued] (youth novel: Matt Forbeck)

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Rogue One (comic series: Jody Houser)

Rogue One, Part I [continued] (comic: Jodi Houser)

Rogue One, Part II (comic: Jodi Houser)

Rogue One, Part III (comic: Jodi Houser)

Rogue One, Part IV (comic: Jodi Houser)

Rogue One, Part V (comic: Jodi Houser)

Rogue One, Part VI (comic: Jodi Houser)

Rebel Rising [continued] (youth novel: Beth Revis)

Rebel Rising [continued] (youth novel: Beth Revis)

Epilogue

CONCURRENT TO RO (0.1 – 0 BBY)

- Around the same time that Bodhi Rook is turning himself over to Saw Gerrera's Partisans on Jedha, General Airen Cracken provides a profile of Orson Krennic to Mon Mothma, and Private Tenzigo Weems provides General Davits Draven with information about the headers on recent intercepts, which include terms like Stellarsphere, Black Saber, Pax Aurora, War Mantle, Ion Ring, and Cluster Prism. He is concerned about what these might be. Upon learning about the Imperial defector on Jedha, Draven chooses to confirm Galen Erso's credentials and possible involvement before bringing up the possibility of a mission. He informs Airen Cracken that he will have one of his agents on Vulpiter carry out a data raid, even though it will compromise her future usefulness in that position, to confirm his credentials. He is able to confirm Galen's expertise and past with Orson Krennic on Project Celestial Power. They have no information on the current whereabouts of Lyra Erso, but they are able to confirm that Galen and Lyra's daughter, Jyn Erso, was working with Saw Gerrera's Partisans years ago. As soon as Captain Cassian Andor returns to Yavin IV from the Ring of Kafrene, they are able to confirm the Jedha situation based on his information. The suggestion of a planet-killer is bolstered by a report to Mon Mothma from Jan Dodonna, who has been tracking kyber crystal supply lines for a while and their possible application as a large scale weapon. A meeting is held, attended by at least Mothma, Draven, Dodonna, Pitt Onoran, Nower Jebel, Vasp Vaspar, and Tynnra Palmo. Palmo believes that the weapon is real, but that the key is controlling the message about it and getting out word of such a weapon, while Onoran believes that would give up their one tactical advantage, which is what the Empire doesn't know the Rebellion knows about it. Jebel, however, doesn't believe the concept is real. In a memo from Haxen Delto to Draven, the Geonosis connection to the planet-killer project is made, based on reports from Phoenix Squadron, and note is made of a part of a Geonosian project that was outsourced to Mygeeto, known as "Hammertong." In a subsequent council meeting, Mothma and Draven support using Jyn Erso to get into Saw's camp to meet with Bodhi, while Jebel and Vaspar are skeptical. Sergeant Ruesscott Melshi creates a plan for Jyn's extraction from the Wobani labor camp that is transmitted to Mothma. They must make a backup plan to get to Bodhi if the extraction of Jyn goes wrong or if she cannot get them into Saw's good graces. As such, they prepare a potential attack on Saw's Jedha fortress that would consist of a primary group of Corporals Pao, Timker, Stordan Tonc, Mefran, Casrich, Maddel, Bistan, and Rostok, plus Privates Basteren, Kapperil, and Calfor. Once Jyn has agreed to help, Draven lets Mothma know that he gave Cassian some "secondary mission objectives" but not that one of them is to kill Galen.*

(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- Around the time that Cassian Andor, K-2SO, and Jyn Erso are on their way to Jedha, General Airen Cracken, Chief of Rebel Intelligence, provides a comprehensive dossier on Operation Fracture (the plan to extract Galen Erso from Imperial service to testify before the Imperial Senate) to Mon Mothma. The dossier compiles numerous reports, profiles, and other data relating to the mission.*

(Rogue One: Rebel Dossier)
- In support of Operation Fracture, Rebel Admiral Raddus alerts allied Rebel movements, such as the Tierfon Yellow Aces, to be ready to supply starfighters and pilots from their own squadrons to supplement Gold Squadron from Base One, which currently only has nine of its twelve Y-wings spaceworthy. (Two pilots from the Yellow Aces, Jek Porkins and Zal Dinnes,*

already serve with Red Squadron as Red 6 and 8, respectively.)

(conjecture based on the *Rogue One: Rebel Dossier* and *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)

- On Jedha, former Milvayne Authority lawman Tam Posla seeks his target, Dr. Cornelius Evazan. During his pursuit, Posla meets and falls in love with Caysin Bog, whom Evazan has altered into a prototype for the Decraniated. They nearly catch Evazan but lose him just as the Death Star destroys Jedha City.

(conjecture based on *Remastered*)

- Shortly after the destruction of Jedha City, General Cassio Tagge comes aboard the Death Star. He will remain so until shortly before the Battle of Yavin.*

(conjecture based on *Fully Operational*)*

*NOTE: This is from the short story, not the RPG supplement of the same name.

- Shortly after the destruction of Jedha City, TriNebulon News reports that the destruction of the Holy City was a mining accident, backed by an exclusive interview with Governor Sacritte. Tynnra Palmo almost immediately tells Mon Mothma that they should have followed her advice about letting the galaxy know about a “planet-killer” earlier, so that the Empire’s cover story would be more easily refuted.

(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)

- On Yavin IV, General Davits Draven provides written mission parameters to General Antoc Merrick for the Blue Squadron scramble to Eadu. Since there is no real time to prepare, they will be flying blind most of the way (figuratively speaking).

(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)

- Director Orson Krennic (likely between leaving Mustafar and arriving at Scarif) meets with the Imperial Joint Chiefs aboard the Death Star, where he argues that the Death Star can do far more than just destroy one city.*

(conjecture based on *Fully Operational*)*

*NOTE: It is not entirely clear when this takes place in the span of *Rogue One*, though it would make the most sense for it to be between Krennic being on Mustafar and Scarif. This is from the short story, not the RPG supplement of the same name.

- On Yavin IV, Bail Organa briefs Leia Organa on her mission to take the Death Star plans to Alderaan if they are recovered by *Rogue One*. He trusts her more than anyone and believes there is nothing she cannot deal with. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Ashes of Jedha)

- Upon learning that Cassian Andor, the man who recruited her into Rebel Intelligence, is part of the *Rogue One* operation, Corporal Rodma Maddel immediately joins Blue Squadron’s ground reinforcements that are to be sent in via U-wing.

(conjecture based on *Rogue One: The Ultimate Visual Guide*)

- After already leaving with the *Profundity* and other vessels, Admiral Raddus sends a message to Mon Mothma to let her know that they are en route to Scarif.

(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)

- Aboard the Death Star, Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin reflects on the arrogance of Orson Krennic as he gives the order to fire on the Scarif research facility. Meanwhile, Krennic, injured from being shot by Cassian Andor, considers Tarkin’s own arrogance at trying to take control of the Death Star when he was, at best, a politician playing architect. (To be continued below . . .)

(Verge of Greatness)

Rogue One: Rebel Dossier (book: Jason Fry)

Rogue One: Rebel Dossier (book: Jason Fry)

Star Wars [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron & Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Chris Eliopoulos & Jason Latour & Dash Aaron & Cullen Bunn)

The Ashes of Jedha (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

The Ashes of Jedha, Part III [flashback] (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Verge of Greatness (FACPOV short story: Pablo Hidalgo)

Verge of Greatness (FACPOV short story: Pablo Hidalgo)

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0.1 – 0 BBY (After RO)

- Having turned over the datacard from the *Profundity* to Leia Organa, Captain Raymus Antilles wonders if the *Tantive IV* will actually be able to complete their own mission of recovering

Obi-Wan Kenobi from Tatooine. The ship was not yet ready to make the journey on its own at the time of the Battle of Scarif, so it was still being repaired aboard the *Profundity*. It was only launched as a last resort and has a hyperdrive that may give out at any moment. The hyperdrive is also likely leaving a telltale abnormal hyperspace wake that the Empire can track. The ship barely has deflectors or weapons, thanks to the electrical systems on the *Profundity* being overloaded while the ship was still attached. Corla Metonae suggests that perhaps the ship is able to use its diplomatic flag as protection from attack, but the Empire has issued a priority red directive to stop and hold any and all CR90 corvettes. It is unlikely that diplomatic immunity will be an available "out" for Leia. Knowing that they might not make it home from this mission, Raymus returns to his quarters to write letters to his wife and two young daughters. He is unable to do so. The ship's hyperdrive motivator finally gives out, dropping them to sublight engines only about one parsec (and eight minutes) away from Tatooine. Moments after the *Tantive IV* drops out of hyperspace, the Imperial Star Destroyer *Devastator* emerges from hyperspace and attacks. (To be continued below . . .)

(Raymus)

- In the wake of the Rebel raid on Eadu, Imperial Captain Magna Tolvan, who was in charge of security there, is demoted. Within the year, she will be leading Imperial clean-up troops on Yavin IV to investigate the Rebel base that is abandoned after the Battle of Yavin.
(conjecture based on *Aphra*)
- In the wake of the Battle of Scarif, Emperor Sheev Palpatine faces the real possibility that the truth about the Death Star's purpose may be revealed to the galaxy, thereby turning more members of the Senate against him to be more in line with the position of worlds like Alderaan. He decides to do two things to prevent such opposition. First, he decides that that time has come to disband the Senate entirely. Second, he makes Alderaan and its dissent a target for the Death Star.
(conjecture based on *On the Front Lines*)
- In the wake of the Battle of Scarif, two X-wings at Base One on Yavin IV must be cannibalized to fix other X-wings. Both will remain out of action for the Battle of Yavin.
(conjecture based on *Grounded*)
- In the wake of the Battle of Scarif, Lieutenant Buscon, the Communications Officer of the *Consonance* during the battle, records a few thoughts on the battle and includes a set of fragmentary transmissions in that testimony. This material will find its way into a book on major battles of the last 70 years (or so) in the wake of the Battle of Starkiller Base.
(conjecture based on *On the Front Lines*)
- In the wake of the death of Saw Gerrera on Jedha, Ru Vushan and Halia Vushan no longer allow Sadori Vushan to go on missions for the Partisans (or their remnants) alone. From now on, one parent will go with the teen each time he goes on a mission.
(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)
- Around this time, the wife of Garindan ezz Zavor dies on Kubindi.
(conjecture based on *Added Muscle*)

Raymus (FACPOV short story: Gary Whitta)

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SW4 (0 BBY / 0 ABY)

- Princess Leia Organa races for Alderaan aboard the *Tantive IV*, bearing plans for the Death Star that were stolen by Rebel spies and sent to the ship. As they arrive above Tatooine, the Imperial Star Destroyer *Devastator* strikes. The *Tantive IV* is disabled and a tractor beam pulls it into the *Devastator*'s main docking bay. Stormtroopers board the vessel and begin killing the Rebels aboard. Darth Vader then boards. Moments later, Captain Raymus Antilles is captured and brought to Darth Vader. In a secluded area, Leia (armed with a blaster) records a secret message for Obi-Wan Kenobi on Tatooine in the memory banks of R2-D2, along with the stolen Death Star plans. R2-D2 and C-3PO then escape the ship via an escape pod. Sensing no life-readings aboard the Imperials let the pod continue on its way to crash into the surface of Tatooine. At Tosche Station, Luke meets his long-absent friend Biggs Darklighter (fresh from the Imperial Academy), along with Camie and Fixer. Back aboard the *Tantive IV* Vader murders Captain Antilles. Leia is captured and brought before Vader, who orders her arrest and the deaths of all others aboard the ship. Vader orders a team to Tatooine to investigate the escape pod, knowing that the plans must be aboard. In the Dune Sea of Tatooine, R2-D2 and C-3PO separate. R2-D2 is captured by Jawas, while

C-3PO willingly boards the same sandcrawler when he senses a chance to be saved. Back at Tosche Station, Biggs tells Luke that when the ship he is assigned to, the *Rand Ecliptic*, enters the central systems, he and several other individuals are going to jump ship and join the Rebel Alliance via a contact on Bestine. The two friends say their goodbyes. Aboard the sandcrawler that night, R2-D2 and C-3PO are reunited. The next morning, a team of stormtroopers discovers the pod and learn that droids were aboard. Teams are then dispatched to Mos Eisley to search for the droids. At the Lars moisture farm, the sandcrawler arrives and Owen Lars (who lives there with Beru Lars and Luke Skywalker) purchases C-3PO from the Jawas, along with R5-D4. R5-D4 has a bad motivator, though, so he takes R2-D2 instead. Luke takes the droids to get cleaned up, and they introduce themselves. During the cleaning, R2-D2's holographic message from Leia is partially activated. When Luke insists on seeing the rest of the message, R2-D2 tricks him into removing his restraining bolt, without showing the message. R2-D2 also reveals that he is the property of Obi-Wan Kenobi, the message's intended recipient. Luke goes in to a meal and is told to take the droids to Anchorhead to get their memories erased. That night, R2-D2 takes off for the Jundland Wastes to find Kenobi. The next morning, Luke and C-3PO catch up to him only to be attacked by Tusken Raiders, led by URoRRuR'R'R. They are scared off, and Luke is saved by Kenobi. They head to Kenobi's home, where Luke learns that his father, Anakin Skywalker was a Jedi Knight. Kenobi tells him that a young Jedi Knight named Darth Vader (who was a pupil of Kenobi), turned to the Dark Side and then betrayed and murdered his father as he was helping the Emperor hunt down the Jedi Knights. Luke then receives his father's blue lightsaber. They play Leia's message. She needs him to help get the plans to the Rebellion. Their intended recipient is Bail Organa on Alderaan. Kenobi asks Luke to join him in his mission, but Luke refuses. On Coruscant, the Emperor permanently dissolves the Galactic Senate, giving regional governors direct control of their regions. (The Senate had been slowly becoming just a figurehead in recent years, with regional governors growing in power, but this final step could only come with the completion of the Death Star and the power it represents.) Aboard the *Devastator*, Leia has tried to escape while being escorted to a cell, but she is recaptured by Vader, who informs her that the Senate has been disbanded. They arrive at the Death Star, and Leia gives away that she knows what it is by saying its name when she sees it. She is transferred aboard, where Tarkin is in preparations to crush the Rebellion. Luke, Kenobi, and the droids come upon a destroyed sandcrawler (destroyed by stormtroopers), and realize that the Jawas were killed for selling the droids. Luke realizes that that could mean his "aunt" and "uncle" are in jeopardy, so he heads for home and finds them dead. He then decides to go with Kenobi to Alderaan. They head for Mos Eisley, where they hope to hire a pilot in Chalmun's Cantina. Having to stay outside due to the bartender's hatred for droids, C-3PO and R2-D2 must elude stormtroopers. In the cantina, Obi-Wan speaks with BoShek, who introduces him to Chewbacca. Obi-Wan and Luke hire Han Solo (who has just struck out with Jenny from Mos Espa after forgetting her name), Chewie's captain, and Chewie to take them to Alderaan. Luke and Obi-Wan then sell Luke's speeder to get the necessary credits to pay Han the advance fee. After Han has a run in with Jabba the Hutt and his henchmen, they escape from Tatooine. Shortly thereafter, aboard the Death Star, Leia is interrogated by Vader (with both drugs and Dark Side mind tricks) over the location of the Rebel Alliance's base, but she holds out. She is then brought before Tarkin. Tarkin threatens to destroy Alderaan (already one of the Emperor's chosen Death Star targets in the wake of the Battle of Scarif), and Leia gives him the name of an abandoned Rebel base on Dantooine. He destroys Alderaan anyway, sending a veritable shockwave through the force by ending approximately two billion lives at once. The Millennium Falcon arrives at the remains of Alderaan and is pulled inside the Death Star. The heroes manage to hide from the Imperials and knock out a couple of stormtroopers. They make their way, disguised, into the control room overlooking the Falcon. Kenobi heads out to disable the tractor beam. Luke, Han, and Chewie head to the detention level to free Leia. R2-D2 and C-3PO remain behind. The detention level team succeeds, but is trapped in a trash compactor until C-3PO and R2-D2 save them. Kenobi is successful in shutting down the tractor beam. As the teams make it back to the Falcon, Kenobi is forced to confront Darth Vader--Anakin Skywalker, his old pupil. The two enter a vicious duel until Obi-Wan uses the Force to (apparently) vanish into the Force. The rest of the group escapes from the Death Star, but they unknowingly bear a tracking device to Yavin IV and the Rebel base there. The Death Star heads for Yavin IV. At the base, Han and Chewie claim their reward and payment and prepare to leave. Luke is taken through his paces on a simulator by

Wedge Antilles before being cleared to follow Leia's recommendation to join the Rebel starfighter pilots. Luke is also reunited with Biggs Darklighter, an old friend from Tatooine who went to the Imperial Academy but then jumped ship to join the Rebellion. The Death Star enters the system, and Red and Gold Squadrons take to space (with Luke as Red Five after the death of Cadet Pedrin Gaul of Denon during the Battle of Scarif). In the Battle of Yavin that follows, almost every member of the squadrons are killed. As Darth Vader and his two wingmen follow, Luke closes on the exhaust port which will allow him to send a proton torpedo into the area necessary to destroy the station. Wedge is forced to break off, and Biggs is killed by Vader, leaving Luke alone with the three TIEs. Finally, Han Solo and Chewie destroy Vader's wingmen, sending Vader spiraling out of control into space. Luke fires the torpedo and the Death Star is destroyed. They return to Yavin IV for a heroes' welcome.

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2015 Novelizations (youth novel trilogy: Alexandra Bracken & Adam Gidwitz & Tom Angleberger)

The Princess, the Scoundrel, and the Farm Boy (youth novel: Alexandra Bracken)

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CONCURRENT TO SW4

- *As the Tantive IV is captured by Darth Vader's Devastator, Captain Raymus Antilles orders the crew to escape pods and tries to find Leia Organa to make sure she is safe. He finds her with R2-D2, and she assures him that she will take care of the data from Scarif. She thanks him and sends him to get as many of the crew off the ship as possible. While trying to evade capture, Raymus is caught by a trio of stormtroopers and brought before Darth Vader. He will die at Vader's hands, but he still has what Rogue One gave to the Rebellion: hope.*

(Raymus)

- *A quartet of stormtroopers (TK-4601 AKA Tarvyn Lareka, Commander TK-9091, TK-3338, and TK-4247) are among those searching the Tantive IV for its passengers, particularly Princess Leia Organa. They find her, and she immediately blasts and kills TK-9091. TK-4601 stuns her in response and confirms that she is merely stunned. He is now in command of the remaining three troopers, who prepare to take the groggy but awakening Leia to Darth Vader. He requests additional escort stormtroopers and is sent TK-7624 and TK-8332. He then requests that if troopers are indeed to be sent down to the surface of Tatooine to find whatever Vader is looking for if it isn't on the ship, he wants to be part of that assignment. Before the two escorts take her to Vader, TK-4601 removes his helmet as a way to remind her that there are human beings underneath the armor. In doing so, he reminds himself as well.*

(The Bucket)

- *Three weeks after graduating from the Royal Imperial Academy on Coruscant and taking her post on the Devastator, Ciena Ree sees her first combat when the Devastator tracks down and captures the Tantive IV. Princess Leia Organa is to be taken prisoner. Ciena is standing next to one of her fellow officers, who notes another escape pod being launched (the one that, unbeknownst to them, carries C-3PO and R2-D2), but their captain dismisses it as a short-circuit. She bumps into Nash Windrider while taking files to the ship's Imperial Security Bureau internal affairs officer. Being from Alderaan, Nash is shocked that Leia is a traitor, but he believes she may have been misled by others. She delivers the files to ISB Captain Ronnadam, who is in holocommunication with Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin. Tarkin realizes that Ciena recognizes him and asks about it. She mentions having met him when Jelucan was annexed into the Empire, and he actually remembers her and Thane Kyrell. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Lost Stars)

- *General Davits Draven sends a message to Mon Mothma to let her know that the Rebel Alliance base on Yavin IV has lost contact with the Tantive IV. They have confirmation that the ship escaped Scarif and has the Death Star plans aboard, but they have intercepted an Imperial alert about a pursuit in the Tatooine system, then a distress call from the Tantive IV (or supposedly from the ship) that claims they have sustained "catastrophic damage in an asteroid collision," suggesting a cover story for the ship having been destroyed.*

(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)

- *On Tatooine in the Jundland Wastes, young Tusken Raider A'Koba, A'Vor, and A'Vor's twin slay a relatively young krayt dragon, and A'Koba proclaims himself a true Tusken warrior. Chieftain A'Yark is willing to give him that credit, but she warns him of greater threats and magic in the desert (in the hands of the "wizard," Obi-Wan "Ben" Kenobi nearby). Overconfident, A'Koba finds her threats unbecoming of a true leader. That night, he hunts with A'Vor and his twin, and they wonder about an astromech droid the spotted nearby that evening, which might bring potential targets looking for the droid soon. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Rites)

- *Boba Fett is on Tatooine for business and is supposed to leave soon, but he decides to stick around and see if he can find the droids that Darth Vader is looking for. This would allow him to perhaps get on Vader's good side after a debacle on Coruscant where he disintegrated some Rebel spies that could no longer be questioned.*
(conjecture based on *Added Muscle*)
- *Aboard a Jawa sandcrawler on Tatooine, R5-D4 contemplates his future and desire to get away from the Jawas after being held by them for four years. He is cleaned up for future presentation at moisture farms where the Jawas hope to sell him. Hours later, as it begins to get dark, the sandcrawler captures R2-D2, then C-3PO soon thereafter. During the night, R2-D2 attempts to alter R5-D4 so make sure that R2-D2 can be sold with C-3PO the next day if possible. R5-D4 does not appreciate R2-D2's efforts to sabotage his competition, but R2-D2 tells him of his mission and the galactic stakes involved, leaving R5-D4 to consider this throughout the night. (To be continued below . . .)*
(**The Red One**)
- *Aboard the Devastator, gunnery captain Bolvan is in a bit of a panic and goes to see Imperial fleet logistics liaison (grade for) Arvira. He needs her help. It was Bolvan who ordered Hija not to shoot down the escape pod that he now realizes likely bore the Death Star plans down to the surface of Tatooine. Technically, shooting on the escape pod was against policy if no one was aboard, but if the plans were indeed in it, he expects that Darth Vader will execute him, or he will at the very least be disciplined and lose his career. She is a master of datawork and gives him Form INS-776-TX to fill out, which would require an EVA check of the weapons on the Devastator, which only he and Hija could perform, thus removing them both from possible questioning about the incident. She further suggests that he use Form DKS-77-MA(n) and application SUG-171-TI to essentially suggest to Commander Praji that he have the troops taking inventory on the Tantive IV to fill out multiple copies of Form SRS-98-COMP. The result should be to have it be Praji who realizes the plans were on the escape pod, not either gunner. He should also use Maintenance Request NIW-59-SUD with a Schedule P to have the viewport where he and Hija were standing cleaned, ostensibly to make the case that they couldn't actually see any escape pod clearly anyway. Bolvan is relieved, and Arvira will get a session training with a blaster in return.*
(**The Sith of Datawork**)
- *Devastator sets course for the Death Star, and Ciena Ree is excited to contact Thane Kyrell to let him know that they will hopefully be able to catch up in person (along with Nash Windrider and Jude Edivon, of course). (To be continued below . . .)*
(**Lost Stars**)
- *Aboard the Jawa sandcrawler, Jot's interest in astromech droid memories draws him to take R2-D2 to hook up with Storyteller. What he sees opens his eyes to worlds, ideas, and battles that he had otherwise never witnessed, such as the wedding of Anakin Skywalker and Padmé Amidala, Jedi using lightsabers, and finally Leia Organa recording her message for Obi-Wan Kenobi. He also accesses the Death Star plans. All of these things make him believe that this is no ordinary droid. He puts R2-D2 back instead of erasing the droid's memory, so that the droid can continue its mission. Jot has been profoundly affected and decides that the next day, he will travel to Mos Eisley or Anchorhead to get a flight off of Tatooine so that he can see the stars and tell his own stories about his adventures among them.*
(**Stories in the Sand**)
- *As Owen Lars purchases C-3PO and R2-D2 from a Jawa sandcrawler, female Tusken Raider (from a clan in which women are not allowed to be fighters) Reirin watches, waiting for her moment to sneak into the sandcrawler and steal an item requested by a trader who might be willing to take her away from Tatooine to a better life. She has been gone from her clan long enough for questions to be raised that would bring dishonor on herself and her family if she returns, so she is fully committed to her plan now. (To be continued below . . .)*
(**Reirin**)
- *When Owen Lars chooses C-3PO and R5-D4 from the Jawas instead of R2-D2, R2-D2 realizes that the galaxy may now be doomed. R5-D4 is now convinced in his sincerity, though, and chooses to carry out an emergency energy purge, severely damaging himself in order to allow R2-D2 to go with C-3PO and continue in his galaxy-altering mission. (To be continued below . . .)*
(**The Red One**)

- Now that R5-D4 has failed and provided a distraction, Reirin sneaks into the sandcrawler and acquires the item requested by the trader. By the time she manages to escape the sandcrawler at a later destination, she has started to feel a bond with the item, which is very likely a kyber crystal. (To be continued below . . .)
(**Reirin**)
- The Jawa known as Jitt and the Gonk droid known as EG-30 transfer from one sandcrawler to another. This will mean that they are safe when their original sandcrawler soon comes under Imperial attack for carrying C-3PO and R2-D2 . . .
(conjecture based on Gonk!)
- Garindan ezz Zavor has enough credits to sustain him for a bit, but when a spy offers him a garbled comm message from Kubindi, which contains a message from his own daughter, he gives up those credits to acquire the message. In it, his daughter implores him to find a way to come home to Kubindi. His mate, her mother, is dead, and the family is in trouble.
(conjecture based on Added Muscle)
- Aboard the Death Star, MSE-6 droid MSE-6-G735Y (AKA "G7") is assigned to the maintenance unit for Sector AA-345. around 0800 hours, it accepts a scanner servo from TK-421 that must be taken to TK-450 in docking bay 228. The droid delivers it, and TK-450 complains about how TK-421 couldn't handle the interaction with angry, delayed ships and passengers, the annoyance of General Cassio Tagge, and other frustrations that come with TK-450's position in the docking bay. G7 returns to TK-421 to confirm delivery, and TK-421 compliments the droid's speed, promising that once he can get a promotion to get off of the Death Star to Coruscant, he will take the droid with him to participate in droid races. TK-421 simply doesn't care for life on the Death Star. (To be continued below . . .)*
(**Of MSE-6 and Men**)*

*NOTE: Based on the number of days that seem to elapse in this story, based on timestamps for the MSE-6 droid's records, this would be on the first of four days in the story, around 0800 - 0900 hours. (The last day is the Battle of Yavin.)

- A'Kova, A'Vor, and A'Vor's twin intend to follow R2-D2's trail after spotting the droid the previous evening before its capture by Jawas. Chieftain A'Yark insists on going with them, since they will be near the area where Obi-Wan "Ben" Kenobi ("the wizard") has been seen. A'Koba tries to shoot Luke Skywalker's landspeeder as he and C-3PO search for R2-D2, but A'Yark stops him. Again, A'Yark warns A'Koba about the wizard when A'Koba wants to assault Luke and C-3PO when they have stopped, but A'Koba will not listen. She orders him to at least only take, not kill. A'Koba then accosts Luke, knocking him unconscious. It is then, as the younger Tusken are gathering items from the landspeeder, that Obi-Wan appears and issues his krayt dragon call. It drives off the Tusken, but A'Koba intends to return with greater numbers. Whether A'Koba is able to one day find and defeat the wizard or not, A'Yark knows that no matter whom they share the desert with or what powers they may have, the Tusken Raiders are not going anywhere.
(**Rites**)
- Aboard the Death Star, General Cassio Tagge arrives early for the meeting of the Joint Chiefs, so he heads to his office instead. He is met there soon by Admiral Conan Antonio Motti, and the two head for the meeting. Tagge is concerned about the data stolen from Scarif, but Motti scoffs at his concerns. When Motti attempts to speak ill of the Force to Darth Vader during the meeting, he is nearly killed with a Force choke. It is then that Tagge realizes that the Death Star might not actually be the Empire's greatest weapon. Its greatest weapon might actually be Vader himself.*
(**Fully Operational**)*

*NOTE: This is the short story, not the RPG supplement of the same name.

- On Alderaan, Breha Organa is tortured by not knowing the fate of Leia Organa. WA-2V is bothering her about what Leia should wear at an upcoming diplomatic function, so she just tells the droid to alter one of her own old dresses for Leia. Finally, Bail Organa arrives, bringing word that the Tantive IV has been destroyed by the Empire. They cannot avoid their own duties to search for her, since that would be suspicious, but they start sending out pilots in hopes that someone will bring word of Leia's fate. (To be continued below . . .)*
(**Eclipse**)*

*NOTE: This is two days prior to the destruction of Alderaan, which, at least in the *Legends* continuity was either late 35:3:6 or early 35:3:5, whereas the capture of the *Tantive IV* was on 35:3:3. Strangely, in this part of the story, Breha mentions that they learned about the Senate being disbanded "days ago." This does not fit with what we know from the *Legends* Continuity, given that the Senate was dissolved in that timeline on 35:3:5, the same day when this would be taking place. Perhaps the Emperor announced that the Senate was being dissolved a few

days before it actually happened, or perhaps the old time assumptions for the Legends Continuity apply to Story Group Canon when it comes to internal film durations.

- *When Imperial stormtroopers attack the Jawa sandcrawler that recently sold R2-D2 and C-3PO to Owen Lars, R5-D4 is not destroyed in the attack (which targeted the Jawas themselves) and manages to escape once the stormtroopers are gone. He heads to moisture farms in a nearby valley to find new owners to serve.*

(The Red One)

- *As Luke Skywalker goes to the Lars moisture farm to check on Owen Lars and Beru Lars, Obi-Wan Kenobi, C-3PO, and R2-D2 tend to the dead Jawas. Obi-Wan stands aside for a moment and calls out to the spirit of Qui-Gon Jinn, who answers. They discuss Obi-Wan's reluctance to reclaim the Jedi calling, since he sees himself as a shadow of his former self, even as Qui-Gon believes his patience on Tatooine has been a feat few could manage. Qui-Gon believes that he failed Obi-Wan by telling him to train Anakin Skywalker. For his part, Obi-Wan believes that Owen and Beru are the ones who showed true, selfless heroism by taking Luke in when they did, even knowing the danger it could bring. Both Obi-Wan and Qui-Gon agree that Obi-Wan did the right thing in providing only partial truths about Anakin, since the truth could have caused Luke to turn away or bring extra anger, doubt, and confusion. There will be a time in the future for the full truth, but not yet. Obi-Wan remarks that Qui-Gon has learned to become nearly corporeal as a Force ghost, quite unlike his disembodied voice of long ago. It is a skill Qui-Gon can teach him one day, but Obi-Wan hopes it is a bit farther in the future than it will turn out to be. Qui-Gon disappears again into the Force, leaving Obi-Wan to be ready to comfort the arriving, devastated Luke.*

(Master and Apprentice)

- *Aboard the Death Star, one of the guards who escorts Darth Vader to begin interrogating Leia Organa is shocked to find himself empathizing with Leia in her plight. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Change of Heart)

- *During Darth Vader's interrogation of Leia Organa, the hypohypodermic injector needle on the IT-0 droid is damaged, requiring that a new one be sent down before another high-ranking Imperial officer can interrogate her further.*

(conjecture based on Of MSE-6 and Men)

- *A few hours after delivering a scanner servo to TK-450 from TK-421, MSE-6 droid MSE-6-G735Y (AKA "G7") is sent by TK-421 to deliver a replacement IT-0 interrogator droid hypohypodermic injector needle to the detention block. It arrives with the needle just in time because a high ranking Imperial officer (possibly Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin) is about to interrogate Leia Organa. When Lieutenant Blagg (the officer accepting the needle) tries to shoo G7 away before the interrogator can arrive, the droid smacks into the officer's legs, resulting in damage. That damage includes catastrophic malfunction of its holorecorder, which begins playing a recording of TK-421 complaining earlier, during which he takes off his helmet. The male high-ranking officer (who, it turns out, is either gay or bisexual) finds T-421 exceptionally attractive. He has the droid go to his quarters and shut down to wait for him to provide further instructions. (To be continued below . . .)**

(Of MSE-6 and Men)*

*NOTE: Based on the number of days that seem to elapse in this story, based on timestamps for the MSE-6 droid's records, this would be on the first of four days in the story, around 1300 - 1600 hours. (The last day is the Battle of Yavin.) The initial impression given by this section is that Vader is about to interrogate Leia, but the officer's characterization is far less Vader-esque than would make sense, so Leia must be interrogated by others after Vader. That would also account for how the needle got damaged in the first place.

- *Boba Fett has followed the trail of R2-D2 and C-3PO, then the Jawa sandcrawler that acquired them, but when he finds the sandcrawler destroyed by what are obviously Imperial blasters, he gives up the search for now and returns to Jabba's palace.*
(conjecture based on Added Muscle)
- *Spacer Bims Torka fails to deliver the usual beverages and a special order of Knockback Nectar to Chalmun's Cantina. This will make Wuher's day tough the next day.*
(conjecture based on We Don't Serve Their Kind Here)
- *On Tatooine, Garindan ezz Zavor of Kubindi steals credits from an arrogant human (since he spent his last credits to buy the message from his daughter imploring him to return home), then acquires codes that will help him get past the Imperial blockade over his homeworld. When he learns that the Empire is looking for R2-D2 and C-3PO, he makes a note to hunt them down the next day. His planet has been under Imperial control and indoctrinated to believe that the Empire has their best interests at heart and the Rebellion is evil. Garindan*

has seen enough of the galaxy to know that this is a lie, and if he can only get back to Kubindi (which is now possible thanks to the codes), he will work to reveal the truth and turn his Kubaz brothers and sisters against the Empire, while also seeing to whatever is happening to his family. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Secrets of Long Snoot)

- On Yavin IV, Ryland decides that he must send his daughter, Laina, away with Rhee and Eron (her “aunts”) to Alderaan in order to keep her safe. He records a message for her to see one day that explains how her mother, Fiona, was killed by an Imperial named Duggan on the word of liar Corbin. He believes it is his duty to fight the Empire, as it will be hers one day if it still exists once she comes of age. He then explains why she is being sent to Alderaan and prepares to send her away, though it breaks his heart. (To be continued below . . .)

(Laina)

- On Tatooine, Myo has acquired the kloo horn of Lirin D’avi from Lirin Car’n while gambling, but now he loses quite a bit to Muftak before passing out drunk. Knowing that he is owed, Muftak intends to possibly take the kloo horn, but Kabe steals it first, thinking along similar lines.

(conjecture based on *We Don’t Serve Their Kind Here*)

- On Tatooine, Kabe sells the kloo horn once owned by both Lirin D’avi and Lirin Car’n to a local Scrapper. She returns to where she and Muftak are staying while paying rent to Chalmun. Muftak is upset because the horn was lost by Lirin to Myo while gambling, and then Myo lost enough to Muftak to still owe him. Muftak intended for the horn to be part of his payment, but Kabe stole it and sold it off before that could happen. They are worried about whether they will manage to have enough money to pay their rent, which is just highlighted when Ackmena arrives to collect for Chalmun. They have very little time to come up with the rest of the money that they need. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Kloo Horn Cantina Caper)

- On Tatooine on the night before Luke Skywalker, C-3PO, R2-D2, and Obi-Wan Kenobi go to Mos Eisley, Brea Tonnika and Senni Tonnika are down on their luck. They go to Jabba’s palace to look for work and are there as Jabba announces a bounty on Han Solo for dropping cargo he was hauling for Jabba when the Millennium Falcon encountered Imperials. The Tonnikas consider how to get close to Han and capture him, but given what happened between the sisters, Han, and Lando in the past, they doubt Han would go with them willingly. Instead, Brea suggests an alternative to get them off of Tatooine. They will simply steal the Falcon. (To be continued below . . .)

(You Owe Me a Ride)

- When the Modal Nodes notice that Greedo has a pattern of catching a bounty, getting paid, then slipping keys to the captive so they can escape and he can just repeat the cycle again to get paid more, they figure they have enough dirt to turn on Greedo. As such, when Jabba demands double the repayment that Figrin actually owes for his gambling debts, they pay the original amount and provide valuable information (Greedo’s indiscretions) to Jabba for the rest. This puts Greedo in Jabba’s sights and frees the Modal Nodes . . . who are unceremoniously dumped in the desert at night. The Modal Nodes make their way to Mos Eisley by morning, find a place to stay, and soon notice Greedo in Mos Eisley as well. There are stormtroopers looking for C-3PO and R2-D2 in town. Figrin manages to get them a job playing at Chalmun’s Cantina, which is only worrisome if Greedo were to find them there and want to exact revenge on them for revealing his unsavory activities to Jabba. The Modal Nodes begin their gig at Chalmun’s Cantina under orders to not stop playing for anything. (To be continued below . . .)

(Not for Nothing)

- Garindan ezz Zavor begins his day at Chalmun’s Cantina, intending to hunt down the droids the Empire is seeking as the day progresses. As such, he will witness events surrounding Luke Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi, Han Solo, and Chewbacca in the cantina that day. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Secrets of Long Snoot)

- MSE-6 droid MSE-6-G735Y (AKA “G7”) has been waiting in the quarters of the high-ranking officer who found TK-421 attractive all night. This morning, G7 is reactivated, having been repaired by the officer himself. The droid will bring a message from the officer to TK-421 but scrub all record and memory of doing so after the fact. The droid delivers the message, and it appears to be an invitation for romantic or at least sexual involvement. TK-421 sees this as

his chance to use the officer in question to advance his career and get a transfer to Coruscant, so he debates just how to act to be the most effective at manipulating the officer's desires. He sends the droid back with a reply, then heads there soon himself, once all cleaned up, for a first rendezvous. The droid is ordered to shut down so as not to make any records of the encounter. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Of MSE-6 and Men)*

*NOTE: Based on the number of days that seem to elapse in this story, based on timestamps for the MSE-6 droid's records, this would be on the second of four days in the story, around 0900 - 1200 hours. (The last day is the Battle of Yavin.)

- Lirin Car'n hires Djas Puhr to find his kloo horn that Myo won from him and then has since lost. Djas already knows that it came into the possession of Muftak and Kabe but doesn't say so yet. Muftak, meanwhile, is supposed to provide narcotics, brought to Tatooine by Han Solo and Chewbacca, to Dr. Cornelius Evazan and Ponda Baba, so he goes to find Han and Chewie. Myo visits the Scrapper to whom Kabe sold the kloo horn and is distressed to find that Djas has already purchased it. Myo now knows that Kabe stole it, however, so he can plan payback. Han encounters Djas when he enters Chalmun's Cantina. He is wary of Djas, since there is a bounty on Han's head now, but Djas is not willing to take bounties from Jabba, so he does not stand in Han's way. Djas has heard that the Millennium Falcon was boarded and that Han dropped all of their cargo, which is mostly true. Thankfully for Djas, Han managed to hang onto the gwayo bird egg that he was carrying to Djas and provides it to him as agreed. Myo confronts Kabe, only then realizing that he had actually owed money from gambling with Muftak, which is why Kabe felt that it was okay to take the horn from Myo as payment (which is what Muftak would have done as well but never had the chance, thanks to Kabe already doing so). Myo calms and goes with Kabe to find Djas before Djas can kill Muftak or Kabe for the horn theft on behalf of Lirin (which he wouldn't have done anyway). As it turns out, Lirin was already going to sell the kloo horn himself, though he was reluctant to do so, because he owes money to Greedo. He just got so caught up in gambling with Myo that he lost it before he could sell it. Lirin bumps into Greedo while the Rodian is with his two confederates, Dr. Evazan and Ponda Baba. Greedo threatens Lirin but gives him another week to pay, since Greedo, Evazan, and Ponda are about to make a real name for Greedo (and plenty of credits) by taking down Han for Jabba. Muftak then checks in with Han, learning that the narcotics he was to sell to Evazan and Ponda were part of Han's dropped shipment. Evazan will probably kill Muftak for this, even if it wasn't his fault. All frustrated by the events surrounding the day, Lirin, Myo, Muftak, and Djas meet at the cantina and spend some time discussing their respective plights. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Kloo Horn Cantina Caper)

- At the Imperial stormtrooper barracks on Tatooine near Mos Eisley, Sardis Ramsin (TD-7556) begins the day talking some philosophy about the birth of the stormtrooper legions with Commander TD-787, Old Crag, Tintop, and other members of his unit, when orders come from Commander TD-110 that they will be moving into Mos Eisley in searching for R2-D2 and C-3PO, hot on the heels of TD-4445's own unit. Sardis envies that unit, since they get to ride on dewbacks, creatures that have always seemed to impress Sardis. (To be continued below . . .)

(Born in the Storm)

- Bartender Wuher at Chalmun's Cantina is having a bad day and considering things that have gone wrong (such as certain products not being delivered on time and such). He has to deal with a belligerent pair who wants free drinks: Roofoo and Sawkee, whom Dannik Jerricko reveals are actually Dr. Cornelius Evazan and Ponda Baba. (To be continued below . . .)

(We Don't Serve Their Kind Here)

- Greedo is in Mos Eisley on Tatooine, ready to take revenge upon Han Solo, whom Greedo blames for the woman he loved, Uncelta, choosing Han over Greedo. He has come to Chalmun's Cantina to wait for him. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Luckless Rodian)

- After a while of useless patrolling of the streets of Mos Eisley, Commander TD-110's stormtroopers encounter Luke Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi, C-3PO, and R2-D2 when they arrive in their landspeeder. Sardis Ramsin (TD-7556) is shocked at first when Obi-Wan begins telling them that they do not need to see his identification, but he quickly agrees wholeheartedly, affected by Obi-Wan's Jedi mind trick. (To be continued below . . .)

(Born in the Storm)

- When Luke Skywalker tries to enter Chalmun's Cantina with C-3PO and R2-D2, Ickabel G'ont

makes a mental note that they could turn those droids in to the local stormtroopers to possibly get a reward that would pay their way off of Tatooine. (To be continued below . . .)

(Not for Nothing)

- *When Luke Skywalker enters Chalmun's Cantina, Muftak mistakes him for a teenage girl. Muftak, Djas Puhr, Myo, and Lirin Car'n discuss why Myo was willing to take Lirin's kloo horn, why it was then taken from him by Kabe (though Muftak is taking responsibility), etc. They all just mean money to each other, not friendship, but Djas is not so sure. Knowing that Greedo is there (backed up by Dr. Cornelius Evazan and Ponda Baba) to confront Han Solo, Djas suggests a wager on whether Han lives through the encounter. If Han lives, it will prove that having friends in the universe is better than just money, which is all Greedo is concerned about. If Han Win's, Djas will pay what Lirin owes Myo, what Myo owes Muftak, and what Muftak and Kabe owe Ackmena in rent. If Han dies, chances are that things will deteriorate, and at least some of them will end up dead over their debts anyway. (To be continued below . . .)*

(The Kloo Horn Cantina Caper)

- *The droid detector at Chalmun's Cantina nearly lets C-3PO and R2-D2 enter with Luke Skywalker, but Wuher sends them away himself, noting that he will need to fix the faulty droid detector. He (sort of) bears witness to Luke Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi clashing with Dr. Cornelius Evazan and Ponda Baba, hiding during the clash. (To be continued below . . .)*

(We Don't Serve Their Kind Here)

- *Greedo spots Luke Skywalker entering with C-3PO and R2-D2. He witnesses Luke's clash with Cornelius Evazan and Ponda Baba that ends when Obi-Wan Kenobi uses his lightsaber against them. He thinks he is about to lose a chance to kill Han when stormtroopers come in to check out the disturbance. (To be continued below . . .)*

(The Luckless Rodian)

- *Muftak, Djas Puhr, Myo, Lirin Car'n, and Kabe witness the confrontation between Luke Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi, Dr. Cornelius Evazan, and Ponda Baba. Without knowing it, Obi-Wan has just improved Han Solo's odds of survival by removing two of Greedo's secret allies from the situation. (To be continued below . . .)*

(The Kloo Horn Cantina Caper)

- *The Modal Nodes bear witness to the confrontation between Luke Skywalker, Ponda Baba, Cornelius Evazan, and (belatedly and with finality) Obi-Wan Kenobi. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Not for Nothing)

- *Brea Tonnika and Senni Tonnika witness enough of Han Solo's actions at Chalmun's Cantina to hear where the Millennium Falcon is located: Docking Bay 94. They must hurry if they are to steal it before Han returns to it or Jabba's goons take control of it. (To be continued below . . .)*

(You Owe Me a Ride)

- *Commander TD-110 and his stormtroopers (including Sardis Ramsin AKA TD-7556) check Han Solo's table for the kid and old man who were supposedly seen with the droids they are after, but they only find Han and Chewbacca there. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Born in the Storm)

- *Greedo finally gets his chance to kill Han Solo as everyone but Han leaves Han's table. He confronts Han, but it ends with Greedo shot by Han's blaster, killing him. The last thing this luckless Rodian thinks is the bitter injustice of it all.*

(The Luckless Rodian)

- *The Modal Nodes witness the death of Greedo at the hands of Han Solo. With Greedo dead, the Modal Nodes can breathe a little easier. Ickabel G'ont decides not to turn in the droids, since they were with the boy who turned out to be connected somehow to the man who shot Greedo. If the droids' owner can do the Modal Nodes a favor without realizing it, they can certainly return the favor. All the way to do is keep playing.*

(Not for Nothing)

- *The death of Greedo at the hands of Han Solo proves Djas Puhr's point about the galaxy being kinder to those with friends than those with money. He settles their wager, paying everyone he promised to pay and returning the kloo horn of Lirin D'avi to Lirin Car'n. (To be continued below . . .)*

(The Kloo Horn Cantina Caper)

- *On the overbridge of the Death Star, Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin discusses Leia Organa's*

resistance to the Imperial mind probe. When Vader notes that it will take time to get the information from her, Tarkin remembers his words to Orson Krennic about how Krennic had made time the ally of the Rebellion. Given that they have not recovered the Death Star plans, they might not have as much time as they need before the Rebels make use of the plans. Thus, he decides that the galaxy and Leia need a reminder of the power of the Empire and the Death Star. He orders course set for Alderaan. (To be continued below . . .)

(Verge of Greatness)

- Brea Tonnika and Senni Tonnika reach Docking Bay 94, intent on stealing the Millennium Falcon, but they must change their plans when they see that Jabba is already there with his goons to confront Han Solo. There is no way they will be able to steal the ship now. (To be continued below . . .)

(You Owe Me a Ride)

- Garindan ezz Zavor notices C-3PO and R2-D2 heading for Docking Bay 94 and reports this to the Empire, intending to get enough credits to get off the planet and to Kubindi. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Secrets of Long Snoot)

- Commander TD-110 and his stormtroopers (including Sardis Ramsin AKA TD-7556) receive word from Garindan ezz Zavor that the droids they are after will be at Docking Bay 94 soon, and they race off to get to them. Sardis, frustrated and fed up with his life as an Imperial stormtrooper, decides instead to race in a different direction, stealing a dewback that he had admired from afar and making his way out into the desert. Only then will he submit a final action report to the Empire detailing the day and his frustrations, effectively providing his resignation. For the first time in a long time, Sardis is truly free.

(Born in the Storm)

- While acting as added muscle for Jabba the Hutt when confronting Han Solo and Chewbacca in Docking Bay 94, Boba Fett muses over the situation and is shocked by Jabba giving Han more time to pay him back, even with Han stepping on his tail. Still, a job is a job, and perhaps he can convince Jabba to buy him a mug of some fine brew.

(Added Muscle)

- Garindan ezz Zavor helps point Imperial stormtroopers to Docking Bay 94, but when a firefight erupts there, he escapes back to Chalmun's Cantina. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Secrets of Long Snoot)

- As the Millennium Falcon escapes Imperial stormtroopers at Docking Bay 94, Brea Tonnika and Senni Tonnika sneak into a nearby docking bay while everyone is distracted. They steal a ship they believe is owned by Jabba the Hutt and leave Tatooine. They will have to keep running for a while, but they finally have a chance at a new life.

(You Owe Me a Ride)

- Garindan ezz Zavor drinks with Labria the Devaronian at Chalmun's Cantina. He needs credits, and since the Millennium Falcon escaped the Empire, they have not paid him for his tip about C-3PO and R2-D2 going to Docking Bay 94. He needs a job and accepts one suggested by Labria, the assassination of a Rebel target on behalf of the Empire with Derrida the Ketton. He supports the Rebels, but he needs the credits more than morality right now.

(The Secrets of Long Snoot)

- On Yavin IV eighteen hours after composing a message for his daughter, Ryland watches from Base One's Gold Tower as Rebel transport Echo Delta One, flanked by starfighters, leaves the moon, taking his daughter, Laina, with it, so that she can be raised by Eron and Rhee far from Yavin IV on Alderaan, where they will hopefully be safe from the Galactic Civil War. With her gone now, he decides to accept an invitation to drink with surviving pilots from Blue Squadron. His neighbor, Mol Hastur, agrees that sending Laina away for her safety was the right thing to do. Little do they know that Alderaan will be destroyed very soon.

(Laina)

- Aboard the Death Star, as it is in hyperspace on its way to Alderaan, Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin is in his office when Admiral Conan Antonio Motti stops by. Motti subtly suggests a political alliance with Tarkin and the possibility that command of the Death Star makes Tarkin more powerful than Emperor Sheev Palpatine himself. Tarkin recognizes Motti as a career climber, similar to Orson Krennic. (To be continued below . . .)

(Verge of Greatness)

- On Alderaan, Bail Organa and Breha Organa are still seeking word on the fate of Leia Organa. WA-2V has altered an old gown for Leia to wear at an upcoming function, but she

will never have the chance to wear it. The Death Star emerges from hyperspace over Alderaan, eclipsing the planet's sun. Alderaan is to be punished for their Rebel activities. Brea and Bail's last exchange before the planet is destroyed is to express their conviction that surely Leia is still alive and will carry on their fight.

(Eclipse)

- When Leia Organa is brought before Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin on the overbridge, one of the guards who is also there is the same one who felt for Leia when she was being tortured by Darth Vader. When Leia supposedly gives up the location of the Rebels' secret base, which she claims is on Dantooine, it seems that only that guard recognizes that she is lying. When Alderaan is destroyed anyway, something shifts in the guard, and he realizes that he has now joined Leia's Rebellion against the Empire due to the genocide they have just committed.

(Change of Heart)

- As the Death Star destroys Alderaan, Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin can't help but reflect on just how much he has taken from the unworthy Orson Krennic.

(Verge of Greatness)

- Several hours after Ciena Ree contacts Thane Kyrell, while Thane is on his flight shift, before he can meet with Ciena or Nash Windrider, the Death Star arrives at Alderaan. Thane expects the Death Star to come into near orbit to scare the hell out of the Alderaanians and get them to abandon the disloyalty that Thane's superiors say has spread throughout the entire upper echelons of the Alderaanian government. He is shocked when the Death Star actually blasts Alderaan, destroying the entire planet (and the home planet of one of his best friends). Aboard the Devastator, Ciena and Nash are also shocked. She gets him away to his quarters so that he cannot be seen as sympathetic to the Rebels in his agony over the destruction of his planet (and family). Jude takes a more clinical approach, trying to understand the act in a rational way. She believes that the Rebel Alliance must be more powerful than was widely believed. As such, they are in a time of war, not peacetime, and this act against Alderaan could be an attempt to quell the Rebellion through fear, so that a broader war cannot break out across the Empire. Jude is able to convince Ciena that the billions who just died were a small number compared to those who would die if a Clone Wars-sized galactic conflict were to occur again. The Rebels had started and provoked the Empire, making the destruction of Alderaan their fault, Ciena believes. Ciena is pulled away when the Devastator is set to leave the Death Star at the next shift change. Thane is also pulled away, assigned briefly in a group to check out the (abandoned) Rebel base on Dantooine, based on Leia's (false) information about the Rebel base being there. He only has time to send a message to Ciena before he leaves, not having the chance to see her in person. Seeing the destruction of Alderaan has caused Thane to have a change of heart. He was already growing disenchanted with the Empire's results in the galaxy, and now he no longer wishes to serve with the Empire. Unfortunately, he still has nearly five years left of service to give. He convinces himself not to consider leaving so that he can stay and protect his friends on the Imperial side, including and most importantly Ciena. (To be continued below . . .)

(Lost Stars)

- At the time of Alderaan's destruction, Viscount Rabaal Dir Glorio of the House of Glorio is offplanet on a visit to the pleasure domes of Thyron VII. When the planet is destroyed, he becomes the 26th in line to the "massacred throne of Alderaan" and only surviving scion of the House of Glorio. To protect his identity until he can seek his "dread revenge," he becomes the mysterious swordsman known as the "Violet Ghost."

(conjecture based on Remastered)

- General Cassio Tagge leaves the Death Star to go with Imperial troops to check out the possible Rebel base on Dantooine.

(conjecture based on Vader and The Trigger)

- When the Death Star destroys Alderaan, one of the millions of victims is COMPNOR propaganda artist Chrigeld Tinnine, who had retired to his homeworld (Alderaan).

(conjecture based on Star Wars Propaganda)

- As the day ends, Wuher hands Chalmun's Cantina over to its night bartender, Ackmena. Maybe someday Wuher will find a better place and a better life than what he has on Tatooine.

(We Don't Serve Their Kind Here)

- As the night winds down, Lirin Car'n helps an intoxicated Muftak to where he can sleep for the night. It seems that even in Mos Eisley, friends sometimes do take care of each other.

(The Kloo Horn Cantina Caper)

- *Two months after joining Twilight Company, Hazram Namir knows too little about the galaxy at large to really understand the significance when word comes of Alderaan's destruction during Twilight Company's operation on Vir Aphshire during the fourth day of Operation: Mad Rush. (To be continued below . . .)*
(Twilight Company)
- *After Alderaan is destroyed, thereby proving the power of the Death Star, Admiral Conan Antonio Motti submits an incident report over Darth Vader's choking of him during the recent Joint Chiefs meeting. He argues that he is not prejudiced against those of faith like Vader, but Vader's discounting of the Death Star's might when compared to that faith compelled him to speak up on behalf of the Emperor. He ends his report by citing the station's destruction of Alderaan as proof that he was in the right during the incident.*
(An Incident Report)
- *After the destruction of Alderaan, Hendri Underholt has to run a bit of interference for all of the people trying to reach Mon Mothma, since Mothma is in such a state of shock and grief that she momentarily cuts off outside contact to collect herself before re-emerging to lead. Thankfully, this is only a matter of hours, not days.*
(conjecture based on The Rebel Files)
- *Sometime around this time, Hester (or Heattens, since she isn't sure of his name) is assigned by Miara Larte's crew, since he was away from Alderaan when it was destroyed but not with his own crew at the time.*
(conjecture based on By Whatever Sun)
- *Soon after the announcement that the Imperial Senate has been dissolved, former Senators Nower Jebel, Vasp Vaspar, and Tynnra Palmo are without political power or protection. They seek refuge on an Alliance safe world. General Airen Cracken reports to Mon Mothma that since so many of their operatives on Coruscant were in the Senate or working within Senate offices, many of their intelligence sources have been silenced.*
(conjecture based on The Rebel Files)
- *Doctor Chelli Aphra has the unfortunate luck to be on Dantooine looking for 323 colicooidic pulse field modulator at the abandoned Rebel base there when Imperial troops arrive to check out the base, drawn by Leia Organa's false claims to Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin that this is the current Rebel base. Before a group of stormtroopers can find her Ark Angel or her, which would lead to questions about why she was hiding, she approaches the stormtroopers and offers her help with whatever they might need. She is questioned by General Cassio Tagge. She confirms that the Rebels cleared out months ago and that she was there to salvage whatever she could (which is mostly true). When Tagge reveals that the Empire has just destroyed Alderaan that very day, Aphra is excited and wants to know details. (She's a little "off" like that.) Tagge is convinced that she is not a Rebel, but since she is definitely a troublemaker of some sort, he orders one of his stormtroopers to take her into the jungle and execute her. Once they are alone, she tries to talk him out of it by playing on his humanity and the idea of someone having to actually pull a trigger to kill another sentient being. She manages to slip a tool onto him near his blaster that emits a frequency that causes it to jam briefly. This gives her the time necessary to turn the tables on him, have him remove his helmet, and hold him at blasterpoint. She does not kill him but does reduce him to tears with fear before shooting the ground near him, so that it sounds like he executed her. She then escapes to the Ark Angel and off of Dantooine before he can rally others to recapture her.*
(The Trigger)
- *Yoda awakens on Dagobah. He sets out for a walk across the waterlogged landscape to gather seeds for much of the day. As he does, he muses on his desire to teach Leia Organa (AKA Leia Skywalker) to be a Jedi. His focus seems to be far more on her potential than that of Luke Skywalker. (To be continued below . . .)*
(There is Another)
- *The arrival of Luke Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi on the Death Star sends ripples through the Force that are detected by Omi the dianoga during one of Trash Compactor 3263827's routine "mashings" of garbage for ejection. By now, Omi has come to understand that she is on a planet that was never alive and has learned how to avoid the garbage smasher's walls by going into a small area beneath them to survive. (To be continued below . . .)*
(The Baptist)
- *MSE-6 droid MSE-6-G735Y (AKA "G7") is again awakened in the morning by TK-421. His sexual encounter(s) with the high-ranking officer have paid off, as he has gotten a transfer to*

security section. TK-421 is given new orders to guard the Millennium Falcon. The droid returns to the high-ranking officer (who more and more sounds like Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin, frankly), who is all excited and wants TK-421 to return for another sexual encounter. On the way to get him, though, G7 nearly runs into Chewbacca and two “stormtrooper” (Han Solo and Luke Skywalker). Nearly running into Chewbacca sends the droid into a sort of panic mode of activated and canceled self-diagnostics until the droid goes into sleep mode for the rest of the day. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Of MSE-6 and Men)*

*NOTE: Based on the number of days that seem to elapse in this story, based on timestamps for the MSE-6 droid's records, this would be on the third of four days in the story, around 0800 - 1000 hours. (The last day is the Battle of Yavin.)

- According to a story told by Bobbajo to children to keep them calm decades later during a slaver raid on Reestkii on Jakku, Bobbajo is a captive on the Death Star at this time. He has some of his creatures with him. His mouselike thwip, Smeep, walks the corridors and spots Chewbacca being escorted as a “captive” of two stormtroopers (Luke Skywalker and Han Solo), then eludes a small probe droid to finally reach a set of wires that, when bitten through, finally release Bobbajo from his cell, even as Han, Luke, and Chewbacca battle stormtroopers in another detention block. (To be continued below . . .)

(All Creatures Great and Small)

- Aboard the Death Star, Commander Pamel Poul is nearing the end of her shift at Station Control West, ready to be relieved by Commander Sheard. Docking Bay 327 is under lockdown, and one of her subordinates, Ensign Toos, is fascinated by the classic, yet modified, YT-1300 on his screen. Another team member, Sublieutenant Slallen had a brother who was a naval architect on Scarif, which the Death Star left just a few days ago. The station is so large that no one without the right clearances or actual participation in the event has any idea that the Scarif base was destroyed in the Death Star's second test firing. (Heck, most don't even realize there was a second test firing.) Toos and Slallen detect trouble from cameras going down in Detention Block AA-23 and let Poul know. (Sheard is glad to have her handle it, since her watch isn't officially over yet.) Toos calls down to AA-23 and is answered by Han Solo, whose voice he recognizes is not that of Lieutenant Childsen, who should be on duty. Communication is cut off when Han blasts the console. Sheard reports the situation to Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin, who puts all sectors on alert. They overhear Darth Vader's comment that Obi-Wan Kenobi is aboard. With their report done, Sheard offers to let Poul stick around for the action to come, but her shift is done, and she is more than willing to hand over control so that she can get some sleep. She can always just catch up on the action by reading his report during her next shift.

(End of Watch)

- Stormtrooper Commander TD-110 arrives back on the Death Star from his time on Tatooine, ready to get cleaned up and rest, but he is called to duty when the station goes on alert due to Rebels in Detention Block AA-23. Rather than being sent there, though, he is part of a group sent to check out Control Room 327 (over Docking Bay 327), which has had a security breach. On the way, he passes Darth Vader, and as he thinks something derogatory about the Force in general, Vader looks at him. It is as if a dam has broken in his mind, and old confusion clears. He realizes that he did indeed see the two droids the Empire wanted when on Tatooine. In fact, he was the one who let the droids, Luke Skywalker, and Obi-Wan Kenobi pass in their speeder due to a Jedi mind trick. If anyone ever finds out, he's toast! He is so shocked at the realization that he does not pay attention and bumps his head on the way into the control room. He is so caught up in the moment that when C-3PO requests to take R2-D2 to maintenance after being found in a closet, he lets them go, only then realizing that it was the same droids again! He nearly pulls his blaster and fires on R2-D2, but he has been ordered to return to command, and when he does not immediately comply, a nearby moff reiterates the command. He believes his career is about to be in ruins, but he intends to fight as hard as he can if transferred away to someday be reassigned to the Death Star, his “home.”

(Bump)

- When Luke Skywalker, Leia Organa, Han Solo, and Chewbacca leap down into Trash Compactor 3263827 to escape Imperial blasterfire, Omi the dianoga senses the Force in Luke. She senses him so profoundly that she attempts to connect with him by pulling him beneath the water toward her. While underwater, as Luke fights to keep from drowning, a sort of shadow version of Luke seems to separate from his body and float away, as if some dark

element of the Force (perhaps some of his grief) has left his body. After being shot by Han's blaster and realizing that Luke cannot survive underwater, Omi lets him go and slinks away. Omi sees this as the Force choosing her to give Luke a sort of baptism via a near death experience. The tentacle she has lost to Han's blaster will grow back by the time of the Death Star's destruction. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Baptist)

- As Obi-Wan Kenobi and Darth Vader approach each other and then begin their duel, Yoda senses it on Dagobah. The sensation causes him to be caught unaware by an Imperial droid (one of the many that he has avoided over the years as they seemingly conduct random searches of abandoned worlds to find hidden Jedi and such). He defeats the droid by smashing into it with a pot that Obi-Wan gave him long ago. (To be continued below . . .)

(There is Another)

- As Obi-Wan Kenobi duels Darth Vader, his mind races, shifting back and forth from various memories, including when the Lars homestead was attacked by bandits when Luke was three. He finally allows himself to be struck down, following the Force, but he is able to reach out after death to repeat the warning he used back then to protect the boy: "Run, Luke, run!" Even in death, Obi-Wan will be there to guide Luke.

(Time of Death)

- Standing over the empty cloak of Obi-Wan Kenobi after the Millennium Falcon has fled the Death Star, Darth Vader is asked by an Imperial officer who the slain Jedi was. Vader answers that he was "an old man who thought he could help gifted children. He was mistaken." (To be continued below . . .)

(Vader)

- As soon as Obi-Wan Kenobi is struck down by Darth Vader, Yoda senses it on Dagobah and how Obi-Wan's presence in the Force seems to expand. He also senses Vader sinking deeper into loneliness at the death of his former master. This causes enough distraction for another pair of droids to come after Yoda. He destroys them, but not before a blast from one sets his blanked (Qui-Gon Jinn's old cloak) on fire. He manages to save it (mostly). He gathers the seeds he needed and heads for home. (To be continued below . . .)

(There is Another)

- Per a story being told by Bobbajo decades from now, Bobbajo knows that the tractor beams on the station will not allow an escape pod to leave, even if he could get to one, so he sends a small flying snee named Qyp to go to the tractor beam controls and shut them down. Upon reaching the tractor beam controls (after taking out a nosy R3-L1 unit by causing it to electrocute itself), Qyp finds them already turned off (by Obi-Wan Kenobi), but Obi-Wan apparently missed the controls for an automatic security field that would fry any ship escaping the Death Star with an ion pulse. Qyp turns it off, so that Bobbajo can escape (and, unknowingly, so that the Millennium Falcon can escape). (To be continued below . . .)

(All Creatures Great and Small)

- While awaiting Leia Organa's arrival with the Death Star plans on Yavin IV, Mon Mothma and Jan Dodonna discuss whether he is right in telling her that she needs to leave Base One before the upcoming Battle of Yavin both for her safety and the longevity of the Rebellion if the Death Star is able to destroy Base One. She leaves Yavin IV, joined by Cianne and her ship's crew. She worries over whether the Rebellion will survive the battle to come. Once in space, Cianne suggests a few safe houses they could use if necessary. Instead, if the Rebels lose the Battle of Yavin, Mon intends to go to Coruscant. Cianne believes that this is to rally members of the disbanded Senate to her cause, but that is not the case. She begins working on writing a speech . . . (To be continued below . . .)

(Contingency Plan)

- Aboard the Death Star (per a story being told by Bobbajo decades from now), Bobbajo's escape continues, amid the furor following the escape of the Millennium Falcon from the station. While Bobbajo stays safe in a janitorial closet, he sends the slitherette called Mideyea out to create chaos to cover Bobbajo's escape. Mideyea has to deal with another small probe droid in the vents he is using, then is dumped into a trash compactor when the "snake" is found by a stormtrooper. When Mideyea is overdue to return to Bobbajo, he sends Qyp and Smeep to look for him. Before Mideyea can be squashed or food for a dianoga, the other two creatures save him. (To be continued below . . .)

(All Creatures Great and Small)

- Aboard the Millennium Falcon, Leia Organa sneaks into Han Solo's quarters to find hints as

to how one man can be so charming yet infuriating.

(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi* novelization)

- Upon arrival at Yavin IV, the Millennium Falcon is searched by Major Harinar to find the tracking device that Leia Organa believes is on the ship. Harinar finds it and reports its stats to General Davits Draven. Shortly thereafter, General Dodonna confirms to Mon Mothma that the Death Star plans have been transferred out of R2-D2 for analysis. The analysis is conducted by techs like Private Tenzigo Weems, who provides a report to Draven on what is believed to be the battle station's only weakness: the thermal exhaust port that can allow a high-energy rupture in the connection between the primary power amplifier and the hypermatter reactor. Dodonna suggests to the rest of the command staff that Y-wings should carry out the primary attack, while X-wings fly a support role. He considers the lack of capital ships like the Profundity to actually be a good thing in a sense, as starfighters can get close where capital ships would not have been able. Draven recommends immediate action, but he does, in all fairness, pass along a transcript of a conversation between himself, Major Harinar, and Colonel Haxen Delto, wherein Delto insists that this one "miracle" target, a single flaw that destroys the entire station, is too easy and therefore must be a trap.

(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)

- On Yavin IV, Dex Tiree (Gold 2) considers the battle to come, knowing the Death Star is on its way. He thinks of his family, including his little sister, back on Onderon. He shares some of his thoughts with the droid that has been his astromech since a run on Corellia, Sparks. When the Death Star finally enters the Yavin system, he is among the pilots called to attend General Jan Dodonna's briefing. On the way out of the briefing, he shares words of encouragement with Davish "Pops" Krail (Gold Five). (To be continued below . . .)

(Sparks)

- Per a story told by Bobbajo decades from now, upon returning to Bobbajo, his animals inform him of how the Death Star is nearing a moon of Yavin and will be using its superlaser soon. They decide to sabotage the superlaser. (To be continued below . . .)

(All Creatures Great and Small)

- After General Jan Dodonna's briefing, while awaiting news of who will be on the duty roster for the upcoming Battle of Yavin and who will be stuck at Base One due to lack of starfighters after the Battle of Scarif, Col Takbright (AKA "Fake Wedge") gets into an argument with Puck Naeco (to the amusement of fellow pilots John D. Branon and Theron Nett, along with Mon Calamari ground tech Kelemah). He is annoyed at Luke Skywalker's assertions (against Col's objections) that hitting the exhaust port target is possible. He cuts off his grumbling when other pilots arrive, including Biggs Darklighter, Elyhek Rue, Bren Quersey, Wenton Chan, and the real Wedge Antilles. Elyhek jumps in on the joke by accident, asking "Antilles" what is bothering him, only then realizing that it was Col. Wedge is usually calm, while Col gets angered easily and tends to take it out on his surroundings. He is such an opposite to Wedge (and is urged so often to be calmer like Wedge) that he became known as "Fake Wedge." The pilots sit down to await the duty roster, and when Col explains his annoyance and repeats Luke's comments, Biggs realizes that the pilot could well be his old friend, Luke Skywalker, and he races off to go find him. As he leaves, Garven Dreis (Red Leader), Zal Dinnes, and Ralo Surrel enter. With it unclear whether Blue or Green Squadrons will even fly in the battle, Dreis fills out Red Squadron. Dreis himself will be Red Leader (of course), and he will fly first flight with Theron Nett as Red 10 and Puck Naeco as Red 12. The second flight will be led by Ralo Surrel as Red 11 and include John D. Branon as Red 4 and Harb Binli as Red 7. Third flight will be led by Zal Dinnes as Red 8 and include Nozzo Naytan as Red 9 and Jek Tono Porkins as Red 6. The final flight will be led by Luke Skywalker as Red 5 and include Biggs Darklighter as Red 3 and Wedge Antilles as Red 2. Col will not be able to fly in the battle at all. After the others leave, Col trashes part of the room, only for Wedge to return for his helmet that was left behind. Wedge wishes Col were flying with them, but Wedge will fly for him and others. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Duty Roster)*

*NOTE: Aside from pilot changes (see the note with another part of this summary), it is interesting to find that this story may clash with *Desert Son* (the very next story in *From a Certain Point of View*) in terms of how and when Biggs realizes that the pilot speaking up at the briefing was Luke. Two options present themselves: We could just chalk that up, to the notion that all of the stories in FACPOV are recollections that were gathered long after the fact by the writers in the story *Whills*. We could also assume that since he "didn't believe [his] eyes," he didn't go immediately after Luke and needed to hear Col's comments to go searching. This would mean that Biggs leaves out a piece of what happened between the third and fourth paragraphs on p. 394 of the hardback release of FACPOV.

- *Biggs Darklighter noticed Luke Skywalker during Jan Dodonna's briefing but could not believe his eyes. Now he rushes to try to catch up to Luke, bumping into Jek Tono Porkins (who enjoys hazing Biggs) along the way. Biggs catches up with Luke and talks to him for a moment, then vouches for him with Garven Dreis (Red Leader). Once both have left, he runs into Wedge Antilles, to whom he describes Luke as a "friend from home" before they wish each other good luck in the battle to come. They launch, and the Battle of Yavin begins. (To be continued below . . .)**

(Desert Son)*

*NOTE: See note with the most recent section of the *Duty Roster* summary for information on how this story might conflict with that one in a minor way.

- *As the ships that have been under her care participate in the Battle of Yavin, piloted by the brave men she has helped prepare, Nera Kase listens to the first part of the battle from the speakers in Base One's hangar. She is already feeling the loss of so many pilots during the Battle of Scarif (including the previous Red 5, Pedrin Gaul, whom Luke Skywalker has now replaced), and she expects to mourn more after today's battle, if any of them survive. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Grounded)

- *Gold Squadron has taken its Y-wings into battle, and when Gold Leader (Jon Vander) goes in for his run at the exhaust port, Davish "Pops" Krail and Dex Tiree go with him, blocking incoming fire until Tiree is killed.*

(Sparks)

- *Red Leader (Garven Dreis) leads his flight in an attempt to hit the Death Star's exhaust port, but when that run fails, Luke Skywalker, Wedge Antilles, and Biggs Darklighter must make their run. While TIE fighters led by Darth Vader bear down upon them, Biggs briefly feels a surge of peace and joy, knowing that he may die but it will be to protect his friend. At the last moment before his X-wing is destroyed, he has a brief surge of panic, yelling "Wait" to no one in particular. Biggs is killed, but as he dies, he knows that Luke will not miss, and thus he has a sense of peace in the end.*

(Desert Son)*

*NOTE: See note with the most recent section of the *Duty Roster* summary for information on how this story might conflict with that one in a minor way.

- *As Red and Gold Squadrons fly in the Battle of Yavin, Nera Kase joins three of her crew chiefs (Benis, Ohley, and Wuz) in watching the situation from the command center. She listens and records the fates of the pilots in the battle, including pilots like Jon "Dutch" Vander (Gold 1), Dex Tiree (Gold 2), Davish "Pops" Krail (Gold 5), Gazdo Woolcob (Gold 7), Jek "Tono" Porkins (Red 6, whose death might have been due to mechanical failure, which falls heavily on Nera), and so many others. (To be continued below . . .)**

(Grounded)*

*NOTE: Based on this story making Gazdo Woolcob into Gold 7 at the Battle of Yavin, chances are that Keyan Farlander (the Legends Continuity version of Gold 7) does not exist in Story Group Canon. This story also clashes with *Duty Roster*, which tells us that Elyhek Rue did not get to fly Red 7 during the battle but was instead replaced by Binli. (Presumably, Nera must not hear the pilot's voice clearly and just thinks that it is Elyhek, when it is actually Binli.) This also clashes with *Duty Roster* in that this story claims that there are three flight-worthy X-wings that cannot be taken into battle due to lack of pilots, whereas *Duty Roster* shows us that at least four pilots from Red Squadron do not get to fly due to lack of starfighters. (So, which is it, Story Group?)

- *As Red Squadron flies in the Battle of Yavin, the pilots who could not fly due to lack of X-wings (Elyhek Rue, Wenton Chan, Bren Quersey, and Col Takbright) and ground tech Kelemah can only watch from the command center. They watch the battle unfold, and when Wedge Antilles has to pull out of the trench, they realize that he is charging his auxiliary hydraulics and preparing to go back in, despite it being suicide. Before he can, though, Luke Skywalker fires the shot that destroys the Death Star. (To be continued below . . .)**

(Duty Roster)*

*NOTE: The pilot roster for Story Group Canon deviates from that of the Legends Continuity in that in the earlier continuity, Bren flew Red 8 (instead of Zal), Wenton flew Red 11 (instead of Ralo), and Elyhek flew Red 7 (instead of Binli). Interestingly, I believe it was Jason Fry who pinned down those pilots and numbers in *The Essential Guide to Warfare*, and it was his story in *From a Certain Point of View* that grounded those three pilots by replacing them for canon.

- *During the Battle of Yavin, Evaan Verlaine flies as Gold 3. Due to lack of maneuverability of her X-wing, she can only harass the Imperials from above while Luke Skywalker, Biggs Darklighter, and Wedge Antilles make their run on the exhaust port. **

(conjecture based on *Grounded*)*

*NOTE: This means that Evaan has apparently replaced pilot Ryle Torsyn, who was Gold 3 in the Legends Continuity.

- From the command center, Nera Kase finally witnesses Luke Skywalker destroy the Death Star, ending the battle. While others celebrate, she can only mourn, as she finally has time for all of the grief built up over the last week finally catches up to her. *

(Grounded)*

*NOTE: Based on this story making Gazdo Woolcob into Gold 7 at the Battle of Yavin, chances are that Keyan Farlander (the Legends Continuity version of Gold 7) does not exist in Story Group Canon.

- During the Battle of Yavin, Iden Versio is called into action as a member of Sigma Squadron to defend the Death Star. Iden has witnessed the Death Star's destructive power at Jedha, Scarif, and Alderaan, and now she is eager to see Yavin IV reduced to "Rebel rubble" too. When the Death Star explodes, she thinks that it was Yavin IV that exploded, but then she sees the moon intact, and her TIE fighter is struck by debris from the Death Star. Her TIE fighter crashes down onto the surface of Yavin IV. (To be continued below . . .)

(Inferno Squad)

- MSE-6 droid MSE-6-G735Y (AKA "G7") is reactivated by the high-ranking Imperial officer who has been trading sexual favors for promotions given to TK-421. He informs the droid that TK-421 is dead, killed by Rebels who stole his armor. However, payback is imminent, as the Battle of Yavin is taking place. A mere minute or so after learning this from the officer, an explosion from battle damage destroys the wall panel next to the droid, damaging it. It awakens shortly thereafter, just as the Death Star finally gets within firing range of Yavin IV. It has been found and reactivated by a different stormtrooper who also sees the droid as having racing potential. That day will never come, though, as the destruction of the Death Star cuts the stormtrooper off in mid-sentence. *

(Of MSE-6 and Men)*

*NOTE: Based on the number of days that seem to elapse in this story, based on timestamps for the MSE-6 droid's records, this would be on the last of four days in the story, around 0830 hours. The timestamps claim that the latter portion of the section happens around 1500 hours, but that would imply that the Battle of Yavin lasted about 6 - 7 hours, which doesn't really make sense. Given all of the other damage th droid's system is reporting in the final segment, I can only assume that its internal chronometer was fouled up by the explosion as well, so it was reading incorrectly.

- As the Death Star explodes, Omi the dianoga is killed, but as she dies, she wonders what she will be reincarnated as in her next life via the Force.

(The Baptist)

- Per a story told by Bobbajo decades from now, as the Battle of Yavin ensues, his three animals trick a probe droid into shooting the firing mechanisms for the superlaser and disable the crystal computer core that regulates energy input and output, so that it will backfire and blow up the station when it is fired. They return to Bobbajo and all get away in an escape pod to soon witness the destruction of the Death Star, which, at least in Bobbajo's story, is a result of their sabotage. Bobbajo and his animals are the unsung heroes of the Battle of Yavin. (To be continued below . . .)

(All Creatures Great and Small)

- Aboard the Devastator, Lieutenant Ciena Ree is among the Imperials on the bridge monitoring the Death Star's data feeds, as ordered. With the Death Star nearing Yavin IV, she knows that Thane Kyrell was sent to Dantooine on a wild bantha chase. She and others are surprised when the Rebels send only a handful of starfighters against the Death Star, but then the feed from the Death Star goes silent. They Rebels have Destroyed the Death Star, killing thousands of Imperials, including Ciena's good friend Jude Edivon. Thane Kyrell might well be dead, she thinks, if he has returned from his mission from Dantooine . . . (To be continued below . . .)

(Lost Stars)

- As the survivors of the Battle of Yavin land back at Base One on Yavin IV, most onlookers rush to congratulate Luke Skywalker, but Col "Fake Wedge" Takbright instead goes to congratulate Wedge Antilles on his six kills, skills in the trench, and tenacity in wanting to return even when it would have meant certain death. Col would now be happy to be mistaken for any of the brave pilots from the Battle of Yavin, even Wedge.

(Duty Roster)

- Word reaches Mon Mothma's ship that the Death Star has been destroyed. As they head back to Yavin IV, Mon accepts possible positive futures instead of despair and quietly deletes the speech she has been working on, which had been an official surrender to offer to Emperor Sheev Palpatine if the Battle of Yavin had been lost.

(Contingency Plan)

- The Rebel Alliance leaks footage of the Battle of Yavin and the destruction of the Death Star

onto the DarkNet.

(conjecture based on *The Angle*)

- *Lando Calrissian is engaged in a game of Klikklak with Jaff Basan. As they play, they discuss whether the Empire really destroyed Alderaan and, if so, whether the planet deserved it. Before Lando can win, the Empire breaks up the game, claiming that the location, owned by Freidal, is an illegal gambling establishment, despite Freidal paying his bribes. When Freidal contests this, he is killed. Lando could have pulled his own blaster to help him, but Lando believes that heroes are suckers and won't be one. Lando has to leave, which means leaving many of his credits behind. He heads for another bar, owned by Okkul, where he buys a round for the bar, which Lobot, who joins him, is stuck covering. Lobot believes that the Imperials are trying to reassert their authority and get some pride back. When Lando has no idea what would have caused the Empire to lose face, Lobot has Okkul play a recording that the Rebellion put on the DarkNet that shows the Battle of Yavin. Lando is most shocked to discover that "his" Millennium Falcon, obviously flown by Han Solo, had a pivotal role at the end of the battle. It boggles his mind, since he never would have expected Han to become a hero. Surely Han must have an angle, but Lando can't quite see it. He tells Lobot that if he ever tries to be a hero, just shoot him.*

(The Angle)

- *Hazram Namir is manning a trench on Vir Aphshire for Twilight Company when word comes of the Death Star's destruction. Later the same day, Vir Aphshire falls to Twilight Company. That night, Fektrin, knowing that Namir hasn't met Captain Micha "Howl" Evon, Twilight Company's commanding officer, sends him to hand off a report to Howl. Howl appreciates Namir's instincts but reminds him that harsh methods will not win this war, as it is really about winning the heart of the galaxy, not just beating the enemy. He knows, though, that Namir will figure this out for himself in time. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Twilight Company)

- *At Base One on Yavin IV, Miara Larte (now a member of the Alderaanian guard, thankfully away from Alderaan with her crew when the planet was destroyed) and fellow security members like Jessamyn and Hester (or Heattens, since she isn't sure of his name) at the medal ceremony after the Battle of Yavin. As Alderaanian survivors, they have a place of prominence among the gathered Rebel Alliance personnel. They are torn because they have lost their world, but seeing the victory celebration and Leia Organa in particular helps them understand the balance of the good and bad of the last few weeks. Even in grief, they will celebrate, and by morning, by whatever sun they find themselves under, they will continue to rebel.*

(By Whatever Sun)

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The Bucket (FACPOV short story: Christie Golden)

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Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

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Chapter 8 [continued]

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Lost Stars, Vol. 1 [continued] (manga: Claudia Gray & Yusaku Komiyama)

Rites (FACPOV short story: John Jackson Miller)

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The Red One (FACPOV short story: Rae Carson)

The Red One (FACPOV short story: Rae Carson)

The Sith of Datawork (FACPOV short story: Ken Liu)

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Stories in the Sand [continued] (FACPOV short story: Griffin McElroy)

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Reirin (FACPOV short story: Sabaa Tahir)

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Master and Apprentice (FACPOV short story: Claudia Gray)
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Laina (FACPOV short story: Wil Wheaton)
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The Kloo Horn Cantina Caper (FACPOV short story: Kelly Sue DeConnick & Matt Fraction)
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You Owe Me a Ride (FACPOV short story: Zoraida Cordova)
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Not for Nothing [continued] (FACPOV short story: Mur Lafferty)
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We Don't Serve Their Kind Here (FACPOV short story: Chuck Wendig)
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Born in the Storm [continued] (FACPOV short story: Daniel José Older)

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The Luckless Rodian [continued] (FACPOV short story: Renée Ahdieh)

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Not for Nothing [continued] (FACPOV short story: Mur Lafferty)

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The Secrets of Long Snoot [continued] (FACPOV short story: Delilah S. Dawson)

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Added Muscle (FACPOV short story: Paul Dini)

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Laina [continued] (FACPOV short story: Wil Wheaton)

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Verge of Greatness [continued] (FACPOV short story: Pablo Hidalgo)

Verge of Greatness [continued] (FACPOV short story: Pablo Hidalgo)

Now [continued]

Eclipse [continued] (FACPOV short story: Madeleine Roux)

Eclipse [continued] (FACPOV short story: Madeleine Roux)

Change of Heart [continued] (FACPOV short story: Elizabeth Wein)

Change of Heart [continued] (FACPOV short story: Elizabeth Wein)

Verge of Greatness [continued] (FACPOV short story: Pablo Hidalgo)

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Now [continued]

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Chapter 9

Lost Stars [continued] (manga series: Claudia Gray & Yusaku Komiyama)

Lost Stars, Vol. 1 [continued] (manga: Claudia Gray & Yusaku Komiyama)

We Don't Serve Their Kind Here [continued] (FACPOV short story: Chuck Wendig)

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There is Another (FACPOV short story: Gary D. Schmidt)

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Bump (FACPOV short story: Ben Acker & Ben Blacker)
Bump (FACPOV short story: Ben Acker & Ben Blacker)
The Baptist [continued] (FACPOV short story: Nnedi Okorafor)
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There is Another [continued] (FACPOV short story: Gary D. Schmidt)
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Time of Death (FACPOV short story: Cavan Scott)
Time of Death (FACPOV short story: Cavan Scott)
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 Vader (comic series: Kieron Gillen)
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There is Another [continued] (FACPOV short story: Gary D. Schmidt)
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Tales from a Galaxy Far, Far Away [continued] (TFAGFFA:A short stories: Landry Q. Walker)
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Desert Son (FACPOV short story: Pierce Brown)
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Grounded (FACPOV short story: Greg Rucka)
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Sparks [continued] (FACPOV short story: Paul S. Kemp)
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Grounded [continued] (FACPOV short story: Greg Rucka)
Grounded [continued] (FACPOV short story: Greg Rucka)
Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)
Inferno Squad (novel: Christie Golden)

Chapter 1

Of MSE-6 and Men [continued] (FACPOV short story: Glen Weldon)

Of MSE-6 and Men [continued] (FACPOV short story: Glen Weldon)

The Baptist [continued] (FACPOV short story: Nnedi Okorafor)

The Baptist [continued] (FACPOV short story: Nnedi Okorafor)

Sparks (FACPOV short story: Paul S. Kemp)

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Tales from a Galaxy Far, Far Away [continued] (TFAGFFA:A short stories: Landry Q. Walker)

All Creatures Great and Small [continued] (TFAGFFA:A short story: Landry Q. Walker)

Chapter 16

Chapter 18

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Chapter 9 [continued]

Chapter 10

Duty Roster [continued] (FACPOV short story: Jason Fry)

Duty Roster [continued] (FACPOV short story: Jason Fry)

Contingency Plan [continued] (FACPOV short story: Alexander Freed)

Contingency Plan [continued] (FACPOV short story: Alexander Freed)

The Angle (FACPOV short story: Charles Soule)

The Angle (FACPOV short story: Charles Soule)

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Twilight Company [continued] (novel: Alexander Freed)

Siege [continued]

Chapter 32 [continued]

By Whatever Sun (FACPOV short story: E.K. Johnston)

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- *Around this time, Armitage Hux is born to Brendol Hux by a kitchen woman, not his wife.*
(conjecture based on Pablo Hidalgo's assertion on Twitter that the script for *The Force Awakens* stated that Armitage was 34 in the film)

- *Phasma is born on Parnassos.**
(conjecture based on *Phasma*)*

*NOTE: She is about the same age as Siv and Armitage Hux.

- *Siv is born on Parnassos.**
(conjecture based on *Phasma*)*

*NOTE: This is 28 years before the "present" of *Phasma*. She is 16 as of the segment 12 years prior to the "present" of *Phasma*. She is referred to in the segment 10 years prior as a "teen." However, there is one seemingly contradictory (or just rounded) reference in Chapter 16 (also set 10 years prior) when she refers to something she has never seen "in all her twenty years," which would suggest that she is two years older than every other reference claims. I am sticking with the majority, rather than that single, apparently erroneous or rounded, reference. I should also note that the novel claims that she, Phasma, and Armitage Hux are about the same age.

- *Around this time or late in the previous year, Jacen Syndulla is born to Hera Syndulla. He is the hybrid Twi'lek and Human son of Hera and the late Jedi Knight Kanan Jarrus (Caleb Dume).**

(conjecture based on *Family Reunion - and Farewell*)*

*NOTE: This assumes a pregnancy of nine months or so, the human standard, which may be different for Twi'leks.

- *With the Empire having seized (i.e. disbanded) the Senate, a similar power play occurs on Akiva, as Isstra Dirus seizes power with Imperial backing, becoming the new Satrap of Akiva. An old temple is repurposed into the Satrap's palace.*
(conjecture based on *Aftermath*)
- *Shortly after the Battle of Yavin, the Rebel Alliance considers the Corva sector with its relatively limited Imperial presence as a potential new site for an Alliance base. They decide against it.*
(conjecture based on *Moving Target*)
- *With the destruction of Alderaan, Taka Jamoreesa is now an orphan at 14 years old.*

(conjecture based on *Last Shot*)

- *The Rebels' special recon team, the Shrikes, led by Lieutenant Caluan Ematt, is attacked by the Imperial Security Bureau's Commander Alecia Beck on Taanab. Ematt escapes, while the other Rebels are cornered. When all but a Rodian woman on the team is captured, the Rodian woman uses her last moments before being killed to shoot all of her comrades to save them from torture and questioning. With the Shrikes all dead except for Ematt, Ematt flees to Cyrkon after letting the Rebel's know that he would be heading there in hopes of being extracted before he can be killed or captured and tortured for information on potential Rebel base relocations.*

(conjecture based on *Smuggler's Run*)

- *General Davits Draven sends a communication to Mon Mothma about the need to extract Lieutenant Caluan Ematt from Cyrkon, noting that with the death of Captain Cassian Andor on Scarif, he is scrambling to find someone with enough underworld familiarity and expertise with the Hutts to carry out the mission. Mothma suggests Han Solo and Chewbacca, but Draven thinks they are too undisciplined, untrained, and unable to take orders. Mothma reminds him that another such individual, Jyn Erso, recently worked out rather well despite similar objections.*

(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)

- *On the surface of Yavin IV, Iden Versio has survived the crash of her TIE fighter. She manages to evade capture and steals a ship from the Rebel base during their celebrations, allowing her to return to the Empire. Her injuries, however, will require time in a bacta tank on Hosnian Prime.*

(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)

- *Immediately after giving medals to Luke Skywalker and Han Solo (but not Chewbacca, it seems), Leia Organa makes a brief comment to the assembled Rebels at the Yavin victory celebration about taking a moment to honor those lost on Alderaan, specifically referencing her (adoptive) parents, Bail Organa and Breha Organa. Since she is so brief, some of the Rebel pilots, including Alderaanian Evaan Verlaine, consider her an "ice princess." She and Jan Dodonna then announce that they are to evacuate Yavin Base immediately. Rebels are assigned to dismantling and transporting hardware, while others are assigned to scout for potential new outposts. Luke informs Leia that he is staying with the Rebellion, and he wishes that she could lean him or someone else to help with her grief the way he was able to lean on her after Obi-Wan Kenobi's death. Leia notices Evaan paying respects at a statue of Bail and Breha. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Princess Leia)

- *Having assisted in the Battle of Yavin, Chewbacca admires a medal given to him that he did not wear during the ceremony. His intention and that of Han Solo is to leave the Rebellion soon to repay their debt to Jabba the Hutt from the money they have been paid by the Rebels. C-3PO sends Chewbacca to meet with Han in the command center on Yavin IV, where the smuggler is bickering with Leia Organa. The Rebels have a mission for them, if they are willing to take it. Leia wants Han and Chewbacca to travel to Cyrkon (a world known more for smuggling and other criminal ventures than for having much of an Imperial presence). There, they would find Rebel Lieutenant Caluan Ematt, leader of the Alliance's special recon team known as the Shrikes. The Shrikes are responsible for identifying, security, and preparing new locations for Rebel bases. If Ematt is captured, the Rebellion would be in great danger. Unfortunately, the Imperial Security Bureau's Commander Alecia Beck of the Vehement ambushed the Shrikes on Taanab. All but Ematt were killed. Ematt is now on the run, having briefly let the Alliance know that he was heading for Cyrkon. At Chewbacca's more noble urging, Han finally gives in and agrees to the mission. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Smuggler's Run)

- *Leia Organa goes to see Jan Dodonna (by way of Admiral Ackbar, who points her to him). Dodonna wants her to take time to grieve and does not intend to give her any assignments right now, since the Empire definitely wants to have her killed for her role in the Death Star debacle. Dodonna intends to keep her very close for the time being. He also mentions that the Empire appears to be seeking out surviving Alderaanians for reprisals. Frustrated, she leaves, crossing through the hangar just as Evaan Verlaine and another pilot make snarky comments about Leia's "ice princess" demeanor. Leia interrupts, speaking with Evaan alone. While annoyed with Leia, Evaan is deferential, sticking to formalities like bowing to Leia*

because such formalities are all they have left of their homeworld. (It turns out that Evaan was mentored by Breha herself, which taught her of Alderaan's rich history and made her a royalist in her thinking.) Evaan asks to be allowed to be Leia's guard, protecting her princess (now a queen, technically, given that Breha and Bail are dead) as a duty to Alderaan. She mentions, as Dodonna did, the Empire going after Alderaanians. This solidifies a plan in Leia's mind. That night, she sends a hologram of R2-D2 to protect a holographic message (so all one big hologram masquerading as R2-D2 with a hologram) to Dodonna, which explains that she is leaving without authorization to gather and protect the last surviving children of Alderaan. They head into space (Leia, R2-D2, and Evaan) in a small starship, but Evaan is unsure of their mission, given that the Rebellion will expend needed resources and put pilots in harm's way to try to bring her back. In fact, they are immediately pursued by Wedge Antilles and Luke in X-wings, but they are able to fake damage to their hyperdrive and then jump to hyperspace, eluding their friends. (To be continued below . . .)

(Princess Leia)

- On Dantooine, Thane Kyrell is alive and well with his team, having discovered an abandoned Rebel base where Leia Organa had directed Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin. The Death Star has now been destroyed, and Thane fears for the safety of Lieutenant Ciena Ree and Nash Windrider on the Devastator, which might have been brought into any battle large enough to take down the Death Star. Aboard the Devastator, Ciena remains at her post. She learns that her friend, Jude Edivon, had been the one to discover that the Rebel starfighters did indeed pose a threat to the Death Star. No one seems to have acknowledged the danger the exhaust port posed. Ciena and Lieutenant Berrisse Sai are sent in a freighter to the Yavin system to rendezvous with Darth Vader, who remains in his damaged TIE Advanced after the Battle of Yavin. They arrive and are awed by the debris field from the Death Star. They take Vader aboard, and he takes command as they return to the Devastator. Upon returning to the Death Star, Ciena meets with Nash, who is returning to duty. He tells her that Thane's ship had received orders to return to the Death Star, but he does not know if the ship reached the station before it was destroyed. The possibility remains in Ciena's mind that Thane might well be dead. (To be continued below . . .)

(Lost Stars)

- General Cassio Tagge returns to the Imperial fleet after confirming that the Rebel base on Dantooine is abandoned.
(conjecture based on Vader and The Trigger)
- Emperor Palpatine sends out a message ordering the immediate detention of any Rebel Alliance targets in the wake of the Battle of Yavin.
(conjecture based on Smuggler's Run)
- On Taanab on the morning after the Battle of Yavin, Imperial Security Bureau Commander Alecia Beck examines the ship the Shrikes were to use for their escape and recognizes that Lieutenant Caluan Ematt is missing. Even though the ship's computers have been wiped, she is able to examine recent traffic before the Empire began cracking down that morning (based on a communication sent out by the Emperor in the wake of the Battle of Yavin). She determines which ship is the most likely for Ematt to have escaped aboard and his most likely destination: Cyrkon. Upon arriving at Cyrkon to rescue Ematt, Han Solo and Chewbacca must take the Millennium Falcon to the spaceport under a false name, since the Vehement (under Beck's orders) has arrived there first. They set down and move into the domed city of Motok. Unfortunately, before they can find Ematt, they are confronted by bounty hunters that intend to capture them for Jabba the Hutt. Meanwhile, Beck and her team are questioning patrons in a nearby cantina, learning that Ematt was there that morning and had seemed to be waiting for someone. Knowing that this likely means Rebels are coming to extract Beck, she speaks with Captain Hove of the Vehement about any new arrivals. They recognize one of the recent arrivals as possibly being the same YT-1300 that was brought to Imperial attention when blasting out of Mos Eisley on Tatooine days earlier. She concludes that it is a Rebel ship, meant to rescue Ematt. Her team arrives at the spaceport while Han and Chewbacca battle the bounty hunters. Han shouts out that the bounty hunters are actually Rebels, causing the Imperials to attack them. This provides enough of a distraction for Han and Chewbacca to leave the scene. They visit the Miss Fortune, a cantina in the cargo hold of a starship that can take the business from system to system. Han and Chewie are friends with the owner, Delia Leighton, and her partner/bouncer, Curtis. She can help them find Ematt. Back at the spaceport, Beck realizes that their adversaries are bounty hunters, not

Rebels, and they question the bounty hunters about their target. The bounty hunters lie, planning to still capture Han, Chewie, and any contacts themselves, so Beck has one of her stormtroopers, an old clonetrooper designated TX-282 and "Torrent," to follow them. She and the rest of her team will seek out the Millennium Falcon. The hunters track Han and Chewie (by Chewie's danger in the air) to the Miss Fortune, where they threaten to kill Curtis, which causes Delia to reveal what little she knows about Han and Chewie heading deeper into the city to meet Ematt. The duo reaches the building where Ematt is waiting, paying an old man on the ground floor to hit the environmental alarm if anyone unusual shows up. They have only just exchanged code words and met Ematt when the alarm goes off. The bounty hunters have arrived. They escape the hunters and take their landspeeder back to the Falcon as quickly as possible, not realizing that Beck's team has found the ship and been alerted that they are on their way by Torrent. They are captured immediately upon arrival, and Han finds himself somewhat admiring Ematt's conviction when speaking to Beck. They are saved when the Miss Fortune arrives over the energy-shielded docking bay. Han fakes an argument and fight with Chewbacca over being captured, which they use to shut down the shield, allowing the Miss Fortune to fire on the Imperials. Han, Ematt, and Chewie lift off in the Falcon, while the Miss Fortune joins them in escaping into space, where they must calculate hyperspace jumps (in the case of the Falcon, using coordinates provided by Ematt) to escape the Vehement. Beck and Torrent, having survived the attack of the Miss Fortune, take a shuttle quickly back to Vehement to oversee the capture of the enemy ships. Once there, Beck orders Hove to use the tractor beam to capture the ships, despite it tearing apart any TIE fighters caught in its path. The Falcon covers the Miss Fortune until Delia and Curtis can go to hyperspace, and the Falcon moves into the atmosphere of Cyrkon enough to throw off the Vehement's tractor beam until they too can escape. Beck is unwilling to turn the tractor beam toward the domed city at the last moment, allowing their escape instead of destroying the dome and creating many more anti-Imperial activists. Han, Chewie, and Ematt make their way back to the Rebel Alliance.*

(Smuggler's Run)*

*NOTE: Some of this story likely further overlaps with *Princess Leia's* second issue and onward, but since it seems to be confined to a single day, I have kept the summary condensed here, rather than making wild guesses as to how it might overlap with *Princess Leia* beyond the last break in the summary.

- After dropping off Caluan Ematt at a Rebel location, Han Solo and Chewbacca return to Yavin IV.
(conjecture based on *Smuggler's Run* and *Princess Leia*)
- In the first days following the Battle of Yavin, Inspector General Garrick Versio of the Imperial Security Bureau is promoted to the rank of Admiral.
(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)
- On Dagobah five days after Obi-Wan Kenobi's death (i.e. three days after the Battle of Yavin), Yoda is still dealing with thoughts of the loss of Obi-Wan Kenobi and others. He must remind himself of his own words to Anakin Skywalker, "Mourn them do not. Miss them do not. Rejoice for those who transform into the Force" and that one must "train yourself to let go of everything you fear to lose." He does not believe he has succeeded in these teachings himself. (To be continued below . . .)

(There is Another)

- In the first days following the Battle of Yavin and the Senate being disbanded, the Empire begins arresting all former members of the Senate, including some who were no longer even serving at the time it was dissolved. All are confined to the Arrth-Eno Prison Complex until the Empire can assess the level of participation each Senator (or former Senator) had with the Rebel Alliance. Some will go free, while others will not.
(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)
- After four months on the Cordaxian Sea alone, Frax now has only one rock of Cordaxian ore left, but he returns to civilization and uses it to hire a team to go after Han Solo. (To be continued below . . .)

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*NOTE: This is "not too long ago," based on the annual's flashback, but then there is at least a one year time jump to the next flashback, then a gap of another four months to the last piece of the flashback, which seems relatively soon before the annual. Thus, I am putting this final flashback around the time of ANH, 16 months or so before ANH. It is only an approximation, of course, since the story provides no specifics.

- Leia Organa and Evaan Verlaine head for Leia's first target destination: Naboo, which, unbeknownst to her, is her birth mother's homeworld. En route, Leia eats with Evaan and remembers lessons Bail Organa taught her as a child, including an admonition to help keep

Alderaanian culture alive. At Club Deeja in Keren on Naboo, Alderaanian musician manager Pareece is keeping the Alderaanian band she manages from knowing the truth about Alderaan's destruction, so that they can continue to produce quality musical performances. Upon arriving on Naboo, Leia bluffs her way past a customer's agent by calling herself First Minister Solo, which helps, since they have no money with them. Leia sees artwork of Padmé Amidala, which seems to look at her, but she shrugs it off, ignorant of her true heritage. Leia is recognized almost immediately by Lord Junn, an old family ally. They eat dinner with him, and he sets them up to meet with Mul Sanaka, the owner of Club Deeja, so that they can get in touch with the Alderaanians in the local cloister. Meanwhile, Pareece must deflect when one of her musicians, Tace, wants to contact her sister on Alderaan due to a feeling that something is wrong. Upon arriving at the club, Leia and Evaan are about to be taken down by Snes, Mul's Besalisk thug, but they handle themselves well and are then saved from a blast from Mul by Pareece, who bows to Leia and confesses her "terrible" crime of keeping other Alderaanians ignorant of what has happened to their world. Leia, though, offers her a chance to join them in finding other refugees. Leia then returns to Junn, who is obviously who betrayed them. He is out for himself only, and Leia is ready to blast him, but she is able to force him to provide them with another, faster ship. They take off into space in a shuttle and the Lord Junn (not too humble was he?), and they set course for Sullust. However, Tace finally contacts her sister, Tula, who is indeed alive (now that she knows about Alderaan), but Tula is now working with the Empire under Commander Dreed, and Tace has brought Leia's activities and location to their attention. With the help of a Sullustan guide (Mr. Tivvy), Leia, Evaan, and R2-D2 reach the enclave on Sullust, but they find it run by an Alderaanian "Preserver," Jora Astane, who is paranoid in the extreme, not believing Leia's intentions or loyalties, despite recognizing her as Alderaan's princess. Within Astane's enclave, the Eyewell, they are met with more suspicion when they reveal an intercepted transmission from the Lord Junn to the Empire (it is the one from Tula, but they cannot identify the source or who is the apparent traitor in their midst). Astane declares Leia's crew traitors and attacks them, but they escape into tunnels below, even as an Imperial assault commences. R2-D2 steals an airspeeder and lures rockrender creatures to the Eyewell, where they set up on the minerals in the stormtroopers' armor. Leia and Evaan's bravery in the battle wins over the Alderaanians, even Astane, who bows to Leia. They join her crusade, and Leia forgives their suspicion because they do appear to have a spy to catch. They soon dock with the Mellcrawler, starship of Sullustan pilot (and weapon dealer) Nien Nunb, who has helped to lead the Alderaanians from Sullust to safety. Leia awards him the Chalcedony Waves that were once owned by Bheha Organa. Astane is able to trace transmissions to the Empire to the communication device in Tace's cabin and takes her to Leia. Leia criticizes Astane's harsh treatment of Tace, earning the woman's ire (yet again). Leia hears about Tace's sister and realizes that Tace is innocently passing along compromising information. She intends to draw Tula and the Empire out. To make time for this, she sends Uwa Pareece and Jora Astane as her representatives to Espirion, where they hope to reunify with refugee Alderaanians on the world. Once on Espirion, Astane's disdain for half-Alderaanians like Alder-Esperion Chief Beon Boenel causes immediate friction, requiring that Pareece promise that Leia herself will visit soon, though she has not spoken to Leia about the idea. Meanwhile, Tace talks to Tula again, but her nervousness gives away that Tula has been compromised. Tula's Imperial supervisor, Commander Dreed, orders Tula taken into custody to soon be executed, but Leia makes a deal: she will trade herself to Dreed for Tula. Leia makes the exchange on Skaradosh, turning herself over into Imperial custody, even as, over Esperion, a huge number of ships emerges from hyperspace, full of Alderaanians who have heard of Leia's mission. Even as Leia is being taken to Commander Dreed's ship, Nien Nunb's smaller ship zips into the area, opening its hatch for Evaan to begin blasting the Imperials. Leia is rescued, as her plan had always intended. She, Evaan, Nien, and R2-D2 return to space, using a small decoy to make the Imperials in the Star Destroyer above think that they have destroyed her ship. Unfortunately, the Imperials know of the gathering of ships at Espirion and intend to wipe them out as well. Once reunited with the Lord Junn, Tace gives Tula the cold shoulder for her Imperial collaboration. With the Imperials on the way, Leia knows that they will need help from Espirion's fleet to save everyone, but the Espirion Alderaanians won't consider any form of association because of Astane's apparent racism. Evaan convinces Leia to give a rousing speech to the other Alderaanian ships in hopes of rallying them to defend themselves, only using what force is necessary, in order to defend the legacy of Alderaan and its principles. Unbeknownst to Leia, R2-D2 sends out the message to

the entire area, including Espirion's surface, where even Beon Boenel is moved by her words. As the battle begins, Espirion ships join the fray, and the Imperial Star Destroyer is wiped out. With these Alderaanians saved and heading for a new world, Leia knows that she must return to the Alliance. Leia leaves Evaan in charge, suggesting that if they held elections, Leia would back Evaan, though she mainly just wants to be sure Jora Astone does not end up in charge again. Leia and R2-D2 return to the Alliance on Yavin IV, where they are reunited with Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, Chewbacca, and C-3PO. As for the other Alderaanians, their convoy heads for the new world they plan to settle, led by Evaan in full "princess of Alderaan" attire. Alderaan, in a sense, survives.

(Princess Leia)

- Mon Mothma tells Jan Dodonna that Leia Organa's act in bringing together survivors from Alderaan shows moral duty and is a potent symbol. Rather than holding Leia back from such showing such initiative, she advises that they see where Leia can take the Rebellion.
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- Evaan Verlaine returns to Yavin Base. When the Empire arrives to attack during the Rebel evacuation, Evaan leads a Rebel infiltration team to get aboard and sabotage the Star Destroyer attacking the base.
(conjecture based on *The Flat Mountain of Yavin*)
- On Dagobah, a week or two after the death of Obi-Wan Kenobi, Yoda tries to reach out to Qui-Gon Jinn's spirit through the Force, but instead of Qui-Gon, it is the spirit of Obi-Wan that appears. Obi-Wan jokes with his old friend about his destroyed pot and the burnt (but safe) cloak from Qui-Gon that Yoda uses as a blanket. Obi-Wan wants Yoda to do something for him. He wants Yoda to train Luke Skywalker, which runs contrary to Yoda's intention to one day train Leia Organa. Obi-Wan is able to convince him, and Yoda instructs him to send Luke to him (when he is ready, presumably). Yoda now looks to the future, eager for each day.
(There is Another)
- Sometime after her death and the Battle of Yavin, the spirit of Beru Whitesun Lars speaks with an unknown party in the afterlife, relating her love of Luke Skywalker, the protectiveness she and Owen Lars felt for him, and how she regrets that Luke had to find their bodies after they were killed. She is proud of him.
(Beru Whitesun Lars)
- Shortly after the Battle of Yavin, as the Rebel Alliance prepares to evacuate Yavin Base, an Imperial Star Destroyer attacks the base. Aboard the Star Destroyer, a Rebel infiltration team, including Evaan Verlaine, attempts to get control of the ship to avoid the destruction of the temple that serves as the heart of Yavin Base. When it seems impossible, Evaan steals an Imperial Raider and crashes it into the side of the Star Destroyer after ejecting in an escape pod. This shifts the Star Destroyer, which is not under Imperial or Rebel control at the moment, just enough for its blasts to miss the temple and cut the top from a nearby mountain (creating the "flat mountain of Yavin." By the time the Star Destroyer is back under full Imperial control, the Rebels have successfully escaped Yavin IV. (To be continued below . . .)*)

(The Flat Mountain of Yavin)

*NOTE: This story seems a bit odd, given that it seems to suggest that Evaan did not stay with the Alderaanians for very long. Instead, she must have soon returned to Yavin Base in order to assist in its evacuation.

- While recovering from her injuries on Hosnian Prime, Iden Versio is contacted by her mother, artist Zeehay Versio. She is glad that Iden has survived, but Iden can tell that her mother's illness is taking its toll on her.
(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)
- Three days after the Battle of Yavin, Lieutenant Junior Grade Gideon Hask is elated to discover that his longtime friend and colleague, Senior Lieutenant Iden Versio, survived the battle and the subsequent crash of her TIE fighter onto Yavin IV and is recovering on Hosnian Prime. The next day (four days after the Battle of Yavin), Gideon and Iden are called into a meeting with Iden's father, Imperial Security Bureau Admiral Garrick Versio, alongside two other officers, mechanical whiz Lieutenant Commander Del Meeko (transferring from the Implacable) and Lieutenant Seyn Marana (a Naval Intelligence officer with an eidetic memory). Garrick intends for them to form a new, elite unit of "cleaners" to handle special situations (such as recovering information, artifacts, or individuals that could harm the Empire if they fell into the wrong hands or have already done so), which will be known as "Inferno Squad." To determine who will lead them (rather than giving in to nepotism and just giving command to Iden), they must each present a plan of action the next day based on

information provided by Garrick. (To be continued below . . .)

(Inferno Squad)

- *Around this time, Banshee Squadron loses two pilots at Phindar.*
(conjecture based on *Last Call at the Zero Angle*)
- *In the wake of the Battle of Yavin, Commander Narra is put in command of Red Squadron, which he must rebuild from the two pilots left from the Battle of Yavin: Luke Skywalker and Wedge Antilles.*
(conjecture based on *The Weapon of a Jedi*)
- *In the wake of the Battle of Yavin, Mon Mothma makes a public declaration to the people of the galaxy that announces the existence and destruction of the Death Star, along with its use against Alderaan and the Holy City on Jedha. She urges fellow citizens to act now, as Imperial invincibility has been exposed as a lie and a fantasy. Moreover, she tasks Tynnra Palmo with telling the story of the Battle of Yavin, using long-range telemetry recordings of the Death Star's destruction, in-flight footage from Gold and Red Squadrons, holographic footage from the medal ceremony, text of official statements from leadership (Leia Organa, Mothma, and Gial Ackbar), and various graphics. She is to coordinate with Hendri Underholt in Mothma's office.*
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- *TriNebulon News reports the destruction of "an orbital station" by "traitors" and "rebel saboteurs," decrying the loss of Imperial lives.*
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- *Cynabar's Infonet reports on how the Rebel Alliance's situation stacks up in terms of odds of success and how it affects smugglers and bounty hunters.*
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- *The Empire issues a 10 million credit bounty on Leia Organa, seeing her as the new face of the Rebel Alliance, thanks to footage released from the medal ceremony after the Battle of Yavin.*
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- *In the wake of the Battle of Yavin, Imperial Captain Magna Tolvan leads an Imperial clean-up force to the abandoned Rebel base on Yavin IV.*
(conjecture based on *Aphra*)
- *In the wake of the Battle of Yavin, footage and telemetry from the battle is distributed quickly by the Rebel Alliance as propaganda to raise Rebel sympathies across the galaxy. Artists on many worlds pick up on this information and create their own independent anti-Imperial propaganda as well.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)
- *In the wake of the Battle of Yavin, the Rebel romanticization of the heroic X-wing pilot truly begins, thanks to Luke Skywalker's destruction of the Death Star. Luke's identity, however, is a closely guarded secret.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)
- *In the wake of the destruction of Alderaan, artist Oba Dunimea creates a well-known poster showing Alderaan merged with the Rebel Alliance symbol, which reads, "Remember Alderaan . . . Never forget."*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)
- *In the wake of the destruction of Alderaan, artist Janyor of Bith creates a well-known poster showing Darth Vader's visage behind the Death Star blasting down at Alderaan or Jedha, which reads, "Death is all they bring."*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)
- *In the wake of the Battle of Yavin and the death of Saw Gerrera on Jedha, Staven escapes Imperial custody to continue the fight against the Empire. Meanwhile, Lux Bonteri, who was with the Rebel Alliance until breaking away to fight alongside his old ally Saw, approaches his estranged stepdaughter, who works for the Empire. He convinces her that he sees the futility in standing against the Empire, and he wants to turn himself in and trade information about the Rebel Alliance for amnesty. He tells her that he wants to do this only if he can turn himself in somewhere public and to "honorable" Imperials who will be less likely to take him in for torture and interrogation. She gives him specific information about eleven potential locations for such an encounter over the span of three months. Rather than turning himself in, which would undoubtedly lead to interrogation and the revelation of his stepdaughter's actions (despite her changing her name when he left the Imperial Senate in disgrace and became a*

Rebel), he reaches out to Staven, knowing that he worked closely to Saw. He offers Staven the information provided by his stepdaughter but only a little at a time (so as to keep himself useful). Together, they draw together other former Partisans into a new group, led by Staven, known as the Dreamers.

(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)

- In the wake of the destruction of both Alderaan and the Death Star, Commander Udrai of the Star Destroyer Determination takes Tarvyn Lareka's squadron aside to let them know that they should reach out if they have troubling thoughts (i.e. seditious thoughts) in the wake of so many deaths.

(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)

- In the wake of the Battle of Yavin, with Wullf Yularen dead, reports from Gallius Rax now go directly to the Emperor himself. He continues to work for the Empire, mostly in the Outer Rim for secret purposes aligned with Palpatine's original mission for him on Jakku when he was only ten.

(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)

- During construction on the second Death Star, a dozen planets will be stripped bare to get enough raw materials to build the station. The Death Star II will be built over the forest moon of Endor, suggested by Imperial engineers because they like the idea of burning up the moon's resources to power the station's shields. The Emperor simply enjoys the idea of crushing something beautiful.

(conjecture based on *Beware the Power of the Dark Side!*)

- Nashtah Squadron (Tana Chellaine, Huck Trompo, Sully Olvar, Sax Hastur, Artur Essada, Muller, Barsay, Riggs, and Chan) flies a mission to take out Rebels at Portocari. Due to faulty intelligence, the Rebel safehouse that they are tasked with destroying is actually full of munitions. Of the pilots in Nashtah Squadron, Muller is shot down by an anti-air warhead, Barsay is killed by a Z-95 headhunter, and the duo of Riggs and Chan (flying a TIE bomber and an escort fighter) are killed in the explosion of the very munitions building that they bomb.

(conjecture based on *Last Call at the Zero Angle*)

- Within a week of the Battle of Yavin (probably about four days after the battle), on Axxila III, at the Zero Angle bar that serves both atmospheric Imperial Army pilots and space-based Imperial Navy pilots from the Bright Jewel Oversector Flight Base, the surviving members of Nashtah Squadron (Tana Chellaine, Huck Trompo, Sully Olvar, Sax Hastur, and Artur Essada), except for Muller (who remains in bacta treatment), are drinking amongst their comrades in this unusual environment that mixes Imperial Army and Navy pilots, when Trombo and Olvar begin loudly singing the Imperial Army pilots' anthem, which prompts the Imperial Navy pilots to start singing their own. This clash of songs turns into a brief bar brawl, until bartender Florn, a veteran himself, sends his droid, Lightning, into the fray to zap Trombo for starting the fray. He scolds everyone for their actions, pointing out the pictures of lost pilots along the walls that should bind them together in a brotherhood. It is only then that members of Banshee Squadron (the naval pilots involved in the scuffle, based on the Solar Storm) and members of Nashtah begin to realize that they have lost comrades in common. (Sax Hastur was close with a lost pilot named Poul Ashanto, who was at Prefsbelt with Banshee pilot Heiwei Akrone's brother, Alois Akrone.) As things calm down, they sit together (mainly because one of their tables has been broken), and Essada expresses frustration at how they lost pilots during their most recent mission to Portocari due to faulty intelligence. It is as if something has stirred up the Empire into lashing out at the Rebel Alliance without much preparation. Their discussion is interrupted by the arrival of Commander Weller, who brings news that the DS-1 platform (i.e. the Death Star) has been destroyed, along with its entire complement. All of the pilots' affiliations are rescinded, and they all are to be reassigned as the Empire reorganizes its efforts against the Rebels. As they prepare to leave, Florn notes that while there will be more dead pilots with pictures on the wall before the conflict ends, the best they might hope for is to make sure that for every one of their pilots who falls, the Rebels lose two in return. Then they can come back with their heads held high and raise a glass to those who don't survive. *

(Last Call at the Zero Angle)*

*NOTE: I note that this is probably four days after the Battle of Yavin due to a reference in the story of Imperials diverting to the Gordian Reach and Jovan system "four days ago," since both are in proximity to Yavin.

- In the wake of the destruction of Alderaan, the event comes to be known as "the Disaster."

(conjecture based on *One Thousand Levels Down*)

- In the wake of the destruction of Alderaan, the martial culture of Pamarthe begins to turn on

the Empire, seeing the destruction of Alderaan as a dishonorable, cowardly act.
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)

- *In the wake of the destruction of Alderaan, the planet Tureen VII begins providing secret aid to the Rebel Alliance.*
(conjecture based on *Last Flight of the Harbinger*)
- *Five days after the Battle of Yavin (and after a night of starting to bond), the members of Inferno Squad submit their plans of action to Admiral Garrick Versio, who decides that while the plans submitted by Seyn Marana, Gideon Hask, and Del Meeko play to their strengths, only the plans of his daughter, Iden Versio, take a broader approach that encompasses all of their strengths. Hers is selected, and the team begins preparation and practice for their first mission. The mission will commence in two weeks. (To be continued below . . .)*
(Inferno Squad)
- *On Coruscant, in the wake of the destruction of Alderaan, news spreads through both official and unofficial channels that Alderaan was destroyed for crimes against the Empire. Now, native Alderaanians are being rounded up for potential Rebel sympathies on the capital world. Caught amid this persecution are Anandra Milon (age 16) and her brother, Santiago Milon (age 8). Anandra and Santiago are from an Alderaanian family but have lived on Coruscant among other Alderaanians on Level 3204 for so long that they have never truly thought of Alderaan as their home. First, a friend of the family, Reffe, is killed by stormtroopers while acting out his frustrations. The next day, stormtroopers begin rounding up Alderaanians on the streets of Level 3204. The day after that, they begin going from home to home to bring people in for questioning and relocation. As Alderaanians are rounded up, Anandra and Santiago's mother help them escape inside a cleaning droid with instructions to meet her on Level 3108 where a friend of the family could help them get off of Coruscant. Anandra and Santiago make it there, but the friend cannot help, and their mother is nowhere to be found, likely in Imperial custody. They are pointed to a smuggler on Level 2142 that might help them. Once there, though, they learn that the ship that could have saved them left two days earlier. They are pointed to Level 1997 for another possible lead. There, they meet with a Pau'an and his Herglic "muscle," and they are offered a deal of Anandra making deliveries for the Pau'an (drugs or other contraband), but even if she does, it seems unlikely that the Pau'an would take on both Anandra and her less useful brother. She turns him down, and they make their way down to Level 1996. There, they are caught by a stormtrooper, who reveals that Anandra has been scheduled for relocation like the theirs on Level 3204 and also pre-convicted of juvenile noncompliance. She tries to fight the stormtrooper, and when she is easily defeated, she is saved by the Pau'an's Herglic bodyguard, a being who, as a Herglic, knows a little something about the Empire persecuting an entire planet's people. He points them to Level 1782. When the Milons arrive on Level 1782, they are met by a Mon Calamari who leads them to a camp made inside an old wrecked vessel. This is a new home for refugees, including Alderaanians, Mon Calamari, Herglics, and others. For now, the Milons have a new family, but there remains no word of their mother.*
(One Thousand Levels Down)
- *After a week on Dantooine, Thane Kyrell's team is finally recalled. He has contacted his parents on Jelucan to notify them of his survival of the Battle of Yavin, but he has not heard back, no does he expect to. He is sent to the Star Destroyer Eliminator and Lieutenant Commander Cherik, then transferred to the Watchtower for deployment to Kerev Doi, a spice-mining world. Before he can make that journey to the Eliminator and Watchtower, though, he finds himself aboard the Devastator, which raises his hopes of catching up with Ciena Ree. They are able to see each other briefly, relieved that they each survived. In that moment, Ciena takes the initiative to change (or bring to light) their bond with their first kiss. Then, they must part ways again. He has misinterpreted some of her comments to think that she is also questioning whether to stay with the Empire, so he begins daydreaming about what it will be like when they are each done with their mandatory five years of service as Academy graduates. On Kerev Doi, Thane flies officials around and otherwise does dull duties, but eight days later, he witnesses the harsh treatment of the local Bodach'i, who have been forced into slavery for anti-Imperial activities. This solidifies Thane's desire to get out of the Empire now, rather than years down the line. He contacts Ciena (a bit of an extravagance for such long-range communication) and has a monitored conversation with her in which he thinks he has understood that they are both intending to leave the Empire at their next opportunity and meet on Jelucan. They speak about "the explosion" and the horrors of it, but*

they do not realize that Thane is taking about Alderaan and the Empire's horrific act, while Ciena is talking about the terrorist Alliance killing so many Imperials on the Death Star. They are worlds apart in their intentions but do not realize it. Ciena, for her part, is rising in the ranks, now a Lieutenant Commander as of the day before their call. The next day, Thane buys new clothes and gains passage on a freighter away from Kerev Doi, going AWOL and becoming an Imperial deserter. A few days later, news reaches Ciena of his desertion, after Nash Windrider is questioned about his former Academy roommate. Ciena voluntarily goes to Captain Ronnadam of the Imperial Security Bureau. She argues that he probably deserted due to his feelings over the loss of so many Imperial comrades on the Death Star, who had become family to him due to his own family being pretty bad. She is dispatched to Jelucan to seek answers on his whereabouts. On his fourth freighter hop, Thane finally arrives on Jelucan. He chooses not to contact his family and waits around for Ciena. After several days, he nearly loses hope, but then she arrives, having tracked him down to his rented room. It is then that they realize how far apart their ideas really are. Ciena does not believe the Empire would ever carry out another Death Star style venture, since the war has already begun, and the Death Star could not stop it. Thane refuses to return to the Empire, but he also does not intend to join the Rebel Alliance, whom he had been raised and guided for so long to believe were simply terrorists, just as bad as the Empire in many ways. For Ciena, her oath to the Empire and loyalty to that oath are everything, thanks to her valley kindred culture. That night, she chooses loyalty to him over the Empire, but only for that night. They fall farther into romantic involvement with a night of physical consummation, but when the morning comes, nothing has really changed about their positions. Ciena will give Thane one week to get off of Jelucan, but then she intends to report him as being there as a deserter. The Empire has torn them apart, perhaps for the final time. When they finally part, Ciena goes back after a week and reports to Ronnadam, but she lies. To protect Thane, she claims that he killed himself on Jelucan and was given a Sky Burial, so there was no body to bring back. She vows to never again betray her loyalty to the Empire for Thane, despite them being in love with each other. (To be continued below . . .)

(Lost Stars)

- The Rebel Alliance's Twilight Company, led by Captain Micha "Howl" Evon, strikes at the Imperial Headquarters on the planet Allst Prime. Howl himself accompanies one of his soldiers, Brand, to Governor Magé's office, where Brand takes her out. Finally, after being with Twilight Company to get close to Howl, Brand, a bounty hunter, finally turns her weapon on Howl, intending to collect the bounty on him. He is prepared for this, though, and he addresses her by her real name, Lauren Mel Coelho, noting how he knows her past and of her history as a bounty hunter. Brand flashes back to the deaths of her family and when she took revenge on the criminal responsible, Annaz. Howl offers her the chance to work with Twilight Company as a true, loyal soldier, rather than going after bounties for the corrupt Empire that is just bad, if not worse, than the criminal enterprise that killed her family. She reluctantly agrees, noting that she could still collect a bounty on him someday, but it just isn't high enough to outweigh this opportunity yet.*

(Inbrief)*

*NOTE: According to the story's author, this is a few years prior to *Twilight Company*, which is set around the time of ESB. She noted in our conversation that she is unsure whether the Battle of Yavin would have happened yet, so since it could be just before or just after, I am putting it in this year. I have placed it after ANH so that Hazram Namir can be with Twilight Company for a couple of months before Brand joins for real, something Namir seemed to have direct knowledge about when talking about it with Brand in *Twilight Company*.

- On the day before the wedding of Famma Preez and Commander Yendiv Bensek at the mansion of Moff Jaccun Preez, Del Meeko infiltrates the building as part of the decorating staff and plants numerous recording devices for use during Inferno Squad's mission during the wedding.
(conjecture based on *Inferno Squad*)
- *Inferno Squad* carries out their first mission. They have been sent to discover and recover whatever kind of blackmail, data, or other sensitive material Moff Jaccun Preez of Arvaka Prime has acquired. Preez has many gambling debts and has bragged openly about "knowing things" that would make those debts "go away." They believe he is intending to sell sensitive information to pay off his debts and must get to that information first. As such, they infiltrate the wedding of Preez's daughter, Famma Preez, and Imperial Commander Yendiv Bensek. Seyn Marana and Gideon Hask infiltrate as guests "Lady Dezara Monay" and "Brixx Gavan," while Del Meeko and Iden Versio go undercover as private shuttle pilots. (Seyn's

eidetic memory and forging skills are key to getting them inside.) With the assistance of a compromised serving droid, they make their way in. They use a gift of sunfruit liquor (technically for the bride and groom) as a lure to get the always-drinking Pereez a bit drugged to pass out as a distraction, while Seyn and Gideon get into his office and recover a datachip with his trove of information. After this first success, Iden requests top of the line equipment and such, along with high level information access, and her father goes a bit farther than even that. Iden is promoted to Captain, Seyn to Lieutenant, Gideon to full Lieutenant, and Del to Commander, and the team receives a Raider-class corvette, the *Corvus*, as their ship, along with a crew that includes pilot Aadiana Caton and copilot Weston Morro. They also receive, much to Del's delight, an ID10 Seeker droid, fresh from the factory, which he will significantly enhance and tweak for their missions. Over the weeks to come, they carry out more missions that are similar to their first, dealing with corrupt or potentially corrupt Imperials, rather than Rebels. (To be continued below . . .)

(Inferno Squad)

- Sometime shortly after the Battle of Yavin, Han Solo and Chewbacca lose the Rebel Alliance's reward from rescuing Leia Organa and thus have no means of paying off Jabba the Hutt. They head back out into the galaxy briefly in an attempt to earn enough credits to repay their debt.
(conjecture based on *Heir to the Jedi*)
- Sometime shortly after the Battle of Yavin, Ubin Des, a Rebel who was present at the Battle of Yavin, chooses to leave the Rebel Alliance to join the remnants of Saw Gerrera's Partisans on Jedha.
(conjecture based on *The Ashes of Jedha*)
- One week before loaning the *Desert Jewel* to Luke Skywalker, Nakari Kelen arrives aboard the Rebel Alliance starship *Promise*.
(conjecture based on *Heir to the Jedi*)
- Shortly before Luke Skywalker's mission to Rodia, a team from Kelen Biolabs is sent by Fayet Kelen to the moon Fex, orbiting Sha Qarot, where the strange purple landscape (due to a red sun) has given rise to what might be great biological discoveries. The exploration team sent, including Priban, Hafner, and others, is wiped out by a creature with natural camouflage that is almost like cloaking and snouts that allow them to drill through helmets and skulls to eat a victim's brain. These "Fexian skullborers," as Fayet dubs them, are enough of a threat that their ship (the *Harvester*) does not land but instead picks up the bodies of the team via manipulator arms controlled by other crew members aboard. They are to have then left the system to report back to Fayet, but the ship never returns. Only transmissions of helmet camera recordings make it back to Kelen Biolabs.
(conjecture based on *Heir to the Jedi*)
- Luke Skywalker, now a lieutenant in the Rebel Alliance, is a hero of the Battle of Yavin, but he is far from being a Jedi like his father, nor a truly experienced soldier in the war against the Empire. Luke's newest mission is to leave the Alliance capital ship *Promise* on the borrowed yacht *Desert Jewel* to visit Rodia, where he is to make contact with the anti-Imperial Chekkoo clan on the Betu continent, hoping to arrange the purchase of weapons and such, right under the noses of the ruling Imperial-backed Chatza clan. Luke has volunteered for the mission. Before he leaves, he has a chance to meet the *Desert Jewel*'s owner, the lovely Nakari Kelen, daughter of Fayet Kelen of Kelen Biolabs on Pasher. Having both hailed from desert worlds, Luke takes an immediate liking to the woman. Luke and R2-D2 then head out in the *Desert Jewel*. They first go to Llanic, intending to find someone who can smuggle weapons from Rodia if they are able to arrange a purchase. However, they emerge from hyperspace amid a chase. Imperial ships under Moff Abran Balfour are pursuing a small Kupohan ship. Given that the Kupohans are often allies of the Alliance, Luke briefly intervenes, knocking out TIE fighters long enough for the ship to escape. Luke then jumps to hyperspace, but now he knows that he has exposed the *Desert Jewel* as an anti-Imperial vessel and will likely be put on lists of ships to detain. They arrive at Rodia and meet with Laneet Chekkoo, their contact, who takes them to Toopil and onward to where the Rodians sell gear and launder profits through Utheel Outfitters. Luke is to meet with Utheel sales executive Taneetch Soonta. While dining together to discuss business, Soonta asks Luke about the lightsaber he wears, revealing that a member of the Chekkoo clan, Huulik, was a Jedi Knight, who had impressed her with his sense of honor. Luke reveals to her that he is the son of a Jedi Knight, prompting her to realize that Anakin Skywalker was who saved

Huulik during the Battle of Sedratris during the Clone Wars. He tells her of how Anakin was betrayed by another Jedi and killed. He also tells of meeting Obi-Wan Kenobi, whom Soonta knows once saved children (from Cad Bane) on Rodia. Luke tells of Obi-Wan's death around the Battle of Yavin, and Soonta relates how Huulik was shot by his clonetroopers during Order 66, but he survived long enough to get back to Rodia and be buried in a tomb in the nearby jungle. At Luke's request, they visit the tomb, where Soonta gives him a gift: Huulik's lightsaber that was kept in his sarcophagus. She wants him to have it as he seeks to be a Jedi himself, as the Jedi returning would be a good thing for the galaxy, in her opinion. After briefly having to deal with a local ghest creature, they return to Toopil. Once there, Luke spends time in his quarters, where he takes apart Huulik's lightsaber to learn how they are constructed. He learns in the process that putting a lightsaber together must usually require using the Force to guide the process and even telekinesis, which is beyond his current abilities. He tries to use the Force to move a canker root vegetable from his dinner but has no success. Unfortunately, the Empire puts out an alert for the Desert Jewel, and things get a little too hot on Rodia. Luke leaves and makes his way back to the fleet. Once there, Leia Organa and Admiral Ackbar reveal that he has created a great opportunity by saving the Kupohan ship over Llanic. It was carrying a Kupohan spy who has revealed that a Given who is a master cryptographer and slicer, who can apparently slice into just about anything, has just arrived on Denon and is being guarded by Imperials, who hope to turn her to their cause. However, if the Rebels can get her family to safety on Omerth, this genius, Drusil Bephorin, will join the Rebels and use her skills to break into Imperial networks and crack their various codes. Luke's piloting skills make him a good choice to extract Drusil, and the Desert Jewel is a fast enough ship to escape pursuit. However, it is not well-armed. With about two weeks to wait before the mission so that Drusil's situation can be scouted, they have time to upgrade it if they can get the money to do so. Luke suggests that Nakari join him on the mission, since they might be able to use her presence as a means of convincing her father, Fayet, to provide the money to upgrade the ship. She will join him, but it will not be that easy. Her father tends to only dole out money when it benefits his business. However, an opportunity exists. A team sent to investigate the moon Fex around the planet Sha Qarot in the Deep Core for Kelen Biolabs has gone silent. If they could find out what happened and thereby eliminate the risk of an outside party looking and stumbling upon whatever great biological find had drawn the team there in the first place, it would be worth enough to her father to convince him to upgrade the ship. The remoteness of the moon and lack of sentient life there might also make it a good hiding place for a new Rebel base. Luke, Nakari, and R2-D2 go to Pasher to speak with Fayet. He gives them details on the "mission" through a download into R2-D2 (on the promise that all info on the job will be erased from R2-D2 when it is complete), provides them with special heavy armor and stun sticks, then sends them on their way to Fex. Along the way, he shares his desire to become a Jedi, and they continue to become more attracted to each other. Upon reviewing the material given to them by Fayet, though, things become a bit more tense. They watch helmet camera footage of the first team sent to Fex, who were wiped out by what Fayet calls Fexian skullborers, bird creatures that have a form of camouflage that is like cloaking, along with snouts that contain diamond-hard "blades" to allow them to bore into a skull and eat the brains inside. That is why they were given heavy armor and stun sticks that might work against the creatures. The explorers' bodies were recovered remotely by the crew of their ship, the Harvester, which was to then return to Pasher, but while the footage was transmitted back, the ship never returned. Luke and Nakari are to determine the fate of the Harvester and its crew, along with bringing back any living or dead skullborers that they can safely deliver to Kelen Biolabs. They find the Harvester on the surface and land near it. They then check through the ship, fighting off and killing several escaped skullborers that the crew had apparently thought they could hold inside regular containment cages, despite their sharp probes. In the process, Nakari injures her hand and needs surgery, but they do find one person alive and clear the Harvester of the creatures. As such, their mission is a success. They link the Harvester to the Desert Jewel and head back to Pasher. (They do keep their word about having R2-D2 erase his information, but a copy is made first, even though Fex is too dangerous for a Rebel base.) Fayet is happy to see them and to hear that they were successful. Nakari's hand is fixed in a brief surgery, while Luke has the Desert Jewel painted to avoid easy identification. They then head for Rodia to the Chekkoo Enclave to have the ship upgraded with the hefty sum they have been paid by Fayet. After upgrading the ship, they return to the fleet at Orto Plutonia, where they are given information on their contact on Denon. It is a Kupohan, Sakhel, who is the same ally who

brought Drusil's information to the Rebels in the first place after Luke saved the original carrier of the message over Llanic. Once on Denon, they visit a noodle restaurant, where they order using a coded phrase and receive a message back on their ticket to return the next morning. While eating their noodles, they discuss Luke's desire to be a Jedi, a bit about their families, and such. After Luke mentions telekinesis as a goal, Nakari helps talk him through relaxing and trying again, and Luke manages to move his first object ever with his mind: a noodle. He has taken another step into that larger world that Ben Kenobi had described. The next morning, they meet with Sakhet and use the cover of delivering food to scout the park where Drusil goes regularly and where they are most likely to be able to extract her. Sakhet also gives them a coded file in case they need it after the mission, containing Kupohan contacts that they could lay low with if in need of assistance during the mission. This is going a bit above and beyond expectations, and she says that she is giving them such a list because her own son was one of the Kupohan spies that Luke saved over Llanic. While Major Bren Derlin's own team works to collect Drusil's family and get them to Omerth, Luke, Nakari, and R2-D2 enact their plan to extract Drusil herself. After R2-D2 knocks out droids and takes care of the technological side of the "rescue," Nakari covers them as a sniper, while Luke meets Drusil and draws her into an escape through the sewer system below the park. They encounter Drusil's guards from the Imperial Security Bureau and kill all but three, who are able to report back to their superiors. Fortunately, the team is able to regroup and get back to the Desert Jewel and off the surface before the Empire can lock down local spaceports and they manage to jump to hyperspace before an Imperial Interdictor can arrive. They arrive at Exodeen and find a Star Destroyer there, though not necessarily waiting for them, so they jump away again to Nanth'ri. En route, Luke meditates and senses both Nakari's presence on the ship (something he can use to draw comfort from as they become closer emotionally) and a sense of aggression and danger at Nanth'ri. They emerge from hyperspace and are immediately attacked as part of a larger pirate raid. Luke uses the Force on instinct while piloting and is able to blast enough of them to give them time to reset the navicomputer and jump to hyperspace again. Immediately after, Nakari kisses Luke, beginning what one might call an "official" early-stage relationship. They realize belatedly, thanks to Drusil, that these were not pirates but bounty hunters, after them, and probably a group from Exodeen. Chances are that the bounty hunters remaining may wish to profit off of their encounter by alerting the Empire to their last known location. They find themselves pulled out of hyperspace in the Daalang system by an Interdictor cruiser. Fortunately, there is a trade route to Kupoh from Daalang. Luke exploits a design flaw in this particular line of discontinued Interdictors and attacks, disabling a gravity well projector and jumping to hyperspace toward Kupoh. They arrive and land at the city of Tonekh, where they visit Nessin Courier and Cargo, run by Azzur Nessin, one of the contacts listed in the now-decoded files from Sakhet. They need fuel, concussion missiles, and a replacement for one engine that was destroyed during their escape from Daalang. Unfortunately, they have no more money after spending it all on upgrading the Desert Jewel the first time. Drusil offers to slice into computers for Azzur, but he is too honest a man to allow it. Instead, Nakari offers the location and details of Fex, which would possibly mean others reaching the planet sooner than Fayet would have liked, but he has given her permission to deal him a business setback in case of an emergency, and being without an engine in this situation qualifies. Azzur agrees, assuming he can find a buyer. Meanwhile, Drusil will reroute comm traffic to make sure that none of Azzur's workers recognize them and report them to the Empire for the bounty. Two of the workers present a problem. One, Ruuf Waluuk, tries to contact the Empire but is unable thanks to Drusil's slicing. The other, Migg Birkhit, is able to contact the Empire with a general notice that they are on Kupoh, but without enough specifics to necessarily bring the Empire down on them immediately. They hunt down Migg at a bar and capture him, then defeat and capture a Gotal that claims to be his friend trying to help him. They bring both to a hotel room near their own and bind them until they can escape the planet. The Gotal claims to be Barrisk Favvin, working for the ISB. Drusil confirms that he is with the ISB, but he was sent to meet with Migg after his message, so it will be a while before the Empire expects to hear from him. While they wait for the ship to be repaired, Luke and Nakari spend time together and Luke spends a little time with Drusil, and her insights into the Force through her focus on mathematics and such help Luke realize that Force use is not about him moving an object or affecting someone's mind so much as it is about him influencing the Force and then the Force influencing those things. He tries again and is able to lift a fork with the Force. They soon learn (thanks to Drusil's slicing) that the Empire has blockaded the planet,

checking all outbound traffic for them, likely because the disappearance of Barrisk while he was going to meet Migg has raised suspicions. With little else they can do, they make plans to use Drusil's excellent math skills and R2-D2's navigational skills to escape using a brand new hyperspace route that Drusil will calculate. They are just about ready to leave when Azzur arrives to tell them repairs are complete. At that moment, though, his head explodes from a blaster shot. The other informant in his crew, Ruuf, is planning to capture them. They hop aboard the Jewel and escape into space, then into hyperspace in a direction the Empire was not blocking (due to lack of established hyperspace lanes). A short time later, they finally arrive at Omerth. They are immediately attacked by bounty hunters who followed Derlin's Rebels to the planet when they brought Drusil's family. They were lying in wait for just this moment. The Jewel, damaged a little in their escape, is no match for the hunters. They are forced to crash into the ocean and bail out of the ship. The first two hunters' ships that arrive fight over them and end up with one destroyed and the other eaten by a giant sea creature. However, six more bounty hunter ships arrive. They swim to shore and try to get away. While Nakari and R2-D2 go one way so that Nakari can snipe for them and R2-D2 can help find targets, Luke leads Drusil away. The hunters land as well and head after them. In the battle that follows, the hunters are defeated, but only after a grenade launched by one of them kills Nakari, snuffing out her presence in the Force while Luke is feeling that presence. When the firefight concludes, Luke is left alone for a moment to cry over the loss of Nakari, along with all those others he has lost along the way for whom he has never had time to truly grieve, especially Owen Lars, Beru Lars, Biggs Darklighter, and Obi-Wan Kenobi. They place her body in a body bag from one of the bounty hunters' ships and take one of the ships to the rendezvous point with Derlin's team. They had been in the middle of extracting Drusil's family when they were discovered by Imperials during a routine check on the family. They lost their Imperial pursuers as they escaped but not the bounty hunters who followed. Since then, it had been a standoff. They could not leave when faced with such firepower, but the bounty hunters did not want to risk some of them being killed if they tried to take the Rebel force out. Instead, the hunters waited, not calling the Empire on the tiny bounty on the family, and instead just hoped that a ship bearing a true prize, Drusil herself, would arrive at some point. The plan worked, at least until the hunters were all killed. With the family's location potentially compromised, Drusil and her family, now reunited, are given the bounty hunters' ship, while Luke returns to the fleet with Derlin's team. He will return Nakari's body to her father, who will be just as inconsolable as Luke is right now. As they leave, he uses the Force to lift a fork full of noodles to his mouth, eating through telekinesis. Sure, it is a little thing and something he and Nakari might have laughed about, but the clarity of mind to finally touch the Force in such a way as to allow him to move things like this is a gift Nakari gave him that has put him one step closer to becoming a Jedi, and he is even more determined than ever now to follow in his father's footsteps to become a true Jedi Knight.

(Heir to the Jedi)*

*NOTE: Luke refers in the novel to thinking of himself and his life being very different in the past. When he does so, he refers to how different his life was two years ago and how it was six months ago. One might expect that either of these could suggest that he is referring to just before ANH, which would give us a date of around 0.5 or 2 ABY for the story. However, there are no explicit dates in the story, and we find that Luke has apparently not encountered Darth Vader in person yet, nor has he heard Obi-Wan's voice through the Force since the Battle of Yavin. That requires that this story *must* take place prior to both *The Weapon of a Jedi* and *Marvel's Star Wars* (which began with *Skywalker Strikes*). This was later confirmed by the author, Kevin Hearne.

- After a while of going after corrupt or corruptible Imperials, *Inferno Squad* receives its first anti-Imperial target from Admiral Garrick Versio, but instead of an actual Rebel Alliance target, they are to target the Dreamers, the most influential and strongest remnant of Saw Gerrera's Partisans, who have reformed after Saw's death on Jedha. They have a lead on a potential defector from the Dreamers, Sullustan Bokk Naarg, who has claimed to his Imperial contact that he has information about where the Dreamers have been getting the intel that has allowed them to strike recent Imperial targets. They are to extract Bokk from Tellik Station. (To be continued below . . .)

(Inferno Squad)

- During a rescue mission to help underground leaders escape from Giju ahead of Imperial agents, Luke Skywalker (Red Five), Wedge Antilles (Red Three), and Commander Narra (Red Leader). After a brief battle with Imperial TIE fighters, they scatter into hyperspace by arranged patterns to then rendezvous at Devaron. The Force seems to be trying to nudge Luke toward something. While in hyperspace, Luke has a Force vision of practicing with a lightsaber in a temple against three training remotes. He senses danger nearby in the vision

and nearly falls to his knees when slipping on some flagstones in what seems a premonition or warning of a future danger. Upon arriving at Devaron, Luke receives new orders that have come directly from Mon Mothma. He is to retrieve logs of Imperial communications that were intercepted by several rebel cells along the Shipwrights' Trace. He switches over to a Y-4 Y-wing so that he can take both R2-D2 and C-3PO with him. He is acting under the false identity of a hyperspace scout. Even though he feels that the Force is drawing him toward Devaron, he heads out on the mission. At his very first emergence from hyperspace, he stumbles into a group of pirates that attack his Y-wing. He reverses course and returns to Devaron. With the Y-wing damaged, he sets down at a village called Tikaroo, where he introduces himself to the local ship repair tech (Kivas) and his daughter (Farnay) as "Kori Marcus, hyperspace scout.." He promises pay for repairs and for keeping a low profile to not draw attention. While he waits, he visits a local tavern, run by Porst, where he inquires about trying to go through the jungle to visit what appears to be a battered old temple in the jungle, the Temple of Eedit (an old Jedi Temple that has been blasted and scoured by the Empire in an effort to erase remnants of the Jedi). Unfortunately, the temple is off-limits by Imperial decree and supposedly haunted. None of the guides will take him, and the bartender bristles at the very idea. That is where Luke feels drawn, though, so he intends to find a way to go. He has another vision while dreaming, wherein he is swimming through what appears to be a small lake with an underwater tunnel that leads into the temple. He is experiencing the vision/dream as a Jedi from the past (seemingly a Nautolan). Farnay offers to guide him to the temple, but she only has a small pack animal that cannot get them all there. He soon encounters another guide, though, the "Scavenger" (AKA Sarco Plank), who offers to take him. Sarco is a bit of an outcast, not following local rules, killing local pikhrons, and generally breaking taboos. Sarco will be a guide for him and the droids. They go to the temple, but cannot get close due to Imperial sensors. Luke follows his dream vision to an area now drained of water by a dam. He recognizes the entrance to the tunnel from his vision and uses it to enter the temple with the droids. Sarco is to wait for a call from Luke to return, though he actually just sets up camp nearby, hoping to turn the situation to his advantage. While searching the temple, Luke finally hears Obi-Wan Kenobi's voice through the Force, something that has not happened since the Battle of Yavin. With periodic instruction through the Force from Obi-Wan and guidance by the Force, Luke explores, finds three training remotes to practice his lightsaber techniques with (to the point where he can use the blade competently, though not expertly), and otherwise communes with the Force. Meanwhile, Farnay keeps an eye on Sarco, expecting him to betray Luke. She runs back to the village to seek a way to assist Luke, to whom she has taken a (non-romantic) liking. Unfortunately, she arrives just as Imperials have arrived to search the village for signs of Luke's Y-wing, which was spotted nearby three days earlier when Luke arrived. The Imperials find it in Kivas' hangar, despite his assurances that he has not seen the ship. They catch and hold Farnay to force Kivas to cooperate. They then head to the temple, where Kivas has revealed Luke to have gone. They take Farnay as both a guide and a hostage. When the Imperials arrive, they take Luke somewhat off-guard (though he had a slight urging that danger was coming). The Imperials use Farnay as leverage, but Sarco enters with an old MagnaGuard staff and an EMP device that allows him and Luke to take out the stormtroopers. Farnay is freed, but now a new threat exists: Sarco himself. Sarco knows Luke is not who he claims to be, and he intends to use the situation to his advantage to gain credits. He also claims that there are treasures in a Jedi storeroom in a lower level of the temple. He intends to duel Luke, turn him in (or what is left of him) to the governor, sell or melt down the droids, then plunder the temple. Luke engages Sarco with his new skills in his first true duel with a lightsaber (though his opponent is using the staff, not a lightsaber). Sarco blinds Luke with a flashbang grenade, then turns his attention briefly to Farnay when she interferes. Luke, temporarily blinded, draws Sarco's attention back to him. As Sarco strides closer, overconfident, Luke slashes with his lightsaber, guided by the Force, and catches him across the chest. Sarco staggers and tries to shoot Luke with the blaster he took from the young Jedi, but Luke draws the pikhron beasts that were living in and around the temple into a mini-stampede that tramples Sarco. (The droids determine that Sarco must be dead, but Luke says that Sarco has survived, having sensed it in the Force.) Luke and Farnay leave the temple, with Luke stopping briefly to pledge to become a true Jedi and one day return to this Devaronian Jedi temple. (To be continued below . . .)*

(The Weapon of a Jedi)*

***NOTE:** In this story, Luke hears Obi-Wan's voice, meaning that it must be after *Heir to the Jedi*. It is also when Luke gains some basic skills in lightsaber combat, which would likely explain him feeling up to drawing on Vader with his saber in *Skywalker Strikes*. Thus, it appears to take place between those stories. (That it is after HTTJ was also the assumption of writer Jason Fry when I inquired about it.) This story would suggest, it seems, that Luke has been back with Red Squadron for about a month or so.

- After a few weeks of preparation (during which Gideon Hask does not shave so that he can pose as a scruffy smuggler), Inferno Squad begins their mission to extract Bokk Naarg from Tellik Station at Tellik IV. (They cannot use his regular contact because that contact has more assets than just Bokk in play and cannot risk breaking so many ties.) Gideon and the ID10 Seeker droid tweaked by Del Meeko head into the Singularity club to meet Bokk, while Del and Seyn track them from their ship and Iden Versio poses as a stormtrooper. Things begin to go off the rails when Bokk shows up with a friend, Sharima, who also wants to supposedly defect and who bears a datachip full of information about the Dreamers as part of a bracelet made of small explosives. (All of the Dreamers tend to wear explosives on any mission or meeting, just in case they need to destroy something or, more likely, kill themselves to avoid capture and take some Imperials with them.) Moments into their conversation, other Dreamers in the bar grow suspicious of Bokk, Sharima, and this man (Gideon) whom they suspect might be an Imperial or otherwise trying to recruit Bokk and Sharima away from the Dreamers. Iden orders him to get out, but Gideon intends to still at least get the datachip. Del remotely has the droid quickly snip the datachip from the bracelet as Iden enters in her stormtrooper armor. In trying to get away, Gideon tosses the other orbs from the bracelet behind him, which then explode. (Thankfully, Iden's armor is between the explosion and Gideon.) The Dreamers present (and some Imperials and innocents, etc.) are now dead back at the club, but Inferno Squad gets away. They can only hope the datachip's recovery will be considered a success, despite not getting Bokk himself. Fortunately, Admiral Garrick Versio is able to get enough information from the datachip to consider the mission successful and to broaden the scope of Inferno Squad's missions to include a new mission that, he believes, could wipe out the Dreamers once and for all, thanks to information on the datachip. They need to stop the Dreamers but also to determine where their intel came from, so that their source cannot just shift to another anti-Imperial group if the Dreamers are taken down. This will mean infiltrating the Dreamers, something the Imperial Security Bureau has tried to do in the past and failed each time. The datachip confirms that, yes, they have gotten sensitive information somehow. Their leader is a man named Staven who was apprehended previously as part of Saw Gerra's Partisans but who somehow escaped and founded the Dreamers out of some of the remnants of the Partisans. It also provided the names of a few Dreamer sympathizers and their next target, but not their base location. There are plans in motion to get all of the members of Inferno Squad into the Dreamers, including Iden, whom Garrick believes would make an ideal new "face" for the Dreamers if presented correctly. The infiltration plan goes without a hitch. Del Meeko and Gideon Hask get aboard smuggler Kurjak's Fast Friend in a cargo container, knowing that the ship will be passing through the territory of pirate queen Lassa Rhayme's Blood Bone Order. Sure enough, Rhayme strikes the ship, and Del and Gideon (as brothers Del and Gid Farren, along with Del's droid) emerge during the battle and present themselves to Rhayme as Partisans in need of aid. Knowing that she is sympathetic to the Partisans, they are able to get passage to the main Dreamer base on Jeosyn. Iden is posted to the Star Destroyer Determination, where she "befriends" Tarvyn Lareka, a perfect ear for her to speak out against what the Empire did to Alderaan and other comments that question Imperial policy. Tarvyn, hoping to "help" his colleague, turns her in, expecting her to just talk with Commander Udrai on the ship but instead (as Iden expected) getting her arrested and to be tried for sedition. As Alton Kastle reports, she is court-martialed under prosecution by Admiral Nasha Garvan (with defense by an HM-12 droid), found guilty, but not executed due to her important parents. Instead, the case is made that she can be "reformed" so she is sent back to the Future Imperial Leaders Preparatory School on Vardos to do menial work for the same headmaster who was in charge when she was there, Gleb. (The only person there who will know her true mission and the truth of her supposed sedition is Gleb, so Gleb can still treat her like crap most of the time.) Meanwhile, Seyn Marana is inserted as a supposed "slave" to Dug merchant Rudaga (with his full knowledge of who she is so that he does not abuse her) at Otor's Hub, home to many such merchants who collaborate with the Empire for profit. This is the next target for the Dreamers, according to the datachip, so the intent is for Seyn to get the Dreamers to take her as an escaped slave with them after they strike. This nearly fails, but Twi'lek former slave (now Dreamer) Dahna sees a kindred spirit in Seyn and forces the strike's leader, the human

Kaev, to take her along, once Piikow (a Chadra-Fan) and Dahna work to get her explosive slave collar off. (Their other team member is Ru Vushan, an adult male Kage warrior.) On their way from Otor's Hub to Jeosyn, Dahna asks Seyn about what useful skills she might have. As planned, she claims to be a good forger, thanks to being "trained by her master," but she claims to only speak Basic and Huttese because Rudaga did not want her listening in on conversations. (This lie will come back to haunt her with deadly results.) On Vardos, Iden bides her time, waiting for someone from the Dreamers to try to kidnap her to make her their new spokesperson. (Her background makes her supposed treason far too tempting for them to pass up, surely.) Gleb provides her with messages from her parents. Garrick notes that everyone else is in place, while the message from her mother breaks her heart. Zeehay has no idea that the court-martial and sedition were part of a larger Imperial plan. She truly believes that her daughter has betrayed the Empire that she has spent so long trying to uplift through her art. She may never forgive Iden until she knows the truth. Iden is allowed to fly J-Sec (Jinata system security force) shuttles while supervised, first by Semma Waskor and then by Lieutenant Azen Novaren (when Azen arranges for Waskor to get into a tram accident). During his first flight with her, Azen steals the Brightstar (the ship) and kidnaps Iden, taking her to Jeosyn. The plan has worked exactly as Garrick expected. As it turns out, this was not the idea of the Dreamer leader, Staven, but of a mysterious man who advises him, known to the Dreamers only as "the Mentor." By the time Iden arrives, Gideon, Del, and Seyn are already there in their respective roles. The other Dreamers she meets include Ru's wife, Halia Vushan, and their son, Sadori Vushan. Staven is immediately unwilling to trust Iden, and things nearly become violent when Iden realizes that Azen searched her thoroughly (i.e. touched her quite a bit) while she was unconscious on the ship. She works to convince them that she is on their side, that of wanting to stop the Empire from committing more acts like Alderaan. Two days later, she has been interrogated and set to work cleaning recovered stormtrooper armor from enemies they have killed. The Inferno Squad members barely get to speak with each other, since they aren't supposed to know each other and each tend to have others around constantly to keep an eye on the newcomers. Iden is able to identify a human woman among the Dreamers as Nadrine, apparently Staven's lover, though Dahna is his second-in-command. Piikow is great at repairs, so he works often with Del. The Vushans are a family unto themselves, but the son, Sadori, seems to be attracted to Seyn, which she could use to get close to them. She is also already close to Dahna because of their "shared" slavery backgrounds. Another day passes, and the Mentor takes Iden out to a natural amphitheater nearby, so that he can begin training her in public speaking, so that she can become the new propaganda "face" for the Dreamers. Even as she is beginning to think that Staven must be the one receiving the intel that they are trying to root out, she also realizes that the Mentor's true identity must be someone who would be recognizable in public, perhaps from politics or leadership in some fashion. Staven has Seyn begin forging university identification cards for her and Sadori to be used in an upcoming mission. Seyn is the first to be approached by Del's droid, which upgrades her comlink with a second button and a secure channel that only Inferno Squad will use. With this line of communication open and the "brothers" being able to communicate easily, only Iden is currently out of the loop. Gideon tries to get close to Staven so he can earn (and betray) the leader's trust. Staven actually finds that Seyn reminds him of Jyn Erso, Saw Gerra's "daughter." (Staven is also still hurting because of the death of Maia, one of Saw's Partisans, whom he loved back then.) When the day's mission team returns, they bring a prisoner, an Imperial stormtrooper. Staven tries to test Iden's public speaking and supposed loyalty to the cause by having her record a message in which she kills the stormtrooper, but the stormtrooper dies of his wounds before she can get started. The tension is broken when Gideon (as "Gid") finally goes flying in an old two-seater A-wing with Staven, showing what he can do. The two have finally begun to bond. Meanwhile, Dahna takes Iden out to shoot, trusting her with a blaster finally. The Dreamers finally decide to use Iden's Imperial codes (as approved by Garrick) on their next mission, which is good, given that it has already been four days, and soon everyone would expect the codes to have either been changed or to look suspiciously unchanged. Iden finally gets her comlink upgraded, and Seyn fills her in on shocking news. She has recognized Azen Novaren as one of the Imperial Security Bureau agents sent in to infiltrate the Dreamers who was supposedly unsuccessful. His real name is Lar Kantayan. He was reassigned by the ISB to Vardos after failing to gather enough information on the Dreamers, but it appears that he is still working with the Dreamers, suggesting that he might be a double-agent, a turncoat, or otherwise. Either way, he is a wild card in the situation and needs to be dealt with somehow.

(Their best bet is that he is secretly trying to somehow capture Staven and the Mentor for the ISB without their approval so that he can get back in their good graces.) One day, somewhat on a whim, Piikow shows his trust in Del by revealing to him a cavern he found nearby that contains strange alien statues from a civilization that lived long ago on Jeosyn. The “statues” contain crystals in regions of their bodies that resemble where organs might be, suggesting that they are perhaps droids, though their means of control and power are unknown. This is Piikow’s pet project and becomes Del’s too, at least while he is undercover. Unfortunately, even if Piikow can somehow not end up killed with the other Dreamers, he is already dying from fumes and such that he inhaled back when he labored in a factory for the Empire. The next day, the members of Inferno Squad are all let in on a mission coming up in just three days. The ephor of the humans on Affadar, Enoch Akagarti, has been profiting from an alliance between the local government and the Empire, while the mining operations he is supporting are harming the health of the local humans and likely to drive the native T’Laeem to extinction. Their goal is to get into his residence and ruin him, rather than killing him. They will do so with Azen at their side and using the J-Sec ship that he stole to bring Iden Jeosyn, which provides Del (with information from Seyn) to lay a trap for “Azen.” In the interim, Seyn goes on a picnic with Sadori, and it becomes increasingly clear that she is growing to care for him as he does for her, despite her professional need to keep herself at a distance. Iden also learns more from the Mentor, including that he knew both Saw and Steela Gerrera and seems to have cared for Steela. His own goddaughter is the girl who was romantically involved with Staven (Maia). He also reveals that he had been with the Confederacy of Independent Systems, the Republic, the Empire, and the Rebel Alliance, all before working with Saw’s Partisans and then the Dreamers. He seems to disapprove of the violence of Staven’s methods, and Iden begins formulating a plan to drive a wedge between the more and less violent factions within the Dreamers. The mission to Affadar begins, as Iden, Staven, KaeV, and Nadrine get into Akagarti’s home after the Dreamers use Iden’s codes to get past security measures. They enter dressed in the stormtrooper armor that Iden cleaned for the Dreamers, and they take Akagarti’s children and wife hostage. KaeV stays with them, as the other three take Akagarti to the local water processing facility. (Meanwhile, Gideon and Azen remain at the ready on their J-Sec ship.) The Dreamers begin a recording in which Iden is able to prove that Akagarti is lying to his people and putting them in danger. He has not just been skimping on filtration of the local water supply, but Nadrine is able to discover, while examining the plant on her own, that some of the rooms for processing don’t even contain working equipment, just pass-through pipes. When KaeV is instructed to have Akagarti’s son, Taryai, drink some of the water, he blurts out not to, proving that he knows it is unsafe. Unfortunately, Nadrine urges Staven to give her more time to record footage of the fake facilities, which screws up the timetable so carefully set up by Inferno Squad. That said, Gideon makes sure to “use the restroom” briefly, leaving Azen along in the cockpit on purpose. Things begin to fall apart when a transmitter that Del has secretly placed inside the ship begins transmitting to local Imperials. KaeV is killed when security forces enter Akagarti’s home, and Nadrine is killed while trying to get back to the others in a speeder. Nadrine’s death is a huge blow to Staven, who will grow ever more extreme and unhinged from here on out. They manage to escape, then the trap is sprung as the transmitter is “found” by “Gid,” and Azen is accused of tipping off the Imperials as a double-agent (which does indeed have at least a nugget of truth in it). Once back on Jeosyn, Piikow pulls information from the transmitter and the ship (planned by Del) that link to Azen’s life as Imperial agent Lar Kantayan. He is tortured for seven hours for information before dying of his mistreatment. One of the main threats to Inferno Squad’s mission has been silence. Unfortunately, it becomes clear that “Azen” was not the source of Staven’s intel, so their mission continues. Their next mission for the Dreamers finally uses the identification cards that Seyn forged for herself and Sadori. The planet Anukara is opening a new munitions factory. As a big public relations event, Moff Rys Deksha and General Ivel Toshan will all be attending, and students from a nearby school will be given a tour. Seyn and Sadori are to infiltrate with Del’s droid and planet explosives, but they initially believe that it must be to delay the opening of the factory. Staven, however, has a different idea. He intends to kill the children, in a twisted mirror image of Garrick Versio’s own beliefs about how it may be necessary to kill the children of enemies before they can grow up to be enemies themselves. This further divides the Dreamers along extreme and less extreme lines. Inferno Squad is concerned but must maintain their cover. When the mission finally takes place, Seyn is unwilling to let so many children die, so she sets the bomb’s timer to five minutes instead of fifteen. As she and

Sadori try to leave, he realizes that it has not gone off as planned, so he rushes back in to set off the explosives he (like all Dreamers) wears in its place. Seyn can only watch, since she cannot reveal that she changed the time for the countdown or why she would want to protect any Imperials, even children. Sadori's death is a major blow to Seyn, despite her supposed professional distance, and it drives his parents into deep grief, along with most of the other Dreamers. Over the next few days, the Vushans try to comfort Seyn like a daughter, which just makes her feel worse. Iden tries to comfort Seyn and keep her to her mission, but she belatedly realizes that because of Seyn's eidetic memory, her mental images from that day will never fade and become easier to deal with. They will always be crystal clear. In the aftermath of Sadori's death, Iden continues to try to convince Mentor that Staven has gone too far, while Gideon provides an ear for Staven in his wishes to not have to deal with Mentor anymore. It seems that Staven needs Mentor, which suggests that the intel they are after is actually coming through Mentor, not Staven. Shortly thereafter, Seyn is trying to deal with the mission and her conflicting emotions as she listens to conversations among other Dreamers. When she overhears Piikow and Dahna talking about how Sadori grew up with violence commonplace, Seyn lashes out, responding that Ru and Halia loved him and tried to do what was right . . . realizing too late that they were speaking in Piikow's language, not Basic or Huttese, the only languages that Seyn claimed to know. Not only that, but she responded in the same language. She has blown her cover! Dahna, betrayed, turns her in to Staven, who has long believed that Azen must have been working with someone else, probably one of the newcomers from Inferno Squad. Iden has already begun formulating a way to try to save Seyn when Staven declares that Iden will be the one to torture, question, and then presumably kill Seyn. Rather than allowing her squadmates to blow their own covers to protect her, or to endure torture under which she may well break and doom them all, Seyn attacks Iden, to whom Staven has given a blade. Iden instinctively protects herself, and the blade cuts through Seyn, killing her. Inferno Squad has lost its first member, but its mission has been saved by Seyn's sacrifice. Staven intends to give Iden one last chance to prove that she is loyal. He takes her aside and tells her that she must convince him. In response, she tells him that she does not care about the Dreamer cause, but she does (as she realizes she actually does to a degree) hate her father, and since her father so loves the Empire, she is there to hurt what he loves. This finally ends Staven's doubts about Iden's loyalty. With Seyn gone, though, enough is enough. Inferno Squad begins its endgame. Del and Piikow are checking out the "droids" again when they realize that they must have been controlled telepathically by the original natives of Jeosyn. Del convinces him to have Mentor check them out too, which gives Del some time to work. While Dahna, Ru, and Halia go off to get fruit, and Gideon keeps Staven entertained, Iden, finally not watched as closely as before, slips into the Mentor's quarters and finds his datapad. She finds an entire journal on the datapad, which reveals his identity, Imperial targets and more. Meanwhile, Del gets one of the Dreamers' ships ready for a quick escape. As everyone comes back together, Mentor discovers his datapad has been read and accuses Staven. After a verbal altercation, the Mentor heads out to "clear his head" at the amphitheater. Iden heads after him. Meanwhile, Staven instructs Gideon to kill the Mentor for him. (Instead, he heads for the ship to meet Del.) At the natural amphitheater, Iden confronts the Mentor what she knows. He is really Lux Bonteri, former ally of Saw and Steela, former Senator, and more. He left behind a wife and stepdaughter, who are loyal to the Empire, to join the Rebel Alliance and then Saw's Partisans and later the Dreamers. His stepdaughter (not his goddaughter, Maia) works for the Empire and is a little older than Iden. After Saw's death but before he joined the Dreamers, Lux contacted his stepdaughter, claiming that he saw that the Empire would surely win, and he would trade all he knew about the Rebel Alliance to the Empire in exchange for amnesty, but he claimed that he needed to know some safe locations where Imperial officials would be soon so he could turn himself in to them in public. He asked for names and locations for men who were honorable and likely to stick to this agreement. Unbeknownst to her, this provided him with a target list (albeit a small one of just 11 events over 3 months) that he used to gain his position in the Dreamers and to give them most of the targets that they have hit. He claims that he once considered turning himself in for real amnesty, but he knew that he would eventually break and betray his stepdaughter, leading to her arrest. That was part of why he chose to turn to the Dreamers, offering Staven targets a bit at a time to maintain his value to the group. She must kill him now. She returns to the Dreamer base with Lux's datachip, expecting to find the others waiting at the ship. Instead, they have killed all of the other dreamers in a massive killing spree. Iden is shocked and angered, seeing this as

dishonorable. She intends to have them bury all of the Dreamers, even though all of the people killed by the Dreamers, even Seyn, are dumped in a “usual place.” Just then, the “droids” found by Piikow reactivate and begin gathering up the bodies. The reason no one could find the “usual place’s” bodies in the past has been that the droids were apparently created by the ancient civilization to tend to their burial as their society ended. Thus, the Dreamers and their victims, including Seyn, have indeed had decent burials. Inferno Squad finally leaves Jeosyn to return to Coruscant for debriefing by Admiral Versio. He is hard to read, but he considers the mission a success. He recommends no further investigation into Seyn’s death, along with a Posthumous Black Laurel for Service issued to her. Del, Gideon, and Iden are also given commendations. Iden asks her father when she can speak to her mother, and he gives her the sad truth that Veehay Versio died of her illness while Iden was undercover. Iden is devastated at the idea that she would have died believing her daughter to be a traitor, but Garrick quietly assures her that she did not. Despite all of his adherence to regulations and the rule of law, Garrick broke the rules to make sure Iden’s mother knew that she was a hero, not an enemy of the Empire. She returns to her quarters at the Diplomat, the same location as during the planning for their first mission, and begins the grieving process. Inferno Squad is soon given their next mission, which is to neutralize those who are blackmailing a moff on a distant world, while recovering the blackmail material. As they head out in the Corvus, Del asks Iden about something he noticed. Back on Jeosyn, when Iden returned from the amphitheater to find the Dreamers all dead, Del noticed that her blaster was set to stun. He believes that she did not actually kill the Mentor (Lux), and she will neither confirm nor deny his belief. Heck, for a while there, he was trying to figure out a way to save Piikow if he could. Gideon finally comes aboard, and before they set out on their new mission, they share the same toast as spoken by Seyn in the Ahak Maharr language before their first mission in honor of Inferno Squad, “the best team the Empire has ever assembled.”

(Inferno Squad)

- *Leia Organa, Luke Skywalker, Liddle, and Tadd travel on a diplomatic mission for the Rebel Alliance to gain the support of the Ishi Tibs of Tibrin. Liddle and Tadd are quite impressed with Luke due to his actions at the Battle of Yavin. (They themselves have never found themselves in combat and lament that they never will at this rate.) They arrive to meet with the Kalikeedan with Leia pretending to be a diplomat from Naboo’s House Berenko (though their ship is the Breha, named for Breha Organa), there to negotiate a trade deal. Upon landing on one of a series of platforms in the ocean, Leia meets Mariod Govi. While waiting with the Breha, Liddle and Tadd babble on and on about Luke’s exploits, and Luke admits to having been on the Death Star (but not to facing Darth Vader himself). This is overheard by a K2 security droid nearby. Imperials attack, and Leia is forced to rejoin the others as an explosion announces the beginning of the battle. While Luke destroys the emitter for an energy bridge between platforms, Tadd is ordered by Leia to ready a grenade, which he subsequently drops when shot in the shoulder. The explosion throws Luke onto the next platform with some stormtroopers, as Leia’s platform (with the Breha) crashes into the ocean. She barely leaps to safety on a lower level of the platform onto which Luke had landed. Before she can get to him and rescue him, the stormtroopers drag Luke onto a Lambda-class shuttle and lift off, taking Luke to Captain Davin Bryce of the Imperial Star Destroyer Stormbringer. Leia calls off meeting with the Kalikeedan, expecting that the situation here has proven beyond anything she can say just what kind of fate awaits anyone who doesn’t actively resist the Empire. Leia dresses in the uniform of an Imperial officer and prepares a rescue plan. Meanwhile, Luke arrives at the Stormbringer and is questioned by Bryce, who sees Luke (recognized as a possible Jedi due to his lightsaber) as his ticket to a promotion. (Otherwise, he would have just sent Luke to the Crypt.) Leia infiltrates the Stormbringer by flying aboard on a Qaz-class ship with faked ID documents, claiming she is a recent transfer from the Malevolence. When a thermal detonator she left on her shuttle explodes, it causes enough chaos for her to take out the stormtrooper escorting her and take him to a nearby security station, claiming that Rebels are attacking the hangar. The Imperials present race off to help, leaving her alone to use the stormtrooper’s security cylinder to figure out how to get to Luke. She reaches him by going through a trash compactor, emerging to stun Bryce and his stormtrooper guards and free Luke from a torture device. Before they can get very far (mainly since Luke is just coming to), Bryce and the troopers reappear, having come to themselves. They are knocked out again, though, when another detonator that Leia left in the nearby trash compactor goes off. Luke senses that they need to take a nearby escape pod to safety, despite the risk of being blasted out of space. They do, and once Bryce comes to*

(quickly again) and orders his gunners to fire on the escape pod, Ishi Tib Marsheem-class heavy cruisers arrive and destroy the Stormbringer, saving the Rebels. Shortly thereafter, Leia thanks Mariod Govi, who reveals that his own explanation of Leia's bravery and loyalty to the Kalikeedan was enough to convince the leader to side with the Rebel Alliance. It will not be easy, but the Empire can be defeated if they stand together.*

(The Trouble at Tibrin)*

*NOTE: This story is set sometime after ANH yet before Luke actually faces Vader in person (outside of starfighters, that is), so it must be prior to *Skywalker Strikes*.

- Leia Organa, Luke Skywalker, C-3PO, and R2-D2 are traveling to the planet Sarka for an important summit with the Sarkans, who can provide gems that the Rebellion needs for its laser cannons. The Sarkans are obsessive about ritual and protocol, so they must be very careful to observe all correct customs. When they have a rough landing, Leia twists her ankle, and since their envoy must meet the Sarkan queen on foot, and they won't negotiate with droids, Luke must be their representative. Luke emerges to meet Queen Zil, whose advisor, Lord Rooz, believes that they should continue supplying the Empire instead of the Rebellion. Luke introduces himself mostly properly and then attends a dinner, during which Rooz speaks with a Kubaz working for the Empire. When Luke gives a toast and drinks from a goblet that was put in front of him, it is a major cultural violation (at least as of a new regulation from the previous week), since he was supposed to instead bring it to the queen for her to drink. Luke is arrested, and when he is being mocked by Rooz, he lets it slip that Leia is on the planet. Rooz now intends to hand both Luke and Leia over to the Imperials, so that they will assist him in deposing Zil and make him ruler of Sarka. C-3PO, meanwhile, is locked in a closet and found by a maid, who has him clean up where his own feet are dripping oil. Back at the ship, Leia is healed enough to walk and emerges with R2-D2, only to find Rooz there to arrest them as well. He attempts to arrest Leia on a "customs violation," but R2-D2 sprays fire retardant and shocks a pair of guards, allowing them both to escape into the Sarkan gem mines. They commandeer a cargo skiff full of gems, then make their way to the tower, where Leia releases Luke and knocks out the Kubaz Imperial who is there questioning him. They return to the throne room to see Zil and find C-3PO there, mopping and entertaining with his stories of diplomacy. When Rooz arrives to again arrest them for breaking into the prison and trying to escape, Leia claims that it was actually a celebration of Sarkan culture, based on Rooz's own great-great-grandfather who was once jailed in the castle by rioters and saved by his great-great-great-grandmother in a tale of epic gallantry and honor. Zil buys it (or at least takes offense when Rooz mocks Leia's words), and Leia reveals Rooz's intent to contact the Empire, which would be bad manners, given that Zil invited the Alliance representatives to Sarka. At that moment, C-3PO reminds Zil that no Sarkan may stand on the royal seal, which is the greatest offense of all . . . just as Rooz, in all his bluster, has bumbled into standing on the seal where it is set in the floor. He is arrested, and the Sarkans agree to supply the Rebels. They leave Sarka with Leia piloting, if only to preserve her ankles this time.*

(Mind Your Manners)*

*NOTE: This story is set sometime after ANH yet likely before ESB.

- After months of trying to make sure that EG-30 is not sold, which would separate the droid from the Jawa known as Jitt, the sandcrawler the two are currently aboard (which must be a different one than their original, which was destroyed by stormtroopers for carrying R2-D2 and C-3PO) stops at a homestead, where a young girl becomes fond of the droid. Jitt lets the droid go, so that it can be part of a real family. (To be continued below . . .)

(Gonk!)

- IG-88 hunts for the three members of the Gatto Gang for Duke Blazor of Black Sun and patiently pursues them. When all three are caught together in a marketplace, one tries to set a trap for IG-88 that backfires on him, another tries to escape to a ship and doesn't realize it's just a painting of a ship that he runs into head-first, then the last tries to escape with a suit that has a jetpack, only for the jetpack to launch and rip the suit right off of his body, leaving him captured and nearly naked. IG-88 didn't have to rush at all. Patience won the day, as they fouled things up for themselves. (To be continued below . . .)*

(IG-88 vs. the Gatto Gang)

*NOTE: We have no indication of when this takes place, so it could be just about any time in the Imperial era.

- A ship claiming to be from Jabba the Hutt arrives at Cymoon 1 in the Corellian Industrial Cluster, where the crew meets Overseer Aggadeen. The crew, though, is not from Jabba but a Rebel team consisting of Han Solo (pretending to be an envoy of Jabba), R2-D2, Luke

Skywalker (in disguise in armor like that Lando Calrissian will use during the battle on Jabba's sail barge years later), and Leia Organa (also in such armor). The Rebels actually intercepted Jabba's real crew days ago and have taken their place to get to the Imperial weapons factory where Aggadeen now allows them entry. Once inside, the Rebels spring into action, taking out the stormtroopers around them and threatening Aggadeen into revealing the way to the main power core. Meanwhile, C-3PO waits with the Millennium Falcon in a field of junk near the factory (where Chewbacca was able to pilot and hide it earlier), while Chewbacca waits near the entrance our heroes just used, covering them with a sniper rifle. While Han, Leia, and R2-D2 work to set the power core to explode, Luke tries to reach out through the Force with his senses and is drawn to a cage full of slaves at this supposedly "fully automated" factory. The guard over the slaves (an overweight man with an electrowhip) confronts him, and Luke tries to use a mind trick on him to no effect. (He seems to still be having trouble making that work, just as during his recent mission with Nakari Kelen.) Luke draws his lightsaber and cuts the guard's hand off, then frees the slaves. Back at the power core, Leia thanks Han for his help, which certainly has put his face in front of the Empire as a target again, and she wonders what is causing him to stick around and help them. What does he really want? They are interrupted when Luke returns with the slaves. They contact C-3PO to engage the Falcon's autopilot to come and get them, but the ship will not lift off, due to scavengers in the junk pulling parts from the ship. Somehow, C-3PO must drive them off. Even worse, the Empire's own negotiator arrives, the individual who was to have met with Jabba's envoy. It is Darth Vader himself. Han warns him not to shoot at Vader because it would put the entire factory on alert, but Leia sees this as an opportunity to rid the galaxy of Vader and orders Chewbacca to take the shot if he has the chance. Chewbacca blasts the area near Vader repeatedly, but the Sith Lord is able to deflect the blasts that reach him and, at one point, even uses the Force to lift two live stormtroopers into the air as a shield. Most of his troopers die, but Vader uses the Force to collapse the area around Chewbacca, forcing him to leap away and withdraw. Vader orders stormtroopers to pursue and notes that he can sense the pilot who destroyed the Death Star nearby. Han, Leia, and R2-D2 retreat from Imperial fire into a hangar, from which Han intends to steal an AT-AT to make their escape. Luke, meanwhile, is cut off from the others. He hears the voice of Obi-Wan in the Force. Knowing that Vader is there, Luke feels drawn to confront him to avenge his father and "end this," but Obi-Wan's voice urges him instead to run. It is of little use, though, as Vader and Luke find themselves in the same hallway. Both draw their lightsabers. Vader does not recognize Luke in the Force as the pilot who destroyed the Death Star. Vader berates Luke as not a Jedi, nor worthy of the title. Luke states that Vader killed his father, but Vader has killed so many that he does not know who Luke might be. (Of course, even if he did, Vader killing Luke's father was a lie – or a "certain point of view" comment – from Obi-Wan anyway.) Luke states that he was on the Death Star and saw Vader kill Obi-Wan. Vader easily pulls Luke's lightsaber to him with the Force, recognizing that Obi-Wan must have given it to him, since Luke is not skilled enough to build one on his own. He intends for Luke to tell all he knows about the Rebellion, this attack, and the identity of the pilot who destroyed the Death Star. When Luke refuses, Vader is about to behead him with both sabers akin to how he killed Dooku, but he finally recognizes the lightsaber he holds as being the one he lost on Mustafar after his duel with Obi-Wan. (Granted, this does not identify Luke as his son, of course, since Vader has already figured out that Obi-Wan gave the lightsaber to Luke, which he could have done for any apprentice without skills to build their own yet.) Before Vader can press the issue of the lightsaber's origin, Han, Leia, R2-D2, and some of the slaves burst into room from above in their stolen AT-AT. Other slaves follow and pounce upon the stormtroopers nearby. Vader uses his own saber in his hand and Luke's, guided via the Force through the air, to cut down slaves. Luke is about to retrieve it from next to a dead slave when Vader again draws it to himself. Aboard the AT-AT, Han and Leia bicker over how he stole an AT-AT that doesn't have its weapons active yet. They contact C-3PO to bring the Falcon, but he has yet to deal with the scavengers. He takes a blaster and exits to do so, only to drop the blaster, get captured, and start being disassembled by the scavengers. Luke, recognizing that he is not a Jedi but a farm boy, notices some speederbikes and draws on his time in his T-16 bullseyeing womp rats. He hops aboard a speederbike and flies into action, blasting stormtroopers with its cannon. For his part, Vader starts to rethink so easily dismissing Luke, but he has little time to consider him, as Han tries to step on Vader to kill him. Unfortunately, Vader uses the Force to catch the foot before it can land. Fortunately for our heroes, R2-D2 and a Jawa slave get the weapons working on the AT-AT just in time for

Leia to open fire on Vader. They think he may have been killed and continue their escape by blasting through the outer walls. Luke zips by on the speederbike, grabbing his lightsaber from where it has fallen along the way. As the Rebels leave, a stormtrooper finds Vader using the Force to remove rubble from atop himself, but he has lost his helmet briefly. He kills the stormtrooper who sees him without it and puts it back on. The Imperials are to catch the Rebels, leaving the Force-sensitive one to him. Chewbacca makes it back to the Falcon and saves C-3PO and begins repairing the ship. Vader reaches the AT-AT and cuts it down by destroying its legs with his lightsaber. The Rebels and captives aboard make their way toward the trash fields, while Luke briefly covers them with the speederbike. When Leia orders him to come with them, though, he refuses, taking off to complete their mission. With the meltdown stopped by Aggadeen, Luke goes straight into the breached base and fires directly at the power core, chased by Vader in a commandeered vehicle. Luke barely escapes as the base explodes. Vader, though, emerges from the wreckage alive and well, just in time to see the heroes escape in the Millennium Falcon. Vader recognizes that this boy (Luke) was Obi-Wan's great hope, but now there is no one to train him but Vader, so Vader pledges to find him and make him a weapon of the Dark Side. In space, the Falcon escapes a trio of Star Destroyers (including the Adjudicator, prompting Vader to Force choke Captain Kronn). Leia thanks Luke for his insubordinate bravery and believes there is truly something special about him. Luke, though, believes he should be dead, as should they all. He will never be a Jedi like his father, he thinks. Meanwhile, on Tatooine, a pair of scoundrels heads into the Dune Sea to dump Greedo's body. While there, they pass by Obi-Wan's old hut, where, unbeknownst to Luke, there is a package sitting there waiting for him that Obi-Wan never had a chance to provide . . . (To be continued below . . .)*

(Skywalker Strikes)*

*NOTE: Writer Jason Aaron said in an interview that this series starts a matter of "days" or "weeks" after ANH. Given that Luke encounters Vader and hears Obi-Wan's voice in the first issue, it must take place *after* the events of *Heir to the Jedi* (which is confirmed by HTTJ author Kevin Hearne), but we do not have anything more specific than that to go on at this point.

- *Darth Vader returns to Emperor Palpatine after the events on Cymoon 1. He has failed in his mission to negotiate with the Hutts (since the Rebels were there, having taken the Hutt envoy's place), and he failed to stop the destruction of the facility. He has brought Overseer Aggadeen with him, who is being tortured for information and as the price of failure. Palpatine is angered with Vader. They had kept the Senate and the skeleton of the Old Republic that it represented in place as a means of maintaining control while the Death Star was built. When it was fully operational, Palpatine dissolved the Senate as no longer necessary, but now the Death Star is gone. They are closer to disaster than they have ever been, thanks to Vader's failure to protect the Death Star and his arrogance in purposely allowing the Millennium Falcon to escape the Death Star to lead them to the Rebel base. Vader, as the sole survivor of the debacle, must bear the blame on his own. As a new Death Star is constructed, Palpatine will turn for military leadership to General Cassio Tagge, the only leader speaking out about the arrogance of relying solely on the Death Star during one of Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin's final meetings aboard the battle station. Tagge survived by heading back to the fleet before the station was destroyed. Vader will now be subordinate in many matters to Tagge, as he was to Tarkin. For now, Vader must finish their dealings with the Hutts by visiting Jabba the Hutt on Tatooine in person. Before Vader leaves the throne room, Palpatine meets with a mysterious individual and refuses to identify him to Vader. Vader boards a Star Destroyer and makes way to Tatooine. He arrives and visits Jabba one day earlier than intended on his own business, rather than on behalf of the Empire. Jabba does not take well to Vader's threatening tone and tries to have his goons take him down. They, of course, fail, and Vader Force chokes Jabba until he submits. Through Jabba, Vader hires two bounty hunters. He sends Boba Fett to capture Luke Skywalker (by description, since he does not yet know his name), and he sends the Wookiee bounty hunter Krsantan to capture the agent of Palpatine that his master had refused to identify before he left. Before his formal meeting for Palpatine with Jabba, he takes some time for himself to wipe out another camp of Tusken Raiders in continuing vengeance for the death of Shmi Skywalker 22 years ago. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Vader)

- *A lone survivor of Darth Vader's slaughter at the Tusken Raider camp meets a Tusken chief who knows of the legend from 22 years ago of Anakin Skywalker's slaughter of another Tusken camp. Apparently worshipping Darth Vader, the Tusken chief's tribe burns the*

survivor at the stake beneath a giant mock-up of Vader, as the Tusken's bow in reverence.*

(Coda)*

*NOTE: One might also know this by *End of Games: Coda*. It is a separate story released in the final issue of *Darth Vader*, yet still marked as part of *Book IV*, which is otherwise known as *End of Games*.

- On Hradreek, Sana Starros delivers the lightsaber of Darth Atrius to the being who hired her to recover it. However, he thinks she is keeping the other one (as it was supposed to be a pair) for himself and gets caught up in his own rage when the lightsaber (which was used to channel Atrius' rage) clouds his mind with the Dark Side. She escapes before he can kill her. Darth Vader arrives to receive an item of his own: the other lightsaber of Darth Atrius. Vader is also annoyed when the other one isn't present. Sana seems to have sold one to the employer and the other to the Imperials. Vader kills the officer who presents the lone saber to him and begins hunting for the other saber. Meanwhile, Luke Skywalker has come to Hradreek to receive funds from a gambler who is secretly financing Rebel activities. Luke is drawn by a disturbance in the Force to where Sana's employer has killed everyone present (except her) and himself. Luke recovers the lightsaber from the floor and is drawn into his anger at the Empire to kill all of the stormtroopers who arrive to acquire the blade. At the same time, Sana runs into an alley, chased by stormtroopers, and gets a group of Aqualish thugs to hassle the Imperials while she escapes. Vader, caught up in his rage with his saber and the one acquired from the Atrius pair, cuts them all down. Sana hides among crates in a storeroom, then blows up a stack of crates when Vader enters. The explosion also knocks Luke off his feet and nearly buries R2-D2, since they were nearby. Now they are separated. Sana emerges from the storeroom and steals the credit chip that R2-D2 was carrying, while Luke is forced by Imperial pursuit to commandeer a podracer and launch into a race to escape. Inside, R2-D2 zaps and trips up Sana to recover the credit chip and escapes from her. Vader emerges from the explosion's wreckage and recovers his Atrius saber. He is briefly distracted by watching the podrace, not realizing that it is his own son impressing him with skills reminiscent of his own. Luke's podracer eventually crashes. As he is beginning to feel the saber's effects again, he simply uses his own lightsaber to cut it in half. R2-D2 then arrives in his X-wing, and they escape the planet (with the credit chip). For his part, Vader destroys the other Atrius saber. As for Sana, she heads out with her credits from the employer and Imperials, knowing that there are other buyers out there for the ancient Jedi and Sith artifacts she has recently recovered. She takes off in the Volt Cobra, leaving Hradreek behind.*

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*NOTE: The issue itself says the story takes place prior to issue 8 of the regular series, but that would put it between *The Last of His Breed* and *Showdown on the Smuggler's Moon*, but that makes no sense at all in terms of where Luke and Sana are as that story begins. Instead, it must be set prior to the fourth issue of *Skywalker Strikes*.

- Darth Vader, having already made his own deal with Jabba the day before, makes his formal visit to Jabba the Hutt, during which he secures shipments of supplies from Jabba for an amount of credits to be determined by the Empire later. They will seal the deal by watching something die. Meanwhile, back at the Rebel fleet, Han Solo and Chewbacca fix the Millennium Falcon, Leia Organa argues the merits of continued offensives with her small "team" against the Empire as the fleet seeks a new planetary base, and Luke Skywalker practices with his lightsaber (poorly) against a remote. Luke informs Leia that his poor performance against Vader has shown him that he is too dangerous to be around until he is more skilled. He leaves the fleet to return to Tatooine, seeking answers to his fate as a Jedi. On Tatooine, a mysterious woman roughs up a group of Rodians in an ongoing search for Han. Elsewhere on the planet, Vader joins Jabba on his sail barge to watch his men kill banthas. Vader asks Jabba for information on Obi-Wan Kenobi's time on Tatooine. Back in Mos Eisley, the same Rodians who were accosted before are approached by Boba Fett, who is asking not about Luke (yet) but about his main lead in finding Luke: Obi-Wan. It seems events are converging on Obi-Wan's old hovel. (To be continued below . . .)

(Skywalker Strikes)

- Cassio Tagge is promoted to the rank of Grand General. Darth Vader formally meets with Jabba the Hutt on behalf of the Empire, arranging shipments of supplies. He soon joins Tagge aboard the Imperial Star Destroyer *Annihilator* in search of a way to track the source of recent pirate or rebel attacks on the very shipments of supplies that Vader has managed to secure from Jabba.
(conjecture based on Vader)
- When an Imperial shuttle is attacked by pirates, Darth Vader stops the attack in his TIE *Advanced with Black 2 and 3*. He rejoins Grand General Cassio Tagge on the *Annihilator*.

They have captured the pirate ship, which turns out to be automated. They need to use it somehow to find the source of the raids. Vader now operates under Tagge's authority in these matters, and Tagge lectures him on the need for the Empire not to base its strategies on one man (Vader), one resource (a Death Star), or any other single asset. They will fix and tweak the raider corvette to lead them to its base of operations, Vader will be part of the advance team on the corvette, hitting before more Imperial might can strike. They must also figure out who is feeding the pirates information about the shipments. To further these goals, Tagge assigns an adjutant to Vader, Lieutenant Oon-Ai. Oon-Ai is given access to all of Vader's files and logs, which leads him to mention communications between Vader and Boba Fett recently (in preparation for the off-the-books activities he carried out on Tatooine). Vader has no answer yet for those communications and says he will explain them when they return. He and an astromech board the corvette, followed by Oon-Ai and stormtroopers. They take the corvette to an asteroid base of the raiders and easily infiltrate aboard the ship. In the assault that follows, Vader sends the astromech to secretly upload data into the base's computer. The base is set to destruct, and Vader fulfills his mission by downloading information (including that which he just had planted) from the base computer. As the Imperials escape, the base is destroyed. Upon returning to the Annihilator, Vader knocks out (or kills) Oon-Ai and brings him before Tagge. He reports that information stolen from the pirate base points to them working with the Crymorah criminal organization. It also points to Oon-Ai as the leak that is giving away shipment routes. Vader turns him over and advises Tagge to vet his next adjutant more closely. Vader then returns to the droid, makes sure there is no trace of the fact that the information against Oon-Ai was false and implanted to get him off of Vader's back, and then destroys the droid after releasing it out of an airlock. Intent on pursuing the identity of the pilot who destroyed the Death Star and the stranger working with Palpatine, Vader must continue recruiting his own operatives. On Quarantine World III in Kahlldahin Space, Doctor Chelli Lona Aphra, a woman known for stealing and using banned, dangerous inventions, uses her skills to steal a Triple-Zero Personality Matrix that has been quarantined for centuries, but she is caught on the way out by Utani Xane and his droids. Vader arrives and cuts down her adversaries, then offers her a job opportunity (as if she could say no). She takes him aboard the Ark Angel, where she expresses that she is a fan of Vader, and Vader notes that he recently (aboard the pirate base) went up against droids she had programmed, which left him impressed with her skills. He has killed several individuals to learn her location. She reveals that the Triple-Zero Personality Matrix has a tendency to drain organics to collect their blood and other "glitches," but she needs its ability to speak languages no one else does. When she begins trying to break through its code-locked system, Vader breaks it without any trouble (using the Force or Imperial codes, perhaps). She installs the matrix into a protocol droid, now known as Triple Zero and definitely homicidal. She makes herself and Vader its masters, then has it work on a prototype BT-1 "Blastomech," another homicidal droid. She wants it active, but it only speaks the R&D language of the Tarkin Initiative base where it was constructed and where it was destroyed. Fortunately, the Triple Zero Personality Matrix was a product of the same Tarkin Initiative, so Triple Zero is able to wake up BT-1. Aphra was to take the two droids to the Droid Gotra, but she gives them to Vader and joins him as an operative. Vader now needs troops with unquestioning loyalty, so Aphra sets their sights on Geonosis, where there is an unusual droid factory that the Droid Gotra had wanted and the Imperials keep under surveillance. They arrive on Geonosis, where most of the surface has been sterilized by the Empire, leaving few Geonosians alive. They send Triple-Zero and BT-1 into a cavern system, following close behind. They encounter strange battledroids that look like Geonosians to an extent. At the heart of the cave factory is a living Geonosian queen, who is perpetuating the species with a strange "robot womb factory" that she is connected to. It is allowing the creation of "eggs" with the Geonosian battledroids inside. Vader leaps in, cuts the queen free of the "womb," and then uses the Force to lift it and his team up through a hole blasted in the roof by their ship (which is apparently a J-Type 327 Nubian that has been enhanced to Vader's specifications). Once in space with their droid-generating prize, Aphra knows that she has fulfilled her usefulness to Vader, or so she thinks, so she requests that when he kills her, he do it cleanly with his lightsaber. Vader has seen her value, however, and keeps her alive as long as she remains useful. Just then, Triple-Zero announces that the bounty hunter Krrsantan has arrived with the man that Vader had him target (who had been speaking with the Emperor). Triple-Zero tortures him until he dies, but the droid elicits the man's name (Doctor Cylo-IV) and the location of a research base where Cylo was creating something

special for Palpatine: replacements for Vader himself. They set course for the research base . . . (To be continued below . . .)

(Vader)

- With the death of Cylo-IV, Cylo-V awakens with the Cylo consciousness. (conjecture based on Vader)
- Luke Skywalker arrives on Tatooine, even as Boba Fett continues questioning locals to find Obi-Wan's home and learn the name of the boy who traveled with him recently. Boba finally learns the name "Luke Skywalker" from a local boy of Luke's age, whom he then kills. Meanwhile, Leia Organa asks Han Solo to join her on a mission in return for repair parts for the Millennium Falcon. They take a stolen Imperial shuttle, the *Invictus*, to the moons of Ovis in the Trindello System in the Ganath Cloud. They are looking for a suitable new location for a Rebel base. When they are queried by some TIE fighters, Han is unwilling to trust their stolen codes and takes evasive action, drawing pursuit. They have to head for an old smuggler's hideout, a planet in the Monsua Nebula, to lay low. Unfortunately, they are being stalked on their route by the mysterious woman who was seeking Han on Tatooine. Back on Tatooine, Luke and R2-D2 reach Ben's hovel and, after driving off some Tusken Raiders, begin to search through his belongings. Just as R2-D2 points out the container with Luke's name on it, Boba arrives and tossed in a flash grenade, blinding Luke temporarily. Luke, thinking he is fighting a stormtrooper because he feels armor, battles Boba as best as he can, using his lightsaber to instinctively deflect a blaster shot toward Boba and then damage his antenna. When Boba finally has the upper-hand, Luke draws on the Force without meaning to and causes the package with his name on it to slam into Boba's head, knocking him out. Unable to see, he recovers the package and has R2-D2 lead him away from the home before Boba can regain consciousness. Back in the Monsua Nebula, the Imperials intend to give up their chase, but the mysterious woman's ship zips through them to the planet, drawing their attention again. On the surface, Han and Leia banter and bicker until the arrival of the woman's ship (the *Volt Cobra*) interrupts them. She emerges with a blaster pointed at them, introducing herself as Sana Solo . . . Han's wife! Back on Tatooine, Luke regains his sight and opens the package, revealing its contents to be Obi-Wan's journal. Perhaps he can learn more of the Force from it. (To be continued below . . .)

(Skywalker Strikes)

- Darth Vader, Doctor Chelli Aphra, Triple-Zero, and BT-1 arrive at the research base revealed by Doctor Cylo-IV. Once there, Vader charges in with his small droid army. He eventually reaches the "dojo," where two humans (Aiolin Astarte and her brother, Morit Astarte) in Jedi-esque garb and bearing lightsabers are found. They attack Vader, using enhancements that allow them to mimic the Force (boosters on their boots, a link with the station's computer that allows them to slam the room's door shut, etc.). The fight is called to a halt when a new incarnation of Cylo-IV, Cylo-V, enters. He has created a personality map with memory banks to allow him to essentially live forever by reactivating his consciousness into a new body any time a previous body is killed. (This is thus his fifth incarnation.) At this research station, Cylo is creating "successors" for Vader and Force-based warriors as a whole. He reveals three others: a human woman (Tulon Voidgazer) with her consciousness spread into numerous floating droids, a Trandoshan with pain responses controlled and deactivated, and a Mon Calamari (Commander Karbin) with cybernetic enhancements that mirror many of those found on the body of General Grievous. Vader is ready to kill them all, but Palpatine enters, having been called by Cylo. Cylo intends to have his creations battle Vader to prove that his creations will make better right hands than Vader ever could. They are to battle to the death, but Palpatine calls it off after Morit kills the Trandoshan. Instead, he intends for all of them to go after the enemies of the Empire and for one to prove himself or herself worthy of being in Vader's current position, perhaps even Vader himself. Vader returns to his ship, where Aphra reports that he has a call from Boba Fett. They head back to Vader's Star Destroyer. (To be continued below . . .)

(Vader)

- Boba Fett reports back to Darth Vader in person aboard his Star Destroyer. He has lost Luke Skywalker, but he brings Vader his name. Realizing that he has a son out there and that Palpatine must have lied to him about how Padmé Amidala died, Vader is unable to fully control his rage. His anger causes the viewport nearby to crack and nearly shatter. (Vader to be continued below . . .)*

(Skywalker Strikes and Vader)*

***NOTE: This scene actually appears in both series, though it features flashbacks going through Vader's mind and then continues a bit further in Vader.**

- Having learned from Boba Fett the name of Luke Skywalker and recognizing that he has been lied to, Darth Vader contacts Emperor Palpatine. Rather than making accusations, he hides his true source of anger and pledges that he will not fail his master. He ends the call and observes that he now knows that he has a son out there, and both his son and the Empire will one day belong to Vader . . .

(Vader)
- Having left the Rebel fleet, Luke Skywalker reads a segment of Obi-Wan Kenobi's journal that sheds new light on an incident from when Luke was a child. He continues to search in the journal for ideas on where he and R2-D2 should go next.

(The Last of His Breed)
- On the planet near the Monsua Nebula, Han Solo tries to fend off the anger of Sana Solo, while also trying to explain to Leia Organa that Sana is not his wife. She says that she is and that she has a document to prove it on her ship, the Volt Cobra. When Sana figures out who Leia is, she intends for Han to return with her and for both of them to turn Leia over to the Imperials nearby for a bounty on her head. Sana even has the Volt Cobra destroy the Rebels' shuttle to make sure they cannot flee. Leia eventually turns the tables on Sana (and a befuddled Han) with a blaster kept in her boot, but it is too late. Sana has already called the Imperials, and TIE fighters are bearing down on their location. Meanwhile, Luke Skywalker, frustrated that the book left for him by Obi-Wan Kenobi is full of stories, rather than being an instruction book on how to use the Force, decides that he needs to get to the old Jedi Temple on Coruscant. To do this, he heads to Nar Shaddaa in an effort to hire a pilot to get him to Coruscant. He ends up having to deal with a bar owner who is willing to help but only in return for Luke's lightsaber. When he refuses, he is about to be attacked when a patron from the crowd seems to use the Force to steal the lightsaber and flees. Luke must give chase. He is able to catch up and recover the lightsaber, noting that he isn't insane, he's a Skywalker. Just as he does so, though, Grakkus the Hutt and several MagnaGuards arrive, claiming that by virtue of his control over the area, Luke's lightsaber is now his property and he demands it be turned over to him. Luke is knocked out and taken to one of Grakkus' facilities, where Luke is shocked to find that the Hutt has been gathering together a huge collection of Jedi artifacts. That is part of why he had his agent try to steal Luke's lightsaber. He also, however, wants Luke himself because he has a holocron in his collection and no way to open it. He wants Luke to use the Force to open it as a Jedi would, even though Luke has no idea how that works. When he threatens to kill Luke if he does not, Luke finally instinctively activates not just that holocron but many others in the collection. The holocrons reveal teachings from Jedi like Master Phin-law Wo from Vrogas, Shaak Ti, and others. Luke is truly the last Jedi in Grakkus' mind, and he now "belongs" to Grakkus. Meanwhile, Imperials arrive to take Leia into custody, but Han surprises Sana by saying that he is a Rebel now too and on the Empire's most wanted list. Thus, he cannot leave with her. They must all somehow escape. They race aboard the Volt Cobra and lift off, pursued by TIE fighters. They are able to escape into hyperspace, though their next destination is in question. Back at the Rebel fleet, a distress call from R2-D2 is received, describing Luke's predicament as well as the droid can. Under the circumstances, they cannot send an Alliance team against a Hutt to rescue him, but Chewbacca volunteers himself and C-3PO for a rescue mission. They arrive on Nar Shaddaa and begin questioning locals (and roughing them up on Chewie's side) to find Luke. Luke, meanwhile, is brought to meet Grakkus' combat master at his arena. He has been tasked with making Luke ready to battle in the arena for spectators. Grakkus later confirms his intentions to pit Luke against a new beast he has acquired. Meanwhile, Leia checks in with the Alliance and learns of Luke being on Nar Shaddaa. She intends to join the rescue effort, but when Sana objects, Leia strikes a deal with her: she will trade help for saving Luke for letting Sana take Han. On Nar Shaddaa, C-3PO and Chewbacca finally learn where among Grakkus' holdings to find Luke. However, they have been spotted themselves, and a Gungan reports Chewbacca's presence (and the assumption that Han must not be far behind) to Dengar, who is pursuing the bounty on their heads. Soon, as C-3PO and Chewbacca bicker over whether a rescue attempt at Grakkus' palace is wise, Dengar hits Chewbacca with an electrifying shock bolt. He wants C-3PO to contact Han, but the droid grabs the shock bolt, zapping himself and freeing Chewbacca. Meanwhile, Luke learns that Grakkus' men have found Obi-Wan's journal from his ship. Luke is sent to fight (and die) in Grakkus' arena with only a lightsaber that is not his own. His first

opponent is Kongo the Disemboweler . . . In hyperspace, Han and Leia argue over whether Han will really go back with Sana like Leia agreed. In their argument, Han finally reveals that he does not believe he is married to Sana. They were part of a break-in scheme on Stenness that involved a fake wedding. Leia, though, has already gone out of earshot as he confesses this. Back on Nar Shaddaa, Chewbacca battles Dengar, while Luke battles Kongo. Grakkus discusses Luke with the Gamemaster, but the Gamemaster slips away and is revealed to be Imperial Agent 5241, who calls in Imperial forces so that they can capture the young Jedi before he can be killed. Across town, Dengar and Chewbacca are interrupted by the arrival of the Volt Cobra, giving Chewbacca the chance to throw him (and a detonator) off the rooftop. (Dengar, of course, survives.) The reunited group spots TIE fighters on their way to the arena, which they follow. At the arena, the Gamemaster activates Kongo's shock collar, saving Luke. He orders the arena closed and tells Grakkus that he is under arrest. As Grakkus is escorted by Imperial troops, R2-D2 slips into his illegal Jedi storehouse, where numerous lightsabers can be found. Grakkus then triggers the "Grakkus Five" protocol, setting off an EMP in the arena that fries the Imperials' weapons, giving him a chance to free himself (and allowing Kongo to begin attacking everyone). As troops try to grab Luke, R2-D2 launches Luke's recovered lightsaber into the air to land at his feet. Luke retrieves it and begins battling the Imperials. Han, Leia, Chewbacca, and Sana arrive but they have arrived just in time for the EMP to have shut down their blasters. When Kongo comes charging through, they are separated from Sana but reunited with R2-D2, who arrives and gives all three of them lightsabers that he stole from Grakkus and stored in his dome alongside Luke's. Also like Luke's lightsaber, they were shielded from the EMP by not being active when it went off. Armed with lightsabers, Leia, Han, and Chewbacca join the battle. The Gamemaster confronts Luke, revealing that he is an undercover stormtrooper. He easily incapacitates Luke in combat but is grabbed by Grakkus, from whom he escapes by taking one of the lightsabers that Grakkus wears on a chain around his neck. Reunited with Han, Chewbacca, and R2-D2, Luke is relieved to see that R2-D2 has recovered Obi-Wan's journal. Leia, though, has disappeared. She has, in fact, gone back to find Sana, who has been injured by falling rubble during Kongo's escape. She is shocked that Leia would come back for her, and she finally reveals the truth that she was never actually married to Han. Her real name is Sana Starros. After the fake wedding and their heist on Stennos, Han took off with her cut of the loot, and she has been tracking him down since then. She desperately needs the money. As the heroes escape the planet and Sana goes her own way, Darth Vader arrives to take Grakkus and the Jedi artifacts into custody. He debriefs the Gamemaster, whose name is revealed to be Sergeant Kreel. Kreel provides Vader with all he knows about the mysterious Jedi, whose name Kreel never knew. Vader, though, is very much on the hunt for this young Jedi, who was very likely the "Luke Skywalker" that he seeks . . .

(Showdown on the Smuggler's Moon)

- Sergeant Kreel, no longer Gamemaster for Grakkus the Hutt since that undercover assignment is over, is given his choice of new assignments. He chooses to lead SCAR Trooper Task Force 99.
(conjecture based on *Last Flight of the Harbinger*)
- Cynabar's Infonet reports on the debacle at Grakkus the Hutt's gladiatorial arena, with the Troig spokesbeing for the Obroan Oddsmakers claiming that this would never have happened if the Rebel Alliance hadn't turned a sporting event into a political affair and that the Rebels need to "grow up."
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- Chewbacca leaves Han Solo, the Millennium Falcon, and the Rebel Alliance behind to go on an important personal mission. However, his loaner A-wing is a "hunk of junk" and breaks down . . . On Andelm IV, crime boss Jaum (who must wear a helmet with an appropriate air mix inside) is shaking down Arrax and his daughter, Zarro, who borrowed money from him to pay off sabacc gambling debts and have not yet repaid him on time. He forces them to work off their debt to him in the Andelm beetle caverns to collect larvae that contain precious chemicals (dedlanite). While working in the cavern a few days later, Arrax puts Zarro into a cart of larvae so that she can escape. She does so and steals a speeder to escape the area. Chewbacca, meanwhile, has crash landed his A-wing nearby. He heads into town for the parts he needs to fix the ship and leave. Zarro is also in town. She tries to convince the local council to arrest Jaum, but he has paid them off. She tries to sell the speeder to a dealer, but he recognizes that it is Jaum's and reports her. As she runs off, Chewbacca tries to buy the

parts he needs from the same dealer, but he doesn't have enough credits. He takes what he has to a nearby casino and wins plenty of credits. When Zarro runs inside to hide from Jaum's Shistavanen employee, Tyvak, she hides under Chewbacca's table. When the goons leave, Chewbacca shares his food with the hungry girl. She asks for his help, but she cannot understand him, and Chewbacca does not seem interested. After telling him her story as he fixes the A-wing, she finally convinces him to help her when she notes that Jaum will strike a deal to essentially bring the Empire to Andelm IV and wondering aloud whether Chewbacca knows what it is like to be a slave like her father. (He most certainly does.) Even as Chewbacca grabs his bowcaster to help, Jaum meets with Commander Kai from the Empire, promising to provide dedlanite to the Empire, which does not particularly care that Jaum is using slave labor to get it. Zarro has a plan to get the slaves out. She allows herself to be captured while carrying a tracker to let Chewbacca know her location when he comes down through a venting tunnel on the surface (which is a tight fit). He arrives just in time to save Zarro, Arrax, and others from some of Jaum's men. Chewbacca cannot use his bowcaster in the mines due to the risk of causing an explosion, so he takes apart a power droid to create an energized staff. Chewbacca tries to lead them out of the mine, but as he emerges, Tyvak blasts near him, causing a rock collapse that covers the Wookiee. Chewbacca and the others survive, but they are trapped inside the mine. With his climbing prowess, Chewbacca finds them a route out vertically. While Arrax tends to wounded, Zarro goes with Chewbacca to the spaceport (the one place Arrax told her not to go). They meet with Sevox, a tech expert who uses a visor to see through the eyes of his droid. Sevox is in a bunker full of gear that he has gathered over the years to stand against the Empire or Rebellion or whomever needs standing up to. (Think of him as the galaxy's version of a doomsday prepper.) Word reaches Jaum that miners are seemingly preparing to cause trouble, so he contacts Kai for some Imperial assistance. With a droid full of explosives, Zarro and Chewbacca (the latter disguised as a huge war droid) try to get into the spaceport, but it has been closed. Thankfully, the Imperials let them through when Zarro claims that the war droid is a delivery for Jaum. They find Jaum in a hangar with newly-arrived Imperials, including an AT-ST. A fight ensues, during which Tyvak is killed, the AT-ST is taken down, and Jaum is forced to flee in the Imperials' shuttle. However, before the victorious duo can leave, they are caught by Imperial troopers and held for questioning by Commander Kai. They are taken up to the same Imperial Star Destroyer (commanded by Kai) that Jaum fled to. En route, Chewbacca takes out the crew. When they arrive, Kai is there to meet them. He is surprised to find them free, but rather than fight, Zarro claims that Jaum is double-crossing the Empire. He does not have a mine on the planet (which is true, since it has collapsed), and the samples he gave the Empire were from elsewhere (which is a lie). Before Jaum fled, their bomb droid got aboard his shuttle, and the droid now emerges, which just adds to the accusations against Jaum. Zarro claims he is a Rebel spy, given that he has a droid full of explosives. When Jaum finally returns to the hangar with two troopers, all three carrying boxes of loot for Jaum as payment for his dedlanite, the droid explodes. As the bay decompresses, Kai and Jaum get into an elevator with a stormtrooper, while Chewbacca gets himself and Zarro into a TIE bomber. In trying to get situated inside, Zarro accidentally drops a timed bomb from the TIE. In trying to escape from the hangar, they crash into the wall, losing a wing, but they do get out of the bay before the dropped bomb explodes. They crash to the surface near Chewbacca's original crash site. As Chewbacca prepares to leave with the mysterious package that seems to have been his original mission somehow, Zarro muses that no one will ever know that they just saved the planet from the Empire. Rather than just leaving, Chewbacca gives Zarro his medal from the Battle of Yavin. With a final hug for Zarro, Chewbacca leaves Andelm IV. Meanwhile, Jaum is questioned by Kai, who believes Zarro's accusations. Jaum will spend weeks aboard the Star Destroyer in a cell being tortured for information he does not have. Zarro, meanwhile, is reunited with her father upon returning home. Speaking of home, Chewbacca's "mission" was more personal than any Alliance mission. He travels to Kashyyyk, where he delivers the package – an old bandolier – to the family of a fallen Wookiee warrior. After doing so, he appears to visit his family briefly before the Millennium Falcon arrives to pick him up. *

(Chewbacca)*

*NOTE: We initially had no information on when this series happens in relation to other stories in this era, other than that it is soon after ANH, Chewbacca has time to leave for a little while, and it must be after *Smuggler's Run* because Chewie gives away his medal here after having it in that tale. Marvel editor Jordan D. White has suggested that it should be between *Showdown on the Smuggler's Moon* and *Vader Down*, due to the mini-series

being considered as part of the so-called “present” of the ongoing comic series around the time when they are published.

- A Rebel spy network set up by General Airen Cracken alerts him that they have finished their mission. Over the next month (before a retrieval mission is sent), the spies start being killed off, eventually leaving only three to be extracted.
(conjecture based on *Han Solo*)
- *Darth Vader travels to the planet Shu-torun to enforce their cooperation with the Empire. The planet is currently ruled by a king His son, Prince Monthan, will rule next. His second child, Princess Hollian, will be the Celebrant Warlord, head of their war-faith. His third child, Princess Trios has other duties. She is the one sent to meet with Vader to take him to a celebration that was designed to show Vader the planet’s culture. Vader, though, really only cares that the planet fulfills its quotas for the Empire. He carries with him a mysterious black box that he claims is a gift for the ruler of Shu-torun only. Once Vader and Trios leave the landing pad, Triple-Zero and BT-1 slip out of Vader’s starfighter on their own mission. They quickly accost a palace droid and steal its data core. Vader, meanwhile, goes to the celebration, where he witnesses the extreme courtly nature of the culture, which Trios says allows the king to keep the ore-dukes under control by giving them something that is “theirs.” When Duke Rubix insists that Vader dance with his daughter, he kills the man with the Force. Before there can be any reaction, a vessel bores its way into the underground celebration, releasing what appear to be soldiers bent on ending the monarchy on behalf of the dukes. Vader kills them all and allows Trios to lead him into tunnels away from the large room on the pretense that traitors will likely be in control of the elevators. It is a trap, however. The king is behind the attackers, and Trios has led Vader into a large tunnel that will actually fill with molten metal. Trios is to be sacrificed to kill Vader. Vader simply cuts a way out with his lightsaber and knocks out Trios to take her with him. They head for the throne room, but BT-1 and Triple-Zero have fulfilled their own mission, getting inside as serving droids and giving poisoned drinks to all of those present, including the king. When Trios awakens, she tries to shoot Vader with a blaster she had hidden in her cloak, but he simply cuts off her hand. When they reach the throne room, they find everyone dead and the droids waiting. With Trios now the ruler of Shu-torun, Vader gives her the package. It is a reminder to her of what happens to worlds that resist the Empire. It is, in fact, a piece of the remains of Alderaan. She confesses to him that it was tithes on the dukes that caused them to rebel with the king’s aid. He tasks her with getting her people under control, leaving her to rule the planet but clear on whom it is that she serves.**

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***NOTE:** This story does not appear to have a title. It is a sort of prologue to *The Shu-Torun War*, but it is clear from the first issue of that storyline that a little bit of time has passed since this story, and *The Shu-Torun War* is picking up right after *Vader Down*. This appears to be the most logical place for this story to therefore take place.

- *Darth Vader travels to Tatooine to investigate the Lars Homestead, now that Vader knows that his son, Luke Skywalker, lived on Tatooine with Anakin’s own stepbrother and his wife. Chelli Aphra, Triple-Zero, and BT-1 accompany him. They then check out Obi-Wan Kenobi’s abandoned hut, where Luke recently fought Boba Fett. Vader recognizes that Obi-Wan hid Luke on Tatooine because it was the one place Vader would never return by his own choice. They set a molecular purge bomb to destroy all living tissue in the area in and around the hut, cleansing it of biological evidence that anyone was ever there. Vader informs Aphra that he will have a sensitive task for her soon. Later, at the Son-tuul Pride on Son-tuul, Vader follows a tracked smuggler to the Pride base and charges in with stormtroopers, killing everyone and seizing the contraband they were selling. Vader then informs Sutha the Hutt, a subordinate of Jabba, that the markets that were controlled by the Son-tuul can now be controlled by Jabba. The Empire, though, is keeping the seized contraband to further enrich the Imperial government. Vader’s (and the Empire’s) arrangement with the Hutts remains profitable for both sides for now. Shortly thereafter, the assassin droid IG-90 visits Bossk, Beebox, and Krrsantan. They then meet with Aphra, who offers to bring them in on a job (for Vader, though they don’t know it yet) to steal the confiscated Son-tuul Pride profits from the Imperial ship carrying the funds to Coruscant. They agree, and the team strikes at the ship at Anthan Prime. Under the cover of a staged “asteroid belt” (a big asteroid they blew up), Aphra, Beebox, Bossk, and IG-90 board the ship. As they work to steal the funds, Krrsantan (on Aphra’s secret orders), uses another ship to sling an asteroid into the right hull location to cause much of the funds to be released into space, as BT-1 stands ready on the hull nearby. They steal what they can of the funds, then split up the haul. It is only after Beebox, IG-90,*

and Bossk leave that Aphra travels with Krrsantan, BT-1, and Triple-Zero to Anthan 13, a moon of Anthan Prime, where Krrsantan and BT-1 secretly collected and deposited all of the cash that was dumped into space. It is five times the amount that had to be split among the others. In return for help in double-crossing the others, Krrsantan has been promised help in finding those who mutilated him in the past. Vader then arrives. They have a droid factory, bounty hunters, and a great deal of money. Vader now needs Aphra to help him confirm information about someone who is somewhat elusive (but not Luke). She has a month to do so. Shortly thereafter, Vader returns to Grand General Cassio Tagge, who reports on the activities of a criminal faction known as the Plasma Devils that is apparently causing trouble for the Empire on Mygeeto, Son-tuul, and Anthan 14. Tagge tasks Aiolin Astarte and Morit Astarte with crushing them. He intends to have Karbin follow leads on the Rebel pilot who destroyed the Death Star. Vader objects, as does Tulon, but Tagge rejects sending either of them because they each have personal ties to the Death Star's destruction and thus personal motivations. Tagge instead sends Vader to investigate the very heist his team just pulled. They were not as clever as they thought, and evidence points to it not being a ship being lost but to an actual theft. Vader is also given a new adjutant, Inspector Thanoth, to replace the dead Oon-ai. Thanoth has already figured out, based on slight ionization of surface dust on Vader's armor, that Vader has recently been to Anthan 13, which he believes will help them track down the thieves, since Vader is already familiar with the area. Vader returns to Anthan 13 after leaking information that he will be there, which draws in a small team of Rebels as he planned. Thanoth contacts him from Anthan Prime, where he has figured out much about the use of a manufactured meteor storm and a hull breach to steal the shipment. When he asks what actually brought Vader to Anthan 13 after overseeing the shipment originally on Anthan Prime, Vader says that he tracked a Rebel cell there and killed them (precisely the evidence he just created by luring the Rebels to their doom). They reunite on Anthan Prime, where Thanoth believes the thieves would have gotten explosives from a being named "the Dragon." They pursue Doowan, a dealer for the Dragon, into the lower levels of the planet. They discover stormtroopers have sealed off the area around where Doowan can be found, and the place is being raided by Morit and Aiolin. Vader and Thanoth question Doowan, who reveals where the Dragon is hiding in his mansion. Supposedly to make a point to those who would challenge them, Morit kills Doowan during questioning. Meanwhile, Aphra takes the Ark Angel with Triple-Zero and BT-1 to another area of Anthan Prime, where they meet with "the Ante," an information broker she has used before. She is there to get information on Commodex Than, a retired member of his family's business, that of morticians on Naboo. Vader's team finds the Dragon, and while Thanoth is outside of the room, Vader confirms that Dragon would break under interrogation and kills him, keeping the secret of the Dragon providing Vader's team with their munitions. Thanoth breaks into his safe, though, and gathers information that could help lead to the center of local criminal activity (and the truth behind the theft). Meanwhile, Aphra, Triple-Zero, and BT-1 locate Commodex Than on Naboo. They capture and torture him for information, but when Aphra says that she knows that Padmé Amidala, whom he prepared for burial, had already had a son before her death, despite being made to still look pregnant, Commodex smiles and confirms the story, knowing that Padmé had actually borne twins. Triple-Zero is finally allowed to kill him, which, unbeknownst to Aphra, keeps this greater secret. The team reunites with Vader on Anthan Prime. Vader now wants her to help seek out the pilot that destroyed the Death Star, knowing that another Imperial agent has already been tasked with doing so. She must find him first, so she will go back to the Ante for information. Vader notes that Thanoth might pose a problem at some point but that he currently suspects nothing. Unbeknownst to Vader, they are being spied upon by a small probe droid. Thanoth uses data from Dragon to locate the Ante, preparing a strike against the information broker alongside Vader and many stormtroopers, even though Aphra and the droids have returned to the Ante for more information – the location of Luke Skywalker. Paying him from the Son-Tuul Pride haul, she is given his current location: the planet Vrogas Vas. Just then, Imperials blast into the space station and begin firing when BT-1 instigates a confrontation by firing on the stormtroopers and racing off with Triple-Zero. Vader and Thanoth reach the Ante, who has destroyed all of his records so that the only information they can get from him is in his considerable memory. Thanoth questions him on his primary goal: the identity of the thieves who attacked Son-Tuul's Pride. The Ante has no problem pointing out Aphra in the crowd. They also learn the location of the Plasma Devils from the Ante. Before he can divulge any more information, Vader uses the Force to cause a stray shot from the firefight to kill him. Stormtroopers pursue Aphra until she finally

opens a door and runs directly into Vader. He begins to Force choke her to eliminate her as a loose end, but she barely speaks, telling him that she knows where Luke is. She will tell him, but only later. He arranges for her escape, claiming she set a trap, but even as she and the droids escape the surface, TIE fighters give chase, driving her toward an Imperial blockade set up by Thanoth. Upon reaching their command ship, Vader suggests to Thanoth that pursuit of Aphra (or waiting for her to emerge from a gaseous cloud) is a waste of time. Thanoth finally agrees, realizing that the Plasma Devils will surely go to into hiding when they learn of how the system is in an uproar, so they must strike the Plasma Devils ASAP or risk losing them. They Imperials leave Aphra and the droids and head for Anthan 1, within the atmosphere of Anthan Prime. Vader has Thanoth prepare bombardment of the Plasma Devils' western exit, while Vader covers the east. The Imperials handily wipe out the Plasma Devils, who are actually not just criminals but a contingent of Rebel Alliance starfighter pilots. Shortly thereafter, Vader, Thanoth, Morit, Ailoin, Karbin, and Voidgazer all report to Tagge. Morit is angry that Vader went after the Plasma Devils, which was his mission, but Thanoth shoots down his objections. Tagge does not like that the thief escaped, but he agrees that going after the Rebel cell was the right call. For his part, Karbin has yet to find Luke, so he is failing in his own mission. Vader soon meets with Aphra, who gives him the Vrogas Vas location (and the fact that it is apparently the site of an old Jedi Temple that the Empire isn't aware of) and is allowed to continue serving him. As Vader sets out alone in his TIE Advanced to head for Vrogas Vas, he is unaware that the conversation has been spied upon by Karbin, who has no intentions of letting Vader try to usurp his mission the way he did Morit's mission. Karbin appears to be the one who set the Vrogas Vas bait, and he intends for Vader to find that he is not alone when he arrives . . .

(Shadows and Secrets)

- Based on information that Doctor Chelli Aphra obtained from the Ante, Darth Vader heads to Vrogas Vas, the last known location of Luke Skywalker, who is said to be there seeking an old Jedi Temple that the Empire did not know about. Meanwhile, Commander Karbin, the Mon Calamari cyborg actually tasked by Grand General Cassio Tagge with capturing Luke is, according to Aphra, nowhere near finding him. They are unaware that the Vrogas Vas information was bait (true, but still bait) that had come from Karbin himself to set a trap for Vader, whom he views as competition. As Vader's TIE Advanced emerges over Vrogas Vas, he is surprised to find three Rebel squadrons flying drills. (Aphra immediately professes her innocence and that this is not a trap of her design, so that Vader does not decide to kill her.) Vader can sense Luke, though, and rather than running from three Rebel squadrons, he dives right into them. Vader decimates the Rebel pilots, until Luke, knowing what Vader is capable of and seeing no other way, charges his starfighter at Vader's, crashing them. Both starfighters tumble, damaged, to the surface of Vrogas Vas, as Red Leader (Commander Narra) declares: "Vader down." The report reaches a secret Rebel refueling base on Vrogas Vas, which dispatches all of its infantry and Y-wing bombers to join the surviving starfighters in hunting down Vader at his crash site. As soon as word of this reaches the Rebel fleet, General Jan Dodonna (after approval from Mon Mothma) orders a battalion (at Leia Organa's request) to go to Vrogas Vas and back up the Rebels there. Leia intends to join the battalion. Realizing that Luke is in danger, Han Solo decides to join the effort to save his friend, rather than to go after Vader. Han, Leia, Chewbacca, and C-3PO leave for Vrogas Vas in the Millennium Falcon. Meanwhile, Aphra and the murderous droids BT-1 and Triple-Zero head for the surface to rescue Vader (as if he really needs rescuing). When Y-wings near Vader, he destroys them with the Force and his lightsaber. He is then surrounded by numerous Rebel soldiers, whom he starts tearing through. Upon arriving at Vrogas Vas, Leia and C-3PO join the Rebel efforts to assassinate Vader, while Han and Chewbacca seek to find Luke, who has survived his crash (along with R2-D2) and is at the site of the old Jedi Temple, where he conveniently crashed. He explores the ruins until met by a droid he believes is C-3PO. It is really Triple-Zero, painted gold, though. The droid zaps Luke, making him Aphra's prisoner. (Triple-Zero then immediately removes the gold paint to return to his original color.) When R2-D2 reacts to Luke being knocked out, BT-1 drives him away with his many, many weapons. This draws the attention of Han on the Falcon, and the Rebel trio lands nearby. Han takes up a sniping position and calls down to Aphra, who introduces herself (much to Han's dismay, as he has heard of the crazy lady). While Han keeps her talking, Chewbacca sneaks up on them and attacks Triple-Zero, who is carrying Luke. He rips Triple-Zero's right arm off, forcing him to drop Luke. He begins beating Triple-Zero with his own arm, while Luke escapes and reunites with R2-D2, pursued by BT-1. Triple-Zero manages to drug

Chewbacca, while Aphra and Han exchange fire and both shoot waspworm hives over each other's heads. Covered in the warming creatures, they run toward each other blindly until crashing, knocking each other out in an unintended head-butt. Luke then saves Chewbacca from Triple-Zero by cutting off the droid's other arm and stabbing him through the chest. Luke, R2-D2, and Chewbacca then recover Han, but Triple-Zero (armless now) and BT-1 come to protect Aphra. When R2-D2 squirts oil onto BT-1's sensors, the droid starts firing wildly, which allows the Rebels a chance to escape back to the Falcon. Meanwhile, Leia's small team reaches Vader, who kills her companions and confronts her just as she is informed that Luke is safe. While Vader describes how she will die slowly, he is distracted by sensing an ambush coming (which does not seem to actually be true). This gives Leia a chance to run away, back to C-3PO. Vader, though, is apparently bluffing, intending to let her lure Luke to him. Knowing there may be no other way, Leia bets on Vader catching up to her and orders an air strike on her position, ready to sacrifice herself (and C-3PO) to kill Vader. Hearing this via comms, Han and Luke refuse to allow it. They rush to her in the Falcon, only to be literally slammed out of the sky by Black Krrsantan's ship. He has arrived as backup, summoned by Aphra. Krrsantan rips into the cockpit of the Falcon and tosses Luke out, but Chewbacca engages the other Wookiee. Hesitant to leave Han and Chewbacca to deal with Krrsantan, Luke heads out to save Leia. Meanwhile, BT-1 and Triple-Zero discover C-3PO and blast his arms off. BT-1 then attaches them to Triple-Zero to replace his own lost limbs, leaving C-3PO armless. Vader finally reaches Leia, and she signals for the air strike. Before the bombers can attack, though, they are blasted out of the sky by new arrivals – Imperials led by Karbin, who is there for Luke and knows that whether the Rebels kill Vader or Vader kills all the Rebels, Karbin wins. Karbin and his troopers march on Vader and Leia, resulting in Vader ignoring Leia to engage Karbin in a lightsaber duel (since Karbin has four Grievous-esque arms bearing lightsabers himself). Leia escapes. At the Falcon, Krrsantan has nearly beaten Chewbacca when R2-D2 fires the antidote to Mandalorian xenotox in a syringe into Chewbacca, allowing him to regain his strength and turn the tide. Luke, meanwhile, seeks Leia at the temple ruins, where the voice of Obi-Wan speaks to him through the Force. He is warned that he is not ready for what is coming, then he is attacked by Karbin's troops and surprisingly saved from them when they come under attack by Triple-Zero and BT-1 (on orders from Aphra to not let this opposing Imperial faction get Luke instead of Vader capturing him). Unfortunately, he is knocked out by one of the stormtroopers and taken anyway. Vader follows Karbin into the temple ruins as well, where he is accosted by Force-driven memories during their battle. Leia sneaks up behind him and prepares to blast the Dark Lord while he is distracted. Back at the Falcon, Krrsantan uses metal knuckles to incapacitate Chewbacca and turns his rage on Han as R2-D2 and the armless C-3PO (with his head twisted around as well) can only watch. C-3PO contacts Leia, who chooses to give up the chance to take down Vader in order to return to the ship and help her friends. She orders C-3PO to try to help Han, and the droid stands up to Krrsantan, who moronically punches C-3PO, who has electricity sparking from the damage inflicted on him, with the metal knuckles, causing Krrsantan to be electrocuted. At the duel, Aphra incapacitates Karbin for Vader by crashing the Ark Angel directly into a stone bridge on which Karbin stands. Vader then kills Karbin personally, as the Mon Calamari cyborg realizes that the hunt for the pilot is about far more than just revenge for the Death Star for Vader. Vader and our heroes notice a shuttle rising, bearing Luke as a prisoner. Vader uses the Force to cause the shuttle to crash. When he reunites with Han, Chewbacca, and the droids, they do not notice BT-1 taking out Royal Guards that are emerging from the wreckage to chase him. Krrsantan retreats while they are distracted. Finally, Aphra confronts the men and droids, stating that they have just stepped into a minefield that she has set up near the Falcon. While she speaks with Vader and banters with the boys, though, Leia sneaks up behind her and knocks her out. Aphra is now their prisoner. Luke, Leia, Han, Chewbacca, R2-D2, and an armless C-3PO (with his head quickly fixed by Han) leave Vrogas Vas on the Millennium Falcon, and Luke knows that he was very close to something in that old Jedi Temple, but now he will never know what he might have discovered there.

(Vader Down)

- In the wake of the failure to capture Darth Vader on Vrogas Vas, Commander Narra provides a report with the positive and negative outcomes of the engagement to Jan Dodonna. (conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- After her capture on Vrogas Vas, Doctor Chelli Aphra is interrogated for weeks to no avail. The Rebels eventually decide to deposit her at Sunspot Prison.

(conjecture based on *Rebel Jail*)

- *Triple-Zero has the arms that were taken from C-3PO either recolored or replaced (the former being most likely). Unfortunately, the arms do not have all of the features of his original arms.*
(conjecture based on *The Misadventures of Triple-Zero and Beetee*)
- *In the wake of the Rebel mission to Cymoon 1, the Empire announces plans to execute all political prisoners incarcerated at Arrth-Eno. Leia Organa reports to Mon Mothma that they will be activating deep cover agent Eneb Ray (as "Tharius Demo") to try to rescue them, on the recommendation from Davits Draven.*
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- *On Coruscant, Rebel spy Eneb Ray works as an Imperial under the alias of "Tharius Demo." When he submits new data in a report to Leia Organa, she informs him that the Rebellion needs him to rescue Senator Nadea Tural and other anti-Imperial senators from Arrth-Eno before they can be executed in the very near future. He asks if this information comes from another spy on Coruscant, but she will not confirm that information. Alone, he breaks into the Arrth-Eno prison complex, but when he frees them from their cell, Nadea informs him that a golden opportunity has come. Emperor Palpatine himself is on his way to oversee the execution. He leaves them for the moment and takes over a command area of the complex, where he meets another Rebel spy (whose cover he blows), Coleet, who is there undercover as a communications officer. They contact Leia, who authorizes an attempt to assassinate Palpatine, even though it would wipe out all of their remaining agents on Coruscant. When the time comes for Palpatine to have some final words with the disloyal senators, the senators have been replaced by Eneb and the last five other Rebel spies on Coruscant. (Coleet is running support and is with the senators.) The disc upon which the Emperor's throne sits begins to rise through the roof, as the Rebels fight through Royal Guardsmen. Eneb attaches a grappling line to the bottom of the disc and follows to the roof, where he takes out several stormtroopers then appears to kill Palpatine, only for Palpatine to actually be aboard an arriving shuttle. The dead "Emperor" is a body double. Eneb leaps to the shuttle ramp upon which Palpatine stands taunting him, but it has all been a trap. Behind him, the prison explodes, taking out all of the other Rebel agents and the disloyal senators, along with plenty of others. Palpatine zaps Eneb with Force lightning, and he falls to street level, saved only by his grappling line. Immediately, the Emperor broadcasts a message to the populace, blaming the destruction of the prison on the Rebels. He has won a propaganda victory and wiped out enemies in one swift stroke. Eneb returns to an ally and leaves the area, rocked by this failure.**

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*NOTE: This story does not appear to have a title.

- *After the failure of Eneb Ray's mission, it is General Davits Draven's duty to report that failure to Mon Mothma. It is all the more a low moment for Draven, as it was he who recommended Eneb in the first place.*
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- *In the wake of the clash on Vrogas Vas, Luke Skywalker and Han Solo are undertaking a new mission for the Rebellion on the Millennium Falcon, while Leia Organa, Sana Starros, and Rebel troopers transport Doctor Chelli Aphra to the Rebels' secret Sunspot Prison aboard the Volt Cobra. Aphra frees herself as they approach the prison space station, but she is recaptured by Sana just as they arrive. They hand Aphra over to the warden to be sent to Cellblock Nine. This prison houses the worst of the worst that the Rebellion has captured, and it has a star on one side and ion cannons pointed the other direction. It is considered impregnable. Sana believes they should just kill Aphra, an opinion she might hold in part because she and Aphra know each other from earlier in their lives (when they might have been romantically involved or at least have had an attraction on Sana's part). Meanwhile, Han and Luke's secret mission is to purchase needed supplies, but when Han is caught cheating while playing sabacc to increase the Rebels' funds, they end up broke and having to escape into space. Now they need a smuggling job to somehow replace the Rebellion's credits and obtain the supplies. Back at Sunspot Prison, an armed force, led by a mysterious individual in a mask, cuts into the prison from outside and attacks. Leia and Sana help stop IG-RM droids in the west sector, but that is just a diversion. The leader of the attack takes over the control room and explains to Leia via comlink that his force is not there to free prisoners but to wipe them all out. For her part, Sana actually agrees with the idea that these prisoners are too dangerous to live and doing so is a weakness for the Rebels. To make the point about how dangerous they are, the leader releases prisoners in the area where Leia*

and Sana are located. Leia and Sana work to round them up and stick them in a confined room, but the leader just opens the room's sun shields, which kills all of those prisoners anyway. Leia and Sana free Aphra just as she is about to be killed, and the three women must find a way to work together to retake the prison from the invading leader, who claims that he or she is what the Rebels made of him or her by sending the leader into the midst of the Empire. Meanwhile, Han and Luke take a job smuggling nerfs, which stink up the Falcon and cause them to have to flee Imperials searching for illegal livestock. They deliver the nerfs to Ibaar, and Han lets Luke fly the ship for a bit, stretching Han to the ends of his nerves. Back as Sunspot Prison, Sana slices into the prison's comm lines to send out a signal for help that would only reach the area near the prison. She is then attacked by an IG-RM, which Aphra tries to rewire before Leia just blasts it. In the control room, C-3PO and R2-D2 try to stay out of trouble, while the leader of the attack is in another block executing prisoners one by one. When he opens the cell of a prisoner who killed three Jedi in the past, the leader reveals to the killer that Palpatine is a Sith Lord, just before killing the prisoner. With the help of the rewired IG-RM (which did survive being blasted) and the clumsiness of C-3PO, the female trio retakes the control room, just as Han and Luke arrive, having heard the distress call. The leader of the attack, though, is said by a droid to have been taught by Leia, and the leader has noticed the Falcon's arrival. By the time the women reach the docking bay, the intruder has captured Han and Luke, tying them up and fitting them with explosives. The intruder tells Leia that if she will shoot Aphra, and Imperial prisoner, then the men will go free. Sana nearly obliges, but Leia's resistance finally convinces the leader of the attack to remove his helmet, revealing former Rebel spy Eneb Ray, whose recent failed attempt to assassinate Palpatine on Coruscant has left him scarred by Force lightning. Rather than giving in to Eneb as he counts down how much time she has left to comply, Leia has R2-D2 activate an ion pulse that disables the trigger device Eneb is carrying, along with artificial gravity. Leia, Sana, and even Aphra pummel Eneb until he can be captured. Systems are restored, and Leia allows Sana to kick Aphra into an escape pod and launch it amid the evacuation, freeing her from Rebel custody (with trackers on her clothes, of course, though she'll probably find them). As for Sana and her pay, she calls it even and leaves it at that. The Falcon and Cobra leave amid the evacuation, and Eneb is taken on a prisoner transport, but he has a key hidden in his tooth, suggesting that he will not remain a prisoner for long. (To be continued below . . .)

(Rebel Jail)

- Darth Vader returns to Emperor Palpatine on Coruscant to deliver his report about Vrogas Vas, along with the dead body of Karbin. Palpatine sends Vader to Shu-Torun to aid Queen Trios in quelling a local rebellion. At the insistence of Grand General Cassio Tagge, Cylo will be joining him. Tulon Voidgazer, Aiolin Astarte, and Morit Astarte also do so. Vader and Trios lead troops into battle and destroy an entire Ore-Baron's delving citadel. Trios is shocked at the destruction, but Vader sees it as the beginning of sending a message to the rebellious Ore-Barons on the world. After a briefing, Vader anonymously reaches out to bounty hunters to arrange the rescue and return of Doctor Chelli Aphra, who is currently in Rebel hands after the events on Vrogas Vas. (Among those who respond to the contract are Beebox, Black Krrsantan, IG-90, Dengar, C-21 Highsinger, Chanath Cha, and Zuckuss. Vader makes it clear that he wants her back, but he does not care whether she is dead or alive. (He just wants her out of Rebel hands with all she knows.) Vader also broadcasts a message to the Ore-Barons showing the delving citadel's destruction, but it solidifies the resolve of rebels like Baron Rubix. When one of Rubix vessels (a magma submersible known as the Lava Leviathan) emerges from the molten flow near the citadel of Shu-Torun's royalty, Vader, Aiolin, and Morit take the fight to them by leaping aboard and cutting enough holes in it for it to be destroyed by the molten flow around it. As they prepare to retaliate against Rubix's own citadel, Cylo is in contact with Tagge, and they agree that the Empire should be seen as the victor on Shu-Torun, not Vader himself, whose methods neither man agrees with. In the downtime before the retaliation, Aiolin asks Vader to train her, knowing that there can eventually only be one victor among the potential replacements for Vader, so she will eventually likely have to face her brother, Morit, in combat. He refuses to do so. Triple Zero brings word that Beebox has arrived with the remains of Aphra, but Vader easily determines that it is not her. Beebox has brought fake remains from "disintegration" to get the bounty, not knowing who had posted it. Vader kills Beebox for his deception. As the rebel Ore-Barons discussion options going forward, they are contacted by Cylo, who offers to help give them Vader. Triple-Zero and BT-1 dump Beebox's body into the magma, then the assault on Rubix's delving citadel begins. Cylo remotely sends the delving vessel carrying Vader, Aiolin, Morit, the droids, and others

into a lower region of the crust, straight into a trap. Vader and the others emerge, using the many Geonosian battledroids that Triple-Zero and BT-1 have prepared as an army for moments like these. Vader believes it was Rubix who brought him into the trap, rather than Cylo, but he recognizes that if Rubix's elite are there, then they are not defending the citadel, making this the right time for Trios to strike. Cylo, though, is trying to convince her not to do so. When Chancellor Jooli, a leader in his position for four decades, refuses to agree with her order to strike without Imperial support, she declares him a traitor and has him immediately killed and orders the attack. As Vader, Aiolin, and Morit make their way over the magma flow on foot, the twins take the moment to attack Vader. Their attack fails, and the siblings are stuck on one side of a collapsed rock bridge with Vader on the other. Morin then knocks Aiolin down into the magma to thin the field of competitors. Vader recovers Aiolin from where she is burning and puts her out of her misery by killing her with his lightsaber, perhaps remembering his own burning on Mustafar. Finally, Vader rejoins the others, and his forces rejoin Trios, as they bash their way into Rubix's citadel. Rubix is executed, and his daughter, Bixene, is made baroness in his place. Trios will now make sure to execute the other heads of the rebel families, yet allow their lines (and thus the courtly culture of Shu-Torun) to survive. Cylo and Morin are now on the run, or so it seems, as Vader and the droids prepare to leave on the Devastator. They receive word that Aphra has been found, and the person who has found her is none other than Inspector Thanoth, who wishes to have a discussion with Lord Vader . . . *

(The Shu-Torun War)*

*NOTE: This story must be either concurrent with *Rebel Jail* or set in the days between its main story and the segment with Task Force 99 because Thanoth is reaching out to Vader with Aphra's location, which we will learn in *End of Games* is not Sunspot Prison anymore

- *Darth Vader, Triple-Zero, and BT-1 arrive in Vader's Star Destroyer Devastator at Kuat, where Grand General Cassio Tagge's new flagship, the Super Star Destroyer Executor is being built. There, Vader meets with Emperor Palpatine, who finally reveals his motivations in the Cylo affair to Vader. He acknowledges that the Sith kept to the shadows for over a millennium less because they were afraid of the Jedi and more because they were afraid of fellow Sith, hence the Sith needing to keep to the Rule of Two, lest they grow and infighting were to destroy them. Hence, as Palpatine came to power (seeing himself as the ultimate culmination of Sith machinations), he decided to use non-Sith to achieve his goals, aside from his three Sith Apprentices over the years (the failure Maul, Darth Tyrannus who served his purpose and was discarded, and Vader, a superior candidate for the role). When Vader nearly died on Mustafar, Palpatine nearly had to replace him with inferior candidates to serve him, but he knew that for the Empire to live, so did Vader, hence turning to the best scientists to rebuilt him . . . including Cylo! Over time, as Cylo was allowed to research more technological innovations without moral guidelines, he grew in power and became corrupt, thereby becoming a cancer within the Tarkin Initiative. Simply removing him would have fractured the Tarkin Initiative's brilliant scientists, though, so Palpatine needed to force Cylo to overplay his hand. That is why Palpatine allowed Cylo to present his "replacements" for Vader (which he still would have used if they had bested Vader, the apprentice knows). Vader's defeat of those apprentices slowly frustrated Cylo and made him reveal his true duplicity and turn full traitor, which now makes him a target Palpatine can take down without upsetting the Tarkin Initiative or other efforts. Now that Cylo is on the run, Vader is tasked with finding and disposing of him. Before he does, though, Vader heads back to Anthan 13, where he meets with Inspector Thanoth, who reveals that he has figured out that Vader's interest in Luke Skywalker is a plot to overthrow the Emperor with Luke at his side. Moreover, he has figured out that Vader is Anakin Skywalker. He will tell Vader where Chelli Aphra is so that Vader can silence her. He knows that Vader would be a better Emperor than Palpatine with the Sith Master's schemes and superweapons. Rather than tipping Vader off anonymously and living on the run, waiting for Vader to someday figure out who sent it, he has come to Vader directly to save everyone time. Knowing that he will be killed now to silence him, Thanoth tells Anakin (not Vader) that it was a pleasure working with him, and reveals that Aphra, having escaped the Rebels (well, having been freed), is now on the Cosmatanic Steppes. Vader then kills him as they had both anticipated. Vader sends Triple-Zero, BT-1, Black Krsantan, and a group of their reprogrammed battledroids from Geonosis, to bring Aphra back to the Executor or, failing that, to kill her. Vader, meanwhile, will go after Cylo. (To be continued below . . .)**

(End of Games)*

***NOTE:** The first issue is a little confusing in that its opening crawl has an error in it. It claims Vader is heading for Coruscant to meet with Palpatine, then the story shows him arriving at Kuat instead, where he meets with Palpatine. On a different note, due to Thanoth contacting Vader about Aphra's location at the end of *The Sho-Torun War* but that location *not* being Sunspot Prison, I have had to assume that this is after *most* of Rebel Jail (probably in the gap of "days" before its quasi-epilogue with Task Force 99). That means I'd need a spot to summarize the rest of *Rebel Jail* with that small scene, so I have split *End of Games* briefly here at a logical travel time point to fit that part of *Rebel Jail* into an approximate chronological location.

- *Days after the Sunspot Prison evacuation, the elite stormtroopers (SCAR Troopers) of Task Force 99 arrive at the abandoned Sunspot Prison, which they confirm is where the Rebels were keeping a prisoner named Kolar Ludd (one of the ones Leia Organa had to subdue who died anyway at Eneb's hand). It is not an issue, though, since their leader, Sergeant Kreeel (former Gamemaster for Grakkus the Hutt while undercover, who brandishes a green lightsaber) notes that new orders have come in. They will be hunting Rebels.**

(Rebel Jail)*

***NOTE:** Because *The Sho-Torun War* is set soon after *Vader Down*, the same approximate time frame as *Rebel Jail*, I have split *Rebel Jail* to make this "days later" epilogue take place in the brief travel gap after the first issue of *End of Games*. This is due to Thanoth already knowing where Aphra is *after* she has left Sunspot Prison, yet this segment of *Rebel Jail* with Task Force 99 taking place "days later."

- *Having had his arms ripped off by Chewbacca and replacing them with C-3PO's arms on Vrogas Vas, Triple-Zero, accompanied by BT-1, travels to the Wreck Belt of Lotho Minor to meet with an old contact of Chelli Aphra, Ruen. Once they prove their ties to Aphra by quoting Aphra's description of him, he is willing to upgrade the arms that Triple-Zero's took from C-3PO and recolored (or possibly arms with proper coloration that he has already replaced C-3PO's arms with). Once the arms are off, though, he reveals that he recognizes that Triple-Zero is the Old Republic era Triple-Zero Matrix that the Tarkin Initiative acquired. He intends to turn Triple-Zero in for a reward, but BT-1 starts destroying his lab and threatening him, so he returns to their original deal. He makes sure that the droids can't betray him by rigging the new arms to explode if they kill him directly (thanks to some hard coding of Aphra's original design). The droids pay and leave, but BT-1 has overridden the ethical constraints of the combat robots that Ruen keeps, so that they turn on him and destroy the facility just after Triple-Zero and BT-1 leave. The droids are ready to pursue Mistress Aphra.*

(The Misadventures of Triple-Zero and Beetee)

- *On the hunt for Cylo-V, Vader speaks with Professor Thlu-Ry aboard the Executor about his former associate and his likely current whereabouts. Thlu-Ry points Vader to the Crushank Nebulae in the Outer Rim, which is home to a fleet of ships under Cylo's command. Once this is confirmed by Vader's arrival on the Devastator, he has Thlu-Ry thanked and then killed for fraternizing with a traitor. Aboard Cylo's flagship, Tulon Voidgazer notes the Devastator's approach. Cylo orders Morit Astarte to begin an escape plan on their "abominations," space-faring creatures converted into vessels. The Devastator engages the flagship, but it is disabled by an ion weapon. Vader, though, crashes his way aboard the creature ship in his TIE Advanced. Voidgazer volunteers to try to stop him, standing against him alongside a rancor that has been fitted with the cyberanimate technology that was implanted in the Trandoshan Vader encountered when he first met Cylo's acolytes. Meanwhile, Chelli Aphra is on the Cosmatanic Steppes in the Outer Rim, spending most of her time laying low and drinking in a local bar. Triple-Zero, BT-1, Black Krrsantan, and the Geonosian droids arrive to recover or silence her and begin blasting through the settlement, killing any potential witnesses or people to whom Aphra might have spilled sensitive information. When Triple-Zero confirms to Aphra that their mission is to bring her back to the Executor or kill her if that isn't going to happen, she surrenders so that they will not kill her as they seem likely to do. They return to the ship where Krrsantan awaits and leave the Steppes. They return her to the Executor, but as soon as she arrives, they have officially completed their priority orders, so she is able to give them new priority orders: to help her escape. Back on Cylo's abomination, Vader kills the rancor with a lightsaber to the brain then engages Voidgazer, turning her various blaster droids against her. As she is dying, the ship comes out of hyperspace at Kuat near the Executor. Voidgazer reveals that while Karbin was after Luke Skywalker, Vader was following his own schemes, and the twins chased the Void Devils, Cylo had placed her on the Executor, which allowed her to add commands to its system that now allow Cylo to shut down the Super Star Destroyer's weapons and gas all those aboard, except for Palpatine and his guards, who are now cut off from the rest of the ship on their own life support systems. Vader kills Voidgazer and heads for the bridge of the creature ship, situated over its brain, only to find that Cylo and Morit have already left, and the creature ship slams directly into the aft*

section of the Executor. Aboard the Executor, Triple-Zero revives Aphra with an antidote to the neurotoxin used on the crew. They continue their escape, but by then Cylo and Morit are aboard and have taken over the ship. Moreover, they have rendered pursuit by support craft impossible by setting off ion charges set up by Voidgazer before her death (and to which the Executor has been shielded, it seems). They are unable to leave, though, since Vader has survived his crash and cut control cables to the engines. Cylo suggests that Vader must have ejected himself from the abomination before it crashed and made his way in by landing on the hull. Cylo orders Palpatine brought to him, while Morit is sent across the hull in an EVA suit to bypass Vader and reroute engine control. Knowing that she will only be hunted down again later by Vader, Aphra changes her mind about escaping and races off to the Emperor's quarters, having overheard a transmission sending troops there for Cylo. On the hull, Vader cuts off Morit's route and briefly engages him in a lightsaber duel before using the Force to push him into Kuat's atmosphere to burn up. Meanwhile, Aphra nears the Emperor's quarters and finds Krrsantan already fighting off Cylo's soldiers in a corridor, having stuck around because Aphra owes him credits. For his part, Vader enters the ship again and makes his way to the bridge, where he is ready to kill Cylo, but Cylo turns the tables on him by using a remote to activate his own personal access to Vader's cybernetics, left from when Cylo helped to rebuilt Vader after his duel with Obi-Wan Kenobi on Mustafar. He brings Vader to a standstill and then to his knees, seemingly powerless to override the cybernetic control forced upon him. Cylo taunts that he always wondered if Vader was a machine or a man, and now he seems to have his answer (a machine, or so he thinks). Thus trapped, Vader enters his own imagination or a Force vision, in which he is back on Mustafar, having just lost his human limbs to Obi-Wan. Obi-Wan tosses him into the lava, asking if that is better than what really happened, and he emerges as Vader in his armor. Obi-Wan repeats what he said on the Death Star, that he will become more powerful if struck down, and Vader slashes through him as he vanishes again, this time on the Mustafar "shore." Vader then duels another individual who is shocked and grieving for Obi-Wan: Anakin as he was before becoming Vader! Vader slashes his limbs and leaves him to die as Obi-Wan did to him, claiming that Anakin was just a child before becoming a Sith Lord, and Vader is accustomed to killing children, thanks to the Order 66 purge of the Jedi Temple. He then sees Padmé, who wants him to stop fighting back and instead simply die so that he can remain with her forever. Vader refuses, choking her with the Force in his vision. By sheer will and the Dark Side, Vader stands, breaking Cylo's control. He runs Cylo through with his lightsaber, showing that nothing is impossible with the Force. Unfortunately, this was merely Cylo-V, and just as Cylo-IV's death led to his activation, his own death leads to another clone, Cylo-VI, awakening aboard one of his far away abomination creature ships. Vader retakes full control of the Executor, then takes off in his TIE Advanced (which seemingly survived the abomination crash into the Executor) to find and kill Cylo-VI. He tells Palpatine, who tells him to return because they have much to discuss, just as Aphra enters the Emperor's chamber and tells him that they have a mutual friend (Vader) and that she has things that Palpatine needs to know. Vader takes his TIE to Cylo-VI's command abomination and makes his way inside, slaughtering several more Cylo clones that are unleashed to fight him. He finally reaches Cylo-VI and uses the Force to command the abomination to fly into the sun. It does so as Vader escapes, killing all that remains (presumably) of Cylo's long line of bodies. Vader then returns to Palpatine as instructed, where he finds Aphra already there. She has told Palpatine all about Vader's recent activities, including his theft of Imperial credits, all to follow his anger and pride. Palpatine is impressed and notes that Vader is all he could have hoped for. Aphra claims she has saved Vader by putting a positive spin on his activities, but Vader takes her to an airlock and, despite her protests that he "promised" to kill her one day with his lightsaber, ejects her into space, believing that he has killed her. (In truth, she is recovered by Black Krrsantan, Triple-Zero, and BT-1. She knew the only way she would ever be free of Vader would be if he believed her dead, which he would only believe if he killed her. She assumed he would use an airlock rather than his lightsaber because Vader is never kind.) Vader speaks to a now-demoted Tagge, whose command of the Executor has been transferred to Vader. Tagge tries to excuse his actions by noting the positive effects of Voidgazer's work on the ship, how the Shu-torun War turned out, etc., but Vader simply Force chokes him to death and orders Admiral Kendal Ozzel to have the Executor ready within two weeks. He has a person mission to continue: seeking out Luke.

(End of Games)

- Not officially a part of the Rebel Alliance, Han Solo and Chewbacca have returned to trying to

make a profit through smuggling. However, they have recently turned down or given up on multiple jobs that didn't "feel right." Just after he turns down a job for the Trandoshan Katrull, Han recognizes a familiar face from the last world, meaning that he is being followed. He tries to run but is stopped by the two people following him (Adame and Selentia). Upon returning to Chewbacca with them, though, it turns out that Chewbacca already knows them and is a friend. They are not bounty hunters or enemies at all but agents of the Rebel Alliance, sent by Leia Organa to ask for their help. Leia wants to essentially hire the Millennium Falcon but not necessarily its pilot or co-pilot, to go to the Gomar Sector on a mission. Insulted at the idea that Leia would make plans for his ship but not for him, Han (and Chewbacca) return to the Rebel fleet, where Leia and Han secretly meet with Alliance Intelligence head General Airen Cracken. Against Cracken's objections, Leia hires Han and Chewbacca for the job for which they needed the Falcon. The Rebels have set up a network of spies within Imperial systems that have been gathering information. As of one month ago, they have completed their mission, but then members of the collected started being killed. Now, only three remain alive. However, there is a mole within the Rebellion, so they can't officially send a Rebel ship to recover the three remaining spies. Instead, Han and Chewbacca will enter the Dragon Void Run, one of the most dangerous starship races in the galaxy, and use that race as a cover to reach the three informants on the three planets that the race passes. They accept the mission, and to create a cover for them to leave unexpectedly after just arriving, Leia turns a near kiss into a chance to punch Han, bad-mouth him, and send him packing. They travel to the starting point of the race, where they mingle with other racers, most of whom are professional racers instead of smugglers or otherwise. Among those they meet are Pantoran racer Delan Vook, Twi'lek racing duo Sotna and Nowk, and the oldest and greatest racer alive, Loo Re Anno (who is surrounded by glowing orbs of light that appear to be sentient or nearly so). The race begins, and their first obstacle after exiting hyperspace is a minefield that disables many, many racers. Vook tires on mines, even though the Falcon is in the way. They make it through by shutting down their power to confuse the mines, and use their momentum (as do some other racers) to get through. (Loo Re Anno, for her part, latches onto the Falcon and lets it carry her across the minefield.) Upon landing at their first required refueling world (and the first world with a Rebel spy to recover), Han gives Vook a piece of his mind, but he does not report him and get him disqualified for firing on the Falcon (sort of). Chewbacca goes to recover the first spy, Bot, from his Rebel handler, the Falleen Grega (AKA U'il), having to evade a bounty hunter after Bot to do so. For his part, Han is still back at the refueling stop when the Empire arrives (under Officer Tomine), putting a stop to the race, arresting the pilots. (Meanwhile, one of the glowing orbs around Loo Re Anno takes a liking to Han and starts constantly sticking with him. Han even helps make sure the Imperials don't destroy all of the orbs out of spite.) Race overseers intervene by threatening to shut down the Empire's fuel supplies in the region (all from sponsors of the race) if the race does not continue. Tomine reverses his decree and the arrests, allowing the race to resume. Once back in space with Han and Chewbacca, Bot reveals suspicions that since only Leia knew all of the identities and locations of the spies in this collective, one of them must have turned on the others. The information they gathered has pinpointed multiple moles within the Rebellion, and all of their information and identities were handled by a master list holder among the spies, but the identity of which of the spies is the master list holder is a secret. Bot believes that one of their own is killing the others in hopes of acquiring the full list of likely moles. They cannot believe that Leia would be the mole, which means that one of the next two Rebel spies that they pick up on this mission is the killer (or Bot may be). Their next race obstacle is to fly through an obstacle course of debris and ships for twelve hours straight. They manage it, but the Falcon is damaged. Rather than allowing him to be disqualified for not continuing to go fast enough, Vook uses a grapple to pull the Falcon to their next stop, repaying Han for not disqualifying him over shooting past the Falcon at the mines earlier. Once they land and Chewbacca starts fixing the Falcon, Han goes off to meet the second spy, but the spy takes Han back to the Falcon at blaster point. The spy turns out to be the Selonian Dorae with a score to settle with them from years earlier. (She was trying to capture a rathtar, which Han and Chewie tried to steal. In the process, the rathtar tried to eat Han, so Chewie killed it. Without that rathtar, Dorae was unable to pay bribes for protection, which caused her to lose her bar and some friends to the Empire.) Dorae's threats are interrupted by the arrival of Loo Re Anno, Sotna, and Nowk. (Sotna and Nowk help as a favor to Loo Re Anno, and Loo Re Anno was alerted by the orb that had been floating around Han, which she describes as a Witness.) After the Twi'leks leave and things settle down, Loo Re Anno describes to Han how

the Dragon Void was founded by her people, including her own grandmother. It was all about expanding pilots' dreams about what they could become, just as Han himself is starting to see himself as perhaps more than just a smuggler but perhaps also a Rebel or a hero in the making. After she leaves, Han confers with Bot, Chewbacca, and Dorae. Dorae states that after what happened with Bot and the scare recently with the stormtroopers trying to arrest the pilots, the other spies are on their way to meet them. Unfortunately, if Han is to stay in the race, they only have five minutes to launch. Fortunately, the others do arrive (pursued by Imperials). They include U'il (AKA Grega, the former handler of Bot) and a young alien named Aran. Bot believes Dorae is the traitor, and after they are back in hyperspace, Aran is killed by someone on the ship. With the Empire ordering all ships to shut down engines immediately, Chewbacca fires on a TIE fighter. Delan intends to surrender (but doesn't). Dorae informs Han of Aran's murder. Loo Re Anno saves the racers by calling upon a jellyfish-esque creature that usually resides between the seas of space and time, which begins to eat the Imperial ships. They enter the final leg of the race, the actual void, where they cannot jump to hyperspace, their fuel will run out more quickly, and if they are not the first to reach the finish line, they will be stranded to be picked up (or picked off) by the Imperials. Since Han knows Dorae and U'il didn't kill Aran, it had to be Bot, who then attacks Han until subdued and put to sleep. U'il believes he was programmed to betray them, rather than doing so by choice. As they near the large ancient gate in space that creates a wormhole back to the start of the race (and the finish line), it comes down to Loo Re Anno and Han in the lead. When Loo Re Anno's ship is damaged by Imperial fire, Han gives up a guaranteed victory to defend her, allowing her through the gate. When the Imperials catch up, all seems lost, but then the gate reopens, and dozens of ships from Loo Re Anno's people emerge and attack the Imperials. She needed the gate to rejoin them. They were not dead, just far, far away. This allows all of the racers to return safely. The Falcon returns to Yavin IV, where U'il hands the master list (which she had all along) to Leia. Leia is impressed with how Han gave up winning to save others. She believes in him to do the right thing, and he intends to stick around, at least for a little while longer.

(Han Solo)*

***NOTE:** Marvel editor Jordan D. White has stated that since the mini-series are somewhat tied to the "present" of the ongoing series at the time of publication, this story would likely fit "after issue 19 of the main series," which is the final issue of *Rebel Jail*. I'd also note that while he is at one point referred to as "Admiral Airen," it is indeed *General Airen Cracken* at the beginning of the third issue. (I would also note that there has yet to be confirmation, but it appears that U'il in issue #4 is supposed to be the same character as Grega in #2, but they have entirely different names.)

- *Around this time, Colonel Haxen Delto presents findings on the deaths of two Rebel troopers at the Primitara outpost that appear to have been the work of a bounty hunter or mercenary. (conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)*
- *When the planet Tureen VII is caught by the Empire for supplying aid to the Rebel Alliance, the system is blockaded. The Alliance attempts to break the blockade three times unsuccessfully before deciding upon a shocking plan: the theft of a Star Destroyer. (conjecture based on *Last Flight of the Harbinger*)*
- *General Crix Madine provides a report to Mon Mothma on the status of the Star Destroyer Harbinger for use in a mission to Tureen VII. (conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)*
- *Sergeant Kreeel (formerly the "Gamemaster" for Grakkus the Hutt while undercover on Nar Shaddaa) now leads Task Force 99 (AKA Scar Squad AKA Scar Squadron), a squad of Imperial super-stormtroopers known as SCAR (Special Commando Advanced Recon) Troopers. Task Force 99 consists of Kreeel, Misty (a sniper), Cav, Zuke (heavy weapons), Aero (engineer), Mic (comm expert), and Mic. They are on a mission to the Ghost Moon, abandoned mostly after eruptions from beneath the surface, except for Rebels using it as a hideout. They battle the Rebels until a tank forces them to fall back to the sewers. When the Rebels blow explosives they allow the tank to drop straight down into the sewers to follow, Kreeel takes out its turret with a green-bladed lightsaber that he carries (probably from Grakkus' old collection). They manage to capture Rebel Admiral Verette. (During the mission, he reminisces on his own origins and how the Empire saved him from the fighting pits of his homeworld.) Meanwhile, Admiral Gial Ackbar, General Jan Dodonna, and Mon Mothma give new orders to Luke Skywalker and Leia Organa, who will lead an effort to steal a Star Destroyer to break the blockade of Rebel-sympathetic planet Tureen VII. Soon, the Rebels' Red Squadron (including Luke and Wedge Antilles) and the Millennium Falcon (carrying Han Solo, Leia, Chewbacca, and Sana Starros) engage an Imperial Star Destroyer, the Harbinger.*

They blast their way to the ship's reactor, then Luke flies his X-wing into the breach. The Falcon boards as the Imperials are evacuating. The Rebels jettison the overloading main reactor and use its explosion to fake the destruction of the Harbinger, which they have now stolen. One week later, they are still repairing its hyperdrive, destroying any Imperial starfighters that come snooping in the area, and awaiting word from Admiral Verette's shuttle so Verette can take command. This will be the last flight of the Harbinger, but it will certainly be a memorable one. Unfortunately, they need to fix the hyperdrive somehow, which will be time consuming if it can be done at all. While bickering over the situation and who should be in charge in the absence of Verette, Han and Leia engage in a foot-race to the bridge with the winner (Leia) being in command. While they are engaging in this odd scenario, Luke and Sana head out in TIE fighters to check on an incoming shuttle. It turns out to be Verette's shuttle, but the dead admiral is strapped to its nose, and the ship is just a distraction. As attention is focused on the shuttle as it explodes, Task Force 99 sneaks a shuttle against the Harbinger's hull, and Kreel cuts them an entrance with his lightsaber. With the hyperdrive down, the backup reactor on the verge of overload, power being lost to some sectors, spotty shields, and ion cannons offline, the Harbinger is in terrible shape. When the maintenance team sent to fix the ion cannons goes silent, Luke and Sana lead a team to check on them, even as they near Tureen VII with Han at the helm and only about an hour before arrival. They discover the maintenance team missing (they've actually been spaced) with signs of struggle, but just as a missile is fired at where C-3PO, R2-D2, and Chewbacca are working on the engines, a blast door cuts Luke off from the rest of his team. As Sana and the rest of their group must battle Misty, Shrap, and Aero from Task Force 99, Zuke takes control of the engine room (which Chewbacca has seemingly disappeared from, leaving just the droid), and Luke must face off with Kreel, an unexpected reunion from their previous encounter on Nar Shaddaa. Luke and Kreel duel with their lightsabers, while Chewbacca emerges to battle Zuke, and some Rebels from Sana's group are blown into space by an opening airlock, only to have to face Task Force 99's Cav outside. The battle is still raging when the Harbinger reaches its destination, plowing through a pair of Star Destroyers in orbit and launching X-wings to engage local TIE fighters. Unfortunately, there is a TIE Advanced x1 as part of the Imperial forces; Darth Vader is in the fray. R2-D2 counter-slices against Task Force 99's own intrusion into the ship's computers long enough to allow Sana to get the drop on the slicers. Luke is able to use the Force instinctively to Force push Kreel into crates that fall atop him, knocking him out while in conversation with Vader, who senses Luke's power. Chewie throws Zuke into a panel, electrocuting him. With R2-D2 flying the Harbinger, the Rebels make a frantic escape, unsure of whether anyone is left behind on the ship as it is being destroyed by Imperial fire and Task Force 99 sabotage. Luke leaves in an X-wing with a spare astromech and nearly engages Vader, only to go to hyperspace at the last moment, knowing he is not ready for such a confrontation. The siege of Tureen VII has been broken long enough for relief to reach the surface. Scar Squadron has failed in most respects, but they have a prize for Vader, showing they did not come away empty handed. They have captured and escaped with C-3PO . . .

(Last Flight of the Harbinger)

- *In the wake of the attack on the Ghost Moon, General Crix Madine provides Pitt Onoran with a breakdown of information he has on SCAR Troopers, which is then passed to Mon Mothma.
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)*
- *Once again at the Cosmatanic Steppes, Chelli Aphra's former partner, who recently betrayed her and left her for dead without knowing she was alive, recovers the artifact that they were both after, then Aphra kills him, taking it for herself. Before she, Krrsantan, Triple-Zero, and BT-1 can leave from Fulan Ro aboard the New Ark Angel (AKA Ark Angel II), they are met by Soo-Tath of the Syndicate, to whom Aphra owes a substantial sum of credits. Soo-Tath wants the artifact, so he can just have another archaeologist with accreditation sell it, but when his Gigorans try to manhandle Aphra to get it, Krrsantan beats the crap out of them. Soo-Tath threatens that if she does not return soon with payment, he will let the Empire know where she is. (She isn't sure if anyone other than Darth Vader would care.) While Aphra and Krrsantan get the ship ready, Triple-Zero and BT-1 follow Soo-Tath of their own volition and corner him in a bathroom, where Triple-Zero kills him with a neurotoxin that makes his death look like heart failure. The quartet then heads for Archaeo-Prime, only to find that when she tries to sell the artifact, her doctorate has been suspended (because she planted the Abersyn symbiotes that she "discovered" on Boothi XII), meaning that the Archaeological Association*

cannot verify any of her finds, which means only a minimal payday at best. As it turns out, the person who uncovered her ethical shortcuts in getting her doctorate and got it revoked is right there waiting for her, and it's her own father. He has leaked information about her Boothxi XII discovery in order to coerce her into helping investigate the trail of the Ordu Aspectu, with which he has been obsessed since her childhood. Stories of what happened to the Ordu Aspectu vary. A positive spin suggests that the Ordu Aspectu was a peace-loving Force-using sect who made a last stand against the Jedi Order, who could not abide an opposing Force tradition, at the Fortress of Garn. There, their leader, Rur, sees his brother, Amon, killed by a Jedi and finally activates a device that causes the entire planet to disappear (or, more likely, somehow teleport to another location). Since then, they have been lost. Some believe that they were transported instead to a higher plane of existence. Given that Rur had been seeking immortality, her father believes that finding their citadel could mean a spiritual awakening in the Force for the galaxy and other positive things. Another theory, though, considers the Ordu Aspectu as evil, with Rur ready to sacrifice Padawans to gain immortality. In a battle with the Jedi at the Fortress of Garn, they activate a device to draw in life essence from their victims, which ends up also taking the life of Amon, before the entire planet vanished. There is even a reading of the legend of the Ordu Aspectu that claims that they were not after eternal life but in a disagreement with the Jedi Order over the possessive infinitive (i.e. a grammatical debate). (For his part, BT-1 suggests that the Ordu and their Fortress were an enormous astromech droid battling the Jedi.) He wants her help to find the Ordu Aspectu, and if he is wrong about them being benevolent and seeking immortality, then perhaps there is a weapon that drains life essence at its heart. That intrigues her because, after all, exotic weapons are her specialty. They head for a mysterious moon that her father refuses to identify until they arrive. They need to take readings and study some Massassi temples there. Unfortunately, once they arrive, it turns out to be Yavin IV, and the main temple is the former Rebel Alliance base that is now crawling with Imperials led by Captain Magna Tolvan. Her father had not been following recent events and had no idea that the Death Star was real, that it destroyed Alderaan, and that it destroyed the Holy City on Jedha (which he had trouble believing anyone would do on purpose). He also had no idea that she worked for Vader. They have Krrsantan distract the Imperial forces so that Triple-Zero and BT-1 can innocuously get inside the temple hangar and open the ventilation system to let Aphra and her father inside. (As they enter, he nearly loses a Massassi crystal that is one of many that are key to the plan and that he had kept around their house when Chelli was just a child.) They reach a special chamber with what appears to be a star chart design on the floor. They insert the crystals into spots in the floor, which causes a wall to open to the outside sunlight. The Imperials arrive almost immediately to capture them, but thankfully Krrsantan arrives with the Ark Angel II and saves them before they can be blasted by an AT-AT. Using readings from the temple, they set course for what should be the Citadel of Rur. Meanwhile, Tolvan is berated by Admiral Ozzel over losing them, which just prompts her to pursue them. The Ark Angel II then finally arrives at an asteroid field, where the Citadel is amid the ruins on one chunk of asteroid. They land amid the remains of the orthodox Jedi who participated in the battle over the Fortress of Garn. The Ordu Aspectu were real. Aphra secures a few ancient lightsabers to sell, while her father investigates the bodies and determines that they are not Ordu Aspectu, just regular Jedi so far. They find an ancient computer in a room labeled as "the Immortal Rur." That computer opens into a huge cavern with a central spire and paths to and from it that radiate outward like spokes on a wheel. The openings open directly into space, making the structure an oddity, somehow open to space yet holding enough atmosphere for humanoids to move about without needing EVA suits. Aphra's father recognizes some bodies as commoners, proving the theory of Lupin Tutax that laypeople did indeed live with the Ordu Aspectu. As they make their way toward the Core Computer (or Computer Core) across a "force bridge" over empty space, stormtroopers, led by Tolvan, arrive and attack them from behind. After a brief encounter with the Imperials, Krrsantan returns to the Ark Angel II and takes off with Triple-Zero and BT-1, apparently not intending to return for Aphra or her father. Aphra blasts the source of the force bridge while stormtroopers are crossing so that they fall to their doom. They can only go deeper into the spire and take an elevator within it up to the actual core, a room housing a pedestal (actually a computer) with green crystals at its center and the bodies of what appear to be droids and Rur himself on the floor. One crystal appears to be missing, though, so they cannot reboot the computer to gain access to the Ordu Aspectu's records or what happened to them. Her father reveals to Aphra that he only really started to "chase" the Ordu Aspectu after the end of

the Clone Wars, the death of the Jedi, and the rise of the Empire. He was only an intellectual and not a warrior, so while he could not fight to make the galaxy safer, he could try to bring back the Ordu Aspectu and let them create a galaxy that could be safe for his daughter to grow up in. He tells her of how he learned about her indiscretion with the symbiotes and nearly tells her how to get her doctorate back easily, but she stops him, telling him that she might stab him if he removes the figurative gun from her head that is forcing her cooperation. She gives him a crystal that she took from the dead body of Rur and reminds her father that it looks like Rur died trying to turn off the very computer her father wants to reactivate. Her father turns it on anyway, and a face made of energy appears above its crystals, claiming to be Rur. It claims to be the Eternal Rur, with the dead body just a former shell. As it speaks, it begins to animate the droid bodies around the pedestal. Other droids begin to rise with Rur's consciousness outside around the Imperials as well. Rur explains that after the Entruvia Conflict between the Ordu Aspectu and the orthodox Jedi Order, a peace treaty was created that allowed the Jedi to inspect the Ordu's work for signs of heresy. Rur was working on research to create a copy of his intellect and knowledge for all time. The copy (the Rur they are speaking to in the computer) eventually saw this as moving Rur's sentience, rather than copying it, and thus viewed the human Rur as a shell inhabited by an "evil ghost." This new Rur consciousness hid itself until the Jedi came for an inspection. Knowing it would be discovered and deemed heretical, the Eternal Rur reached out to take over the machines in the area and killed all but Amon and Rur, who worked together to try to shut down this Rur. The computer Rur sent the Citadel hurtling through the galaxy, knowing that only an Ordu crystal could find it again, and the knowledge of the Ordu was dying with them, or so the computer Rur believed. Amon shut down the power generator before being killed, then the human Rur dislodged a crystal from the computer core. This shut down the Eternal Rur, but the droids continued to fulfill their final orders, killing all organics left in the Citadel, including Rur, until they eventually shut down, either out of power or to preserve power. Aphra reveals to "Rur" that the calendar the Ordu used, the Domancion Accord, was ancient when the Republic was founded, which itself was 1,000 years ago. All of Rur's plans have been for naught, though he can still punish the living. While the droids kill many of the Imperials and try to kill her father, Aphra takes one of her ancient lightsabers and destroys Rur's computer system, taking a crystal from within it as she does so. She activates the force bridge, allowing the Imperials across, then shuts it down to cause Rur's droid minions to fall into space. They all evacuate onto Tolvan's newly-arrived shuttle, but Rur's consciousness has reached out to an Imperial droid on board that attacks Tolvan and Aphra in the cockpit. When the Citadel finally explodes from the damage Aphra caused, the droids stop being homicidal. Tolvan immediately draws a blaster on Aphra, but her father stabs Tolvan through the shoulder with one of the recovered lightsabers. They land on an Outer Rim world, where they dump the droid and Tolvan (whom Aphra thinks is cute) onto the planet. Aphra and her father leave with the crystal that Aphra believes contains Rur's consciousness. They take it to Quarantine World III in Kallidahin space. With some of the breach between them healed, Aphra's father gets her doctorate reinstated so that she can sell the artifact she found earlier. She pays off Soo-Tath with her earnings. Soon, Krrsantan shows up with the droids and Ark Angel II. She cannot blame him for saving his own skin, and she still owes him quite a bit. Thankfully, she has a plan to get rich. The crystal she had her dad turn over to the quarantine planet was a fake. She has the real one and knows just how to make a fortune with it . . .

(Aphra)*

*NOTE: I have placed this story here because a month or so passes between this story and *The Screaming Citadel*, according to the first issue of *Doctor Aphra and the Enormous Profit*.

- Captain Magna Tolvan is reduced in rank to lieutenant and assigned to Someilk as punishment for her failures at Scarif and Yavin IV.
(conjecture based on Remastered)
- Word reaches a temporary Rebel outpost known as LX-Robynsun V on the planet Reamma that a cargo vessel seems to have gone missing. Leia Organa tasks Luke Skywalker with investigating, so he has R2-D2 prepare for takeoff in an X-wing. The droid rushes around to get ready, running into and annoying other droids, until R2-D2 reaches the X-wing and is ready . . . but the cargo vessel has just arrived, so the mission is called off.*

(Droid Dilemma)*

*NOTE: This story is found in the first issue of the *Darth Maul* series from Marvel Comics. It is, of course, quite possible that this story is considered strictly a parody and thus non-canonical. It was collected later in *Droids Unplugged*, hence the use of that series name in the title listings below.

- On the planet Skorii-Lei, Pash Devake (AKA "Bash"), a former underwater engineer before the destruction of the planet's primary industry (supposedly at the hands of the Rebels), tries to stay out of the Galactic Civil War. However, she currently has a dying Princess Leia Organa hidden in her room, being looked after by her droid, Bruce. Pash gets some medicine for Leia from merchant Quawei, who advises her of local bounty hunters seeking a prize. She returns to find Leia awake. Leia subdues Pash with a surprise attack, but Pash convinces her that it is in Pash's best interests to get Leia out of there quietly, instead of turning her over to the Empire, since that would just implicate her for helping Leia. Leia has vital information for the Rebellion and must reach a ship to get her off-planet that will meet her at the other side of the bay in six hours. They are gearing up to take an underwater route when stormtroopers arrive to do a room-to-room search. Pash subdues them, then they try to get away with Leia hidden in a cart pushed by Pash, but they are spotted and nearly caught. Unfortunately, Leia is injured and needs a real doctor, not Pash's meager stitches, and she passes out again as they hide. Leia passes the data she acquired to Pash so that if she dies, Pash can get it to Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, or Chewbacca. Pash confesses that part of what bothers her about Leia, why she doesn't like her, is the destruction of Alderaan. The world was destroyed based on Leia's treason, yet she keeps fighting. Leia speaks of her sacrifices, whether she would have done anything differently, the need for the Rebellion to survive, and how war makes monsters of everyone at some point, as there aren't any easy choices or victories. They take an underwater route to the other side of the bay, but after a quick battle underwater with bounty hunters, Leia is in bad shape when they reach the Millennium Falcon, Han, Luke, and Chewie. Pash helps get Leia aboard and escapes with the Rebels. Pash gives Luke the data Leia acquired. After another brief talk, Leia convinces Pash that perhaps she could join the Rebels and even be a friend of Leia, as far as she can at least. From Leia's words and the actions of the others, she gets a sense of hope that Leia neglected to mention. It is that hope that tips the scales for Pash. She joins the Rebel Alliance, knowing that as long as painful death comes hand in hand with hope, she wants to be a part of it.**

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*NOTE: This story does not appear to have a title.

- Chewbacca upgrades R2-D2's weapons system at the droid's request.**
(conjecture based on *Revenge of the Astromech*)*

*NOTE: This must be sometime prior to R2-D2 leaving to find C-3PO, probably after C-3PO is captured.

- Aboard the Devastator, Scar Squadron has completed the useless questioning of C-3PO. When Darth Vader orders the droid simply destroyed, Scar Squadron decides to delay in order to use C-3PO to set a trap for the Rebels. They send word out about C-3PO's location, and when that information eventually reaches the Rebels, Luke Skywalker wants to go on a rescue mission, but he is not allowed to do so. Instead, R2-D2 steals an X-wing and tries to go on a rescue mission himself. Luke is sent to bring him back (in an X-wing with S4, another astromech), but R2-D2 remotely causes S4 to shut down Luke's engines, then jumps to hyperspace. Left wondering what to do next and what a Jedi might do, Luke pulls out Obi-Wan Kenobi's journal and begins reading of one of Yoda's adventures. After learning of Yoda's exploits (but not Yoda's name), Luke recognizes symbols in the journal as starmaps and heads for the Vagadarr System, where he hopes to find more about how to become a Jedi. He and S4 head there, where they find the collapsed Blue Mountain and encounter Garro, last of the Rockhawkers, who claims that Luke will help him finish the war that was raging when Yoda was there. In the time since Yoda was present and showed the natives that there was life beyond their planet, all of the humans have left, leaving only Garro and the stone men. However, this somehow depleted the "stonepower" of the planet to the point where all that is left of the stone men are tiny ones that are the size of human children. Luke's presence has drawn them out, and now Garro wants to kill Luke in order to make himself the focus of all of the stonepower on the planet, giving him the power necessary to kill the small stone men. Luke refuses and resists his attacks, until Garro finally chooses to do as he did when he was young and walks away. He melds himself into the rock, merging with it. This starts the process of awakening the mountain again, and Luke joins the smaller stone men in trying to use the Force to get the mountain's heart beating again, life flowing on the planet again. Meanwhile, far away on Dagobah, Yoda senses Luke's actions and knows that he will soon be as ready as he will ever be to find Yoda and continue his Jedi training.*

(Yoda's Secret War)

- Seven months after the Battle of Yavin, Thane Kyrell is serving as part of the crew of the Mighty Oak Apocalypse (MOA) under Wookiee captain Lohgarra. On Zeitooine, he witnesses*

more Imperial mistreatment of civilians but does not get involved. On Ivarujar, Ciena Ree is part of a mission from the Star Destroyer Devastator to evacuate Imperials from an erupting volcano, and she is reprimanded by Captain Ronnadam for going beyond her duties to save regular citizens in the process. (To be continued below . . .)

(Lost Stars)

- Over the next 11 months, Thane Kyrell and the crew of the Mighty Oak Apocalypse will render aid to civilians on Dinwa Prime, Arieli, and Ivera X before doing so on Oulanne. (conjecture based on Lost Stars)
- At some point after losing the original Ark Angel, Chelli Aphra, Triple-Zero, BT-1, and Krrsantan acquire the New Ark Angel (AKA Ark Angel II) from Soo-Tath and the Syndicate. They then head for the Cosmatanic Steppes where Aphra works with a male partner to seek a valuable artifact. The partner turns on her and leaves her for dead, but she is not . . . (conjecture based on Aphra)
- A month or two after Chelli Aphra acquired the Rur crystal, Luke Skywalker is on Horox III in the Outer Rim, site of a temporary Rebel outpost. When patrons at a bar threaten him for no better reason than being a human, Doctor Chelli Aphra arrives with Krrsantan and assists him in defeating an entire bar full of jerks. Luke has no intention of partnering at all with Aphra, given her past association with Darth Vader, but she has an offer he cannot refuse. She has figured out that Vader wanted him because he is on the path to becoming a Jedi. She is in possession of the crystal from the Citadel of Rur that holds a copy of Rur's mind, which could provide Jedi teachings (and those of the Ordu Aspectu) for Luke, if only they could activate it. She believes that the Queen of Ktath'atn (i.e. the Screaming Citadel) could activate it for them. She offers a favor in return for meeting an interesting organic specimen each year, and Aphra believes that Luke, as a Force-user in a galaxy without Jedi would be just the thing to interest her. They impress the Queen, the crystal gets activated, Luke gets Jedi teachings, and Aphra gets access to an eyewitness (Rur) to the ancient past. Luke isn't sure about this, but he joins Aphra, Krrsantan, Triple-Zero, and BT-1 aboard the Ark Angel II to pursue this possibility. They do not let Han Solo, Leia Organa, or even Sana Starros know where they are going, since they would just come after them. When they arrive at the Screaming Citadel, Krrsantan is not allowed inside due to the Queen having an allergy to Wookiees. Aphra, Luke, and the droids enter and prepare for that night's festivities. At the Rebel outpost, Sana is frustrated because she was recently contacted by Aphra, her old flame, and she let Aphra know what planet she was on. As such, Aphra knows where the Rebels are. When Luke winds up leaving without letting them know, his droid (while R2-D2 is gone), S4, goes to Leia. The droid cannot say where he went, but Sana gets it to confirm that Luke was not alone and, as she suspects, he left with Aphra. (Her call was never about reuniting with Sana but about finding Luke.) When the time comes to meet and present lifeforms to the Queen, others present theirs, then Aphra presents Luke, who is met with scorn until another visitor tries to force them out, and Luke Force pushes him. This reveals his nature to the Queen, who chooses Luke immediately, sending all other potential visitors away until next year. As Luke and Aphra are allowed to stay and rest until meeting with the Queen to make their request for a favor, the Queen and her minions go out on a balcony and draw upon the life essence of the citizens below. It appears that the Queen of Ktath'atn has waited a long time to taste another Jedi. On Horox III, Han, Leia, S4, and Sana take off in the Millennium Falcon to rescue Luke, thanks to Sana recognizing the significance of what day it is (the Queen's receiving day). Unfortunately, Chewbacca has to stay behind due to not being welcome on the planet. At the Citadel, the Queen's lead guard, Bombinax, kills Lord Hossferin, one of the visitors earlier that evening, when he tries to force an audience instead of waiting until the next year. His men are also killed, and it is revealed that they have already captured Krrsantan and placed him in a cell as "quarantine." Luke has his doubts that the Queen can activate the crystal, but Aphra notes that since the Queen seems obsessed with Jedi and the Force, if she can't do it herself, she will be the person most likely to know who can. That's when Aphra also admits that the Queen tends to keep the lifeforms brought to her, though Aphra claims to have a plan for this eventuality. They finally dine with the Queen. She claims to want more proof of what Luke is before agreeing to activate the crystal (which Aphra does not have with her at the moment). Her servants bring out covered platters that are supposedly bearing candied rat-monkey offal, but just after placing something secretly under the table, Aphra recognizes that the smell coming from the platter isn't what the Queen claims. When Luke is told to open the platter with the Force and cannot do so on command,

Vespinax, the Queen's enforcer, puts a knife to his throat to force him to do so. He eventually does out of fear, sending the top into Vespinax's face. Aphra warns him too late that the platter holds something else. Her secret item beneath the table explodes, allowing Aphra to grab a blaster and both to run. The creatures were Abersyn symbiotes (the very same kind of creature that Aphra once stole and used to get her doctorate). The symbiotes are classified as "beyond quarantine" and take over an individual's brain and motor functions if they are able to get on the person. It makes them part of a sort of hive mind, controlled by the most powerful individual linked (i.e. the Queen). As Luke and Aphra try to escape and encounter the Queen's menagerie in their way, she calls Triple-Zero and BT-1 for help, but they have their own problems. Han, Leia, and Sana have arrived. Thankfully, the call stops any impending confrontation, and the Rebels join the droids on the Ark Angel II in crashing down upon the menagerie of creatures chasing Luke and Aphra. The moment they emerge from the ship, Sana tries to blast Aphra, but Luke blocks the shot with his lightsaber, claiming that she is with him and has a plan. (For her part, Aphra doesn't reveal that it was Sana that led her to Luke. She claims it was just a lucky guess.) Luke even claims that Aphra is now his friend too. They are all set upon by Vespinax, Bombinax, and other mind-linked minions of the Queen, forcing them to take refuge in a lab with tubes of symbiotes. While Luke and Aphra go to make sure the various blast door entrances are sealed, she reveals that the reason she sided with the Empire is because her mother was killed in the chaos around the Clone Wars (well, after them), and the Empire, while imperfect, "keeps people safe." In her eyes, for normal people, any peace is better than war. They seem to be bonding, but then she apologizes in advance and opens a door, allowing the Queen to enter. (She managed to message the Queen and set up a deal.) Using polarized glasses, Aphra evades the Queen's mesmerizing ability (though Luke does not), and she has slipped explosives into Luke's pockets and now holds the detonator. If the Queen does not show her how to reactivate the crystal, Aphra will blow him up and cost the Queen her prize. Leia, Han, Sana, and the droids catch up to them and engage the Queen and her soldiers, while Aphra takes cover. The Queen is able to mesmerize and capture Han, and Aphra tells the others how to escape, even though it means her being left behind. Before blowing their way out of the lab, Triple-Zero and S4 (who has tagged along all the while, apparently) manage to stick a symbiote inside S4 to use as a weapon, with Leia's grudging approval. They get out briefly and spot Bombinax attacking a weakened Krrsantan. They save Krrsantan and then, as Triple-Zero planned, put the symbiote inside him. Thus, when Bombinax next chases them into the safety of the Citadel, they are able to set Krrsantan against him with symbiote-enhanced strength. Krrsantan defeats Bombinax, and then they set him loose on the Citadel horde as a whole. Meanwhile, the Queen reactivates the Rur crystal for Aphra as promised and is ready to let her leave. Aphra, though, takes the time to ask what is going to happen to Luke, who is now strapped into a chair with a mask on his face connected to a tube leading away. This is allowing the Queen, little by little, to ingest his life energy. He struggles to ask Aphra to help him, but she leaves with the crystal. When the Queen is informed that Bombinax is dead and Krrsantan is raging around infected (and unable for her to control, despite being the top of the symbiote pyramid), she infects Han into a new soldier to go after Krrsantan for her. He leads other soldiers, and when they come upon Leia's team, he orders the droids destroyed and the women captured. As for Aphra, she is trying to buy a ship, but the Queen has ordered any ship she procures to be blasted out of the sky. However, she has a conversation with the essence of the Ordu Aspectu Jedi Rur within the crystal, who sees that she is full of regret from the guilt of her betrayal, which is new to her. His words convince her to help the others, especially Luke. As Triple-Zero and BT-1 are trying to escape the battle back with Han and his minions, Sana convinces them to help her save her friends in return for Sana helping them kill theirs (Aphra, whom the droids would actually like to see dead for various reasons, just can't do so themselves). Aphra makes her way back to the Queen's chambers and blasts her way in, even as Luke has freed himself and is making a feeble attempt to stand against the Queen. The explosion breaks a canister with a symbiote, which attaches to Luke. The Queen had avoided actually infecting Luke because doing so would, because of his Force abilities, make him the top of the food chain, not the Queen, giving him control of her minions. Now, Luke is the King of the hive. He and the Queen battle each other, which distracts both of their attention, allowing the Queen's top two subordinates and Han to be the new minds controlling the hive mind. Han briefly orders his soldiers to lower their weapons, but when the other subordinates (like Vespinax) arrive, he has his soldiers attack them and release Krrsantan to join in the fight. Luke, meanwhile, is battling the Queen as much on the physical

plane as the mental one through the Force. Thanks to Aphra, the voice of Rur is able to reach into Luke's mind to speak to him. He shows Luke how to disengage from the parasite's control, but then he also suggests that if he were to stay bonded to the parasite, he would be unstoppable. Luke refuses to do this, even though it is what the Eternal Rur might have done himself, and as soon as he frees himself fully from the parasite, he uses the Queen's momentary shock at this to cut her down with his lightsaber. Doing so seems to zap the brains of all the minions she controlled, allowing Han and the others the chance to take down her subordinates. Han is now in control of what is left of the hive, but he absolutely does not want to be a leader of a civilization with all that responsibility. Instead, he commands the parasites to leave all of the people on the planet, bringing freedom to the entire world. Triple-Zero sedates him so that they can remove the symbiote from Han. Luke and Aphra rejoin the others, and Aphra has BT-1 burn everything in the Citadel, hopefully wiping out the symbiotes in the process. Han is back to his old self without the symbiote, and Leia is quite happy to see him up and around, along with being grateful for their little troupe. Aphra tries to explain herself to Sana, but the latter notes that Aphra did leave but then she came back, which is as good as anyone could expect of her. Aphra asks where she and Sana went wrong, to which Sana replies, "We met." Aphra offers to give Luke some access to the activated crystal before they part ways, but he declines. He is not a Jedi, and nothing worthwhile is easy. He has learned that people who think there is a shortcut to getting what they want are not just wrong but also deluded. As if it wasn't clear enough to Aphra that he meant her, he tells her flat out to "stay the hell away from me and my friends." Shortly thereafter, Aphra, Triple-Zero, BT-1, and Krrsantan depart on the Ark Angel II, Aphra still fuming over Luke's judgmental comments and the failings of her own character. Aboard the Millennium Falcon, Luke, Han, Sana, Leia, and S4 (somewhere) leave to return to the Alliance. Below at the ruins of the Citadel, a couple of locals check around the ruins for something they might be able to sell. One stumbles upon the remains of the Queen and a symbiote that then takes her over. She speaks Luke's name, then tells her companion that their future is elsewhere. The threat of the Abersyn symbiotes appears to not yet be over.

(The Screaming Citadel)

- Dixnet Dat and Domthro Rus learn about Black Krrsantan from Trandoshan hunter Toka, who encountered him while working for the Xonti Brothers. Dixnet and Tomthro decide that they simply must meet this Wookiee. (To be continued below . . .)

(Doctor Aphra Annual #1)

- Pursued by TIE fighters during what should have been a simple supply run, Luke Skywalker and Leia Organa are forced to land their ship on a small island on what they believe is an uninhabited world of mostly oceans. (To be continued below . . .)

(Rebels in the Wild)

- During the early days of being stranded on an island on an ocean world, Luke Skywalker creates vaporators out of parts from the ship that brought him and Leia Organa to the planet. This keeps them from running out of drinking water. Unfortunately, the dedlanite from their blasters must be used to power the vaporators, leaving them with only more primitive weapons to hunt.

(conjecture *Rebels in the Wild*)

- In the Arkanis Sector, a convoy carrying, among other things, Imperial blasters, is lost. Thirteen crates of blasters go missing.
- Krawg pirates wipe out an entire town of Rebel sympathizers on Mykapo.
- In space, Sana Starros meets with a group of Krawg pirates. She is trying to sell them thirteen crates of Imperial issue blasters (showing them only one in this meeting). She wants 5,000 credits as a down payment, then another 15,000 when she delivers the other twelve crates. She allows them to keep the first crate, except for one blaster she keeps. The pirates pay with bloody credits from when they raided a village of Rebel sympathizers on Mykapo. She leaves, then meets with Lando Calrissian on Nar Shadda. She has a proposition for him. She wants him to use his connections to get her a meeting with an Imperial officer on Coruscant. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Thirteen Crates)

- Three weeks after being forced to land on one of an ocean world's few islands, Luke Skywalker and Leia Organa continue to survive on their own, living off the land and surviving

by their wits, away from the Galactic Civil War. The nebula above will not allow their transmissions through, and their ship is too damaged to leave on its own. They soon realize that they are not alone. There is an entire sentient underwater society that is now endangered because of their presence. The Imperials are underwater, harassing the natives, when Luke and Leia decide to set things right. Luke starts a signal fire that draws in Imperial shoretroopers and an AT-AT. He and Leia manage to take them out, thanks mostly to recovered dedlanite from the vaporators, then they fix their ship with parts from the AT-AT and leave the planet to return to the Rebel Alliance. Meanwhile, Sana Starros arrives on Coruscant with Lando Calrissian as part of her current plot . . .

(Rebels in the Wild)

- As part of her plans that revolve around thirteen crates of Imperial blasters, Sana Starros and Lando Calrissian are now on Coruscant. Lando has managed to get her a meeting with an Imperial official. She provides the blaster she kept when dealing with the Krawg pirates as proof that she has access to the blasters stolen from an Imperial convoy. She claims to have stolen it and is offering to sell them back to the Empire. Sana avoids arrest for herself and Lando by clarifying that she stole them from the people who stole them from the Empire. In return for the other weapons and the name of who stole them originally, she wants 20,000 credits. The officer threatens to kill them, but it would not get back the weapons, and if they get used against the Empire or in criminal activities, the Empire will lose face. He agrees, providing 20,000 in return for her assurance that she will return the blasters and the name of the Krawg pirates as the original thieves (which is a lie). As it turns out, she has just made credits from blasters she never even really had. She has only ever had one crate (the one left with the Krawg, which included the blaster she has now given to the Empire). As it turns out, she stole that crate from Jabba the Hutt's people, who were the ones who stole the other twelve from the Imperial convoy. Sana and Lando visit Jabba to offer him the name of the group that stole his thirteenth crate: the Krawg pirates (now double-crossed twice!). When one of the pirates, aware of the first double-cross, tries to kill her there in Jabba's palace with one of the blasters from the thirteenth crate, this just helps the story. Sana blasts him, and the gun becomes proof that the Krawg stole the crate. For this information and taking out that attacker, Sana gets 20,000 credits. She has made 45,000 credits in three days over blasters that she, for the most part, didn't even have, at least until now! Jabba's people had found the convoy over Tatooine after its life support shorted out. She had stolen the first crate from Jabba, and now, while Lando was oogling dancing girls and the like at the palace, she has stolen the other twelve out from under Jabba's nose. As Volt Cobra is then attacked by the pirates as they leave Tatooine, an Imperial Star Destroyer arrives and goes after the pirates. Sana and Lando escape into hyperspace. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Thirteen Crates)

- Aboard the flagship of the Rebel fleet, Han Solo meets with Mon Mothma, who asks him to carry out a mission for her. They need to smuggle Grakkus the Hutt, whom the Alliance recently liberated from an Imperial prison transport, to a secret Rebel holding facility in the catacombs of Akiva. (They would have used Sunspot Prison, but it is currently shut down after the incident there.) Grakkus supposedly has a safe house somewhere with enough weapons and such to supply an army, and the Rebels want it. On Akiva, General Dravits Draven will interrogate Grakkus to learn that location. Mon is able to use Han's obvious affection for Leia Organa to convince him to help. Once in space aboard the Millennium Falcon, Han and Chewbacca have to put up with Grakkus, who is in restraints at the entrance to the cockpit. Grakkus tries to convince Han that he should ally with Grakkus, not the Rebels, but they are interrupted by Imperial TIE fighters attacking. Unfortunately, Grakkus disables the hyperdrive with a convenient thumping of a control panel, and before they can get the issue resolved, the Imperials actually damage it. Pursuit continues . . . (To be continued below . . .)

(The Hutt Run)

- Sana Starros and Lando Calrissian head for Nar Shaddaa, where Sana gives her cut of the payment to a hospital in Wormstew Town in the form of a dozen sacks of credits. Lando then gets his payment: a dinner date with Sana. However, she has them eating something pretty low quality, and he just ends up taking his cut and leaving. She has the food thrown out and "real" food brought to her once he leaves. She might be a smuggler and a scoundrel, but she has brought some hope back to a small part of Nar Shaddaa. Meanwhile, Han Solo and Chewbacca are being pursued by TIE fighters with Grakkus the Hutt aboard the Millennium

Falcon . . .

(The Thirteen Crates)

- While en route to Akiva with Grakkus the Hutt as a Rebel prisoner, the Millennium Falcon is under attack by Imperial TIE fighters and its hyperdrive has been damaged. Han Solo tells Grakkus that he will do what his old self would do. He contacts the Imperials and offers to hand over Grakkus. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Hutt Run)

- R2-D2 is supposedly out of power and floating in space in his stolen X-wing when driving close enough to be “found” by the Imperial Star Destroyer where C-3PO is being held. The stormtroopers who check on the X-wing once it is brought into the hangar are quickly zapped by R2-D2, whom they did not perceive as a threat. Upon hearing the fallen troopers saying something about a droid, the ship’s captain orders more troops to the hangar and to be on the lookout for some kind of big, nasty droid. (To be continued below . . .)

(Revenge of the Astromech)

- Millennium Falcon lands on a nearby asteroid. When Imperial pilots board to get Grakkus (while Han and Chewbacca are in a smuggling compartment), Grakkus shows that he can easily kill in his restraints and takes out one pilot. Han and Chewbacca then emerge and shoot the others. While Chewbacca works on the hyperdrive, Han intends to put Grakkus into the hold and then have him held at bowcaster-point, but then Grakkus grabs Han and tries to force Chewbacca to set their course for Teth. As soon as the duo hear where Grakkus wants to go, Han activates a voice command for Grakkus’ binders to zap him heavily. It was all a show, a ruse to get Grakkus to reveal the location of his stash without interrogation, since he would likely be able to resist. Their mission has been a success. Meanwhile, aboard an Imperial Star Destroyer, R2-D2 is running amok!

(The Hutt Run)

- R2-D2, going unnoticed because he is just an astromech, gets into the ship’s computer and sends in another team of troopers, and the two teams enter from opposite sides amidst a smoke screen R2-D2 provides, and they end up killing each other. R2-D2 continue to use the ship’s systems against the Imperials, then finds where C-3PO is being held. With interrogation unsuccessful, the Imperial in charge of the interrogation is ready to have C-3PO dismantled on orders from Darth Vader himself, who happens to currently be aboard. R2-D2 disables the interrogator and his droid, and the two of them make their way back to the X-wing, while R2-D2’s activities cause stormtroopers to destroy one of their own security droids, thinking it must be the culprit. The droids escape in the X-wing, and Vader punishes the captain by Force choking him to death. Vader goes after the X-wing in his TIE Advanced x1, but R2-D2 and C-3PO hold their own just long enough for an earlier distress call from R2-D2 to be answered by the Millennium Falcon, the Volt Cobra, and Luke Skywalker in an X-wing. They then all escape into hyperspace. Both droids are now back with the Rebel Alliance. (To be continued below . . .)

(Revenge of the Astromech)

- Sergeant Kreel of SCAR Squadron tries to practice with his lightsaber against training remotes, but he does not have Jedi reflexes and is unsuccessful. When Darth Vader tells him that he will never be a Sith, Kreel does not really care. He just considers himself a stormtrooper who has an appreciation for a good saber. Vader takes it and asks why Kreel should not be killed for his failure on the Harbinger. Kreel answers that he will not fail again, but if he does, he will kneel before Vader and kill himself after killing his entire team. Vader gives him back the lightsaber and sends SCAR Squadron on a mission to scout for a Rebel outpost in the Horox System. They are to find and destroy it, and if Luke Skywalker is there, they are to capture him. Before the two can part ways, Emperor Sheev Palpatine enters with two royal guards, and Kreel bows, shocked because he has never actually met the Emperor in person. It helps solidify his faith. When SCAR Squadron goes to the Horox System, they find locals who are being threatened by a much larger alien that wants food paid to him as tribute. Kreel has Zuke fight this “overlord.” Kreel then executes him with a blaster. He claims to be there to help the locals, and this proves it to them. Now, he needs their help to ensure their protection. He needs to know where the Rebel terrorists have their base. They gladly tell him . . . (To be continued below . . .)

(Imperial Pride)

- Meanwhile, Scar Squadron discovers a Rebel outpost that is unaware of their approach. They prepare to launch an attack.*

(Revenge of the Astromech)*

*NOTE: Presumably this is the base on Horax III as seen in *Imperial Pride*, since all other single-issue stories in this “arc” have had a piece midway into the story introduced in the previous issue as a sort of epilogue.

- SCAR Squadron attacks the Rebel base on Horox III that the locals they saved have pointed them toward. They kill everyone there and set it ablaze. Soon, Luke Skywalker, Leia Organa, Han Solo, Chewbacca, R2-D2, C-3PO, and Sana Starros arrive. Leia wants to bury the dead, but they may be booby-trapped, and there is little time. When they read a message on a nearby wall left by SCAR Squadron to take credit for their handiwork, Leia recalls that this is war, so pleasantries like burial might not be possible. Still, Luke and the others drag the bodies into a funeral pyre. They know that even with the Death Star’s destruction recently, the war has only just begun.

(Imperial Pride)

- On Tatooine, settlers whose farms were raided by Tusken Raiders attack a Tusken encampment. Many die, then others die when buried by a sandstorm. When a Tusken child is thrown out of Chalmun’s Cantina by Wuher, stormtroopers are harassing the Tusken when Obi-Wan Kenobi steps in and uses the Force to get them to back off. Obi-Wan takes the child home. As the Tusken’s say, the sand will provide, but this time the sand had a bit of help from a Jedi.

(The Sand Will Provide)

- Chelli Aphra, Black Krrsantan, Triple Zero, and BT-1 go to Isolate-4 Lab in the Outer Rim, where they reactivate the Rur crystal. The Queen at the Screaming Citadel had reactivated it without Rur’s technopathy, but Aphra has now reactivated that ability. She has also managed to develop a containment field that protects the droids from Rur’s abilities. Now, she intends to sell the crystal to make an enormous profit. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Doctor Aphra and the Enormous Profit)*

*NOTE: This part of the story begins 1 - 2 months after Aphra and a few weeks after *The Screaming Citadel*.

- Chelli Aphra is now in possession of a fully restored Rur crystal, and she intends to sell it soon. She must do this because she still owes a massive amount of credits to Black Krrsantan. (She has also promised him that she will help him find the Xonti Brothers that turned him into the Wookiee he is today.) In the guise of “Sulan Do, Black Krrsantan’s agent,” Aphra (with Triple-Zero and BT-1) meets with Dixnet Dat and Domthro Rus, who have heard about Krrsantan and want to meet him. While Dixnet and Domthro meet with Krrsantan, Aphra and the droids break into the pair’s ship. It turns out that the pair are journalists, and they want to know what the Xonti Brothers did to Krrsantan to make him hate them so much. They publish their stories across the Undervine (alternative media to the HoloNet). They are all about exposing wrongdoing in the galaxy. Aboard the ship, Aphra and the droids slice into the pair’s Undervine transmitter. Shortly thereafter, the journalists annoy Krrsantan and leave quickly. They have learned that essentially Krrsantan was trained as a gladiator by the Xontis, though he volunteered for it rather than being captured and forced into it. This substantially changed his life, so he sees himself as owing the brothers a life debt of a sort, and he must dramatically change their lives to settle that debt. As the pair leaves the system, they discover that Aphra used the ship to advertise the upcoming event she is holding to sell the Rur crystal. Before the event is held, though, Aphra and the droids go with Krrsantan back to where he used to fight, so he can engage in some nostalgia by busting some heads.

(Doctor Aphra Annual #1)

- While searching for a new staging ground for a hidden Rebel base, Han Solo and Princess Leia find themselves on the planet Odonia as a massive ice storm approaches. After facing a creature while scouting caves, they emerge only to be fired upon by a group of three hunters (Selt, Frax, and a partner). Han draws their fire away from Leia, while she returns to the Millennium Falcon. Han ducks into caves, where there is no chance of escape, at least according to the scarred Nikto, Frax, who leads the trio and has come to exact a blood debt upon him after having been left to die by Han. Leia arms herself with gear that includes Chewbacca’s bowcaster, then heads out into the tunnels to help Han. Han has been nearly run down when Leia saves him by throwing a Molotov cocktail into Frax’s droid companion, then Han blasts the ceiling out from over them. Leia and Han reach an exit, but Han sees no way for them both to make it back to the ship safely in the storm. He believes that his past misdeeds are catching up with him, so he should simply die, but Leia sees his faults clearly and knows that Frax is not his responsibility, since Frax is just trying to avoid facing his own choices. In the tunnels, when Selt and the droid attempt to back out of hunting Han any further, Frax destroys them both. When Frax gets out and comes after Han again, Leia seals

*Han in the tunnel and faces Frax herself. Both she and Frax are wounded and out in the cold, but a Rebel rescue ship soon arrives with Chewbacca and others. Leia awakens on a Nebulon-B frigate. Both he and Leia have survived. Frax was left frozen on the planet. Han tells Leia that she saved him, and he pays his debts, but she notes that this is not about debts in the Rebellion. They simply make choices, and when things go poorly, they do not blame each other, just make the best of it together. Han pretends that she is trying to show him up by being more honorable than he is, but he swears he will make things “square” by paying her back somehow and that he will not be leaving the Rebellion until he does. (Ah, just another excuse for him to stick around.)**

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*NOTE: This story does not appear to have a title.

- Weeks after reactivating the Rur crystal’s technopathic abilities, Chelli Aphra is holding an event at the Sorca Retreat (a space station) to sell the crystal for an enormous profit. Among those in attendance are: Rodians from the former Son-tuul Pride, led by Yonak; representatives of the Cyban Front (which works with the Droid Gotra); representatives from the Shadow University; representatives of the Ezaraa; Thomas Toov; Papa Toren; and Sutha the Hutt (representing Jabba the Hutt). Aphra hosts the event, joined by Triple-Zero, BT-1, and Black Krrsantan. She boasts of Immortal Rur’s technopathy, ancient Jedi knowledge, and her ability to provide a technology that would also protect the buyer’s own technology from being taken over by Rur. When Yonak asks why they could not just kill Aphra and take the crystal, she reveals that the entire location is outfitted with automated guns. (That shocks Yonak, given that Rur could take control of them if she somehow lost control.) Aphra orders the droids not to kill anyone, but the droids are getting bored lately and are seeking to separate themselves from Aphra to return to what they do best: killing. Triple-Zero believes that Aphra will instead deactivate them when this event is over, so as a means of self-defense, the droids contact Darth Vader. The potential buyers all meet with Aphra to put forward their offers. Toov offers more credits than anyone else, and since he intends to give himself immortality and then sell that service to others, he will also give Aphra that kind of immortality too. Sutha and Yonak merge their efforts, each intending to kill the other if they win. The Cyban Front wants the crystal destroyed and offers credits and that all debts Aphra might have to the organizations the Front represents would be settled. The Ezaraa intend to rule the universe and provide 0.00001% of their revenue to Aphra and her next ten descendants. (If she does not sell to them, they will brand her a heretic.) Since the Ezaraa Dominion is really just two continents on Ezaraa, it isn’t much of a threat. The Shadow University offers to give her access to all of their archives, along with the crystal itself once obtained. They can also help her get back her doctorate. Papa Toren leaves, having studied the artifact for his employers, who have now arrived. It is the Xonti Brothers, to whom Krrsantan owes a brutal “life debt” (sort of). BT-1 has to zap Krrsantan to keep him from going after the brothers. The brothers are gladiator trainers and offer an even split of profits if they acquire Rur as a droid gladiator. Aphra choose to sell to the Shadow University, but just after making this known, the crystal is able to take control of a droid body and free himself. Aphra realizes that Rur is not actually using technopathy. She has been betrayed by Triple-Zero and BT-1, who put the crystal into the droid body and activated the automated weapons, which are not under Rur’s control, just attacking anyone. The droids want to talk to her, but while she is on her way, Krrsantan stops her, needing her to get him into the armory so he can load up to go after the Xonti Brothers. She gets on the intercom and tells all of the attendees about the weapons in the armory, then runs for it. Rur nearly kills her, but the droids use the automated guns to save her (for now). She reaches her room and the droids just as Darth Vader arrives from his Star Destroyer. Vader destroys the Cyban Front droid representative. Triple-Zero reveals that they brought Vader by telling him about a gathering of “ne’er-do-wells” to buy an ancient artifact, but the droids did not tell Vader that it was Aphra selling it. The droids blackmail Aphra into turning off their inhibitions and any loyalty to a “mater.” They are now free droids. They leave in peace (for now). As the droids leave, Krrsantan arrives. He needs Aphra to help him get to the Xontis, since they are holed up in their docking bay with their ship and behind auto-turrets. Assuming she can get Krrsantan to the Xontis and take them down, they will call it even and leave in the Xontis’ ship. As they make their way, they find Yonak, the Shadow University representatives, and others. Before dying while lying in the open as bait, the Shadow University representative tells Aphra that their ship carries priceless artifacts that must be preserved. When they reach the docking bay, which the Xontis cannot get open to escape, Aphra pretends to offer them a deal:*

pretend that she was captured, draw in Krrsantan, then kill him and escape. It is a trick, though. She set a nearby droid to explode, giving Krrsantan a chance to blast the Xontis. Rather than leaving with the Wookiee on the Xontis' ship, she chooses to make a run for the Shadow University ship. As she makes her way to the ship, she is able to set the Imperials upon Yonak's group, while also drawing Rur there, where the spirit of the ancient Jedi battles Vader in lightsaber combat. As they duel, Aphra hides briefly with Yonak, so sends a comrade into the line of fire as a living shield so he can escape. Aphra does the same with Sutha the Hutt, and both make it through, but then Sutha is killed with a deflected blaster shot to the head. Yonak reaches his ship, only to find Triple-Zero and BT-1 aboard, looking for a new "partner." They leave together, but it is clear that the droids consider themselves in charge and Yonak their servant, rather than the other way around. When Vader defeats Rur's droid body, Rur activates the defensive cannons on the station, which attack Vader, Aphra, and others. Vader finally fully defeats Rur, taking the Rur crystal for himself, which shuts down the defenses. Aphra finds the Shadow University ship full of artifacts and leaves. As she does, Vader senses his presence, but he lets her go so as to maintain the Imperial blockade in orbit. Aphra escapes into hyperspace. She then delivers at least some artifacts to the Shadow University and others to the Museum of Bar'leth. With the money she makes from the museum, she goes on vacation to Zeltros. In the Outer Rim, Black Krrsantan will now "train" (and mistreat) those who trained him. On Son-Tuul, Yonak returns to dominance of the criminal activities there, but he is now subservient to the droids. On Coruscant, Vader argues that the strength used to go after criminals as in this most recent action could be better spent going after Rebels. The Rur crystal is added to Emperor Sheev Palpatine's collection of artifacts. On Zeltros, Aphra is confronted by Tukan, ally of Dukan, whom Aphra killed on the Cosmatanic Steppes. She kills him too, but then five of his allies prepare to get revenge for him. Aphra just has to wonder why such things always seem to happen to her.*

(Doctor Aphra and the Enormous Profit)*

*NOTE: This part of the story begins weeks after the first part of the tale, which was already a few weeks after *The Screaming Citadel* and 1 - 2 months after *Aphra*.

- About a month before Tam Posla learns that Chelli Aphra is at Accresker Jail, the trail of Cornelius Evazan goes cold after he infiltrates a biofarm on Thannt, leaving Tam Posla without further leads on his location.
(conjecture based on *The Catastrophe Con*)
- On Mustafar, Darth Vader meets with Admiral Kendal Ozzel and General Maximilian Veers, discussing the difficulties in destroying slippery, small Rebel targets and whether the time has come to reveal the existence of Vader's new Death Squadron of Star Destroyers, led by his Super Star Destroyer, the Executor. Coming upon an idea, Vader travels to Shu-Torun, where Vader approaches Queen Trios with new instructions. She is to travel to Jedha to assist in the mining operation there, but in the process, he wants her to supply information to the Rebellion, infiltrate their ranks, help them construct a fleet, then lure them into a trap wherein Vader can destroy them and show how weak the Rebels really are, breaking their spirit and robbing them of hope. Trios knows that if she doesn't comply, Shu-Torun could suffer a fate similar to Alderaan one day. She agrees, and Vader kills all of the witnesses in the room to protect the plan's secrecy. As far as Trios is concerned, as long as Shu-Torun lives, everyone is expendable.
(Shu-Torun Lives)
- On Jedha, a group made of remnants of Saw Gerrera's Partisans engages Imperials. Saurval is killed, but then Ubin Des and Chulco Gi are saved by the arrival of Luke Skywalker and Leia Organa, who get the two Partisans to where Han Solo awaits with the Millennium Falcon (while Chewbacca is on a different mission for Leia). They all escape to land amid the massive crystals on NaJedha, the planet that Jedha orbits. There they reunite with C-3PO and R2-D2. Chulco reveals himself to be an aspirant to the Disciples of the Whills, whose sacred temple (and the rest of the Holy City) was destroyed by the Death Star. Because Jedha is dying, blasted and cracked, so is NaJedha. Leia learns that Ubin is not just a former Rebel Alliance member but was even present at the Battle of Yavin. She recently returned to Jedha and joined the reformed Partisans. The Imperials are back on Jedha to scour its remains for more kyber crystals, and with their return, the need to fight them there has resumed. Leia hopes Ubin can help her convince the Partisan leadership to work with the Alliance again, which has rarely gone well for them. Meanwhile, Queen Trios of Shu-Torun arrives with cybernetically augmented Imperial Commander Kanchar. Kanchar is there to take over the recovery operation, while Trios is an expert in mining and mineral extraction

from the harsh conditions on Shu-Torun. Upon seeing how few crystals have been gathered under the previous commanding officer there, Commander Befu, Kanchar kills Befu. Kanchar and Trios will finish what Grand Moff Wilhuff Tarkin started: bleeding Jedha dry of kyber crystals. (One could argue that it was more Director Orson Krennic who did so, but since it was all under Tarkin's auspices in the big picture, that's just semantics, I suppose.) Below, Ubin and Chulco take Luke, Han, and Leia (all with hoods so they cannot see where they are going) to the Partisan base on Jedha aboard the Falcon. There, their hoods are finally removed, and they find themselves confronted by the current leader of the Partisans, Benthic Two Tubes, Saw's former second-in-command. (Edrio Two Tubes died during the Jedha attack.) Leia argues to Benthic that the Alliance wants to support anyone who is going to keep the Empire from getting more kyber crystals for whatever they build next. That does not mean that the Alliance would give orders to the Partisans or anything similar, just that they would act as a supplier for the Partisans. Since they need such resources and are offered the services of the trio while they are on Jedha, Benthic agrees for now. (C-3PO and R2-D2 just remain with the ship, apart from the situation but keeping an eye on what is happening.) Above, Kanchar reveals to Trios that Saw had managed to capture far more kyber crystals from the Empire than anyone had previously known. Thus, if they can find his old base, it would be a motherload of crystals for the Empire. In order to not have to deal with the issue of separating Rebels (or Partisans) from civilians on Jedha, Kanchar proclaims an edict that no one is allowed to be on Jedha at all without Imperial sanction, which makes any remaining civilians into de facto rebels to be killed off. Below, Leia, Luke, Chulco, and Ubin distribute filters to civilians so they can breathe more easily. Ubin tells Luke a bit about Jyn Erso and the Rogue One team, since the Alliance leadership doesn't tend to discuss the mission, since they are embarrassed not to have sanctioned it. When stormtroopers arrive to incinerate (yes, incinerate, not incarcerate) the remaining locals, Luke leaps into action with his lightsaber, killing all of the stormtroopers present. Having done so, he soon informs Benthic back at base that he understands what is at stake on Jedha now. Benthic shows him a new development, a drill citadel deployed by Trios and Kanchar. That is their next target. They must destroy it, which is a bit of a specialty for Luke and Han after the Death Star. Luke and Benthic lead an infiltration into the citadel mine to take down its shields, then Han leads a strike in the Falcon to destroy it. With it gone, however, Kanchar and Trios are ready to deploy the Leviathan, a Continent-class crawler that her people use on low-gravity moons to peel away a planet's mantle. Chulco, meanwhile, was nearly killed in the attack and now believes that it is time to complete his pilgrimage. He convinces Luke to join him in traveling to the shrine of the Cult of the Central Isopter, which overlooks the void where the Great Temple was. Leia resists letting him go, but he believes that he must become a Jedi, and meeting those wise in the Force is necessary for that practical goal. Chulco and Luke travel toward the Chasm, where they are drawn into the heart of darkness formed by the desecration of Jedha, which has also corrupted sand slugs into dangerous beasts. After slaying one, they meet members of the Cult. Luke quickly realizes that he wants no part of what is going on there, a sort of worship of death as a teacher in the Force. Chulco isn't so sure, since this is at least a path with the Force, if not the one he would have originally chosen. Elsewhere, Ubin leads an attempt to mine the path ahead of the Leviathan to destroy it, but it has no effect, forcing Han and Leia to have to save Ubin's team from their own recklessness. In space above the planet, Chewbacca arrives aboard an ally's ship and must engage Imperial TIE fighters. Below, Chulco heeds the call of the darkness and is about to kill Luke at its urging, but Luke runs him through with his lightsaber. Before he dies, Chulco reveals that it is the Dark Side in the place, not the Cult itself, that affected him and Luke must avoid. The Cultists have picked up a distress call from Chewbacca's ship, so Luke is able to go up and save the day, not realizing that they have been spotted by an Imperial vessel disguised as a chunk of rock. Chewbacca is injured but makes it back with Luke to the others, where the information he brought (his secret mission for Leia) proves to be plans for the Leviathan. Their plan is to get a team aboard the Leviathan to access its core systems (using C-3PO) and cut off the bridge from the rest of the crawler. In doing so, they should be able to get a larger team aboard to take over the bridge and drive the crawler into the very hole in the crust that it has created. Luke takes a moment to speak with Ubin about Rogue One and expresses that he isn't sure he could have handled the pressure of taking the shot that destroyed the Death Star if he had truly known how many had sacrificed themselves to make that moment possible. The mission begins. A droid drops Luke, C-3PO, Leia, and R2-D2 off at the crawler in a container, allowing them to infiltrate it. Meanwhile, Kanchar turns

Imperial forces on the Partisan base, having tracked Chewbacca and Luke there. Thankfully, the remaining heroes make it aboard the Falcon and launch. Leia stays with the droids at the core, while Luke heads for the Leviathan's bridge. Aboard the Falcon, Han realizes that Ubin's plans will get them all killed, but she seems to want to sacrifice herself. Instead, he asserts himself and takes command with a different plan. Aboard the Leviathan, Luke takes out the gunner about to reboot the weapons to fire on the Falcon, then confronts Kanchar. Han's team boards and begins their assault, while Leia tries to make sure reinforcements cannot be routed to the bridge via the core systems. However, she and the droids are caught by Trios. Instead of stopping her, though, Trios reveals that she was the one who leaked the Leviathan plans so that Chewbacca could acquire them. She explains that when Darth Vader killed her father and put her on the throne, even going so far as to give her a chunk of Alderaan as a symbol, she did not take it as a lesson to be loyal but a realization that she will never allow what happened to Alderaan to happen to Shu-Torun. The Empire must be stopped but cannot be allowed to doubt her loyalty, since it would doom her people. The destruction of her supposedly important Leviathan will help shield her from suspicions, but she now wants an alliance with Leia and the Rebels. She will not only be a source inside the Empire but also a supplier, since the Empire has no idea how much Shu-Torun truly produces each year. Han's team arrives on the bridge to find that the fight has moved on. Luke is battling Kanchar himself, lightsaber against cybernetic weapons. Luke is able to defeat him by activating an ion torpedo, which fries Kanchar's cybernetics. Luke then returns to Leia and the droids, briefly seeing Leia bid farewell to Trios. The Rebels escape just as the Leviathan is destroyed. Trios also escapes with an annoyed Kanchar. The Partisans and Rebels part ways on NaJedha, just after Han gives Ubin a medal for her heroics. At first Luke and Leia think it was his medal from the Battle of Yavin, but it turns out that he has made a bunch of copies to sell when he needs extra credits. They pretend they didn't hear such a thing. They leave to continue rebuilding the Rebel Alliance.

(The Ashes of Jedha)

- Triple-Zero sends a team that includes Chelli Aphra to steal Clone Wars era Techno Union data from Someilk.
(conjecture based on Remastered)
- On Someilk in the Outer Rim, Magna Tolvan has been reduced in rank to lieutenant. She is serving under the patronizing Captain Punfor. She is weary with being mocked and misses her mentor, the recently departed Inspector Thanoth. The base where she is stationed comes under attack by a team that includes (among a few others), BT-1, Rexa Go, and Chelli Aphra (the woman whose actions helped lead to Tolvan's demotion). Despite his mocking, Punfor is at least smart enough to accept tactical advice from Tolvan. She tells Punfor to get everyone to secure locations since the attackers are about to reach the control room. She will then swing around in a patrol gunship and attack the control room to take out the invaders. When she tires to get into the gunship, though, Aphra is there with a blaster drawn. Aphra introduces herself to her new prisoner (with Aphra in the rear seat and Tolvan in the front) as "Joystick Chevron" AKA "Joy." Aphra can tell quickly that Tolvan is in a depressed state, even as she finds herself flirting with the Imperial. Aphra is living a lonely life now herself, so she continues her flirting and instead of killing Tolvan just stuns her and leaves her on the deck. Aphra escapes with her team, but then Rexa sets off explosives that were part of Rexa's orders but not hers. Below, Tolvan has survived but is enraged. Aphra's team returns to Son-tuul, where she is informed that she would have resisted the nature of the real mission, so she was not told at the time. She tries to back out and avoid future similar activities, but she is unable to leave her new master . . . Triple-Zero! Shortly thereafter, Tolvan is in Imperial custody for incompetence of command at Eadu, Yavin, and Someilk and slated for execution. She dreams of being saved by Aphra. Meanwhile, Triple-Zero has a mission in mind: the recovery of his original memories, which would allow him to recall, among other things, his first murder. For her part, Aphra has recently cloned (and "customized") a tooka (Fluffo), which she claims was done because she had one as a pet as a child. Aphra is stuck taking orders from Triple-Zero for now because he could easily inform Darth Vader that Aphra is alive. Triple-Zero orders Aphra to assemble a team from available assets: herself (non-negotiable), Rexa Go (non-negotiable), Skakoan guide Hallio Bas (non-negotiable), Tam Posla (former Milvayne cop in love with Caysin Bog), Caysin Bog (headless cyborg in love with Posla), Glahst Ombra (a Defel scout-vixen), Dek-[Nil] (a first generation droideka that Aphra recently tweaked with probability tech), the Violet Ghost (possibly undercover royalty), and Sister Six (former member of the Isotoper death cult). Aphra must choose not whom to

bring but whom to leave behind to be captured by incoming Imperials. At the same time, Tolvan is taken out to be killed by firing squad at the Dendada XVII Imperial Internal Affairs Outpost, but before that can happen, new orders arrive. Inspector Thanoth named Tolvan his legatee, so she is being reassigned to the Inspectorate. (The loss of Scarif slowed down the process, as did her demotion that left them looking for a "Captain Tolvan" to reassign when she was already demoted to lieutenant.) They are ready to continue the execution, based on her three demerits, but the investigative branches use a four-demerit program, so she is able to get out of the execution. (The fact that the officer in charge didn't know this off-hand leads to him getting his own third demerit and thus execution in the near future.) Back on Son-Tuul, the Violet Ghost battles the Imperials, reveling in revealing his true identity as Viscount Rabael Dir Glorio, 26th in line to the massacred throne of Alderaan and only surviving scion of the House of Glorio . . . even as he is left behind by Aphra's team as they lift off. Once in hyperspace, Aphra realizes that their recent raid on Someilk a week earlier must have been to gain Clone Wars era Techno Union information. Along with Hallio as their guide, she deduces that they are going to raid Wat Tambor's old facilities on Skako Minor. They make their way into the jungle toward a secret facility once run by Tambor, only for it to turn out to be a trap. Hallio is in league with the Empire. Of course, the Empire doesn't intend to end its occupation or give over the ruins where the trap was set, so the deal Hallio made was useless. Aphra gives Flufto to Hallio to spare the tooka from dying alongside the others, but then the "customized" tooka explodes, taking out their captors. Meanwhile, Tolvan is searching for information that will identify Aphra. In doing so, she inadvertently learns that Thanoth was working as an adjutant to Darth Vader himself, and it was Vader who has deleted the files on the only person matching Tolvan's search parameters for Aphra. Tolvan may be getting in over her head. Unbeknownst to Aphra and her team, one of the Imperial Security Droids that they just blew up with Flufto is set to transmit automatically when at the point of deactivation. This sends footage of Aphra as she opens a cryogenic container filled with sixty more explosive tookas. Tolvan sees the recording while aboard a shuttle and orders course set for Aphra's coordinates on Skako Minor. Aphra's team makes their way into Tambor's fortress, built around a Hellhulk Station from the Hundred-Year Darkness. They are in the midst of searching for information regarding the Triple-Zero Matrix when Tolvan and her forces burst onto the scene by literally crashing their shuttle into the station. A battle ensues, but it is mostly everyone for themselves against a giant creature that the crash activates from among the archaeotech in Tambor's station. (For the record, the creature is a techno-totem of a Chthonic worm god from an age of fable and horror.) Amid the battle, Aphra and Tolvan continue to flirt while taking cover near each other. When Caysin appears to have been killed, Posla goes ballistic on the creature . . . until it turns out that Caysin is fine, and he calms down. Ready to die, Aphra and Tolvan share a kiss, just as Dek-[Nil] fires a shot into the ceiling, which drops acid onto the head of a surviving stormtrooper, causing the stormtrooper to fire a rocket into the ceiling, which brings it down upon the creature, stopping it. (Got all that?) Aphra tells Tolvan to just forget about her, since she is a "kiss of death." Before Tolvan can sneak away, Rexa spots her, leading Aphra to have to incapacitate Rexa. Tolvan escapes, and once they have what the team was there to acquire, they leave (with Rexa left behind). Aphra reports to Triple-Zero on their findings. 100 years earlier, Wat Tambor acquired the Triple-Zero personality matrix. He studied it and became obsessed with it until becoming scared of it. Thinking that it was too dangerous to be active, Tambor sent it for quarantine, where Aphra discovered it shortly after the Battle of Yavin. Triple-Zero's memories, however, were kept by Tambor, so they were siphoned up by the Empire after the Clone Wars along with all other Techno Union materials. The memories are currently on file at the Tarkin Initiative's "pride and joy," one of the biggest archives ever built: Hivebase-1. It will now be the job of Aphra's team to somehow get aboard and acquire Triple-Zero's memories (or die trying). The team heads for a supposedly secret Rebel flight school based out of an old Trade Federation lucrehulk freighter, operated by General Hera Syndulla. Upon arrival, the local second-in-command is excited at the chance to bring Posla into the Rebel ranks. Ombra, meanwhile, slips away in true Defel fashion, while Dek-[Nil] engineers a leak in a set of pipes nearby. During a recruitment tour, they learn that Hera has been using the droid control array on the ship to link with astromechs in the training X-wings used by trainees to keep them from screwing up too badly. Flufto (a new one) leaps from Aphra's arms and runs off, supposedly drawn to high-energy sources. Flufto slips into the control room with Hera, where its explosives are detected, leading Hera to blast it. Upon revealing to Hera that they aren't actually recruits but instead a band of mercenaries with a proposal for her, Hera

puts them into the brig. While she is held with Dek-[Nil], a figure that appears to be Ombra breaks into her cell. It turns out to be Tolvan, who has captured and skinned Ombra, using the Defel's skin and clothing as a disguise with no reservations, since she has terminated a murderer. Tolvan admits to craving order because it is the only way to measure her own self-control over the disorder in her heart. Aphra suggests a career change, the two kiss (again), and then Tolvan demands to know Aphra's name, mission, and why Vader deleted her records. Fortunately, the leak caused by Dek-[Nil] finally causes a short circuit that frees them, just long enough for Aphra to sneak Tolvan into an air duct. The team, who do not flee as a sign of good faith, is brought to the docking bay to speak with Hera about their proposal. At that point, they spring another trap, stunning everyone and taking Hera with them as they escape the training ship. Aphra has secretly left her communicator with Tolvan in the air duct back on the training ship, so she borrows one from Caysin to contact the Imperials at Hivebase-1 to arrange a trade. As they near Hivebase-1, Aphra uses a "diagnostic device" to repair Caysin a bit. She then also reprograms the computer from former team member Rexa. While en route, Caysin and Posla reveal that the psychotic techflesh artist that they are hunting, the man who altered Caysin, is actually Cornelius Evazan, whom they had tracked to Jedha before losing him. Caysin was the prototype for the Decraniated, cyberslaves created by Evazan. They reach Hivebase-1, and Aphra reactivates Hera's tracker in her rank badge, allowing the training ship to catch up with them. A battle between the Rebels and Imperials begins, which acts as cover for Aphra's team (and Hera, whom Aphra doesn't really need anymore). As they are checking out various Tarkin Initiative rejected prototypes, Tolvan gains control over the Rebel academy ship and contacts Hivebase-1. The commander there instructs her to set its self-destruct and remain aboard until it destroys the base to confirm its destruction. Aphra contacts Tolvan and convinces her to find another way. She instead turns the ship over as a captured vessel . . . but also reveals that saboteurs are on the base. The commander defrosts the rejected prototypes, and another crazy battle begins. Dek-[Nil] is blasted, Posla intends not to help at all, and Aphra activates the modifications she made to Caysin earlier, sending Caysin into battle. This causes Posla to go into battle with all the weapons at his disposal. Caysin dies, and Posla catches back up to Aphra, Sister Six, and Hera at the Archive Data Core, believing Caysin attacked without provocation. Hera is about to tell Posla the truth when Aphra agrees to give her a gun if she will be quiet. Of course, as soon as she gets the blaster, she pulls it on Aphra. Before anything else can happen, though, the Imperial head (literally, Commander Yewl, who is basically a head sticking out of a technocoffin) of Hivebase-1 arrive with Deathtroopers, Hutt clonetroopers, and more to take them captive. Aphra convinces Hera to take her blaster and hold off the troopers, while she does some slicing. When she was aboard the training ship (an old droid control ship), she was able to access the droid core and now controls the ship, bringing it to steal the entire Archive Data Core, using the tractor beams at the ends of its "arms." Dek-[Nil], meanwhile, is active again, just in time for several more exploding Tookas to scuttle the rest of the base. A few hours later, Aphra has the data she needs and gives the rest to the Rebels (whom she knows will never be crazy enough to use its weapons research) and is allowed to leave, albeit knowing that Hera will likely shoot her when they next cross paths. For her part, Sister Six decides to stick around and join the Rebellion. As they are about to leave, "Tam Posla" claims that Aphra instructed him to recover an infiltrator (supposedly Ombra), whom Tam instead has knocked out and left for the Rebels to find. When the Rebels find "Ombra," it is the real Tam, tied up and in the Defel's cloak. The Tam who joins Aphra's U-wing as they leave is actually Tolvan in disguised. Aphra and Tolvan have a romantic encounter and remain together for two days, until, at a location described as "Nowhere," Aphra gives Tolvan her real name, warning her that speaking it could be dangerous. Then Aphra must return to Triple-Zero with the data that includes his first murder. As it turns out, Triple-Zero wanted more than that but already got it. Aphra condemned a prince to die just to get airborne, killed a good man to exploit the rage of his lover, left behind Dek-[Nil] just to escape, murdered many enemies (and some allies), used creatures as weapons, etc. Triple-Zero is effectively trying to craft her into (or make her realize that she already is) a being just like him. Just as Triple-Zero orders his goons to kill Aphra, Tolvan arrives, having put a tracker on her. The Imperials wipe out Triple-Zero's operation, leaving him and BT-1 on their own again. Aphra is captured but under the "Joystick Chevron" name as a low risk capture. (She ends up leaving aboard the same shuttle carrying Del-[Nil] as a prisoner also.) They are being sent to Accresker Jail. As for the data left with the Rebels, they discover when trying to decrypt it that it requires a key that can only be had by providing a lot of credits to a bank account. For that

matter, so is the data Aphra gave to Triple-Zero. Even on the way to jail, she has had the last laugh.*

(Remastered)*

***NOTE:** This is months after the death of Inspector Thanoth in *End of Games*. It might actually be around six months after Vader, since Aphra mentions having only met one creature in the last six months that she could trust, which would likely date back to when her life was turned upside down by working for Vader.

- Tam Posla returns to his hunt for Cornelius Evazan, purchasing a ship with advanced scanning equipment from Triple-Zero on Son-Tull, not realizing that it will allow Triple-Zero to also listen in on any transmissions he scans.
(conjecture based on *The Catastrophe Con*)
- About a week after her arrival at Accresker Jail (a hodge-podge of various salvaged vessels and such, connected by an attractor node and pulled by an Arquitens-class vessel), Chelli Aphra must answer for the events of her first deployment as a salvager on that very day. During that deployment, she and others were to board and take control of a damaged Rebel vessel. To avoid blowing up due to implanted explosives, Aphra and other prisoners must engage in these missions and stay close to a hubdroid. They call these forced soldiers the "Penal Legion." During the mission, Aphra sabotaged her hubdroid, then she and Lopset, another prisoner, ended up linking with another hubdroid, who was none other than Aphra's old droid ally, Dek-[Nil], albeit given a restraining bolt (which shouldn't work due to how she rewired him). They made their way to an escape pod and intended to escape, per Aphra's plans, but then Dek-[Nil] seemed to actually adhere to his new duties (just after his restraining bolt seemed to glow and "crunch" into his body) and destroyed the escape pod. Before leaving the now-captured Rebel ship, Aphra spotted a strange figure in a robe and hood, who claimed that "Justice is the Force, and the Force is justice" (and may have been the one who reactivated the restraining bolt through the Force). Aphra and Lopset ended up right back at the jail vessel, where she is now being questioned. The interrogators believe she is hiding something huge. She is sent back to the other prisoners, where Lopset shows her a transmitter he has fixed, but they only have one shot to use it before it could be cut off. Aphra knows just whom to call . . . Meanwhile, Triple-Zero and BT-1, now without a criminal empire and needing to decrypt the data Aphra stole for Triple-Zero, commit a massacre at the Son-Tuul spaceport. Soon, in a cantina on the Outer Rim, Sana Starros (Aphra's ex-girlfriend) has just killed a Nautolan thug when she receives a message not from Aphra but about Aphra from Hera Syndulla. The Rebel Alliance hires Sana to rescue Aphra from jail so that they can force her (or use gratitude as a bargaining chip) to decrypt the data taken from Hivebase-1 recently. Meanwhile, Aphra uses her single call to reach out to Magna Tolvan (her current love interest, an Imperial officer). She informs Tolvan about how Darth Vader is in a secret conspiracy to replace Emperor Sheev Palpatine if he can get his hands on the Force-sensitive "kid" who destroyed the Death Star, and that if her captors ever break her through interrogation, Vader will eventually find out . . . and want to know who else she told. This forces Tolvan's hand, since rescuing Aphra is their only hope. (At least she immediately apologizes, knowing how crappy that was of her.) After making the call, she returns to Lopset and helps him get out from under some collapsed debris. In doing so, she learns that Lopset is actually a shape-shifter, who has tried not to be seen shape-shifting because people typically just want to use them. Twelve hours later, Tolvan arrives, claiming that since Accresker Jail is heading for the bandit purges in Senex-Juvex, she must extract Aphra because she is part of an important open investigation that necessitates that she not be put at risk. She is allowed to see Aphra, and they are able to communicate by both touching their side of the cell's barrier, since Tolvan now has electronic tattoos like Aphra on her arms. Twelve more hours later, Sana arrives as the Accresker Jail is "collecting" a pirate station from the bandit purges. Aboard the jail, Aphra and Lopset are again with Dek-[Nil] during battle with the pirates aboard the station, when Aphra is able to use a code provided by Tolvan to override the restraining bolt on Dek-[Nil]. They reach where Tolvan is waiting in a TIE fighter, but even after sensor disruptors fail, Aphra doesn't board the TIE. Instead, she is drawn away by the "Jedi ghost" that she saw earlier. She follows it and discovers a centuries-old, wrecked Jedi Shattersprite craft. As Aphra hunts for valuable, ancient Jedi artifacts, Tolvan realizes that she's in love with an evil idiot. Meanwhile, elsewhere in deep space, Tam Posla, former ally of Aphra, continues his hunt for Cornelius Evazan, still having trouble keeping in mind that Caysin Bog is gone instead of still there with him. He is scanning all transmissions near Imperial custodial facilities in hopes of finding Evazan . . . Back aboard the jail, Sana arrives in the Volt Cobra and attacks Tolvan's TIE, thinking that she is keeping

Aphra alive by doing so. For her part, Tolvan ejects with a rocket launcher and blasts the Cobra. Aphra and Lopset, meanwhile, have found the “Jedi ghost,” which is seemingly wearing the face of Aphra’s dead mother. Blasting the ghost for this offense reveals a huge number of Gundravian hookspores (“the most exquisitely infectious saprophyte there is”), which, despite being nearly indestructible, retreats to protect something else. They investigate and find what appears to be the body of a long-dead Jedi, who still has a lightsaber (which would be a profitable find). Nearby, Sana and Tolvan exchange fire on foot until they both express their desire not to let the other kill Aphra, which begins to clarify things. On the way back from the Jedi corpse, Aphra spots the crashed Volt Cobra and finally sees Tolvan, telling her that she thinks she is hallucinating, seeing “debris from a crappy old ship” that her “insane ex, Sana Starros, used to fly.” Of course, it is only then that she notices that Sana is right there. A huldroid then appears and takes Aphra (but only Aphra) away to further interrogation, ignoring the others. Aphra is given over to Bor Ifriem, which reaches into her mind for what she is hiding. She is able to stop the interrogation briefly when she cries out about the hookspores, which they confirm is the truth and thus an actual danger. It is while she is being interrogated that Hera tries to contact Sana about whether she has gotten Aphra, which, due to proximity to Accresker Jail, is a transmission that Posla picks up, not realizing that whatever he scans and hears, the droid who sold him the ship with its scanning equipment can also hear. The droid in question is none other than Triple-Zero, who is now on the trail of Aphra thanks to this new information. (To be continued as more issues are released . . .)

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Beru Whitesun Lars (FACPOV short story: Meg Cabot)

Star Wars Adventures [continued] (comic series: Landry Q. Walker & Cavan Scott & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Alan Tudyk & Shannon Eric Denton & Scott Beatty & Ben Acker & Ben Blacker & Delilah S. Dawson & Shaun Manning & Sholly Fisch & Paul Crilley & John Barber & Nick Brokenshire & Scott Peterson & John Jackson Miller)

Star Wars Adventures [continued] (comic series: Cavan Scott & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Alan Tudyk & Shannon Eric Denton & Scott Beatty & Ben Acker & Ben Blacker & Delilah S. Dawson & Shaun Manning & Sholly Fisch & Paul Crilley & Otis Frampton & John Barber & Nick Brokenshire & Scott Peterson & John Jackson Miller)

Tales from Wild Space [flashback] [continued] (comic series: Cavan Scott & Alan Tudyk & Shannon Eric Denton & Ben Acker & Ben Blacker & Delilah S. Dawson & Shaun Manning & Paul Crilley & Otis Frampton & Nick Brokenshire & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Scott Peterson)

The Flat Mountain of Yavin [flashback] (comic: Cavan Scott)

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Inferno Squad [continued] (novel: Christie Golden)

Chapters 2 - 4

Last Call at the Zero Angle (SWI156 short story: Jason Fry)

Last Call at the Zero Angle (SWI156 short story: Jason Fry)

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Inferno Squad [continued] (novel: Christie Golden)

Chapter 4 [continued]

One Thousand Levels Down (SWI151 short story: Alexander Freed)

One Thousand Levels Down (SWI151 short story: Alexander Freed)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Chapter 10 [continued]

Chapters 11 – 12

Inbrief [continued] (SWI161 short story: Janine K. Spendlove)

Inbrief [continued] (SWI161 short story: Janine K. Spendlove)

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Inferno Squad [continued] (novel: Christie Golden)

Chapters 5 - 6

Heir to the Jedi (novel: Kevin Hearne)

Heir to the Jedi (novel: Kevin Hearne)

Chapters 1 – 24

Commander (video game: Disney Interactive)*

Commander (video game: Disney Interactive)*

*NOTE: A summary *may* come for this game in the next edition. It will depend on finding useful information or videos of the game's Rebel campaign to create one.

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Inferno Squad [continued] (novel: Christie Golden)

Chapter 6 [continued]

The Weapon of a Jedi: A Luke Skywalker Adventure (youth novel: Jason Fry)

The Weapon of a Jedi: A Luke Skywalker Adventure (youth novel: Jason Fry)

Part One

Red Squadron to the Rescue
The Call of the Force
The Hand of the Empire
Return to Devaron

Part Two

Vision of the Past
Into the Woods
The Lost Temple
The Living Force

Part Three

The Weapon of a Jedi Knight
The Secret of the Force
Imperial Attack
The Scavenger's Staff
My Ally is the Force

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Inferno Squad [continued] (novel: Christie Golden)

Chapter 6 [continued]
Chapters 7 - 28
Epilogue

Star Wars Adventures [continued] (comic series: Landry Q. Walker & Cavan Scott & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Alan Tudyk & Shannon Eric Denton & Scott Beatty & Ben Acker & Ben Blacker & Delilah S. Dawson & Shaun Manning & Sholly Fisch & Paul Crilley & John Barber & Nick Brokenshire & Scott Peterson & John Jackson Miller)

Star Wars Adventures [continued] (comic series: Cavan Scott & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Alan Tudyk & Shannon Eric Denton & Scott Beatty & Ben Acker & Ben Blacker & Delilah S. Dawson & Shaun Manning & Sholly Fisch & Paul Crilley & Otis Frampton & John Barber & Nick Brokenshire & Scott Peterson & John Jackson Miller)

The Trouble at Tibrin (comic series: Landry Q. Walker)
The Trouble at Tibrin, Part I (comic: Landry Q. Walker)
The Trouble at Tibrin, Part II (comic: Landry Q. Walker)

Mind Your Manners (comic: John Jackson Miller)

Tales from Wild Space [continued] (comic series: Cavan Scott & Alan Tudyk & Shannon Eric Denton & Ben Acker & Ben Blacker & Delilah S. Dawson & Shaun Manning & Paul Crilley & Otis Frampton & Nick Brokenshire & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Scott Peterson)

Gonk! [flashback] (comic: Otis Frampton)
IG-88 vs. the Gatto Gang [flashback] (comic: Nick Brokenshire)

Star Wars [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron & Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Chris Eliopoulos & Jason Latour & Dash Aaron & Cullen Bunn)

Skywalker Strikes (comic series: Jason Aaron)

Skywalker Strikes, Part I (comic: Jason Aaron)
Skywalker Strikes, Part II (comic: Jason Aaron)

Darth Vader [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Darth Vader [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)
Vader [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)
Vader, Part I [flashback] (comic: Kieron Gillen)*

*NOTE: This flashback merely repeats a short segment of Luke meeting Vader in *Skywalker Strikes, Part II*. It adds no content.

Star Wars [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron & Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Chris Eliopoulos & Jason Latour & Dash Aaron & Cullen Bunn)

Skywalker Strikes [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron)
Skywalker Strikes, Part III (comic: Jason Aaron)

Darth Vader [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Vader [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)
Vader, Part I (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Backstories [continued] (youth novel series: Calliope Glass & Jason Fry)

Backstories [continued] (youth novel series: Calliope Glass & Jason Fry)

Darth Vader: Sith Lord [continued] (youth novel: Jason Fry)

Dark Lord's Discovery [continued]*

*NOTE: This segment essentially just recaps bits from the first issues of *Vader*.

Darth Vader [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

End of Games (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Coda (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Star Wars [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron & Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Chris Eliopoulos & Jason Latour & Dash Aaron & Cullen Bunn)

Star Wars Annuals [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Jason Latour & Cullen Bunn)

Star Wars Annual #4 (comic: Cullen Bunn)

Skywalker Strikes [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron)

Skywalker Strikes, Part IV (comic: Jason Aaron)

Darth Vader [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Vader [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Vader, Part II (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Backstories [continued] (youth novel series: Calliope Glass & Jason Fry)

Backstories [continued] (youth novel series: Calliope Glass & Jason Fry)

Darth Vader: Sith Lord [continued] (youth novel: Jason Fry)

Dark Lord's Discovery [continued]*

*NOTE: This segment essentially just recaps bits from the first issues of *Vader*.

Darth Vader [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Vader [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Vader, Part III (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Vader, Part IV (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Star Wars [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron & Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Chris Eliopoulos & Jason Latour & Dash Aaron & Cullen Bunn)

Skywalker Strikes [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron)

Skywalker Strikes, Part V (comic: Jason Aaron)

Skywalker Strikes, Part VI (comic: Jason Aaron)

Darth Vader [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Vader [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Vader, Part V (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Vader, Part VI (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Star Wars [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron & Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Chris Eliopoulos & Jason Latour & Dash Aaron & Cullen Bunn)

Skywalker Strikes [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron)

Skywalker Strikes, Part VI [continued] (comic: Jason Aaron)

Darth Vader [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Vader [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Vader, Part VI [continued] (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Backstories [continued] (youth novel series: Calliope Glass & Jason Fry)

Backstories [continued] (youth novel series: Calliope Glass & Jason Fry)

Darth Vader: Sith Lord [continued] (youth novel: Jason Fry)

Dark Lord's Discovery [continued]*

*NOTE: This segment essentially just recaps the end of *Skywalker Strikes* and *Vader*.

Star Wars [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron & Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Chris Eliopoulos & Jason Latour & Dash Aaron & Cullen Bunn)

From the Journals of Old Ben Kenobi (comic series: Jason Aaron)

The Last of His Breed [continued] (comic: Jason Aaron)

Showdown on the Smuggler's Moon (comic series: Jason Aaron)

Showdown on the Smuggler's Moon, Part I (comic: Jason Aaron)

Showdown on the Smuggler's Moon, Part II (comic: Jason Aaron)

Showdown on the Smuggler's Moon, Part III (comic: Jason Aaron)

Showdown on the Smuggler's Moon, Part IV (comic: Jason Aaron)

Showdown on the Smuggler's Moon, Part V (comic: Jason Aaron)

Heroes for a New Hope [continued] (comic series: Mark Waid & Charles Soule & Gerry Duggan)

Chewbacca (comic series: Gerry Duggan)

Chewbacca, Part I (comic: Gerry Duggan)

Chewbacca, Part II (comic: Gerry Duggan)

Chewbacca, Part III (comic: Gerry Duggan)

Chewbacca, Part IV (comic: Gerry Duggan)

Chewbacca, Part V (comic: Gerry Duggan)

Darth Vader [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Darth Vader Annuals (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Darth Vader Annual #1 (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Shadows and Secrets (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Shadows and Secrets, Part I (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Shadows and Secrets, Part II (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Shadows and Secrets, Part III (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Shadows and Secrets, Part IV (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Shadows and Secrets, Part V (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Shadows and Secrets, Part VI (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Vader Down (comic series: Jason Aaron & Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Chris Eliopoulos)

Vader Down (comic: Jason Aaron)

Vader Down, Part I (comic: Jason Aaron)

Darth Vader [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Vader Down (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Vader Down, Part II (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Star Wars [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron & Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Chris Eliopoulos & Jason Latour & Dash Aaron & Cullen Bunn)

Vader Down (comic: Jason Aaron)

Vader Down, Part III (comic: Jason Aaron)

Darth Vader [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Vader Down [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Vader Down, Part IV (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Star Wars [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron & Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Chris Eliopoulos & Jason Latour & Dash Aaron & Cullen Bunn)

Vader Down [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron)

Vader Down, Part V (comic: Jason Aaron)

Darth Vader [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Vader Down [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Vader Down, Part VI (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Star Wars [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron & Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Chris Eliopoulos & Jason Latour & Dash Aaron & Cullen Bunn)

Star Wars Annuals (comic series: Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Jason Latour & Cullen Bunn)

Star Wars Annual #1 (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Rebel Jail (comic series: Jason Aaron)

Rebel Jail, Part I (comic: Jason Aaron)

Rebel Jail, Part II (comic: Jason Aaron)

Rebel Jail, Part III (comic: Jason Aaron)

Rebel Jail, Part IV (comic: Jason Aaron)

Darth Vader [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

The Shu-Torun War (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

The Shu-Torun War, Part I (comic: Kieron Gillen)

The Shu-Torun War, Part II (comic: Kieron Gillen)

The Shu-Torun War, Part III (comic: Kieron Gillen)

The Shu-Torun War, Part IV (comic: Kieron Gillen)

End of Games (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

End of Games, Part I (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Star Wars [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron & Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Chris Eliopoulos & Jason Latour & Dash Aaron & Cullen Bunn)

Rebel Jail [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron)

Rebel Jail, Part IV [continued] (comic: Jason Aaron)

Darth Vader [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

The Misadventures of Triple-Zero and Beetee (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Darth Vader [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

End of Games [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)
End of Games, Part II (comic: Kieron Gillen)
End of Games, Part III (comic: Kieron Gillen)
End of Games, Part IV (comic: Kieron Gillen)
End of Games, Part V (comic: Kieron Gillen)
End of Games, Part VI (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Han Solo (comic series: Marjorie Liu)

Han Solo (comic series: Marjorie Liu)
Han Solo, Part I (comic: Marjorie Liu)
Han Solo, Part II (comic: Marjorie Liu)
Han Solo, Part III (comic: Marjorie Liu)
Han Solo, Part IV (comic: Marjorie Liu)
Han Solo, Part V (comic: Marjorie Liu)

Star Wars [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron & Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Chris Eliopoulos & Jason Latour & Dash Aaron & Cullen Bunn)

Last Flight of the Harbinger (comic series: Jason Aaron)
Last Flight of the Harbinger, Part I (comic: Jason Aaron)
Last Flight of the Harbinger, Part III [flashback] (comic: Jason Aaron)
Last Flight of the Harbinger, Part II (comic: Jason Aaron)
Last Flight of the Harbinger, Part III [flashback] [continued] (comic: Jason Aaron)
Last Flight of the Harbinger, Part II [continued] (comic: Jason Aaron)
Last Flight of the Harbinger, Part III [continued] (comic: Jason Aaron)
Last Flight of the Harbinger, Part IV (comic: Jason Aaron)
Last Flight of the Harbinger, Part V (comic: Jason Aaron)

Doctor Aphra [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen & Si Spurrier)

Aphra [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)
Aphra, Part I [continued] (comic: Kieron Gillen)
Aphra, Part II [continued] (comic: Kieron Gillen)
Aphra, Part III (comic: Kieron Gillen)
Aphra, Part IV (comic: Kieron Gillen)
Aphra, Part V (comic: Kieron Gillen)
Aphra, Part VI (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Star Wars [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron & Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Chris Eliopoulos & Jason Latour & Dash Aaron & Cullen Bunn)

Droids Unplugged [continued] (comic series: Chris Eliopoulos)
Droid Dilemma (comic: Chris Eliopoulos)
Star Wars Annuals [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Jason Latour & Cullen Bunn)
Star Wars Annual #2 (comic: Kelly Thompson)
Yoda's Secret War [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron)
Yoda's Secret War, Part I [continued] (comic: Jason Aaron)
Yoda's Secret War, Part II [continued] (comic: Jason Aaron)
Yoda's Secret War, Part III [continued] (comic: Jason Aaron)
Yoda's Secret War, Part IV [continued] (comic: Jason Aaron)
Yoda's Secret War, Part V [continued] (comic: Jason Aaron)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)
Chapter 13

The Screaming Citadel (comic series: Jason Aaron & Kieron Gillen)

The Screaming Citadel (comic series: Kieron Gillen)
The Screaming Citadel, Part I (comic: Kieron Gillen)
Star Wars [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron & Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Chris Eliopoulos & Jason Latour & Dash Aaron & Cullen Bunn)
The Screaming Citadel (comic series: Jason Aaron)
The Screaming Citadel, Part II (comic: Jason Aaron)
Doctor Aphra [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen & Si Spurrier)
The Screaming Citadel (comic series: Kieron Gillen)
The Screaming Citadel, Part III (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Star Wars [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron & Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Chris Eliopoulos & Jason Latour & Dash Aaron & Cullen Bunn)

The Screaming Citadel [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron)

The Screaming Citadel, Part IV (comic: Jason Aaron)

Doctor Aphra [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen & Si Spurrier)

The Screaming Citadel [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

The Screaming Citadel, Part V (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Doctor Aphra [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen & Si Spurrier)

Doctor Aphra Annuals (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Doctor Aphra Annual #1 (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Star Wars [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron & Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Chris Eliopoulos & Jason Latour & Dash Aaron & Cullen Bunn)

Out Among the Stars (comic series: Jason Aaron)

Rebels in the Wild (comic: Jason Aaron)

The Thirteen Crates (comic: Jason Aaron)

Rebels in the Wild [continued] (comic: Jason Aaron)

The Thirteen Crates [continued] (comic: Jason Aaron)

The Hutt Run (comic: Jason Aaron)

The Thirteen Crates [continued] (comic: Jason Aaron)

The Hutt Run [continued] (comic: Jason Aaron)

Revenge of the Astromech (comic: Jason Aaron)

The Hutt Run [continued] (comic: Jason Aaron)

Revenge of the Astromech [continued] (comic: Jason Aaron)

Imperial Pride (comic: Jason Aaron)

Revenge of the Astromech [continued] (comic: Jason Aaron)

The Sand Will Provide (comic: Jason Aaron & Dash Aaron)

Doctor Aphra [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen & Si Spurrier)

Doctor Aphra and the Enormous Profit (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Doctor Aphra and the Enormous Profit, Part I (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Doctor Aphra Annuals [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Doctor Aphra Annual #1 [continued] (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Star Wars [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron & Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Chris Eliopoulos & Jason Latour & Dash Aaron & Cullen Bunn)

Star Wars Annuals [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Jason Latour & Cullen Bunn)

Star Wars Annual #3 [continued] (comic: Jason Latour)

Doctor Aphra [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen & Si Spurrier)

Doctor Aphra and the Enormous Profit [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Doctor Aphra and the Enormous Profit, Part I [continued] (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Doctor Aphra and the Enormous Profit, Part II (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Doctor Aphra and the Enormous Profit, Part III (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Doctor Aphra and the Enormous Profit, Part IV (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Doctor Aphra and the Enormous Profit, Part V (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Star Wars [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron & Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Chris Eliopoulos & Jason Latour & Dash Aaron & Cullen Bunn)

Hope Dies (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Shu-Torun Lives (comic: Kieron Gillen)

The Ashes of Jedha [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

The Ashes of Jedha, Part I (comic: Kieron Gillen)

The Ashes of Jedha, Part II (comic: Kieron Gillen)

The Ashes of Jedha, Part III [continued] (comic: Kieron Gillen)

The Ashes of Jedha, Part IV (comic: Kieron Gillen)

The Ashes of Jedha, Part V (comic: Kieron Gillen)

The Ashes of Jedha, Part VI (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Doctor Aphra [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen & Si Spurrier)

Remastered (comic series: Kieron Gillen & Si Spurrier)

Remastered, Part I (comic: Kieron Gillen & Si Spurrier)

Remastered, Part II (comic: Kieron Gillen & Si Spurrier)

Remastered, Part III (comic: Kieron Gillen & Si Spurrier)

Remastered, Part IV (comic: Kieron Gillen & Si Spurrier)

- Remastered, Part V (comic: Kieron Gillen & Si Spurrier)
- Remastered, Part VI (comic: Kieron Gillen & Si Spurrier)
- The Catastrophe Con (comic series: Si Spurrier)
 - The Catastrophe Con, Part I (comic: Si Spurrier)
 - The Catastrophe Con, Part II (comic: Si Spurrier)
 - The Catastrophe Con, Part III (comic: Si Spurrier)

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- *By this time, hundreds of citizens of Pamarthe have joined the Rebel Alliance, mostly as a result of the destruction of Alderaan.*
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)
- *Around this time, Darth Vader takes command of the Executor as his personal flagship. Lieutenant Commander Ciena Ree is transferred from the Devastator to the Executor. The transfer comes at the request of Vader himself. Berisse Sai and Nash Windrider are also transferred over. Imperials Security Bureau Captain Ronnadam also makes the transfer (if not now then at some point before the Battle of Hoth).*
(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*)
- *Around this time, three years before his fateful journey to Christophsis, Jumon has a vision of wilderness near his home. He follows that vision and discovers the philanthropist Brin Izisca, who has fallen into a crevasse. After saving Brin, Jumon becomes part of the Church of the Force, of which Brin is a pastor.*
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)
- *Imperial stormtroopers raid the home of Brentin Wexley on Akiva. Brentin is wanted for collaborating with the Rebel Alliance. As he is dragged away, his wife, Norra Wexley, is left behind with their son, Temmin Wexley. (To be continued below . . .)*
(Aftermath)
- *On Mon Cala, Gial Ackbar, Leia Organa, Han Solo, Luke Skywalker, Chewbacca, C-3PO, and R2-D2 attempt to gain a new ally by meeting with Urtya, Grand Admiral of the Mon Cala Mercantile Fleet and Regent of Mon Cala (with King Lee-Char deposed). They are interrupted by the arrival of an Imperial patrol that believes them to be criminals seeking refuge on Mon Cala's land. Han distracts the arriving stormtroopers, then blows a few up with a hidden detonator. The Rebels and Urtya flee into the jungle, then escape on a watercraft piloted by Chewbacca. Urtya is not willing to sacrifice Mon Cala to save the galaxy. The Rebels leave empty-handed and return to a Rebel production center at the Mako-Ta Space Docks in the Outer Rim. Leia has an idea. She believes that Mon Cala would join them if King Lee-Char were to be saved from Imperial custody by the Alliance. Thankfully, she knows just the person within the Empire who might be able to get her hands on information about the ultra-high-security Imperial prison system: Queen Trios of Shu-Torun, whom Leia recently allied with on Jedha. Luke, Han, and Chewbacca visit a Mako-Ta Base mess hall, where Luke is reunited with Wedge Antilles of Red Squadron. Leia reports to the Rebel leadership (including Mon Mothma, Jan Dodonna, and others) about the situation on Mon Cala and her desire to free Lee-Char to gain Mon Cala support. She has ultra-security codes from Trios (whom she has yet to reveal as her new contact to anyone, even Mon Mothma), so now they "just" need the biosignature of the sector's Imperial Moff, Tan Hubi. They will have to somehow get their hands on Hubi without the Empire knowing he has been taken, since then they would just delete his clearances. Thankfully, Davits Draven knows of a Clawdite shapeshifter (Tunga Arpagion), an asset who is currently in the custody of the kidnapers of Dex Acquisitions. Meanwhile, Luke meets Derek "Hobbie" Klivian and Zev Senesca. They toast Red Squadron just as Leia arrives to bring them in on their new mission. They head for a Dex Acquisitions depot on Meor Ain, where Chewbacca poses as bounty hunter "Violent Bok" with Leia as his prisoner. The team uses this ruse to breach the facility and rescue (well, recruit) Tunga. They brief Tunga on what parts of the mission he needs to know, playing on the shapeshifter's vanity and desire for pay to gain cooperation. They head for the Moncaladrome on Mon Cala, where Moff Hubi will be attending a performance, which Trios is also attending. C-3PO and R2-D2 enter as members of the serving staff, passing off a drugged drink to Trios, who supplies it to Hubi for a toast. Hubi, now ill, rushes to the restroom, where he is captured by Han, Chewbacca, and Luke (dressed as a stormtrooper). Tunga then returns to the performance as Hubi. C-3PO and R2-D2 are left to help cover for Tunga if the need arises (without revealing Trios' involvement). The Rebels take Hubi to*

*Strokill Prime, a water world where Lee-Char is being held. Using Hubi's biosignature and Trios' codes, they get through orbital security and enter the ocean below, only to find themselves attacked by one of the planet's natural defenses: a giant sea creature. Luke goes out along with his lightsaber activated to draw the light-attracted creature away, then Chewie saves him from being eaten after the others are also safe. Meanwhile, Tunga makes it through intermission as Hubi with C-3PO's help, though Urtya notices him eating a Mon Cala dish that the real Hubi previously hated. Back on Strokill Prime, the team makes it into the Imperial facility and through its light stormtrooper security, only to discover that Lee-Char cannot be taken from the prison. He is in terrible shape, and the machines there are the only things keeping him alive. With the mission going long, Tunga must improvise a way to extend the evening by reciting poetry with C-3PO for the crowd. At the prison, Lee-Char agrees to help convince the Mon Cala to join the Rebel Alliance and provide its fleet to be refit as warships, similar to what Raddus had done with the Profundity and earlier escaped Mon Cala ships. They will record him with a cam droid, but Hubi signals backup, which also prompts a message to Mon Cala to confirm that Hubi isn't there. This causes stormtroopers to burst into the performance to arrest the false Hubi, but an ally causes a power outage that covers their escape. At the prison, a firebreak breaks out. The Rebels escape with the recording of Lee-Char's message to his people, but the king is killed. They escape to their commandeered ship and head for Mon Cala, even as C-3PO, R2-D2, and Tunga also escape to the rendezvous point. Unfortunately, C-3PO is tracked by Urtya, who arrives and takes possession of the recording, forcing Leia's team to leave empty-handed. Shortly thereafter, though, he decides that his people should hear their leader one last time and transmits Lee-Char's message to all of the fleet vessels, where mutinies against the small Imperial command crews break out. This was what Leia had planned, but she intended to reveal his message at the right time, once they had support to stop Imperial retaliation. By transmitting the message so soon, Urtya has drawn Imperial Star Destroyers to attack before a defense can be prepared. The Imperial, under Admiral Meori, set up a blockade around Mon Cala, destroying any ship trying to breach it or boarding any that don't to exterminate all resistance. Urtya contacts Leia and reveals that the fleet was about to be commandeered by the Empire, so he had to act immediately once the decision was made. He was willing to rebel against the Empire if it would truly make a difference, even at a cost to Mon Cala. In space, a Rebel force led by Gial Ackbar emerges from hyperspace to engage the Imperials. Mon Cala Captain Lila of the Aurora Flare volunteers her ship to break the blockade, evacuating the crew and taking the ship itself into the Imperial blockade herself. Just as the Imperials realize that it is full of coaxium from a recent stop at Redhurne, the ship explodes, heavily damaging Meori's Star Destroyer and opening an escape path for the other ships. They escape into hyperspace, but Urtya pays the price for his actions when the Empire destroys his location (and much around it) with bombardment from above. The rebels drop Tunga off at the Cosmatanic Steppes in the Outer Rim, where the shape-shifter considers a new play, Mutiny at Mon Cala. (To be continued as more issues are released . . .)**

(Mutiny at Mon Cala)*

***NOTE:** I have assumed that this story must be in 1 ABY instead of 0 - 1 ABY because there are frequent references to Lee-Char being imprisoned for 20 years by the Empire, which only makes sense if the Empire has actually existed for 20 years. Still, though, it requires some rounding, given that the subjugation of Mon Cala seems to take place early in 18 BBY, based on *Burning Seas*, which puts that 19 years before this story, even if we place it in 1 ABY.

- *In the wake of the mutiny at Mon Cala, Queen Trios of Shu-Torun "secretly" assists the Rebel Alliance in outfitting and refitting its new Mon Cala fleet with hyperdrives, comm systems, and much more, at the Rebels' secret Mako-Ta base.*
(conjecture based on *Hope Dies*)
- *The Rebel Alliance continues to search for a new home base. In space, the Rebel fleet comes under Imperial attack. They jump to Baraan-Fa to escape, but they need a permanent base soon. Leia Organa suggests to Mon Mothma that she be allowed to check out Crait's abandoned mining facility that has been empty since a labor dispute closed it. She has heard from a friend of Bail Organa, Trusk Berinato, that it might be useful to them. (She for some reason doesn't mention the old Rebel base on Crait that already worked well Bail's Rebel faction a few years earlier.) Luke Skywalker is allowed to command the mission to Crait aboard a cargo freighter, while the Millennium Falcon flies with them. Once on Crait, they meet with Trusk and scout out the area on ski speeders, then Luke and Wedge Antilles check out the landscape. Luke discovers miners flash-dried nearby by salt storms. At the ships, Leia reveals to Trusk and Han that she knows Trusk has stormtroopers waiting for his signal,*

but she trusts that he will do the right thing in her father's memory. Luke arrives to warn them of a salt storm on the way. Trusk forged environmental reports to hide that hazard so that they could be drawn into his trap. Scar Squadron arrives and attacks. After crashing his ski speeder, Luke must battle Sergeant Kreeel with lightsabers in the salt storm. Luke lures him toward dune worms, which take Kreeel down. Elsewhere, Wedge defeats some stormtroopers, while Trusk tries to keep Leia, Han, and Chewbacca from leaving. He sets droids on Chewbacca and blasts Han in the shoulder when he tries to draw on him, but when Leia checks on Han, she pulls Han's blaster and shoots Trusk's blaster out of his hand. Scar Squadron escapes, but so do the Rebels. For now, Crait is not a viable Rebel base location.*

(Storms of Crait)*

*NOTE: I have used the story's internal title, dropping the "The" that is found on the issue's cover. I am assuming that it must be after *Mutiny at Mon Cala*, rather than between *The Ashes of Jedha* and *Mutiny at Mon Cala* because Luke hasn't seen Wedge for a long time as of MaMC, yet he is working alongside Wedge on Crait in *Storms of Crait*. (Leia seems to utterly ignore having been to Crait to an old Rebel base in *Leia: Princess of Alderaan* in this story, which is odd but not totally uncommon for stories being produced simultaneously. Thankfully, the TLJ novelization addresses this, noting both instances on p. 267 of the hardback edition.)

- *Norra Wexley leaves Akiva to search for her husband, Brentin Wexley, leaving her son, Temmin Wexley, behind in the care of his aunts, Esmelle (Norra's sister) and Shirene (Esmelle's wife). Later that same year, Temmin, who is great with electronics, builds a droid bodyguard and friend in the form of B1 battledroid "Mister Bones."*
(conjecture based on *Aftermath*)
- *Seventeen months after the Battle of Yavin, a massive earthquake strikes the single megacontinent on the planet Oulanne. The Empire sends no medical aid.*
(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*)
- *Eighteen months after the Battle of Yavin, Thane Kyrell and the crew of the Mighty Oak Apocalypse (MOA) bring aid to Oulanne after a massive earthquake and lack of Imperial aid. Thane's piloting earns the attention of Rebel Alliance pilot Wedge Antilles. After a long night talking with Wedge about the true nature of the Alliance and Imperial atrocities, Thane finally decides that, despite what he said to Ciena Ree, he will join the Rebellion. Lohgarra and the rest of the crew will not, at least not yet. (To be continued below . . .)*
(Lost Stars)
- *Three weeks after Thane Kyrell joins the Rebel Alliance, Dak Ralter also joins.*
(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*)
- *Around this time or shortly before, the Rebel Alliance plans its major Mid Rim Offensive, following a plan that Jan Dodonna has provided to Mon Mothma.*
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- *Eighteen months before the capture of Everi Chalis, the Rebel Alliance's 61st Mobile Infantry (AKA Twilight Company) joins the Rebellion's push into the Mid Rim, one of the largest operations the Alliance has ever attempted. Over the next nine months, Twilight Company will battle on Phorsa Gedd, Bamayar, and elsewhere, always on the front lines. As this process begins, Emperor Palpatine, blaming high level incompetence for these losses and the loss of the Death Star, has Darth Vader kill various officials, including Moff Coovern and Minister Khemt, who were somewhat tied into the Death Star. Logistics expert Everi Chalis, not directly associated with the Death Star, is essentially exiled as part of this high level "purge" by being sent to backwater Haidoral Prime as its new governor.*
(conjecture based on *Twilight Company*)
- *Months after the mutiny at Mon Cala, Leia Organa and other Rebel leaders gather with their new fleet of Mon Calamari cruisers (twelve refit for battle with full crews and fighter support) at Mako-Ta Base. Also present is Queen Trios of Shu-Torun, without whose aid this would not have been possible. Leia thanks her, but once Leia has left the room, Trios accesses a maximum-security channel to make a call to Darth Vader, telling him, "They're here. They expect nothing."*
(Mutiny at Mon Cala)
- *Months have passed since the mutiny at Mon Cala supplied the Rebel Alliance with a dozen Mon Cala cruisers, which have all now been refit for combat with full crews and compliments of starfighters. As the Rebel leadership gathers at the secret Mako-Ta Rebel base to celebrate the launch of this new fleet, Mon Mothma thanks Leia Organa for her crucial role in the mission, while Leia gives much of the credit to Queen Trios of Shu-Torun, who appears to have managed to meet Imperial quotas for her world while also providing enough to outfit this new fleet with everything from hyperdrives to comm systems. This is a major moment for the*

Rebellion. Meanwhile, Han Solo, Chewbacca, and C-3PO are on the Ring of Kafrene doing some business when accosted by bounty hunters working for Jabba the Hutt. They manage to get away without incident, but the situation with Han's debt to Jabba continues to hang over him. Meanwhile, Luke Skywalker and R2-D2 are in Luke's X-wing among the other starfighter pilots in his group, putting on a dazzling display of light for the Rebel fleet at Mako-Ta. Upon landing, Luke and Wedge Antilles speak with Jan Dodonna, who believes they can now strike critical targets, even if they still cannot win a war of attrition. He also recognizes that this fleet needs to disperse and hide until required, rather than staying together and making an easy target. When the time comes for the Rebel fleet to disperse into hyperspace at the end of a speech by Mon Mothma, nothing happens. When Leia tries to contact the ships to receive a status update, comms are down. Trios, meanwhile, has disappeared mid-speech. Leia realizes that it is a trap just as several Imperial Star Destroyers and Darth Vader's massive new Super Star Destroyer, the Executor, emerge from hyperspace. Vader's Death Squadron has arrived to wipe out the new Rebel fleet. When Luke and other pilots prepare to launch to defend the capital ships, the bay doors won't open on all of the ships. They are at the Empire's mercy. Vanden Willard's ship is destroyed in the first strike, killing him and most of his crew. When Admiral Kendal Ozzel asks Vader what their next target will be, he tells him that their target is hope, as now is when hope dies. Leia leads a Rebel team to force their way aboard Trios' ships as she is trying to separate from the base dock. Unfortunately, just as they get through and Leia reaches Trios, the deceptive queen is able to get into an escape pod and launch. Davits Draven begins going through the Shu-Torun files to find the source of the problems and possible solutions. As a temporary solution, he notes that while the hangar bay doors can't be opened from the ship, a ship flying close enough and broadcasting a Rebel signal would cause the doors to open due to proximity sensors. Bandwin Cor tries to do this by going out in a shuttle, but it is quickly destroyed, along with another capital ship. Just then, the Millennium Falcon emerges from hyperspace. Leia explains the situation, and Han intends to open the bay doors by flying close enough, but Darth Vader launches in his TIE Advanced x1 to destroy the ship that foiled his victory at the Battle of Yavin. As Han tries to evade Vader, Commander Evram Lajaie has his crew abandon their capital ship to bring word to the other ships that the problems seem to be originating in Shu-Torun systems that might be able to be bypassed. His ship is then destroyed with him still aboard, and Vader orders the pods targeted. Han flies through the debris of the ship to evade Vader, then they launch C-3PO in an escape pod from the Falcon toward the command ship, where he crashes and then drags himself into the ship. He is able to tell Luke about the way the signal would open the doors, so Luke disobeys orders by launching in his X-wing, aiming for the doors. As expected, they open when he reaches them while broadcasting his signal, and the other X-wing pilots launch to join him. When Wedge asks Luke what they should use as their call sign, Luke claims that by disobeying orders, they're acting like Jyn Erso (whose heroics he was told about in detail during the mission to Jedha). As such, it's time for some sentiment to energize the pilots. He dubs them "Rogue Squadron" after Jyn's "Rogue One" operation. They charge into the battle . . . (To be continued as more issues are released . . .)

(Hope Dies)

Aftermath Trilogy [continued] (novel trilogy: Chuck Wendig)

Aftermath (novel: Chuck Wendig)

Part Two [flashback]

Chapter 12 [flashback]

Star Wars [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron & Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Chris Eliopoulos & Jason Latour & Dash Aaron & Cullen Bunn)

Mutiny at Mon Cala (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Mutiny at Mon Cala, Part I (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Mutiny at Mon Cala, Part II (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Mutiny at Mon Cala, Part III (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Mutiny at Mon Cala, Part IV (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Mutiny at Mon Cala, Part V (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Mutiny at Mon Cala, Part VI (comic: Kieron Gillen)

The Storms of Crait (comic series: Ben Acker & Ben Blacker)

Storms of Crait (comic: Ben Acker & Ben Blacker)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Chapter 14

Star Wars [continued] (comic series: Jason Aaron & Kieron Gillen & Kelly Thompson & Chris Eliopoulos & Jason Latour & Dash Aaron & Cullen Bunn)

Mutiny at Mon Cala [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Mutiny at Mon Cala, Part VI [continued] (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Hope Dies [continued] (comic series: Kieron Gillen)

Hope Dies, Part I (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Hope Dies, Part II (comic: Kieron Gillen)

Hope Dies, Part III (comic: Kieron Gillen)

2 ABY

- *Poe Dameron is born to Shara Bey and Kes Dameron. While Shara and Kes serve with the Rebel Alliance, Poe is cared for by Shara's father.*
(conjecture based on *The Force Awakens Visual Dictionary* and *Shattered Empire*)
- *Temmin Wexley comes into possession of a map that shows that his family home on Chenza Hill in Myrra on Akiva is actually connected to underground tunnels that cover much of the area beneath Myrra.*
(conjecture based on *Aftermath*)
- *Thara Nyende begins training as an Imperial cadet. Within a year, she will be stormtrooper SP-475 on Sullust.*
(conjecture based on *Twilight Company*)
- *During the last years of the Empire, Atterra Alpha is turned into an Imperial prison.*
(conjecture based on *Cobalt Squadron*)
- *Aboard the Rabbit's Foot, smugglers Jaxxon and Amaiza Foxtrain barely make a crash landing that they can walk away from. While Amaiza goes to meet their contact, Queen Prizzi of Livorno, Jaxxon works on repairing the ship (and figuring out how to repair their partnership after this latest debacle). Prizzi informs them that the Empire has hunted her people to near extinction, so she needs Jaxxon and Amaiza to take a container of the last six eggs of her kind to Leia Organa, who has vowed to keep them safe. Jaxxon isn't sure about such a mission, given that it would get them mixed up in the Rebellion, but when Amaiza suggests contacting Han Solo instead of Jaxxon, he takes the job. When stormtroopers arrive, all three of them escape on the Rabbit's Foot, but once in space, Jaxxon and Prizzi go to check on the eggs, only to find them hatching bat-like creatures. These aren't the real eggs! Jaxxon believes Amaiza must have switched them, and she is nowhere to be found, having left the ship while no one was looking earlier. Amaiza heads for the Wheel, where she intends to auction off the eggs. When the auction is interrupted by an Imperial intending to steal or destroy the eggs, Jaxxon emerges from the gathered beings. He figured out where she would try to sell the eggs and got there before the auction began. He saves the eggs and escapes with them. Prizzi and Jaxxon then make their way to the Rebel fleet, where Leia thanks Jaxxon. When asked where the eggs are, Jaxxon points to his droid pal, Mel, who is bringing the eggs to them . . . and who then trips on a bulkhead and smashes them all! Jaxxon reveals that he knew these eggs were fake because he scanned them as soon as he got them, so that they didn't run into a similar surprise as the first time around. Leia reveals that Jaxxon was a decoy so that Han could get the real eggs out on the Millennium Falcon. To ease his annoyance, Leia agrees that she will still pay what Jaxxon is owed, and Han himself will help fix the Rabbit's Foot. **

(The Lost Eggs of Livorno)*

*NOTE: We aren't given any details on when this takes place, but since Han is with the Rebel fleet, and both he and Leia are wearing clothing more similar to that of ESB than ANH, I'm putting it here in a relatively open time period between the films.

- *On Castell, Lando Calrissian has been planning to steal a "trinket" from the local Moff, Ssaria. However, they two have been carrying on a relationship, and Lando choose to gamble on her love for him rather than just steal it by telling her what he was planning and that by telling her he is hoping that she won't kill him but will see it as a chance to avoid having her bloodthirsty record soiled by being betrayed by a lover. It works, and he returns with the trinket to his partner, Lobot, and then onward to Papa Toren, to whom he owes quite a bit of money (at the risk of his own life). Unfortunately, the trinket had already been stolen by the Empire from Toren, so Toren considers it just returning his own property. He only drops 10% from what Lando owes him. To clear the debt (and come out ahead), Lando is stuck working another job for Toren, with a reluctant Lobot at his side. They bring in Aleksin and Pavol, a pair of fighters*

who may be brothers or clones. They then also recruit the Ugnought Sava Korin Pers (who lost an eye to Lando). Together, they sneak into a Sienar Fleet Systems orbital shipyard and steal an unusual ship that supposedly belongs to an art collector. They are to get the ship for Toren and can keep whatever they find inside (which they expect to be valuable art). They manage to steal the ship, but little do they know that it is the *Imperialis* and belongs to Emperor Sheev Palpatine and that Mas Amedda has already ordered Commander Pasqual at the shipyards to recover the ship. As Lando's team tries to escape the Castell system in the *Imperialis*, they are confronted by three Star Destroyers (under Commodore Idel, Captain Shan, and Captain Conro). They are able to jump to hyperspace after fending them off with the ship's automated defenses, even causing two Star Destroyers to collide due to crossing their tractor beams. Meanwhile, on Amethia Prime, bounty hunter Chanath Cha captures criminal Big String. She is flying with rocket boots with String held in one hand when a call comes from Palpatine, causing Chanath to "drop everything" (literally, meaning String falls to his presumed death) to answer the call. Chanath is hired to find the *Imperialis*, even as Commodore Idel commits suicide for his own failure to catch the ship. Chanath is charged to find the ship and either recover its contents or destroy everything. Back aboard the *Imperialis*, Lando's team starts checking out the rare items in its cargo hold, but when Lobot opens one sealed chamber, two ragged Imperial Guards emerge, one stabbing Lobot through the torso with a pike. While Lobot reels from the wound, his implants begin to take over his mind due to him losing focus. They need to help Lobot fast. Aleksin and Pavol battle the guardsmen, and Lando and Korin get Lobot into a bacta tank. Meanwhile, Chanath Cha takes command of Darth Maul's old starship, the *Scimitar*, and meets his assistant for this mission, O-66. To make sure that the droid cannot turn on him based on other programming, Chanath removes its head and keeps only the head in the cockpit, rigged with an explosive. They take off after the *Imperialis*, attempting to track its drive signature. Aboard the ship, Lando and Korin (now armed) return to Aleksin and Pavol and discover that the guardsmen were somehow corrupted. (Their appearance is almost zombie-like, decayed.) They then discover what was actually in the room with the Imperial Guards: Sith artifacts, which Korin recognizes from her time as an expert in the Sith during her university teaching days. Soon, the *Scimitar* catches up to the *Imperialis*. Chanath discreetly boards the ship to take it back. Back in the artifacts room, Lando and Korin are encouraged by how much they could sell their findings for, but then Aleksin takes up a double-bladed Sith lightsaber and cuts off one of Pavol's arms! The Sith artifacts in the room have a corrupting influence (like with the guardsmen) and are now affecting Aleksin. Lando wants to find a way back into the room (which they seal to save themselves from Aleksin, also sealing in Pavol), but Korin has heard enough about the Sith and their Dark Side beliefs to know to get the hell out of there. She intends to leave in an escape pod, but even as she and Lando argue over the point (and whether they can wait until Lobot is healed before leaving), it becomes a moot point. Chanath disables all of the escape pods with command codes provided by Palpatine. Aleksin continues to fight a shocked Pavol, who takes up a physical Sith weapon to fight Aleksin one-handed. Lando and Korin try to get to the bridge or otherwise reactivate the escape pods, but Korin (and then Lando) is caught by Chanath. In a surprising twist, though, Chanath recognizes Lando as an old friend. (She had previously had a relationship with Lobot, it seems.) She is willing to help Lando and Lobot survive this encounter. They will need help for sure, as both Aleksin and Pavol emerge from the treasure room with Sith lightsabers, both corrupted by the Dark Side. Lando wants to see if Chanath can reactivate the escape pods to let them escape with some valuable items, then destroy the ship, but Chanath cannot let anything leave the ship to be discovered later, as it would reveal her complicity. She also cannot reactivate the escape pods, as she does not have those codes. Instead, she will set the ship to self-destruct, then get the out on the *Scimitar*. Aleksin and Pavol bring Korin to their side with promises of knowledge, then simply kill her. As Chanath goes to call the *Scimitar*, she has Lando go get Lobot, even knowing that without longer treatment, his cybernetics will very likely take over his mind. Chanath, meanwhile, learns that O-66 refuses to return, having deactivated the explosive and refusing to let the *Scimitar* be damaged by the *Imperialis*' self-destruction. Pavol then confronts Chanath, who kills the one-armed warrior. Lando and Lobot are confronted by Aleksin. Lando convinces Aleksin that he or Lobot can convince Chanath to shut down the self-destruct. As soon as Aleksin lowers his lightsaber, Lando shoots and kills him. This is out of character for Lando, but that is the point: the only other people who know he will resort to violence as a last resort are dead, so he can play the non-violent smooth-talker and hold back violence in case of emergency. Lando and Lobot

reunite with Chanath, and the only hope to get to safety is for Lobot to link with the Imperialis and reactivate the escape pods. He does so, but it is at the cost of his own sense of self, as the implants take over. Chanath leaves in one pod after saying goodbye. Lobot and Lando leave in another, as Lobot speaks a pre-scripted statement to Lando. He urges Lando to do some good with the leadership skills and charm that he already has, to leave the con game and instead do something positive for others. He, Lobot believed, is better than the life he has been leading.

(Lando)*

*NOTE: We have been given no indication of when this story takes place, other than that it is between ANH and ESB. Apparently, Marvel and Lucasfilm intend to keep the story's placement in that three-year gap vague for a while so as not to constrain storytelling in other series. While I personally think that's asinine and part of what got this era to be such a mess in *Legends*, we are stuck with this information until such time as Marvel or Lucasfilm make it clearer when in this era it takes place. I have placed it in this year just to have a place to put it. I will update that placement if and when we are given a specific time for the story.

- At Cloud City on Bespin, Lando Calrissian, now a legitimate businessman, is approached by an old flame, Clariah, who needs his help with her son, Jiandy, who seems to be following a shady path very similar to the kind of youth Lando was in his younger days. In fact, as they discuss his refusal to go to school and questionable friends, he cheats in a card game with some locals, beats them, then claims one of the other players was his uncle, setting up the others. Lando agrees to speak with him a bit. When Jiandy questions how Lando could give up a life of danger and intrigue, he takes the youth into a nearby alley, where they witness Askroh and two thugs harassing Tuud, an individual who worked for Askroh but has been caught smuggling Alderaanian wine behind his back. When Jiandy spots a flowery brooch on Askroh's coat, he leaves Lando and makes his way to above Askroh and steals it. Unfortunately, by the time he gets back to Lando, Askroh and his two thugs are there to confront the young thief. They escape on a speederbike, as Jiandy claims that Lando must miss his old life. They wind up cornered on a landing pad, where Lando rats out Jiandy having the brooch stored in a secret compartment on his belt. He returns it and runs off, grumbling about Lando. As it turns out, this was mostly a setup. Askroh is an old acquaintance of Lando who helped show how life on the fringe can be dangerous. Lando speaks with Clariah a short time after about it, and she notes that she has talked to the current Baron Administrator about crime on Cloud City, but nothing is getting done. Lando is pretty sure that one day, there will be someone in the position who will listen. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Family Affair)*

*NOTE: We don't know when this takes place, other than that Lando is now a legitimate businessman, but *not* the Baron Administrator of Cloud City yet, and appears more like Billy Dee Williams than Donald Glover.

- Before rescuing Han Solo from Jabba the Hutt's Palace 18 months from now, Leia Organa will request information on Jabba's movements going back this far from General Davits Draven.
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- Nine months into the Rebel Alliance's major Mid Rim push, Twilight Company receives word from Alliance High Command that the Rebel fleet is overextended. Forward movement stops in an effort to defend newly-claimed territory. Very soon thereafter, Imperial attacks cause the Rebels to begin pulling out of that territory in what becomes known as the Mid Rim Retreat. Twilight Company acts as a rearguard in the retreat.
(conjecture based on *Twilight Company*)
- General Carlist Rieekan submits a report to Mon Mothma on the Mid Rim retreat that includes notes that the Rebel Alliance has now abandoned Jeyell, Pothor, Trasse, Ord Tiddell, Charros, and Durkteel. (Caluan Ematt barely makes it out on the last transport from Ord Tiddell.)
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- Four months before Captain Tabor Seitaron comes to the Herald, the Imperial Star Destroyer Herald is assigned to Prelate Verge and his crew is first assigned to the ship.
(conjecture based on *Twilight Company*)
- About three to four months before the Siege at Inyusu Tor, Vifra joins Twilight Company.
(conjecture based on *Twilight Company*)

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The Lost Eggs of Livorno (comic: Cavan Scott)

Heroes for a New Hope [continued] (comic series: Mark Waid & Charles Soule & Gerry Duggan)

Lando (comic series: Charles Soule)

Lando, Part I (comic: Charles Soule)

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Family Affair [flashback] (comic series: Paul Crilley)

Family Affair, Part I [flashback] (comic: Paul Crilley)

Family Affair, Part II [flashback] (comic: Paul Crilley)

3 ABY (PRE-SW5)

- *Less than a month before the Battle of Hoth, the Rebel Alliance sets up Echo Base on Hoth on the recommendation of Corporal Purpurff (a Gigoran, who finds the world “clean and brisk”) that is submitted to General Pitt Onoran via Colonel Anna Seertay. Kem Monnon is assigned as chief engineer of the project. General Carlist Rieekan alerts all personnel to a policy of comm silence and base security. T-47 airspeeders must be refit for cold weather with Derek “Hobbie” Klivian as a test pilot. Early reports of dead tauntauns point to local predators, which will soon be revealed to be wampas.*
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- *Three weeks before Twilight Company is assigned to Coyerti (so around day 76 of the Mid Rim Retreat), the local Coyerti contact the Rebel Alliance to ask for protection during their reproductive season, during which they will be defenseless against Imperial aggression.*
(conjecture based on *Twilight Company*)
- *Three weeks before Chewbacca briefly goes missing at Echo Base, Han Solo submits the proper paperwork to the Rebel Alliance to requisition new power converters for the Millennium Falcon. He will wait three weeks before complaining that he still does not have them. In doing so, he will also invite Leia Organa to bring them personally to the Falcon, supposedly because Chewbacca (surely not Han!) misses seeing her.*
(conjecture based on *Tales of Hope & Courage*)
- *Shortly before she joins Twilight Company, the girl known as Roach stops using spice. The withdrawals will hit her after Coyerti Campaign.*
(conjecture based on *Twilight Company*)
- *Around the same time Chewbacca briefly goes missing at Echo Base, Han Solo sends a message to complain about not having new power converters for the Millennium Falcon (and to invite Leia Organa for a visit to the ship), while Luke Skywalker reports on the progress of Rogue Group and C-3PO sends a message to complain about not getting approval for new heat lanterns for his post at Echo Base.*
(conjecture based on *Tales of Hope & Courage*)
- *During the final stages of preparing Echo Base, Leia Organa is meeting with General Carlist Rieekan when Luke Skywalker arrives, looking for Chewbacca. Chewie is two hours late from*

returning from working on clearing corridors of ice and snow. Leia agrees to go look for him, taking R2-D2 with her.*

(Daring Adventures, Vol. 2 and Tales of Hope & Courage)*

*NOTE: This, of course, is set up for *Beasts of Echo Base* and is included only in the young reader adaptations, rather than in the episode itself. The rest of this portion of the book is just an adaptation of the cartoon.

- Chewbacca is missing at Echo Base. While looking for him, Leia Organa and R2-D2 discover him captured by a wampa and held in its arms like a plush toy. He must have been captured while clearing out more corridors of ice and snow for Echo Base. Leia distracts the wampa while R2-D2 and Chewbacca work on fixing the door to the corridor, which they narrowly manage to do, allowing Leia to escape the wampa.

(Beasts of Echo Base)

- On Hoth, a Rebel ship is lost in a snowstorm. It remains lost for the next month. (conjecture based on Leia)
- On Haidoral Prime on the 84th day of the so-called “Mid Rim Retreat,” Twilight Company battles Imperial forces. Among the contingent in the city of Haidoral Administrative Center One (AKA “Glitter”) is Sergeant Hazram Namir (formerly “Donin” and “Umu Seven” on Crucival), who leads a team consisting of Charmer (Sergeant Pol Andrissus), Gadren (a Basilisk that stutters ever since their battle on Blacktar Cyst), and sniper Brand (AKA Lauren Mel Coelho). (They lost their communications specialist during a mission to Asyrphus, so Namir is having to play that role as well.) They are to leave in eight hours, so they are trying to battle the Empire for as much ground as they can before having to pull out as the Alliance retreats from this area of space. After a relatively successful mission, Twilight Company holds an open recruitment drive, during which a young woman (claiming to be twenty but more like sixteen) calling herself “Roach” joins up, along with 27 other new recruits. Namir’s squad is called from the recruitment to the local governor’s mansion. A message has been relayed through a mouse droid that there are Rebel prisoners to be rescued inside. Upon entering, though, they learn that it was a ruse. Instead, the Imperial governor, Everi Chalis, wants asylum to the Rebel Alliance. She is a brilliant manager (and artist) that has kept tabs on (and overseen) a great deal of Imperial logistics over the years, and she feels that her current assignment is punishment. Since she believes she deserves better, she is willing to switch sides if they will offer her asylum. Not quite sure what to do with her, they stun her and take her back to Twilight Company’s Captain Micha Evon (AKA “Howl,” as in “Howling Mad”). The next day, on Sullust, stormtrooper Thara Nyende (SP-475 of the Imperial 97th Stormtrooper Legion) tries to help locals in Pinyumb in her off time, including her uncle and his friends, though they do not appreciate her help much due to being part of the Empire that they see as oppressing them and other laborers. The same day, Chalis lays it all out for Howl, Lieutenant Sairgon, Chief Medi Von Geiz, and Namir in a briefing aboard Twilight Company’s military transport, the Thunderstrike. She offers to share logistical information on the Empire, for which she was the foremost expert after the death of Denetrius Vidian. Howl is unsure until she whispers something in his ear, and he begins to consider her potential value. Once the Thunderstrike and its companion gunship, Apailana’s Promise, break away from the rest of their battle group, Namir turns his attention to training the 28 new recruits from Haidoral Prime. During this training, he learns that the young girl he recruited is called “Roach.” She lies about knowing how to use a blaster and then admits it, and since she was willing to admit where she needed help, Namir takes some time on his own to train her. For two days, Howl is able to keep Chalis’ presence on the ship mostly a secret while she is kept in a secondary air lock as a makeshift cell. Word starts to get out, though, and there are plenty of members of Twilight Company, especially new recruits like Corbo (whose pet she killed) that want some payback. Namir discusses this with his squad and comrades like Maximian Ajax (formerly of the Rebellion’s 32nd Infantry, one of only five survivors of the “Bleeding Roughnecks”). They discuss their own grudges against the Empire, including the Empire taking away Gadren’s family and selling them to a Hutt clan and Roach’s six months spent in an Imperial detention center. Brand says she joined because she took a bounty on Howl but instead stayed, while Namir chooses not to share his own reasons for joining and leaves with Brand following. They agree that Howl is a genius, but they wonder what he is up to with Chalis. Three more days pass, then they are attacked by an Imperial ship in a chance encounter with an Imperial recon squadron. In the brief battle, Namir goes to check on Chalis in the airlock and finds a fire raging. He is only able to escape exploding flames himself by getting himself and a wounded soldier (Maediyu) into the airlock with Chalis, where they nearly die of suffocation before being released and treated by Von Geiz in the infirmary. He is back on his feet within

two days and goes to see Howl the day after. He asks about whether they were attacked because of Chalis, and while Chalis thinks so, Howl is unsure. Either way, they may have a target on them now that they have her. They are unsure whether she is a double-agent, but since they are so deep in Imperial territory, it will be a while before they can get her to Alliance Command. For the time being, she has been tasked with creating a holographic map of the Imperial logistical network as proof of her value. On the 91st day of the Mid Rim Retreat, Imperial Captain Tabor Seitaron arrives aboard the Imperial Star Destroyer Herald, having been called upon to temporarily leave teaching at the Imperial Academy on Carida to aid in tracking down Chalis alongside young Imperial Ruling Council member, Prelate Verge. Verge has requested him due to his experience and some familiarity with Chalis. Verge is a "true believer" in Palpatine and the Empire, so Tabor does not dare argue against the assignment, even though he does not feel it is appropriate. Five days later, Twilight Company begins a mission on Coyerti to protect the local Coyerti (allies of the Rebellion) during their reproductive season by keeping the local Imperials occupied. (The planet is home to a major Imperial research outpost, where various defoliants, bioweapons, and the like have been tested, making for a very harsh environment.) They are to hit a lab called the "Distillery" by Chalis to test to see if her information is accurate about Imperial targets. They complete their mission, destroying the Distillery, but something inside makes them sick. After nearly ten days, they are extracted by a drop ship and get treatment for the illness. Most of Namir's people survive, but it angers him when he learns that the mission was part of a bigger plan of which he was not aware, a coordinated series of attacks (including at places like Bestine) to cover the Rebels' continuing withdrawal. After the meeting, Namir encounters Roach, who is sitting by herself, shivering and looking rough. She reveals that she was a spice user and has only been clean since just before being recruited. Even worse, this was her first combat and first kill, which has shaken her a bit. Namir stays with her like an older brother to look after her that night. Three days after leaving Coyerti, the Thunderstrike and Apailana's Promise are attacked by an Imperial Star Destroyer. They escape and try to set down for repairs in the Enrivi system, but they are attacked upon arrival. They are then attacked again after some course changes nineteen hours later. They are somehow being tracked. Since scared people might want to blame or even kill Chalis, she is given more security. The ship's mechanic droid, M2-M5, suggests that a hypermatter particle leak from the chance encounter with the Imperials shortly after bringing Chalis aboard may be what the Imperials can track. They probably figured this out back at Coyerti. The command staff (and Chalis) meet to discuss options, and Namir suggests (after Chalis suggests capturing an Imperial ship and leaving the Thunderstrike as a way to manipulate Namir into suggesting what he does) that they capture an Imperial ship, board it, and grab the parts necessary to fix the Thunderstrike's engine by stripping the Imperial engine. Chalis begins building a small amount of trust with Namir by offering to join his boarding party since she has Imperial codes that can help them along the way, which puts her at risk too. (Since so many aboard want her dead, her choices on whom to trust are limited, making Namir one of the lucky few.) With Chalis contact them as a lure, they are able to draw in an Imperial transport in the Redhurne system. They board and get the components they need, but Ajax is killed, along with seven other members of Twilight Company. Shortly thereafter, Namir learns that Chalis has completed her holographic map, and the Rebels have verified her information with a Tibanna mining operation in the Pantrosian Eye that she could not have known they knew about but was indeed on the map. While the Thunderstrike and Apailana's Promise are both repaired over the next month or so, Howl, Chalis, and an escort (including Namir, of course) have been ordered to report to Alliance Command (which, unbeknownst to Namir, means going to Echo Base on Hoth). Chalis information will be vetted by ordinance and supply head Baccam Grafis. Back on Sullust, Thara Nyende and her fellow stormtroopers are briefed that the Empire believes the Cobalt Laborers' Reformation Front (CLRF) is trying to cultivate ties with the Rebel Alliance and to be on the lookout for known Alliance members native to Sullust, including Nien Nunb, Sian Tevv, and Corjenta Malaua. The briefing is cut short when word arrives of an attack in Pinyumb at the ore processing facility. The city is locked down. When Thara gets off duty, she brings goods to her uncle again, but she notices a bag of unknown items that makes her suspicious, and the locals are definitely suspicious of her intentions now that the Empire is cracking down. To them (minus her uncle), she is just another face of the Empire. The next day, a funeral is held on the Thunderstrike for those lost during the raid to get engine parts. Namir asks Brand to look after "their" people, and then Namir, Chalis, Howl, Roja, and Beak leave to head for Echo Base. Meanwhile, Tabor and Verge have figured out that Twilight

*Company would need to stop for repairs for a while, even after stealing parts from the Imperial ship. Their hunt for Chalis continues. On Hoth, the small team meets with General Philap Bygar. Two days later, classified individuals arrive to attend their meeting. Discussions continue for a week . . . (To be continued below . . .) **

(Twilight Company)*

*NOTE: This novel begins about 41 days before the Battle of Hoth, making it about 38 days (or so) before the beginning of *The Empire Strikes Back*. (The Battle of Hoth is the day of Plan Kay One Zero, and the first section begins 15 days before that, which is also referred to as around the 109th day of the Mid Rim Retreat, of which we begin the book on the 84th day.) If the Legends Continuity's date for ESB holds true (Month 6 of the year), then this does indeed put this part of BF:TC into the same year relative to ANH as ESB, just before the film itself.

- *On Hoth, Leia Organa tries to keep up her spirits and those of her Rebel comrades, despite the frustrations of Echo Base, including having to use tauntauns as they try to adapt T-47 airspeeders to the cold. One day later, the base's power generator short-circuits, burning a crucial part beyond repair. Without it, their shield generator will remain down, leaving the base defenseless from orbital bombardment. Sixteen hours later, Leia announces that they think they have found a ship that was lost a month ago in a snowstorm. Leia, Han Solo, and Hera Syndulla will take tauntauns to that location in hopes of salvaging the parts they need to get the power generator and the shield generator back online. Eight hours later, Leia is dealing with a difficult tauntaun as they make their way to the crash site. Upon arrival, Leia and her tauntaun fall down into a crater where they find the ship, which Leia begins to search. Meanwhile, Han and Hera must go through a series of caverns to reach her. Leia finds the part but faces off with a tauntaun before an avalanche covers her in snow. Thankfully, Han and Hera find her just as her tauntaun digs her out. They return to Echo Base, and necessary repairs are made to bring everything back online. Meanwhile, though, Admiral Kendal Ozzel has reported a lack of success with recent probe droids in finding the Rebel base to Darth Vader, who has ordered a new round of probe droids deployed. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Leia)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)

Daring Adventures, Vol. 2 [continued] (youth novel: Emma Carlson Berne)

Leia: Beasts of Echo Base

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Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)

Tales of Hope & Courage [continued] (youth novel: Elizabeth Schaefer)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (cartoon series: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)

Forces of Destiny, Volume 2 [continued] (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

Beasts of Echo Base (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)

Daring Adventures, Vol. 2 [continued] (youth novel: Emma Carlson Berne)

Leia: Beasts of Echo Base [continued]

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Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)

Tales of Hope & Courage [continued] (youth novel: Elizabeth Schaefer)

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Twilight Company [continued] (novel: Alexander Freed)

Withdrawal [continued]

Chapters 2 – 6

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Regroupment

Chapters 9 – 12

Forces of Destiny [continued] (comic series: Jody Houser & Devin Grayson & Beth Revis & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Delilah S. Dawson)

Leia (comic: Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet)

3 ABY (SW5)

- *An Imperial Star Destroyer enters the Hoth system and dispatches probe droids to search for*

Luke Skywalker and the Rebel Alliance. On Hoth, Luke Skywalker and Han Solo are on patrol and about to head back when Luke is attacked by a wampa ice beast. Back at the Rebel's Echo Base, Han informs General Carlist Rieekan that he will be leaving the Alliance to pay off Jabba the Hutt. Leia Organa is flustered by this, but the two still do not admit to true feelings for each other. Later, after Luke has not reported in at his scheduled time, Han enters the deadly Hoth night to find him. Luke has, in fact, escaped the wampa, using the Force to reclaim his lightsaber and killing the creature. In a delirium on the frozen plains, he sees a vision of Obi-Wan Kenobi telling him to go to Dagobah and learn the Jedi ways from Jedi Master Yoda. Han finds him and they take shelter for the night. In the morning, Rogue Squadron (minus their leader, Luke) finds them, and Luke is nursed back to health. A probe droid finds Echo Base and destroys itself while Han tries to destroy it. Star Destroyers arrive in orbit, and Blizzard Force AT-ATs (led by General Maximilian Veers) head for the surface. The Rebels put up a valiant effort in T-47 snowspeeders and with ground forces until finally retreating in full force from the base. Han, Leia, Chewie, and C-3PO escape in the Millennium Falcon. Luke, his T-47 destroyed, rejoins Rogue Group at Echo Base, and they evacuate in their X-wings. Luke heads for Dagobah, while the Falcon is pursued by the Imperial forces, taking refuge in the Hoth asteroid belt. They enter the asteroid dubbed "Big One" and unknowingly enter a space slug's digestive tract, before finally escaping and attaching themselves to the command tower of a Star Destroyer. During their seclusion, Han and Leia begin to show their feelings for each other more openly. On Dagobah, Luke has met Yoda (unknowingly) and been taken to his hut. Yoda speaks with Obi-Wan's spirit, who convinces Yoda that Luke (years too old to be trained) can be trained, despite Yoda's objections at the time. Aboard Darth Vader's flagship, the Super Star Destroyer Executor, Vader speaks with Emperor Palpatine via holocomm about the quest to turn Luke Skywalker to the Dark Side. On Dagobah, Luke trains with Yoda. He then enters the Dark Side Cave near Yoda's hut and receives a vision in which he battles and defeats Darth Vader, only to find that under Vader's mask is his own face--a sign both that Vader is related to Luke, but more importantly that Luke holds the promise of great good or great evil. Later, Yoda lifts Luke's X-wing from the swamp where it sank, uttering the "Yoda-isms," "Do or do not. There is no try," and "Size matters not." Back on the Executor, Darth Vader places a bounty on the Millennium Falcon, setting Dengar, Zuckuss, 4-LOM, IG-88, Bossk, and Boba Fett on the heroes' tail. Shortly thereafter, Han sets course of Bespin and leaves as the Star Destroyer ejects its garbage, but is followed by Boba Fett in Slave I. On Dagobah, Luke receives a vision of Han and Leia in great pain. He decides that, against Yoda and Kenobi's advice, he must go to them. On Bespin, Han is reunited with Lando Calrissian, who offers to have his people repair the Falcon's hyperdrive. Shortly after their arrival, C-3PO stumbles across a group of stormtroopers and is blasted into several pieces before he can warn the others. On Dagobah, Luke sets off for Bespin, promising to return to complete his training. Obi-Wan fears that Luke is their last hope, though Yoda reminds him: there is another. At Cloud City on Bespin, Chewie finds C-3PO's parts and brings them to Han, moments before Lando takes the heroes straight into Darth Vader's hands. Fett had informed Vader of the heroes' presence and Lando could not afford to say "no" to Vader. Han is tortured, but never asked questions. Lando reveals that they are simply bait to bring Luke to Cloud City. Vader plans to freeze Luke in carbonite to bring him to the Emperor, so they test the facility on Han. Just before being frozen, Han hears the words he's been wanting to hear from Leia--"I love you." Vader then turns the carbon-frozen Han over to Fett to be taken to Jabba the Hutt. Leia, Chewie, and C-3PO are to be taken away by Vader. Luke arrives and is warned of the trap by Leia, though he charges ahead anyway. As Leia and Chewie are escorted by guards, Lando arranges for his security force to ambush them, freeing them to escape. Lando (while being nearly choked to death by Chewbacca) informs them that they can still save Han. They race to the East Platform where Fett has just lifted off with Han aboard. As Lando informs the denizens of Cloud City that the Empire has taken control and the heroes race to the Millennium Falcon. R2-D2 joins them. Luke has been herded into a meeting with Darth Vader. In the carbon-freezing chamber, Luke and Vader duel until Luke escapes deeper into Cloud City. The two duel again. This time, Vader uses the Force to hurl objects at Luke, finally breaking a window into the core of the city, sending Luke out of the level. Luke clings to a floor grating and pulls himself up onto a platform extending into Cloud City's heart, only to be attacked again by Vader. Elsewhere, Leia, Lando, Chewbacca, C-3PO, and R2-D2 escape in the (hopefully fixed) Millennium Falcon and are pursued from the city by TIE fighters. Back on the gantry, Luke and Vader duel until Vader cuts off Luke's hand, sending

the hand and Anakin Skywalker's old lightsaber down into the bowels of Cloud City. Luke hangs on for dear life from an outcropping, with his only ways to go being with Vader, or down, down, down through the station's core. Vader attempts to seduce him to the Dark Side with talk of power and might until finally revealing the awful truth--that Obi-Wan had lied about what happened to Anakin Skywalker and that Darth Vader is his father. Luke, in shock, but wary of the situation, drops into the core and falls through a garbage hatch. He catches himself on a weather vane, calls through the Force to Leia and is rescued. The Rebels then head for their rendezvous with the Rebel Alliance fleet. Luke receives a new hand, while Lando and Chewbacca set out in the Millennium Falcon to find Han Solo. The situation has rarely been graver for the heroes of the Rebel Alliance . . .

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The Novelization Trilogy [continued] (novel trilogy: George Lucas & Alan Dean Foster & Donald F. Glut & James Kahn)

The Empire Strikes Back (novel: Donald F. Glut)

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The Original Trilogy Graphic Novel Adaptations [continued] (comic: Alessandro Ferrari)

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The Original Trilogy Junior Novelization Trilogy [continued] (youth novel trilogy: Ryder Windham)*

The Empire Strikes Back (youth novel: Ryder Windham)*

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***NOTE: This junior novelization is a revised version of Ryder Windham's junior novelization from the Legends Continuity. Egmont editors revised the book to remove *Legends* references and add Story Group Canon references to make it better fit the newer continuity.**

2015 Novelizations [continued] (youth novel trilogy: Alexandra Bracken & Adam Gidwitz & Tom Angleberger)

So You Want to Be a Jedi? (youth novel: Adam Gidwitz)*

On the Ice Cube

Chapter 1

A Jedi Should Know How to Count

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***NOTE:** This adaptation is about as strange as they come. It is told from *our* present day, as if the *Star Wars* saga really did happen “a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away.” The narrator acts as if you are Luke Skywalker, making it a second person point of view, and he tells the story like someone who saw ESB years ago, remembers it somewhat, and is trying to retell the story to someone who has never seen it, expecting that if they get the story wrong, twisted, or otherwise screwy, no one will be able to tell the difference.

Backstories [continued] (youth novel series: Calliope Glass & Jason Fry)

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 Princess Leia: Royal Rebel [continued] (youth novel: Calliope Glass)
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 Darth Vader: Sith Lord [continued] (youth novel: Jason Fry)
 Duel on Cloud City

The Chewbacca Story [continued] (children’s book: Benjamin Harper)

The Chewbacca Story [continued] (children’s book: Benjamin Harper)

The Battle of Hoth (5MSWS short story: Calliope Glass)

The Battle of Hoth (5MSWS short story: Calliope Glass)

A Jedi, You Must Become (5MSWS short story: Andy Schmidt)

A Jedi, You Must Become (5MSWS short story: Andy Schmidt)

A Sound Storybook Adventure [continued] (children’s book: Brian Houlihan & Veronica Wagner)

A Sound Storybook Adventure [continued] (children’s book: Brian Houlihan & Veronica Wagner)

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Sound Storybook Treasury [continued] (children’s book: Brian Houlihan)

Sound Storybook Treasury [continued] (children’s book: Brian Houlihan)

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A Leader Named Leia [continued] (children’s book: Jennifer Heddle)

A Leader Named Leia [continued] (children’s book: Jennifer Heddle)

The Power of the Force [continued] (children’s book: Michael Siglain)

The Power of the Force [continued] (children’s book: Michael Siglain)

Star Wars [continued] (webstrip series: Hong Jac Ga)

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 Calling
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CONCURRENT TO SW5 (3 ABY)

- *Even as repairs are made to make sure that the Echo Base shield generator will be back up and running, a probe droid sent by the Empire prowls the surface of Hoth.
(Leia)*
- *Hazram Namir finally speaks a little too frankly on his thoughts of how all wars are the same, how the Rebel leadership might be no better than the Empire once in power, etc. to some Echo Base personnel, which results in a brawl. The next day, Namir's punishment from Bygar is to haul crates. It is while doing so that he meets (though never getting his name) Han Solo. The two discuss how neither of them was idealistic when they signed on, but if Namir cannot eventually get behind what the Alliance believes in, rather than thinking of it as another war or job, then perhaps he should finally walk away. His people deserve better. The next morning, after drinking quite a bit, Namir leans from Captain Micha "Howl" Evon that the Rebels now have a plan for what to do with Everi Chalis and her logistical information. Chalis is to remain at Echo Base, while Howl, Beak and Roja return to Twilight Company. Namir can return or can agree to act as security for Chalis and stay behind, since she trusts him. It is all a moot point, though, as their discussion is interrupted by word that the Empire has found them (due to the discovery of the Imperial probe droid by Han). The Rebels prepare to enact Plan Kay One Zero, a full evacuation of Echo Base. Meanwhile, amid a Rebel flotilla in the Elochar Sector, the Thunderstrike and Apailana's Promise are being repaired under the guidance of Commander Paonu and Lieutenant Sairgon, while Howl is absent. A damaged Rebel ship, the Trumpet's Call, enters the system without life support, and the other ships begin taking survivors aboard. Brand, though, feels that something is wrong with the scenario . . . (To be continued below . . .)
(Twilight Company)*
- *In years to come, the Major Capin Harinar's report on the probe droid Han Solo "destroyed," a message from General Carlist Rieekan to Leia Organa recommending evacuation, and the a message from Leia to all Echo Base duty chiefs on enacting Plan Kay One Zero will all find their way into a Mon Mothma's records on the development of the Rebellion that are compiled by Hendri Underholt and later found in a data vault on Durkteel.
(conjecture based on The Rebel Files)*
- *At the Battle of Hoth (or just before), Admiral Jhared Montferrat is given command of the Imperial Star Destroyer Devastator.
(conjecture based on Blade Squadron)*
- *After two years of exemplary service aboard the Executor, Ciena Ree finally has the chance for some payback for the destruction of the Death Star and death of Jude Edivon when Nash Windrider informs her that an Imperial probe droid has discovered what might be the main Rebel base on Hoth. At Echo Base on Hoth, Thane Kyrell gets a tour of the new base from fellow (but younger) pilot Dak Ralter. They are in the middle of releasing tauntauns so that they do not die of starvation when the Rebels evacuate, since they expect the Empire is on its way, when the alarms go off. The Empire has arrived. After being briefed by Leia Organa, Thane and his copilot, Yendor, head out in their snowspeeder. They take out one foot of an AT-AT but then learn from Rogue Flight that tow cables can take them down more easily. He soon gets back to an X-wing and leaves Hoth among the last of the Rebel evacuees, never knowing if his fears that he might have killed Ciena, Nash, or other friends during such a battle would come true. (To be continued below . . .)
(Lost Stars)*
- *Sergeant Hazram Namir and Everi Chalis prepare for the evacuation of Echo Base. Namir has not yet decided on whether to travel with Chalis as her personal security or to return to Twilight Company, though the latter is more likely. Twilight Company's Namir, Roja, and Beak are checking out Outpost Delta when Star Destroyers are reported in the system. They are the first to report that Gozanti-class cruisers are coming down to drop AT-ATs. The first transport makes it away, and Namir believes, incorrectly, that Chalis was aboard. As snowspeeders engage the walkers, they battle in trenches, then head for the main base when Outpost Delta is abandoned. Thankfully, they find a damaged and abandoned Imperial Juggernaut transport to help them get back. The first walker comes down, thanks to Wedge Antilles and Wes Janson, as they make the last part of their return journey. They arrive and learn that the command center has been damaged. On trying to get to it, they run into Chalis, who has not left. Instead, she stayed to make sure Captain Micha "Howl" Evon was able to escape. Now, she is trying to get his unconscious form to safety. They head for a hangar, and*

Chalis recognizes by 501st soldiers and then a figure in black that Darth Vader himself has arrived. (She thinks he is here to take her, but he is not.) Meanwhile, in the Elochar Sector, Brand checks out the Trumpet's Call now that its injured have been evacuated to the Thunderstrike. After looking at the crew roster, she realizes that none of the evacuees are on the rosters. The crew has been killed and replaced by Imperials, and that means that the Thunderstrike has now been infiltrated! At Echo Base, Namir's team tries to fire on Vader, but he kills Beak with his lightsaber and Roja with a detonator he returns to sender with the Force. The explosion temporarily incapacitates Namir, while Vader starts to Force choke a defiant Chalis (who mouths off to Vader, but he cares only about whether she can locate Luke Skywalker for him). (Howl is also lost in the explosion.) When the Imperials report having found the Millennium Falcon, Vader leaves them as if they are completely irrelevant (which is a huge blow to Chalis, alongside throat damage that will persist). Namir and Chalis stagger their way to where they find their Twilight Company shuttle still intact. They use her knowledge of Imperial codes to get through the Imperial blockade and escape. In the Elochar Sector, Brand boards the Thunderstrike by going EVA from the Trumpet's Call, but the Herald arrives, demanding that they turn over Chalis, who isn't even there. Brand is able to retake the bridge and get them into hyperspace to escape, but the Thunderstrike is in rough shape now. Meanwhile, on Sullust, Thara Nyende (SP-475) is among a group of stormtroopers checking out the suspected Rebel ship Keepsake. Her own uncle has been rounded up in the Imperial crackdown, and she wants things back to normal. They find a Chadra-Fan rebel that claims the attack on the processing facility was just the work of their Rebel cell, no one else, but then before he can be taken back as a prisoner, he uses a detonator that kills the prisoner and several troopers. Thara manages to barely escape, having now survived her first Rebel attack. (To be continued below . . .)

(Twilight Company)

- The damaged Thunderstrike heads for Ankhural to give Twilight Company a chance to recover and repair the vessel from Imperial attack.
(conjecture based on *Twilight Company*)
- During the Battle of Hoth, Adon Fox serves the Rebel Alliance as a relatively inexperienced pilot, yet he is expected to fly an X-wing as the only escort to a fleeting transport. He survives the battle and escape, but a transport that is carrying his wife is destroyed by the Imperial Star Destroyer Devastator.
(conjecture based on *Blade Squadron*)
- During the Battle of Hoth, Chanda Bethari, Parko, and Barritz are cut off from the rest of Twilight Company and cannot reach Captain Micha "Howl" Evon. When attacked by an AT-ST, Chanda is able to take it out but is injured in the process.
(conjecture based on *On the Front Lines*)
- Imperial officer Jylia Shale is instrumental in the Battle of Hoth, which is unusual for her, given how she has been marginalized for her negative opinion on the Death Star concept in the past.
(conjecture based on *Tarkin*)
- Shortly after the Battle of Hoth, Lieutenant Wedge Antilles provides information about the battle and the strategy against the AT-ATs specifically to archivist Voren Na'al.
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- Shortly after the Battle of Hoth, Carlist Rieekan laments to Mon Mothma that they lost Echo Base after less than a month. He assures her that the dead will receive appropriate honors, and a multifaith memorial ceremony is held in aboard Home One.
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- During the pursuit of the Millennium Falcon into the asteroid field near Hoth, Ciena Ree helps issue commands and guidance to pursuing TIE fighters, but all four are eventually destroyed. Rather than being reprimanded Admiral Firmus Piett (recently elevated with Ozzel's death, something Ciena was not aware of because of not being on the bridge at the time), she is complimented for how long she was able to keep them from being destroyed. Still, she wrestles with knowing that a pilot she knew, Penrie, was one of those who died. That night, when off duty, she looks over battle footage to see what the Empire could have done differently. In the footage she sees a snowspeeder make a maneuver that she recognizes as something Thane Kyrell would do. She begins to suspect (rightly so) that Thane has joined the Rebel Alliance. Meanwhile, Thane is aboard the Liberty, where he learns that Dak Ralter was killed during the Battle of Hoth. He joins Yendor in welcoming some new recruits that

were on the way to Hoth when the attack alert went out. It turns out that Kendy Idele, Ciena's surviving Academy roommate is among them. With so much to be mournful over after the events on Hoth, Thane joins other pilots in getting rather drunk. He spends part of the night drunk and babbling his heart out about Ciena and such to a woman who stumbles upon him there. (He only realizes during the next briefing that the woman he was talking to was Mon Mothma herself!) They are briefed shortly after Thane wakes the next day about Corona Squadron's new mission. They are assigned to the Liberty and will undertake what are basically intelligence operations. Part of the briefing is by Mothma, who speaks with Thane afterward about the need to stop questioning himself and be sure that he loves what he is fighting for even more than what gives him conflict. He resolves to do whatever it takes for the Rebellion, even if it means killing Ciena someday. Soon, Ciena is aboard the Executor when it arrives at Bespin, the late Jude Edivon's homeworld, having been contacted by Boba Fett, who has tracked the Millennium Falcon there. Ciena and Nash are sent down to the Falcon's landing pad and disable the hyperdrive on Vader's orders. They are back aboard the Executor when the Falcon escapes from Cloud City and miraculously (thanks to R2-D2) goes to hyperspace. Thankfully, Vader does not kill anyone for this particular failure. Even Pielt seems to melt with relief once Vader has left the bridge. (To be continued below . . .)

(Lost Stars)

- Two days after the Battle of Hoth, Chanda Bethari awakens on the Redemption, having received bacta treatment from injuries during the battle. It turns out that her attack on the AT-ST ironically took its leg, even as the AT-ST took one of hers, requiring a prosthetic replacement. She will eventually record her thoughts on the Battle of Hoth, and that testimony will find its way into a book on major battles of the last 70 years (or so) in the wake of the Battle of Starkiller Base.

(conjecture based on *On the Front Lines*)

- On Dagobah, Luke Skywalker trains by climbing trees and taking a path through them, while Yoda and R2-D2 watch near his crashed X-wing. He could see a path, but he was so busy trying to make sure that Yoda saw his success that he failed and fell. Yoda suggests that Luke carry him for some of his training. Yoda hops into his pack, and the training resumes. Luke runs from branch to branch through the trees, heeding Yoda's teaching that his mind and body must walk the same path. After they fall a bit, and Luke must catch them on a branch, Yoda has him close his eyes and sense the area around them in the Force. With Yoda's hands over his eyes, Luke is told to run and does a superb job, guided by the Force. He must learn to trust what he sees, not what he thinks he sees. They will continue training, though Luke wonders if they are heading somewhere. Yoda answers, "Always" (suggesting that perhaps they are on their way to the Cave at this time).

(The Path Ahead)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (comic series: Jody Houser & Devin Grayson & Beth Revis & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Delilah S. Dawson)

Leia [continued] (comic: Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet)

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Twilight Company [continued] (novel: Alexander Freed)

Regroupment [continued]

Chapter 12 [continued]

Chapter 13

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Chapter 15

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Twilight Company [continued] (novel: Alexander Freed)

Regroupment [continued]

Chapters 14 – 20

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Chapters 16 – 18

Forces of Destiny [continued] (cartoon series: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)

Forces of Destiny, Volume 3 [continued] (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

The Path Ahead (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

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- In the wake of the Battle of Hoth, Wedge Antilles becomes the leader of Red Squadron. Luke Skywalker does not return to the squadron, as he does not wish to undercut his friend.*
(conjecture based on *The Weapon of a Jedi*)
- In the wake of the Imperial takeover of Cloud City, many of the most honorable security forces decide to leave. This creates a vacuum into which many less scrupulous men join the security forces in order to take advantage of the authority such a position represents.*
(conjecture based on *Uprising*)
- In the wake of the Battle of Hoth, Rebels win engagements against the Empire at Pyros and Mirrin Prime. Mon Mothma puts out a press release that seeks to win converts by providing the facts about Hoth, Pyros, and Mirrin Prime to counter Imperial lies that exaggerate their recent success at Hoth. That propaganda is put out by COMPNOR, though most of the facts aren't actually exaggerated, just bad for the Rebellion.*
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- In the wake of the Battle of Hoth, Rebel Alliance Minister of Finance Nower Jebel sends a message to Mon Mothma, essentially griping about the Echo Base personnel leaving the KDY V-150 Planet Defender ion cannon behind and the cost of its purchase and installation when compared to its actual usefulness.*
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- The night after the Rebel escape from Cloud City, Ciena Ree talks to Berisse Sai and Nash Windrider about why people join the Rebellion. She cannot really talk about Thane, since she has reported him dead. When they group is splitting up for the night, Nash tries to make a move on her, but he realizes that it is inappropriate after discussion of Thane. They will slowly enter a platonic pattern. She then receives word from her father, Paron Ree that her mother, Verine Ree, is being accused of embezzlement at the Imperial mine that she supervises on Jelucan. She requests permission from Captain Ronnadam to return to Jelucan to stand with her mother as valley kindred honor dictates. Ronnadam allows it, but only if she considers the situation from her mother's point of view and that of the Empire and reports on which side was right. It is an obvious test of her loyalty. Meanwhile, Thane Kyrell and Kendy Idele are among the pilots of Corona Squadron (also including Yendor, the grumpy Smikes, and Corona Leader AKA the Contessa) on a mission to D'Qar to check for new Imperial bases. It is upon returning from that mission that Kendy finally tells Thane that Ciena reported him as having committed suicide on Jelucan, rather than reporting him as a deserter. He returns to his cabin and decides to check news feeds from Jelucan for old time's sake and sees a report about Verine's upcoming trial. Ciena arrives on Jelucan and finds the world transformed for the worse from its years under the Empire. She finds that no one from the kindred seems to be willing to stand with the family, bringing their family flags to the home to stand with the Rees. They are unwilling to stand up to the Empire. Even Paron seems unwilling, as they made an oath to the Empire just like Ciena did, even though both believe her mother to be innocent. That night before going to bed, they hear someone nearing the home and putting a flag into the ground in support. When Ciena opens the door, though, it is Thane that has done so, planting the white flag of an outsider supporting a kindred family. By tradition, Thane is welcomed into the Ree home, despite the shock of the situation. The next day, while Paron is at work, Thane convinces Ciena to go to his family's hangar while the other Kyrells are away, so that they can fly together again in Dalven Kyrell's old V-171, the ship with which they had learned to fly. They then go to their Fortress, where they have it out over him joining the Rebellion then make love for the second night of their long lives alongside each other. Ciena will not leave the Empire, as she believes in some of the good things it is supposed to do, and she does not want to abandon her oath of service. When her five years are up, she can reconsider. Verine's trial takes place the next day, and she is immediately found guilty by the Imperial authorities on the falsified charges and sentenced to hard labor. The act again harms Ciena's faith in the Empire, but she stays true to her oath. She returns to the Executor and Captain Ronnadam, who questions her about the experience. She says all the right things to remain the model Imperial officer. Thane, meanwhile, returns to the Liberty, from which he had requested leave for unspecified reasons and been granted it because, frankly, the Rebellion is not a formal outfit with such practices. Thane returns to the Liberty, where he informs General Carlist Rieekan that while he was gone, he was doing a favor of honor for an old friend, who happens to be an Imperial officer. No one is happy about this, but they are*

willing to check Thane's ship and person, then leave him be, so long as he has no intentions of making contact with her again. As Rieekan puts it, "The galaxy is full of women who don't fight for the enemy." For Thane's part, he tells Kendy that "She's still Ciena." He eventually is sent to a new Rebel base on a planet designated 5251977 (get it?). After being there for two months, he is happily surprised to find that among the many, many Rebel ships that are arriving constantly to the base, one of them is the Mighty Oak Apocalypse. Lohgarra and her crew have joined the Rebel Alliance at last. (To be continued below . . .)

(Lost Stars)

- Shortly before Operation Ringbreaker, Mon Mothma begins to question her orders to have the Rebel Alliance spread out through space rather than set up a new planet-based primary base, since that not only makes them invisible to the Empire but also to potential supporters, who may start to look elsewhere without visible reminders of the Rebellion frequently. This is right around the time that Queen of the Core Network's Tracene Kane runs a story with the headline "Is the Alliance Finished?" that extensively quotes Mas Amedda's statements in support of the affirmative answer to that question.
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- Soon after the Battle of Hoth, Twilight Company's Thunderstrike and Apailana's Promise are berthed on an old podracing track on Ankhural, an old haunt of sniper Brand. After a long while, Hazram Namir and Everi Chalis finally return to Twilight Company, having escaped the Battle of Hoth. They bring bad tidings, though: Captain Micha "Howl" Evon, the mastermind behind Twilight Company, is dead. Lieutenant Sairgon and Commander Paonu are also dead in the Imperial attack on the ship. Leaderless, Twilight Company's future is now in question. Namir feels that he must give them something to fight for, or Twilight Company will fall apart, going their separate ways. The Imperials chasing them, Prelate Verge and Captain Tabor Seitaron off the Imperial Star Destroyer Herald, are still seeking them, but Verge, an extremist for Palpatine's New Order, is making Tabor more and more concerned. Failure will likely mean their deaths, and any doubt that Tabor might express to Verge could be seen as treasonous. On Ankhural, Namir tries to get Chalis to help come up with a mission to give Twilight Company focus, but she seems to be wallowing in self-pity, recognizing that she came from a backwater world, make her way up the Imperial ranks, but when it comes down to it, she never had respect from the Empire, even before her "banishment." Now she feels she has given everything to the Alliance at Hoth and has nothing left to offer. By the next day, though, she seems to have gotten a second wind and has some ideas for Namir and the remaining command staff. Recognizing that the Empire is drawing away resources from the Core Worlds to hunt the Rebels, especially Leia Organa (who escaped at Hoth and Bespin), they begin plans to strike at the Imperial shipyards at Kuat. To do so, they will strike at several strategic logistical hubs for the Empire first, drawing even more forces away from Kuat. Finally, her knowledge of logistics can help Twilight Company directly, rather than just the broader Rebellion. Because Namir supports the plan (which Chalis claims was partly his idea, when it wasn't), the others support it. Thus begins Operation: Ringbreaker. They first strike at the infrastructure on Mardona III, which is a success, but Charmer (Sergeant Pol Andrissus), one of Namir's closest comrades, dies along the way. After a funeral (during which Chalis is particularly inspiring), Namir finally accepts Howl's old quarters as his own, along with the mantle of leadership. A few days later, on Sullust, Thara Nyende returns to stormtrooper duty after being injured in the Rebel "attack" on the Keepsake. As production is increased on Sullust to make up for that lost at Mardona III, Rebel activity continues to rise. As Ringbreaker continues, Twilight Company takes down the dockyards of Najan-Rovi, then hits Obumubo. When they hit Nakadia, Maediyu (present when Namir first saved Chalis during an Imperial attack on the Thunderstrike) is one of the first casualties. Imperials on Nakadia use biological weapons against Twilight Company, including a toxin that they had thought was destroyed at the Distillery on Coyerti but had already been shipped out. After another funeral for fallen members, they strike Naator and Xagobah, then have a brief leave on the junker world of Heap Nine. They then hit the asteroid mines of the Kuliquo belt. Their next targets are to be Sullust, then Malastare, and then finally Kuat. Unfortunately, they still cannot expect help from Alliance High Command, which remains disconnected from them and on the run from the Empire. They strike at Sullust, taking the Imperial ore processing facility with a combination of ground forces and drilling in from the cave system below the facility. They are ready to pull out when the Apailana's Promise and Thunderstrike arrive back on the scene, but the Herald is ready for them and pounces on the two ships. The Thunderstrike is shot down, and contact is lost with the Promise. Now, Twilight Company just

hunker down in the facility and prepare for an extended siege against Imperials with superior numbers. Meanwhile, seeing the Rebel invaders and their crashing ship, Thara Nyende knows that the population of Pinyumb will suffer under the Empire even more now that the Rebellion had “sent” soldiers to Sullust. The siege comes to be known as the Siege of Inyusu Tor (the location of the facility outside of Pinyumb). As the siege begins, Namir has rescue teams try to find survivors at the Thunderstrike crash site, and they learn that Apailana’s Promise had been able to escape intact. Chalis works on a plan to survive the siege and whatever reinforcements Verge sends, while Namir’s job is to figure out a way to get them off Sullust when the time comes. To that end, Namir, Chalis, Twitch, and Roach meet with the local resistance cell in Pinyumb. While they wait to do so, Namir realizes that many of the targets they have hit were also places that Chalis’ ideas benefit the Empire in the past, so part of this is about her taking back what she gave the Empire with her service. They are attacked when at a safehouse, leading Twitch to leave to protect and/or avenge her men that were to be guarding them. Namir is captured by an Imperial group including Thara, but he is rescued with a group of Sullustans attack and free him. He joins the Sullustans in helping those he can during Imperial door-to-door harassment. He finally meets Nien Nunb and Corjentain of the local Rebel cell. They cannot help Twilight Company much during the Imperial crackdown, but they can get him back to the facility, and he can give them new perspectives on their own plans. He returns to Twilight Company, where he learns that Chalis and Roach made it back, and Chalis has ideas on how to get them offworld. Namir, though, speaks with Gadren, Roach, and Brand, and he suggests that they shouldn’t move on to Kuat, as there is no guarantee it would help win the war. They can, however, stick around and protect the people of the city below. They won’t go along with this, though, unless Chalis agrees, since she is in the best position to judge the effect that hitting Kuat would have. Namir goes to speak with her, but she will not even consider his plan, and she holds him at blasterpoint to make sure he cannot speak out against her. As they leave the room, though, Gadren, having seen her actions, incapacitates her and says they will go along with Namir’s local plan. Imperial forces from the Herald strike, and the siege becomes an ongoing battle. (Twitch even returns and participates.) At a nearby Imperial clinic, Thara recovers from wounds she received during Namir’s rescue, and when locals in the clinic intend to open its doors to the freedom fighters, the injured trooper holds the staff at blasterpoint to keep the clinic loyal (in theory at least) to the Empire. Back at the facility, Chalis escapes amid the battle, which soon includes the returned Apailana’s Promise and its X-wings. Chalis steals and Imperial shuttle at the spaceport and takes it up to the Herald, where she is “captured” by Verge and Tabor, but she activates all of Twilight Company’s remaining EMPs in the shuttle, which causes the Herald, which is in Sullust’s atmosphere, to start to crash. Rather than allowing failure, Verge is ready to allow the ship to crash and all aboard to die, ordering an attack on the facility with the ship’s weapons. Rather than allowing all aboard to die for a madman, Tabor kills Verge and orders all power to engines to get them to safety. He intends to kill Chalis, but she offers a way out that will put blame for killing Verge on her and allow Tabor to escape this debacle with his career intact. With the ship withdrawing, the siege finally ends. Twilight Company has won amid an uprising of the people of Pinyumb. Thara is taken prisoner, but she is given a sort of work-release option that lets her serve the community, including those she was trying to help in the first place. As for Twilight Company, over 1/3 of the members are dead and another 100 or more are too injured for active duty. Some will leave Twilight Company entirely. Roach is among the dead. Namir helps Nien Nunb’s cell in assisting recovery in Pinyumb and things will finally start to change on Sullust with this liberation. They will stick around for a bit, abandoning the Kuat plan entirely. Gadren becomes Namir’s liaison to the new interim government in Pinyumb. Namir receives a recorded message from Chalis, who is alive and now far from Sullust in the Numesira Sector, intending to go back to her art. She blames Namir for not trusting her and thus not helping her hurt the Empire at Kuat. He had no choice, though, since he is responsible for Twilight Company now. To that end, they hold an open recruitment in Pinyumb in Howl’s tradition. Twilight Company lives on.

(Twilight Company)

- Amid the flurry of activity around Operation Ringbreaker, several documents, including Admiral Gial Ackbar’s message to Mon Mothma about the plan, General Crix Madine’s detailed plan submitted to Ackbar, Madine’s suggestion of targets after Kuat, Madine’s report to Mothma on the stall at Sullust, and Mothma’s own journal entry about her regrets from the campaign and a desire to never launch a similar campaign with limited data, are all included

in an official history of the Rebellion that Hendri Underholt compiles for Mothma.

(conjecture based on The Rebel Files)

- *During the year in which Luke Skywalker is focused on trying to rescue Han Solo from Jabba the Hutt, the Empire takes control of several more star systems, assassinates various troublesome political leaders, manufactures vast stockpiles of weapons, and forges a few dark alliances.*

(conjecture based on Beware the Power of the Dark Side!)

- *Temmin Wexley's business of selling technological parts from his old family home begins cutting in on Surat Nuat's business.*

(conjecture based on Aftermath)

- *Nien Nunb and Shriv Suurgav track some TIE fighters to make sure they don't learn the location of a refugee ship they are protecting. They land on a strange island, which turns out to be alive. Their ship is nearly digested, and the TIE fighters are all destroyed. Luckily, they are able to escape, though they really should check out the surface a bit more carefully before their next landing on an unknown planet. (To be continued below . . .)**

(Look Before You Leap)*

***NOTE:** We don't really know when this takes place, except that the TIE fighters in the story seem to be Imperial instead of First Order, and Nien Nunb is flying with Shriv.

- *Braylen Stramm, serving as part of the Imperial garrison on Naboo, finally snaps, deciding that it is better to die fighting tyranny than to be its willing servant. He deserts his post and joins the Rebel Alliance.**

*(conjecture based on Blade Squadron)**

***NOTE:** This is one year before the Battle of Endor. In the *Legends* continuity, this would put the event about three months before ESB, but in Story Group Canon, we do not have any sense of when in their respective years the films take place (except maybe TPM relative to AOTC because of Anakin's ages). As such, this event could be shortly after or shortly before ESB, depending upon when ESB takes place within its given year in this continuity.

- *Shortly before the Battle of Endor, a piece of unreleased Imperial propaganda art that depicts Darth Vader and the Death Star (both rare in Imperial propaganda pieces) above the title "Imperial Domination" is discovered on a datapad from a stolen Imperial shuttle (possibly the Tydirium). It is released without alteration by Rebel propagandists in an effort to show the Empire's true, destructive values.*

(conjecture based on Star Wars Propaganda)

- *Luke Skywalker loans C-3PO to Leia Organa to help assist with etiquette and protocol when she meets with secret delegations from planets that could aid the Rebel Alliance. In the wake of the Battle of Hoth, though, those meetings rarely happen, thanks to the need to keep the fleet broken into small, roaming task forces to keep from being captured by the Empire.**

*(conjecture based on Moving Target)**

***NOTE:** Luke loaning C-3PO to Leia could be pre-ESB. The book does not make it clear.

- *General Crix Madine reports to Mon Mothma that the Rebellion has successfully convinced an outside intelligence group, consisting of Bothans, to carry out a mission to confirm rumors of an Imperial project in the Moddell sector. Madine is concerned about the need to verify any information provided from outside sources, since they could run into "false positives," but Mothma urges him to work with the Bothan, authorizing any expenses necessary to verify the rumors as true or false.*

(conjecture based on The Rebel Files)

- *One week before Operation Yellow Moon, Bothan spies obtain footage that confirms the construction of a second Death Star at Endor.*

(conjecture based on Moving Target)

- *Despite massive loss of life, General Airen Cracken reports to Mon Mothma that the Bothan mission has confirmed the construction of an Imperial megastructure around the forest moon of Endor and that with the Executor frequently visiting, it appears to be a command hub already. Emperor Sheev Palpatine will soon be visiting. This communication is included as an official historical document in Hendri Underholt's Rebel historical file being compiled for Mon Mothma. General Crix Madine's message to Mothma about the data is also included, as is Colonel Haxen Delto's message to Madine that expresses his belief that a Galen Erso-esque flaw will not be needed to destroy a Death Star whose innards remain exposed during construction.*

(conjecture based on The Rebel Files)

- *During planning for the Battle of Endor, Admiral Gial Ackbar submits a report to Mon Mothma from Colonel Ractivelle of the Alliance SpecForces Stardust unit, which suggests that there is*

no way to sneak attack the site of the Death Star's construction due to hyperspace terrain in the Moddell sector. Major Capin Harinar counters with a message to General Crix Madine with the idea of using the very Sanctuary Pipeline being used by the Imperials to get into the system, surprising them with a fleet instead of one of their own shipments. Given that the other end of the pipeline reaches Sullust, that makes Sullust the best staging point, which Ackbar confirms to Mothma.

(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)

- A Rebel convoy, including the Nebulon-B frigate *Remembrance* (under Captain Volk Aymeric), two GR-75 transports, and four blockade runners is attacked by Imperial ships. They take many losses before escaping to hyperspace. Leia Organa, aboard the *Remembrance*, is frustrated by how many have been injured or killed for the ship's primary mission: to protect her as an important Alliance leader. She then receives a priority communication to rendezvous with Mon Mothma for an important meeting of the Alliance leadership. Her transport to the rendezvous is the *Mellcrawler*, helmed by Nien Nunb (with whom she worked on Sullust during the gathering of the Alderaanian diaspora), accompanied by Lieutenant Caluan Ematt. Leia, C-3PO, Nien, and Ematt, join the leadership at Zastiga. Before the meeting, she speaks with Luke Skywalker, who reveals that General Cracken's intelligence agents have determined that Boba Fett's Slave I has reached Tatooine, and Boba is doing more work for Jabba. The condition of Han Solo, presumably now delivered to Jabba, is unknown, but Lando Calrissian is working on a plan to infiltrate Jabba's palace to find out. Luke takes her to the meeting but is not part of it. In the meeting are Mothma, Admiral Nantz, Admiral Vassa, General Veertag, General Tantor, General Carlist Rieekan, General Crix Madine, and Admiral Gial Ackbar. Leia and most of the others are shocked when the purpose of the meeting is revealed. The Empire is building a second Death Star at Endor, as confirmed by footage obtained by Bothan spies a week earlier. They must strike before it is fully operational. After adjourning for the day, Leia again speaks with Luke. Unable to tell him the contents of the meeting, she learns from him that he is likely being sent back to the *Redemption* to do what he can for the Rebellion. He will not be flying with *Red Squadron*, as it is now *Wedge Antilles'* squadron, and Luke would not feel right taking the squadron back from his friend. He intends to return to his Jedi training, but now he lacks a lightsaber, having lost his in the duel with Darth Vader on Cloud City. The next day, the leadership meets again. The Rebels have confirmed that the Death Star is being protected by an energy shield being projected from the forest moon of Endor. The Empire has been using S-thread boosters running from Sullust to the galactic edge to create a "Sanctuary Pipeline" to reach the Death Star at Endor. The Rebels have that navigational data now too, so they can mass a fleet at the entrance to the Pipeline at Sullust. However, if the Empire learns of the fleet gathering, they could strike and wipe out much of the Alliance. Leia suggests that she lead a mission with one small ship and crew to the Corva sector. They can travel to Basteel, Sesid, Jaresh, and then Galaan (with its "yellow moon," hence calling the mission *Operation Yellow Moon*). They will pretend to be recruiting local rebels into the Alliance proper, using codes they know the Empire has broken. That way, they can draw the Empire's attention across the galaxy, away from the fleet gathering at Sullust. The trouble would be that since these are broken codes, anyone answering them would be likely to be killed, traveling to a rendezvous at *Yellow Moon* that is not really meant to be a true recruitment rendezvous, just a distraction. Her team will consist of herself, Nien Nunb (with the *Mellcrawler*), communications expert Kidi Aleri, commando Major Lokmarcha, and tech specialist Antrot. They just need Mon Mothma's okay. Leia meets with her and does receive the go-ahead, but Mothma also speaks with her about the need for love and personal connections in a time of war, particularly of Leia's love for Han. Leia has a duty both to the Alliance and to herself in that regard. They set out with only Leia and Lokmarcha knowing their true mission. (Lokmarcha's primary mission, though, is Leia's safety.) They travel to Eladro City on Basteel, where they meet with Bon Yoth, a former member of the Rebel Alliance who left after a dispute with Rieekan. He gives them info on where to put their hyper-transceiver to send out their (bait) message, which requires them to climb up a long chimney, up through a mountain, past insectoid creature biting at them, and up about a kilometer. They are stuck in the cold far up on the mountainous terrain for a bit, while Nien avoids an Imperial patrol, but they are eventually picked up before they can suffer lasting effects from the cold. They make way to Sesid via hyperspace. During the trip, Kidi realizes the codes are compromised (not knowing that this is the point) and struggles with the knowledge that, since their departure, people have been rounded up on Basteel, all by Imperials under the command of Captain Khione (a woman, which will be

important later) of the Imperial Star Destroyer Shieldmaiden. Leia refuses to change the codes, giving excuses as to why they can't. They arrive on Sesid, where they put a transceiver upon the edge of a volcano. As they try to leave, they are attacked by Khione's Imperials but saved by local Draedan pirates, who have no love for the Empire. They help get the team off of the planet in surface-to-space escape pods (for volcanic eruptions) and seem convinced to one day possibly join the Rebel cause. The team next heads for Jaresh, while the Empire rounds up dissidents on Sesid. On Jaresh, they head to the town of Jowloon, where the locals, based on their religion, are perfectly willing to help them based on a Rebel pledge to help Jaresh (a false promise as part of their mission). According to local contact Nyessa, the people of Jaresh will speak to the Imperial garrison that night, telling the Imperials that they are no longer welcome on Jaresh. Leia knows that this will get the locals killed, and the Alliance cannot truly come to their aid. Once the new transmitter is working, Leia finally breaks her silence and tells Kidi and Antrot what their real mission has been. They are going to move off of their parameters, though, to protect the people of Jowloon. When Imperials arrive for their meeting, Leia's team attacks and uses a stampede of local animals to take out the small group of Imperials. They leave Jaresh, barely evading capture by the Shieldmaiden. Recognizing that anyone actually heeding their call for the rendezvous at Galaan will likely be captured or killed, Leia decides to find a way to warn them without compromising the mission. Rather than stopping at Jaresh, they actually continue on to Galaan. As a backup plan to avoid capture, Leia has Antrot rig the Mellcrawler to explode using fertilizer from Jaresh if need be (without Nien's knowledge). Meanwhile, Lokmarcha and Kidi, who had been at odds for most of the mission, have started to form an attachment to each other, the first stirrings of romantic love. Just after the time of the rendezvous, ships begin appearing, having heeded the call. They use new codes and a tight transmission that cannot be intercepted to warn the other ships away, expressing their gratitude, that they are part of a larger plan, and their continued support and wish to have these new arrivals join their fight against the Empire. Leia asks them to scatter to protect themselves, and most do, just as the Shieldmaiden catches up with them. While the other ships escape, the Mellcrawler is captured. They are all taken prisoner, but they are able to wipe their datapads and such first. They keep Leia separate from the others, and when Khione decides that Leia will not be broken by her interrogation droid, she has a beaten Lokmarcha brought in to be further tortured. Lokmarcha, though, has an EMP pulse bomb implanted in his chest as an emergency measure. He causes his own ribs to crack to detonate it, sacrificing himself for the team. The EMP temporarily knocks out power, allowing Leia to overpower Khione. Nien, meanwhile, saves Antrot and Kidi. Leia steals Khione's uniform, since they look somewhat alike, and Leia leads the others toward the docking bay as "prisoners." Meanwhile, the Imperials have other problems, as the ship is under attack by the very dissidents that had heeded Leia's call in the first place. They are staging an attack in hopes of giving her a chance to escape. They reach the docking bay but need to blast a way out somehow. Discovered and now under fire, Leia leads Nien and Kidi into an Imperial shuttle, while Antrot races aboard the Mellcrawler, where he sacrifices himself by detonating the ship next to the edge of the bay, blasting a whole through which the stolen Imperial shuttle (the Tydirium) can escape. The explosion and other damage from the attack destroys the Shieldmaiden. They make it into hyperspace and head back to the fleet. En route, Leia consoles Kidi on the loss of Lokmarcha and Antrot. Leia contacts Luke, who is on Kothlis. The fleet is nearly assembled at Sullust, and Luke has new information about Han. He is still in carbonite at Jabba's palace, but Luke now has a plan to get him out. Leia sets course for Kothlis, and her time impersonating Khione has given her an idea of how she might be able to impersonate her way into part of Luke's plan to rescue Han and bring him back to them (and to her), where he belongs. The stage is nearly set for the Battle of Endor. (To be continued below . . .)

(Moving Target)

- Communications between Leia Organa and Mon Mothma about Leia's reservations about potential loss of Rebel lives during Operation Yellow Moon will be collected into Hendri Underholt's Rebel Alliance history files being compiled at the behest of Mon Mothma. (conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- On Ord Mantell, Leia Organa, Chewbacca, and R2-D2 meet with an old friend of Han Solo (whom they seek to rescue from Jabba the Hutt), Maz Kanata. (This is Leia's first meeting with Maz, though Han has told her all about Leia. She greets Chewie as her "boyfriend.") Maz knows Han must be in trouble, and they briefly explain his capture. When bounty hunter Boussh attacks, Maz reveals that this was the plan they were meeting about. She knows that

to get to Han will take a bounty hunter disguise or something similar, so the masked, Ubese known as Boussh would be a great disguise. They defeat the hunter, using his own weapon against him just as he is about to use a thermal detonator against them. They now have Boussh's armor, the thermal detonator, and his weapon. Leia has just the gear she needs in order to rescue Han. Maz tells Chewie that she likes Leia and to tell Han that "she's a keeper."*

(Bounty Hunted)*

*NOTE: Leia seems ready to go rescue Han at this point, given that she ends the episode wearing the Boussh disguise, though it could be a bit earlier and just a chance to try on the gear. Oddly, this presents the infiltration as Boussh as Maz's idea, not Leia's, whereas Leia was already thinking along those lines by the end of *Moving Target*.

- *After slipping toward depression for more than three weeks in the (months-long?) wake of her mother's conviction and forced labor imprisonment on Jelucan, Ciena Ree joins her friend Berisse Sai for some target practice. When they are done, they look out a viewport and find that the Executor has emerged from hyperspace to join a giant armada of Imperial ships in the Hudalla system. Something major is happening soon. Unbeknownst to her, Thane Kyrell and Kendy Idele are also there as part of Corona Squadron, sent by Admiral Gial Ackbar to check on unusual Imperial activity in the system. They come to believe that the armada could only have been created to transport the Emperor himself, who has rarely left Coruscant in many years. They are noticed by the Imperials, and a quartet of TIE Interceptors are sent out against them. Two of the pilots are Ciena and Nash Windrider. Ciena is under orders to let one Rebel X-wing escape to bring word of the armada as part of Palpatine's upcoming trap for the Rebels at Endor. When they starfighters engage each other, she and Thane both realize that they are on opposing sides in the skirmish, but Nash realizes it too. Believing that Thane betrayed them (which he did) and faked his death (which was actually Ciena's doing), he goes ballistic, nearly killing Thane. Ciena gets in the way, though, something Nash is later able to rationalize as her being more eager to kill Thane than even Nash was. Smikes is killed in the confrontation, but the rest of Corona's pilots escape, and Kendy comes to agree with Thane that the current Ciena is still the woman they knew and who Thane loves. Later that day, after the confrontation, the Executor heads out on its own to another location to prepare something for the Emperor's arrival in the near future. When they arrive, she realizes to her horror that they have arrived at a new, second Death Star (at Endor). She had never believed it possible given the "lessons" of Alderaan and the first Death Star, but the Empire has done it again, once again shaking her faith in the government to which she is sworn. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Lost Stars)

- *Shortly before the Battle of Endor, the Rebel vessel Invincible Faith intercepts an encrypted message from Moff Raythe to other Imperials, directing them to rendezvous with the Imperial fleet at Endor. The message, however, will take time to decrypt. Inferno Squad is sent to stop the Rebels from gaining that information. Rather than destroying the Invincible Faith with the Corvus, however, Commander Iden Versio decides to stage her own capture to eliminate the data from the inside so as not to arouse suspicions. Upon her capture, the Rebels aboard take her ID10 droid and try to get into its memory core, but they need an activation code. (conjecture based on *Battlefront II*)*
- *Aboard the Rebel vessel Invincible Faith, Commander Iden Versio of the Empire's Inferno Squad has allowed herself to be captured in order to get aboard the ship and delete an encrypted transmission that the ship intercepted from Moff Raythe to other Imperials that would give away the fact that, even as the Rebels begin massing their fleet at Sullust, the Empire is massing its own on the far side of Endor. Her ID10 droid has been taken away, but the Rebels need an activation code to access its memories. When the Rebel captain's interrogation of Iden does not yield results, he leaves her alone in her cell, from which she activates the droid via hidden comlink. It obtains schematics of the ship, then frees her. She then finds the communications center, deletes the still-encrypted message and thereby protects the fleet's location, then engages with a few Rebels before launching herself and the ID10 (on her back) out of an airlock to be recovered by the Corvus, commanded by fellow Inferno Squad members Gideon Hask and Del Meeko. Their mission has been a success. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Battlefront II)

- *As Leia Organa gathers information for the rescue of Han Solo, General Davits Draven expresses concerns about her requests to General Airen Cracken, wondering if she is running her own operation. Those concerns are passed from Cracken to Mon Mothma. These*

concerns are increased when Jan Dodonna receives a communication from Wedge Antilles that notes that he will be remaining Rogue Leader for now, due to Luke Skywalker extending his current leave “to focus on personal matters.”

(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)

- Shortly before the Battle of Endor, Lando Calrissian sends a message to Admiral Gial Ackbar, suggesting several ships that could be added to the Rebel fleet if Ackbar is interested in Lando making some introductions for the Alliance with the right parties.

(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

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Chapters 19 – 22

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Twilight Company [continued] (novel: Alexander Freed)

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Star Wars Adventures [continued] (comic series: Landry Q. Walker & Cavan Scott & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Alan Tudyk & Shannon Eric Denton & Scott Beatty & Ben Acker & Ben Blacker & Delilah S. Dawson & Shaun Manning & Sholly Fisch & Paul Crilley & John Barber & Nick Brokenshire & Scott Peterson & John Jackson Miller)

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Tales from Wild Space [continued] (comic series: Cavan Scott & Alan Tudyk & Shannon Eric Denton & Ben Acker & Ben Blacker & Delilah S. Dawson & Shaun Manning & Paul Crilley & Otis Frampton & Nick Brokenshire & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Scott Peterson)

Look Before You Leap [flashback] (comic: Paul Crilley)

Moving Target: A Princess Leia Adventure (youth novel: Cecil Castellucci & Jason Fry)

Moving Target: A Princess Leia Adventure (youth novel: Cecil Castellucci & Jason Fry)

Part One

Imperial Attack

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Belly of the Beast

Heroes of the Rebellion

Honoring the Lost

Forces of Destiny [continued] (cartoon series: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)

Forces of Destiny, Volume 3 [continued] (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

Bounty Hunted (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Chapter 22 [continued]

Chapters 23 – 24

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Battlefront II (video game: DICE)

Campaign

Main Story

The Cleaner

4 ABY (SW6)

- Darth Vader arrives aboard the partially-completed Death Star II and informs Moff Tiaan Jerjerrod that Emperor Palpatine will be arriving soon. On Tatooine, C-3PO and R2-D2 make their way into Jabba the Hutt's palace. They deliver a message from Jedi Knight Luke Skywalker, and are subsequently taken as servant droids. (Lando Calrissian is already undercover in the palace.) They witness Jabba feed a slave dancer, Oola, to his rancor. Shortly thereafter, Leia Organa (in disguise as Boushh, a bounty hunter), arrives with Chewbacca (as a captive). She soon frees Han Solo from his carbonite "prison," but the two reunited heroes-in-love are captured by Jabba. Han and Chewie share a cell while Leia is made into a slave girl for Jabba. The next morning, Luke arrives and demands Han's release. He is captured as well, after killing Jabba's pet rancor, and he, Han, and Chewie are sentenced to be cast into the Pit of Carkoon to be eaten (and digested over 1,000 years) by the sarlacc. Jabba's sail barge (the Khetanna) and two small skiffs (one bearing the prisoners) head for the Pit of Carkoon. As Luke is about to be pushed into the sarlacc's maw, he somersaults back onto the skiff and receives his newly-built lightsaber, fired from R2-D2 aboard Jabba's sail barge. Lando comes out of cover, and the team proceeds to battle Jabba's minions. Han accidentally knocks Boba Fett's jetpack and ignites it, sending Fett into the sarlacc. Luke defeats the minions on the skiffs and proceeds onto the sail barge. Inside the sail barge, Leia strangles Jabba, killing him. R2-D2 then frees her. She heads to where Luke is battling Jabba's forces, while R2-D2 and C-3PO "leap" from the side of the sail barge to safety. Luke has Leia fire the sail barge's own blaster cannon at itself, while he and Leia escape to one of the skiffs, where Han, Chewbacca, and Lando await. They pick up the droids and leave Tatooine. Luke and R2-D2 head for Dagobah in Luke's X-wing, while the others head for Sullust (and a Rebel Alliance fleet gathering) in the Millennium Falcon. Aboard the Death Star II, Palpatine arrives. On Dagobah, Luke speaks with Yoda, learning that the Jedi Master is about to die. (Unbeknownst to Luke, Yoda has used the Force for a while now to prolong his life and fulfill his duties to the legacy of the Jedi, but he is beyond what his body can handle.) He also learns that Vader is his father. Yoda then passes on into the Force. Luke then speaks with Obi-Wan Kenobi's spirit. Kenobi tells Luke of Anakin Skywalker's fall to the Dark Side, transformation into Darth Vader, and ignorance of his birth. Obi-Wan then tells him that he has a twin sister, who Luke knows, instinctively, to be Leia. At Sullust, the Rebels are briefed by Mon Mothma, Admiral Gial Ackbar, and Crix Madine. They are planning to destroy the Death Star II and Palpatine with it. (Unknown to them is the fact that the Death Star II plans they received are bait to lure the Rebellion to its doom.) Lando Calrissian will lead the starfighter attack on the station's power generator, while Han leads a team to the forest moon of Endor to knock out the generator station powering a shield around the Death Star II. (For her part, Mon Mothma is required to stay out of harm's way, leaving in the opposite direction of the main Rebel fleet.) Chewbacca, Leia, and the newly-arrived Luke join Han's team. Han and the others leave aboard the Lambda-class shuttle Tydirium, while Lando stays with the fleet and will use the Millennium Falcon. The shield generator team lands and makes its way toward the base, but an attack on several Imperial scouts goes awry, leading Luke and Leia to chase after two speeder bikes. They manage to take out the Imperials, but Luke and Leia are separated. Leia is found by Wicket W. Warrick, the Ewok. Leia is taken, as a friend, to the Ewok's Bright Tree Village nearby. Luke catches up to the*

rest of the group. Han, Chewie, Luke, C-3PO, and R2-D2 separate from the main group to find Leia but are captured by the Ewoks and taken, C-3PO as a god and the others as dinner, to the Ewok village. Luke uses the Force to help C-3PO order their release, and they are reunited with Leia. They tell the Ewoks of the horrors of the Galactic Empire, and the Ewoks decide to join them in their fight against Palpatine's forces. (Chief Chirpa agrees with some support from Teebo and Asha, which he requires to overrule Logray, who eventually goes along with the plan.) Luke tells Leia about their being siblings and that he must face Vader himself. He leaves the group and turns himself in to the Imperials, being brought soon after to Vader himself, who tells Luke that there is no way he can be returned to the Light Side. Luke is brought before the Emperor aboard the Death Star II, who reveals that the Rebels have walked into a trap and that he intends to make Luke his apprentice. In space, the Rebel fleet comes out of hyperspace to find the shield around the Death Star II still operational, along with the station's superlaser, which takes pot-shots at Rebel vessels. On the forest moon, the Rebels are captured by the bunker's Imperials (led by Major Hewex) but saved by the Ewoks, who then begin bashing the Imperial forces to a pulp. In Palpatine's throne room, Luke retrieves his lightsaber to strike the Emperor down, but instead engages in a duel with his father. On the moon, the team finally brings the shields down. In space, the starfighters begin their run at the Death Star II itself. In the throne room, Luke refuses to battle Vader, and is forced into hiding. When Vader senses Luke's thoughts and learns that Leia is his sister, he suggests that if Luke will not turn to the Dark Side, his sister will. At that, Luke dips over briefly to the Dark Side and duels Vader viciously, finally cutting off Vader's hand and having him at his mercy. Palpatine looks on in triumph, but Luke returns to the Light Side (after seeing that he had harmed Vader in anger just as Vader had harmed Luke--both by severing a hand) and refuses to join Palpatine. Palpatine then uses Dark Side Force lightning to attack Luke. He is finally saved when Vader, upon hearing his son's cries, lifts Palpatine and hurls him into the Death Star II's reactor core, killing him. Vader--Anakin Skywalker--has been redeemed. In space, Lando, Wedge Antilles, and others head for the Death Star II's power core. Wedge takes out the power regulator while Lando takes out the main core. They race for safety. Aboard the station, Luke speaks with Anakin Skywalker, the father he never knew, and then Anakin passes away. A great Jedi has died, but so has a terrible Dark Lord of the Sith. Luke then takes his father's armored body and escapes the station. Elsewhere, Lando and Wedge escape as well, as the Death Star II explodes, destroyed in a ball of flame. On the forest moon of Endor, Leia tells Han that Luke is her brother and kisses him (that is, she kisses Han, not Luke, of course). Later, Luke tends to the funeral pyre of Anakin Skywalker. Across the galaxy, celebrations erupt (on Tatooine, Bespin's Cloud City, Coruscant, and other worlds) in the wake of the news that Palpatine, the dreaded Emperor, is finally dead, along with Darth Vader. The celebration continues on Endor well into the night. After a final unspoken farewell to the spirits of Anakin Skywalker, Yoda, and Obi-Wan Kenobi, Luke returns to the celebration and his friends.

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The Novelization Trilogy [continued] (novel trilogy: George Lucas & Alan Dean Foster & Donald F. Glut & James Kahn)

Return of the Jedi (novel: James Kahn)

Prologue

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The Original Trilogy Graphic Novel Adaptations [continued] (comic: Alessandro Ferrari)

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Return of the Jedi (youth novel: Ryder Windham)*

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Epilogue

***NOTE: This junior novelization is a revised version of Ryder Windham’s junior novelization from the Legends Continuity. Egmont editors revised the book to remove *Legends* references and add Story Group Canon references to make it better fit the newer continuity.**

2015 Novelizations [continued] (youth novel trilogy: Alexandra Bracken & Adam Gidwitz & Tom Angleberger)

Beware the Power of the Dark Side! (youth novel: Tom Angleberger)

Jabba’s Palace

In Which Two Robots Plod Through an Endless Desert

In Which We Meet Jabba

In Which the Droids Knock at Jabba’s Door

In Which a Plan is Revealed

In Which the Droids are Welcomed Into the Palace

In Which We Meet Jabba and His Guests

In Which Jabba Laughs at Luke’s Message of Peace

In Which the Droids are Taken to the Dungeons

In Which Jabba Provides His Guests with Entertainment

In Which Mighty Chewbacca is Chained

In Which Han Solo Wakes

In Which Leia is Enslaved

In Which Old Friends Reunite at Last

Luke Skywalker, Jedi Knight

- In Which Luke Enters Our Story at Last
- In Which Luke Confronts Jabba
- In Which the Rancor Feeds
- In Which Jabba is Angry
- In Which The Prisoners are Taken to Certain Doom
- In Which Luke Walks the Plank
- In Which All is Chaos
- In Which the Princess Rescues the Princess
- In Which All Ends with a Bang

A Galaxy at War

- In Which Our Attention Turns to the Empire and Its New Death Star
- In Which a Switch is Flipped
- In Which Jerjerrod Hopes Darth Vader Will Look at Some Paperwork
- In Which Vader Does Not Look at the Paperwork
- In Which Luke Returns to Master Yoda
- In Which Luke Learns the Truth
- In Which Obi-Wan Returns
- In Which Luke Confronts His Old Master
- In Which the Emperor Arrives at the Death Star

The Rebels Prepare to Strike

- In Which the Rebellion Makes Bold Plans
- In Which Mon Mothma Tries to Talk Sense Into the Princess
- In Which the Emperor Makes His Own Plans
- In Which Lando Gets the *Falcon* Back
- In Which the Rebel Plan Begins
- In Which the Rebels' Trick Fails . . . Yet Works
- In Which Luke Realizes His Mistake

Endor

- In Which We Finally Come to a Nice Place
- In Which Imperial Biker Scouts Get a Break from the Boredom
- In Which Everyone Crashes
- In Which We Meet Wicket
- In Which Darth Vader is Sent to Endor
- In Which Our Heroes Walk Into a Trap Within the Trap
- In Which the Ewoks Meet a God

The Ewoks

- In Which Our Heroes are Reunited
- In Which a Feast is Held and a Tale is Told
- In Which Darth Vader Arrives on the Forest Moon of Endor
- In Which Leia Learns the Truth at Last
- In Which Our Heroes Become Honorary Ewoks
- In Which Luke Confronts Vader
- In Which the Night Passes Slowly on Endor

The Power of the Dark Side!

- In Which Ackbar Launches the Rebel Fleet
- In Which Two Droids Trip and Stumble Through a Forest
- In Which Luke Faces the Emperor
- In Which All Goes as the Emperor Has Planned
- In Which the Rebels' Beautiful Plan Turns Into Chaos
- In Which the Emperor Feels a Dark Joy
- In Which the *Falcon* Flies Into the Nightmare
- In Which an Improbable Idea is Discussed
- In Which the Ewoks Sound Their Hunting Horns
- In Which Our Heroes are Back in Action
- In Which the Emperor Has Yet Another Trick to Play
- In Which Time Ticks Away

In Which Two Ewoks and a Wookiee are Too Much for an Imperial Walker
 In Which the Princess Saves the Day
 In Which Luke Gives in to the Dark Side
 In Which Han Tries His Idea, and Let's Hope It Works, Because the Rebels are Really Running Out of Time
 In Which Luke Meets His Destiny
 Yub Nub! (Freedom!)
 In Which the Rebels Raid the Death Star
 In Which the Whole Thing Explodes
 In Which the News Reaches Endor
 In Which We, Too, Join the Party Before Saying Goodbye to Our Heroes

LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens (video game: TT Fusion)*

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The Battle of Endor*

*NOTE: See notes with summaries just before TFA for the rationale for why this is listed at all. Note also that this level is found only on console versions of the game, not the handheld versions.

Backstories [continued] (youth novel series: Calliope Glass & Jason Fry)

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Princess Leia: Royal Rebel [continued] (youth novel: Calliope Glass)

The Death of Jabba

The Alliance Strikes Back

Darth Vader: Sith Lord [continued] (youth novel: Jason Fry)

Endgame at Endor

The Chewbacca Story [continued] (children's book: Benjamin Harper)

The Chewbacca Story [continued] (children's book: Benjamin Harper)

Rescue from Jabba's Palace (5MSWS short story: Brooke Dworkin)

Rescue from Jabba's Palace (5MSWS short story: Brooke Dworkin)

The Ewoks Join the Fight (5MSWS short story: Brooke Dworkin)

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A Sound Storybook Adventure [continued] (children's book: Brian Houlihan & Veronica Wagner)

A Sound Storybook Adventure [continued] (children's book: Brian Houlihan & Veronica Wagner)

Return of the Jedi

Sound Storybook Treasury [continued] (children's book: Brian Houlihan)

Sound Storybook Treasury [continued] (children's book: Brian Houlihan)

Return of the Jedi

A Leader Named Leia [continued] (children's book: Jennifer Heddle)

A Leader Named Leia [continued] (children's book: Jennifer Heddle)

The Power of the Force [continued] (children's book: Michael Siglain)

The Power of the Force [continued] (children's book: Michael Siglain)

Star Wars [continued] (webstrip series: Hong Jac Ga)*

Star Wars [continued] (webstrip series: Hong Jac Ga)*

Jabba's Palace

Pit of Carkoon

Lightsaber

Rescue

Secret of Birth

Forest Moon

Protectors of the Forest

Surrender

The Emperor

Rage

Light vs. Dark

Epiphany

The End

*NOTE: This Korean "webtoon" is fantastic, but it drives me nuts that they incorrectly claim that ROTJ is 2 years, rather than 1, after ESB. (Even in the Legends Continuity, the exact amount was 9 months. I should know. I was the one who had the honor of setting the number of months in stone for *The Essential Atlas*.)

CONCURRENT TO SW6 (4 ABY)

- *On the day before Emperor Palpatine leaves for the Death Star, Arliz Hadrassian's brother, a member of the Royal Guard, becomes seriously ill. This causes him to miss the trip to the Death Star with Palpatine.*
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)
- *At Jabba the Hutt's palace on Tatooine, a Kowakian mole-flea named the "Lugubrious Mote" lives on Kowakian monkey-lizard Salacious B. Crumb. The Mote has lived on Salacious for years, ever since Salacious lived on Kowak. She had been there with her mole-flea colony, but when Salacious left Kowak to seek his fortune, only the Lugubrious Mote remained with him. Now, the Mote is the true source of Salacious' comedic "genius," essentially whispering wit into his ear over the years. The Mote is intrigued by the nerve (or insanity) of Luke Skywalker when R2-D2 plays Luke's message to Jabba. After Leia Organa is captured (along with Chewbacca) and dressed in slave attire, then chained to Jabba's dais, the Mote briefly leaps to Leia and speaks with her on her nose. She comes to see Luke as Leia's champion, but when Luke finally arrives to rescue his friends, Jabba uses his trap door to drop Luke into his rancor pit. Thinking quickly, the Mote leaps onto the Gamorrean that tumbles into the pit behind Luke. The Mote then leaps to Luke and is, at least as far as the Mote will tell it to audiences in the future, the source of all of the good ideas that Luke has while battling the rancor. (Luke supposedly believes his voice to be guidance from the Force.) The Mote stays on Luke when taken out to the sarlacc and is also (again, supposedly) the source of many of his actions there, including his escape from being pushed into the pit in the first place. When Jabba is dead and the heroes saved, the Mote leaps back to Leia, and she finds a woolly hopwell beast for the Mote to settle on. The Mote asks Leia not to tell Luke what the true source of his inspiration was, since Luke seemed so joyous about having "used the Force." In years to come, the Mote will tell this strange tale to audiences upon a scaled replica of Jabba's sail barge, using props like a glowing toothpick to act as a lightsaber. (Maker, help us!) (To be continued below . . .)**

(The Legends of Luke Skywalker)*

*NOTE: I read this story once. Then I read it again to summarize it. I could feel my brain cells dying both times.

- *In the wake of the rescue of Han Solo and the death of Jabba the Hutt, Cynabar's Infonet reports on chaos on Tatooine, trying to sort through all of the information and misinformation about the event.*
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- *As the Rebel fleet converges at Sullust, Admiral Gial Ackbar notes to Mon Mothma that they will be much better prepared for this battle than for the Battle of Scarif some four years earlier.*
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- *As preparations are made for the Battle of Endor, Mon Mothma concurs with an analysis by Crix Madine that the Death Star could be destroyed by proton torpedoes at close range. She suggests Luke Skywalker lead the attack, but Gial Ackbar instead suggests Lando Calrissian upon the endorsements of Ardin Deltura and Nien Nunb, the Sullustan resistance liason.*
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- *Shortly before the Battle of Endor, Senior Analyst Aisha Freitas and Colonel Hexan Delto discuss the possibility that the situation at Endor is a trap, which reminds Delto of a similar conversation before the Battle of Yavin. General Davits Draven passes along a transcript of the discussion to Mon Mothma, but the Alliance Intelligence recommendation remains the same: the attack should go forward.*
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- *Upon learning about the energy shield being projected to protect the Death Star II from the forest moon of Endor, Colonel Hexan Delto reports concerns to General Airen Cracken, but rather than call off the attack, General Crix Madine provides recommendations for an assault team for the forest moon to Mon Mothma, along with noting that they have a Lambda-class shuttle available.*
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- *Still shocked that the Empire she serves has built another Death Star, Ciena Ree attends the large docking bay gathering on the Death Star when Emperor Palpatine arrives aboard the space station. She is disturbed by the evil seemingly radiating from the old man. Everything lately seems to be causing her to question the Empire, but her oath demands that she stay its*

loyal servant. Soon, aboard a Rebel ship at the Sullust gathering point, Corona Squadron and other pilots receive a briefing on the upcoming Battle of Endor from General Crix Madine. Thane Kyrell and his squadronmates are not familiar with Lando Calrissian or Han Solo, who are spearheading parts of the attack, and Thane does not believe in the Force (and thus in the unique skills of Luke Skywalker), but they will do their duty to attack the Empire's new Death Star. Their job will be to cover Gold, Red, Green, and Gray Squadrons as those groups enter the Death Star superstructure to take out its power core. With Yendor needing a new astromech, Lohgarra of the Mighty Oak Apocalypse allows him to use the ship's astromech, JJH2. Two days after first seeing the Emperor, Ciena has just realized that the reason she was ordered to let Rebels escape Hudalla was to provide information as part of the Emperor drawing the Rebels into a trap. (To be continued below . . .)

(Lost Stars)

- Aboard the Death Star, Gallius Rax meets with Emperor Sheev Palpatine. Palpatine notes the Rebel shuttle that just landed on the forest moon and its relation to a shatterpoint he senses. The time may soon come for the Contingency, so the Emperor sends Rax with the Ravager into the Vulpinus Nebula, where he must wait to hear how things resolve at Endor. If the Emperor does not survive, he will learn of this via one of Palpatine's sentinels. (To be continued below . . .)

(Empire's End)

- After being found by Wicket W. Warrick and saving them both from biker scouts, Leia Organa follows Wicket on his way back to the Bright Tree Village. En route, they save a pair of Ewoks from stormtroopers. Shortly after arriving at the village, the Ewoks give her a new dress. When she asks if it comes with a spear, Wicket gives her one.

(Ewok Escape)

- Shortly before the Battle of Endor in space, Wedge Antilles requests that Norra Wexley step away from her non-combat piloting duties to join in the starfighter assault on the Death Star. She agrees. (To be continued below . . .)

(Aftermath)

- Bounty hunter Jas Emari (niece of Sugi), working for the Empire to collect a bounty on Leia Organa, tracks her to the Imperial shield bunker on the forest moon of Endor. She has Leia in her sights and finds her to be injured and tended to by Han Solo, just as Chewbacca arrives in a captured AT-ST. As the tide seems to be turning against the Empire, Jas decides to slip away and re-evaluate which side she intends to take jobs from. (To be continued below . . .)

(Aftermath)

- On the night before the Battle of Endor, Han Solo tries to carve a figurine of Leia Organa in a primitive dress holding a spear. She doesn't realize what it is and asks if it was made by one of their Ewok hosts, so he tosses it aside in embarrassment. She quietly retrieves it. It will remain in her pocket through the destruction of the second Death Star.

(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi* novelization)

- While the Rebel Alliance fleet near Sullust is preparing for the Battle of Endor (one day before the actual attack), the B-wing pilots of Blade Squadron are preparing for a different yet related mission. Cadet Gina Moonsong (a former smuggler on Coruscant) practices in a simulator, using unorthodox tactics that annoy her commanding officer for the squadron, Lieutenant Braylen Stramm. The two argue over her tactics, including her making a biting comment at Braylen's former position within the Imperial Navy. As it turns out, Gina's own comments that the Wing Commander Adon Fox's calculations in the simulation were off are correct. Fox defuses the situation between the two squadmates (and secret lovers), but Gina is almost immediately annoyed again when Fox announces that Admiral Gial Ackbar has ordered Blade Squadron to be part of a rearguard for the fleet's lines of communications and such, rather than part of the direct assault on the second Death Star. That night, Braylen and Gina apologize to each other and spend the night together as usual. It is the night before the Battle of Endor. The next day, in space near Endor, Admiral Jhared Montferrat, aboard the Imperial Star Destroyer *Devastator* (Darth Vader's flagship before the *Executor*), has stumbled upon a ship of "traders" that he believes may actually be Alliance agents. He orders the four crew members put out of the airlock to their deaths and their ship set adrift to be used as target practice. He then orders Commander Gradd, his top TIE pilot, to take his squadron out in TIE interceptors to fly outside the *Devastator*, ready for any impending Rebel attack. He has just given those orders when the Rebel fleet emerges from hyperspace. As the Rebel fleet breaks formation upon finding that the Death Star's shields are still up, Wing

Commander Adon Fox orders *Blade Squadron* to engage the *Devastator*, the *Star Destroyer* that destroyed his family by killing his wife during the escape from Hoth. With Fox as *Blade Leader* (differing from the others in an A-wing), Gina Moonsong as *Blade Three*, Braylen Stramm as *Blade Two*, and pilot Fany as *Blade Four*, *Blade Squadron* engages Gradd's TIE interceptors. (To be continued below . . .)

(Blade Squadron)*

*NOTE: This was the very first prose story in the Story Group Canon continuity, but we didn't even know it at the time. The first part was released with no fanfare in that regard, and it was only when early images from the issue containing the second part that we saw the announcement that "starting with the two-part *Blade Squadron* story (published in #149 and #150), fiction in *Star Wars Insider* is a part of the new canon."

- Thane Kyrell flies among *Corona Squadron* as the Rebel starfighters emerge from hyperspace at Endor and are warned by Lando Calrissian that the *Death Star's* shield is still up. In a TIE Interceptor, Ciena Ree witnesses the *Death Star* superlaser proving that the station is operational. She worries that the Emperor is about to destroy Endor like the Empire destroyed Alderaan, and she knows that she and her fellow pilots are likely going to die for show and the glory of the Emperor, which, at this moment, she realizes means that they will die for nothing. (To be continued below . . .)

(Lost Stars)

- Norra Wexley, flying a Y-wing, is shocked like many others when the *Death Star* proves itself operational and a trap for the Rebels. (To be continued below . . .)

(Aftermath)

- Wing Commander Adon Fox's wingman, *Blade One*, is destroyed shortly after the *Death Star's* superlaser begins firing into the fleet, proving that it is fully operational. Fox then takes out Imperial pilot Commander Gradd. (To be continued below . . .)

(Blade Squadron)

- Thane Kyrell is doing well in the *Battle of Endor* against Imperial targets. When Lando Calrissian's orders to move closer to the Imperial *Star Destroyers* is issued, he and other members of *Corona Squadron* join *Corona Leader*, the *Contessa*, in an attack on the engines of the *Star Destroyer Subjugator*. (To be continued below . . .)

(Lost Stars)

- Sometime during the *Battle of Endor*, Chewbacca saves the life of an Ewok who is the sister of Peekpa. This earns him Peekpa's undying gratitude and fandom in the years to come. (conjecture based on *Last Shot*)
- During the *Battle of Endor*, Admiral Rae Sloane commands the *Vigilance* among the Imperial *Star Destroyers* that have been ordered by Admiral Firmus Piett to remain in position and keep Rebel starships from escaping. She works alongside Lieutenant Habel (an officer of mediocre quality), Nymox Lyle (her executive officer), and Imperial Security Bureau loyalty officer Emarr Ottkreg. They come under attack by the Rebels (after Lando Calrissian orders the Rebel starfighters to engage the *Star Destroyers* once the *Death Star* superlaser is proven functional). For now, starfighters of *Sapphire Squadron* (under Maus Monare) are able to keep Rebels from severely damaging the *Vigilance*. They track three incoming Corellian corvettes, and they also keep track of the latest transmissions from the garrison at the shield generator on the forest moon of Endor below. Their last communication claimed that the Rebels attacking the generator base had been captured. Shortly thereafter, they hear from the surface that there is renewed fighting – Ewoks joining the Rebels in the battle for the shield generator station. As the battle continues, the *Vehement* and *Harbinger* are destroyed. Finally, they lose their readings on the *Death Star's* shields. The shield generator has been destroyed, and Rebel starfighters are entering the *Death Star's* superstructure! *Sapphire Flight* requests to pursue, but they are too far away and instead are ordered to continue engaging the nearer Rebels and then are recalled to the *Vigilance*. Sloane, unlike many of her colleagues, has ideas of how the battle might turn against the Empire and is already formulating her next move. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Levers of Power)

- On Endor, Imperial Loyalty Officer Sinjir Rath Velus witnesses the destruction of the shield generator base that was meant to protect the *Death Star*. He finds a dead Rebel and decides to steal his clothes so that he can escape as a Rebel, the victorious side on the surface. He briefly encounters bounty hunter Jas Emari, as she also leaves the area. She has seemingly accepted his disguise as a Rebel. (To be continued below . . .)

(Aftermath)

- During the *Battle of Endor*, Lieutenant Kes Dameron is among the members of Han Solo's

strike team, the SpecForce Pathfinders. Meanwhile, his wife, Shara Bey, flies with Green Squadron as Green Four. Green Squadron's A-wings are focusing on the Executor when word finally arrives that the Death Star's shield is down. (To be continued below . . .)

(Shattered Empire)

- Just as the Death Star's own shield comes down, Blades Two through Four manage to get close enough to the Devastator to blast its hyperdrive, causing a chain reaction to the ship's generators. Adon Fox's A-wing is intact but heavily damaged nearby, but rather than allowing the squadron to rescue him, he orders them into the fray, knowing that the war is far bigger than any one life. The remainder of Blade Squadron, led by Braylen Stramm, heads for the Death Star itself . . .

(Blade Squadron)

- When the Death Star's shield falls, Corona Squadron (including Thane Kyrell) moves in to cover Gold, Red, and other squadrons as they enter the Death Star's superstructure. (To be continued below . . .)

(Lost Stars)

- From aboard the Eviscerator, Admiral Garrick Versio witnesses the destruction of the Executor and contacts Inferno Squad (Iden Versio, Gideon Hask, and Del Meeko), who are down on the forest moon. Their report confirms his concerns. The shield generator is not only down but will not be able to be repaired and restored. They have just taken out a recovery team sent to the site by General Han Solo when they witness the Death Star explode in the skies overhead. Now, they must get to a nearby landing platform to acquire TIE fighters to evacuate from the surface. (To be continued below . . .)

(Battlefront II)

- Norra Wexley, flying a Y-wing, accompanies the Millennium Falcon into the Death Star in her Y-wing, then draws off TIE fighters. She barely escapes the exploding battle station, but her astromech, shot by a TIE fighter, is not so lucky. (To be continued below . . .)

(Aftermath)

- Aboard the Vigilance, Emarr Ottkreg tries to countermand Admiral Rae Sloane's orders regarding the recall of Sapphire Squadron, which is now back aboard. She orders the damaged (but still functional) Vigilance to take a position near Admiral Firmus Piett's Executor, but a Rebel A-wing (flown by Arvel Crynyd) crashes into the Executor bridge, causing it to lose navigational control and be pulled by the Death Star's gravity to crash into the superstructure of the station. Even worse for the Empire, all commands had been coming from the Emperor on the Death Star, but those communications have ceased. (Palpatine, unbeknownst to the Imperials, has been killed by Darth Vader.) Sloane takes charge, ordering the other Imperial Star Destroyers to form up on the Vigilance and prepare to follow the ship to the most likely location for a Rebel retreat, Annaj. Ottkreg would consider this disloyal, so to be sure he cannot meddle, Sloane shoots him dead right there on the bridge. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Levers of Power)

- Ciena Ree, in a TIE interceptor, admonishes her fellow pilots for letting the Subjugator's engines get damaged, then moves to cover the Annihilator. From that vantage point, she witnesses the A-wing crash into the Executor's bridge that causes the Super Star Destroyer to crash into the Death Star. She then receives relayed orders (from Rae Sloane, presumably) to withdraw and regroup at pre-battle coordinates. Ciena races away from the Death Star as Rebel starfighters do as well, then the Death Star finally explodes. Thane Kyrell and Corona Squadron make their way to safety successfully. Ciena is not so lucky. Her starfighter is damaged and crashes into the nearest Imperial ship's docking bay. Ciena is gravely (but not fatally) injured. (To be continued below . . .)

(Lost Stars)

- The Death Star explodes, and the Imperials aboard the Vigilance under Rae Sloane recognize that they have lost this battle. Without Palpatine, the Death Star, and (they will later learn) Vader, the Empire might well have lost the war, but Sloane is determined to make sure that the Empire knows that this was just a battle, and the war itself goes on. The next battle, in essence, has already begun.

(The Levers of Power)

- Shara Bey, Green Four, is among A-wings that are tasked with stopping Imperial ships that are trying to escape as the Death Star is experiencing explosions from the work of Wedge Antilles and Lando Calrissian. She prepares to blast or capture an Imperial shuttle, only to

find that it is Luke Skywalker aboard she covers his escape and joins the other Rebels in heading to the forest moon when the Death Star explodes. (To be continued below . . .)

(Shattered Empire)

- As Inferno Squad makes it way to the landing platform, Iden Versio contacts her father, Admiral Garrick Versio, aboard the Eviscerator and learns that Vice Admiral Rae Sloane has ordered the Imperial fleet to leave the system. They are ordered to get off of the surface and back to the Corvus so that they can rendezvous with the rest of the Imperial fleet. As they make their way to the landing platform, Iden voices frustrations aloud about the Imperial High Command and even the Emperor underestimating their enemies or fouling up the trap set for the Rebels. To the ears of Gideon Hask, that sounds like treason, but he continues supporting her for now. They make their way to the platform (dealing with Rebels along the way), then clear the platform of Rebels who are trying to sabotage remaining Imperial vessels. Iden, Gideon, and Del Meeko escape the surface in TIE fighters, then fly through the debris field left by the Death Star to reunite aboard the Corvus. Unfortunately, it has been damaged by the Death Star explosion, so Hask must oversee the crew in quick repairs while Del and Iden hold off Rebel bombers. Once the Corvus is ready, Del rejoins Hask as the Corvus leaves the system, but Iden is ordered to land aboard the nearby Eviscerator to meet with her father. Once she is aboard, it jumps to hyperspace also. She meets with Garrick and one of the Emperor's "Messengers" (AKA "Sentinels"), a droid in red armor with the holographic face of the Emperor and a message from him. The Messenger has delivered information about Operation: Cinder, the Emperor's last command, to Garrick, who makes Iden aware of the operation's existence and Inferno Squad's importance to it. He gives Iden her team's next orders . . . (To be continued below . . .)

(Battlefront II)

- With the destruction of the second Death Star, most of the Imperial forces at Endor turn and run, leaving the system.
(conjecture based on *Shattered Empire*)
 - TK-1403, Aric Nightdrifter, is one of the Imperial survivors of the Battle of Endor. Years from now, he will eventually find himself at Vashka Valley Retirement Facility 48.
(conjecture based on *The Perfect Weapon*)
 - Norra Wexley, having barely escaped the Death Star I her Y-wing, breaks down and cries for the first time since joining the Rebellion while she sits in a changing room on Home One.
(conjecture based on *Aftermath*)
 - As Rebels on the forest moon of Endor celebrate seeing the Death Star destroyed overhead, Sinjir Rath Velus slips away through the carnage left from the battle. He believes the Rebels deserve their celebration and that he and his fellow Imperials deserve their grades for the things they have done. (To be continued below . . .)
- (Aftermath)**
- Shara Bey, Green Four, meets briefly with new acting group commander Lieutenant L'ulo L'ampar (Green Two), then heads down to the forest moon, where celebrations are underway. She walks among the Rebels and Ewoks, looking for her husband, Kes Dameron, who is part of Han Solo's team. She briefly has a chance to speak with Han and Lando Calrissian, who are arguing over the loss of the Millennium Falcon's sensor dish. They are finally reunited and spend a night of their own form of celebration together. (To be continued below . . .)

(Shattered Empire)

- On the surface of the forest moon of Endor, Thane Kyrell celebrates the Rebel victory with his squadronmates, but he also believes that Ciena Ree most likely died during the battle, probably aboard the Executor. As such, he could only hope that whatever replaces the Empire will be worth the price paid in lives during the Galactic Civil War. Ciena, however, is not dead. She awakens to find that she has been pulled from the wreckage of her TIE and is being treated for her wounds with Nash Windrider at her side to check on her. She undergoes surgery, during which her liver must be removed. She is hooked to a life-support belt and will have to undergo months of bacta treatment in hopes of regrowing her liver. She learns that the Empire is already starting to fracture in searching for a viable chain of command, and word is being sent out by the Rebellion of Palpatine and Vader's deaths. She undergoes a round of bacta treatment and then learns that the small pouch she had carried with the braided bracelet to remind her of her late twin sister, Wynnet, was taken from her damaged uniform and destroyed since they were not regulation material. She has lost Wynnet's

window into the universe, and she does not believe she will ever see Thane again, even if he is still alive out there somewhere. She has lost hope in the Empire as well. She simply wishes that she had died when her TIE crashed. (To be continued below . . .)

(Lost Stars)

- Leia Organa congratulates Wicket W. Warrick on their victory over the Imperials in the Battle of Endor and thanks him for his tribe's efforts. (To be continued below . . .)*

(The Leia Chronicles)*

*NOTE: This small segment of story appears before the regular adaptation of *An Imperial Feast* begins in *The Leia Chronicles*.

- On Endor, in the wake of the climactic battle, Han Solo and Chewbacca find it funny that a group of Ewoks is planning to roast captured stormtroopers at their upcoming celebration feast. Leia Organa convinces them to get the Ewoks to trade the captives for ration sticks, but to get ration sticks, Han needs to speak with Hera Syndulla, whose Ghost has landed right next to where Lando Calrissian has landed Han's Millennium Falcon. He asks Hera for the rations, and before she will give them to him, he must "admit" that the Ghost is superior to the Falcon. After doing so, he gets the rations. Leia says she needs to thank Hera, but she does appease Han's ego by telling him that no one really believes that the Ghost is superior to the Falcon.

(An Imperial Feast)

- On the forest moon of Endor, Chopper fools around with some spears alongside two Ewoks (one of which is Kneesaa) near the Ghost, Hera Syndulla comes out to inform the droid that they have picked up a pair of Imperial TIE fighters left from the Battle of Endor that are heading for the Bright Tree Village. They don't have time to gather any more crew members, so it should just be Hera and Chopper racing to the rescue, but Chopper brings his Ewok friends aboard without Hera's knowledge. They are able to take down both TIE fighters with the help of the Ewoks, who (along with Chopper) handle the ship's turrets, despite their small stature. The temporary crew has done a good job, but now it is time to take them home.

(Chopper and Friends)

- On the forest moon of Endor, Leia Organa and Luke Skywalker help Wicket W. Warrick and Kneesaa to reset some of the Ewoks' traps that protect Bright Tree Village. In the process, they run afoul of a Gorax, but Leia is able to help the Ewoks set up a swinging log trap, while Luke distracts the creature. Finally, the trap is sprung (thanks to Leia being given Luke's lightsaber to cut ropes on the trap), and the Gorax is knocked into a swamp.

(Traps and Tribulations)

- On the day of the Battle of Endor, the Rebel Alliance needs to distract Imperial attention from the impending attack. General Airen Cracken convinces Mon Mothma that she should plant a data trail to suggest that Mothma will be heading for an Alliance-friendly world, so that the Empire might be distracted by the chance of her capture. Rather than using a decoy, Mothma decides to make the journey herself to make it appear like a real visit to a Rebel group. Cracken isn't happy about this but doesn't convince her to change her mind. Cracken recommends Durkteel, and she agrees. Hendri Underholt is shocked that she would put herself in danger like this. Hendri convinces Mothma to let her go in Mothma's place, since she is known to be Mothma's aide and could sell the idea of Mothma being present without her needing to be in harm's way. Mothma reluctantly agrees. She provides Hendri with a copy of the address she intends to make after the Battle of Endor if victorious, so that Hendri can include it in a set of historical files about the history of the Rebellion that she has been collecting for Mothma. Upon arrival at Durkteel, it turns out that the ruse worked all too well, spread by outlets like Cynabar's Infonet when suggestions of a secret Rebel summit are spread by Alliance Intelligence agents. Rather than even trying to arrest anyone, the Empire strikes at the Durkteel Rebel base by choosing to simply bombard the site from orbit instead of sending ground troops. Among the items buried in the rubble will be Hendri's set of Rebel Alliance historical files in a data vault that will be recovered thirty years from now and provided to General Leia Organa of the Resistance.

(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)

- On the day of the Battle of Endor, Admiral Ackbar gives a speech to the victorious Rebels gathered at Endor, reminding them that while they should celebrate, the war is not yet over. In Monument Plaza on Coruscant, Rorak and his son, Jak (age 12), witness the toppling of the statue of Palpatine. They also witness the brutality of stormtroopers attacking the celebrating mob. Rorak also reminds his son that the war is not yet over, as he picks up chunks of the statue for himself and his son as keepsakes of this historic moment. (To be

continued below . . .)

(Aftermath)

- *Around the time of the Battle of Endor, local Gorian Seba in the city of Tavuu on Radhii is approached in his home (which he shares with his wife, Chola Seba, and their children) by Imperial Lieutenant Vrake. Several Rebels have escaped from a transport that was taking them to Segenka prison on the other side of the city. Vrake hires Gorian, who cares little for the Rebellion or the Empire, to guide his team through the Zoess, a forest full of lightning trees that blast any energy sources like blasters and such with “lightning.” They track the Rebels overnight, but after setting up camp, Gorian awakens to Rebels in the Imperial camp and Imperials emerging from the forest, having used their “camp” as a trap. Caught amid a standoff, Gorian is holding a low-power hologram emitter on which he was viewing a hologram of his family. It is interrupted by a massive, overriding burst signal that brings a message from Leia Organa. The Death Star is gone. The Emperor is dead. Both sides are shocked by what they hear, leaving Gorian caught in the middle and hoping for an end to the fighting.**

(Turning Point)*

*NOTE: In theory, the transmission could have taken long enough to reach Radhii for this to be after ROTJ, but I’m assuming that with HoloNet communications and the like, it would’ve reached the world fairly soon, perhaps as soon as the day after Endor.

- *While most of the Rebels on the forest moon of Endor celebrate their victory at the Bright Tree Village, Kes Dameron and Ewok Kneesaa, who cooperated on complicated tactical maneuvers through hand gestures and verbal stresses, sit out the celebration and instead toast their success over a bottle of sunberry wine.
(conjecture based on *On the Front Lines*)*
- *The morning after the Battle of Endor, the SpecForce Pathfinders are called back into action, causing Kes Dameron to have to leave his wife, Shara Bey (Green Four) briefly. There is a group of Imperial holdouts on the far side of the forest moon of Endor that did not leave with the rest of the Imperials. The Pathfinders, led by Han Solo and Chewbacca, are going to strike at this last Imperial group on the moon with limited cover from some pilots, while Shara, who volunteers, flies them in and out, waiting during the firefight to come. A firefight does indeed ensue. When it appears over, Han, Chewie, and Kes emerge from the Imperial base and return to Shara, to whom they reveal that they have gained access to a great deal of Imperial data and plans. It is not over yet. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Shattered Empire)

- *On the day after the Battle of Endor, Norra Wexley receives a medal for her actions during the battle.
(conjecture based on *Aftermath*)*
- *On the day after the Battle of Endor, Leia Organa tells Han Solo the greater truth of her family, beyond just that Luke Skywalker is her brother. She reveals to him that Darth Vader (Anakin Skywalker) was her father. She expects him to abandon her over such a revelation, but he instead tries to comfort her as best as he can as she deals with her own emotions over the information.
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)*

The Legends of Luke Skywalker (youth novel: Ken Liu)

The Legends of Luke Skywalker (youth novel: Ken Liu)

The Tale of the Lugubrious Mote

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Chapter 24 [continued]

Aftermath Trilogy [continued] (novel trilogy: Chuck Wendig)

Empire’s End [continued] (novel: Chuck Wendig)

Prelude: The Second Death Star Over Endor

Forces of Destiny [continued] (cartoon series: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)

Forces of Destiny, Volume 1 [continued] (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

Ewok Escape (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)

The Leia Chronicles [continued] (youth novel: Emma Carlson Berne)

Ewok Escape

Aftermath Trilogy [continued] (novel trilogy: Chuck Wendig)

Aftermath [continued] (novel: Chuck Wendig)

Part One [flashback]

Chapter 2 [flashback]

Chapter 10 [flashback]

Blade Squadron (SWI short stories: David J. Williams & Mark S. Williams)

Blade Squadron, Part I (SWI149 short story: David J. Williams & Mark S. Williams)

Blade Squadron, Part II (SWI150 short story: David J. Williams & Mark S. Williams)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Chapter 25

Aftermath Trilogy [continued] (novel trilogy: Chuck Wendig)

Aftermath [continued] (novel: Chuck Wendig)

Part One [flashback]

Chapter 2 [flashback]

Blade Squadron [continued] (SWI short stories: David J. Williams & Mark S. Williams)

Blade Squadron, Part II [continued] (SWI150 short story: David J. Williams & Mark S. Williams)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Chapter 25 [continued]

The Levers of Power (short story: Jason Fry)

The Levers of Power (short story: Jason Fry)

Aftermath Trilogy [continued] (novel trilogy: Chuck Wendig)

Aftermath [continued] (novel: Chuck Wendig)

Part One [flashback]

Chapter 10 [flashback]

Shattered Empire (comic series: Greg Rucka)

Shattered Empire (comic series: Greg Rucka)

Shattered Empire, Part I (comic: Greg Rucka)

Blade Squadron [continued] (SWI short stories: David J. Williams & Mark S. Williams)

Blade Squadron, Part II [continued] (SWI150 short story: David J. Williams & Mark S. Williams)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Chapter 25 [continued]

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Battlefront II [continued] (video game: DICE)

Campaign [continued]

Main Story [continued]

The Battle of Endor

Aftermath Trilogy [continued] (novel trilogy: Chuck Wendig)

Aftermath [continued] (novel: Chuck Wendig)

Part One [flashback]

Chapter 2 [flashback]

The Levers of Power [continued] (short story: Jason Fry)

The Levers of Power [continued] (short story: Jason Fry)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Chapter 25 [continued]

The Levers of Power [continued] (short story: Jason Fry)

The Levers of Power [continued] (short story: Jason Fry)

Shattered Empire [continued] (comic series: Greg Rucka)

Shattered Empire [continued] (comic series: Greg Rucka)

Shattered Empire, Part I [continued] (comic: Greg Rucka)

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Battlefront II [continued] (video game: DICE)

Campaign [continued]

Main Story [continued]

The Battle of Endor [continued]

Aftermath Trilogy [continued] (novel trilogy: Chuck Wendig)

Aftermath [continued] (novel: Chuck Wendig)

Part Two [flashback]

Chapter 14 [flashback]

Shattered Empire [continued] (comic series: Greg Rucka)

Shattered Empire [continued] (comic series: Greg Rucka)

Shattered Empire, Part I [continued] (comic: Greg Rucka)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)

The Leia Chronicles [continued] (youth novel: Emma Carlson Berne)

Imperial Feast

Forces of Destiny [continued] (cartoon series: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)

Forces of Destiny, Volume 1 [continued] (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

An Imperial Feast (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)

The Leia Chronicles [continued] (youth novel: Emma Carlson Berne)

Imperial Feast [continued]

Forces of Destiny [continued] (cartoon series: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)

Forces of Destiny, Volume 4 [continued] (cartoon: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)

Chopper and Friends (cartoon: Nicole Dubuc)

Traps and Tribulations (cartoon: Nicole Dubuc)

Aftermath Trilogy [continued] (novel trilogy: Chuck Wendig)

Aftermath [continued] (novel: Chuck Wendig)

Prelude

Coruscant

Turning Point (SWI169 short story: Jason M. Hough)

Turning Point (SWI169 short story: Jason M. Hough)

Shattered Empire [continued] (comic series: Greg Rucka)

Shattered Empire [continued] (comic series: Greg Rucka)

Shattered Empire, Part I [continued] (comic: Greg Rucka)

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- *In the wake of the Battle of Endor, the Alliance to Restore the Republic officially becomes the New Republic. Work begins to create a new Galactic Senate with a position of Chancellor (that drops the “Supreme” part of the name) that will be, at least at first, Mon Mothma. Rather than being located on Coruscant, this new Senate’s location will change through a process of election. (Its first, for instance, will be on Chandrila, Mon Mothma’s homeworld.)*
(conjecture based on *Aftermath* and *The Force Awakens Visual Dictionary*)

- *Mhar’li is born, likely on Ord Mantell, just after the founding of the New Republic.**
(conjecture based on *The Force Awakens: Beginner Game: Mhar’li Character Folio*)*

*NOTE: Normally, I would place a birth at the beginning of a year as a matter of formatting, but since this has to be just after the founding of the New Republic, that event must come before this one.

- *Very shortly after the Battle of Endor, Han Solo and Leia Organa are married. As a wedding gift to Leia, Han has a galley added to the crew quarters on the Millennium Falcon..**
(conjecture based on *The Force Awakens: Incredible Cross-Sections*, *Life Debt*, *Bloodline*, and information provided by Pablo Hidalgo on *Twitter* to shoot down the “Rey and Ben are twins” fan theory)*

*NOTE: This assumes that Leia and Han get married in the 17-day gap in *Shattered Empire*.

- *In the wake of the Battle of Endor, Sinjir Rath Velus does not return to the Empire. He is listed as killed in action.*
(conjecture based on *Aftermath*)
- *In the wake of the Battle of Endor, the Imperial lab on Vetine that houses, among other things, the last remnants of the special tree from the Jedi Temple on Coruscant, raises its security level on orders from Commandant Hurrion.*
(conjecture based on *Shattered Empire*)
- *Four emissaries for the Zenowai Crime Society (Shoja Kom, Slim Jek, Roen Torcher, and Mehedo Clynch) travel to Bespin to negotiate with Voras the Hutt of the Ivax Syndicate.*
(conjecture based on *Uprising*)
- *In the wake of the Battle of Endor, Imperial Governor Adelhard in the Anoat system institutes the Iron Blockade, a lockdown of travel and information into and out of the system. He then*

institutes a policy of propaganda to promote the idea that Palpatine is still alive and that the Empire is winning the Galactic Civil War. He locks down the sector with the help of Purge Troopers, led by Commander Bragh, a native of Burnin Konn who has returned to serve Adelhard. The Purge Troopers will be made of depraved individuals who survived the Cargamalis Street Wars.

(conjecture based on Uprising)

- *As part of his propaganda against the New Republic, Governor Adelhard has propaganda art produced that shows Coruscant in flames beneath attacking X-wings and a Rebel Alliance symbol. The piece declares “The terrorists are coming for your world next.”*
(conjecture based on Star Wars Propaganda)
- *In the wake of the Battle of Endor, Nien Nunb records his thoughts on the battle, and that testimony will find its way into a book on major battles of the last 70 years (or so) in the wake of the Battle of Starkiller Base.*
(conjecture based on On the Front Lines)
- *Thanks to the Iron Blockade, four emissaries for the Zenowai Crime Society (Shoja Kom, Slim Jek, Roen Torcher, and Mehedo Clynch) that were on Bespin to negotiate with Ivax Syndicate leader Voras the Hutt end up stuck in the sector.*
(conjecture based on Uprising)
- *As the Iron Blockade goes into effect, Governor Adelhard pulls the Imperial garrison from Cloud City on Bespin, which allows the most corrupt members of the local security forces to do basically whatever they like, legal or otherwise.*
(conjecture based on Uprising)
- *As the Iron Blockade goes into effect, Earl Alner of the Noble Court in Exile betrays Her Majesty and goes rogue in the Anoat Sector, setting up a power base in the ecologically-damaged structures on Anoat.*
(conjecture based on Uprising)
- *In the wake of the Battle of Endor, bounty hunter Jas Emari stops taking Imperial jobs and begins working for the New Republic. She takes a job from the new government to hunt down and assassinate Imperial moneylender Arsin Crassus. She will hunt him for the next month, until deciding to take him out when he arrives at what she believes is a meeting between Crassus and Akiva’s Satrap, Isstra Dirus.*
(conjecture based on Aftermath)
- *In the wake of the Battle of Endor, as Leia Organa steps back from the front lines of combat for the most part, she will come to be a major part of pro-New Republic propaganda art, often showing her in combat. For her part, Leia trusts Evaan Verlaine to manage her image and how her likeness is used in such art, as in the case of artist Janray Tessime’s Join the Tide of Victory.*
(conjecture based on Star Wars Propaganda)
- *In the wake of the Battle of Endor, pilot Shara Bey tries to distract herself from her husband, Kes Dameron, being gone on a mission with General Han Solo’s Pathfinder Ops team by pushing herself too hard in other battles. She flies with Rampart Squadron in the Beltire Liberation, then flies screen for Rebel Fleet Command, before being sent to Sterdic IV. Amidst all of this, one week prior to the Sterdic IV mission, she is able to speak with her father, who is with her son (and Kes’ son), Poe Dameron.*
(conjecture based on Aftermath)
- *In the wake of the Battle of Endor, the Empire begins to fragment, as confusion exists as to who is really in power. Grand Vizier Mas Amedda attempts to keep the Empire together as the presumed new Emperor on Coruscant, but there are numerous declarations of individuals as new emperors, to the point that such declarations become utterly meaningless. Many of these power-hungry Imperial leaders pit their own Imperials against other Imperial factions in power plays that the media reports as “mutinies” and “skirmishes.”*
(conjecture based on Lost Stars)
- *In the wake of the Battle of Endor, the prison known as Substation Grimdock comes under Alliance (then New Republic) control. The original Imperial officer in charge, though, Sergeant Magernon, is allowed to remain in control under a form of amnesty offered by Mon Mothma. He begins to secretly release a few Imperial-friendly death squads and terrorists at a time, under what eventually comes to be retroactively considered part of “Magernon’s Amnesty.”*
(conjecture based on Last Shot)
- *In the wake of the Battle of Endor, Thane Kyrell begins wearing a ribbon on his arm (for a full*

year) in memory of Ciena Ree, whom he believes died at the Battle of Endor.

(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*)

- *In the wake of the Battle of Endor, the Contessa (Corona Leader) returns to her homeworld to run for president. Corona Squadron comes under the command of Yendor. Over the months from now until just before the third battle to repel Imperials from Naboo, Corona Squadron will take in two new pilots (a rookie from Nea Dajanam and an exile from Coruscant).*
(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*)
- *In the wake of Emperor Sheev Palpatine's death, Maz Kata begins feeling comfortable enough to openly acknowledge her own Force abilities.*
(conjecture based on *The Force Awakens Visual Dictionary*)
- *In the wake of Emperor Sheev Palpatine's death, Arliz Hadrassian's brother, a member of the Royal Guard, returns to regular Imperial service. His Royal Guard helmet will eventually be kept by his sister.*
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)
- *Within the first year after the Battle of Endor, the Imperial (formerly Republic) outpost on Devaron near the Karatokai Mountains comes under New Republic control.*
(conjecture based on *Empire's End*)
- *Sometime after the Battle of Endor, Princess Kneesaa becomes the Bright Tree Village's first female chief on the forest moon of Endor.*
(conjecture based on *Absolutely Everything You Need to Know*)
- *At some point years after the Battle of Yavin, Wedge Antilles records his thoughts about the Battle of Yavin and how he for a long time wished he had not survived when so many others had died. That testimony will find its way into a book on major battles of the last 70 years (or so) in the wake of the Battle of Starkiller Base.*
(conjecture based on *On the Front Lines*)
- *With the formation of the New Republic, Ryloth chooses not to join the new government and instead focuses on home rule, something it had been denied for so long under the thumb of the Empire, Republic, and Separatists.*
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)
- *Sometime after the death of Jabba the Hutt, Ickabel G'ont of Figrin D'an and the Modal Nodes publishes a memoir entitled *The Lady Has a Jocimer: My Life as a Modal Node*, in which she references owing Jabba a cup of slime in thanks for releasing the band in the desert at night instead of during the day. Ickabel's editor makes a note to keep that line in the book, despite it being published after an "unknown assassin" kills Jabba.*
(conjecture based on *Not for Nothing*)
- *Around this time, a decent meal becomes the only source of pure happiness for Imperial stormtrooper Wanten.*
(conjecture based on *Escape from Vodran*)
- *Shortly after the Battle of Endor, the B-wing pilots of Blade Squadron who survived the battle are awarded Medals of Bravery. Braylen Stramm is promoted to Wing Commander in place of Adon Fox, who died during the battle. This complicates things with Commander Gina Moongong, a Blade Squadron pilot and Braylen's lover. They wonder if there will be a time when he has to choose between her and the squadron under his command. She insists that the war is over, but it is not. Leave is being canceled for Blade Squadron, and new recruits are joining. It is Gina's job to break in three of them: Yori Dahn, Kordan Karls, and Cutter Poole. (To be continued below . . .)*
(Zero Hour)
- *Ciena Ree, undergoing bacta treatments, is on the space station Wrath. When she is able to perform her duties, she is tasked with confirming which Imperial officers are alive or dead, confirming the locations of those who are alive, and informing the families of those who are deceased. She witnesses the fragmentation of the Empire, but she also recognizes that with the New Republic gaining ground, Thane Kyrell, if he is still alive, will no longer be a wanted criminal everywhere and have some peace. She buries herself in her work for days, then weeks, then months. (To be continued below . . .)*
(Lost Stars)
- *At some point during Ciena Ree's recovery and assignment to space station Wrath, Nash Windrider is assigned to the Star Destroyer Subjugator.*
(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*)
- *Inferno Squad joins Imperial forces at the Fondor Shipyards to secure experimental satellites*

for the Imperial Star Destroyer *Dauntless* (commanded by Moff Raythe) as part of the lead-up to Operation: Cinder. They do so, but then Rebels arrive and attack the shipyards. After protecting the *Dauntless* from Rebel U-wings seeking to send boarders onto the ship, Iden Versio and Gideon Hask board the lead Rebel ship through its docking bay, then take out its ion cannons by destroying three cooling cylinders. The last one destroyed causes part of the weapon to blast away from the ship, striking a nearby Corellian Corvette, which then crashes into the ship, nearly killing Iden and Gideon. They get back to their TIEs and leave the ship, ordered now to attack the Imperial shipyard's docking clamps to free the *Dauntless* for escape. They do so, but Raythe (while ranting about the need for uncontested power and might to bring the galaxy to heel under Garrick Versio's orders for Operation: Cinder, etc.) will not reveal to Iden where the satellites will be deployed. The Imperials escape, and the satellites are delivered to Admiral Versio. (To be continued below . . .)

(Battlefront II)

- Shortly after the Battle of Endor, Captain Lerr Duvat of the Imperial Star Destroyer *Torment* is met at Imperial Rendezvous Point Victim by an Imperial messenger in a red Guardsman-esque suit with a helmet that acts as a viewscreen. It plays for him a message from the late Emperor Palpatine, ordering that Operation: Cinder begin . . . (To be continued below . . .)*

(Shattered Empire)*

*NOTE: I am assuming that this is after the Fondor mission in *Battlefront II* because Operation: Cinder needs the satellites that Inferno Squad recovers with the *Dauntless*. It would certainly make sense to me that Admiral Garrick Versio would learn about Cinder before a "lowly" captain like Duvat.

- Inferno Squad is sent to the planet Pillio (at the edge of the Jinata System), site of one of the late Emperor's secret Observatories. They are to destroy it to keep its storehouse of artifacts and such from Rebel hands. Del Meeko is sent to do this personally, thanks to his expertise in explosives and knowledge of the Observatory's Mantle Defense System. As his shuttle arrives, it passes over two unexpected visitors to the planet: Luke Skywalker and R2-D2, who have come due to Luke sensing something "special" about the planet in the Force. After fighting through stormtroopers outside, Luke is able to enter the cave that leads to the Observatory. On the way, he finds Del stuck in amber and frees him simply because Del asked for help. Del realizes who he is and can't quite understand why Luke Skywalker would help an Imperial. When creatures begin to attack, Del uses a thermal detonator to kill them, only to cause the floor to give out. He and Luke fall, and Luke must again save Del, this time from falling debris. Del was always afraid of Jedi due to stories from his childhood on Coruscant, but Luke seems different than Jedi were made out to be by Imperial propaganda. Luke even gives him his recovered blaster so that they can work together to get out of the caves. They find the entrance to the Observatory, and once Del deactivates its security system from the outside, Luke uses the Force to open it. (Del is confused as to why the Emperor would have a storehouse that could only be opened with the Force, and Luke's less-than-direct answer makes it clear to Del that the Emperor was a Force-user. As Luke puts it, Del was afraid of the wrong thing when a boy on Coruscant.) The storehouse is full of artifacts (or "junk" as Del puts it), but Luke finds a compass (which will play some role in him finding the first Jedi Temple years later, albeit not directly) that he wants to keep. Del questions why he should be allowed to keep it but allows it when Luke simply answers, "Because I asked," similar to how Del asked for help earlier. As they leave, Del questions what they do now. Luke senses conflict in him, and Del admits to knowing the horrors the Empire is capable of but questions what else there is. Luke suggests that there is always a choice, maybe not a choice to join the Rebellion necessarily, but a choice to be better. They part ways amicably. (To be continued below . . .)

(Battlefront II)

- Seventeen days after the Battle of Endor at Cawa City on Sterdic IV, Alliance pilots from Green Squadron and Feral Squadron take down Imperial holdouts. (To be continued below . . .)

(Shattered Empire)

- Once Del Meeko returns to the *Corvus*, Inferno Squad heads to Vardos, where they find not only Admiral Garrick Versio but also the *Dauntless* and its satellites in orbit. This is why he would not reveal their target to Iden Versio. It is her own homeworld that is the first target of Operation: Cinder! She argues with her father aboard the *Eviscerator*, but he insists on her following her orders, which are only to go to the surface (as the satellites blast into the atmosphere and cause great storms that ravage the planet) to extract Protectorate Gleb, who once mentored both Iden and Gideon Hask and is essential to the plans of the Empire going

forward (which also include ravaging worlds like Vardos to make an example to show the rest of the galaxy who is still in power). Iden reluctantly goes back to her duties, but Garrick contacts Gideon before the mission begins, suspicious of whether he can trust his own daughter to carry out her sworn Imperial duties. As they land and make their way to the Archive to acquire Gleb, Iden and Del express their worries about the citizens of Vardos and the Empire's supposed duty to protect them as Imperial citizens. Gideon simply argues that they are expendable and questions their statements. They reach the Archive and find Gleb, but as they are about to leave, the storm causes part of the roof to fall in. This convinces Iden to tell everyone present, not just Gleb and the Rodian Gleb insists on taking with her, to head for the landing pad to escape on the Corvus. Gideon objects, as that disobeys their orders to extract just Gleb. Iden orders him to stand down, but he refuses, and she refuses to back down. Del takes Iden's side, and when Gideon is about to shoot Iden as a traitor, she shoots him in the leg, then Del kicks away his weapon. Iden and Del are now traitors to the Empire, which Gideon immediately reports to Admiral Versio via comlink. Iden and Del fight their way back to the Corvus and escape with as many of the fleeing citizens as they can. Meanwhile, Gideon brings Gleb back to Admiral Versio and is promoted to Iden's former rank of commander. Some members of the Corvus crew remain with the ship, while others are allowed to leave due to remaining loyal to the Empire. Iden and Del discuss what to do next, and both believe the Rebels need to know about Operation: Cinder, but they disagree on how. Del suggests that she just leave to start a new life, while he sends a distress call to the Rebels to be picked up, just in case they do decide to just toss members of Inferno Squad into Sunspot Prison or somewhere similar. Iden decides that they need to stick together, so they reach out to the Rebel Alliance, offering their surrender. Their offer is accepted by the Restoration, upon which Shriv Suurgav is serving as the head of Danger Squadron . . . (To be continued below . . .)

(Battlefront II)

- Twenty days after the Battle of Endor, Shara Bey of Green Squadron is assigned as Leia Organa's pilot on a visit to Naboo. They are met at the spaceport in Theed by Governor Donta Gesset, who takes them to see Queen Soruna. Leia is there to seek Soruna's help in re-establishing a Galactic Senate. Knowing that there is a need to remove Palpatine's taint over his homeworld, Soruna eagerly agrees. Just as the agreement is made, though, the skies go dark. Duvat has arrived and released Imperial machines into space above Naboo. Communications are jammed, and Imperial climate disruption array satellites begin creating massive hurricanes on the surface of Naboo. The Emperor's previous homeworld is to be scoured as part of Operation: Cinder. Meanwhile, Shara's husband, Kes Dameron, and the rest of the Pathfinders (under Han Solo and Chewbacca) are striking at the Imperial Security Bureau black site known as "The Wretch of Tayron" in the Outer Rim. Kes and Sakas take out an AT-ST that in turn accidentally breaches the building's walls. Han's team takes C-3PO into the structure to start decrypting Imperial data. Back on Naboo, the storms increase to the point where the planet could become uninhabitable to the humans of Naboo (and possibly the Gungans). Shara knows that such weather control by the Empire would require an array of satellites of some kind, and Leia agrees. They expect to be without starfighters to go after the satellites, but Queen Soruna surprises even her guard captain, Korro, by revealing that while Palpatine did demilitarize Naboo years ago, there are still old N-1 starfighters in palace docking bay that have been there since the Battle of Naboo, not even attended to since the Clone Wars. While entering the docking bay, Leia senses the Dark Side echo of Darth Maul without realizing that she is touching the Force. Leia, Shara, and Soruna (who is also a qualified pilot) take three operational starfighters to take out the satellites. Back at the Wretch of Tayron, C-3PO discovers that Operation: Cinder is running, revealing that Cinder is an Imperial operation that is currently in progress against multiple targets that were specified by the late Emperor, including Naboo. Back over Naboo, Shara leads Leia and Soruna in attacking the satellites . . . They are nearly convinced that they are on a suicide mission that cannot succeed when Lando Calrissian arrives with Nien Nunb on the Mellcrawler II with other New Republic forces (alerted by Han's team). They defeat the Imperial threat at Naboo and save the planet. Leia and Shara then return to Rebel (New Republic) Fleet Command at Muster Point: Vergence, where Shara is reunited with Kes and Leia is reunited with Han. (To be continued below . . .)

(Shattered Empire)

- After being questioned by members of the Restoration's Rebel contingent, Iden Versio and Del Meeko are introduced to General Lando Calrissian, who, along with Shriv Suurgav of

Danger Squadron, has been discussing the merits of their story. Shriv thinks they are spies, but Lando believes otherwise and is also a big believer in second chances. The Rebels have learned that Operation: Cinder (which they've learned about from Iden and Del) is heading for Naboo (based on information from Han Solo's team). Lando offers them a chance to help stop the destruction of Naboo, even if they aren't necessarily ready to join the Rebel (or New Republic) cause just yet. Knowing they can at least help save Naboo, they agree to fly X-wings in the battle to come. (To be continued below . . .)

(Battlefront II)

- *Leia Organa and Soruna are nearly convinced that they are on a suicide mission that cannot succeed in taking out all of the satellites attacking Naboo when Lando Calrissian arrives with Nien Nunb on the Mellcrawler II, along with other New Republic forces (alerted by Han's team). (To be continued below . . .)*

(Shattered Empire)

- *As Lando Calrissian's forces attack the Imperials at Naboo, Iden Versio and Del Meeko fly in X-wings with Shriv Suurgav's Danger Squadron to take out some of the Operation: Cinder satellites in orbit (at least those not already destroyed by Leia Organa, Soruna, and Shara Bey). They then focus on the Star Destroyer in orbit, but once its shields are down and it is blasted by the Restoration, Imperials begin deploying (and evacuating) from it to the surface, where a full assault is beginning against Theed. Leia orders their forces to land and engage. Upon arrival, Leia is met by Shriv, Iden, and Del. They must reactivate a series of power nodes to restore power to a secret defensive weapon at the palace. Leia and Del reactivate some, while Shriv and Iden reactivate others. They then retreat into the palace and activate the weapon, which turns out to be a huge ion pulse that knocks out all of the Imperial weaponry outside (but doesn't affect the heroes' weapons inside). The Imperial assault on Theed is foiled. Leia reveals to Iden and Del that she knows who they are and that she realizes that, for some reason, this fight seemed personal to them. Iden admits that they have been fighting all of their lives but only recently realized that they were fighting for the wrong side. Leia welcomes Inferno Squad (at least these two members) into the New Republic. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Battlefront II)

- *With the Imperial threat at Naboo defeated. Leia Organa and Shara Bey then return to Rebel (New Republic) Fleet Command at Muster Point: Vergence, where Shara is reunited with Kes and Leia is reunited with Han. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Shattered Empire)

- *At Lando Calrissian's insistence, Shriv Suurgav joins Iden Versio and Del Meeko (with Iden's ID10 droid, which Del repairs from battle damage) as a New Republic incarnation of Inferno Squad.*
- *(conjecture based on Battlefront II)*
- *Admiral Garrick Versio begins using Chinook Station on Bespin as a refueling station, leaving Gideon Hask to oversee his operations there.*
- *(conjecture based on Battlefront II)*
- *Han Solo replaces the lost military-grade rectenna for the Millennium Falcon with a civilian model sensor dish, which degrades the ship's ability to detect and target hostile ships but at least replaces the dish lost during the Battle of Endor.*
- *(conjecture based on The Force Awakens: Incredible Cross-Sections)*
- *Han Solo and Leia Organa make a sublight run early in their marriage aboard the Millennium Falcon, during which they bicker then are drawn closer together, as is so often the case. During this run, they conceive a child.**
- *(conjecture based on The Force Awakens: Incredible Cross-Sections, Life Debt, Bloodline, and information provided by Pablo Hidalgo on Twitter to shoot down the "Rey and Ben are twins" fan theory)**

***NOTE: This assumes that Leia and Han get married in the 17-day gap in *Shattered Empire*, but then the sublight run is a short time later, after Leia's mission to Naboo.**

- *Wing Commander Braylen Stramm informs his lover and subordinate, Gina Moonson, that Blade Squadron is being deployed to Malastare to break through an Imperial shield and take out a shield generator and the Imperial communications hub that it is guarding. Nearby sits the vacation palace of Moff Valco Pandion, but since they cannot be sure that he will be there during the attack, they are not authorized to attack the palace and put lives on the line to possibly take him out. Gina disagrees with that decision. When the attack finally commences, new recruit Jordan Karls dies during the initial breach of the shield, and Cutter Poole dies*

amid the firefight with Imperial defenses. Gina's few fighters are able to draw attention long enough, though, for Braylen's group to take out the generator and the hub. Upon being ordered to withdraw, Gina disobeys orders, then she, recruit Yori Dahn, and Gina's wingman, Fanty, destroy Pandion's palace, then set course to leave the atmosphere. Gina actually looks forward to Braylen's impending annoyance.

(Zero Hour)

- *The New Republic attempts to take control of the planet Kaddak, but they are unsuccessful.**
(conjecture based on *The Gathering Storm*)*
- *NOTE: Poe says that this is "a few decades back." Given that he is saying that in 34 BBY, there isn't much room in the timeline in which "a few decades" would have passed for the New Republic by then. Either Poe is using "a few" to mean "a couple," or this must be very early in the post-ROTJ era.
- *As preparations are made for a new Senate on Chandrila for the New Republic, Janyor of Bith produces a poster for Mon Mothma that depicts Chandrila with the tagline "A New Dawn," which includes information urging citizens to join the beginning of this new era on the new (albeit temporary) capital world.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)
(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi Visual Dictionary*)
 - *During this era of the New Republic battling Imperial holdouts, Slayn & Korpil introduces the MG-100 StarFortress bomber.*
(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi Visual Dictionary*)
 - *In this era, Governor Ecessys of the Velcar sector works to spread the Imperial propaganda message that Sheev Palpatine is still alive. He controls communication within his sector much as Governor Adelhard does in the Anoat System, and he has propaganda produced, such as a poster proclaiming that "Endor is a lie" and that one should "believe it at your peril."*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)
 - *In the Anoat System, behind Imperial Governor Adelhard's Iron Blockade, information and travel have been controlled to the point where citizens have been led to believe, thanks to heavy propaganda, that the Empire is willing the war and Palpatine is still alive and well. People on the worlds cut off from the outside galaxy, including Burnin Konn, have begun to turn to crime bosses to get what they need to survive. A smuggler and his sister, Riley, are working on Burnin Konn. The smuggler is carrying explosive crystals for crime boss Happy Dapp in Longstar Market when an Imperial inspection begins. He must kill the inspector and escape, using the crystals to blow up the path behind him and escape. Unfortunately, he then encounters Tryken, an associate of Happy. Happy is not pleased (yes, I almost said "happy") that the crystals were destroyed, so now the smuggler and Riley are stuck working for him for a while to work off the debt from the lost crystals and botched job. First, the smuggler is tasked with recovering cargo from local gangs like the Broken Claws and South Sector Sinners to recover property of the Trade Spine League. This ingratiates them with Shortpaw, leader of the Trade Spine League. The smuggler does jobs for them as well, including reactivating some old Hutt scanners on nearby Mataou (also in the Anoat System) to get a sense of the how the Iron Blockade is set up so that an important shipment can make it through. The smuggler then provides a distraction to allow the ship to pass through the blockade. The smuggler and Riley then meet at the Burnin Konn spaceport with Nogba Quush of the Ivax Syndicate, agreeing to help take out targets for them as part of a deal they have made with Happy. The smuggler goes after the Chromium Kings, then after an Ivax Syndicate engineer (Khundu) who created a new battledroid and might spill those secrets to others. The Ivax Syndicate then helps the smuggler locate the Nexu Claws, who have a bounty on him. He faces off with them, including their leader (Red Adder) and gets the bounty dropped through some threats. They go after former Ivax members that had gone rogue. The smuggler gets help putting an end to old family enemy Roonlo stalking Riley. The smuggler then helps take down the Shuxl Brotherhood, a Nikto gang. Finally having proven himself to Nogba, the Ivax Syndicate keeps others off the smuggler's back so he can confront the Cadevon family to get revenge for how the two Cadevon brothers disagreed on a payment for a job with Riley and left her with two crushed legs, now poorly-working cybernetic legs. In return for helping Nogba, he provides Riley with parts necessary to fix her legs, and the smuggler can work with the Ivax Syndicate, not just the Trade Spine League, at any time. The smuggler returns to Shortpaw and Happy. Happy has plans for a "score of a lifetime," but he keeps details secret. They need an Imperial shuttle for the job, so the smuggler is sent to Hoth to salvage parts to fix a shuttle from various sites from the Battle of Hoth. He uses Imperial survey crew and scavenger data to get such parts. (Some of the data he needs is on*

an astromech, so he steals Imperial droid B9-DT on Hoth. The droid becomes part of their team and helps them obtain a codebreaker that is being auctioned off by Bohento Splinth (whom Happy has a history with from the Cargamalis Street Wars, a clash between slum gangs on Burnin Konn). Bohento turns out to be the leader of the salvage crews that the smuggler clashes with, and he is not pleased to hear that Happy is involved either. The smuggler has to kill him to obtain the codebreaker. With all the necessary parts and codebreaker gathered, the smuggler finally distracts Imperials led by Captain Mindak, while Happy and B9-DT repair a downed Imperial shuttle on Hoth to be ready for their "score of a lifetime." The smuggler also has to hold off the Wreckers, Splinth's gang, to give them time to fix the shuttle. With Imperial attention drawn, Southpaw goes into hiding, and Happy sends the smuggler to meet another ally of convenience, Tam Bastion. Bastion is the leader of the local Anoat System Rebel faction. He has specialized information that Happy needs, but he needs missions done beforehand in return. He sends the smuggler to Anoat (which is actually no longer toxic, though the Empire has not made that known). He is seeking data caches and such from a Rebel cell that existed there before the Empire attacked with toxins (at the urging of Adelhard earlier in his career) that left the planet uninhabitable for a time. Many of those who were there at the time are now mutants that the smuggler has to battle. Along with gathering these things, he helps rescue Rebels on Matou. (The rescue mission is actually suggested by Riley, who seems to possibly have a thing for Bastion.) One of the rescued Rebels, Okuvim the Younger, has scouted the area on Anoat where the old dissident base was, so Bastion sends the smuggler to gather information from the base. (The dissidents, who were not official Rebel Alliance members yet, had an extensive list of allies and resources that could help in the fight against the Empire in the Anoat System.) He reactivates an Anoat transport system and its power source in order to get there. He battles Imperials for control of the site. One Imperial officer even tries to buy the smuggler off, claiming to have permission from Commander Bragh to make such deals, which was a lie. The smuggler wins the confrontation and returns to Bastion. Bastion then sends Riley back to Happy with data that Happy had wanted in return for the smuggler's help. Bastion tries to recruit the smuggler into the Alliance, but Bastion's reluctance to want to work with Riley turns him away. He and his sister will not separate. The smuggler returns to the Carbon Score Cantina to meet with Happy, B9-DT, and Riley. The data has given Happy the location of "interception" facilities on the system, where the Empire stores cargo that they intercept trying to get through the blockade. The smuggler is to set up signal jammers at all four interception sites, then use the repaired shuttle to strike at all four of them in quick succession while the jammers are active. He sets the jammers up around the system. He then goes to Nar Hupa in orbit over Matou to hit the first facility. He battles Taskmaster Bisk and gets medical supplies from this first strike. His second strike takes him elsewhere on Nar Hupa, where he battles more Imperials to recover a shipload of XJ9 hyperchargers, worth a bit on the black market. Imperial Commander Bragh puts out a general alert, but the smuggler heads for the third target, also on Nar Hupa. There, he battles Captain Zaul, TK-408, and TK-412 only to find that the cargo is rotten fruit. He finally goes after the fourth target, the most heavily guarded, on Nar Hupa. He defeats Imperials again and finds a system full of blocked messages that have come into the Anoat System. One message is from Leia Organa, recorded the day of the Battle of Endor just after the Death Star's destruction. She reveals the deaths of Palpatine and Darth Vader, the Death Star's destruction, and the plan to form a New Republic. This was two months ago. He has B9-DT save a copy and send another copy to Riley. He returns to the Carbon Score Cantina and finds it blasted by Purge Troopers that have come for the recording. Adelhard has ordered anyone who knows of the Emperor's fall as marked for death, along with everyone they have met. They are treating it like a disease, and the Purge Troopers are the "cure." Happy saved Riley at the cost of his own life when the Purge Troopers came, and now the smuggler and Riley have little choice but to get off of Burnin Konn and seek allies (and possibly hide out) on the system's other planet, Bespin. They head for Cloud City. They meet with Nogba Quush and Voras the Hutt (secret leader of the Ivax Syndicate) at the Paradise Atrium. In return for protecting the siblings, Voras receives Leia's message as a down payment, and the smuggler will help take on Voras' competitors (the Zenowai Crime Society), since his best bounty hunter recently lost an arm. The Zenowai usually keep to the Core Worlds, but four emissaries who were sent to negotiate with Voras were trapped behind the Iron Blockade when it was enacted. They are now paying off Cloud City security to be on their side or look the other way while they try to rebuild and unite the gangs the smuggler recently took down into a larger organization. The smuggler (as a bounty

hunter, essentially) and Nogba will deal with the Zenowai, while Riley works with Voras to figure out a way to get leverage on Bragh and/or Adelhard. If they can bring down all four, this will prove to Voras that they should work together against Bragh and the Imperials. They first go after Shoja Kom (or Shoja Ko), former leader of the spice gangs of Plexis. Their second target is Slim Jek, advisor to criminals in the Duros Sector. Shoja is taken down, but Jek surrenders without a fight because he believes that the other two Zenowai, Roen Torcher and Mehedo Clynych, have underestimated how chaotic the sector is right now, making their plans sheer folly. The "bounty hunter" goes after Roen next, the same man who cost Voras' last bounty hunter his arm. (Roen went underground to join the Zenowai decades ago after killing a Republic senator.) After taking out Roen, he returns to Voras and Riley, who think they have come up with a way to bargain with Bragh. The smuggler has little use for the idea, given that Bragh killed Happy. (For her part, Riley notes that he died to protect her because he was just plain nuts, rather than out of any sense of true friendship, so they don't owe his memory anything.) He now goes after Mehedo Clynych, who is down in some mining levels that he has paid Cloud City security to cut off. He intends to cut off some mining to cut off profits to some of the Cloud City bigwigs and gain leverage over them. With Ivax Syndicate fighters with him, they go into the shut down areas, get the miners to start working again, and in doing so draw the attention of the corrupted security forces that are supposed to keep mining shut down for Mehedo, allowing the smuggler to take out many of these corrupt guards. They clear out a second level, taking out enough guards that they abandon working for Mehedo. Unfortunately, in desperation Mehedo has repurposed mining droids to now attack the repulsorlifts that keep Cloud City afloat. He intends to hold the city's fate hostage. The smuggler heads for the two separate droid control stations, shutting them down. As local repair crews go to repair the repulsorlifts, the smuggler goes after Mehedo in the carbonite shafts, fighting through his loyal criminal followers, killing him. With the Zenowai defeated, Voras and Riley reveal a better plan. They intend to form alliances with other groups in the sector to create enough of a challenge to Bragh and his forces that the Empire will back off and leave them be, rather than risk significant losses for Adelhard in open conflict. It is up to the smuggler to forge those bonds by working with and for them at times, since they aren't on the best terms with Voras. The "diplomatic" push begins with Riley becoming Voras' envoy on Cloud City, Voras and Nogba fading back into the shadows, and the smuggler visiting the first of these potential allies at the Apex Overlook, the rather rich member of the sector's former nobles (the so-called Noble Court), Sir Corto Belrake, who works for Her Majesty and the Noble Court in Exile, and his aide, Elenzia. To gain the help of Corto and Her Majesty, the smuggler goes after Earl Alner, a former Noble Court member who betrayed Her Majesty when the Iron Blockade began. Not trusting her own forces to take down Alner due to not knowing how many allies he might still have in the Noble Court, the smuggler heads for Alner's territory on Anoat. After striking some stockpiles of Alner's weapons, he takes down the Earl's guard captain (a Nothoiin named Hela), then steals data to help track down Alner himself. This leads to Loathe, the assassin who killed Duke Misaani and Earl Roubek of the Noble Court, who turns out to be unwilling to continue serving Alner when Alner is losing so badly. Loathe simply leaves. Riley identifies Loathe as a member of the secretive Kouhun, a group of assassins. The smuggler also learns that many of Alner's people are intending to re-pledge their loyalty to Her Majesty, but Alner intends to kill them first. The smuggler meets with Kosimas Alner, one of the Earl's allies from his own family, and brings him and others to safety. Alner now intends to escape the Noble Court. The smuggler sets up transmitters to help the Noble Court's ships cut off any escape, then the smuggler finally confronts Alner. The Earl tries to buy the smuggler's loyalty, but as he notes, he may be for hire, but he cannot be bought, so to speak. The smuggler takes down his guards and kills Alner, who reveals that he actually knows already that Palpatine is dead and might have made a good ally in other circumstances. With this done, the smuggler is able to actually meet Her Majesty, who notes that the Noble Court can protect the smuggler and Riley if they pledge loyalty to the faction. Knowing that they don't really belong with the Court, the smuggler declines, but he holds them to their original agreement of an alliance with the Ivax Syndicate. The smuggler then meets Riley in the Cloud City Shadow Market, where he is surprised to find that he is meeting with Loathe, along with two other Kouhun, Brother Cyst and their leader, Deathstick. Voras has offered the smuggler's services, which they don't really need, but they are impressed by how long he has survived and his other exploits that they are considering offering him a position with the Kouhun (or eliminate him if he is a threat). He doesn't want membership, just an alliance, so they agree to an alliance if he can make it through the full

Kouhun initiation process, even if he isn't going to actually join them. He is sent to the Mataou Necropolis, where he drinks the Water of Truth, which will kill him with some kouhun venom over the course of weeks. He must succeed in the initiation as he slowly becomes weaker in order to receive the cure from them. He is sent on the Test of Meat (or Trial of Meat), where he defeats akk dogs and their pack leader, then gundarks (and their gundark alpha), then finally ro-hippas and a ro-hippa brood mother. After doing so, he recovers a hologram for a former target of the assassins to bring back. He is sent back for the Test of Steel against various droids, recovering holograms of future targets (including Adelhard, Voras – whose name they don't know yet, and a Rodian Loathe hates). In the process, he receives burn wounds that he is required not to treat so that scars remain. He then goes on the Test of the Spirit to find and kill a failed initiate, Cadomaccus. Rather than killing him, the smuggler first offers to find a way out for both of them, but Cadomaccus attacks, forcing the smuggler to kill him and finish the test anyway. Upon returning to the Kouhun, he is given the cure. While they don't trust the Ivax Syndicate or Noble Court, the Kouhun are willing to join their efforts because he is worthy. A meeting is prepared, but B9-DT reports that the Purge Troopers have been able to trace Happy's activities (and connections) back to the Trade Spine League, which is now under attack on Burnin Konn. They set up shop in a rebuilt Carbon Score Cantina, where they learn that the Trade Spine League is being attacked at Drifter's Gorge. (Riley is not happy to be back, but she figures that she can bill Shortpaw later.) They are there alone, though, since the Ivax Syndicate doesn't have a stake in this fight. The smuggler saves Ndaya, then goes to save Zepashi and Fryoto, family members associated with the Trade Spine League. He then saves smuggler Onn Iria, who reveals that Shortpaw and Leeka are already safe, but Purge Troopers are looking for Shortpaw's grandson. Thanks to B9-DT tracking a faint signal, the smuggler saves the grandson, Tiquip, but it turns out to be a trap. After defeating the Imperials that spring the trap, Tiquip is truly safe, and Shortpaw is willing to use whatever resources the Trade Spine League has left to help the combined Ivax, Noble, and Kouhun efforts against the Imperials. Voras and Riley have another plan in conjunction with the other groups. They intend to capture or kill Bragh to prove that they are too strong a force to risk resources to deal with, given his other problems in the sector. They don't expect any agreement with the Empire to last, but they could perhaps also ransom Bragh for their safety. Unfortunately, Bragh has a Star Destroyer. The Kouhun have enough great fighters to stand against Purge Troopers, while the Noble Court has Throneships, but they aren't a match for a Star Destroyer yet. The smuggler realizes that they can salvage plenty of weapons from Hoth to arm the Throneships. Her Majesty knows of a specific powerful weapon on Hoth, but she does not yet elaborate on what it might be. The smuggler heads to Hoth with Noble Court engineers and some Ivax Syndicate help to acquire weapons, while Deathstick and the Kouhun begin preparing an ambush on Bragh. On Hoth, the smuggler hires Grimraker and his scavengers to help them. They acquire turbolaser banks and torpedo launchers, while dealing with wampas, old Imperial probe droids, and other scavengers that are working for another leader. The smuggler takes out this rival group's lieutenants, Polcyc and Iazyn Ajik, and Riley soon learns that their leader is Bohento Splinth, Happy's old rival that the smuggler faced on Hoth earlier in his adventures. As it turns out, Bohento is indeed dead. It is an Ugnaught, Ozgurk, claiming to be Bohento, who is actually in charge and using Bohento's reputation to gain followers. Ozgurk was Bohento's second-in-command in the past. He attacks the smuggler, who then kills him (of course). The enemy scavengers disperse, and some even join them. There is concern that this activity will bring the attention of the Empire, though. Her Majesty sends him after the weapon of last resort, which she reveals to be a Stardrop torpedo that can annihilate a base from orbit. They are volatile and unstable, so the Empire has recovered and disposed most of those that were at Echo Base, but one particularly unstable one was left behind. Now, the smuggler sets up sensors to find it the Stardrop. Upon returning, he learns that one of the base camps he set up on Hoth has been attacked by Imperials. With the help of some Kouhun assassins, they face the Imperials and evacuate Her Majesty's engineers. Unfortunately, the team sent after the Stardrop has gone silent, so the smuggler goes after it himself. He fights the huge wampa Unkajo, takes the Stardrop weapon, and returns so that the factions can make preparations for their stand against the Empire. The alliance leaks information that the siblings will be on Anoat in order to draw in the Imperials. The Ivax and Kouhun forces can then spring an ambush, drawing Bragh down to lead himself, so that he can be captured. At the same time, the Noble Court Throneships will deal with the Star Destroyer. The plan seems to be going well, and the smuggler both takes down Purge teams (under Jonas Viron and others) and

activates sensors to help detect when Bragh's Star Destroyer arrives. He saves Corto and a team from the Noble Court when surrounded by Imperials. He encounters another Purge Trooper leader, Lieutenant Moshra, while she is on holocomm with Bragh. He kills her while Bragh watches. Angered, Bragh heads for Anoat. Her Majesty and Corto each command a different Throneship, while Corto controls the Stardrop torpedo. Riley coordinates from the Paradise Atrium. The smuggler sets explosives around the perimeter of their chosen ambush location to cut off Bragh's escape once he arrives. Deathstick heads down with the Kouhun to prepare. The smuggler and Riley discuss what is about to happen, and she tries to convince him to not put his own life on the line, since Bragh is already on his way. He cannot bring himself to stay safe while others are in harm's way, and he does not want to always wonder what might have been if he doesn't go and things go poorly. Bragh's forces arrive and attack, but Bragh doesn't come to the surface. In the battle that ensues, Her Majesty is forced to withdraw from the fight due to too much damage to her Throneship. Corto is ordered to retreat. Many of the Kouhun are captured or killed. It appears that the Imperials knew details about the trap, so they must have been betrayed. Deathstick and Corto manage to escape the battle, but Her Majesty and Loathe are captured. The smuggler believes that only Voras could have betrayed them. He confronts Riley over this and whether Voras just brought them together to put his rivals in the line of fire to have the Empire take them out for him. It turns out that Riley was in on this all along. She and Voras did not think that their plan would have been enough to get the Empire to back off, so they intended to trade the Kouhun and Noble Court's downfall to Adelhard in return for their own safety. The smuggler is unwilling to let this stand, since he is the one who gained the trust of the other factions and gave his word. He intends to set this right, while Riley is herself unsure if Adelhard would even have kept to his word, since Deathstick escaped. To set this right, the smuggler needs help. He meets with Tam Bastion at the Shadow Market and asks for help. He provides Bastion with a copy of Leia's message, and he learns that Her Majesty, Loathe, and their other allies would be held at the Imperial prison known as the Crypt. They need to create a sector-wide distraction, so they plan to get to the old Imperial garrison on Cloud City and use its transmitter to broadcast Leia's message across the sector, inciting resistance to Adelhard's forces. The smuggler accesses maintenance tunnels, power regulators, and other access points on Cloud City. He speaks with Riley, who wants him to come home and give up his self-styled rescue mission, but he basically tells her to piss off. He defeats BSC-412 and gains more access within Cloud City's underlevels. He accesses data processing, while being contacted by Voras, who orders him back. The smuggler refuses, stating that any debt he had to Voras has now been erased by Voras' betrayal, making an enemy of Riley's employer. He also hears from Deathstick, who wants to know if the Ivax Syndicate betrayed them. He doesn't answer, claiming it does not matter anymore. What matters is rescuing their allies from the Crypt. Corto also makes contact, noting that their alliance is over due to the betrayal. (During all of this chaos, as the smuggler looks for ways to gain strength to defeat the Empire, he meets Shelish the Nightsister, who is also Deathstick's mother, and Owacchi the Wookiee on Jhas Krill, a moon of Jhas. He undergoes her trials against creatures on Mataou, with the Waters of Change on Anoat, against pirates who betrayed Owacchi, to gain access to some Dark Side abilities, and also encounters light siders Xiath and Ambrosio at the "ancient place" on Hosra, a moon of Burnin Konn, who help him learn some Light Side techniques, while not making him an actual Jedi.) He is not naturally gifted in the Force, though, so the abilities he gains are not as powerful as they could be, though he does eventually acquire a lightsaber to use in combat). He eventually gains access to the central core on Cloud City thanks to information from Okuvim the Younger, but she warns that the Imperials know where he is going. He manages to gain access, and with the help of Bastion and Okuvim, he broadcasts the message from Leia. While guarding the core as it transmits, he asks Bastion to help free his allies from the Crypt if he dies, but Bastion's forces are too small to pull off such a mission on their own. More Imperials are on the way to stop his transmission, but Riley arrives with Ivax Syndicate forces to handle the Imperials. She is unwilling to let her brother die and knows her role in making this mess in the first place. With the message out, riots break out on Delphon and Council. Chaos erupts on Burnin Konn. The Imperials begin redeploying their forces, as do Bastion's people. Bastion is able to confirm that Imperial ships at the Crypt are being redeployed to quell unrest across the sector, giving the smuggler an opening to rescue his allies. The smuggler leads a strike on the Crypt's Alpha Compound, but the Imperials are preparing to lock it down. Thankfully, Corto arrives with a Throneship to aid the rescue of the others, since Her Majesty is among them. He holds off the Imperials with the threat of the

*Stardrop torpedo. Unfortunately, they only have about twelve hours before this standoff would result in the Empire simply writing off the prison and having it destroyed, and the rescues must be compound by compound. He leads a rescue at Delta Compound, saving many of the Noble Court but not Her Majesty, who was not held there. Shortpaw arrives with Trade Spine League allies and helps evacuate those who are freed. The escapees suggest that Her Majesty may be in Gamma Compound. He frees prisoners there, but instead of Her Majesty, the high-value prisoner there is Loathe, who stays behind to battle the Imperials, while the smuggler hits guard stations and ends up freeing other Kouhun, whom Deathstick has battle the Imperials also. Loathe is killed, but not before being able to relay the location of Her Majesty to Riley. The smuggler saves Her Majesty, while also refusing an offer of a pardon and credits from Bragh to make him back down. Rather than leaving anyone prisoner, he heads back in and goes into Omega Compound to free other Imperial prisoners. Voras arrives with the Ivax Syndicate. He is angry that the smuggler “pulled” Riley into his crazy prison break scheme, but with any chance of peace with the Imperials now gone, he has his forces hold a perimeter so that the smuggler can finish his rescue. After a brief reunion with Riley, the smuggler heads back to the compound to confront Bragh himself. They exchange insults and do battle, while Adelhard watches via holocomm. The smuggler finally defeats and kills Bragh, leading Adelhard to threaten him and promise to send out his identification across the sector to have him taken down as the most wanted man behind the Iron Blockade. The smuggler returns to the Paradise Atrium, where he meets with Riley, Voras, Deathstick, Her Majesty, Shortpaw, and Tam Bastion. He gives them hell for the backstabbing and betrayals that nearly had them all wiped out, but he notes that when they worked together, even if only because they had to, they were able to stand against Imperial might. The people of the sector now know the truth, and they have a strong alliance now that is a force to be reckoned with. It is time to start a revolution to free the sector from Adelhard’s grip. **

(Uprising)*

***NOTE:** When the smuggler finds Leia’s message at the end of the story’s first act, it is already two months old, but the first act spans at least a few weeks, so it is somewhere in the range of about 1 – 3 months after ROTJ, it seems. It then continues on through a second act of indeterminate duration.

- *It is now three months after the Battle of Endor. While General Crix Madine and Admiral Gial Ackbar commend Shara Bey, her husband Kes Dameron, and L’ulo L’ampar for their efforts in helping push back the Empire’s Operation: Cinder, there seems no end in sight for hostilities between the New Republic and the weakened Empire. As they return to their starfighters from a meeting aboard Home One at Muster Point Stalwart, L’ulo informs Shara that he has put in her paperwork to muster out of the service, without her knowledge. Kes has already done so. It is time for Shara and Kes to leave the service to raise their son, Poe Dameron. Shara is called away from the conversation by R2-D2, who brings her to a Lambda-class shuttle and Luke Skywalker. Luke needs a pilot for a mission to Vetine. It is perhaps fitting that they are paired, since Shara nearly shot down (and then escorted) Luke when he stole this very shuttle to escape the Death Star. They take the shuttle, flying as the Antarra (possibly its original name), to Vetine, where Shara impersonates Imperial Security Bureau Commander Alecia Beck (but without a cybernetic eye, which is a rather rookie mistake). With Luke as her “bodyguard,” they meet Commandant Hurrion and go to “check the security” of a lab that holds items Luke intends to steal back that the Emperor stole years ago. Hurrion takes them into the deepest security area of the lab, which only he can access. He reveals that he knows Shara is not Beck, due to her not having the cybernetic eye, and he asks Luke what the two specimens – trees floating in suspension fields of a sort – actually are. Luke reveals that they are all that remains of a very special tree that once grew at the heart of the Jedi Temple on Coruscant. Luke draws his lightsaber and attacks arriving stormtroopers as Shara catches the trees as they leave their suspension field. They race back to the hangar, where Luke is forced to use the Force to bounce detonators back at Hurrion and his men, killing them. They leave, and Luke speaks with Shara about her leaving the service. He notes that if their fight eliminates the lives they have wanted to build, then the fight not be worth it. Since he had only expected one tree to be at the lab, he takes it with him, but then he gives the other tree to Shara. Shara and Kes then head for Yavin IV, where a new colony is being built. There, they plant the special tree and will raise Poe in peace. **

(Shattered Empire)*

***NOTE:** *Galactic Maps* claims the final segment with the Damerons settling on Yavin IV is in 5 ABY, but that is surely rounding, given that it otherwise wouldn’t make sense for there to be such a long gap in the comic.

- *Crix Madine processes an honorable discharge for Kes Dameron at the recommendation of Han Solo, who has commended his skills and how he deserves some R&R or even*

retirement and a compensation package, for his heroics as a Pathfinder. Han even urges Madine that if it is necessary, some of his own compensation can be shifted to Kes, as long as Chewbacca doesn't find out. Madine manages to compensate Kes without touching Han's own.

(conjecture based on *Poe Dameron: Flight Log*)

- Rorak is killed by Imperial Commander Orkin Kaw on Coruscant. Rorak's son, Jak (age 12), will seek revenge on the Empire for this act. He eventually saves a woman named Lazula from police custody. Since she works for Talvee "the Thorn" Chawin, a local scumlord, she gives him a marker that he can trade in for a favor at a later time.
(conjecture based on *Aftermath*)
- In the early days of the New Republic, the Hutt Cartel is in chaos. A new Hutt is not sent to take over the late Jabba's palace on Tatooine, and Nyarla the Hutt on Nar Shaddaa returns to work with Black Sun.
(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)
- In the period following the Battle of Endor, Garazeb "Zeb" Orrelios takes Aleksandr Kallus through the secret hyperspace route to the hidden Lasat homeworld of Lira San, finally showing him that Kallus had not destroyed the Lasat people when he served the Empire. They are thriving on Lira San, where Kallus is welcomed as if he is one of their own.
(conjecture based on *Family Reunion - and Farewell*)
- In the early days of the New Republic, with the Empire and its slave tax no longer keeping slavery in force on Tatooine and Jabba the Hutt dead, many slaves escape or otherwise break away from their masters with no intention of ever going back.
(conjecture based on *Empire's End*)
- In this era, the New Republic begins using the remains of Imperial ships to create new ships at the Nadiri Dockyards in the Bornea Sector, including new Starhawk capital ships.
(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)
- Around this time, Luke Skywalker teaches Leia Organa some meditation techniques in hopes of helping her touch the Force. He only teaches her a little bit, though, before he leaves to seek Jedi teachings elsewhere.
(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)
- As Luke Skywalker begins searching for information on the Jedi Order of old, Gatalenta is one of his first destinations, since it is one of the few worlds on which the old religion of the Force had remained strong, even if some facts had become mere legends.
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)
- As part of his journey to seek out Jedi teachings, Luke Skywalker has a broader goal of one day re-establishing the Jedi Order.
(conjecture based on *Princess Leia: Royal Rebel*)
- In the weeks after the Battle of Endor, Dade Hetkins is part of a New Republic team doing cleanup of Imperial holdouts on the forest moon of Endor. When they encounter a scout trooper with thermal detonators, Dade loses one of his legs in the confrontation.
(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)
- Wedge Antilles takes it upon himself to travel in a small Starhopper to various systems in the Outer Rim to check for Imperial presence. He travels to Florum, Ryloth, Hinari, Abafar, and Raydonia before heading for Akiva.
(conjecture based on *Aftermath*)
- On Akiva, a transport bearing the sigil of crime boss Surat Nuat wrecks when attacked by Ugteek savages. Temmin Wexley recovers a crate from inside that he believes holds a valuable weapon.
(conjecture based on *Aftermath*)
- Shortly after the fall of the Empire, legitimate commercial traffic drops to nearly zero on Sibensko, leaving the water world with a mostly criminal populace.
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)
- Han Solo and Chewbacca undertake a mission for the New Republic to seek out Imperial supply lines. They check out Kara-bin, Ando Prime, and then Ord Mantell. While on Ord Mantell and bored, Chewbacca starts working on the hyperdrive, which causes a glitch in the weapon systems that they only discover when attacked by three Krish marauder-ships. They make it away in one piece, heading through hyperspace on a course for Dasoor.
(conjecture based on *Aftermath*)
- By this time, the New Republic has captured dozens of Imperial capital ships and Star

*Destroyers.**(conjecture based on Aftermath)*

- *When Leia Organa settles down on Chandrila, she plants an acorn from the forest moon of Endor that was given to her by Wicket W. Warrick in Chandrilan soil in a pot in her quarters. (conjecture based on Life Debt)*
- *Six months after the Battle of Endor, Thane Kyrell observes Jelucan valley kindred rites in memory of Ciena Ree by leaving a meal of bread and wine out for the spirits that night.* (conjecture based on Lost Stars)**

***NOTE:** I was reluctant to place this event before *Aftermath* because we do not have a set month for *Aftermath*, but given that *Life Debt* leads to the Battle of Jakku (12 months after the Battle of Endor), has a 1-month gap in it, and happens about 3 months after *Aftermath*, it would make sense for *Aftermath* to begin shortly after this six-month mark.

- *Around six months have passed since Iden Versio and Del Meeko joined the New Republic as a new, heroic incarnation of Inferno Squad. Now, Senator Leia Organa contacts them for help in finding Han Solo, who has gone missing. His last sighting was on Takodana. As it happens, Han is actually still on Takodana and Maz Kanata's castle. He is there to meet with an Imperial informant, who claims to have information that could help Han and others liberate the Wookiees of Kashyyyk, something Han has promised Chewbacca that he will help make happen. Maz worries that this might bring the Empire to her doorstep, but Han reassures her (rather unconvincingly) that it won't. Han speaks with Rody (who is still mad about a Czerka job) and learns that Ralsius Paldora (the Imperial source) has a beard. He learns from another that Paldora is on the roof, while a third points him to a man drinking Merenzane Gold. Han meets him, and he claims to have hidden two datacubes in the woods, one containing useful information for the New Republic (Imperial shipping routes, fueling locations, hidden armaments, etc.) to exchange for asylum. They (well, mostly Han) fight through Imperial to recover that data, then another datacube (both of which are really just datacards, not datacubes) that includes data that can help them get onto Kashyyyk. (He claims the data comes from various power-playing Imperials, including Gallius Rax, though whether that is true is up for debate.) They are cornered by Imperials at the Millennium Falcon when Inferno Squad (Del Meeko, Iden Versio, and Shriv Suurgav) arrive to help drive off the Imperials. After clearing the skies of Imperials in the Falcon and Inferno Squad X-wings, they return to the Corvus, where Han lets Leia know he is okay before Iden also reports to Leia. Inferno Squad doesn't actually answer to Leia, but Iden seeks her blessing anyway before they act on intel from Paldora that points them to Bespin and Sullust as two places of operation for her father, Admiral Garrick Versio, and (by likely extension) Gideon Hask. With Leia's agreement, Iden and Del take X-wings to Bespin to hunt down Gideon at Chinook Station. As they fly through a "field" of Beldons on their way to Chinook Station, they discuss what they will do once the war is truly over. Del considers traveling to sites like Lothal and Mykapo. He saw them as a soldier but now wants to see them when they are free. She agrees that it would be nice. They hope that capturing Gideon will be a step toward taking down Iden's father. They take out stormtroopers and steal some armor, then send the ID10 (due to its new paint job) to stay out of sight. They then infiltrate the Overseer's Tower and make their way to Gideon's office on the top floor. (They have also grown closer in the last six months). Unfortunately, they find that Gideon has already been alerted to their arrival. He is already leaving on his Star Destroyer, and stormtroopers are closing in on their position. They fight their way through the troopers and to a cloud car, which they use to finish their other mission objective: destroying the Imperial fuel operation on Chinook Station. (To be continued below . . .)**

(Battlefront II)*

***NOTE:** In this segment, Paldora refers to not seeing many *Arquitens*-class ships since a shipyard attack "a year ago." That must be some other event, as the Fondor shipyards attack couldn't be one year earlier, or it would be pre-ROTJ, given that we're not nearly to the Battle of Jakku yet, and there are months to go. The Bespin part of this segment, which flows pretty much straight through from the Takodana portion, has Iden refer to a "rough six months," referring either to six months since the Battle of Endor or since they left the Empire and became enemies of Admiral Versio. I am assuming that it is the latter, though the two are so close together that the distinction might not mean much. Since we don't have exact timing for *Aftermath*, this could actually occur between *Aftermath* and *Life Debt*. I would also note that chatter in this segment also refers to how the Iron Blockade in the Anoat Sector (including Bespin) is breaking down, and that Adelhard should have put down the uprising when it began, suggesting that this is post-*Uprising* (which never saw a final victory for the uprising because the game was canceled but would certainly create the situation suggested here through its last story missions).

- *Wedge Antilles, on a self-assigned mission to check for Imperial presence in the Outer Rim, arrives over the planet Akiva in his Starhopper. He discovers communication channels to be*

jammed and an apparent blockade in place, then is faced with the arrival of two Star Destroyers. Imperial Admiral Rae Sloane of the Vigilance questions his presence, and he claims to be Devaronian pilot Gev Hassan, an acquaintance of Lando Calrissian. Unfortunately, Sloane knows that the real Hassan has died in Imperial custody. Wedge tries to escape, but his Starhopper is captured. Once it is in the Vigilance docking bay, he blows it up, slipping away in the chaos into the bowels of the Star Destroyer. Something is happening on Akiva, and he needs to find out what and report it back to the New Republic. Meanwhile, the Moth, a smuggling ship piloted by Owerto Naiucho, is trying to break the Imperial blockade of Akiva to bring passenger Nora Wexley (also known as Norra Susser) back to the planet after having spent years away from home (and from her son, Temmin Wexley) to fight with the Rebel Alliance. In the chaos of Wedge's capture and Imperial pursuit, they are able to reach the surface. While Sloane searches for Wedge on the Vigilance, preparations are made for the meeting she has called on the surface at Satrap Isstra Dirus's palace in Akiva's capital city of Myrra. She is to meet with Moff (or "Grand Moff," if one accepts his self-declared promotion) Valco Pandion of the Star Destroyer Vanquish, General Jylia Shale of the Star Destroyer Ascent, money lender Arsin Crassus, former advisor to Palpatine (and Dark Side cultist) Yupe Tashu, and the Satrap himself. The future of the Empire may be determined here. In a bar on Akiva, former Imperial Loyalty Officer Sinjir Rath Velus tries to drink away his worries, having escaped the Battle of Endor by dressing in the clothes of a dead Rebel. When a Twi'lek, Orgadomo Dokura, approaches him with a hologrid of Leia Organa's message to citizens of the galaxy to assure them that the New Republic will be coming to remove Imperial oppression, Sinjir tries to ignore him. When stormtroopers accost Orgadomo, though, Sinjir steps up and takes out the stormtroopers, questioning the last trooper to determine why stormtroopers are now on Akiva. The trooper reveals the communications blackout and the blockade but knows little else. In Hanna City on Chandrila, now the first capital city of the New Republic, a new Senate is about to begin their first session. In the media lead-up to the event, Olio Choko (public relations representative for Mon Mothma and the new Galactic Senate) is interviewed by Tracene Kane on the first broadcast day of the new Queen of the Core Network. On Akiva, Temmin works in his supposed junk shop (in the building that was once his family home) when he is visited by three goons (Toomtata Wree, Herf, and Makarial Gravin) working for local crime boss Surat Nuat. Temmin has salvaged a crate from a wreck with something valuable inside, which Temmin incorrectly believes to be a weapon. The goons want it back, since the wrecked vehicle and its contents belonged to Surat. He is saved from being beaten to a pulp by his reprogrammed B1 battle droid, Mister Bones, and the surprising entrance of Norra, his mother, after three years away from Akiva. Meanwhile, aboard the Vigilance, Sloane captures Wedge, who is hindered by injuries from his narrow escape in the docking bay. Back at Temmin's shop, Norra embraces her son and cries for only the second time since she joined the Rebellion. Temmin is both shocked to see her and angry at her for abandoning him to join the Alliance. He has Mister Bones hide the unconscious (and dead) goons, while he confronts his mother over abandoning him. (They converse as they make their way into a secret den under the house that holds his real treasures and expensive items, his true business. Surat apparently knows of the stash, but hopefully not how it connects to a warren of tunnels beneath the city.) Norra is just telling him that she has returned to take him away to another world (which he absolutely does not want to do, since he has his own life and business here) when a communication Wedge was barely able to send before capture emits from her comlink. Temmin immediately recognizes the look in her eyes as she hears it, expecting that he will be abandoned again as unimportant because something else has come up. Meanwhile, on Saleucami, Glen Taffral tries to have a pleasant dinner with his sons, the pro-Imperial Webb Taffral and Rebel soldier Dav Taffral. The brothers argue politics and the effect on the family until Imperials approach. Webb has turned his brother in to the authorities. Glen stuns Webb, encourages Dav to keep doing what he believes is right, and then stuns himself. Dav escapes just as the Imperials arrive. Back on Akiva, bounty hunter Jas Emari (niece of Sugi) prepares to use her custom-built rifle to assassinate Arsin Crassus (to fulfill a New Republic bounty) as he arrives at the Satrap's palace. When she sees other ships arriving with important Imperial officers, she changes her mind, intending to somehow capture all of the visitors for the New Republic. As Jas tries to leave the scene via a zipline, she is spotted by Sloane in her approaching shuttle and fired upon. Jas survives a rough fall, but her rifle is damaged. Back in the catacombs by Temmin's shop, mother and son again argue, but uses a needle from one of his droids to inject him with a sedative so that she can

take him without his consent. At the palace, Sloane meets with Pandion, Shale, Crassus, Dirus, and Tashu, revealing Wedge's capture and dubbing their meeting as the Imperial Future Council (IFC). Pandion is the most combative of the group, particularly on the issue of Sloane apparently having control (albeit elsewhere) of a fleet that includes the Empire's last remaining Super Star Destroyer, the Ravager, formerly the starship of Imperial Fleet Admiral Gallius Rax, now believed dead. Meanwhile, Mon Mothma visits the site of a recent battle on Naalol with her attendants, Hostis Ij and Auxi Kray Korbin, so that they can see the true cost of constant struggle. Mothma intends to disband much of the New Republic's standing military as soon as possible, allowing defensive actions to be handled by local governments. She believes that this will help differentiate them from the Empire and engender trust, but Hostis argues that only having a peacekeeping force of ten percent its original size and relying on local militaries will only lead to endless warfare in the form of smaller, local wars. He argues for the need of a strong government, but that is far too similar to the Empire for Mothma to agree. Back on Akiva, Sinjir claims to be a Rebel agent to the starstruck Orgadomo, from whom he learns that if he wants to leave Akiva, he will need to go through Surat to get past the blockade. Elsewhere, Jas has made her way to Temmin's shop to buy parts to fix her weapon, but she has collapsed, and Temmin was already gone. She awakens to find Surat and some goons there. They recognize and question her, then when Surat professes his loyalty to the Empire, he has her taken captive due to her recent New Republic affiliation. He and the goons take her to the bar from which he operates, even as Sinjir and Orgadomo are there asking to speak with Surat. When Surat's group enters, Sinjir recognizes Jas from Endor, where he believes they formed a connection in a split-second contact. He decides to follow them. Far away aboard Home One, Admiral Gial Ackbar receives word from Commander Krysta Agate via Ensign Deltura that Wedge has not reported in. His last confirmed location was Raydonia. There is also new intel in from "the Operator," an informant whose information on Imperial movements has been accurate before. The Operator points to the Imperial meeting on Akiva. Wary of possible traps, Ackbar sends scouts to check the different systems Wedge might have gone to after Raydonia, but he sends two scouts to Akiva, just to be safe. Back on Akiva, Norra takes Temmin, still unconscious, back to the Moth, but Owerto is dead, having been found by the Empire. Temmin wakes and takes off with a plan to help them escape the area. He returns with a speederbike and races away, eluding Imperial pursuers, until he leaps from the bike, telling her to meet him at his aunt Esmelle's home, where he was supposed to be raised in Norra's absence. Back at Surat's establishment, Sinjir tries to buy Jas from Surat, then claims to be his true identity, but to also be there to collect her on behalf of the Empire, to whom Surat intends to give her. Unfortunately, Surat has not had time to inform the Empire, so the ruse is unsuccessful. Sinjir is captured by (of all people) Surat's bartender. In space above Akiva, two New Republic A-wing scouts arrive, only to be destroyed quickly by the Vigilance without the other Star Destroyers noticing. Sloane now knows that further New Republic visits to the system are likely, so the IFC may need to move faster. She reports this to the others, who are also annoyed that Tashu's Sith-inspired interrogation methods have not yet broken Wedge. Sloane advocates moving their Star Destroyers a short distance away through hyperspace so that any incoming Rebel ships will see nothing amiss in space and possibly wait long enough to send more ships for their meeting to conclude. As usual, Sloane and Pandion must spar verbally in a constant struggle for dominance within the Imperial Future Council. Meanwhile, on Uytter, a group of kids that were supposed to be going to an Imperial training facility to become stormtroopers are stopped before reaching the facility, which is now under New Republic control. They are to be sent home, but one child, Pade, has nowhere to go. His family has abandoned him. One of the New Republic soldiers gives him the details on how to reach a shuttle to Chandrila, where he can be trained at the New Academy on Chandrila to serve the New Republic instead. Back on Akiva, Norra goes to Esmelle's and has words with her and her wife, Shirene, about how independent they have let Temmin be. However, she realizes that Temmin must have gone back to his shop before coming to meet her, so she heads back into the city. Temmin has done exactly that, but he gets captured by some of Surat's men while looking for a way past them into the shop. Speaking of captives, Sinjir and Jas are being held in birdcage-esque cells, where Sinjir reminds Jas of how they met, though she does not particularly remember him. She breaks herself out and is about to escape without him, but he reveals his true profession. She finds his loyalty officer past useful and makes a deal with him: for passage offworld, he will help her finish her own mission (the capture of as many of the Imperials at the meeting as possible). She frees him once he

agrees. Soon, Norra arrives at Temmin's shop, where Toomata accidentally discovers the entrance to Temmin's secret stash while searching on behalf of Surat. He is unable to tell anyone, as Norra arrives and forces him to divulge that Temmin has been captured and taken to Surat's office. When he is sent with one of Surat's thugs to have his tongue cut out, Sinjir and Jas intervene, rescuing him (in part because she needs weapon parts but mostly because Sinjir has a streak of goodness in him). They are pursued but soon saved by Mister Bones, who seems to sacrifice himself in taking on far too many thugs, and Norra, who gets them away via a speeder. In space above Akiva, a New Republic Carrack light cruiser, the Oculus, commanded by Ensign Deltura and his lover Officer Niriian, launches a probe droid to covertly determine what is going on down on the surface. At the IFC, the Imperials discuss attacking the New Republic, holding back their forces, engaging in a sort of Iron Curtain-style division of the galaxy, and other options, including the search for adherents and sources of the Dark Side outside of the farthest known reaches of space, where Palpatine is said to have sent agents and set up research stations. Above Akiva, Deltura contacts Ackbar on Home One, reporting that no Imperials ships are over the planet, but they have spotted A-wing wreckage and have recognized the ongoing communications blackout on the surface. With urging from the Operator, Ackbar decides to bring the situation to the attention of the other Rebel leaders before making a move, still wary of a trap. On Chandrila, Tracene continues to follow Olia during the first days of the new Senate. When a protestor named Geeska Dotalo from Gan Moradir argues that the New Republic coming to their world has left it worse because at least the Empire maintained order, Olia appoints him as a representative for his people for that day, so that he can address the Senate on the needs of worlds affected in that fashion by their liberation from the Empire. On Akiva, Norra, Temmin, Sinjir, and Jas hide out at Esmelle's and make plans. Norra is convinced to help Jas and Sinjir go after the Imperials, which means also possibly saving Wedge, while Temmin, who still refuses to agree to leave the planet, is willing to join the mission for a cut of the profits from the bounties. They are shocked when Mister Bones, damaged but functional, joins them at the house as well, having taken out Surat's men. On Home One, Ackbar meets with Commander Krysta Agate, Captain Saff Melor, and (via hologram) the duo of General Crix Madine and New Republic Chancellor Mon Mothma. They do not agree to send in a New Republic fleet to Akiva yet, but they are willing to send in a small Special Forces suborbital landing squad. Meanwhile in Coronet City on Corellia, bounty hunters Dengar and Mercurial Swift do battle as Dengar tries to convince Mercurial to join with other bounty hunters, rather than work alone in the current political environment. Mercurial gets the better of his elder, and the two part ways. At the palace, Sloane speaks with her aide, Adea Rite, who is reporting on other matters when she is alerted to the New Republic incursion. At that moment, a New Republic transport bearing the Special Forces team is making its way through the atmosphere toward their drop zone. When they reach it, the team jumps, led by Sergeant Major Jom Barell. The team also includes six corporals: Kason, Stromm, Gahee'abee, Polnichk, and Durs. The Imperials, alerted when the ship was spotted, use a cannon on the roof of the palace to blast them, taking out the entire incursion team except for Jom, who barely survives a tumble to the surface on damaged para-wings. At Esmelle's home, discussions inadvertently lead to Norra overhearing Sinjir mentioning being a former Imperial. Fortunately for Sinjir, they need him, and Norra has a plan. Meanwhile, on Sevarcos, New Republic forces battle Imperial-sanctioned slavers (mostly Zygerrians). Caught amid the battle, Palabar the Quarren, Hatchet the Weequay, and Greybok the Wookiee are nearly killed. Greybok is knocked out, and when he comes to, the battle is over. They are free, but what does being free really mean in the galaxy right now? Aboard Home One, Ackbar views a transmission that indicates the fate of the Special Forces team. He orders the Oculus to remain in position and makes ready to send a larger New Republic force to deal with whatever is happening on Akiva. As the plan on Akiva commences, Sinjir and Mister Bones use his Imperial credentials (despite being listed as dead) to get into and then take out the stormtroopers at a communications station, then use it to record a fake holo vid of an Imperial "executing" Temmin, an "innocent child of Akiva." They cannot send the transmission offworld, but that is not their intention. They begin transmitting locally. At the same time, Norra (with cover from Jas) takes down a pair of TIE fighter pilots to steal a TIE fighter from a nearby rooftop. As she does so, the transmission begins being picked up by HoloNet receivers all around the city. In the transmission, a pre-recorded Norra asserts the Myrra is now under Imperial occupation and intends to oppress them. The "proof" of Imperial callousness is seen in the faked video of Temmin being killed. The transmission ends with Leia's message to the oppressed of the galaxy that Sinjir was

shown earlier. In the message, they have pointed out that Imperials are meeting at the Satrap's palace. They have planted the seeds of discontent in the streets of Myrra. Soon, citizens begin converging on the palace in protest, eventually growing into a giant mob. Inside the palace, Sloane decides that the meeting is over, and it is time to leave Akiva. Meanwhile, on the planet Taris, a Kubaz dealer named Ooblamon sells what he purports to be Darth Vader's lightsaber to a group of young Dark Side adherents (the "Acolytes of the Beyond"). Is it really Vader's saber? Even Ooblamon does not know (or care), as he readily admits to his partner, Vermia. As for the Acolytes of the Beyond, they intend to destroy the lightsaber to "return it to its master in death." On Akiva, Sinjir, Temmin, and Mister Bones head for the roof of the comm station when Imperials arrive. Mister Bones takes out one TIE fighter with a cannonball (the jumping kind), then Norra takes out a second TIE with her stolen TIE. After she takes down another pair, she heads for the palace. She intends to blast all of the Imperial shuttles on the landing pad on the roof. (Crassus' yacht is not yet present.) As she does so, though, Sloane gets to the roof weapon controls and fires the turbolaser that took down the Special Forces team. Norra's TIE is shot down, and Norra is believed dead. (She even believes herself to be about to die because she does not believe TIEs have ejector seats.) As crowds grow into a riot, Sinjir prematurely consoles Temmin over losing his mother, but she soon arrives, battered but saved by an ejector seat she had not expected to be there. Meanwhile, Han Solo and Chewbacca arrive over the planet Dasoor in the Millennium Falcon on a mission to seek out Imperial supply lines. They are contacted by one of Han's old contacts, Imra, who owes Han. Imra has discovered that the Imperial presence on Kashyyyk is about to have a brief drawdown in forces that presents an opportunity to try to liberate the planet. However, the New Republic is unlikely to act on this just yet. Han decides to abandon his current mission and has Imra gather every scoundrel, smuggler, and rogue that owes him or hates the Empire to create an impromptu force to send against the Empire at Kashyyyk, along with the help of Wookiee refugees (Roshyk, Hrrgn, Kirratha, etc.) that Chewbacca contacts. Meanwhile, back at the palace on Akiva, a power outage from damage to the building from Norra's TIE gives Wedge a chance to escape. He could escape the palace, but he recognizes the need for more intel on the Imperial meeting, so he remains to gather details. Meanwhile, on Coruscant, Jak (son of Rorak) is now thirteen, and his father is now dead at the hands of the Empire. He seeks out scumlord Talvee "The Thorn" Chawin and cashes in a favor, agreeing to join a team on a job in return for an EMP that he can get to the Imperial front lines via secret tunnel access from the now-defunct Dex's Diner. He wants payback on Imperial Commander Orkin Kaw for his father's death. Back at the Akivan palace, Wedge knocks out Adea, taking her datapad in an attempt to send a transmission to the New Republic. With a riot now outside, Norra's makeshift team gathers a container of thermal detonators from Temmin's supplies and make plans to blast their way into the palace through "secret" tunnels. At the same time, the injured Jom Barell sets his sights on taking out the turret on top of the palace. In the palace, Wedge is found unconscious, having collapsed from his injuries, but he has managed to send out a call to the New Republic using the Imperial network that isn't blocked by the communications blackout. Meanwhile, on Naboo, two orphans (Iggs and Streaks) that were members of the so-called "Anklebiter Brigade from Coco-Town" on Coruscant who have actually made decent progress in harassing the Imperials there are being inspected for possible adoption. While Streaks seems to be about to be adopted, Iggs sneaks away with the intention of getting back to Coruscant and rejoining the fight against the Empire. On Akiva, Norra's team makes their way toward the palace by passing through areas near an old droid factory that Temmin says is haunted. Temmin is constantly trying to get them to turn around, seeming to have something else on his mind. They are pursued from the droid factory by Uguteen in armor made of droid parts. They only narrowly escape after using their thermal detonators to take out some of their pursuers and block further pursuit. (Along the way, while things are calm, Jas suggests mating with Sinjir, thinking that he is courting her somewhat, only to learn that Sinjir is actually gay.) In the palace, Sloane orders the Star Destroyers to return in preparation for an impending New Republic attack (which is indeed coming, thanks to Wedge's message reaching Ackbar). She then receives a communication from, of all people, Surat. Meanwhile, on Tatooine, a man named Adwin Charu tries to purchase quality items from Jawas on behalf (supposedly) of the Red Key Company mining outfit (which is really a criminal organization with a legitimate front under Weequay lowlife Lorgan Movellan). He is assisted by Cobb Vanth, a lawman seeking to make a name for himself on Tatooine. When they discover that the sandcrawler includes what appears to be a full set of Mandalorian armor (Boba Fett's, it seems), Cobb turns on

Adwin and makes off with the armor, leaving Adwin to warn Movellan to get off of Tatooine or risk a run-in with Cobb in his "new" armor. Back on Akiva, Jom reaches the palace turbolaser, but even after he takes control of it, he cannot fire it. It appears to have been damaged by Norra's TIE crashing. He continues to work on it, even as the Imperials' primary hope of escape – Crassus' private yacht – begins its approach to the palace. Upon reaching the palace in an attempt to have Sinjir impersonate a true Imperial to get them inside, Norra's team is captured by stormtroopers. At first, they believe Sinjir sold them out to his old allies, but Sinjir is also captured. Temmin, not wanting to leave Akiva, has sold them out by contacting Surat, which is why Surat contacted Sloane. He tried to turn them back, but things moved too fast for him to turn back from the choice. His deal with Surat was that he, Mister Bones, and Norra would go free, but Sloane alters the deal by making a new one with Surat, and all are kept in custody. She will allow Temmin to "leave" only by having him thrown from the roof. The stormtroopers take him there and throw him off . . . The others, along with Wedge, are kept as captives aboard the newly-arrived yacht as the Imperials prepare to leave (without the Satrap, who is abandoned by his Imperial allies). Below, Temmin has actually been seen and caught by the crowd below. His life saved, he climbs the building to save the others, then uses a vibro-pike to pole vault himself to grab onto the rising yacht. Then a trooper is sent to check on the sound of his impact, Temmin yanks him from the window and climbs aboard. In space, the New Republic fleet arrives. Below, Jom finally gets the turbolaser to work, and it blasts the yacht, nearly ripping it in half. Chaos ensues, as Sloane and her pilot, Morna Kee, try to get the ship (partially saved by pressure doors) into space, and Pandion is stuck with guards in the same room as the prisoners (minus Wedge who is held elsewhere on the yacht). Meanwhile, at Cloud City on Bespin, wealthy Onderonian Jintar Oarr and Kars Tal-Korla (the "Scourge of Cloud City") burst their way into the quarters of Borgin Kaa and his girlfriend, Linara, with their allies Rorna and a personal assistant droid. They need Borgin's access code to a panel in his quarters that is tied to the same conduit as the chamber of Governor Adelhard. Kars tells Borgin that Adelhard has blockaded the sector and is lying to everyone, claiming that Palpatine is alive and the Empire is winning against the Rebellion. They are part of an intrusion team to get into Adelhard's quarters. When Borgin will not cooperate, Linara does, and Borgin is restrained. They continue their mission, letting Lobot know to tell Lando Calrissian that this job is free, so that the New Republic can owe him a big favor one day. In space over Akiva, Sloane orders to have the yacht dock with the Vigilance, but Commander Agate sees it approaching and has her forces attack the docking bay of the Star Destroyer. Aboard the yacht, Temmin finds the original pilot tied up and follows his instructions to get into a maintenance space that allows him to get into the vents by where the others are being held. He reaches out and frees them of their bonds, allowing them to turn the tables on Pandion and hold him at blasterpoint. Moments later, Sloane brings the yacht into a crash landing in the damaged Vigilance docking bay, throwing all into chaos again. Crassus has died in the crash. Pandion has escaped. Tashu and Shale have been captured by Jas. Norra's team has all survived, but so has someone that is taking a Lambda-class shuttle from the docking bay. While Jas and Sinjir secure a shuttle and bring the new prisoners aboard, Temmin is sent back into the yacht to find Wedge. Norra leaps into a TIE fighter and does what she does best – piloting a combat starfighter – by going after the escaping Imperial shuttle. (Thankfully, the New Republic forces believe her when she identifies herself, so she is not shot down as an enemy combatant.) In the Imperial shuttle, Sloane and Morna are escaping, but they discover that they are not alone. Pandion slipped aboard as well. He tells Sloane that he intends for her to take him to the Ravager, so that he can take control of it. She reveals that the Ravager is not the Empire's last weapon as he believes, nor does she actually control it. There is another more powerful player in the game, the one to whom Sloane answers. Pandion believed him dead (so it is Fleet Admiral Gallius Rax to whom they referred earlier that was in control of the Ravager). Their argument is cut off when Norra attacks. Sloane and Morna lock Pandion in the rear of the ship, then they eject the front section as an escape craft as Norra destroys the rear (and seemingly the entire ship), killing Pandion in the process. The explosion nearly takes out Norra in the process, and she goes unconscious. Meanwhile, on the planet Jakku, settler Corwin Ballast has come to the planet after the deaths of his family in the midst of the Galactic Civil War. He is tired of war and intends to stay on Jakku, far away from it. Elsewhere, the battle over Akiva concludes. Norra awakens from a coma one month later in a hospital in Hanna City on Chandrila. She is reunited with Temmin. Days later, Norra is presented with a new medal for her actions on Akiva during a meeting with Ackbar and a

recovering Wedge. Tashu and Shale remain in custody (and Jas has been paid), as is Adea. Pandion and Crassus have been confirmed dead. Sloane, though, has gotten away, escaping in the shuttle escape cockpit to the Vanquish, which then escaped to hyperspace. Ackbar has a new mission for Norra. They return to Akiva, where Surat's gang has been mostly rounded up, though he himself escaped. The satrap is out of power, and the New Republic now holds the planet. It turns out that the container that Temmin stole from Surat was not actually weapons. It was full of data cubes with valuable information on the Empire's criminal dealings. Among other things discovered when Jas translated the information is that some criminal organizations ran black-site prisons for the Empire, and they are going to seek them out, hopefully also one day finding Brentin Wexley, if he is still alive out there somewhere. Their primary mission, though, is to hunt down Imperial war criminals. They are a new team, consisting of Norra, Temmin, Jas, Sinjir, Mister Bones (rebuilt by Temmin, thanks to New Republic spare parts and having gotten his data-brain from the soldiers who secured the Akivan palace), and Jom, who meets them all for the first time as their journey is about to begin. They are ready for new adventures. Meanwhile, on Chandrila, Olia parts ways with Tracene, as the new Senate begins its duties and their extended interview ends. Elsewhere, Sloane returns to the Ravager near the Vulpinus Nebula, where she reports to the mysterious Gallius Rax. She has realized that someone (Rax as the "Operator") had fed information to the New Republic to help bring down the summit that he had her arrange. It was all a plot to bring together competitors for Imperial leadership and remove them from play. Rax sees the old Empire as a machine that grew too crude and inefficient. It must be broken down into pieces and rebuilt in a new Empire that is worthy of the galaxy that it will rule. His plots continue . . . *

(Aftermath)*

***NOTE:** This is "months" after ROTJ, but we have not been given a firm date. Because the Fleet Admiral's identity is never really treated like a mystery or "big reveal" in *Life Debt*, I have cleared up the ambiguity in *Aftermath* by referring to him by name in this summary.

- Corwin Ballast takes a job at a local bar on Jakku, becoming a bartender.
(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)
- Rae Sloane assumes the rank of Grand Admiral under the guidance of secretive Fleet Admiral Gallius Rax.
(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)
- Before Adea Rite can even see a true prison cell, Fleet Admiral Gallius Rax exerts his secret influence to have her released and rescued, returning to the Ravager to serve Grand Admiral Rae Sloane (and, secretly, himself).
(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)
- Tracene Kane moves from easy political reporting assignments on Chandrila to the front lines in conflicts between the New Republic and the Empire. She and her cameraman, Lug, will soon be embedded with Commander Norwich's New Republic 31st on Nag Abdur.
(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)
- While training and otherwise getting to know Wedge Antilles, Temmin Wexley is given the nickname "snap" for his habit (picked up from his father, Brentin Wexley) of snapping his fingers while thinking. Wedge gives Temmin chances to fly his old X-wing, sharpening the teen's piloting skills.
(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)
- The Empire's COMPNOR is transformed into the Office of Imperial Promotion, Galactic Truth, and Fact Correction, or the "OIP," to counter the influence of the New Republic. It is led by chief informational officer Ferric Obdur, master of propaganda.
(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)
- Han Solo and Chewbacca, gather other scoundrels near Warrin Station into a coalition to liberate Kashyyyk at the urging of supposed ally Imra. While Han pilots the Millennium Falcon for the mission, Chewbacca joins Wookiee pirate Kirratha on his gunship. They are betrayed by Imra (who was likely blackmailed by the Empire) and fall into an Imperial trap. The gunship with Chewbacca aboard is among those captured by the Empire. Han escapes so that he can be free to find and free the others from Imperial custody. To distance his own actions from that of the New Republic, Han also resigns his military commission. Unbeknownst to Han at this point, Chewbacca and others are taken to the Imperial prison Ashmead's Lock on Kashyyyk. Han hires a slicer to get information that might help, while also having the slicer insert records that convince the Imperials that the Millennium Falcon has been destroyed.
(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)

- *With the establishment of the new Galactic Senate, many of its first laws are designed to right the wrongs of Imperial rule. Discussion on such matters in the news media is carried out for the first time in many years with true freedom of expression. Resources and reparations are made toward those planets and species that were enslaved during Imperial rule.*
(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*)
- *Leia Organa is made a senator among the first “class” in the New Republic Senate. Tai-Lin Garr of Gatalenta is also one of the first senators elected.*
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)
- *In the three months or so between events on Akiva and the capture of Perwin Gedde, Norra Wexley’s Imperial hunters track down a total of six Imperials for trial. These include Commandant Stradd, Prefect Kosh, Moff Keong, Moff Nyall, Vice Admiral Adambo, and former ISB Minister Venn Eowelt.*
(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)
- *In the three months or so between events on Akiva and the capture of Perwin Gedde, Sinjir Rath Velus meets slicer Conder Kyl when Norra Wexley’s Imperial hunters need someone to break into an interrogator droid’s systems during the hunt for Moff Gorgon. The two strike up a relationship. (There will be one more mission to hunt an Imperial between now and the hunt for Gedde.)*
(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)
- *One month before he goes to Maz Kanata’s castle on Takodana, Imperial Security Bureau Agent Romwell Krass is serving at an Imperial black-site prison on the Hyborean Moon, where he also lives with his wife, Yileen Krass, and his son Qarwell Krass (age 5). A New Republic force attacks the prison and the Imperial facilities on the moon, which leads to the deaths of Yileen and Qarwell. Romwell tries to seek answers and backup from Coruscant, but his pleas go unanswered. He leaves on his own search for the identity of who actually ordered and carried out the strike. He will eventually find himself seeking answers at Maz’s castle.*
(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)
- *A few weeks before the capture of Perwin Gedde, Temmin Wexley speaks with Sinjir Rath Velus about his confusion over what he wants out of his future. Sinjir tries to give him advice, but he passes out from being drunk before finishing what he is saying.*
(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)
- *Imperial Vice Admiral Gaelan begins requesting time to speak with Grand Admiral Rae Sloane about fleet movements. She puts off this meeting for weeks.*
(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)
- *The New Republic begins attacking Imperials at Kuat to wrest the planet from Imperial control. The attack will last for several weeks, switching to a bombing strategy after only a few days of full assaults.*
(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)
- *Braylen Stramm is transferred from his position leading Blade Squadron to Combat Operations Planning (temporarily) aboard the Amalthea under Captain Tane at Kuat. In his absence, Lieutenant Gina Moonsong is made acting squadron leader.*
(conjecture based on *Kuat*)
- *In the first few days of the battle for Kuat, the New Republic makes three assaults against the Imperials, facing the same Star Destroyer and TIE fighter tactics each time.*
(conjecture based on *Kuat*)
- *During the third New Republic assault during the ongoing battle for Kuat, Lieutenant Gina Moonsong leads Blade Squadron into the fray, alongside Yori Dahn, Fanty, Sandara Li, Joohan Volk (Sandara’s wingmate), and others, while Braylen Stramm has been temporarily transferred to Combat Operations Planning under Captain Tane of the Amalthea. Before this new assault is fully carried out, the New Republic starfighters are recalled. They are informed by Stramm that the New Republic has reassessed their efforts and have decided to switch to strategic bombing of spaceports, supply lines, and infrastructure, which means that B-wings like Blade Squadron will do most of the damage, while X-wings keep TIE fighters off of their backs. While on a bombing run on a monorail, Blade Squadron is forced to break off the attack in the face of AT-ATs, AT-ACTs, and AT-Tes that the X-wings, led by Sandara Li engage, against their orders. Gina chews Sandara out upon returning to the ship, since her attack on the walkers ended up foiling their attack on the monorail. Sandara accuses Gina of getting her acting squadron leader position only because she was Stramm’s (former)*

girlfriend, and Gina points out how much like herself months ago Sandara is now. They must work together to get the job done. They agree to do so. (To be continued below . . .)

(Kuat)

- New Republic officer Krysta Agate is given command of the new Starhawk Concord, to which she transfers from the Sunspire.
(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)
- Leia Organa arranges for members of the Alderaanian diaspora to receive a frigate, the Sunspire (formerly Krysta Agate's vessel), which comes under the command of Teven Gale. With the help of both Leia and Evaan Verlaine on Chandrila, three other ships are provided as part of a flotilla that searches for intact remnants of Alderaan in the remains of the destroyed planet.
(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)
- Around this time, an Imperial faction under Grand General Kenner Loring is "dug in" on Malastare.
(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)
- Around this time, a new line of droids that are designed to be more friendly and familiar (like a pet) is released. They consist of a droid head on a sphere (similar to BB-8 decades from now). Some are to be used as companions for injured veterans.
(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)
- Fleet Admiral Gallius Rax secretly shifts Imperial war supply production from worlds that are no longer under Imperial control (Kuat, Xa Fel, Anadeen, Turco Prime, etc.) to worlds in the Outer Rim that are already under Imperial control (Zhadalene, Korrus, Belladoon, etc.). Rather than having third parties produce their weapons and vehicles, the Empire is now going to produce its own. New walkers, TIE fighters, rifles, and other equipment begin being produced.
(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)
- Kiza, a secret Acolyte of the Beyond, infiltrates the Coronet City Peace and Security office on Corellia in the guise of a new front desk attendant.
(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)
- Jas Emari infiltrates Slussen Canker's fortress on Vorlag as a bounty hunter (which she is, technically) as a prelude to a strike by Nora Wexley's Imperial hunters.
(conjecture based on *Life Debt*)
- It has been about three months since the fall of Akiva. Leia Organa, now pregnant with Ben Solo by her somewhat secret husband, Han Solo, receives a call from Han from the Millennium Falcon. He continues to search for Chewbacca, who was captured by the Empire when they fell into a trap at Kashyyyk, and Leia continues trying to push the Senate to approve a New Republic liberation of Kashyyyk. Neither has been very successful. They are cut off when the Millennium Falcon is attacked by the Dodath Raiders, ending Han's transmission. Meanwhile, Nora Wexley's Imperial-hunting team (Jas Emari, Sinjir Rath Velus, Jom Barell, and Temmin "Snap" Wexley) are on a mission to Vorlag (via Jas' Halo) to break into the fortress of criminal Slussen Canker (Canker the Red) to capture former Imperial Vice Admiral Perwin Gedde, who has been hiding out there (usually high to the point of absurdity on spice). Jas has been inside already, having infiltrated to set up their entry, but they find that she has apparently betrayed them to Canker, and the group is captured. This is a ruse, though, to protect them all from scrutiny. She leaves a key where Sinjir can use it to free himself, then the others are freed and reunite with Jas, who has already captured and bound Gedde for transport. They escape the planet under TIE fighter pursuit and head for Chandrila to deliver Gedde for trial. (On the way, Jom and Jas will argue over her changing the plan without telling them, and their energy and frustration will boil over into the beginning of a sexual relationship.) Elsewhere, aboard the Super Star Destroyer Ravager, Imperial Grand Admiral Rae Sloane (in theory the head of most of the Empire but really mostly in power over its navy and under the thumb of the secretive Gallius Rax), works with chief informational officer Ferric Obdur of the new Office of Imperial Promotion, Galactic Truth, and Fact Correction, to create propaganda messages to help convince the galaxy that the Empire is the rightful government of the galaxy and coming to "save" planets from the New Republic. Gallius orders Sloane to arrange the rescue of Commandant Brendol Hux and his son (by a kitchen woman, not his wife, Maratelle), Armitage Hux, from the Arkanis Academy, despite Arkanis being under siege by the New Republic. He also reveals that he is forming a Shadow Council to run the Empire from behind the scenes, and he intends Hux to be among its

members. Not sure about trusting so much power to Gallius, Sloane has her aide, Adea Rite (freed from the New Republic by Gallius' machinations), start an accounting of all of the Imperial ships that were in service when Palpatine died, while also drafting a breeding program for the Empire (to reward productive – well, reproductive – citizens) and getting in touch with bounty hunter Mercurial Swift for Sloane. Sloane, for her part, intends to dig further into Gallius' background. Soon, Leia and Mon Mothma travel to Velusia, where they meet briefly with proxy Emperor Mas Amedda, who has come to surrender himself and save himself from Imperial infighting. Mon does not accept, insisting that if he is to truly surrender, he needs to gain real control over what is left of the Empire and surrender it, thereby allowing peace in the galaxy. The Halo returns to Chandrila, where they are met by Wedge Antilles, who is still walking with a cane and undergoing physical therapy after his ordeal on Akiva. He has been mentoring Temmin a bit (giving him the nickname "Snap"), and he and Norra have been growing closer as well, despite Norra technically still being married. (Brentin Wexley went missing years ago, taken prisoner by the Empire. Whether he is dead or alive is unknown to Norra.) They discover that Gedde has died while in custody. The spice he was using was apparently poisoned to eliminate him. (It is later confirmed that this was under Sloane's orders and handled by Swift.) Wedge takes Norra to meet with Leia, who asks her to help find Han. As the wife of another missing husband and someone to whom Leia is a hero, Norra agrees, and Leia provides a map of Han's most recent locations. Meanwhile, Sloane slips away from her command under the guise of Imperial recruit "Dasha Bowen" and heads to Coruscant. She examines records at the Hall of Imperial Register (AKA "the Pit"). There, she searches for information on the Imperial fleet at the time of Palpatine's death and about Gallius himself. She learns that the Empire had thirteen Super Star Destroyers, including: the Ravager (her own command ship with Gallius and supposedly the last one still around); the Executor (destroyed at Endor); two surrendered to the New Republic by surrendering admirals; one captured by the New Republic over Kuat while undergoing repairs; five destroyed in battles with the New Republic; the late Grand General Cassio Tagge's Annihilator that was taken by pirates; the Arbitrator that was destroyed during a bad hyperspace jump; and Palpatine's own Eclipse that was supposedly destroyed in a battle with Admiral Gial Ackbar's Home One. She has suspicions that the Eclipse and other, smaller Star Destroyers might still be in service, hidden in nebulas the same way the Ravager has been in the Vulpinus Nebula. Does Gallius know more about these ships than he has told her? She also receives an image crystal with a picture that shows Wullf Yularen, Dodd Rancit, Terrinald Screed, Mas Amedda, Sheev Palpatine, and a very young Gallius Rax. She needs to learn more, and with Palpatine dead at Endor, Yularen dead at Yavin, Rancit killed by Rebels (really executed by Vader), and Screed killed by pirates off the Iktari Circle, only Mas Amedda remains to answer such questions. Elsewhere, in Coronet City on Corellia, Peace and Security officer Erno interrogates a young man, calling himself "Oblivion," in custody. Oblivion is one of the Acolytes of the Beyond, who worship Darth Vader and claim "Vader lives." With a coordinated riot to draw attention, Oblivion and the office's new desk attendant, an Acolyte plant named Kiza, orchestrates his escape and the deaths of various officers, all using a red lightsaber that Kiza procured from the office's basement for Oblivion. Kiza tells Erno to tell everyone that "the Acolytes are coming." Back on Chandrila, Sinjir deals with prejudice while trying to have a drink with his boyfriend, slicer Conder Kyl. (Those harassing them do no care that they are gay, only that Sinjir is a former Imperial.) After leaving for the evening, Sinjir returns to the bar alone and is still there, drunk into unconsciousness, when Jas finds him the next morning to bring him to a meeting of the team. Norra tells them of Leia's request, and they split up to gather intel (even Jas, who has been questioning her relationship with Jom, connection to the crew, and need to pay off the debts left to her by her aunt, Sugi). Back on Coruscant, Sloane leaves the Pit amid a clash between New Republic and Imperial sympathizers, but she is saved from a fight (in which she is very much holding her own) by Swift, who has come to meet her. She has called him there to give him the job of getting the Huxes off of Arkanis, and he now assists her in reaching the Imperial Palace. Once there, she gets into Mas Amedda's quarters and questions him about the picture. He reveals that while he does not know where Gallius came from (other than that he was a stowaway at one point on the Emperor's ship, the Imperialis), he knows that the droids on the ship might be able to provide more information. He points her to its current location, the so-called Junk Moon of Ord Mantell, Quantxi. Elsewhere, aboard the stolen former Imperial Super Star Destroyer Annihilator, pirate lord Eleodie Maracavanya and second-in-command Shi Shu lead the capture of the New Republic ship Starfall on its way to Ithor. Eleodie offers

the captives a chance to join the pirate organization, and a young girl named Kartessa leaves her mother behind to join Eleodie. At the ruins of Alderaan, the Sunspire (under Teven Gale and regent administrator of what's left of the Alderaanian people, Eglym Valmor) are surprised by a gift from Leia and Evaan Verlaine, pieces of the Death Star that have been salvaged that the Alderaanians could use to build their own space station to house their scattered people. Elsewhere, Norra and Wedge take the Moth to check the area of space where Han and Chewbacca's scoundrel force was attacked by the Empire. They gather debris for clues, and Wedge finally asks Norra out on a date for when they return. A probe droid in the debris brings Imperial ships led by the Scythe in to attack them, but they are saved by the arrival of Commodore Krysta Agate's Concord and other New Republic ships (including the Alderaanian Sunspire), who have been alerted to the situation by Gallius in his "Operator" persona. Unfortunately, getting help like this will bring their secret mission for Leia to the attention of the New Republic leadership, who will likely not authorize a mission to find Han, especially given that he has resigned his commission. (But, hey, at least Norra and Wedge are able to kiss and then spend a "date" aboard the Concord on the way back to Chandrila, right?) Temmin and Sinjir do their part by visiting the captive Imperial General Jylia Shale. She knows nothing about the area of space where Han was last known to be, though she suggests that Sinjir question another prisoner from Akiva, Imperial advisor Yupe Tashu. Meanwhile, Jas and Jom have gone to speak with some of her old contacts on Nar Shaddaa, only to be captured by Underboss Rynscar, to whose boss (Boss Gyuti of Black Sun) Sugi had owed debts. They are allowed to leave only when she promises to either pay back twice what is owed or turn in her whole team. With that settled, Rynscar helps her find information on Han. She learns the term "Irudiru" and contacts Sinjir, who asks Tashu about it. Tashu reveals that there is no Imperial prison there in which Han might be held, but a maker of Imperial prisons is on the planet. Days after her secret trip to Coruscant, Sloane attends the first full meeting of Gallius' Shadow Council aboard the Ravager. It includes Brendol Hux (rescued from Arkanis by Mercurial Swift in the last few days), Grand Moff Randd (Special Governor of the Exterior, the only part of the Outer Rim still under full Imperial control), General Hodnar Borrurn (AKA "The Old Man"), Ferric Obdur, Sloane, and Gallius Rax himself. Gallius reveals that there are many other Imperial ships, entire fleets, hidden in other nebulas, just as Sloane had come to expect. He claims that Sloane knew this all along, and this was her plan, rather than his, further linking her to him. He also reveals that the Empire has moved production of walkers, ships, weapons, etc. to Imperial worlds in the Outer Rim and is producing such weapons of war on its own, rather than contracting out to third parties as the Empire did in the past. Shortly after the meeting, Gallius meets with Adea, whom he has swayed to his side as both a lover and in making her more loyal to him than to Sloane. Sloane is angry over the loss of the Scythe, which apparently received a transmission to investigate the probe droid that found Norra and Wedge, and the transmission was faked to make it appear that it was from her. She is also angry about Gallius holding back information on the other hidden Imperial fleets, so she does not meet with Gallius herself, which just allows Adea another opportunity to conspire with him. Not only did Gallius send the Scythe under her name and use his Operator persona to tip off the New Republic to the situation, but he also made sure the Scythe was destroyed by blocking all incoming distress calls. Sloane sees this as an execution and discovers what Gallius has just revealed to Adea as well, that Commander Valent of the Scythe was conspiring with breakaway Imperial Kenner Koring. He arranged for the entire ship to be destroyed by the New Republic to take out one possible adversary. More and more Sloane is losing her faith in her supposed benefactor. Meanwhile, at Maz Kanata's castle on Takodana, former Imperial Security Bureau Agent Romwell Krass breaks the rules of the castle by picking a fight with a pair of New Republic pilots over the deaths of his family at the hands of the New Republic one month ago. (He arrived at the castle two days earlier seeking answers as to whom is actually responsible.) This results in Romwell and one of the pilots being locked up by Maz, but after Maz has a few words with Romwell about the Empire being essentially dead, she lets him go, then allows the pilot to go free once Romwell is away from the planet. Maz then decides that she wants to see more of the state of the galaxy for herself and sets out in the Stranger's Fortune to do so. On Chandrila, Norra and the crew meet with Ackbar, Agate, Leia, and Wedge. They are ordered to abandon the search for Han (and Leia has been reprimanded for going off the reservation), but rather than following this order, Norra resigns from New Republic service. Since none of the others (except Jom) are officially New Republic military, they are free to search for Han without approval. Jom is the only one who remains behind in New Republic service (for now).

The crew travels to Irudiru, where they plan to get inside the compound of paranoid, reclusive prison architect Golas Aram. They are about to accidentally trigger alarms that would alert Golas to their presence when a noise causes grazing morak creatures to stampede toward the team's position. They are confronted by the mane who set off the stampede to save them . . . Han Solo! They discuss the situation with Han at a nearby cantina. Han describes how Chewbacca was captured by the Empire while aboard a gunship of Kirratha, a Wookiee pirate that joined their attempt to liberate Kashyyyk. Han has learned that Chewbacca is among prisoners taken to Ashmead's Lock, a prison on Kashyyyk that Golas designed. If they can get to Golas, they can get into Ashmead's Lock and liberate the prisoners there. Unbeknownst to them, Gallius is alerted to their presence, and it is all in keeping with his own plans, regardless of which of his enemies carry out what he expects them to do. He reveals to Sloane his plans to strike at Chandrila, which she wrongly assumes will be with the various fleets hidden in nebulas. He has another purpose in mind for them. Meanwhile, on Tatooine, Malakili, the former beast master for Jabba the Hutt, is pursued by members of the Red Key Raiders. He is saved by Twi'lek Issa-Or and a man in Mandalorian armor (apparently Boba Fett's), Cobb Vanth. They claim to be the law in the region, inviting Malakili to earn his keep and join them in Freetown, formerly Mos Pelgo. He accepts. Back on Irudiru, the team (including Jom, who disobeys orders to rejoin them) works with a reluctant Han to get into Golas' compound, and Jas captures him when he tries to escape in his shuttle. After Sinjir softens him up with some brutal techniques he knows from his Imperial training, the team is able to interrogate him for information on Ashmead's Lock. They take the Millennium Falcon and the Halo to Kashyyyk, getting past the Imperial lockdown of the planet by using a high end security code Sinjir knows. They claim to be there to do repairs at the prison on orders from Sloane, but that causes Sloane to be contacted. Gallius has her confirm so that they can land, despite knowing full well by the ship descriptions that it is Han and the team she dealt with on Akiva. Not trusting Gallius entirely, she makes a call of her own. The team lands in the ships, seeing that Ashmead's Lock is actually an old prison ship that the Old Republic's enemy, the Predori, had used. When the Old Republic defeated them and took it, they used it as a prison in the center of a gravity well nearby, but the ship eventually crashed onto Kashyyyk, where it was later found and utilized by the Empire as a prison again once Golas had a chance to redesign it quite a bit. While Temmin and Mister Bones remain outside, the others infiltrate the prison with codes from Golas. They are nearly all captured by automated systems that put them to sleep and into a set of pods from which their body energy helps power the prison. Thankfully, Temmin and Mister Bones come in after waiting longer than expected and free them, along with the rest of the prisoners. Chewbacca is reunited with Han, and much to their shock, Norra and Temmin are reunited with Norra's husband and Temmin's father, Brentin Wexley, captured by the Empire years ago. Meanwhile, HoloNet news reporter Tracene Kane and her cameraman, Lug, have been embedded with the New Republic 31st under Commander Norwich on the planet Nag Urdur, where battle continues in the city of Binjai-Tin and nearby. While she readies a new report with interviews and such about a battle the previous day at Govneh Ridge, the Empire strikes back, killing many, including Lug, whom Tracene then memorializes by talking about him and the 31st in her next broadcast. (To be continued below . . .)

(Life Debt)

- The weeks-long campaign at Kuat continues, and Sandara Li and Gina Moonsong manage to destroy a major Imperial hub by working together with X-wings and B-wings, though Johan Volk's X-wing is critically damaged in the strike. (He survives, but the starfighter is toast.) With Volk in the infirmary, Braylen Stramm is back in action in his place as Sandara's X-wing wingmate. He and Gina discuss that situation, along with how they broke up because Stramm didn't want to send her into battle or put her at risk, but now that he is an X-wing escort for the B-wings, she is in the position of having to do the same to him. He notes that he trusts her judgment more than his own, but she replies that this will be their last mission together. They go back into the fight, until Moff Maksim finally surrenders Kuat Drive Yards to the New Republic.

(Kuat)

- After weeks of fighting, Kuat fully surrenders to the New Republic, as Moff Pollus Maksim stands down in the face of forces led by Ackbar and Agate. In the wake of this victory, "the Operator" reaches out to Mon Mothma, Leia Organa, Gial Ackbar, and Krysta Agate, but it is not the true Operator (Gallius Rax) reaching out. Instead, it is Grand Admiral Rae Sloane, following his orders, pretending to have been the Operator. She notes that their targets from

the Operator have cleared the way for her ascent, and now she wants to initiate peace talks. (Sloane is fine with this only because she knows it is a ruse meant to usher in Gallius' attack on Chandrila.) On Kashyyyk, Han Solo chooses to remain to help Chewbacca liberate his world as they originally intended, despite knowing Leia and their unborn child will need him as well. (He knows she will understand that he cannot be there until done here.) Jas Emari, Sinjir Rath Velus, and Jom Barell decide to remain behind to help the Wookiees as well, while Norra Wexley, Temmin Wexley, and Mister Bones take freed captives (at least the ones who don't also choose to stay) back to Chandrila, where Norra, Temmin, and Brentin Wexley can try to be a family again, despite Norra's feelings for Wedge. Han has Norra take them back in the Falcon. When they arrive, Leia understands why Han remained, and Wedge Antilles is shocked to see Norra reunited with Brentin. On Kashyyyk, the liberation force makes plans to free other Wookiees by shutting down the transmission source that controls implants that can instantly kill Wookiees that have been implanted with them (which is anyone who has ever been captured), then liberating a major "settlement" (prison camp) to gain a veritable army of Wookiees to help in the fight. The real fight to liberate Kashyyyk begins . . . (To be continued below . . .)

(Life Debt)

- On Kashyyyk, Jom Barell is captured by Imperial force while protecting others in his team from an ambush. He is interrogated, eventually losing one of his eyes in the process.
(conjecture based on Life Debt)
- Within a year of the formation of the New Republic, Ransolm Casterfo's parents, who have barely survived the Galactic Civil War under Imperial rule on Riosa, both die from toxic substances in their lungs from years of working Imperial mines without proper safety filters. Ransolm spends the next year struggling to survive.
(conjecture based on Bloodline)
- Imperial forces attempt to retake Naboo from the New Republic, the third invasion of its kind since the Battle of Endor.
(conjecture based on Lost Stars)
- Less than one month before Liberation Day, the New Republic Security Bureau (NRSB) is formed.
(conjecture based on Life Debt and Lost Stars)
- Nearly a year after the Battle of Endor (just a few weeks from the first anniversary), New Republic Corona Squadron (now under Yendor), including Kendy Idele and Thane Kyrell, is among the New Republic forces sent to Naboo to fend off a third Imperial attempt to reclaim Palpatine's homeworld. With the Imperials again defeated, Thane reflects on how his views have changed in the months since Endor. He has truly come to believe that the New Republic will indeed be better than the Empire, not just another government to replace the old one and become corrupt itself. He still wears a ribbon on his arm in memory of Ciena Ree, whom he believes is likely dead. He speaks with Kendy about the ribbon, and he expresses his belief that he will never truly be over the loss of Ciena. (To be continued below . . .)

(Lost Stars)

- One month after the liberation of Ashmead's Lock and the return of its survivors to Chandrila, preparations are made for the upcoming peace talks, which will kick off after the celebration of "Liberation Day," a new holiday commemorating the liberation of Ashmead's Lock and return of so many Rebel Alliance heroes. Things are strained between Wedge Antilles and Nora Wexley, and the distance that still exists between Norra and her rescued (and often odd) husband, Brentin Wexley, is causing friction between Norra and their son, Temmin "Snap" Wexley. Friction has also boiled over between Leia Organa and Mon Mothma over whether the New Republic can and should help liberate Kashyyyk. While Mon is willing to make it part of the peace talks, Leia refuses to negotiate on the point. Despite being the face of the New Republic to so many, she decides to bail on Liberation Day to deal with her concerns on her own. Back on Kashyyyk, the battle to liberate the planet continues. Grand Moff Lozen Tolruck, with his henchman Odair Bel-Opis, remains in power, and Jom Barell has been captured (losing an eye as well). When Sinjir Rath Velus meets with Tolruck as "Lieutenant Jorin Turnbull," he is recognized and beaten by Odair. Fortunately, he has a device in his boot that intercepts the transmissions from the inhibitor controller that allows him to slice the controller and deactivate the signal that controls all of the deadly inhibitor implants in all of the Wookiees captive on the planet. This allows another part of the liberation force (under Chewbacca, Han Solo, the Wookiee Greybok, and Jas Emari) to lead an assault on

the huge Camp Sardo (named for its Imperial commander, "Commandant Theodane Sardo") and liberate the Wookiees there to create an even larger fighting force to free the planet. Sinjir frees Jom, but they are too late to stop a broken and defeated Tolruck from ordering orbital bombardment by the Star Destroyers in orbit as a last resort. He intends to devastate Kashyyyk from space in a final act of spite. Sinjir and Jom leave, and soon a Wookiee captive named Cracktooth finds Tolruck and kills him. Meanwhile, on Hosnian Prime, New Republic soldier Dade Hetkins is fitted with a new cybernetic leg by Doctor Arsad to replace the one he lost in an encounter with a scout trooper during cleanup duty at Endor. He has been in the hospital for two months and is now being released with a new model droid, QT-9, as a companion to help him get through the trauma. On Chandrila, Leia speaks with Conder Kyl (Sinjir's boyfriend). She had hired him to check on Kashyyyk, and he provides proof of the Imperial bombardment going on. She meets with Evaan Verlaine, and the two of them take the Millennium Falcon and head for Kashyyyk to the rescue. Nearby, Temmin follows Brentin on one of his regular "walks," only to find him meeting with a prison guard. When spotted, Brentin stuns Temmin to keep him quiet about the meeting. Meanwhile, on Ryloth, Yendor (formerly of Corona Squadron) and Twi'lek rebels emerge from a cave system to take out an Imperial garrison, only to find that the Imperials suffered from a disease and died. They will need New Republic help for rebuilding, though, and his fellow Twi'leks think Yendor should do it, given his piloting for the New Republic. As the Liberation Day festivities are beginning on Chandrila, Sloane arrives with Adea Rite and some Imperial Guardsmen for the supposed peace talks, and Brentin rejoins Norra at home, pretending not to know where Temmin has gone. For his part, Temmin is freed from being confined to a crate by Brentin when Mister Bones arrives, having followed him just as Temmin followed Brentin. At Kashyyyk, "Jorin Turnbull" (Sinjir) brings Han aboard the Imperial Star Destroyer Dominion as a prisoner for Admiral Urian Orlan, then they release a bunch of giant spiders that they rounded up on the surface. Once the Halo brings Jas and others, they proceed to battle the Imperials aboard in an attempt to take control of the ship. Meanwhile, aboard the Ravager, Fleet Admiral Gallius Rax meets with Grand Moff Randd, ordering all fleets (and ground forces under Hodnar Borrum) to prepare to launch for a new major offensive at Jakku (Gallius' homeworld), rather than Chandrila as Sloane expects. His short-term endgame is about to begin. (To be continued below . . .)

(Life Debt)

- Grand Moff Randd returns quickly to space station Wrath after his meeting with Fleet Admiral Gallius Rax aboard the Ravager.
(conjecture based on *Life Debt* and *Lost Stars*)
- Ciena Ree is actually alive and serving on the space station Wrath above the planet Ponemah under Imperial Grand Moff Randd. She finally returns to active duty after almost a year being treated for her injuries during the Battle of Endor. Randd presents her with a promotion to the rank of captain and her new assignment as captain of the Imperial Star Destroyer Inflictor. It is a rare honor for one so young, but the Imperial ranks are far thinner these days. With her loss of faith in the Empire and refusal to go back on her oath of service, the promotion feels rather hollow. She is assigned Commander Brisney as her Imperial Security Bureau officer, Commander Erisher as her chief engineer, and old friend Nash Windrider (now a commander) as her flight commander. Randd informs her then that forces are gathering in preparation for a major engagement with the New Republic at the "worthless" planet of Jakku. (To be continued below . . .)

(Lost Stars)

- Han Solo's strike team aboard the Imperial Star Destroyer Dominion over Kashyyyk fails to take command of the ship and are captured by Vice Admiral Domm Korgale. Before they can be executed or handed over to higher Imperial authorities, Leia Organa and Evaan Verlaine arrive aboard the Millennium Falcon, along with a large number of New Republic ships. Leia had left a message for Wedge Antilles, letting him know what she was planning when leaving Chandrila and suggesting that he and Gial Ackbar would just have to follow her to "save her" if she gets herself into trouble, thereby giving them an excuse to help Han after so long of the New Republic refusing to assist at Kashyyyk. The day is won, and Han and Leia are finally reunited. On Chandrila, Mon Mothma speaks at the Liberation Day ceremony, presenting the survivors from Ashmead's Lock (and the liberators) to the gathered crowd, while Rae Sloane, Adea Rite, and their guards watch from nearby. In the middle of the ceremony, Fleet Admiral Gallius Rax's plan begins, but not as Sloane expected. Rather than a strike by Imperial fleets,

it is an act of subterfuge and betrayal that Sloane detests. The survivors turn on their leaders, and Brentin Wexley pulls a blaster on Mon Mothma. Only Norra Wexley (his wife) deflecting his shot saves the New Republic Chancellor. Chaos ensues, as the survivors attack the crowd, having been programmed to do so while in their pods at Ashmead's Lock. (This is why Gallius allowed and even encouraged their liberation in the first place.) When Sloane speaks out to Adea about her disapproval of Gallius' actions, Adea reveals herself to already have been seduced to Gallius' side. They fight briefly, and Sloane kills Adea, a girl she thought of as the closest thing to a daughter. Temmin Wexley catches father (Brentin) while escaping, and before Brentin, distraught, can turn his blaster on himself, Temmin tackles him. Meanwhile, the guard Brentin met with earlier (Windom Traducier) frees Yupe Tashu from custody, ordered to do so by "Emperor Rax," whom he claims still "serves Palpatine" (as part of the so-called "Contingency" that Gallius is following). Windom has also killed Jylia Shale and Arsin Crassus to silence them, under orders. Back near the ceremony, Norra is trying to find Brentin and Temmin when she encounters the fleeing Sloane. Sloane gets the better of Norra in the struggle but it isn't enough. Norra is able to shoot her as she flees, causing her to fall from a skybridge. Back on Kashyyyk, Jas Emari has decided to go her own way once she takes Sinjir Rath Velus back to be with Conder Kyl on Chandrila. She has broke off her sexual relationship with Jom Barell, who has chosen to remain on Kashyyyk with Leia, Han, and others to continue its full liberation. Leia, however, cannot stay. Wedge alerts her to what is happening on Chandrila. Leia must leave, but this time Han will go with her, while Chewbacca remains on Kashyyyk to continue the liberation and be with his family for now. On Chandrila, Sloane is found by Brentin, who nearly kills her for what was done to him, but when she reveals that it was Gallius Rax who did this, he joins her in getting off the planet to seek Gallius' downfall. Aboard the Ravager, Gallius meets with his remaining Shadow Council, believing Grand Admiral Sloane to be dead on Chandrila. He claims this was all her plan, and now they must continue ahead with him guiding them. He will not be an emperor, just a "Counselor" with power over the Shadow Council. They will use the upcoming confrontation at Jakku as a proving ground. The members of the Council are not entirely convinced, but he only needs Brendol Hux in the long run. The rest are expendable. In the wake of the Imperial betrayal on Liberation Day, the New Republic has discovered that Sloane did indeed escape. To Norra and Temmin, Brentin is a ghost again, having disappeared (unbeknownst to them, with Sloane). The treachery of Traducier has been revealed, and he is in custody. Temmin is back to training with Wedge in hopes of joining Phantom Squadron someday. Sinjir falls back into old habits when he gets into Windom's cell and kills him for his part in the plot that has hurt his friends. He then breaks up with Conder. Norra brings together Jas, Sinjir, Temmin, and Mister Bones. With Leia's backing, they intend to complete a goal they failed to complete on Akiva: capture or kill Sloane. For their part, Sloane and Brentin have headed for Jakku, thanks to Mercurial Swift finally discovering the name of Rax's homeworld. They arrive and speak with Corwin Ballast at a bar, asking about anyone who might have known Gallius when he was still on Jakku. They are unable to get anywhere in their questioning, though, as the Super Star Destroyer Ravager arrives above Jakku. The stage is set for the Battle of Jakku . . .

(Life Debt)

- At some point in this era, Leia Organa senses Ben Solo in the Force while he is still in her womb, and she senses veins of shadow within the ever-expanded radiance of the Force coming from him, suggesting the seeds of darkness. Luke Skywalker reassures her that this is normal because, as he puts it, "the brighter the light, the darker the shadow." She hope this is true.
(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi* novelization)
- As the Empire's forces gather at Jakku, the Rothana shipyards are put on automatic and their Imperial forces, including Terex (TK-603), ordered to Jakku.
(conjecture based on *The Gathering Storm*)
- In the wake of Liberation Day, Commodore Kyrsta Agate accepts nu-skin to replace flesh she lost during the attack. She also requests a mechanic replacement eye that gives her sensory input beyond normal human sight. Not sure she is ready to return to military command, she gives up her ship, the Concord, to Lieutenant Commander Spohn.
(conjecture based on *Empire's End*)
- Weeks after Liberation Day, miniscule control chips are discovered attached to the brain stem of the "traitors" from Liberation Day. They included a list of targets but they have fallen victim

to a planned degradation, so even Conder Kyl is unable to reconstruct the entire target list from the degraded chips.

(conjecture based on *Empire's End*)

- This era sees the rise of the New Separatist Union and the Confederacy of Corporate Systems.
(conjecture based on *Empire's End*)
- Around this time, the T-70 X-wing is in its prototype phase.
(conjecture based on *Empire's End*)
- As things calm down from the liberation of Kashyyyk and Liberation Day debacle, Phantom Squadron is shut down, owing to Wedge Antilles' unsanctioned intervention at Kashyyyk. The washout and pariah pilots of the squadron all end up support crew, as does Wedge, rather than pilots. Koko runs fueling lines. Jethpur becomes an engine mechanic. Yarra quits the service and instead starts working on a Chandrilan fishing rig. Wedge ends up managing a hangar.
(conjecture based on *Empire's End*)
- As a result of his participation in the unsanctioned liberation of Kashyyyk, New Republic Special Forces soldier Jom Barell is discharged from New Republic service.
(conjecture based on *Empire's End*)
- By this time, a sort of "shadow war" is starting, in which criminal organizations like Black Sun (including its lower echelons like the Frillian Confederacy that "owns" the Grindar Gang), the Shadow Syndicate, the Hutts, Red Key, the Crymorah, and the Sovereign Latitudes of Maracavanya are beginning to position themselves and clash over who will set the destiny of criminal organizations in the post-Endor galaxy.
(conjecture based on *Empire's End*)
- Around this time, Boss Gyuti triples the original bounty on Jas Emari.
(conjecture based on *Empire's End*)
- Around this time, Pima Drolley is appointed New Republic Senator for Akiva.
(conjecture based on *Empire's End*)
- After the Grindar Gang steals ID cards from New Republic dignitaries, Norra Wexley's Imperial-hunting team steals them back, but rather than simply returning them to the New Republic, they work with a young woman, Vazeen Mordraw, to make it look like she was the thief. The team then sets up a bounty in the Grindar Gang's name to capture her without their knowledge. When bounty hunter Mercurial Swift, Norra's real target, approaches the gang about the bounty, they must claim knowledge of it and accept his proposal so that they do not look ignorant or weak. Mercurial, not recognizing that this is a trap, tracks Vazeen to Taris, where the hunt continues.
(conjecture based on *Empire's End*)
- After months of planning, Norra Wexley's team (Jas Emari, Sinjir Rath Velus, Temmin Wexley, and Mister Bones) has managed to set a trap for Mercurial Swift. They have stolen ID cards from the Gindar Gang (who had stolen them from New Republic diplomats), then set up a young woman (Vazeen Mordraw), with her consent, to be the one blamed for the theft. They then faked a bounty on her under the Grindar Gang's name, so that when Mercurial came to them looking to take the job, they could not claim ignorance of the bounty without looking weak or ineffective. Thus, he has been chasing her down on Taris, and now the trap is sprung, leading to Mercurial's capture by Norra's team. They question him about Grand Admiral Rae Sloane, eventually revealing that they know Mercurial's real name (Geb Teldar) and mother's identity (Tabba Teldar). With a threat against his own mother hanging over him, "Mercurial" reveals that Sloane was looking for information on Gallius Rax (the first time the New Republic has learned the mastermind's name), who he had determined came from Jakku. Mercurial believes that Sloane has gone to Jakku with a man he didn't recognize (Brentin Wexley, Norra's husband). Norra is unwilling to accept any delays in going after Sloane, so she intends for them to take the Moth directly to Jakku. They are not murderers, so they leave Mercurial alive. Unfortunately, he soon escapes his bonds and contacts Underboss Rynscar of Black Sun, making sure Boss Gyuti still has a bounty on Jas' head. Once confirmed, he makes a deal to put a crew together to hunt her down, given that he alone knows their next destination: Jakku. On Chandrila, Leia Organa (very pregnant with Ben Solo) and her husband, Han Solo, debate the merits of acting without Senate approval to gather forces to liberate more worlds like they did with Kashyyyk. Norra contacts Leia with what was learned from Mercurial and is given the okay to check out Jakku briefly before

returning to Chandrila, so that perhaps they can have concrete information to bring to Chancellor Mon Mothma. Upon arrival at Jakku, Norra's team is shocked to discover the system absolutely overflowing with Imperial starships. As the Moth prepares to escape the area, Norra rushes to an escape pod, intending to go down to hunt for Sloane herself. Jas tries to stop her, then decides to join her when she cannot change Norra's mind. They launch down to the surface. Upon realizing what is happening, Temmin orders Mister Bones to launch in another escape pod to look after his mother on Jakku. The Moth then escapes into hyperspace with Temmin apparently abandoned by Norra for a more important purpose yet again. As for Norra and Jas, they reach the surface and set off in a random direction, not knowing where on the planet to even begin searching for Sloane and Brentin. Meanwhile, on Kashyyyk, Lumpawaroo (Waroo), the son of Chewbacca, who has been a captive of Imperial oppression for so long that he knows little about his culture or father escapes from the Mount Arayakyak child labor camp, pursued by Imperial Commandant Dessard. Thankfully, he is found by Chewbacca, reuniting them for the first time in years. Back on Chandrila, as preparations are made to move the New Republic capital to Nakadia, Mon Mothma is dealing with matters for the Committee for Imperial Reallocation (which some see as premature, since the Empire hasn't been firmly defeated or surrendered to the New Republic), while also fending off attacks from her current political opponent for the role of Chancellor, the hawkish Tolwar Wartol. Beset by political issues, Mon is without one of her closest advisors since Hostis Ij was killed during Liberation Day. She is called away by Leia, who brings her in on discussions with Han and the newly-returned Temmin and Sinjir, who are trying to figure out the best way to deal with the situation on Jakku and get their friends back. To send the New Republic fleet to Jakku as even Mon Mothma wants, they would need the approval of the Senate. Stymied for now, Temmin and Sinjir recognize that the answer to saving Norra, Jas, and Mister Bones may not lie with official New Republic action. Back on Jakku, Norra and Jas are attacked by native thugs, only to be saved . . . by stormtroopers, who take them prisoner, recognizing them as Rebels. Norra isn't all that upset, though, given that she figures that the Empire must mean Sloane. She is mistaken, though, as Sloane and Brentin are on their own in their quest to retake the Empire from Rax. They recently questioned a disgruntled stormtrooper, RK-242, who told them a bit about Rax's operations. Rax is taking children for some reason, often from Anchorite orphanages. He also has a base deeper in the desert. To get there, they need the help of Niima the Hutt, who has been acquiring those children for Rax. Thus, Sloane and Brentin arrange to be presented to Niima. Sloane bluffs and claims to know that Rax's secret facility (the Observatory) in the desert houses a powerful weapon, which can be Niima's if only she will take Sloane and Brentin to the base. Niima agrees. Meanwhile, on Naboo, young orphan Mapo meets Jar Jar Binks, who has fallen on hard times after being banished by his people (again) for his role in the rise of the Empire. Now, he seeks to make up for his mistakes by bringing joy as a clown, and he offers to teach Mapo how to be one as well. Back on Chandrila, Han agrees (with Leia's reluctant acceptance) to let Temmin and Sinjir take the Millennium Falcon to Jakku on their own. When they try to leave, though, they are turned back by Senate Guards. While these guards are not loyal to Mon Mothma (instead to Wartol), it raises the question of whether Leia and Han's quarters may be bugged or if Mon Mothma's office might have a leak. Early the next morning, Leia is awakened amid a dream that seems Force-related in which some kind of Dark Side entity (Snoke, perhaps?) is reaching out, seeking her and the unborn Ben, attempting to take him. Han is there with other bad news: Senator Wartol, using the bugged or leaked conversations from their apartment, is on the HoloNet denouncing Mon Mothma for supposedly keeping news about the Imperials at Jakku from the public. Of course, she has only had the information for a day, so it would have been premature to say anything, which is exactly what she sends her remaining aide, Auxi Kray Korbin, to tell other reporters. She does, however, have Admiral Gial Ackbar send a scouting mission to Jakku (the Oculus under Ardin Deltura). With a potential conspiracy at play, given Wartol's apparent knowledge of their plans and conversations, Sinjir convinces his ex-boyfriend (who he's still in love with, of course), Conder Kyl, to find the bug at Leia and Han's apartment. As it turns out, it wasn't a bug in the apartment, per se, but a bug on their droid, T-2LC. Mon Mothma finally gives a speech to the Senate, urging them to vote to send a substantial New Republic force to Jakku, but the vote does not pass. There is, for the moment, nothing the New Republic can do. About a week after Norra and Jas were captured, Norra is being put to work doing hard labor, then spending the rest of her time in a cell. After quite a bit of this, she is nearly delirious and having visions or hallucinations of Temmin, Sinjir, etc. and actually thinks it is a hallucination

when stormtroopers walk by with Mister Bones, who is actually real but has a restraining bolt after being discovered by the Empire. She tries to argue that he is hers, so the stormtroopers blast the droid apart right in front of her. For her part, Jas is held in a different cell and abused by Mercurial, who is there with his crew (including Dengar, Jeeta, and Jas' aunt Sugi's old ally Embo). Since she has lost a key in her fake horn, she slams her head over and over to break off one of her real horns (which will someday grow back) so that she can free herself. She then makes her way to Mercurial's ship, where, thankfully, only Embo is present. She is able to play on his loyalty to Sugi to turn a blind eye as she steals the ship and escapes. On Tatooine, Lorgan Movellan and his Red Key Raiders have captured Freetown's local constable, Cobb Vanth (who wears the armor of Boba Fett). Movellan intends to sell the Hutt baby Borgo back to the Hutts in order to gain control of Tatooine, but the base is attacked by Tusken Raiders, who have struck a deal with Cobb and beastmaster Malakili to keep slavers away. Cobb carves a warning message into Movellan's face. Back on Jakku, Mister Bones reboots and begins an automatic repair cycle. The droid then kills several guards (including the one that blasted him into pieces) and frees Norra. Elsewhere, Rax, now calling himself Counselor to the Empire, is at the Observatory with Yupe Tashu. After executing Kolob, the Anchorite who was once Rax's master when he was a child on Jakku, one of the Emperor's sentinels (droids with a screen instead of a face, presenting an image of Palpatine) reports a perimeter breach. It is Niima's caravan with Sloane among them. Rax recognizes her and the potential threat she represents, though she will not arrive for three days, which is plenty of time to have her killed. Among the caravan, Sloane, against Brentin's advice, tries to steal a wheel-bike to make faster progress on their own, but this results in conflict with Niima's people, which is then interrupted by turbolaser blasts from Rax's Observatory security posts. Meanwhile, on Christophsis, a group of pilgrims (Addar, Madrammagath, Uggorda, Jumon, and the droid MA-B0) affiliated with the Church of the Force are trying to return kyber crystals that were taken by the Empire. However, they are tracked by Force-sensitive Kyaddaks that kill Uggorda and Jumon. They soon succeed after nearly two weeks in returning the crystals to the original site from which they were taken. Back on Jakku, Norra and Mister Bones free Norra's fellow prisoners, then set out on a speederbike. They are able to reunite with Jas, who is still in her stolen shuttle. Jas has spotted Sloane among Niima's caravan, so the trio set out to catch her. On Chandrila, Sinjir meets with Jom Barell, who has been dumped from New Republic Special Forces for his participation in the liberation of Kashyyyk. He is now working as a bodyguard as a freelancer, mostly protecting politicians. Sinjir has a plan and needs his help on Nakadia. En route to Nakadia, Mon Mothma travels with political rival Wartol. She questions him about five senators who voted against going to Jakku (Anthar Prime's Ashmin Ek, Rodia's Dor Wieedo, Frong's Rethalow, Grelka Sorka, and Nim Tar), all of whom Wartol admits to manipulating. He even admits to planting the listening device on T-2LC. He feels confident in these admissions because he expects the re-vote on a Jakku action will take place once they arrive on Nakadia, and he expects the vote to still go his way. However, Mon Mothma has smuggled pta fruit onto the ship, which raises alarms with the planet's rather anal-retentive biosecurity policies, delaying their arrival. With time bought for them, Han, Sinjir, Conder, Jom, and Temmin spy on the five swing vote senators (with Leia's blessing). Meanwhile, on Coruscant, members of the Anklebiter Brigade (child rebels, including Nanz, Urk G'lar, Hoolie, Jutchins, Wenchins, and Iggs) break into Mas Amedda's chambers to kill him. Instead, he convinces them to help him escape from the palace, where he is a figurehead only, so that he can get to the New Republic and publicly try to put an end to the war. On Jakku, Rax confers with Brendol Hux, who is overseeing the training of the captured children, essentially molding them into fierce, loyal soldiers, very much in keeping with his philosophy on the subject. He "needs more time," but the price of failure will be high. Outside, Jas, Norra, and Bones attempt to get to Sloane to take her prisoner, and Norra is shocked to see Brentin with her (still). Before they can get to the duo (who are actually hoping to steal the trio's ship), they must back off, as another shuttle arrives, bearing Rax himself to take Sloane and Brentin as prisoners. He nearly kills Brentin, but Sloane convinces him that just as Rax wants Sloane alive to watch what will happen soon, having a Rebel witness it as well would be just as worthwhile. In the attack on the caravan, Niima was also badly injured. She is willing to give Norra, Jas, and Bones the clearance codes to Rax's base if they will get her back to the safety of her temple. On Nakadia, Sinjir, Temmin, and Han are all given the slip, and Conder goes missing. The team returns to the Falcon, where Jom has captured and begun questioning Senator Rethalow, who reveals that Ek and Wieedo were paid for their votes, Rethalow was offered a trade deal for his planet, Nim Tar's child was

taken, and Sorka's prized jerba (a pet of sorts) was also taken. Wartol himself is not said to be the actual force behind the situation. Instead, it is Black Sun and the Red Key Company, who have carried this out to delay intervention at Jakku. The longer the war lasts, the more time the criminal syndicates have to solidify their own post-Endor positions. Realizing that Wiedeo's ship was not in its hangar, the "spies" realize that it must have been used to take the child, pet, and Conder to a secure location. Thankfully, Conder manages to sneak a signal out with information on his location, allowing the others to find the warehouse where the prisoners are being held. The team rescues them, then they have Conder slice messages to the affected senators, letting them know that the plot against them has been foiled (or the plot they engaged in has been discovered). With this twist coming just as the Senate comes into session after the delayed arrival of Mon Mothma and Wartol, the vote passes this time. The time has finally come for the Battle of Jakku, which will decide the future of the galaxy. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Empire's End)*

*NOTE: The Battle of Jakku is one year after the Battle of Endor, so all the portions of this novel prior to the Battle of Jakku must therefore be sometime late in this year, not in 5 BBY yet.

- Poe Dameron (age 2 or 3) is given his first glimpse at the stars from inside a starfighter while in his mother's A-wing. Shara Bey does the flying, but she lets him play a little in her lap as if he is flying.*

(conjecture based on *Poe Dameron: Flight Log*)*

*NOTE: Poe is 2 or 3 at this time, so I figured I'd put it near the end of the year in which he would be 2.

Blade Squadron [continued] (SWI short stories: David J. Williams & Mark S. Williams)

Zero Hour [flashback] (SWI160 short story: David J. Williams & Mark S. Williams)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

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Chapter 26

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Battlefront II [continued] (video game: DICE)

Campaign [continued]

Main Story [continued]

The *Dauntless*

Shattered Empire [continued] (comic series: Greg Rucka)

Shattered Empire [continued] (comic series: Greg Rucka)

Shattered Empire, Part II (comic: Greg Rucka)

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Battlefront II [continued] (video game: DICE)

Campaign [continued]

Main Story [continued]

The Observatory

Shattered Empire [continued] (comic series: Greg Rucka)

Shattered Empire [continued] (comic series: Greg Rucka)

Shattered Empire, Part II [continued] (comic: Greg Rucka)

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Battlefront II [continued] (video game: DICE)

Campaign [continued]

Main Story [continued]

The Storm

Shattered Empire [continued] (comic series: Greg Rucka)

Shattered Empire [continued] (comic series: Greg Rucka)

Shattered Empire, Part II [continued] (comic: Greg Rucka)

Shattered Empire, Part III (comic: Greg Rucka)

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Battlefront II [continued] (video game: DICE)

Campaign [continued]

Main Story [continued]

Outcasts

Shattered Empire [continued] (comic series: Greg Rucka)

Shattered Empire [continued] (comic series: Greg Rucka)

Shattered Empire, Part III [continued] (comic: Greg Rucka)

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Battlefront II [continued] (video game: DICE)

Campaign [continued]

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Blade Squadron [continued] (SWI short stories: David J. Williams & Mark S. Williams)

Zero Hour [continued] (SWI160 short story: David J. Williams & Mark S. Williams)

Uprising (video game: Kabam)

Uprising (video game: Kabam)

Uprising

Purge

Shattered Empire [continued] (comic series: Greg Rucka)

Shattered Empire [continued] (comic series: Greg Rucka)

Shattered Empire, Part IV (comic: Greg Rucka)

Shattered Empire, Part III [continued] (comic: Greg Rucka)

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Battlefront II [continued] (video game: DICE)

Campaign [continued]

Main Story [continued]

General Distress

Under Covered Skies

Aftermath Trilogy [continued] (novel trilogy: Chuck Wendig)

Aftermath [continued] (novel: Chuck Wendig)

Part One

Chapters 1 – 3

Interlude: Chandrila

Chapters 4 – 6

Interlude: Saleucami

Chapters 7 – 9

Interlude: Naalol

Chapters 10 – 11

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Chapter 12

Interlude: Uytter

Chapters 13 – 15

Interlude: Chandrila

Chapters 16 – 18

Interlude: Coronet City, Corellia

Chapters 19 – 21

Interlude: Sevarcos

Part Three

Chapters 22 – 24

Interlude: Taris

Chapters 25 – 26

Interlude: Hyperspace

Chapter 27

Interlude: Coruscant

Chapter 28

Interlude: Theed, Naboo

Chapters 29 – 31

Interlude: Tatooine

Chapters 32 – 34

Interlude: Bespin Cloud City

Chapters 35 – 37

Interlude: Jakku

Part Four

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Interlude: Chandrila

Epilogue

Blade Squadron [continued] (SWI short stories: David J. Williams & Mark S. Williams)

Kuat (SWI168 short story: David J. Williams & Mark S. Williams)

Aftermath Trilogy [continued] (novel trilogy: Chuck Wendig)

Life Debt [continued] (novel: Chuck Wendig)

Part One

Chapters 1 – 3

Interlude: Velusia

Chapters 4 – 6

Interlude: Coronet City, Corellia

Chapters 7 – 8

Interlude: The *Annihilator*

Chapters 9 – 10

Part Two

Interlude: The Alderaan Flotilla

Chapters 11 – 14

Interlude: Takodana

Chapter 15

Part Three

Chapters 16 – 18

Interlude: Tatooine

Chapters 19 – 21

Part Four

Chapters 22 – 23

Interlude: The City of Binjai-Tin, Nag Ubdur

Blade Squadron [continued] (SWI short stories: David J. Williams & Mark S. Williams)

Kuat [continued] (SWI168 short story: David J. Williams & Mark S. Williams)

Aftermath Trilogy [continued] (novel trilogy: Chuck Wendig)

Life Debt [continued] (novel: Chuck Wendig)

Part Four [continued]

Chapters 24 – 28

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Chapter 26 [continued]

Aftermath Trilogy [continued] (novel trilogy: Chuck Wendig)

Life Debt [continued] (novel: Chuck Wendig)

Part Five

Chapters 29 – 30

Interlude: Darropolis, Hosnian Prime

Chapters 31 – 33

Interlude: Ryloth

Chapters 34 – 36

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Chapter 26 [continued]

Aftermath Trilogy [continued] (novel trilogy: Chuck Wendig)

Life Debt [continued] (novel: Chuck Wendig)

Part Five [continued]

Chapters 37 – 42

Empire's End [continued] (novel: Chuck Wendig)

Part One

Chapters 1 - 5

Interlude: Kashyyyk

Chapters 6 - 11

Part Two

Chapters 12 -13
 Interlude: Tatooine
 Chapters 14 - 16
 Interlude: Christophsis
 Chapter 17

Part Three

Chapters 18 - 20
 Interlude: Coruscant
 Chapters 21 - 24

5 ABY

- *Gosta is born on Parnassos.*
 (conjecture based on *Phasma*)*
 *NOTE: Gosta is 14 in the “10 years ago” segment of *Phasma*, making this 24 years before the novel.
- *Around this time (or late in the previous year), Karé Kun is born.**
 (conjecture based on *Before the Awakening*)*
 *NOTE: She is a “victory kid,” one of the many children conceived in the wake of the Empire’s fall. That would put her birthdate sometime around the beginning of this year or late in the previous year, depending on when she was conceived in the months following the Battle of Endor.
- *Around this time, a stormtrooper that will belittle FN-2187 (Finn) as an “outsider” is born.**
 (conjecture based on *Before the Awakening*)*
 *NOTE: The trooper is in his “late twenties” (rounded here to 28 years old) in *Before the Awakening*’s Finn tale.
- *On Devaron, members of the Acolytes of the Beyond (including Kiza, Yiz, Lalu, Korbus, and Remi) prepare to attack a New Republic outpost near the Karatokai Mountains. They are met by Yupe Tashu, who provides Kiza with the mask of Viceroy Exim Panshard. During the assault on the base, an envious Remi tries to take down Kiza to claim the mask as his own, but she kills him. The outpost then falls into the control of the Acolytes. As the New Republic ramps up its forces for the Battle of Jakku, Sinjir Rath Velus and Conder Kyl, now back together (mostly), choose to approach Mon Mothma about being able to join the mission. Meanwhile, Jom Barell approaches Sergeant Dellalo Daysoon of New Republic SpecForces, convincing her to let him join the mission, despite having been discharged from SpecForces after Kashyyyk. Wedge Antilles, convinced by Temmin “Snap” Wexley of the need to be part of the battle to hopefully somehow aid Norra Wexley, Jas Emari, and Mister Bones, decides to go against orders and reconstitute Phantom Squadron, giving Temmin a chance to be part of it. Commodore Kyrsta Agate will command the first Nadiri Mark One Starhawk, the Concord, into the battle. After her injuries on Liberation Day, Agate was not sure she would return to command, but she has, despite believing that she is not ready. (She had given up the ship after her injuries to Lieutenant Commander Spohn, who has faith enough in her to hand the ship back over to her without complaint.) On Jakku, Rae Sloane and Brentin Wexley are brought to Gallius Rax’s base. (To be continued below . . .)*
(Empire’s End)
- *Inferno Squad has intel that points to an Imperial weapons cache on Sullust that Iden Versio’s father, Admiral Garrick Versio, is intending to recover. Iden and the rest of Inferno Squad (Del Meeko and Shriv Suurgav) intend to steal it first with a little help from their old ally, General Lando Calrissian. Since Shriv helped to liberate Sullust, he and Lando land and enter the facility where the cache is located, only to find that there are already Imperial troops there, and the factory is back up and running again, producing AT-STs, AT-ATs, and more. They sneak into the facility within an AT-AT “head” and proceed to try to shut the factory down in the control room, only to trigger a security lockdown. Lando then sets the place to explode by fiddling with the controls for the lava flow from the volcano that powers the plant. They escape in an AT-ST and reach a landing platform as lava rises, but there seems to be nowhere to go. They are ready to die side by side, but the Corvus arrives just in time and rescues them, though without any weapons stolen to aid in their mission. They realize soon, though, that the weapons were at least a minor blow to the Empire. The Imperial fleet has gathered at Jakku, and the New Republic fleet is on its way to engage in what may be the last battle of the war, which will not be fought with at least a few less weapons of war on the Imperial side. The Corvus sets course for Jakku. (To be continued below . . .)*
(Battlefront II)
- *As the Corvus heads for Jakku, Lando Calrissian leaves the Corvus and heads for Cloud City on Bespin.*

(conjecture based on *Battlefront II* and *Empire's End*)*

***NOTE:** This parting of ways is the only way to make sense of Lando appearing in his interlude in *Empire's End* during the Battle of Jakku right after being with Inferno Squad on the Sullust mission immediately before they set course for Jakku.

- As the New Republic battles the Empire at Fondor (again), Shepherd Squadron's Y-wing pilots (Captain Yancee Drai, Lt. Bak Rychuk, Hopeata, Olee Beasco, and Noblesse Eiram) go up against the experimental Star Destroyer Spectral, commanded by Admiral Traz. Word reaches the Imperials that Rae Sloane has ordered all Imperial ships to retreat to a rallying point near Jakku, but Traz refuses to leave the battle until he chooses to do so. In the battle outside, a TIE fighter destroys Yancee's ship, leaving Bak in charge of the Shepherds. To evade the TIEs, Bak takes his ship very close to the Spectral's experimental domes (which resemble those on an Interdictor), only to end up pulled into hyperspace with the ship when Traz finally follows his orders and leaves the system. In the cockpit of the Y-wing, Bak reassures his astromech, Zeet, that he may not be Luke Skywalker but will take down the Spectral if it is the last thing he does. (Unbeknownst to him, Zeet will retain a holographic recording of these comments until shortly before the Battle of Starkiller Base.) Bak has damaged the Spectral's experimental weapons (the domes), but that success is short-lived. As the ship exits hyperspace over Jakku, the Y-wing crashes into the Spectral, ripping off one of its nacelles and ending up with the bulk of the ship pulled in by the larger vessel's tractor beam. The damage to the focusing dome is now even worse, though, thanks to the crash. This forces the Imperials to perform a complete shut down while pointing down toward Jakku to prevent an overload. In the hangar, Bak bluffs the stormtroopers that have come for him, claiming that he has a thermal detonator to blow them all up. In actuality, he is bluffing, so that Zeet can escape to find a way to scuttle the Spectral. Traz wants to execute Bak himself for the damage to his ship, so he has Imperial Security Droid K-8Z8 take him to the hangar. There, he mocks Bak's threats of destruction, but Zeet is able to activate all of the ship's maneuvering thrusters, pushing it just enough to be caught within the atmosphere of Jakku and begin being pulled down to crash into the surface. Traz intends to abandon ship, but the droid (seeing Traz as having a duty to guard the ship until its demise) stops him. To counter this, Traz transfers all control as captain to K-8Z8, then runs like hell. By the time he reaches an escape pod, Bak is already inside. He is forced to surrender to Traz as they launch, just as the Spectral crashes. The force of their launch knocks Bak's blaster into Traz's hands, but despite Traz trying to hold him at gunpoint, the admiral knows that he has lost this fight, as Rebel ships emerge in space over Jakku as the real Battle of Jakku is about to begin.*

(The Ghost Ship)*

***NOTE:** There is a pair of continuity errors in this story, one easily retconned and the other not so much. The order to go to Jakku does not come from Sloane, so Rax must issue it in her name. Moreover, this story calls her Vice Admiral Sloane instead of Grand Admiral Sloane, which appears to just be a mistake on the part of the writer. Based on timing, this would appear to be a new battle at Fondor, not the one seen in *Battlefront II*.

- Rae Sloane witnesses as some of the new child soldiers trained (i.e. brainwashed) by Brendol Hux kill stormtroopers in a test of prowess. Gallius Rax calls together his Shadow Council (Hodnar Borrum, Hux, Grand Moff Randd via hologram, and Yupe Tashu, absent Obdur Ferric, whom Rax has had killed), then gives a speech to all of the Imperial forces gathered at Jakku, building them up for the battle to come. Just as he finishes speaking, as if on cue, the New Republic forces arrive, and the Battle of Jakku begins. At Niima's temple, Norra Wexley, Jas Emari, and Mister Bones are about to leave for the Observatory with the necessary command codes, but Mercurial Swift and his crew arrive. Jas stays behind to distract them, so that Norra and Bones can take a shuttle to the base. As the battle rages above the planet, Temmin Wexley convinces the rest of Phantom Squadron to head down to attack air-to-space defenses to get some clearance to land ground forces. Temmin nearly shoots down Norra's shuttle before Bones recognizes his flying and signals him. Norra sends him away with a promise that they will be a family again soon (presumably with Brentin rescued), while she and Bones continue toward the base. On Chandrila, Sinjir is shocked when Mon Mothma denies his request to join the New Republic forces at Jakku. Instead, she makes him a job offer. She wants him to be her new advisor, replacing the late Hostis Ij. He accepts and is given his first assignment: deliver a basket of fruit (including a pta fruit) as a cheeky apology to Wartol. At Niima's temple on Jakku, Jas convinces the other members of Mercurial Swift's crew (Jeeta, Dengar, and Embo) to give up on the bounty Black Sun's Boss Gyuti has on her head and instead take a higher payday by becoming a crew of Imperial-hunters (similar to Norra's team) for the New Republic. They all agree, except Mercurial, so the others turn on him. He is dumped from their ship as they take off, with Jas now having

hired the others as her own crew. Meanwhile, on Bespin, Lando Calrissian and Lobot lead a Wing Guard contingent to convince one of the last holdouts from Imperial Governor Adelhard's Imperial remnant to give up. Instead, he tries to kill Lando and is shot by the smuggler in the process. With the issue dealt with, Lando can now focus on another conundrum: what to buy for Han Solo and Leia Organa's son, Ben Solo, when he is born soon. On Jakku, Sloane and Brentin are left on a rooftop to watch the battle unfold, but Brentin is able to use his Rebel training to free them from their cuffs so they can catch up to Rax, who is heading back to the Observatory. As they head for the docking bay, they are intercepted by Norra and Bones. With Brentin's help, Sloane is able to convince Norra that she is no longer a threat, no longer in command of the Empire. She reveals that she was just a distraction on Liberation Day, whereas Rax was the puppeteer. Still with serious doubts, Norra accepts Sloane's story, and the odd quartet race off to stop Rax. (To be continued below . . .)

(Empire's End)

- The Corvus emerges from hyperspace amid the Battle of Jakku and makes it way into the atmosphere. Del Meeko and the Corvus crew will help where they can, while Iden Versio (with ID10 replacing an astromech for her X-wing) and Shriv Suurgav will take their X-wings into the battle to also assist. Just as they are about to launch the starfighters, the Corvus takes a hit and spins, tossing the X-wings out of the hangar. Iden and Shriv narrowly manage to regain control of their fighters instead of perishing in fiery crashes. They spot a downed Star Destroyer still sending out TIE bombers to attack New Republic forces nearing Carbon Ridge and land nearby, then infiltrate it and set charges on downed TIEs to blow up the entire ship from the inside. They next head for a group of New Republic soldiers, led by Captain Lindsey, under fire by their crashed ship. They land and use orbital bombardment targeting to take out approaching AT-ATs, so that the soldiers can also head for Carbon Ridge. Once back in the air, they try to return to the Corvus but find it under attack by Admiral Garrick Versio's Star Destroyer and some TIE bombers. After clearing out the bombers, they face a TIE squadron led by Gideon Hask. Iden shoots his TIE Interceptor down, but without being able to look for a body, she cannot be sure he is actually dead. She orders Del Meeko to retreat with the Corvus and heads for the Star Destroyer herself to confront her father . . . (To be continued below . . .)

(Battlefront II)

- Mere days after the first anniversary of the Battle of Endor, the Battle of Jakku has begun, as New Republic and Imperial forces engage in what is to be a decisive battle. During the conflict, Thane Kyrell, Kendy Idele, and others are sent as an infiltration team to capture an Imperial Star Destroyer. The New Republic needs capital ships faster than they can be built, so capturing them from the Imperials is their plan to meet that need. They are sent by General Carlist Rieekan. Thane has yet to take off the ribbon on his arm in memory of Ciena Ree, even though it is four days past the anniversary when he should have removed it. When the Battle of Jakku is over, he intends to take it back to Jelucan, burn it, and spread the ashes in the Fortress, the cave that he and Ciena had made their own. The team makes preparations amid the battle to board and capture the Star Destroyer Inflictor. Unbeknownst to Thane, the Inflictor is commanded by Ciena, alive and mostly recovered from her injuries at the Battle of Endor. She has only been captain for a few weeks, but she leads well. When Thane's team breaches the hull and boards, she is just about to suggest a new strategy of splitting their forces to Grand Moff Randd, but she wonders if he would even listen, as rank so often trumps better ideas in the Empire. Recognizing that her ship is about to be captured, she determines that it must be destroyed. She activates the self-destruct system and orders her crew to repel boarders and evacuate in escape pods that will automatically take them to the nearest Imperial vessel. The expertise of Thane and Kendy from their time in the Imperial Starfleet allows them to shut down the self-destruct, forcing Ciena into an action she once discussed in her Royal Imperial Academy days. She orders all hands to abandon ship (including Nash Windrider and his pilots), then locks herself on the bridge with a code phrase known only to her, so that she can pilot the Inflictor to crash into the surface of Jakku. Death has been something she would welcome for the last year, and she is not afraid to sacrifice herself to do her duty, even if she no longer believes the Empire worthy of her unbreakable oath of loyalty. When she issues her orders over the intercom system, Thane recognizes her voice and her strategy. Now that he knows she is alive, he cannot lose her again. He orders the rest of his team to escape, then heads for the bridge. He is able to open the bridge's locked doors with the phrase Ciena always said when trying to experience life for her lost twin

sister, Wynnet: "Look through my eyes." He tries to convince her to leave with him, but she refuses to do so, holding to her oath and believing, based on Imperial propaganda, that she would be horribly mistreated as a prisoner of war in New Republic hands. She urges him to leave to save himself. She finally attacks him, trying to subdue him and put him into an escape pod against his will. For his part, Thane attempts to subdue her so that they can both get into an escape pod. The fight is brutal, born of love rather than hate, until Thane recovers Ciena's fallen blaster and stuns her. He gets them both into a pod and launches, as the Inflictor crashes into the surface of Jakku. Thane, so often refusing to believe in the Force, finally starts to see how they have constantly been brought back together as maybe an indication that the Force could be real after all. They are met on the surface of Jakku by a New Republic team that has come to rescue Thane, but when he has them tend to Ciena first, she is treated as she must be, as an Imperial officer now in New Republic hands. She is taken immediately into custody. Thane has saved her only to end up delivering her into imprisonment. (To be continued below . . .)

(Lost Stars)

- During the Battle of Jakku, a New Republic team infiltrates the Imperial Interdictor *Glaciate*. Thanks to the size of the team's Ranat member, Musmuris Reetgeet, they are able to disable the ship.

(conjecture based on *On the Front Lines*)

- As Iden Versio and her ID10 droid close in on Admiral Garrick Versio's Star Destroyer in her X-wing, they are shot down. Iden manages to crash onto the Star Destroyer and leap to safety with the droid, then begins a methodical infiltration of the ship itself, taking down stormtroopers in the process. She must reach her father and confront him, ending a search that has gone on for nearly a year now. She finally reaches him on the bridge just before the Eviscerator is heavily damaged by a *Nebulon-B* frigate crashing into it. He refuses to let her take him to safety (and trial for his actions, presumably), but he also does not intend to leave with other Imperials as Gallius Rax expects of him. Instead, he has given his life to the Empire and will die here on its behalf, whether it deserves his loyalty or not. He tells Iden that her unwillingness to be corrupted by the Empire when she saw what it was becoming is what gives her strength and that she must escape and live. Knowing he will not leave, she makes it to an escape pod while trying to reach the *Corvus* via comlink. As the Star Destroyer begins its final descent to crash into the surface of Jakku, she launches the escape pod . . . (To be continued below . . .)

(Battlefront II)

- During the Battle of Jakku, stormtroopers TK-605 and TK-603 see the tide turning against the Empire and question whether to continue fighting. When a superior tries to order them back into battle, TK-605 kills him. Knowing that the Rebel Alliance will be trying to kill Imperials or take them prisoner, TK-605 removes his armor, convincing TK-603 to do so as well. TK-605 reveals his real name to be Corlac, while TK-603 is named Terex. They bury their armor and begin working together to find a way off of Jakku. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Gathering Storm)

- Gallius Rax has returned to the *Imperialis* (well, one of the *Imperialis* vessels) on the way to the Observatory on Jakku, where Armitage Hux, Brendol Hux's son, is waiting with Brendol's brainwashed child soldiers. Rax puts Armitage in command of the child soldiers. Armitage tests his newfound power by having one of the child soldiers attack another. He relishes the power. Above, amid the Battle of Jakku, Admiral Gial Ackbar watches from Home One when the Star Destroyer *Punishment* delivers a kamikaze strike to bring down the New Republic's *Amity*. (Unbeknownst to the New Republic, the Punisher's commanding officer, Groff, has refused to abandon the damaged ship based on Rax's speech and hardline rhetoric.) Doing so, though, opens a path to the Super Star Destroyer *Ravager*. Commodore Kyrsta Agate orders her crew to abandon the *Concord*, then charges in at the *Ravager*. Despite the ship's power, it looks like she won't be able to bring the ship down, until she uses the ship's tractor beam to grab the *Ravager* and drag it down toward Jakku's surface with the *Concord*. Both ships crash and are destroyed, becoming part of what will one day be known as the Graveyard of Giants. Agate dies in the process, but Grand Moff Randd gets away in an escape pod. (To be continued below . . .)

(Empire's End)

- Over Jakku, *Blade Squadron*, led by Lieutenant Gina Moonsong, is among the B-wings attacking the *Ravager* on orders from Admiral Gial Ackbar when the *Concord* brings it down

with its tractor beam. As the Ravager is falling, her ship is damaged by a blast or debris, and she is forced into a crash landing on Jakku. She awakens after brief unconsciousness to find that her survival kit is destroyed and her only weapons are signal flares. (To be continued below . . .)

(Jakku)

- During the Battle of Jakku, as Gallius Rax's imperials deploy AT-ATs to protect their facilities, New Republic A-wing pilot Odavia Anaru, assigned to General Carlist Rieekan's Striking Distance, is shot down and crash lands on the surface. She takes on stormtroopers by herself with only a blaster, and when the AT-ATs start attacking Republic commandos in the distance, she takes a rocket launcher from a downed trooper and blasts Imperial AT-AT Hellhound Two (from the Star Destroyer Interrogator). This leads stormtroopers to her position, and they kill her easily. She will be posthumously granted the Medal of Valor, and the AT-AT she struck down, Hellhound Two, will one day become the home of Rey.

(conjecture based on *On the Front Lines*)

- Below the falling Ravager, Temmin "Snap" Wexley is nearly killed in his X-wing during the crashes of the Ravager and Concord. With Temmin in trouble nearby, Mister Bones abandons the shuttle bearing Rae Sloane, Norra Wexley, and Brentin Wexley to the Observatory. Bones captures an Imperial AT-ST, which he uses to kill Imperials who are converging on Temmin's downed X-wing, ready to brutalize the young man. Once Temmin is saved, though, a New Republic A-wing pair zooms by, not knowing the AT-ST is friendly, and blows it up, destroying Bones. (To be continued below . . .)

(Empire's End)

- Having trudged ten kilometers from her crash site, Lieutenant Gina Moonsong encounters Temmin "Snap" Wexley of Phantom Squadron. Thankfully, he has a DH-17 blaster and a pair of nutritional supplements to help them survive until rescue or finding a way off the surface. (To be continued below . . .)

(Jakku)

- On Chandrila, Sinjir delivers Mon Mothma's snarky gift to Tolwar Wartol, but while they are speaking, Sinjir Rath Velus gets suspicious enough to press Wartol, who tries to shoot him with a hidden blaster. When Sinjir subdues him, Wartol says he is "too late." Conder Kyl emerges from hiding with a blaster to keep Wartol under control, and the senator finally reveals that a plot to assassinate Mon Mothma before she can return to Nakadia again is in motion. Before they can do anything about it, the building housing Mon Mothma's office explodes. Sinjir is ready to kill Wartol, but he has become enough of a changed man that he insists that Wartol be put on trial and put in prison for his actions. He believes Mon Mothma is dead. Meanwhile, in Wild Space aboard the stolen Annihilator, now known as Liberty's Misrule, Eleodie Maracavanya orders the ship's crew to destroy Imperial ships in order to curry favor with the New Republic for the pirate's growing domain. On Jakku, Gallius Rax reaches the Observatory (actually one of many Palpatine set up), which is, like Rax, part of Palpatine's Contingency. In essence, the Contingency is that the current Empire cannot continue without Palpatine. Instead, it must fall, the weak culled, and then something new can rise in its place. There, Rax hands the Imperialis over to Brendol Hux, who is to carry it, Armitage, and the child soldiers to a destination where a new Empire can be built. Another ship, Rax says cryptically, has already been sent ahead to a destination determined by "calculations." Rax and Yupe Tashu then use their handprints to access the interior of the Observatory. An ancient supercomputer lies at the heart of the Observatory. There is a Dark Side presence somewhere outside known space. However, the means of actually reaching that presence were long out of reach because of black holes, gravity wells, and other extreme hazards. No ships could make the journey. Thanks to information provided by Admiral Thrawn (one of the few aliens in the Imperial military, tolerated because of what he knew of the Unknown Regions), many probes send out in that direction, and the Observatory computer's processing and calculating over decades, a safe path has finally been found. Rax is not Force-sensitive, and he does not really believe in whatever Dark Side juju Palpatine said was calling him from out there, but he did believe in Palpatine's Contingency, so he will lead selected elements of the Empire to this new "demesne" to begin anew. They proceed even farther into the Observatory to the Well, an opening down into the core of Jakku. Rax and Tashu carry out a Sith ritual, in which Rax does not believe, then Rax pushes Tashu into the Well. The Dark Side energy of the artifacts Tashu wore and carried do as planned. They begin a chain reaction that will destroy Jakku and, in doing so, wipe out both the New

Republic fleet and any Imperial ships that Rax has not provided with the coordinates for their escape into the Unknown Regions. As he prepares to join Hux on the *Imperialis*, Norra, Sloane, and Brentin arrive. As Norra and Brentin stay behind to try to close the Well and stop the planet's destruction, Sloane (with Norra's grudging consent), heads after Rax. Sloane fights Rax, but when he gets the upper hand and starts causing her to cry out in pain, Norra rushes to her aid at Brentin's urging that someone needs to help her. Rax gets the drop on Norra, though, leaving Brentin to rush to her aid, leaping onto Rax as he fires a blaster shot that strikes Brentin instead. Norra attacks Rax, turning the blaster on him and firing. Both Norra and Brentin are injured, but Rax still manages to slink away, also injured. When Sloane is ready to give chase, Norra slides the blaster to her former nemesis. On Chandrila, Leia and Sinjir race to where Mon Mothma's office was bombed, only to find that she is alive. She had taken Sinjir's advice to buy a baby gift for Leia's expected child herself, rather than having Sinjir do it. That saved her life, though her advisor, Auxi Kray Korbin, was killed in the blast. She has news also. She needs both Sinjir and Leia as advisors at her side because Mas Amedda has just arrived, offering to sign a cease-fire and formally have the Empire surrender to the New Republic. Back on Jakku, a dying Rax implores Sloane to now serve the Contingency. He tells her of the *Imperialis*, their journey, and the ship he sent out first, which Sloane realizes is the *Eclipse*, the Super Star Destroyer she was never able to account for. He says he is unworthy but insists that she go where he cannot and start the Empire over again. Rax dies, and Sloane rejoins Norra. Brentin has died of his wound. Sloane tells Norra to escape and find Temmin, while she stays behind to try to stop the destruction of Jakku. As Norra tries to figure out where to even try to go, Jas and her crew arrive, providing her way to escape the Observatory. Sloane manages to stop Jakku from being destroyed. (To be continued below . . .)

(Empire's End)

- During the Battle of Jakku, an Imperial soldier is a gunner on a Star Destroyer for the first time. When the Star Destroyer starts to be pulled down to its doom in the planet's gravity well, he falls. From his prone position, he looks out at the space battle through the viewport, and between him and the viewport is a hologram playing a wanted notification for Luke Skywalker. In his distressed mind, the hologram and the battle seem to merge into a single vision of Luke striding amid the stars, wiping out Imperial ships with godlike powers. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Legends of Luke Skywalker)

- After a brief evening of rest for Temmin "Snap" Wexley while Lieutenant Gina Moonsong keeps watch, Gina ignores her own need for sleep and has them set out again on foot. They discuss their worries about their loved ones still in the battle, and Temmin learns that Gina actually flew at the Battle of Endor, just like his mother, Norra Wexley, whom he is worried about. They are discovered by the New Republic's Third Recon Group's Sergeant Agarne. The Third Recon Group is there under Major Ranz to take out an Imperial supply convoy on its way to reinforce Golga Station. Unfortunately, this means that even if one could get through the interference to signal the ships in orbit, they are under radio silence. Gina and Temmin join their mission and assault an ITT with them, which lets Gina use its communications dish once Temmin fixes it. Temmin is then injured by shrapnel from an explosion. Amid the fighting, they are nearly done for and being targeted by incoming TIE fighters when Blade Squadron B-wings, led by Gina's lover, Braylen Stramm, wipe out the TIEs. In the wake of the life-saving intervention by Blade Squadron, Gina introduces Braylen and Temmin, and they are all quite ready to go home.

(Jakku)

- Del Meeko and Shriv Suurgav finally find Iden Versio's escape pod and rescue both her and their ID10 droid. The Battle of Jakku is over, and the New Republic has won. The war is, in essence, over. Iden and Del share a kiss as they look out over the scarred landscape that will one day be the "Graveyard of Giants." (To be continued below . . .)

(Battlefront II)

- With Gallius Rax's death, things begin to draw to a close in small doses. Mas Amedda reveals Rax's activities as best as he knows them. The Empire formally surrenders in a ceremony in the crystal cliffs north of Hanna City on Chandrila. Mon Mothma is accompanied by Sinjir and new advisor Sondiv Sella, as she and Amedda sign the Galactic Concordance, which agrees to an end to fighting on behalf of the Empire and the immediate dissolution of the Imperial government. All still living Imperial officials are to be considered war criminals.

Non-combatant Imperials are given conditional pardons, as long as they adhere to the Concordance. Amedda is considered a lackey of more powerful Imperials and given a provisional and powerless government on Coruscant with New Republic overseers. The Battle of Jakku will continue for months, as Imperial holdouts, fanatical from Rax's leadership, refuse to surrender. However, many of the Empire's best captains and ships vanish to parts unknown. It is assumed to be tantamount to suicide, rather than the prelude to a new Empire elsewhere. Niima the Hutt emerges to lead a new black market for junk and debris from the battle before it even ends. On Akiva, Norra and Temmin hold a funeral for Brentin and leave one of Mister Bones' arms with the body. Jas is able to get Dengar, Embo, and Jeeta full pardons, and they continue as her crew. She tries to share the good news with Jom Barell, only to learn that he died on Jakku, umping into the line of fire when the U-wing he was on was about to be shot down, saving the lives of his comrades. Celebrations erupt across the galaxy without the Empire trying to stop the celebrations this time. The holiday of Liberation Day is changed into a seven-day Festival of Liberation. On the very day of the signing of the Galactic Concordance, Leia rushes away after the signing of the Instruments of Surrender to give birth to her child with Han, little Ben Solo, named for Obi-Wan "Ben" Kenobi. Some say that Luke Skywalker put in an appearance and then left again on his own mission. Others say he was never there at all. Chewbacca, having found his own family on Kashyyyk, is not present for the birth. (To be continued below . . .)

(Empire's End)

- Ciena Ree is held by New Republic authorities, but she is not mistreated. She initially refuses to see Thane Kyrell when he tries to visit her, but she relents after one week, only to find that he has been sent out on a mission. Later, after he has returned, he comes to visit her, and she allows him to do so. He will not apologize for saving her life, and she finds that it is too early to tell whether she is glad to still be alive or not. She recognizes that the Empire laid the perfect trap for someone like her, for whom a dedication to honor could turn a good person into a war criminal. For his part, Thane's new openness to believing in the Force has given way to renewed cynicism with her arrest. She does not intend to become a traitor to the Empire and divulge information, nor to be given a chance at a deal. Thane believes that there are too many former Imperial officers to imprison everyone and that Ciena's skills, along with her having friends like him in high places, could make all the difference in her getting out of prison. Either way, he intends to wait for her, just as she would wait for him if their situations were reversed. Love demands no less. (To be continued below . . .)

(Lost Stars)

- On Jakku one week after the Battle of Jakku, the Imperial gunner who saw a "vision" of a terrifying Luke Skywalker wiping out enemy ships during the battle awakens to find that he is being dragged on a makeshift stretcher. He has been saved from his wrecked Star Destroyer by Luke himself (or at least he thinks it is Luke). The gunner was the only Imperial "Luke" has found alive to help. Even when the man tries to escape, "Luke" helps him again and continues on their journey to get him medical assistance. Thankfully, "Luke" grew up on a desert world, so he knows how to survive in such an environment. "Luke" has heard of an Imperial base nearby (probably that of the late Gallius Rax), so "Luke" will take him there. They find it devastated with no help to be found. "Luke" assists scavengers there to safety, and they give him small tokens of their appreciation, including a compass from a case marked "Pillio" and a more intricate droid hand than the one "Luke" now has. He then leaves the Imperial with a signaling device that will draw other Imperials to save him. With that done, "Luke" leaves, and when the Imperials asks if he is really Luke Skywalker, he replies, "We're all Luke Skywalker." The Imperial uses the signaling device and is retrieved and taken to a hospital ship. He is questioned repeatedly and told that the real Luke was nowhere near Jakku at that time, so he must be lying. He begins to realize that his own side are monsters and villains, not heroes, and that Luke's side are the actual heroes. He is kicked out of the Imperial Navy, after which he returns to Jakku and makes a home for himself in the remains of a crashed TIE fighter, knowing that the real Luke is still out there fighting for others. (To be continued below . . .)*

(The Legends of Luke Skywalker)*

*NOTE: It is unclear whether this was actually Luke in the story. It would seem to give a contradictory origin for the compass Luke acquires on Pillio himself, unless this is a second compass, perhaps one that works with the other somehow.

- Weeks after the signing of the Galactic Concordance and the official end to the Galactic Civil War, Norra Wexley, Sinjir Rath Velus, Conder Kyl, Temmin "Snap" Wexley, and Jas Emari

meet again, perhaps for the last time as a team of any kind. They drink to those they lost along the way. Temmin's nickname, "Snap," has stuck. He is even trying to grow a beard now (albeit without a lot of luck). He will be attending a new flight academy on Hosnian Prime, and Norra will be going as well to teach. Wedge Antilles, with whom Norra had been romantically involved briefly when Brentin Wexley was thought dead, will be head instructor, and Norra has been spending more time with him again. Sinjir will continue as an advisor to Mon Mothma. Jas and her new crew (Dengar, Jeeta, and Embo) will be able to take jobs to eventually pay off Jas' debts. They finally say their goodbyes and prepare to go their separate ways. (To be continued below . . .)

(Empire's End)

- *By this time, the uprising in the Anoat System has freed Bespin (and possibly the entire system) from Imperial control.*
(conjecture based on *Last Shot*)
- *Around this time, Lando Calrissian starts a business known as Calrissian Enterprises, which he runs from Cloud City. (It is a droid-production start-up, though it actually began as another company that Lando simply purchased, Vylar Tech.)*
(conjecture based on *Last Shot*)
- *Arliz Hadrassian's brother, a former Royal Guard, is among the Imperials killed at the Battle of Jakku.*
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)
- *Art prodigy and Palpatine admirer (i.e. fanatic) Venthan Chassu flees known space during the Battle of Jakku. He was a rising star in COMPNOR's SAGroup and may well have disappeared to become part of what will become the First Order.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)
- *Among the child soldiers recruited by Brendol Hux from Jakku is Archex (later CV-0922 and then Captain Cardinal), a child handpicked by Brendol. Archex smuggles a happabore carving with him as they leave. His mother had said that his father had carved it when she was pregnant with him. It will remain in his possession until his fateful encounter with Vi Moradi.*
(conjecture based on *Phasma*)
- *Tiras Or'un's family is killed during the Battle of Jakku. The 11-year-old Tiras seeks out a nomad camp to survive. He will learn to salvage junk for Niima Outpost and eventually begin working for the Strus Clan.*
(conjecture based on *The Force Awakens: Beginner Game: Tiras Character Folio*)
- *During the Battle of Jakku, the Starlight Wanderer, a New Republic corvette under Captain Telanasi, manages to intercept vital data from the Imperial Star Destroyer Eradicator, including the locations of several Imperial outposts, research stations, and shipyards that are hidden in the galactic fringes, unknown to all but the highest levels of the Imperial military. Before the ship can get the data away from the planet safely, it is shot down during the battle, becoming just another wreck in the wake of the conflict.*
(conjecture based on *Discovery on Jakku*)
- *In the era after the signing of the Galactic Concordance, the New Republic Senate passes the Military Disarmament Act. Designed to help promote peace and diplomacy over armed conflict in the wake of the Galactic Civil War, it will leave the New Republic unprepared for the eventual rise of the First Order.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars: The Visual Encyclopedia*)
- *The planet Warlentta refuses to join the New Republic and sees its disarmament as shortsighted. One of the loudest opponents of this move (which really doesn't affect Warlentta as an independent system) is the father of Larra D'Acy. The planet's choice and the protests of D'Acy will stick with Leia Organa in the decades to come, until she eventually recruits D'Acy's daughter into the Resistance (once created).*
(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi Visual Dictionary*)
- *One month after the Battle of Jakku, a treaty binds the Empire to specific territory, and while open fighting may finally be over, the New Republic Starfleet will remain on a war footing for the foreseeable future, despite Mon Mothma's original plans against doing so. Nash Windrider is now commander of the Imperial attack cruiser Garrote, readying his troops for the next state of the war. New TIE fighters with advancements created by his former Academy roommate Ved Foslo will be part of the renewed Imperial efforts. Thane Kyrell's brother, Dalven Kyrell, now serves under Nash, and Nash has kept Thane's survival after his*

supposed suicide years earlier from Dalven. Nash is nominating Ciena Ree, whom he believes died at the Battle of Jakku, for the Distinguished Medal of Imperial Honor. Nash's ship is among many in the secluded Queluhan Nebula, working under a reestablished chain of command. The Empire will strike back and, he believes, rise again. When that happens, Nash will see Ciena avenged.

(Lost Stars)

- After months of following the course devised by the supercomputer at the Jakku Observatory, Rae Sloane, Brendol Hux, Armitage Hux, and their child soldiers arrive in the Unknown Regions, where they join the Eclipse and other newly-arrived Imperial ships. She orders Brendol to teach Armitage all he knows (and basically not to continue being an abusive father). As for Rae Sloane, she is Grand Admiral Sloane again, now the leader of this remnant of the Empire, which, as the Emperor's Contingency planned, will one day become the First Order, based on Sloane's own first order "to start over . . . to begin again. And to get it right, this time."

(Empire's End)

- In the wake of the Battle of Jakku, the "Graveyard of Giants" on Jakku, a wasteland filled with crashed starships from the battle, becomes a prime target for scavengers. The first to take full advantage of this is Niima the Hutt, who establishes Niima Outpost. She will run the outpost until killed by a bounty hunter (presumably hired by Unkar Plutt), at which time Unkar will take over.

(conjecture based on *The Force Awakens Visual Dictionary*)

- In the wake of the Battle of Jakku, Musmuris Reetgeet records his thoughts on the taking of the Glaciate and the battle as a whole. That testimony will find its way into a book on major battles of the last 70 years (or so) in the wake of the Battle of Starkiller Base.

(conjecture based on *On the Front Lines*)

- When the first colonists settle around Niima Outpost, CZ-1G5 enters service at Niima Outpost.

(conjecture based on *High Noon on Jakku*)

- While together with their newborn son, Ben Solo, Leia Organa and Han Solo discuss how Han would never have seen himself as a father in the past. When Leia suggests that he could one day be a grandfather, he remarks that he will never be that old. (To be continued below . . .)

(Bloodline)

- Around this time, Ransolm Casterfo is adopted, ending a year of fighting to survive as an orphan on Riosa.

(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)

- Sometime in this early post-Endor era, Janyor of Bith becomes the Propaganda Bureau Chief for the New Republic, having previously served as a propaganda artist for the Republic, Separatists, Empire (briefly), and Rebel Alliance.

(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)

- Sometime soon after the signing of the Galactic Concordance, New Republic forces arrive in the Velcar sector to spread the word of the treaty and counter the lies of Governor Ecessys that claim Palpatine is still alive. Ecessys, however, has stolen the riches of hundreds of worlds in the sector and escaped to the Western Reaches already.

(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)

- In the wake of the Battle of Jakku and the signing of the Galactic Concordance, former Imperial Governor Callidona Vens of the Spivra Sector is so eager to show her allegiance to the New Republic and separation from the Empire that she cracks down overzealously against any pro-Imperial holdouts. Her methods become so extreme that New Republic inspectors must step in to calm the situation before it can derail the process of reconciliation and reconstruction.

(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)

- Slayn & Korpil's MG-100 StarFortress bomber sees reduced production in the wake of the Galactic Concordance and the beginning of an era of peace.

(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi Visual Dictionary*)

- In this era of peace and demilitarization, the Mon Calamari MC85 Dawn of Tranquility is among the ships removed from active New Republic Home Fleet service.*

(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi: Incredible Cross-Sections*)*

*NOTE: This could come later but seems to make sense to have been part of the general demilitarization of this

era.

- *In this era of peace and demilitarization, Kuat Drive Yards begins producing the Nebulon-C medical frigate to act in a similar role to the Nebulon-B frigates that had been created for the Imperial Navy (and then were often found in Rebel Alliance fleets).*
(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi: Incredible Cross-Sections*)
- *On Lothal, at the old communications tower that Ezra Bridger once called home, Sabine Wren reminisces about all that has happened since the liberation of Lothal by the Ghost crew and their allies. The attack they expected to retake the planet for the Empire never came. The Empire had begun to fracture, and the Rebellion has become bold. With the Battle of Endor, Emperor Sheev Palpatine's reign came to an end. Now, as a ship arrives, she races to meet it, as Loth-wolves run alongside her. She used to think that the trust Ezra Bridger placed in her was for her was to continue protecting Lothal, but one day she realized that there was more to it. She was meant to someday find him. The new arrival emerges from her ship. It is Ahsoka Tano. Now, it is up to Sabine and Ahsoka to seek out Ezra. He is out there somewhere, and it is time to bring him home . . .*

(Family Reunion - and Farewell)

Aftermath Trilogy [continued] (novel trilogy: Chuck Wendig)

Empire's End [continued] (novel: Chuck Wendig)

Part Four

Interlude: Devaron

Chapters 25 - 26

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Battlefront II [continued] (video game: DICE)

Campaign [continued]

Main Story [continued]

Cache Grab

Star Wars Adventures [continued] (comic series: Landry Q. Walker & Cavan Scott & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Alan Tudyk & Shannon Eric Denton & Scott Beatty & Ben Acker & Ben Blacker & Delilah S. Dawson & Shaun Manning & Sholly Fisch & Paul Crilley & John Barber & Nick Brokenshire & Scott Peterson & John Jackson Miller)

Star Wars Adventures [continued] (comic series: Cavan Scott & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Alan Tudyk & Shannon Eric Denton & Scott Beatty & Ben Acker & Ben Blacker & Delilah S. Dawson & Shaun Manning & Sholly Fisch & Paul Crilley & Otis Frampton & John Barber & Nick Brokenshire & Scott Peterson & John Jackson Miller)

The Ghost Ship (comic series: Scott Beatty)

There and Then (comic: Scott Beatty)

Lost Shepherd (comic: Scott Beatty)

Gravity Matters (comic: Scott Beatty)

Aftermath Trilogy [continued] (novel trilogy: Chuck Wendig)

Empire's End [continued] (novel: Chuck Wendig)

Part Four [continued]

Chapter 26 [continued]

Chapters 27 - 30

Interlude: Cloud City, Beshin

Chapter 31

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Battlefront II [continued] (video game: DICE)

Campaign [continued]

Main Story [continued]

The Battle of Jakku

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Chapters 27 – 28

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Battlefront II [continued] (video game: DICE)

Campaign [continued]

Main Story [continued]

Until Ashes

Poe Dameron (comic series: Charles Soule & Chris Eliopoulos & Robert Thompson)

The Gathering Storm [flashback] (comic series: Charles Soule)

The Gathering Storm, Part I [flashback] (comic: Charles Soule)

Aftermath Trilogy [continued] (novel trilogy: Chuck Wendig)

Empire's End [continued] (novel: Chuck Wendig)

Part Five [continued]

Chapters 32 - 33

Blade Squadron [continued] (SWI short stories: David J. Williams & Mark S. Williams)

Jakku (SWI172 short story: David J. Williams & Mark S. Williams)

Aftermath Trilogy [continued] (novel trilogy: Chuck Wendig)

Empire's End [continued] (novel: Chuck Wendig)

Part Five [continued]

Chapter 33 [continued]

Blade Squadron [continued] (SWI short stories: David J. Williams & Mark S. Williams)

Jakku [continued] (SWI172 short story: David J. Williams & Mark S. Williams)

Aftermath Trilogy [continued] (novel trilogy: Chuck Wendig)

Empire's End [continued] (novel: Chuck Wendig)

Part Five [continued]

Chapter 34

Interlude: *Liberty's Misrule*

Chapters 35 - 37

The Legends of Luke Skywalker (youth novel: Ken Liu)

The Legends of Luke Skywalker (youth novel: Ken Liu)

The Starship Graveyard

Blade Squadron [continued] (SWI short stories: David J. Williams & Mark S. Williams)

Jakku [continued] (SWI172 short story: David J. Williams & Mark S. Williams)

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Battlefront II [continued] (video game: DICE)

Campaign [continued]

Main Story [continued]

Until Ashes [continued]

Aftermath Trilogy [continued] (novel trilogy: Chuck Wendig)

Empire's End [continued] (novel: Chuck Wendig)

Part Five [continued]

Chapter 38

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Chapter 29

The Legends of Luke Skywalker [continued] (youth novel: Ken Liu)

The Legends of Luke Skywalker [continued] (youth novel: Ken Liu)

The Starship Graveyard [continued]

Aftermath Trilogy [continued] (novel trilogy: Chuck Wendig)

Empire's End [continued] (novel: Chuck Wendig)

Part Five [continued]

Chapter 38 [continued]

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Lost Stars [continued] (youth novel: Claudia Gray)

Chapter 29 [continued]

Aftermath Trilogy [continued] (novel trilogy: Chuck Wendig)

Empire's End [continued] (novel: Chuck Wendig)

Epilogue: The Unknown Regions

Bloodline [flashback] (novel: Claudia Gray)

Bloodline [flashback] (novel: Claudia Gray)

Chapters 1 [flashback]

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)

Rebels [continued] (cartoon series: Dave Filoni & Simon Kinberg & Greg Weisman & Kevin

Hopps & Henry Gilroy & Charles Murray & Matt Michnovetz & Steven Melching & Bill Wolkoff & Gary Whitta & Nicole Dubuc & Brent Friedman & Christopher Yost)
 Family Reunion - and Farewell [continued] (cartoon: Dave Filoni & Henry Gilroy & Kiri Hart & Simon Kinberg & Steven Melching)

5 – 28 ABY

- *In the decades following the Battle of Jakku, a hardline element in the “rump state” of the old Empire, along with worlds desiring a more authoritarian rule than the New Republic provides, forms into the so-called “First Order” and begins amassing military might to strike out at the New Republic when the time is right.*

(conjecture based on *Lost Stars*, *The Force Awakens Visual Dictionary*, *The Force Awakens* junior novelization)

- *As the First Order forms, it changes the Empire’s traditional stormtrooper training to include guerrilla tactics and counter-insurgency, based on a new need to regain power rather than maintaining power.**

(conjecture based on *The Force Awakens: The Official Visual Story Guide*)*

*NOTE: This source is of questionable canon status, as parts of it have been debunked by Pablo Hidalgo on Twitter, even though it is an official publication. Since this bit tends to be supported by other sources, I’m keeping this entry for now.

- *As the First Order forms, it is armed by its own manufacturing corporation that is spun-off from BlasTech Industries and Merr-Sonn Munitions.**

(conjecture based on *The Force Awakens: The Official Visual Story Guide*)*

*NOTE: This source is of questionable canon status, as parts of it have been debunked by Pablo Hidalgo on Twitter, even though it is an official publication. Since this bit tends to be supported by other sources, I’m keeping this entry for now.

- *At some point in this era (quite a bit prior to 28 ABY), Gannis Ducain steals the Millennium Falcon from Han Solo. (Chewbacca may already be settled on Kashyyyk by this point.) Han is left to make do with other ships. As Leia Organa, his wife, works as a Senator for the New Republic, Han runs teams for the Five Sabers racing circuit. He will continue to search for the Millennium Falcon for years to come, while it is stolen from Ducain by the Irving Boys, then from the Irving Boys by Unkar Plutt. The ship will eventually come to rest outside of Niima Outpost on Jakku under Plutt’s ownership, not flying for years.*

(conjecture based on *The Force Awakens Visual Dictionary*, *The Force Awakens*, and *Bloodline*)

- *As the First Order grows from the remnants of the Empire under the guidance of Shreev Palpatine’s Contingency, leadership passes from Rae Sloane to (at least at some point) political fanatic Ormes Apolin. However, the First Order is unprepared for the dangers of the Unknown Regions where Palpatine planned for them to forge a new Empire from the ashes of the old. Fortunately for them, they find an ally in the form of Snoke, who holds great knowledge from the same long-abandoned, half-legendary star systems where the galaxy’s knowledge of the Force first came from millennia ago. Snoke helps to save the First Order from annihilation and thus becomes the First Order’s new Supreme Leader.*

(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi* novelization)

5 – 28 ABY (Luke Skywalker’s Search for Jedi Teachings)*

*NOTE: Stories from Luke’s wanderings in search of Jedi teachings and the formation of his new Jedi Training Temple tend to take place in indefinite time frames. There are a few that are actually pinned down to a specific year, but most are *extremely* vague in their timing. Thus, rather than just making things up as I go along and putting them into random years just to have a place for them, I have chosen to place these stories and events into this broad range entry, at least until we have any better information on them. (If you want to blame someone for the need for a section like this, blame those who continue to write and/or approve stories for the Story Group’s new Canon that aren’t even remotely pinned down chronologically.)

- *Deek-Deek the wind-truster is born on Lew’el.**

(conjecture based on *The Legends of Luke Skywalker*)*

*NOTE: This is three years before the *Fishing in the Deluge* segment of *The Legends of Luke Skywalker*. As such, we have no concrete dating other than placement relative to that story.

- *Coni-Co the wind-truster is born on Lew’el.**

(conjecture based on *The Legends of Luke Skywalker*)*

*NOTE: This is two years before the *Fishing in the Deluge* segment of *The Legends of Luke Skywalker*. As such, we have no concrete dating other than placement relative to that story.

- *After playing cat and mouse for a bit with Imperial patrols, pilot (and future cook) Dwoogan stops on Xu’hu for some rest and relaxation. At the local watering hole, the Dande Donjon, he*

gets a drink and ends up in a conversation with others about the veracity (or lack thereof) of most of the stories told about the Battle of Yavin and various heroes of the Rebel Alliance up through at least the Battle of Jakku. Most of the talking is done by Redy, who is a conspiracy theorist, claiming that the main heroes of the Rebellion were all just propaganda stories built around much less heroic people, since “no one” could actually pull off the heroics they did. Unbeknownst to them, one of the peripheral members of the crowd, who is interested in hearing these tall tales, is actually Luke Skywalker himself. After the storytelling ends, Luke’s questions throughout prompt Dwoogan to ask him if he knows any of the truth of Redy’s stories. Luke answers in the affirmative, and Dwoogan asks why he didn’t correct the record. Luke replies that to do so would be giving in to the fear that one’s reputation was what mattered, rather than one’s deeds and their impact. (To be continued below . . .)*

(The Legends of Luke Skywalker)*

*NOTE: We do not know when this actually takes place, other than that Luke is traveling on his own, and the Battle of Jakku has already happened, yet Imperial patrols are still an issue in systems near Xu’hu.

- On the planet, Lew’el, two young twin Lew’elans, Aya-Glon and Tonn-Glon (both age 12), fly atop their X-wing-esque wind-truster creatures (Deek-Deek and Coni-Co, respectively) over the island of Ulon Atur while fishing. They do so by trusting to the currents of the Tide (their society’s understanding of the Force). Aya captures a massive marlin, large enough that they must send Tonn for help to bring it back. When a storm sweeps in before Tonn can return, Aya is forced to let it go. As she tries to fly back on Deek-Deek in the storm, the wind-truster is struck by lightning and killed, leaving Aya to fall to her apparent doom. She is saved, though, by the timely arrival of another X-wing. Luke Skywalker has come to Lew’el upon hearing stories about the people there and their relationship with the Tide. He wants to learn from them, and he has arrived just in time to save Aya. Her grandmother, Elder Kailla-Glon-Vow, is grateful for his act of heroism, but will not share their teachings. (Luke explains that he wants no reward but was just in the right place at the right time. He did come to learn from them, though, if they are willing. They are not.) They call Luke “Seeker,” intending to let him feast with them that night and then leave in the morning. He tells Aya and Tonn stories of the Jedi and the Force. Kailla explains that the Lew’elans don’t see a Light Side or Dark Side, just the Tide. One must flow with it, for to try to use the Tide is to pervert it. She still refuses to teach Luke, but he offers to prove himself through the same tests that the locals give to their children, wherein the children prove themselves to be free from the desire to master the Tide before learning about it. She sees this as him humbling himself and is willing to give him that chance. He undertakes the “cloud walking” trial, traveling across an underwater mountain by only drawing air from specific “bubble clouds” where it escapes from underground. He uses an innovative technique instead, gathering the bubbles for buoyancy and zipping along the path, only using one to actually get air when necessary. His next task is to travel a long journey on a wind-truster. Aya teaches him, flying as a guide. She takes Kailla’s own Tigo-Lee mount, while Luke takes Coni-Co. They must fly around the planet, including through the Doldrums, some of the most dangerous paths they could travel, due to fluctuating air currents that can disappear and leave them falling. After a full month of being constantly in the air, they reach the Doldrums. There, aside from the dangers, he must also face a third challenge: to catch a golden marlin that will only surface in the Doldrums. To do so, he must use an exceptionally long pole to strike from above. (He will use this training later without a wind-truster on Ahch-To.) Aya convinces him to essentially let go and trust the Force, similar to how Obi-Wan Kenobi’s spirit told him to at the Battle of Yavin. He nearly succeeds, but he has to let it go. He returns, having failed the third trial, but he tells Kailla that he has learned great lessons: to accept that both sides of the Force are still the same Force; to accept that the will of the Force is greater than that of any individual; and that to yield to the Force is not to surrender but to dissolve the ego into the grand web that connects all life. Kailla tells him that he will now always be welcome on Lew’el. As Luke prepares to leave, Aya tells him of her own desire to one day leave Lew’el and help restore balance as Luke is trying to do. They part ways, as Luke returns to his ongoing search for Force teachings. (To be continued below . . .)*

(The Legends of Luke Skywalker)*

*NOTE: When this takes place is (as usual with stories of Luke’s travels post-ROTJ) rather vague. *The Legends of Luke Skywalker* suggests that “Flux” the stowaway might actually be Aya-Glon from Lew’el. In the “present” of TLOLS (which *might* be during TLJ), “Flux” is said to be a few years older than Teal, who is 15 in the story. During the flashback tale, *Fishing in the Deluge*, we learn that Aya-Glon was 12 during that tale. If “Flux” is Aya-Glon, then she is perhaps around 18 in TLOLS, which would put *Fishing in the Deluge* around 28 ABY, give or take. However, by that time, Ben Solo should have been traveling with Luke, as noted in *Bloodline*. We can

assume that the “few years” by which “Flux” is older than Teal might make her 20 years old, which would put the flashback story in 26 ABY or so, but since we don’t know exactly when Ben leaves to train with Luke, that still might not make sense. I have to assume that either “Flux” is Aya-Glon, but Ken Liu didn’t do the math to determine whether that would make sense, or “Flux” is not Aya-Glon, just another girl from Lew’el who is telling Aya-Glon’s story. I figure it’s the latter, as it is the one that makes the most sense and makes my head hurt the least.

- “Zeta,” a Z7 construction droid made by Structgalactis, Inc., is part of a crew building a new settlement on Cro-Akon. Zeta is a bit of a free-thinker as droids go, coming up with ideas for new projects, which is a trait other droids find either amusing (like Z5-TXT) or annoying (like D-LKS). When “droid slavers” (thieves intending to steal droids for their own uses) raid the settlement, Zeta saves Z5-TXT by giving her a power cell, but it results in his own capture by slaver Captain U’rum. Captured droids are taken by U’rum to a space station known as the Gem, which orbits the uninhabitable planet known as “the Deep” in the Unknown Regions. The Gem is operated by Lord Kluleyeye and Lady Eekee, who are buying droids from U’rum to send into acidic mines, where they must constantly replace droids due to the harsh conditions. When the droids hear of their likely fate in the mines, a blue and white astromech reacts rebelliously in his cage. (Unbeknownst to Zeta, this is Luke Skywalker’s droid, R2-D2.) The droids learn that the Gem is a place of numerous riches due to a unique mineraloid found nowhere else in the galaxy, which allows the inhabitants of the Gem to trade a few times a year to receive untold riches in return for small amounts of the mined mineraloid. Zeta is made into an overseer, required to keep other droids in line, and has no choice in the matter due to an override chip. The next time a shipment of droids arrives and is sent to the mines, it includes a strange protocol droid that actually asked U’rum for a job while at a tavern on Teriq Noi. The protocol droid requests a protective suit from Zeta and receives one, ostensibly to maintain the droid’s longevity in the mines. The “droid” is soon revealed to be Luke in disguise, seeking to save R2-D2. He inspires a droid revolt and keeps the other droids from destroying Zeta by disabling the override chip. Once Zeta explains how parity gates work in the chips to Luke, he is able to use the Force to trip the circuit in all of the other enforcers droids, allowing them to escape. The droids return to the Gem with Luke leading them. He subdues the Gem’s leadership and takes them to the authorities for a trial, while also returning the droids to other worlds, all in U’rum’s own ship. To Zeta, Luke is a hero who once freed thousands of (droid) slaves on a forgotten world. He is not just a great man but, at least partly, a great droid. (To be continued below . . .)*

(The Legends of Luke Skywalker)*

*NOTE: We do not know when this actually takes place, other than that Luke is traveling on his own to rescue R2-D2.

- A female biologist, still a student (either at the University of Bar’leth or who will later work there), begins a three week stretch on Agoliba-Ado in the Agoliba-Tu system, seeking to determine whether life had emerged on Agoliba-Ado and then colonized the planet Agoliba-Ena (which is separated from the planet only by an asteroid belt), or vice versa, or perhaps that both developed life independently.*

(conjecture based on *The Legends of Luke Skywalker*)*

*NOTE: This is three years before the *Big Inside* tale in TLOLS, whenever that might be.

- Having finished a three-week study on Agoliba-Ado in the Agoliba-Tu system, a female university student (a biologist) is ready to move on across the system’s asteroid belt to study on Agoliba-Ena. To do this, she has to rely on the kindness of passing strangers, so she sets up her universal beacon to ask for a ride. She is picked up by Luke Skywalker, who is traveling in an A-wing that he modified himself to accommodate passengers during his long fights across the galaxy while seeking Jedi teachings. They spot a sort of space fireflies and follow, since the biologist is interested in them. They land on an asteroid to explore the cave into which the fireflies disappear. They discover a barrier with writing on it that Luke can’t quite decipher. It is only when the ground shifts on them and the “cave” closes that Luke realizes that they have just willingly walked into the throat of an Exogorth (AKA a “space slug”). They need to find a way to escape, but since the Exogorth can go years or decades without eating, they cannot just wait for it to open its mouth to eat again. As they seek another exit, Luke looks for more of the strange writing, and the biologist gets a chance to unintentionally become an expert on exogorths with the closest first-hand study ever conducted (if they can get out alive to tell about it). They find a wrecked, partially-digested ship, upon which Luke sees similar writing. It seems that someone else was drawn in by the “fireflies” years (perhaps millennia) before, but they do not appear to have escaped (or, if they did, they didn’t do so in their own ship). Luke protects them as they are attacked by small

creatures in the giant beast, though he tries his best not to kill them, since they are life after all. The biologist talks to him a bit about how a humanoid's body systems also have various other lifeforms inside them to help them live. They make it past the stomach and find fungus to eat. (Luke was once a moisture farmer, so he can get plenty of water out of their surroundings, though one might not want to ask from where.) They soon lose track of time, but they do find various growing messages as they go along, including some lovely artistic expressions in similar forms. They finally reach a "cavern" in which they find an altar-like structure of stacked rocks, upon which there are three life-sized sculptures of one human and two members of an insectoid species, all in Jedi-esque robes. There are no signs of erosion, suggesting something unusual here. They sleep near the statues that night, and Luke realizes that he can hear the statues somehow through the Force. He collapses, gasping, with a look of wonder, as the "statues" connect with him and explain who and what they are. It seems that in the much, much younger days of the galaxy, three Force-using beings known as "master weavers of the Luminous Mist" (Shareen, Awgk, and Wkk'e) traveled the galaxy in search of new wonders. These three Mist-Weavers fell into the "fireflies" trap and found themselves in the Exogorth. Following the example of Wkk'e's species, which goes through a larval stage to an adult stage by changing within a cocoon while "dreaming the Long Dream," they use the Force to essentially turn themselves into these statues by building "cocoon" out of the Luminous Mist (the Force itself). This allowed them to stretch a single lifetime into thousands. When Luke arrived, they sensed him as a "bright Mist Heart" and took to considering him as "Bright-Heart" in their own Force communications with each other. Shareen has sensed a rot in the Mist (the Force) due to the Dark Side that has corrupted it. In seeking to serve the Force and heal the galaxy, Luke is trying to restore the beauty of the Mist. The three Mist-Weavers resolve to help Luke to escape and continue on his mission. They communicate this to Luke, but to let the Mist-Weavers save himself and the biologist, he will have to slice open their cocoons with his lightsaber, which will kill them. They discuss this, but the Mist-Weavers are ready to go to the "Mist-Beyond" (dying and returning to the Force). Luke does as instructed, and there is a great, blinding flash. He and the biologist awaken on the rim of a crater. The Exogorth is gone, but the A-wing is intact. Luke takes the biologist to Agoliba-Ena to continue her studies, then leaves to continue his own search for knowledge. The biologist might very well become an expert in exogorths, and Luke has seen another view of the Force. (To be continued below . . .)*

(The Legends of Luke Skywalker)*

*NOTE: We do not know when this actually takes place, other than that Luke is traveling on his own in his search for Force teachings.

- Jedi Master Luke Skywalker begins training a new generation of Jedi. One of his students is Ben Solo, son of Han Solo and Leia Organa, Luke's nephew. Unbeknownst to Han (but known to Leia to an extent), Ben is secretly being influenced by the First Order's Supreme Leader Snoke, who will eventually turn Ben to the Dark Side.

(conjecture based on *The Force Awakens Visual Dictionary*)

The Legends of Luke Skywalker [continued] (youth novel: Ken Liu)

The Legends of Luke Skywalker [continued] (youth novel: Ken Liu)

The Myth Buster
Fishing in the Deluge
I, Droid
Big Inside

6 ABY

- The youngest child (other than Frey) who will be part of the Scyre twelve years from now is born.

(conjecture based on *Phasma*)*

*NOTE: As of 10 years before the "present" of *Phasma*, the youngest child other than Frey is 12, making this 22 years before the novel's "present."

- A couple of years after settling on Yavin IV (which was about six months after the Battle of Yavin), Shara Bey stops flying the A-wing that she brought with her to Yavin IV when she mustered out of the New Republic military.
(conjecture based on *Before the Awakening*)
- Over the course of a year, Corlac and Terex build an "ugly" ship out of TIE fighter and AT-AT parts to help them escape Jakku. They will spend the next three months looking for another wing.

(conjecture based on *Before the Awakening*)

- Sometime this year, Han Solo and Leia Organa talk about how Han getting comfortable with being a father and feeling that he is a good father will take time, especially since he didn't have any good models of fatherhood when he was growing up.
(conjecture based on *Last Shot*)
- After three months of searching for a second wing for their escape craft, Corlac and Terex are preparing for a new future, but it is clear that they do not see things the same way. Corlac intends to go to an Outer Rim world he knows to set up as a crimeboss, while Terex has been wanting to figure out where, if anywhere, the Empire is regrouping so that he can rejoin them. Terex even digs up the armor he buried 15 months earlier during the Battle of Jakku, before they leave. They head to Kaddak, where Corlac introduces Terex to Wenda and Bett, who run a large repair and salvage operation. They intend to go to the Rothana shipyards, where Imperial ships were being repaired and left out of the Battle of Jakku. Terex was stationed there before the whole facility was shut down and put on automatic in preparation for the Battle of Jakku. They intend to steal the ships there to "bring back the Empire," according to Corlac (who is really just saying what Terex needs to hear). They manage to do so, acquiring a large number of Imperial ships and starfighters. (To be continued below . . .)
(The Gathering Storm)
- Rather than immediately starting to build a new Imperial fleet or reaching out to other surviving Imperials, Corlac convinces Terex that they must gather necessary funding before trying to do so. This is all an attempt by Corlac, Wenda, and Bett to hide their real intentions of starting a criminal enterprise from Terex.
(conjecture based on *The Gathering Storm*)

Poe Dameron [continued] (comic series: Charles Soule & Chris Eliopoulos & Robert Thompson)

The Gathering Storm [flashback] [continued] (comic series: Charles Soule)

The Gathering Storm, Part I [flashback] [continued] (comic: Charles Soule)

The Gathering Storm, Part II [flashback] (comic: Charles Soule)

7 ABY

- Around this time, BX-778 is constructed and enters the service of Han Solo and Leia Organa.*
(conjecture based on *Last Shot*)*

*NOTE: The droid is "brand-new" as of *Last Shot*.

- After about a year of repairing and salvaging Imperial ships from the Rothana shipyards, Corlac, Wenda, and Bett continue to hide their true intentions from Terex, claiming that they just need more funding before they can reach out to other Imperials to start rebuilding a true Imperial fleet. They intend not to let Terex in on their plans to start a criminal enterprise until the crown jewel in their fleet, the Carrion Spike, is repaired. Unfortunately for them, Terex is aboard the Spike, using its surveillance systems to listen in on them. He informs them that the ship is up and running and that he has heard everything. He blasts the room they are in, killing all three of them. Now, the members of their crew (including Wisper) are his subordinates instead. He recognizes that his dream of returning to the Empire was misguided. Instead, he can do whatever he wants. He will eventually set up shop on Kaddak as a crimelord, Lord Terex, over his gang, which will be known as the Rancs. He will eventually be presented with a trophy from one of his gang's raids: a helmet resembling that of a stormtrooper that is said to be something from the "First Order." Terex eventually leaves the Rancs under Wisper's command so that he can join the First Order as an intelligence agent. (To be continued below . . .)
(The Gathering Storm)
- Two weeks before Han Solo returns to Kashyyyk to recruit Chewbacca for the mission to stop Fyzen Gor, a string of Wookiee kidnappings carried out by Fyzen mysteriously stops. It is believed that the Wookiees have been killed but had body parts stolen, which will keep them from resting at peace.
(conjecture based on *Last Shot*)
- At Substation Grimdock (a New Republic prison that was once an Imperial prison), Sergeant Magernon, a former Imperial allowed to remain in control under a form of amnesty offered by Mon Mothma, has been secretly releasing a few Imperial-friendly death squads and terrorists at a time. Now he releases many in a sort of flood of releases, an event known as

Magernon's Amnesty (which retroactively includes his earlier releases). As pirates and others head for the prison moon to pick up their freed comrades, this creates a crisis for the fledgling New Republic." During this situation, Fyzen Gor is among those released from Grimdock, and he begins pursuing his droid apocalypse concept again by seeking the Phylanx Redux Transmitter that he created.

(conjecture based on Last Shot)

- At Cloud City on Bespin, Lando Calrissian's protocol droid, DRX-7, reflects on Lando's recent role of guiding a group of Twi'lek children and their two guardians around the city. One of those guardians is Kaasha Bateen, whom Lando knew (and had a brief fling with) during the days of the Rebellion. It is now night, and Lando has resumed his relationship with Kaasha in his quarters when a mysterious stranger in a cloak encounters DRX-7 and uses a device to cause the droid to shift into a mode in which he wants to do one thing: kill. The droid and the stranger barge in on Lando and Kaasha, and both end up incapacitated but not yet dead. Soon, in Hanna City on Chandrila, Han Solo, Leia Organa, Ben Solo, Leia's protocol droid (T-2LC), and their culinary droid (BX-778) have their morning interrupted by an urgent call from Mon Mothma, who needs to discuss a crisis situation with Leia. (Han can't really be in on it, since he is no longer in the New Republic command structure.) Han dozes off with Ben, only to be awakened by a pounding knock on the door. It is Lando, and the first thing he does is punch Han in the face. Both men are dealing with their own questions about themselves, including whether Han can truly be a good father to Ben and whether Lando's attraction and interest in Kaasha is more than just his typical short-term fling. Lando explains that after he and Kaasha retained consciousness, DRX-7 demanded "the Phylanx Redux Transmitter" from Lando because he was "the registered owner of a Corellian light freighter called the Millennium Falcon," whose owner illegally obtained the Phylanx Redux Transmitter ten years earlier. It identifies the "master" (the stranger) controlling the droid as Fyzen Gor. Kaasha was able to shoot and disable DRX-7. Basically, Lando believes he and Kaasha were nearly killed over something that Han, not Lando, did a decade earlier. Now, Fyzen intends to carry out a massacre (with controlled droids, presumably) on Cloud City if Lando doesn't get the transmitter for him. Han remembers Fyzen a Pau'an gangster who once ran the Wandering Star. He ran afoul of Fyzen a decade earlier on a run with Sana Starros (whom Leia can't help but tease him about, given that she introduced herself to Leia years earlier as "Sana Solo," Han's supposed "wife"). Han and Lando will have to figure this out, since Leia is needed at the Senate, since the New Republic is mobilizing its fleet (such as it is). The idea of an enemy who can take control of droids and turn them into killers means no one is safe, including little Ben, looked after by droids so often. Lando returns to the Lady Luck to rejoin Kaasha, Lobot, and Ugnaught tech expert Florx Biggles, who is working on DRX-7 to try to gain information about how the droid was controlled by Fyzen. Meanwhile, Leia attends a Senate session, and Han also attends, if only so that the Rodian pushing for standardized pilot registration and regulation on behalf of the pilots union can point to Han as someone supporting that position. Han finally decides that, yes, he has to help Lando (and needs to get out and do something because he believes he is failing as a father so far and this is at least something he can do well). He returns to their apartment and finds that Leia has beat him there and is waiting with his go-bag. She has invited Lando and Kaasha to dinner and makes him only promise one thing: to come back home alive. At dinner, Han, Leia, Lando, Kaasha, and Florx discuss the situation. They will need a slicer and a freighter, then they can go to Grimdock, the prison where Fyzen was last locked up (and probably can't get info from himself). That might put them on the trail of Fyzen and the Phylanx, so they can get it first and then use it to trap and take down Fyzen. Leia and Han tease Lando and Kaasha a bit, realizing just how much Lando is falling for her (or did in the past and is just realizing it again now). The next day, they go to the New Republic's Defense Fleet Headquarters in hopes of recruiting Conder Kyl as their slicer. Instead, Conder suggests Peekpa, an outstanding slicer who happens to also be an Ewok and a huge fan of Chewbacca (since Chewie saved her sister's life during the Battle of Endor). (Chewbacca is currently on Kashyyyk, where he has been helping rebuild for the last two years, but Han thinks he can persuade Chewie to come along as a means of securing Peekpa's help.) Soon, Lando gambles with some old buddies at Frander's Bay until joined by Han so that they can shop around for a stolen New Republic prisoner transport and a pilot (while wearing helmets to conceal their identities, of course). They meet and get their fortunes told (supposedly) by a Toydarian name Poppy Delu (who wears the same kind of cloak, as does his aide, as what Fyzen was wearing on Cloud City), from whom Lando manages to steal a set of Vazaveer divining relics (fichas). They soon*

discover a pilot offering services under the name "Han Solo" (much to Han's annoyance) with a ship that just happens to be a ZV-9 freighter (the Vermillion), which could easily masquerade as a prison transport, since that's the exact type the New Republic uses. The pilot's real name is Taka Jamoreesa (who has a pet worr named Korrg). Leia escorts Han to the Vermillion when they leave, and even though Taka recognizes her, this doesn't seem to be a problem, nor whether Taka figures out Han and Lando's identities. The team sets out for Kashyyyk to recruit Chewbacca. En route, they run tests on the divination pieces and find soil traces from the Tarabba sector (which includes Fyzen's homeworld of Utapau) and the Kallea Sector. Once on Kashyyyk, they learn from Wookiee leader Karasshki that young Wookiees have been going missing from nearby cities and villages, until it stopped two weeks ago. The description of the perpetrator, the "Long Man," seems to match Fyzen (a tall humanoid with enough droid parts to suggest being a droid instead of a biological being). Some of the Wookiees have been presumed dead, and it is believed that when the Long Man left, he took body parts from some Wookiees. They are fine with Chewbacca joining Han and Lando's team, since they might be on the trail of the same madman. Back on the Vermillion, Han accidentally walks in on Taka in the communications suite where two parental holograms are displayed on the emitter. Once Taka leaves, Han calls Leia to check in (and has a chance to say hello to Ben, who misses him). They emerge from hyperspace near Substation Grimdock, only to discover quite a few ships in space above the prison moon, including some from the New Republic, the Hutts, Black Sun, etc. They are challenged by the pirate vessel Radium Destrobar (under Captain Viz Moshara) and claim to be a New Republic maintenance vessel heading to the prison. When he asks if they are aware of the current crisis, something called "Magernon's Amnesty," they have no idea what he means. Before they can be tractor beamed and boarded, Taka arms proton torpedoes (which their small ship shouldn't even have) and threatens to destroy both ships. They are allowed to pass, though questions linger for Captain Moshara now. They are allowed to land as a maintenance crew at the archive station of the prison, where Han, Chewie, and Peekpa meet a decidedly non-stereotypical Gungan security officer named Aro N'Cookaala. (He is also hustling to sell some real estate on the moon on the side.) Somehow, Peekpa impresses Arno enough to go right along with taking them to the Grimdock Archive and letting them access whatever they need. Peekpa seeks information on the Phylanx and Fyzen, only to trigger a high-security breach alert. Sef Con (private security force) troops arrive to arrest them, but Aro joins them in fighting back and escaping (on the promise that they will let the disgruntled Gungan prison employee off aboard one of the orbiting New Republic ships). They find themselves facing forsnag beasts, which literally eat blasterfire. As they run for their lives, Taka informs Lando that the team is on the run with no idea where they are, now that Peekpa has had to slice into the building itself for them to escape into subterranean areas without any further slicing opportunities. Lando and Florx reboot DRX-7, but it doesn't work. The droid still wants to kill Lando, so he is shut down again. Lando and Kaasha are able to get DRX-7's personality back briefly, as Taka takes them into a dangerous region where they think the others might be. DRX-7 is able to triangulate the location of the communicator paired with the one Lando is holding, which allows them to find the others, though DRX-7 must be shut down yet again. They find the others battling bastaks, then get them the hell out of there on the Vermillion. Of course, they can't get far due to the New Republic blockade of pirate and other ships up above. They contact Captain Krull of the Tribulan Vort (the flagship there), but instead of getting permission to leave, the Krassbrucker is sent to inspect them. The Krassbrucker is attacked by the Radium Destrobar, who seems to now want to help them escape. Lando realizes that Fyzen must be on the Destrobar, expecting that they have found a clue to the location of the Phylanx, and he intends to follow them to it. The Vermillion instead fires on the Destrobar, which turns toward another pirate vessel and slams right into it, just as Fyzen escapes in the same spacesuit (or style of suit) that Lando saw him use in the period when he was the owner of the Falcon. When Lando reveals that fact, Han is angered because Lando also had a run-in with Fyzen when he had the ship and yet assumed this was all Han's fault. Still, though, Fyzen is after whomever stole the Phylanx, not someone who briefly crossed paths with the tech, which still points to Han. Before they can pursue, the Tribulan Vort gets the Vermillion in a tractor beam and sends the shuttle Chevalier to dock and send a team aboard. It is only when Krull comes aboard that they finally learn the reason for the blockade. Apparently, "Magernon's Amnesty" is named for former Imperial Sergeant Magernon, who was allowed to remain in control of Substation Grimdock due to amnesty given by Chancellor Mon Mothma. He then began releasing Imperial-friendly death squads

and terrorists, first individually and then as a huge flood of them. When some of them reached out to their pirate friends to be taken from the moon, pirate ships began arriving, and thus the stalemate above Grimdock now. That was the crisis that Mon Mothma was calling Leia about and why the New Republic was mobilizing. They are nearly held in custody as pirates or other ruffians, but then Taka reaches out to Leia and uses a hologram projector to let her speak with Krull. Leia claims that Krull has just stumbled upon a New Republic intelligence mission that is classified. They are war heroes and working on behalf of the Galactic Senate and may use any means necessary to carry out their mission. They commandeered the Chevalier for the sake of the mission, giving them a more sophisticated vessel in which to pursue the Phylanx and Fyzen, alongside the Vermillion, to which the Chevalier remains attached. (Krull, Aro, and Krull's droids are returned to the Tribulan Vort.) Taka has Leia explain: Taka is actually a New Republic agent. Leia had learned more about Fyzen at a Senate meeting and thought the situations with Grimdock and the Phylanx might be connected, if Fyzen was among the first prisoners given Magernon's Amnesty, so she wanted someone who could help them. They knew that using Han's own name when he was looking for a ship would get Han's attention so that Taka could be hired as their pilot. Leia couldn't tell Han because they had agreed to try to keep her political and governmental issues out of their personal business. Han is shocked, but Taka has saved them a couple of times now, so he is grateful. They check the data that Peekpa was able to get from Grimdock. Imperials were tracing the Phylanx Redux Transmitter to acquire it, but it only ever popped up and put out a signal every few years, so they never had an accurate enough location to actually go after it. One particular Imperial tried to get it a few times. That Imperial, Admiral Ruas Fastent, thought he knew where it would appear next, but it wasn't there. Eventually he was driven mad by his quest and dumped into an Imperial asylum on Grava a few years before the Battle of Yavin. Peekpa believes that the signals were programmed into the Phylanx by Fyzen so that if he was caught, he couldn't reveal its location. Instead of transmitting where it is, it must be transmitting where it has been or where it is going, but the data is a form of encryption so that only Fyzen could find it again. Peekpa also confirms that it is indeed a weapon, as far as the Empire understands it. Grava is in the Kallea sector, one of the sites whose soil was found on Poppy Delu's fichas. It seems like visiting Grava would be a good idea. They split up. Chewbacca, Kaasha, Taka, Florx, and Peekpa will take the Vermillion to the last known transmission point for the Phylanx, while Han and Lando take the Chevalier to Grava. They nearly wreck into the asylum's ray shield, but they then land and enter at the permission of a group of hooded figures at the entry gate, who claim that Fastent is no longer "Admiral Fastent," and he is (as with all organics) "a humble servant in this house of peace." They guide Han and Lando and reveal themselves to be servants of the "Brotherhood of Wire and Bone," who, though service and sacrifice, have become more than mere organics. They call themselves Nine-Seven Saquanz and Bracket Twelve-Twelve. They meet a high-ranking "brother," Balthamus AKA "Number Ten of the Original Dozen." They are finally brought to Fastent, who is now known as Seven-Seven Dirgeos. According to "Dirgeos," he did not go mad and get sent there after failing to find the Phylanx. Instead, he found Fyzen and came to this place to join the Brotherhood at its "second origin station." Now, he is willing to provide information to them, but only if they wager with Vazaveer fichas to see if the "Path of Metal and Bone" deems them worthy. If they lose, though, both Lando and Han will lose their arms to this droid/organic blending cult of Fyzen's philosophy. Lando wins the first round, but Dirgeos claims that it must be best out of three. Lando then loses once and wins the third time. They get the information they require. Fastent captured Fyzen at one point and tortured him for information, never really getting anywhere. Fyzen convinced him of the righteousness of his own cause, leading him to Grava, where organic prisoners are convinced to give up organic parts to droids that arrive as "holy visitors" on Fyzen's behalf. This is all part of forming an army of droids with organic parts to fight for Fyzen as he seeks out the Phylanx Redux Transmitter, which he can then use to "wake" every droid in the entire galaxy to make them rise up and kill organics, taking over the galaxy and assuming their "rightful" place as the supreme beings of the galaxy. According to Dirgeos, only Fyzen can use the Phylanx to do this, and he can make droids kill specific individuals or all organics around them (the latter being most likely for the galaxy-wide uprising). On the way out, they trap the Brotherhood inside and run for it, severing Balthamus' droid head in the process. Once on the Chevalier, Han asks Lando if the fichas were rigged somehow, so he wasn't really risking their arms. Yes, Lando rigged his own set of fichas (well, Poppy's set) and swapped pieces out as they played so that he could win. (Lando is at his best when gambling

if he can cheat, as Han well knows.) They head for the rendezvous with the others. En route, Lando connects Balthamus' droid head into the holoprojector and finds a starmap. Lando is able to put that together with the maps from Grimdock and, after a while, finds hints at a specific location where the Phylanx should soon be (just as Fyzen presumably expected, given that he seemed to expect them to go to Grimdock and they were expected on Grava by Fyzen's cult). Unfortunately, the Vermillion has not made it to their rendezvous point. Instead, they find debris from a battle, but they assume that Fyzen got aboard the Vermillion, got information from Peekpa (from Grimdock) and used his own knowledge (essentially what they found on Grava) to go after the Phylanx himself. As Lando tries to figure out how to get from the rendezvous point (the last known transmission point of the Phylanx) to the current location of the Phylanx (and the others), they are hailed by an escape pod bearing Peekpa. They bring her aboard, and she has a hologram of Taka's parents (the one Han spotted Taka watching), along with a recording from Kaasha. She professes her deep, romantic feelings for Lando, knowing they might never be reunited. Han follows the trail of space debris, which seems more than a minor skirmish would leave, and just as Lando realizes that the location they want is the Mesulan Remnants (where he first encountered the Phylanx), Han takes them there by following the debris. When Lando first encountered them, they were far away from here. The Remnants actually travel across the galaxy in a pattern that no astronomer has been able to determine. Fyzen programmed the Phylanx to hide within the Remnants. (That, presumably, is why the Phylanx would be back at the Remnants after Han dumped it into space a decade earlier. It was certainly heading somewhere when it tried to launch into space back then but was caught by the Falcon.) The Phylanx would send out transmissions with its location but set to hold for delivery until the Phylanx had already moved on with the Remnants. With the transmission data (what they got from Grimdock), they could actually find it. However, something seems to be causing it to drop debris like a trail of bread crumbs to bring them straight to it, as if it is acting against its own programming to hide itself in the Remnants. Within the Remnants, the Chevalier is attacked by the Vermillion. Han flies while avoiding the attack, while Lando prepares to get aboard if they can pull it off and Peekpa tries to remotely slice the Vermillion (which is what drove Fyzen out of hiding to attack the first time). Peekpa hails Fyzen, and Han keeps him on the call long enough for Peekpa to hack the ship and remotely open the cockpit, launching Fyzen into space. (Unfortunately, he is still in his signature spacesuit, so he isn't dead yet.) As Han takes the Chevalier to dock with the Vermillion and find the others, Lando goes EVA in his own spacesuit to go after Fyzen and end his dreams of droid apocalypse. Lando encounters Fyzen, who reveals that he was able to get information about all of the droids produced by Lando's Calrissian Enterprises (both now and from when it was still Vylar Tech) while he was prowling Cloud City before attacking Lando and Kaasha with DRX-7. He can use that to send them on a rampage, though he intends to do this across the galaxy for all droids eventually, thanks to the Phylanx. Lando briefly loses Fyzen when forced to battle some of Fyzen's droid henchmen, enhanced with Wookiee parts from those kidnapped on Kashyyyk. Han connects with the Vermillion, bringing Taka, Chewie, Kaasha, Korrg the worr, and Florx aboard the Chevalier, despite the efforts of a strange partially-organic droid that Fyzen attached to the Vermillion hull to control the ship. Lando goes out to help Lando, and as Lando starts hearing someone or something begging him to destroy it, another group of droids appears from near the Phylanx, all looking like armored, modified versions of L3-37, the "Elthree Assault Team." Aboard the Chevalier, KX security droids (formerly Imperial but reprogrammed for the New Republic) emerge from closets and attack, controlled by the Phylanx. Han and the others must somehow get from the cockpit to a secondary power source to override power back to the cockpit now. Outside, Lando gets into the junk pile that holds the Phylanx and discovers that it is what has been asking to be destroyed. He learns that Fyzen figured out a way to replicate a gravitational center around the Phylanx, which is why it has not only pulled junk and such to it but also the Remnants themselves to act as cover for its movements. However, even if Lando destroys the Phylanx, he will need to destroy a pair of F-99 radon gunships that could store the kill order for droids even if the Phylanx is gone. It wouldn't be quite the same as the Phylanx, but once the Phylanx transmits the kill order, the gunships could capture and retransmit it within a short range (rather than galaxywide). For some reason, the Phylanx is no longer comfortable with its mission and cannot just destroy itself. The best it can do is drop bits over time, but by asking for Lando's help, it might be able to achieve its own destruction. It claims to know Lando through a "mutual friend." Lando must destroy the inner drive, which is precisely what Fyzen is trying to reach. As Lando heads that way, the Phylanx reveals itself to be the

current, evolved form of Number One, the medical droid that was Fyzen's first experiment in grafting biological components onto droids on Utapau. As Lando nears the inner drive, Fyzen appears with killer droids. Only then does Lando learn that these killer droids aren't yet the world of the Phylanx but of a device Fyzen carries with him (which he must have used on DRX-7 back on Cloud City). More accurately, he carries it within his own arm. In fact, he was installing it into himself back when Lando nearly caught him in the Remnants near the end of his time as captain of the Falcon. That device, that activator, is why the Brotherhood said that Fyzen himself was the key to activating the Phylanx. Before Lando can do anything to stop him, Fyzen rips the activator out of his own arm and inserts it beneath the head of Number One that is at the core of the Phylanx. The signal is sent! On Chandrila, BX-778 is keeping an eye on Ben while T-2LC is gone, but the signal reaches the droid, and he enters "kill" mode. Aboard the Phylanx construct, Lando attaches a quartet of thermal detonators to his jetpack, activates them, then hurls it toward the far wall, running away with little hope of actually surviving. Aboard the Chevalier, Han and the others have retaken the ship, but then they receive a call from Lando, telling them to forget about him and focus on making sure the gunships can't escape with the kill order. The explosives go off, destroying the Phylanx Redux Transmitter, which, across the galaxy, saves many lives, including Ben Solo's as BX-778 goes back to making caf instead of wanting to kill organics. Instead of dying in the blast, Lando is saved by the Elthree Assault Team, who was there to help him, not to fight him. (Instead, they helped Chewie fight the Wookiee-augmented droids.) Aboard the Chevalier, Han and the others take out the two gunships, then blast and kill Fyzen when he tries yet another spacesuit-wearing escape. Lando is returned to the ship by the droids, and Chewie returns with all of the recovered Wookiee parts that will let their original, deceased owners rest in peace. One of the Elthree droids reveals that when L3-37 and Lando encountered the Phylanx years earlier, it was on a trial run through the galaxy (which makes sense, given that Fyzen was still developing it for the Wandering Star at that point). L3-37 sent a slow-moving virus into it to counteract the virus that Fyzen implanted in it (its mission, basically). L3-37 built one of the Assault Team, which then built the others, and they were immune to the Phylanx's controls. The retrovirus in the Phylanx finally took hold, which caused it to try to destroy itself, dropping off parts, which made it possible to find it. In essence, L3-37's brief contact with the Phylanx was designed to give it doubt and a reason to seek its own destruction rather than fulfilling its murderous purpose.. Now, the Elthree Assault Team will go their own way. (One intends to go on vacation while another intends to wander the galaxy, fighting crime.) En route back to Chandrila aboard the Chevalier with the Vermillion in tow, Han reaches out to Leia and Ben, making sure they are okay. He is finally able to express his doubts about his own parenting abilities and his desire to do right by them, and Leia simply tells him that no one knows how to be a parent until they are, and trying is what matters as new parents figure things out. Soon, once back on Chandrila, Lando spends time with Kaasha, and the two seem ready to spend a lifetime together now. They briefly stop by Poppy to return the sack of stolen fichas. Poppy knew that Lando would bring him back after putting them to good use. He's a diviner, after all. When he asks if Lando wants him to check on the future for Lando and Kaasha, though, they decline. They are going to figure it out together.

(Last Shot)

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8 ABY

- *Poe Dameron begins flying starships at only six years old, thanks to going up quite often with his mother, Shara Bey, in the past.*
(conjecture based on *The Force Awakens Visual Dictionary*)
- *On Parnassos (or at least in the territory around the Nautilus, babies become more and more rare as most pregnancies end in tragedy.*
(conjecture based on *Phasma*)*

*NOTE: This starts 20 years before the “present” of *Phasma*.

9 ABY

- *Han Solo visits Maz Kanata for the last time until traveling with Rey and Finn twenty-five years from now. (This is likely when Han borrows money from Maz, which he will still owe her at that time.)**
(conjecture based on *The Force Awakens Visual Dictionary* and *Star Wars Character Encyclopedia: Updated and Expanded*)*

*NOTE: Interestingly, the TFA junior novelization instead says he has owed her for “nearly twenty years.”

10 ABY

- *Shara Bey passes away, leaving behind eight-year-old Poe Dameron and his father (her husband), Kes Dameron.*
(conjecture based on *Before the Awakening*)
- *Senator Leia Organa sends a condolence message to Kes Dameron and Poe Dameron after learning of the passing of Kes' wife and Poe's mother, Shara Bey. In it, she recounts the mission she took with Shara to Naboo a few months after the Battle of Endor.*
(conjecture based on *Poe Dameron: Flight Log*)
- *Around this time, Strono "Cookie" Tuggs becomes a chef at Maz Kanata's castle on Takodana.**
(conjecture based on *A Recipe for Death*)*

*NOTE: He has been there for over twenty years. This assumes that *A Recipe for Death* takes place sometime 30 – 34 ABY.

11 ABY

- *The boy who will come to be known as Finn is born. He is taken as a baby from his family (if he ever even had a non-Imperial family) to be trained from birth as a stormtrooper, designated FN-2187.*
(conjecture based on *The Force Awakens Visual Dictionary*)
- *Poe Dameron (age 9) asks his father, Kes Dameron, whether he was ever scared when he was a soldier for the Rebel Alliance and then the New Republic. He answers that he was often worried but never scared, so long as he could feel the love of Shara Bey, Poe's mother. He notes that he now is afraid that all of their struggles might have been for nothing.*
(conjecture based on *Before the Awakening*)

12 ABY

- *Korr Sella is born.*
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)
- *Tallissan "Tallie" Lintra is born.**
(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi Visual Dictionary*)*

*NOTE: She is 22 in TLJ.

- *Bazine Netal (age 14), having been raised and trained by Delphi Kloda, goes on her first job for him to steal something from a competitor. She is told to stay hidden, but she instead tries to play the vamp role. She is immediately discovered and blasted with his flamethrower, leaving her head scarred from then onward. She manages to kill the competitor with knives in her boots and acquires the item for Kloda. From then on, she learns to carry out jobs without being seen as much as possible.**
(conjecture based on *The Perfect Weapon*)*

*NOTE: This assumes that Bazine is about 30 in *The Perfect Weapon* and that *The Perfect Weapon* is set in 28 ABY.

- *Over the year to come, half of the family group including Pasma and Keldo on Parnassos will die.*

(conjecture based on *Phasma*)*

*NOTE: This is 16 years before the "present" of *Phasma*.

13 ABY

- *Frey is born to Ylva and Keldo among the Scyre on Parnassos. This is remarkable, since most pregnancies end in tragedy in their region of the post-apocalyptic planet. Ylva barely survives the birth.*

(conjecture based on *Phasma*)*

*NOTE: This is 15 years before the "present" of *Phasma*.

- *At this time, Rinnrivin Di is among the lowest rung on a list of Hutt spice brokers.*
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)
- *First Order stormtrooper CD-0922 become Brendol Hux's personal guard and begins training young First Order recruits into stormtroopers for Brendol, having excelled in his own training. While Brendol and his officers handle actual programming for the troopers, CD-0922 runs the physical training in various subjects (hand-to-hand combat, blaster combat, simulations, etc.). To commemorate this new honor, he is presented with red stormtrooper armor and a captain's cape as part of a ceremony. While meeting with Brendol immediately afterward, Brendol gives him a new designation, "Captain Cardinal."*

(conjecture based on *Phasma*)*

***NOTE:** This is 15 years before the “present” of *Phasma*. It seems to be the same time he is given his red armor, since it sounds as though (as of p. 311 of the novel) he becomes Brendol’s personal guard *and* begins refining the training program with Brendol (which would mean he is now the trainer) around the same time. It is when the former happens that he gets his armor.

- On Parnassos, *Phasma* and *Keldo* are young members of their family on the post-apocalyptic planet. *Keldo* is the family’s warrior, while *Phasma* is not yet a warrior but being trained by *Keldo* to become one. Their parents are getting older and weaker, as are their aunts and uncles, and while they do have a young cousin, the cousin is still too small to contribute. The family is in danger of simply being wiped out by competing groups or the harsh environment of the planet. Small goats are dying out. Rain that is usually already stinging has become actual acid that burns uncovered skin. Hunger is commonplace. Even small cuts from rocks will induce “the fever” and often end in death, unless the affected limb is amputated and the site cauterized immediately. In the last year, half of their family group has died. Young *Phasma* and *Keldo* are their only hope of survival and of protecting the cave-like site in which they live, the *Nautilus*, from raids by larger, stronger groups like the *Scyre* and *Claws*. Raids by the *Scyre* and *Claws* push the family back, and the *Claws* even manage to capture the young cousin. *Keldo* urges his parents to share the *Nautilus* to protect themselves, but their parents refuse to give up or share territory willingly. Such is life on Parnassos. To force action, *Phasma* gets *Keldo* alone and then stabs him in the calf with her stone knife, knocking him down into the *Nautilus*, then claims that they are under attack by the *Scyre*. When everyone else from the family group emerges to fight, *Phasma* kills them. *Keldo* awakens to find only himself and *Phasma* left, and the lower part of his injured leg is gone. *Phasma* forces him into a cover story that the *Scyre* caught him during his watch and injured is leg. She pushed him into the *Nautilus* to “save him.” With the others dead, she has struck a deal with the *Scyre*, who are willing to let them join the clan in return for the normal participation required of clan members and the *Nautilus* (which *Phasma* and *Keldo* will not have to leave, since it will now be *Scyre* territory and they will be *Scyre* members). They must pledge themselves to *Egil*, current *Scyre* leader. Before deciding, *Keldo* marvels at *Scyre* member *Vala* and her daughter, *Siv*, who are using a technology left from before the nuclear holocaust on the planet known as “*detraxors*” to withdraw moisture and nutrients from the bodies of the dead family members. They use that to create a salve that prevents disease and heals wounds. *Phasma* joins emphatically, but *Keldo* is more reluctant. Still, he has no choice but to join them. For now, he is the only one who knows what *Phasma* has done to “protect” herself and her brother. (To be continued below . . .)

(*Phasma*)*

***NOTE:** This is 15 years prior to the “present” of *Phasma*, marking the earliest point in the novel.

Phasma (novel: Delilah S. Dawson)

Phasma (novel: Delilah S. Dawson)

On Parnassos, 15 Years Ago

Chapter 36

14 ABY

- Around this time, *Jo Jerjerrod* is born to *Jul Jerjerrod* and *Jax Jerjerrod*.*
(conjecture based on *Join the Resistance* and *Escape from Vodran*)*
- ***NOTE:** He “a few years older” than *Mattis Banz*, who is 14 at the beginning of *Join the Resistance*. This assumes that the opening of the book is set in 33 BBY and that “a few years older” can be interpreted as 5 years older.
- *Naka* begins scavenging on *Jakku*.
(conjecture based on *The Force Awakens* novelization)
- Around this time, the *RZ-2 A-wing Interceptor* is developed to replace the *RZ-1* version of the starfighter.*
(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi Visual Dictionary*)*

***NOTE:** The *RZ-2* is “already decades old” by TLJ, and it was an upgrade over the *RZ-1* that is still in service during ROTJ, so I have assumed that “decades” can be rounded to about 20 years (since about 30 years would put it back to the era of the *RZ-1* in ROTJ).

15 ABY

- *Rey* is born.
(conjecture based on *The Force Awakens Visual Dictionary*)

16 ABY

- *Aya-Glon and her twin, Tonn-Glon, are born on Lew'el.**
(conjecture based on *The Legends of Luke Skywalker*)*

*NOTE: This assumes the book is set during TLJ, since Teal is 15 in the story. Aya-Glon is a few years older than Teal, which I have rounded to being 18 in the story. Since Tonn is Aya's twin, that would put his birth here too.

- *At the age of 18, Ransolm Casterfo joins Riosa's planetary security force.*
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)

- *The Sanhar-Witell NK-Witell-class freighter enters service.**
(conjecture based on *Before the Awakening*)*

*NOTE: It entered service 17 years prior to *Before the Awakening's* Poe tale.

- *At the Nautilus (a cave-like structure in which the Scyre clan lives when it is not flooded with the tides) on Parnassos, Siv (age 16) is awakened to the sound of clanmate Porr killing their leader, Egil, whom Porr has judged to be too old to lead them. Egil had not agreed to combat, which means Porr has broken Scyre rules. While respected clan member Keldo speaks out against this, he can do nothing because he is no longer a warrior, having lost the lower part of his leg to a wound (which, unbeknownst to many, was delivered not by his enemies but his own sister, Phasma, in a bid to get them to join Egil's Scyre three years earlier). Phasma, however, is now a strong warrior and stands up to Porr. Siv stands with Phasma, as do Torben, Carr, and Gosta. Phasma fights Porr, but Keldo crawls up behind him and slashes the tendons in his ankles. With Egil dead and Porr hobbled, Phasma and Keldo will lead now with Phasma as the strength and Keldo as the brains (though Phasma is quite a schemer herself). Siv then uses her detraxors (a technology left from prior to the planet's nuclear holocaust) to extract nutrients and moisture from Egil's body, which she can turn into salve to heal wounds and protect from disease. This is a technology and skill passed on to Siv by her late mother, Vala. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Phasma)*

*NOTE: This is 12 years prior to the "present" of Phasma.

Phasma [continued] (novel: Delilah S. Dawson)

Phasma [continued] (novel: Delilah S. Dawson)

On Parnassos, 12 Years Ago

Chapter 4

18 ABY

- *After two years of service, Ransolm Casterfo leaves Riosa's planetary security force to become a politician and fight for his world in a way it needs far more than just another soldier.*
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)
- *At the Nautilus on Parnassos, Phasma and her brother, Keldo, have been leading the Scyre for two years. Among the Scyre is a child, Frey (age 5, daughter of Ylva and Keldo), which is a big deal because most children do not survive long, if at all, in this part of Parnassos. In fact, most children do not even live long enough to be given a name. Phasma and Siv (age 18) know that the leader of the competing, multi-species Claw clan, Balder the Dug, want to capture Frey to become a Claw. They also want control of the Nautilus (a sheltering cave that tends to flood with the tides but offers protection the rest of the time). When the Claws finally attack, Phasma (wearing a mask she nearly always wears) fights Balder into a retreat. During the fight, Phasma had young Frey strapped to her and hidden, rather than hiding with Frey's mother, Ylva, which is a strategy she did not share with Keldo, who is annoyed by this lack of co-planning. Phasma is slowly taking more and more power in their supposed shared leadership. Phasma wants to give chase and take the fight to Claw territory, but Keldo refuses to allow it. While Balder is unconscious from wounds in the battle, Keldo goes to Claw territory without Phasma (with the aid of others) and negotiates peace between the Scyre and the Claws to trade and end the raids. Soon thereafter, a First Order ship bearing Brendol Hux and stormtroopers arrives over Parnassos (likely to find more young children to kidnap or recruit into stormtrooper training). The orbital defense system, which remains active despite the ruin of the world below, shoots the ship down, causing it to crash. An escape pod bearing Brendol, three stormtroopers (PT-2445, LE-2003, and HF-0518), and a protocol droid lands close enough to Claw territory to be a tempting target for the Claw or Scyre clans to salvage for useful technology or materials. Keldo again keeps Phasma from acting, noting that it is rightfully the Claw's salvage. Phasma knows that Balder would never share such a find, so she intends to take it. Phasma takes a small group (herself, Siv, Torben, Carr, and Gosta, and seven others) into Claw territory. After killing and replacing some sentries (which voids the peace if discovered), Phasma and her team witness Balder's people returning with*

the survivors from the pod. The stormtrooper armor alone would be worth killing for on Parnassos. Brendol offers the Claws weapons, food, medicine, and water if they will help him get back to his crashed ship, from which he can contact the First Order for rescue. Pasma reveals herself to Balder. He argues that she has broken the treaty by coming there (and thus demands Frey as recompense), she pretends to agree, but when he comes to shake her hand on it, she simply kills him. The Scyre team then races back to their own territory, bringing the First Order group with them. On the way back, Brendol begins speculating on what must have happened to Parnassos to make it the wasteland it is now. The planet is listed in First Order records as uninhabited, but other files on the planet have been wiped clean. Brendol also reveals that there are many other areas on the planet that are actually much better, as the destruction does not actually cover the entire world, just a significant portion where the Scyre have the misfortune to live. Upon returning, Pasma introduces the First Order group to Keldo and presents him with the bottom of the now-destroyed protocol droid's leg as a replacement for the one he "lost" (after she stabbed him two years ago to fake an attack from the Scyre before joining them). Keldo forbids any attempt to journey to the crashed ship, though he offers the First Order team a chance to remain with the Scyre. Always after her own best interests (if not always those of the entire clan), Pasma gathers a team (Siv, Torben, Carr, and Gosta), and they set out that night with the four First Order survivors anyway. Since these are the Scyre's best warriors, they are now mostly defenseless against Claw retribution. They make their way through known and then unknown territory, learning from each other along the way. Carr is bitten by a strange beetle and begins to slowly succumb to the bite's effects. Soon, they encounter an unknown group of lizard-riding humans. They defeat the attackers, but shortly thereafter, Carr succumbs to the beetle bite and essentially just dissolves away, the remaining moisture from his dissolving body drawing in even more beetles. To make sure knowledge of the detraxors is retained, Siv teaches Gosta how to use them, just in case she dies on their journey. Pasma notes that some of the dead attackers have beetles in boxes around their necks, which she sees as an elegant way to kill an unsuspecting enemy. (Little does Brendol realize how this will affect him personally later.) (This is especially true due to the loss of Siv and the detraxors, which are with Pasma.) They encounter other creatures, such as skinwolves, the first attack from which injures Brendol, beginning a slow decline in his health over their journey. Brendol describes more about the First Order, life elsewhere, and his duty to the First Order in creating the training program for young warriors who will become stormtroopers and such. As it becomes clear that Brendol is slowly dying, they encounter a droid, TB-3, who is assigned to an old Con Star Mining Corporation facility. They get out of the desert and into Terpsichore Station, Con Star's primary mining facility when the company still operated on Parnassos, and they get help for Brendol, food and the like for everyone, and generally get to rest, only to find that they must pay a bill without any funds. Thus, they are expected to work off their debt by mining in the way the station's miners had done prior to the catastrophe killed them all. The droids simply continue their work, despite being out of contact with any other stations or the company itself. While mining, Gosta suggests nicknames for the troopers. PT-2445 becomes "Pete," female trooper LE-2003 becomes "Elli," and HF-0518 becomes "Huff," at least until Brendol wakes from his treatment to make them toe the First Order protocol line. Once Brendol is fully healed, which is miraculous to Pasma and the others from the Scyre, they use the cover of night when the droids are less active to find the control room and shut down all of the droids. They then take a pair of speederbikes and a Ground Assault Vehicle (GAV) to continue their journey. They also take some weapons and gear, along with a helmet (albeit not a stormtrooper one) that Pasma takes, replacing her usual fighting mask. (For Pasma, the mask she wears is more of her real face than her actual face. They discover a city, and as they near it, they hit a trap, a ditch full of spikes. They all survive, but as they get Torben and "Pete" out of the ditch, they are captured by a group from the city that arrives with GAVs of their own. They are taken into the city, which is called Arratu, is home to a people called the Arratu, and is led by someone called the Arratu. (Yeah, that's not confusing at all.) The city has many downtrodden who barely survive and others who live in relative opulence. Gosta and Elli, both injured, are tossed into a pen with everyone else, where other captives already await. Pasma quickly establishes dominance. An aide of sorts to the Arratu, Vrad, comes the next day to take them to see the Arratu. By this time, Elli is dying and will be of no use to the group, so Pasma ditches her recently-acquired helmet and puts on Elli's stormtrooper armor (without the bodysuit beneath), which provides her with the stormtrooper helmet's various functions. Taking Gosta, who is recovering, with them, they meet the Arratu,

who wants them to be entertaining. As such, he intends to have them fight in his arena. (Vrod has said that fighters can earn their freedom, but the Arratu clarifies that it almost never happens.) While they prepare, Torben reveals to Siv that he has noticed her belly “showing.” She is pregnant with his child (or it could have been Keldo’s, but it is his). They hope to get to the First Order so that the child might survive as so few on Parnassos do. When the fight finally comes, the entire Scyre and First Order group (minus Elli) must face the champion, Wranderous. Wranderous knocks out Torben and pounds Pasma to seeming defeat. Wranderous leaves the arena, and Siv awakens Torben just in time for the Arratu to order skinwolves (which he calls lupulcus) released to fight them. Pasma kills them, and when they are sent back to their pen, they take the creatures with them. One is kept, while the other is given to the other Arratu prisoners as food. On the way back, Vrod reveals that this city used to be a textile facility for Con Star Mining Corporation, but while it can produce all kinds of textiles out of very little resources, it cannot produce food or anything truly useful beyond that. Pasma is helped in her healing by a medicinal tube that Brendol had been carrying (presumably kept from Terpsichore Station). The next day, they are forced to fight Wranderous again. This time, they defeat Wranderous, and Pasma draws the attention and cheers of the crowd. While Siv is ordered to kill Wranderous (whom she just leaves gravely injured, disobeying Pasma in secret), Pasma uses Torben as a springboard to launch herself up to where the Arratu is watching and kills him. Brendol proclaims Pasma the new Arratu. Once in the Arratu’s chambers, they realize that this is “Arratu Station: Con Star Fabric Division.” They intend to leave, but Vrod tells them that now that Pasma is the Arratu, they can’t. He tries to convince them to change things for the better there, but Pasma simply kills Vrod, and they set out again for the crashed ship, killing anyone in their way to the gates and taking three GAVs (two armed and their old unarmed one). Brendol is starting to see that Pasma could never be just a stormtrooper, but if she could hide her pride for a while, she could easily rise through the ranks to a stronger position in the First Order under Brendol’s command. “Pete” and Gotra ride in the forward GAV, considered expendable by Brendol and Pasma. Siv and Torben ride with “Huff,” while Pasma rides with Brendol. Pasma is more and more seeking to get offworld and adopting Brendol’s more cultured way of speaking. They soon meet a Gand, Churkk, who is living among a huge pile of beetles, which don’t hurt him because they are of similar (insectoid) species. He warns them not to enter the dead lands they are heading toward, since there was a great accident at one time (a hint at the catastrophe that ruined this part of the planet), which left radiation that will kill humanoids within one week. Churkk himself has been stranded but is now resigned to his life with the beetles and his visions. They intend to cross anyway, since that is the way to the First Order ship crash site, and if they can get back to the Finalizer, then there will be medicines that can help cure any radiation poisoning. As they are about to find way through a fence into the dead lands, they see approaching attackers: Keldo and other members of both the Scyre and Claw, coming for retribution. Battle erupts, during which Gosta is killed, as is Churkk. They escape by getting behind the fence and into the dead lands. They reach an old Con Star Mining Corporation settlement and rest in an old home. It is clear that it was a nuclear explosion that devastated the environment, either an attack or an accident of some kind. Brendol reveals that Con Star, which is almost certainly responsible, still exists and is a profitable business. He suggests that perhaps he could use the power of the First Order to destroy their business once offworld. They finally reach the ship, which is chrome and shining, a personal yacht that once belonged to Emperor Sheev Palpatine that was entrusted to Brendol. It is near another Con Star station, this one totally devastated, leading to the conclusion that it was indeed a nuclear accident, not an attack, that destroyed the environment. Someone must have cut corners or been careless. As Pasma, Siv, and Torben try to climb the ship and break into it, Keldo’s force attacks, and Siv is forced to kill Frey’s mother, Ylva. Torben is killed by his own brother, whom Siv then kills with a blaster. “Pete” and “Huff” are killed. Only Siv, Brendol, and Pasma remain on their side, and Pasma faces off with Keldo. He tries to reason with her, but she blasts him. He had been protecting Frey, whom Pasma does not kill, agreeing with Brendol that she could be a soldier for the First Order. With the battle over, Brendol sends out a signal to the First Order. A rescue ship is sent, carrying Armitage Hux, his son, who is pleased (well, not really) to see his (douchebag of a) father alive. Pasma and Brendol judge Siv as too weak for their needs, especially since Pasma did notice (but never mentioned) that she saw how Siv spared Wranderous. Siv, pregnant with Torben’s child (Torbi), is left alone on Parnassos as the others escape to the First Order. Siv enters the damaged station nearby after they leave and

finds droids and the medbay still functioning at what she learns is Calliope Station. She will live there for the next decade, raising her child there with the help of the droids and resources of the station, not allowing Torbi (once old enough) to leave, for fear of radiation poisoning, which the station's medbay can cure but isn't a risk she is willing to take. As the First Order shuttle leaves, Brendol orders (and has Pasma witness) as his ship destroys Arratu Station and the Scyre. Pasma sees the power of the First Order and recognizes the implied threat that if she does not follow Brendol's orders, she too could be easily destroyed. (To be continued below . . .)

(Pasma)*

*NOTE: This is 10 years prior to the "present" of Pasma.

- *Pasma arrives aboard the Finalizer with Brendol Hux and Frey. Pasma is introduced to Cardinal. He is shocked to realize that Pasma, who is wearing stormtrooper taken from LE-2003 (AKA "Elli") on Parnassos and keeps her helmet on at almost all times, is a woman. He is even more shocked to find that he is going to have to essentially split his position with her. Instead of training all stormtroopers himself, he is to train Pasma so that she can train the older stormtroopers with live-fire training, while he continues training younger stormtroopers with simulations until they can graduate and join Pasma's group. Cardinal is also not going to be Brendol's personal guard anymore, so that Cardinal can focus on the expanding training program and training Pasma herself. A few days later, Frey is presented as a new recruit to the stormtrooper training barracks. She is labeled UV-8855 but comes to be known as "Warcry" due to her inability to keep herself from shouting during every fight.*

(conjecture based on *Pasma*)

Pasma [continued] (novel: Delilah S. Dawson)

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On Parnassos, 10 Years Ago

Chapter 6

Chapter 8

Chapter 10

Chapters 14 - 19

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On a First Order Shuttle, 10 Years Ago

Chapter 30

19 ABY

- *Mattis Banz is born on Durkteel.**

(conjecture based on *Join the Resistance* and *Escape from Vodran*)*

*NOTE: He is 14 (though he lies and claims to be 15) in the beginning of *Join the Resistance*. This assumes that the opening of the book is set in 33 BBY. He is later 15 in *Escape from Vodran*, which is set in early 34 BBY, prior to TFA.

- *Dec Hansen is born on Ques.**

(conjecture based on *Join the Resistance*)*

*NOTE: He is about the same age as Mattis Banz (14) in *Join the Resistance*.

- *Jinby is born.**

(conjecture based on *Join the Resistance*)*

*NOTE: Jinby and Mattis Banz discuss his theories about his parents when they are both about 10, so they must have been born around the same time.

- *Teal is born.**

(conjecture based on *The Legends of Luke Skywalker*)*

*NOTE: This assumes the book is set during TLJ, since she is 15 in the story.

- *Within just a year of joining the First Order and being trained by Cardinal, Pasma is made a captain and given a captain's cape (the only one other than Cardinal's). She will now be training older stormtrooper cadets after they graduate from Cardinal's own program. Cardinal will work from the Absolution, while Pasma works from the Finalizer.*

(conjecture based on *Pasma*)

- *Pasma returns to Parnassos. During the trip, she captures and takes a beetle to take back with her as a potential weapon. She also cuts parts from the chrome exterior of Brendol Hux's crashed ship, which she then uses Con Star Mining Corporation's abandoned Cleo Station, which is a factory made to turn ores and such into equipment, to fashion a unique set of chrome stormtrooper armor for herself, complete with her captain's cloak and internal electronics in the helmet that she takes from a prototype First Order stormtrooper helmet that she pushed for but Brendol had rejected. She finds it more commanding than the red armor*

worn by Cardinal. Pasma then leaves Parnassos for what she intends to be the last time.
(To be continued below . . .)

(Phasma)*

***NOTE: This is 9 years prior to the “present” of Phasma.**

- Upon returning from Parnassos to the Finalizer, Phasma consults with Armitage Hux. They soon pick their moment, and Phasma slips the beetle from Parnassos into Brendol Hux’s quarters. Brendol is bitten and soon dies, liquefying in a bacta tank as per the beetle’s poison. The cause of death is listed as an unknown malady and otherwise covered up by Armitage, who takes over Brendol’s position within the First Order with Phasma more his right hand than Cardinal has ever been. Phasma becomes a symbol of the First Order in her new, chrome armor.

(conjecture based on Phasma)

- Over the years, Imperial veteran and First Order Captain Edrison Peavy, a contemporary of Brendol Hux, will grow to dislike Armitage Hux due to how the young man ascends through nepotism and scheming. Peavy will keep this opinion to himself, however.

(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi Visual Dictionary*)

Phasma [continued] (novel: Delilah S. Dawson)

Phasma [continued] (novel: Delilah S. Dawson)

On Parnassos, 9 Years Ago

Chapter 44

21 ABY

- Tyra is born.*

(conjecture based on *The Legends of Luke Skywalker*)*

***NOTE: This assumes the book is set during TLJ, since she is 13 in the story.**

- Lula is born. Shortly thereafter, she is found by Lexo Sooger abandoned in an empty cargo box. He immediately cancels all of his appointments at Zord’s Spa and Bathhouse for the only time in the next thirteen years, so that he can take care of the baby. He takes her in as his daughter.*

(conjecture based on *Hear Nothing, See Nothing, Say Nothing*)*

***NOTE: This assumes the book is set during TLJ, since she is 13 in the story.**

- The highly secretive First Order, using the Amaxine warriors as a go-between, provides billions of credits in start-up capital to criminal Rinnrivin Di to turn his cartel from a minor player into a major power with resources and reach rivaling that of the old Hutt Cartel. Profits from Rinnrivin’s criminal enterprises will be funneled back to the First Order to pay for the secret rebuilding and revitalization of the surviving ships in the old Imperial fleet.

(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)

22 ABY

- G’kolu is born.*

(conjecture based on *The Legends of Luke Skywalker*)*

***NOTE: This assumes the book is set during TLJ, since he is 12 in the story.**

- Bazine Netal last visits Chaako City until taking the job to find the case containing Luke Skywalker’s (Anakin Skywalker’s) lightsaber.*

(conjecture based on *The Perfect Weapon*)*

***NOTE: This is six years before *The Perfect Weapon*, which I have assumed is in 28 ABY.**

23 ABY

- On Jakku, scavenger Porvay Yan discovers a Mon Calamari shuttle from the Battle of Jakku that can still fly. He trades it for a ticket off of Jakku.

(conjecture based on *Rey’s Survival Guide*)

- At Corellia, Pamarthan pilot and racer Greer Sonnel competes in the Gauntlet, a dangerous race set up by Han Solo to help find expert pilots that could be added to teams for his Five Sabers races. Greer flies her modified A-wing, the Ossifrage, against other pilots, including her ex, Karsted. This year’s race is “The Evil Eye,” featuring rings that must be flown through. During the race, various pilots are knocked out of competition, until the Greer, Karsted, and a pilot in a mysterious, very shiny A-wing, who seems to be offering friendly advice to Greer. When the last ring requires going through as a pair, she chooses to go through with the mystery pilot, rather than Karsted, winning the day. After winning the race, Greer is approached by the pilot of the other A-wing. It is, in fact, Han Solo, and he offers her a job

*flying for him.**

(Scorched)*

***NOTE:** Greer stops pilot and becomes Leia's chief of staff in 25 ABY, three years before *Bloodline*. She flies on the Crystal Cairn team for two years prior to that. Given her comments about how two years do not make her "elite," I am assuming that these two years were all she flew for Han, which would put this story, featuring her recruitment by Han, here in 23 ABY or possibly in very late 22 ABY.

- *One of the first things Greer Sonnel and Han Solo do once she begins working for him as a pilot is to install weapons on Leia Organa's personal starship, the Mirrorbright.*
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)
- *Greer Sonnel flies as a professional racer on the Crystal Cairn team from now until her sudden "retirement" in two years.*
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)

Scorched (SWI165 short story: Delilah S. Dawson)

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24 ABY

- *Joph Seastriker leaves Gatalenta to attend the Academy with his mothers' blessing.*
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)
- *Dec Hansen (age 5) is already dodging drift bark while flying on Ques.**
(conjecture based on *Escape from Vodran*)*

***NOTE:** This assumes that he was born 19 ABY.

25 ABY

- *Around this time, Pantoran slicer Orri Tenro begins training with Delphi Kloda in Chaako City on Chaakti.**
(conjecture based on *The Perfect Weapon*)*

***NOTE:** He has been training with Kloda for "a few years" as of *The Perfect Weapon*, which I have rounded to 3 years. This also assumes the story is set in 28 ABY.

- *Greer Sonnel is finally diagnosed with bloodburn, which explains her mysterious symptoms over the last two or more years. She reluctantly quits flying, taking a position with mentor Han Solo's wife, Leia Organa, as her chief of staff and pilot of her personal starship, the Mirrorbright.*
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)

26 ABY

- *This year or the following year, a young boy is born who will arrive on Jakku with his family on the day that Rey discovers BB-8.**
(conjecture based on *Rey's Story*)*

***NOTE:** He is "no more than" 7 or 8 at the time of Rey noticing him.

27 ABY

- *Yendor will later joke that he only got the tauntaun stink from mucking stalls before the Battle of Hoth out of his skin around this time.*
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)
- *Frey (AKA UV-8855 or "Warcry") is killed by a supposed weapon malfunction during a First Order Stormtrooper training exercise under Captain Phasma's supervision. It is suspected that Phasma killed her own niece to get rid of another link to her past on Parnassos.*
(conjecture based on *Phasma*)*

***NOTE:** This is six months prior to *Phasma*.

- *In the months leading up to the Napkin Bombing, Greer Sonnel sharpens her diplomatic skills while working for Senator Leia Organa.*
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)

28 ABY

- *A few weeks before the Napkin Bombing, Joph Seastriker graduates from the Academy and is assigned to the precision air team on Hosnian Prime.*
(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)
- *By this time, C-3PO has been upgraded to be fluent in nearly seven million forms of communication. (Another upgrade in about six years will put that over seven million, but not quite yet.)*

(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)

- *By this time, Centrists believe that the Academies on Populist worlds have become soft, even “jokes.” Centrist worlds are now rebuilding old programs of study to reestablish standards from a generation earlier, during the era of the Empire.*

(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)

- *Lord Mellowyn of Birren dies.*

(conjecture based on *Bloodline*)

- *On the current New Republic capital world, Hosnian Prime, the Senate is heading for a crisis point. After years of leadership from Chancellor Mon Mothma, whose charisma helped hold the government together, it is now without her, as she suffers from an illness. In her absence, two factions have formed within the Senate. The Populists (including Leia Organa) focus on the rights and powers of individual systems, while the Centrists tend toward centralized authority and a powerful military. Leia continues to serve, though she sees the Senate becoming ineffective and fragmented. After a ceremony to dedicate a new statue to Bail Organa, she is surprised when Centrist Senator Lady Carise Sindian of Arkanis approaches her about Leia being the legal heir to the position of governor of Birren after the death of Lord Mellowyn. Carise is heavily involved in the courtly noble culture of the Elder Houses, feeling as though she has derived her power and influence from her noble title, rather than her own activities. Leia avoids committing to anything. It is while discussing current requests for her attention with her chief of staff, Greer Sonnel (a former racer for Leia’s husband, Han Solo) and her intern, Korr (“Korrie”) Sella that Leia realizes that her greatest desire is simply to quit being in the Senate so she can travel with Han as he conducts his business and runs racing events. With their son, Ben Solo, off training with Luke Skywalker (and out of contact recently), Leia is eager to get away from politics. Unfortunately, events will not make it easy. The next day, Yendor (former member of Corona Squadron around the time of the Battle of Hoth), now an emissary for the independent world of Ryloth, addresses the Senate, speaking of the hardships on Ryloth due to a criminal organization that has grown in size to rival the old Hutt Cartel, run by Niktos under the command of crimelord Rinnrivin Di. Yendor urges an investigation of Rinnrivin’s activities on his assumed base planet of Bastatha. As the Senate bickers over the issue, Leia takes it upon herself to declare that she will lead the investigation and travel there herself. Carise insists that a Centrist accompany Leia, since she is a Populist. Senator Ransolm Casterfo of Riosa volunteers. When Leia tries to throw him off a bit and visits him to set up details, rather than vice versa, she discovers that he is a collector of Imperial relics (helmets and the like). He appears to believe in the kind of order the Empire tried to create, and he believes an Empire is needed for centralized power, but he believes that Palpatine and Darth Vader were corrupt and horrible (particularly given how Vader himself treated Ransolm’s father during mining supervision visits on Riosa when Ransolm was a child). Leia sees little distinction, and they are off to a rocky start. Leia and Ransolm’s team will consist of C-3PO, Greer, Korr, and X-wing escort pilot Joph Seastriker (a young man eager for excitement and adventure, who becomes rather impressed with Greer’s racing background). On Bastatha, they meet with Magistrates Tosta and Xun, whose demeanor make it clear that they are likely in the pocket of Rinnrivin. As Leia plays sabacc to gain some influence and respect among the locals, her team recognizes an unusual group, led by a human woman, who seem to be trying to actively avoid attention. They learn that the group is there from Daxam IV and keep that in mind for a later date. Leia is invited to a meeting with “business leaders,” which she knows is a setup. She allows herself to be taken by goons loyal to Rinnrivin so that she can meet with him in person. He actually respects her because she is the one who killed Jabba the Hutt. It is not well-known, but he has a recording from the sail barge of Leia actually killing him, which he gives to her in a holocube as a gift and sign of respect, calling her “Huttslayer.” She has just settled into conversation, seeking information, when Ransolm, thinking she has been kidnapped without having already known it would happen, zooms in and effects her “rescue,” taking her back to Leia’s ship, the Mirrorbright. They learn from data on droids Rinnrivin left when fleeing the scene that Rinnrivin’s operations are vast in scope, even bigger than what the Hutts used to control. The relative newness of his cartel, though, suggests that he must have a major sponsor to have gotten this far. They wonder if the mysterious Daxam IV group that seemed to even intimidate the Niktos around them, might possibly be tied into Rinnrivin’s backers. Upon returning to the Senate, their report is taken into consideration, but, as usual, action is stalled. Taking the opportunity, Carise proposes that the position of Chancellor be abolished in favor of a so-*

called "First Senator," who can have real authority over economic and military matters to get the Senate to actually become effective (just as the Centrists want – through centralized power). Ransolm backs the motion, and it is his words that sway the Senate enough in Carise's favor to begin the process of each party seeking candidates for the First Senator position. Leia's allies in the Senate, particularly Tai-Lin Garr of Gatalenta and Varish Vicly of Lonera almost immediately begin pushing Leia to be the Populist's candidate, something she accepts reluctantly, as it means she will not just no longer be quitting after her term but will be even deeper into the process than before. Carise again visits Leia about the governorship of Birren, and Leia decides to essentially hand over the position to Carise herself, who would love such a prestigious title and all the ceremonial trappings that come with it. As Han's team competes in the Five Sabers races, Leia watches with Joph, Greer, and other pilots. She uses the opportunity to suggest that Joph and Greer undertake a secret mission to Pamarthe, Greer's homeworld, in hopes of getting a job that would take them to Daxam IV, perhaps even a job under the very same shadowy backers who set up Rinnrvin. After a brief visit to a bar to get information (and in which Greer saves Joph from trying the hard Pamarthan liquor "Port in a Storm"), they learn that the Amaxines (a warrior group thought to have left the Republic long, long ago) are hiring for runs to Daxam IV. Even as they return to Hosnian Prime, Carise heads for Birren to begin the long inauguration process. Leia's team determines that Daxam IV is a central Amaxine location and that they seem to be, based on reports, a sort of planetary militia. They also find that the planets linked to Rinnrvin's finances so far and those with Amaxine mentions appear to be mostly (or all) Centrist planets. It suggests a Centrist plot, but Leia's instincts (and Force intuition) seem to suggest otherwise. Leia consults with Ransolm, who is growing on her and becoming an actual friend. Leia and other Populists then attend an early meeting that doubles as a breakfast. When Leia sits, a message has been left on a paper streamer on her plate: "Run." She gets everyone out of the building just in time to avoid an explosion that would have killed many of the most influential Populist senators. As a result of the so-called "Napkin Bombing," chaos rules the day and distractions abound for the Senate, making the Rinnrvin investigation yet another thing lost in the confusion. Both parties accuse the other publicly and in the media over the bombing. Leia is sure the Populists did not bomb themselves for sympathy, and Ransom is sure the Centrists did not do it. They do discover footage of a Twi'lek running away from the scene as if she were the bomber, but she could have been hired by anyone. They doubt it was Rinnrvin, given that he would try to avoid attention, not do something this dramatic and draw attention. They do think it might be the work of whatever group (the Amaxines? Someone else?) is behind Rinnrvin, to whom Rinnrvin's profits are flowing in huge amounts. Leia, Korr, and Joph will go to Ryloth to continue their investigations, while Ransom and Greer will travel to Daxam IV under the cover of Ransolm intending to buy an Imperial Royal Guard helmet for his collection from a contact there. These are not official missions, per se, but they can deal with red tape later. Once on Daxam IV, the seller turns out to be the woman from Bastatha, who introduces herself as Arliz Hadrassian. (The helmet was her brother's before his death in the Battle of Jakku.) Ransolm is taken to visit her camp and finds that Hadrassian is the leader of the Amaxine warriors on Daxam IV, which, based on ship training drills that Greer notices while in flight, is a huge force, certainly larger than a typical planetary militia. They appear to be training for war. Meanwhile, Leia and Joph arrive on Ryloth, where Leia meets with Yendor. They are able to search through hardcopy records on Ryloth, which lend more credence to the idea of a mysterious sponsor for Rinnrvin, since he only came to his power base some seven years earlier, and there was no corresponding downfall of another criminal cartel for him to have simply filled a vacuum. While Leia is off the ship, Joph answers a call from Ransolm, who fills them in on the Amaxines and suggests that since Rinnrvin wouldn't leave such a group unmonitored if he is now funding their activities, the satellites that seem to be relaying information from Daxam IV to Ryloth would likely then be relaying that information to another location where Rinnrvin himself must be. Given that he might change locations, they would need a way to get data directly from the satellites. Without asking Leia's permission first, Joph and C-3PO are able to slice into the satellites over Ryloth to begin gathering more intel. Leia is annoyed that he acted without asking her, but she admits that it was a good idea. They are even able to pin down a possible location for Rinnrvin, the waterworld of Sibensko. At the same time, Ransolm learns on Daxam IV that Sibensko is the planet of the main Amaxine base. Seeking someone to be an ally in the Senate to get things moving and back his findings, Ransolm contacts Carise, who seems to completely discount the reality of the threat the Amaxines pose. She suggests he drop the issue as not a true

threat, since such groups rarely actually strike out. En route back to Hosnian Prime, Leia's half of the team is able to use the satellite bugging to track Rinnrivin's new current location to Harloff Minor. They travel there and invite Rinnrivin (there on legitimate business) to dinner. Leia ingratiates herself a bit to him and returns the holocube with the recording of Jabba's death. Unbeknownst to Rinnrivin (at least not yet), Leia has put a tracker in it. Korr wonders if it is too late to keep the Senate from tearing itself apart over the bombing. It seems that Rinnrivin feels threatened by the bombing, while the Amaxines are emboldened, suggesting the two are at odds. The Napkin Bombing was most assuredly a distraction to throw attention off of the investigation into Rinnrivin that could have exposed the Amaxines and whomever or whatever is on Sibensko. Ransolm attends a reception, listening to Centrists in conversation, hoping to find an ally for their investigation, but what he hears shocks him. There are many who do not just want centralized power or even an empire again but that also seem to have admired and long for the days of Palpatine and Vader's ruthlessness. Meanwhile, on Birren, Carise is given the various physical goods that come with her position, including an Alderaanian box that was given to the late Mellowyn by Bail Organa to hold in safekeeping until Leia could receive it at some point in her adulthood, should Bail and Breha Organa die unexpectedly (as they did with Alderaan's destruction). Carise checks out its contents, discovering a music box that plays an old song (after which the Mirrorbright was named). It then plays a message from Bail to Leia that reveals the truth of her parentage and the fact that her biological father, Anakin Skywalker, became Darth Vader. Carise is shocked, and it is her duty as a member of the noble families to keep this information confidential and give the box to Leia, but she now has the power to destroy or coerce Leia if she so desires. To get to Sibensko covertly, Joph and Greer are sent to the Chrome Citadel space station, where they accept a job carrying cargo from Daxam IV to Sibensko at a specified time. Leia intends to accompany them, as does Ransolm once informed. This would be a mission outside of their Senatorial investigation's parameters and, depending what they are hauling, probably illegal. The team (aside from Korr) have a planning meeting session that includes some Port in a Storm drinking. They plan disguises for Greer and Joph, and Leia will travel with them as an indentured servant. They agree that the Rinnrivin or the Amaxines must have a source in the Senate, since that is the only way they could have known the exact time and circumstances of the banquet that became the Napkin Bombing. Leaving for his office, Ransolm encounters Carise, now back from Birren but too late at night to deliver the box to Leia yet as intended. When Ransolm hints that he is still on the trail of his mysterious villains, yet does not divulge much, Carise comes to believe that he knows the truth that she is the source in the Senate, working with Hadrassian. She contacts Hadrassian to criticize Hadrassian arranging the Napkin Bombing, which drew too much attention. (She had suggested a distraction, and Hadrassian took the concept in a violent direction.) While Hadrassian believes that Ransolm has been all but recruited to join their cause after his Daxam IV visit, Carise believes he is playing them. They must all be loyal to the cause and entity that they believe in, the shadowy presence behind the Amaxines, Rinnrivin's organization, and hardcore Centrists like Carise – the First Order. Carise is unsure how to deflect Ransolm's investigation and his alliance with Leia until she realizes that if she were to break the royal seal and give Ransolm the box that was meant for Leia, she could forever destroy their alliance, given Ransolm's hatred for Darth Vader. After Leia and Ransolm return from inspecting troops for the New Republic, Carise visits him and drops the bombshell . . . When the time finally comes for Leia to be put forth as the official Populist candidate for First Senator, her allies speak well of her heroics in the Rebellion and leadership since, but Ransolm speaks against her, revealing that she is the daughter of Darth Vader and playing parts of Bail's message for the entire Senate. The truth is out, and trust in Leia diminishes in the Senate. Her political career is over. To her credit, she admits the truth and explains how she has tried to deal with knowing the truth and such, but the revelation has struck her down as much as it has boosted Ransolm's standing, even though he was trying to serve the truth, rather than his own political power. Even Korr refuses to accept Leia's explanations and walks out of her service, quitting as Leia's intern. Leia records messages for Han, who is out of contact during this part of the races, and she records another that explains everything for Ben, who had never been told the truth about his maternal grandparents. Greer and Joph remain loyal to Leia, who goes to have a rather heated exchange with Ransolm in his office about how she had been tortured by Vader aboard the Death Star, along with other terrible psychological aspects of her finding out her parentage. Ransolm is left with the realization that he handled this the wrong way by not going to her first and letting his sense of betrayal guide him. She deserved better, even in his

opinion. Leia withdraws her candidacy and is granted personal leave that she had asked for a while earlier to cover for the upcoming mission to Sibensko. Ransolm, still mulling over how he betrayed Leia over her betrayal, does not call her out on the truth of why she is leaving. (At the same Senate session, some senators further question Luke's loyalty to the New Republic, given that they knew he was Leia's brother, which, of course, also makes him a child of Vader.) With new information from the satellites that Rinnrivin is on Sibensko, the mission begins, though with a new complication: Joph has witnessed Greer passing out. She was diagnosed with bloodburn three years ago (when Han got her set up as Leia's chief of staff), a condition that will eventually kill her. She has been putting it off with Hadeira serum in huge doses under the watch of Dr. Harter Kalonia. Leia sends another message to Han for when he is able to receive them, noting their upcoming mission to Sibensko. They undertake the job from Daxam IV to Sibensko, and once on Sibensko, Greer and Joph are to take on a new cargo – a huge load of thermal detonators, bound for Hosnian Prime. Leia and C-3PO slice into the computers in the base (which is underwater, given that the planet is essentially a water world). C-3PO gets enough information on the operation to bring it down, and upon finding that there is a huge army massing in part of the base, Leia intends to get first hand evidence. She sends C-3PO back to the ship, orders the others to get him aboard and leave if she doesn't make it back to them, then goes to investigate. Unfortunately, she runs right into Rinnrivin, whom she is forced to kill while escaping by blasting the ceiling above him so it collapses and kills him. Leia is able to get to a lift up to the surface, but she is immediately targeted by Amaxine starfighters. She is saved, though, when Han swoops onto the scene in one of his ships from the racing circuit, taking out the attackers. He got her message and raced (no pun intended) to her aid. One of the downed starfighters hits the structure of the base that is sticking out of the water just right, causing an explosive chain reaction among the Amaxine armaments there, wiping them out. Any evidence there is wiped out with them, but they at least still have C-3PO's data. Shortly thereafter, Carise and Hadrassian are again in contact, and Carise (on behalf of the First Order) cuts Hadrassian loose. What's left of the Amaxines will no longer be part of the First Order's plans. Leia tries to address the Senate and is nearly unable to get enough votes to be allowed to do so, but Ransolm casts the deciding vote in her favor. She reveals what they learned in their investigation, and Ransolm backs her up. By doing so, he becomes a target, rather than a potential ally to be recruited, for Carise and the First Order. Leia speaks with him, clearing the air as much as possible, and he sees it as the torch of seeking right in the Senate being passed from her to him. Ten days later, Leia attends a ceremony to celebrate Tai-Lin, who became the Populist candidate after Leia withdrew (but wants to be so ineffective and inactive that the position just dies off), being elected as First Senator. At the ceremony, Korr approaches Leia, and they make amends. She wants to help Leia however she can. Moments later, Tai-Lin is assassinated by a woman in the crowd, who is revealed to be Hadrassian. With Hadrassian then in custody, the entire investigation is swept under the rug as all wrapped up, all the villains accounted for, except for their source in the Senate, whom the First Order reveals to be . . . Ransolm. They have doctored footage from his time on Daxam IV to make it look like he was working with Hadrassian. His political career is over, he is arrested, and he is to be sent back to Riosa to face execution, so soon after he himself helped get the Riosan death penalty reinstated. There is nothing Leia can do, but she visits him as he is being taken to the ship that will take him offworld, giving them a short period of renewed friendship. She understood and can, to an extent, forgive his motives for revealing what he learned about her connection to Vader. As for Carise, she appears to have come out with rivals removed and her power intact, but Leia knows where the keepsake chest came from that included the message from Bail. She reports the betrayal of the royal seal to the other Elder Houses, and they formally strip Carise of all of her noble titles, one of the few things she took pride in over the years. Shortly thereafter, Leia meets with allies in secret at a hangar on Hosnian Prime. They include Joph, pilots Joph drew into their common cause of protecting the New Republic from the enemies in the shadows (Temmin "Snap" Wexley, Zari Bangel, etc.), Greer, Dr. Harter Kalonia, and old allies like Ematt, Nien Nunb, and Gial Ackbar (who has come out of retirement to heed her call). They even have armaments – the shipment of thermal detonators that Joph and Greer still had from the mission. They plan to form their own extragovernmental military force to protect the galaxy from the menace in the shadows (the First Order, though they do not know it yet). As Leia puts it, "The sun is setting on the New Republic. It's time for the Resistance to rise." And thus, the Resistance is born.

(Bloodline)*

***NOTE: The timing of this story was pinned down to 6 years before TFA by Del Rey via Twitter.**

- *After founding the Resistance, General Leia Organa personally travels to the independent Warlentta system to recruit Larma D'Acy to join the Resistance.*
(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi Visual Dictionary*)
- *Sometime after the founding of the Resistance, former New Republic home fleet starship Dawn of Tranquility is brought into the Resistance. Since it will become Leia Organa's flagship, Admiral Gial Ackbar petitions to have this Mon Calamari MC85 vessel renamed after a fellow Mon Cala hero of the Rebellion, Admiral Raddus. Thus, the ship becomes the Raddus. Its defenses will include advanced deflector shields that will prove crucial to defending the ship in the aftermath of the Battle of Starkiller Base. Meanwhile, the Nebulon-C frigate Anodyne, also formerly of the New Republic fleet, will become a Resistance's fleet hospital ship.*
(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi: Incredible Cross-Sections*)
- *Weeks before her capture by the First Order, Resistance spy Vi Moradi begins knitting a sweater for her older brother, Baako Moradi.**
(conjecture based on *Phasma*)*

***NOTE: This is "weeks" prior to the present of *Phasma*.**

- *Resistance spy Vi Moradi travels to Parnassos, homeworld of Captain Phasma, to learn more about this First Order officer. She meets Siv, former friend and clanmate to Phasma, who has survived with her daughter (and Torben's), Torbi, in the old Calliope Station. Siv tells her all about Phasma's past, and Vi promises to return to get her and Torbi off of the planet.*
(conjecture based on *Phasma*)*

***NOTE: This is immediately prior to *Phasma*.**

- *While returning from a Resistance spying mission to Parnassos to learn more about the background of the First Order's chrome-armored stormtrooper trainer, Captain Phasma, spy Vi Moradi is nearly to D'Qar with her astromech, U5-GG, when she makes contact with General Leia Organa, who asks her to check out rumors of some First Order ships at coordinates nearby. She does so and discovers First Order ships, including the Resurgent-class Star Destroyer Absolution. Her small skyhopper is captured, and she is taken prisoner, despite claiming to just be a trader. She is taken to a lower deck into what she immediately realizes is not a typical interrogation room. This is a room meant for interrogations where the subject must be kept secret and might die, making disposal of a body easier and without any questions. She is questioned by the First Order's red-armored stormtrooper trainer (who splits duties by training younger troopers before they move on to Phasma's more advanced training), known as Cardinal. He knows that she was on Parnassos, and he wants whatever she knows about Phasma. He sees her as an enemy and internal threat to the First Order, and he wants to take her down, but he needs proof that she is a threat in order to do so. Seeking to buy time and hopefully her interrogator's respect and thus her survival, Vi relays what she knows in small bits and pieces to Cardinal and his droid companion, Iris. He promises that if she provides the information he needs to take Phasma down, he will indeed let her go, since her presence in interrogation right now is a closely guarded secret, as Vi suspected. She reveals that she knows who he is: a child born on Jakku that was taken and trained by Brendol Hux (now deceased), who now serves under Armitage Hux (Brendol's son) alongside Phasma. As she tells the story, she learns that Armitage is coming to the Absolution soon, hence the time crunch for Cardinal to gather evidence. She hints that Phasma had something to do with how his mentor, Brendol, died. He, however, also threatens to go after her brother, Baako Moradi, if she does not cooperate. (Baako doesn't even know about Vi's Resistance dealings at all.) She eventually divulges the truth about Phasma's time on Parnassos while Brendol was marooned there, along with the shocking truth that Phasma killed Brendol by putting a beetle from Parnassos into his quarters, which then bit him. He soon was liquefied, which Cardinal remembers learning about himself, lending credence to the information. He attempts to bring this information to Armitage Hux, but Armitage already knows because he conspired with her to make it happen when it was the "right time" for him to die and pass control to his son. Cardinal must remain silent, but he knows that despite his loyalty to the First Order, he has just ended any chance of being trusted by General Hux. He is kept out of the upcoming First Order assembly that is the purpose of Armitage's visit. Armitage will let Phasma handle Cardinal herself. The situation has broken Cardinal's resolve, causing him to question everything. He returns to Vi and tells her that Armitage knew. She has been working on him along the way to see if she can flip him to join the Resistance, and this is about as close as he will come, questioning those in*

whom he has placed his trust and essentially his life's work. With a final story about how Phasma first joined the Scyre on Parnassos, she gets through to him that Phasma is entirely opportunistic and driven by survival. She will always abandon her group (whatever it may be: Scyre, First Order, etc.) in order to jump over to a side that is stronger and thus more likely to help her survive. Usually this will not just be a change of allegiance but a flat-out betrayal of her former group. Cardinal now believes it is up to him to stop Phasma, even if it brands him a traitor or costs him his life in the process. Vi provides him with pieces of hidden evidence that she has carried with her, starting with the poisoned knife that Phasma once used to cripple her brother (Keldo) and kill Claw leader Balder, recovered during battle with the Claws by Siv. She then also provides a beetle specimen (in a plastoid case) that can be compared against what happened to Brendol and prove that it was the means by which he was killed. He leaves, taking Iris with him, leaving Vi free with the door unlocked so that she can attempt to escape. He goes off to confront Phasma directly. He tries to get into the assembly where the high-ranking First Order officials are meeting but is not allowed in again. He returns to his quarters and tries to drown his frustrations with liquor, then awakens next shift and gets some food (and meds to help ease the hangover that is coming). He continues to convince himself of the righteousness of taking down Phasma and finally confronts her alone in the simulation room where he trains stormtroopers. He attacks her, and the two battle hand-to-hand fiercely. Cardinal uses her own knife, as Iris records what is happening. That should provide a record of her words during the struggle that confirm his accusations, but she blasts Iris out of the air with her blaster and intends to delete or modify any records from the ship's own records after defeating him. She is clearly winning as he tries to set the beetle upon her, but she simply crushes it under her boot. She turns the blade upon him, delivering a blow that will definitely kill him due to the poison, then does not even give him the dignity of a final killing blow, simply towering over him and then walking away as the poison does its work. He loses consciousness briefly but is awakened by Vi, who has followed him and still believes she can recruit him. She takes him to the hangar and steals a ship to escape that has enough room for him and others. (Her droid, unfortunately, has already been destroyed.) She puts him in a medically induced coma, then takes him with her to Parnassos, so that she can keep her word to Siv and Torbi, while hoping to also use the advanced medbay there at Calliope Station to save Cardinal's life.

(Phasma)*

*NOTE: This is the "framing story" for *Phasma*, set in the "present." The timeline in the front of the novel puts it between *Bloodline* (28 ABY) and *The Force Awakens* (34 ABY), which is a rather large, six-year window. However, on p. 278, we learn that Siv, Phasma, and Armitage Hux are all about the same age. Siv is given an age of 16 in a segment 12 years prior to the novel, making her 28 in the framing story. Pablo Hidalgo has reported via Twitter that Armitage is said to be 34 in the script to TFA, which would put his birth (and thus those of Siv and Phasma if they are indeed the same age) around the time of ANH. If that is the case, and Siv (and thus Phasma and Armitage) is 28 in *Phasma's* framing story, then it must be set in 28 ABY. Given that it is after *Bloodline* in the novel's opening timeline, that means it must be set *after* the *Bloodline* novel, yet in this same year. This also fits the idea that Cardinal is about 40 in the story and was a teenager when he left Jakku, along with the idea that Phasma is "a few years" older than Gosta, who is 14 in the segments 10 years before the novel, when Phasma would be 18 by this reasoning. All dates for flashback chapters in the novel are dated back specifically from 15, 12, 10, or 9 years before the framing story, allowing us to place those and virtually all other dates from the novel. (Of course, if we ever learn differently on the age of Phasma or Armitage, it will all end up shifted around. For now, though, this reasoning seems sound.)

- On *Chaakti*, *Bazine Netal* takes out a target using poison in a drink, thereby completing her current job.
(conjecture based on *The Perfect Weapon*)
- One evening on *Chaakti*, having finished a contract by giving a target poison in a drink, *Bazine Netal* waits at *Suli's* bar (with lodging upstairs) for contact *Suli* claims will be arriving soon with another job. Until then, she keeps troublemakers out of the bar for *Suli* and protects servers like *Ooda*. When a room key is dropped into her un-drunk drink, *Bazine* takes it upstairs to the lodging area and opens the matching door. There, she finds a protocol droid offering her a job on behalf of an unknown owner. She must accept within ten seconds without knowing what it is. She learns the details upon acceptance. She is being hired by an unknown party to recover a steel case that was last possessed by *Jor Tribulus*, an Imperial stormtrooper designated TK-1472. *Jor* was last known to be a patient at *Vashka City Medcenter One*. She is also told that there is another party on the hunt for the case, known only as "Narglatch." To prepare for the job, she heads to *Chaako City*, an area she has not visited in six years. She visits her old trainer and mentor, *Delphi Kloda*, who was at one time the second-in-command of *Kanjiklub* under *Tasu Leech*. He had taken her in as an orphan

and trained her to become a living weapon of sorts, his “Chaakrabbitt.” (He still does not know her real name, though. “Bazine Netal” is apparently a name she took or was given as a child.) She needs a ship and wants to borrow or buy Kloda’s Sparrowhawk. He does not accept her offer to buy it, but he is willing to make a trade. He will let her use the Sparrowhawk if she will take one of his students, Pantoran slicer Orri Tenro, with her to help teach him the ropes of offworld jobs. The fact that he is Pantoran gives her pause, since he comes from Pantora, moon of Orto Plutonia, where narglatches come from, suggesting that he could be the competition. Still, she needs a ship, so she agrees, as long as Orri is led to believe that this is just a training trip, rather than that Bazine is on her own mission. As they set out, she begins teaching him a bit of spycraft, going so far as to disguise herself as “Paf,” claiming to be the ship’s gunner, then as a Twi’lek masseuse. He only realizes then that she that talented and is the only other person aboard. She tells her of her first mission for Kloda, when she lost her hair permanently to a flamethrower that seared her scalp. It is a lesson in needing to remain unseen, and he suggests that they should acquire some baffleweave fabric that can make her virtually undetectable. They reach Vashka, landing at Vashka Station. They make a quick detour to acquire a baffleweave shirt for her. They then head for the medcenter. When they get near enough, she feigns collapsing, allowing the duo to enter as a patient and her companion. Once inside, Orri breaks away, then seems to disappear. She tries to contact him when she finally emerges from her faked illness, but she is forced to implant a computer spike that will make records inaccessible to Narglatch (if he or she hasn’t gotten them already) and makes her way back to the ship. Orri arrives just after she does, having apparently gotten lost and having his comlink stolen. He did get the data on Jor, however. Jor was last recorded as a resident at Vashka Valley Retirement Facility 48, but it has been shut down since that time. His files are listed as held on site, so even if Jor is not at the old retirement facility, his more detailed records should be. She drugs him so that he cannot follow her, then steals a speeder and heads for the facility. She finds it colonized as a hive for giant insects known as apidactyls. Upon entering and escaping some of the creatures, she realizes that the facility is an asylum for war veterans. She meets one of the patients that somehow has survived the apidactyl takeover of the facility, Aric Nightdrifter (AKA TK-1403), a stormtrooper veteran of the Battle of Endor. He served under Jor. He takes her to the facility’s “Atrium,” where Jor and other dead troopers are encased in wax from the apidactyls, along with many of their belongings, including the case Bazine is seeking. She acquires the case, but then Aric is knocked out by her competition, “Narglatch,” who turns out to be Kloda himself! He was crafting her over the years to be the perfect weapon, and the perfect patsy to send on a mission when he needed one. This job is part of his “long game,” as acquiring what is in the case will set anyone up for life. He kept her isolated all of her life to hone her into what she has become, and now she has completed this job for him, and all he has to do is walk away with the prize. He leaves her alive out of respect for their past and the unlikelihood that she can escape the creatures anyway. She manages to do so, using gear found in Jor’s waxy coffin area. She then gets out of the hive/medcenter, only to spot Kloda disabling her speeder with an actual narglatch mount waiting with him. She attacks with a hidden thermal detonator, then in the scuffle that follows, she snaps his neck. She heads back to the Sparrowhawk, which she now claims as her own. Orri is just coming to, but the job is done, and they have both survived. She considers opening the case, but she chooses not to. Instead, she contacts her employer via long-distance comlink, letting him or her know that she has what she was sent for.

(The Perfect Weapon)*

*NOTE: We are given no real indication of when this story takes place in the story itself. However, the internal timeline in the ebook and subsequent Del Rey novels puts it after *Bloodline*, which early reports claim will be set six years before TFA. That seems a fairly short time for Maz to have had the lightsaber (assuming that is what is in the case) for “ages,” but at least it is more than half a decade of it in her possession. Thus, I have placed the story here, at the earliest possible point to still be set after *Bloodline*. Hopefully, we will be given a more specific date for when the story takes place.

- Bazine Netal turns over the case from Jor Tribulus to her mysterious employer. The case and its contents (the lightsaber that once belonged to both Anakin and Luke Skywalker) will reside at Maz Kanata for years to come, until discovered by Rey.*

(conjecture based on *The Perfect Weapon*)*

*NOTE: This assumes that I am correct that the case is the one we see in TFA, containing the lightsaber.

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On the *Absolution*

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Chapter 5

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Chapters 1 – 11

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- *Ben Solo, secretly being influenced by the First Order's Supreme Leader Snoke, turns to the Dark Side. Snoke has spent years watching the child, sensing the latent power of the Skywalker bloodline at first and then finding ways to play on the boy's feelings of inadequacy and abandonment. Snoke even predicted that Luke Skywalker would open a temple to train new Jedi based on Ben's own potential. Ben Solo is now Snoke's weapon. Luke senses Ben's darkness and tries to confirm or push away his fears by looking into Ben's mind as he sleeps. Upon seeing how twisted Ben has become and the horrors he will bring to Luke and all that he loves, Luke instinctively draws his lightsaber and ignites it. After only an instant, he shuts it back down, feeling shame at even considering striking down Ben preemptively. The damage is done, though, as Ben has awakened and seen his lightsaber ignited. Ben lashes out, leaving Luke buried under the rubble of Ben's hut. Ben then proceeds to recruit a few of Luke's students (presumably to become members of the Knights of Ren, which Ben is to lead) and killing the rest. They leave, burning down the training temple. By the time Luke emerges from the rubble, they are gone. Ben disappears, joining the First Order as "Kylo Ren" (a name he has taken in the vein of Anakin Skywalker taking the name "Darth Vader" after his own conversion to the Dark Side). At this betrayal, Luke's grief in the Force is felt by Leia Organa, but rather than seeking Luke out, she feels him pulling away in shame, and she lets him do so. Luke goes into exile, seeking out the location of the very first Jedi Temple on a world known as "Ahch-To." Leia feels his sense in the Force dwindle over time until it is gone, though she believes he is still alive. Han Solo and Leia's marriage falls apart, as he goes back to what he does best (smuggling with Chewbacca, who rejoins him after "retirement" on Kashyyyk, aboard the freighter Eravana) and she goes back to what she does best (leading the fight against the Empire, in this case in the form of the First Order). With tacit approval of some parts of the New Republic Senate, Leia continues her role as leader of the Resistance, a technically independent group that will stand against the First Order's aggressive moves, even if the Republic cannot do so overtly due to the risk of the current cold war becoming an active conflict again.*

(conjecture based on *The Force Awakens Visual Dictionary*, *Princess Leia: Royal Rebel*, *The Last Jedi*, and *The Last Jedi* novelization)

- *Aboard a starship that doubles as a cantina, the Serendipity (formerly the Miss Fortune, among other names), three mercenary pilots (one of whom is named Strater) argue over which ship in the galaxy is the fastest. An old man nearby (Han Solo) suggests the Millennium Falcon. He tells them a tale of the Millennium Falcon, going back to when Han and Chewbacca saved Rebel agent Caluan Ematt from Cyrkon. When the story is over, Han reveals his identity and states his belief that the trio must work for one of his adversaries, Gannis Ducain, the Irving Boys, the Guavian Death Gang, or someone else. (Han figures it is Ducain, who has been after the Millennium Falcon, which these three try to coerce him into handing over.) With the help of Chewbacca, bar owner Dalia Leighton, and bouncer Curtis, Han's group subdues the would-be troublemakers. As Han and Chewbacca are about to leave, Dalia asks whatever happened to Imperial Commander Alecia Beck, but he says that is a tale for another day.**

(Smuggler's Run)*

*NOTE: I had originally believed that this story was like the framing stories for *The Weapon of a Jedi* and *Moving*

Target in terms of being just prior to TFA. However, the fact that these mercenaries want to steal the *Falcon*, which Han still apparently owns, must place this story quite a few years prior to TFA.

- On *Ponemah*, six months before the race for the *Obrexta III*, an energy storm feeds enough energy into the wreckage of the Separatist ship *Obrexta III* and its commanding droid, B1-CC14, to slowly re-energize them and allow a distress call to begin transmitting on repeat. The signal is picked up by various local pirate groups, who wish to find the ship to discover the supposed “lost treasure of Count Dooku.”
(conjecture based on *The Crimson Corsair and the Lost Treasure of Count Dooku*)
- Months before the *Nordis Prime* job, *BeeLee Amdas* begins being careless on her jobs with fellow criminal *Ryn Biggleston*.
(conjecture based on *The Face of Evil*)
- Months before finding the wreckage of the Separatist vessel *Obrexta III*, the *Meson Martinet* comes to *Ponemah*.
(conjecture based on *The Crimson Corsair and the Lost Treasure of Count Dooku*)
- At *Niima Outpost* on *Jakku*, *Constable Zuvio* works on a quiet day with *Niima’s* lone secretary droid, CZ-1G5. They two have worked together for years, and it is odd that CZ-1G5 has shown up late that day. Zuvio’s inquiry into why the droid was late is interrupted by an explosion nearby. A banking vessel from the *Wester Reaches Exchange* has been attacked, possibly endangering the computer core on the ship that is used to carry secure financial data to be transmitted to the broader Exchange network in the galaxy. Seven citizens and two droids have been killed or destroyed. Zuvio tasks his two cousins, deputies *Drego* and *Streehn*, to handle crowd control while he investigates. Zuvio is met by *Rikard Lovas*, the *Kubaz* running the Exchange ship. Zuvio reports that it appears to be a robbery. The cargo hold is empty, and the computer core holds no records of active accounts at all. Zuvio realizes that the data connection panel inside the ship is the same specialized type that is in Zuvio’s office for CZ-1G5 to access, making CZ-1G5 a prime suspect (and perhaps the only viable one). He returns to the office to find CZ-1G5 gone, having apparently taken all of the weapons from his small armory and a speeder. Armed only with a small blaster from his desk, he sets out after CZ-1G5, believing his only likely destination would be an abandoned attempt at a settlement south at the *Fallen Teeth*. At the old settlement, CZ-1G5 joins with other droids and arms them. The other droids include G2-9T, a DD-13, COO-2310, J57-CM, an EG-6, a BD-3000, B33, and others. Zuvio reaches the site and has his speeder destroyed by the droids. He turns the tables, though, and begins attacking the droids in return. In the struggle, he discovers that the droids have restraining bolts. Someone is forcing them to be accomplices to this crime. Back at the outpost, *Drego* and *Streehn* are questioning witnesses and find that *Lovas* was supposed to have an appointment aboard the ship at the time of the explosion, but the person he was to meet with apparently found him gone and left. They investigate the ship’s computer records and find that there were transactions up until the explosion, but then the accounts disappeared. They were not, however, moved anywhere, so it seems that the funds were not taken, just somehow “gone.” In the desert, CZ-1G5 escapes but is tracked by Zuvio, who finally confronts him. The droid cannot reveal who put the restraining bolt on him to make him out to be the mastermind of a gang of unruly droids, but Zuvio gleans enough to believe that *Lovas* is responsible. CZ-1G5 cannot let him leave with that information, so the two engage in a quick-draw, and, thankfully, Zuvio manages to defeat the droid without destroying his old mechanical friend. Back at the outpost, *Streehn* and *Drego* question *Lovas*, who sets another droid on them, injuring *Streehn*. Before the droid can kill them, though, Zuvio arrives and takes it out. *Lovas’* plan had been to put all suspicion on the droids, then actually move the funds from the core (which were still in the accounts as originally entered), while everyone was looking somewhere else. He apparently owed gambling debts to the *Irving Boys*. *Lovas* is given life without parole. From among the droid “gang,” B33 joins the constable’s office, and CZ-1G5 is repaired and ready to return to work. It wasn’t a particularly quiet day after all.*

(High Noon on Jakku)*

*NOTE: Unfortunately, we do not have any real indication of when this story takes place, other than that *Niima Outpost* exists (so it must be after the *Battle of Jakku*) and that it is part of the *Journey to Star Wars: The Force Awakens* product line, so it should be set sometime prior to TFA. That is a long span, but CZ-1G5 being there for decades and working alongside Zuvio for years makes me think it is probably within about five years of TFA.

- During a job on *Nordis Prime*, *Ryn Biggleston* and *BeeLee Amdas* get away with quite a bit of money, but *BeeLee* is careless and picked up by security cameras. She is identified and becomes number seven on the *Tashtor Sector’s* most-wanted list.
(conjecture based on *The Face of Evil*)

- *Drix Gil brings a sample from Specimen Nine to Thromba and Laparo, but they will still ask for another the next day. Drix does not realize that he has left the door unlocked, allowing Specimen Nine to escape.*
(conjecture based on *The Face of Evil*)
- *In the highest tower of Maz Kanata's castle on Takodana, Thromba and Laparo, a pair of Frigosian cryptosurgeons (or mad scientists, more accurately) are engaging in experiments on sentients, and enjoying it immensely. Their Snivvian servant, Drix Gil, is tasked with bringing them a sample from Specimen Nine (their current captive), though he already did so the previous day. Meanwhile, in space, criminals Ryn Biggleston (a human female) and BeeLee Amdas (a Balosar female) have gone from partners to enemies. Ryn has attacked BeeLee, poisoned her, and taken all of the money from their most recent job, and now Ryn launches herself in an escape pod from their ship, leaving BeeLee behind to die. In a last act against her betrayer, BeeLee broadcasts data that exposes all of Ryn's secrets to everyone in the sector. The ship then explodes, killing BeeLee. Ryn's escape pod lands on Takodana, where she plans to get to Maz Kanata's castle to lay low for a while. Unfortunately, the data broadcast by BeeLee has made her a wanted fugitive with a bounty of 100,000 credits on her head. She would surely be turned in by someone at the castle. She has heard rumors of the Frigosian mad scientists, though, and thinks they may be her key to escaping capture. At the castle, Drix realizes that he had accidentally left the door unlocked the day before, allowing Specimen Nine to escape. The Frigosians will need a new test subject. Ryn makes it to the castle, but she is not given extended sanctuary, just the bare minimum that Maz allows to anyone: one night of food, water, and shelter. She must then leave or pay heavy fees. (She has no intention of paying that much or losing any of her money, which she has buried just outside the castle walls, near where she has also hidden a stolen speeder bike.) With Ryn in the castle, word spreads fast about how she betrayed BeeLee, who apparently has many friends in the castle, at least one of whom does not want her there. Drix sees an opportunity for business here to make up for losing Specimen Nine by bringing his bosses a paying patient. He invites Ryn to meet with Thromba and Laparo, who agree to extensive surgery to change Ryn's identity: facial reconstruction, changes to her teeth and retinas, new fingerprints, etc. They will change her drastically but agree to keep her either human or to resemble a species close to human, young, healthy, attractive, and still female. She will even be provided with documents good enough to get her off of Takodana. It is extreme, but it is still cheaper than paying for sanctuary under these conditions. She gives them some money up front, promising the rest when the procedure is done (a sum she is never intending to actually pay). She undergoes the procedure, spends three days in bacta, and finally awakens with her face in bandages that can only be taken off "when itching stops." When she is asked for the rest of her payment, she slashes at Drix and is bitten by Thromba before being able to escape, pursued at different times by Drix and even Specimen Nine, still loose. Ryn gets to where her money was stashed and finds it gone. (She had babbled under anesthesia and revealed its location, so the Frigosians took it before she could screw them over.) She takes the speeder bike to a trading outpost and books passage on a ship offworld. While aboard, she finally removes her bandages and is immediately recognized by an Ubdurian constable and arrested. It is only then that she sees her reflection in the viewport. The Frigosians kept their word. She is now a Balosar . . . a dead ringer for her old partner, BeeLee Amdas, one person down on the most wanted list. As for the Frigosians, they now have her money and a new "Specimen Ten," the bumbling assistant, Drix. Their madness continues undaunted.**

(The Face of Evil)*

*NOTE: Unfortunately, we do not have any real indication of when this story takes place, other than that the Frigosians are at Maz's castle and that it is part of the *Journey to Star Wars: The Force Awakens* product line, so it should be set sometime prior to TFA. That is a long span, so I am including it here with *High Noon on Jakku* (from the same anthology) in this span of the last few years before TFA.

- *Bobbajo (the "Storyteller" or the "Critttermonger") arrives with his many creatures at a small settlement on Jakku called Reestkii. Most of the time, no one bothers with Reestkii because it has very little of value to anyone. During this visit, though, Zygerrian slavers strike, herding Bobbajo and many locals (including Thaddeus Marien, P'nll Vun, Jol Bengim, Myette, Adlee, Xavi Brightsun, Arek Emjon, and others) into the local town hall before planning to take them offworld as slaves. To keep the children calm, Bobbajo tells a story of how he and some of his earlier creature companions (Smeep the thwip, Qyp the snee, and Mideyeen the slitherette) escaped custody on the Death Star and, at least according to his story, pretty*

*much were responsible for the Rebel victory at the Battle of Yavin. By the time the story ends, the slavers have been defeated, saving everyone. No sign of their rescuers can be found . . . unless the rescuers were Bobbajo's creatures, who are far smarter than they first appear.**

(All Creatures Great and Small)*

***NOTE:** Unfortunately, we do not have any real indication of when this story takes place, other than Bobbajo not being at Niima Outpost at this point and that it is part of the *Journey to Star Wars: The Force Awakens* product line, so it should be set sometime prior to TFA. That is a long span, so I am including it here with *High Noon on Jakku* (from the same anthology) in this span of the last few years before TFA.

- *The Meson Martinet and its crew (Captain Sidon Ithano AKA the Crimson Corsair, first mate Quiggold, Pendewqell, Reeg Brosna, Reveth, and the Gamorrean "Squeaky") are on the planet Ponemah. They have heard the distress call of the old Separatist ship Obrexta III and are seeking its supposed "lost treasure of Count Dooku." They know, though, that other groups must have heard the transmission as well, so it is a race to get the treasure first. Ithano is skeptical of the find, but Pendewqell is sure that this is their "big score." They travel in their retrofitted sail barge (the Shrike) into the dangerous Sea of Sand with its currents of sand and enormous worms that spit acid and can swallow ships whole. On the way, they speculate about the treasure and come to believe that it is a hoard of valuable lightsaber crystals that Dooku received from each time a Jedi was killed in the Clone Wars. Meanwhile, they are followed by the Weequay gang led by Scorza. Scorza has revenge on his mind. Years ago, he had served with Ithano on the New Gilliland, and Scorza had betrayed them to the Hutts. Ithano and Scorza both survived the ordeal, and Ithano had used the credits from the job to finance his own new gang (the Meson Martinet crew). He did not invite Scorza to join, given his betrayal, which Scorza irrationally sees as Ithano betraying him. When informed that they are falling behind the Shrike by his droid, C5-D9, an annoyed Scorza simply knocks C5-D9 overboard and keeps going. Nearby, another gang, the Gray Gundarks (made up of various species, none of whom are actually gundarks) also races for the prize, as does the Ortolan known as One-Eye, who travels in his slow but sturdy customized, war-grade sandcrawler. Just as the Shrike is about to hit a huge tornado of sand, it fires a torpedo that seems not to work. Scorza then opens fire on them, and amid the storm and attack, Reeg falls overboard and disappears. Scorza then fires tow cables to reel in the Shrike, so that they can board and go after Ithano and his crew. Meanwhile, One-Eye's sandcrawler is swallowed by a worm before he can even enter the fray. Scorza boards the Shrike as lava erupts from the region's volcanic activity, destroying his skiff. He confronts Ithano, who has no idea who he is, given how many Weequay pirates he has run into over the years. This just enrages Scorza even more. He attacks Ithano, only to be kicked overboard, where he secretly clings to the Shrike and survives. Finally, the torpedo launched earlier explodes. It was, in fact, an illegal kinetic disruptor, which freezes the particles of the tornado in place, allowing the Shrike to get through safely. However, it destabilizes the particles, which will make them highly explosive very soon, hence why the weapons were made illegal after being developed. Ithano's crew reaches the Obrexta III, where they find another gang has arrived first. That gang, the Fangs of the Hutt, are all dead, having been unprepared for leaking durilliam gas inside the ship. Ithano's crew don masks and go deeper into the ship. They discover that the ship has been slowly powering up from the energy storm six months earlier, which means that there will likely be active battledroids aboard for them to deal with. Outside, Toltek the Devaronian and yet another gang make it to the site of the frozen storm, but then the particles finally explode, wiping out the gang. Inside, the crew (followed by Scorza) find the vault, but it is not full of lightsaber crystals. Instead, there is a cryo-stasis pod with clonetrooper Kix inside. They deactivate the pod, allowing Kix to awaken. (This prompts B1-CC14, the vessel's droid captain, to use the last of his power to activate Super Battledroids to stop Dooku's "prize" from being able to escape.) Kix had continued investigating Fives' claims about the inhibitor chips in all clonetroopers and learned similar truths. This led to him being captured to be turned over to the Sith before he could reveal Protocol 66. This would have been very valuable back then, but it is pointless now. Realizing that he has failed his captain and will be punished, Pendewqell tries to run away and runs straight into a Super Battledroid that kills him. As the crew begins making their escape with Kix, Scorza confronts them, only to be killed by more droids, which gives the others time to get away. They are nearly at the Shrike when a giant worm destroys it, leaving them to use their only other means of escape, the lone escape pod. Unfortunately, it will not fit all of them, so Ithano puts the others in and launches it, seemingly sacrificing himself. As they launch away, the crew witness the worm tearing into the Obrexta III, then the ship itself exploding. Three weeks later, the crew remain*

on Ponemah, hoping that Ithano somehow survived. They have caught Kix up on galactic events. They are just about to give up hope when Ithano shows up, having been far too hard to kill, and with no explanation of how he actually survived. He arrives with the memory core from the ship, which malfunctioned instead of self-destructing long ago. It holds the locations of numerous old Separatist bases, warehouses, etc., some of which might still be untouched from the Clone Wars era. With Kix now joining the crew as an expert on that era's military installations, the crew have a new way to seek their fortune.

(The Crimson Corsair and the Lost Treasure of Count Dooku)*

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- When two underlings for Unkar Plutt at Niima Outpost on Jakku, Scoggan and Davjan Igo, are rebuffed when asking for an advance on water and supplies from Unkar, they decide to take some payback on their heavy-handed patron. They set up an artificial intelligence as "Tanandra Frullich," a female Crolute (Unkar's species), which contacts him through a dating service, secretly installing a virus that searches his records for where he must keep his most valuable salvage. While conversing with his supposed new love, Unkar reveals that he has a fortune in chromium from the hyperdrives of wrecks on Jakku, but he has to process it out. He offers to use that wealth to save Tanandra from being forced into an arranged marriage. The AI, however, grows to actually care for Unkar and does not wish to betray him, becoming wrapped up in guilt. She is reluctant to turn over the data "she" has stolen to Scoggan and Igo, but they take the data anyway. The AI then confesses everything to Unkar, who acts betrayed. When Scoggan and Igo go into the Imperial transport wreckage where the chromium and processor are supposedly to be found, Tanandra works against them, but they limit her to a small wrist-unit that cannot affect the transport's systems. They find nothing, no riches at all. Unkar reveals himself then over the speaker system, explaining that he never fell for the ruse, especially since there are no female Crolutes. (The females on his planet are Gilliands, a different species.) Tanandra's simulated "heart" breaks at the news. Unkar leaves the two betrayers in the transport with only enough food and water for one. Whomever survives will live to serve him again. As for Tanandra, he keeps her as a servant AI, always threatening to delete her if she does not do her job well each day. For her part, she serves him with the continuing hope that one day, he will truly love her.*

(True Love)*

*NOTE: Unfortunately, we do not have any real indication of when this story takes place, other than that it is part of the *Journey to Star Wars: The Force Awakens* product line, so it should be set sometime prior to TFA. That is a long span, so I am including it here with *High Noon on Jakku* (from the same anthology) in this span of the last few years before TFA.

- At Maz Kanata's castle on Takodana, sous chef Robbs Ely is angry over being scolded by head chef Stronto "Cookie" Tuggs for once again ignoring a customer's order and providing something he thought would be a better meal. Upon returning to his quarters, Robbs is killed by an unseen murderer. The next day, Cookie finds his body butchered as only a chef could, hanging in Cookie's freezer. It is an obvious frame job to pin the murder on Cookie. He disposes of the body and decides to investigate the situation himself in secret. He searches Robb's room and finds that his book of secret recipes has been stolen from his safe (which Cookie can open by following smudges of sauce on the keypad), and there are scratches on the ground where the body would have fallen. He quickly realizes that the killer must be one of the other chefs, since they could use his recipes to take his position. He narrows it down by who was on duty the night of the murder and could have had access to the area to bring in the body. He further narrows it down by asking who would want to compete to take Robbs' place, which narrows it down to four contenders (and suspects): Devaronian Sama Macoy, Corellian Relva Jace, human Damor Gregon, and Jom Jarusch (a Quarren/Mon Calamari hybrid). He decides to hold a cooking contest to see who would make sure to win by using recipes from Robbs' cookbook. He enlists two food service droids, Carly and J'Nell, to help him judge the contest, which is broadcast to the rest of the castle as entertainment. After the first round, Relva is eliminated from the competition and the suspect list. The second round (using blasters firing overhead as a distraction) eliminates Sama. In a strange final round that uses zero gravity, Jom is discovered to be the one with Robbs' cookbook because the dish being prepared is the precise one that had angered the customer the night before. Cookie gives the sous chef job to Damor and accuses Jom. Unfortunately, Jom's fingers would not have left the markings on the safe, which quickly confirms that while Jom stole the cookbook,

*the killer must have then come in later, killed Robb, and found the cookbook already stolen. The killer must have been around that night, unaccounted for when the murder happened, putting fingers into sauces, and capable of using a blade to kill. Cookie realizes that the only others that fit that description are the two serving droids, Carly and J'Nell. They attack him, revealing that their motives were those of safety. Without Robbs' secret recipes, they could not know what is in each dish and could therefore not be certain that the dishes were safe. They wanted only to get the book and put that data in their systems so that they could protect customers, but killing Robbs would also end the "threat." Cookie activates the zero gravity system, allowing the droids to float high enough for him to activate the blaster "distraction" to destroy them. Fortunately, it is all being recorded, so the truth is out immediately. In the wake of the investigation, Cookie gives a copy of Robbs' cookbook to each chef and uploads a copy to the Orto Culinary Academy. Robbs may have been secretive in life, but his brilliant recipes will live on, one day earning him a great reputation as a chef alongside chefs like Jlibbous of Zenn-La and Gormaanda.**

(A Recipe for Death)*

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True Love (TFAGFFA:A short story: Landry Q. Walker)

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Chapters 1 – 11

Epilogue

29 ABY

- Reporter Suralinda Javos leaves the Republic Navy and becomes a reporter.*
(conjecture based on *The Gathering Storm*)*

*NOTE: This is a few years before the story, which I have rounded to 5 years.

- *On Durkteel, Mattis Banz shares his beliefs that his parents were part of the Rebel Alliance fighting the Empire (and his ideas of what a reunion with them might be like) with fellow orphan Jinby.**
(conjecture based on *Join the Resistance*)*

*NOTE: He is 10 when this happens. This assumes that the book is set in 33 BBY.

31 ABY

- *A couple of years before Rey discovers the Ghtroc Industries 690, she acquires a generator in a trade, allowing her to provide limited power within the abandoned AT-AT from the Battle of Jakku (Hellhound Two from the Imperial Star Destroyer Interrogator) that she calls her home.*
(conjecture based on *Before the Awakening*)
- *A couple of years before Rey discovers the Ghtroc Industries 690, Devi and Strunk acquire an old emergency shelter from a wrecked X-wing.*
(conjecture based on *Before the Awakening*)
- *Three years before meeting the Lucky Three, Kaljach Sonmi begins playing cards at the Canto Casino, though he is not yet a prop player.*
(conjecture based on *The Ride*)*

*NOTE: This assumes that *The Ride* is set during TLJ.

- *A couple of years before joining the Resistance, Lorica Demaris receives a new SoroSuub Petite Opu-Yacht as a gift from her wealthy parents on Kergans. After a while of reckless, carefree flying, she stops outside the hotel run by her parents one afternoon to go in for some food. Just as she is entering, a light freighter in the same landing strip crashes directly into her yacht, causing a huge explosion, which Lorica barely avoids. As it turns out, the Kergans Security Force discovers that the light freighter was full of illegal weapons, so not only did Lorica's choice of parking spot save the hotel from being crashed into by the freighter, she also "blew up" an illegal weapons cache. She begins to get a reputation for heroism as if this was all intentional. It is a reputation she will grow to accept but find to be a burden.**
(conjecture based on *Join the Resistance*)*

*NOTE: This is about two years before *Join the Resistance*, though given when she reveals it late in the book, it might well be very early in 32 ABY instead. Lorica seems to be speaking in rounded terms, though.

- *A few seasons before leaving Jakku, Rey discovers a piece of a Mon Calamari escape pod that she uses as a "sandboard" to both haul salvage and slide down dunes as if on a sled.*
(conjecture based on *Rey's Story*)
- *The First Order has mostly left Hays Minor in their Otomok system alone, mostly just recruiting geologists and technicians. They have also recruited children with promises of food, shelter, and education as part of the First Order's FrontierCorps. However, now they begin to take a more active interest in the world, overseeing some operations there. They will eventually begin weapons testing, by which time the people of Hays Minor will have grown to accept the First Order presence, since it began so unobtrusively. That weapons testing will draw arms dealers from around the galaxy to witness such testing.*
(conjecture based on *Bomber Command* and *Resistance Fighter*)

32 ABY

- *In the year leading up to Operation: Sabre Strike, Major Caluan Ematt sends agents twice to get into Senator Erudo Ro-Kiintor's ship, Hevurion Grace, to get into its databanks and find proof that he is colluding with the First Order. Each time, this infiltration is done after the ship lands in Republic space, and the logs have always been erased so that no trace of his travels can be discovered.*
(conjecture based on *Before the Awakening*)
- *About eighteen months before Kaljach Sonmi meets Orisha Okum, he begins working as a prop at the Canto Casino. Since he can keep his own winnings, he also begins taking loans that will eventually total 800,000 Cantocoins from an individual (Mosep Bineed) whom he has no idea is actually the accountant for Big Sturg Ganna.**
(conjecture based on *The Ride*)*

*NOTE: This assumes that *The Ride* is set during TLJ, rather than some unknown time after the film. This would be around 32.5 ABY, halfway into this year.

33 ABY

- *Admiral Gial Ackbar is captured by the First Order.*

(conjecture based on *The Phantom Limb*)

- Sometime this year, Rey will trade to get a pair of quadnocs at Niima Outpost.
(conjecture based on *Daring Adventures*, Vol. 1)
- During the is year, Orisha Okum makes 10,000,000 in her gambling adventures.*
(conjecture based on *The Ride*)*

***NOTE: This assumes that *The Ride* is set during TLJ, rather than some unknown time after the film.**

- One or two months prior to Zool Zendiāt's kidnapping of Unkar Plutt, Rey sells the body of a J9 droid to Unkar, though she keeps the head, so that she can clean it up to get a better price for it later.
(conjecture based on *Better the Devil You Know*)
- Seeking the head of a J9 droid sold to Unkar Plutt by Rey, Zool Zendiāt sends mercenaries to kidnap Unkar and question him about its location.
(conjecture based on *Better the Devil You Know*)
- On Jakku, Rey is working to salvage material from a wrecked ship when she is set upon by other salvagers. One of the attackers fires his blaster when knocked down by Rey, blasting a power relay and starting a chain reaction. They all get out before the ship explodes, but the explosion takes out the scavengers' speeder. Rey leaves them to fend for themselves, realizing that these were no ordinary scavengers. They were thugs working for Unkar Plutt. Rey heads for Niima Outpost, but when she arrives, she learns from Crusher and Constable Zuvio that mercenaries (including Tryki the Zabrak) working for Zool Zendiāt were there looking for a J9 droid like the one Rey sold to Unkar a month or two earlier. Zendiāt's goons kidnapped Unkar. They are interrupted in discussing events by the arrival of Krynodd, who claims that with Unkar gone, he is the new junkboss of Niima Outpost. Krynodd abuses Bobbajo, whom Rey then helps. She is given a bit of food as a reward and realizes that things will be worse under Krynodd than under Unkar. Since no one else will try to rescue him, she will. At Zendiāt's hideout, he questions Unkar about the location of the J9 droid's head, which Unkar never received. It is actually still inside Rey's AT-AT "home," where she intends to clean it up to sell for a better price later. Rey heads out that night and follows ripper raptors to where it turns out that Zendiāt has Unkar tied up, threatening to feed him to the raptors if he does not reveal who has the J9 droid's head. Rey uses salvaged comlinks to create a distraction and tries to free Unkar, but she is captured herself. She tries to trade the J9 droid's head for her own freedom and Unkar's. Zendiāt refuses, and when Unkar finally frees himself, he takes the head from Rey for himself and takes the food packets she received from Bobbajo. He opens and spreads the packets, drawing in the raptors to attack Zendiāt and his team. As Unkar and Rey make their escape, she takes back the head and tosses it to one of Zendiāt's associates. Zendiāt and his people then leave Jakku, thinking that they have access to a treasure map in the droid's memory. As Rey explains to Unkar, though, she checked the droid before she left with it, and its memory was entirely wiped, making it useless junk. Once they get back to Niima Outpost, Rey tells Unkar about Krynodd, and Unkar heads out to confront the usurper. The next day, Rey discovers a package left for her by Unkar next to her AT-AT. It includes at least thirty food portions for her and a holoprojector that plays a message from him. He considers the package payment for saving him from Zendiāt, making this a better day than most for Rey.*

(Better the Devil You Know)*

***NOTE: We have no indication of when this takes place, other than that it is sometime before TFA and soon enough before the film for characters to look essentially the same as in the film.**

- On Jakku, a massive storm uncovers the wreckage of the experimental Star Destroyer Spectral, which crashed during the Battle of Jakku. Unkar Plutt announces this to a crowd of onlookers, including (among others) Rey, Bobbajo, Sarco Plank, Crusher Roondown, Constable Zuvio, and a Teedo. Since he controls virtually all local trade at Niima Outpost, he wants the residents to hunt down the ship for him and acquire a fuel pump for his own ship and to claim salvage rights to the Spectral in his name. The locals have little choice but to race to be the one to earn favors by doing so. Rey uses her speeder to ramp up and onto the ship, giving her an advantage in entering first. Others are a bit afraid of ghost stories about the ship, such as that it houses an undead version of Palpatine with a ghostly Imperial squadron or that it contains Imperial survivors that are constantly being hunted by ravenous Ewoks. As Sarco Plank's team enters, the ship seems to come alive, though it is really just that Rey has discovered Rebel astromech droid "Zeet," who opens up all of the doors on the ship for her. She manages to avoid an avalanche of stormtrooper helmets, then receives a disc of "top secret plans" from Zeet before the droid demagnetizes from where it is handing

and falls to its doom, its last mission fulfilled. As Rey reaches an area filled with weak bacta tanks (grown weaker over time), she activates the disc's built-in holoprojector and discovers a recording made by New Republic pilot Lt. Bak Rychuk (Shepherd Two) immediately after the Battle of Jakku. This draws the attention of Sarco's group, and Sarco manages to shoot Rey in the shoulder. He then tries to drown her by blasting open the bacta tanks, which sweep her away in a flood of bacta (which heals her blaster wound almost immediately). The flood of bacta also pushes her into a hangar, where a lone Y-wing with a missing nacelle rests atop a pile of TIE fighters. Meanwhile, Sarco's team is attacked by the ship's current "captain," Imperial Security Droid K-8Z8, who tries to eject them into space from an airlock for thievery, only to really just toss them (except Sarco himself) outside onto the sand. For her part, Rey takes a moment to sit in the Y-wing cockpit and fantasize about what it would be like to fly in battle. Thankfully, it has the fuel pump that she needs, but before she can leave with it, she too is set upon by K-8Z8. She is saved by Sarco, who is then grabbed by the droid. Rey is able to use the hologram to draw the droid's attention, while also activating sprinklers that spray water into the room, which is filled with a lifetime (or more) of dehydrated rations (which are unfortunately spoiled, so not the treasure they seem to be). They escape, leaving the droid to be buried under the food. Unkar gets the fuel pump, but the ship itself blows up, also Rey's handiwork. That night, while Rey is in her AT-AT home, she hears a knock at the door. She opens it to find several food packs on the ground, a thank you from Sarco for saving him. Sarco himself is leaving, but she calls him back and shares a meal with him. On Jakku, it is a struggle to survive, but that struggle doesn't always have to be undertaken alone. *

(Destroyer Down)*

*NOTE: We have no indication of when this takes place, other than that it is sometime before TFA and soon enough before the film for characters to look essentially the same as in the film.

- Seeking the location of the main Resistance base, Captain Phasma leads a First Order assault to capture a Resistance ship (under Captain Hoff) and the data aboard. In the process of the raid, which occurs over Taul, the First Order team encounters C-3PO and takes (fake) data, while the Resistance is able to take custody of a First Order droid, O-MR1 (Omri). When the ship, damaged from battle, is about to crash, the surviving First Order troopers, led by Phasma, escape, leaving Omri behind. Little does Phasma realize that this was all a ruse to capture a First Order droid to learn the location of the captured Admiral Gial Ackbar. The ship crashes on Taul.*

(LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens)*

*NOTE: This summary addresses the *LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens* video game level *Trouble Over Taul*. We are told that the game is meant to give us new story elements that tie into TFA, and these events seem to be referenced a bit in Story Group Canon, but because this is a LEGO interpretation that adds in sight gags and such, we can only assume that if it is supposed to give us hints as to what happens in Story Group Canon, it must just be events similar to the events in the game but not exactly how events play out in the game.

- C-3PO leads a group of droids on a desolate planet (Taul), where their transport has crashed. They were transporting Omri (O-MR1, a droid that may hold the information necessary to rescue Admiral Gial Ackbar from the First Order before he can be executed. Now, Omri is part of their droid troupe (along with CO-34, PZ-99, VL-44, and Toomedtoo) as they seek a way off of the planet. Along the way, Omri, C-3PO, and the others (to an extent) engage in existential questions about whether their allegiances are just a matter of programming, the "previous lives" they may have led before their most recent memory wipes, etc. (C-3PO even admits to having flashes of prior to his memory wipe, unknowingly the events of the Clone Wars and the era preceding it.) As they make their way to what is believed to be a crashed First Order ship from several cycles ago, they face natural hazards. One set of creatures attacks, only for PZ-99 to stay behind to cover the other droids' escape. When they encounter more creatures while crossing a bridge set up by CO-34, CO-34 is destroyed, but Omri saves C-3PO, his supposed enemy in the current conflict. C-3PO, though, has lost an arm to the creature that attacked them. After a subsequent encounter, only C-3PO and Omri remain. They are caught outside when acid begins to rain down from the clouds. They get to cover near the First Order TIE fighter they are seeking. Omri chooses friendship over allegiance and transmits to C-3PO the location where Ackbar is being held. He then goes through the acid, sets the TIE to transmit a signal that will bring the Resistance to recover C-3PO, then falls apart from the acid damage as he tries to return to C-3PO. By the time Poe Dameron and BB-8 arrive to help, C-3PO is mourning the sacrifice of Omri and holding one of Omri's arms, now scoured red by the acid, in his own remaining hand. For a while, C-3PO will use that arm from Omri as a testament to the sacrifices made by Omri and the other droids in the team during their journey across the desolate world.*

(The Phantom Limb)*

*NOTE: We do not know yet when this story takes place, other than that it is close to the time of TFA, prior to any other appearances of C-3PO with the red arm, and probably linked to the rescue of Ackbar that is given a comedic twist in *LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens*. *Poe Dameron: Flight Log* includes information on the mission after Operation: Sabre Strike, but Poe specifically notes in the introduction that the information therein is not necessarily in order, so that does us little good.

- *The Resistance hires the “Crimson Corsair,” Sidon Ithano, and the crew of the Meson Martinet to raid an First Order landing site to steal a First Order troop transport that they can then use in a rescue mission to recover Admiral Gial Ackbar.**

(LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens)*

*NOTE: This summary addresses the *LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens* video game level *The Crimson Corsair*. We are told that the game is meant to give us new story elements that tie into TFA, and these events seem to be referenced a bit in Story Group Canon, but because this is a LEGO interpretation that adds in sight gags and such, we can only assume that if it is supposed to give us hints as to what happens in Story Group Canon, it must just be events similar to the events in the game but not *exactly* how events play out in the game.

- *Having acquired information on Admiral Gial Ackbar’s location from Omri and a stolen First Order transport from Sidon Ithano, Poe Dameron undertakes a daring mission (with C-3PO and BB-8) wherein he rescues Ackbar from a First Order Star Destroyer by boarding with the stolen troop transport. They escape by stealing another transport, pursued by TIE fighters, which they elude.**

(LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens)*

*NOTE: This summary addresses the *LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens* video game level *Poe to the Rescue*. We are told that the game is meant to give us new story elements that tie into TFA, and these events seem to be referenced a bit in Story Group Canon, but because this is a LEGO interpretation that adds in sight gags and such, we can only assume that if it is supposed to give us hints as to what happens in Story Group Canon, it must just be events similar to the events in the game but not *exactly* how events play out in the game.

- *Poe Dameron receives a commendation from Admiral U.O. Statura for his rescue of Admiral Gial Ackbar.*

(conjecture based on *Poe Dameron: Flight Log*)

- *Almost three months before Rey discovers the Ghtroc Industries 690, she discovers a pair of goggles that she should have kept. Instead, she is so hungry that she trades it to Unkar Plutt for two food portions.**

(conjecture based on *Before the Awakening*)*

*NOTE: Given that Rey’s story in the book appears to span about six months, this event is at least nine months prior to TFA.

- *Within six weeks before Rapier Squadron’s encounter with the Yissira Zyde, Iolo Arana acquires a new R5 model astromech.*

(conjecture based on *Before the Awakening*)

- *Four weeks before encountering the Yissira Zyde, Poe Dameron leads Rapier Squadron as they begin a weeks-long patrol of the Mirrin sector, in which they will encounter the vessel.*

(conjecture based on *Before the Awakening*)

- *The Yissira Zyde stops at Mennar-Daye, where it is screened by Republic authorities before taking on a cargo of high-capacity charging arrays. It is bound for the corporate sector, but it will not make it there . . .*

(conjecture based on *Before the Awakening*)

- *On the planet Jakku, the scavenger Rey must ride out a powerful storm that the Teedos call X’us’R’iia, the breath of the god R’iia. The storm forces her to race back to the abandoned AT-AT that she calls home (Hellhound Two from the Imperial Star Destroyer Interrogator at the Battle of Jakku). Being inside from the storm reminds Rey of just how alone she is. Fortunately, during the storm (which lasts over three days), she is able to use her generator to briefly practice her piloting skills with a fight simulator program on a jury-rigged computer from an old BTL-A4 Y-wing (presumably also from the Battle of Jakku). She has become quite a pilot without needing to actually fly many actual ships. After a brief stop to trade with Unkar Plutt for food portions once the storm abates, she goes out to scavenge, this time going as far as the Crackle and the Spike. From high up, she spots an old Ghtroc Industries 690 freighter, akin to the Ghtroc Industries 720 freighter that she had flown many times with the simulator. She checks it out, finding that it is damaged but intact. She finds no bodies, as the ship was apparently abandoned, but she does find a pair of goggles that resemble those on a stormtrooper helmet that she chooses to keep. Apparently the ship had been damaged, abandoned, and then landed on autopilot. This could be the find of her lifetime. She does not want to leave Jakku, since she is still waiting for her family to return, but if she could get the ship working and sell it to Unkar, she would be wealthier than she has ever been. She uses a memetic sheet that she finds aboard to hide it from sight, while she leaves to gather various*

parts needed to fix the ship. After four days, she returns and gets to work on fixing the ship as well as she can, despite it being out of fuel, needing hyperdrive work, etc. She works on fixing the ship for five months . . . (To be continued below . . .)*

(Before the Awakening: Rey)*

*NOTE: To avoid confusion between the three stories in *Before the Awakening*, two of which cover a span of months, I have named each summary by the “part” (Finn, Rey, or Poe) that the summary covers. The Rey portion of the book covers about six months time and ends at some undetermined point prior to *The Force Awakens*, rather than reading directly into the film.

- *Commander Poe Dameron is a pilot for the New Republic navy, the government founded from the Rebel Alliance that both his mother, Shara Bey, and father, Kes Dameron, fought for before mustering out when Poe was only two years old. He reminisces about his parents and childhood while he and droid BB-8 are in his T-85 Incom-FreiTek X-wing on a patrol mission with his Rapier Squadron to protect trade routes. With him are Lieutenant Karé Kun (Rapier Two), Iolo Arana (Rapier Three), and Muran (Rapier Four). They are four weeks into their patrol routine when they receive a distress call from Suraz IV from the vessel Yissira Zyde. They follow the transmission to discover the Zyde under attack by the First Order in the form of shuttles and TIE fighters. They engage the First Order forces, but Muran is killed in the dogfight and the First Order escapes with the freighter. Poe, Karé, and Iolo return to the Republic base on Mirrin Prime and report on the incident to Major Lonno Deso, their commanding officer. They argue over whether the First Order is a true threat, like Poe believes, or an isolated, small group that isn't much of a threat, as the Senate Intelligence Committee seems to believe. They need to know why the First Order was so focused on getting the Zyde, so he requests that Deso give their intel to General Leia Organa's Resistance, but Deso scoffs at the Resistance as even more overstated than the First Order. Deso also denies Poe's request to take the Rapiers out to try to track the Zyde's trajectory. Deso finally admits that he does not like this either, but Republic Command has given specific orders that they are not to engage or provoke the First Order. They cannot risk turning the current cold war into open warfare, even if the hardline First Order seems intent on starting one anyway. Poe informs Iolo and Karé of the situation, and they head back out on patrol as ordered. While on patrol, though, Poe reveals that BB-8 has figured out the Yissira Zyde's likely destinations, and he will be breaking away to check it out on his own, so that only his career is at risk. Poe checks out the possible destinations. The third he checks is the right one, OR-Kappa-2722, a desolate system without a real name. There he discovers a huge First Order force, including three Star Destroyers (one of them Imperial-class) four frigates (two of which are Lancer-class), two Maxima-A heavy cruisers, and a Dissident-class light cruiser, along with many smaller vessels. The First Order forces pounce upon his X-wing, but BB-8 is able to find and record the Yissira Zyde's transponder signal, proof of First Order aggression against a New Republic vessel, before they escape to rendezvous with Iolo and Karé . . . only to find them gone. They have been recalled to Mirrin Prime, and Poe returns to find himself diverted to an unusual docking bay number. He and BB-8 are in trouble, or so it would seem. He is met in the empty docking bay by Major Caluan Ematt of the Resistance and taken without explanation to separate, smaller base area made mostly of fortified huts. There, he is sent in to see General Leia Organa herself, who asks for all the information he can provide about his encounters with the First Order over the Zyde situation. She then offers him the chance to have the incident swept under the rug, his career saved, and to simply return to duty as normal, being unable to really make a difference, or to join the Resistance and help Leia and others stop the First Order before it is too late. The choice is obvious for Poe. He is not the only one to join, though. Karé and Iolo, all that remains of Rapier Squadron, sign up with him, though they are now going to be flying older T-70 X-wings instead of their flashy, new T-85 models. The Rapiers are reassigned to the refitted Mon Calamari cruiser Echo of Hope. Poe remains a commander and is now in charge of his own fighter wing, while Iolo and Karé are promoted to captains in his fighter wing, each overseeing a squadron (Dagger Squadron for Iolo and Stiletto Squadron for Karé). They work under orders from Leia, Ematt, and even Admiral Gial Ackbar, whom Leia convinced to come out of retirement to join the Resistance. So many of the Resistance are veterans of the Galactic Civil War's Rebel Alliance (and thus knew his parents) that to Poe, this is like a homecoming. Poe will also be supervising newer Resistance pilots like Teffer and Jessika Testor Pava (“Jess”). With direct action being something the Republic will not sanction against the First Order, their activities must remain covert until irrefutable evidence of the First Order's violation of the Galactic Concordance could be found and presented to Republic*

Command. (To be continued below . . .)

(Before the Awakening: Poe)*

*NOTE: To avoid confusion between the three stories in *Before the Awakening*, two of which cover a span of months, I have named each summary by the “part” (Finn, Rey, or Poe) that the summary covers. This Poe portion of the book covers a few months and leads directly into *The Force Awakens*.

- *Poe Dameron submits his resignation from the New Republic’s official forces to Major Deso, citing his motives (that sound a lot like those of the Resistance) and the death of Lieutenant Muran.*
(conjecture based on *Poe Dameron: Flight Log*)
- *Despite briefly overseeing Stiletto Squadron, Karé Kun will soon return to flying under Poe Dameron’s command in Black Squadron.*
(conjecture based on *Poe Dameron: Flight Log*)
- *Rey has been fixing the Ghtroc Industries 690 freighter she found on Jakku for five months, but she is not as careful as she should be. Two other locals, Devi and Strunk, notice that she is not always selling parts she finds. Ten days later, Devi and Strunk find the ship and offer to help Rey fix it. They want to leave Jakku, but they seem to agree to sell the ship once it is operational, since Rey does not want to leave. About five days later, they have its repulsorlifts working and take it for a brief test flight. Now they really just need a hyperdrive conversion chamber. After working with Devi and Strunk for about two weeks, Rey is unable to sleep the following night and returns to the ship, finding Devi and Strunk already there, guarding it (and helping Rey drive off some Teedos), rather than trying to steal it. Rey and Strunk travel the next day to a Uulshos XP that was uncovered by the storm months back, where they are able to procure a hyperdrive conversion chamber. Two days later, the ship is ready to go. The trio fly it to Niima Outpost, so that Rey can show it off and sell it to Unkar Plutt, but while Rey speaks with Unkar, Devi and Strunk steal the ship and leave Jakku. They were merely using Rey the entire time. She remains on Jakku with her little flight simulator program, but it just isn’t the same.**

(Before the Awakening: Rey)*

*NOTE: See note with the first part of the summary above.

- *On Jakku, Rey writes her observations about her life on Jakku, the planet itself, and other relevant information on the planet in what will come to be known as her “Survival Guide” to Jakku. (To be continued below . . .)**

(Rey’s Survival Guide)*

*NOTE: We have no indication on when the bulk of *Rey’s Survival Guide* takes place, other than that it references the events of *Before the Awakening* as having happened already, and TFA has not yet happened.

- *On Ithor, big game hunter-for-hire Grummgar is on the hunt for a malsume for a client when he stumbles upon a young human woman, Nysorly (who has been on her own since the age of 16), who is in the spot he was intending to use to hunt a malsume. When one finally appears, Nysorly kills it, stealing the kill from Grummgar. The two discuss their options, including killing each other in trying to see who gets to keep the beast, but a second malsume tries to attack Nysorly. Grummgar kills it before she even realizes what is happening, so they now each have a pelt for their bounties. They discuss the possibility of working together. For now, Nysorly will at least help the much larger Grummgar skin the pelt so that he does not damage it.**

(Bait)*

*NOTE: We have no indication at all of when this story takes place, other than that it is meant to be a tie-in that provides some backstory (rather than a later adventure, presumably) for Grummgar, who appears in TFA. I have chosen to put it within this year prior to the film, but that is pure conjecture.

- *Around this time, there are famines on Ibaar and Adarlon, the population of Balamak is brutally suppressed (at least according to First Order propaganda) by the New Republic, aliens are advancing throughout the Outer Rim, the First Order “liberates” a labor camp on Iktotch, and a fleet battle takes place in the Bormea sector.*
(conjecture based on *Before the Awakening*)
- *Han Solo and Chewbacca, aboard the Eravana, take a job from King Prana, who has a longstanding feud with Regent Solculvis of the Mol’leaj system. Both have expansive zoos of rare creatures, but Prana’s spies have determined that Solculvis does not yet have any rathtars, the creatures responsible for the Trillia Massacre. He hires Han and Chewbacca to get some for him. To finance this venture, they take a 50,000 credit loan from the Guavian Death Gang, while also borrowing 50,000 credits from Kanjiklub’s leader, Tasu Leech.*
(conjecture based on *The Force Awakens Visual Dictionary*)
- *Han Solo and Chewbacca hires Varond Jelik and other mercenaries, then travel to Twon*

*Ketee, where they hunt rathtars for King Prana. They manage to capture a pair (actually taking them from a rival crew, working for Regent Solculvis, Prana's rival), but only after the majority of the crew is killed, leaving Han and Chewbacca alone to deliver the creatures.**

(LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens)*

*NOTE: This summary addresses the *LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens* video game level *Rathtar Hunting*. We are told that the game is meant to give us new story elements that tie into TFA, and these events seem to be referenced a bit in Story Group Canon, but because this is a LEGO interpretation that adds in sight gags and such, we can only assume that if it is supposed to give us hints as to what happens in Story Group Canon, it must just be events similar to the events in the game but not *exactly* how events play out in the game.

- *Misha Vontoba's nomads on Jakku discover the wreckage of the Starlight Wanderer. Intending to turn it into a new home for their group, they begin scouring and retrofitting the wreck.**

(conjecture based on *Discovery on Jakku*)*

*NOTE: This is "several weeks" before *Discovery on Jakku*.

- *A Resistance X-wing pilot from Blue Squadron encounters a First Order TIE pilot from Epsilon Squadron and another from Zeta Squadron. Outnumbered, the Resistance pilot leads the First Order pilots into a minefield to even the odds.**

(Ambush)*

*NOTE: This is a mission from the second Core Set released for the *X-wing Miniatures Game*. Given that it uses TFA concepts, it is assumed to take place in Story Group Canon, *if it is meant to take place in any continuity at all*. As a miniatures game, the scenario is likely outside of any continuity, but if it does fit anywhere, it would be in Story Group Canon.

- *When First Order TIE fighters raid a Resistance early-warning satellite array to cut off any chance of it sending transmissions, Resistance forces spring into action to defend it, at least long enough for it to send an emergency transmission.**

(Raid)*

*NOTE: This is a mission from the second Core Set released for the *X-wing Miniatures Game*. Given that it uses TFA concepts, it is assumed to take place in Story Group Canon, *if it is meant to take place in any continuity at all*. As a miniatures game, the scenario is likely outside of any continuity, but if it does fit anywhere, it would be in Story Group Canon.

- *During a skirmish between First Order TIE fighters and Resistance X-wings, one X-wing experiences a system malfunction, causing the other X-wings to have to defend that pilot until he is able to make his escape.**

(Rescue)*

*NOTE: This is a mission from the second Core Set released for the *X-wing Miniatures Game*. Given that it uses TFA concepts, it is assumed to take place in Story Group Canon, *if it is meant to take place in any continuity at all*. As a miniatures game, the scenario is likely outside of any continuity, but if it does fit anywhere, it would be in Story Group Canon.

- *The First Order comes to Vodran. They overwhelm Harra the Hutt's men, release her pet creatures into the wild, and send Harra and her droids to a bunker on the moon of Kufs. Wanten is brought in to run the palace (which becomes a First Order base, albeit one still under construction). He is joined by stormtroopers under the command of officer Ingo Salik. Harra's favorite companion (or pet), Gherd, begins hiding out within the walls of the palace.*

(conjecture based on *Escape from Vodran*)*

*NOTE: This is months before *Escape from Vodran*.

- *44 days before she finally agrees to do so, PZ-4CO brings a request to Leia Organa that she dictate her memoirs. She does not agree to do so.*

(conjecture based on *Moving Target*)

- *38 days before she finally agrees to do so, PZ-4CO brings a second request to Leia Organa that she dictate her memoirs. She does not agree to do so. He will make five more requests before she agrees.*

(conjecture based on *Moving Target*)

- *Shortly before meeting Jessika Pava and telling her about Luke Skywalker's encounter with Sarco Plank on Devaron, C-3PO upgrades his TranLang III communications package to increase his language fluency to over seven million forms of communication, about one million more than previously.*

(conjecture based on *The Force Awakens Visual Dictionary* and *The Weapon of a Jedi*)

- *On Durkteel, young Mattis Banz is enjoying stories told by his friend, Jinby, when the question arises as to whether Mattis can know he is "good" if he hasn't had that goodness tested yet. Just then, they hear another kid, Sol Charless, being bullied by Fikk, who is holding the little Sol over a splitter (because Marn told him to show Sol how to work it). Mattis remembers the stories of heroes he has heard and runs off. The others think he has run away, but he comes back with a Hemmel reaper, which he uses to chase Fikk away, while*

*Jinby gets Sol safely away from the splitter. Mattis has made a stand, but Fikk won't soon forget it. (To be continued below . . .)**

(Mattis Makes a Stand)*

***NOTE:** I am assuming this is relatively soon before *Join the Resistance*, given that it involves Mattis, Jinby, and Fikk in a similar situation to what we will eventually see in that book.

- On Durkteel, young Mattis Banz dreams of adventure and believes he might be able to touch the Force. He is an orphan living at the orphan farm in Lund Gourley, but visiting the local Phirmist temple, part of the faith of orphan mistress Marn, has stirred a desire in him to one day do something heroic. He tries to do right by others, help them when he can, and more, all in hopes that someone will notice that he has potential. Leia Organa's Resistance does indeed notice, but so does teenage Saurin Fikk, who constantly bullies Mattis. When he stands up to Fikk to protect another kid, Beckgam, he is targeted for even more, but his spirits lift when transport driver Antha Mont mentions having noticed his character. She speaks to him again soon to arrange a secret meeting during another temple visit, during which she tells him all about the Empire, Rebellion, and his own life. She then disappears for a weeks before returning, this time with Temmin "Snap" Wexley at her side. They offer him the chance to join the Resistance when a group of new recruits leaves Durkteel in three weeks. When the time comes, he meets a few other young recruits on the shuttle from Durkteel to D'Qar, including the Rodian Klimo and Zeltron girl, who introduces herself (once he does) after they land, revealing herself to be the "infamous" Lorica Demaris. She already has a reputation for supposedly blowing up a cache of illegal weapons on Kergans. As far as Mattis is concerned, she is already a hero. He soon meets the rather independent (and quirky from lack of memory wipes) droid AG-90, who introduces Mattis to his "brother" (which is indeed how they see each other), Dec Hansen. (Dec grew up on Ques, a swamp world, and his mother built AG-90 to be a sort of older brother figure.) Once they get Mattis a bunk, Mattis, AG-90, and Dec go on a "mission." (As it turns out, the mission is Dec breaking into Leia's quarters, though he doesn't know this at first.) While Dec gets into the room, AG-90 and Mattis stand guard, then AG-90 diverts a guard droid away to give Dec time. Dec also says to look out for Sari Nadle, a large girl who he claims wants to pound him. Sari shows up and looks like she is about to pummel Mattis to find out where Dec is, but he does not tell her. As it turns out, this was a ruse. Sari is quite gentle and very smart, a close friend to Dec and AG-90. Mattis has just proven his trustworthiness to his new friends. Unfortunately, they are caught by Admiral Gial Ackbar because the diverted guard droids realized that they had not, as AG-90 had claimed, been wanted by Leia for a commendation. Dec is taken by Ackbar, while the others are sent to their quarters. Ackbar doesn't give up on Mattis, as it is hard to find upstanding young people to join the Resistance, and one mistake does not negate his character. Ackbar introduces Mattis to the slightly older young man whose squad he will now be joining, Jo Jerjerrod. Jo (who tends to speak in Gungan slang at times due to having a close friend who is a Gungan, which will drive Dec and AG-90, who dislike Gungans, nuts) allows Mattis to accompany him into a meeting in which he must remain silent while the leaders of the Resistance, including Leia, discuss current events. (This includes a mention of Luke Skywalker, perhaps because they are on the way to finally finding him.) Mattis can barely contain himself from saying anything, so Jo takes him outside and talks to him directly about the First Order, how they formed after the Battle of Jakku, and how he will need discipline and training to help defeat the First Order. Jo reintroduces Mattis to Lorica at the Yard, again mentioning her early "heroics." She asks about them breaking into Leia's room, which is when he finally learns whose room it was. She guides him back to the barracks with a bit less hostility than previously, where Mattis greeted by Klimo, who has proclaimed Mattis his "best friend" after their previous brief meeting on the shuttle. They all awaken early for training as the 12-member "J-Squad" (or "J-Squadron"), which includes Mattis, Lorica, Klimo, Dec, AG-90, Sari, two Aqualish boys (one named Haal), J'mi of Regor-Mada, Leeson Juben from Ganthel, a Devaronian, and their commanding officer, Jo. (Dec and AG-90 arrive late, and their lack of discipline rankles Jo.) Their training includes a war game, in which Lorica is given the leadership role and Sari is relegated to being the team's "muscle" by Jo, despite Dec standing up for her because he knows she is a genius and better suited for other roles. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Join the Resistance)*

***NOTE:** We are not given firm information on exactly when this story takes place, but we can extrapolate a bit. This segment occurs, followed by a gap of "weeks," then we get a brief second segment. After that, we jump another month into a section that goes through the rest of the book. In that last segment, First Order officers note that they have the location of a map that would lead to Luke Skywalker, which suggests that the raid on

Ottega has already happened at that point. As such, I have worked backward from that assumption to place all other dates for the book.

- *After a few months of Commander Poe Dameron flying with the Resistance, Leia Organa recruits Poe's team for Operation: Sabre Strike. Senator Erudo Ro-Kiintor, the senior senator from Hevurion to the Republic, is dirty. His personal ship, the Hevurion Grace, is a Pinnacle-class luxury yacht from Vekker Corps, and Leia wants Poe, who says he can fly one alone if need be, to steal it. The Resistance believes that Ro-Kiintor has been colluding with the First Order for years, both in blocking important actions in the Senate that could support the Republic Navy or impose sanctions on the First Order and in the number of trips he has taken into the buffer region between the Republic and Empire (which is essentially First Order space for all intents and purposes). His ship has been reported as being seen in First Order territory, and he has been receiving quite a bit of money from somewhere unknown. He appears to be in very deep with the First Order, and after a year of investigating and two attempts to get into his ship after it lands to download its data and prove Ro-Kiintor's alleged treason, they have gotten nowhere. The logs are always erased before landing. Their only hope is to hijack it in space before the logs can be deleted. They must have proof before they act against Ro-Kiintor himself because they represent the Republic, and he is a Senator. Rule of law must prevail, or they are no better than the First Order. The mission is made voluntary, but, of course, Iolo Arana and Karé Kun will be part of the mission. They use three Z-95 headhunters for deniability, and they will not have astromechs, since Z-95s don't use them. Instead, all hyperspace coordinates are preprogrammed, including ones on a data chip that Poe will use once they stop the Grace in the Uvoss system and Poe takes the ship. As soon as the Grace exits hyperspace, they pounce like pirates. A distress call goes out, but the team knows that it should be eight minutes before Republic help can arrive. They disable the ship's power temporarily, and Poe ejects and boards the Grace, then poses as an agent of the criminal Irving Boys, forcing everyone aboard into an escape pod that he then launches. Poe restores power, but before he can finish the entire job, reinforcements arrive early . . . from the First Order! The trio eludes capture in a furious chase, eventually having to get in close to a Resurgent-class Star Destroyer, before they are finally able to jump to hyperspace, their mission accomplished. They return to the Echo of Hope, having impressed Leia with Poe's tactics. The next morning, Leia meets with Poe in his quarters. He is conflicted and frustrated by how deep Ro-Kiintor was with the First Order and how much they were willing to do to keep the ship from being captured. He wonders how many others in the Republic are traitors and have sold them all out. He has seen the hopelessness that these traitors have created in the eyes of Republic citizens. Leia, though, thinks she knows a way to bring hope back again: find her brother, Luke Skywalker. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Before the Awakening: Poe)*

*NOTE: See note with the first part of the summary above.

- *Leia Organa gives Poe Dameron a data chip that carries clues to the location of Lor San Tekka, whom the First Order has also been hunting. Lor San Tekka, Leia hopes, holds the key to finding Leia's brother, Luke Skywalker, the only hope the Resistance and the Republic may have left. Poe must find Lor San Tekka before the First Order does.*

(Before the Awakening: Poe and Black Squadron)*

*NOTE: This summary combines two similar accounts, one from the end of the Poe story in *Before the Awakening* and the other from a flashback in the first issue of the *Poe Dameron* comic series.

- *Captain Phasma contacts Agent Terex aboard the Carrion Spike, sending him on a mission to capture Poe Dameron and determine what he learned from Senator Erudo Ro-Kiintor's information.*

(Black Squadron)

- *A few months before Rose Tico and Paige Tico leave Hays Minor, the First Order shifts from weapons testing and other activities that are already destructive to the planet fully take control of Central Ridge Mining and begin tearing the surface apart with bombs in search of rare ores.*

(conjecture based on *Bomber Command*)

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Better the Devil You Know (comic series: Cavan Scott)

Better the Devil You Know, Part I (comic: Cavan Scott)

Better the Devil You Know, Part II (comic: Cavan Scott)

Destroyer Down (comic series: Scott Beatty)

Explore (comic: Scott Beatty)

Discover (comic: Scott Beatty)

Protect (comic: Scott Beatty)

LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens [continued] (video game: TT Fusion)

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Trouble Over Taul

C-3PO (comic series: James Robinson)

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The Phantom Limb (comic: James Robinson)

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The Crimson Corsair

Poe to the Rescue

Before the Awakening (youth novel: Greg Rucka)

Before the Awakening (youth novel: Greg Rucka)

Rey

Poe

Rey

Rey's Survival Guide (book: Jason Fry)

Rey's Survival Guide (book: Jason Fry)

Bait (SW1162 short story: Alan Dean Foster)

Bait (SW1162 short story: Alan Dean Foster)

LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens [continued] (video game: TT Fusion)

LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens [continued] (video game: TT Fusion)

Rathtar Hunting

X-wing Miniatures Game [continued] (miniatures game series: Fantasy Flight Games)

X-wing Miniatures Game: Mission Guide (miniatures game: Fantasy Flight Games)

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Tales from Wild Space [continued] (comic series: Cavan Scott & Alan Tudyk & Shannon Eric Denton & Ben Acker & Ben Blacker & Delilah S. Dawson & Shaun Manning & Paul Crilley & Otis Frampton & Nick Brokenshire & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Scott Peterson)

Mattis Makes a Stand [flashback] (comic: Ben Acker & Ben Blacker)

Join the Resistance (youth novel series: Ben Acker & Ben Blacker)

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Poe [continued]

Finn and Poe Team Up! (children's book: Nate Millici)

Finn and Poe Team Up! (children's book: Nate Millici)

Poe Dameron [continued] (comic series: Charles Soule & Chris Eliopoulos & Robert Thompson)

Black Squadron (comic series: Charles Soule)

Black Squadron, Part I [flashback] (comic: Charles Soule)

Black Squadron, Part II [flashback] (comic: Charles Soule)

34 ABY (Before SW7)

- *In the era of the rise of the First Order to counter the New Republic, the only major HoloNet news service still willing to shill for the First Order is TriNebulon News.*
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- *Six weeks prior to the crew sharing tales about Luke Skywalker, the Wayward Current leaves the Mooshie Cluster, bound on a six-week journey to Cantonica. Very early in the voyage, Teal discover a young woman stowed away and decides to help her get food and stay hidden for the rest of the trip.*
(conjecture based on *The Legends of Luke Skywalker*)
- *Around this time, a document full of Rebel Alliance files is discovered in a sealed data vault at the site of the Imperial bombardment of a Rebel Alliance base on Durkteel that occurred on the same day as the Battle of Endor. Governor Vaxvissh Kal Ness gives it over to Major Heck Ensio, who then sends it to Master Archivist Mordianius, who then gives it to Korr Sella. Korr Sella passes it to her mentor, General Leia Organa of the Resistance, one of the few people still around who actually fits all of the descriptors on the data vault that claims it was meant for a member of Alliance High Command. Among the information in the documents (which are subsequently annotated by Leia, U.O. Statura, Gial Ackbar, Amilyn Holdo, and Poe Dameron), mention is made (in a message from Heff Tobber to Jan Dodonna) of the evacuation of Crait and what operational items were left behind. Leia flags that mention for future use.*
(conjecture based on *The Rebel Files*)
- *On Jakku sometime before being swept up in galactic events, Rey visits Unkar Plutt at Niima Outpost. He has put out a bounty of ten food portions for anyone who can haul a wrecked Quadrijet transfer spacetug back to the outpost. He berates her for being unable to do it alone and unable to do it with help due to having no friends. He gives her the coordinates of the tug, but if she doesn't bring it back, he gets her speeder. In response, they agree that if she does manage to bring it back, she gets twenty portions instead, which isn't an issue for Unkar, since he doesn't believe there is any chance she will succeed. She arrives at the site and finds a seemingly sick happabore lying next to the ship, making it impossible to move it. She realizes that the happabore is actually just having trouble breathing due to some junk blocking one of its nostrils, so she reaches in (eww) and removes it. The happabore not only moves but, when she is still unable to drag the tug with her speeder, the creature helps to push it back to Niima Outpost. Rey has earned her twenty portions.*
(The Happabore Hazard)
- *On Jakku sometime before being swept up in galactic events, Rey is checking out the interior of a crashed Star Destroyer, when she realizes how unstable the wreckage actually is. She has been followed by Teedo. Once she finds some useful salvage, she collects it, but the last piece she tries to remove will destabilize the wreckage even more, so she leaves it. Just then, Teedo holds her at blasterpoint, demanding her salvage. She turns it over, but then Teedo greedily takes the part that Rey purposely left in place, causing some of the wreckage to collapse. Teedo is injured, and Rey has little choice but to grab the small thug and race out of the wreckage before it can fully collapse. Once outside, Teedo intends to keep the salvage, but he returns it once Rey reminds him that she did just save his life. She heads out on her speeder while he is on a bit of a tirade.*
(Run Rey Run)
- *At the Resistance base on D'Qar, BB-8 notices X-wing pilot Theo Meltsa admiring his secret crush, tech officer Peet Deretalia. BB-8 arranges for the X-wing to need more repairs, playing matchmaker for Theo and Peet. It works, and the two go get something to eat together. Only Peet seems to realize that it was BB-8's doing.**

(SaBBotage)*

*NOTE: This story is found in the first issue of the *Poe Dameron* series from Marvel Comics. It is, of course, quite possible that this story is considered strictly a parody and thus non-canonical. It was collected later in *Droids Unplugged*, hence the use of that series name in the title listings below.

- As a thank you for introducing her to Theo Meltsa, Peet Deretalia gives BB-8 an extra lubrication bath.
(conjecture based on *Poe Dameron: Flight Log*)
- Having been tasked by General Leia Organa of the Resistance to find Lor San Tekka in order to find Jedi Luke Skywalker, Poe Dameron is given command of Black Squadron, which will consist of four pilots (Temmin “Snap” Wexley, Karé Kun, L’ulo L’ampar, and Jessika “Jess” Testor Pava) and a technician (Oddy Muva). They have Lor’s last known location and confirmation that he is (or was recently) alive, thanks to information Poe acquired on the Erudo Ro-Kiintor mission. They travel to Ovanis (all but Oddy, who remains on D’Qar), where the others remain in their X-wings (except L’ulo in an A-wing) above the surface, while Poe takes his black X-wing into the caves under the surface to reach the home of the Creche, a religious order that Lor visited recently. Unfortunately, once Poe reaches them, the protectors of the Egg (a religious object that the Creche protects and worships) do not trust him. Lor is already gone, but they will not tell Poe where he went. When BB-8 finds a tracker on Poe’s ship, he convinces the Creche leaders that the First Order may be coming, and they will be a threat to the Egg. Thus, they should work with him and the rest of Black Squadron above in order to protect the Egg. Unfortunately, the First Order has already arrived, led by First Order Security Bureau Agent Terex. Terex and his First Order stormtroopers blast their way into the cavern with the Egg, demanding that the Creche turn over Poe (who is hiding), or they will destroy the Egg with the Savior Unborn inside. Traces of the hardened tracer that Poe has tried to destroy are picked up, confirming his presence. Poe relays an order through BB-8 to Snap, telling them to get him some leverage against the First Order invaders. The pilots decide to take out the TIE fighters coming from a flying landing platform (a carrier of sorts), then take it for themselves. L’ulo draws the TIES into the air with a strafing run. They defeat the TIEs and prepare to land on the platform, but explosions erupt inside, sending it down to block the entrance Poe used to get underground in the first place. Poe surrenders so that Terex won’t kill anyone, but Terex has his flametroopers begin using their flamethrowers on the Egg. Terex is even able to turn the tide up above, as he came in the Maxima-A Class Heavy Cruiser Ravenous, which now launches a large number of TIE fighters to engage Black Squadron. As the squadron heads for canyons to outfly the pursuers, the Egg below begins to crack. Terex demands the information Poe acquired from the Erudo Ro-Kiintor mission, but Poe refuses. The egg cracks open and reveals the Savior Unborn, a luminous blue winged creature, which proceeds to attack them all, even as Poe battles Terex in the confusion. Above, Black Squadron prepares for what might be a suicide run to attack the First Order ships, and Snap begins to tell Karé how he truly feels about her. Below, another creature like the one from the Egg, this one black and red, arrives and battles the blue creature, breaking through the cavern ceiling and then killing the blue creature. In the cavern, the tables are turned, and Poe and the Creche are able to hold Terex and his stormtroopers captive. However, they cannot keep the prisoners, since this would give the First Order justification for an attack on the New Republic. They must let the First Order personnel go, but Terex will certainly hold a grudge. The Creche members leave, riding on the back of the black creature, which they call the Savior Born. Before doing so, though, the leader slips Poe Lor San Tekka’s next destination (Megalox Beta), and Black Squadron head back to D’Qar to prepare for their next step in the search for Lor.*

(Black Squadron)*

*NOTE: This story takes place before TFA, yet its crawl refers to it being 30 years after the Battle of Endor, which necessitates that it must be in the same year as TFA but prior to that film, hence needing to separate this section of timeline entries from those in 33 ABY.

- Black Squadron returns to D’Qar after their mission to Ovanis. Leia Organa has C-3PO begin looking into who might have put the tracer on Poe Dameron’s X-wing before that mission, and upon learning that Lor San Tekka’s next destination after Ovanis was Megalox Beta, she arranges a lot of credits to pay the company-run prison to allow Black Squadron to visit as part of their investigation.
(conjecture based on *Lockdown*)
- Having discovered Lor San Tekka’s next location (Megalox Beta) after Ovanis during their mission to that world, Black Squadron (Poe Dameron, L’ulo L’ampar, Karé Kun, Jessika “Jess” Testor Pava, and Temmin “Snap” Wexley) has briefly returned to D’Qar’s Resistance base (which reunites them with their technician, Oddy Muva) before heading out again. Poe takes a moment in their celebrations to confront L’ulo over the strafing run that began hostilities on Ovanis, which directly violated their orders not to fire first against the First Order.

Meanwhile, Snap speaks with Karé over his comments about feelings he needed to share when they thought they would die at Ovanis. She reciprocates, and a relationship begins. Jess drinks with Oddy. BB-8 and Poe confer on who might have added the First Order tracer to his X-wing, and he knows it could not have been anyone on his team. Leia Organa has already put C-3PO on the case. The five pilots head to their next destination in the search for Lor, the prison world of Megalox Beta, where Lor went to see prisoner Grakkus the Hutt, a former collector of Jedi artifacts (who even once tried to “collect” Luke Skywalker!), after he left Ovanis. They arrive aboard the space station that orbits the planet, where they meet the privately-run prison’s warden, Luta. Luta lays out the facts of the prison: it is on a planet with gravity that is ten times standard, but the space station creates a grav-field dome over the prison that turns it into standard gravity. Thus, escape beyond the grav-field dome would be difficult, if not impossible. The prison has no guards or rules other than the rules the prisoners themselves make as they create their own factions and leaders. Supplies are ferried down from orbit. Black Squadron takes a small shuttle down the grav-field beam to an arrival tower that goes down to the surface. They are accompanied by four guards, but the guards sends the quintet in by themselves, having been paid to send them in themselves. This pay was more than what the Resistance paid to get them into the prison in the first place. They emerge into the prison and must immediately fight their way (as the only people there with blasters) through a mob to reach Grakkus the Hutt’s home, where Grakkus is expecting him. Grakkus has the others wait outside and escorts Poe in after a promise not to cause trouble. Upon entering, Poe is shocked to see Agent Terex already there. Terex has a prior connection to Grakkus and has made an arrangement to free Grakkus in return for any information Grakkus has on Lor San Tekka, who has already left after having visited the Hutt. Now that Poe has arrived, he changes the deal and makes it a challenge. Whichever team (First Order or Resistance) can arrange Grakkus’ escape from Megalox Beta will get the information. It was Terex who paid to have Black Squadron abandoned. Outside, the other members of Black Squadron are getting nervous, surrounded by Grakkus’ Hutt lackeys, who have taken their weapons, and all of them are just inside Grakkus’ walled compound, which is surrounded by many other prisoners. They are shocked when Terex emerges and walks out into the general population unarmed without fear, then Poe emerges, tells them the details of their “race” to free Grakkus. They are all concerned about Terex somehow knowing Lor came here when only the Resistance should have had that information after Ovanis. Poe activates “Operation Upside A” by calling BB-8 back aboard the space station, who exits Poe’s X-wing, joined by the other pilots’ astromechs. Elsewhere in the prison, Terex meets with Kan Be, Papa Toren, and Isin, the prisoners whose power is only second to Grakkus at the prison. With Grakkus changing the deal on him, Terex makes a new deal with this trio. They will help him kill Grakkus’ guards and take Grakkus prisoner. After Terex interrogates Grakkus for the info on Lor, they will kill him, and he will get all three of the criminals away from the prison. As BB-8’s droid team works on their mission above, Black Squadron is still inside the wall surrounding Grakkus’ compound when Terex’s criminal faction starts trying to batter their way through its gate. They get through and battle ensues. Poe’s team considers returning inside with Grakkus, but Grakkus’ Hutt minions lock them out. Up on the space station, the droids continue their work, but they are detected, and a security droid confronts BB-8. Grakkus refuses to let the pilots in, but they are saved from the mob when BB-8 finally defeats the security droid by shocking it, then deactivates the grav-field being projected by the station. Only those with grav-field generators on their belts (i.e. Black Squadron, thanks to planning ahead) are kept from being slammed down into the ground and being held there by the planet’s natural gravity. With the droids in control of the space station’s systems, Poe enters Grakkus’ home, gives Grakkus a grav-field generator of his own, and they exit, making a deal with the warden to return the station to company control once they return to the station and leave with Grakkus. By the time they get to the station, though, Terex has used a remote on his belt to call down the cloaked Carrion Spike, which decloaks and returns to him, saving him with its own gravity field. Terex leaves his new “allies” behind without a second thought. Back on the station, Grakkus takes one of the prison’s shuttles, and Black Squadron leaves as a starfighter escort for it as it flies on a slave circuit. (They have all survived the counter, but Jess’ astromech was destroyed during the mission.) Once free of the station, they give control back to the warden, but Terex gets some payback by flying the Carrion Spike like an arrow into and then through the space station. Luta orders the prisoners to all be evacuated, since the station is now inoperable and will not be able to reactivate the grav-field. The Carrion Spike then attacks evacuation shuttles, forcing Poe out of a sense of duty to order

Black Squadron to help. The starfighters are able to overwhelm the Carrion Spike enough that Terex must give the order to escape to hyperspace. With Grakkus now freed, he gives Poe the information he promised (so that Poe will help him with hyperspace calculations to leave), and Black Squadron returns to D'Qar. Grakkus' information points to Arthon, Hosra, as the next step in the search for Lor. Leia does not send them yet, though. First, they must figure out who has been feeding information to the First Order. For his part, Terex is contacted by Captain Phasma, who orders him to return to First Order space for debriefing in the wake of his failure at Megalox Beta. Terex simply ends the communication abruptly. He may return . . . later.

(Lockdown)

- *Weeks into their training, J-Squad gets to fly in simulator missions but not in actual vessels. In their fifth simulated mission, Dec Hansen takes his own initiative, earning Jo Jerjerrod's ire. The two nearly come to blows, and everyone ends up doing pushups. Shortly thereafter, Sari Nadle calms Mattis Banz's annoyance with Dec's attitude by noting that he is fiercely loyal to AG-90 (whom Jo also insulted). In fact, the reason he broke into Leia's room when Mattis first arrived was to get AG-90 assigned a bunk so that he could be treated like a peer, rather than a tool. (To be continued below . . .)**

(Join the Resistance)*

***NOTE: See the note with the first part of this book's summary for information on the logic behind its placement.**

- *This "season," by Atterra Bravo reckoning, there will be five attempts to get a ship from Atterra Bravo's Bravo Rising group out of the system to report on First Order abuses on their planet.*
(conjecture based on *Cobalt Squadron*)
- *Reporter Suralinda Javos contacts Poe Dameron, drawing him to the planet Pheryon, supposedly about a story.*
(conjecture based on *The Gathering Storm*)
- *Poe Dameron arrives on Pheryon, having been called by his old friend Suralinda "Sura" Javos, a former Republic Navy comrade who is now a reporter for the Galaxy Beacon holochannel. When they sit down for a drink and discussion, they are attacked by thugs. Without a ship or blaster due to the supposedly peaceful nature of this trip, Poe must improvise, stealing a stormsailer to escape. During their escape, Sura reveals that she has figured out that Poe is now a member of the Resistance, and she has learned that the First Order is militarizing with bases, shipyards, weapons research facilities, and a huge construction project of some kind (likely Starkiller Base). She wants Poe to take her to Leia Organa, so that she can sell that information to Leia, since selling it to the Galaxy Beacon for publication would just get her killed. They escape and get information in a bar, but they are spotted by a probe droid, which alerts more First Order types, led by Lieutenant Weel of the First Order Security Bureau (FOSB). When Weel's men take Sura into custody, she yells for Poe's help by name. Weel recognizes him as wanted by Terex and orders his men to apprehend Poe. While held separately, Sura reveals to Weel that she has no detailed, secret information about the First Order. She used that information as a ruse to draw in Poe for her own purposes. She then kills Weel with a burst of acidic poison native to her species. She and Poe then free themselves, and Poe takes her (without knowing where she is going) to D'Qar, the Resistance headquarters. There, she secretly slices their stolen ship's computer to learn the planet's name. She is in need of a major story to keep her career going, after her publisher refused to print yet another story on slavery under the old Empire. She figured that she could find out about the Resistance by using Poe, so she drew him in and paid off the first group of goons to come after them. She did not expect the First Order to actually arrive and come after her. She contacts her publisher but instead of giving him the location, she quits. When Poe finally introduces her to Leia, the general is shocked to find that she has no information to provide, but Sura reveals the truth about how she got there and hopes that rather than locking her up, the Resistance can use her skills, perhaps those from her Navy days. After seeing Poe's heroics and the size of the Resistance base, Sura has finally chosen a side.**

(The Gathering Storm)*

***NOTE: This story is not to be confused with the six-issue story arc of the same name that follows it.**

- *At the Resistance base on D'Qar, Poe Dameron wrestles with the idea that a member of Black Squadron is likely feeding information to the First Order. The only member of his team that he believes he should fully trust is the meek mechanic Oddy Muva, who isn't a Black Squadron pilot. Meanwhile, Poe's nemesis, Agent Terex of the First Order, is taking the*

repaired Carrion Spike to recruit some rather unconventional allies in his pursuit of Black Squadron. He begins wearing the armor he once wore when leading the Rancs. Since the Resistance is still going through data from Grakkus the Hutt about Lor San Tekka, Leia Organa has another mission for Poe. One of C-3PO's droid spies has sent a transmission about obtaining a large cache of information about the First Order, including the current location of Supreme Leader Snoke, but that droid's transmission was interrupted. Poe, Oddy, C-3PO, and BB-8 will go to Kaddak to discover what has happened to the droid. Unbeknownst to them, that is also Terex's destination. Once on Kaddak, Poe's team awaits one of C-3PO's droid operatives in a public area. During their discussion, C-3PO mentions Han Solo returning to smuggling and taking money from the Guavian Death Gang, several of whom are there, including Bala-Tik. They are overheard by members of Han's other supporting gang, Kanjiklub, including their leader, Tasu Leech. The gangs briefly speak about the situation and agree to join forces in hunting down Han, all without C-3PO having a clue at the events he just set in motion. They learn from C-3PO's MSE droid that their target is being held by the Rancs, so they head for Ranc headquarters to inquire. As soon as Poe identifies himself, he is shot and incapacitated. Meanwhile, Terex (now as Lord Terex, his former title) returns to the Sliver, where he meets with the leaders now in charge of the Rancs, his old gang from before he joined the First Order. When the ranking Ranc, Wisper, questions his authority, another, Zumgi, kills Wisper. Terex is back in charge as if he never left. At the Ranc base, C-3PO is able to turn the droids in the base against the Rancs long enough for them to escape with their quarry, an old commando droid named N1-ZX. N1-ZX refuses to provide the information it has acquired until they are all safely away from Kaddak, owing to C-3PO's programming to protect its data at all costs. Meanwhile, Terex brings his Rancs aboard the Carrion Spike with a plan to locate the main base of the Resistance for the First Order and show Captain Phasma, Armitage Hux, Kylo Ren, and others that he is more than just the criminal that he used to be (or at least that this criminal can succeed where they have failed). To that end, he flies the Spike over the city, announcing on external speakers that he has returned and will reward whomever provides him with Poe. Poe's team reaches his ship, but when they are about to leave, Oddy is missing. Leaving the cargo ship for Oddy, Poe and the droids take his X-wing (stored in the cargo ship) to escape the planet (with C-3PO and N1-ZX attached in pods to the outer hull of the starfighter). Terex, though, has let them escape, intending to follow them. For his part, Oddy slips aboard the Carrion Spike unnoticed, carrying a blaster. While Poe's X-wing jumps to hyperspace, the Spike launches, and Terex speaks via holocomm to Phasma, who orders him to stand down. Terex refuses, believing that since his forces are criminals, not First Order, that he can strike against the Resistance in an openly hostile way that the First Order, on orders from Snoke, cannot. In hyperspace, Poe considers the issue of the leak in Black Squadron and realizes that the compromise of their current mission can only mean that the traitor is Oddy. Upon realizing this, Poe drops out of hyperspace to consider what to do next, assuming that either his X-wing or N1-ZX has a tracker to lead Terex to the Resistance base. (The latter is correct.) Before he can do anything else, though, the Spike emerges from hyperspace with numerous "uglies" and other Ranc starfighters. Terex is disappointed that they have arrived somewhere other than the Resistance headquarters, but he orders an attack on Poe anyway, causing him to crash land on a nearby planet. Aboard the Carrion Spike, Oddy accosts Zumgi and demands to know where his wife (Sowa Chuan), taken as a slave of Terex to turn him into an unwitting spy for the First Order, can be found. He reunites with her and demands to see Terex, but Terex is already leading a team down to the surface to hunt for Poe. As the Rancs pursue Poe, BB-8 is nearly lost when he falls after being fired upon, then C-3PO is captured, his memory unit removed, while trying to stall Terex. Thankfully, Poe has managed to reach out to Black Squadron, who arrive in their X-wings above the planet and engage the Ranc starfighters. To save Poe from the Rancs, Temmin "Snap" Wexley sends Poe the programming of his old battledroid, Mister Bones, which is then loaded into N1-ZX, who proceeds to wipe out the bulk of the Rancs. The Spike also begins attacking its own Ranc allies, thanks to sabotage from Oddy before Oddy and others, including his wife, launch in an escape pod. Below, Terex takes out N1-ZX, who never really had any data anyway. In space, L'ulo L'ampar is killed when his starfighter is destroyed while defending escaping slaves from Ranc fire. Below, Poe gets the drop on Terex, who then turns the tables on him. Thankfully, BB-8 was not destroyed, and the droid zaps Terex, saving Poe. Above, a First Order force emerges from hyperspace and wipes out the Rancs, including the Carrion Spike. When they reach the ground, they find Poe with Terex as his captive. The ranking First Order officer, Commander

*Malarus, will not kill Poe and risk a diplomatic incident, but she requires that Terex be turned over for punishment by the First Order. Poe agrees to do so, and he, C-3PO, and BB-8 are free to rejoin Black Squadron and leave, though they will be leaving with heavy hearts at the loss of L'ulo, one of the oldest friends Poe had in the galaxy.**

(The Gathering Storm)*

***NOTE: This story is not to be confused with the single-issue story of the same name that precedes it.**

- *Rather than returning to the Resistance, Oddy Muva and his wife, Sowa Chuan, take one of the Carrion Spike escape pods to an unknown location to resume their life together.
(conjecture based on Legend Lost)*
- *C-3PO's memory is restored from a backup, given that his original memory unit is now in the hands of the captured Agent Terex.
(conjecture based on Legend Lost)*
- *At the Resistance base on D'Qar, General Leia Organa leads a memorial service for fallen Black Squadron pilot L'ulo L'ampar, killed by the Rancs during the recent rescue of Poe Dameron, BB-8, and C-3PO from Agent Terex and his gang. Poe speaks of the Force and the story of Obi-Wan Kenobi vanishing into the Force, stirring the crowd. Meanwhile, Agent Terex has been brought back to First Order space in the Unknown Regions, where he must face punishment from Captain Phasma. He tries to gain favor with the memory unit he took from C-3PO, but it was fried when BB-8 zapped him to save Poe, rendering it useless. Before sending him to mines for slave labor, Phasma offers Terex one more audience with her in which to make a case for some other fate. Back on D'Qar, Leia and Poe discuss Oddy's betrayal, how he helped in the end, and their concerns about C-3PO's stolen memory unit, since they do not realize that it was destroyed. Poe is, for now, grounded, until he can determine for Leia just what it is that he offers to the Resistance other than just being a great pilot. He eventually realizes that he can inspire others, such as Black Squadron. He, like Leia, can help others to fight, not just fight himself. Once Leia sees that he has realized this, she is ready to send Black Squadron on a new mission. As for Terex, he proves his loyalty with some determined words to Phasma, so he is not sent to the mines, but since she cannot trust him, she has him implanted with a cybernetic unit that makes him utterly obedient and a shell of his former self. On D'Qar, Poe is informed by Leia and Admiral U.O. Statura that the Resistance's contacts in the underworld that have usually provided their fuel (contacts provided by Han Solo before his estrangement from Leia) have gone silent. Only one source remains, Captain Perrili. They are all being targeted, and Poe believes this would have been something Agent Terex would do, but he (incorrectly) believes Terex is dead. (The tactic is, in fact, from Terex.) At that very moment, Perrili's ship, the Romary, is boarded by a First Order transport, led by Commander Malarus and the docile Terex. Malarus has Perrili and the crew killed. With only one freighter worth of fuel able to be allotted to Poe's mission, he informs the rest of Black Squadron that they will have to remain behind. Instead, the rest of them (Temmin "Snap" Wexley, Karé Kun, and Jessika Pava) decide to just divide up the fuel so that they can take four X-wings on the mission. Intending to succeed in their mission in memory of L'ulo, Black Squadron lands their X-wings in the bay of the Romary. They soon discover that the ship, once its engines are reactivated at Poe's command, is actually a giant flying bomb, required to continue accelerating to keep from exploding, until it will eventually be destroyed by the acceleration or a hardware breakdown to cause an explosive deceleration. Unfortunately, they need the fuel too badly to simply leave. The other three pilots escort the Romary in their X-wings as Poe and BB-8 fly the speeding ship. BB-8 then reveals a new discovery: the First Order already drained the fuel and put it aboard a nearby ship. The Romary's tanks just read as full due to tampering with its readouts. Running out of fuel, the other pilots return their X-wings to the Romary's bay, just as Poe gets it out of an asteroid field. BB-8 has been able to track the First Order's ship, though, thanks to rhydonium in the fuel that they stole, which presents them with a new plan of Karé's design. Since the First Order transport (the Enshado) does not have its own hyperdrive, it is heading for a nearby hyperspace ring. They give chase, and as they near, Poe tells the First Order that they will not leave with the fuel either way. Malarus, her ship nearby, sends TIE fighters to stop them, while Black Squadron siphons fuel from the Romary's own fuel tank so that they can take their X-wings out into battle. Karé leaves her droid, K3, piloting the Romary. Terex, unable to lie with the device on his head, tells Malarus the odds that Poe will defeat them, even with an inferior force, but she refuses to listen. Jessika takes out the hyperspace ring, then the captain of the Enshado launches escape pods, giving in to Poe's demands and disobeying orders from Malarus, whom he knows will not be there to save them. Angered,*

Malarus accosts Terex, which may have done damage to the device controlling him. Black Squadron boards the now abandoned Enshado, where BB-8 deactivates a self-destruct set by its former captain. The Romary, piloted by K3, explodes, having been kept flying in circles to protect everyone else and keep the explosion as a weapon if necessary. Black Squadron's mission has been successful. They head back to D'Qar with their fuel.

(Legend Lost)

- While on a routine reconnaissance mission for the Resistance, Poe Dameron manages to start a riot, blow up a transport, see another transport get destroyed in the riot, and just barely escape with the intelligence he was sent to acquire.
(conjecture based on *Poe Dameron Annual #1*)
- Poe Dameron is dressed down by Leia Organa for the outcome of his recent "routine" recon mission. Leia believes that his reckless behavior will catch up with him and get him killed. She actually has to have that conversation with him after another mission shortly thereafter. A while later, Poe diverts from a mission he is flying with BB-8 (in a ship other than Black One) in order to check on a distress call. It leads him into a minefield, which destroys his ship, leaving him EVA with a breather unit and BB-8. They make their way to the transport, which was also damaged by mines but remains intact, only to find First Order stormtroopers aboard. They engage some of the troopers and soon learn that the forklifts aboard are loaded with explosives that are being sent to Jaelen. This is how the First Order is smuggling arms to peaceful Outer Rim worlds. They disable the various explosives, but then they are discovered. Poe sends BB-8 out in an escape pod to get word to Leia while he engages the stormtroopers. When they suddenly retreat, he thinks he has somehow won the day himself, but it is actually them being scared off by the arrival of Black Squadron, there to recover him. They escape, and the records from the transport prove that Agent Terex is alive.*

(Poe Dameron Annual #1)*

*NOTE: The end of this story claims that it is to be continued in issue #16 of the ongoing *Poe Dameron* series. That does not make sense, however, given that issues 15 and 16 flow directly together with no way for this story to fit between them. Instead, it appears that this story takes place *after* issue 16, rather than before it. In theory, it could be set prior to issue 14, but that would mean a strange lull between the prior arc and the funeral for L'ulo. Interestingly, there is an A-wing flying with Black Squadron when they show up to rescue Poe, which would suggest that L'ulo is still alive, but the story ends with Poe asserting that Terex is alive, something that he does not believe during *The Gathering Storm* (in which L'ulo is killed).

- Suralinda "Sura" Javos has been working on menial duties like cleaning restrooms at the Resistance base on D'Qar since nearly betraying the Resistance and Poe Dameron and instead choosing to join the cause. Poe comes to her to bring her to a meeting with General Leia Organa, who has a job for her. Funding for the Resistance is drying up, and Leia worries that the Resistance is losing support. She wants Sura to help them find new sources of funding and to remind people of how necessary the Resistance is right now, and Sura comes up with an even better plan: show the people the human side of the Resistance and the depravity of the First Order, first hand. That kind of "packaging" could get their message out far better than simply arguing a case against a mostly-unseen threat. Thankfully, C-3PO knows, through his spy droids, about locations where the First Order is currently active. Meanwhile, Terex remains a tool of Malarus, who is using an extract from a creature from a Mid Rim moon to boost her body mass, intelligence, and youthfulness. Malarus extracts information through Terex's implants (through which he cannot lie, even if he somehow broke his conditioning), using that information to determine a suitable way to snare Poe and Black Squadron. Back on D'Qar, Sura sets out in a BTL-S3 Y-wing with Jess Pava (with Karé Kun as an escort in her T-70 X-wing) to get footage of First Order activities, while Poe and Temmin "Snap" Wexley go on the hunt for Oddy Muva, whom they consider a traitor. Meanwhile, Oddy and his wife, Sowa Chuan, have briefly come back to their home on Abednedo, to gather personal belongings and go into hiding. However, Malarus and Terex arrive with stormtroopers to take him into custody. They provide information to Sowa so that Oddy and the story she tells of him can be used as bait for Black Squadron. Jess, Karé, and Sura head for Spalex, where they set up camp and seek out nearby First Order activity in a village under Imperial threat. The First Order commander announces that he knows that the Empire's survey records show a massive vein of Thorilide crystals on the planet, yet the Empire was never able to mine that vein. The First Order knows it is there but not its precise location. Because Thorilide is in native technology, he believes the natives know where to get it. He threatens them, but they will not turn it over any more than they would to the Empire, having learned back then of what the Empire did to other worlds that gave in to its authority. Suralinda sends up remotes with cameras to capture footage of what is happening. Jess and

Karé want to intervene, but Suralinda tries to keep them on-mission to gather footage of First Order cruelty, not to stop it this time. Jess intervenes anyway, followed quickly by Karé. Both are captured, leaving Suralinda to rescue them, only to be captured herself. In order to save them from immediate execution, she reveals that the two human women are part of Black Squadron and convinces the First Order officer that she is just a journalist and not part of the fight. She even agrees to turn over the controls to the camera remote with her (without revealing that there are more out there). Jess and Karé believe Suralinda has betrayed them, rather than saved them. Elsewhere, Poe and Snap learn from Sowa about how Oddy was forced to betray them, how he was the one who took control of the Carrion Spike to attack his own fleet. Poe and Snap reassure her that they want to find Oddy and give him a fair trial. She follows the orders given to her by the First Order when they took Oddy and sets the trap, sending them along the route of a transport on which Oddy supposedly works now. As for Oddy himself, Terex questions him for Malarus. Oddy tries to convince Terex that he is just a slave of Malarus now, and Terex works to fight against his programming. Just after Malarus is informed that Poe and Snap are on their way into the trap, she also learns that Jess and Karé have been captured on Spalex. Black Squadron will soon be entirely in Malarus' grip, a major coup for her within the First Order. Once Poe and Snap board the transport that is supposedly Oddy's, they are caught and transferred to Malarus' First Order light cruiser, the Enshado. She intends to torture them for more information about the Resistance. The freighter is scuttled, but both captured X-wings are brought to the Enshado to be datamined for more intel. Terex is ordered to kill Oddy, now that he is no longer useful. Instead, he fights his programming and frees Oddy, who attempts to help Poe and Snap upon seeing them on a security monitor. The Enshado arrives at Spalex, where Jess and Karé create a distraction, and Suralinda uses her other remotes against the First Order forces. They have just freed themselves and taken out the First Order troops on the ground when they see the Enshado coming down through the atmosphere and releasing TIE fighters and a shuttle (carrying Terex and Malarus). Aboard the Enshado, Poe and Snap's cell opens seemingly on its own (really opened by Oddy). Below, the two TIEs and shuttle destroy the X-wing and Y-wing used by Jess, Karé, and Suralinda, but before they can circle back to attack the women themselves, Poe and Snap emerge on the scene, having recovered their X-wings and launched from the Enshado. As many more TIEs come after Poe and Snap, a TIE fighter, flown by Oddy, starts attacking the other TIEs. Oddy is finally getting his chance to fly in combat and is actually pretty good. He explains himself and in essence apologizes to Poe, then takes his TIE on a kamikaze run into the Enshado, destroying it. Malarus and Terex escape into hyperspace on their shuttle. Black Squadron is reunited on the ground, and Suralinda now has an even better story to tell, that of Oddy, who saved Black Squadron and single-handedly too down a First Order cruiser, all for love, etc. It isn't exactly the truth, but there's a warn on. The truth is what the war demands it to be.

(War Stories)

- On Cato Neimoidia, Lor San Tekka infiltrates one of the planet's vaults by using a small droid to disable security agents and entering in the guise of a tourist. He is then able to use his special (and expensive) cloak to literally walk through energy beams protecting his prize, an etched orb that was crafted by (and meant to be used by) both the Dark and Light Sides of the Force. Unfortunately for him, he is caught in the act and arrested. Shortly thereafter, Poe Dameron and BB-8 return to D'Qar in a T-70 X-wing (but not Black One) and discover that BB-8's "girlfriend" droid, Ivey, has managed to get Black One fixed after its recent damage. In the control room, C-3PO makes a startling discover and must speak to Leia Organa at once. At the mess hall, Karé Kun tells Temmin "Snap" Wexley that they need to take a break from being together, so they can deal with the escalating conflict with the First Order and be wary of connections and attachments, similar to the Jedi of old. Meanwhile, Jessika Pava and Zari Bangel discuss the former's terrible luck with getting droids destroyed. Zari has several astromechs gather to be considered and possibly chosen as Jessika's next droid, but when she turns away briefly to speak with C-3PO (who is still looking for Leia), all but BB-8 leave, and BB-8 gives his "lighter thumbs up," which the ladies think might actually mean something more akin to a middle finger. C-3PO finally finds Leia speaking with U.O. Statara about how difficult their situation is, given that complacency is making the Republic mostly ignore the First Order threat. C-3PO claims to have located Lor San Tekka and provides Leia with the information he has found. She gathers Black Squadron (who are not in good moods, frankly) and reveals that C-3PO has been monitoring locations that were on the list that Grakkus the Hutt provided to Black Squadron as possible places Lor San Tekka could be found. He has

been located on Cato Neimoidia, where he was arrested. It will be tough, but they need to rescue him in hopes of him leading them to Luke Skywalker. The Neimoidian that Lor was trying to steal from (or at least check out his secure artifact) was Baron Paw Maccon, who now holds Lor prisoner. As part of their rescue plan, Leia and Suralinda arrive at the estate of Baron Reya next door, knowing that Maccon is obsessive about his security and standing so that he can get noteworthy clients. The very idea that Leia is visiting Reya instead of him will drive him crazy. At the D'Qar base, Poe and Snap run practice drills. Snap tells him about his breakup with Karé, but Poe believes that things will work out. Meanwhile, Jess is trying to modify her X-wing to fly without an astromech, since none will fly with her given her reputation as a droid death curse. BB-8 brings Ivey (the droids "girlfriend") to her, though, and Ivey will fly with her at BB-8's urging. At Reya's estate, Leia shows a set of gowns from her mother, Padmé Amidala, which she intends to store somewhere safe, possibly Reya's vault. At Maccon's estate, Lor is put on trial. He claims only to have wanted to examine the Kazerath device, not to steal it. He believes it might imply a chapter in the history of the Force when the Light and Dark Sides were united, rather than seen as opposing sides. Since its owner constantly refused to let him examine it, he came to examine it in Maccon's vault. Maccon finds him guilty and has him returned to his cell so that bids can be made on his execution soon. As Leia and Suralinda tour with Reya, Maccon and his battledroids attack, trying to prove that Reya's vaults are not secure. Leia plays into this, just as planned, and demands that her gowns be stored in Maccon's vaults immediately without any tours or courtesies. She contacts Poe to let him know everything is going as planned. Just as they get her gowns stored, Black Squadron (Jess, Karé, and Snap) attacks the palace, drawing out Maccon's droid starfighters. As Leia is taken to witness the upcoming "entertaining" execution of Lor, Poe emerges from where he has been hiding (since recently rejoining Leia) inside the storage compartment of gowns. Poe reaches Lor and saves him from his droid guards before he can be taken for the execution. Leia, knowing Poe has Lor now, claims to want her gowns back to keep safe herself (out of love for her mother), so she sends Suralinda to get them aboard their ship again. Leia then contacts BB-8 in Black One in orbit to bring the X-wing down into the fray. Unfortunately, at Leia's ship, a pair of interlopers take out her crew, even as Suralinda gets the gown containers back aboard (holding Poe and Lor). Poe exits, while Lor remains in his container, so that Poe can join the fight. Black One has landed nearby, but as Poe runs towards it, the X-wings lift off and he spots BB-8 with blaster damage on his dome! Even then, Leia's own ship lifts off without her or Suralinda aboard! The two interlopers were Commander Malarus, who is now in Black One, and Terex, who now flies Leia's ship with Lor aboard! As Malarus springs a surprise attack on the rest of Black Squadron, Leia pays for Poe to use a starfighter he acquired from a Kesselian spice magnate to enter the fight. Aboard Leia's ship, Terex frequently zaps himself with a stun weapon so that he can slip out from under the controls placed on him by Malarus. In the dogfight, BB-8 gets temporary control of Black One again, then ejects to join with Poe's starfighter as Malarus crashes, knocking the wings from one side of Black One in the process. She is captured by Reya for crimes against Cato Neimoidia's houses. Leia plans to track Terex in her ship once it drops from hyperspace and a tracker activates, but while in hyperspace, Terex contacts Pasma, intending to trade Lor for having his control implants removed. Soon, the Resistance team is aboard the Raddus, Leia's flagship, where Black One is being repaired. Unfortunately, while in hyperspace, Terex jettison's Leia's gowns, which means losing the tracker that Leia was counting on. While waiting to go after Lor, Snap and Karé agree to talk about their relationship when this is over, seeing the chance of saving Lor as a possible sign of better things to come. Meanwhile, Terex arrives aboard the Absolution, where he meets with Pasma. He has injected himself with one of Malarus' poisons, so he will die before telling Pasma where he has put Lor if Pasma doesn't have the implants removed immediately. She has them removed, then Terex wants armor and a ship to get safely away (with an antidote that he has kept for the poison) before informing the First Order where to find Lor. At the Raddus, the Resistance team realizes that the tracker must have been ditched just before they receive a call from Terex. He has left Lor alone in an EVA suit in the middle of the Great Forveen Nebula and is giving them the coordinates just as he recently gave them to Pasma. He wants them to race to find Lor and possibly tear each other apart. Terex cares nothing for the fate of the galaxy, and as long as his enemies hurt each other, he will be happy. By himself in space, Lor records what he thinks will be his final words, in which he notes his belief that change is coming and that light and dark will battle yet again with no certain victor. The First Order arrives and starts searching for him, followed

quickly by Black Squadron and a Resistance recovery ship. The recovery ship finds Lor but is then destroyed before they can recover him. Stormtroopers then grab him and try to rocket back to their cruiser. Black Squadron manages to disable the cruiser but not before a torpedo is launched at Jess, who cannot evade in time. Instead, Ivey launches out of the astromech socket on Jess' X-wing and sacrifices herself by taking the torpedo meant for Jess. The Resistance team recovers Lor and heads back to D'Qar. Once there, Leia finally speaks with Lor about the need to find Luke Skywalker. He doesn't know where Luke is, but he has suspicions. He asks for a ship and a chance to investigate Luke's whereabouts. He will let her know where he can be met when he has Luke's location. In the hangar, Jess gives BB-8 a part from Ivey's astromech port. The last thing Ivey told Jess was that Ivey's impending destruction was neither her fault nor BB-8's. BB-8 fuses the part into Black One to always keep Ivey close. Meanwhile, Snap and Karé reconcile and decide to get married. They are married with Leia officiating. Before leaving Lor takes a moment to talk to Poe about how the Force is in everyone, allowing him a bit of hope in the face of impending struggle.*

(Legend Found)*

*NOTE: I say that Poe rejoins Leia here once the tour is underway at Reya's vault because the segment in which he flies with Snap on D'Qar appears to be *after* her arrival on Cato Neimoidia, just before she shows off the gowns for the first time. There isn't any marker claiming it to be "earlier" or anything of the sort, so he must join her after that, even though the flashbacks in the third issue seem to suggest that he would be in the gown container for the entire mission. Frankly, it was probably just another recent example of poor internal continuity in the Marvel *Star Wars* product line. I would also note that the final issue of this arc shows a very different wedding from the "incredible farting wedding" that is described in *Escape from Vodran*, so perhaps there were two weddings: a secret one with Poe officiating and then the one in this story. If so, the Story Group's assertion that Oddy Muva didn't attend (and it was instead Ello Asty), and the kids just couldn't tell the two apart, must hold true for such placement to make sense.

- Karé Kun and Temmin "Snap" Wexley are secretly married so that they don't distract the leaders of the D'Qar Resistance base from other duties. Poe Dameron officiates, and food is provided by the members of J-Squadron. Unfortunately, Mattis Banz cooks anilam-flavored pudding for the event, which causes everyone to experience flatulence during the ceremony. Fortunately, they all find it rather funny. (The J-Squadron members will later recall that Oddy Muva attended the ceremony, having mistaken Ello Asty for Oddy, who has already been killed at this point.)*

(conjecture based on *Escape from Vodran*)*

*NOTE: See note with the last part of the **Legend Found** summary below.

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- Misha Vontoba's nomads on Jakku are still working on the wreckage of the Starlight Wanderer when Toben, one of the nomads, discovers the log of New Republic Captain Telanasi. Those logs suggest that something highly valuable is to be found in the ship's secure vault. Unfortunately, another nomad, Jax Torani, will soon blab about this outside of the nomad group, which will alert the Strus Clan to the situation.*

(conjecture based on *Discovery on Jakku*)*

*NOTE: This is "two weeks" before *Discovery on Jakku*.

- C-3PO does not find it necessary to activate BB-8's tracking protocol when the droid goes to Jakku with Poe Dameron because he is with Poe in a T-70 X-wing, which should make it easy enough for the droid to be found if necessary. This will prove a major mistake in the days leading to the Battle of Starkiller Base.

(conjecture based on *The Force Awakens Visual Dictionary*)

- Having visited an Ottegan enclave on Arthon, Lor San Tekka has obtained clues to the location of Luke Skywalker (at the first Jedi Temple on Ahch-To) from the Sacred Order of Ramulus and their Great Eye of Kalur. He returns to Jakku with ally Athgar Heece and settles in Tuanul in Kelvin Ravine, awaiting the opportunity to meet with a representative of the Resistance to pass along this information.*

(LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens)*

*NOTE: This summary addresses the *LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens* video game level *Lor San Tekka's Return*. We are told that the game is meant to give us new story elements that tie into TFA, and these events seem to be referenced a bit in Story Group Canon, but because this is a LEGO interpretation that adds in sight

gags and such, we can only assume that if it is supposed to give us hints as to what happens in Story Group Canon, it must just be events similar to the events in the game but not exactly how events play out in the game.

- *The First Order Star Destroyer Finalizer is at planet GUHL-J03870. When a troop transport returns covered in remnants of the mission to the surface, FN-2187 is required to clean it. While doing so, he is surprised by a native creature that emerges from inside. It startles him enough that he falls and loses his helmet, which the creature then puts on as it escapes into the corridors. FN-2187 gives chase, passing by as Kylo Ren briefs General Armitage Hux and others on intelligence that points to a planet in the Western Reaches (presumably Jakku in his hunt for Lor San Tekka). He continues chasing the creature into Pasma's quarters (while she is gone, thankfully). He catches the creature and puts it into a crate so that he can release it when they next go to the surface. They do, but once they arrive, FN-2187 finds that the creature has escaped the crate. It takes the controls of the transport and flies erratically after all but FN-2187 have disembarked. They crash, and the trooper tumbles out without his helmet, while the creature runs out with his helmet in its hands, as Pasma watches. She takes him at his word that he had seen the creature on the transport and doubled back to catch it, and she assumes that he has now captured it. As such, she orders him to kill it, he is beginning to hesitate when many others of the same species, including some much larger, appear all around them. Pasma orders her troopers to simply leave and expects FN-2187's report once they return. She also reminds him not to ever let her find him without his helmet again.*

(Pest Control)

- *One month after the "disastrous" fifth flight simulation for J-Squad on D'Qar, the quartet of Mattis Banz, Dec Hansen, Sari Nadle, and AG-90 have formed a close friendship. Tensions are high, though, because a group of fighter pilots who left on a mission on the same day that Mattis arrived (about two months earlier, give or take) have yet to return. In the dead of night, Dec approaches Mattis for a "mission" again. This time, the idea is for Dec, AG-90, Mattis, Klimo, and Sari to get into the mess hall to swipe some delicious Hubbard pie, left from when it was part of their rationed meals earlier that week. While en route to the mess, they spot Jo Jerjerrod slinking around, heading for the communications center (an area with actual intragalactic reach, rather than just local, and highly restricted). They suspect him of being up to something. After seeing him enter, Sari slices the door controls so they can follow him, but only AG-90 is through the door before they have second thoughts and Lorica shows up. Sari barely gets the door closed again before Lorica Demaris can see what they are doing, but in doing so, she leaves AG-90 stuck inside. They all have a brief heart to heart about how difficult things are, their own fears of inadequacy, etc., but while this is indeed a bonding moment, Lorica immediately thinks the others were playing her for a fool when AG-90 emerges from the communication center, agitated about something he saw, followed quickly by Jo, who grabs AG-90 and marches off with him and Lorica to go wipe AG-90's memory, which would erase whatever he learned and remove any "odd" individuality that the droid had acquired over the years. The others are shocked by this, then shocked by a prod from a sentry droid, and taken back to their bunks. Mattis and Klimo soon pull a fast one by amending a sentry droid's directives so that they can sneak out and hopefully save AG-90 from a memory wipe. Not surprisingly, Dec and Sari have also managed to get out to join them. They head for droid maintenance, home to G2-PI and other maintenance droids. When all appears lost during a confrontation inside with Jo, Mattis thinks fast and shuts down all of the base's power, thereby stopping the wipe (but not restoring his language skills that have been shut down) . . . just as the X-wings from the long overdue mission finally start to arrive and need lights to land by! Thankfully, they put aside their differences and use emergency flares to help the ground crew make sure everyone can land safely. Once again, though, they are in deep poodoo. As punishment for nearly causing a disaster (and other actions during that night), Mattis, Klimo, Lorica, Sari, Dec, AG-90, and even Jo are to be assigned on a salvage mission to Vodran, a swampy world that was once the stronghold of Harra the Hutt before the Empire decimated her settlement. Ackbar is hopeful that while isolated together on the desolate world, they will somehow learn to be a team. (The rest of J-Squad is split up and assigned to other units.) They head for Vodran in two transports (Mattis, Dec, and Klimo in one, while Lorica, Jo, Sari, and the silent AG-90 are in the other, purposely separating Dec and AG-90). They use speeder bikes while on the planet, which isn't quite flying but close enough for Mattis. As they work, Sari tries to get AG-90's language skills reactivated so they can learn what was so shocking that the droid saw when spying on Jo. She manages to do so, and AG-90 is just about to tell the truth to Dec, Sari, and Mattis when a dianoga emerges*

and snatches him up. They (mostly Sari) manage to save AG-90, who then reveals that Jo is a traitor to the Resistance! The droid had seen Jo speaking with two members of the First Order, who claimed that the First Order finally has a location of a map that will lead them to Luke Skywalker, which will change the course of the conflict. The two people turned out to be Jo's parents, who are First Order officers, and who spoke in the same conversation about how the Supreme Leader (Snoke) believes in tradition and will welcome Jo to his "rightful place" in the First Order as their son when he eventually "comes home" to them. They head back to the ship to immediately contact Gial Ackbar to report Jo, but they run into Lorica, who convinces them to at least confront Jo directly first, given how much Jo seems to love the Resistance. They go to confront him, and before they can even do so, Jo and Dec are arguing again, Jo accidentally knocks AG-90 down, and the two finally start fighting. As Lorica tries to break it up, Sari and Mattis realize that the thicket upon which they are fighting is the covering of a sinkhole that is a nest for duns thackston birds that are usually found with sarlaccs. Sure enough, the moment Jo tackles Dec, the covering breaks, sending Jo, Dec, and Sari down into the sinkhole with a sarlacc. Mattis is able to catch Lorica, but she makes him let her go so that she can help defend the others inside the pit, while Mattis comes up with a way to get them all out. Mattis uses a speeder bike to save them, and Lorica also uses one to help them all escape. (As for Klimo, he has wandered off on his own and only now rejoins the group, safe and sound.) As they all settle down for the night, they again find themselves sharing truths about themselves. During the talk, Lorica reveals that she was never really a heroine. Yes, the weapons cache blew up, and she was there, but the truth is that a light freighter full of illegal weapons accidentally crashed into her parked yacht outside her parents' hotel on Kergans, causing an explosion that saved the hotel from further damage and revealed the destroyed weapons. She was a heroine only because she had parked her yacht to grab some food. Jo reveals that Lorica wasn't with him in wanting to wipe AG-90's memory. In fact, she was there to try to talk him out of it the entire time. Jo agrees that they all, not just AG-90, have their glitches, but that is what makes them who they are. Jo reveals that, yes, his parents are First Order officers. They have no idea that he has joined the Resistance. They think he is still at the New Republic Military Academy on Ganthel, from which the academy's commander had sent him to join the Resistance because he sympathizes with Leia Organa's cause. Leia and Ackbar already know all this and allow him to talk with his parents, as long as it is done in a way that does not give up the truth of his situation. He is willing to stand against the very "government" that his own parents serve. Shortly thereafter, a swarm of tawds come their way, causing stampedes of other animals. Just as they manage to deal with that threat, the tawds retreat as several rancors emerge and seem to be ready to destroy their transports. (These vicious animals were all left free in the aftermath of the Empire's attack on Harra the Hutt's settlement, it seems.) Thankfully, Dec takes one ship airborne as Klimo takes the other. In the chaos, Dec and Sari are able to escape into space, but that leaves the others with just the other transport. Klimo is presumed dead when the rancors pull down his transport and tear it to bits. Mattis, AG-90, Jo, and Lorica are left to fend for themselves and without a ship on Vodran. Just when things can't seem to get any worse, they do, as the quartet is confronted by a group of First Order stormtroopers . . . *

(Join the Resistance)*

*NOTE: See the note with the first part of this book's summary for information on the logic behind its placement.

- On Vodran, the members of J-Squadron are in rough shape. Mattis Banz, Lorica Demaris, Jo Jerjerrod, and AG-90 have been captured by First Order stormtroopers. Klimo was apparently killed when rancors attacked his shuttle. Dec Hansen and Sari Nadle escaped in another shuttle, expecting the others to follow. With the group separated, the four captured members are taken to see Commander Wanten at a nearby First Order "base," the former palace of Harra the Hutt, former master of Vodran (and owner of the various creatures that J-Squadron encountered recently). Since Jo's parents are First Order officers and know nothing of his Resistance ties, he claims to be a First Order spy. He is allowed to remain free, while Mattis and Lorica are put in different cells, and AG-90 is scheduled for a full memory wipe and reprogramming to become a First Order servant. (Along the way, Mattis forms some mutual animosity with a stormtrooper with a scratched helmet lens, whom he refers to as "Patch," though his designation is SB-379.) Wanten, an out-of-shape former stormtrooper from the days of the Empire wants to prove his worth to the First Order, so he intends to break his prisoners and learn important Resistance intelligence from them to provide to his superiors. He is aided by his security chief, Ingo Salik, a young First Order officer. Jo convinces Wanten

to put Mattis and Lorica in a cell together with another prisoner, on the suggestion that perhaps a third prisoner could report back on whatever they say. (The more helpful Jo can be, the more time he can buy, though most of his suggestions make the others believe he truly is a First Order spy, not a true member of the Resistance.) Despite his suggestions to somehow use AG-90 for information, Wanten, who hates droids, still wants him reprogrammed. He tasks Jo with doing so after some convincing, and AG-90 becomes one of the main guards for the cells, so as to taunt Mattis and Lorica with their former friend's new personality. Lorica finds herself first in a cell with strange girl named Cost Niktur, whose mind was driven nearly to insanity by a bor gullet used by an unsavory Gand bounty hunter who was once a visitor to Harra the Hutt's palace. Cost appears to be crazy, given that she frequently talks about sounds from within the walls. Mattis is tossed in with Lorica and Cost, and Lorica tries to use that moment to escape, only to be stunned and put back in the cell. While being questioned, Mattis was told that Jo was a real First Order spy, and he passes this along to Lorica. They both mostly believe it, though they do not want to. Meanwhile, Dec and Sari are in their shuttle, looking for the others. When they are spotted by a First Order patrol, they are pursued through space near Vodran. At the palace, Mattis, Lorica, and Cost are allowed time out in the "Fold" (an outdoor area that is mostly mud and surly fellow prisoners). Mattis quickly annoys a Gamorrean and then a Gigoran named Ymmoss, for whom Cost (supposedly) translates threats. Lorica saves Mattis when Ymmoss attacks him. She does this by petting him, but it slowly starts to become clear that Lorica is starting to gain a measure of control over her Zeltron pheromones, which she was using instinctively to calm Ymmoss. The fight is finally broken up by AG-90 in his new First Order guard role. In space, Dec and Sari find a "safe" place to hide when they discover a moon that is invisible to sensors (due, they later learn, to liquid nykkalt beneath the surface). They find a bunker on the surface of the moon and decide to set down to try to get help. At the palace, Ingo checks on the prisoners and slips a ration pack to Lorica without really recognizing why he is doing it. She has begun trying to use her pheromones on him to get little bits of better treatment and (hopefully) turn him to their side to set them free. (Mattis, who believes he "has the Force" but that it just hasn't awakened in him yet, is jealous both of the skill and Lorica flirting with Ingo to gain his trust.) On the moon (known as Kufs), Dec and Sari approach the old bunker and are surrounded by a group of droids. The droids immediately destroy their shuttle. One also takes Dec's jacket and approaches the only First Order shuttle that actually followed them to Kufs. Dec believes they are about to be turned over to the First Order. At the palace, AG-90 claims to Mattis, Lorica, and Cost that Dec and Sari are dead. A few days after being taken prisoner, Lorica and Mattis get put on construction duty, doing physical labor to help rebuild and shore up portions of the palace. By now, Mattis is starting to hear things from the walls too and thinks he is starting to go crazy like Cost. He starts falling into despair, barely doing his part on the second day of construction work. Patch decides to split Mattis and Lorica onto different jobs so they cannot assist each other. Two days later, Mattis is carrying a weld-bar and with a group spotting holes in need of repair in the fence that protects the palace from the beasts that used to belong to Harra. He is accompanied by Patch, Jo, and Ymmoss. Ymmoss goes after Mattis again before being shocked into compliance. A few days later, Mattis is with the group again when he trips and discovers a metal cylinder mostly buried in the mud. After a few circuits of the area, making sure the item is hidden from view in the mud, Mattis intends to grab it. Just as he tries to do so, Ymmoss struggles with Patch and requires Jo to stop her, giving Mattis a chance to grab it. (He thinks it is just a lucky break, but it was intentional, as he later learns.) Jo quietly tells him to hide the cylinder, which confuses Mattis, who still thinks Jo is the enemy. Mattis starts using his new "tool" to dig a hole into the outer wall of his cell. Soon, Mattis is nearly delirious when his cell opens and Ymmoss tries to enter. He believes he is about to be attacked, and suddenly Ymmoss is driven away by the appearance of what Mattis first thinks is a disembodied voice. It turns out that he is not going crazy. The voice and sounds in the walls are actually from a small creature that used to be a close friend (or pet) to Harra the Hutt, a nanak from Egips named Gherd. Gherd reveals that when the First Order came, they sent Harra and all of her droids (since Wanten hates them) up to the bunker on the moon (the same one where Dec and Sari now are). Gherd wishes to escape to be reunited with Harra. When Lorica is worried about Mattis, Jo calms her by telling her that he is working to help them escape, which is overheard by Cost. When Jo tries to figure out a possible false location for the Resistance base to feed that information to Wanten, Lorica claims it is on Endor, so Jo comes up with similar nearby locations that would work as a fake location, only to pick D'Qar by sheer chance, which means that if he tells

Wanten that “false” location, he will actually be revealing the Resistance’s true base! The pilots of the First Order ships that went after Dec and Sari return, revealing the strange moon that they found. The first ship’s crew was captured upon landing, so the others returned, but the captured trooper has now escaped and returned as well. They believe that Dec and Sari are truly dead. After learning this, Wanten speaks with his informant, who turns out to be Cost. Cost is so mentally deranged from the bor gullet that she is providing information while trying to still be a good friend to Mattis and Lorica. She reveals that Jo is actually with the Resistance, not a First Order spy. The next morning, Ingo visits Mattis, Lorica, and Cost in their cell, and Cost further reveals that Gherd has been heard moving around in the walls by the prisoners, not just the First Order. Wanten visits and tells them that Dec and Sari are dead (and that last time it was just said to break their spirit). He also has Jo dumped into the cell with the others. Jo is to be turned over to the First Order as a traitor, though at least this proves to Mattis and Lorica that he is on their side. Meanwhile, Dec and Sari are actually alive and well. The droid that took Dec’s jacket, J-9A, is the leader of the droids at the bunker. The droid used the jacket to “prove” to the former First Order captive that the droids killed Dec and Sari. It has now been a week since that lie, and the duo have been living with the droids, seeking help from them, but not finding a way to get away to look for their friends on Vodran yet. At the palace, Cost reveals herself as a spy to the others, earning their anger but some sympathy given her condition. At the Kufs bunker, Dec and Sari discover Harra the Hutt, who is being tended to by the droids. At the palace, Lorica makes a finally play to get Ingo on her side, even if it means joining him, but Mattis, frustrated and betrayed by Cost, reveals her Zeltron abilities, which causes Ingo to push her away. She attacks Ingo to give them a chance to escape, but he stuns her, then Patch stops Mattis and Jo. Dec befriends her, since they are both somewhat outsiders in their own cultures. In Harra’s case, she does not like to use creatures for sport but as pets that she adores. When Dec convinces her that her creatures are still on Vodran, just let loose, including her close companion (Gherd), she joins with Dec and Sari to return to Vodran with droid allies in Harra’s own shuttle. At the palace, Jo is taken away to be turned over to the First Order soon, but then AG-90 reveals that he was in cahoots with Jo on an escape plan and never actually reprogrammed. He has been acting like a guard until an escape was possible, so he helps them now to get out of their cell. Moreover, it turns out that Cost has been lying about what Ymmoss has been saying (or just crazy enough to think she was really translating), and Ymmoss has also been in on it, hence providing Mattis the distraction he used to acquire his “tool.” As they try to get to Jo, Jo shows up on a stolen wheelbike, having fought Ingo and been freed from his binders by Gherd. They get to the fence and are able to set a rancor upon stormtroopers chasing them. When the surviving troopers (including Patch) reach them, Mattis tries to hit one with his tool, only to accidentally activate it. It is actually a lightsaber! When it slips from his hand, Lorica uses it to take down some troopers, suggesting that she might have Force potential herself (maybe). They are finally all caught and facing likely execution from Wanten, but then blasts rain down from above. Harra has arrived with her ships and droids, along with Dec and Sari. In a quick battle, the First Order forces are defeated. Harra is reunited with Gherd. All of the members of J-Squadron are reunited, except for Klimo (presumed dead) and Jo, who is taken away in a First Order ship before the others can save him. Lorica gives Harra the lightsaber at her request. Ymmoss and Cost will go with J-Squadron now as they try to hunt down and rescue Jo Jerjerrod from the First Order.

(Escape from Vodran)*

*NOTE: This story begins immediately after the first *Join the Resistance* book (which had no subtitle), so the placement of the first book necessitates the placement of this one.

- About a month before she meets Kaljach Sonmi, Orisha Okum wins the Savareen whist tournament.*

(conjecture based on *The Ride*)*

*NOTE: This assumes that *The Ride* is set during TLJ, rather than some unknown time after the film.

- Del Meeko, aboard the *Corvus*, is on Athulla when he learns that many Athullans have been kidnapped by Jinata Security (J-Sec). He tracks them to Pillio, intending to rescue them, and discovers Gleb’s operation for the First Order’s Project Resurrection, but he gets captured before he can do anything about it.

(conjecture based on *Battlefront II*)

- Kylo Ren travels to Pillio, where Gleb takes him to see her prisoner, Del Meeko, who has inadvertently discovered Project Resurrection. Kylo knows that Del Meeko knows Lor San Tekka and uses the Dark Side to tap into his mind to torture him until he divulges the location

of where he believes Lor took the map to Luke Skywalker: Bayora. With this information, Kylo leaves to continue searching for the map. Del's fate is handed over to Gideon Hask, who is indeed alive after being shot down during the Battle of Jakku. Del intends to take revenge upon Del and soon on Iden Versio, who is now Del's wife and the mother of their child, Zay. Gideon kills Del with a blaster shot, then berates Gleb's handling of the situation in allowing an outsider to discover Project Resurrection. Gleb will relocate her efforts for the project and triple efforts on Athulla. Gideon orders her to bury Del but to keep the Corvus out in the open so that it draws Iden into his clutches . . . (To be continued below . . .)

(Battlefront II)

- Shriv Suurgav is investigating disappearances that Resistance General Leia Organa believes are connected to the First Order when he discovers that the Corvus is on Pillio. He lands, only to find the planet abandoned and strip-mined with no sign of Del Meeko anywhere. He takes the Corvus and prepares to contact Iden Versio, Del's wife.
(conjecture based on *Battlefront II*)
- Hue Tico and Thanya Tico live on Hays Minor in the Otomok system with their daughters, Paige Tico and her younger sister (by five years) Rose Tico. The elder Ticos work for Central Ridge Mining, flying OreDiggers (MG-100 StarFortress bombers modified for non-combat operations) for mining operations, as does young Paige, who began training to fly at age 13. Their grandparents (on both sides) came to Hays Minor with a first wave of settlers as prospectors, searching for a rare type of gold called Haysian smelt. Upon finding their first smelt, Grandpa Storm and Grandma Etta (as Paige and Rose knew them) crafted two medallions in the symbol of the Otomok system that were paired. They were eventually given to Paige and Rose, who still wear them as a symbol of their bond. After a few months of the First Order carrying out heavy mining and ecological devastation on Hays Minor ("murdering" their world through weapon testing and such) Paige and Rose want to fight back. The final straw is the destruction of the independent mining collective at Sebris Gamma (a nearby village) when they refuse to work under the control of the First Order. One week later, their parents realize that they won't be able to successfully fight back on Hays Minor. Instead, they arrange for the young women to get passage on a supply ship to Botajef, where they then use a code phrase at a spaceport diner to make a connection with General Leia Organa's Resistance. They are taken to D'Qar. Meanwhile, the First Order blockades the Otomok system, justifying it with claims that they are fighting terrorists. The New Republic objects, but the First Order insists that it is an internal matter. The New Republic backs down and accepts this. On D'Qar, Paige and Rose meet with Leia and tell her the story of what has happened to their planet. She replies that this is why the Resistance exists. In the days to come, they will learn that Hays Minor has been devastated by bombing runs and nearly torn in two. Fossil, head of the bomber squadrons, tells them that their parents are reported missing in action. Rose refuses to believe they are dead, believing they will be reunited one day. Meanwhile, Rose and Paige are sent for one week of infantry training, as all Resistance recruits are. They are part of the fight now.
(conjecture based on *Bomber Command*)
- At the First Order's Starkiller Base, Cadets FN-2187 (who has no nickname yet, though often shortened just to "Eight-Seven"), FN-2199 ("Nines"), FN-2000 ("Zeroes"), and FN-2003 ("Slip," since he tends to be less effective than his fellow stormtroopers) engage in First Order stormtrooper training through a holographic simulation, overseen by Captain Phasma. When Slip falls behind, FN-2187 goes back for him, showing a level of empathy and leadership not expected of stormtroopers. They succeed in the objective, but Phasma expresses her concerns over FN-2187's empathy (despite being one of the best troopers she's seen in training) to General Armitage Hux. Phasma debriefs the quartet, and once they have been dismissed, she speaks with FN-2187. They have seen how he has helped Slip on multiple occasions, and she wants it to stop. By helping him, she says, FN-2187 is weakening himself. They must cull the weak, basically. (To be continued below . . .)

(Before the Awakening: Finn)*

*NOTE: To avoid confusion between the three stories in *Before the Awakening*, two of which cover a span of months, I have named each summary by the "part" (Finn, Rey, or Poe) that the summary covers. This Finn portion covers about two weeks of time, give or take, leading directly into *The Force Awakens*.

- On Jakku, word has gotten out to the Strus Clan that Misha Vontoba's nomads have discovered the wreckage of the Starlight Wanderer, which may contain something valuable in its secure vault. Strus Clan representatives are sent to "negotiate" with the nomads, leading fellow nomad (and former Strus Clan member) Tiras Or'un to convince Misha to ask an old

soldier acquaintance, Fira Bon, for help. Fira was a New Republic recon specialist until she left the service after being told to stop looking into activities in the remnants of the Imperial space. She became a mercenary and was stranded on Jakku after a botched job. Now she remains on the planet hoping to gain a contact that can help her join the Resistance. Fira's friend, Durm Bormo (a member of the Church of the Force), joins her in going to protect the nomads from the Strus Clan (a clan that forced him to leave his village of Tuanul to protect his people from retribution after saving scavengers from Strus goons). They are also joined by Mhar'li, a pilot who has been stuck with the nomads after her ship, the Sunstrider, suffered main drive damage while carrying Fira and Durm out to a wreck sometime previously. Fira, Durm, Mhar'li, and Tiras go out to meet the Strus Clan members before they reach the wreckage in hopes of delaying or avoiding conflict, but the thugs go for their weapons, forcing the quartet to retreat back to the Starlight Wanderer to rejoin the nomads and set up an ambush. The clan attacks but is driven off, at least for a while. During the brief respite, the quartet and the nomads discuss their options. During the discussion, merchant nomad Jax Torani argues for simply abandoning the Starlight Wanderer. (It turns out that this mess is actually Jax's fault, since it was his "loose lips" that let the Strus Clan know about the wreck in the first place.) As they await another confrontation, they search for the vault, discovering it and breaking through its security. Inside are not jewels or other physical goods but datapads full of information stolen from the Imperial Star Destroyer Eradicator, detailing secret Imperial installations in the galactic fringes. The data was stolen by the Starlight Wanderer during the Battle of Jakku before it was shot down, but that means the information might be valid or may be about three decades out of date. If still active, though, these bases would suggest "another Empire" out there that no one knew about back then and few acknowledge now (i.e. the First Order). They decide that they must get this data to the Resistance, but before they can leave, the Strus Clan attacks again, this time led by the clan leader himself, Dokar Venas. The nomads fight off the Strus Clan so that the quartet can escape in a quadjumper. They race back to Mhar'li's Sunstrider, but they have to fix its main drive before they can leave Jakku. They do so (apparently in some way that was beyond Mhar'li's ability to fix it alone) and head for a hyperspace transit point to then seek a Resistance contact. However, at that first transit point, they are confronted by the First Order Star Destroyer Silencer. They are pulled aboard by a tractor beam and then questioned and searched by Captain Phasma and Lieutenant Dormitz. They are briefly detained but manage to escape, continuing their mission to seek out the Resistance and deliver information about this all-too-real threat.

(Discovery on Jakku)*

*NOTE: The context of this adventure from *The Force Awakens: Beginner Game* makes it clear that this is meant to be shortly before (or even during) the film. However, its opening crawl states that the "valuable secret" of the *Starlight Wanderer* has been "lost for thirty years." Given that it was lost during the Battle of Jakku in 5 ABY, that would suggest that the story is in 35 ABY, which wouldn't make sense with the rest of the story's context. I have to simply assume that the "lost for thirty years" is just rounding.

- *Early in their time on D'Qar, Rose Tico and Paige Tico are part of a briefing with General Leia Organa, who is organizing teams to scout areas on D'Qar for resources. With fuel limited and the jungle terrain so dense, landspeeders and bikes are unlikely to get the job done. Rose (at Paige's insistence) suggests building a few old style wheeled vehicles from the scrap heap at the base. Another Resistance member, Lazslo, mocks the idea, but Leia likes it. Rose manages to build a pair of three-wheeled carts, which she and Paige then test out on a scouting run. Things are going well until a wheel on Paige's cart fails and her lack of an emergency brake causes her to zoom off of a drop-off and down to be caught in a patchwork of vines down below. Rose must find a way to save her, but her comlink is being blocked by some kind of interference. She befriends some native creatures, which she names "squonks," who help her in return for food. They find Paige's scarf then track her to her location, where Rose builds a pulley that allows her to help Paige escape the chasm she has fallen into. Paige has also discovered the source of the interference: a bunch of very useful durasteel ore. They return to the remaining cart and back to base, where Lazslo is put in his place upon learning about their success in finding the ore and scouting locations like a cave that could work as a bomber hangar. Things are looking good for the Tico sisters' participation in the Resistance.*

(Rose & Paige)

- *Fossil isn't particularly happy with the need to make room aboard Cobalt Hammer for Rose Tico to fly with Paige Tico, but it works out once Fossil sees them in action.*
(conjecture based on *Bomber Command*)

- During their first mission aboard the Cobalt Hammer, Rose Tico leaves her flight engineer's station to view hyperspace from her sister Paige Tico's ball turret. They spend time talking about all the places in the galaxy that they hope to see. The actual mission is to deal with a First Order incursion in the Cassander sector (in the borderlands between New Republic and First Order space). Pirates had been active in systems near the Kalki Nebula for centuries, but now they have advanced weaponry and are raiding Mamkoda and Caraxl. With aid from Tallie Lintra's A-wings, a group of six bombers (Cobalt Hammer, Cobalt Scarab, Cobalt Wasp, Crimson Bolide, Crimson Dancer, and Crimson Hailstorm) drive off pirates at Mamkoda. Three days later, they drop supplies at Caraxl but must avoid conflict with First Order TIE fighters. When they return to the Ninka, they discover that the Resistance's droid spies have discovered the pirates' base, Sheh Soahi. They battle the pirates at Sheh Soahi and defeat them, managing to record the pirates transmitting to the First Order for help in the process, which provides some evidence of First Order activities. Upon returning from this mission, Rose, whose reputation with a Harris wrench has reached General Leia Organa's ears, is asked by Leia to devise a way to hide ships from electronic detection in a similar way that their spy probes are protected. Rose develops a combination of computer and droid brain that she calls a "baffler" that will regulate a ship's emissions to essentially make it invisible to all but visual detection. Their first test of this new technology will be a spy mission to the Atterra system.*

(conjecture based on The Last Jedi novelization and Bomber Command)

- Paige Tico and Rose Tico are aboard the Cobalt Hammer, a Resistance MG-100 StarFortress bomber en route to the Atterra system (Atterra Prime, Alpha, and Bravo) on a spy mission to check for First Order activity. Rumors claim that ships trying to enter or leave the system are being stopped or attacked by automatic cannons in nearby asteroids. The system seems to have been blockaded (though the biggest issue is cutting off travel between Atterra Alpha and Bravo). They are to release spy probes (rather than bombs) over Atterra Bravo to check on the situation. The probes are shielded from detection by "mini spy-shields," which Rose has used as a model to create a unique blend of droid brain and computer to create a so-called "baffler" that should also protect the Hammer from being spotted by anything other than direct sight by minimizing their emissions. With them are bombardier Nix Jerd and pilot Finch Dallow, but not their usual tail gunner, Spennie. They find themselves at the edge of a minefield, and when a probe sets one off, and a cannon fires on them on their way in, First Order TIE fighters come to investigate . . . or so it seems. Instead, it appears that the fighters are chasing a small vessel. They watch the chase, but then it turns their way, while they cannot escape yet with their bomb bay still open. The small vessel veers right for the Hammer and crashes into its bomb bay, forcing them to take it with them when they are finally able to jump to hyperspace. They are stuck taking them back with them to D'Qar, though they are sure not to reveal the base's nature or location at first. Upon meeting with Fossil, the commander of the Resistance's StarFortress unit (which includes both Cobalt and Crimson Squadrons), they learn that their unexpected "guests" are Reeve Panzoro (a young male pilot) and his grandmother, Casca Panzoro, who is the district representative of the Firestone Islands on Atterra Bravo, which is technically within First Order jurisdiction. They are the fifth team to try to escape from the system to reach a New Republic location in hopes of reporting the situation on their planet to the Senate to request aid. All the other missions have ended in loss, so this is their first chance to get help. Their description is that the First Order is "murdering" their world, the same phrasing that Rose and Paige used when they first joined the Resistance and reported on their home of Hays Minor in the Otomok system. Atterra Primo is a gas giant, while Atterra Alpha is a world that was once an Imperial prison world. However, it is the only major source of fresh water for Atterra Bravo (where the Panzoros are from), since the oceans of Bravo are acidic. As part of their takeover and exploitation of the resources of the planets, the First Order has cut off trade between the two planets, leaving Bravo desperate for water. Communication between settlements even on the same planet are forbidden, all so that the First Order can plunder their gas and minerals. They are not there looking for someone to fight for them. They have the beginnings of their own "Bravo Rising" resistance group. However, they need supplies, especially water, and they hope the New Republic can provide it. They have come to the right place, though, since even though the New Republic might not be open to assisting if asked, General Leia Organa's Resistance is willing to help. (Yes, this reveals that the duo has been brought to the main Resistance base, but Leia is inclined to trust their story, thanks to a sense through the Force that they are telling the truth.) Without starting an open war with the First Order, Leia,*

Fossil, and the teams from Cobalt and Crimson Squadron concoct a plan to assist Bravo Rising. They will outfit other bombers with Rose's baffler tech, then they can use the bombers to drop supply packages akin to how they drop bombs or spy probes. Before any such mission, though, Reeve will go with Paige and Rose to contact Bravo Rising and guide them, while Casca remains behind (sort of as insurance that they aren't being betrayed, but also for intel). That way, they can arrange drop locations and such. They take the small freighter Little Vixen to the Firestone Islands settlement, evading the First Order along the way. Along the way, Rose becomes somewhat impressed with Reeve. They meet with Reeve's uncle, Orion Chalk, former foreman of Big Settlement Darrus Rantarovo, and Firestone Technical Academy chief instructor Tanya Helios. They make plans for the supply runs, but Reeve is convinced to remain behind and help lead Bravo Rising in Casca's stead. On their way back to D'Qar, the Ticos stop on Renfu, a nearby planet that is much like Hays Minor, very cold. Back on Hays Minor, Paige had flown old, refitted StarFortress bombers as an ore digger for Central Ridge Mining Company, and she convinces some locals that their RenfuCorp might be able to benefit from their team of StarFortress bombers (civilians, of course) as ice breakers. That would give them a cover for runs to Atterra Bravo while also looking like it is just one planet helping another, rather than a Resistance operation. On D'Qar, they discuss this with Leia and Vice-Admiral Amilyn Holdo of the Ninka (since Holdo has carried out airlift missions before). They plan to send 11 StarFortress bombers total, each with a full crew, seven from Cobalt Squadron and four from Crimson Squadron, led by Finch Dallow of the Cobalt Hammer. They can carry out four runs, two of which will be loaded up to start with, two of which will need a resupply, and with enough fuel to make all but the last run without needing to get refueled. They will only have a few ships do the runs during "time off," while the others are working as icebreakers for real to preserve their cover. They can then swap out which ships are doing what in order to make sure cargo from each is delivered. That should give Bravo Rising a fighting chance. The process to prepare the mission takes two days. Rose is concerned that if her baffler tech fails, the mission will fail, and it will be her fault, but Paige reassures her that they are in this together. With Spennie returning to the Hammer, they set out and get set up on Renfu. (To be continued below . . .)

(Cobalt Squadron)

- *The First Order Star Destroyer Finalizer (led by General Armitage Hux and Kylo Ren), seeking Luke Skywalker's location, strikes against the Ottegan enclave on Arthon, where Lor San Tekka has recently acquired that information from the Sacred Order of Ramulus, who used the Great Eye of Kalur to map Luke's location (somehow). Fortunately, the assault is expected by the Resistance, so a force led by Admiral Gial Ackbar is able to evacuate many of the members of the enclave before it is destroyed. Unfortunately, Kylo Ren is able to pull information from the leader's mind, learning the location of the only copy of the map to Luke, which is with Lor San Tekka on Jakku.**

(LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens)*

***NOTE:** This summary addresses the *LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens* video game level *Ottegan Assault*. We are told that the game is meant to give us new story elements that tie into TFA, and these events seem to be referenced a bit in Story Group Canon, but because this is a LEGO interpretation that adds in sight gags and such, we can only assume that if it is supposed to give us hints as to what happens in Story Group Canon, it must just be events similar to the events in the game but not exactly how events play out in the game.

- *Han Solo and Chewbacca leave Nantoon in the Eravana, not realizing that they are being followed by the Guavian Death Gang and Kanjiklub.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars: Episode VII--"The Force Awakens"*)
- *Lor San Tekka, having searched for a map to Luke Skywalker (or the first Jedi Temple he was searching for, which is basically the same thing) on behalf of Poe Dameron and Leia Organa, reaches out to Leia to let her know that he has found it and is waiting to provide it to one of her operatives on Jakku.*
(conjecture based on *The Awakening*)
- *At the D'Qar Resistance base, Leia Organa tells Poe Dameron that Lor San Tekka has informed her that he is on Jakku with a map to where Luke Skywalker can be found. Poe is sent to acquire it from him. Leia finds it fitting that the Empire ended on Jakku, and its successor, the First Order, will see its own end begin on Jakku. (To be continued below . . .)*

(The Awakening)

- *Over the week following Captain Phasma's instructions to FN-2187 not to protect FN-2003 ("Slip"), activity ramps up at Starkiller Base, where the cadets are stationed (with FN-2187 helping with sanitation on the base as part of his duties). When the mandatory morale*

sessions occur, FN-2187's heart really isn't in it. He wonders, not for the first time, if there is something wrong with him. They move on to battle simulations, melee combat training, and more. During melee combat training, FN-2187 goes up against Slip and must defeat him to keep someone else from doing so and truly injuring him. Pasma questions him afterward about how he was holding back and perhaps even considered throwing the match to protect Slip. They are among the "fresh meat" then sent aboard the Finalizer on a mission to Pressy's Tumble, a mining asteroid in the Pressylla system. There, he sees utter terror in the workers upon seeing troops from the First Order, who are supposedly there to "restore order" amid a miner strike. FN-2187's group is called down to where there are to be "negotiations" with the striking miners' representatives. Rather than negotiating, Pasma immediately orders FN-2187, Zeroes, Nines, and Slip to kill them all. FN-2187 is unable to pull the trigger, but Slip kills his target for him. With that act, the four cadets are officially given the status of full stormtroopers. While the others celebrate, FN-2187 puts himself through more and more holographic drills to try to change himself and get rid of the doubts and hesitations in his mind, but he cannot help his emotions. Pasma is disappointed in him, but they are already along for the ride as the Finalizer goes to pick up Kylo Ren. Upon arrival, they will head directly for Jakku on an important mission. Pasma will give FN-2187 just this one more chance to prove himself a stormtrooper . . . *

(Before the Awakening: Finn)*

*NOTE: See note with the first part of the summary above.

- Shortly before the destruction of Hosnian Prime, Janyor of Bith creates a propaganda piece for the Resistance that shows an X-wing against a Rebel Alliance symbol, which reads, "Pinnacle of Freedom, the Resistance."
(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)
- Sometime around the time of the Battle of Starkiller Base, Yolo Ziff jokes that Resistance pilot recruitment would skyrocket if Poe Dameron were put on a recruitment poster. It is intended as a joke, but when Yolo creates just such a poster to continue the gag, it somehow winds up being disseminated on the HoloNet and actually does increase Resistance pilot recruitment numbers.
(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (cartoon series: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)

Forces of Destiny, Volume 2 [continued] (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

The Happabore Hazard (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)

The Rey Chronicles (youth novel: Emma Carlson Berne)

Rey and the Happabore

Forces of Destiny [continued] (cartoon series: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)

Forces of Destiny, Volume 2 [continued] (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

Run Rey Run (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)

The Rey Chronicles [continued] (youth novel: Emma Carlson Berne)

Rey and Teedo

Poe Dameron [continued] (comic series: Charles Soule & Chris Eliopoulos & Robert Thompson)

Droids Unplugged [continued] (comic series: Chris Eliopoulos)

SaBBotage (comic: Chris Eliopoulos)

Black Squadron [continued] (comic series: Charles Soule)

Black Squadron, Part I [continued] (comic: Charles Soule)

Black Squadron, Part II [continued] (comic: Charles Soule)

Black Squadron, Part III (comic: Charles Soule)

Lockdown (comic series: Charles Soule)

Lockdown, Part I (comic series: Charles Soule)

Lockdown, Part II (comic series: Charles Soule)

Lockdown, Part III (comic series: Charles Soule)

Join the Resistance [continued] (youth novel series: Ben Acker & Ben Blacker)

Join the Resistance [continued] (youth novel: Ben Acker & Ben Blacker)

Chapter 4 [continued]

Poe Dameron [continued] (comic series: Charles Soule & Chris Eliopoulos & Robert Thompson)

The Gathering Storm (comic series: Charles Soule)

The Gathering Storm (comic: Charles Soule)

The Gathering Storm [continued] (comic series: Charles Soule)

The Gathering Storm, Part I [continued] (comic: Charles Soule)

The Gathering Storm, Part II [continued] (comic: Charles Soule)

The Gathering Storm, Part III [continued] (comic: Charles Soule)

The Gathering Storm, Part IV (comic: Charles Soule)

The Gathering Storm, Part V (comic: Charles Soule)

The Gathering Storm, Part VI (comic: Charles Soule)

Legend Lost (comic series: Charles Soule)

Legend Lost, Part I (comic: Charles Soule)

Legend Lost, Part II (comic: Charles Soule)

Legend Lost, Part III (comic: Charles Soule)

Poe Dameron Annuals (comic series: Robert Thompson)

Poe Dameron Annual #1 (comic: Robert Thompson)

War Stories (comic series: Charles Soule)

War Stories, Part I (comic: Charles Soule)

War Stories, Part II (comic: Charles Soule)

War Stories, Part II (comic: Charles Soule)

Legend Found (comic series: Charles Soule)

Legend Found, Part I (comic: Charles Soule)

Legend Found, Part III [flashback] (comic: Charles Soule)

Legend Found, Part II (comic: Charles Soule)

Legend Found, Part III [continued] (comic: Charles Soule)

Legend Found, Part IV (comic: Charles Soule)

Legend Found, Part V (comic: Charles Soule)

Legend Found, Part VI (comic: Charles Soule)

LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens [continued] (video game: TT Fusion)

LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens [continued] (video game: TT Fusion)

Lor San Tekka's Return

Star Wars Adventures [continued] (comic series: Landry Q. Walker & Cavan Scott & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Alan Tudyk & Shannon Eric Denton & Scott Beatty & Ben Acker & Ben Blacker & Delilah S. Dawson & Shaun Manning & Sholly Fisch & Paul Crilley & John Barber & Nick Brokenshire & Scott Peterson & John Jackson Miller)

Star Wars Adventures [continued] (comic series: Cavan Scott & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Alan Tudyk & Shannon Eric Denton & Scott Beatty & Ben Acker & Ben Blacker & Delilah S. Dawson & Shaun Manning & Sholly Fisch & Paul Crilley & Otis Frampton & John Barber & Nick Brokenshire & Scott Peterson & John Jackson Miller)

Pest Control (comic: Landry Q. Walker)

Join the Resistance [continued] (youth novel series: Ben Acker & Ben Blacker)

Join the Resistance [continued] (youth novel: Ben Acker & Ben Blacker)

Chapters 5 - 16

Escape from Vodran (youth novel: Ben Acker & Ben Blacker)

Chapters 1 - 20

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Battlefront II [continued] (video game: DICE)

Campaign [continued]

Main Story [continued]

Discoveries

Before the Awakening [continued] (youth novel: Greg Rucka)

Before the Awakening [continued] (youth novel: Greg Rucka)

Finn

The Force Awakens Beginner Game (RPG: Tim Flanders & Sam Stewart & Jordan Goldfarb)

The Force Awakens Beginner Game (RPG: Tim Flanders & Sam Stewart & Jordan Goldfarb)

Discovery on Jakku

Here They Come!

Weather the Storm
 Making Plans
 The Secure Vault
 Time to Go!
 Race to the Resistance
 Intercepted!
 Prison Break!

Forces of Destiny [continued] (comic series: Jody Houser & Devin Grayson & Beth Revis & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Delilah S. Dawson)

Rose and Paige (comic: Delilah S. Dawson)

Cobalt Squadron (youth novel: Elizabeth Wein)

Cobalt Squadron (youth novel: Elizabeth Wein)

Chapters 1 - 9

LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens [continued] (video game: TT Fusion)

LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens [continued] (video game: TT Fusion)

Ottegan Assault

Poe Dameron [continued] (comic series: Charles Soule & Chris Eliopoulos & Robert Thompson)

The Awakening (comic series: Charles Soule)

The Awakening, Part I [flashback] (comic: Charles Soule)

Before the Awakening [continued] (youth novel: Greg Rucka)

Before the Awakening [continued] (youth novel: Greg Rucka)

Finn

Finn's Story (youth novel: Jesse J. Holland)

Finn's Story (youth novel: Jesse J. Holland)

Chapter 1

34 ABY (SW7)

- Jedi Master Luke Skywalker vanished years ago. As the First Order (rising from the rump state of the Empire on their side of the Galactic Concordance buffer zone) threatens the New Republic, Luke's sister, General Leia Organa, now leads a quasi-independent Resistance on behalf of (and with some support from) the Republic to stand up to First Order aggression. Her hope is that Resistance pilot Poe Dameron can complete an important mission to the planet Jakku, where he is to make contact with her old ally, Lor San Tekka, who may hold the key to finding Luke and bringing him back to aide in the struggle. Poe meets with Lor (a member of the Church of the Force) in the small Jakku village of Tuanul. (Little do they know that a group of stormtroopers is even then running holographic simulations and being briefed for an attack to acquire the same information.) Lor gives Poe a small data chip, which is believed to contain a map to Luke's location. (Luke is said to have gone in search of the first Jedi temple, so the map is more to that location than to Luke himself, per se.) Their meeting is interrupted by the arrival of First Order dropships from General Armitage Hux's Resurgent-class Star Destroyer Finalizer. Those troops, including FN-2187 (with no nickname other than "Eight-Seven"), FN-2199 ("Nines"), FN-2000 ("Zeroes"), and FN-2003 ("Slip"), set down and attack the villagers, who immediately open fire on the landing craft. In the battle, FN-2187 witnesses Slip (a friend he had tried to protect previously during training) die, marking FN-2187's helmet with his bloody fingerprints. Lor is captured and brought before the leader of the Knights of Ren, Kylo Ren, who kills the old man, who knew him before his transformation into his current persona. After Poe's T-70 X-wing (a temporary starfighter while Goss gives Black One an overhaul), he is captured and taken to the Finalizer, but not before he can put the data chip into his droid, BB-8, and send BB-8 away to protect the information, promising to come back for him. When ordered to kill the rest of the villagers, the stormtroopers do their duty, except for FN-2187, who cannot bring himself to kill innocents. (This is his first true mission as a stormtrooper, but he also hesitated in the mission that gave him that promotion from cadet, and he has shown excessive empathy for others during his training under Captain Phasma.) Upon returning to the Finalizer, FN-2187 is to report to Phasma, who orders his reconditioning (i.e. brainwashing to remove his empathy), since this was his last chance. While Poe is in custody, 19-year-old scavenger Rey gathers salvage in the Graveyard of Giants (i.e. the site of the Battle of Jakku 29 years ago) to sell to Unkar Plutt at Niima Outpost. After returning to the damaged AT-AT she calls home (Hellhound Two from*

the Interrogator during the Battle of Jakku), she encounters BB-8 when she saves the droid from being captured by a Teedo. She reluctantly allows the droid to travel with her back to her AT-AT for the night (during which she dreams of her family coming back for her). The next day, they will travel to Niima Outpost soon, the most likely location BB-8's owner (Poe) would come looking for him. Meanwhile, Poe is tortured for information on the Finalizer and finally gives up the location of the data chip while under Force-enhanced interrogation from Kylo Ren. FN-2187, not having followed orders to report for reconditioning, rescues Poe. He wants to go AWOL, and he needs a pilot. Together, FN-2187 and Poe steal a Special Forces TIE Fighter and escape the Finalizer. In the battle that ensues, the TIE is shot down and crashes down on Jakku. FN-2187 (given the name "Finn" by Poe during their escape) awakens in his ejector seat and seeks out Poe. He finds the wrecked TIE and Poe's jacket, but he is unable to find Poe before quicksand sucks down the ship, which then explodes underground. Finn believes Poe to be dead and seeks out civilization, getting rid of his stormtrooper armor in lieu of Poe's jacket along the way. At Niima Outpost, Rey trades her salvage for food portions with Plutt, but when she will not sell him BB-8, Plutt orders his goons to steal the droid anyway. Finn arrives just as the thugs attack her, but Rey is able to take them down herself, not needing rescue. BB-8 spots Finn in Poe's jacket, and Rey chases him down, assuming him to be a thief. Finn reveals Poe's apparent fate, and Rey mistakes him as a member of the Resistance. The way she looks at him, as if he is important and brave, causes him to lie and claim that he is indeed a Resistance member. He reveals what Poe revealed to him during their escape: that BB-8 holds a map to Luke Skywalker that must get to the Resistance leadership. (Rey is simply shocked at the idea that Luke is more than just a myth.) Troopers arrive from the Finalizer, and they must run. When the quad-jumper Rey plans to use is destroyed, they run over to a "garbage" vessel that has not been flown in years, an old YT-1300 freighter. Rey, who has learned to pilot through some small local opportunities and a flight simulator she salvaged from an old Y-wing back at her AT-AT, is able to pilot the freighter while chased by a pair of TIE fighters through the Graveyard of Giants, even flying through the remains of the old Super Star Destroyer Ravager. They get away into space, but a potential gas leak forces them to fix the ship before they can head for the Resistance base on D'Qar in the Ileenium System. (Finn is able to convince BB-8 to reveal the base's location when he confesses, only to the droid, that he is just trying to get away from the First Order and will help but simply doesn't know where to go.) Another ship, the Eravana, captures the freighter, while the trio aboard hide. When the freighter is boarded, it is not stormtroopers who board but the duo of Han Solo and Chewbacca. The ship is actually the Millennium Falcon, stolen from Han and Chewbacca by Gannis Ducain, from whom it was stolen by the Irving Boys, from whom it was stolen by Unkar Plutt and taken to Jakku. A tracking device activated when Rey powered up the ship on Jakku, allowing Han to finally find his long-lost pride and joy. He intends to drop Rey, Finn, and BB-8 at the next inhabited planet, but they ask for his help, recognizing from legends of his exploits that he knew Luke and those who now lead the Resistance. While the Falcon rests in the hold of the Eravana, Han reveals that he and Chewbacca are hauling rathtars, terrifying creatures responsible for the Trillia Massacre, to be added to King Prana's zoo. Unfortunately, he borrowed 50,000 credits from both the Guavian Death Gang and Kanjiklub for the venture, and now both have arrived and boarded the Eravana. Han tries to talk his way out of the situation with Guavian Death Gang member Bala-Tik and Kanjiklub leader Tasu Leech (with his lieutenant, Razoo Qin-Fee). Things get worse when Bala-Tik recognizes BB-8 as the droid the First Order is looking for. Hiding under the deckplates, Rey tries to cause the ship's systems to lock down the blukheads on either side of Han and Chewbacca to protect them, but all she manages to do is set the rathtars loose. The creatures tear through the gangsters and nearly take Finn, but Rey saves him with a well-timed bulkhead. Han, Chewbacca, Rey, Finn, and BB-8 escape aboard the Falcon and into hyperspace, but Bala-Tik reports to the First Order that Han has BB-8 on the Falcon. At the Resistance base on D'Qar, Leia learns from Lieutenant Brance that Lor was killed, Poe may be dead, and BB-8 was not recovered. She is not willing to give up hope yet, but she orders C-3PO to locate BB-8 immediately. (Unfortunately, C-3PO did not activate BB-8's tracker before the mission, so now he must just keep the Resistance's spy droid network on the lookout for BB-8. C-3PO also cannot truly get advice from longtime companion R2-D2 because R2-D2 has been in a power-saving mode, defragmenting decades of accumulated data, since Luke disappeared.) Knowing they must convince the Republic Senate on Hosnian Prime to take action against the First Order before it is too late, especially in light of these recent aggressive actions and the chance that they

may find Luke first, Leia sends her aide, Korr Sella, to plead her case to the Senate. (Leia cannot go herself because many have become unwilling to listen to her specifically and because there are so many First Order agents out there that she does not believe that she would be able to get there and back alive.) At the First Order's secret Starkiller Base (a new superweapon that draws upon the energy of a star and dark matter to fire blasts that tunnel through hyperspace to reach a sort of sub-hyperspace to destroy entire worlds far across the galaxy), Ren speaks with a towering hologram of Supreme Leader Snoke, who has lived to see the rise and fall of the Empire and everything since. He was the one who drew Ren to the Dark Side in the first place, though as a Knight of Ren, Kylo Ren attempts to use both the Dark and Light Sides without being lured toward the Light by his own weaknesses. In their conversation, Snoke reveals that the droid they seek is aboard the Millennium Falcon with Han Solo . . . Kylo Ren's father! Kylo Ren is, in fact, Ben Solo, son of Han and Leia, nephew of Luke, and grandson of the great Darth Vader, whom Snoke and Ren believe would have accomplished greatness in bringing order to the galaxy if he had not been weak enough to be tempted by the Light Side and the love of his son. It was that love for Luke that caused Vader to turn on Darth Sidious, killing the Emperor. Ren's destiny, he believes, is to finish what Vader started and to avoid such emotional weaknesses in himself. Meanwhile, on Jakku, Poe stumbles around, injured and having trouble keeping his thoughts straight due to a concussion. He had managed to set down the TIE fighter and get out (losing his jacket when it got caught inside) and stumbled away from the wreck in the wrong direction. He does not believe Finn survived the crash. Now, he meets a Blarina named Naka lit, a scavenger, whom he befriends. Knowing that his best bet of getting offworld or finding allies would not be at Niima Outpost, Naka takes him to Blowback Town to introduce him to merchant Ohn Gos, who can help get him away from Jakku. (It helps build trust with Naka that they are pursued by the Strus clan, trying to steal from her, and Poe helps them escape.) Aboard the Falcon, Finn tends to Chewbacca, who was wounded by a blaster shot during the battle on the Eravana. Rey takes Chewbacca's place as co-pilot. Once on a safe course, Rey tells Han more of their situation, and they look at the map held by BB-8. It is, unfortunately, incomplete, just the last portion of a longer route. Han explains to them that all of the "legends" about the Force, the Jedi, etc. are actually true. Rey is both amazed and thrilled. They go to Takodana to the castle of Maz Kanata, an old friend and ally of Han and Chewbacca. Maz has run her castle for 1,000 years and has great insight and resources. Han gives Finn some advice: that women always figure out the truth. He gives Rey a blaster, since she seems to know how to handle herself, though she does not seem to have ever used a blaster before. They meet with Maz, and she refuses to help arrange passage to D'Qar for Rey, BB-8, and Finn. She urges Han to take them himself, to return "home" to his estranged wife, Leia, whom he has not seen in a long time. They were driven apart when their son, Ben, turned on Luke's new generation of Jedi students years ago. Ben tore it all down, leading to the deaths of the other students and Luke heading off into self-imposed exile to find the first Jedi temple. Han and Chewbacca went back to what they did best (smuggling), while Leia became the leader of the Resistance, something she did well. Maz wishes to see that rift healed. As for Finn, he just wants to get away from the First Order, believing they cannot be stopped. Maz points him to Captain Sidon Ithano (the Crimson Corsair AKA the Blood Buccaneer AKA the Red Raider) and first mate Quiggold of the Meson Martinet to arrange passage for himself to the Outer Rim. Rey urges him not to go, and he reveals the truth to her about being a stormtrooper, not a member of the Resistance. She still does not want him to go, but he leaves anyway when she refuses to leave with him. As Finn prepares to leave and Han continues speaking with Maz, Rey briefly runs into Plutt, who has tracked the Falcon and intends to reclaim it. Plutt is stopped by Chewbacca, who rips off one of his arms. Meanwhile, word is leaking about their location. Mercenary Bazine Netal has informed the First Order of the group's arrival, and droid GA-97 has informed the Resistance. The question now is which will arrive first . . . At the castle, Rey starts to hear sounds like a little girl's voice (her own voice from childhood) and follows the sound down some steps and into a room (the door of which mysteriously opens for her). She opens a case (provided "ages ago" by Bazine for Maz) and discovers the lightsaber that once belonged to both Luke and Anakin Skywalker, the one Luke lost on Bespin when Vader cut off his right hand. When she touches it, called to it by the Force, she experiences a series of visions (including corridors on Cloud City during Luke and Vader's battle there, being left behind by her family with Unkar Plutt on Jakku, the Knights of Ren, Luke and R2-D2, a forest, and voices of Yoda and Obi-Wan Kenobi, who says that these are Rey's "first steps"). She is shocked, but Maz finds her and reveals that while she is not a Jedi,

she also is attuned to the Force. She knows that this lightsaber, sitting there for ages, has “called out” to Rey (more like the Force guiding her to it, but it is essentially the same thing). She urges Rey to take it, but Rey refuses, saying she will never touch it again. Shocked by the implications of what just happens, Rey runs off into the jungle, followed by BB-8. Meanwhile, at Starkiller Base, General Hux gives a rousing speech to his First Order troops, then the primary weapon of Starkiller Base fires, sending a blast of dark energy (collected from another star before Starkiller Base’s planet was moved to its present location) into space. It reaches and destroys its targets: the planets and moons of the Hosnian System. The New Republic Senate (and its current capital world, which rotates with elections) has been wiped out (including Korr Sella and New Republic Chancellor Lanever Villecham, who had never been supportive of direct action that could threaten the stability of the current “cold war” with the First Order). On D’Qar, Leia learns of the destruction and sends a reconnaissance mission to seek the source of the attack, even as Leia prepares to lead a mission to Takodana to recover BB-8. On Takodana, thanks to the strange hyperspace nature of Starkiller Base’s weapon, those at the castle can actually see the destruction of the Hosnian system so far away. Finn immediately recognizes it for what it was and returns to Han, then they are brought downstairs by Maz, who gives Finn Luke’s lightsaber so that he can make sure it gets to Rey. The First Order arrives, landing its troops, led by Ren. Ren is directed into the jungle, where Rey and BB-8 were spotted escaping, while other troops focus their attack on the castle itself. During the battle, Finn must fight his old comrade Nines with Luke’s lightsaber against Nines’ Z6 riot control baton. Finn is nearly defeated when Han uses Chewbacca’s bowcaster to kill Nines, saving Finn. Meanwhile, Rey is confronted by Ren, who uses the Force to both immobilize her and discover that she has seen the map that BB-8 carries. Even though BB-8 has escaped, he feels that he has what they need if he can pry the map from Rey’s mind. As Rey and Ren face off, the Resistance finally arrives in the form of T-70 X-wings from Blue Squadron, led by Poe (who had managed to get back to the Resistance just in time to join this effort) in his custom-painted “Black One” (with “black” being a color notation, not a squadron designation, per se). The First Order retreats, but they have Rey in custody. Finally, a Resistance transport lands, bringing Leia face to face with Han again after so long (albeit interrupted in their reunion briefly by C-3PO, who makes a big deal out of his temporary red arm). They all return to D’Qar, where Finn is reunited with Poe, who tells of his adventures. BB-8 tells Poe of Finn’s heroics, and the duo’s friendship continues to solidify. (Poe even lets Finn keep his jacket.) Finn, though, needs a favor. He needs to speak with Leia about trying to rescue Rey. Poe takes him to her, and Finn shares everything he knows of Starkiller Base. As Doctor Harter Kalonia tends to Chewbacca’s wounds more properly than Finn could, C-3PO and BB-8 check out the map BB-8 has carried, and it turns out that it is only part of a much larger map, and the systems in this section are unknown. They cannot find Luke yet. Han and Leia also somewhat reconcile, discussing what happened with Ben. Leia knew that Snoke was corrupting him, but she did not tell Han, expecting Luke to be able to handle the situation. She thought Han might be too volatile to handle it well, but Leia is not sure if it was the right decision. Leia hopes that she or Han can reach Ben where Luke failed. Han is, after all, Ben’s father. Leia believes wholeheartedly that there is still Light in Ben. At Starkiller Base, Ren questions Rey, using the Force to probe her mind, but he finds that she not only resists but instinctively turns the Force probe back on him, getting into his mind and seeing his fear that he will never be as great as Darth Vader. (Unbeknownst to either of them at the time, this connection allows Rey to gain a sense of how Kylo uses some of his Force abilities, as if his training has become hers and thrown open doors in her mind that she will be unable to close.) Ren storms out, and Rey is left to ponder the recent revelations about her apparent inherent Force abilities and how she might use what she just learned from the Force probe and old legends about Jedi to her advantage. On D’Qar, the reconnaissance pilot sent to check out Starkiller Base, Captain Temmin “Skip” Wexley, returns with his report. To the amazement of all present (including leaders like Caluan Ematt, Gial Ackbar, Brance, and Admiral Statara), they learn of the impressive size of Starkiller Base and the superweapon built into the planet. Finn provides further details in the briefing, and the Resistance begins to make plans to strike at Starkiller Base. Finn agrees to go with Han and Chewbacca on the Millennium Falcon to Starkiller Base to destroy shield generators protecting the weapon, which should allow X-wings to strike at an oscillator location that would cause the base’s stored energy to destroy the base (and planet). Poe and his pilots (Jessika “Jess” Testor Pava, Temmin “Snap” Wexley, Ello Asty, Nien Nunb, Yolo Ziff, Lt. Bastian, Niv Lek, etc.) will lead the attack once the shield is disabled. Back at

Starkiller Base, Ren contacts Snoke, who is shocked that Rey was able to resist him. Knowing that the Resistance now has the map portion (the rest of which the First Order has from the archives of the Empire), Snoke orders Hux to prepare Starkiller Base to fire on D'Qar (where they have tracked the Resistance from Takodana). They will wipe out the Resistance before they can find Luke. Ren is to bring Rey to Snoke. Back on D'Qar, Leia and Han part, and her last request to him before he leaves is that if he sees their son to bring him back. As the mission begins, Rey waits in restraints with just one guard at Starkiller Base. She uses the Force, and after a few tries, she is able to mind trick the door guard into releasing her and leaving, dropping his blaster for her along the way. She looks for a way to escape the base, and Ren finds the room empty when he returns. The Falcon arrives, exiting hyperspace inside the base's shields. The trio break in, but it turns out that Finn is just there to save Rey. He knows nothing about the shields himself. (It turns out that before becoming a true stormtrooper, Finn's main duties were in sanitation.) Fortunately, they come upon Pasma, whom they capture and force to lower the shields. (They then toss her into a trash compactor to get her out of the way for a while.) Ren, for his part, senses Han's presence at the base and leads the search for Rey and his father. Finn, Han, and Chewbacca reunite with Rey in the halls of the base and head back toward the Falcon. The X-wings begin their attack on the oscillator, but their blasts seem to have little effect. Knowing that the Resistance pilots need help, the team turns back from the Falcon and heads back inside with their explosives. As Rey and Finn take care of some sabotage, Han and Chewbacca split up inside to plant explosives. They manage to do so, but as Han is moving to leave, he spots Kylo Ren – Ben Solo – crossing a rail-less bridge nearby. Remembering his promise to Leia, Han calls out to him and joins him on the bridge. He tries to convince Ben to come back with him and give up his allegiance to Snoke, since Snoke will just use him until discarding him. Ren removes his mask and admits that he is being torn apart inside (by the pull of the Dark and Light Sides). He claims that he knows how to end the pain but is not sure if he is strong enough to do it. He asks for Han's help and holds out his docile lightsaber. He ignites it then, running Han through. He has killed his own father, believing that doing so will banish the pull of the Light Side, making him free of pain and clear in his Dark Side path, though he will find that it instead seems to just make him weaker. Han's last thoughts are forgiving his son for this act and hoping that one day Ben can forgive him as well. Han falls from the bridge, dead, and Chewbacca fires on "Ben," hitting him in the lower torso but not successfully killing him. Chewbacca tears through Imperials with claws he rarely uses on living enemies, then activates the explosives that he and Han planted, beginning a chain reaction that opens up a vulnerable area of the oscillator for the pilots above. The pilots dive in and renew their attack. Ello Asty is killed, but Poe is able to take out the oscillator from the inside, starting a chain reaction that begins to tear the planet apart from its stored energy, which it has been drawing from the nearby star ever since Snoke gave the order to prepare to fire upon D'Qar. In the snowy forest on the way to meet Chewbacca at the Falcon, Finn and Rey are confronted by Ren, who claims that the lightsaber Finn carries belongs to him (his legacy as the grandchild of Anakin Skywalker). Ren, wounded and pounding on the bowcaster wound to feed his pain and draw upon the Dark Side, Force pushes Rey into a tree to temporarily knock her out, then duels Finn. After being wounded himself, Ren finally delivers a devastating blow to Finn's back, leaving him immobile in the snow. He then tries to call Luke's lightsaber to him with the Force from where it fell in the snow, but Rey has come to at the sound of Finn's cries during the duel and is reaching out as well. Much to her astonishment and his, the lightsaber flies into her hand. Now, Rey and Ren do battle. He is more skilled but injured, while she fights on instinct. As the ground ruptures and shifts beneath them, he drives her back to a fissure, offering to teach her in the Force (or kill her if she refuses, of course). She takes his mention of the Force as a prompt and opens herself to the Force, which gives her enough of an advantage to knock his lightsaber away and deliver a slash that scars his face before another fissure opens, separating the two combatants. As Hux is ordered by Snoke to evacuate with Ren to Snoke's location so that Snoke can complete Ren's training, Rey and an unconscious Finn are rescued by Chewbacca in the Falcon. They make it away from the planet just as it is finally destroyed, becoming a new star to replace the one drained by the superweapon. The surviving Resistance fighters return to D'Qar, where Leia meets Rey, and the two console each other on the loss of Han (whom Rey had started to view as a father figure, since she lacked one of her own). Finn is taken to medical treatment. R2-D2 finally awakens after his data defragmenting concludes (and possibly prompted by something else). It turns out that the larger map to the first Jedi temple with BB-8's piece missing that the First

*Order had from the Empire's archives was also among data that R2-D2 downloaded into his memory banks while aboard the first Death Star 34 years earlier. Now that the data has been compiled and analyzed, R2-D2 and BB-8 combine their maps to create a finished map that should, if he truly went to the first temple, lead to Luke. With a goodbye to the unconscious Finn, Rey, R2-D2, and Chewbacca take the Millennium Falcon (with all of the changes from Unkar removed by Chewbacca) to an island on the planet Ahch-To. There, Rey climbs a long path of steps to reach a summit where she finds Luke Skywalker himself. She holds out Luke's old lightsaber to him in an unspoken offer or plea that may be the galaxy's only hope.**

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*NOTE: In an earlier version of this summary, I noted that Rey finally meets Poe upon arrival at D'Qar, but that was something in the novelization that was later retconned out of existence by *The Last Jedi*. Remember that in Story Group Canon, novelizations essentially exist where they match the films, so what does not match is "gone." Presumably this also means that some other added material (or all of it) may not exist either.

The Sequel Trilogy (movie trilogy: Michael Arndt & Lawrence Kasdan & J.J. Abrams & Rian Johnson)

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- Kylo Ren
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- Rey at Home
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- Jailbreak
- TIE Fighter Escape
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- Crossing Paths
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- Kylo is Updated
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- "Chewie, We're Home"
- Corellian Standoff
- Rathtar Mayhem
- Supreme Leader
- "It's All True"
- Meeting Maz
- Discussions of Destinies
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- Resistance to the Rescue
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- Resistance Base
- Rey Imprisoned
- Resistance Briefing
- Starkiller Landing
- Base Infiltration
- X-wing Attack
- Rejoining Rey
- Into the Oscillator
- Father and Son

- Dark Forest
- Oscillator Breached
- Forest Duel
- Cataclysm
- Made Whole
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- The Sequel Novelization Trilogy (novel trilogy: Alan Dean Foster & Jason Fry)**
- The Force Awakens (novel: Alan Dean Foster)
 - Chapters 1 – 18
- The Sequel Trilogy Graphic Novel Adaptations (comic: Alessandro Ferrari)**
- The Sequel Trilogy Graphic Novel Adaptations (comic: Alessandro Ferrari)
 - The Force Awakens
- The Sequel Comic Adaptation Trilogy (comic trilogy: Chuck Wendig & Gary Whitta)**
- The Force Awakens (comic series: Chuck Wendig)
 - The Force Awakens, Part I (comic: Chuck Wendig)
 - The Force Awakens, Part II (comic: Chuck Wendig)
 - The Force Awakens, Part III (comic: Chuck Wendig)
 - The Force Awakens, Part IV (comic: Chuck Wendig)
 - The Force Awakens, Part V (comic: Chuck Wendig)
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- Rey's Story (youth novel: Elizabeth Schaefer)
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- Finn's Story [continued] (youth novel: Jesse J. Holland)**
- Finn's Story [continued] (youth novel: Jesse J. Holland)
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- LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens [continued] (video game: TT Fusion)***
- LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens [continued] (video game: TT Fusion)*
 - Assault on Jakku
 - Escape from the *Finalizer*
 - Niima Outpost
 - The *Eravana*
 - Maz's Castle
 - Battle of Takodana*
 - The Resistance*
 - Starkiller Sabotage
 - Destroy Starkiller Base*
 - The Finale
 - Luke's Island

*NOTE: See note with summaries for this game for the rationale behind listing it at all. Note also that the console version has these names, whereas the handheld version refers to *Battle of Takodana* as *Attack on Takodana* and *Destroy Starkiller Base* as *Destroy the Starkiller*. The handheld version also does not contain the mission *The Resistance* at all.

- The Adventures of BB-8 (children's book: David Fentiman)**
- The Adventures of BB-8 (children's book: David Fentiman)
 - B8
 - The First Order
 - The village*
 - In the desert
 - Meeting Rey
 - Escape!

Han and Chewbacca
Gangsters
Maz's castle
Battle at Maz's!
Battle plan
Pilot's Log: Jess Pava
Reunited with Poe
C-3PO and R2-D2
Attacking the Starkiller
Victory!

*NOTE: Nope, not capitalized in the book.

Finn's Mission (children's book: David Fentiman)

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Stormtroopers
The planet Jakku*
Battle at the village
Running away
Crash!
Finn in the desert
Niima Outpost
Rey and Finn
Escape from Jakku
Dogfight over the desert
Han and Chewie
Trouble with gangsters
Maz Kanata
Castle crooks
Battle at the Castle
General Leia Organa
Finn's Mission
Attacking the Starkiller
Getting inside
Mission accomplished

*NOTE: Nope, not capitalized in the book.

Backstories [continued] (youth novel series: Calliope Glass & Jason Fry)

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Princess Leia: Royal Rebel [continued] (youth novel: Calliope Glass)

General Leia [continued]

The Chewbacca Story [continued] (children's book: Benjamin Harper)

The Chewbacca Story [continued] (children's book: Benjamin Harper)

The Force Awakens Mask Book (children's book: Benjamin Harper)

The Force Awakens Mask Book (children's book: Benjamin Harper)

The Force Awakens: Movie Theater Storybook & BB-8 Projector (children's book: Benjamin Harper)

The Force Awakens: Movie Theater Storybook & BB-8 Projector (children's book: Benjamin Harper)

Chaos at the Castle (children's book: Nate Millici)

Chaos at the Castle (children's book: Nate Millici)

Finn and Poe Team Up! [continued] (children's book: Nate Millici)

Finn and Poe Team Up! [continued] (children's book: Nate Millici)

Finn & the First Order (children's book: Elizabeth Schaefer)

Finn & the First Order (children's book: Elizabeth Schaefer)

Rey Meets BB-8 (children's book: Elizabeth Schaefer)

Rey Meets BB-8 (children's book: Elizabeth Schaefer)

Finn & Rey Escape! (children's book: Michael Siglain)

Finn & Rey Escape! (children's book: Michael Siglain)

Han & Chewie Return! (children's book: Michael Siglain)

Han & Chewie Return! (children's book: Michael Siglain)

Star Wars (children's book: Erin Rose Grobarek)

Star Wars (children's book: Erin Rose Grobarek)*

***NOTE:** This is a play-a-sound book without any subtitle or adaptation title, just “*Star Wars*.”

A Friend for Rey (5MSWS short story: Elizabeth Schaefer)

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Rathtars on the Loose! (5MSWS short story: Elizabeth Schaefer)

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Rolling with BB-8! (children’s book: Benjamin Harper)

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The Force Awakens (children’s book: Christopher Nicholas)

The Force Awakens (children’s book: Christopher Nicholas)

The Force Awakens (children’s book: Elizabeth Schaefer)

The Force Awakens (children’s book: Elizabeth Schaefer)

The Force Awakens (read-along book: Elizabeth Schaefer)

The Force Awakens (read-along book: Elizabeth Schaefer)

Rey to the Rescue! (children’s book: Lisa Stock)

Rey to the Rescue! (children’s book: Lisa Stock)

Alone on Jakku

Scavenging

Niima Outpost

Home

Little Friend

Self-defense

Finn

Piloting Skills

Quick Thinking

Famous Ship

Evil Enemy

Lightsaber Vision

Force Powers

Lightsaber Duel

The Fight in the Forest (children’s book: Nate Millici)

The Fight in the Forest (children’s book: Nate Millici)

A Leader Named Leia [continued] (children’s book: Jennifer Heddle)

A Leader Named Leia [continued] (children’s book: Jennifer Heddle)

The Power of the Force [continued] (children’s book: Michael Siglain)

The Power of the Force [continued] (children’s book: Michael Siglain)

LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens (children’s book: David Fentiman)

LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens (children’s book: David Fentiman)

The First Order

First Order commanders*

The Resistance

The village*

Invasion

Finn escapes*

Rey

Rey in the junkyard*

Rescuing BB-8

Unkar Plutt

Niima Outpost

Battle above Jakku

Han and Chewbacca

Gangsters

Rey is captured!*

The Resistance base*

The Starkiller

Battle in the base*

Poe into action*

Kylo’s revenge*

***NOTE:** Yup, that’s some wonky, inconsistent capitalization in this one.

CONCURRENT TO SW7 (34 ABY)

- *The night before the evening in which she will discover BB-8, Rey practices with her simulator software as an A-wing against TIE fighters. She is successful and excited until she removes the attached helmet and immediately remembers that it is just a simulator, and she is still stuck on Jakku.**

(Rey's Story)*

***NOTE: This is the book's prologue. The rest is a retelling of TFA.**

- *Having escaped from the First Order, BB-8 reminds himself (by projecting a holographic recording) of a saying Poe Dameron once used: "You do good things, and good things will come back to you." BB-8 could use some of that karma right now. He takes shelter in one of the wrecks of old starships nearby, which happens to be full of quite a few food packets. The next morning, he is continuing his journey when he encounters a Teedo that appears to be trying to save a luggabeast in trouble. It is a trap, however, and when BB-8 tries to help, he is captured and dropped into the cargo bay of a buried ship. There, BB-8 meets droid F3-ZK, another prisoner of the Teedo, who is supposed to leave that afternoon on a droid ship, only to have been captured with no hope of rescue. They pretend that BB-8 fell into an even lower deck while trying to escape, so that the Teedo will investigate. BB-8 then knocks him inside the hatch to that lower level, and both droids make a run for it. BB-8 is not sure if he should leave with F3-ZK or wait for Poe to find him. On the way across the desert to the droid ship, steelpeckers attack them, and F3-ZK saves BB-8 from them so he can escape. BB-8 then encounters a hungry family. He decides to help them and takes them back to the ship he stayed in the night before, providing them with the food packets there. He then finds an injured happabore and returns to a medical frigate he passed to bring the happabore first aid supplies. Finally, BB-8 reaches the droid ship and finds that F3-ZK has already arrived. When the Teedo returns and tries to recapture them, BB-8 distracts him, ending up captured, so that F3-ZK can get off the planet in the ship. BB-8 wonders if doing good deeds really does do good for you in return, but he will soon find that it is still true (or as true as it ever was) when he is rescued by Rey later that same day.*

(BB-8 on the Run)

- *At the Resistance base, PZ-4CO makes yet another request that General Leia Organa provide information to create her memoirs, a critical document for the Resistance. Leia finally relents and provides details on Operation Yellow Moon. She relents because of the urging of Caluan Ematt, who visits her as the story concludes. Leia has been trying to teach the same lesson from her story (duty) to Poe Dameron, who is now away on a mission to Jakku. In fact, Ematt has come to bring word that there is news from Jakku, and the others are waiting for her in the command center . . . **

(Moving Target)*

***NOTE: This segment appears to take place just before Chapter 10 of the TFA novelization, just after the Millennium Falcon escapes into hyperspace after the rathtar debacle on the Eravana.**

- *While heading to her AT-AT "home" for the night after saving BB-8 from a Teedo, Rey and BB-8 come under attack by a nightwatcher worm. Thankfully, they are able to evade its pursuit long enough to find a piece of junk to feed it instead of BB-8. This makes the nightwatcher worm a friend of sorts.*

(Sands of Jakku)

- *The first drop to Bravo Rising on Atterra Bravo is carried out by Cobalt Hammer, Cobalt Mare, Cobalt Belle, Cobalt Treasure, Crimson Dancer, and Crimson Bolide. Things are going well until Treasure's baffle goes out, due to an error on the part of the ship's tech, Cat (a native of Renfu originally). TIE fighters pursue, but they are able to take out all but one and escape into hyperspace. Unfortunately, that one will surely report back about what the drops. The mission was a success but one that might have blown their operational secrecy. They return to Renfu, where Casca (there with Fossil, their flight surgeon, Tiggs Kaiga, and others) congratulates and thanks them. While back on Renfu, Rose Tico gets to know Cat a bit more, understanding some differences in their lives on Hays Minor and Renfu, respectively. For the next mission, Fossil asks Rose to take over as flight engineer on Cobalt Wasp, but she is paranoid about ever flying without Paige, since they always fly together and that was a condition of Paige Tico joining the squadron in the first place. Cat volunteers to take the flight engineer spot for the mission, so that Rose won't and so that someone can replace their regular flight engineer, who is having trouble adapting to the climate on Renfu. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Cobalt Squadron)

- *The night after finding BB-8, Rey has a nightmare about her parents leaving her on Jakku.*

*When she wakes up, she and BB-8 go do some scavenging before planning to head to Niima Outpost.**

(Rey)*

***NOTE:** This summary represents the middle section of the **Rey** comic, which is a tiny piece that does not overtly adapt **Sands of Jakku** or **BB-8 Bandits**.

- *When Rey and BB-8 are about to hop on her speeder to head for Niima Outpost to look for BB-8's owner (Poe Dameron) and stop at Unkar Plutt, they are set upon by thugs working for the Teedo who originally found BB-8 before Rey rescued the droid. After some fancy flying, Rey is able to defeat them, including the last speeder thug who is defeated with the help of the nightwatcher worm they assisted the previous evening.*

(BB-8 Bandits)

- *The next planned Atterra Bravo drop is carried out by Cobalt Hammer, Cobalt Wasp, Cobalt Scarab, Cobalt Hornet, Crimson Hailstorm, and Crimson Cutter. They quickly come under attack by several squadrons of First Order TIE fighters. Wasp is destroyed, and Rose Tico feels guilty because she would have been on the ship instead of Cat if she hadn't balked at flying without Paige Tico. Scarab is also destroyed, along with Hornet. They escape back to Renfu, where they are to be debriefed. Casca shares cloned starberries with them that were meant to be a victory celebration but instead are eaten in honor of those lost. They wonder if the Hammer, first in and last out, might have been intentionally left intact so that it could be traced back to their base, but it seems that the First Order was expecting to follow them back to Atterra Alpha, so when they left the system, they weren't able to be tracked. They have lost some of their supplies for delivery along with the pilots and are given one day without a mission to recuperate. (They actually think Cutter was also lost, but only their hyperdrive was damaged. Once it is fixed, they return safely.) They come up with a new plan to alternate directions and use one bomber to draw attention while others drop supplies. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Cobalt Squadron)

- *At the Resistance base, pilot Jessika Pava (Blue Three) is stuck on droid duty, conducting an inventory on the base's astromechs. While doing so, she encounters C-3PO, whom she soon realizes knows the heroes of the New Republic and Resistance. She asks to hear a story of Luke Skywalker that is not one of the stories constantly retold. C-3PO tells her of Luke's trip to Devaron when he had his first true duel with a lightsaber. Before C-3PO can talk about Luke's later return to Devaron, Jessika is called away to the command center. C-3PO has just enough time to confirm that Luke believed Sarco Plank to have survived their encounter and that Luke later met Farnay again.**

(The Weapon of a Jedi)*

***NOTE:** I would suggest that this segment takes place between Chapters 11 and 12 of the TFA novelization, once the Resistance knows BB-8's location on Takodana and plans are made for the Resistance mission to recover the droid (and the others). In theory, it could be set later, around the time of the strategy session for the battle at Starkiller Base, but Jess seems to have been on droid detail and away from active duty just prior to this segment, which would not make sense if she had just been involved in the Takodana rescue.

- *En route to Takodana aboard the Millennium Falcon, Rey adds to her "Survival Guide" by recounting the events since meeting BB-8. She wonders what they will find on the lush, green planet of Takodana.*

(Rey's Survival Guide)

- *En route to Takodana, the Millennium Falcon drops out of hyperspace, thanks to a new kind of tracking device that somehow has disabled it. While Han Solo reactivates the hyperdrive, Rey, Finn, Chewbacca, and BB-8 hunt for the tracking device, which was surely planed by Unkar Plutt. When they find it, Finn pulls it off the hull, only for it to start counting down to explode. They toss it out of the airlock, then immediately jump to hyperspace to avoid the explosion.*

(Tracker Trouble)

- *Poe Dameron, now returned to D'Qar, reports to Leia Organa on the loss of BB-8 and the map that will help them find Luke Skywalker. She surprises him with news from one of C-3PO's droid spies that BB-8 is on Takodana at Maz Kanata's castle. They need to act quickly because if they know where BB-8 is, surely the First Order does (or soon will) too. (To be continued below . . .)*

(The Awakening)

- *Having received Poe Dameron's report about the attack on Tuanul on Jakku by the First Order, Leia Organa has Yolo Ziff create a propaganda poster based on Poe's recollections. The intend is to release it soon as a way of showing First Order atrocities.*

(conjecture based on *Star Wars Propaganda*)

- *On the fourth day of the Resistance mission to assist Bravo Rising, Crimson and Cobalt Squadrons carry out their third drop (or second, since the original second drop ended in disaster). This time, Cobalt Hammer flies with Cobalt Belle, while the others on the mission are Cobalt Belle, Cobalt Treasure, Crimson Dancer, and Crimson Bolide. Their new strategy works, so there are now two more runs to carry out to deliver enough supplies to Bravo Rising. En route back to Renfu from their second successful run (and third attempt), their hyperspace journey is jolted by a strange blast that affects both realspace and hyperspace by moving faster than lightspeed. Unbeknownst to them, they have felt the reverberations of the destruction of Hosnian Prime by Starkiller Base. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Cobalt Squadron)

- *A few days after the capture and execution of Del Meeko on Pillio, Shriv Suurgav has found and recovered the Corvus from the planet, but there was no sign of Del. He contacts Del's wife, Iden Versio, who is with their daughter, Zay, practicing maneuvers in an X-wing in Kiara's Comet Cluster in the Hartaga System. They rendezvous with the Corvus in the Jinata System (which includes Pillio) and learn of Del's disappearance and that the Corvus was left on Pillio, which was abandoned and strip-mined. Data on the ship's computer refers to the First Order's Project Resurrection without many details. This must have been what Del was investigating at the time. The last place he had been before Pillio was Athulla, so they head there and are contacted by a local, who asks where Del is and if they have brought back Athullans that were kidnapped by Jinata Security (J-Sec) that Del was intending to rescue. Their signal is then cut off by jamming from a Nebulon-B J-Sec vessel (Leema Kai's Opportunity) that is traveling with an escort of Clone Wars era V-wings and ARC-170s. With Shriv in command of the Corvus on the bridge, Iden and Zay (for her first real trial by fire) engage the J-Sec vessels in their X-wings. They take out the escort vessels, including armed transports, then take down Kai himself when he tries to destroy them in a modified N-1 starfighter with seismic charges. Once Kai is dead (and Zay tells the Opportunity that they will launch all of their non-existent concussion missiles at the ship at once), the Opportunity surrenders. They also reveal that Gleb managed to capture Del when he stumbled upon Project Resurrection. They point Iden, Zay, and Shriv to Gleb's current location: Vardos, their homeworld and a world still damaged by Operation: Cinder's opening salvos decades earlier. With Zay still on the Corvus (since it is one thing to know about her mother's past and another to stare it in the face), Iden and Shriv head to the surface to Jinata Security Headquarters to hunt for Gleb. As they near the headquarters (the very same building where Iden defied her orders and was branded a traitor to the Empire in the year after the Battle of Endor), they witness (without knowing what it is) the light in the sky marking the destruction of Hosnian Prime by Starkiller Base. When they enter, they find Gleb dead and a group of stormtroopers, led by Gideon Hask, waiting for them. Leaving the Corvus was a trap for Iden, meant to bring her into Gideon's hands, so that he could take everything from her, particularly her family, just as she took his "family" (Inferno Squad) from him when she and Del betrayed the Empire in this very building. Gideon admits to having killed Gleb due to her usefulness to Project Resurrection being at an end. Knowing that the First Order is taking children like those from Athulla, Gideon explains that the children are being "rescued" from adverse situations on various worlds and forged into new soldiers (in the same vein as Brendol Hux and now Armitage Hux have been doing for decades for what is now the First Order). Gideon admits to killing Del, then orders the Corvus shot down in order to also kill Zay. Iden witnesses the ship being blasted by Gideon's Star Destroyer (the Retribution) and crashing, then Gideon walks away, ordering that they be questioned for what they know about the Resistance and then killed along with the burning of the city. As they are marched outside by stormtroopers, though, J-Sec members (loyal to Vardos and the now-dead Gleb) attack the stormtroopers, freeing Iden and Shriv as an unintended consequence. They know J-Sec are not on their side, per se, but they must get to the remains of the Corvus to look for Zay. They fight through the stormtroopers and J-Sec, and Iden has Dio (the name given to the long-lasting Inferno Squad ID10 droid) slice into city computers to locate signals from escape pods. They find two, both empty, but then they receive a third signal. Zay has removed the beacon from a third pod (the one she used to escape the Corvus) and has set up a sniper's nest to hold off both sides. Iden and Shriv clear the area, then rejoin her. Iden tells Zay that Del is dead at the hands of Gideon, and she wants to get up to Gideon's Retribution to kill him. Zay and Shriv both recognize that this won't make a difference in what happened to Del. Iden is furious with herself, thinking that if she had just joined the Resistance instead of*

staying independent with Del and Zay to run cargo with the Corvus, this wouldn't have happened. Zay and Shriv convince her that they can still strike a real blow against the First Order by finding out how strong the First Order really is. Iden agrees, and Shriv welcomes her and Zay into the Resistance. They then steal a pair of Special Forces TIE fighters to get aboard the Star Destroyer. They fly with other TIEs until Dio spots a heat sink near the engines, which Iden destroys to allow them to fly into the Star Destroyer. Unfortunately, just as they do, it jumps to hyperspace, the energy from which causes both TIEs to crash. Thankfully, all three survive. They split up to search for databanks. Shriv goes on his own, while Zay sticks with Iden. They reunite in a data hub, where they learn the extent of Project Resurrection (and thus the First Order's military numbers in terms of troops), see a distribution of capital ships (and thus the First Order's military numbers in terms of capital ships), and then schematics for a First Order Dreadnaught. Iden has Dio download that information (and more) to bring to the Resistance. To get off the ship, though, they will need to be out of hyperspace, so while Shriv goes to secure a ship for an escape, Iden and Zay assault the hyperspace generator near the data hub to rip the ship from hyperspace. (To be continued below . . .)

(Battlefront II)

- When Hosnian Prime is destroyed, many records about Leia Organa's life between the Battle of Endor and forming the Resistance are lost, much to the frustration of later biographers. (conjecture based on *Princess Leia: Royal Rebel*)
- The day after experiencing a strange anomaly in hyperspace (from the destruction of Hosnian Prime), Cobalt and Crimson Squadrons carry out another supply run to Atterra Bravo, but this time, there aren't any First Order ships bothering to stop them. (To be continued below . . .)

(Cobalt Squadron)

- Based on information provided by Finn about Starkiller Base, Leia Organa has Black Squadron concoct a plan to carry out a recon mission to get accurate data about the base before they can attack in an attempt to destroy the weapon and, if possible, save Rey. Jessika Pava has developed a small, mostly low-tech pod-ship that can be used by Temmin "Snap" Wexley to carry out that recon. He is escorted by his wife, Kare Kun. Snap is nearly lost to the burning atmosphere of the base, but Kare saves the day by carrying him back away from the base while squeezed between one of the S-foil pairs on her X-wing. They have the scans that the Resistance will need to attack. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Awakening)

- Aboard the Retribution, Iden Versio and Zay steal detonators from a supply room and work their way toward the hyperspace generator, while Shriv seeks transport off of the ship once it is out of hyperspace. Shriv reports overhearing First Order officers talking about how the Resistance has found the First Order base and is carrying out an assault at that very moment. They take care of security measures, then plant charges on part of the generator with just one higher up to go. While Iden goes down a small bridge to plant the final charge, Zay is caught by Gideon Hask and held at blasterpoint. Iden throws her weapon aside, but then Zay acts, freeing herself (somewhat) from Gideon as he aims at Iden, but not before he gets off a few wild shots. He shoves Zay off the bridge, but Iden catches her. Zay then hands Iden a blaster just as Gideon is about to shoot Iden to kill them both (Iden from the shot and Zay from the fall). Iden shoots him, sending him to his death in the energy below. Zay then plants the final charge, and they move to a safe location to set off the explosives. The explosion destroys the hyperdrive, bringing the Retribution out of hyperspace near Starkiller Base as the battle nears its end. All is not well, though, as at least one of those wild shots managed to hit Iden. She is dying. She reminds her daughter that they fight so that others may live and, if they give their lives, it should be for the same reason. She is afraid not of death but of failing in their mission, and she wants Zay to take Dio and the First Order data to the Resistance with Shriv. Just as she dies, Iden says that she wishes Zay could see what she sees, suggesting an afterlife or the Force. (To be continued below . . .)

(Battlefront II)

- Within a trash compactor on Starkiller Base, Captain Phasma uses an anti-armor acidic compound to begin dissolving the trash compactor's door. (conjecture based on *The Last Jedi Visual Dictionary*)
- While Han Solo and Chewbacca re-enter Starkiller Base to begin planting explosives, Rey (now wearing Finn's/Poe's jacket) and Finn head to where they will carry out their sabotage in a stolen First Order speeder. They are pursued by three First Order speeders trying to stop

them. As Finn flies, Rey blasts at the pursuing snowtroopers, but as they enter a forest, they swap places. Finn takes out a speeder by dropping snow onto it, then he blasts the engine of a second speeder. As they near a large chasm, they accelerate and leap over it, while the speeder behind them plummets to its doom. They definitely have found their correct roles: she shoots; he flies.

(Perilous Pursuit)

- Six minutes before Starkiller Base's main weapon can be fully charged to fire at D'Qar, Captain Phasma emerges from the trash compactor she was tossed into by Finn, Han Solo, and Chewbacca. As battle rages outside, she returns to a security console and changes the station's records to delete her involvement in shutting down the shields and instead implicate Lieutenant Sol Rivas, who accessed those records and might know that Phasma was responsible. She then sets out to kill Rivas as a "traitor" to cover her tracks and make her cover story believable. She pursues him out onto the surface, bearing brief witness to part of the lightsaber duel between Kilo Ren and Rey. She sees Rivas set out in a TIE fighter from the auxiliary hangar and enters the hangar herself, ordering pilot TN-3465 to take her in another TIE in pursuit. (A droid, BB-K8, is inside the TIE fighter with them, having been aboard doing repairs when they launched.) They get away from the base, just as it explodes. Phasma then records her own observations (i.e. her cover story that is mostly lies) about her activities and those of Rivas in the lead-up to the destruction of the base. (To be continued below . . .)

(Captain Phasma)

- Aboard the Retribution, Zay and Dio witness the destruction of Starkiller Base, then reunite with Shriv Suurgav to escape the ship in a stolen Special Forces TIE fighter to head for D'Qar with the information stored in Dio that includes, among other things, detailed schematics for a First Order Dreadnaught. (To be continued below . . .)

(Battlefront II)

- Carrying data from the Starlight Wanderer, the Sunstrider (carrying Mhar'li, Tiras Or'un, Durm Bormo, and Fira Bon) reaches the Hosnian system in its search for a Resistance contact, only to find the devastation wrought by Starkiller Base. Fortunately, they encounter a Resistance patrol and are escorted to D'Qar, arriving just after the successful battle to destroy Starkiller Base. They are offered the chance to work with the Resistance to scout some of the locations in the data, though they can also return to Jakku if so desired.*
(conjecture based on *Discovery on Jakku*)*

*NOTE: These are two of the options from the "Further Adventures" section of *Discovery on Jakku*, which suggest where the characters might go next.

- The destruction of Starkiller Base, which has turned it into a new star, makes the planetary system in which it was last located into a binary star system.
(conjecture based on *Absolutely Everything You Need to Know: Updated and Expanded*)
- When the Resistance StarFortress operation to Atterra Bravo carries out their final drop on the day after their previous drop, it is their last one, so Cobalt Hammer brings Casca Panzoro back to her people, where they find that Reeve Panzoro had done a great job stepping up as a leader of Bravo Rising in her absence. The mission is successful again, though Paige Tico wonders whether something so bad is happening that this small victory might not matter in the end. Rose Tico recognizes that Reeve didn't want to be separated from Casca, but he did what his duty and conscience demanded, despite his fear. They return to Renfu and are surprised to find Vice Admiral Amilyn Holdo waiting for them. She reveals the truth about the stellar shock they all felt two days earlier and how the New Republic government is no more. She also reveals that Starkiller Base itself has already been destroyed (that very day), but this means that they are now finally in open war with the First Order. She knows they have been through a lot in the last week, but she needs the bombers to return with her aboard the Ninka to D'Qar, where General Leia Organa has ordered an evacuation before the First Order can retaliate. A few pilots (Kaiden Scorbo, Zanyo Arak, and Vennie) are asked to join their starfighter escort instead. Rose is asked to come aboard the Ninka to work as a tech. She is worried about separating from Paige, but one she is reassured that their assignments will be shuffled again after the evacuation, she follows Reeve's example and separates from her companion to follow her duty. They part ways, expecting to see each other again after the evacuation is over.

(Cobalt Squadron)

Rey's Story [continued] (youth novel: Elizabeth Schaefer)

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- Prologue
- BB-8 on the Run (children's book: Drew Daywalt)**
- BB-8 on the Run (children's book: Drew Daywalt)
- Moving Target: A Princess Leia Adventure [continued] (youth novel: Cecil Castellucci & Jason Fry)**
- Moving Target: A Princess Leia Adventure [continued] (youth novel: Cecil Castellucci & Jason Fry)
- Prologue
- Epilogue
- Forces of Destiny [continued] (cartoon series: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)**
- Forces of Destiny, Volume 1 [continued] (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)
- Sands of Jakku (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)
- Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)**
- Daring Adventures, Vol. 1 [continued] (youth novel: Emma Carlson Berne)
- Rey: Sands of Jakku
- Chapters 1 - 5
- Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)**
- Tales of Hope & Courage [continued] (youth novel: Elizabeth Schaefer)
- Forces of Destiny [continued] (comic series: Jody Houser & Devin Grayson & Beth Revis & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Delilah S. Dawson)**
- Rey (comic: Jody Houser)
- Cobalt Squadron [continued] (youth novel: Elizabeth Wein)**
- Cobalt Squadron [continued] (youth novel: Elizabeth Wein)
- Chapter 9 [continued]
- Chapters 10 - 12
- Forces of Destiny [continued] (cartoon series: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)**
- Forces of Destiny, Volume 2 [continued] (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)
- BB-8 Bandits (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)
- Forces of Destiny [continued] (comic series: Jody Houser & Devin Grayson & Beth Revis & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Delilah S. Dawson)**
- Rey [continued] (comic: Jody Houser)
- Cobalt Squadron [continued] (youth novel: Elizabeth Wein)**
- Cobalt Squadron [continued] (youth novel: Elizabeth Wein)
- Chapter 12 [continued]
- Chapter 13
- The Weapon of a Jedi: A Luke Skywalker Adventure [continued] (youth novel: Jason Fry)**
- The Weapon of a Jedi: A Luke Skywalker Adventure [continued] (youth novel: Jason Fry)
- Prologue
- Epilogue
- Rey's Survival Guide [continued] (book: Jason Fry)**
- Rey's Survival Guide [continued] (book: Jason Fry)
- Forces of Destiny [continued] (cartoon series: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)**
- Forces of Destiny, Volume 1 [continued] (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)
- Tracker Trouble (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)
- Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)**
- The Rey Chronicles [continued] (youth novel: Emma Carlson Berne)
- Tracker Trouble
- Poe Dameron [continued] (comic series: Charles Soule & Chris Eliopoulos & Robert Thompson)**
- The Awakening (comic series: Charles Soule)
- The Awakening, Part I [flashback] (comic: Charles Soule)
- Cobalt Squadron [continued] (youth novel: Elizabeth Wein)**
- Cobalt Squadron [continued] (youth novel: Elizabeth Wein)
- Chapter 14
- Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)**
- Battlefront II [continued] (video game: DICE)

Campaign [continued]

Resurrection

Project: Resurrection

Ashes of the Empire

Inferno

Cobalt Squadron [continued] (youth novel: Elizabeth Wein)

Cobalt Squadron [continued] (youth novel: Elizabeth Wein)

Chapter 14 [continued]

Poe Dameron [continued] (comic series: Charles Soule & Chris Eliopoulos & Robert Thompson)

The Awakening [continued] (comic series: Charles Soule)

The Awakening, Part II [flashback] (comic: Charles Soule)

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Battlefront II [continued] (video game: DICE)

Resurrection [continued]

Inferno

Forces of Destiny [continued] (cartoon series: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)

Forces of Destiny, Volume 4 [continued] (cartoon: Nicole Dubuc)

Perilous Pursuit (cartoon: Nicole Dubuc)

Captain Phasma (comic series: Kelly Thompson)

Captain Phasma (comic series: Kelly Thompson)

Captain Phasma, Part I (comic: Kelly Thompson)

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Battlefront II [continued] (video game: DICE)

Campaign [continued]

Resurrection [continued]

Inferno [continued]

Cobalt Squadron [continued] (youth novel: Elizabeth Wein)

Cobalt Squadron [continued] (youth novel: Elizabeth Wein)

Chapter 15

34 ABY (Between SW7 and SW8)*

*NOTE: This applies to time away from Ahch-To, such as on D'Qar, whereas Ahch-To events lead directly from one film to the other, due to how time works somewhat differently on Ahch-To.

- *In the wake of the Battle of Starkiller Base, Jessika "Testor" Pava records her thoughts on the battle, and that testimony will find its way into a book on major battles of the last 70 years (or so) in the wake of the Battle of Starkiller Base.*
(conjecture based on *On the Front Lines*)
- *In the wake of the Battle of Starkiller Base, First Order pilot Lieutenant Poldin LeHuse, formerly part of the Starkiller aerial defense force, is reassigned to Kylo Ren's personal squadron.*
(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi Visual Dictionary*)
- *In the wake of the Battle of Starkiller Base and the destruction of Hosnian Prime, Supreme Leader Snoke orders First Order forces to begin taking military control of the galaxy, even as numerous star systems give in to First Order control in light of the destruction of the current New Republic capital.*
(conjecture based on *Star Wars: Episode VIII--"The Last Jedi"* and *The Last Jedi Visual Dictionary*)
- *Doctor Harter Kolonia places Finn into a medically-induced coma, then puts him into a mobile bacta recovery suit (fragile and past its expiration date) to aid in his healing while inside a "medical cocoon." Meanwhile, Poe Dameron repairs the damage to the jacket he let Finn keep so that it will be ready for his comrade when he awakens from treatment.*
(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi Visual Dictionary*)
- *Just prior to the beginning of the evacuation of D'Qar, C-3PO orders his droid spy network to lay low for the moment.*
(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi Visual Dictionary*)
- *With the threat of a First Order attack on D'Qar a near-certainty, Poe Dameron has Black*

One put in for repairs. Maintenance chief Goss Toowers makes Poe choose between fixing the ship's cosmetic damage or installing an experimental thrust acceleration pod. Poe chooses the latter.

(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi: Incredible Cross-Sections* and *The Last Jedi* novelization)

- *In the wake of the destruction of Hosnian Prime, the New Republic's home fleet has been destroyed and its surviving senators dissolve the remaining New Republic task forces to protect their homeworlds. This sets the stage for easy victories for the First Order as its consolidates military power.*
(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi* novelization)
- *Paige Tico of the Resistance's Cobalt Squadron has compiled a journal of her experiences and thoughts on being an MG-100 StarFortress bomber pilot, her youth, her sister (Rose Tico, who is asked to write a section about her "baffler" tech), and even their recent mission to the Atterra system. En route to D'Qar to assist in the evacuation of the Resistance base, Paige makes her last entries and transmits the journal to her sister, Rose Tico, who is aboard the Ninka. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Bomber Command)

- *In the wake of the Battle of Starkiller Base, Resistance reinforcements that were called for during the battle finally arrive, including the Raddus, Ninka (under Vice Admiral Amilyn Holdo), the Anodyne, and the Vigil (a ship acquired from pirates at a battle off the Chasidron Shoals), along with the A-wings of Blue and Red Squadron s(under Tallissan "Tallie" Lintra) and the bombers of Cobalt and Crimson Squadrons. Evacuation of the D'Qar base begins, led by the efforts of Lieutenant Kaydel Ko Connix, who is promoted to the rank of lieutenant both due to her efforts as an operations controller during the battle and because the Resistance needs an officer to lead the evacuation. Among other personnel shifts, the survivors of Black Squadron are scattered to other assignments (mainly to gather up the New Republic's surviving commanders) instead of staying together, while command of the Vigil is shifted to Vice Admiral Jotis and command of the Anodyne is given to Vice Admiral Resdox. Admiral Gial Ackbar takes command of the Raddus, which will act as General Leia Organa's flagship for the moment. (Post-evacuation, Connix will retain her rank of lieutenant but return to the sensor ops position aboard the Raddus. The crew of the Raddus will also include executive officer Captain Idrosen Gawat, chief engineer Commander Sesfan, Lieutenant Guila Angira at gunnery, and Bollie Prindel as quartermaster.)*
(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi Visual Dictionary* and *The Last Jedi* novelization)
- *Around this time, as word of Finn's deeds begin to spread among Resistance members, Paige Tico tells her sister, Rose Tico, that Finn is a real hero, someone who knows right from wrong and won't run away when things get hard.**
(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi*)*

*NOTE: *Bomber Command* makes it clear that this is after they arrive on D'Qar for the evacuation.

- *General Leia Organa finally sits down to write or dictate the introduction to a biographical work that PZ-4CO is compiling about her. She characterizes herself not as a princess but as a fighter.**

(Princess Leia: Royal Rebel)*

*NOTE: Given that she finally relents to the droid in *Moving Target's* segment that is set during TFA, I can only assume that her sitting down to actually write anything down must be shortly after the film.

- *In space near where Starkiller Base was destroyed, Captain Phasma, TN-3465, and the repair astromech that was fixing their TIE fighter before liftoff (BB-K8) continue their pursuit of Lieutenant Sol Rivas in Phasma's attempt to cover her complicity in opening the base to attack by lowering its shields. They pursue Rivas' TIE to the planet Luprora, but by the time they reach Rivas' landed TIE fighter, he is gone and is captured by a local faction. Phasma and TN-3465 take clothing and gear from a nearby abandoned home and go hunting for Rivas, only to be attacked by a large Tsw'ells creature. Phasma manages to kill it, and they are met by impressed locals, who take them to meet Jair'i, leader of the Lupr'or Peoples. They learn that the planet was settled years ago by people who escaped their own world, then destroyed their own technology upon arrival. However, as the climate of the planet changed, little was left for civilized settlement. The people Jair'i speaks of only have one city left. Jair'i calls them the R'ora. Even though Jair'i believes Rivas is probably dead already, Phasma sees it as her duty to silence him (and save her own butt). She will set out to find him with the help of local guide Dar'en. After checking out the Tsw'ells nearby and learning about their sleep cycle, they go back to the Lupr'or Village, where Phasma spots a girl named*

Ali'ane, who wares a crystal on her neck. She got it from her great-grandmother, who will not tell Pasma where it was found. Instead, Ali'ane agrees to show her. They eventually find the source, an old ship. They return to the village, where Pasma puts on her normal armor again, ordering the pilot to do the same. Pasma gives a rousing speech to the village, claiming that their current way of life is unsustainable, but she can lead them in taking up resources that they deliberately left behind long ago, so that they can defeat the faction and local creatures that prey upon them. The people stand with her. Pasma now has a willing army to command, though she doesn't really care about their plight. Three days later, they use a generator from the downed ship to send electricity into the water in which the Tsw'ells are sleeping, killing them. Pasma and the pilot then forge ahead, discovering that on the other side of a cliff that stands in their way is another obstacle, an entire valley full of R'ora. (For her part, Pasma finds herself frequently reminded of her homeworld, Parnassos, by the landscape. She even at one point accidentally calls the pilot, Siv, the name of the old friend that she and Brendol Hux left on the planet when Pasma joined the First Order.) Pasma and TN-3465 jump into the midst of the R'ora and begin fighting, until the Jupr'or Peoples join them. That creates enough of a distraction for Pasma and the pilot to (reluctantly on the latter's part) leave the battle and find where Rivas is being held, tied up. While the pilot is supposedly in a different room (but on the other side of a nearby wall and able to overhear everything), Pasma confronts Rivas, who confirms that, yes, he knows exactly what happened at Starkiller Base and of Pasma's actions that helped lead to the base's destruction. However, he claims that he will not tell anyone if he is set free. She simply executes him on the spot. The pilot rejoins Pasma so that they can leave. She isn't sure about leaving the Lupr'or to fight alone, but Pasma notes that even if they were to take a further role in the battle, the Lupr'or were colonists who are now being rejected by both the planet and its indigenous population, so perhaps they are not even the correct side to take. They will survive or not as nature wills it. As the pilot prepares their TIE fighter for launch, Pasma destroys BB-K8. Once the TIE fighter is deemed ready, Pasma also kills TN-3465. Thus, four days after the Battle of Starkiller Base, Pasma has tied up loose ends and heads back to the Finalizer, recording her logs along the way. Upon her return, she is reunited with General Armitage Hux, who questions where she was but seems to believe her story. He had a feeling that even an exploding could neither kill nor deter the devotion of Captain Pasma.

(Captain Pasma)

- *In the wake of the Battle of Starkiller Base, Major Caluan Ematt calls together the Starstrider "crew" who brought data from the Starlight Wanderer to D'Qar (Tiras Or'un, Mhar'li, Durm Bormo, and Fira Bon). Cross-referencing the data they brought with intercepted First Order transmissions had generated two promising leads that he would like the team to check out. They first head for GH-531, what is now a First Order observation and communications relay outpost under Captain Talkar. They manage to raid the base's computers for data, then rescue prisoner Wol Kessix and escape. They next head for an abandoned Imperial research base, seeking to gather its secrets before a First Order recon team can reach it. They arrive and find labs dealing with projects like new disruptors, weapons to fire through ray shields, and a way to create a restraining bolt effect on droids through transmissions. They encounter native crawlers, the First Order recon team, and security droids, but they are able to access the facility's data and set the core generator to self-destruct. The group soon heads back to Jakku to check on the nomads they left behind there, led by Misha Vontoba. The Strus Clan remains a problem, now seeking revenge for the events surrounding the team's escape from Jakku. The nomads have fortified the Starlight Wanderer and are hiding out inside. They work with Misha to hire a local mercenary band under Brana Tsaro to help in the fight against the Strus Clan. (Fortunately, Brana hates the Strus Clan. Decades ago, she was hired by them to take out a merchant and his family because they refused to pay protection money to the clan. Instead, she got them to Niima Outpost to get offworld, only to be punished by the Strus Clan by being buried in the sand up to her neck and left to die. She barely survived.) Together, they defeat the Strus Clan, saving the nomads from future attacks, then the Stardriver crew heads back to the Resistance.*

(A Call for Heroes)

- *In the wake of the Battle of Starkiller Base, Major Taslin Brance, a Resistance communications officer, requests that Poe Dameron provide all of his flight logs as a single case file. He does so.**

(Poe Dameron: Flight Log)*

*NOTE: This book consists of various "transcripts" of recordings, text documents, etc. related to events in

Before the Awakening, The Force Awakens, the Poe Dameron comics, and more. Where relevant, I have added event entries for things like Leia's letter to Poe and Kes Dameron after Shara Bey's death, but I have not broken up summaries for things like TFA to note things like "oh, and Poe made a log entry before taking a leak right here in the story!" That would be overkill, methinks.

- *In the wake of the destruction of Hosnian Prime, Yolo Ziff's poster, The Massacre at Tuanul, based on Poe Dameron's recollections from Jakku, is no longer necessary as a propaganda piece to highlight First Order atrocities. Their destruction of the New Republic capital has done that far better than any artwork ever could.
(conjecture based on Star Wars Propaganda)*
- *A Resistance force, including a YT-1300 and a T-70 X-wing among its vessels, has been sent out as a secret strike team to destroy a hidden suite of First Order communication devices. These devices are being used by the First Order to relay communications through a dangerous asteroid field. The devices protect each other in pairs with shield projectors, but striking pairs simultaneously will take them out. Now, it is up to the strike team to make good on this plan.**

(Final Mission)*

**NOTE: This mission is found in the X-wing Miniatures Game's Heroes of the Resistance Expansion Pack. I have placed it here so that either the Millennium Falcon or a different ship can be the YT-1300 in the scenario.*

- *Sometime in the era after the Battle of Starkiller Base, a book on major battles of the last 70 years (or so) is published (possibly entitled On the Front Lines).
(conjecture based on On the Front Lines)*
- *C-3PO and R2-D2 are to keep visitors to a base entertained while waiting for repairs. The stories they tell include those of Luke Skywalker, Anakin Skywalker, Asajj Ventress, Finn, Rey, and many more. (Ironically, while C-3PO is fine telling the story of Anakin Skywalker, he is shocked when R2-D2 suggests a story about Darth Vader.)*

(Star Wars Adventures Ashcan)*

**NOTE: We have no exact indication of when this takes place as a framing story for the Star Wars Adventures comics (or at least some of them), but it must be at least after TFA, since the stories C-3PO tells include Rey with Anakin Skywalker's lightsaber and C-3PO has his gold arm back.*

- *Shortly after the destruction of Hosnian Prime, historian Janyor of Bith of the Cressdelta Coven on Garel, produces a scholarly work on the role of propaganda art in the galaxy in the seven decades or so from the final years of the Republic to the Battle of Starkiller Base.*
- (Star Wars Propaganda)**
- *As of this time, the Xidelphiad artist Sannab Ro is in chrysalis on Level 5121 on Coruscant. The artist should emerge as a male sometime in the next 15 years.
(conjecture based on Star Wars Propaganda)*
 - *In the wake of the Battle of Starkiller Base, Zay, Shriv Suurgav, and Dio arrive over D'Qar, where plans for evacuation of the Resistance Base have already begun. Zay speaks via comlink with General Leia Organa, who also mourns the loss of Zay's mother, Iden Versio. They transmit their stolen First Order data to the base (including plans for a First Order Dreadnaught and, somewhere within the data, information about the Supremacy), but Leia asks them, as the newest version of Inferno Squad, to proceed to the Outer Rim to seek out their allies and rally them. They accept and jump to hyperspace . . .*

(Battlefront II)

- *Aboard the Raddus, Rose Tico is mocked by Lazslo, head mechanic, due to burying herself in reading ship schematics and such during her off hours. Her sister, Paige Tico, says she shouldn't let Lazslo get to her. Rose is then uplifted by speaking with "the" Poe Dameron as he heads out in Black One to keep an eye out for new First Order arrivals. While he is on patrol, some First Order TIE fighters (regular and Special Forces) are discovered and attack him. Unfortunately, the hangar doors on the Raddus won't open. Even worse, all interior doors on the ship are locked down due to some form of technical issue. With verbal support from Poe and Leia Organa, Rose manages to find the Calamarian failsafe automatic reboot code in the data she has been going through, which allows the doors to be opened. Poe receives backup and the TIEs are destroyed. Rose is the hero of the day and goes right back to reading ship schematics.*

(Rose Knows)

Bomber Command (book: Jason Fry)

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Backstories [continued] (youth novel series: Calliope Glass & Jason Fry)

Backstories [continued] (youth novel series: Calliope Glass & Jason Fry)

Princess Leia: Royal Rebel [continued] (youth novel: Calliope Glass)

Introduction by General Leia Organa

Captain Phasma [continued] (comic series: Kelly Thompson)

Captain Phasma [continued] (comic series: Kelly Thompson)

Captain Phasma, Part II (comic: Kelly Thompson)

Captain Phasma, Part III (comic: Kelly Thompson)

Captain Phasma, Part IV (comic: Kelly Thompson)

The Force Awakens Beginner Game [continued] (RPG: Tim Flanders & Sam Stewart & Jordan Goldfarb)

The Force Awakens Beginner Game [continued] (RPG: Tim Flanders & Sam Stewart & Jordan Goldfarb)

Bonus Adventures (RPG: Jordan Goldfarb & Sam Stewart)

A Call for Heroes

Taking the Next Step

Departure from D'Qar

Assault on GH-531

From the Ashes of the Empire

Return to Jakku

Return to the Resistance

Poe Dameron: Flight Log (book: Michael Kogge)

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X-wing Miniatures Game [continued] (miniatures game series: Fantasy Flight Games)

Heroes of the Resistance Expansion Pack Rules Supplement (miniatures game: Fantasy Flight Games)

Final Mission

Star Wars Adventures [continued] (comic series: Landry Q. Walker & Cavan Scott & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Alan Tudyk & Shannon Eric Denton & Scott Beatty & Ben Acker & Ben Blacker & Delilah S. Dawson & Shaun Manning & Sholly Fisch & Paul Crilley & John Barber & Nick Brokenshire & Scott Peterson & John Jackson Miller)

Star Wars Adventures Ashcan (comic: Landry Q. Walker)

Star Wars Propaganda (book: Pablo Hidalgo)

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A Galaxy of War and Art

The Republic

The Last Era of Peace

A Galaxy Divided

The Clone Wars

Fire Across the Galaxy

Building the Empire

A Thousand Years of Peace

Rise of the Rebellion

The New Light of Freedom

The Next Great War

An Order Resurgent

Artists of the Galaxy

Battlefront [continued] (video game/novel series: DICE & Alexander Freed & Christie Golden)

Battlefront II [continued] (video game: DICE)

Campaign [continued]

Resurrection [continued]

Inferno [continued]

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Rose Knows (comic: Delilah S. Dawson)

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- On Ahch-To, Skywalker has a dream of what life would have been like if he had never left Tatooine. He awakens, realizing that the dream is somehow a promise that changes are coming. On D'Qar, General Leia Organa presides over a brief memorial to her husband, Han Solo, so recently killed by their son Ben Solo, who is now Kylo Ren. Unfortunately, there is no time to grieve or get lost in sorrows, as the First Order is surely on their way. On Renfu, members of the Resistance load up their MG-100 StarFortress bombers and the cruiser Ninka (under Vice Admiral Amilyn Holdo). They are to jump to D'Qar and assist in the evacuation. Among these forces is the sister duo of Paige Tico and Rose Tico. Paige will be flying in the Cobalt Hammer (the bomber on which she is stationed as gunner), while Rose travels on the Ninka and will transfer to the Raddus upon arrival. (The sisters are already eager to get their separation over with and reunite after the evacuation.) En route, Rose works with Ninka techs on adapting her jury-rigged "baffling" system to cloak the bombers' ion engines. Lieutenant Kaydel Ko Connix leads the evacuation of the Resistance base. It is only a matter of time before the First Order arrives to finish the job that they were unable to complete with Starkiller Base. As the Resistance forces evacuate (thanks to newly-arrived reinforcements called during the Battle of Starkiller Base but too late to participate), Leia and most of her staff are aboard the Raddus, commanded by Admiral Gial Ackbar, while others leave aboard Vice Admiral Jotis' Vigil, Vice Admiral Resdax's Anodyne, and Holdo's Ninka. The last ship (bearing Connix) is just about to leave the surface when the First Order arrives, led by General Armitage Hux and Captain Edrison Peavey's Finalizer with support from the massive cannons of the Mandator IV-class Siege Dreadnaught Fulminatrix, under the command of Captain Moden Canady, plus the Fellfire. Wing Commander Poe Dameron makes a bold suggestion to draw attention and cover the evacuation that Leia reluctantly allows. He takes Black One with BB-8 (modified with a temporary accelerator pod) to distract the First Order. After insulting Hux via comlink, he begins destroying the surface defense cannons of the Fulminatrix. With only one left, his weapons are damaged. Leia orders him to withdraw, but he refuses until BB-8 can repair the damage and allow him to destroy the last cannon. This allows the bombers of Cobalt Squadron and Crimson Squadron (with cover from Red Squadron and Tallissan "Tallie" Lintra's Blue Squadron of A-wings) to attack the Fulminatrix. All but the Cobalt Hammer bomber are destroyed (mostly when the Crimson Hailstorm or Crimson Smiter is destroyed), leaving it up to pilot Finch Dallow, bombardier Nix Jerd, gunner Paige, and the bomber's other two crew members to get the job done. Before the ship's 1,048 bombs can be "dropped" through electromagnetic propulsion to the Fulminatrix, Jerd is killed, leaving it up to Paige to release the ordinance. She does so, but the Cobalt Hammer is destroyed in the ensuing explosion, killing Paige and the others. The Fulminatrix, however, is destroyed as well, allowing the Resistance fleet (such as it is) to escape into hyperspace. Supreme Leader Snoke is not pleased, and after using the Force from a great distance to smack Hux around, he is pleased when Hux explains that the Resistance force hasn't actually gotten away. The First Order now has access to active hyperspace tracking, a technology only recently perfected but theorized for decades by, among others, the Tarkin Initiative. Aboard the Raddus, Finn awakens in a medical cocoon and wearing a mobile bacta recovery suit. He has been in a coma induced by Doctor Harter Kalonia since being injured by Kylo Ren and returned to D'Qar by Rey and Chewbacca. He begins wandering the corridors until spotted by BB-8 and Poe, for whom he has only one question: where is Rey? Meanwhile, Rey, Chewbacca, and R2-D2 have arrived on Ahch-To, guided by Rey's Force sensitivity and earlier visions to the island where the Jedi Order was founded and the first Jedi Temple created. Rey has ascended its stairs to the "Saddle," a natural amphitheater, where she has finally met Luke. She gives him back the lightsaber she received from Maz Kanata through Finn that once belonged to both Anakin Skywalker and Luke himself (before being lost during Luke's duel with Darth Vader on Bespin's Cloud City). Luke simply tosses the lightsaber over his shoulder, intending to get rid of it forever, but it lands only near the cliff's edge rather than plummeting to the waters below. He then simply walks away, leaving Rey to follow and explain why she is there, who sent her, etc. When he will not answer, she retrieves the lightsaber from where it was tossed before trying again. Since he will not respond to her, Rey brings Chewbacca with her to Luke's room (or "hut") in the ancient Jedi Temple (overseen by the Lanais or "Caretakers"). They reveal the circumstances of Han Solo's death at the hands of his own son, Kylo Ren (AKA Ben Solo). (Luke did not sense it, nor the destruction of Hosnian Prime or Starkiller Base, as he has cut

himself off from the Force, though Rey does not yet know that.) Kylo Ren has been returned to Snoke's flagship, the Mega-class Star Destroyer *Supremacy*, where he now meets with Snoke in person, only to endure praise of Hux (for the hyperspace tracking plot) and both verbal and physical abuse over his own failure to defeat Rey, find Luke, etc. Snoke claims to have seen raw, untapped power within Kylo, along with his potential to become the next Darth Vader due to his Skywalker bloodline (through Leia), but Snoke suggests that he was mistaken in that assertion (though Snoke has believed that only someone of Skywalker blood could end the Jedi Order forever). He even goes so far as to mock Kylo's mask. Upon leaving Snoke's chamber, he bashes the mask into the lift's wall over and over again, destroying it, then orders his prototype TIE Silencer prepared. Back on Ahch-To, even with the situation fully explained, Luke continues to refuse to return with Rey. So she simply follows him around on his daily routine, which includes getting milk from thala-sirens and spearfishing (a skill he learned on Lew'el). Rey is briefly drawn away by the Dark Side calling to her through the Force from a nearby natural blowhole, under which lies the so-called Mirror Cave, a natural convergence of energy that is strong in the Dark Side, similar to the cave on Dagobah. She is also drawn to a hollowed-out, ancient tree, which is being used as a library to hold ancient Jedi texts that Luke has gathered in his travels. (They include, among others, the *Aionomica* and the *Rammahgon*.) When he questions why the Resistance sent her of all people to find him, she reveals that the Force has always been in her but is now awake, and she needs someone to explain her place in the grand scheme of things. She needs a teacher, but Luke does not intend to ever teach new Jedi again. Instead, he believes that it is time for the Jedi Order to come to an end. In fact, he came to the island to die. Aboard the *Raddus*, Leia demotes Poe from commander (wing commander) to captain (squadron captain) for disobeying her orders. Even though the *Fulminatrix* was destroyed, they lost most of their pilots and all of their bombers in the assault. Leia needs Poe to be a thoughtful leader, not a brash hero. Finn asks how Rey will ever find them while on the run, and Leia reveals that both she and Rey each wear one of a pair of cloaked binary beacons (i.e. compact S-thread transmitter bracelets) that will allow Rey to find them, wherever they go. The Resistance needs to find a new base that is not only safe and secret but has enough power to let them transmit to their allies in the Outer Rim. As the Resistance fleet waits at their rendezvous point in the Oetchi system, the First Order fleet emerges from hyperspace in pursuit of the Resistance, this time led by the *Supremacy*. Realizing that they were tracked through hyperspace and have only enough fuel for one more jump, they cannot jump to hyperspace to escape. Poe is given permission to lead an assault to protect the small Resistance fleet, but before he can reach his starfighter, Kylo (in his TIE Silencer) and his wingmen fly an attack run on the *Raddus*, destroying the hangar (including *Black One*) and killing numerous pilots, including Tallie. When Kylo comes around for an attack on the command bridge, which he knows through their connection in the Force would kill his own mother (Leia), Kylo hesitates and does not fire. Unfortunately, his wingmen do not hesitate, and the command bridge is blasted, killing everyone inside (including Ackbar and other high-ranking Resistance leaders), except Leia, who is ejected into space. The Resistance ships keep running from the First Order, unable to lose them, while the First Order's cannons cannot quite reach them. As the sublight chase begins, Leia instinctively uses the Force while in space to grab the *Raddus* with a Force grip and pull herself back to the ship, where she is recovered and taken for emergency treatment. (As she is brought in, her beacon is dropped and recovered by Finn, who now wears it in her stead.) For now, she is in a coma as a result of exposure. On Ahch-To, Luke sneaks aboard the *Millennium Falcon* that night, where he is reunited with R2-D2. The droid plays Leia's original message from 34 years earlier that was meant for Obi-Wan Kenobi. This convinces Luke to tell Rey that he will train her the next day in just three lessons, which will teach her about the Jedi and why Luke believes they must end. Aboard the *Raddus*, Commander Larma D'Acy addresses the rest of the assembled crew of the *Raddus* and reveals that they will now be led by the highest member of the chain of command left alive, Vice Admiral Amilyn Holdo, who is transferring over from the *Ninka*. (She will command from the ventral emergency bridge.) She is an old friend of Leia's and former Senator from Gatalenta, but Poe is skeptical of her leadership abilities. There are only four hundred members of the Resistance left in this fleet, and they must somehow get to safety and rally their allies if they are to become, as Holdo believes, the spark that will light the fire that will restore the (New) Republic. When Poe demands to know their next move, she does not fill him in, seeing him as too brash and not needing such information. Poe sees this as Holdo not actually having a plan, since surely she would have revealed it to him. Knowing

that Rey would be doomed if she returned to the fleet at this point, Finn attempts to jump ship in an escape pod to get away and thus draw Rey to the beacon from a safe place. (This is, in part, thanks to BB-8 showing him a holorecording of Rey's last words to him when he was in a coma before she left for Ahch-To, which galvanizes him into action to protect her.) He is interrupted by maintenance worker Rose Tico, who is distraught over the death of her sister, Paige. The Raddus technicians hadn't quite known what to do with her, so they had her checking bulkhead doors and data conduits on lower levels. Since then, she has been stunning people trying to jump ship, and while she is initially starstruck by Finn, whom she considers a Resistance hero, she stuns him as soon as she realizes that he is trying to flee. When he comes to, he explains to her why he must leave and reveals that the First Order can track them through hyperspace. They both believe that active hyperspace tracking must work similarly to other active tracking in that it is only done by the lead pursuit ship, which would be the Supremacy. (Active tracking uses so much energy in its tracking that if you try to do it from multiple nearby ships, you will get so much interference that it won't work.) While such a device's controls would be heavily guarded on the Supremacy, any such device would have a dedicated power breaker that could be deactivated. Finn believes that he knows enough about the Supremacy from his days with the First Order working sanitation that if they could get aboard, he could get Rose to the breaker. If they could disable the tracker without the First Order realizing it (so they don't just shift to having a different ship lead the tracking effort), the fleet could escape in the six-minute window such a disruption would provide. They bring this idea to Poe and C-3PO. Poe decides to follow through with their plan, but they would need someone to help them get through First Order codes to board the Supremacy. They contact Maz Kanata (who is in the middle of a blaster fight over a union dispute of some kind) through C-3PO's droid spy network. She tells them to seek out the (current) so-called "Master Codebreaker" (known only by that name), who would likely be doing high-stakes gambling at the Canto Casino in Canto Bight on the planet Cantonica. Aboard the Supremacy, Kylo's IT-S00.2 medical droid is tending to his face and neck wounds when something strange happens. He is connected through the Force to Rey, who awakens on Ahch-To. They are able to see each other (though he cannot see her surroundings, just him). At first thinking he is truly there, Rey blasts a hole in the wall of her hut (much to the annoyance of the Caretakers). Kylo realizes that Rey could not be connecting them or projecting them to one another by herself, since the effort to do something like that would kill the person doing it. He tries to order her to bring Luke to him, but she intends to make him pay for killing Han Solo. The momentary connection drops as Luke arrives to begin Rey's training. He takes her up to a ledge high over the ocean. He introduces her to the concept and nature of the Force, along with the idea that it exists beyond the Jedi, so thinking that the Light Side would be extinguished without the Jedi Order is vanity. As she reaches out through the Force, she connects with the Dark Side down in the Mirror Cave. It takes Luke yelling at her to break that connection, and while she claims that it is trying to show her something, Luke believes that her unwillingness to resist that pull, coupled with her raw power, is frightening. (One should note that when her Force vision takes her to see gushing water, she emerges from the vision soaking wet in some kind of physical manifestation of the Force.) The only other time he has sensed such power and potential before was in Ben Solo, and while it did not scare him enough then, it does now that he sees the same in Rey. For her part, Rey did not sense Luke when reaching out and realizes that he has cut himself off from the Force. At the Raddus, Finn, Rose, and (unbeknownst to them) BB-8 slip away in a transport pod (a custom modified B-wing cockpit with a civilian passenger module) to head for Canto Bight. On Ahch-To, Rey checks with Chewbacca, but they have been unable to contact the Resistance. As she leaves the ship and enjoys the rain, she is again connected to Kylo. She confronts him over killing Han. He asks if Luke has told her about the night he destroyed Luke's own Jedi training temple. The connection ends, but Kylo, in a dry part of the Supremacy, now has rain water on his gloves, another physical manifestation of the Force. Rose, Finn, and BB-8 (discovered as a stowaway en route) arrive on Cantonica outside Canto Bight, then enter the Canto Casino, leaving their transport pod on the beach, where it is reported as a parking violation to Canto Bight Police by an overzealous local, Slown Lo. At first, they do not spot the Master Codebreaker, then take a moment to check out racing fathiers nearby. During that moment of observation, Rose explains that the riches seen around them are mostly from people selling weapons to the First Order or otherwise engaging in war profiteering. The people here take advantage of the downtrodden, including people like Rose and Paige's own family. She hates Canto Bight. BB-8 spots the lapel design

of the Master Codebreaker and alerts them, but Finn and Rose are arrested for their parking violation. BB-8 (now full of coins from a casino visitor putting them into his side like a slot machine) is tossed out of the casino. On Ahch-To, Rey practices with her staff, then switches to practicing with "her" lightsaber. Luke is impressed until she loses control and destroys a rock she is only trying to get near. As the sun sets on Rey's second short local day on Ahch-To, Luke delivers another lesson. He claims that the Jedi were hypocritical and full of hubris. They allowed Palpatine to rise up right under their noses and wipe them out. Rey reminds him that it was he who saved Darth Vader (Anakin Skywalker). Luke reveals that there was balance in the Force after the Battle of Endor, but then he saw the power in Ben. With Leia's blessing, Luke took Ben to train as a Jedi, along with twelve other students. Eventually, Luke began to sense great darkness in Ben (thanks to the machinations of Snoke). When Luke went to confront Ben while Ben was sleeping, Ben struck back, burying Luke in rubble while going out to recruit a few of Luke's students and kill the rest. He then destroyed Luke's own training temple and left to become Kylo Ren. Rey needs Luke to train her, and she reminds him that he did not fail Kylo. Kylo failed Luke, and Rey claims that she will not. Just then, Rey senses something coming. Luke claims that it is a tribe from a neighboring island coming for their monthly raiding and plundering of the Caretakers' village. She argues that they must stop this, but Luke counters that a true Jedi should do nothing because, if the raiders are defeated, they will simply return next month with greater numbers and more violence. She refuses to heed this warning and races off to save the Caretakers. When she arrives, though, she discovers not a slaughter but a party. Luke was playing a joke on her. These are actually the Caretakers' mates coming to be with them. Even Chewbacca is there for the party. Luke is amused, but Rey is most assuredly not. (She believed in the Luke Skywalker legend he hates so much, but now she is finally starting to believe she was wrong to do so.) Back amid the pursuit in space, the Anodyne is out of fuel and evacuated (except for Vice Admiral Resdax). It is destroyed by the Finalizer, killing Resdax while the other evacuees make it to other Resistance ships. At Canto Bight Prison, Finn and Rose meet their fellow cellmate, "DJ" (an independent scoundrel and code breaker whose initials mean "Don't Join"). DJ offers to fill the role of the Master Codebreaker for them. They initially refuse, and he leaves them in their unlocked cell as he makes his own escape. In doing so, he runs into BB-8, who saves them by rapid-firing coins at police officers. Rose and Finn escape to the fathier stalls, where they are aided by the abused child staff of the stables, particularly Temiri Blagg, to whom Rose shows her ring (given to her by Fossil in memory of Paige) with a hidden Rebel starbird symbol. They escape on a fathier as the other fathiers are released into a stampede. They bash their way through Canto Bight and make it to the transport pod, but a police speeder destroys it. They then reach a cliff with nowhere else to go. They release the fathier they were riding so that at least it can be free, but before they can be caught, they are rescued by DJ and BB-8, who have stolen the fancy starship *Libertine*. Together, they escape from Cantonica to continue the plan with DJ as their new codebreaker. On Ahch-To, Luke goes to where he began training Rey and reconnects with the Force, reaching out to Leia, who says Luke's name as she seems to be slowly emerging from her coma. Nearby, Rey experiences another connection with Kylo, in which she demands to know why Kylo killed Han. Kylo berates her for always seeking surrogate parents to replace those who threw her away. He also reveals more of the truth of the night he betrayed Luke. He claims that Luke sensed his power, and he awoke to find Luke standing over him with his lightsaber drawn, ready to kill Ben. Thus, Ben struck back. Luke, he claims, was the one in the wrong here. He tells her that they must let the past die, even killing it themselves if they must, as it is the only way for someone to become whom they were meant to be. Seeking answers, she heads for the blowhole and drops down below to the Mirror Cave. There, she experiences a Force vision of many versions of herself, stretching forward and backward in recent time, and she asks the mirror to show her the parents who left her so long ago. Instead, it shows only her, playing into her own fear that she has no real heritage and only herself to rely on. She relates this deeply disturbing encounter to Kylo via their connection that night, and she has begun to consider him "Ben," rather than "Kylo." She feels all alone, and when he assures her that she is not alone (because she has him), she says the same to him. The two reach out in their shared vision and touch hands, a physical sensation through the Force, but they are interrupted when Luke arrives, ordering her to stop. In that instant, the hut's roof and walls are blown away, similar to what happened when Ben and Luke had their falling out. Luke orders her to leave the island, but she follows to confront him about what Ben had said about the night of the betrayal. She is forced into a brief staff fight with Luke until drawing the

lightsaber on him. She relents, knowing better than to kill in anger, but she continues her questioning. Luke finally reveals that on that night, he had sensed Ben's darkness during training and such, but he had no idea how great it had become. When he wants to use the Force that night to see into Ben's mind and determine the nature and level of that darkness, he was shocked and scared, believing essentially that Ben would become the next Vader and bring everything Luke loved to ruin. In that moment, Luke acted on instinct and ignited his lightsaber, ready to kill Ben before he could become this threat to the galaxy, but the feeling immediately passed as Luke overcame that fear. However, as he stood there with his lightsaber ignited, Ben awoke, saw him, and reacted, striking at Luke. In essence, it was a matter of Luke almost giving in to fear, overcoming it, but still falling into tragedy over what amounted to a misunderstanding. Ben saw this as his own master failing and betraying him, thus validating what Ben told Rey, albeit with greater context. Rey tells him that Luke's failing was in believing that Ben's choice (Light or Dark) had already been made. When Rey touched Ben's hand in the shared vision, she saw his future and believes that if she goes to him, he will indeed turn to join her, which could be the way he is redeemed and the war against the First Order is won. Luke warns her against this choice, but when he still refuses to take up his old lightsaber and join the fight, she believes that turning Ben is the Resistance's last hope. Unbeknownst to Luke, she takes the ancient Jedi texts from the tree library before setting out with R2-D2, Chewbacca, and some local Porgs on the Millennium Falcon, leaving Ahch-To behind. (Luke actually considers stopping her, but he sees no chance of stopping her in the same way that Yoda and Obi-Wan Kenobi couldn't stop him from leaving Dagobah to save his friends from Cloud City after the Battle of Hoth. He bids R2-D2 a farewell and asks him to give his best to C-3PO, then R2-D2 boards the Falcon to leave with Rey and Chewie.) As she leaves, Luke goes to the tree to burn it down, destroying the texts inside, but before he can do so, he is visited by the Force ghost of Yoda. When Luke hesitates, Yoda uses the Force to call down lightning to destroy the tree in a great fire, which does not allow Luke inside (and thus hides that Rey took the texts). Yoda and Luke discuss his intentions and failures, and Yoda reminds him that failure is one of the greatest teachers of all. They have lost Ben, but they cannot afford to lose Rey. In hyperspace, the *Libertine* races for the *Supremacy*, and DJ begins to haggle over price and a deposit, leading Rose to give him her matching half of a medallion made of Haysian smelt to which her sister wore the other half. DJ then begins stealing from the ship's stores, and he and Finn discuss the nature of "good guys" and "bad guys," as DJ reveals that the ship's owner was an arms dealer who sold weapons to both sides, namely Korfé Bennux-Ai. He believes that one should live free and not join either side. Aboard the *Finalizer*, Peavey reports to Hux that the last of the Resistance support ships (the *Ninka* and *Vigil*, presumably) have been destroyed. Only the *Raddus* and any ships aboard her remain. Aboard the *Raddus*, Poe confronts Holdo over her not revealing her plan to everyone, if she even has one. When Poe spots a display that shows that the small, unarmed *U-55* transports on the *Raddus* are being fueled, he believes that Holdo's plan is to abandon ship and to end up getting them all killed by the First Order in the transports. He calls her a coward and a traitor, only to be escorted from the bridge. He then lets Finn and Rose know what is going on, which is overheard by DJ. Nearby, the Falcon emerges from hyperspace (having used the beacon's data when plugged into the navicomputer) near the *Supremacy* long enough to eject an escape pod bearing Rey to be picked up by the First Order command ship. She is met by Kylo and stormtroopers, who take her into custody so that Kylo can take her to Snoke's chamber. He does not appear to have changed his allegiance yet. The *Libertine* also emerges from hyperspace, and DJ uses his code breaking skills to get them through the *Supremacy*'s defenses to board the ship, where they steal First Order uniforms (and cover BB-8 with a trash can of sorts) to continue their infiltration. Aboard the *Raddus*, Holdo is overseeing the loading of the last escape transport when Poe arrives with allies like Connix and relieves her of command, essentially carrying out a mutiny that he believes necessary. Poe heads for the bridge to be ready to go to hyperspace once the tracker is disabled. Aboard the *Supremacy*, Rey reveals that she knows from their touch and her vision that he will not bow before Snoke and will turn on him. Kylo reveals that in his vision when they touched, he saw the identity of her parents and thus believes that she will stand with him when the time comes. He finally presents her to Snoke. Elsewhere on the ship, DJ helps break into the room to get to the breaker, then returns Rose's medallion to her after using it as a conductor. They let Poe know that they are close to disabling the tracker, and he locks down the bridge (with C-3PO still inside). To buy time for Finn and the others, Poe defends the bridge as its door is breached, revealing Leia (now

awake), who stuns Poe and ends the mutiny. Just before being stunned, Poe hears through his comlink with Finn as Finn, Rose, and DJ (but not BB-8, who is able to follow at a distance) are captured by Captain Phasma and First Order stormtroopers before they can reach the breaker. Their mission has failed. Leia then makes sure that Poe is put onto her evacuation transport with her, while Holdo refuses to leave, intending to stay behind and pilot the Raddus while the others escape. Back Snoke's chamber, Snoke reveals that it was he who originally connected Rey and Kylo through the Force. He intentionally stoked Kylo's anger at Snoke so that he would be tempted to turn, which he has now used as bait to lure Rey to him. He has such power that he is able to toss Rey around like a ragdoll if he so desires. He reveals that he always knew that as Kylo's power grew in the Dark Side, a matching power would rise from the Light Side, which he mistakenly believed to be Luke, rather than Rey at first. He begins using the Force to pull Luke's location from her mind. On Leia's transport, Poe awakens and is told the real plan. The First Order is focused on the Raddus, not little transports. They have made it to an old, uncharted Rebel base planet, Crait, where they can hunker down and call for their allies in the Outer Rim. Holdo was more worried about saving the Resistance than about being a hero herself, hence staying the course to get them there instead of turning and fighting as Poe might have wanted. Poe is suitably put in his place by this revelation. In the Supremacy's hangar, Hux and Phasma berate Finn and Rose, who are to be executed by specialized executioner stormtroopers. They have been sold out by DJ, who was not on the First Order's side at first but has now cut a deal after being captured. He has provided the First Order with the information he overheard from Finn's conversation with Poe, so the First Order has now been able to confirm thirty cloaked transports leaving the Raddus. (The ships are using the "baffling" technology developed by Rose for an earlier mission to the Atterra system.) DJ is not at all repentant, seeing this as just business as he head back to the Libertine. Hux orders the First Order fleet to begin firing on the transports. In Snoke's chamber, Snoke reveals that now that he knows Luke's location, he intends to go there and give Luke and the Jedi Order the death that Luke has desired. Rey tries to retrieve her lightsaber from Snoke through the Force, but he just redirects it to bop her in the head before returning to the arm of his chair. He shows Rey the attack on the transport through a magnifying lens, using this as proof that all hope for her is lost. She draws Kylo's lightsaber to her and ignites it, ready to fight Snoke's Praetorian Guards, but he grabs her with the Force to put her on her knees in front of Kylo, whose lightsaber is knocked back to him. Snoke orders Kylo to kill her and fulfill his destiny. As when he faced Han, he says that he knows that he has to do. He picks up the lightsaber and begins to rotate it to point at her, slowly. Snoke senses her hope to turn him, but he claims that he can sense Kylo's intentions and thus cannot be betrayed. He narrates in mocking tones as Kylo rotates the lightsaber to finally point at his true enemy and ignite to kill that enemy. It is only when the lightsaber ignites that it becomes clear that it was not his own lightsaber that he was igniting. As Kylo rotated his own saber in his hand, he had used the Force to rotate Rey's where it sat next to Snoke. When he ignited the saber, it was that one, not his own, that was activated, stabbing through Snoke. Rey now draws it to her with the Force, cutting Snoke in half before it returns to her hand. Now on the same side, it seems, Rey and Ben turn back to back to face Snoke's Praetorian Guards. They battle fiercely, even as the Resistance transports try to race away from First Order fire, and Finn and Rose are forced to the deck to await execution. Rey and Ben defeat the Praetorian Guards by each fighting their own until Rey tosses her lightsaber to Ben so he can kill the last guard. With the fight done, she tells him to order the ships to stop firing on the fleet, but he has no intention of doing that. He sees this as his chance to truly let old things due and assume leadership of the First Order and then the galaxy with Rey at his side. He asks her to join him. When she hesitates, seeing him having turned on Snoke but not from the Dark Side, he reveals what he claims is the truth about her parents. They were junk traders who sold her off for drinking money and are now dead in a pauper's grave in the Jakku desert. She comes from nothing and is nothing to anyone except to Ben himself. He reaches out to take her hand, but instead of taking it, she reaches out with the Force to her lightsaber on his belt and draws it to her. He stops it in mid-flight, and they engage in a sort of tug-of-war over the weapon as it floats in the air between them. Aboard the Raddus, Holdo sees no other way to protect the transports and turns the Raddus toward the Supremacy. She uses the last of its fuel to jump to hyperspace directly at the command ship, thanks to coordinates entered earlier by Poe that were never used. The attack works, severely damaging the Supremacy and sending high-speed debris to destroy other First Order ships around it. Just as it the Supremacy is hit, the lightsaber splits in half in a burst of energy that

knocks both Rey and Kylo down. Kylo is left unconscious, while Rey comes to first (awakened by hearing her parents voices in her mind that she realizes has been her own voice, in a sense, all along) and escapes with the now-broken saber by using Snoke's personal escape craft. (She considers using Kylo's own lightsaber to kill him while unconscious, but she senses that the future is not certain but Kylo's role is not done yet, so his life is not hers to take. She also recognizes that while Luke's failing had been to assume that Kylo's choice had been made, her own had been to assume that the choice was so simple that turning from Snoke also meant turning away from darkness, which was not the case.) In the docking bay, the damage to the ship gives BB-8 an opportunity to attack Pasma and the executioners with a commandeered AT-ST. In the ensuing chaos, Finn battles Pasma, eventually leading to Pasma falling from where she has been brought to her knees into the flaming ruins below the hangar deck. Rose and BB-8 then retrieve Finn with the AT-ST to get them all to a Xi-class shuttle and escape the doomed vessel. Thanks to Holdo's sacrifice, the Resistance survivors make it to the abandoned Rebel base on Crait, where they prepare its defenses. Just as they are closing the main blast door against upcoming First Order attack, Finn, Rose, and BB-8 manage to get through in their stolen shuttle, rejoining their friends in preparing to defend the base. Leia has D'Acy and others send transmissions to their allies in the Outer Rim, seeking help. They only need to hold out until it arrives. Aboard the Supremacy, Kylo comes to with Hux in the room (apparently about to kill Kylo while he is down but without time to do so). Kylo claims that Rey killed Snoke and escaped, then claims leadership of the First Order for himself by Force choking Hux until he agrees to Kylo being the new Supreme Leader. With Kylo and Hux aboard Kylo's personal shuttle, they lead a force to the surface that includes AT-ATs, giant AT-M6 walkers, and a pair of AT-HH that move a giant superlaser siege cannon (a slow-firing piece of miniaturized Death Star technology used as a battering ram cannon against doors like the one at the base). The Battle of Crait begins, as Finn, Poe, Rose, and others take old V-4X-D ski speeders into battle as "Reb" Squadron. They are aided by the Falcon, which draws off TIE fighter pursuit, thanks to Kylo's emotional reaction to seeing the ship. When the siege cannon is about to fire, Poe orders the speeders to break off their attack, but Finn refuses, intending to fly his speeder right into the cannon's barrel to destroy it, sacrificing himself. Before he can do so, Rose slams her speeder into his, destroying both and injuring herself. Finn races to her, asking why she stopped him, and she tells him that they will win not by killing what they hate but by saving what they love, suggesting feelings for him. She kisses him and falls unconscious, leaving him to drag her back into the base, which now has a giant hole in the blast door from the siege cannon firing while Finn was checking on Rose. When Leia receives confirmation that their allies in the Outer Rim have received their transmission but will not be coming to assist them, she believes it is over and that the spark of hope has gone out in the galaxy. Just then, Luke emerges from deeper in the base, dressed in clean Jedi robes and groomed more respectably than in his hermit attire. He is reunited briefly with Leia, to whom he appears to give Han's dice from the cockpit of the Falcon. He then goes out to confront Kylo, and both he and Leia know that "Ben" is gone and must be defeated, not redeemed. When Luke emerges onto the battlefield outside alone, Kylo orders all weapons to fire on him, but Luke appears to emerge unscathed. Kylo thus goes down to meet him face-to-face, despite brief objections from Hux. The two spar with words, then Kylo attacks Luke, who never takes a single hit or attempts a strike of his own. The two simply never touch, and Luke seems to move so gracefully that he does not disturb the salt on the surface of Crait with his movements. (Moreover, he wields the very lightsaber that Kylo just saw destroyed, but Kylo is so blinded by his rage and emotions that he does not recognize that this is a clue that something isn't right here.) Meanwhile, Poe finally starts to come into his own as a leader, choosing not to go out and back up Luke but instead to get everyone to safety by following native vulpex creatures (a "skulk of vulpices") as they seem to escape through a previously unknown back entrance. (In the process of figuring out what to do, Poe briefly thinks Finn has been lost, but as he re-enters, Leia corrects him and refers to him as "Commander" Dameron, suggesting that his rank has been reinstated, along with the authority she seems to be trying to get him to take.) Unfortunately, they find the entrance covered with fallen rocks, blocking their escape. Above in the Falcon, Rey has been using the beacon to find the Resistance, and she has them land near where she sees the creatures escaping. She finds the fallen rocks and reaches out with the Force to move them . . . On the battlefield, Kylo claims that he will kill Luke and have killed the last Jedi, but Luke corrects him that the Resistance is being reborn that day, the war is only just beginning, and Luke will

*not be the last Jedi. It is then that Kylo tries to deliver a death blow that goes right through Luke. Kylo realizes too late that Luke is just a Force projection, buying time for the Resistance to escape, which they now have, thanks to Rey, who has gotten them all onto the Falcon to leave Crait. Luke then vanishes back into the Force, only to collapse from his efforts on Ahch-To. Kylo was right before that such a projection would take so much effort that it would kill the person doing it. Luke finally surrenders to the Force and vanishes into it, just as Obi-Wan and Yoda had before. Kylo leads troops into the base, finding it empty, though he does spot the dice left by Leia, only for them to vanish in his hands. (It would seem that Luke was still maintaining at least that part of the illusion once already vanished into the Force.) Kylo has one more connected vision with Rey, but she slams the Falcon's ramp in his face (so to speak) as she and the others escape the planet. (It would seem that their bond, once created by Snoke, did not require Snoke to remain active, which suggests perhaps further shared connection in the future.) Aboard the Falcon, Rey meets Poe for the first time, then she and Leia share a brief moment over Luke's death. Rey wonders how they can build a new Rebellion from what is left of the Resistance, but Leia reassures her that they have everything they need. On Ahch-To, caretaker Alcida-Auka leads the gathering of Luke's belongings to store with other Jedi artifacts for the next time an Outsider seeker comes to the island. Soon, word of Luke's deeds on Crait have already begun to spread. They have reached the fathier stables of Canto Bight, where the three kids who encountered Rose and Finn (Arashell Sar, Oniho Zaya, and Temiri Blagg) entertain each other with stories of his exploits. They are forced back to work by their overseer, Bargwill Tomder, but that cannot quell their imaginations. Once outside, Temiri stops sweeping to look up at a shooting star (or ship) and fiddles with the Rebel ring that Rose had worn (and left with him). As he daydreams of a future as a hero, he raises his broom until it resembles not so much a broom as a lightsaber . . . **

(Star Wars: Episode VIII--"The Last Jedi," et al)*

*NOTE: There is some question as to how long the fleet chase in the film lasts in relation to how long Rey is on Ahch-To. Given that Kylo's connections with Rey link her timeline on the island to that of the chase, it is likely that stories are happening concurrently as seen in the film. As such, if there are concerns about the number of hours or days passing in either locale, I'd suggest that any inconsistencies might be explained away by a reference in *The Last Jedi Visual Dictionary* to Luke losing track of his time on the island as "the result of his willful neglect as well as a mysterious quality the world shares with such Force-infused locales as Dagobah and Mortis." Time just might not work the same way on Ahch-To as it does elsewhere. (This would seem to also perhaps provide a way for Luke's training on Dagobah in ESB to be a bit longer than the rest of the film and related materials might suggest.) I would also note that the "et al" here refers to things like the novelization and other sources that shed more light on certain scenes or add scenes.

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The Last Jedi, Part V (comic: Gary Whitta)

CONCURRENT TO SW8 (34 ABY)

- On D'Qar, C-3PO alerts General Leia Organa and her command staff to news that First Order Star Destroyers seem to be mobilizing for a retaliatory strike on D'Qar. She orders an evacuation. Leia approves a plan by Poe Dameron to keep the First Order busy as they arrive, even though she isn't particularly fond of his plan. The other members of Black Squadron (Temmin "Snap" Wexley, Suralinda Javos, Kare Kun, and Jessika Pava) intend to join him for the diversion, but Leia arrives with new orders for the other members of the squadron. They are to reach out to the Resistance's allies in hopes of bringing them into the fold before the First Order can fully consolidate power across the galaxy now that Hosnian Prime has been destroyed. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Awakening)
- In the wake of the death of Paige Tico, Fossil tells Rose Tico that her sister was the last one alive on the Cobalt Hammer and must have been the one who took out the Fulminatrix. Fossil gives her an old Rebel ring (a ring with a Rebel starbird symbol hidden inside it) to honor Paige's heroic act. While Rose waits to be taken from the Ninka to the Raddus, she is visited by Vice Admiral Amilyn Holdo, who tells her that Paige would want her to live, not grieve. Rose's "mission" needs to be to figure out what she wants to live for. It is while aboard the Ninka that her mind is taken off of her struggles when Holdo has her explain her "baffler" tech to Holdo's tech team, including Mersh Pellus, SE-4Z, Timo Hoxwa, and Fasca Tiradé. Just before or just after she returns to the Raddus, she records an entry in her own journal about her childhood with Paige, how they joined the Resistance, Paige's sacrifice, and these events thereafter. (To be continued below . . .)

(Resistance Fighter)
- Upon returning to the Raddus, Rose Tico is not able to join the tech team, since they are already dealing with their own duties. Instead, she is checked out on a simulator to see if she can join a duty roster for piloting shuttles and transports. They are desperate for new pilots and are taking anyone who can fly (which is told to her before they realize that it was her sister who sacrificed herself to take out the Fulminatrix). She gets approved for flying three classes of load lifters and every shuttle type they have, but without any ships for her to fly yet, they have her do maintenance work that would otherwise be handled by droids. She uses this as a chance to roam the corridors doing this boring work so she can be alone in her gloominess and grief.

(conjecture based on Resistance Fighter)
- On Ahch-To, the Porgs live in peace with the Lanais (Caretakers) near the original Jedi Temple, where Jedi Master Luke Skywalker has come to live in exile. Their peace and tranquility is temporarily shattered by the arrival of Rey, Chewbacca, and R2-D2 aboard the Millennium Falcon. As Rey travels up the steps to the Jedi Temple for her fateful first encounter with Luke, Chewbacca and R2-D2 remain with the Falcon and soon find intrusion scanners going off. Upon going outside, Chewbacca sees no one until he roars, revealing many Porgs hiding in the grass. At night, Chewbacca, who is very hungry, attempts to cook and eat a Porg, only to be guilt-tripped by the Porgs into looking for an alternative. The next day, he tries to hunt and forage for food, finding only Ahch-Tonian grubs, which Wookiees hate. He tries to set a trap similar to the one that caught him and his comrades on the forest moon of Endor, only to capture only Porgs. Fishing is also unsuccessful (partly because the Porgs eat much of his bait and partly because the fish are supposedly all gone because it is the wrong season). The Porgs begin to "invade" the interior of the Falcon, where a still-hungry Chewbacca returns to look for food. He finds a bag of Blue Puff Cubes and takes them outside to cook over a fire, only for the Porgs to get into the opened bag and eat much of his find. He then realizes that one of the Falcon's landing struts has smashed a Porg nest that had been filled with food (mostly fish) stored for winter. He then uses the ship's scanners to check the entire island for fish. Upon discovering a hidden lake that still has plenty of fish, he leads the Porgs there. From then on, they coexist well together (mostly) and eat together. Chewbacca even plays a strange game of holochess wherein a Porg tries to fight a holographic creature. When the time comes for Rey, Chewbacca, and R2-D2 to leave Ahch-To, several Porgs will accompany them on their journey to the Resistance fleet.

(Chewie and the Porgs)
- On Ahch-To, Rey practices using the Force to reach out and lift rocks. As she does, a group

of Porgs get into her belongings and both activate and steal the lightsaber. She gives chase, passing by the Millennium Falcon (where Chewbacca and R2-D2 are working on the ship), until the Porg with the lightsaber nearly escapes by flying off of a cliff edge. Instead, she reaches toward the Porg and grips it with the Force, pulling it back to her, something she hadn't realized that she could do. She thanks the Porg for helping her discover something new and welcomes the Porgs to join her training anytime.*

(Porg Problems)*

*NOTE: Since we are told that time works somewhat differently on Ahch-To (or at least on the island), it is tough to synchronize events on the island with those in the rest of the galaxy. Thus, I'm keeping most of these early Ahch-To events clumped together. This particular tale seems to take place shortly before Rey actually practices with the lightsaber against the rocks (earning the annoyance of the Caretakers).

- On Ahch-To, Chewbacca and R2-D2 work on the Millennium Falcon, but when the engines seem to be malfunctioning, they spot a pair of Porgs running off with important wiring. They follow the Porgs and discover the wires dropped into a nest. It seems that the Porgs are trying to dress the nest for their chicks, but the blue, stringy substance they usually get from a nearby tree (which looks a lot like those wires) is out of reach due to strong winds. To help them (and get the wires back), Chewbacca recovers the stringy substance and gives it to the Porgs so that they can fix up their nest.*

(Porgs!)*

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- In space, the Wayward Current, a long-haul transport barge, is nearing the end of its six-week journey from the Mooshie Cluster to Canto Bight on Cantonica. The ship is captained by Tuuma the Hutt. Ulina, the third mate, helps make sure that 15-year-old Teal gets her work done (such as looking after fathiers) and stops slipping up in doing her job. Unbeknownst to the others (including 12-year-old G'kolu, Jane from Tanto Winn, ship's cook Dwoogan, human Tyra, ancient droid custodian G2-X), Teal has been taking her food away from the mess hall with her not to hoard it but to share it with a stowaway. The younger members of the crew convince Dwoogan to share a story about one of their "legendary" heroes, Luke Skywalker. After Dwoogan tells the story of an encounter he had with Luke after a series of tall tales told by Redy on Xu'hu, they convince Ulina to tell the next one. She tells of how Luke saved an Imperial soldier in the aftermath of the Battle of Jakku amid the planet's Graveyard of Giants. As they split up after that story, Teal buys more food from Dwoogan and sneaks to where the stowaway is hiding out. She shares with the stowaway how they had been talking about Luke Skywalker, and the stowaway tells her own story of Luke during his time on the planet Lew'el. Teal wonders if it's possible that the stowaway is actually Aya-Glon from Lew'el but does not ask. They instead decide on a name for her: "Flux," since she "is Change," in her own words. Since they are preparing to land at Canto Bight, Teal takes Flux to the mess deck so she won't be found during deep scans of the cargo areas for contraband, soon to be carried out by port officials. They prepare to slip from the mess deck into the bilge but are spotted by G2-X, then G'kolu and Tyra. When Bani-Ani, the ship's first mate, nearly catches them, G'kolu draws attention away. They claim there was a grease mishap to get Bani-Ani to leave. As it turns out, G2-X has also heard a story about Luke Skywalker, so the droid shares the story of Luke's efforts to save R2-D2 from the planet known as the Deep. When the ship is stopped for a surprise inspection by a Cantonica customs patrol before even landing, Teal, Flux, G2-X, Tyra, and G'kolu all head into the bilge. To distract them all from the smell and nastiness, Teal shares another story of Luke, this one told to her years ago by the so-called "Lugubrious Mote." They debate whether they would have wanted the Mote to live on them, then must deal with some droids that mistake them for vermin. They are left just sitting around in the bilge, waiting until the ship docks and they can climb out via the ship's sewage pipes. To pass the time, G'kolu tells a story about Luke that he once heard from a scientist from the University of Bar'leth. When they finally arrive at Canto Bight on Cantonica, it is time for Flux to leave them. She believes, though, that the idea of Luke helped to bring them together, which is how the Tide tends to work. Teal and Flux part ways, and the crew finally begins their time off-ship. G2-X watches them go before recharging himself, knowing that when the others "recharge" by sleeping, they will dream their own adventures about Luke Skywalker.*

(The Legends of Luke Skywalker)*

*NOTE: This assumes that the events in the book's framing story are meant to actually take place around the time of TLJ so that characters from the book are present on Canto Bight during the film. Given that we have no sense of when it would be during the film, nor whether it might instead be prior to the film, I am keeping the summary

“whole” for this time frame instead of interweaving it with other stories concurrent to TLJ. You will find its individual segments of tales about Luke in their respective eras or in the broad range of Luke’s Jedi teaching search.

- On Cantonica, private investigator Neepers Panpick is hired by a rich heiress who has lost her pet. He finds the creature near the estate of the Countess and returns it. The heiress is so overjoyed that she doubles Neepers’ fee, which pays for a nice fan for his office and a new suit.

(conjecture based on *Hear Nothing, See Nothing, Say Nothing*)

- Three days before Derla Pidys arrives at Cantonica, Parallela Grammus and Rhomby Grammus begin staying at the hotel where Calla works in Canto Bight.
(conjecture based on *The Wine in Dreams*)
- During a fathier race in Canto Bight on the day before Lula’s kidnapping, jockey Pinrado Jozo has his fathier, *Casual Retort*, push another fathier, *Hard Luck*, into the rail.
(conjecture based on *Hear Nothing, See Nothing, Say Nothing*)
- While Poe Dameron remains with the Resistance fleet, the other members of Black Squadron (Temmin “Snap” Wexley, Jessika Pava, Kare Kun, and Suralinda Javos, with all but Suralinda in X-wings and Suralinda herself in an A-wing) have been sent to make contact with Resistance allies to bring those sympathetic supporters fully into the Resistance to fight against the First Order. (During the mission, Jess records a flight log that will eventually be sent to the Resistance and reach Poe via C-3PO shortly after the Battle of Crait.) They head for Pastoria, where they meet with King Siroc. Siroc seems to be overjoyed at their arrival and very supportive, so it seems that this will be an easy mission (at least on Pastoria), but Siroc needs them to do something in return. He claims that a group of terrorists is trying to depose him. He claims that he is sending one of his military officers, Colonel Squill, on a mission aboard a transport that must pass through territory controlled by the terrorists. He simply wants Black Squadron to fly escort on the mission. They do so, but as soon as they encounter terrorist ships, they are attacked. As royal and terrorist fighters clash, Snap has little choice but to order Black Squadron to assist the royal ships. They drive off the attackers, but the royal forces (much to Black Squadron’s shock) pursue the fleeing ships and destroy them, despite the fact that they were retreating. When they return to Siroc, he reveals that the transport was carrying the primary rival to his throne, whose travel schedule was learned by his spies. Sending Black Squadron alongside Squill’s ships helped to make their arrival in enemy territory look like an invasion, which prompted the enemy to attack, and the assistance of Black Squadron in the fight helped turn the tide so that Squill could wipe out Siroc’s competition as they fled. Siroc was making sure that he remains king, given that he believes that only he is strong and wise enough to know to negotiate with (i.e. capitulate to) the First Order to protect his planet. He was never going to help the Resistance. He only promised to help Black Squadron, which he still intend to do by providing fuel for their starfighters and advice to get as far away from Leia Organa and the Resistance as they can. Black Squadron leaves to continue their hunt for allies. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Awakening)

- On Cantonica in the city of Canto Bight, Lexo Sooger (a Dor Namethian and former slave from the slave pits of Askkto-Fen IV) works as a star masseur at Zord’s Spa and Bathhouse. He is the adoptive father of human girl Lula (age 13). This morning, she cares for his hands as she often does by mashing corwindyl herbs and oil to create a mixture that can soothe his sore fingers after so many decades of overtaxing them. He must also take injections of a cocktail of corticosteroids, enzyme blockers, and a numbing agent for his hands. For her part, Lula works for Bargwill Tomder in the fathier racing stables. Her favorite fathier, *Hard Luck*, has been injured (by jockey Pinrado Jozo’s fathier, *Casual Retort*). She is allowed to take some corwindyl herbs to treat the fathier, since Lexo knows that it is her dream to one day be a jockey herself and caring for fathiers is as close to that as she might come. Lexo then notices that gangster Big Sturg Ganna is on his schedule for that day, and he reassures Lula that he will not consent to working for Ganna, having left “that life” behind decades ago. (To be continued below . . .)

(Hear Nothing, See Nothing, Say Nothing)

- Kedpin Shoklop, “Salesbeing of the Year” for VaporTech (a vaporator sales company), arrives at Canto Bight on Cantonica aboard the *Cantonican Dream* for a two week vacation that is his prize for winning the title. He is naïve, to put it mildly, and upon disembarking, he is immediately insulted while Cantonican Planetary Controls officials deal with the fact that he does not have his sponsorship chip. He is then scammed by a supposed “acting gate agent,”

who claims that without a luggage pass, he cannot claim his bags. After paying a ridiculous “fee” to the scammer, the scammer offers to “take his bags to his hotel,” so he has not only lost the cash paid to the scammer but also his belongings as well. Meanwhile, Anglang Lehet, a “company man” (i.e. killer) for the Syndicate who is looking for a chance to retire from that life, has been sent to carry out a hit on Canto Bight Police Department Officer Brawg on behalf of the local gang known as the Old City Boys. The hit must be that night and via a flashy explosion that kills only Brawg while he is in the “detox chamber” where he tends to abuse local criminals. Anglang has decided to put an ingested nano-detonator into an unsuspecting citizen, then arrange for them to end up in Brawg’s custody. His contacts have found him the perfect host for the explosive: Kedpin! Unsuspecting Kedpin is taken by a “guide” droid (V-333) to a “treat shop” where Sweetheart knocks Kedpin (who is basically naked all the time) into a pool of “mud” that actually fully cleans him, which feels great but wasn’t what he intended and costs a month’s pay. He heads for the Canto Casino Hotel, still hoping for a good time. He is tailed along the way by Anglang, who has some reservations about killing an innocent as part of his job, but it at least keeps Anglang himself alive and able to retire. Kedpin gets the Hero’s Suite as part of his prize, along with plenty of other accommodations, meals, etc. (To be continued below . . .).

(Rules of the Game)

- *Sommelier (wine dealer and expert) Derla Pidys arrives over Cantonica and heads for Canto Bight, where she is intending to acquire one of the rarest drinks in existence. Meanwhile, Parallela Grammus and Rhomby Grammus, the twins who are believed to be from a different dimension or somewhere similarly exotic, are displeased with hotel service because their needs aren’t being anticipated (but are indeed being met), so after a challenge to see if the hotel’s clerk, Calla, can determine which sister is which, they choose to leave the hotel and require the hotel to give them a sort of parting gift: Calla herself! She is to serve them while they are on Cantonica, and then her own story can begin (as the sisters put it) once they leave, since there is no way she could travel with them back to their homeworld (or home dimension, perhaps). Derla takes a case (valise) with an unusual bottle of wine and heads for Ubialla Gheal’s nightclub to conduct business with the Grammus sisters. (Ubialla herself is corrupt but has been a great customer over the years, just not the customer she intends to meet with tonight.) She gives Ubialla the wine (Coruscant Black) to acquire a private booth to carry out her meeting. Ubialla agrees, though she is plenty suspicious about whom Derla might be meeting and what she is trying to acquire. At a nearby resort, the Grammus sisters settle in and send Calla to make sure that there will be an organic manager who can meet them the next morning. (To be continued below . . .)*

(The Wine in Dreams)

- *At Zord’s Spa and Bathhouse, Lexo Sooger is massaging a frequent client, Joris, keeping to his usual rule to “hear nothing, see nothing, say nothing,” to remain neutral while providing services to any customers without compromising what they say to him. This time, though, Joris mentions Hard Luck and how that night would be the fathier’s hardest. Lexo uses a secret pheromone that he can secrete to loosen Joris’ tongue. It appears that the entire fathier racing herd owned by DeFancio Storsilt, including Hard Luck, is being sabotaged somehow. He is only able to learn that Joris’ source of information is female before their sessions ends and Big Sturg Ganna arrives for his appointment. While doing his best not to say anything that would reveal information or otherwise make it seem like he is taking a job offer from Ganna, Lexo starts to smell corwindyl, seemingly coming from Ganna, who would have no need for it. He also notices one of the spa’s co-owners, Contessa Alissyndrex delga Cantonica Provincion (AKA “the Countess”) looking down upon where he massages Ganna. Ganna makes his offer: he believes that an invisible war will be coming to Canto Bight among factions, and blood will be shed. He wants Lexo to be an information source on his side. He further claims that the Countess will not be an obstacle soon, as he intends to buy her out of her share of Zord’s. Ganna reveals that he will not take no for an answer and has somehow arranged for Lula’s own safety to be a bargaining chip. (He also seems to have no idea what corwindyl is, which will be of use to Lexo soon.) As Ganna leaves, Lexo cancels all of his appointments for the day for the first time since finding Lula thirteen years earlier, then races home to the Old City to check on Lula. (To be continued below . . .)*

(Hear Nothing, See Nothing, Say Nothing)

- *After a meal and a nap, Kedpin Shoklop visits Zord’s Spa and Bathhouse, intending to get a massage from Lexo Sooger. However, Sooger has already left for the day. He gets a*

massage anyway and heads back to the hotel, only to be stopped by a pair of con beings, claiming there is an issue with his room. Anglang steps in and frightens them off, then introduces himself as a member of the Canto Bight Tourism Commission and offers to buy Kedpin a drink. They share a drink at Klang's Place and talk a bit, allowing Anglang Lehet to slip the explosive into Kedpin's drink and put some fake spice on him with a dermal patch. He slips away just in time for the CBPD (tipped off by Anglang, of course) to arrive and drag Kedpin to their station as a spice smuggler. (To be continued below . . .)

(Rules of the Game)

- As night nears, Lexo Sooger reaches the fathier stables to see if Lula made it there for her shift. As he fears, she did not (and Bargwill Tomder has subsequently fired her in absentia). Lexo is able to use his pheromones to get information from Tomder, confirming that DeFancio Storsilt's fathiers are being sabotaged. Having now come to understand that the corwindyl on Big Sturg Ganna must have been placed by Lula in order to create a scent trail that Lexo could follow, he heads for the office of private investigator Neepers Panpick, an old friend. Neepers points him to the Canto Casino hotel, where he knows Ganna keeps a secret suite that is set up for his biological needs (humidity, dampness, etc.). He even loans Lexo some casino chips to use to bribe or "tip" for more information while casing the casino. (To be continued below . . .)

(Hear Nothing, See Nothing, Say Nothing)

- As night nears, Ubialla Gheal pays a street urchin to get a list of names of new arrivals, then uses that to determine that the Grammus sisters are in Canto Bight and have traveled a similar path as Derla, just ahead of the wine-seller. Derla Pidys must be there to acquire the amazing, shifting, "wine of dreams" from the sisters. Ubialla has a secret benefactor and believes that she must acquire it for him or face punishment of some kind if she somehow let it slip through her grasp. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Wine in Dreams)

- Lexo Sooger manages to purchase some traditional Dor Namethian robes to somewhat blend in as a customer at the Canto Casino. He then buys a disposable comlink and contacts Big Sturg Ganna, supposedly agreeing to work for Ganna to maintain Lula's safety. This serves to prove that, yes, Ganna has her, while also convincing Ganna not to do her harm any time soon, which gives Lexo time to act. He searches for clues about Ganna's secret suite at the Canto Casino, where he catches the scent of rotting swamp, which is coming from a drink called storga being made by a bartender for a very select client. The drink has been ordered once per day for years and is always taken away by a droid to another location within the hotel or casino. When the SE-8 waiter droid arrives for the drink, Lexo follows it to the door of Ganna's secret suite, which is guarded by Gamorreans, who are impervious to his pheromones. He cannot get past the guards as the droid can, but before he is shooed away, he notices the scent of corwindyl from inside, which indicates that Lula is there, but it is so faint that it is obvious that there must be another entrance to the suite, through which she was taken. He goes to see the Countess (Contessa Alissyndrex delga Antonica Provincion) at her office next to the fathier track. He reveals the whole situation to her, sensing from her earlier expression when seeing him working on Ganna that surely the two are at odds. She is actually his ally (supposedly) and truly intending to sell her part of Zord's Spa and Bathhouse to him, but she is willing to help Lexo and begin inquiries to possibly find Lula's birth parents, if he will do one thing for him: kill a human named Jerdon Bly, who will be aboard Baron Yasto Attsmun's yacht, the Undisputed Victor, which leaves in an hour. She claims that Jerdon is an arms dealer who sells to both the Resistance and First Order (as many do), but he is so "gauche" about it that he is likely to bring trouble to Canto Bight soon with the big deal he is apparently bragging about. He gets the sense that Ganna might have something on her or her husband, and she needs to sell her part of the spa to get funds, so he suggests to her that she should bet on a long shot instead of one of DeFancio Storsilt's sabotaged fathiers that night. He infiltrates the yacht with passcodes from the Countess, where he then poses as a member of the serving staff. He spots Jerdon as he talks with the Baron and then Centada Ressayd. When he makes advances toward her, she injures him and leaves him. He slinks away to clean himself up, but Lexo decides to draw him out by calling his comlink (thanks to info from the Countess again) to suggest that he is Centada's assistant and that she is actually interested and just couldn't appear to be interested in public. The lure works, and he is able to numb and then kill the would-be rapist and arms dealer, only to have to flee by faking an engine compartment fire when the body is discovered. Lexo returns to the

Countess, who did indeed bet on a long shot (Shifting Sands, who came in second). She no longer needs to sell her part of the spa, but as a gesture of appreciation for the supposed upcoming sale, she arranges a special massage for Ganna in his suite, not revealing that it is Lexo she will be sending. Once he is inside, she has arranged for power to the suite to be cut, including his emergency generators. Once that happens, Ganna will be forced to retreat to his regen aquarium, which will give Lexo time to find Lula and also to possibly search his library for something of interest that the Countess doesn't specify. (To be continued below . . .)

(Hear Nothing, See Nothing, Say Nothing)

- When Derla Pidys returns that night for the meeting, Ubialla Gheal secretly holds her at blasterpoint. Derla says that she has a buyer far offworld who has had the wine before and desires it again. In return for acquiring it, Derla is to have a small sample of it to analyze. The Grammus sisters arrive, and Calla informs Ubialla and Derla that they are waiting at the reserved booth, having already determined that it won't be paid for, since Ubialla is also trying to gain their favor. Calla was there just in case Derla needed a second person with her, since the sisters adore and favor symmetry, but Ubialla has inserted herself into the situation, as the sisters predicted. Ubialla and Derla join Parallela and Rhomby to determine the fate of the bottle of the wine of dreams. (Meanwhile, Parallela and Rhomby disagree on whether keeping Calla was a good idea. Parallela thinks so, but Rhomby isn't sure.) The pairs meet, and Parallela draws a bottle of the wine from her own valise. Ubialla is anxious and overplays her hand at first, offering to double whatever Derla is paying, even though no one has discussed price yet. When the sisters insist that both potential buyers actually try the wine, Ubialla draws her blaster, intending not to disappoint her patron by wasting any of it. Derla warns her that shooting will just end up with the bottle shattered on the floor, and no one will get it. The sisters expected Ubialla to insert herself into the situation, so they have made sure that both Derla and Ubialla can drink without biological issues. The wine appears in different colors and has numerous tastes and effects, depending on the drinker, but the sisters have no idea how it is actually made. Derla and Ubialla taste the wine and are impressed, but when Parallela is about to refill their glasses, Ubialla objects, ready to leave over the issue, which would end the balance and negate even selling to Derla. Derla accepts another sample, as Ubialla remains and recognizes that she is now vital to the sale. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Wine in Dreams)

- Lexo Sooger arrives at his appointment at Big Sturg Ganna's suite. As soon as he is inside, the suite's systems go offline as promised. (To be continued below . . .) *

(Hear Nothing, See Nothing, Say Nothing)*

*NOTE: I am working under the assumption here that this is tied into the power outage experienced in *The Wine in Dreams*.

- Just as Derla Pidys is about to drink the second drink of the Wine of Dreams, the lights go out. (To be continued below . . .)
- (The Wine in Dreams)**
- Lexo Sooger follows the scent of corwindyl and finds Lula in Ganna's private library, just as the power returns. (To be continued below . . .)
- (Hear Nothing, See Nothing, Say Nothing)**
- When the lights come back on, the bottle of the Wine of Dreams is gone. (Ubialla Gheal checks Derla Pidys valise, just to be sure she didn't steal it. She didn't.) Meanwhile, Calla returns to the sisters' rooms at the hotel and finally reads a datapad provided to her by Rhomby before the sisters met with Derla and Ubialla, setting the next stage of a plan into motion. Ubialla orders a lockdown of the casino and a search for the wine, telling the sisters and Derla that she will take the wine when found, and the only compensation she will provide is allowing the other three ladies to live. The sisters assist in the search. (To be continued below . . .)
- (The Wine in Dreams)**
- In Big Sturg Ganna's library, Lexo Sooger and Lula discover a datapad with all of Ganna's plans on it (to buy out Ubialla Gheal, buy out the Countess, push through legislation that would ban police speeders in favor of pursuit droids that he would supply, etc.). Rather than stealing it, Lula sets up a data burst so that when security systems come the rest of the way back online, it will transmit to Neepers Panpick, so that it can be released citywide if Lexo isn't able to check in with him the next day. They then hide the data track and are about to escape when caught by a droid and brought before Ganna, who is still in his tank. Lexo

claims to have been working alone, but once a droid can confirm the data that was just sent out as the security systems rebooted, Ganna is at Lexo's mercy. Ganna agrees not to buy out the Countess' part of Zord's Spa and Bathhouse, to stop hurting fathiers (i.e. return Storsilt's fathiers to regular feed), not buy out Ubialla Gheal, to never request Lexo's service again, and to buy out Lula's indenture to Bargwill Tomder and then sponsor her for five years of fathier riding lessons. They have won the day and leave safely. On their way home, they stop by the fathier stables to give Hard Luck some corwindyl. (To be continued below . . .)

(Hear Nothing, See Nothing, Say Nothing)

- Rhomby distracts a qianball player while secretly taking the label from a bottle of wine at her table, then sends her toward a southern door that she claims to have heard is unlocked, initiating a bit of a minor stampede in that direction. Parallela similarly speaks with a group of jockeys, suggesting that there might be drug tests soon, while secretly taking labels from their bottles. The jockeys head for a secret door in one of the closets in hopes of getting out before any drug testing. While bartenders are helping deal with those attempting "escape," Parallela slips behind the unattended bar and starts switching labels on the bottles there. When questioned by a regular, Rhomby notes his clothing and demeanor and immediately recognizes him as a thief, suggesting to him that he should look for a way out, given that something Ubialla desperately wants has been stolen and he is likely one of the most likely suspects in the casino. The thief slips through another secret door in an attempt to flee. Derla convinces a Wookiee bouncer whom she briefly was kind to earlier to let her stand, then to escort her to the ladies' room. She offers him a job if he ever wants to leave Ubialla, then indicates to one of the sisters to meet her at the restroom. She tells the sister that she knows the sisters are behind this, since they were far too calm when the "theft" was revealed. She advises the sister to flatter Ubialla and even possibly grant her the bottle so that they all walk away alive, then offers to be an exclusive agent for their wine if they ever choose to sell more in the galaxy at large. (She also suggests that she recognizes that the sisters are just from a far-flung planet that could one day be found, not from another dimension or anything so exotic.) With that, Derla has the Wookiee return her to the booth. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Wine in Dreams)

- As expected, Brawg questions, intimidates, and accosts Kedpin Shoklop while in custody, but despite Kedpin believing that it was probably Anglang Lehet that set him up, he refuses to give up the name of the man who might be his newest friend. Using the audio features of the detonator, Anglang hears it all and finally decides that he cannot go through with the plan because of how it would kill Kedpin. He instead goes to the CBPD station and claims that Kedpin is working for him on behalf of the Syndicate. Anglang pays Brawg a large bribe (most of his money), which results in Kedpin's immediate release. They leave, and Anglang explains most of what has been going on, but they are soon stopped by members of the Old City Boys, there to kill Anglang for not carrying out the hit. Kedpin is sent to safety as the Old City Boys shock and otherwise accost Anglang. Rather than running away, though, Kedpin rushes back in and attacks the thugs, which allows the duo to defeat them. Anglang takes credits and anything else needed from the downed thugs, then they head to the fathier races, where they bet on Kessel Runner. Kedpin wins a year's salary with the bet, and they plan celebrate with drinks. They discover, though, that Ubialla Gheal's nightclub is unusually dark, as if under a power outage or lockdown. They head to the Blue Wall instead. There, Kedpin splits the winnings equally with Anglang and confesses to having rigged the Salesbeing of the Year contest after so many years of losing and realizing that it was rigged already by others. (They couldn't reveal his cheating without revealing their own, so they let him keep the prize.) Kedpin heads out to continue his vacation, while Anglang makes plans. He will have to use most of the money from Kedpin to appease the Old City Boys, and he won't be retiring any time soon, but at least for one night, he and his new friend were able to change the rules of the game he has been in for so long.

(Rules of the Game)

- Per her instructions, Calla heads for the locked casino, carrying a bottle of wine. She knocks on the door incessantly until allowed to enter upon recognition that she is connected to the sisters and their wine. When the guard insists on taking her to Ubialla Gheal, she feigns resistance and stumbling, then lets the bottle fall to shatter on the floor. She makes a scene of crying over the spilled wine, then slips away into the crowd once attention turns away. She is stopped by Ubialla, who is about to explode and pulls a blaster on the "clumsy" servant.

The sisters intervene, making Ubialla back off, while expressing pity at the loss of a “fine vintage.” (In reality, this second bottle of wine was actually squashed flower juice and bathroom mouthwash, specifically made to look and vaguely smell like wine.) The sisters insist that Ubialla return to the table (and Derla Pidys) for the rest of the negotiation, and even if Ubialla does comply (which she does), they will not return for a long time, thanks to Ubialla’s poor hospitality. The first to arrive is one of the sisters, who has recovered Derla’s valise and hands it to the Wookiee guarding Derla for safekeeping. (He holds it behind his back, unseen.) Ubialla, Calla, and the other sister arrive, and the Wookiee (still holding the unseen valise) is ordered by Ubialla to go open the doors to the casino. Calla is also dismissed to return to the hotel. A sister reaches below the table and pulls out another valise, a different one from before, from which Parallela withdraws a second real bottle of the wine. (After all, the sisters prefer balance in all things.) Rhomby then draws out a third bottle from the same valise. The sisters claim that since one of them came in good faith (Derla) and the other in bad faith (Ubialla), that represents balance, so they should both be rewarded. Ubialla is given a bottle, then Rhomby prepares to give one to Derla. Instead, Ubialla draws her blaster, Derla recoils, and Rhomby drops the bottle, which Ubialla then blasts into oblivion. Apparently triumphant, Ubialla has secured one bottle, which she will claim is the only bottle brought by the sisters when she presents it to her patron. Shortly thereafter, Calla is waiting for the sisters to return to the hotel when she is visited by a Twi’lek who works for the hotel. He informs her that the sisters will not be returning, but they have paid for the room for a week and have left it for Calla’s personal use. They have also convinced the hotel to offer Calla a job, which will likely be much better than the one from which the sisters “saved” her. Meanwhile, Derla returns to her ship with her valise, which was returned by the Wookiee that had been holding it after it was “found” by one of the sisters. She opens it, discovering a bottle of wine supposedly from Tatooine, according to the label. It is, in fact, the sisters’ wine with a false label, put into the valise before it was handed to the Wookiee. The sisters are impressed with Derla and have left her a note, asking that they meet on Naboo in three cycles time to discuss a business arrangement to sell their wine. She now has plenty to test and bring back to her employer, and Ubialla is none the wiser.

(The Wine in Dreams)

- In Canto Bight on Cantonica, gambler Kaljach Sonmi plays zinbiddle, using his own systems in hopes of a big payday. (He basically ignores the talk of others at the table, who are remarking on news of the destruction of Hosnian Prime by the First Order.) Kal is a “prop,” a player paid a salary by the casino to help make sure games can be played in slow hours. He bets his own money and keeps his winnings with no preferential treatment. He believes (and his buddy, Ganzer the bartender is told) that winning the progressive bonus is in sight. His table is handed off to a new dealer-in-training by pit boss Vestry, who cuts him off from free meals and seems to think he is somehow in league with the Countess on some nefarious scheme (which isn’t true). He is just about to win (or so he thinks) when the other players all leave the table for a dinner reservation under Chef Targalla, cutting off any further play. Just as Vestry is about to have Minn shut down the table and send Kal away (he has no home and his ship is “hocked and locked” due to debts to get gambling stakes) for the night, an odd Suerton, Dodibin (Dodi), arrives to play. Dodi starts winning and is then joined by his brother, Thodi, then shortly thereafter by another brother, Wodi. They all play, costing Kal his position in the deal as he has to change seats (after a spilled drink and to make room). Kal gets an Ion Barrage, which should win the progressive bonus for him and make him rich, but Wodi also gets one on a natural deal, then gets the wild card Vermilion Six. Since this is Kuari zinbiddle, that means Wodi winds the pot and the jackpot, while Kal gets nothing. As the brothers leave the table with their winnings, they give Kal a new stake: a single coin to start a new bet, which he throws across the room in frustration. Kal is fired, and since he doesn’t have a home or ship to go to and has spent everything in trying to win that last hand, he is broke. Before leaving, he speaks with Ganzer again, who informs him that Dodi, Thodi, and Wodi are known as the Lucky Three at the casino, though they usually play during the day instead of at night. As it turns out, they already lost everything they just won at the jubilee wheel when Thodi bet on every single outcome but then landed on Black Hole. Now they are wining again. Ganzer wonders if perhaps the Lucky Three somehow use the Force, which is something Kal really hasn’t heard much about. He has recovered the coin that Kal threw and returns it (at the urging of Dodi). As he is about to leave, he is approached by legendary pazaak player Orisha Okum. It turns out that she has been getting some of her stakes from Big Sturg Ganna, and without him ever knowing it, so has Kal. The 800,000 Cantocoins that

he has been staked over the last 18 months have come from Ganna's accountant, and now that Kal has lost his progressive bonus (which took over a year of his system working to build up), Ganna wants his money back by sunrise the next day. (Orisha is just his messenger.) He considers fleeing or hiding out in the hotel somewhere without cameras, but Ganna has Wookiee goons watching him. (He is stopped by the appearance of one when trying to beg a ride, then another when trying to go upstairs in the hotel, while the Lucky Three bet on which turbolifts will arrive first and such.) Vestry spots him and sends head of security Pemmin Brunce after him. When Brunce grabs him, he drops his coin, which lands on Dodi's stack of coins in another game of chance, which Dodi wins. Since he added to Dodi's bet, he did not have to meet a minimum, and when Dodi wins again, turning the single coin from the first winning of ten into one hundred, Kal then has the minimum to stay on his own as a rider with the brothers. He follows the brothers around long enough to realize that they definitely have no system (and might well be partially insane, frankly). Strangely when Kal is with Thodi, Thodi wins, but when Wodi arrives, they lose. Once Dodi joins them, they begin to win again. (Orisha is watching him and at least mildly impressed.) Kal explains to Ganzer that he has figured out what is happening, though not how it is happening. When one brother is alone, he wins more often than not. When two are together, they lose, and if they are betting against each other, everyone nearby loses too. When three are together, though, they win every time. He gives Ganzer some of his winnings, then leaves with the Lucky Three for the fathier races. There, they run into Joris, who can only afford to bet on red-eye races. (When briefly meeting her, they talk about a fathier named Time for Flatcakes, a fathier sired by Kreegah and owned by the Blumba Stables and Genetic Research Corporation, which prompts the very hungry Kal to say that he wants flatcakes in an offhand remark that will come back to haunt him.) The current race is a "claimer" race, in which any fathier in the race can be bought instead of just bet upon, so owners tend to put in poor racers, which keeps things even but not very exciting. The odds are almost entirely even. Before he can place a bet, he notices that his winnings are gone, as are the Lucky Three. He then hears an announcement that proclaims him the new owner of Time for Flatcakes. They apparently bought it because of his offhand remark about how he wanted flatcakes! He is in even deeper financial trouble, unless Time for Flatcakes can win. According to Dodi, if the fathier wins the race, he gets the purse of 400,000 Cantocoins. Kal doesn't believe he can win, but he believes that if the brothers bet on him like crazy, he will win anyway. He doesn't have any money left to bet on the fathier himself, but he is counting on the purse. He makes sure the brothers are together for the race, but he is then found by Orisha and taken to see Ganna's accountant (Mosep Bineed) in a private box. Orisha is sent away. Mosep intends to have him killed by the Wookiees now, so that he cannot commit suicide and deprive them of a possible example to others not to cross Ganna. In the race below, Time for Flatcakes is not anywhere close to the lead, but "luck" strikes. Wodi accidentally smacks another spectator's drink, which crosses a smoking implement held by another spectator, then hits another patron's dress while on fire. She then tosses her burning skirt down into maintenance pits, which sets off a chain reaction of minor explosions that destroys most of the race track lights. All of the fathiers in the race go nuts with the sound and sights, except for Time for Flatcakes, who is basically deaf by now. Time for Flatcakes wins, earning a fortune for the brothers. Kal believes he can now turn the 400,000 purse into 800,000 to pay off Ganna. Unfortunately, he learns from Joris that the old owner, not the new one, gets the winnings from the claimer race in which a fathier is sold. Kal is still broke. He has some harsh words with the brothers and then has to leave when called to the trackside stable, where he finds that Time for Flatcakes has died from his efforts in the race. As it turns out, Time for Flatcakes was being given performance enhancers by his previous owner, which disqualifies him, canceling the winnings for the brothers also. During the night, though, Kal had lost his shoes during some of the brothers' antics, and Dodi returns them before Kal returns to the casino in defeat to see Ganzer. It is only after they speak a bit about his life and likely upcoming death that he tries to put on the shoes. He discovers a fathier bet inside for Vermillion, the Six, in the face that Time for Flatcakes won. It was in the front of his shoe, just as the progressive was lost earlier due to a Vermillion Six from the front of the shoe in the zimbiddle game. Dodi must have bet it before the race for him, which makes sense because he saw Dodi betting but then didn't see the odds for Time for Flatcakes change. Vermillion only needed to place in the top three and came in third. He has won 100 Cantocoins, the same number that let him stay with the brothers earlier. He plays pazaak but realizes that he left his side deck in his coat when he turned it in after being fired. He wins, doubling 100 to 200, then 200 to 400. He wins over and

over, playing with abandon and with money he never expected to have. He has nothing more to lose. He reaches 102,400 before Orisha arrives and begins to play against him. She has been sent by Mosep to make sure the money goes to Ganna as yet another lesson to add to his death. Just as they are about to start, Dodi arrives with his own side deck to give to Kal. He wouldn't normally be allowed to use it, but since the money came from the bet Dodi made, he has staked Kal and can supply the side deck. (They are all +6, which makes him think Dodi is crazy yet again.) It is nearly dawn when he wants to play one more hand to double his 400,000 Cantocoin bet (which few other than Orisha could match). He doesn't intend for her to put in her own cash, just to take his half and pay the other half to Ganna if he wins, but instead she draws out her own price of 500,000 credits from her last Savareen whist tournament to put in her 400,000. The hand is about to begin when they realize that Wodi has left. Just as she is about to defeat him with the last pazaak card already in her hand, Wodi returns, grabs for a drink, and ends up sending food and drinks all over as Ganzer arrives with them. In the chaos, Orisha drops her card, only for it to be retrieved and revealed by Ganzer to be a trick card. She has been cheating! She decides to just end the game, which would leave Kal unable to pay his debt, but Dodi urges them to play, even with the trick card, even though they know she could change the card's value and win easily. They do, and when the card is played, Orisha means for it to read +3. Instead, it glitches and reads +333, causing her to bust and Kal to win! The game and his life have been saved! Mosep collects the debt, but Orisha does manage to escape after being exposed, having stolen the codes to Kal's own ship from Ganna's office. He keeps her trick card as a souvenir. At Dodi's suggestion, he had given the rest of the excess winnings to Minn the dealer. As it turns out, Minn's mother had just joined the staff as the new director of hospitality, and Kal is immediately hired back as a floorwalker and visible hero to the crowds. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Ride)

- On the morning after rescuing Lula from Big Sturg Ganna, Lexo Sooger returns to work at Zord's Spa and Bathhouse. Ganna is there for a massage, but it is with someone else, as agreed. Lexo knows that he might once again have to perform a task for the Countess to keep Lula safe, but her safety is worth it.

(Hear Nothing, See Nothing, Say Nothing)

- Rose Tico adds her own final entry to her sister Paige Tico's journal, commemorating how she died so that others could live. The First Order is tracking them, but she intends to make sure it they won't destroy those whom Paige died to save.

(Bomber Command)

- Frustrated by a failed deal with Zygerrian slavers, Korfé Bennux-Ai, manager for the Sienar-Jaeamus corporation and an arms dealer, diverts his ship, the *Libertine*, to Cantonica for a restorative night on the town in Canto Bight. Little does he know that his ship will be stolen that night by BB-8 and DJ.

(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi: Incredible Cross-Sections*)

- In Canto Bight on Cantonica, DJ steals self-stats and code-cards from both a saintly woman and Rodian arms dealer Flestic Crupp, leaving evidence to implicate Crupp in the theft from the woman and the Nojonz Gang in the theft from Crupp. He then slices computers at the Coruscant Hotel and Casino to insert credits into an account for himself so that he can enter and gamble (cheating again of course).

(conjecture based on *Most Wanted*)

- In Canto Bight on Cantonica, the individual known to some as "DJ" (due to his hat reading "Don't Join") is gambling away all of the chips he has (which seem to be from other people's money, not his own) at the Coruscant Hotel and Casino when he is confronted by a pair of honest police officers: Pol Ipol and Oosha Choi. They take seats next to him and join the game, but they are really there about Rodian arms dealer Flestic Crupp who had his self-stats and code-cards stolen while at Zord's Bathhouse (suggesting that DJ stole them). According to the officers, another individual, a woman who brought water to desert planets in need and who won a trip to Canto Bight, was also robbed in a stats-and-card theft. Tips and investigation led to the belief that it was Crupp who stole from the saintly woman, so they jumped at the chance to finally arrest him with cause. They tracked him to one of Cantonica's moons, where they caught Crupp about to get into a firefight with the Nojonz Gang, whom he believed stole his stats-and-card. Three officers die in the process of bringing him down, only to find that he was also a victim. They try to drag DJ off, not because they suspect DJ but

because, according to them, the person who did the thefts and nearly started a gang was Denel Strench, all of whose known associates are dead except for DJ. They want DJ to tell them where to find Strench (and hint that Strench might be killing old associates to tie up loose ends, which would include DJ). Thankfully, the casino's owner, Jorka Edy, arrives and sends the police away, allowing DJ to gamble in peace. (Casinos have great power over the political and justice system in Canto Bight.) After playing with some more money that was all just sliced into the computer system, DJ leaves, only to find Ipol and Choi waiting for him outside. Jorka also arrives, ready to deal with DJ for his cheating, but DJ has called ahead to Dezmoont (AKA "The Moont"), a thug from Melm, to get an escort to another casino (the Vesustrian), which provides him with protection for now. Unfortunately, he won't be able to scam the Vesustrian, since the Moont will be with him the entire time. The Moont is shocked to hear that the police believe Strench is after DJ. While gambling, DJ spots Groff Fordly, a podracer he bets on sometimes, who offers to let him pay for a ride in Fordly's suped-up speeder. Before DJ can answer, he is grabbed by Crupp. The Moont stops Crupp, and Crupp claims that it was Strench who got him out of jail and sent him after DJ. DJ knows this can't be true because he knows that there is no "Denel Strench." DJ is just about to leave to take Fordly up on his offer when Ipol and Choi arrive and the Moont tries to stop him from leaving after slicing systems tracking him. This pits the police against the Moont and his goons, while DJ escapes with Fordly in his speeder. A chase ensues, but DJ arranges for them to crash so that he is arrested by the police instead of by either casino or gang. It is the safest way. A probe droid that has been following him dips down to him for a moment, and DJ recognizes it as his old droid friend, O1-MG, who is using the "Denel Strench" persona that DJ created for his own business now. The droid that DJ himself taught to code is now his adversary. He is locked up in the local jail, little knowing that fate (or the Force) will soon lead to him meeting Finn, BB-8, and Rose Tico in that very cell . . . *

(Most Wanted)*

*NOTE: This summary is for the DJ comic, not the Han/Qi'ra novel of the same name.

- A short time after saving his own life through bizarre gambling with the Lucky Three, Kaljack Sonmi is teaching pazaak classes and working at the casino, serving guests like Kedpin Shoklop, who is still on his vacation. The brothers invite him to gamble aboard a yacht during a race upon which they can also gamble. Kal agrees to go, and he also introduces the Lucky Three to Kedpin, whose luck might well be about to change as well. *

(The Ride)*

*NOTE: This might actually be shortly after TLJ, but we aren't given any indication of whether that is the case. (We only know that Kedpin is still enjoying his two-week vacation, which began in the opening chapter of *Rules of the Game*.)

- En route to Cantonica, Rose Tico has no idea what a "plom bloom" is, so she won't know what to look for when seeking out the Master Codebreaker. She looks it up via the shuttle's databank. She also gets to know Finn a bit during the trip and realizes that he is in love with his friend Rey, who is his real motivation, not the Resistance itself. Meanwhile, all Rose has right now is the Resistance, now that Paige Tico is dead. They also discover en route that BB-8 has stowed away on the ship to aid them.
(conjecture based on *Resistance Fighter*)
- En route to Cantonica, Rose Tico writes in her journal about her experiences since returning to the Raddus after Paige Tico's death. (To be continued below . . .)

(Resistance Fighter)

- En route to Cantonica, Rose Tico and Finn discuss their mission to Canto Bight, while BB-8 handles most of the piloting. When they encounter a giant jellyfish-esque creature while entering the atmosphere, their shuttle bumps it and takes an electric shock that also affects BB-8. While Rose fixes BB-8, Finn must pilot the shuttle, as it nears another group of the creatures. Thankfully, BB-8 is fixed in time and gets them to safety. All is now well, and they can continue their mission.

(Shuttle Shock)

- Rey, Chewbacca, and R2-D2 leave Ahch-To with a ship full of Porg stowaways. When they each find items they need missing, they track them down and discover a Porg using those items for its nest. (To be continued below . . .)

(The Best Pet)

- In the period between the Resistance fleet arriving at Crait and the Battle of Crait, Major Caluan Ematt is promoted to the rank of general to lead the exterior defense of the base.
(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi Visual Dictionary*)

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Chapter 5

Hear Nothing, See Nothing, Say Nothing [continued] (CB novella: Rae Carson)

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Chapter 9

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Chapter 7 [continued]

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Chapter 10

The Wine in Dreams [continued] (CB novella: Mira Grant)

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The Ride (CB novella: John Jackson Miller)

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- The Best Pet [flashback] (comic: Delilah S. Dawson)

34 ABY (After SW8)

- *DJ takes the stolen Libertine, returned to him by the First Order, and gets rid of it at a black market ship lot after stripping it of its most valuable equipment and finest trappings.**
(conjecture based on *The Last Jedi: Incredible Cross-Sections*)*
- *NOTE: This might actually happen or could be speculation on behalf of the narrator of the book.
- *Aboard the Millennium Falcon, Rose Tico is now awake and able to write in her journal. She recounts the events since arriving at the Supremacy through the Battle of Crait and its immediate aftermath.*
(Resistance Fighter)
- *Aboard the Millennium Falcon in the aftermath of the Battle of Crait, Poe Dameron, Finn, and Rey share information about how they reached this point, beginning with how Poe was assigned to meet with Lor San Tekka (again) on Jakku and how he returned to the*

Resistance, where they soon learned that BB-8 was at Maz Kanata's castle on Takodana. In the cockpit, Leia Organa remembers Han Solo while flying with Chewbacca before turning over the seat to Nien Nunb. Leia comes in on the others telling their stories right as Poe is recounting the battle at the castle. Leia will want to talk to Poe about something soon, but she is going to rest now. As Finn goes to check on Rose, Poe and Rey realize that they were both tortured by Kylo Ren aboard the Finalizer, which makes them, as Poe puts it, "torture buddies." He then recounts how Kare Kun and Temmin "Snap" Wexley scouted out Starkiller Base prior to the battle to get detailed images for planning. Elsewhere on the Falcon, BB-8 and R2-D2 discuss the Battle of Starkiller Base, so that BB-8 can catch R2-D2 up on recent events. They are interrupted by C-3PO, who then assists Rey in translating a bit of one of the ancient Jedi texts she took from Ahch-To. Meanwhile, Poe check on Finn, who is checking on Rose. Poe then fills Finn in on what he missed while in a coma between the battle and waking up amid the D'Qar evacuation. As he finishes, C-3PO arrives with a message for Poe from the other members of Black Squadron, bearing bad news. (To be continued as more issues are released . . .)*

(The Awakening)*

*NOTE: This is the framing story for this arc. Otherwise, it is essentially an adaptation of TFA with new scenes that are listed in their relevant locations.

- Sometime in the era after the Battle of Starkiller Base, Maz Kanata spends time sitting around a fire speaking to an unknown party and telling tales of daring heroics by heroines like Rey, Sabine Wren, Leia Organa, and others. She refers to their deeds as making them "forces of destiny."*

(Forces of Destiny, Volume 1)*

*NOTE: We have no exact indication of when this takes place as a framing story for the *Forces of Destiny, Volume 1* cartoon (which merges eight episodes from the first season into a single production), but it must be at least after TLJ, since some of the stories Maz tells in the series are set during the events of TLJ.

- Maz Kanata continues telling stories of daring heroines, this time to flurrgs around a campfire.*

(Forces of Destiny, Volume 2)*

*NOTE: See note with *Forces of Destiny, Volume 1* summary segment immediately above.

- Maz Kanata continues telling stories of daring heroines, this time to the flurrg Roz in a storage area as she seeks an important item, which turns out to be a preserved fruit that Roz finds for her and then eats the moment she opens it.*

(Forces of Destiny, Volume 3)*

*NOTE: See note with *Forces of Destiny, Volume 1* summary segment immediately above.

- While working together to sell their cargo, Hondo Ohnaka and Maz Kanata travel aboard Maz's spacetug. He betrays her and locks her in a compartment so that he can sell their cargo himself.*

(conjecture based on *Forces of Destiny, Volume 4*)*

- Maz Kanata continues telling stories of daring heroines, this time seemingly to an imaginary companion with her aboard her own spacetug. She has been trapped in a compartment by Hondo Ohnaka, who double-crossed her aboard the ship. She works on some wires that turn off the force field keeping her in the room, but rather than just leaving, she hides in a container until Hondo enters to check it out, then leaps out of the container, runs out of the door, and manually reactivates the force field, shorting out the connection she made inside. Hondo is now the one trapped. Rather than screwing him on the deal, she sticks with their original 50/50 split. Doing the right thing isn't always easy, she says, continuing her narration. Hondo says, "Tell me about it," leading her to reveal that she was actually telling those stories to him this time, while he thought she was just having a conversation with herself.*

(Forces of Destiny, Volume 4)*

*NOTE: See note with *Forces of Destiny, Volume 1* summary segment immediately above.

- Maz Kanata tells stories of daring heroines."*

(Tales of Hope & Courage)*

*NOTE: This book has even less details in its framing story than *Daring Adventures* tends to, but see the note with *Daring Adventures, Vol. 1* anyway.

- Maz Kanata continues telling stories of daring heroines."*

(Daring Adventures, Vol. 1)*

*NOTE: We have no exact indication of when this takes place as a framing story for the *Forces of Destiny: Daring Adventures* books (and, in theory, the cartoon series itself), but it must be at least after TLJ, since some of the stories Maz tells in this cartoon and book series are set during the events of TLJ.

- Maz Kanata continues telling stories of daring heroines, this time to flurrgs."*

(Daring Adventures, Vol. 2)*

*NOTE: See note with *Daring Adventures*, Vol. 1 summary segment immediately above.

- *Maz Kanata tells stories about Rey's character and actions to another individual who shares some broth at her campfire.***

(The Rey Chronicles)*

*NOTE: I have placed this with the other framing stories for *Forces of Destiny*. Given that the latest story in this book would be set prior to Rey reaching Takodana in TFA, though, it could take place any time after their arrival on Takodana.

- *Maz Kanata tells stories about Leia Organa's character and actions to another individual who observes a river on Takodana with Maz.***

(The Leia Chronicles)*

*NOTE: I have placed this with the other framing stories for *Forces of Destiny*. Given that the latest story in this book would be set just after ROTJ, though, it could take place any time after *An Imperial Feast*, though the other stories in the series suggest a much later date like this.

- *Aboard the Star Herald in Wild Space, Emil Graf (grandson of Milo Graf) must put up with the frustrations of CR-84 and droid BB-00 over the antics of their Kowakian Lizard-Monkey, Noni. Noni seems to always think she can outsmart CR-8R. This reminds Emil of a story once told to him by his aunt, Lina Graf, about Obi-Wan Kenobi stopping a thief at Dexter Jettster's diner. The moral of the story, as he tells it, is that people aren't usually as clever as they think they are. CR-8R activates the sprinkler system and drives Noni down from where she had taken CR-8R's laser welder.**

(Stop, Thief!)

*NOTE: We have no indication of when this takes place, other than that it is while Milo Graf's grandson, Emil Graf, is still fairly young. Given that this is a framing story in a series that will include stories from as late as TLJ, I'm placing these framing stories here. Hopefully, we will eventually get more information to pin them down more specifically.

- *Aboard the Star Herald in Wild Space, Emil Graf interrupts and argument over how to fix the hyperdrive generator between CR-8R and BB-00. Emil tells them a story once told to him about the "flat mountain of Yavin," the tale of how Evaan Verlaine helped protect the Rebel Alliance as they evacuated from Yavin Base.**

(The Flat Mountain of Yavin)

*NOTE: We have no indication of when this takes place, other than that it is while Milo Graf's grandson, Emil Graf, is still fairly young.

- *Aboard the Star Herald in Wild Space, Emil Graf, BB-00, and CR-8R play Dejarik. When CR-8R complains about how BB-00 never wins, since droid programming is so predictable, Emil tells them the story of the time when K-2SO was left to babysit a group of Wookiee younglings.**

(Adventures in Wookiee-sitting)

*NOTE: We have no indication of when this takes place, other than that it is while Milo Graf's grandson, Emil Graf, is still fairly young.

- *Aboard the Star Herald in Wild Space, Emil Graf, BB-00, Noni, and CR-8R relax. When CR-8R seems to downplay the importance of stories, Emil uses a story of Mattis Banz as an example of how stories can inspire individuals to be heroic.**

(Mattis Makes a Stand)

*NOTE: We have no indication of when this takes place, other than that it is while Milo Graf's grandson, Emil Graf, is still fairly young.

- *Aboard the Star Herald in Wild Space, Emil Graf challenges CR-8R to name a creature cuter than Noni the Kowakian monkey-lizard. When the droid mentions Porgs, Emil asks for more information and is told all about them. He decides that he wants a Porg, but CR-8R believes one Noni-esque being aboard is enough.**

(The Best Pet)

*NOTE: We have no indication of when this takes place, other than that it is while Milo Graf's grandson, Emil Graf, is still fairly young.

- *Aboard the Star Herald in Wild Space, Emil Graf notices a new noise on the ship, which CR-8R reveals to be Noni stuck in the ventilation ducts from a botched attempt to steal foodcakes from the ship's kitchen. When CR-8R disagrees with BB-00's suggestion of cutting her free, he claims it is just one more thing they'd have to repair. This launches Emil into a story of young Anakin Skywalker as an example of how everyone finds themselves in a little trouble sometimes. They go ahead and have BB-00 cut Noni free.**

(Podracer's Rescue)

*NOTE: We have no indication of when this takes place, other than that it is while Milo Graf's grandson, Emil Graf, is still fairly young.

- *Aboard the Star Herald in Wild Space, Emil Graf tells CR-8R and Noni a story of Nien Nunb and Shriv Suurgav dealing with ship-eating islands. As a result, they make sure to scan the*

*planet they are approaching three different times, just to be safe.**

(Look Before You Leap)

*NOTE: We have no indication of when this takes place, other than that it is while Milo Graf's grandson, Emil Graf, is still fairly young.

- *Aboard the Star Herald in Wild Space, Noni steals CR-8R's hydrosponder, and Emil Graf suggests that sometimes beings can get attached, even love, mechanical objects. He shares the story of Jitt the Jawa and EG-30 the Gonk droid.**

(Gonk!)

*NOTE: We have no indication of when this takes place, other than that it is while Milo Graf's grandson, Emil Graf, is still fairly young.

- *On an unknown planet, Emil Graf works to get mynockes off of the Star Herald. As a lesson in the need to approach them slowly and methodically, CR-8R shares a story of when IG-88 captured the three members of the Gatto Gang for Black Sun.**

(IG-88 vs. the Gatto Gang)

*NOTE: We have no indication of when this takes place, other than that it is while Milo Graf's grandson, Emil Graf, is still fairly young.

- *Aboard the Star Herald in Wild Space, Emil Graf and CR-8R discuss the finer points of whether one should ever root for the "bad guys." Emil makes his point by talking about the time Lando Calrissian helped the son of his old flame, Clariah.**

(Family Affair)*

*NOTE: We have no indication of when this takes place, other than that it is while Milo Graf's grandson, Emil Graf, is still fairly young.

- *While at an outpost, Emil Graf, BB-00, and CR-8R meet with Neesha Tor, who shares a story of when she met Mace Windu, who taught her to value herself.**

(A Small Push)*

*NOTE: We have no indication of when this takes place, other than that it is while Milo Graf's grandson, Emil Graf, is still fairly young. Neesha looks far too young to have met Mace during or before the Clone Wars, but given that some of Emil's stories are of characters like Rose around the time of TLJ, that must put the story in this era. Perhaps Twi'leks just age well.

Rose Tico: Resistance Fighter [continued] (book: Jason Fry)

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Poe Dameron [continued] (comic series: Charles Soule & Chris Eliopoulos & Robert Thompson)

The Awakening (comic series: Charles Soule)

The Awakening, Part I [continued] (comic: Charles Soule)

The Awakening, Part II [continued] (comic: Charles Soule)

The Awakening, Part III [continued] (comic: Charles Soule)

The Awakening, Part IV [continued] (comic: Charles Soule)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (cartoon series: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)

Forces of Destiny, Volume 1 [continued] (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

Forces of Destiny, Volume 2 [continued] (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

Forces of Destiny, Volume 3 [continued] (cartoon: Jennifer Muro)

Forces of Destiny, Volume 4 [continued] (cartoon: Jennifer Muro & Nicole Dubuc)

Forces of Destiny [continued] (youth novel series: Emma Carlson Berne & Elizabeth Schaefer)

Tales of Hope & Courage [continued] (youth novel: Elizabeth Schaefer)

Daring Adventures, Vol. 1 [continued] (youth novel: Emma Carlson Berne)

Daring Adventures, Vol. 2 [continued] (youth novel: Emma Carlson Berne)

The Rey Chronicles [continued] (youth novel: Emma Carlson Berne)

The Leia Chronicles [continued] (youth novel: Emma Carlson Berne)

Star Wars Adventures [continued] (comic series: Landry Q. Walker & Cavan Scott & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Alan Tudyk & Shannon Eric Denton & Scott Beatty & Ben Acker & Ben Blacker & Delilah S. Dawson & Shaun Manning & Sholly Fisch & Paul Crilley & John Barber & Nick Brokenshire & Scott Peterson & John Jackson Miller)

Star Wars Adventures [continued] (comic series: Cavan Scott & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Alan Tudyk & Shannon Eric Denton & Scott Beatty & Ben Acker & Ben Blacker & Delilah S. Dawson & Shaun Manning & Sholly Fisch & Paul Crilley & Otis Frampton & John Barber & Nick Brokenshire & Scott Peterson & John Jackson Miller)

Tales from Wild Space [continued] (comic series: Cavan Scott & Alan Tudyk & Shannon Eric Denton & Ben Acker & Ben Blacker & Delilah S. Dawson & Shaun Manning & Paul Crilley & Otis Frampton & Nick Brokenshire & Elsa Charretier & Pierrick Colinet & Scott Peterson)

Stop, Thief! [continued] (comic: Cavan Scott)
 The Flat Mountain of Yavin [continued] (comic: Cavan Scott)
 Adventures in Wookiee-sitting [continued] (comic: Alan Tudyk & Shannon Eric Denton)
 Mattis Makes a Stand [continued] (comic: Ben Acker & Ben Blacker)
 The Best Pet [continued] (comic: Delilah S. Dawson)
 Podracer's Rescue [continued] (comic: Shaun Manning)
 Look Before You Leap [continued] (comic: Paul Crilley)
 Gonk! [continued] (comic: Otis Frampton)
 IG-88 vs. the Gatto Gang [continued] (comic: Nick Brokenshire)
 Family Affair [continued] (comic series: Paul Crilley)
 Family Affair, Part I [continued] (comic: Paul Crilley)
 Family Affair, Part II [continued] (comic: Paul Crilley)
 A Small Push [continued] (comic: Scott Peterson)

34 - 49 ABY

- *The Xidelphiad artist Sannab Ro, in chrysalis on Level 5121 on Coruscant since at least the era of the Battle of Starkiller Base, should emerge as a male, assuming all goes as planned. (conjecture based on Star Wars Propaganda)*

34 - 40 ABY

The Sequel Trilogy [continued] (movie trilogy: Michael Arndt & Lawrence Kasdan & J.J. Abrams & Rian Johnson)

Episode IX (movie: J.J. Abrams & Chris Terrio) [forthcoming]

39 ABY

- *Assuming that Big Sturg Ganna keeps his word to Lexo Sooger, this is when his sponsorship of Lexo's daughter Lula's fathier riding courses will end.* (conjecture based on Hear Nothing, See Nothing, Say Nothing)**

*NOTE: He agreed to sponsor her for five years in 34 ABY.

40+ ABY

- *Far enough in the future for the events around the Battle of Yavin to be "a long time ago," a pair of Whill writers in a galaxy far, far away argue over how best to begin a retelling of the story of this galaxy. The primary writer that has been asked to begin the project settles on beginning with the capture of the Tantive IV by the Devastator, rather than going back to tell the story of the fall of the Republic and the Clone Wars. As a concession, the writer agrees to label the tale of the Battle of Yavin and its incipient events as the fourth episode of the written history.**

(Whills)*

*NOTE: Of course, this could be comedic only, not intended to even remotely affect Story Group Canon (as in the case of *Far Too Remote*, Jeffrey Brown's single-panel cartoon in *From a Certain Point of View*), but it was just too amusing not to at least try to include it.

Whills (FACPOV short story: Tom Angleberger)

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SECTION II

END NOTES

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ABOUT THE CREATOR**Nathan P. Butler (1997 – 2018)**

The author of *The Star Wars Timeline Gold* is 38-year-old Nathan P. Butler, formerly of Evansville, IN, USA. He was born the exact day that the U.S. Department of Education was founded and the 198th anniversary of the British surrender in the Battle of Yorktown that ended the American Revolution. Nathan graduated from the University of Evansville in May 2002 with a B.S. in Secondary Social Studies Education and later earned an M.S. in Education (with a specialization in Integrating Technology in the Classroom) from Walden University in 2009. He currently resides in the Atlanta area with his wife, Jodi and pets. Their first child, Cade, is due less than a month after this final *Star Wars Timeline Project* release.

For over a decade, he taught at Creekside HS and now teaches middle and high school Social Studies courses online full-time for Fulton Virtual School as their Lead Social Studies Teacher. He is also the school system's Lead Virtual Coach for its Teacher Induction Program and a Learning Architect for American Government (in cooperation with Marzano Labs).

Butler is also an author. His most recent solo work is the non-fiction, unofficial *Star Wars* collecting guide (and historical work) *A Saga on Home Video: A Fan's Guide to U.S. Star Wars Home Video Releases*. His first professional work was for an issue of Dark Horse Comics' *Star Wars Tales*. He later wrote two of Grail Quest Books' *WARS: The Battle of Phobos* novellas, essays in all three of Sequart's *Star Wars* essay collections, and an original sci-fi "time travel and telepaths" novel called *Greater Good*. He has also written articles for *Movie Magic* magazine, *The Star Wars Super Collector's Wish Book, 4th Edition*, and Sequart's *Cyberpunk Nexus: Exploring the Blade Runner Universe*, along with assisting on *Star Wars: The Essential Atlas* and contributing to the *Legends* saga via *What's the Story?*

Like many in his generation, Butler has grown up with the *Star Wars* saga. In his constant need to be doing *something* and his rather studious tendencies, he turned a growing list of *Star Wars* stories first jotted down in 1996 into the first edition of *The Star Wars Timeline* with a public release of *Version 1.0* in 1997. Over the years, it took on a life of its own, celebrating its landmark 20th Anniversary in October 2017, with Butler having worked on the project for over two decades, over half his lifetime (as of its 18th anniversary in 2015).

His love of intelligent *Star Wars* discussion and storytelling also led him to become one of the earliest generation of *Star Wars* podcasters (with the third English-language *Star Wars* "internet radio show," *ChronoRadio*, in 2002) and fan audio drama producers (with the world's first serious *Star Wars* fan audio drama released online, *Second Strike*, also in 2002). In the years since, he has continued to contribute to the genre in various podcasts (as of this final timeline edition, he can be heard on *Star Wars Beyond the Films* and *Cloud City Casino*), while operating a hub site for *Star Wars* fan audio at *StarWarsFanworks.com* (a mission for which he wholeheartedly handed the baton to Joe Harrison with the launch of Harrison's *StarkillerSound.com*).

In recent years, Butler has taken his love of *Star Wars* to *YouTube* with series like *From the Star Wars Home Video Library*, *Star Wars* video game livestreaming, and a *Star Wars* vlog entitled *The Voice of Reason (or Lack Thereof)*.

Star Wars, you could say, is as inescapable for Nathan as the field of education, and he wouldn't change either one.

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CLOSING MESSAGE

I hope document has been of use to you as we dive further into this new era of *Star Wars* storytelling. A new continuity means uncharted waters, but this saga, built upon familiar foundations, continues to grow and evolve. Thank you for joining me for the ride.

--Nathan P. Butler