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# THE HEALING FORCE

*Before being pulled into the fight against the evil Scourge, Luke Skywalker was continuing his Jedi training, seeking out the secrets of the kyber crystals on the planet Christophsis.*

*With the help of his friend Greta and her Auntie Fee, Luke was able to enter into the red crystal again, returning to the hidden fortress in the blood-red sea that he had briefly glimpsed before.*

*Luke had been attempting to heal the injuries and sorrow that turned the crystal to its ominous crimson shine, but now he has encountered a power determined to offer him some pain of its own. . . .*

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YOU WILL  
NEVER FORGET  
THIS MOMENT,  
*JEDI.*



NO ONE  
LEAVES THEIR PAIN  
BEHIND.





THE EASY  
MOMENTS IN  
OUR LIVES BLEND  
TOGETHER INTO A MUSHY,  
UNMEMORABLE *PABULUM*.  
OUR TIME WITHOUT  
STRUGGLE MEANS  
*NOTHING* IN  
THE END.

BUT OUR  
*INJURIES*, OUR  
*AGONIES*...THOSE  
WE REMEMBER.

THEY  
MAKE US WHO  
WE ARE.



WE  
BEGIN TO  
LEARN...

...FROM OUR  
VERY EARLIEST  
DAYS.

EEEEEE!



I CAME  
HERE TO *HELP*  
YOU.

THIS WHOLE  
PLACE ONLY *EXISTS*  
BECAUSE SOME VERSION  
OF YOU WAS SO *BADLY* HURT.  
YOU'RE AN *ECHO* OF THAT. I'VE  
SEEN IT BEFORE. YOU LIVE  
IN YOUR OWN *WORST*  
MOMENTS.

DON'T  
YOU WANT IT TO  
*STOP*?

*STOP*?

PAIN *NEVER*  
STOPS. IT IS OUR  
*HISTORY*.

WE ARE  
BOOKS WRITTEN  
IN *BLOOD-RED*  
INK.



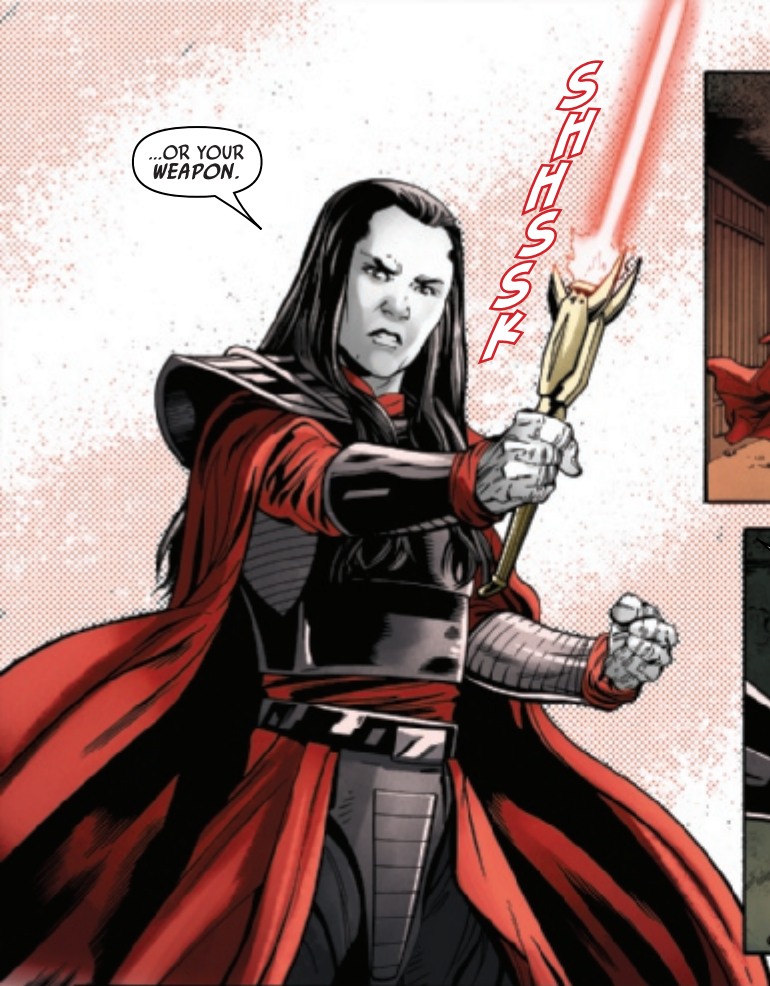
YOUR  
HAND WAS  
SEVERED.

IT WILL  
*ALWAYS* BE  
SEVERED.



THAT LOSS  
CAN BE YOUR  
*PRISON*...





...OR YOUR WEAPON.



EVERY INJURY I HAVE EVER SUSTAINED SERVES AS A SPUR TO BECOME STRONG ENOUGH TO ENSURE I CAN NEVER BE HURT AGAIN.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

WHY...ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS?



WHAT IS YOUR NAME, JEDI?

LUKE SKYWALKER.



IT'S THE SAME AS IT WAS THE LAST TIME YOU CAME TO SEE ME, SKYWALKER.

THIS PLACE IS WHAT IT NEEDS TO BE, BUT I CAN IMAGINE A VERSION THAT IS EVEN **BETTER**. YOUR PAIN AND MINE TOGETHER...COULD CREATE THAT.

YOU JUST NEED TO **SEE** IT. YOU JUST NEED MORE **HURT**.



I'M SURE WE'LL GET THERE.

WE HAVE ALL THE TIME WE NEED.



