

THE TRIAL OF **LANDO CALRISSIAN**

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## THE TRIAL OF LANDO CALRISSIAN, PART 1: **OPENING ARGUMENTS**

*After Lobot's neural implants began to fail him, Lando took his unwell friend to Jabba the Hutt's palace, where the Talky droid who once helped them resides.*

*In order to assure the droid's cooperation in helping his friend, Lando was forced to reveal to his fellow rebels every painful detail of his dealings with Jabba the Hutt, including selling sensitive secrets of the Rebel Alliance.*

*Lobot was saved, but now Lando has to face the consequences of his actions. . . .*

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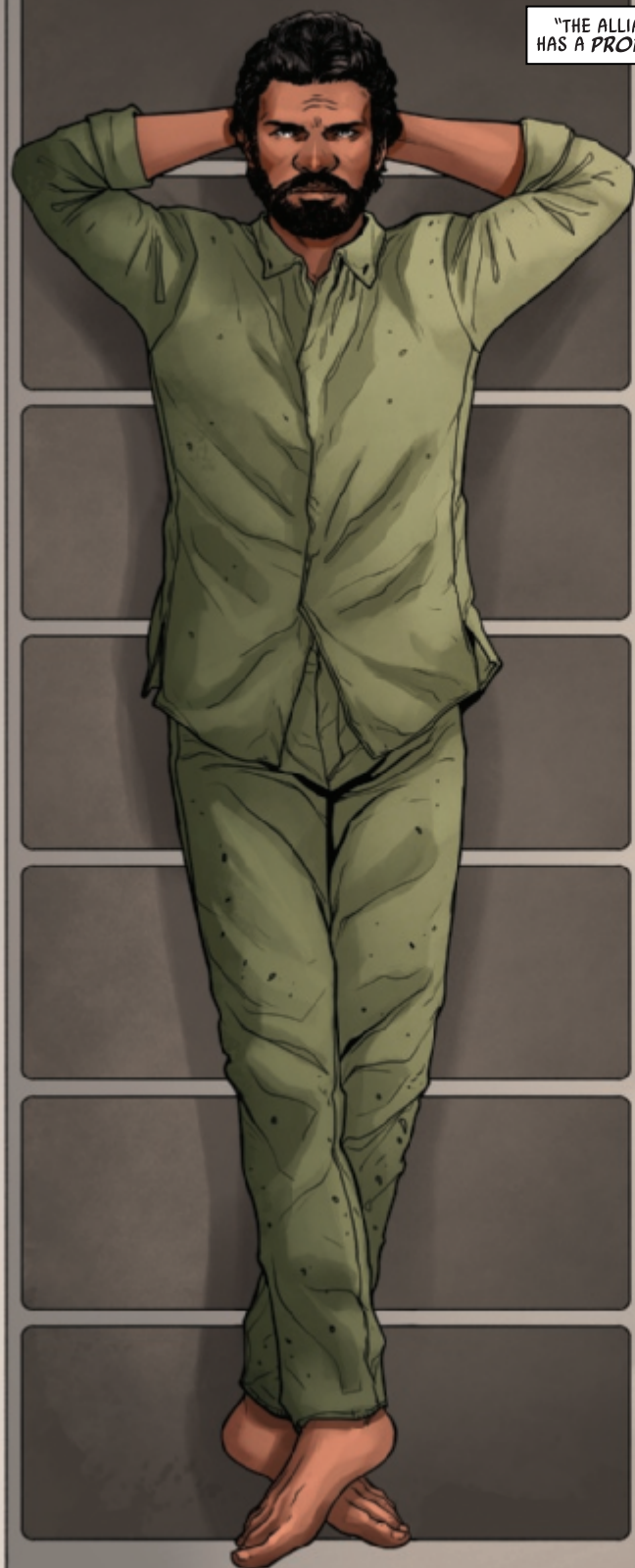
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Aboard the Rebel fleet  
flagship, *Home One*.

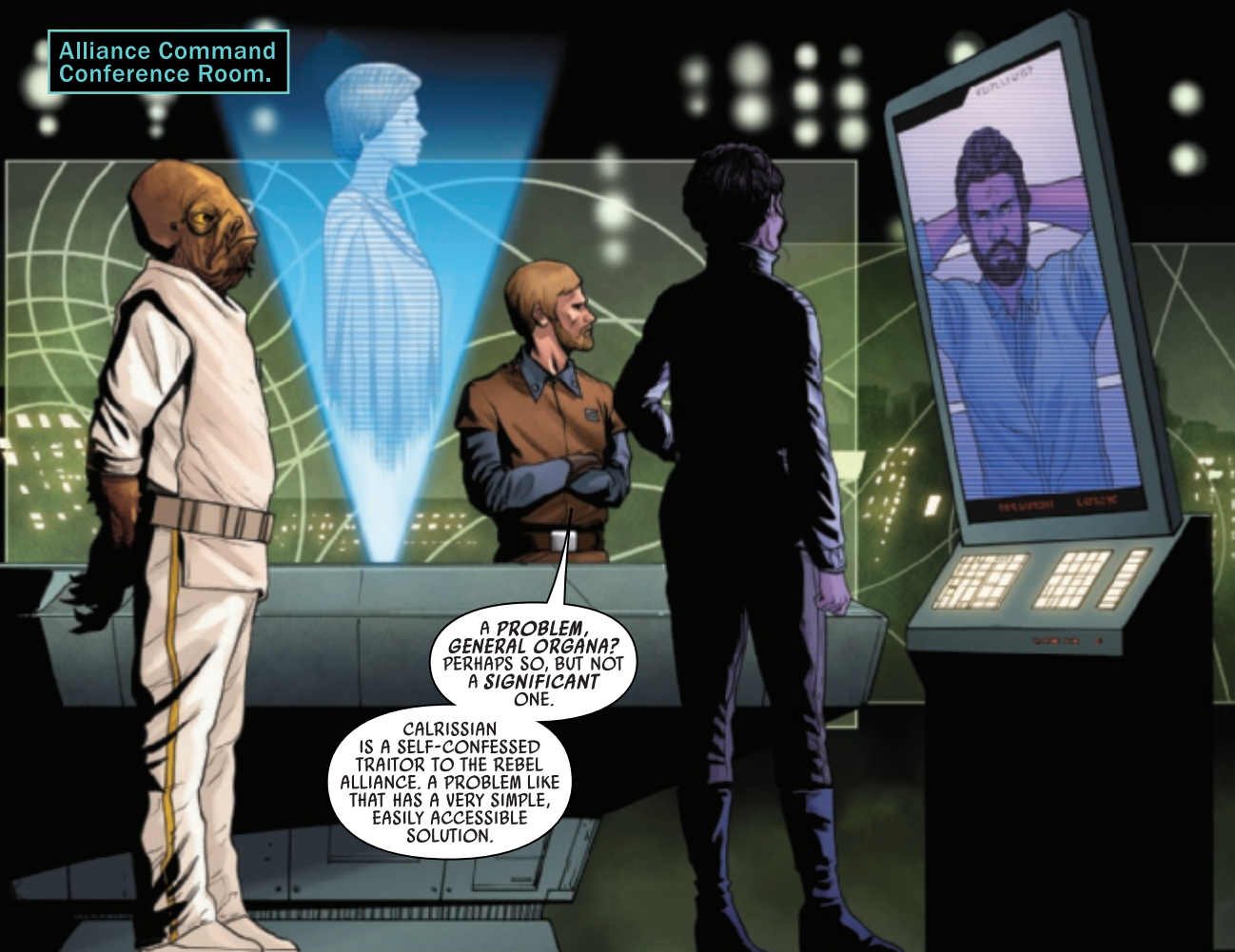


"THE ALLIANCE  
HAS A *PROBLEM*."



THAT PROBLEM'S  
NAME IS *LANDO*  
*CALRISSIAN*.

Alliance Command  
Conference Room.



A PROBLEM,  
GENERAL ORGANA?  
PERHAPS SO, BUT NOT  
A SIGNIFICANT  
ONE.

CALRISSIAN  
IS A SELF-CONFESED  
TRAITOR TO THE REBEL  
ALLIANCE. A PROBLEM LIKE  
THAT HAS A VERY SIMPLE,  
EASILY ACCESSIBLE  
SOLUTION.



AN AIR  
LOCK.



I AGREE  
WITH GENERAL  
MADINE, AT LEAST  
IN PRINCIPLE.

MUTINY, DESERTION,  
INSUBORDINATION,  
TREASON...THE MILITARY  
HAS ALWAYS CONSIDERED  
THESE **CAPITAL CRIMES**, AND  
THE REBEL ALLIANCE IS A  
MILITARY ORGANIZATION.



YES, ADMIRAL ACKBAR...BUT NOT JUST  
A MILITARY ORGANIZATION.

WE ARE A  
**VOLUNTEER  
MILITIA**, WHICH  
MEANS THE  
MAJORITY OF  
OUR FIGHTERS DO  
NOT CONSIDER  
THEMSELVES  
MILITARY. THEY  
FIGHT FOR A  
CAUSE, NOT  
A FLAG.

FOR  
HOPE.





I KNOW I USE THAT WORD ALL THE TIME, PERHAPS TOO MUCH, BUT HOPE IS THE FUEL FOR THE REBELLION'S ENGINE.

WE COULD HAVE CHOSEN ANGER OR FEAR, BUT THOSE ARE THE TOOLS OF THE EMPIRE. NO. IT HAS TO BE **HOPE**, AND IT ALWAYS WILL BE.

RESPECTFULLY, GENERAL, HOW DOES ANY OF THAT RELATE TO CALRISSIAN'S BETRAYAL?



IF I MAY...LEIA'S POINT IS THAT WE MUST ALWAYS BE CONSCIOUS OF MORALE AND MOTIVATION IN A WAY A TYPICAL MILITARY MIGHT NOT.

TELLING OUR PEOPLE THAT A TRAITOR HAS BEEN LURKING IN OUR MIDST WILL GENERATE A...COMPLICATED RESPONSE.

AND THIS ISN'T JUST ANY TRAITOR. IT'S **LANDO CALRISSIAN**.



FOR BETTER OR WORSE, LANDO IS A **REBEL HERO**. THE **MILLENNIUM FALCON**'S MISSION TO CORUSCANT ALONE WOULD HAVE ENSURED THAT, BUT THERE'S SO MUCH MORE.

HE WAS PART OF THE CREW THAT DISCOVERED THE KEZARAT CONVOY AND REFUELED OUR FLEET. HE HELPED THE **PATHFINDERS** FIND THE DROID THAT GAVE US THE TRAWAK CODE. AND SO ON.

BUT MORE THAN EVEN ALL OF THAT...



...LANDO IS **POPULAR**. PEOPLE LIKE HIM. THEY LIKE HAVING DRINKS WITH HIM DOWN AT THE AFTERBURNER. THEY LIKE HEARING HIS STORIES.

HE **MEANS** SOMETHING TO PEOPLE.

SO?

SO, ADMIRAL ACKBAR, TELLING THE PEOPLE OF THE ALLIANCE THAT THEIR BELOVED LANDO SOLD US OUT AND NOW WE'RE TOSSING HIM OUT AN AIR LOCK...

...PARTICULARLY AS THE DANGERS WE FACE FROM THE EMPIRE ESCALATE...



...COULD HAVE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES.



SURELY YOU ARE NOT SUGGESTING WE *IGNORE* CALRISSIAN'S ACTIONS? JUST...LET HIM CONTINUE TO SERVE AS AN ALLIANCE SOLDIER? AN *OUTRAGEOUS* IDEA!

NO, ADMIRAL. LANDO WILL FACE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR HIS ACTIONS.

BUT FIRST, HE WILL BE TRIED.

A SEALED TRIBUNAL, SUBJECT TO MILITARY JUSTICE, WITH YOU, GENERAL MADINE AND MYSELF SITTING IN JUDGMENT.

LANDO WILL BE AFFORDED ALL RIGHTS DUE TO HIM UNDER THE RELEVANT LEGAL CODES. IT WILL BE DONE BY *THE BOOK*...BUT IN SECRET.

HIS SENTENCE WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS WE DEEM FIT, BUT ALSO NOT IN PUBLIC, SO AS TO AVOID ISSUES OF MORALE.

I DON'T SEE WHY WE HAVE TO JUMP THROUGH ALL THESE HOOPS. THE MAN *CONFESSED*.

LOOK AT IT FROM ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE, GENERAL.

ONCE WE WIN THIS WAR...AND WE WILL... QUESTIONS WILL BEGIN TO ARISE AS TO WHETHER WE ARE FIT TO GOVERN THE NEW GALACTIC REPUBLIC.

CHOICES LIKE THIS--OFFERING DUE PROCESS EVEN TO A SELF-AVOWED TRAITOR--WILL BE MOMENTS WE CAN POINT TO SUGGESTING WE CAN.

WE MUST ACT IN A WAY THE EMPIRE WOULD NOT.

I SEE THE LOGIC, BUT I DON'T LIKE IT.

AGREED. THIS IS *UGLY BUSINESS*. SECOND-GUESSING OURSELVES, TYING OURSELVES INTO PHILOSOPHICAL KNOTS...

...BECOMING DISTRACTED BY *POLITICAL* CONSIDERATIONS WHEN WE ARE ABOUT TO FACE THE GREATEST BATTLE OF THE WAR.

IT SEEMS LIKE AN EXTRAORDINARY AMOUNT OF EFFORT...



"...FOR SOMEONE  
WHO SOLD US OUT  
TO SETTLE A DEBT."

WHY'D YOU  
DO IT, LANDO?  
I JUST DON'T  
GET IT.

YES YOU  
DO, LOBOT.  
YOU JUST DON'T  
WANT TO LOOK  
IT IN THE  
EYE.

YOU WERE  
GOING TO DIE, AND  
THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE  
YOU AND GIVE YOU YOUR  
*VOICE* AND EMOTIONS  
BACK WAS TO CONFESS  
TO EVERYTHING  
I'D DONE.

A LONG  
TIME AGO, YOU  
SAVED MY LIFE, AND  
IT COST YOU JUST  
ABOUT EVERYTHING  
YOU WERE.

IT WAS  
TIME TO SQUARE  
THAT UP.

PRETTY  
HEAVY STUFF,  
HUH?

NOW YOU  
KNOW HOW I'VE  
FELT ALL THESE  
YEARS.