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**SOLDIERS
OF THE
SCHISM**



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SOLDIERS FOR THE SCHISM

Sly Moore's Schism Imperial, a covert group of Imperials determined to overthrow the Emperor, has continued to grow. Darth Vader has now joined the ranks, returning to an Outer Rim planet where Kitster's team continued to assist the Rebel Alliance with the Death Machine confiscated from Governor Tauntaza.

All the while, the M.A.R. Corps, a team of machine-augmented rebels, has been brought under the control of Darth Vader, to be used for his dark purposes....

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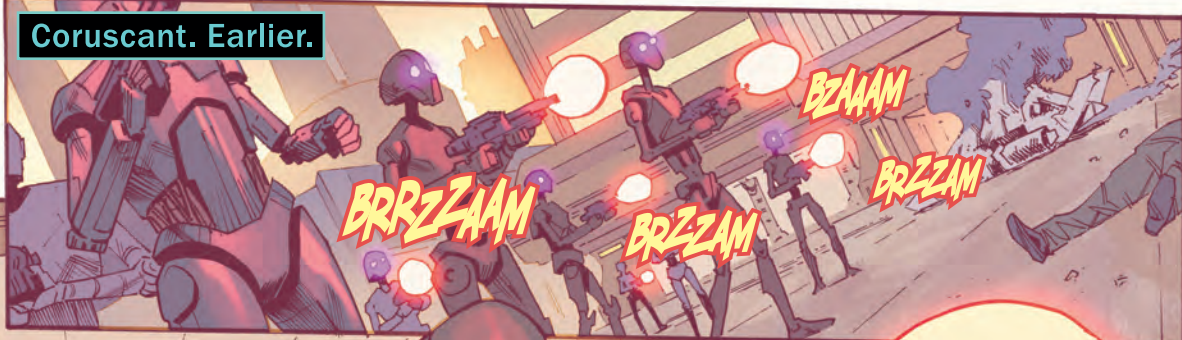
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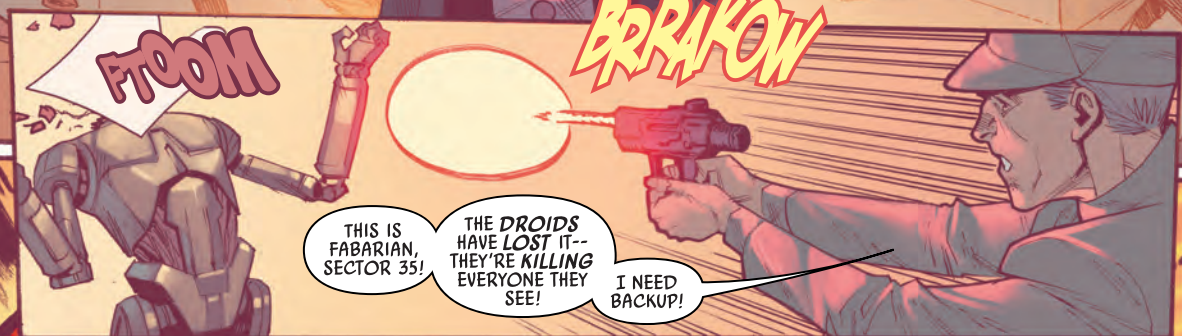
Coruscant. Earlier.



AAAAAH!

BRRZAKKT

EVERYONE, GET INSIDE, NOW!



THIS IS FABARIAN, SECTOR 35!

THE DROIDS HAVE LOST IT-- THEY'RE KILLING EVERYONE THEY SEE!

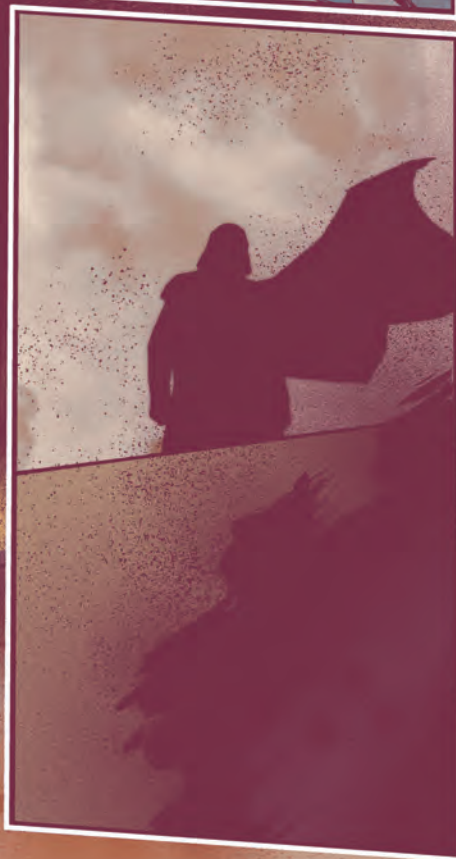
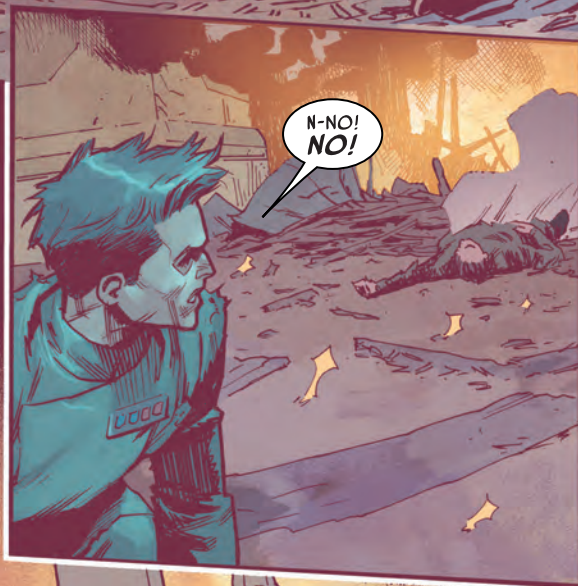
I NEED BACKUP!

PROTOCOL 23: ACTIVATED.

IMPERIAL TROOPS: EVACUATE.

WHA--? NO! YOU CAN'T--

GAAH!





"...I'VE COME TO REPORT TO LORD VADER."

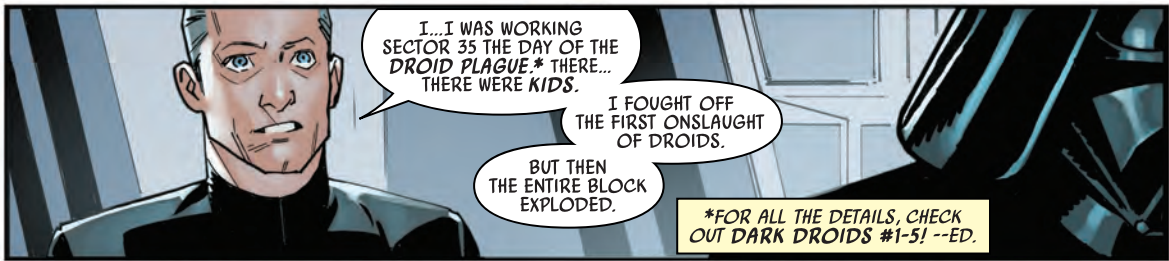
YOU SEEM...
DISTURBED,
FABARIAN.

I--I'M FINE,
ADMINISTRATOR
MOORE.

YOU ARE
A MEMBER OF
THE **SCHISM**
IMPERIAL.

A **TRAITOR**
AND A **LIAR.**

BUT DO
NOT DARE
LIE TO LORD
VADER.

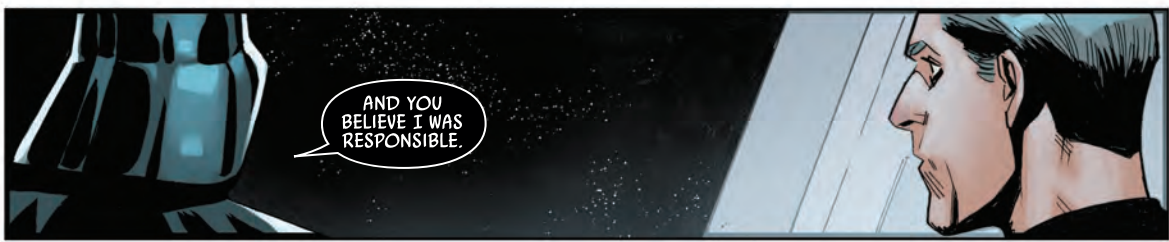


I... I WAS WORKING
SECTOR 35 THE DAY OF THE
DROID PLAGUE* THERE...
THERE WERE KIDS.

I FOUGHT OFF
THE FIRST ONSLAUGHT
OF DROIDS.

BUT THEN
THE ENTIRE BLOCK
EXPLODED.

**FOR ALL THE DETAILS, CHECK
OUT DARK DROIDS #1-5! --ED.*



AND YOU
BELIEVE I WAS
RESPONSIBLE.



N-NO. I FOUND OUT
LATER THE DESTRUCTION
WAS ORDERED BY
MAS AMEDDA.
PROTOCOL 23.

I KNOW
THE **EMPEROR**
GAVE THE
COMMAND.

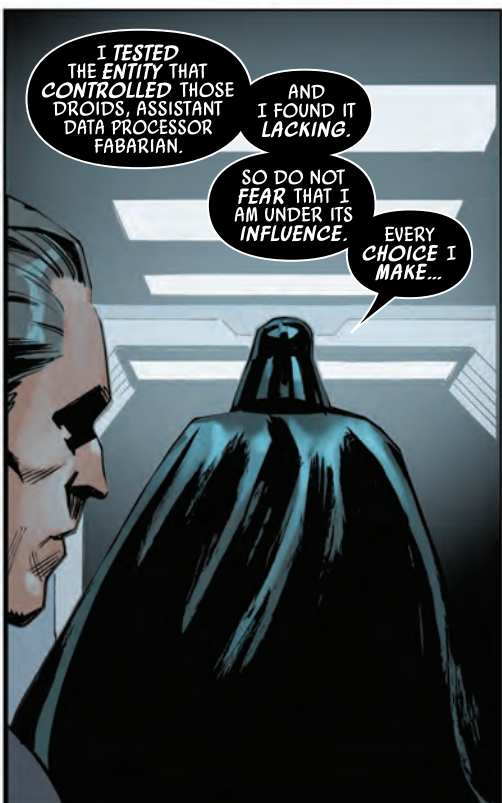
BUT?



BUT I HEARD
THAT WHATEVER
CONTROLLED THOSE
DROIDS...

...HAD
INFECTED
YOU.

SO YOU
FEAR WHAT
I MIGHT
DO?

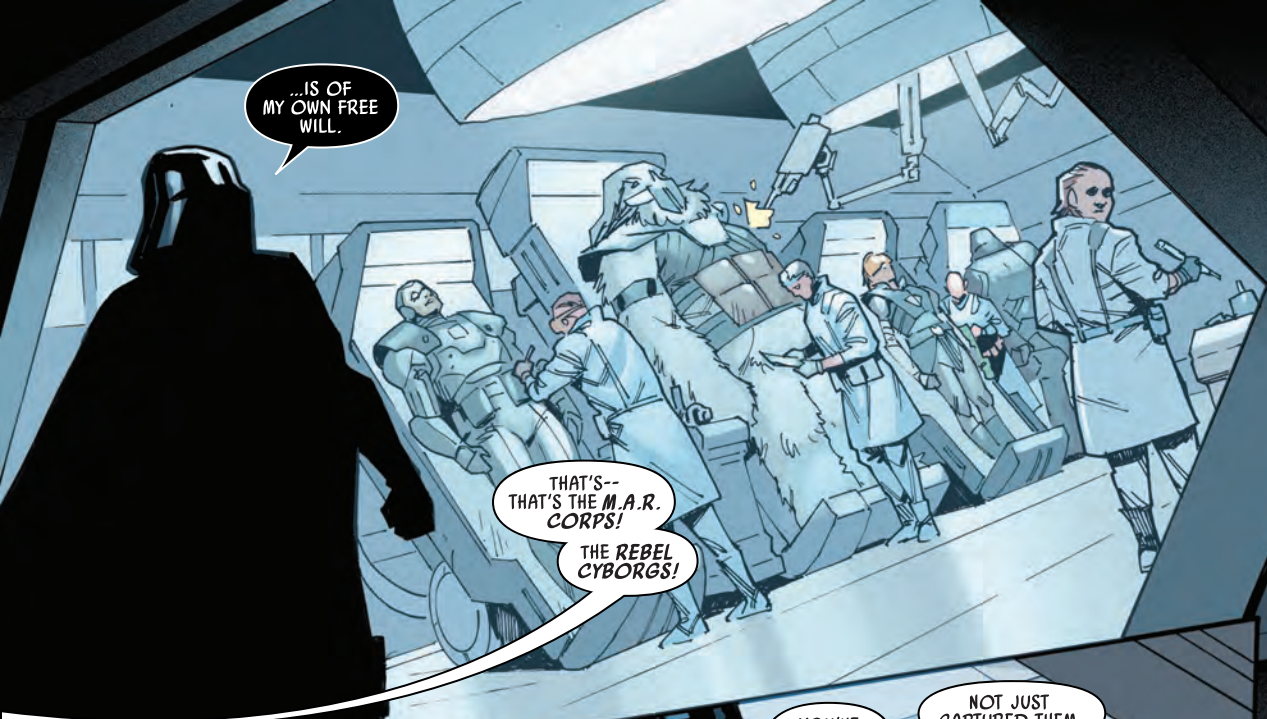


I TESTED
THE ENTITY THAT
CONTROLLED THOSE
DROIDS, ASSISTANT
DATA PROCESSOR
FABARIAN.

AND
I FOUND IT
LACKING.

SO DO NOT
FEAR THAT I
AM UNDER ITS
INFLUENCE.

EVERY
CHOICE I
MAKE...



...IS OF
MY OWN FREE
WILL.

THAT'S--
THAT'S THE **M.A.R.
CORPS!**

THE **REBEL
CYBORGS!**

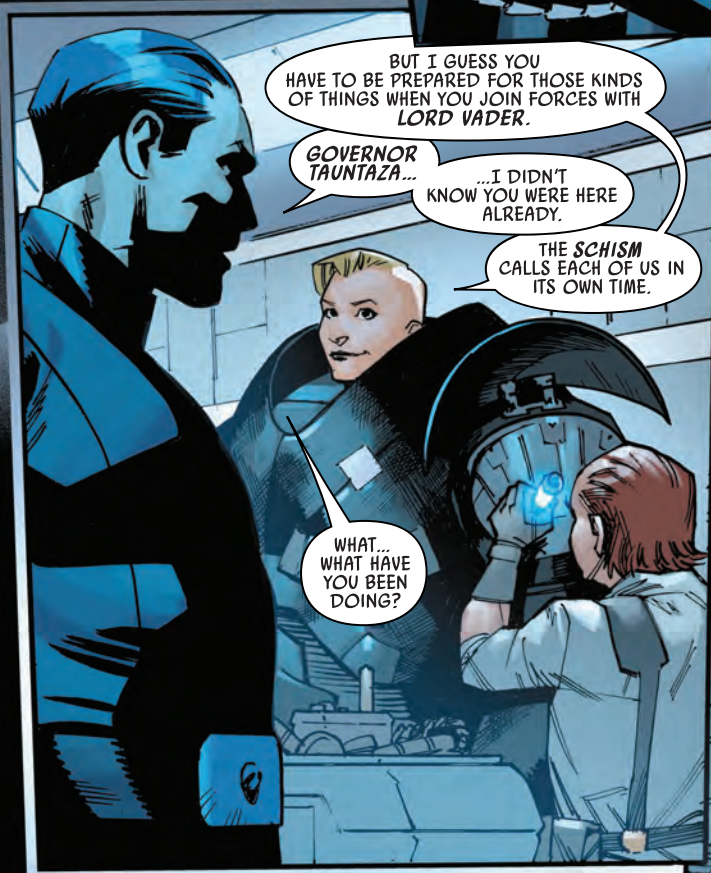


YOU'VE
CAPTURED
THEM?

NOT JUST
CAPTURED THEM.

HE UPGRADED
THEM WITH **IMPERIAL
PROCESSORS**. THEIR **ORIGINAL
CONSCIOUSNESSES** ARE STILL
INSIDE THEIR **ORGANIC BRAINS**,
BUT **DROID BRAINS** CONTROL
THEIR BODIES.

LITTLE
UNSETTLING,
ISN'T IT?



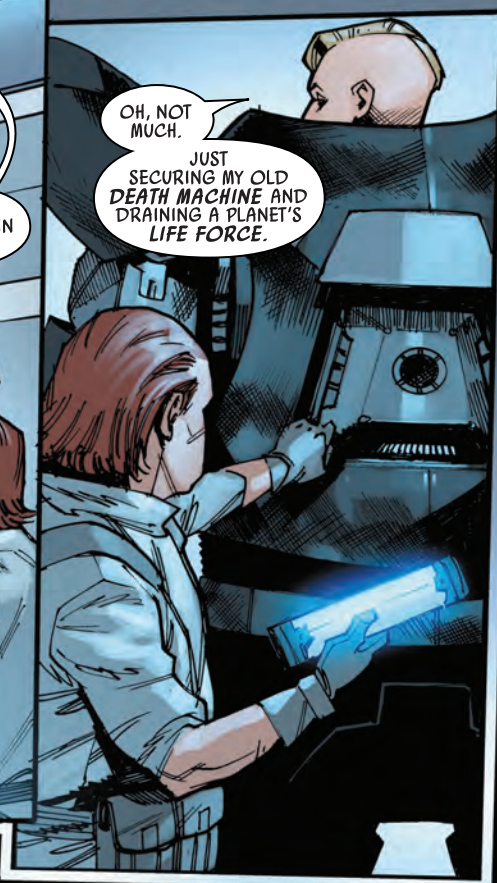
BUT I GUESS YOU
HAVE TO BE PREPARED FOR THOSE KINDS
OF THINGS WHEN YOU JOIN FORCES WITH
LORD VADER.

**GOVERNOR
TAUNTAZA...**

...I DIDN'T
KNOW YOU WERE HERE
ALREADY.

THE **SCHISM**
CALLS EACH OF US IN
ITS OWN TIME.

WHAT...
WHAT HAVE
YOU BEEN
DOING?



OH, NOT
MUCH.

JUST
SECURING MY OLD
DEATH MACHINE AND
DRAINING A PLANET'S
LIFE FORCE.

