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DAWN OF THE JEDI

FORCE STORM

PART ONE (OF FIVE)

THE JE'DAI OATH

THERE IS NO IGNORANCE; THERE IS KNOWLEDGE.

THERE IS NO FEAR; THERE IS POWER.

I AM THE HEART OF THE FORCE.

I AM THE REVEALING FIRE OF LIGHT.

I AM THE MYSTERY OF DARKNESS.

IN BALANCE WITH CHAOS AND HARMONY.

IMMORTAL IN THE FORCE.

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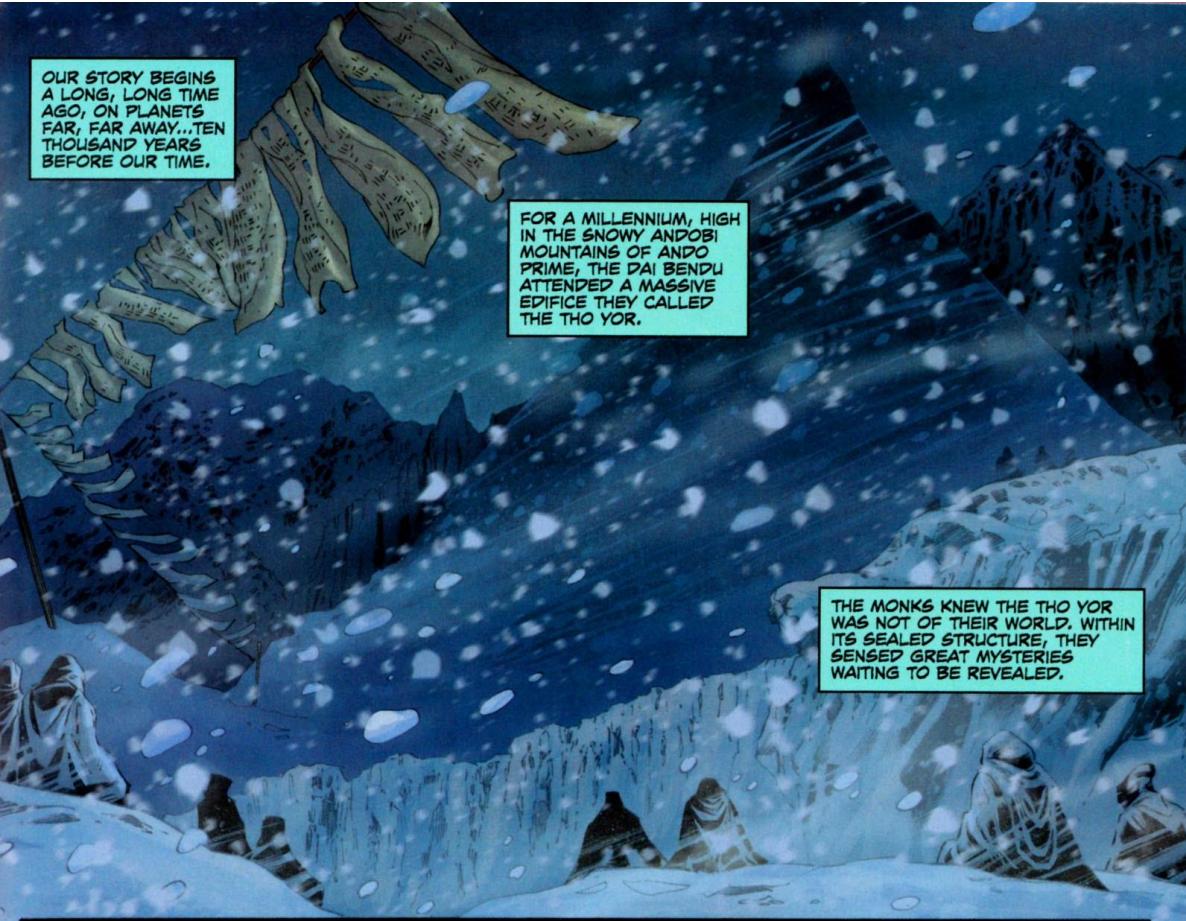


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OUR STORY BEGINS
A LONG, LONG TIME
AGO, ON PLANETS
FAR, FAR AWAY...TEN
THOUSAND YEARS
BEFORE OUR TIME.

FOR A MILLENNIUM, HIGH
IN THE SNOWY ANDOBI
MOUNTAINS OF ANDO
PRIME, THE DAI BENDU
ATTENDED A MASSIVE
EDIFICE THEY CALLED
THE THO YOR.

THE MONKS KNEW THE THO YOR
WAS NOT OF THEIR WORLD. WITHIN
ITS SEALED STRUCTURE, THEY
SENSED GREAT MYSTERIES
WAITING TO BE REVEALED.



AND SO THE DAI BENDU
WAITED. THEY CONTEMPLATED
AND MEDITATED AND LISTENED
WITH THEIR MINDS AND HEARTS,
AS WELL AS THEIR SENSES.



ONE DAY, THE THO YOR
SPOKE TO THEM.

GRA'PA! DO
YOU HEAR?

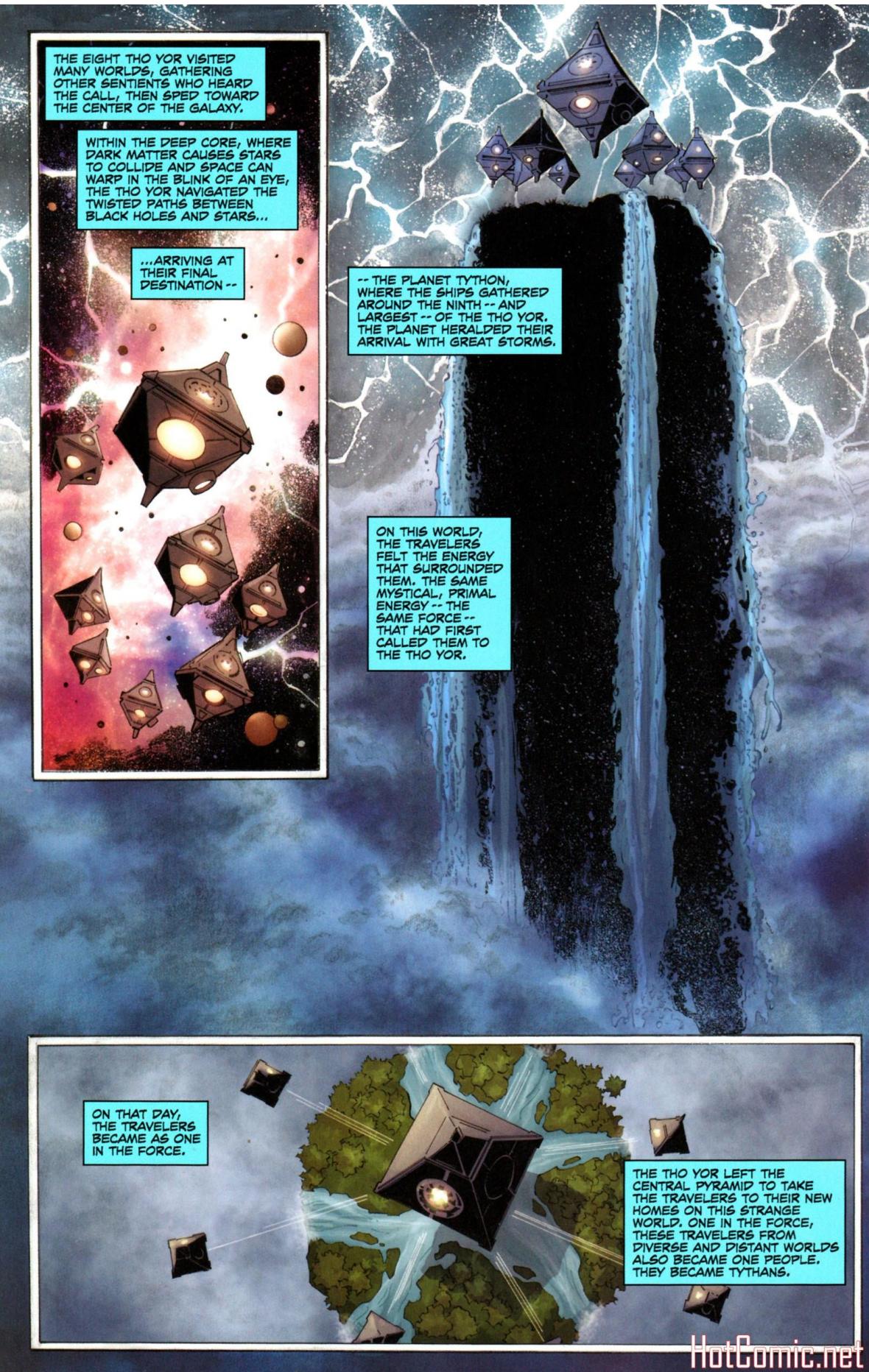
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THE THO YOR
CALLS US.

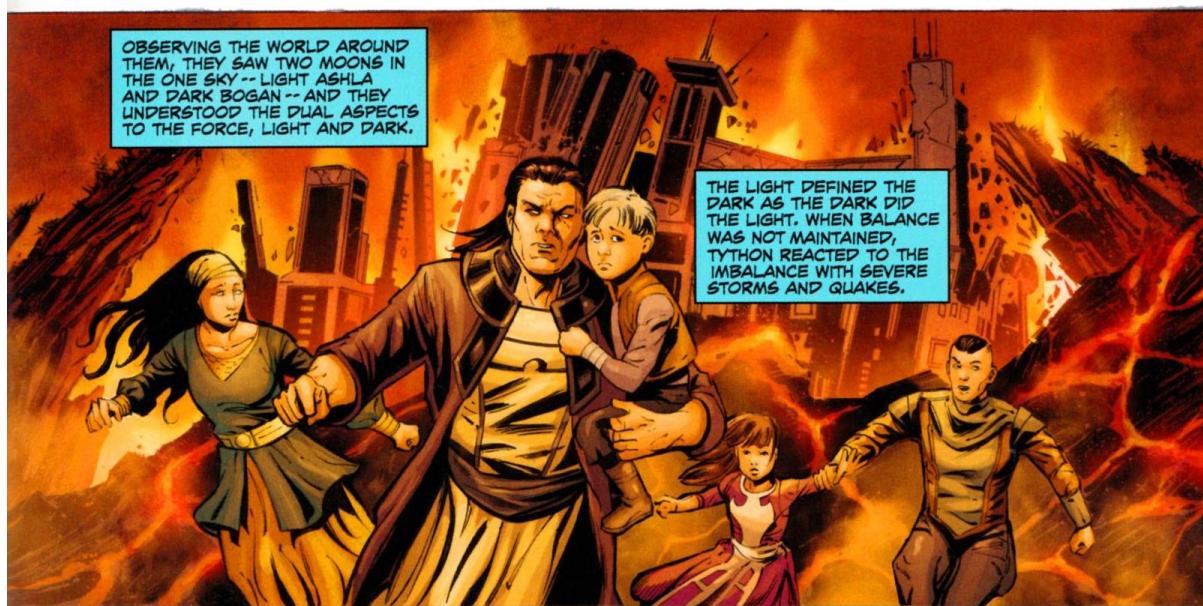


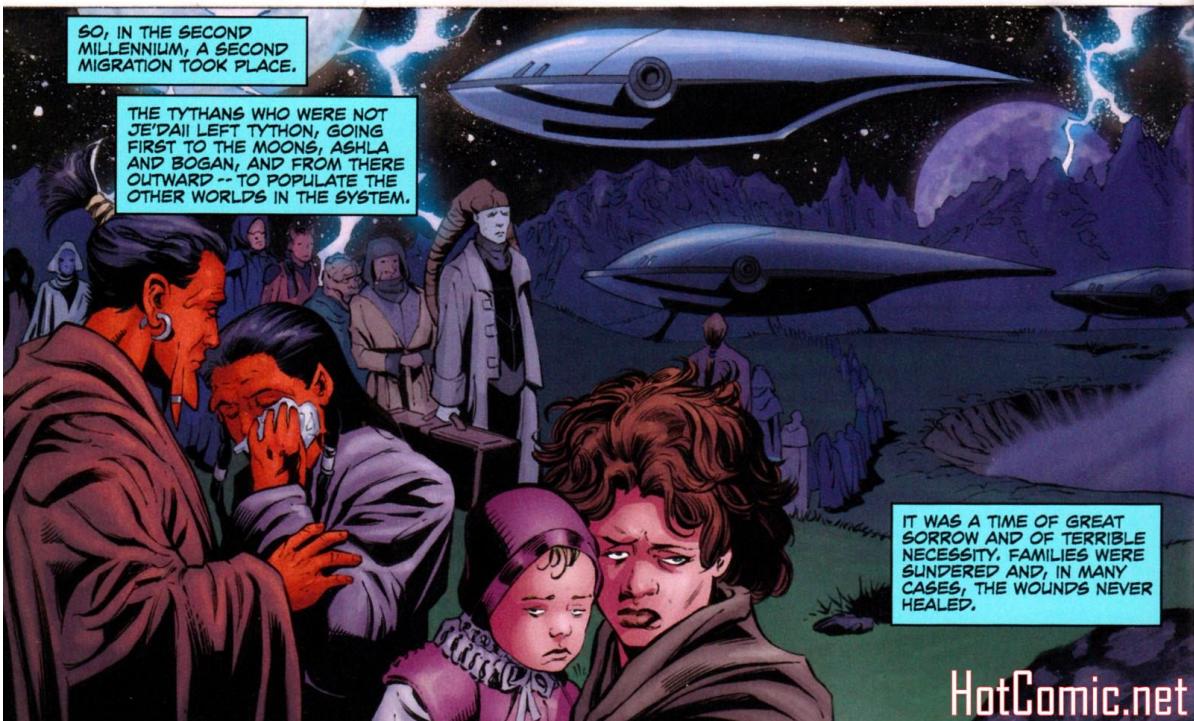


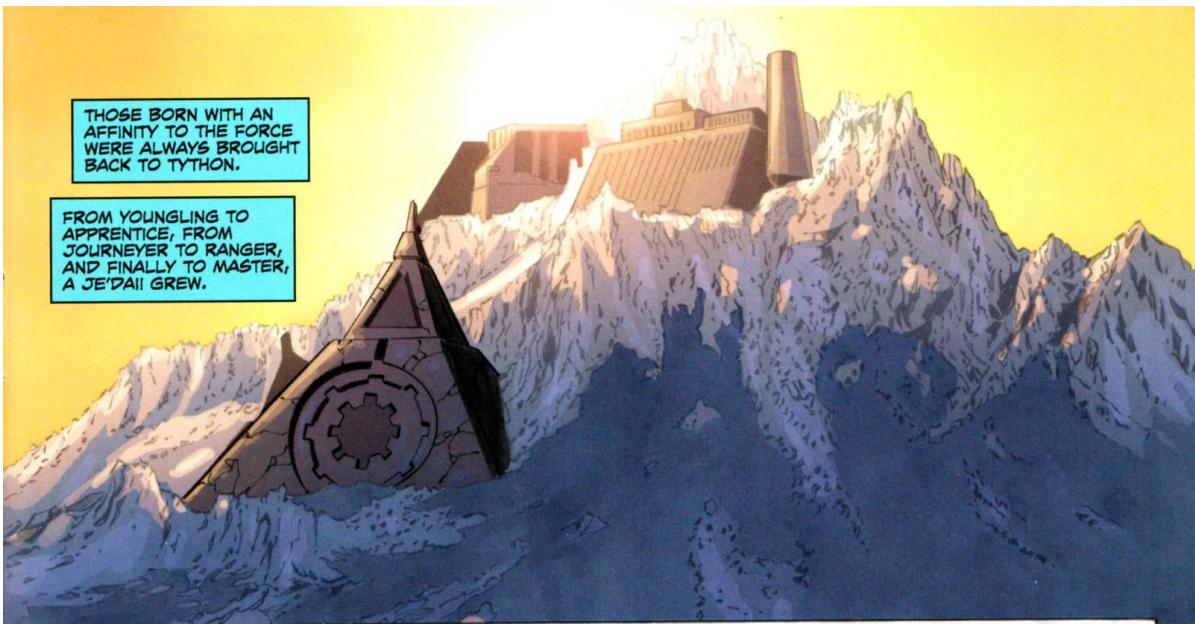












FROM TYTHON, THE CHILDREN OF THE JE'DAI SPREAD OUT ACROSS THE TYTHON SYSTEM. TRAVELING TOWARD THE SUN, THEY SETTLED ON SUNSPOT AND MALTERRA, NOX, AND ARID KREV COEUR.



BEYOND TYTHON, THEY SETTLED FIRST ON KALIMAH, JEWEL OF THE TYTHON SYSTEM, THEN SHIKAQWA, THE OUTLAW WORLD, THEN ON THE FOREST PLANET SKA GORA, AND ON THE MOONS OF THE GIANTS -- OBRI AND MAWR -- AND EVEN THE OLTERMOST PLANET, COLD FURIES GATE.

THE JE'DAI INTERVENED ON THE SETTLED WORLDS AS REQUESTED -- OR AS THE FORCE DIRECTED. BUT OVER THE CENTURIES THEY BECAME MYSTERIOUS, EVEN FEARED, FIGURES OF LEGEND.



AND, SOMETIMES, FIGURES OF RESENTMENT. THE CHILDREN OF THE JE'DAI BECAME ESTRANGED FROM THEIR PARENTS.

ONE SUCH WAS THE DESPOT QUEEN OF SHIKAQWA, QUEEN HADIYA, WHO FIRST UNITED THE CRIME BARONS OF HER PLANET, THEN PRESSURED THE SETTLED WORLDS TO HER SERVICE.

IN HER PRIDE, SHE WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE JE'DAI -- OR THE "WILL" OF THE FORCE. HER WILL ALONE WOULD BE SUPREME. SO WAS BORN THE DESPOT WAR.







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TATOOINE, A LUSH WORLD WHERE TWIN SUNS WARM FAIR SKIES. A THRIVING WORLD, WHERE THE KUMUNGAH LIVE PEACEFULLY IN GLEAMING CITIES ALONGSIDE ITS BLUE SEAS.

BUT THAT WAS BEFORE THE SHIPS OF THE INFINITE EMPIRE DARKENED THE SKIES. BEFORE THE RAKATA CAME.

PRIMITIVE, THESE, WORTH THE JOURNEY, XESH? WORTH IT TO ME?

YES, PREDOR TUL'KAR.

I SENSE LITTLE WORTH REAPING IN THEM -- BUT I WOULDN'T. THIS IS WHY I HAVE YOU, YES, XESH?

YES, PREDOR TUL'KAR.

WHICH ONE?







DEEP CORE. THE PLANET BYSS.

ON THIS DARK WORLD, THE INFINITE EMPIRE HAS ESTABLISHED A CENTER OF POWER. FROM THIS TEMPLE FORTRESS, THE RAKATA EXPLORE THE MYSTERIES OF THE FORBIDDING DEEP CORE AND PLUMB ITS RICHES.

THE COMMAND CENTER -- THE BEATING HEART -- OF THE RAKATAN STRONGHOLD.

SKAL'NAS.









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