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Bounty Hunters on the attack--against the Empire! Vader has a new mission to do for the Empire. Unfortunately, it's completely at odds with his own mission. What's a Dark Lord to do? Plus: Who is Tagge's mysterious new agent?

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Bookdragon Sean says

BEWARE STAR WARS FANS! BEWARE LORD VADER!

FOR A NEW ENEMY RISES.

BEHOLD! IT'S GENERAL ACKBAR-GREVIOUS!

I scared you didn't I?

I can't stop laughing at this guy. He actually thinks that he is going to kill Lord Vader and become the new dark power in the galaxy. Seriously though, this is pathetic. I mean fair enough on a character level he may be delusional, but I feel like in terms of the plot, this guy is actually being set up as Vader's nemesis. I mean come on. Look at him. Look at him. In what world could this weird amalgamation of Admiral Akbar and General Grievous actually have a chance against Vader? It's just ridiculous. It's like setting up a wrestling match between Chewbacca and Ja Ja Binks. It could only go one way. You're picturing that now aren't you?

Vader is far beyond such a contraption. The rest of the imperial enforcers are just as bad. Two are androids that think there are Jedi Knights. Vader will cut them down. Another is a tactical genius with a weird shaped head. Great description I know. Vader will force suffocate the life out of that fool in seconds. And the Grievous thing, the mon-calamari android, will just crumble before the might of Darth Vader. The situation is plausible, but these rivals could actually be threatening; they could actually have potential to slay Vader, that way the comic would be a little more intense because these guys are morons.

The main drive of this story is Vader's hunt for Skywalker. He has just realised that he is his son, which gives him another reason to hate his master. So, Vader's on his own; he is forced to use his own resources and find his own allies. His personality isn't going to win anyone over, so he uses his only tool: power to induce fear. He's bound a young doctor his cause, which will, no doubt, eventually end in her demise. I wouldn't trust Vader. I wouldn't go within a mile of him.

This wasn't as good as the first volume; it lacked the drive and focus of its predecessor. Most of the side characters are terrible, though there is an interesting imperial investigator assigned to Vader. He might make it to the end of this series, hopefully. Most imperials are just cannon fodder so he has a good chance of survival. I'm hoping the story picks up again and that these ridiculous rivals to Vader are killed off soon. Otherwise I may not read too far into this series.

Vader Comics

1. Vader- A dark four stars
2. Shadows and Secrets- **A weak two stars**

Arnis says

<https://poseidons99.wordpress.com/201...>

Alejandro says

Darth Vader's secret schemes continue!

I got this storyarc on its single comic book issues but I chose to make the review using this TPB edition to make a better overall review. The story is set after the events of "Star Wars IV: A New Hope" but before the events of "Star Wars V: The Empire Strikes Back". This TPB edition contains from the title of "Star Wars: Darth Vader" #7-12 in its new Marvel Canonic run.

Creative Team:

Writer: Keiron Gillen

Illustrator: Salvador Larroca

VISIT TATOOINE, ENJOY THE SIGHTING

Darth Vader reluctantly goes to Tatooine, along with his secret squad: Dr. Aphra (rogue archaeologist and droid expert), 0-0-0 (Triple Zero) (a protocol droid who enjoys to torture) and BT-1 (Blastomech with a deceptive look of astromech).

Vader is looking for any clue of the son that he didn't know that he has. It's interesting that while it has been much discussed about how clumsy was to take Luke to Anakin Skywalker's native world, but Vader's comments here left a confirmation that he considered clever that Kenobi taken his son there, since he never thought to return to that abhorred planet.

Vader checked the Lars farm but without finding anything of value for him. Aphra's comments establishes that indeed Stormtroopers were the responsables for the attack there but hiding their traces just like the Jawas' ambush.

Finally, Vader goes to Kenobi's home, where after an analysis of the marks left of the battle between Luke and Bobba Fett (this happened in *Star Wars* Vol.1 "Skywalker Strikes"), he is able to deduce that his son is strong in the Force but with very few training.

However, Vader's trip to Tatooine doesn't help him to be anywhere closer to his son.

APHRA'S SIX

Darth Vader's secret plans aren't any cheap to develop, so he needs to get a proper money supply and after an Imperial confiscation of a crime lord's funds, an opportunity rises.

Dr. Aphra counts with Triple Zero and BT-1, but a heist against an Imperial light cruiser, specially a heist planned to look like an accident and not a robbery, requires more muscle.

So, Aphra got in her plans four bounty hunters: the known Bossk & IG-90, along with Black Krrsantan (a Wookiee of dark fur) and Beebox (that looks just like a Bobba Fett Mini-Me, but with a different color palette in his armor).

While successful, Grand General Tagge (Imperial Starfleet's Commander-in-Chief) suspects that it wasn't an accident at all, and he wants the money back, since he already budgeted the confiscated money to finance the construction of yet another Super Star Destroyer (he is convinced (and I agree) that it's wiser to construct a fleet of Super Star Destroyers than concentrate the Imperial resources into just one battlestation (aka Death Star)).

ENTER: INSPECTOR THANOTH

Amusing enough (while it's very likely that Vader doesn't find any amusing at all!), Vader is ordered to find the culprits of the Imperial ship's heist, and surely that couldn't be any cause of stress, but...

...Vader gets a new aide...

...Inspector Thanoth.

An old man, clever and observant (think in a merging of Morgan Freeman and Sherlock Holmes) but most disturbing (at least for Vader's secret schemes) he is totally loyal to the Empire.

Yep, this will prove to be complicated.

Sesana says

Still really solid. This story kind of dragged on a bit towards the end, but it was still more than interesting enough to keep the pages turning. I'm still unconvinced about this Aphra character. I really like her and her murder droids, but I still don't feel like she really belongs in the Darth Vader comic. Now, give Aphra her own book, or make her a supporting character in one of the other Star Wars comics, and I'm all for that. But especially in this volume, when she and Vader are very rarely in the same scene, she just doesn't totally mesh with the concept of a Vader centric book. But the heist and the investigation scenes are handled very well, and I'm interested to see where this is going.

Sam Quixote says

May The 4th Be With You!

What is it with Kieron Gillen and armoured characters? After thoroughly trashing Iron Man with his (overlong) run, he's now doing the same with Darth Vader - someone stop him!

Vader now knows Luke is his son who is on the path to becoming a Jedi - but doesn't do a whole helluva lot with that knowledge (and can't because of the big confrontation that takes place in Empire and this is set between A New Hope and Empire). Nevertheless he continues his clandestine plans of building his own droid army, which he needs for some reason, by ripping off the Empire through Aphra, the woman on the cover. He takes out a mob leader, sends all the cash on a poorly defended ship and has Aphra and a crew of bounty hunters attack and loot the ship, taking a chunk of the plunder back to Vader's hideout.

The problem with this story is how thin it feels stretched out over six issues and it's not that interesting to start with. It also seems like a really small, piddling story for a character like Vader - he should be above this wheeling and dealing with petty thieves. Oh, and remember that dull subplot from the first book where Vader was assigned an auditor whom he "dealt with" permanently? Gillen trots it out again in the form of an inspector who threatens to reveal Vader's hidden activities and it's still not any more compelling the second time around.

I really don't like Aphra, the annoying "spunky" female character who's basically the main character, and that irritates me more - Vader's a supporting character in his own book! I picked this up to read about him, not some idiot called Aphra! I also hate the evil Artoo and Threepio, those derivative clowns. Ugh, and why not visit Naboo to remind everyone of the awful Prequels? Pass the vomit bucket...

Salvador Larroca's art continues to be the highlight of this series with his clean lines and imaginative eye for creative angles. The use of wide panels to simulate a cinematic look continues to be effective and Edgar Delgado's colours are utterly beautiful. Larroca and Delgado make this feel like a real Star Wars story even if Gillen's hamfisted script doesn't. The Ghost-Face alien character design though was pretty terrible.

Darth Vader should be one of the best titles on Marvel's publishing schedule but I don't think it will be until they boot Kieron Gillen off it. He rarely manages to produce great comics and he's definitely failing with his lacklustre, uninspired take on Vader. This second volume is boring and irrelevant - the Dark Lord of the Sith deserves better!

Raofa Ibrahim says

[how inspector Thanoth didn't expect that maybe Vader was behind the robbery?! it's really obvious! (hide spoiler)]

Kemper says

It's hard out here for a Sith Lord...

Like the other current Marvel *Star Wars* titles this is set between *A New Hope* and *The Empire Strikes Back*. Darth Vader is on the Emperor's shit list for the destruction of the Death Star. Vader now has to answer to another Imperial officer, and the Emperor has been grooming a group of dangerous candidates to be his potential replacement someday. Now Vader has discovered that the Force-strong pilot who blew up the Death Star real good is named Skywalker which isn't something he wants to advertise just yet so he's been running his own covert operations to find Luke with the help of Dr. Aphra and her murderous droids.

I was questioning exactly what kind of stories you could do with Vader that wouldn't either contradict what we know or be useless fluff, but this title has found a lot of interesting angles. The idea that Vader has been trying to discover the identity of the rebel pilot only to learn that it was the son he didn't know he had has filled a story gap. I also like that he's essentially operating as a double agent because he's pursuing his own agenda instead of the Empire's and has to conceal his actions because it still lets him be a murderous bad guy while giving him a goal that we can at least sympathize with and builds some tension with him working both with and against the people around him.

Aphra is a great character as the rogue criminal more than willing to do all kinds of illegal things in service to Vader and showing him loyalty even as she recognizes that he'll more than likely kill her someday. BT-1 and 0-0-0 also continue to be a lot of fun as the bad guy versions of R2-D2 and C-3P0. I just wish they could find a way to give them goatees to really signify that they're evil.

This is a solid tie-in story that has even found a way to work in some of prequel stuff and not make it suck.

Paul E. Morph says

While I still really enjoyed this book (the artwork is amazing and Gillen really nails Vader's 'voice'), I didn't get as much out of it as I did the first volume. It seemed a little meandering, as if it wasn't a story in its own right but was rather building up to something... Oh, wait! What's that on the last page? 'To be continued in 'Vader Down'?

For fuck's sake, Marvel! You're even going to start putting crossover 'events' in your Star Wars books now?

I'm going to go and have a little cry now...

Jesse A says

And...I'm done.

Trish says

Another great volume about Darth Vader, bad-guy supreme!

In this volume we get more of Vader's chase for the location of his son. We also get more of the cat-and-mouse game that had already started in book #1. There are some rivals pitted against Vader by Palpatine - though I'm not sure why because I can't imagine Palpatine actually thinking they could ever replace someone like Vader. Moreover, the human general is still Vader's boss, strictly speaking, and pairing him up with yet another adjutant. This time, it's an old guy with a walking stick and the mind of Sherlock Holmes which makes for a good threat (it's not clear yet if Vader knows how dangerous the guy is).

Add to that the race against time for Vader to cover his tracks (the side quest to confirm Luke's existence, getting money to fund the operation, and the actual hunt for the boy).

All in all, this was not quite as enjoyable as the first, at least not story-wise. It's the old problem of the 2nd

volume in a trilogy. Thus, the plot was hopping around the galaxy wildly, but the characters made up for that. Vader is brilliant as ever and I'm really happy that he got the attention he deserves. However, I think my new favourite is a certain droid:

I mean, he is my spirit animal, is he not?! *grins evilly*

Though I will probably never read all the Star Wars comics out there, I'm immensely happy to be reading the ones about Vader himself as they are great fun, thrilling and intelligently written.

Gianfranco Mancini says

Maybe this volume is just as not good as previous one, storyline is essentially an "heist movie" in Star Wars universe, evil versions of fan favourite characters popping out of nowhere more and more start being too much cheesy and ridiculous (but for Triple 0 and Bt-1 that I just love!), but I'm still liking very much how Gillen totally nailed Vader's character and a few of his moments and scenes here depicted are just some of his best ones ever.

Aphra and Thanos (imagine Sherlock Holmes played by Morgan Freeman) are great characters too and Larroca's artworks are just over the top.

Matthew says

To check out all my reviews: <http://dancinginth3dark.blogspot.com>

Disclaimer: I read the individual comics.

When it comes to Star Wars comics, I believe Vader is by far one of the best that Marvel has produced and while it maintains a level of authenticity and kept my captivation I felt like this volume showcased a wimpy version of this mysterious and evil Vader that we have come to love and appreciate. With the events of the previous volume, we learn that Vader knows that Luke Skywalker is the one who destroyed the Death Star and is his biological son. He had already known from his encounter with Luke in the Star Wars comics but the wonderful Boba Fett confirmed it.

With this huge information Vader has learned that the Emperor lied to him when he told Vader that Padme had died and so was his unborn children which begins the process of how to destroy the Emperor and Vader needs Luke to come to the Dark side in order to succeed his wish of ruling the Galactic Empire. With that ending we get the introduction into this new volume with Vader making a visit to Tatooine to learn more

about Luke and Obi-Wan.

What I loved about this part is in a way Vader is retracing his steps of the past with his relations to Tatooine and he learns a lot about Luke with his lack of Jedi training, his anger to the Empire, and practically Vader killed Luke's aunt and uncle. If it weren't for that mistake Luke would have never left home and seek revenge especially after Obi-Wan Kenobi death. **Revenge is one hell of a motivator and Vader couldn't agree more.**

Vader's crew which consist of Aphra, O-0-0, and BT-1 are still doing top secret missions for their master and I love the relationship between Vader and his crew particularly with Aphra. I have feeling in the end she is going to be killed by Vader in order to keep Vader's plan a secret. What I love about her character is because she worships Vader and praises him we see that she is practically the first female to be in his constant presence after Padme and we may see his vulnerability the longer she remains by his side.

Since Vader is working with the Hutts and doing illegal missions that the Empire doesn't know it comes to bite him in the ass with Tagge assigning a new lieutenant to monitor Vader's activities, and with the discovery of this abomination crew of robots who yield lightsabers they are hired to attend to missions of these illegal activities that are happening in Outer Rim.

Pretty much with these descriptions the whole volume becomes this whole circus chase of the Empire trying to find Aphra and her crew while Vader has to carefully maneuver everything in order not to get caught and be successful with his secret plans. By having this drama it portrayed Vader being anxious and to me personally Vader should never be anxious especially over pity drama like in this volume. I can understand being anxious over Luke being strong with the Force or Palpatine grooming someone who can replace Vader but not about illegal activities in order to fund his operations.

In the end I know that this is all gearing up to the epic Vader Down crossover and I am excited for all that jazz. I believe this still gets all the stars for the illustrations, the storytelling, and we get prequel reference in the volume which was wonderful and refreshing to remind many people that the prequels did exist and has an influence to everything of Star Wars.

Andrew says

I still hate Larroca's artwork, and parts of the "Vader investigates himself" plot are silly, but Gillen is making the most of his exploration of the odd corners of the Star Wars universe, and his original character Dr. Aphra is more interesting than any of the characters in any of the new Star Wars movies. Plus, the evil version of C-3PO still makes me laugh every time.

Donovan says

Hmm.... I didn't like this as much as Volume 1. In Volume 1, Vader was trying to prove himself to Palpatine following his failure with the Death Star blowing up and the rebels getting away, he was nostalgic, he was heartbroken over Padme, he was powerful but exhibiting self-doubt. It was a humanistic portrayal meanwhile Vader searched for "the missing pilot" with Doctor Aphra, and he had suspicions of the pilot's importance and connection to the Force, i.e. Luke his son. This is nothing like Volume 1.

The plot got a little fuzzy for me. What I got was Vader running bitch errands for General Tagge, whom

Palpatine has chosen to run things. Vader plans this giant robbery with Aphra to double cross the Empire and fund his own army. Then he is looking for Luke, going from snitch to snitch gathering information. I feel like the "looking for Luke" schtick too often dominates the story in Star Wars. So what we basically have here is Vader playing the Empire on two sides, gaining their trust and respect while stealing from and lying to them, and looking for Luke. While I enjoy the psychology behind the search for his son, I've just seen too much of that storyline from the movies. I also felt that Vader working behind the Empire's back was a huge convenience in plot, and perhaps out of character. I don't recall Vader having doubts about the Empire, let alone scheming against them. And his liaison or whatever, Inspector Thanton, is supposed to be an expert at detection and mystery, but at the end when Aphra is about to be caught by the Empire, he caves to Vader's suggestion that Aphra, the thief, isn't important after all. Obviously this book is just meant to be fun and entertaining, which it was, if a bit ridiculous and hard to believe.

Melissa ♥ Dog/Wolf Lover ♥ Martin says

Still loving these graphics and the story line. This second Vol and the first Vol are on Kindle Unlimited for those that have it. I am very much enjoying these books and will add the real paperbacks to my collection.

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