

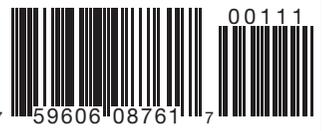
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It is a time of war! The Separatist plot to build a massive droid army on Geonosis was interrupted when the Republic activated an army of clone troopers secretly commissioned by a late Jedi Master years earlier. To lead this newly-formed Grand Army of the Republic, Jedi Knights have been made military Generals.

Jedi Master Mace Windu fought on the front lines of the Battle of Geonosis, helping to secure a victory for the Republic, but not without loss—many Jedi fell.

Now, as the Clone Wars rage on, Windu and his fellow Jedi find themselves pulled away from their roles as peace keepers to become warriors for the Republic....

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The Battle Of Geonosis.

"IT WAS A COSTLY BATTLE."



Jedi Temple. Coruscant.

SO MANY VOICES OF THE FORCE ARE NOW BUT **ECHOES** IN THE VOID.

THEIR SPIRITS HAVE DEPARTED BUT ARE **NOT LOST**, MASTER WINDU. THEY HAVE BECOME ONE WITH THE FORCE.

THEIR PRESENCE WILL SURELY BE MISSED, MASTER MUNDI. WE NEED ALL THE STRENGTH WE CAN MUSTER NOW. **WAR** IS UPON US.

WE KNEW THIS DAY WOULD COME. VIOLENCE ROLLS AS A NEVER-ENDING TIDE. AND IT IS RISING ONCE AGAIN.



AND SO WE LEAD THE REPUBLIC'S CLONE ARMY INTO BATTLE, LEST THE GALAXY BE **SWALLOWED UP** IN THIS TIDE.

YOU TAKE ISSUE WITH OUR NEW ROLE IN THE REPUBLIC?

THE JEDI HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE CHAMPIONS OF **PEACE** FOR THE GALAXY. WE **PROTECT** LIFE ABOVE ALL ELSE. I SUPPOSE SOMETIMES THAT MEANS BECOMING A SWORD INSTEAD OF A SHIELD.





NOW WE ADD GENERAL ALONGSIDE MASTER TO OUR LIST OF TITLES.



I TELL MYSELF IT IS EASIER TO LEAD THE REPUBLIC DOWN THE RIGHT PATH FROM THE FRONT OF THE BATTLE LINES.

TO BE AN EXAMPLE.

AS WE HAVE ALWAYS STRIVED TO DO.



TO DO SO, EVEN WE JEDI MASTERS MUST VACATE OUR SEATS NOW AND AGAIN.

A SHAME. I FIND THOSE CHAIRS TO BE QUITE COMFORTABLE.



TO THE PURSUIT OF PEACE.

TO THE SACRIFICE OF THE FALLEN.

THANK YOU FOR FINDING THE TIME TO SPEAK WITH ME, MY FRIEND.

TO PUT YOUR MIND AT EASE IS TO PLACE THE GALAXY IN STEADY HANDS.



EXCUSE ME, MASTERS. THEY ARE READY FOR YOU NOW.





MASTER WINDU, MEMBER OF THIS JEDI COUNCIL, YOU ARE. KNOW HOW DIRE OUR CURRENT SITUATION IS, YOU DO.

WAR SEEKS TO TEAR OUR REPUBLIC ASUNDER. WE MUST PREVENT IT AT ALL COSTS, MASTER YODA.

INDEED. BUT *DIMINISHED*, OUR NUMBERS ARE. WE ALL MUST TAKE ON THE BURDEN OF *LEADERSHIP*. YOUR MISSION, WE PRESENT TO YOU NOW.



DAY BY DAY, *GROW*, THE SEPARATISTS' NUMBERS DO. THEIR REACH EXTENDS FARTHER AND FARTHER TO THE OUTER RIM.

POWER FLOWS IN *CONCENTRIC CIRCLES*. ESTABLISH A FOOTHOLD IN THE *OUTER RIM* BEFORE MOVING INWARD TOWARD THE *CAPITAL*.



ONE OF THOSE FOOTHOLDS APPEARS TO BE THE JUNGLE PLANET *HISSRICH*. A LARGE NUMBER OF SEPARATIST VESSELS HAVE MADE PLANETFALL THERE IN RECENT DAYS.



YOU WILL LEAD A SMALL UNIT TO MONITOR THE SEPARATISTS' MOVEMENTS AND DETERMINE WHAT THEIR *PURPOSE* IS.

DUE TO THE CLANDESTINE NATURE OF THIS MISSION AND OUR THINLY STRETCHED RESOURCES, WE CANNOT OFFER YOU A CLONE SQUADRON FOR SUPPORT.



THE JEDI HAVE TRAINED OUR WHOLE LIVES FOR MISSIONS LIKE THIS. WE WILL MAKE DO.



WE UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE ALREADY SELECTED THOSE WHO WILL ACCOMPANY YOU ON THIS MISSION.

I HAVE.



FELLOW COUNCIL MEMBER **KIT FISTO**. HE FOUGHT BRAVELY BY MY SIDE ON GEONOSIS AND I CAN THINK OF NO ONE I TRUST MORE TO GO INTO BATTLE WITH ME.

HIS SKILLS WITH A LIGHTSABER ARE **UNRIVALED** AND, AS A **NAUTOLAN**, HIS APTITUDE FOR SURVIVING IN **HARSH ENVIRONMENTS** WILL PROVE INVALUABLE.

PROSSET DIBS. HIS LACK OF PHYSICAL SIGHT GIFTED HIM GREAT INTUITION. HE IS AS IN TUNE WITH THE FORCE AS ANY JEDI I HAVE KNOWN. HE WILL PROVIDE VALUABLE INSIGHT AND RECONNAISSANCE FOR THIS MISSION.

RISSA MANO. A PILOT RIVALING THE SKILLS OF MASTER PLO KOON HIMSELF. SHE MAY BE YOUNG AND A RECENT ADDITION TO THE RANK OF JEDI KNIGHT, BUT HER **MIND FOR ENGINEERING** AND HER POTENTIAL IN BATTLE FAR EXCEED SOMEONE OF HER AGE.

WE ARE READY TO SET OUT AS SOON AS IT PLEASES THE COUNCIL.

"AND MAY THE FORCE GUIDE US ALL."

MASTER WINDU. A FINAL WORD BEFORE YOUR JOURNEY.

TROUBLED YOU SEEM, MY FRIEND. CARE TO LIGHTEN YOUR BURDEN, HM?

THESE ARE TROUBLING TIMES. DOUBT CLOUDS MY MIND, ALTHOUGH I AM LOATH TO ADMIT IT.

DOUBT NOT THE WAYS OF THE FORCE. IT TESTS US AT TIMES, BUT BELIEVE IT WILL LEAD US WHERE WE ARE MEANT TO BE, WE MUST.

SIMILARLY, DOUBT NOT YOURSELF. YOU ARE A WISE AND CAPABLE LEADER.

TOO MANY LIVES WERE LOST ON GEONOSIS. TOO MANY FLAMES EXTINGUISHED. HOW CAN I ASK MORE MEN TO FOLLOW BEHIND ME TO THE SLAUGHTER?

HOW MANY MORE WILL DIE IF YOU DO NOT? ALL THE MORE REASON WE MUST FIGHT. UNDERSTAND YOUR THOUGHTS, I DO, BUT GIVE INTO THEM, YOU MUST NOT.

TRUST IN THE FORCE. TRUST IN YOURSELF. AS TRUST IN YOU I DO, AS WELL.

THANK YOU, MASTER YODA. I WILL NOT FAIL YOU.