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*NOTES FOR PAGES 14 AND 15: Our first visit to Aquilae, which is a combination of Tatooine and Theed/Naboo. It is a desert, but its palace is like Theed/Queen Amidala's palace, at least in its overflowing gardens and turrets. But let's make it a little more Arabian in style for fun (we'll see if George approves), as in Disney's Aladdin.*

*For the character reference, please see what I sent already, but Kayos can be a little like Sio Bibble, but more dynamic. Sandage is definitely a proto Count Dooku. Zavos can be whatever. But General Skywalker is our hero (besides Annikin). He's a combination of Sterling Hayden and Alec Guinness (with a more closely cropped beard); he's the general that Obi-Wan said he was: a warrior general. Pretty much the last of his kind. He's seen it all and still has a sense of humor and a strong sense of compassion.*

*The library is a bit of the Jedi High Council, in shape.*

**PANEL 1**

ESTABLISHING SHOT, WIDE, LARGE: COURTYARD - PALACE OF LITE - AQUILAE

The planet is desert wilderness, but the palace is a sparkling oasis, with low concrete walls and great turrets spilling over with foliage from rooftop gardens.

CAPTION: The Palace of Lite on the planet Aquilae, home of King Kayos and Queen Breha--and the target of the Emperor's sinister plans.

KING KAYOS (his voice is coming out of a the library window in the palace, on the second floor; there is a balcony near that room)

If there were to be war, Zavos, would your frigates still supply us?

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**PANEL 1**

LIBRARY - PALACE OF LITE - AQUILAE

The palace library is a dim, cool room projecting an aura of time-worn comfort and security. KING KAYOS, silver-haired but amazingly youthful under a tanned and leathery face, is in the middle of an emergency meeting of the Aquilaeen High Senate. He sits in a high throne-like chair facing eleven men sit in overstuffed chairs, placed in a large semi-circle.

A large, sallow-eyed Galactic trader named AAY ZAVOS fiddles nervously with a small scrap of leather as he speaks, standing and facing the king while the other 11 sit.

CAPTION: King Breha presides at a meeting of the Aquilaeen council.

ZAVOS

My Lord, King Kayos, the Chrome Companies are with you in spirit, but you must understand, they can't openly support you. Imperial trade restrictions are very unfavorable.

**PANEL 2**

COUNT SANDAGE, a corrupt noble of the Senate, jumps to his feet in a rage, while two or three others in panel watch.

COUNT SANDAGE

You're wasting time! We must approve the Treaty. If there is war, the Empire will destroy our entire System with a snap of his fingers.

**PANEL 3**

Sandage storms across the space between toward the standing Zavos and the still seated King.

COUNT SANDAGE

General Skywalker is a dreamer if he thinks he can mount any meaningful resistance. You're *all* dreamers if --

**PANEL 4 - LARGE PANEL**

At that moment, all heads turn as someone enters the room. It is GENERAL LUKE SKYWALKER, Commander of the Aquilaeon Starforce. He is a big man, apparently in his early sixties, but actually much older. Everyone senses the aura of power that radiates from this great warrior. Here is a leader: a JEDI general. He looks weary, but is still a magnificent looking warrior. His face, cracked and weathered by exotic climates, is set off by a close silver beard and dark, penetrating eyes. Sandage is somewhat embarrassed and the king a tad amused.

GENERAL

Count Sandage, sit down.