

The Demise of Jabba the Hutt and the rise of the Skywalker Crime Syndicate

Return Of The Jedi: Alternate Universe

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On the hot sands of Tatooine, Jabba and his entourage of associates bring Luke, Han and Chewbacca out to a Sarlacc pit to be devoured. With the help of R2D2 and a disguised Lando Calrissian, the captives manage to free themselves and fight off Jabba's hired guns. During the fight Boba Fett the legendary bounty hunter falls into the pit and Jabba is strangled to death with a chain by Leia. Luke then orders Leia to fire one of the large laser turrets into the deck. But what if he never gave the order? What if the freed captives continued to fight and take control of Jabba's pleasure yacht instead of escaping?

Luke and friends had already defeated a rancor, a legendary bounty hunter, a bunch of hired guns and then Jabba himself during their short visit to the desert planet. There would be a major power vacuum in the crime organization and Luke was strong enough to take it or at least delay its reclamation by the Hutt Council. He could have ordered the remaining survivors to join him and usher in the Skywalker Crime Syndicate. Having developed his Jedi mind trick abilities he could influence Jabba's lieutenants to be more compliant, assuming they weren't resistant of course.

With Leia's connections to the rebellion they could form a partnership to sabotage the galactic empire's operations in the system and make a hefty profit in doing so. Lando Calrissian's guild would make him a good choice to replace a dead lieutenant as an extra eye on the operations. Han would be free from his bounties and debts. Both him and Chewbacca would stay with Luke while undergoing major upgrades to the Millennium Falcon. I have no doubt that Jabba had access to some interesting restricted technology. Such technology would give them a bigger edge in preparing for the attack on the the second Death Star.

After a rush of coordinated assaults against the Empire on the desert planet the increased conflict would draw more military including Darth Vader and the Emperor. Word would quickly reach Vader through the Imperial Security Bureau that his son had tamed the desert planet (Moad'dib!*). He would want to meet with him as soon as possible. The diversion of the Imperial fleet resources would give the rebels an advantage and the combination of rebel and syndicate ships would blow up the second Death Star.

Just like in the film, Vader would try to get Luke to join him. Several scenes would be similar to the original plot. A duel would take place between the two and Luke would be pressured into falling to the dark side of the force. As in the film, he wouldn't give in and the Emperor would try and kill him with force lightning. Luke's father would sacrifice himself to kill Sidious, losing his own life in the process.

After the death of Vader and Sidious, Skywalker's crime family would further take advantage of the power gap of the government's collapse and seize as much assets for themselves as

possible before a new republic is formed. Luke would be left with the decision to end his rule over the crime syndicate or step away to recover the Jedi Order.

*A reference to Frank Herbert's Dune Universe where a young man tames a desert planet to control the destiny of the known universe.