DJB Star Wars Film/TV Pitch competition

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**Type: TV show (serialized)**

**Based off of:** Castlevania: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Castlevania\_(TV\_series)

**Working Title: Depths of Madness**

**Logline:** When a Jedi renunciate’s wife is killed by a mob after being accused of spreading a dangerous sickness, Revan declares that all the people of the Outer Rim will pay for this injustice with their lives. It is up to fallen Jedi Jolee Bindo, the Echani Force-user Sypha, and the powerful Force-wielding son of Bastila and Revan, Naver, to defeat Revan’s fanatical and demonic hordes to save Walachian and the Outer Rim.

**Plot summary (Season One only):** The Depths of Madness is an animated, epic, serialized sci-fantasy drama set during the era of the Old Republic. It tells a reimagined tale of the exiled Jedi Knight, Revan, and many other familiar characters in the guise of a complex revenge tail that unites disparate characters together against a common and insane foe.

Jedi renunciate’s Revan and Bastila Shan live on a bustling Outer Rim world named Walachian near the capital city of Targoraviste. Revan, in his self-imposed exile, travels the nearby region to reflect on the Force and his past sins. Shan, however, becomes known as a local healer in the community. But when a deadly sickness wreaks havoc on the planet only a year after Revan and Shan arrive, the resident’s turn on Shan and overwhelm the powerful Jedi as she nearly figures out an antidote and the nefarious origin of the virus. She is captured and eventually executed without trial by the mob and the city’s leaders, who are actually in the pay Exchange, a criminal syndicate that spread the virus as part of a larger black market business transaction.

Revan returns to his now burned home and, eventually, finds the remains of Shan in Targoraviste’s public square. Enraged and distraught, Revan brings the full might of his Force powers to bear against the city’s inhabitants. Using the Force to pierce the minds of the people that reaches far into the depths of Outer Rim space, he pledges that Targoraviste, Walachian, and the entire Outer Rim have one year to make their piece, after which every being on Walachian and in the Outer Rim will die to his hand – starting in Targoraviste. His son, then known as Adrona, attempts to convince his father to launch an investigation and to pursue true justice, but Revan refuses to listen and attacks his son ferociously.

A year goes by, and the city moves on, thinking Revan’s threat to be empty. But Revan does return, this time with a fleet and army of fanatical warriors and demonic Sithspawn which utterly decimate Targoraviste and begin plaguing the entire planet and nearby star systems.

In a not-so-distant starport to Targoraviste, fallen grey Jedi Jolee Bindo is a wandering vagabond. He seeks food and shelter in the city of Grelin, which was now under siege by Revan’s forces. As he passes through town, he learns that the civilians blame a group of traveling Echani calling themselves Speakers for Revan’s assault. Jolee manages to save the Echani leader from a gang of corrupt towns officials and tries to get the Speakers to leave for their own safety. However, the Speakers refuse, as they wish to find the granddaughter of their leader who had gone missing exploring catacombs below the city in search of a mythical “sleeping savant”, a legendary hero and Force user who can defeat Revan.

Jolee agrees to locate her in exchange for the promise that the Speakers leave the city when he returns. They agree. Exploring the catacombs, Jolee realizes that they are constructed in an unusual way. They contain technology, devices and relics reminiscent of the Jedi temple, and the architecture matches other Jedi outposts created during the war against Exar Kun. At the centre of the complex structure, Jolee finds an unconscious Speaker, the granddaughter he sought, under the guard of two hulking Abyssins. Jolee defeats the Abyssins and revives the grandchild, whose name he learns is Sypha Belnadez, and returns her to her grandmother.

After returning Sypha to her people, Jolee is summoned before the magistrate of the city of Grelin. Here, he is ordered to leave Grelin before sundown, as they plan to lead a mob and well-placed assassins to kill the Echani Speakers. He offers to spare Jolee’s life and to provide him invaluable knowledge of the whereabouts of an active Jedi temple in the galaxy and a Jedi holocron in exchange. Jolee returns to the speakers to warn them, but they refuse to retreat. Instead, Jolee decides to hide the Speakers in the catacombs that lead to the Jedi outpost deep beneath Grelin, and attempts to fight the corrupt magistrate and his Exchange-backed forces to protect them. However, as night falls, Revan’s army descends on Grelin, killing the magistrate and wreaking havoc across the city.

As Jolee continues his escape, Sypha appears, revealing that she is a powerful Force user who is also trained in the Echani arts. Together, Jolee and Sypha try to find evidence as to why the city wanted to use the Speakers as a scapegoat for Revan’s heinous genocide. Jolee and Sypha reveal that the Exchange was behind the virus that impacted the planet, and the ultimate reason why the city of Targoraviste turned on Revan’s wife. But this also reveals the true reason of Revan’s invasion to the entire city, exposing the hypocrisy of the magistrate and his corrupt staff.

During the ensuing battle with Revan’s sithspawn and army, one of the streets collapse under Jolee and Sypha and they fall into another deep section of the catacombs that look similar to the Jedi outpost. Making their way deeper, they find the sleeping savant frozen in carbonite. Upon their stepping into his hibernation chamber, the carbonite casing around the sleeping figure dissolves. After a few minutes, Adrona, now going as Naver, who has spent a year hibernating in carbonite to heal from wounds sustained in his fight with his father. Jolee and Naver engage in a fierce battle, with Jolee believing that Naver has awoken to aid his father. Sypha also joins the fight. Naver, seeing his and Sypha’s resolve, decides to relent and reveals that he was testing their abilities because the legend of the sleeping savant was actually from the future, and foretold his meeting with Jolee and Sypha. It was a meeting of powerful people destined to defeat Revan, and end the conflict for good.

**Key characters:**

**Revan (key antagonist) –** A Jedi renunciate and exile, he only sought peace on a forgotten world. We see him at peace with his wife at the start of the show. However, once his wife is killed, he falls into a distraught rage. His stated goal is to commit genocide, but his true goal is to destroy the Outer Rim and eventually commit suicide so he can join his wife in the Force.

**Bastila Shan –** The wife of Revan and a powerful Jedi in her own right, Bastila is eventually killed by the people she cared for.

**Jolee Bindo –** A fallen grey path Jedi wandering the Outer Rim without purpose, and one of our main protagonists, he wants to reclaim his deep connection to the Force and his Jedi heritage in his own way. Though first appearing as a vagabond, he is revealed to be a wise and powerful Jedi with skill in defeating sithspawn, and a desire to help those around him.

**Sypha Belnadez –** An Echani and powerful, non-Jedi Force User, Sypha wants to follow in the footsteps of famous Echani duelists like Raskta Fenni, rather than being committed to the path of the Speakers.

**Naver –** Revan and Bastila’s only child, Naver is both a name and a title he adopted himself following the altercation with his father. Naver spells Revan backwards, and is symbolic of his desire to be better than his father and his legacy. He opposes his father’s genocidal mission and is dedicated to opposing his father and his allies. His original name was Adrona Shan.