

RADICALISHOW

BASED ON A TRUE STORY



PREVENTION FIRST!



CENTER FOR THE PREVENTION
OF RADICALIZATION OR
LEADING TO VIOLENCE

**A LONG
TIME AGO
IN A GALAXY
RIGHT
NEXT DOOR
TO YOU**

RADICALISHOW



GREETINGS, DEAR FRIENDS!

SHALL WE TAKE A LITTLE
MOMENT TO HAVE A
SERIOUS CHAT?
RELAX AND DON'T WORRY
YOU'LL SEE.



I'D LIKE TO SPEAK
WITH YOU ABOUT A
PHENOMENON THAT
CURRENTLY POSES
A SERIOUS THREAT
TO THE WONDERFUL
PROMISE OF TOGETHER-
NESS IN OUR SOCIETY
YOU'VE ALL HEARD OF IT

WHAT I'M TALKIN' ABOUT IS
VIOLENT RADICALIZATION
WHEN PEOPLE GET
SO GAUGHT UP IN A
CAUSE, THAT THEY
COMPLETELY
LOSE TOUCH
WITH REALITY.



LET ME INTRODUCE THREE YOUNG
PEOPLE, WHO ARE HERE TO TELL US
ABOUT THEIR OWN EXPERIENCE.
WELL... GENTLEMEN, MADAME,
WELCOME!

HELLO, MY
FRIEND

MAY THE POWER
BE WITH YOU

YO,
WHASSUP!



NOW STOP ME IF I'M WRONG... EACH OF YOU IN YOUR OWN WAY HAS AT SOME POINT BEEN SOME-THING OF A FANATIC.

UM...

THAT'S IT! LABEL US, RIGHT FROM THE START!

LET'S SAY WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT THINGS

YES, WELL PASSIONATE, PASSIONATE... LOOK AT WHAT YOU'RE WEARING!



HEY! YOU'RE A JAMES BOND FAN! WE'RE STARWARS FANS! IT'S THE SAME THING!

I'M NOT SURE ONE CAN REALLY COMPARE THE TWO

FANTASTIC!

WE'RE OFF TO A GREAT START.



BUT UH... HELP ME UNDERSTAND... DO YOU COME FROM VERY PRACTISING FAMILIES?

YES ABSOLUTELY

OK, DON'T ALL TALK AT ONCE... HAKIM, HOW ABOUT YOU GO FIRST?

NAH

NOPE

SKYWORKER!



WHAT?



HAKIM SKYWORKER
PLEASE. IT'S VERY
IMPORTANT

OH?
AH, OK...



WELL, MY FAMILY IS JEDIISTE BY TRADITION,
BUT MY PARENTS DON'T PRACTICE AT ALL!
THEY BARELY KNOW THE MUSIC FROM
THE MOVIE'S SOUNDTRACK



WE DON'T
EVEN HAVE
THE DVD AT
HOME! F%K!NG
PATHETIC!

I SEE...
AND YOU,
LEILA?



MY FAMILY
TAKES IT
VERY
SERIOUSLY

MY FATHER HAS SEEN THE
ENTIRE TRILOGY MORE THAN 80
TIMES. MY MOTHER KNOWS ALL
THE DIALOGUE BY HEART

PRINCESS
LEILA, IF
YOU PLEASE

MY TITLE
IS IMPORTANT
TO ME.

AS YOU
WISH...



MY LITTLE
BROTHER CAN
ALMOST MOVE
THINGS WITH
HIS MIND,
YOU SEE.

AH,
REALLY?

WOULD YOU SAY THEY APPROVE
OF WHAT YOU'RE DOING?

WELL, NO
NOT REALLY...



THEY ARE
TRADITIONALIST
JEDIISTS, WHEREAS
I'M MORE OF A SITH.
THEY THINK I'VE GONE
OVER TO THE DUSKY
SIDE...



OK...AND YOU, YOUNG MAN,
WHAT'S YOUR HOME LIFE
LIKE, UH...

BOOBA
BOOBA
FETT

UH, WELL UM... HOH
CAN I PUT IT? IT'S A BIT
COMPLICATED



HE'S
A CONVERT.

YEAH, WELL... MY
PARENTS ARE BASICALLY
STAR TREK FANS, THAT'S
THE THING.

I'D IMAGINE THAT
IS PRETTY HARD ON YOU



AH YES,
I SEE...



WE DON'T SPEAK THE
SAME LANGUAGE AT
ALL... SO WE JUST
DON'T TALK ANYMORE

YOU KNOW,
IT WAS DIFFERENT
A FEW YEARS AGO
BUT NOW... LET
ME TELL YOU,

THE FACT IS
VIRTUALLY EVERYONE
TREATS US
LIKE ALIENS

YOU
DON'T
SAY!

IT'S
SIMPLER
THAT
WAY



YES, WELL... SPEAKING OF ALIENS, YOUR LOOKS ARE SOMEWHAT UH... UNUSUAL, AREN'T THEY?

YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING AGAINST THE WAY I LOOK?

WELL UH... AFTER ALL, THEY DID ARREST YOU AT THE STARPORT, TRYING TO LEAVE FOR PLANET TATOOLINE



AH YEAH?

DIDN'T THEY?

NO, IT'S JUST THAT UH...

WELL YEAH, NATURALLY

NATURALLY?



YOU DON'T GET IT, DO YOU? THAT'S THE ONLY PLACE LEFT, WHERE WE CAN EXPRESS OUR BELIEFS WITHOUT BEING CRITICIZED ALL THE TIME!

THAT'S WHY!



BUT SERIOUSLY, WHO'S CRITICIZING YOU?

HOW CAN I PUT THIS?

I SWEAR! IT'S REALLY HARD FOR US HERE!

BEFORE, NOT VERY LONG AGO, THINGS WERE REALLY DIFFERENT!

UM...



I REMEMBER BACK TWO YEARS AGO, I HAD ALREADY STARTED WEARING TRADITIONAL DRESS...

YO, CAN I BORROW YOUR ERASER, PLEASE?
THANKS.



NOBODY WAS UPSET BY IT.

EVERYONE DRESSED HOWEVER THEY WANTED

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO BE LIKE EVERYONE ELSE TO BE CONSIDERED A REGULAR MEMBER OF SOCIETY

WHAT TIME'S ECOLOGY?



MMM I SEE...

AND THAT'S CHANGED?

WHEN THEY PUT OUT THEIR DAMNED 'NEUTRAL VALUES ACT,' YOU KNOW?

HELL YEAH!
VIRTUALLY OVERNIGHT!



BACK THEN, I DIDN'T EVEN DRESS THIS WAY, NOBODY COULD GUESS WHAT MY BELIEFS WERE, BUT IT HIT ME RIGHT AWAY...

THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT OUTLAWING ALL DISTINCTIVE SYMBOLS IN PUBLIC PLACES

YEAH, WELL... THAT DOESN'T REALLY APPLY TO US, RIGHT? IT'S MORE FOR THE... WELL

YOU KNOW



SPEAK OF THE DEVIL...

MAY THE POWER BE WITH YOU!



SHHH, ACT LIKE YOU DON'T SEE HIM YOU NEVER KNOW

HMM

HMPFH!



ALL OF A SUDDEN IT BECAME REALLY COMPLICATED! EVERYONE WOULD LOOK AT YOU WEIRD JUST FOR SHOWING YOU'RE A STARWARZ FAN

THE ONLY ONES WHO WEREN'T AFRAID FOR US WERE THOSE WHO FELT SORRY FOR US



WE QUICKLY REALIZED THE LAW WAS BASICALLY TARGETING OUR COMMUNITY. MY RESPONSE WAS TO START WEARING CLOTHING THAT OPENLY REFLECTED MY BELIEFS. KNOW WHAT I MEAN?



MAY THE POWER BE WITH YOU!

BUT... BUT?

WHAT'S WITH THE LOOK?



HUH...WHAT?

YOU'RE DRESSED LIKE A...UH...WELL...

A JEDIIST? YEAH, I KNOW. SO WHAT?

WELL, I DON'T KNOW IT'S JUST UM... WEIRD



HEY! YOU ARE THE WEIRD ONES!

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A JEDIIST

AND WHEN WERE YOU GONNA TELL US?

WHAT'S WITH THE SABER AND ALL...THE NEWSPAPERS SAY THAT...

OK, I SEE! JUST DROP IT! BYE.

HE'S CHANGED





IT DIDN'T TAKE ME LONG TO CLEAN HOUSE AND GET RID OF ANY FRIENDS WHO DIDN'T THINK THE SAME AS ME.



DAD, CAN I TAKE MY EARS OFF?
THEY REALLY ITCH!

OUT OF THE QUESTION!
NOW SHUSH, EPISODE
357 IS
STARTING

HMPFH! WHAT
AM I DOING HERE?

I DIDN'T FEEL GOOD ABOUT MYSELF
YOU KNOW... IT WAS LIKE I JUST
DIDN'T FEEL LIKE MYSELF AT HOME

SPACE, THE FINAL
FRONTIER...

THERE WERE ALL THESE
VIDEOS ON THE INTERNET, ABOUT
WHAT WAS GOING ON
OUT IN SPACE...

DAMN! LOOK
WHAT WE'RE
DOING TO ALL
THOSE POOR
LITTLE WOVOKS!

IT'S
DISGUSTING!

IT'S NOT AT ALL
LIKE MY
PARENTS
THINK...

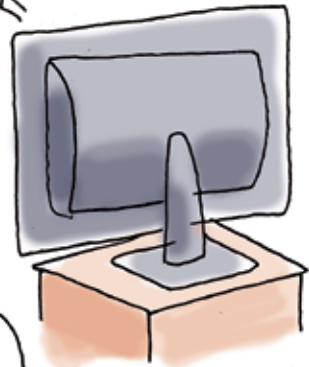
I TALKED TO THE PEOPLE
AROUND ME, BUT NOBODY
COULD
CARE
LESS.

SO? THAT'S FAR
AWAY, HUH?

WHO
CARES?

NO, BUT... BUT...
HOW CAN YOU
NOT
CARE?

YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW
IF THOSE THINGS ARE TRUE.
IT'S JUST WHAT THEY SAY.
DID YOU GO SEE
FOR YOURSELF?



JOIN THE RESISTANCE YOU MUST!
THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD, ON THIS
IT DEPENDS.

THIS GUY IS
SO RIGHT!

THAT IS WHERE THINGS
ARE HAPPENING. NOT HERE

LITTLE BY LITTLE,
I REALIZED THAT THE WORLD
AROUND ME WAS A LIE. JEDIIST
LAW SHOULD BE IMPOSED
EVERYWHERE. THAT WAS
CLEAR.

THERE WAS A GUY I
SOMETIMES RAN INTO
DOWNTOWN. HE SEEMED
TO KNOW A LOT ABOUT IT

I JUST GOT BACK, YOU
KNOW. NOBODY'S SHOCKED
BY MY HAIR, THERE

YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
MAKE EXCUSES
FOR BEING
YOURSELF.

IT'S LIKE THE
DEATH STAR HERE,
BRO.

TRUE

THERE IS ONLY ONE POWER
AND MASTER YOYO IS ITS
MESSENGER!

GOOD GOD!
WHAT'S HAPPENING
TO YOU, SON?

THAT'S WHEN
I DECIDED TO
CUT TIES WITH
EVERYTHING
THAT WASN'T
STRICTLY
JEDIIST.



THERE... NOW I'M REALLY ME.



I SEE.

YOU SEE, AFTER A WHILE, WE WERE ALL CONVINCED OF ONE THING: THAT EVERYTHING IMPORTANT WAS GOING ON ELSEWHERE, AND WE ABSOLUTELY HAD TO GET OUT OF HERE!



YES, OF COURSE... BUT TATOOLINE IS A DANGER ZONE, NOT A RESORT!

I FELT USEFUL THERE! I HAD BEEN STUDYING TO BE A TEACHER!

I AM A "WORLD OF DUTY" EXPERT

AND I DO JUDO!



THAT COULD BE USEFUL TOO.

AH, I SEE!

AND THEN, LAST YEAR, THERE WAS THAT BIG THING...

WOOOW!

LUCKY BASTARDS!

YEAH WELL... BUT YOUR LUCKY BASTARDS NEVER CAME BACK, YOU KNOW...



THE GEEK
RADICALISED
PADAWANS
LEAVE TO JOIN
THE JEDISIS
ON TATOOLINE



YEAH, BUT THEY HELPED THE CAUSE!

WE WERE VERY PROUD OF THEM!

AND A LITTLE BIT JEALOUS TOO...

THOUGH IT SHOULD ALSO BE POINTED OUT THAT IT DIDN'T HELP EASE TENSIONS IN CLASS, YOU KNOW.



WELL... BEFORE STARTING CLASS, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A SMALL DISCUSSION...

YOU KNOW, IT'S VERY IMPORTANT NOT TO LET YOURSELF GET SUCKED INTO THAT.

WHICH OF YOU ARE STARWARZ FANS?

YOU START OFF LEVITATING THINGS

AND THEN YOU WIND UP DECAPITATING MARTIANS WITH LIGHTSABERS

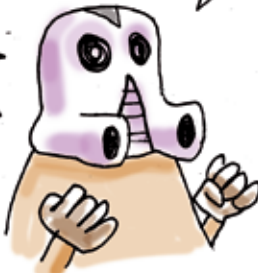


ON TOP OF IT ALL, THEY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT. THEY'RE COMPLETELY OUT TO LUNCH...

TO START WITH, THERE HAVE NEVER BEEN ANY MARTIANS IN STARWARZ!

PERHAPS THEY WERE JUST TRYING TO LIGHTEN THE MOOD, NO?

AH YEAH? GREAT! BY MAKING US OUT TO BE DANGEROUS ACTIVISTS!



BRAVO



LOOK, WE DID EXACTLY THE SAME AS EVERYONE ELSE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO LEAVE... JUST TURNED ON THE "SPACE ENJOY" TV. ALL THAT STUFF IS LIKE A TUTORIAL, BUT REALLY SPECIFIC!



WE FOLLOWED IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THESE REBEL TRAINEES FROM THEIR SMALL QUIET, UNEVENTFUL NEIGHBOURHOOD TO THE CONFLICT ZONE ON TATTOOLINE. LET'S TAKE A CLOSER LOOK.



GOOD HEAVENS!

HEY, YOU SAID IT F&%#*!

HOW DID YOU WIND UP GETTING CAUGHT?

WELL, ONCE WE GOT OUR TICKETS, THERE WAS NO TURNING BACK... WE HAD TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE, YOU SEE?



GOOD, YOUR \$800 LOAN HAS BEEN ACCEPTED. TELL ME AGAIN WHAT YOU'RE USING THE MONEY FOR?

A HUMANITARIAN PROJECT TO HELP POOR CHILDREN

AAAH! THE PLANET BANDORA! THE NAVI... I DREAM OF GOING THERE MYSELF ONE DAY!

WONDERFUL!



I SOLD MY CAR TO PAY FOR MY TICKET!

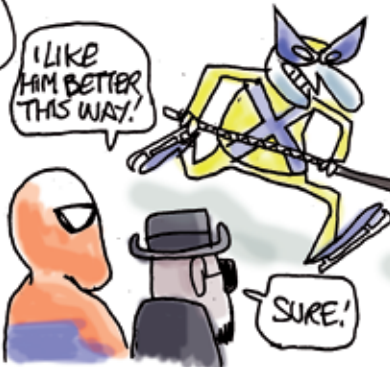
AND I STARTED DRESSING LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE, SO NO ONE WOULD FIND OUT ABOUT MY PLANS!

HEY! PASS IT! PASS IT!

EVEN THOUGH I LOVED IT!

I LIKE HIM BETTER THIS WAY!

SURE!



EVERYTHING WAS GOING EXACTLY AS PLANNED!

AND THEN... HE HAPPENED



HEY, COME ON!

SO WHAT IF I WANTED TO REMAIN TRUE TO MY BELIEFS?



I DECIDED TO WEAR THE MASK, SO I'M GOING TO WEAR IT! ANY PROBLEM WITH THIS?



YOU CAN IMAGINE, WHEN WE GOT TO THE STARPORT WITH THAT POLICE CHECKPOINT.

THEY WERE MORE THAN HAPPY TO PICK US UP...



MADAME, GENTLEMEN, PLEASE FOLLOW US.

THIS WAY PLEASE.





BECAUSE ALL THE STRESS WE'D BEEN UNDER, ONCE WE GOT TO THE INTERROGATION ROOM, WE STARTED LAUGHING LIKE CRAZY!



WELL...HERE'S THE WHOLE STORY. IN SHORT, THAT'S HOW WE GOT HERE

OK I SEE...

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE JEDIIST POWER AND ALL THAT, NOW?



I STILL WANT TO DO HUMANITARIAN WORK.

BUT I'M GOING TO FINISH MY STUDIES FIRST



I'M STILL REALLY INTO IT!

BUT MY NEW GIRLFRIEND IS ACTUALLY A MANGA FAN. WE MAY GO TO THE JAPAN EXPO, NEXT YEAR

YEP.



I ACTUALLY WATCHED BLADE RUNNER THE OTHER DAY WELL...IT'S NOT THAT BAD!



ON THAT NOTE, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO SIGN OFF. YOUR STORY IS COMPLETELY NUTS! GOOD THING THIS IS A COMIC. OTHERWISE NO ONE WOULD BELIEVE IT!



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THE FACT REMAINS THAT

THIS COMIC WAS INPIRED BY REAL EVENTS

VIOLENT RADICALIZATION IS THE "ADOPTION OF EXTREMIST BELIEFS INCLUDING THE WILLINGNESS TO USE, SUPPORT OR PROMOTE VIOLENCE AS A MEANS OF SOCIAL CHANGE" - THE ECONOMIC, IDENTITY AND SOCIAL CRISES WE ARE CURRENTLY UNDERGOING, MAY IN PART BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PHENOMENON.



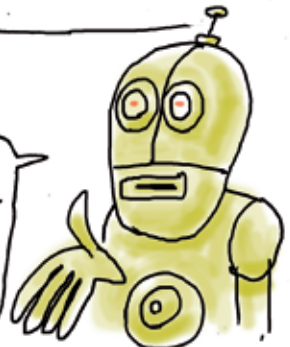
HOWEVER THEY ARE NOT THE ONLY CAUSES! EACH OF US KNOWS SOMEONE WHO MAY BE AFFECTED... YOU YOURSELF ARE PERHAPS UNDERGOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS...



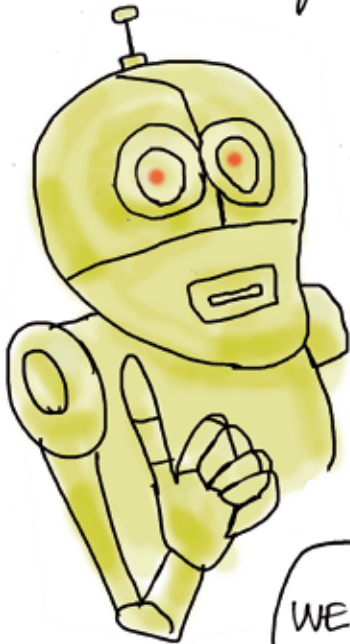
WE WANTED TO USE THIS HUMOROUS STORY TO GIVE A VOICE TO YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAD EXPERIENCED THIS PHENOMENON DIRECTLY.

IN INTERVIEWS WITH US, THEY REVEALED THAT SOCIAL ISOLATION AND A LACK OF COMMUNICATION WITH "THE OUTSIDE WORLD" LED THEM TO ADOPT WAYS OF THINKING THAT VERY NEARLY CAUSED THEM TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT COULD HAVE HAD DRAMATIC CONSEQUENCES ESPECIALLY FOR THEMSELVES, AND THEIR FAMILIES.

THAT'S WHY WE FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO STRESS THAT THE PRESERVATION OF SOCIAL HARMONY, IN WHICH RESPECT FOR DIFFERENCES PLAYS A KEY ROLE, DEPENDS UPON DIALOGUE!



BY SETTING ASIDE ASSUMPTIONS AND OUR FEARS ABOUT ONE ANOTHER, WE CAN DEFUSE HOSTILE SITUATIONS. OPEN UP TO OTHER PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE WHO MAY DIFFER FROM YOU IN TERMS OF THEIR CUSTOMS OR APPEARANCE, AND YOU WILL LEARN SOMETHING IMPORTANT.



PERFECTION MAY NOT EXIST
BUT NOR DOES
PURE EVIL!

ONLY DIALOGUE CAN PUT AN END TO
PREJUDICE. IT'S UP TO US TO MAKE
SURE VIOLENCE IS NEVER AN OPTION

WE HOPE WE'VE HELPED THIS CAUSE!



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