

STAR WARS

FATE OF THE JEDI



OUTCAST

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Accused of treason,
Luke Skywalker chooses
exile instead of prison.
Forbidden to return to
Coruscant, he sets out on
a mission to find out why his
nephew, Jacen Solo, fell to
the dark side of the Force. His
teenage son Ben accompanies him
and keeps Jacen's sister, Jaina,
apprised of their adventures . . .

Dear Jaina:

So Dad and I just got out of a jam. By Luke Skywalker standards, it probably wasn't that bad a jam. He never seemed worried. Of course, he never does. But me? At a certain point, I realized that if we failed, it was all over. We might not die, but our lives would be done with. Fire up the biographers, the story's all told. And I wondered if every Jedi goes through that, a realization that your life so far had better have been enough, because it's all you're ever going to have.

I didn't like that, and I wonder if that's the sort of weakness by which they can get at you: the dark side, self-doubt, Sith,



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Was it that way with you? And if so,
how old were you when it happened?

Oh, well. I got through it, and
there's only nine point nine years
to go.

Love, Ben