

# What struck me about life in the Republic

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When people asked me for my reaction to the most recent Star Wars movie, I replied that what struck me most was that the Republic doesn't appear to have any building codes. There are these platforms several hundred meters above the ground with **no railings**. For example, Padmé Amidala's fancy apartment has a front porch far above the ground. Consider: You're carrying a load of packages to the car, the kids are running around, you turn around to yell at one of them, miss a step, and over the rim you go. How many people fall to their deaths in that galaxy?

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