

STAR WARS EPISODE IX RAGE OF THE FORCE

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FADE IN:

SPACE

The STAR WARS logo appears and moves into the blackness of space, followed closely by the OPENING CRAWL:

Coruscant and Tython are destroyed. The remnants of the Galactic Alliance flee from the Empire and the terror wrought by their terrifying superweapon, the Death Star Destroyer. While an alliance has been forged with the mighty warriors of Concord Dawn known as the Mandalorians, the Alliance's odds of survival grow slimmer everyday. As the heroes of the Galactic Alliance work desperately to find some way of overcoming the Empire, Jedi Master Grundy Varda and Silvon Galagala make their way back from the Ghost Nebula, carrying a terrible secret...

As the opening crawl begins to fade away, we move downwards to see two JEDI STARFIGHTERS flying towards us. One is painted black, and the other one is painted purple.

CUT TO:

INT. VARDA'S JEDI STARFIGHTER

MASTER GRUNDY VARDA is a Duros Jedi Master. He's piloting the black Jedi Starfighter.

ANGLE: VARDA'S POV

Scanning the empty stars before him.

VARDA

I don't understand - Coruscant should be right here.

CUT TO:

INT. GALAGALA'S JEDI STARFIGTER

MASTER SILVON GALAGALA is a Twi'lek Jedi Master. She pilots the purple Jedi Starfighter. Although her skin is dark yellow, she is dressed in very similar clothing to Aayla Secure.

ANGLE: GALAGALA'S POV

She too is scanning the empty stars.

GALAGALA

That looks like debris... what happened here?

CUT TO:

INT. VARDA'S JEDI STARFIGHTER

VARDA

I'm not sure. Maybe we've got the wrong co-ordinates.

Suddenly, a hologram of JACEN SOLO appears before him.

VARDA(CONT'D)

Jacen?!

JACEN(VIA HOLOGRAM)

Master Varda? Is that you?

VARDA

Speaking.

JACEN(VIA HOLOGRAM)

Oh thank the force. We managed to reach you on the correct channel. What's your current location.

VARDA

We're at Coruscant. Or rather, where Coruscant used to be.

JACEN(VIA HOLOGRAM)

Oh yeah, you wouldn't know... Coruscant's gone.

VARDA

That certainly explains a lot. What do you mean gone?

JACEN(VIA HOLOGRAM)

It was blown up. The Empire have a new weapon. They call it the Death Star Destroyer.

VARDA

Blown up? But that means-

JACEN(VIA HOLOGRAM)

Yeah, I know. The Jedi Temple's gone.

VARDA

By Yoda's ears! That can't be!

JACEN(VIA HOLOGRAM)

It gets worse. Tyton's been destroyed too.

VARDA

Not Tython too! Oh, this is a grave day for the Jedi. How did they find Tython?

JACEN(VIA HOLOGRAM)

Uncle Luke lead us there, hoping it would be safe. It wasn't. The Sith had placed monitoring devices there waiting for us.

VARDA

The Sith too? I feared this had happened, based on what we found in the Ghost Nebula, but to hear it confirmed... How much more bad news are you going to give me Jacen?

JACEN(VIA HOLOGRAM)

We've teamed up with the Mandalorians too.

Varda sighs.

VARDA

I suppose desperate times call for desperate measures. Where are you now?

JACEN(VIA HOLOGRAM)

We're bunkered down at Concord Dawn.

VARDA

Then that is where we shall go. I have a message of the utmost importance to deliver to Master Skywalker.

JACEN(VIA HOLOGRAM)

I'll let him know to expect your arrival. May the Force be with you.

Varda nods and the hologram of Jacen disappears.

VARDA

Did you hear that, Master Galagala.

CUT TO:

INT. GALAGALA'S JEDI STARFIGHTER

Galagala has a grim expression on her face.

GALAGALA

I heard alright. Every word. I'm less than thrilled at an alliance with the Mandalorians, but as you say, these are desperate times. Let's get to Concord Dawn. We must tell Master Skywalker what we've found.

CUT TO:

INT. VARDA'S JEDI STARFIGHTER

VARDA

Agreed. Let's go.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The two Jedi Starfighters jump to lightspeed.

CUT TO:

EXT.-CONCORD DAWN-SPACE

The combined GALACTIC ALLIANCE and MANDALORIAN FLEET hang in space above Concord Dawn.

ANGLE: THE COMMAND VESSEL

The largest ship in the fleet.

CUT TO:

INT. COMMAND VESSEL-BRIDGE

BOBA FETT paces impatiently before LUKE, LEIA, HAN, LANDO, CHEWBACCA, TEQ, THREEPIO, ARTOO, JACEN, JAINA, JACE, ARAVIS and ACKBAR. Boba Fett stops pacing and turns his helmeted head towards Han.

BOBA FETT

When you told me we were going to team up, I thought we were going to go and kick some Imperial butt. But we're stuck here, waiting for a couple of stupid Jedi to show up?

TEQ

I'd appreciate if you didn't speak about two of the most eminent members of the Jedi Order in that fashion, Mandalorian.

BOBA FETT

And I'd appreciate it if you weren't so high and mighty, your worship. We can call this partnership off any time.

LUKE

Please, there's no need for this bickering. Master Varda and Galagala have some important news for me. I'm eager to see what it is.

MON CALAMARI CREWMEMBER

We have two Jedi Starfigthers on approach.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

Varda and Galagala's Jedi Starfigthers come out of Hyperspace.

CUT TO:

INT. COMMAND VESSEL-BRIDGE

LUKE

Good. Send them up here.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

Varda and Galagala's Jedi Starfighters head towards the Command Vessel.

CUT TO:

INT. COMMAND VESSEL-BRIDGE

The doors to the Bridge open and Varda and Galagala enter.

JACEN
Master Varda!

JAINA
Master Galagala!

GALAGALA
Greetings.

Varda and Galagala survey the motley crew before them.

VARDA
Our message should only really be for Master Luke's ears.

LUKE
I've decided there'll be no more secrets among us Jedi anymore.
Anything you can say to me can be said to anyone else.

Varda and Galagala look a bit uncertain at this, but press on anyway.

VARDA
As you know, Jacen and Jaina were recently taken to the Ghost Nebula on a top secret training mission.

JACEN
I don't know why it was top secret. We didn't see anything particularly exciting out there.

JAINA
When we could see anything, considering how dark it was.

GALAGALA
We are sorry for the deception, but we didn't want to be followed.
We were looking for something.

LUKE
And it sounds like you found it.

VARDA
As you know, the Sith used to have a training academy there. What you may also know is that it is rumoured to be one of the places where the body of Darth Plageuis the Wise is said to be interred.

There is an intake of breath from Luke, Leia, Teq, Jacen and Jaina at these words.

HAN

Am I missing something? Who's this Darth Plagueis the Wise?

LUKE

He was Palpatine's master. The only person who ever achieved the power to bring people back from the dead. Or so the legends go. Dad always told me it was only story that Palpatine used to trick him into going over to the Dark Side. After all, he could save others from dying, but not himself.

GALAGALA

Trick or not, we did find his tomb.

TEQ

And?

VARDA

It was empty. The body had been taken and the holocron slots were also empty.

JAINA

Grave robbers.

GALAGALA

Perhaps, but that still means there are some extremely dangerous artifacts in the wrong hands.

LUKE

It wasn't just grave robbers.

The others all look at him. His eyes have gone very wide, and his face is very pale.

LUKE(CONT'D)

I've just remembered something. When I was fighting Darth Rondus on the Third Moon of Serenno, he told me that Palpatine was merely a pawn. What if... what if he's taken Darth Plagueis's body and the holocrons and... either learned Plagueis's secret or... brought him back from the dead.

LEIA

Neither of those possibilities is particularly appealing.

LUKE

No. And I think I may know why Darth Rondus has been collecting all those holocrons.

There is a dramatic pause.

LUKE(CONT'D)

If he's learned to manipulate the force to such a level he can bring them back to life... then what stops him from making sure the dead are truly dead?

LEIA

You mean... he used the holocrons to wipe Obi Wan, Yoda and Dad from the force itself?

Luke nods gravely. Varda and Galagala bow their heads.

GALAGALA

We are sorry for your loss.

LUKE

It's a loss for the whole Jedi. For the entire force.

VARDA

Fortunately, there may be a fix this.

GALAGALA

If we are dealing with beings that will not simply die at the stroke of a lightsaber, we need a very special weapon indeed.

VARDA

And we think we may have found it.

GALAGALA

Have you ever heard of the golden lightsaber?

LUKE

I've heard of Jedi using lightsabers that were coloured gold.

VARDA

Ah, but this is a truly golden lightsaber. Forged through the force itself, and bestowed only upon those who are deemed worthy to wield it.

HAN

Well Luke seems pretty worthy to me. Where is this "golden lightsaber".

GALAGALA

We do not know.

VARDA

If we did, we would have brought it with us.

HAN

Great more legends. I was just about ready to swallow the force stuff. Heck, I even considered going down that path myself. But you're telling us the only way of defeating these Sith is an ancient weapon that may or may not exist.

GALAGALA

We admit it's a long shot, but do we have any other choice?

BOBA FETT

I've always found a good blaster works perfectly fine myself.

HAN

For once, the two of us are in whole-hearted agreement.

LUKE

It won't work. We have no other choice.

VARDA

Fortunately, we were able to find a pointer.

He reaches into his robes and pulls out a data card, which he hands to Luke.

VARDA(CONT'D)

This is a map we found. It says the key to the location of the golden lightsaber can be found on the planet Aquarius.

LUKE

Aquarius? That's a waterworld.

GALAGALA

It is.

LUKE

Hope everyone remembered their rebreathers.

A chuckle goes up around the room.

LUKE(CONT'D)

Okay, I'll go to Aquarius.

HAN

Alone? You're going to need help.

JAINA

Yeah. We want to help Uncle Luke.

LUKE

Who am I to say no? I could use the help of some fine Jedi and scoundrels.

VARDA

Then it is decided. Master Luke will take a ship to Aquarius and find the clue to the golden lightsaber's location.

ACKBAR

You'll have to take a small ship. Last time we sent out a big cruiser on patrol it never came back.

HAN

I can offer the Falcon.

LANDO

I feel like the Falcon's had its share of adventures. Why don't we mix things up and take the Lady Luck instead?

Han looks like he's about to argue, but pulls up short.

HAN

Fine. Wouldn't want anything to happen to the Falcon. After all, this is a dangerous mission we're going on.

LANDO

That reverse psychology won't work on me and you know it.

Han shrugs.

HAN

It was worth a try.

LANDO

So, I'm taking Luke, Han, Jacen, Jaina.

Chewie roars.

LANDO(CONT'D)

And Chewie of course.

JACE

I'm coming too!

LEIA

Jace, don't you remember what happened the last time you went on a mission? Surely you're not going to leave your mom here all alone?

JACE

I do remember what happened the last time I went on a mission.

He takes Aravis's hand and they gaze into each other's eyes.

JACE(CONT'D)

I found the girl I love and helped broker an alliance.

HAN

With some help from your old man.

JACE

Sure but... think what I could do this time.

Leia considers.

LEIA

Okay. But you'll come back now won't you?

JACE

Of course.

ARAVIS

I'll make sure of it.

JACE

Wait, you're coming too?

ARAVIS

Of course I am. You don't think I'm going to let you run off without me. Who knows what might happen?

JACE

Well that's... great.

LANDO

Why are we still standing around here talking? The Lady Luck's all fuelled up and ready to go, let's find ourselves a lightsaber.

A great cheer goes up.

BOBA FETT

So what, the rest of us will just stay here and hold down the fort?

HAN

That's the idea. Unless you want to come with us.

BOBA FETT

Thanks, but Aquarius is hardly a place for a holiday. I'll stay here. But I have to warn you, my warriors are getting restless. I'll hold them off as long as I can, but if they decide to start a mutiny... I can't promise I can protect you from that.

HAN

We'll be back in no time.

LANDO

The sooner we leave, the sooner we'll be back.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

THE LADY LUCK comes flying out of the command vessel's hangar.

CUT TO:

INT. LADY LUCK-COCKPIT

Luke, Han, Lando, Chewie, Jacen, Jaina, Jace and Aravis are seated in the luxurious cockpit of the Lady Luck. Lando mans the controls.

LANDO

Everyone strapped in?

Affirmative shouts go up.

LANDO(CONT'D)

Not that you need to of course. This lady will give you the smoothest ride you've ever head.

He looks around at the everyone and winks, then pulls a lever.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The Lady Luck jumps to hyperspeed.

CUT TO:

INT. LADY LUCK-COCKPIT

The swirling vortex of Hyperspace pulses in the bridge window.

HAN

Doesn't matter how many times I see that sight. Whenever I see it, it always feels like the start of a great adventure.

JACE

Are we there yet?

Everyone bursts out laughing.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The Lady Luck comes shooting out of Hyperspace above AQUARIUS. The entire planet's covered in water, but it's a dark water. The planet looks like a dark grey marble hanging in space.

CUT TO:

INT. LADY LUCK-COCKPIT

ANGLE: COCKPIT WINDOW

The planet can be seen through the cockpit window.

ARAVIS

Dad wasn't kidding when he said this was no place for a holiday.

LANDO

I'll take us down.

He fiddles around with the controls.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The Lady Luck speeds down towards Aquarius.

CUT TO:

EXT.-AQUARIUS

The Lady Luck descends through the layers of cloud. It's not raining on Aquarius, but the sky is permanently grey like it's just about to rain at any moment.

CUT TO:

INT. LADY LUCK-COCKPIT

ANGLE: LANDO'S POV

Looking at the dark, choppy water beneath them.

LANDO

Where exactly are we supposed to be going?

Luke has the datacard Varda gave him earlier plugged into a datapad.

ANGLE: THE DATAPAD'S SCREEN

A blinking red light is shown above a grid map.

LUKE

We should be heading more towards the West.

LANDO

Understood. Laying in a course now.

He adjusts some levers and the Lady Luck changes course.

JACEN

How deep down is this clue meant to be?

LUKE

It's at one hundred fathoms.

JACEN

That's pretty deep.

LUKE

Not deep enough that we can't withstand the pressure. With a little help from the force.

ARAVIS

What about us non-force users? Are we going to be okay, are you going to let us get crushed.

JAINA

We can create a force bubble around that will shield you from the pressure and stop you from running out of air.

ARAVIS

Good to know.

ANGLE: THE DATAPAD'S SCREEN

An icon representing the Lady Luck is now directly above the blinking red light.

LUKE

Stop here.

CUT TO:

EXT.-AQUARIUS

The Lady Luck comes to a halt, floating over the waves of the ocean.

CUT TO:

INT. LADY LUCK-COCKPIT

Luke gets to his feet.

LUKE

Alright, everyone who's going down suit up. We need someone to stay up here and keep an eye on the ship.

LANDO

That would be me.

Chewie roars. Han chuckles.

HAN

Yeah Chewie, I won't think less of you for staying up here. If I had as much fur as you, I wouldn't want it to get wet either.

Chewie growls appreciatively.

LUKE

Okay, get suited up. We'll meet in the briefing room in ten.

Han, Jacen, Jaina, Jace and Aravis get up from their seats and follow Luke out of the cockpit, leaving Lando and Chewbacca alone.

LANDO

So... heard any good jokes recently.

Chewbacca lets loose a few short barks. Lando chuckles to himself.

LANDO(CONT'D)

You know, that one's actually not half bad. I might use that one myself.

Chewbacca lets out an angry bark.

LANDO(CONT'D)

Alright, alright I'm sorry. I didn't realise it wasn't okay for non-Wookies.

There is a pause, then he looks back up at Chewie. A smile breaks across his face.

LANDO(CONT'D)

You were pulling my leg with that one weren't you?

Chewie barks with laughter as Lando gives him a playful punch on the arm.

CUT TO:

INT. LADY LUCK-BRIEFING ROOM

Luke, Han, Jacen, Jaina and Jace stand ready. They are all wearing full-body diving suits similar to the ones seen in the "Water War" episode of "Star Wars: The Clone Wars". They hold their rebreather helmets at their sides.

JACEN

What's taking Aravis so long?

ARAVIS(O.S.)

I'm right here.

All the heads in the room turn towards the door.

ANGLE: ARAVIS

Aravis is standing in the doorway to the briefing room. Unlike the others, she is wearing a sleek, one piece swimming costume, a lot like the one Fleur Delacour wore for the Second Task in "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire". The silver colour contrasts beautifully with her radiant hair. She has a small strap wrapped round her ankle with a vibroknife fitted into it

Luke respectfully looks the other way, but Han, Jacen and Jace are all left speechless by this sight. Jaina rolls her eyes. Aravis walks over to the briefing table.

ARAVIS

Something wrong?

JACE

I... that water looks awfully cold.

Aravis smiles at him.

ARAVIS

Not afraid of a little cold water are you?

JACE

No. Not at all.

Jace is stunned. Jacen gives him an encouraging nudge.

JACEN

(quietly) You are one lucky guy Jace.

Jace grins broadly.

JAINA

Will you two behave yourselves? Dad! Stop staring!

Han jumps.

HAN

Sorry. Drifted away there.

Luke taps some buttons, and a hologram of the watery depths appears with a red blinking light.

LUKE

This is our destination. If you get into trouble and can't keep diving, head back to the surface. Thankfully there aren't too many hostile creatures in these waters, but I want everyone to come back from this mission alive. Don't be a hero unless absolutely necessary. Does everyone understand me?

They all nod.

LUKE

Good. Then we're ready to go.

CUT TO:

EXT.-AQUARIUS

The boarding ramp for the Lady Luck descends. Luke, Han, Jacen, Jaina, Jace and Aravis step out onto it. They all have their bubble-like rebreather helmets on now.

Luke jumps first, followed by Han, Jacen and Jaina. Jace and Aravis hold hands and jump together. Lando stands at the boarding door, watching as each of them splashes into the waves below and disappears from view.

LANDO

Brr!

He wraps his cape around himself and goes back inside the Lady Luck. The boarding ramp retracts as he does.

CUT TO:

EXT.-UNDERWATER

Luke, Han, Jacen, Jaina, Jace and Aravis swim down into the dark depths. They have lights on their helmets which illuminate part of the way, but do not go very far.

HAN

How's everyone holding up?

Shouts of "fine" go up as the descent continues. Luke is studying the datapad and the blinking red light on it.

LUKE

We should be seeing a cave fairly soon.

JACE

I can barely see anything. This is kind of creepy.

ARAVIS

Aw, you're not scared are you?

Jace is affronted.

JACE

No. It's just... so dark. And empty.

ARAVIS

It's okay. I'm here for you.

Jace smiles.

JACE

I know.

Jacen swivels his head about.

ANGLE: JACEN'S POV

Through the murk, he sees a patch of darkness which is slightly darker than the rest of it.

JACEN

Over there! What's that?

Luke consults the datapad.

LUKE

Well done Jacen, I think you just found our cave.

They start swimming towards the dark patch. As they get closer towards it, they see that it is indeed the opening for some kind of cave. Stalagmites and stalactites run all round the entrance.

HAN

Looks real inviting.

Luke, Han, Jacen, Jaina, Jace and Aravis pass through the entrance.

CUT TO:

INT. UNDERWATER CAVE

Luke, Han, Jacen, Jaina, Jace and Aravis swim through the cave. As they do, the cave floor moves closer and closer towards their feet, forming a ramp moving upwards.

The further they move, the more difficult it is to keep swimming, until they are all effectively walking uphill. The surface of the water gets closer and closer, until they break through the surface.

CUT TO:

INT. CAVE

Luke, Han, Jacen, Jaina, Jace and Aravis emerge from the water into a darkened cave. They swing their torches around, trying to figure out their surroundings.

The walls of the cave, are grey, but don't look particularly rocky.

ANGLE: A PLINTH

Illuminated by the light of a torch.

JAINA

Over there!

They all rush over to the plint. On it is some writing.

JACEN

What does it say?

LUKE

It's very old. Written in the language of the Whills. I'm little rusty, but I'll give it a try.

Luke reads from the plinth.

LUKE

You will find the thing you seek in the place your journey began.

JACE

What's that supposed to mean?

LUKE

It's a riddle: the place my journey began. It could mean any number of places. The place my journey began was Tatooine but... that doesn't seem to fit.

JACE

I don't suppose it could mean this particular journey.

JACEN

What, you mean back at the Alliance Fleet?

LUKE

No. This journey began on Hypori a Sith Foundry world. That's the place I first encountered Darth Rondus.

HAN

So we're going back to Hypori?

LUKE

I don't want to, but it's as good a place to start as any.

JACEN

So that's it? We found what we were looking for just like that? You know, as missions go, this one was surprisingly easy.

JAINA

Hey now, we haven't got to Hypori yet and we haven't found the golden lightsaber yet.

HAN

Exactly. It ain't over til it's over.

ANGLE: SHADOW

Something is moving in the darkness outside the light of the torches.

HAN(CONT'D)

Now let's go. This place gives me the creeps.

Aravis suddenly notices the thing that's moving.

ARAVIS

Hey! I think something's in here with us!

Everyone swings their torches about. They see nothing.

JAINA

Up there!

They all look up.

ANGLE: THE CEILING

It's covered in CREATURES. They look like Gremlins mixed with frogs, with sharp teeth and sharp claws. And they're crawling down the ceiling towards Luke, Han, Jacen, Jaina, Jace and Aravis.

Han pulls out his blaster and starts firing at them. A few drop down from the ceiling. Luke, Jacen and Jaina activates their lightsabers, Jaina twirling both of hers as she does.

Aravis yanks the knife from the holster on her ankle. Jace take out his blaster and joins Han in shooting at the approaching creatures.

The creatures are pressing in from all sides. The cavern is now lit by fire from the blasters and the light from the lightsabers as the creatures are slashed and shot at.

Finally, a path back to the water is cleared through the creatures.

HAN

Let's go! Into the water!

Luke, Han, Jacen, Jaina, Jace and Aravis dive into the water. They're quickly followed by a horde of the creatures.

CUT TO:

INT. UNDERWATER CAVE

Luke, Han, Jacen, Jaina, Jace and Aravis swim as fast as they can along the underwater cave, but the creatures are fast move even faster underwater than they did on land.

Luke, Jacen and Jaina still have their lightsabers activated underwater, and they slash at the creatures when they get too close for comfort.

The entrance to the cave slowly comes into view through the dark water, but as it does it starts to close.

HAN

Swim swim swim!

They all increase the speed of their swimming.

CUT TO:

EXT.-UNDERWATER

Luke, Han, Jacen, Jaina, Jace and Aravis emerges from the cave, just as the entrance closes behind them. One of the creatures tries to swim after them and is cut in half by the closing entrance of the cave.

Luke, Han, Jacen, Jaina, Jace and Aravis look back to see that it wasn't a cave after all. It was the mouth of a MONSTROUS SEA CREATURE, which stares back at them through beady eyes.

HAN

That thing looks hungry. Go go go!

Luke, Han, Jacen, Jaina, Jace and Aravis swim for the surface as fast as they can. The sea creature surges after them.

CUT TO:

EXT.-AQUARIUS

The Lady Luck is hovering low over the ocean. Lando keeps watch through the windows. Luke, Han, Jacen, Jaina, Jace and Aravis break the surface one by one.

Lando lowers the boarding ramp and they all scramble onto it.

CUT TO:

INT. LADY LUCK-BOARDING AREA

Luke, Han, Jacen, Jaina, Jace and Aravis stand shivering and wet in the boarding area.

HAN

Gets us out of here! Quick!

Lando rushes away.

CUT TO:

INT. LADY LUCK-COCKPIT

Lando charges in and presses some buttons.

CUT TO:

EXT.-AQUARIUS

The Lady Luck lifts off from the ocean. As it does, the sea creature lunges out of the ocean, its massive jaws barely missing the Lady Luck as it shoots away into the upper atmosphere.

CUT TO:

INT. LADY LUCK-COCKPIT

Lando swivels in his chair as Luke, Han, Jacen, Jaina, Jace and Aravis enter the cockpit. They're still in their diving gear and wet.

LANDO

I see you made a friend.

HAN

How can the same thing happen to the same guy twice. I mean what are the odds.

LANDO

I thought you didn't like being told the odds.

HAN

And this is why.

LANDO

Did you get what you came for?

JACE

Yes... I think.

LUKE

It's enough to be going on for now. Come on, let's get changed.

Luke, Han, Jacen, Jaina, Jace and Aravis exit the cockpit, leaving Lando and Chewie alone again.

LANDO

I really am getting too old for this kind of thing.

Chewie roars.

LANDO(CONT'D)

Hey, I never said it was a competition.

CUT TO:

INT. LADY LUCK-BRIEFING ROOM

Luke, Han, Jacen, Jaina, Jace and Aravis stand around the briefing room table. They are all back in their normal clothing (Aravis is in Mandalorian armour). Before them is a hologram of Leia.

LUKE

We got it. It's not much to go on, but we got it.

LEIA(VIA HOLOGRAM)

Well done. I'm so relieved everyone's back in one piece.

LUKE

I wasn't going to let you down was I?

LEIA(VIA HOLOGRAM)

You still need to get everyone back to the fleet though.

LUKE

Don't worry, I'm sure the Lady Luck is well up to the task.

Suddenly, a rumbling sound is heard and the room lurches. The hologram of Leia abruptly cuts off.

HAN

I don't like the sound of that.

CUT TO:

INT. LADY LUCK-COCKPIT

Lando has his teeth gritted as he fights with the Lady Luck's controls. Chewie roars furiously.

Luke, Han, Jacen, Jaina, Jace and Aravis come rushing in.

HAN

What's going on? Are we-

Han sees something.

HAN(CONT'D)

Oh no.

ANGLE: HAN'S POV

A STAR DESTROYER looms in the cockpit window.

LANDO

They've got us caught in their tractor beam. We're being pulled in.

JAINA

There has to be a way to escape!

LANDO

It's too late! The lock's too strong.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

As the Lady Luck is tractoried towards the Star Destroyer.

CUT TO:

INT. STAR DESTROYER-HANGAR

GRAND MOFF YORPTY stands ready in the vast hangar with a squadron of STORMTROOPERS. He watches with a satisfied smile as the Lady Luck is pulled into the Hangar by the tractor beam. The ship touches down in front of him.

Yorpty motions to a Stormtrooper Captain.

YORPTY

Get them out.

The Stormtrooper Captain steps forward. He pulls out a loudspeaker device and speaks into it.

STORMTROOPER CAPTAIN(VIA LOUDSPEAKER)

Attention to crew of the Lady Luck. You are surrounded.

CUT TO:

INT. LADY LUCK-COCKPIT

The Stormtrooper Captain's words can be heard loud and clear in the cockpit.

STORMTROOPER CAPTAIN(VIA LOUDSPEAKER)

Now step out with your hands up, and nobody needs to get hurt.

JAINA

What do we do?

JACE

Surely we can fight them.

LUKE

No, there's too many of them.

HAN

I seem to remember we once pulled off a trick with some smuggling compartments. Surely the Lady Luck has something along those lines.

STORMTROOPER CAPTAIN(VIA LOUDSPEAKER)

And before you think about hiding in the smuggling compartments, please be aware that we're wise to that trick. Now come out, or we'll blow the Lady Luck to pieces.

HAN(CONT'D)

Well that settles that.

JACE

We can't just give up.

Chewbacca growls in agreement.

LUKE

We're not giving up, we're just being... strategic.

HAN

Okay, but the second we get a chance...

LUKE

Of course. The moment will come.

CUT TO:

INT. STAR DESTROYER-HANGAR

Luke, Han, Lando, Chewbacca Jacen, Jaina, Jace and Aravis disembark from the Lady Luck to be greeted by a hangar full of Stormtroopers with their weapons trained on them.

Jacen looks to the side and sees a large CRUISER

JACEN

That's a Galactic Alliance cruiser.

LUKE

Must be the one Ackbar said went missing.

HAN

Quiet the welcome party we've got here.

Yorpty walks over to them.

YORPTY

Han Solo. I've wanted to meet you for such a long time.

HAN

Can't say the same myself I'm afraid.

YORPTY

I thought as much.

Yorpty surveys them.

YORPTY(CONT'D)

Put them with the others.

JACEN
Others?

YORPTY
You'll see. You're one of the Solo brats aren't you? In fact, it looks like we have the whole set. Darth Rondus will be very eager to meet you all, in due course.

LUKE
Why doesn't he come and see us now?

YORPTY
That is not for you to know.

Yorpty jerks a hand at the Stormtrooper Captain.

YORPTY(CONT'D)
Now get them to the cells.

The Stormtrooper Captain starts leading them away. Then Yorpty stops him.

YORPTY(CONT'D)
Actually wait. No. The Mandalorian will be travelling back to the Death Star Destroyer with me.

JACE
No!

ARAVIS
Like hell I will.

YORPTY
My my, so touchy.

He looks at Jace.

YORPTY(CONT'D)
You have feeling for her don't you? Ah, young love. I do so hate to break things up.

He motions to the Stormtroopers.

YORPTY(CONT'D)
Take her.

The Stormtrooper move forward and grab Aravis. She starts struggling against them.

ARAVIS
No! Stop! Let me go!

JACE
Aravis!

Jace tries to leap forward, but Jacen and Han hold him back. Jace watches helplessly as Aravis is marched away across the Hangar and into Yorpty's waiting shuttle.

JACE

Nooooooooooooooooooooo!!!

The shuttle's wings descend and it blasts away out of the hangar. Jace watches it go with a look of total despair on his face.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The shuttle speeds away from the Star Destroyer.

CUT TO:

INT. SHUTTLE

Aravis has a filthy look fixed on Grand Moff Yorpty, but he ignores her.

YORPTY

Are the co-ordinates for the Death Star Destroyer locked in.

SHUTTLE PILOT

Yes sir. Preparing to jump to lightspeed.

The SHUTTLE PILOT pulls down a lever.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The Shuttle jumps to Hyperspace.

CUT TO:

INT. STAR DESTROYER-HANGAR

Luke, Han, Lando, Chewbacca, Jacen, Jaina and Jace are being lead along a gantry above the Hangar by a squad of Stormtroopers. As they walk, they pass a trolley loaded with munitions.

As they pass, Jaina, who is closest to the munitions trolley, yanks at the beam holding them in place with the force. The munitions come tumbling out, falling right on to the Stormtroopers behind them.

The Stormtroopers recover remarkably quickly, but Han and Lando have managed to scoop up blasters and gun them down.

Luke, Jacen and Jaina use the force to recover their confiscated lightsabers, and the group sprint along the gantry, just as an alarm sounds and more Stormtroopers begin to appear.

CUT TO:

INT. CORRIDOR

An IMPERIAL OFFICER is making his way down the corridor. All of a sudden, he is waylaid by Luke, Han, Lando, Chewbacca, Jacen, Jaina and Jace. Han presses a blaster against his head.

HAN

Where are the cells?

IMPERIAL OFFICE

I don't-

HAN

I said where are the cells?

He jabs the blaster against the Imperial Officer's head for emphasis. Shakily, the Imperial Officer points down the corridor.

HAN(CONT'D)

Thanks.

With one punch, he knocks the Imperial Officer out and the group go charging down the corridor.

CUT TO:

INT. CELL

Luke, Han, Lando, Chewbacca, Jacen, Jaina and Jace burst into the cell. They are greeted by more Stormtroopers, but Han, Lando and Chewie blast them all.

In the cell are several GALACTIC ALLIANCE CREWMEMBERS. CAPTAIN QUORIN steps forward.

QUORIN

Thank goodness you've come. I'm Captain Quorin. My cruiser was captured by this Star Destroyer a few days ago. Of course, I know who you all are, and I'm honoured to meet you.

HAN

So you're the captain of the cruiser Ackbar said went missing.

QUORIN

Yes. We feared we'd never be rescued but... here you are now.

JACEN

Indeed we are.

HAN

Now let's get out of here. We saw your ship in the Hangar.

LANDO

Are your crew in a fit state to fight?

QUORIN

They're been rearing to go.

HAN

Glad to hear it.

CUT TO:

INT. CORRIDOR

Stormtroopers come rushing down the corridor towards the cell. The door to the cell bursts open and Luke, Han, Lando, Chewbacca, Jacen, Jaina and Jace come charging out, blasting away, followed by the crew of the Galactic Alliance Cruiser.

CUT TO:

INT. STAR DESTROYER-HANGAR

Luke, Han, Lando, Chewbacca, Jacen, Jaina and Jace come running in followed by the crew of the Galactic Alliance Cruiser. Immediately, the hangar erupts into a hail of laser fire from the Stormtroopers.

HAN

Get to cover!

Everyone dives for cover. A few of the Galactic Alliance crewmembers are hit and go down.

QUORIN

Thermal detonators!

Thermal detonators are hurled out from behind the makeshift barriers. They skitter across the hangar floor and there is a massive boom as they explode.

HAN

Okay, move move move.

Now that the way forward is more clear, they surge forward once more, Luke and company making for the Lady Luck and the Galactic Alliance crewmembers making a beeline for the cruiser.

As they run, a pair of AT-STs stomp into view.

JAINA

Look out!

The AT-STs open fire on them. Once more they're forced to cover.

QUORIN

Get back!

Quorin is caught in the blast from the AT-ST. He goes flying across the hangar and lands hard on the ground, dead.

LUKE
No!

Jacen and Jaina leap up. They use the force to crush the head parts of the AT-STs. The AT-STs crumple and fall over. Everyone goes running over to Quorin's dead body. A LIEUTENANT checks for a pulse.

LIEUTENANT
He's gone.

LUKE
I'm sorry about your captain. Can you lead this crew?

LIEUTENANT
I think so.

LUKE
Good. Then get them onto the ship, and let's get out of here.

The Lieutenant nods. He and the Galactic Alliance crew go rushing over to the Cruiser.

CUT TO:

INT. CRUISER-BRIDGE

Stormtroopers stand guard on the bridge. Then the Galactic Alliance crew appear and blast them down. The lieutenant goes over to the controls.

LIEUTENANT
Let's go!

CUT TO:

INT. LADY LUCK-COCKPIT

Lando sits ready at the Lady Luck's controls.

CUT TO:

INT. HANGAR

The Lady Luck and the Cruiser lift off and start drifting towards the hangar entrance.

As they do, a blast door starts closing.

CUT TO:

INT. CRUISER-BRIDGE

ANGLE: LIEUTENANT'S POV

Watching the blaster door close.

LIEUTENANT
Not good. Fire!

CUT TO:

INT. HANGAR

The cruiser and the Lady Luck open fire on the hangar door. It disintegrates, and everything inside is sucked out into space.

CUT TO:

INT. BRIDGE

The bridge of the Star Destroyer a CREWMEMBER yells up to the CAPTAIN.

CREWMEMBER
Sir! Explosive decompression in the hangar.

CAPTAIN
What's going on?!

CUT TO:

INT. HANGAR

The Lady Luck and the cruiser soar out.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The Lady Luck and the cruiser swivel around once they're out. The cruiser fires a massive missile back into the hangar.

CUT TO:

INT. BRIDGE

CREWMEMBER
Reactor overload!

CAPTAIN
NOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!

With a massive boom, the bridge explodes.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The Lady Luck and the cruiser flee from the exploding Star Destroyer.

CUT TO:

INT. LADY LUCK-COCKPIT

The Lady Luck jiggles slightly in the shockwaves from the explosion.

LANDO

That was too close.

HAN

I'd say that counts as one of our more successful prison breaks.

Chewbacca roars in agreement.

LANDO

Where to now? The fleet, or Hypori.

Luke considers.

LUKE

Hypori for now, but send a message to the fleet telling them to stand by.

HAN

Yeah. Otherwise Boba Fett might follow through on his threat of starting a mutiny. Especially since we're returning without his daughter.

Han suddenly notices these words have really upset Jace. He puts a comforting hand on Jace's shoulder.

HAN

Don't worry son. We'll get her back.

Jacen and Jaina also gives Jace some encouragement.

JACEN

Yeah we will. Don't you worry.

HAN

They took her for a reason, and they'll be keeping her alive for the same reason. Question is what reason that is.

LANDO

Probably not torture to extract the fleet's location if that's any comfort. They'd have had us for that. You ask me, that Grand Moff Yorpty character had his eye on her.

Jace looks even more downcast than before at this.

LANDO(CONT'D)

Maybe I should just keep my mouth shut from now on.

He returns to the ship's controls. Jace sighs.

JACE

If she's on board the Death Star Destroyer, I just don't like to think what's happening to her right now.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The mighty DEATH STAR DESTROYER hangs against the blackness of space. A SQUADRON OF TIE FIGHTERS flies past, making their characteristic roaring sound.

CUT TO:

INT. DEATH STAR DESTROYER-OVERBRIDGE

ANGLE: ARAVIS

Start close on her. Her eyes are closed, and her beautiful face shows total tranquillity. Her lips and cheeks are rouged as red as doll's

As we move away from her, we see that she is wearing a circlet of flowers about her forehead. Further still and we see that she is wearing a beautiful white dress and is encased in an ornate glass case. It looks like a coffin but it isn't. It's actually the complete opposite.

Grand Moff Yorpty gazes lovingly at the case containing Aravis.

YORPTY

Now you are beautiful...

He caresses the sides of the case.

YORPTY(CONT'D)

I'm sorry that you're not awake and able to enjoy some conversation, but you have a tendency to violence, that must be controlled.

The lift doors open and DARTH RONDUS strides in.

RONDUS

Yorpty!

Grand Moff Yorpty jumps.

YORPTY

That's Grand Moff Yorpty to you.

RONDUS

I don't think so. Now, stop drooling over that cabinet. That's an incredibly valuable Sith artefact, and I don't want you breaking it. The Fett girl is a bargaining chip and I don't want her damaged by some elderly creep who's deluded himself into thinking he's a ladies man.

Grand Moff Yorpty bristles at this.

YORPTY

I was not drooling.

RONDUS

You could have fooled me.

A beeping is heard and Yorpty rushes over to it.

YORPTY

This is Grand Moff Yorpty.

A hologram of an OFFICER appears.

OFFICER(VIA HOLOGRAM)

We've just had a report that the Destructor's been destroyed.

YORPTY

Skywalker and his cronies.

RONDUS

What's this latest failure Yorpty?

Yorpty shuts off the hologram and glares at Darth Rondus.

YORPTY

That's Grand Moff Yorpty!

Darth Rondus starts force choking Yorpty.

RONDUS

Careful now. Remember Grand Moff Zikar.

He releases Yorpty, who collapses to the ground, gasping for air.

RONDUS(CONT'D)

Anyway, it is of little consequences. All this means is that Skywalker is heading for Hypori a little ahead of schedule. But no matter. My Master will be more than ready for him. Of course, we'll still be there to mop up the Galactic Alliance and maybe...

He walks over to the case containing Aravis.

RONDUS(CONT'D)

The Fett girls can start pulling her weight.

CUT TO:

INT. LADY LUCK-BOARDING AREA

Jace stands at the door to the boarding area. Han stands with him.

HAN

You sure about this Jace?

JACE

I'm sure. I'll go back to the fleet with the Cruiser. You go back to Hypori with Uncle Luke and Lando. I have to rescue Aravis.

Han pats Jace on the shoulder.

HAN

Okay, you do what you've gotta do.

The boarding door slides open. On the other side is a docking corridor. Jace starts walking along it.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The Lady Luck detaches from the side of the cruiser, and they go into Hyperspace in separate directions.

CUT TO:

EXT.-GALACTIC ALLIANCE FLEET-SPACE

The cruiser comes out of Hyperspace before the Galactic Alliance fleet.

CUT TO:

INT. COMMAND VESSEL-BRIDGE

The Lieutenant is talking to Ackbar.

ACKBAR

I am sorry to hear of the loss of Captain Quorin. He was a fine soldier, and he will be missed.

The Lieutenant nods, and exits the bridge.

ANGLE: JACE, LEIA AND BOBA FETT

Stand off to one side. Boba Fett looms over Jace.

BOBA FETT

You lost my daughter?!

Jace quails in the face of Boba Fett's fury.

JACE

No, she was taken from us.

BOBA FETT

Does it matter? The end result is the same. My baby girl is in enemy hands.

JACE

We'll get her back.

BOBA FETT
Yes we will.

LEIA
But she's on the Death Star Destroyer. It would be madness to mount an attack.

BOBA FETT
No. It would be Mandalorian.

LEIA
So you're going to send the entire Mandalorian fleet to attack the Death Star Destroyer?

BOBA FETT
Who said anything about an entire fleet. All I need is one ship.

LEIA
You really are crazy.

BOBA FETT
No. I'm a Mandalorian.

LEIA
We don't even know where the Death Star Destroyer is at the moment.

BOBA FETT
I do.

He pulls out a blinking tracker device.

BOBA FETT(CONT'D)
The Empire gave it to Aravis when they hired her. She never gave it back and wisely handed it over to me. Now...

Boba Fett swivels to look at Jace.

BOBA FETT(CONT'D)
You said you'd be willing to go back to the Empire for my daughter. Are you prepared to stand by those words?

JACE
I am.

BOBA FETT
Good, because you're coming with me.

LEIA
Jace, no!

JACE
Mom, it's fine. I would've gone with him even if he hadn't asked.

BOBA FETT
Maybe you're more like your father than I have you credit for.

LEIA

You'd better bring him home.

BOBA FETT

When I've got a job to do, I never come home empty handed. I'll bring your son back. One way or another.

Leia doesn't look reassured.

LEIA

I don't trust you.

BOBA FETT

I'd be disappointed if you did.

Leia sighs.

LEIA

Okay. You'd better get going.

Jace throws his arms around Leia.

JACE

Thanks Mom. I'll be back before you know it.

LEIA

I hope you're right.

Jace and Boba Fett exit. Leia crosses over to Ackbar.

LEIA(CONT'D)

We need to go to Hypori to back Luke up.

ACKBAR

Agreed. Set course for Hypori.

MON CALAMARI CREWMEMBER

Yes Admiral!

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

Slave I comes flying out of the hangar of the command vessel. As it does, the Galactic Alliance fleet jumps into Hyperspace. Seconds later, Slave I follows suit.

CUT TO:

INT. SLAVE I-COCKPIT

Boba Fett guides the ship through the twirling Hyperspace tunnel.

BOBA FETT

Last time I had a Solo in here, it was your Dad and he travelled in the cargo hold. Never thought I'd be going on a mission with his son so many years later.

JACE

The galaxy is full of surprises.

Boba Fett checks the tracking device.

BOBA FETT

Okay, we're approaching the Death Star Destroyer. Remember the plan and don't break character.

JACE

Got it.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

Slave I comes out of Hyperspace. Before it is the mighty hulk of the Death Star Destroyer.

CUT TO:

INT. SLAVE I-COCKPIT

Boba Fett hits a button, and an image of Grand Moff Yorpty appears on a screen.

BOBA FETT

Am I talking to Grand Moff Yorpty.

YORPTY(ONSCREEN)

You certainly are.

BOBA FETT

I believe you have something that belongs to me.

YORPTY(ONSCREEN)

If you mean your daughter, then you'd be correct. She's rather lovely if I may say so.

BOBA FETT

You may not. What have you done with her?

YORPTY(ONSCREEN)

Oh nothing. She's perfectly fine. If you know what I mean.

Boba Fett leans forward and growls his next words at Yorpty.

BOBA FETT

Talk like that about my daughter again, you'll find yourself on the receiving end of my jetpack missile.

YORPTY(ONSCREEN)

My my, so touchy. However, I can tell you with certainty that your daughter is actually better off in here than she is out there.

BOBA FETT

Don't care. I'm still taking her home.

YORPTY(ONSCREEN)

And what are you going to give us for her. Remember, she broke her contract with us, and that incurs a harsh penalty that must be repaid in full.

BOBA FETT

Ordinarily, I'd tell you I don't bargain. When I want something, I take it. However, as luck would have it, I've picked up a Solo.

YORPTY(ONSCREEN)

Have you indeed? One of the Solos who escape from the Destructor, destroying it in the process?

BOBA FETT

I don't know about that, but I'd be very happy to hand him over in exchange for my daughter. It's Jace Solo by the way.

YORPTY(ONSCREEN)

Is it now? He was the one your daughter was supposed to bring us in the first place. Yes, that seems like a fair trade. Bring him aboard.

Yorpty's face vanishes from the screen. Boba Fett looks at Jace. He raises a pair of stasis cuffs.

BOBA FETT

Put these on.

JACE

Do I have to?

BOBA FETT

Do you want this to look authentic? Do you want to get my daughter back?

Jace sighs.

JACE

Fine. I'll put them on

He holds out his hands.

CUT TO:

EXT.-HYPORI-SPACE

The Lady Luck comes out of Hyperspace over Hypori.

CUT TO:

INT. LADY LUCK-COCKPIT

ANGLE: COCKPIT WINDOW

Looking down on Hypori.

LANDO

That is a desolate world if ever I saw one.

LUKE

With any luck, the golden lightsaber will be down there. Take us in.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The Lady Luck drifts down towards Hypori.

CUT TO:

EXT.-HYPORI

The Lady Luck touches down on the arid surface of the desert floor. The boarding ramp descends and Luke, Han, Chewbacca, Lando, Jacen and Jaina disembark.

LANDO

Yup, a desolate world indeed.

LUKE

No offence, but I think it's best only force sensitives search for the golden lightsaber.

LANDO

Read you loud and clear. I've got no desire to trudge across this dustball.

HAN

It's strange, I can... feel something here.

LUKE

Me too.

JACEN

And me.

JAINA

It's something dark. Very dark.

LUKE

How come Han can sense it?

HAN

It's probably nothing. Just an old smuggler's instinct.

LANDO

My only instinct is we should get back inside the ship where it's nice and cool.

Chewbacca roars in agreement.

HAN

Okay. Good luck kids. May the force be with you.

JAINA

Thanks Dad.

Luke, Jacen and Jaina walk away.

LANDO

So... game of Sabacc anyone?

HAN

Yeah, why not?

LANDO

Who knows. Maybe I can finally win the Falcon back from you.

HAN

Not likely.

A faint roar is heard and Han, Lando and Chewbacca look up.

ANGLE: THE SKY

The outline of the Galactic Alliance fleet can be seen above.

HAN(CONT'D)

Ah, company.

CUT TO:

INT. COMMAND VESSEL-BRIDGE

Leia is at the bridge window, looking down on Hypori.

CUT TO:

EXT.-HYPORI

Han's comlink crackles. He answers it.

HAN

Yeah?

CUT TO:

INT. COMMAND VESSEL-BRIDGE

Leia smiles.

LEIA

I see you.

CUT TO:

EXT.-HYPORI

HAN

Really now? Wish I could say the same.

ANGLE: LUKE, JACEN AND JAINA

They look behind them and see the Galactic Alliance fleet above.

JACEN

They're here.

LUKE

They are. I just hope this isn't our last battle.

JAINA

I hope the Death Star Destroyer doesn't find them.

LUKE

I hope so too.

They keep walking.

CUT TO:

INT. DEATH STAR DESTROYER-HANGAR

Slave I is in one of the many hangars of the Death Star Destroyer. Boba Fett leads a stasis cuffed Jace over to Grand Moff Yorpty.

YORPTY

I see you were as good as your word.

BOBA FETT.

My daughter. Now.

YORPTY

Follow me.

He leads them towards a lift.

CUT TO:

INT. DEATH STAR DESTROYER-OVERBRIDGE

The lift doors open and Jace, Boba Fett and Grand Moff Yorpty walk out. Jace and Boba Fett spot the glass case containing Aravis.

JACE

Aravis!

BOBA FETT

Quiet scum!

Boba Fett slowly walks over to the glass case with Jace in tow. He examines it carefully.

BOBA FETT(CONT'D)

What have you done to her?

Jace's breath is taken away.

JACE

They've made her even more beautiful than usual. I didn't think that was even possible.

Boba Fett shoots him a look.

YORPTY

Ah, fatherly love and romantic love. So sweet. You're right Master Solo, we have made her more beautiful than usual.

BOBA FETT

Watch it...

YORPTY

However, it is all to a purpose. Do you know what that case is.

BOBA FETT

Enlighten me.

YORPTY

It's an ancient Sith stasis pod. She's being held in suspended animation. As long as she's in there, her youth and beauty will never fade. Outside, she's doomed to wither and die along with the rest of us.

BOBA FETT

But why?

YORPTY

I wasn't sure you were ever going to show up, and I wanted to keep her in mint condition.

JACE

Is it safe to let her out?

YORPTY

Oh yes, it's quite safe.

BOBA FETT

Alright, I've given you the Solo boy, now give me back my daughter.

YORPTY

Ah ah ah, not so first.

Boba Fett hefts his blaster at Grand Moff Yorpty.

BOBA FETT
I suggest you honour the bargain.

YORPTY
I will. All in good time.

BOBA FETT
No. Now.

YORPTY
I said, all in goof time.

Grand Moff Yorpty walks over to a control panel. He speaks into it.

YORPTY(CONT'D)
Take us to Hypori.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The Death Star Destroyer vanishes into Hyperspace.

CUT TO:

INT. DEATH STAR DESTROYER-OVERBRIDGE

The swirling Hyperspace tunnel quickly resolves into the view of the Galactic Alliance fleet over Hypori.

JACE
No! Not the fleet!

CUT TO:

INT. COMMAND VESSEL-BRIDGE

Alarms sound and crewmembers start running all over the place. Leia observes the Death Star Destroyer through the bridge window with some trepidation.

ACKBAR
All craft evasive action!

CUT TO:

EXT.-GALACTIC ALLIANCE FLEET-SPACE

The Galactic Alliance fleet begins evasive manoeuvres, but nothing happens. The Death Star Destroyer just hangs there.

CUT TO:

EXT.-HYPORI

Luke, Jacen and Jaina look up and see the hulk of the Death Star Destroyer in the sky, dwarfing the Galactic Alliance fleet.

LUKE
Oh no.

JACEN
We have to help them!

JAINA
There's nothing we can do.

LUKE
We have to end this. We have to find the golden lightsaber.

A roaring sound is heard, and a shape appears in the sky getting progressively larger. It's DARTH RONDUS'S SHIP.

CUT TO:

INT. DARTH RONDUS'S SHIP-COCKPIT

ANGLE: DARTH RONDUS'S HANDS

Pulling down on the flight levers to move the ship forward as fast as possible.

CUT TO:

EXT.-HYPORI

Luke, Jacen and Jaina are bowled over as the ship goes blasting past overhead.

JACEN
What was that?

LUKE
That was Darth Rondus's ship come on!

They surge forwards, powered on by the force. Suddenly, Jaina points at something in the distance.

JAINA
Over there!

ANGLE: A CAVE

Directly ahead of them.

LUKE
Go go go!

They sprint into the cave.

CUT TO:

INT. CAVE

The audience will recognise this as the same cave in the previous film where we saw Darth Rondus talking to his mysterious master. It's dark and Luke, Jacen and Jaina move along carefully, peering into the darkness.

Then some lights flicker, on illuminating something.

ANGLE: A SHRINE

It consists of four pillars arranged in a square formation. In the middle is a plinth. It looks like a bit like the one from the King Arthur legends.

Luke, Jacen and Jaina move slowly towards the shrine.

JACEN

What is it?

LUKE

Shh. Can you feel it? The power in this place?

JAINA

I can.

LUKE

I think this is it. I think this is where we find the golden lightsaber.

Luke steps forward. As he does, light starts pulsing on top of the four pillars. Beams of light shoot out from the pillars, towards the plinth in the middle. Energy is building. Something is forming there. Luke, Jacen and Jaina scarcely dare to breathe.

JAINA

It can't be...

The energy finally clears. There is nothing in the plinth.

JACEN

What? Where did it go?

LUKE

I'm not sure.

JAINA

Do you think it's because we're not worthy?

JACEN

Jaina please. You're talking to Luke Skywalker.

LUKE

She may be right. Maybe I'm not worthy. Maybe I'm not the one who's meant to wield it.

A terrible, rumbling laugh emanates from deep within the cave.

JACEN

Oh great, this whole situation just got worse.

VOICE(O.S.)

Sssssskywalker you fool. Your failure issssssss now complete.

CUT TO:

INT. DEATH STAR DESTROYER-OVERBRIDGE

Yorpty walks away from the control panel.

JACE

What are you doing? Why are just sitting here?

YORPTY

You'll see. Just sit back and wait for the fireworks to start.

BOBA FETT

I don't think so. I came here for my daughter. Now enough messing around. Get her out of the case.

YORPTY

I don't think so. You see... I'm not ready to let her go.

Boba Fett levels his blaster at Grand Moff Yorpty.

BOBA FETT

You have exactly five seconds to release her. Now come on. Your time's running out Yorpty.

YORPTY

Yours too Fett, yours too.

ANGLE: TURRETS

Unnoticed, behind Boba Fett and Jace, a pair of nasty-looking turrets are rising out of the floor, swivelling around to point at their backs.

YORPTY(CONT'D)

And faster than you think.

Boba Fett twigs something is wrong at this and fast as a speeding bullet, he pushes Jace to the ground out of the way. The turrets fire. Boba Fett does a somersault out of the way and comes down on one knee, blasting at the turrets. They both explode.

Grand Moff Yorpty suddenly looks very afraid as a furious Boba Fett rounds on him.

BOBA FETT

You've shot your bolt Yorpty. Now it's our turn.

He blasts Grand Moff Yorpty in the leg.

YORPTY
Ah!

Grand Moff Yorpty falls down in agony, clutching at his leg. Boba Fett releases Jace from his stasis cuffs and hands him his blaster.

BOBA FETT
Your turn.

Jace blasts Grand Moff Yorpty in the other leg. He writhes in agony. Jace tosses the blaster back to Boba Fett who shoots Yorpty in the chest. Unbelievably, Yorpty's still alive. Boba Fett tosses the blaster back to Jace.

BOBA FETT(CONT'D)
I'll let you do the honours.

Jace shoots Grand Moff Yorpty in the chest again, and he collapses backwards and lies still.

BOBA FETT(CONT'D)
Of all the Grand Moffs I've had the displeasure of dealing with over the years, he's definitely the slimmest. Now... let's get Aravis out of this contraption.

They walk over to the glass case containing Aravis. Jace reaches out and touches it. The lid swings open and Aravis tumbles out into Jace's arms.

JACE
Aravis?

Her beautiful eyes slowly flutter open and look up one Jace.

ARAVIS
Jace...?

JACE
It's me. I'm here my love.

ARAVIS
Where am I...?

JACE
The Death Star Destroyer. But it's okay. It's safe.

ARAVIS
Yorpty...?

JACE
Dead.

BOBA FETT

And so are we if we don't get out of here.

Aravis wakes up more fully at the sound of Boba Fett's voice.

ARAVIS
Daddy.

BOBA FETT
Hello little Vis. You didn't really think I was going to leave you
was I?

Aravis smiles playfully.

ARAVIS
No, but I didn't want to get my hopes up.

BOBA FETT
That's my girl.

Aravis looks down at her dress.

ARAVIS
What am I wearing?

JACE
I... kind of like it. It's very pretty.

Aravis looks at him with one eyebrow raised.

ARAVIS
The sooner I get back in my armour the better.

Jace helps Aravis back to her feet and they follow Boba Fett out of
the room. Passing the motionless form of Grand Moff Yorpty as they
do.

CUT TO:

INT. HANGAR

Jace, Aravis and Boba Fett emerge from the lift and head towards
Slave I.

BOBA FETT
Don't mind us. Just a little family reunion.

A Stormtrooper approaches.

STORMTROOPER
Hey, you were supposed to leave the Solo boy behind in exchange for
your daughter.

BOBA FETT
It was two for one deal.

STORMTROOPER

Blast him!

A squad of Stormtroopers converge on Jace, Aravis and Boba Fett, but they are not match for Boba Fett's blaster.

BOBA FETT
Run!

They sprint for Slave I, disappearing inside. Slave I lifts off, righting into the vertical position. The Stormtroopers continue firing at it.

CUT TO:

INT. SLAVE I-COCKPIT

Jace, Aravis and Boba Fett are strapped into their seats. The cockpit shudders as the Stormtroopers fire. Boba Fett yanks down a lever.

CUT TO:

INT. DEATH STAR DESTROYER-HANGAR

Slave I blasts out of the hangar, leaving the Stormtroopers far behind.

CUT TO:

INT. CAVE

Luke, Jacen and Jaina watch as the shrine disappears before their eyes.

VOICE(O.S.)

Did you really think there wasssssss such a thing assssss a golden lightsssssssaber. No. It wasssssss a ploy. A lure for the weak. To bring me to you.

LUKE
Who are you? Show yourself.

Darth Rondus steps out of the shadows.

LUKE(CONT'D)
You.

RONDUS
Hello father.

LUKE
Don't call me that.

RONDUS
It's time for you to meet my Master.

And out of the shadows steps DARTH PLAGUEIS. He's slightly larger than Darth Rondus, but his body is radically different. The thing that is most immediately apparent about him is that the bottom half of his body is like that of a spider. Long, spindly legs that he scuttles out of the darkness on.

From the waist up he's humanoid. He look a bit like the Spider Monkey from "Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams". His head is elongated, and he has three pairs of eyes without pupils and a mouth filled with razor sharp teeth. A ragged robe covers him.

PLAGUEIS

I am... Darth Plagueisssssssssss.

JACEN

You can't be! Darth Plagueis was a Muun.

PLAGUEIS

I took another body after I wassssss betrayed by apprenticccccccce. Sssssso I took a more robussssssst form.

LUKE

Are you responsible for removing Ben, Yoda and my father from the force?

PLAGUEIS

Yesssssss, and more bessssssides. It was alwaysssssss ssssssaid that I had the power to ssssssstop people from dying. But thisssssss wasssss not completely true. I had the power to heal, yessssss. To pull people back from the brink sssssssometimes, but not alwaysssssssss. But now, thankssssss to the work of my apprenticccccccce, in gathering the holocronssssssssss, I have power over life and death. Over the force itssssssssself.

LUKE

You have to stop this. This is too much power.

PLAGUEIS

You think I care about that? All there isssssss left for me to do is wipe you from the faccccccce of the galaxy.

Darth Plagueis throws up a hand. The cave around them vanishes, leaving them on the open surface of Hypori. The sunlight streams down on them. Jacen and Jaina shield their eyes.

Darth Plagueis reaches into his robe and withdraws two lightsaber hilts, but they're not like any lightsaber we've ever seen before. They look the hilts of two double bladed lightsabers have been fused together in the middle, forming a cross shape.

Darth Plagueis activates the lightsabers, and four red blades spring into life.

JACEN

Whoa.

PLAGUEIS

Fight me Ssssssskywalker. Fight me.

Luke takes out his lightsaber and activates it. The green blade springs to life. He motions to Jacen and Jaina.

LUKE

Stay out of this. This is a fight beyond either of you.

Jacen and Jaina don't argue. They stand way back as Luke moves slowly towards the hulking form of Darth Plagueis.

RONDUS

You'll need this.

He pulls an object from his cloak and throws it to Luke. Luke catches it and studies it.

ANGLE: THE OBJECT

It's Anakin Skywalker's old lightsaber.

LUKE

Where did you get this?

RONDUS

Everything floats down here eventually. I'd use it if I were you.

Luke activates the second lightsaber. He twirls the twin blades. Plagueis leaps at him, helicoptering his two quadruple lightsabers. Luke has to leap back to avoid being mulched to pieces.

Luke tries desperately to parry the blows, but he's hopelessly outmatched and with a well-placed slash, Darth Plagueis fells him.

JACEN

No!

He surges forward, but Jaina stops him. Darth Plagueis laughs.

PLAGUEIS

Fear not.

A green mist starts playing around Darth Plagueis's fingers. He twirls it around his fingertips, then flings at Luke's dead body. Luke gasps for air, and gets to his feet.

PLAGUEIS(CONT'D)

I don't want this to be over too quickly. Where's the fun in that? You have three chances to defeat me.

Luke readies himself for another assault from Darth Plagueis. When it happens, Darth Plagueis comes down hard. Even with two lightsabers, Luke is just barely keeping with him.

ANGLE: DARTH RONDUS

Watching the fight, a faint smile playing across his face.

Luke parries as fast as he can, but he's not fast enough. Another well-placed blow sends him sprawling to the floor, dead again.

ANGLE: JACEN AND JAINA

Jaina is cringing.

JAINA

I can't bear to watch. It's horrible.

She buries her face in Jacen's shoulder.

JAINA(CONT'D)

Isn't there anything we can do?

JACEN

Not against this kind of power.

Plagueis summons the green mist again and Luke is resurrected.

PLAGUEIS

Lasssst chance Sssssskywalker. Then it'sssssss all over.

Darth Plagueis engages Luke once more. Luke catches the foremost blades of the quadruple lightsaber on the blades of his. Darth Plagueis begins pressing down, and Luke loses his grip on his green lightsaber.

ANGLE: LUKE'S LIGHTSABER

It skitters away into the sand.

The blades are getting closer and closer to Luke's face. Luke strains with all his might against it, but he's losing the battle.

ANGLE: THE BLUE LIGHTSABER

Something is beginning to happen to it. It's changing. The silver on the blade is changing colour. It's turning gold. The whole lightsaber is turning gold.

ANGLE: DARTH PLAGUEIS

He watches in horror as the change happens.

PLAGUEIS

It cannot be...

Luke realises what is happening and with a herculean effort. He throws Darth Plagueis backwards. Darth Plagueis is sent flying across the sand. He gets up on his eight legs and looks back at Luke.

Luke gazes down in awe at the golden lightsaber he now holds in his hands. Then he hoists the lightsaber above his head pointing straight at the sky.

JACEN

Yeah! I knew you were worthy!

Jaina looks much happier now. Luke slowly brings the golden lightsaber down to point at Darth Plagueis. Darth Plagueis snarls.

PLAGUEIS

Your new toy won't help you Ssssskywalker.

Darth Plagueis leaps at Luke, but something about the golden lightsaber means that Luke is now on an even footing with Plagueis. He's able to parry the blows from the quadruple lightsabers and dip and dive over the many slashes thrown his way.

However, despite the golden lightsaber, Darth Plagueis adapts to Luke's new fighting style, and not before long, he has the upper hand again. Luke finds himself in the same position he did before, of having to hold back two lightsaber blades bearing down on him.

ANGLE: JACEN AND JAINA

They're watching with bated breath. As they do, a shadow falls across them, and they look to one side. We don't see what they see, but their mouths drop open at the sight.

ANGLE: LUKE

Shrinking back from the two red lightsaber blades getting dangerously close to his head.

ANGLE: LUKE'S LIGHTSABER

Still lying in the sand. It twitches, and is then yanked away.

Darth Plagueis notices and withdraws his lightsabers, stepping back from Luke. Luke follows his gaze and sees that he is following the trajectory of the lightsaber's flight with his eyes. Luke watches and watches the lightsaber sail across the sand.

ANGLE: HAN

Han catches the lightsaber. He gives it a few experimental slashes, then raises it defiantly at Darth Plagueis. Luke is overjoyed.

LUKE

I knew it!

HAN

Figured you could use a hand.

JACEN

Dad... you're... force sensitive?

HAN

I guess so.

He swipes the lightsaber around.

HAN(CONT'D)

Let's make this a fair fight. What do you say?

JAINA

Let's do it.

Jacen activates his lightsaber and Jaina activates both of hers. They rush up and join Luke.

PLAGUEIS

Sssssssssso. There are four of you now. No matter.

Darth Rondus steps forward.

RONDUS

I've been looking forward to this.

Darth Plagueis and Darth Rondus let out battle roars and engage Luke, Han, Jacen and Jaina in combat.

(NOTE: I know it's really inappropriate for a Star Wars film and shouldn't really be allowed, but I think it would be really cool to have "Gold" by Spandau Ballet playing over this fight scene-it's my favourite song and I think it would really add to things)

The duel is so fast-paced it's almost impossible to keep track of what's going on. Darth Plagueis and Darth Rondus are engaged variously by Luke, Han, Jacen and Jaina. Lightsaber blades of all colours slash and clash. It's the most wild lightsaber duel we've seen to date.

Finally, Darth Plagueis leaps out of the fray.

PLAGUEIS

Enough!

He uses the force to send Luke, Han, Jacen and Jaina sprawling backwards. Darth Rondus leaps back to join him. Plagueis raises both hands. Green mist pules all around him and a rumbling is heard.

THOUSANDS OF SITH WARRIORS suddenly appear as if from nowhere. Each wields a lightsaber. They look impossibly old, almost zombie-like, but they're alive and angry.

Luke, Han, Jacen and Jaina watch in horror as the massive army assembles behind Darth Plagueis.

PLAGUEIS(CONT'D)

Behold, the ancient armies of the Sith, ressssssurected by me!

The Sith Warriors are eager for a fight. They twirl their lightsabers about and snarl.

PLAGUEIS(CONT'D)

In all my yearssssss, fighting your Jedi Order, it was never perssssssssonal. All I wanted wassssss the key to eternal life. But... what I'm going to do to you, your friends and your stubborn, annoying Jedi Order.

Plagueis grins broadly and helicopters his quadruple lightsabers.

PLAGUEIS(CONT'D)

I'm going to enjoy it.

Luke, Han, Jacen and Jaina survey the hopeless sight before them.

As Luke readies his lightsaber for the fight of his life, the sound of footsteps on sand is heard.

BEN(O.S.)

Hello there.

Luke stops. He knows that voice. He swivels round incredulously to see BEN standing behind him. Not as a ghost, but as a real living being, his blue lightsaber activated.

Han, Jacen and Jaina slowly turn around to see that Ben is not alone. YODA is also with him and ANAKIN. And behind them are more and more.

A huge crowd of Jedi stand behind Luke, Han, Jacen and Jaina. Among the crowd we pick out QUI-GON JINN, REVAN, MEETRA SURIK, LORD HOTH, GENERAL FARFALLA, KI-ADI MUNDI, AAYLA SECURA, PLO KOON, YADDLE, EETH KOTH and all the other Jedi who were killed by Order 66.

Leia, Teq, Varda and Galagala come rushing to the front of the crowd. Leia looks incredulously at Han holding the green lightsaber.

LEIA

Han? Really?

HAN

Yeah. Really.

Leia pulls out her new lightsaber and activates it.

HAN(CONT'D)

When did you get that?

LEIA

Picked up a spare crystal on Tython and built it in my spare time.

The roar of engines is heard overhead and they all look up to see a squadron of X-Wings fly past overhead.

CUT TO:

INT. WEDGE ANTILLES' X-WING COCKPIT

WEDGE pilots his X-Wing over the battlefield.

CUT TO:

EXT.-HYPORI

The MILLENNIUM FALCON quickly follows the X-Wings.

CUT TO:

INT. MILLENNIUM FALCON-COCKPIT

Lando is at the controls. Chewie sits beside him.

LANDO

It's good to be back!

CUT TO:

EXT.-HYPORI

Slave I comes in to land. Jace, Aravis and Boba Fett appear, Aravis back in full Mandalorian armour. She places the helmet upon her head, ready for the fight. In the skies above, other Mandalorians are flying around on their jetpacks.

Plagueis watches all this with mounting horror.

PLAGUEIS

How can thissssss be?

BEN

You cannot control the power you wield.

YODA

Too great it is.

BEN

When you resurrected the Sith, you accidentally resurrected the Jedi too.

Plagueis looks furious.

PLAGUEIS

It matterssssss not.

He helicopters his quadruple lightsabers again.

ANGLE: LUKE

He slowly raises the golden lightsaber to point at Darth Plagueis and his army.

LUKE
Galactic Alliance!

He pauses for dramatic effect.

LUKE (CONT'D)
Attack!

With a might battle roar, the Galactic Alliance army surges forward to meet the oncoming army of the Sith. Lightsaber swipes are exchanged and the sound of blaster fire rings out.

The X-Wings and the Millennium Falcon swoop low over the battlefield, blasting away at the Sith army.

ANGLE: HAN AND BOBA FETT

Fighting back Sith Warriors together with blaster and lightsaber.

BOBA FETT
I never thought I'd find myself fighting side by side with a Solo.

HAN
Then how about side by side with a friend.

BOBA FETT
I wouldn't go that far.

HAN
I knew you'd say that.

ANGLE: JACE

He blasts back approaching Sith Warriors, but he's outnumbered very quickly.

Then Aravis drops in from above and blasts back the approaching Sith Warriors.

JACE
Whoa. Thanks.

ARAVIS
Grab on.

She seizes Jace under his arms, then activates her jetpack, sending them both flying high above the battlefield. Jace blasts down at the army of the Sith as they fly.

JACE
This is really the way to fight!

CUT TO:

INT. DEATH STAR DESTROYER-OVERBRIDGE

Grand Moff Yorpty stirs. He's still alive. Slowly, very slowly, he starts dragging himself towards the control panel. He reaches an arm up and presses some buttons.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The Death Star Destroyer swivels around so the superlaser is pointed right down at Hypori.

CUT TO:

INT. DEATH STAR DESTROYER-OVERBRIDGE

Grand Moff Yorpty presses some more controls. The hum of power builds.

CUT TO:

INT. DEATH STAR DESTROYER-SUPERLASER TRIBUTARY BEAM SHAFT

Two technicians cower against the wall as the mighty green laser of the Death Star Destroyer builds in power.

CUT TO:

INT. COMMAND VESSEL-BRIDGE

MON CALAMARI CREWMEMBER

Admiral! The Death Star Destroyer's superlaser is powering up. It's going to destroy Hypori.

ACKBAR

No!

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The Death Star Destroyer superlaser fires.

CUT TO:

EXT.-HYPORI

The Jedi all look up.

ANGLE: SKY

The superlaser beam is streaking right towards them.

LUKE

Look out!

The Jedi all throw up their hands in unison.

Miraculously, the superlaser beam comes to a halt under the sheer power of the force being exerted on it. We zoom in on various Jedi as they struggle to hold it back.

Then, all the Jedi throw their hands back upwards. The superlaser beam reverses course and goes shooting back up into the sky.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The superlaser beam streaks back towards the Death Star Destroyer.

CUT TO:

INT. DEATH STAR DESTROYER-OVERBRIDGE

Grand Moff Yorpty watches through the overbridge window as the superlaser beam speeds towards the Death Star Destroyer.

YORPTY
Oh shi-

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The superlaser beam hits the Death Star Destroyer with almighty force and it explodes into a thousand pieces.

CUT TO:

INT. COMMAND VESSEL-BRIDGE

Ackbar watches the destruction of the Death Star Destroyer through the bridge window. Whoops of celebration are going up all around him. He sits back in his chair, relieved.

CUT TO:

EXT.-HYPORI

ANGLE: DARTH PLAGUEIS

He has not joined the battle and is instead off to one side, meditating. Suddenly, his eyes snap open.

PLAGUEIS
I underssssssstand at lasssssssssst.

ANGLE: LUKE AND DARTH RONDUS

They're duelling each other. Luke's golden lightsaber is giving him a significant upper hand.

RONDUS

Join us father. Think of all the good we could do!

LUKE

Never!

He shoves the golden lightsaber forward and sends Darth Rondus hurtling back. He lands at the feet of Darth Plagueis. Luke watches as Plagueis scuttles closer.

PLAGUEIS

I have meditated on the ssssssecretssssss of the holcrons. And now I underssssstand what I must do to wipe the entire Jedi Order out with a ssssssingle ssssstroke.

Darth Plagueis raises his hands. The green mist builds around him, but it's different from before. There's more of it, and it seems like there's more power in it this time.

Darth Plagueis's three pairs of eyes glow green as the mist builds all around him.

Darth Rondus leaps up, and cuts Darth Plagueis's head clean off. The green mist comes shooting out of the stump where the head used to be. Using the force, Darth Rondus redirects the green mist back into himself.

Darth Rondus looks up at Luke, his eyes glowing green.

RONDUS

Sorry, but it was never in the plan for him to be the one who wipes out the Jedi. That honour goes to me because...

The green in Darth Rondus's eyes glows brighter.

RONDUS

I am the Sith!

Darth Rondus spreads his arms out, then brings his hands together in a mighty clap.

Nothing happens.

Darth Rondus looks down and sees that the green mist is seeping out of him. It's being drawn away. Darth Rondus looks to see where it is going.

ANGLE: LUKE

The green mist is pouring into Luke. It's clearly causing him a great deal of distress, but he grits his teeth and weathers it. He looks up at Darth Rondus, his eyes glowing deepest green.

LUKE

And I... am... your father.

Luke claps his hand together. A massive shockwave pulses out from him across the battlefield.

The Sith Army slowly begins to fade away. Combatants disappear mid-duel with their Jedi counterparts. The Sith Army gets fewer and fewer until it's just down to Darth Rondus

ANGLE: DARTH RONDUS

He's slowly fading away.

RONDUS

No! No this can't be! I was the one. I was supposed to restore the Sith! I-

He's gone.

ANGLE: LUKE

Lying prone on the battlefield. There's barely any life left in him.

Leia approaches and kneels down next to him. She's joined by Han, Jacen, Jaina, Jace and Aravis. Ben, Yoda and Anakin also approach.

LEIA

Luke... you did it. You saved us all.

Luke smiles up at her.

LUKE

I siphoned the power into myself. To use the force like that...

He coughs.

LUKE(CONT'D)

It takes its toll on you. I don't think I have long left.

Tears form in Leia's eyes.

LEIA

Luke, you can't die. There has to be something we can do.

LUKE

No. This is it... I had a good run. At least I'm dying... surrounded by the people I love.

He looks over at Ben, Yoda and Anakin and smiles.

LUKE(CONT'D)

And seeing some faces, I never thought I'd see in the flesh again.

Luke's coughing becomes uncontrollable.

LEIA

Save your strength.

Anakin steps closer.

ANAKIN

Luke, my son. I can't tell you how proud I am of you. You did what I could not. Ended the threat of the Sith once and for all.

YODA

The finest student I have ever trained you are.

BEN

I couldn't agree more.

Luke looks happier than he's ever been. A strange calm comes over his face. Finally he whispers his last words.

LUKE

Goodbye.

His head droops and his eyes close. Leia buries her face in his robes and weeps. Han, Jacen, Jaina, Jace and Aravis also have tears in their eyes.

JACEN

He's... he's really gone.

Ben bows his head.

BEN

I'm afraid so.

Ben looks around at the devastation caused in the wake of Luke's death. A pensive look comes over his face.

BEN(CONT'D)

No... no, there may be a way.

He looks at Yoda.

BEN(CONT'D)

Can it be done?

Yoda considers.

YODA

Possible it is.

LEIA

What's possible.

ANAKIN

When we were brought back, we were brought back from being one with the force.

BEN

We all have knowledge of the force no other has. Of course, we would never abuse it the way Plagueis did. But maybe we can bend the rules.

YODA

Just this once.

ANAKIN

There is a price though.

BEN

We will cease to live. But we'll always be with you, and Luke.

Leia thinks.

LEIA

I don't want to condemn you to your deaths.

BEN

You don't have to.

Ben closes his eyes. Yoda, Anakin and the thousands of other Jedi on the battlefield do too. Slowly, their bodies become transparent and their eyes glow.

Then they all rush inwards, heading for one spot-Luke's dead body. The spirits of thousands of Jedi pour into him.

Luke gasps and his eyes burst open. He sits bolt upright. Leia is overjoyed.

LEIA

Luke!

She throws her arms around him. Seconds later, he is mobbed by Han, Jacen, Jaina, Jace and Aravis. Boba Fett steps up.

BOBA FETT

Forgive me if I don't participate in this little group hug. It's never been my thing.

LUKE

I've just had the weirdest dream. I was dead, I was becoming one with the force... but then I was sent back.

Luke looks around and sees the battlefield is now mostly empty.

LUKE(CONT'D)

It was them wasn't it? They all sacrificed themselves for me.

Leia nods gravely.

LUKE(CONT'D)

They're one with the force again. It's a debt I can never repay.

LEIA

They brought you back for a reason. You still have so much to give to the galaxy.

JACEN

Uncle Luke, are the Sith really gone?

LUKE

I hope so. At any rate, they won't be coming back for a long time.

Luke gets to his feet.

LUKE(CONT'D)

Every one of you on this battlefield has demonstrated a bravery that is rare to find. Thanks to you, the Sith are gone, the Empire has suffered another setback and we can begin rebuilding the Galactic Alliance. For victory!

Luke thrusts the golden lightsaber into the air. A great cheer goes up.

ANGLE: THE GOLDEN LIGHTSABER

It's changing again. The gold is melting away and it's going back to just being Anakin Skywalker's lightsaber.

Jacen and Jaina watch with interest.

JACEN

I still don't understand what happened with the golden lightsaber. I thought Darth Plagueis said it was a trick.

LUKE

It was in a way. That was what the clue was talking about. My journey began with me, on the inside. That's where the golden lightsaber came from. It was inside me all along.

Han approaches. He holds out Luke's green lightsaber.

HAN

You want this back.

Luke considers.

LUKE

You keep it. It suits you. Play your cards right and I might just show you how to use it really well.

Han grins and holsters the lightsaber.

ANGLE: JACE AND ARAVIS

They've wandered off a little way.

JACE

You know... that dress you were wearing up on the Death Star Destroyer was really very nice.

ARAVIS

Please don't remind me. I'm not really a dress kind of girl.

JACE

That's a shame. I was thinking it looked a whole lot like a wedding dress.

Aravis looks at him. Jace has an innocent smile on his face.

ARAVIS

You're not seriously suggesting...

The innocent smile remains on Jace's face. Aravis sighs.

ARAVIS(CONT'D)

I love you.

JACE

I know.

They kiss.

JACE(CONT'D)

So is that a yes?

ARAVIS

It's a yes.

HAN(O.S.)

Did I hear right?

Jace and Aravis turn around to see Luke, Leia, Han, Jacen, Jaina and Boba Fett approaching. They all have big smiles on their face, except for Boba Fett, who has his helmet on.

HAN(CONT'D)

My son engaged to a Fett?

Jacen gives Jace a congratulatory pat on the back. Jace beams.

ARAVIS

Do we have your blessing.

Han looks at Leia. She nods.

HAN

You got ours.

He looks at Boba Fett.

BOBA FETT

Fine. I still don't have to like it.

ARAVIS

Thank you Daddy.

She and Jace kiss.

LEIA

Looks like we've got a wedding to plan.

LUKE

And I know just the place to hold it.

CUT TO:

EXT. TATOOINE-LARS HOMESTEAD

It's sunset. We're at the site of the old Lars Homestead. The structure is gone, but there is a memorial plaque up where it used to be.

Jace and Aravis stand before Luke. Jace is wearing an immaculately tailored Corellian suit. Aravis is wearing a wedding dress, but there is something distinctly Mandalorian about the design.

Standing on Luke's right are Leia, Han, Jacen, Jaina, Chewbacca, Lando, Threepio and Artoo. On his left is Boba Fett.

LUKE

Jace Solo. Do you take Aravis Fett as your wife to love and cherish, til death do you part?

JACE

I do.

LUKE

And do you, Aravis Fett, take Jace Solo as your husband to love and nurture, til death do you part?

ARAVIS

I do.

LUKE

Then, as a Master of the Jedi Order, I now pronounce your husband and wife. You may kiss the bride.

Jace and Aravis kiss. A great cheer goes up. Artoo sprays confetti out of the top of his dome and burbles happily.

THREEPIO

Oh, this is marvellous, simply marvellous. What a wonderful day!

JACE

I love you so much!

ARAVIS

Not as much as I love you!

HAN

So, any honeymoon ideas yet?

Jace and Aravis exchange awkward looks.

His job done, Luke wanders off from the wedding party, until he's on a small hillock overlooking the endless desert. It's the same one he stood on all those years ago, watching the twin suns set.

As he watches the same sight he did before, Leia comes and stands next to him.

Ben, Yoda and Anakin shimmer into existence alongside them. Luke looks happily around at his sister and his friends, then return to watching the setting twin suns.

FADE OUT
THE END
(END CREDITS)