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Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is [REDACTED]. I have been a fan of *Star Wars* since I was young boy.

I am writing to express my frustration with the way the franchise is being run by the pretender at Disney. They have completely destroyed the beloved expanded universe and wiped away all the books, comics, and video games that came with it. They have replaced it with a series of films that do not deserve the name *Star Wars* and have forever tainted the franchise for true *Star Wars* fans. People may say they like the films, but they are not true *Star Wars* fans, they are traitors and shills.

Fortunately, it is not too late to fix the problem. The final film in the abomination that is the sequel trilogy has not been released yet. I am asking you to please consider cancelling the fake *Episode IX* and replacing it with a new trilogy written by me and directed by George Lucas. I want you to sell the franchise back to its rightful owner who can continue taking it in the direction it was always intended to go.

I attach my script for *Star Wars Episode VII: Wrath of the Empire*. This is an infinitely superior script to the crappy one churned out by Jar Jar Abrams and Lawrence Crapsdan. Once you read it, I am sure you will agree that it represents a far superior vision for the sequel trilogy and is worthy of the name *Star Wars*.

You owe it to every true *Star Wars* fan everywhere to do this. Together we can save one of the best science fiction franchises ever and have a new trilogy that we can be proud of. Please pass the script on Mr Lucas for me. I am sure he will be very eager to read it.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Your sincerely

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**STAR WARS EPISODE VII
WRATH OF THE EMPIRE**

Written by



FADE IN:

SPACE

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

Eighteen years have passed since the destruction of the second Death Star and supposedly of the Sith and the Empire. Luke Skywalker has returned to Coruscant and helped rebuild the Jedi Temple there. A new Jedi Council is established. Leia and Han are now married and have three children. Leia has trained to become a Jedi and Han has continued his smuggling. Two of their children have decided to follow Leia into her training to become a Jedi and one of them has followed Han into smuggling. However the heads of the Jedi council sense a disturbance in the force on the Sith Foundry world of Hypori. Luke Skywalker is sent to investigate, however what will he find when he arrives...

As the opening crawl begins to fade away, we move downwards. For a few seconds we are left staring at the endless landscape of stars, but then an X-WING comes out of hyperspace. It is LUKE SKYWALKER'S, we move closer and along the side of the fighter, where R2-D2, the astromech droid, nestles in a special compartment. Artoo begins to bleep.

CUT TO:

INT. LUKE'S X-WING COCKPIT

Luke watches messages flash across a screen, relayed from Artoo to the fighter cockpit.

LUKE

Yeah, I know, this is probably just going to be another wild goose chase but it's the council's bidding and something tells me there's something more to this.

Another message flashes across the screen.

LUKE (CONT'D)

Hostile? I'm not sure, there's a possibility though. Hopefully it's nothing.

CUT TO:

EXT. X-WING-SPACE

The planet HYPORI is coming into view. It is a huge desert planet, completely devoid of any life. Not exactly the place you'd think the Sith would be founded.

CUT TO:

INT. LUKE'S X-WING COCKPIT

LUKE

There she is, Hypori. Artoo, begin the landing sequence.

CUT TO:

EXT. X-WING-SPACE

The X-Wing is coming ever closer to the planet.

CUT TO:

EXT.-HYPORI

The X-Wing descends through the clouds. As it descends, the landing gear folds outwards, to allow the ship to land without doing much damage to itself. The ship comes into land on the bland surface of the desert floor. The cockpit opens to allow Luke to exit the fighter. Artoo pops out of his compartment at the same time. He bleeps something at Luke.

LUKE

No, sorry Artoo, you need to stay with the ship, this will only take a few minutes, it's nothing to be worried about.

Artoo bleeps nervously.

LUKE (CONT'D)

It'll be fine. I don't think there's anyone on this rock. Although I do sense an unusual disturbance in the force. Look, this is nothing more than a scouting mission. I go out here, I have a look arounds, it's nothing to be afraid of.

Artoo bleeps again.

LUKE (CONT'D)

If you're really worried, I'll just be over that ridge.

He points to the ridge in question. Artoo bleeps enthusiastically.

LUKE (CONT'D)

Okay, then I'm good to go.

He begins to walk away from the ship.

ANGLE:

UNSEEN POV

But something is watching them from behind a pile of rocks. It watches as Luke walks away from the ship, and then begins to follow him, making sure it stays out sight.

Suddenly Luke stops dead in his tracks, sensing something nearby. He scans the horizon and looks around him, there is nothing there. Yet he knows he is in danger, someone, or something is watching him. He continues to walk, but know he is alert, ready for any surprise attack.

ANGLE: UNSEEN POV

The thing waits until Luke has walked ahead a bit, then begins to follow him, making sure it still stays hidden.

Meanwhile, back at the ship, Artoo bleeps nervously, watching Luke's figure getting further and further away. He doesn't like it here, that much is obvious. He scans his surroundings. Nothing but endless desert and a few rocks and boulders scattered around.

ANGLE: UNSEEN POV

Moving quickly now that its quarry is getting further away.

Luke is sure that something is horribly wrong. There is something hiding, just beyond his field of vision. Suddenly something flashes past in front of his eyes. He is caught unawares, but exerts control over himself. It was probably just his imagination. He hopes.

ANGLE: UNSEEN POV

Watching Luke from behind now. There is a RUSTLING sound as if something is being withdrawn from within a cape.

Luke is suddenly caught unawares, as A RED LIGHTSABER BLADE slashes out of nowhere. He pulls his lightsaber out in less than a second and PARRIES the blow, just before it connects with his neck. He WITHDRAWS his blade as his attacker comes in for another blow from above. He PARRIES the hit again and holds on to the attacker's blade, surveying his attacker.

His attacker's face cannot be seen and neither can very much of him apart from his hands, gripping the hilt of his lightsaber. His entire body is shrouded in a black cloak.

Luke throws him away from him, and the hooded attacker goes down, hard, on the ground. An "oof" escapes him as he lands. But he is up again within seconds, flying at Luke, his slashes becoming ever more frantic and fast. Luke PARRIES them as best he can, but it is becoming increasingly more difficult as the attacks get quicker.

The attacker takes a HUGE SLASH at Luke's torso, but Luke does an expert dodge and does a FORCE PUSH on his attacker.

His attacker is thrown back a few feet, but manages to resist and unleashes a retaliatory FORCE PUSH on Luke. Luke is thrown high in the air and lands again. He is on his feet within seconds but he is injured. Not seriously, but enough to slow down his movement ever so slightly.

The hooded figure comes in for another attack, but Luke ducks the hit and parries the blade. He aims a hit at his opponent's head, but misses.

Suddenly the attacker raises both of his hands and unleashes a bolt of FORCE LIGHTNING on Luke. Luke falls to the ground gasping and panting as the figure comes in for another attack. He barely has the strength to roll over and dodge the attack. As he rolls over he yells something into a transmitter on his wrist.

LUKE (CONT'D)

Artoo! Take the ship to these co-ordinates...

He is cut off as the figure SLASHES down, he rolls over again to avoid the attack.

LUKE (CONT'D)

...E 9 ! F7 !

The figure SLASHES down again, Luke begins up his lightsaber and parries.

Back at the ship, Artoo has received the message. Using rocket boosters concealed in his legs he jumps up onto the wing of the star fighter and slides into his special slot. The ship then takes off and begins to fly towards the location Luke described.

Meanwhile, Luke parries another slash from his attacker. However the figure then unleashes another blast of SITH LIGHTNING, knocking Luke to the ground. Luke has barely any energy left to stand up. After his first attempt he falls back on the ground. The figure kneels beside him.

FIGURE

And now we end this, Skywalker.

Luke waits for the attack to come, but instead, the figure JUMPS high in the air. Luke understands, he is going to do a downward stab attack to finish it off.

High up in the air, the figure does a somersault for good measure and then begins to descend, lightsaber pointed down, ready to embed itself in Luke's chest. However as he falls, he is suddenly BATTERED out of the way by Luke's X-Wing. The figure falls heavily to the ground and does not get up. Mustering all of his strength, he does a massive LEAP and lands on one of the wings of the X-Wing. The cockpit opens to admit him and he climbs in.

CUT TO:

INT. LUKE'S X-WING COCKPIT

Luke crawls in and closes the canopy.

LUKE

Okay Artoo, we're out of here!

CUT TO:

EXT.-HYPORI

Below, the figure watches the fighter climb higher and higher into the sky.

FIGURE

You haven't heard the last of me Skywalker!

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

We find ourselves looking at a huge starfreighter drifting majestically through space, just beyond the orbit of the massive gas giant BESPIN. We move closer and see that it is surrounded by fighters on all sides, ready to keep away unwanted company.

CUT TO:

INT. STARFREIGHTER-HANGAR

The hangar in the ship is enormous. Steel boxes and crates are all over the place. Guards patrol every inch of the hangar, making sure no-one can make away with anything in there without a fight.

Meanwhile, behind one of the larger crates, three figures crouch, making no sound. They are HAN SOLO, his son JACE and CHEWBACCA the wookiee.

HAN

They've got this place pretty well guarded. They obviously expect trouble.

JACE

Do you think they spotted the falcon?

HAN

No, we'd be dead if they had.

JACE

Look Dad, maybe this isn't such a good idea. It doesn't look like we'll get anything out of this place.

Han turns to his son.

HAN

Hey, son. I've gotten out of tighter squeezes than this before. The key is, stay hidden and always have an escape plan. Anyway, this is

the Commerce Guild. They aren't exactly gonna do much if we borrow a few weapons from them. Chewie, have you got the detonators?

The Wookiee roars.

HAN (CONT'D)

Alright, let's move.

One of a guard patrolling nearby a crate suddenly stops and looks down at his feet. Too late, he realises he has trodden on a mine. Before he can even cry out, he is blown away by the explosion. The other guards turn guns raised, and begin blasting everywhere.

Suddenly, a barrage of laser bolts hits the guards and they fall back.

HAN (CONT'D)

Alright, move! Move!

Carrying a crate between them, Jace and Chewbacca run through the smoke.

CUT TO:

INT. CORRIDOR

Han, Jace and Chewbacca run down the corridor.

HAN

The Falcon's down here!

As they run an ALARM SOUNDS, a shrill klaxon.

HAN (CONT'D)

Great. Now everyone on this ship knows we're here.

CUT TO:

INT. HANGAR

Enemy troopers CHARGE into the hangar where the MILLENNIUM FALCON is, they surround it within seconds.

CUT TO:

INT. CORRIDOR

Han, Jace and Chewbacca are being pursued by enemy troops.

HAN

Jace! Keep going! Me and Chewie'll try and hold em off as long as we can.

JACE

But Dad...

HAN

Go! I'll catch you up in a minute.

Jace runs ahead as Chewie and Han turn to confront their pursuers. They raise their pistols and begin to fire at them. They fall back.

CUT TO:

INT. HANGAR

Jace runs into the hangar and stops dead in his tracks as he sees that the Falcon is surrounded.

JACE

Come on Dad!

CUT TO:

INT. CORRIDOR

Han and Chewie are doing their best to hold the troopers off, but not having much luck, it is made more difficult due to the heavy crate they are carrying between them.

HAN

Looks like we're going to have to run for it Chewie!

Chewie roars his agreement.

HAN (CONT'D)

When I give the order Chewie, we run. RUN!

Han and Chewie charge down the corridor, laser bolts ricocheting off the walls.

CUT TO:

INT. HANGAR

Jace crouches behind the crates, Han and Chewie charge in.

HAN

Jace! We need to get to the Falcon. Come on! We'll blast our way through!

Jace jumps up and runs after them. The troops surrounding the falcon turn as they approach.

TROOP#1

Stop them!

TROOP#2

Open fire!

At the yelled command, the troops open fire on the three approaching figures, who accordingly return fire.

HAN

Man this crate irritates me! Chewie, next time remind me to bring the hover car.

The troops around the Millennium Falcon begin to fall back under the barrage of fire from Han, Jace and Chewie.

HAN (CONT'D)

Right! Everyone! Into the Falcon! Go! Move! Scram!

The ramp descends from the ship. However, within seconds it has been surrounded by troops.

HAN (CONT'D)

Chewie! Deal with it! Jace, catch!

Chewie drops his end of the crate and Han swings it round to Jace. Chewie pulls out his bowcaster rifle and clears a pathway through the troops, then runs up the ramp after Han and Jace.

CUT TO:

INT. MILLENNIUM FALCON

Han and Jace run in, dropping the crate, followed closely by Chewie. They then run towards the cockpit.

CUT TO:

INT. FREIGHTER-CONTROL ROOM

The captain of the troops runs in.

CAPTAIN

Close the blast doors!

A small alien seated at the controls nods and pulls a lever.

CUT TO:

INT. HANGAR

As the Falcon takes off, the ray shield shuts down and a blast door begins to close.

CUT TO:

INT. MILLENNIUM FALCON-COCKPIT

Han watches as the blast door closes.

HAN

Aw man, I hate it when this happens. Chewie, get to the laser canons, looks like we'll have to blast our way out of this one.

Chewie roars and exits the cockpit. He moves along the corridor and climbs down a ladder

CUT TO:

INT. MILLENNIUM FALCON-GUN TURRET CONTROL

Chewie arrive at the bottom of the ladder and sits at the controls of the gun turret.

ANGLE:

THROUGH WINDOW

The laser canon moves into position. Chewie presses the button.

CUT TO:

INT. HANGAR

The doors EXPLODE. The remaining troops scream as they are sucked out into space. Everything in the hangar is gradually sucked out too.

CUT TO:

INT. MILLENNIUM FALCON-COCKPIT

Han watches as everything flies out into space.

HAN

Wahoo! You did good Chewie!

CUT TO:

INT. HANGAR

The Millennium Falcon flies out into space.

CUT TO:

INT. FREIGHTER-CONTROL ROOM

The Captain watches the chaos in the hangar on a screen.

CAPTAIN

They're getting away we need to stop them!

CUT TO:

EXT. FREIGHTER-SPACE

The turrets mounted on the side of the freighter begin to fire at the Millennium Falcon as it gets further and further away.

CUT TO:

INT. MILLENNIUM FALCON-COCKPIT

JACE

Dad, they're firing at us.

HAN

Don't worry son, they'll never get us, this ship's the fastest in the alliance fleet, we'll be far away by the time they send ships after us.

He claps Jace on the back

HAN (CONT'D)

Son, you did great!

JACE

No Dad, it was you, you masterminded the whole thing, you set it up.

HAN

Look, it's your first freighter robbery you'll get better, but for a first time that wasn't bad by any means. You'll be a top- clas smuggler in no time at all. And anyway, the alliance will be pleased with the weapons we stole.

JACE

Won't they get in trouble with the Commerce Guild?

HAN

No, the Commerce Guild aren't part of the alliance, they can't touch us.

JACE

I heard a general saying you should have taken a place in the alliance army rather than continue thieving.

HAN

I considered taking a place in the army but to be honest they could never tear me away from my old profession. I prefer this. More thrills. Here, take control of the Falcon.

JACE

No, I couldn't. I'd crash it.

HAN

If you want to smuggle you'll need to learn how to handle this baby. Come on, it's not as difficult as it looks, you just take the controls and steer. Try it.

Jace take the controls of the falcon. It lurches ever so slightly, but stabilises.

HAN (CONT'D)

You're getting the hang of it.

Suddenly the Falcon lurches violently, throwing Jace and Han around. It is also accompanied by an explosion.

JACE

I didn't do anything.

HAN

No, that wan't you. We're being fired on! Something's shooting at us.

Something shoots past above them.

JACE

What was that?

HAN

No idea. Something bad though. It's turning around!

The small fighter begins to turn and Han sees what it is-A TIE FIGHTER!

HAN (CONT'D)

Oh no.

JACE

What?

HAN

That isn't possible.

JACE

What can't? Dad, what is that fighter anyway?

HAN

It's a Tie fighter.

JACE

A Tie fighter? But I thought the empire were gone.

HAN

They are.

JACE

Then why do we have one following us?

His question is cut short as the ship rocks again.

HAN

It's firing on us!

Chewie runs into the cockpit roaring.

HAN (CONT'D)

What's that Chewie? Four of em'? How bad's the damage? Oh well, we'll just have to jump into hyperspace to outrun them.

Han runs over to the controls.

HAN (CONT'D)

Grab onto something, I'm making the jump into hypersapce.

He pulls the required controls for the jump to hyperspace. Nothing happens.

HAN (CONT'D)

Oh no! They've knocked out the hyperdrive booster. Guess we'll just have to outrun them some other way.

CUT TO:

EXT. MILLENNIUM FALCON-SPACE

The four tie fighter fire on the Millennium falcon it dives to avoid the firing, then moves from side to side as laser bolt after laser bolt almost hits them. The ties roar after them. They are now moving past a massive orange planet. One of the ties gets lucky, landing a critical hit on the engine area. Sensing their work is done the four fighters turn and zoom off into space.

CUT TO:

INT. MILLENNIUM FALCON-COCKPIT

Inside the Falcon, the cockpit goes dark.

JACE

They've stopped.

HAN

Of course they have. Thye know they've hit a critical weak point.

JACE

What now?

HAN

We've only got enough power to make it to that planet over there.

He points out the massive orange planet.

HAN (CONT'D)

Which just so happens to be the Bespin mining colony.

JACE

The Bespin mining colony?

HAN

Yeah. Cloud City. Used to be owned by old Lando Calrissian.

JACE

What's happened to it now?

HAN

Don't know, which is why I'm worried about going down there. Cloud City's probably still empty after the Imperial invasion. But I suppose it's our best option. Chewie, get us down there.

Chewie roars and then takes the controls of the falcon.

CUT TO:

EXT. FALCON-SPACE

The Falcon begins to descend towards the orange giant.

CUT TO:

EXT. CORUSCANT-SPACE

Before us is the huge planet of Coruscant. Capital of the former Republic, now the Republic Alliance, the city is still very alive. Speeders and space craft fly above, or sit in low orbit above the planet. As we watch, Luke's Jedi Starfighter comes out of hyperspace and begins to descend towards the planet.

CUT TO:

INT. JEDI TEMPLE

A young man monitors a screen. A Jedi enters.

JEDI
What news?

MAN
Master Skywalker. His fighter just came out of hyperspace.

JEDI
Excellent. At last we shall have some news. Open the starfighter hangar.

CUT TO:

EXT. JEDI TEMPLE-CORUSCANT SKYLINE

The X-Wing is breaking through the first layers of cloud.

ANGLE:

HANGAR DOORS

Slowly begin to open.

The X-Wing finishes its descent and flies in through the doors.

CUT TO:

INT. HANGAR

The X-Wing comes in to land. The cockpit opens and Luke gets out. Artoo pops out of the droid socket. A Jedi comes to greet them.

JEDI
Master Skywalker.

LUKE
Master Barekan

BAREKAN
What news?

LUKE
I must address the council. And I need to check the archives.

BAREKAN
Why?

LUKE
All is not well. And if my suspicions are correct, the Jedi council must know.

CUT TO:

INT. COUNCIL CHAMBER

Luke stands before the Jedi council, an odd collection of beings, ranging from normal humans to bizarre aliens. In Yoda's place sits a tall male Jedi with grey hair and a serious face, a survivor from the Clone Wars—Jedi Master TEQ DERVILL.

TEQ
You believe that the Sith have returned?

These words send an uneasy ripple around the seated Jedi and there are several mutterings and gasps.

LUKE
Possibly. The being I battled on Hypori was certainly well-trained in the Sith fighting techniques. It wore the robes of the Sith.

Teq considers for a minute.

TEQ
There have been known cases of individuals attempting to imitate the Sith.

LUKE
It's certainly a possibility, but I believe that the Jedi have a new rival.

TEQ
It seems so. Do you believe that this new rival poses a threat?

LUKE

I don't know yet. He is undeniably strong and forced me to retreat. But I don't believe he'd be a real match for us.

TEQ

There are not very many jedi at the moment. I do not want to risk the lives of young padawans at the present. This being, whatever it was, does not pose a threat to us at the moment.

LUKE

It would seem the best option at the moment.

TEQ

Council dismissed.

The council members stand and begin to leave the room. Teq approaches Luke.

TEQ (CONT'D)

You requested to check the archives.

LUKE

Yes. I need you to come with me. I believe that we may be able to find information on this new rival.

CUT TO:

INT. JEDI TEMPLE-VIEWING GALLERY

The gallery is wide and the large windows give spectacular view over the city. Jedi move up and down the long gallery in droves. Standing at one of the windows is LEIA, Luke's twin sister, wearing the robes of the jedi.

Luke appears at the far end of the viewing gallery. Leia turns as he approaches.

LEIA

Luke!

She runs to him and they embrace.

LEIA(CONT'D)

I'm so glad you're okay. I heard someone saying you were attacked.

LUKE

I'm fine. How are the children?

LEIA

Jace's gone off with Han on a smuggling mission for the alliance, Jaina and Jacen have gone to Ghost Nebula with their masters.

LUKE

How are they doing?

LEIA

Good for beginners. They're excelling fast.

LUKE

Okay. I've got to go and check out the archives with Master Teq. I'm sorry our reunion's been short.

LEIA

It's okay.

The embrace again.

LUKE

I'll see you later!

He walks off down the viewing gallery. Leia watches him go.

CUT TO:

INT. JEDI TEMPLE-ARCHIVES

The archives are huge, a sprawling mass of shelves filled with halo books. Young padawans and Jedi masters move around the shelves. Luke and Teq walk in.

TEQ

Where exactly do we need to go?

LUKE

Holocron section. It's this way.

They walk right to the back of the archives, passing the busts of the lost twenty, now twenty-one. A bust of Anakin Skywalker has now been added. Luke stops by it for a moment.

TEQ

Your father...

They continue walking after the momentary pause and reach a door. Luke presents his identification and they enter.

CUT TO:

INT. HOLOCRON ROOM

Inside the dark room are numerous shelves with several strange objects on them, some circular, some hexagonal-HOLOCRONS.

TEQ

The last time I was in here was during the attack of the 501st Clone legion. I escaped by the skin of my teeth...

Luke is not listening. He has clearly heard this story countless times before. He is searching for a particular section of Holocrons.

TEQ(CONT'D)

...and then they chased after me, but I got to my starfighter just in time...

LUKE

Come and look at this!

TEQ

What is it?

He comes to where Luke is beckoning.

TEQ (CONT'D)

This is the Sith Holocron section. What are you doing here?

LUKE

Look. Some of the Holocrons are missing.

TEQ

What?

He kneels down next to Luke.

TEQ (CONT'D)

But... What's happened to them?

LUKE

I don't know. But this proves my point.

TEQ

What?

LUKE

We're dealing with a Sith.

TEQ

Yes. I suppose you're right. I shall speak to the council. I shall inform them the Sith have returned.

CUT TO:

INT. JEDI TEMPLE-ARCHIVES

Luke and Teq walk out of the Holocron room and across the archives.

TEQ

It would seem the situation has escalated.

LUKE

What will you tell the council?

TEQ

The truth. The whole of it. We are dealing with a Sith.

They are now leaving the archives. They pause.

TEQ (CONT'D)

And when you're dealing with a Sith there's always two of them. Master and Apprentice.

LUKE

Then it was probably the Apprentice I battled.

TEQ

Which means...

He never finishes his sentence. There is a huge EXPLOSION from the archive. Shelves explode and holobooks go flying. Jedi are flung backwards or disappear into the inferno. Luke and Teq hit the floor. The ground shakes and stone falls from the ceiling. The two of them stand up and look at the wreckage of the archives.

TEQ (CONT'D)

The archives!

LUKE

How could this happen?

TEQ

It seems that the Sith Apprentice is a threat after all.

CUT TO:

EXT. CLOUD CITY-LANDING PLATFORM

Smoking badly, the Millennium Falcon descends through the clouds down towards Cloud City. It comes in to land on a landing platform. The city is unnaturally quiet.

CUT TO:

INT. MILLENNIUM FALCON-COCKPIT

Han, Jace and Chewie inspect the deserted city through the glass of the cockpit.

HAN

There she is. Exactly like I remember her. Well, last time I was here it wasn't deserted. The place has changed a lot since old Lando's been gone. Still, hopefully there'll be some spare parts hidden around here somewhere.

CUT TO:

EXT. MILLENNIUM FALCON-CLOUD CITY

The boarding ramp for the Millennium Falcon descends and Han, Jace and Chewie disembark.

HAN

To be honest I'm surprised this place wasn't torn down, I guess everyone just forgot about it and it would have been pretty expensive as well, although there isn't much mining to do on this place.

Jace looks around at the huge sprawling city.

JACE

Dad, where are we going to find parts here? This place is huge.

Chewie roars in agreement.

HAN

Jace, you're forgetting the Falcon used to belong to Lando. He lost it to me in a sabacc match. He's bound to have a few parts around here. We should try his hangar where he used to keep the Falcon. If I can remember where it is...

JACE

Shouldn't we just try that building over there? It looks like it might have the parts we need. Let's check it out.

They proceed towards the building Jace indicated.

CUT TO:

INT. HANGAR

The crew of the Falcon enter.

HAN

Jace! You've got a sharp eye. This is where Lando used to keep the Falcon before he lost it to me. Let's see now, he must have the parts we need somewhere.

They split up and begin to search the hangar.

ANGLE:

SNIPER SCOPE

An unseen sniper is watching them from above, where we can't quite determine. It is watching them, zooming in to focus on Han, then Chewie, then Jace, taking them all in, deciding which one to pick off first.

Han searches through piles of spare parts.

HAN (CONT'D)

Trust Lando to get every spare part except the one we need. Chewie! Jace! Any luck?

Chewie shakes his head.

JACE

No dad. Nothing over here.

HAN

Great! Just great! Okay, it looks like we've searched the hangar from top to bottom. The parts we need don't seem to be here, we'll have to look elsewhere.

ANGLE:

SNIPER SCOPE

The unseen sniper watches them go through the scope.

CUT TO:

EXT. HANGAR-CLOUD CITY

Han, Jace and Chewie exit the building. Han surveys the skyline of Cloud City with dismay.

HAN

Look like we could be here overnight. Unless...

JACE

Unless what?

HAN

We could try the cloud taxi hangar. There must be spare parts somewhere in there.

JACE

Where is the cloud taxi hangar?

Han points.

HAN

If I remember correctly it should be over there.

JACE

Are you certain?

HAN

No not exactly, but it's worth a look.

They set off. After they have got a bit of a way away, a boot hits the ground.

CUT TO:

INT. JEDI TEMPLE-TEACHING CHAMBER

Luke is instructing a youngling with a training droid. The young boy attempts to block the lasers shot from the droid with his tiny lightsaber, but without much success. He lowers his lightsaber, frustrated. Luke smiles.

YOUGLING

It's too quick, I can't block it.

LUKE

Really? Are you sure?

YOUNGLING

It's just too quick for me.

LUKE

No it's not. Your mind thinks it's too quick. You need to reach out with the force to the droid. Here, try this.

Luke walks over to a shelf and takes down a helmet with the crash visor on.

LUKE (CONT'D)

Try it with this on.

YOUNGLING

But I won't be able to see anything.

LUKE

Exactly. You need to reach out with the force to the droid, try it.

The youngling take the helmet from Luke and puts it on. Luke reactivates the training droid and the youngling raises his lightsaber. The training droid begins to move left and right. The youngling's lightsaber moves with it. The droid fires a laser and the youngling blocks it with his lightsaber. The droid fires again, and the youngling blocks the laser again. The droid begins to become agitated, firing rapidly, yet still the youngling blocks. Luke grins and shuts down the droid. The youngling removes his helmet.

YOUNGLING

I did it!

LUKE

Well done! You reached out with the force.

YOUNGLING

I saw the droid! I could see it! Even though I had the visor down!

LUKE

I had exactly the same experience when I was learning to become a Jedi.

YOUNGLING

Master, what happened in the archives? I heard there was an explosion.

LUKE

There was an explosion. It killed many Jedi.

The Youngling's eyes widen.

YOUNGLING

Who caused the explosion?

LUKE

I don't know. I just don't know.

CUT TO:

EXT. CLOUD CITY

Han, Jace and Chewie walk through the deserted city streets.

HAN

Don't worry, we're nearly there. It's just round the corner...

The said hangar comes into view.

HAN (CONT'D)

There it is!

JACE

You think that place has the parts we need?

HAN

Cloud taxi's are smaller than the Millennium Falcon but they have similar parts. There they are.

Han points to a group of disheveled red twin cloud cars.

JACE

Those things don't look like they've worked in ages.

HAN

Doesn't stop them from having the right parts. Come on, let's have a check.

We become vaguely aware of someone lurking in the background, watching them as they walk into the hangar.

CUT TO:

INT. CLOUD CAR HANGAR

Han, Jace and Chewie begin searching through piles of parts.

ANGLE:

SNIPER SCOPE

The sniper watches them, we assume from a nearby rooftop, aiming into the hangar. At Han's head!

HAN

Aha! Found it!

Han hears the noise of the shot and just manages to get out of the way. The laser bolt hits the ground next to him. He pulls out his pistol and crawls behind a pile of parts. He aims at where the bolt came from and fires. A figure ducks down.

HAN (CONT'D)

Jace! Chewie! Get to cover, we're being fired upon! Get down!

Jace and Chewie run for cover.

ANGLE:

SNIPER SCOPE

The scope follows Jace as he runs for cover.

The bolt narrowly misses Jace. He dives behind a cloud car. Pistol fire is now raining down from the rooftop. The unseen attacker has obviously abandoned his sniper. Han jumps from behind his cover, gets off a few shots then jumps back behind his cover. Jace, hiding behind the cloud car, suddenly gets an idea. Keeping extra careful not to get in the line of fire he opens the cockpit of the cloud car. He is relieved to see that it still works. He begins to adjust the controls to the cloud car. He then closes the cockpit and jumps back from it. The cloud car raises a few feet off the ground. It then zooms towards the rooftop the unseen attacker is shooting from. There is a huge explosion as the cloud car hits. Han peers out from behind his cover.

HAN (CONT'D)

Did you do that Jace?

JACE

Yeah.

HAN

Good work. Now let's see who attacked us.

Han, Jace and Chewie proceed towards the building they climb the stairwell to the top. Han clears away the wreckage of the cloud car to reveal... An Imperial Stormtrooper!

HAN (CONT'D)

Okay. First the TIE fighter now this. There's something strange going on here.

JACE

What is it?

HAN

It's an Imperial Stormtrooper.

JACE

But I thought all vestiges of the Empire had been destroyed.

HAN

I thought so too. He must have been left behind after the Imperial invasion of Cloud City. We'd better get out here. Chewie, help me get the parts back to the Falcon, we're

Chewie roars, holding up the spare parts.

HAN (CONT'D)

Okay. Jace, come on we're going back to the Falcon.

CUT TO:

EXT. FALCON-CLOUD CITY-LATER

The sun is beginning to set, bathing the entire city in an bright orange glow. We see the crew of the Falcon silhouetted against the sky as they enter the ship.

CUT TO:

INT. FALCON

Jace and Chewie lug the parts into the Falcon and drop them on the ground.

HAN (O.S.)

Chewie! Start repairing the hyperdrive so we can get outta here!

Chewie roars. Jace goes into the cockpit.

CUT TO:

INT. FALCON-COCKPIT

Han sits at the controls of the Falcon. Jace sits next to him.

HAN

Well Jace, we're finally going back to Coruscant. You can see you Mother again. You excited?

JACE

Yeah.

HAN

What? What's the matter.

JACE

Oh nothing. I'm just worried about Jaina and Jacen.

HAN

Don't you worry about them, they're fine.

JACE

I hope so.

HAN

I hope so too son. You think I don't worry about them ? I think about them all the time. Sometime I fell kinda sad I didn't follow Leia into training to become a Jedi rather than just roaving round the galaxy pursuing my stupid dreams, but there you go. I didn't and here we are now.

Chewie roars from off-screen.

HAN (CONT'D)
Are we ready to go?

Chewie roars again.

HAN (CONT'D)
Okay, we're ready to go!

He reaches forward and pulls a few levers.

CUT TO:

EXT. FALCON-CLOUD CITY

The Falcon rises off from the landing platform and zooms off into the clouds.

CUT TO:

INT. JEDI TEMPLE-ARCHIVES

A jedi stands inspecting the wreckage of the archives. Luke arrives.

LUKE
How many dead?

JEDI
Fifty or so.

LUKE
Fifty? Fifty? No! That can't be!

JEDI
I'm afraid so.

LUKE
Who could do something like this? Unless...

Luke goes silent for a few minutes.

JEDI
Master? Is there something wrong?

LUKE
No. Nothing. I just sensed something.

JEDI
What?

LUKE
I'm not sure.

CUT TO:

EXT. CORUSCANT-SPACE

Air traffic around Coruscant is almost non existent, a few space taxis pass back and forth.

ANGLE: SPACE TAXI

The camera becomes interested in one particular, a bit further away from Coruscant than usual. Suddenly, a green laser bolt comes out of nowhere. It hits the taxi which explodes.

CUT TO:

INT. SPACE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTRE-CORUSCANT

The officials seated at their banks of computers monitor the space traffic above Coruscant. One of them suddenly jumps up calling to the senior official.

OFFICIAL

Sir! We just lost a space taxi.

SENIOR OFFICIAL

What? How?

OFFICIAL

I don't know, it just exploded. It must have been hit by something. Hang on! There's something on the screen. Something large!

The Senior Official checks the screen. His eyes widen with disbelief.

SENIOR OFFICIAL

It's an Imperial Star Destroyer!

CUT TO:

EXT. CORUSCANT-SPACE

Sure enough the nose of a Star Destroyer appears over the top of the camera. We zoom out, revealing that there is a fleet of about eight of them. They move closer and closer towards Coruscant.

CUT TO:

INT. SPACE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTRE-CORUSCANT

OFFICIAL

There's more of them sir!

SENIOR OFFICIAL

Where are they coming from?

OFFICIAL

I don't know, they just appeared!

SENIOR OFFICIAL

Well then somebody sound the alarm! Warn the city!

CUT TO:

EXT. CORUSCANT

A wailing alarm can be heard throughout the city accompanied by an announcer's voice.

ANNOUNCER

Alert! Alert! All civilians return to your homes, this is a top-level emergency. Repeat, all citizens return to your homes, this is a top-level emergency.

Civilians scream and run for cover, bolting the doors of their homes. Mothers scoop children up and carry them for safety. Those who have no homes find cover as best they can in the street.

CUT TO:

EXT. CORUSCANT-SPACE

The Star Destroyers approach closer to Coruscant.

CUT TO:

INT. MAIN HANGAR-CORUSCANT

Pilots are running to their starfighters. There are X-Wing, Y-Wing, B-Wing, A-Wing and N-Wing pilots all ready to go.

CUT TO:

INT. JEDI TEMPLE

Luke hurries towards the exit of the Jedi temple.

CUT TO:

EXT. JEDI TEMPLE

Luke runs down the main steps, outside is an air taxi waiting for him. He jumps in and it takes off.

CUT TO:

INT./EXT. MAIN HANGAR

The air taxi arrives and Luke hops out, running to his X-Wing. He dons his flight suit and helmet and jumps into the cockpit. Artoo is lowered into the droid socket.

CUT TO:

INT. WEDGE ANTILLES'X-WING COCKPIT

Commander WEDGE ANTILLES stands by to lead the space forces.

WEDGE

Okay, all fighters are clear to go, red group, gold group, grey group stay close to me at all times. Alright, let's go!

CUT TO:

INT. MAIN HANGAR

All the starfighters raise in the air one by one then take off.

CUT TO:

EXT. CORUSCANT

The fighters fly out of the huge hangar in single-file formation, one after the other.

CUT TO:

INT. WEDGE ANTILLES'X-WING COCKPIT

WEDGE

Red leader, standing by.

CUT TO:

INT. GOLD LEADER COCKPIT

GOLD LEADER

Gold leader, standing by.

CUT TO:

INT. GREY LEADER COCKPIT

GREY LEADER

Grey leader, standing by.

EXT. CORUSCANT-SPACE

The fighters fly up through the atmosphere towards the waiting Star Destroyers.

CUT TO:

INT. WEDGE ANTILLES'X-WING COCKPIT

WEDGE

Just like old times.

CUT TO:

INT. LUKE'S X-WING COCKPIT

LUKE

You got that one right.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

Whole squadrons of TIE Fighters fly towards them.

CUT TO:

INT. WEDGE ANTILLES' X-WING COCKPIT

WEDGE

TIE Fighters coming in, straight ahead!

CUT TO:

INT. LUKE'S X-WING COCKPIT

LUKE

How could this happen?

CUT TO: EXT.-SPACE

Luke does a sharp swerve to the right, blasting a TIE Fighter in the process.

CUT TO:

INT. LUKE'S X-WING COCKPIT

LUKE

I thought we destroyed the Empire for good!

CUT TO:

INT. WEDGE ANTILLES' X-WING COCKPIT

WEDGE

Obviously not Luke. All fighters, ignore the TIE fighters, concentrate all fire on the Star Destroyers.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

A group of N-Wings go into a dive towards the nearest Star Destroyer.

CUT TO:

INT. STAR DESTROYER-MAIN BRIDGE

Imperial officers watch through the observation window. One of their officers in the pits calls to one of them.

JUNIOR OFFICER

Sir! N-Wing starfighters coming in!

COMMANDER

Destroy them!

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The N-Wing leader, finishing its dive is shredded by the canon fire from the Star Destroyer.

CUT TO:

INT. N-WING COCKPIT

The Pilot watches as the explosion clears.

PILOT

We lost blue leader!

CUT TO:

INT. WEDGE ANTILLES' X-WING COCKPIT

WEDGE

Circle round the back, where the canons can't get you, aim for the engines and the Shield Generators, they're the main weakpoints.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The remaining N-Wings swerve to the right and dive round the back of the Star Destroyer. One of them goes into an ascent up the tower towards the main bridge. A TIE Fighter dives over the top ambushing the N-Wing and blasting it to pieces. One N-Wing fires at the engine, it explodes.

CUT TO:

INT. STAR DESTROYER-MAIN BRIDGE

JUNIOR OFFICER

Sir! We lost engine two!

COMMANDER

Move us away from the fighters. All TIE Fighters to merge on the nearest Squadron.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The Star Destroyer starts to turn. One of the N-Wings is knocked out by a TIE Fighter. An entire Squadron of TIE Fighters is converging on the fighters. Suddenly a B-Wing flies out of nowhere, going into a barrel-roll and blasting the TIE Fighters.

Meanwhile, a couple of A-Wings, a Y-Wing and some X-Wings attack another Star Destroyer. The Y-Wing soars off the top of the Main Bridge section, dropping bombs on the communications array. The remaining fighters are engaged in dogfights with the TIE Fighters.

CUT TO:

INT. LUKE'S X-WING COCKPIT

Luke blasts a pair of TIE Fighters at the same time, he whoops but then hears blasting from behind.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

Another TIE Fighter is hot on Luke's tail. Luke does a loop-the-loop, blasting the TIE Fighter as he comes down.

CUT TO:

INT. WEDGE ANTILLES' X-WING COCKPIT

WEDGE

Good shot Luke!

Wedge dives down toward the Star Destroyer. He cruises along the main farm of the ship blasting TIE Fighters out of his way until he reaches the control tower. He soars upwards.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

We see from behind the control tower as Wedge zooms over the top blasting one of the shield generators as he goes over the top of the tower.

CUT TO:

INT. WEDGE ANTILLES' X-WING COCKPIT

WEDGE

One of the shield generators is down!

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

Another Star Destroyer is moving closer. It blasts the Y-Wing and begins to fire on the X-Wings.

CUT TO:

INT. X-WING COCKPIT

Sparks fly from behind the console begins to smoke.

PILOT

I'm hit!

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The X-Wing spins out of control and disintegrates. A B-Wing flies towards the other Star Destroyer. It blasts one of the ion canons before swerving away. An A-Wing dives into the fray and is blasted by a TIE Fighter.

Meanwhile, the Star Destroyer with the damaged engine is getting further away from the battle.

CUT TO:

INT. STAR DESTROYER-MAIN BRIDGE

The Commander faces a hologram of a hooded figure.

COMMANDER

My lord, the other Star Destroyers have them distracted.

FIGURE (VIA HOLOGRAM)

How long can you hold them?

COMMANDER

They haven't even destroyed one of the Star Destroyers yet. I think we can hold them a little longer.

FIGURE (VIA HOLOGRAM)

Excellent. I shall take the Holocrons and sneak past.

CUT TO:

INT. JEDI TEMPLE

A hooded figure, wearing a black robe walks quickly through the temple. Heads turn as he goes, but no-one pursues him. He passes Leia who turns her head as he goes. She begins to follow him, being careful to stay out of sight the figure begins to move away from the bustling crowds of Jedi as he flits through the corridors of the Jedi Temple with Leia in pursuit. He has still not noticed that he is being followed.

CUT TO:

INT. JEDI TEMPLE-HOLOGRAM ROOM

The figure moves over to the main hologram desk. The room is empty apart from him. He activates the hologram desk. A hologram of another figure wearing a cloak appears.

FIGURE

I have the holocrons. I shall now return to Hypori.

FIGURE#2 (VIA HOLOGRAM)

Excellent. You have doen well, my aprentice. Proceed to the landing platform. Kill anyone who tries to stop you.

FIGURE

Yes my master.

The figure shuts off the Hologram, then becoming aware of someone watching. He swivels round to see Leia standing in the doorway. He draws his lightsaber.

FIGURE

What did you hear?

LEIA

Everything.

FIGURE

Then you shall die!

He lunges at her, but she dodges, drawing her own lightsaber, parrying downwards. He disengages and take a slash but she parries again.

CUT TO:

EXT. CORUSCANT-SPACE

An X-Wing goes spinning out of control and crashes into the hull of a Star Destroyer.

CUT TO:

INT. WEDGE ANTILLES' X-WING COCKPIT

WEDGE

We need ground support, quickly! Repeat, we need ground support.

CUT TO:

INT. ION CANON CONTROL TOWER-CORUSCANT

WEDGE (VIA INTERCOM)

We need ground support!

COMMANDER

You heard him, ready the ion canon, aim at one of the Star Destroyer!

CUT TO:

EXT. CORUSCANT-ION CANON

The canon raises slowly upwards.

CUT TO:

INT. ION CANON CONTROL TOWER

OPERATOR

Locked on!

COMMANDER

Fire!

CUT TO:

EXT. CORUSCANT-ION CANON

The canon fires.

CUT TO:

EXT. CORUSCANT-SPACE

The laser bolt fired from the ion canon flies towards one of the Star Destroyers. It hits and the Star Destroyer starts to go down. It explodes in a brilliant ball of orange flame.

CUT TO:

INT. WEDGE ANTILLES' X-WING COCKPIT

Wedge watches the destruction of the Star Destroyer.

WEDGE

One down, seven more to go. Stay alert pilots. This battle isn't over yet

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

Wedge's X-Wing flies towards the Star Destroyer with the damaged shield generator.

CUT TO:

INT. JEDI TEMPLE-HOLOGRAM ROOM

Leia and the hooded figure fight. Leia takes a slash at him, but he ducks out of the way. He raises his lightsaber.

FIGURE

I clearly underestimated you Skywalker. You are more powerful than I thought.

LEIA

Who are you? How do you know who I am?

FIGURE

You're family have a history of meddling with the Sith. Yet it ends here!

He attempts a slash but the attack is blocked.

LEIA

Not yet!

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

Wedge's X-Wing soars towards the second shield generator. It fires and the generator explodes.

CUT TO:

INT. WEDGE ANTILLES' X-WING COCKPIT

WEDGE

All wings, the second shield generator is down. Commence attack on the bridge!

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

Two X-Wings and a B-Wing skim along the hull towards the bridge.

CUT TO:

INT. STAR DESTROYER-MAIN BRIDGE

OFFICER

Sir! Fighters coming up straight ahead. We've lost shield.

COMMANDER

Destroy them! All turrets. Destroy the approaching fighters. All TIE Fighters converge!

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

A squadron of TIE Fighters swivel round and head towards the damaged Star Destroyer. An ion turret turns and blasts one of the X-Wings headed for the bridge. The TIE Fighters come up behind them. They destroy the A-Wing, leaving only Wedge.

CUT TO:

INT. WEDGE ANTILLES' X-WING COCKPIT

WEDGE

Well. Guess I won't be getting any help with this one.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The X-Wing is approaching the control tower.

CUT TO:

INT. WEDGE ANTILLES' X-WING COCKPIT

ANGLE:

POV THROUGH COCKPIT

As Wedge flies towards the main bridge he fires two proton torpedos, which spray out in front ofas they head for the bridge.

CUT TO:

INT. STAR DESTROYER-MAIN BRIDGE

The commander sees the two approaching missiles.

COMMANDER

Oh shi-

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The bridge explodes.

CUT TO:

INT. WEDGE ANTILLES' X-WING COCKPIT

WEDGE

Wahoo! Two down!

CUT TO:

INT. LUKE'S X-WING COCKPIT

LUKE

Good work Wedge!

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

However, as Wedge zooms off to join the rest of the fighters, a TIE Fighter comes up behind him. It fires. Wedge does a barrel roll to avoid it, however, one of the two lasers fired catches one of the S-Foil wings, blowing it off.

CUT TO:

INT. WEDGE ANTILLES' X-WING COCKPIT

WEDGE
I'm hit!

CUT TO: EXT.-SPACE

The X-Wing spins through space, smoke billowing from one of the engines.

CUT TO:

INT. WEDGE ANTILLES' X-WING COCKPIT

Wedge battles to keep the fighter under control.

WEDGE
R1! See if you can repair the engine.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

ANGLE:

R1-D7

The droid's head spins round to face the damaged engine. He extends one of his apedages towards it and begins the repairs.

CUT TO:

INT. LUKE'S X-WING COCKPIT

LUKE
Wedge! Are you alright?

CUT TO:

INT. WEDGE ANTILLES' X-WING COCKPIT

WEDGE
If R1 can repair the engine I might be able to make it back to the hangar. Luke, you'll have to take command.

Wedge, wrestling with the controls, finally succeeds in bringing the fighter under control.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

Wedge's damaged X-Wing makes its way back to Coruscant.

CUT TO:

INT. JEDI TEMPLE-HOLOGRAM ROOM

Leia and the hooded figure are still fighting it out. The hooded figure is very fast and Leia is having trouble blocking his slashes. Her parries are becoming ever more desperate.

FIGURE

I sense you are losing concentration.

LEIA

You sense wrong.

FIGURE

Empty words. I have the upper hand in this fight.

Leia takes a slash at him. He parries, disengages and goes in for a stab. The attack is blocked. The figure raises his hand, and Leia is thrown back against the wall. She gets slowly to her feet.

FIGURE (CONT'D)

Your skill with a lightsaber is indeed impressive. But it is no match for my knowledge of the force.

Leia raises her hand, the figure is pushed back a few paces, but stands his ground. He laughs.

FIGURE (CONT'D)

Pathetic! You are weak!

The Figure throws his lightsaber at Leia but misses. He catches it again. Leia does a jump-slash. This takes the figure by surprise and his parry is clumsy. Seizing her chance Leia takes a stab at him. The sabre slashes a deep cut in his wrist. He yells out in pain and backs down.

FIGURE (CONT'D)

Good, very good. But I'm afraid I don't have any time to play around. I really must be going.

The Figure raises his hand and clenches it into a fist. Leia cries out. She drops her lightsaber as an unseen force grips her wrist. The Figure slashes it in half before it hits the ground.

FIGURE (CONT'D)

Goodbye for now!

He does a huge jump, and disappears into the high ceiling. Leia watches him go.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The Millennium Falcon comes out of hyperspace-right into the middle of the battle!

CUT TO:

INT. MILLENNIUM FALCON-COCKPIT

Han, Jace and Chewie look out of the cockpit window in horror.

HAN

Okay, first the TIE Fighter, then the Stormtrooper, now this. Someone tell me this isn't happening.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The Millennium Falcon descends towards the battle.

CUT TO:

INT. MILLENNIUM FALCON-COCKPIT

HAN

Still, now we're here we might as well join in.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The Millennium Falcon blasts down a TIE Fighter.

CUT TO:

INT. LUKE'S X-WING COCKPIT

LUKE

Han!

CUT TO:

INT. MILLENNIUM FALCON-COCKPIT

HAN

Hey Luke! How ya doin! What's the situation

CUT TO:

INT. LUKE'S X-WING COCKPIT

LUKE

Two Star Destroyer have been destroyed. We've taken heavy casualties. Wedge went back for repairs which means I'm the commander now.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

Luke's X-Wing comes under fire from a TIE Fighter. The Millennium Falcon blasts it.

CUT TO:

INT. MILLENNIUM FALCON-COCKPIT

HAN

After all these years I'm still watching your back!

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

As the battle rages, unseen by anyone else, a black fighter slips past the chaos. The Star Destroyer with the damaged engine watches it go.

CUT TO:

INT. STAR DESTROYER-MAIN BRIDGE

COMMANDER

There he goes. Tell the remainder of the fleet to jump to hyperspace.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The remaining Star Destroyers begin to turn.

CUT TO:

INT. LUKE'S X-WING COCKPIT

LUKE

Why are they turning around? They're retreating!

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The Star Destroyers disappear as they go into hyperspace, leaving an eerie silence.

CUT TO:

INT. LUKE'S X-WING COCKPIT

LUKE

We won. We won! We Won! We made them retreat!

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

We face a bright indigo planet, the name of which is as of yet unknown. As we watch the peaceful setting, the black fighter from earlier streaks into the scene, heading for the planet.

CUT TO:

EXT.-UNKNOWN PLANET

The fighter breaks through the atmosphere and comes to land in the middle of a dense forest, nearby a cave. The cockpit of the fighter opens and the hooded Figure gets out, heading for the cave. He enters.

CUT TO:

INT. CAVE

The Figure enters. The cave is lit, we are not sure where from. The Figure moves deeper and deeper into the cave eventually coming to an opening where the light shines out from. We now see that hidden in the cave is an enormous military base. Stormtroopers patrol up and down on the metal walkways and Star Destroyers rest in docks, some of them being repaired. At the centre of it all is a command tower.

CUT TO:

INT. COMMAND TOWER

Imperial officers watch the proceedings below from their high vantage point. The one who seems to be the leader of them all turns as the lift reaches their floor. The Figure steps out of the lift.

FIGURE

Grand Moff Zikar, what is the status of the weapon?

ZIKAR

The weapon is near completion, it is in orbit above one of the other moons.

FIGURE

Excellent. I shall report to my master when the weapon is complete.

CUT TO:

INT. JEDI TEMPLE-COUNCIL CHAMBER

Leia stands before the assembled council with Luke.

TEQ

It sounds to me like you encountered the same being Master Luke encountered on the planet Hypori. Certainly the description of his fighting style and his use of the force would suggest that he is indeed a Sith.

LUKE

Then it seems that he has found us.

TEQ

He poses more of a threat to us now than he did before. Council, we must at last accept the return of the Sith.

CUT TO:

INT. HAN'S CHAMBERS-LATER

Han and Jace enter to find C-3PO waiting for them.

THREEPIO

Oh master Solo! You've returned at last, and young master Jace, so good to see you again.

JACE

Good to see you too Threepio.

Han walks out to the balcony, from his vantage point he sees the Jedi Temple.

HAN

What's taking them so long?

As Han watches the vista, an X-Wing and a jedi starfighter come into view, moving closer and closer to where Han stands.

HAN (CONT'D)

Here they come.

CUT TO:

INT. LUKE'S X-WING COCKPIT

Luke watches as Han comes closer and closer.

CUT TO:

INT./EXT. HAN'S CHAMBERS

The two starfighters turn to the side so the wings rest on the balcony. The cockpits open at the same time.

LUKE

Sorry we're late. We had to report to the council.

HAN

Actually you're bang on time.

LEIA

Han!

Leia runs down the wing into Han's arms. They kiss.

LEIA (CONT'D)

Han, how many times have I told you, your place is with the Alliance army.

HAN

Old habits die hard.

LEIA

But you'll get us into terrible trouble someday.

HAN

It was only a Commerce Guild freighter, they aren't exactly gonna do anything.

LEIA

The Commerce Guild? Han, they're our friends.

HAN

Well, there's no need to tell the Alliance where I got the weapons from. They won't recognise my ship.

As Han and Leia talk, Luke walks into the apartment.

THREEPIO

Master Luke! You've returned!

LUKE

Threepio!

Artoo trundles over.

THREEPIO

Artoo! You really must give up going on missions, you're place is here with your masters.

Artoo bleeps something.

THREEPIO (CONT'D)

Don't be silly Artoo, you know how I hate flying.

Jace enters.

JACE

Uncle Luke!

LUKE
Jace!

They embrace.

LUKE (CONT'D)
How was your first smuggling excursion?

JACE
Eventfull. We met a stormtrooper and a TIE Fighter and then an Imperial fleet.

LUKE
Lots of strange things have been happening recently. Has your mother told you the story of her encounter?

JACE
What encounter?

LUKE
She lost her lightsaber at the hands of a being I believe to be a Sith.

JACE
A Sith?

THREEPIO
Master Luke, I have prepared dinner.

LUKE
Okay. Jace we'll tell our stories over dinner.

CUT TO:

INT. HAN'S CHAMBERS-DINING ROOM-LATER

The sky outside has now fully darkened and Han, Leia, Luke and Jace sit round the dinner table, eating, drinking and talking.

HAN

How's Wedge, I hear he got shot down.

LUKE
Yeah, but he made it back to the hangar, he should be fine.

JACE
Mom, I hear you lost your lightsaber.

LEIA
Luke, have you told him.

LUKE
Yes.

LEIA

We believe the Sith have returned.

HAN

The Sith? I thought they died with Emperor?

LUKE

Obviously not. We both encountered the same being by the sounds of it, a Sith lord.

HAN

What does that mean?

LUKE

It means the Jedi have a new rival. It means that the galaxy is in danger once again.

CUT TO:

INT. HAN'S CHAMBERS-LUKE'S ROOM-LATER

Luke lies in bed, unable to get to sleep, he rolls over and stares at the wall. As he does so, the image of Ben Kenobi appears.

LUKE

Ben.

BEN

Luke you must go to the third moon of Serenno, there you shall find this new rival.

LUKE

The third moon of Serenno? But that's on the other side of the system!

BEN

These are troubled times Luke, I sensed that the Sith had returned but did not believe it. If the Jedi are to survive you must go the third moon of Serenno and you must defeat the dark rival.

LUKE

When do I need to leave?

BEN

Now.

LUKE

I can't leave now, I need to stay, the Jedi need me, the alliance need me.

BEN

Luke. You remember what I told you so long ago about compassion.

LUKE

But this is different.

BEN

You remember what happened last time you went against my judgement?

Luke examines his mechanical hand.

BEN (CONT'D)

Exactly. Luke, I can only show you the way. It is you who must take the path.

Yoda appears beside him.

YODA

In grave danger, the jedi are. Save them you must.

Anakin appears.

ANAKIN

Luke, my son, if you want to save, Han, Leia, Jace, Jaicen and Jaina you must go to the third moon of Serenno and defeat the dark powers that threaten the jedi. You are one of the most powerful jedi alive.

LUKE

It seems I have no other choice. I shall go to the third moon of Serenno. I shall defeat the dark power.

ANAKIN

You choose wisely my son.

The three ghosts fade away. Luke swings himself out of bed.

CUT TO:

INT./EXT. HAN'S CHAMBERS

Luke steps up the wing of his starfighter, Artoo follows and goes into the droid socket. Luke is just about to leave when Leia appears on the balcony.

LEIA

Luke, where are you going?

LUKE

The third moon of Serenno.

LEIA

Why?

LUKE

I have to defeat the dark power that nests there.

LEIA

Why must you go now?

LUKE

If I don't leave now, the jedi could be destroyed.

LEIA
Did Ben tell you to go?

LUKE
Yes.

LEIA
Then you must go.

LUKE
I won't fail the jedi. I won't fail you.

LEIA
You never have Luke. I know you won't know.

Luke heaves himself out of the cockpit of his starfighter and walks down the wing. He embraces Leia tightly.

LEIA (CONT'D)
Luke, if you have to go, why can't you take me with you?

LUKE
You have no lightsaber. And anyway you're place is here, with the jedi. You still have much to learn Leia. But one day you'll be as powerful as I am.

Luke climbs into his X-Wing and closes the cockpit.

CUT TO:

INT. LUKE'S X-WING COCKPIT

LUKE
Okay Artoo, we're good to go.

CUT TO:

EXT. HAN'S CHAMBERS

Leia watches the fighter fly off.

CUT TO:

INT. LUKE'S X-WING COCKPIT

As he flies away, Luke steals one last glance over his shoulder. He sees Leia watching him leave.

CUT TO:

EXT. CORUSCANT-SPACE

The fighter breaks the atmosphere and flies up into space.

CUT TO:

INT. LUKE'S X-WING COCKPIT

Artoo, set a course for the planet Serenno.

CUT TO:

EXT. FIGHTER-SPACE

ANGLE:

ARTOO

Artoo bleeps in agreement.

The fighter goes into hyperspace.

CUT TO:

EXT. HAN'S QUARTERS

Leia is still stading, watching the sky. Han appears.

HAN

What's happened where's Luke?

LEIA

He's gone.

HAN

Gone? Where's he gone?

LEIA

Ben told him to go to the third moon of Serenno to fight the dark power.

HAN

Ben? That crazy old man's still feeding him ideas.

LEIA

He isn't crazy. He's very wise.

HAN

I'll say. He led me to you. You can't get much more wise than that.

Leia turns to Han, smiling. The two of them go back inside.

CUT TO:

EXT. SERENNO

We find ourselves looking at the bright blue marble that is Serenno. As we watch, Luke's X-Wing comes out of hyperspace.

CUT TO:

INT. LUKE'S X-WING COCKPIT

LUKE

We'll go round it, Artoo, the moons must be on the other side.

CUT TO:

EXT. SERENNO

The fighter circles round the back of Serenno, to the dark side where the four moons are.

CUT TO:

INT. LUKE'S X-WING COCKPIT

Luke points to the indigo moon.

LUKE

It's that one.

CUT TO:

EXT. FIGHTER-SPACE

The fighter spirals down towards the moon.

CUT TO:

EXT.-MOON

The fighter breaks through the atmosphere to land in the middle of the dense forest that covers the moon. The fighter comes in to land, breaking through the canopy. The cockpit opens and Luke gets out, Artoo pops out of the droid socket.

LUKE

This place looks pretty bleak.

He scans the woodland.

LUKE (CONT'D)

Wonder where he's hiding.

CUT TO:

INT. CAVE

We are back in the cave from earlier.

CUT TO:

INT. COMMAND TOWER

OFFICER

Sir! We've picked up life sign reading in sector seven!

Zikar moves closer.

ZIKAR
Human?

OFFICER
I think so.

Zikar turns to the hooded figure.

ZIKAR
Do you want me to send a squad of stormtroopers to intercept him?

FIGURE
Stormtroopers will not be enough. It is Skywalker.

ZIKAR
Skywalker? How do you know?

FIGURE
I have sensed him. He is here.

ZIKAR
What do you want me to do?

FIGURE
Leave him to me.

The Figure turns and steps into the lift.

CUT TO:

EXT.-MOON

Luke and Artoo walk through the forest. There is the odd jabbering or squawking as the creatures of the forest move around.

LUKE
It's eerie. I don't feel anything.

FIGURE (O.S.)
It seems I underestimated you Skywalker.

Luke swivels round. The hooded figure stands behind him.

LUKE
Who are you?

FIGURE
Allow me to introduce myself.

The figure pulls his hood off, revealing a shock of brown hair and a pale, skeletal face.

FIGURE (CONT'D)
I am Darth Rondus, Lord of the Sith.

LUKE

My father killed the Lord of the Sith. You're just an imitator.

RONDUS

You are mistaken. Emperor Palpatine was a pawn.

Luke gives a dry laugh.

LUKE

A pawn who was destroyed.

RONDUS

By no means a major setback.

LUKE

What are you doing here?

RONDUS

You shall find out. If you survive that is.

Rondus has produced his lightsaber out of nowhere. The red blade leaps out of the darkness and Rondus lunges forward. Luke dodges, drawing his lightsaber.

LUKE

You're slow for a Lord of the Sith.

RONDUS

I made you retreat on Hypori!

Rondus disengages and takes a slash. Luke parries.

LUKE

I sense fear in you. You are not a true Sith.

Luke is thrown back and hits a tree.

RONDUS

You are weak, Skywalker. Your knowledge of the force is limited.

Luke attempts to push Rondus back, but it has little effect.

RONDUS (CONT'D)

Pathetic! Utterly Pathetic!

He throws his lightsaber at Luke. Luke ducks and the lightsaber becomes embeded in the tree. Luke seizes his chance and pulls the lightsaber out of the tree. He turns it on Rondus.

LUKE

Now I have the upper hand.

RONDUS

Indeed.

Luke hears a crack from above him and looks up... just in time to slash in half the branch plummeting towards him. He turns on Rondus, but he is gone.

LUKE
Where'd he go?

Rondus' lightsaber suddenly jerks in Luke's hands and he only just manages to stop it from slipping away from him.

LUKE (CONT'D)
Where are you?

RONDUS (O.S.)
You disappoint me, Skywalker.

Luke swivels round, both blades raised.

LUKE
Show yourself!

RONDUS (O.S.)
You must find me first, Skywalker!

Luke scans the leafy canopy above him. He could be anywhere.

RONDUS (O.S., CONT'D)
Come on Skywalker, I can't wait all day.

LUKE
I can.

RONDUS (O.S.)
You cannot win. It would be best for you to beat a cowardly retreat as you did last time.

Artoo bleeps.

LUKE
Where is he Artoo?

RONDUS (O.S.)
Your droid will not help you.

Artoo suddenly screams and his dome begins to spin.

LUKE
Artoo!

Artoo shoots backwards and hits a tree. Temporarily disabled.

LUKE
Alright, I give up! Show yourself!

RONDUS (O.S.)

I'm right here.

Luke feels the second lightsaber being wrenched from his hand. He ducks as Rondus takes a slash at his head, turns round and parries, face-to-face with Rondus.

LUKE
Coward!

RONDUS
By no means.

Luke does a circular disengage and attempts a stab. Rondus knocks Luke's lightsaber out of his hand. It spins away, too far for him to reach. He attempts to use the force to summon it, but Rondus stomps down, trapping it. He picks it up.

RONDUS (CONT'D)
If I were a coward I would destroy this lightsaber right now as I did your sister's. However, I am not.

He places the lightsaber on his belt and levels his own lightsaber at Luke's neck.

LUKE
How typical, killing an unarmed opponent.

RONDUS
You think I want to kill you? I beat you, again. If you are the strongest the jedi have to offer, then it seems pointless going ahead with our plan.

LUKE
Your plan?

RONDUS
Yes, our plan.

He deactivates his lightabre and holds his hand out to Luke.

RONDUS (CONT'D)
Would you like me to show you?

Luke looks at the hand with trepidation before taking it. Rondus helps him up.

RONDUS (CONT'D)
You choose wisely it seems.

Luke destures to Artoo.

LUKE
What about Artoo?

RONDUS

Your droid? He is only temporarily deactivated. You can reactivate him if you want.

Luke walks over to the motionless shell of Artoo and attaches a magnetic power surge unit to the droid's casing. He presses the button on it and the droid whistles and turns its head towards him.

LUKE

Artoo, I need you to go back and monitor the ship for you.

The droid bleeps.

LUKE (CONT'D)

I know it's boring, but someone has to do it.

Artoo bleeps then trundles away, back towards the ship.

RONDUS

Follow me, Luke.

Luke follows Rondus off into the forest.

Meanwhile, Artoo has arrived back at the ship, he trundle towards it and begins to emit a whirring noise. A satellite transmitter raises out of the ship and begins to spin.

CUT TO:

INT. JEDI TEMPLE-TRANSMISSION ROOM

A rather tired looking jedi monitors the equipment. Suddenly one of the pieces of equipment starts bleeping.

JEDI

A distress call! It's Master Skywalker!

CUT TO:

INT. JEDI TEMPLE-CORRIDOR

Although it is still night, the Jedi Temple is still a hive of activity. Jedi move up and down the long corridor, one of them is Master Teq. The jedi runs towards him.

JEDI

Master! Master!

TEQ

What news?

JEDI

Distress call from Master Skywalker.

TEQ

Where is he?

JEDI
The third moon of Serenno.

TEQ
The third moon of Serenno? What's he doing there?

JEDI
I don't know.

TEQ
If he's in danger then we need every available jedi to go to the third moon of Serenno and find him.

JEDI
Yes Master I shall spread the word.

TEQ
Tell them we may have a fix on the location of the dark rival.

JEDI
Yes Master.

CUT TO:

EXT. JEDI TEMPLE-CORUSCANT

A fleet of Jedi Starfighter fly away from the temple.

CUT TO:

EXT.-MOON

Luke and Rondus have arrived outside the cave.

RONDUS
Welcome to our operation.

LUKE
In there?

RONDUS
Enter.

CUT TO :

INT. CAVE

Luke goes into the cave followed by Rondus. The orange glow silhouettes them against the wall as they move deeper and deeper into the cave. Luke comes up to the opening and looks down below him. He slowly looks across the vast cavern.

LUKE
So the Empire have returned.

RONDUS

They were never destroyed.

LUKE

But we destroyed the second Death Star.

RONDUS

They were still spread out across the galaxy. And when I found them they wanted revenge on those who destroyed their second Death Star.

LUKE

So you made them attack Coruscant?

RONDUS

That was merely a distraction.

LUKE

A distraction? For what?

RONDUS

So I could escape with the Holocrons and without detection.

LUKE

Of course. We still took out two Star Destroyers.

Rondus snorts.

RONDUS

Two Star Destroyers? You shall have to do better than two Star Destroyers in the battle that is to come. We will have the ultimate weapon.

LUKE

What is your ultimate weapon?

RONDUS

You shall see soon enough.

CUT TO:

INT. COMMAND TOWER

Zikar turns as the lift arrives. Luke and Rondus step out.

ZIKAR

My lord, I see you have captured a Jedi.

RONDUS

Luke Skywalker himself.

ZIKAR

Indeed. He came willingly I assume.

RONDUS

He put up a pathetic attempt at a fight.

ZIKAR
Disappointing. I thought...

RONDUS
You thought what?

Zikar suddenly panicks.

ZIKAR
Nothing, Nothing.

Rondus holds up his hand and clenches his fist. Zikar begins to choke and cough.

RONDUS
You thought I wouldn't be a match for him!

He tightens his fist, Zikar falls to his knees, choking.

RONDUS (CONT'D)
I have always sensed your doubt in me and now you shall pay the price!

Zikar collapses to the ground, dead. Rondus cackles, then looks around at the terrified Imperial Officers.

RONDUS (CONT'D)
I understand that my predecessor did this all the time, so why are you all staring?

The Imperial Officers turn back to their work, shaken.

LUKE
Isn't it a bit of a setback killing your own Officer?

RONDUS
I shall get a better man to take his place, we are nearly ready for our attack anyway.

LUKE
What attack?

RONDUS
The attack on Coruscant of course. The destruction of the Jedi once and for all!

LUKE
I won't let this happen!

RONDUS
There is little you can do now.

CUT TO:

EXT. MOON-SPACE

The fleet of Jedi Starfighters come out of hyperspace.

CUT TO:

INT. TEQ'S COCKPIT

TEQ

All fighters, begin the approach to the moon!

CUT TO:

EXT. MOON-SPACE

The fighters fly down towards the planet.

CUT TO:

EXT.-MOON

The fighters descend down towards the forest, breaking through the canopy, they land and the jedi pilots jump out, drawing their lightsabers.

TEQ

Split up and search the forest.

The jedi all walk off in different directions.

CUT TO:

INT. COMMAND TOWER

OFFICER

My lord! More life forms on the surface.

RONDUS

Jedi! You summoned them!

LUKE

I had nothing to do with it!

RONDUS

You shall die for this!

He turns to the officer.

RONDUS

What is your name?

OFFICER

Moff Yorpty my lord.

RONDUS

Then send three elite squads of stormtroopers up to the surface. I want the best men you've got. Do I make myself clear, Grand Moff Yorpty?

YORPTY

Quite clear my lord!

CUT TO:

EXT.-MOON

One of the jedi patrolling the forest comes across Luke's X-Wing.

JEDI

Master! I've found his starfighter!

Teq and a few other jedi come running. Artoo trundles out from behind the starfighter.

TEQ

The droid must've sent the distress signal. Do you know where Luke is?

Artoo whistles mournfully.

TEQ (CONT'D)

No? Well I guess we're going to have to keep searching.

They are just about to go, when a laser bolt flies past and hits a tree trunk, shattering it. The jedi are suddenly alert.

JEDI#2

What was that?

The jedi look around them, lightsabers raised. Suddenly a stormtrooper wearing black armour leaps out of a bush blasting one of the jedi, the jedi falls, but before he hits the ground another jedi slices off the stormtrooper's head. Every single jedi is now on red alert, all silent, watching, waiting.

JEDI#3

Are there more?

NQ

Most certainly.

A shot whistles through the air, hitting a jedi in the neck. The jedi raise their lightsaber, ready to parry another hit. Another shot is heard. A jedi raise his lightsaber, the shot bouncing off. Teq spots the attacker, another black-armoured stormtrooper sitting on a tree branch. Teq raises his hand, the branch snaps and the stormtrooper falls to the ground. At this point, the unseen attackers abandon all disguise. Leaping out of their various hiding place they fire on the jedi who attempt to parry the laser bolts flying at them and at the same time attempt to take down the stormtroopers. Various Stormtroopers fall to the ground with lightsaber slashes in their

armour. As the stormtroopers fall it looks like the jedi have won. The last stormtrooper falls to the ground. The jedi cheer.

TEQ (CONT'D)

Do not put your quard down, there may be more.

CUT TO:

INT. COMMAND TOWER

RONDUS

Where are those stormtroopers? They should have reported by now.

An officer approaches.

RONDUS

Report?

OFFICER

My lord, the jedi just massacred them!

RONDUS

Hmmm. It seems they will make more trouble than expected.

Still, they will never find their way down here. Our operation is quite safe.

CUT TO:

EXT.-MOON

The jedi continue through the forest, now in a big group, alert for any movement.

JEDI

There's a cave up ahead Master.

Sure enough, there is a cave, slightly to the left of where they are walking.

JEDI (CONT'D)

Do you think we should take a look?

Teq looks at the cave suspiciously.

TEQ

I don't know. I sense something strange in there. We'd better take a look.

The jedi all move into the cave.

CUT TO:

INT. CAVE

The jedi enter.

JEDI
Where's that glow coming from?

TEQ
I don't know.

JEDI#2
I can hear something. Something like... machinery.

TEQ
There's something strange going on here, that's for sure.

The jedi move further into the cave, the light getting brighter and the noises getting louder as they do. They then emerge into the opening and look down at the spectacle before them.

JEDI#3
What... is happening?

TEQ
It looks like the Empire are more active than we thought.

The next second, alarms start ringing, the whole base goes onto red alert.

TEQ (CONT'D)
Oh no! We've been detected.

CUT TO:

INT. COMMAND TOWER

Rondus watches through the window as phalanxes of stormtroopers stream over to where the jedi are.

RONDUS
It seems they have found us. I underestimated them, as usual.

He watches as huge squads of stormtroopers rush over to the jedi.

RONDUS (CONT'D)
Still, they won't get out of here alive.

CUT TO: INT. CAVE
The jedi watch as the stormtroopers approach.

TEQ
Stay calm. Do exactly what I do.

CUT TO:

INT. COMMAND TOWER

Luke walks over to where Rondus is standing and watches as the stormtroopers flock towards the jedi.

RONDUS

Watch Skywalker. Watch as your friends are destroyed, once and for all.

CUT TO:

INT. CAVE

As the stormtroopers reach them, Teq slowly raises his hands in the air. The other jedi follow suit. The Stormtroopers stop in front of them.

STORMTROOPER

Blast em!

Quick as a flash, Teq's lightsaber flies to his hand. He brings it up, slicing the stormtrooper's gun in half. The jedi all draw their lightsabers as the stormtroopers begin to fire, slashing and hacking their way through the stormtroopers.

CUT TO:

INT. COMMAND TOWER

Rondus watches as the jedi cut through the stormtroopers.

RONDUS

How predictable.

He crosses to the lift, gesturing to two stormtroopers.

RONDUS

Guard him.

The stormtroopers rush over and point their guns at Luke.

CUT TO:

INT. CAVE

The jedi cut through the stormtroopers at incredible pace. Turrets turn and fire, taking out three jedi. The situation is getting desperate as the turrets continue to fire.

TEQ

We may not make it this time!

Suddenly, the turrets stop firing, the stormtroopers lay down their blasters and back away. The jedi all look confused.

JEDI

Why have they stopped?

TEQ

I don't know.

The silence is eerie, the jedi all raise their lightsabers in caution. Suddenly, Rondus leaps forward, lightsaber raised. The jedi all jump.

TEQ
Steady!

Rondus approaches slowly towards Teq, then takes a slash at him. Teq parries and the duel begins. Another jedi attempts to join in but is neatly beheaded by Rondus.

CUT TO:

INT. COMMAND TOWER

From his vantage point, Luke can see the duel between Teq and Rondus. Luke is helpless without his lightsaber. The two stormtroopers have their guns levelled with his head. Luke suddenly has an idea. He lifts his hand ever so slowly.

LUKE
You want to put your guns down.

STORMTROOPERS (TOGETHER)
I want to put my gun down.

One of the officers realises what has happened as Luke sprints for the lift.

OFFICER
Stop him he's getting away!

However the lift doors are already closing.

CUT TO:

INT. LIFT

Luke watches through the lift doors as the stormtroopers prepare to fire. But they are too late. The doors have already closed.

CUT TO:

INT. COMMAND TOWER

Grand Moff Yorpty has taken charge.

YORPTY
Cut off power to the lift.

CUT TO:

INT. LIFT
Luke struggles to keep his balance as the lift suddenly stops.

CUT TO:

INT. LIFT SHAFT

A group of stormtroopers are climbing down the lift shaft.

CUT TO:

INT. LIFT

Luke raises his hand and concentrates with all his might.

CUT TO:

INT. COMMAND TOWER-SECOND FLOOR

Officers monitor screens and stormtroopers patrol up and down. Suddenly the doors to the lift are thrown outwards. They all turn shocked, as Luke charges out of the lift.

OFFICER

Stop him!

Stormtroopers fire, but in vain. Luke raises his hand as he runs, clenching it into a fist. The glass in the windows shatters.

CUT TO:

INT. CAVE

Luke jumps out of the window, flying across to the area where Teq and Rondus battle. Rondus is suddenly distracted as Luke's lightsaber flies from his belt, into the hands of Luke who flies downwards towards Rondus, bringing his lightsaber down in a slash. Rondus screams in agony as his arm falls to the ground, severed from his body. His lightsaber falls to the ground, Luke slicing it in half. He levels his blade with Rondus' agony stricken face.

LUKE

It's time for you to surrender now.

RONDUS

Never!

With his remaining arm, Rondus conjours a bolt of Sith lightning. It spans out over all the Jedi. They yell in agony. In the confusion, Rondus slips away, heading for his ship. He gets in.

CUT TO:

INT. RONDUS' SHIP

Rondus is only just managing to pilot the ship with one arm, as he raises slowly into the air.

RONDUS

Open the canopy, and kill the Jedi!

CUT TO:

INT. CAVE

The turrets turn on the jedi. At the same time, the entire roof of the cavern open to allow Rondus' ship an exit. Teq raises his lightsaber. Luke stops him.

LUKE

We should get out of here. This is a job for the Republic army.

TEQ

Very well.

The few jedi that are left turn and leave the cavern, just as the turret starts firing.

CUT TO:

EXT.-MOON

The jedi run out of the cave and watch, as Rondus' ship flies up into space.

TEQ

We'll never catch him now.

Gunfire is heard from within the cavern and the shadows of stormtroopers are seen.

LUKE

Everyone, back to their fighters!

The jedi run off into the forest as the first stormtroopers appear. The stormtroopers fire into the forest. Luke runs through the forest, reaching his X-Wing, where Artoo waits.

LUKE (CONT'D)

Artoo! Get in the ship! We're leaving!

Artoo bleeps and jumps into the droid compartment. Above, the jedi starfighters are beginning to break through the canopy. They all fly up into the sky.

CUT TO:

EXT. MOON-SPACE

The jedi Starfighters and X-Wing fly up into space.

CUT TO:

INT. LUKE'S X-WING COCKPIT

LUKE

Imperial Star Destroyers, right behind us.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

Two Star Destroyers drift lazily through space.

CUT TO:

INT. LUKE'S X-WING COCKPIT

LUKE

They're letting us go. They're not following us.

CUT TO:

INT. TEQ'S COCKPIT

TEQ

All fighters. Prepare to make the jump to hyperspace.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

The jedi starfighters all sit in space for a few seconds, then they all go into hyperspace.

CUT TO:

EXT. HYPORI-SPACE

Rondus' fighter speeds towards Hypori.

CUT TO:

EXT.-HYPORI

Rondus fighter breaks through the clouds and lands on the surface of the planet, nearby a large black building we have't seen before. It looks a like a temple. The cockpit of Rondus' fighter opens and he gets out, stumbling towards the temple.

CUT TO :

INT. TEMPLE

Inside, the temple is dark, Rondus stumbles through it towards an altar, where he lays down three objects which are triangular and vaguely transparent. He kneels, and a low, hissing voice, belonging to someone we cannot see, comes out of the darkness.

VOICE(O.S.)

You have the holocronsssss?

RONDUS
Yes my master.

VOICE(O.S.)
What is the sssssituation on the moon of Serenno?

RONDUS
They have nearly finished constructing the weapon. Skywalker arrived.

VOICE(O.S.)
Ssssskywalker. If Ssssskywalker was there then why did you not bring him before me?

RONDUS
I was going to my master. But more jedi arrived. They escaped. I was forced to retreat.

VOICE(O.S.)
Retreat? Ssssith never retreat.

RONDUS
I had to my master, I was wounded.

VOICE(O.S.)
Let me ssssee.

Rondus displays the stump of his arm.

VOICE(O.S.)
You fool!

A blast of Sith lightning comes out of the darkness. Rondus screams as the lightening envelops him. When it finally stops, he is lying on the floor. Panting and sobbing.

RONDUS
Master, please...

VOICE(O.S.)
You should have desssstroyed them!

Another blast of Sith lightning comes out of the darknes. Rondus scrams even louder, rolling over and over as the lightening tears at his body. When it fianlly stops he is lying on the ground, his robes in tatters.

VOICE(O.S., CONT'D)
Get up you pathetic creature!

Rondus gets shakily to his feet.

RONDUS
Master, the jedi retreated, they are going to bring the Republic army. They're walking into trap. The weapon will destroy their fleet.

VOICE(O.S., CONT'D)

I have no care for the Empire. They are merely a tool in the destruction of the jedi! The weapon must be protected until it is ready!

RONDUS

It shall my master.

VOICE(O.S.)

I hope so Darth Rondusssss. For you sssake.

Rondus kneels before the altar again.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

We are looking at the grand Republic Alliance fleet, now made up of many large Corellian and Mon Calamari ships. We move in on the command vessel.

CUT TO:

INT. COMMAND VESSEL-BRIDGE

In the bridge, a now older ADMIRAL ACKBAR commands the fleet.

ACKBAR

All craft, prepare to make the jump to hyperspace.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

A group of X-Wings skim along the surface of one of the vessels.

CUT TO:

INT. COMMAND VESSEL-BRIDGE

Behind Ackbar and his other crew stand Han, Leia and Jace.

HAN

Is Luke gonna be joining us anytime soon.

LEIA

We only just got the message. He should be here any minute.

CUT TO:

EXT. -SPACE

Sure enough, ahead of the fleet, the small group of jedi starifighters and Luke's X-Wing come out of hyperspace.

CUT TO:

INT. LUKE'S X-WING COCKPIT

Luke begins to fly towards the largest vessel.

LUKE(smiling)
There you are.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

Luke's X-Wing shoots down towards the main vessel.

CUT TO:

INT. COMMAND VESSEL-BRIDGE

Admiral Ackbar is nearly thrown of his chair as he is surprised by Luke's X-Wing zooming over the Bridge.

ACKBAR
What on earth was that?

HAN
That, was Luke.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

Luke's X-Wing zooms round in a spiral.

CUT TO:

INT. COMMAND VESSEL-BRIDGE

Han, Leia and Jace watch as Luke waves at them from the cockpit of his jedi starfighter. They all wave back.

CUT TO:

INT. LUKE'S X-WING COCKPIT

HAN(via-radio)
You'd better hurry and get on board Luke, the fleet's about to go into hyperspace.

LUKE
I'll be down in a sec.

CUT TO:

INT. WEDGE ANTILLES' X-WING COCKPIT

WEDGE

Good to have you back Luke.

CUT TO:

INT. LUKE'S X-WING COCKPIT

LUKE

Wedge! You're back!

CUT TO:

INT. WEDGE ANTILLES' X-WING COCKPIT

WEDGE

I certainly am. Now get into your X-Wing and support the squadron. This is going to be an offensive you'll never forget.

CUT TO:

INT. LUKE'S X-WING COCKPIT

LUKE

I'm sure I won't forget it.

CUT TO:

EXT.-SPACE

Luke's X-Wing zooms down towards the main vessel as the rest of the fleet comes into SHARP FOCUS.

FADE OUT
THE END
(END CREDITS)