

STAR WARS

Episode VII: The Force Awakens

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Blue-lettered titles read:

A LONG TIME AGO IN A GALAXY FAR, FAR AWAY...

EXT. SPACE

STAR WARS

The title fills the screen, then quickly disappears back into space. Gold-lettered text scrolls before us, stretching back into infinity...

EPISODE VII
THE FORCE AWAKENS

After decades of conflict, the NEW REPUBLIC has ushered in a generation of galactic peace, but a NEW GALACTIC WAR is imminent.

Hidden away in the UNKNOWN REGIONS of the galaxy, the vengeful ZADRIAN RHATH has reformed what remained of the Imperial Navy and built it into the powerful FIRST ORDER, and they stand poised to retake the galaxy with a terrible new weapon: THE STARKILLER.

On the eve of the war, KYLO REN, the apprentice of Supreme Leader Rhath, readies his own mission: to find and kill LUKE SKYWALKER, the only person Rhath believes to be a threat to his plans for galactic conquest....

We tilt down to reveal a beautiful backdrop of space, densely packed with stars, nebulae, and black holes: THE UNKNOWN REGIONS.

Suddenly, HUNDREDS OF WEDGE-SHAPED CAPITAL SHIPS OF VARIOUS CLASSES emerge from hyperspace, gradually blotting out the beautiful backdrop.

Finally, AN ENORMOUS SPHERICAL VESSEL emerges from hyperspace. It is a MODIFIED ICY MOON with VAST SWATHS OF FORESTS across its surface. Elaborate structures are built around its equator, and FOUR ENORMOUS HYPERSPACE MODULES are attached to its surface by LONG SPACE ELEVATORS. This is THE STARKILLER.

INT. VARIOUS FIRST ORDER SHIPS - CONTINUOUS

- ON THE BRIDGE OF A *RESURGENT*-CLASS STAR DESTROYER...

A hologram of a LEAN, HANDSOME, MIDDLE-AGED face appears on the central tactical display: SUPREME LEADER RHATH. The officers and enlisted men and women watch him expectantly.

SUPREME LEADER RHATH

My people, our long wait is finally over. A generation ago, the hated rebels, war criminals all, murdered your emperor and eradicated your great empire.

- ON THE BRIDGE OF A DREADNOUGHT...

A teenage enlisted boy and his gray-haired superior watch Rhath with rapt attention.

SUPREME LEADER RHATH (CONT'D)

Some of you were there that terrible day, others not yet born.

- IN THE COMMAND CENTER OF THE STARKILLER...

An elderly, but powerful looking man in a white uniform stands watching the message: GRAND ADMIRAL JAGEN.

SUPREME LEADER RHATH (CONT'D)

But all of you have helped build the First Order, and all of you will help take back what is rightfully ours! In a matter of days, our enemies will be begging for mercy. We shall show them none.

- IN THE HANGAR OF A STAR DESTROYER...

A legion of stormtroopers watches an enormous hologram of Rhath in a hangar where they wait in tight formations next to assault shuttles.

SUPREME LEADER RHATH (CONT'D)

Go forth, my people. Kill. Destroy. Conquer.

- IN THE HANGAR OF THE *MEGA*-CLASS STAR DESTROYER *SUPREMACY*...

In person, RHATH wears GOLD, has blonde hair, and is even more handsome than his hologram. He OZES CHARISMA. Rhath finishes his speech standing on a podium before thousands of stormtroopers, naval officers, and enlisted personnel.

SUPREME LEADER RHATH (CONT'D)

And together, we will build a new
empire out of the blood soaked
ashes of the so-called New
Republic.

The CROWD CHEERS and GIVES A SYNCRONIZED SALUTE.

EXT. SPACE - CONTINUOUS

The fleets of the First Order separate. Groups enter hyperspace on different trajectories, spreading out into the galaxy.

Camera comes to rest on one *RESURGENT*-CLASS STAR DESTROYER, the *FINALIZER*.

INT. *FINALIZER* - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

ADMIRAL HUX, 35 and humorless, stands on his bridge watching the fleet zip away in groups.

A dark presence looms behind him: KYLO REN. Kylo Ren wears a HELMET that contains elements of DARTH VADER'S ORIGINAL, FIRE-DAMAGED HELMET. He speaks in a mechanically amplified voice.

KYLO REN

What are you waiting for, Hux?

ADMIRAL HUX

We should be going with them, not on some ridiculous quest.

KYLO REN

Do not let your disdain of Skywalker allow you to underestimate the threat he poses.

ADMIRAL HUX

We miss the opening blows of our war of vengeance to hunt one man. One very old man.

KYLO REN

The Supreme Leader is himself one man. Do you doubt him too?

ADMIRAL HUX

Of course not!

KYLO REN

Good, because your orders come from him. Will you follow them, or will you continue to whine like a petulant child?

Hux glares at Kylo.

ADMIRAL HUX

Navigator, proceed to Jakku.

FINALIZER NAVIGATOR

Yes, Admiral.

WIPE TO:

I/E. MONTAGE ON JAKKU

- A YOUNG WOMAN of 18 wakes up inside an abandoned AT-AT. This is REY, an ORPHAN, SCAVENGER, and SURVIVOR.

- She drinks a tiny cup of tea in the AT-AT cockpit as the sun peaks over the horizon.

- Rey grabs her SATCHEL, STAFF, and HEADWRAP to protect her from the sun, then exits the AT-AT through the belly hatch.

- Rey mounts an ancient looking SPEEDER and puts on her headwrap- SCRATCHED STORMTROOPER EYEPIECES are her goggles. She ZIPS OFF toward the horizon. The sun is still rising.

- An extreme wide shot shows an immense DUNE SEA LITTERED with WRECKAGE from long ago- mostly Imperial ships- star destroyers and even a super star destroyer- but there are rebel ships scattered amongst them as well. The wreckage spans hundreds of miles.

- A VIOLENT SANDSTORM is racing Rey toward the super star destroyer. It gets there first, but she continues through the howling wind. Visibility is only a few yards, yet she slows to a stop just before slamming into the hull of the wreck.

- She climbs up into the wreckage and removes her headwrap. Already picked over, anything of value in the wreck is hard to get to. Several shots show her getting further and further from daylight, like descending into the ocean. She switches on several lights due to the growing darkness.

- She encounters mummified bodies trapped under wreckage.

- She gathers various objects she sees as she continues on her way and puts them in her satchel.

- She finds a dead stormtrooper and removes his helmet. It is pristine. She pops out the eyepieces to replace her own scratched ones.
- Rey finds the room she's looking for. She opens several hatches to access a RYDIUM BATTERY and smiles to herself.
- Facing a long decline back toward daylight, she uses a tool to remove a hatch cover, then uses it as a sled to slide down toward the daylight.
- She emerges into very bright light. The sandstorm has passed. She brushes the sand off of her speeder, loads her findings, climbs on, and accelerates out of the dune sea.

EXT. NIIMA OUTPOST - LATE AFTERNOON

Rey parks amongst a handful of other speeders at NIIMA OUTPOST, a small trading hub with MULTIPLE CANOPIED AREAS to protect from the sun, and a SMALL, ADOBE TAVERN.

She scrubs her dirtier findings in solvent as she sits at a bench under a tent.

Rey looks at an elderly woman doing the same thing, a vision of her own possible future.

Finally she approaches a WINDOW IN THE TAVERN occupied by UNKAR PLUTT, a foul-tempered alien who has a monopoly on all scavenge related trade in the area.

She waits in a queue at a window for her turn.

Finally, she approaches Plutt's counter where trades are negotiated. Plutt makes a GUTTURAL noise of annoyance when he sees her.

UNKAR PLUTT

What do you have for me today?

She places her findings on the counter before him. She saves the rydium battery for last. When she places it before him, his eyes widen slightly, but he quickly controls his reaction.

UNKAR PLUTT (CONT'D)

Every time you bring me less.

REY

That's a rydium battery. Nearly a full charge, too! I checked!

UNKAR PLUTT

(lying)

I've had several of these this week alone.

REY

That doesn't make it less valuable!

UNKAR PLUTT

Yes, actually, it does. I'll give you... seven portions for the lot.

REY

Seven!? You gave me five for a modulator a month ago!

She gestures at one of her other finds.

UNKAR PLUTT

That was a month ago-

REY

All of these should be worth at least ten portions! And the battery should be worth another ten on its own!

UNKAR PLUTT

Twenty?

(laughs)

Foolish girl. I'll give you eight for making me laugh.

Anger takes hold of Rey. She stares at him intensely.

REY

You'll give me fifteen portions.

Unkar slowly stops laughing as he meets her gaze.

UNKAR PLUTT

Fifteen?

REY

You will give me fifteen portions.

Unkar seems to consider. He seems unsettled.

UNKAR PLUTT

Fine. Fifteen portions.

Now Rey's eyes widen slightly, but she also quickly controls her reaction as Plutt places the portions in front of her. She grabs them and goes before he can change his mind.

Plutt watches her go to her speeder, a bit confused.

UNKAR PLUTT (CONT'D)
(to himself)
Fifteen portions?

INT. REY'S AT-AT - EVENING

Rey prepares one of the portions for her dinner.

She scratches a notch in the wall- it is covered with thousands of notches.

EXT. REY'S AT-AT - CONTINUOUS

Rey sits down with her food to watch the sun set.

She watches a ship ascend from the planet surface as she eats.

She stares up at the sky as the first stars appear.

She sighs.

WIPE TO:

EXT. SPACE - CHANDRILA SYSTEM

A peaceful planet orbits an average star: CHANDRILA, current home to the New Republic Senate.

EXT. MANSION - BALCONY - NIGHT

Aged hands grip the marble railing of a mansion balcony. LEIA ORGANA-SOLO stands and gazes out at the beautiful capital of Chandrila, HANNA CITY. Bright moonlight illuminates towering cloud formations.

Someone approaches and stands beside her.

HAN SOLO
What is it?

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
I don't know. Something woke me. A feeling... Something terrible is about to happen.

Reveal HAN SOLO, older, more weathered, but still ruggedly handsome.

HAN SOLO

You've been having that feeling for
a while now.

She looks at him with intensity.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

(with growing certainty)

No. It's here. Whatever it is. It's
coming now.

EXT. SPACE - CONTINUOUS

The Starkiller, the *Supremacy*, and a small fleet of star
destroyers snap out of hyperspace near Chandrila.

The Starkiller slowly rotates towards Chandrila's star.

EXT. MANSION - BALCONY - CONTINUOUS

HAN SOLO

Alright. So it's here. What do we
do?

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

We need to leave.

HAN SOLO

Where?

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

Anywhere that's off of this planet.

She turns.

HAN SOLO

Do we have time to get dressed?

She quickly strides for the doorway.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

No! Get the speeder. I'll get
Threepio and call the Chancellor!

INT. STARKILLER BASE - COMMAND CENTER - CONTINUOUS

Grand Admiral Jagen activates a video terminal. Supreme
Leader Rhath appears before him.

GRAND ADMIRAL JAGEN

Supreme Leader, we are in position.

SUPREME LEADER RHATH
 (on video screen)
 Broadcast my message on all
 hyperchannels. Activate the weapon
 once it has been sent.

GRAND ADMIRAL JAGEN
 Yes, Supreme Leader.

INT. LUXURIOUS APARTMENT - BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS

A comlink BUZZES, waking up CHANCELLOR ORDIGAN, male, 75. He
 sleepily picks it up and sees who is calling.

CHANCELLOR ORDIGAN
 (sleepily, into comlink)
 Senator Organa? What is it?

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO (O.S.)
 (over comlink)
 Chancellor, you need to listen to
 me. You need to get off of
 Chandrila, right now.

CHANCELLOR ORDIGAN
 What? Why?

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO (O.S.)
 (over comlink)
 Something-

Her voice cuts out.

CHANCELLOR ORDIGAN
 Senator? Senator Organa?

Then, THE VOICE of Rhath comes over his comlink- a pre-
 recorded message.

SUPREME LEADER RHATH (O.S.)
 (over comlink)
 People of the New Republic, I am
 Zadrin Rhath, Supreme Leader of
 the First Order. We have come to
 right the terrible crime that was
 perpetrated thirty years ago.

Confused, the Chancellor turns on his holo-terminal, and the
 image of Rhath appears. He has taken over all com-waves.

SUPREME LEADER RHATH (CONT'D)

(hologram)

The New Republic is an illegal entity founded by war criminals, rebels, and terrorists, and it should never have existed.

EXT. HANNA CITY - CONTINUOUS

Han pilots an airspeeder towards the spaceport. Both he and Leia listen with wide eyes.

SUPREME LEADER RHATH (O.S.)

(over comlink)

Chandrila, home to the notorious Mon Mothma and current center of the illegitimate New Republic Senate, must now be obliterated.

SEE-THREEPIO leans forward from the back seat.

SEE-THREEPIO

Chandrila!? That's where we are!

Leia holds up a hand to silence him.

SUPREME LEADER RHATH (O.S.)

(over comlink)

Several more planets must share this deserved fate. As for the rest of the galaxy, surrender quickly, swear loyalty to me, and you shall be treated fairly. Remember this day well, for it is the day that order and justice begin to reclaim the galaxy.

The comlink goes silent. Leia tries it again.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

Chancellor? Can you hear me?

(a pause, then to Han)

The com-waves are still being jammed. Zadrion Rhath? First Order? Where-

SEE-THREEPIO

Mistress Leia! Look!

Han and Leia look up into the sky and see a BRIGHT RED BEAM suddenly appear. It disappears over the horizon.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

No...

HAN SOLO

What do we do?

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

Drive faster.

EXT. HANNA CITY SPACEPORT - A FEW MINUTES LATER

Han rockets past security checkpoints into the Chandrila Spaceport.

He brings the speeder in for a quick landing IN AN OPEN AIR DOCKING BAY.

Reveal the *STAR BANDIT*, Han's new(ish) ship, a YT-2800-L (L for 'Luxury'), much newer and fancier than the *Millennium Falcon* (a YT-1300).

Han, Leia, and C-3PO exit the speeder and make for the opening ramp of the *Bandit*.

TWO SECURITY GUARDS, a MAN (GARYN) and a WOMAN (ARA LAI), approach.

GARYN

Halt! I said halt!

Han turns to them as Leia and C-3PO ascend the ramp.

HAN SOLO

Look, sorry about running in here like that. But the planet's probably about to blow up. Come with us if you want.

Han turns and runs up the ramp leaving the two guards looking at each other.

GARYN

Wasn't that... ?

INT. *STAR BANDIT* - COCKPIT - CONTINUOUS

Han jumps into the pilot's seat beside Leia, as the sky outside begins to brighten ominously.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

Hurry!

Han is flipping switches.

HAN SOLO
I'm going as fast as I can,
sweetheart!

EXT. HANNA CITY SPACEPORT - DOCKING BAY - CONTINUOUS

The security guards stare dumbly at the brightening sky.

GARYN
What's happening?

The *Bandit's* engines ROAR TO LIFE.

Ara Lai suddenly RUNS ONTO THE RAMP OF THE SHIP.

ARA LAI
Come on!

Garyn just looks confused as the RAMP STARTS TO CLOSE.

ARA LAI (CONT'D)
Garyn!

GARYN
I have to get my family!

He runs back into the spaceport as the ship LIFTS OFF.

INT. *STAR BANDIT* - CONTINUOUS

Lai stares at the closed ramp for several seconds.

- IN THE COCKPIT...

Han flies the *Bandit* as fast as it will go up through the atmosphere.

They are silent, even Threepio, as they rocket up toward space and the sky continues to brighten around them.

Ara Lai ENTERS THE COCKPIT and sits in an empty chair.

ARA LAI
(confused)
What's... What's happening?

HAN SOLO
Dunno, but I'm pretty sure if we
stick around to find out, we die.

As they BREAK OUT INTO SPACE, the FIRST ORDER FLEET
DISAPPEARS INTO HYPERSPACE.

But they aren't looking at the fleet- their eyes are drawn to
THE SOURCE OF LIGHT.

HAN SOLO (CONT'D)
My God...

Around the curve of the planet, they see CHANDRILA'S STAR HAS
EXPLODED.

The shockwave is rapidly approaching Chandrila itself.

HAN SOLO (CONT'D)
I've got Rendelia preprogrammed
into the navicomputer.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
Anywhere but here.

Han pulls the lever to send them into hyperspace.

EXT. HANNA CITY - LUXURY APARTMENT BALCONY - CONTINUOUS

The Chancellor steps out onto his balcony, still holding his
comlink.

The sky brightens... and brightens... and brightens.

The Chancellor stares with wide eyes.

Then everything comes apart.

INT. *STAR BANDIT* - COCKPIT - CONTINUOUS

Leia slumps down against the control panel.

SEE-THREEPIO
I am... most sorry, Mistress Leia.

Anger burns in Ara Lai's eyes.

ARA LAI
I don't understand. What the hell
just happened?

HAN SOLO
Chandrila's gone, kid. I'm sorry.

ARA LAI

My parents... my sisters... my
brother... Everyone I know. They're
all dead?

She sinks back into her chair, too shocked to cry.

Leia turns to Ara.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

I'm sorry for your loss. I'm Leia
Organa-Solo. This is-

ARA LAI

I know who you are.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

War has just broken out again. I
have long felt it was coming. We
have friends. We'll put out a call,
when we get to Rendelia. We will
resist this... *First Order*. We'll
fight back.

She looks at Han.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO (CONT'D)

We'll make them pay for what
they've just done.

ARA LAI

I'm not sure how I can help, but
sign me up.

Leia nods with gratitude. She looks back to Han.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

Rendelia's too far. D'Qar. D'Qar is
close. It was never fully
dismantled. It has a hypercom
relay.

HAN SOLO

I'll pull us out of hyperspace and
plot a new jump.

Leia turns away from them both and looks at the stars as they
drop out of hyperspace.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

(quietly, to herself)
Luke...

I/E. DREAM SEQUENCE

Images flash before us:

- BURNING SHIPS falling from the sky, crashing into Jakku.
- A BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT, perhaps a STAR, SPLITTING INTO TWO: A RED PART and A BLUE PART.
- The SILOUETTE of a CLOAKED AND HELMETED FIGURE. A RED LIGHTSABER ignites in his hand.
- PALPATINE'S LAUGHTER morphing into Rhath's as STORMTROOPERS MOW DOWN CIVILIANS in a desert near the mouth of a cave.
- AN EXPLOSION blasting out of the mouth of a desert cave.
- A FIGHTER being chased by SIX PURSUERS, GREEN LASERS FIRING AT IT.
- A towering green ISLAND in the middle of a dark ocean. It is peaceful. But then...
- A planet SHATTERING.
- A BILLION VOICES CRYING OUT.

INT. REY'S AT-AT - NIGHT

Rey's eyes snap open and she sits up, breathing heavily, the screams still echoing in her mind.

EXT. REY'S AT-AT - MOMENTS LATER

Rey exits the AT-AT and looks up at the stars. She carefully unscrews the lid of her canteen and takes a sip of water.

Just as she turns to go back into the AT-AT, something in the sky catches her eye. GREEN TURBOLASERS LIGHT UP the dark desert.

A SINGLE, SMALL SHIP TAKES DAMAGE and SLOWLY DESCENDS TOWARD THE DESERT, flaming and smoking as it falls. A gentle breeze carries the DISTANT WHISPER of ION ENGINES.

Rey stares at the now empty sky for several moments.

Then, she grabs her mask, staff, and satchel, and she jumps on her speeder and zips off into the night.

EXT. CRASH SITE - LATER

Rey brings her speeder to a halt at the burning wreckage of a T-70 X-WING.

She jumps off and approaches cautiously as she sees the open canopy.

REY

Hello? Is anyone there?

She hears A STUMBLING SOUND and whirls to find a YOUNG, HANDSOME MAN pointing a blaster at her. POE DAMERON.

Slowly, he lowers the blaster and holsters it.

POE DAMERON

(more to himself)

Well, you probably aren't one of them.

He turns back to the fuselage, OPENS A STORAGE COMPARTMENT, DIGS AROUND, and comes out with a small DEVICE.

REY

My name's Rey. I'm a scavenger.

A SMALL SPHERICAL DROID comes out from its hiding place. This is BB-8.

Poe then TOSSES THE DEVICE INTO THE COCKPIT. The COCKPIT IMMEDIATELY CATCHES FIRE.

REY (CONT'D)

Hey! I could have used that!

POE DAMERON

Sorry. Standard procedure. You're welcome to what's left of it. But maybe first you could help me and my little friend get off this rock?

REY

Who are you?

POE DAMERON

This is Beebee-Ate. I'm Poe Dameron. New Republic Special Operations.

Rey looks confused at this answer.

REY

What are you doing here? On Jakku?

POE DAMERON
I was on a... special operation.

REY
Was there a cave? An explosion?

Poe looks at her, surprised and wary, his hand on his blaster grip again.

POE DAMERON
How could you know that?

REY
I saw it. In a dream.

POE DAMERON
(skeptical)
Right.

Poe eyes Rey's speeder.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)
Look, they're gonna be coming. Can you give us a ride? Help us get outta here?

Rey eyes the wreck, calculating what she could earn for it.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)
I can pay you for your trouble.

REY
How much? I could probably make forty portions off the hardware on this thing, and I might not have been the only one to see you crash.

POE DAMERON
(totally confused)
Portions? Portions of what?

REY
(as if he is the stupidest man in the galaxy)
Food. What else?

POE DAMERON
More than forty portions. Fifty. I can pay you fifty portions.

Rey nods curtly, oblivious to his patronizing tone.

REY
Let's go.

INT. *BLOOD VULTURE* - LATER

Kylo Ren stands on the bridge of his PERSONAL COMMAND SHUTTLE, the *BLOOD VULTURE*, as the pilot flies towards the burning wreckage of Poe's X-Wing.

They come to hover above it, illuminating it with a searchlight.

Several stormtroopers are already on the ground. The troopers look up at the shuttle.

STORMTROOPER CAPTAIN (O.S.)

(over radio)

There's no one here. There're footprints around the wreck, but none leading away.

KYLO REN

Send teams to every town, every outpost, every hut that he could possibly reach, whether on foot by speeder.

FIRST ORDER OFFICER

Yes, My Lord.

EXT. NIIMA OUTPOST - DAWN

Rey brings the speeder to a halt, and she and Poe dismount and release BB-8 from the webbing holding him in place.

POE DAMERON

(disbelief)

We can get off planet from here?

REY

Yes. Every few days a merchant ship comes in.

POE DAMERON

Every few days? I can't wait that long-

They hear the distinctive sound of TWIN ION ENGINES approaching the outpost. Three TIE fighters and an ASSAULT SHUTTLE approach the outpost.

REY

Those look like TIE fighters.

POE DAMERON

Yeah, they do. Shit. Okay. We need to get out of here. Like now. Aren't there any hyper-capable ships here?

REY

There's an old freighter on the other side of the outpost that might still work. Can you fly a freighter?

POE DAMERON

If it has a cockpit and an engine, I can fly it.

Rey is about to say something but doesn't get the chance.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)

Okay, it doesn't need a cockpit. Or an engine. I can fly anything.

REY

The ship isn't mine. We'll need to-

POE DAMERON

Then let's steal it!

REY

(aghast)

Steal it? That would be dishonorable!

POE DAMERON

You want your pay? Those portions are back at my base!

Rey considers.

REY

It's wrong.

POE DAMERON

I'll make it a hundred portions.

Rey's eyes widen.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)

Look, I'm not usually dishonorable, but this is really important. We'll bring the ship back when we're done with it! I promise!

She sighs in frustration.

REY

Fine.

POE DAMERON

Lead the way.

As Rey leads Poe through the outpost, the shuttle lands and a squad of STORMTROOPERS comes out. They fan out to search the outpost. Poe draws his blaster and tries to keep hidden.

REY

Who are they?

The stormtroopers fan out, potentially cutting off their approach to the freighter.

POE DAMERON

Some sickos with a bad sense of humor! Come on!

Rey and Poe walk quickly toward the freighter, covered in tarps and half buried in a sand bank.

It is the *MILLENNIUM FALCON*.

STORMTROOPER

Halt!

POE DAMERON

Run!

The STORMTROOPER FIRES HIS BLASTER AT THEM. Poe FIRES BACK, missing. They run.

REY

They're shooting at us!

POE DAMERON

I know! It's crazy!

They round a corner around the outpost tavern and face TWO STORMTROOPERS.

Before Poe can react, REY ATTACKS them with her staff, CRACKING their armor, and KNOCKING THEM BOTH TO THE GROUND.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)

Damn.

REY

Come on!

Everyone in the outpost is now awake. Aliens stumble out from the tavern. There is shouting and confusion.

They reach the *Falcon* and are hidden by tarps. SHOUTING continues in the outpost. They hear SEVERAL BLASTER SHOTS as someone apparently resists the stormtroopers.

Rey quickly HOTWIRES a panel, and the RAMP DROPS DOWN.

REY (CONT'D)

Well, it still has main power at least.

POE DAMERON

Great! Let's go!

He and BB-8 move up the ramp but halt as Rey remains at the bottom.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)

What are you waiting for? Do you want your portions or not?

Suddenly, Rey looks at him skeptically.

REY

You don't really have a hundred portions, do you?

POE DAMERON

No, but I really do want you to come with me. And I can get them. Food's easy to find in most places.

Rey still hesitates.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)

Not that we have time for this, but what the hell's keeping you here, anyway?

Rey glances back at the outpost and the desert beyond.

REY

I don't know. My whole life is here.

POE DAMERON

Well, there's a whole galaxy out there. Don't you want to see it?

Poe holds out his hand. Slowly, Rey smiles. She takes his hand, and they climb the ramp.

INT. *MILLENNIUM FALCON* - LOUNGE - MOMENTS LATER

Poe takes a look around getting his bearings.

POE DAMERON

Okay. Old Corellian YT model, I think. Really old. Hard to fly. But tough. Cockpit's in there.

He runs over to the central tube.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)

Looks like there's a laser turret up there. You should get in there. We're gonna have to contend with those TIEs the second we get off the ground.

Rey complies.

- IN THE COCKPIT...

Poe settles into the pilot's seat and starts flipping switches.

- IN THE DORSAL TURRET...

Rey straps herself into the chair and blows dust off of the targeting computer. She flips a switch and it slowly flickers to life. She puts on a headset.

- IN THE COCKPIT...

Poe flips one more set of switches, and the instrument panel lights up.

He puts on a headset.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)

Rey? Rey, can you hear me?

- IN THE DORSAL TURRET...

Rey nods. Then shakes her head, embarrassed.

REY

Yes. Yes I hear you.

- IN THE COCKPIT...

POE DAMERON

Here goes nothing.

Poe activates the main engine. For a moment nothing happens.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)
Come on! Come on!

EXT. NIIMA OUTPOST - CONTINUOUS

The engines sputter, then suddenly ROAR TO LIFE.

INT. *MILLENNIUM FALCON* - COCKPIT - CONTINUOUS

Poe WHOOPS triumphantly.

EXT. NIIMA OUTPOST - CONTINUOUS

Stormtroopers turn toward the half-buried freighter.

STORMTROOPER
They're on that ship! Blast 'em!

Stormtroopers open fire as the *Millennium Falcon* lifts off, its tarps and sand BLOWING EVERYWHERE. Troopers continue firing as they are SANDBLASTED.

The *Falcon* rockets away from the outpost, straight up into the sky.

The THREE TIE FIGHTERS immediately pursue the ship and OPEN FIRE.

INT. *MILLENNIUM FALCON* - COCKPIT - CONTINUOUS

The *Falcon* SHUTTERS under the impact, and SPARKS FLY from the instrument panel.

Poe is searching the controls.

POE DAMERON
Shields, shields, shields...

He spots the controls for the shields.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)
Shields!

The *Falcon* shuts again, but less violently.

A FIRE has broken out, but BB-8 quickly EXTINGUISHES it.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)
Thanks, Beebee-Ate!

Then, ALARMS SOUND, and the *Falcon* starts losing altitude.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)
Oh, what now!?

BB-8 SQUEALS as the ship TUMBLES and he rolls into a bulkhead.

- IN THE DORSAL TURRET...

Rey is still getting her bearings, figuring out how the turret works.

The ship shutters again as Poe stabilizes its trajectory, but they are still pointed at the ground.

POE DAMERON (O.S.) (CONT'D)
(over radio)
Anytime you want to take those TIES out...

Rey OPENS FIRE, missing.

She sees the ground is coming up very fast.

REY
(into headset)
Anytime you want to pull up and not crash into the ground!

- IN THE COCKPIT...

POE DAMERON
(to himself)
Feisty!

He adjusts several controls and gains full power back. He PULLS UP JUST BEFORE CRASHING.

- IN THE DORSAL TURRET...

Rey FIRES AGAIN and DESTROYS ONE OF THE FIGHTERS.

Now she WHOOPS triumphantly.

POE DAMERON (O.S.) (CONT'D)
(over radio)
Nice shooting!

REY
(into headset)
Bank hard right!

POE DAMERON (O.S.)
(over radio)
On a ship, we say starboard.

Poe does bank to starboard, and she is able to DESTROY A SECOND FIGHTER, but IT EXPLODES AND RAINS DEBRIS ACROSS THE FALCON, damaging REY'S LASER TURRET.

She tries to operate the turret again, but it doesn't respond.

POE DAMERON (O.S.) (CONT'D)
(over radio)
Everything alright back there?

REY
Uh... We lost the turret.

- IN THE COCKPIT...

Poe is still flying low to the ground.

POE DAMERON
That's not good.

They are approaching the JAKKU SHIP GRAVEYARD.

The ship shutters again, and a SHIELD FAILURE ALARM sounds.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)
Not good at all!

Rey suddenly appears and slides into the copilot seat. She points to the wreckage of the super star destroyer.

REY
There!

POE DAMERON
There, what?

REY
We can lose him in there!

POE DAMERON
In there?!

REY
Give me the controls.

POE DAMERON
What? Are you crazy? Can you even fly?

REY
Yes! Now give me the controls!

POE DAMERON
I think it's better if I keep-

REY
Give me the controls!

Poe looks startled and releases the controls.

Rey whips the *Falcon* around and FLIES INTO A SUPER STAR DESTROYER ENGINE.

The TIE fighter pursues them.

POE DAMERON
This is stupid.

She glares at him.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)
Sorry. This is not smart.

REY
I know the inside of this wreck. He doesn't.

INT. TIE FIGHTER COCKPIT - CONTINUOUS

The TIE pilot FIRES his turbolasers, seeking a LOCK on the fleeing *Falcon*.

He FIRES again, striking the ship.

INT. *MILLENNIUM FALCON* - COCKPIT - CONTINUOUS

Poe grips the side of his seat with white knuckles as MORE SPARKS FLY.

POE DAMERON
(to himself)
We're gonna die.

REY
Yes... But not today.

Suddenly she PULLS UP, seemingly RIGHT INTO A WALL OF TWISTED METAL, but she EXPERTLY WEAVES THROUGH IT, and they EMERGE OUT OF A GIANT BREACH IN THE SUPER STAR DESTROYER'S HULL.

Poe lets out a SIGH of relief as Rey releases the controls back to him.

REY (CONT'D)
See? I knew what I was doing.

Poe looks at her with wide eyes as he steers the *Falcon* back up toward space.

POE DAMERON
(half jokingly)
What are you? Some kind of Jedi?

REY
Some kind of what?

POE DAMERON
Jedi.
(off her confused look,
incredulously)
You never heard of the Jedi?

She shakes her head.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)
What, have you lived on Jakku all your life?

REY
I think so.

POE DAMERON
(growing more confused)
You said you were a scavenger. How many times have you flown before? How many hours have you logged?

She shakes her head, not understanding.

REY
I've flown twice.

POE DAMERON
(shocked)
This? This was your third time flying?

She shakes her head and holds up two fingers.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)
Have you ever operated a laser turret before?

REY

No.

POE DAMERON

It's not easy. I sent you back there thinking you might get lucky, but you shot down two TIE fighters in about thirty seconds.

Above them as the sky starts to turn to stars, the star destroyer *Finalizer* can be seen in the distance.

REY

That's good?

POE DAMERON

Not just good. Scary good.

INT. *FINALIZER* - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

An officer looks up from his station.

FINALIZER TACTICAL OFFICER

Admiral, a freighter has just escaped the planet surface. It shot down two, possibly three of our fighters. We have it on our scanners. It's coming up almost directly below us.

ADMIRAL HUX

Disable and capture it.

INT. *MILLENNIUM FALCON* - COCKPIT - CONTINUOUS

An alarm goes off.

POE DAMERON

Damn. We're not out of this yet.

He turns and sees the *Finalizer* growing large ahead of them.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)

Holy mother of...

REY

That looks like a star destroyer.

POE DAMERON

Yeah, it does. Hold on!

BLUE ION CANNON BOLTS erupt from the *Finalizer* and begin BURSTING AROUND THEM as Poe starts flying evasively.

The *FALCON* LURCHES violently and all the lights go out.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)
Well.... Shit.

REY
I don't understand. I thought the Empire was gone.

POE DAMERON
Yeah. So did I.

EXT. SPACE - CONTINUOUS

The star destroyer uses a TRACTOR BEAM to pull the *Millennium Falcon* into one of its hangar bays.

INT. *MILLENNIUM FALCON* - COCKPIT - CONTINUOUS

Poe and Rey both watch wide-eyed as they are pulled into an enormous hangar with many TIE fighters and assault shuttles.

REY
What do we do?

POE DAMERON
The only thing we can.

INT. *FINALIZER* - HANGAR - MOMENTS LATER

A squad of stormtroopers surrounds the ramp.

A silver-armored stormtrooper (CAPTAIN ZADE) commands them.

CAPTAIN ZADE
Blow the hatch open! Set blasters to stun!

Two troopers approach the ramp with explosives, but before they can set them, the RAMP JERKS OPEN SEVERAL INCHES.

Poe STICKS HIS FACE DOWN THROUGH THE CRACK.

POE DAMERON
Don't shoot! We surrender, okay?

CAPTAIN ZADE
Get that ramp open!

POE DAMERON
We can't! You disabled us,
remember?

One of the stormtroopers finds the CRANK that can lower the ramp manually, but releases the catch, and POE'S WEIGHT LOWERS THE RAMP TO SLAM ON THE FLOOR. Poe and Rey TUMBLE OUT onto the floor.

Everyone in the hangar STARES at the loud noise.

Poe and Rey both stand up with their hands up.

The captain turns to two stormtroopers: FN-2187 and FN-3612.

CAPTAIN ZADE
Lock them in one of the hangar
holding cells and stand guard.

FN-3612
Yes, Sir.
(to Poe and Rey)
This way. Move!

As the stormtroopers take Poe and Rey away, the captain turns to the other troopers.

CAPTAIN ZADE
Search the ship.
(into comlink)
Inform the admiral that we've taken
two prisoners.

EXT. NIIMA OUTPOST - MORNING - CONTINUOUS

A black pillar of smoke rises from the burning ruins of Niima Outpost.

A flametrooper ignites a pile of corpses.

Kylo Ren stands next to a kneeling Unkar Plutt, his hand extended over Plutt's head, using the Force to PROBE HIS MIND.

Plutt SCREAMS piteously. His scream dies away and he slumps forward.

KYLO REN
(disgusted)
He knows nothing. Kill him.

Ren stalks away as a stormtrooper shoots Plutt dead behind him. Ren's comlink buzzes.

KYLO REN (CONT'D)
 (into comlink)
 What is it?

ADMIRAL HUX (O.S.)
 (over comlink)
 We've captured the freighter and
 hold two prisoners. One of them
 matches your description of the
 pilot who escaped from the cave.

KYLO REN
 (into comlink)
 I'm on my way.

He lowers his comlink and addresses a stormtrooper in
 GLEAMING GOLD ARMOR: GENERAL PHASMA.

KYLO REN (CONT'D)
 Hux has them. Gather your men and
 return to the ship.

GENERAL PHASMA
 Yes, My Lord.

Kylo Ren walks quickly toward the *Blood Vulture*, which we now
 see is a tall, menacing black shuttle.

INT. HANGAR HOLDING CELLS - CONTINUOUS

The two stormtroopers roughly shove Poe and Rey into a
 holding cell and stand guard.

REY
 Who are these people?
 (to stormtroopers)
 Who are you? Are you part of the
 Empire?

The stormtroopers ignore her.

POE DAMERON
 I've been wondering the same thing.
 They're all dressed up like old
 Empire. Maybe they're a bunch of
 whack jobs with delusions of
 grandeur.

The stormtroopers don't respond.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)
 I don't think they can hear us.

REY
 (quietly)
 You really think he's up to it?
 Your little droid?

POE DAMERON
 He better be. He's our ticket out
 of here.

FN-3612 speaks into his helmet comlink.

FN-3612
 FN Squad, be on the look out for a
 droid on that ship.

Poe grimaces as he realizes they just gave BB-8 away. Rey
 grimaces at her own foul up.

INT. *MILLENNIUM FALCON* - LOUNGE - CONTINUOUS

A stormtrooper looks up. With the ship's lights out, they are
 searching with the lights attached to their blasters.

STORMTROOPER
 (into comlink)
 FN-3612, we've searched this ship
 front to back. There's no droid in
 here.

Suddenly the ship's LIGHTS COME BACK ON.

STORMTROOPER 2
 What happened?

STORMTROOPER
 They must have done a system reset
 before they surrendered.
 (smugly)
 Not that it did 'em any good.

Behind them, BB-8 silently rolls down the ramp and out of the
Falcon.

INT. HANGAR HOLDING CELLS - CONTINUOUS

Poe tests the energy field holding them in. It BUZZES angrily
 at his touch.

He sits by Rey who is seated on a bench.

POE DAMERON
For what it's worth, I'm sorry for
getting you into this.

Rey doesn't seem to have heard him.

REY
What's a Jedi?

POE DAMERON
Oh, the Jedi were kind of like a
bunch of space wizards, I guess.

REY
Were?

POE DAMERON
Yeah. They're all gone now. They
used the Force to do stuff. Had
laser swords. That kinda thing.

REY
Laser swords? The Force?

POE DAMERON
You've never even heard of the
Force?

Rey shakes her head.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)
Look, I'm not the best person to
ask. The Force is like some
mystical energy or something. And
the Jedi could use it to do lots of
weird stuff.

REY
Like what?

POE DAMERON
Well. They could... They could jump
really high. Lift things without
touching them. They were great
warriors.

REY
With their laser swords?

POE DAMERON
Right. I know it sounds silly.

FN-2187 glances at them. Poe looks at FN-2187.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)
Oh! There's one thing they could do
that would be really useful about
now. They could sort of mind
control people.

REY
Mind control? How?

POE DAMERON
Well. Like I said, they used the
Force.

REY
Yes, but how? How do you use the
Force?

POE DAMERON
Senator Organa told me they'd just
tell them what they wanted them to
do.

Rey looks at the stormtroopers.

REY
Just tell them?

POE DAMERON
Yeah, like this...

Poe looks at the stormtroopers.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)
You will let us go.

Rey looks at the stormtroopers.

REY
You will let us go and give us your
weapons. Like that?

The stormtroopers look at each other, baffled.

POE DAMERON
Yeah, I like the part about them
giving us their weapons.

FN-2187
We can hear you.

POE DAMERON
I don't know if it works on more
than one at a time. Maybe just try
the one?

Rey stares fixedly at FN-2187.

REY

You will shoot your friend and help us escape.

FN-3612

Shut up now, or we'll stun you.

REY

You will stun your friend and help us escape.

Both stormtroopers raise their blasters menacingly, but FN-2187 seems uncertain.

POE DAMERON

Yeah! Like that! But *really* believe it.

REY

You will stun your friend and help us escape.

FN-3612

That's it, I warned you-

FN-2187 SHIFTS HIS AIM AND SHOOTS FN-3612 with the stun setting. FN-3612 COLLAPSES to the floor like a sack of potatoes.

FN-2187

I will stun my friend and help you escape.

FN-2187 turns off the cell containment field.

Poe quickly grabs both blasters and gives one to Rey.

POE DAMERON

I can't believe it! You really are a Jedi! I can't believe that worked!

REY

What now?

POE DAMERON

We make our way back to the ship.

REY

Might it be easier to just take one of theirs?

POE DAMERON
I don't know their specs. I don't
know if they're hyper-capable-

Suddenly the door HISSES OPEN.

Poe and Rey RAISE THEIR BLASTERS, but it is BB-8. He squeals excitedly.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)
Nice work, BB-8!
(to Rey)
He restored main power to the ship,
checked the hyperdrive, and
deactivated-

REY
I know. I understand him.

POE DAMERON
Well aren't you just full of
surprises? Now let's get out of
here before someone comes looking
for us.

FN-2187 is staring at FN-3612.

FN-2187
What did I... What did I do?

Rey raises her blaster but Poe holds up a hand.

POE DAMERON
Wait. We might need him. Think you
can... do the thing again?

REY
You will come with us. You haven't
done anything wrong.

FN-2187
I will go with you. I haven't done
anything wrong.

They move out of the holding cell area.

FN-2187 (CONT'D)
I haven't done anything wrong.

INT. FINALIZER - HANGAR - CONTINUOUS

They hide behind several storage crates and scope out the hangar.

Two TIE fighters come in and dock with the TIE racks that hold dozens more.

Crew are servicing a shuttle that is resting not far from the *Falcon*.

The remainder of FN squad walks out of the *Falcon*. They form up and march away.

POE DAMERON

Perfect.

(to FN-2187)

You will escort us to the ship. If anyone asks, you were ordered to do it by your commanding officer.

FN-2187 just looks at Poe, confused. BB-8 MURMURS worriedly.

Poe looks at Rey sheepishly.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)

You're making it look so easy. Thought I'd try.

REY

(to FN-2187)

You will escort us to our ship. Your commanding officer ordered you to.

FN-2187

I will escort you to your ship. Captain Zade ordered me to.

Rey hands him his blaster.

POE DAMERON

(wanting to believe it)

This is gonna work.

The group moves through the hangar.

Several First Order naval personnel look at them strangely, but no one stops them.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)

(starting to believe it)

This is gonna work.

Suddenly, FN squad reappears FROM THE HOLDING CELLS WHERE THEY FOUND THEIR UNCONSCIOUS COMRADE. They see FN-2187 escorting Rey, Poe, and BB-8.

CAPTAIN ZADE

Halt!

POE DAMERON

Run for it!

They sprint the final few meters to the ramp and quickly board the *Falcon*, FN-2187 running with them.

FN squad OPENS FIRE.

INT. *MILLENNIUM FALCON* - LOUNGE - CONTINUOUS

Poe SHUTS THE RAMP once they're aboard.

Rey looks at FN-2187 awkwardly.

REY

What do we do with-

Poe grabs his blaster, turns it on him, and STUNS HIM.

POE DAMERON

Come on!

They run to the cockpit.

Poe and Rey jump into the pilot's and copilot's seats.

Poe is flipping switches.

The engine blasts to life.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)

You know what I noticed this freighter has?

REY

What?

POE DAMERON

A lot more guns than it should!
Take the controls!

Rey takes the flight controls while Poe TOGGLES HIS TO FORWARD WEAPON CONTROLS.

Poe FIRES the *Falcon's* FORWARD CANNONS, RIPPING DESTRUCTION ACROSS THE HANGAR as Rey slowly turns the ship.

Once clear, Rey ROCKETS OUT OF THE HANGAR.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)
Damn, this baby has pickup for an
old girl!

INT. *BLOOD VULTURE* - CONTINUOUS

The *Blood Vulture* is approaching the *Finalizer* when they see the *Falcon* blast out of the hangar.

KYLO REN
(to himself)
It can't be.

INT. *FINALIZER* - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

A bridge officer looks up in disbelief.

FINALIZER TACTICAL OFFICER
Admiral! They're escaping!

ADMIRAL HUX
What? How-

Hux growls to himself.

ADMIRAL HUX (CONT'D)
Activate tractor beam.

Another officer looks up from his panel.

TRACTOR BEAM OPERATOR
The... The...

ADMIRAL HUX
What?

TRACTOR BEAM OPERATOR
The tractor beam is currently
inoperative. It is marked down for
maintenance.

ADMIRAL HUX
Then blast them out of the sky!

EXT. SPACE - CONTINUOUS

The star destroyer OPENS FIRE with TURBOLASERS AND ION CANNONS at the fleeing *Falcon*.

INT. *MILLENNIUM FALCON* - COCKPIT - CONTINUOUS

Poe flies evasively.

POE DAMERON
Good job with the tractor beam,
Beebee-Ate!

BB-8 SQUEALS happily.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)
Ready for the jump to hyperspace!

The *Falcon* ROCKS VIOLENTLY. SPARKS FLY.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)
Another hit like that and we're
done!

BB-8 SQUEALS a warning.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)
Dammit all!

Poe pulls the levers, and THEY ACCELERATE INTO HYPERSPACE.

Poe leans back in his seat and allows himself a SIGH of relief.

He looks over at Rey and grins.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)
I can't believe we got away.

REY
He said the hyperdrive was hit?

POE DAMERON
Yeah. We switched to the backup.
Much slower.

REY
Then where are we going?

POE DAMERON
We'll have to drop out and find
somewhere relatively close to get
it repaired. In the meantime, we've
got another problem.

REY
What's that?

- IN THE LOUNGE - MOMENTS LATER

Rey and Poe kneel over FN-2187.

Rey grabs his helmet.

POE DAMERON
What are you doing?

Rey lifts the helmet off revealing the human underneath. He is starting to come around.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)
We should kill him. Cleaner that way.

REY
We can't kill him! He helped us escape.

FN-2187
(confused)
Kill? Kill me? What?

POE DAMERON
Not by choice.

FN-2187
Escape?

FN-2187 suddenly FREAKS OUT as he realizes what's happened.

FN-2187 (CONT'D)
Hey! Where are we!? Let me go-

Poe STUNS HIM AGAIN, then tosses the blaster aside.

REY
You can probably learn a lot from him.

Poe gives it a moment's thought.

POE DAMERON
Fair point. Let's tie him up before he comes around again. Then I've got to get a message to the Senator.

WIPE TO:

EXT. SPACE - D'QAR SYSTEM

D'Qar is a green and blue moon orbiting a gas giant. The *Star Bandit* drops out of hyperspace and descends towards the moon.

EXT. FORMER REBEL BASE - TWILIGHT

Han brings the *Bandit* in for a soft landing on a pad at a deserted Rebel base.

INT. FORMER REBEL BASE - CONTINUOUS

Leia, Han, C-3PO, and Ara make their way with flashlights through the dark base.

Their lights cast shadows: old X-Wings, B-Wings, and other equipment, many covered by tarps, untouched in decades.

Han illuminates a BEAT UP Y-WING on BLOCKS.

Finally they reach the...

- CONTROL ROOM...

Han finds the MASTER POWER SWITCH.

HAN SOLO
Here goes nothing.

He flips it.

A DEEP HUMMING NOISE COMMENCES, and then LIGHTS BEGIN FLIPPING ON. The control room comes to life.

Leia sits at the communications station and watches as the systems boot up. She allows herself a weak smile.

One by one, indicator lights turn from red to yellow and finally to green.

HAN SOLO (CONT'D)
Looks like it's all operational.
Now what?

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
Now we put out the call.

Leia takes a long, deep breath. Then, she begins recording her message.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO (CONT'D)
My dear fellow citizens of the New Republic... I was at Chandrila. If you are hoping that this Rhath and his First Order are some terrible hoax, they are not. Chandrila is gone, its star destroyed.

(MORE)

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO (CONT'D)

The senate and the defensive force command of the New Republic are gone. We have a new and terrible enemy and they have a weapon of unprecedented destructive power. I do not know their next intended targets, but if your planet was a leading member of the Rebellion or if it has hosted the Senate since the fall of the Empire, I urge you to begin a planet-wide evacuation immediately. Once you have seen to your own safety and the safety of those you love, I urge anyone receiving this message to not give in to despair. I saw Alderaan destroyed all those years ago. It is a loss I cannot describe, but we carried on, we didn't lose hope, we fought back, and we brought down an Empire. Now we must do it again. As perhaps the ranking surviving member of the Senate, in ignorance of who else may have survived, I hereby activate all members of the New Republic's Reserve Defensive Forces. I advise all reserve commanders to engage with the new enemy. Learn what you can about them, probe for weaknesses, but do not throw your lives away. Now is not the time for costly heroics. War is again upon us, and we will need all of you to fight it. Stand together, for that is how we shall win. Together we will resist and overcome this new, hateful enemy.

She stops the recording and looks at Han. He nods his approval.

She flips several switches.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO (CONT'D)

It's sent out on all channels. I'll also send out an invitation to our friends that we know we can trust to meet us here. We'll need a centralized military authority.

HAN SOLO

All of DefCom was at Chandrila?

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
 Most, if not all. For the
 Liberation Day celebrations...

She shakes her head sadly as she logs onto her own
 communication account.

HAN SOLO
 Come on, Threepio. Let's go see how
 many of those fighters are still
 flyable.

SEE-THREEPIO
 Of course, Master Solo-

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
 Wait. There's a message from Poe.

They turn back as Leia plays the message.

POE DAMERON (O.S.)
 (over recording, worried)
 Senator Organa, I... I'm going to
 assume you're still alive, because
 frankly, your death is too awful
 for me to contemplate now. We just
 saw the message sent out by this
 Rhath guy. As insane as he sounds,
 I have this terrible feeling that
 it's all true, because I was
 ambushed during my mission by a
 bunch of soldiers dressed like old
 Empire stormtroopers. They were led
 by this guy in a mask, all dressed
 in black, like a new Vader. They
 killed Lor San Tekka, but he did
 find something. It's stored in my
 droid now. We barely escaped. I
 picked up a new friend I think
 you'll be interested to meet. We
 stole a ship, and-

FN-2187 (O.S.)
 (over recording)
 What? What's happening? Where am I?
 How did I get here-

The SOUND OF A STUN SHOT FROM A BLASTER comes over the
 recording. Leia looks alarmed, then Poe laughs nervously.

POE DAMERON (O.S.)
 (over recording)
 Sorry about that.
 (MORE)

POE DAMERON (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Long story short, we have to go to
Takodana for repairs, but given the
state of things, if you have
someone to send to pick us up, I'd
love to get into the fight.

Leia looks at Han as Poe SIGHS audibly.

POE DAMERON (O.S.) (CONT'D)
(over recording)
I sure hope you're alive. I'll send
you an update from Takodana. Poe
out.

The signal terminates.

HAN SOLO
I can go get him, but what about
you?

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
Someone needs to be here when our
allies start arriving. I'll be
alright.

SEE-THREEPIO
I had better stay with Mistress
Leia, I think. She may have need of
my services.

HAN SOLO
Sure. Do that.

ARA LAI
I could look over those fighters if
you want. I was training to be a
pilot. Worked as a ship mechanic
for a while.

HAN SOLO
Good. We're gonna need 'em.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
Take care, Han.

HAN SOLO
I always do.

She smiles as he leaves.

INT. *MILLENNIUM FALCON* - COCKPIT

Poe and Rey sit in the cockpit waiting to arrive at their destination.

REY

What were you doing on Jakku?

Poe looks at her, momentarily wary, then grins.

POE DAMERON

I guess you're probably trustworthy. An archaeologist friend of the senator's was investigating ancient Jedi presence on Jakku. He found some carvings in a cave. Looked like an old star chart. The senator sent me to take a look.

REY

What's so secret about that?

POE DAMERON

He thought the carvings might show the way to the first Jedi Temple.

REY

Are there Jedi there? I thought you said they were all gone.

POE DAMERON

All except one, maybe. Luke Skywalker.

REY

Luke Skywalker?

Poe smiles at her fondly.

POE DAMERON

You really don't know anything, do you?

FN-2187 slowly comes back to consciousness again.

FN-2187

(confusion growing into anger)

What... did you do to me? What did you do to me? You tricked me! Let me go! I'm going to kill you!

POE DAMERON

(to Rey)

What do you think? Should we let him go so he can kill us?

FN-2187

You may as well kill *me*! I'll never talk! I won't tell you anything! I swear I won't talk!

POE DAMERON

When you gonna start that?

FN-2187

(confused)

What?

POE DAMERON

Not talking.

FN-2187 glares angrily at him. Poe reaches for the blaster to stun him again, but Rey raise her hand.

REY

What's your name?

FN-2187

My serial number is F N two one eight seven!

POE DAMERON

Why are you shouting?

REY

But what's your *name*?

FN-2187

First Order stormtroopers do not have names. We earn them when we are promoted to officers!

REY

(sadly)

You don't have a name?

FN-2187

My serial number is-

POE DAMERON

Shut up, please. We're not calling you F N two whatever. F N. We'll call him Finn.

REY

Finn! Yes, I like it!

FN-2187

I haven't earned a name yet!

REY

Yes you have. You helped us escape.
I hereby promote you to Finn.

FN-2187

I didn't do that! You tricked me
somehow!

(to himself, in growing
despair)

Oh this is bad. This is so, so bad.
I'm gonna get thrown in the brig.
I'm gonna get punished. This is
very bad.

POE DAMERON

Can I stun him again please?

REY

You can't just keep stunning him
over and over forever. Give him
time to process.

(to FN-2187)

You can't go back, you know.
They'll think you're a traitor.

FN-2187

But I'm not.

POE DAMERON

How long have you been a
stormtrooper?

FN-2187

All my-

(he catches himself)

I'm not talking to you.

POE DAMERON

And yet, I keep hearing your voice.

FN-2187

You know what I mean!

A proximity alarm sounds.

POE DAMERON

We're there.

Poe brings the *Falcon* out of hyperspace. TAKODANA, a planet of green forests and deep blue lakes, grows large before them.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)

Takodana.

REY

It's beautiful.

POE DAMERON

Yeah, I guess it is.

EXT. TAKODANA - A FEW MINUTES LATER

The *Millennium Falcon* roars over forested hills and lakes.

INT. *MILLENNIUM FALCON* - COCKPIT - CONTINUOUS

Rey watches it in wonder.

POE DAMERON

Some old lady runs a cantina up ahead. I never met her, but she's friends with the senator. I'm hoping she'll take pity on us.

Rey isn't really hearing him, still gazing at lush forests and blue lakes.

REY

I didn't know there was so much water in all the galaxy. So much green.

She is almost moved to tears. Poe looks at her with pity. He smiles, but says nothing.

EXT. KANATA STATION - CONTINUOUS

They approach what appears to be a *STONE CASTLE*. It rests on the shore of a large lake. A *SMALL CITY* called *KANATA STATION* stretches out beyond.

They set down on a *LANDING PAD* near the castle.

Immediately, a team of non-human engineers approaches the ship as the ramp opens.

POE DAMERON

Uh... hello?

The lead engineer, a short alien named BEZDEE, steps forward.

BEZDEE

Captain Dameron, I'm Bezdee. Lady Kanata said we were to offer whatever repairs you required.

POE DAMERON

Thanks. It's just the main hyperdrive, I think. Oh, and the dorsal laser turret, too.

(to Rey)

The Senator must have called ahead. That's good. It means she's alive.

(to Bezdee)

Can you tell me where the nearest hypercom is?

BEZDEE

We have one in the cantina. In the back.

POE DAMERON

(to Rey)

Look, I should go in there and contact Leia. Find out what's going on. You could come if you want, but-

REY

I can watch Finn.

Poe nods gratefully.

POE DAMERON

Thanks. I'll feel better knowing you're keeping an eye on him. Be back in a bit. Come on, Beebee-Ate!

BB-8 SQUEALS happily and follows Poe. Rey goes back into the ship as the engineers begin working on the *Falcon*.

INT. *MILLENNIUM FALCON* - COCKPIT - MOMENTS LATER

Rey drops into her seat beside Finn.

REY

How are you doing, Finn?

FN-2187

(stubbornly)

I don't have a name.

REY

How are you doing, FN-2187?

He shakes his head.

FN-2187

What did you do to me? You talked to me, and I just did what you said. I don't understand it.

REY

I don't really either.

FN-2187

He was right. I'm a traitor. They'll kill me when I go back.

REY

You're not a traitor. I did trick you. But you shouldn't go back anyway.

FN-2187

I am a stormtrooper of the First Order. I'm nothing else.

REY

I was a scavenger. On Jakku. Every day the same. Now I'm here. I don't know what I am, now. I don't know what's going to happen next.

(realizing it for the first time)

And that excites me... very much.

FN-2187 winces as if in pain.

FN-2187

I am a stormtrooper of the First Order.

Rey closes her eyes.

REY

I can feel your pain. I am sorry for the hurt we've caused you.

FN-2187 stares at her, not understanding.

REY (CONT'D)

There's something in your mind that doesn't belong there. A darkness. It's blocking... everything. I think I can...

Rey falls into a deep concentration. Beads of sweat appear on her forehead.

FN-2187 starts breathing deeply, rapidly, as if in great discomfort.

FN-2187

What are you... doing?

Rey sags back into her seat, unconscious.

FN-2187 slowly starts to calm down. His eyes are wide. Slowly, ever so slowly, the sum of all he has done dawns on him.

FINN

(in despair)

Oh...

WIPE TO:

INT. *FINALIZER* - KYLO REN'S QUARTERS

Unmasked, Kylo Ren is kneeling in a dark room.

KYLO REN

I saw the ship. It must mean something.

RESONANT VOICE

You cannot escape the ties of blood. You must face your past. Your father. Your mother. Your treacherous uncle. If you are to become who you are meant to be, you must kill them all.

Kylo Ren looks up at who he is talking to.

REVEAL THE RED GLOWING SPIRIT OF DARTH VADER - UNMASKED, SCARRED, and HIDEOUS.

KYLO REN

I still feel it. The light. Calling me. I do not know if I'm strong enough to face them...

DARTH VADER

Never forget, you are of my blood too. My strength lies within you. You can kill them. With each death, you will grow more powerful. With each death, it will become easier.

(MORE)

DARTH VADER (CONT'D)
In time, the Jedi will be extinct,
and you will be the most powerful
Sith that ever lived.

KYLO REN
Thank you, Grandfather.

The SPIRIT OF VADER VANISHES, revealing a pedestal behind it.
On that pedestal, in a BED OF ASHES, rests a FIRE-BLACKENED
SKULL.

An intercom signal SOUNDS. Kylo Ren rises to his feet.

KYLO REN (CONT'D)
What is it?

ADMIRAL HUX (O.S.)
(over intercom)
Lord Ren, we believe we have a lead
on the escaped freighter.

INT. FINALIZER - BRIDGE - MOMENTS LATER

Kylo Ren enters the bridge and finds Hux standing over the
shoulder of an officer at a terminal. Ren approaches them.

KYLO REN
Show me.

The officer points to his display.

FINALIZER BRIDGE OFFICER
We analyzed their acceleration. It
was consistent with a very slow
back up hyperdrive. We believe
their primary drive was
inoperative.

KYLO REN
Where could they seek repairs?

ADMIRAL HUX
They may have been able to repair
it themselves.

KYLO REN
(ignoring Hux)
Where?

The officer pulls up a list of about a dozen planetary
systems.

FINALIZER BRIDGE OFFICER
These systems are all within a day
assuming their predicted speed-

KYLO REN
Takodana.

ADMIRAL HUX
How can you be so sure?

KYLO REN
Set course for Takodana
immediately.

ADMIRAL HUX
Now see here, Lord Ren. This is my
ship. I give the orders-

Kylo Ren uses the Force to knock Hux's hat off of his head.
Hux grimaces in rage.

KYLO REN
Then you will order this ship to go
to Takodana immediately.

Ren turns and leaves, ending the conversation. Hux glares
after him.

ADMIRAL HUX
(to bridge officer)
Pick up my hat.

INT. *MILLENNIUM FALCON* - COCKPIT - CONTINUOUS

Rey comes to and slowly realizes Finn is staring at her.
There are dried tears on his cheeks.

REY
What happened?

FINN
You did something to me again.

REY
What?

FINN
I see it now. I see it all so
clearly. The things I've done. The
things they made me do. Why did you
do that?

REY

I don't know. It seemed like... It was like you were sick. Your mind was sick.

FINN

I didn't feel sick... like I do now.

Rey nods slowly.

FINN (CONT'D)

I've killed people. It made sense at the time. But now... I can't remember why.

REY

If I untie you, are you going to try to kill me?

Finn shakes his head.

FINN

I don't ever want to kill anyone again.

EXT. TAKODANA - LATER

The *Star Bandit* flies towards Maz's castle.

INT. *STAR BANDIT* - COCKPIT - CONTINUOUS

Han sees a YT-1300 parked near the castle. Slowly his eyes grow wide, and he almost steers the *Bandit* into the lake.

He pulls up just in time. His mouth hanging open now.

He hurriedly lands on the pad next to the *Falcon*.

EXT. KANATA STATION - LANDING PAD - CONTINUOUS

Han lurches out of the opening ramp of the *Bandit* still staring at the *Falcon*.

He walks up to it. The engineers working on it ignore him.

He touches it, still not believing.

Then he sees Rey and Finn coming down the ramp. He stands before them.

HAN SOLO
Who are you?

REY
I'm Rey. Who are you?

HAN SOLO
I'm Han Solo.

FINN
Han Solo? The war criminal?

Han grins.

HAN SOLO
I don't think I've ever been called that before. And I've been called a lot of things.

REY
(to Finn)
Why's he a war criminal?

HAN SOLO
I'm not.

FINN
Yes he is! He helped bring down...

Finn suddenly has doubts about the version of history he was taught.

FINN (CONT'D)
... the Empire.

Han shakes his head.

HAN SOLO
Where'd you get this ship?

REY
It was junked on Jakku.

HAN SOLO
Junked? Jakku?

REY
Half buried in sand. Flies pretty well, though. Other than the hyperdrive. Why? Are you looking to buy it?

HAN SOLO

This is my ship. It was stolen from me years ago.

POE DAMERON (O.S.)

Solo!

Han turns and sees Poe walking briskly up to them. Han sees that Rey and Finn recognize Poe and BB-8.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)

I just got off the hypercom with the Senator.

HAN SOLO

Poe.

(re: Rey and Finn)

They're with you?

POE DAMERON

Yeah. She helped me escape. He...

(to Rey, confused)

Why's he loose?

REY

He's... better.

HAN SOLO

Somebody tell me what's going on.

POE DAMERON

This guy is a First Order stormtrooper.

Han's hand goes to his blaster.

Rey steps in front of Finn.

REY

Was. He's not anymore. He's okay.

He's fine. He's Finn, actually.

Finn holds up his hands.

FINN

She did something to me. I don't know what. I don't know anything anymore.

HAN SOLO

Women have a way of doing that.

POE DAMERON

I just got off the hypercom with the Senator. She says we should get to D'Qar as soon as possible. Others are starting to arrive.

HAN SOLO

I gotta go say hi to Maz first. And there's no way I'm leaving without my ship.

(to engineers)

How much longer on the hyperdrive?

Poe watches this exchange, confused.

BEZDEE

We're almost done! Had to replace the compressor. Sealed a crack in the motivator. Should hold together for a while. Haven't gotten to the turret yet.

POE DAMERON

(realizing)

Wait, wait, wait! That!

He points at the *Falcon*.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)

That's the Millennium Falcon!?

HAN SOLO

You're looking at her. Come on. I'll buy you all a drink.

INT. MAZ'S CANTINA - MOMENTS LATER

Han leads them into Maz's cantina. Boisterous music fills the air.

A myriad of aliens and ruffians imbibe in refreshment, gamble, argue, and so forth.

A fight breaks out, and one alien TUMBLES INTO A TABLE, BREAKING IT.

HAN SOLO

(to Rey and Finn)

Watch your step in here.

They make their way toward the back of the cantina.

Han leads them to a nice booth. Several people and aliens are sitting around AN ANCIENT, SMALL ALIEN WOMAN, seated against the wall. This is MAZ KANATA.

Maz looks up.

MAZ KANATA

Han Solo...
(to those around her)
Leave us.

They quickly leave the booth.

HAN SOLO

Hello, Maz.

He sits in the booth while Poe, Rey, and Finn all sit in chairs opposite Maz.

Han gestures to them.

HAN SOLO (CONT'D)

These are... my friends.

Maz nods.

HAN SOLO (CONT'D)

You must have gotten Leia's message.

MAZ KANATA

I was just organizing a proper response. Hopefully you are not above working with scoundrels and rogues.

Han looks offended.

HAN SOLO

Maz, you wound me.

She smiles, then turns to the other three at the table.

MAZ KANATA

Poe Dameron, did you find my hypercom adequate to your needs?

POE DAMERON

I did. I don't think I've had the pleasure.

He reaches his hand across the table. She touches it lightly.

MAZ KANATA
 Indeed, you haven't.
 (re: Rey and Finn)
 Who are these two?

REY
 I'm Rey. He's Finn.

She scrutinizes them.

MAZ KANATA
 (re: Finn)
 This one looks like a newborn.

Finn looks confused.

FINN
 A newborn what?

But Maz is already looking at Rey.

MAZ KANATA
 This one... Oh, my. Your soul burns
 bright, young one. Aptly named. A
 ray of light... and perhaps
 something else...

Rey looks confused.

REY
 What does that mean?

Maz smiles mysteriously. She SNAPS HER FINGERS, and one of her employees, ERDUK, appears at the table.

MAZ KANATA
 (in un-subtitled alien
 language)
*Dothri tan govo. Rathde tan soto
 endu.*

ERDUK
 (in un-subtitled alien
 language)
Ayeto!

Erduk scampers off.

MAZ KANATA
 Come with me. All of you.

Maz gets out of the booth and leads them in the direction Erduk went off to.

INT. MAZ'S CANTINA - STORAGE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

They enter a storage room where they find Erduk getting a crate off of a high shelf.

He sets it down on the floor.

She waves her hand dismissively and Erduk withdraws from the room.

Reverently, she opens the crate. It is filled with various knick-knacks and such. She removes a small box, roughly 18 inches long.

She opens it and holds it out to Rey.

MAZ KANATA

This is for you.

Han looks at Rey anew, astonished.

Rey looks in the box. It holds a lightsaber.

REY

What is it?

MAZ KANATA

It is a lightsaber. The weapon of a Jedi Knight.

Rey shakes her head.

REY

But I'm not a Jedi.

MAZ KANATA

You have the power to be. It cascades off of you.

They're all staring at her now, making her uncomfortable.

Rey reaches out and takes the lightsaber.

And COLLAPSES INTO A VISION...

I/E. VISION SEQUENCE - CONTINUOUS

Rey sees...

- A BURNING temple.

- SEVEN CLOAKED FIGURES, one WIELDING A LIGHTSABER.

- A LIGHTSABER CUTTING A HAND OFF.
- The face of Luke Skywalker in flickering light, then sinking away into shadow.
- The ISLAND in the ocean again.
- A silhouette of Darth Vader's helmet. The figure of Kylo Ren inset within it. VADER'S BREATHING.
- A planet shattering, RHATH'S LAUGHTER morphing into thousands of voices SCREAMING.
- Numerous more planets shattering, one after the other, the SCREAMING GROWING WORSE.
- Kylo Ren's helmet again appears superimposed over the silhouette of Vader's. The SCREAMING MORPHS INTO VADER'S BREATHING. It is CACOPHONOUS.

INT. MAZ'S CANTINA - STORAGE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Rey opens her eyes. She is on her knees, panting heavily.

As she looks up, Poe and Finn each take an arm and lift her to her feet.

HAN SOLO
You okay, kid?

She nods, then looks at the lightsaber in her hand anxiously.

MAZ KANATA
What did you see?

REY
Darkness. Death.

As if on cue, Maz's castle suddenly SHUDDERS, dust falls from the ceiling.

The sound of TWIN ION ENGINES ECHOES DOWN THE STONE HALLWAYS.

FINN
The First Order. They're here.

MAZ KANATA
(to Han)
What's your move, Solo?

HAN SOLO

We need to get that droid out of here safely. Is there a back door to this place?

MAZ KANATA

This way.

Han and Poe draw blasters, and the group moves out of the room, but Rey pauses and holds up a hand to BB-8.

He looks up to her and makes an inquisitive warble. She holds out the lightsaber to him.

REY

I need to give this to you.

BB-8 opens a compartment and accepts the lightsaber, but
WARBLES A QUESTION.

REY (CONT'D)

I... I don't know.

INT. *BLOOD VULTURE* - CONTINUOUS

Kylo Ren looks out at Maz's castle and array of landing pads. He sees the *Falcon*.

KYLO REN

Set us down by that Corellian freighter.

SHUTTLE PILOT

Yes, My Lord.

KYLO REN

(into comlink)

I want the fugitives alive. Feel free to kill anyone else.

INT. ASSAULT SHUTTLE - CONTINUOUS

General Phasma stands at the ramp as it opens and her troopers pour out of the shuttle.

GENERAL PHASMA

(into comlink)

Yes, Lord Ren. The troopers know their faces. We will take them alive.

INT. MAZ'S CANTINA - CONTINUOUS

Many of the cantina patrons are craning to see the First Order troops.

SCOUNDREL

Who the hell are these guys?

A DRUNKEN PIRATE PUSHES through the crowd and out the front door. He stands in front of the approaching stormtroopers.

DRUNKEN PIRATE

Looks like they want a fight!

STORMTROOPER CAPTAIN

Throw down your weapons and
surrender!

The drunken pirate goes for his blaster and is IMMEDIATELY SHOT A DOZEN TIMES. His smoking corpse collapses to the ground.

The other patrons start throwing their weapons on the ground as the stormtroopers enter the cantina and start taking prisoners.

INT. MAZ'S CANTINA - BACK EXIT - CONTINUOUS

Rey and BB-8 catch up with Poe, Finn, Maz, and Han. As they come around a corner, they run into a squad of stormtroopers.

STORMTROOPER CAPTAIN

Freeze!

(to other troopers)

It's them! Set blasters to stun!

Completely outgunned and surrounded, our heroes have no choice but to surrender.

EXT. KANATA STATION - LANDING PAD - MINUTES LATER

The stormtroopers escort Han, Maz, Finn, Rey, Poe, and BB-8 to Kylo Ren who is waiting in front of the *Falcon*.

Some distance behind them, the rest of the stormtroopers are herding the cantina patrons into a tight cluster.

HAN SOLO

(to Maz, rhetorically)

Who is this guy?

STORMTROOPER CAPTAIN
On your knees!

The stormtroopers jam their blasters into backs, and our heroes all fall to their knees.

Kylo Ren stands before them. He looks at BB-8.

KYLO REN
That droid has the information we need. Fit it with a restraining bolt and put it on my shuttle.

Two stormtroopers grab BB-8. Poe watches angrily.

Kylo Ren stands before Han.

KYLO REN (CONT'D)
So. The great Han Solo.

Han looks up at him.

HAN SOLO
And who are you? Some pathetic Vader wannabe?

Kylo Ren chuckles, then removes his helmet.

Han Solo is thunderstruck to find himself looking into the face of his SON, BAIL SOLO, who disappeared years ago.

KYLO REN
Hello, Father.

HAN SOLO
Bail...

Han is devastated by this revelation.

KYLO REN
I can feel your pain. Your disappointment. How appropriate.

HAN SOLO
These people destroyed an entire star system. I can't believe-

KYLO REN
A regrettable necessity. We must restore order to the galaxy.

Han shakes his head, still struggling to process the appearance of his long lost son.

HAN SOLO
What's happened to you?

KYLO REN
So much.

He turns to the others on their knees. Maz recognizes him.

MAZ KANATA
How you have fallen, young one.

Kylo smiles.

KYLO REN
That's not how I see it.

He looks at Rey.

KYLO REN (CONT'D)
The girl. A Jakku native.

He looks at Poe.

KYLO REN (CONT'D)
The pilot.

He looks at Finn. His amusement vanishes.

KYLO REN (CONT'D)
The traitor.

Kylo Ren's LIGHTSABER SNAPS ON. Finn flinches.

KYLO REN (CONT'D)
Death to all traitors.

Kylo Ren raises his blade, but Rey lunges up to her feet.

REY
No!

As Ren SWINGS HIS SABER, his hand is FORCE PUSHED SLIGHTLY,
and he MISSES FINN.

He looks at Rey, totally surprised.

KYLO REN
Who are you?

Suddenly, a stormtrooper captain points at the lake.

STORMTROOPER CAPTAIN
General!

Everyone looks where he's pointing.

A DOZEN T-70 X-WINGS ARE SPEEDING TOWARD THEM, SKIMMING JUST OVER THE SURFACE OF THE LAKE.

The X-Wings are BLACK AND GREY with RED MARKINGS.

POE DAMERON
Black Squadron!

INT. VARIOUS X-WINGS - CONTINUOUS

- IN A T-70 X-WING...

WEDGE ANTILLES is leading the squadron.

WEDGE ANTILLES
Black Four and Six, target their ground forces. Watch out for friendlies. The rest of you, stick to your wingman and take out their fighters.

- IN ANOTHER T-70 X-WING...

SNAP WEXLEY, callsign Black Six, adjusts his scopes.

SNAP WEXLEY
Copy, Black Leader.

EXT. KANATA STATION - CASTLE - CONTINUOUS

The X-Wings ENGAGE THE TIE FIGHTERS, immediately knocking several down, though an X-Wing also spirals into the castle in the opening clash.

Seeing the distraction, the cantina patrons ATTACK their captors. Many patrons are shot in the ensuing struggle, but the rest overwhelm their guards and take their weapons.

Kylo Ren AGAIN RAISES HIS LIGHTSABER, but as he steps towards Finn, a TIE FIGHTER IS SHOT DOWN ABOVE THEM, and it CAREENS TOWARD THEM.

Everyone DASHES TO GET OUT OF THE WAY.

It CRASHES, WIPING OUT SEVERAL STORMTROOPERS, then SLAMS INTO THE *STAR BANDIT*, DESTROYING IT.

Rey ends up alongside Kylo Ren and several stormtroopers.

Kylo Ren RAISES HIS HAND TO HER HEAD, and she PASSES OUT.

KYLO REN
Take her! Put her in my shuttle!

The stormtroopers carry Rey into the shuttle.

Kylo Ren appraises the battle and sees his outnumbered forces are getting overwhelmed.

KYLO REN (CONT'D)
Order the withdrawal, General. We have what we need.

GENERAL PHASMA
Yes, Lord Ren.

The First Order forces begin an ordered withdrawal. Their shuttles quickly lift off.

The X-Wings have DESTROYED MOST OF THE TIE FIGHTERS, but one of the X-Wings is SHOT DOWN by one of the shuttles' rear laser turrets.

INT. WEDGE'S T-70 X-WING - CONTINUOUS

Wedge pulls away from pursuit.

WEDGE ANTILLES
Black Squadron, they're bugging out. Disengage.

INT. JESSIKA PAVA'S T-70 X-WING - CONTINUOUS

JESSIKA "JESS" PAVA, callsign Black Three, pulls away from the retreating First Order ships.

JESS PAVA
Copy, Black Leader.

EXT. KANATA STATION - LANDING PAD - MOMENTS LATER

Han watches Kylo Ren's shuttle getting smaller as it flies away. Poe, Finn, and Maz stand beside him.

FINN
They took Rey.

POE DAMERON
And Beebee-Ate.

Maz takes Han's hand. They look at each other.

MAZ KANATA

I'm sorry.

Han shakes his head sadly.

HAN SOLO

So am I.

(to Poe)

We should get to D'Qar.

(to Maz)

You coming?

Maz surveys the damage around her.

MAZ KANATA

I must see to things here first.

Han nods. His eyes turn to the burning wreckage of the *Star Bandit*.

FINN

(growing more troubled)

They took Rey. They took her.

POE DAMERON

Yeah. If you feel so bad about that, if she really changed you, then help us.

Han looks to the *Falcon* and half smiles.

FINN

What can we possibly do against the First Order?

Han steps onto the *Falcon's* ramp.

HAN SOLO

(without looking back)

Come with us and find out.

Poe follows Han.

Finn follows Poe.

INT. *MILLENNIUM FALCON* - COCKPIT - MOMENTS LATER

Han settles into the pilot's chair and Poe sits in the co-pilot's chair. Finn sits behind them.

Han takes a slow, deep breath, then starts flipping switches to warm up the *Falcon*.

An X-Wing buzzes over the cockpit.

WEDGE ANTILLES (O.S.)
(over radio)
Everyone alright down there?

Han grins and picks up his headset.

HAN SOLO
That you, Wedge?

WEDGE ANTILLES (O.S.)
It's me, General Solo.

HAN SOLO
I haven't been in the military for
a long time.

WEDGE ANTILLES (O.S.)
I think we all just got
reactivated. Leia sent us the
moment we reached her. Said she had
a bad feeling.

HAN SOLO
I've been having a lot of those
lately.

INT. WEDGE'S X-WING - CONTINUOUS

Wedge grimaces.

WEDGE ANTILLES
Sorry about the *Bandit*. I think I
knocked that TIE down. But it's
nice to see you back behind the
stick of a thirteen hundred. That
can't be the *Falcon*?

HAN SOLO (O.S.)
It can't be, but it is.

Wedge grins.

WEDGE ANTILLES
Wow. We'll escort you back to
D'Qar.

HAN SOLO (O.S.)
Copy that.

Han lifts the *Falcon* off.

INT. FINALIZER - HANGAR - LATER

The *Blood Vulture* comes in for a landing. Admiral Hux is waiting as the ramp opens and Kylo Ren descends.

ADMIRAL HUX
Lord Ren, you were attacked! You lost numerous fighters! What happened?

KYLO REN
(dismissively)
It seems you already know what happened.

Kylo turns to the stormtroopers carrying Rey and BB-8.

KYLO REN (CONT'D)
Take her and strap her directly into an interrogation chair. Take an entire squad. Take the droid to decryption.

ADMIRAL HUX
(impatient)
Lord Ren!

Kylo Ren wheels on Admiral Hux.

KYLO REN
Yes, Admiral Hux?

ADMIRAL HUX
Fine. Do not tell me. I will find out by other means. Now if you'll excuse me, I will go order the ship to rendezvous with the Starkiller.

KYLO REN
No, Admiral. You will not. You will go to the bridge and do nothing.

ADMIRAL HUX
Do nothing? Are you-

Hux is suddenly cut off. He grabs at his collar. Kylo Ren slowly raises his hand- the one gripping Hux's throat with the Force.

Hux stares at the hand with wide eyes.

KYLO REN

Have I not made it clear to you,
Admiral, the nature of our
relationship?

Hux can only nod as his face starts to redden.

KYLO REN (CONT'D)

This is what my grandfather used to
do to officers who displeased him.

Hux continues to struggle to breathe.

KYLO REN (CONT'D)

I have heretofore thought it
wasteful.

Hux sinks to his knees as Ren continues choking him with the
Force.

KYLO REN (CONT'D)

Now, I see it does have a certain
elegance.

Kylo Ren finally releases Hux, leaving him gasping for air.
Slowly he gets back to his feet and straightens his uniform.

ADMIRAL HUX

Apologies, Lord Ren. What are your
orders?

KYLO REN

You will go to the bridge and do
nothing.

Hux bites his tongue, then nods curtly.

ADMIRAL HUX

Very well.

Kylo Ren stalks away.

INT. FINALIZER - BRIG - A FEW MINUTES LATER

Kylo Ren enters the interrogation room to find Rey strapped
into a chair and surrounded by stormtroopers.

KYLO REN

Leave us.

The stormtroopers quickly depart. The door shuts. Ren waves
his hand over her head, and she regains consciousness.

She struggles briefly, but gives up when she realizes she is bound. She stares defiantly at Ren.

REY
What do you want from me?

KYLO REN
Who are you?

REY
Rey.

KYLO REN
(more to himself)
What are you?

REY
I don't know.

Kylo Ren holds up his hand to her head.

KYLO REN
Let's find out...

He uses the Force to invade her mind. Her body goes rigid, as if she's having a seizure.

KYLO REN (CONT'D)
You are...
(incredulously)
...just a scavenger?
(with growing sympathy)
On your own for so many years... So
lonely. So afraid... that no one
will remember you... that no one
will love you.

REY
Get out of my mind.

KYLO REN
You have dreams. An island in the
middle of an ocean. I see it. You
thought it wasn't real, but it is.

REY
Stop.

KYLO REN
Don't worry. I feel it too... There
is something inside of you.

REY
Stop, please.

Tears slide down her face.

KYLO REN

And it's growing stronger. We are alike. I have felt as you feel.

Her despair begins to change into anger.

REY

We are nothing alike.

KYLO REN

Don't be afraid. I can help you. You aren't alone anymore...

REY

You.

She is resisting him.

REY (CONT'D)

You are the one who is afraid...

She is suddenly overwhelming him.

REY (CONT'D)

Afraid you will never be as strong as Darth Vader.

Ren breaks the connection, shocked, shaking.

He turns and leaves.

INT. FINALIZER - KYLO REN'S QUARTERS - LATER

Kylo Ren kneels before a hologram of Supreme Leader Rhath.

SUPREME LEADER RHATH

(bemused)

This girl resisted you?

KYLO REN

She is powerful in the Force, more powerful than she knows.

SUPREME LEADER RHATH

A scavenger from Jakku should prove no difficulty to turn to the dark. Bring her to me.

KYLO REN

Yes, Supreme Leader.

Ren glances at Vader's skull.

DARTH VADER (V.O.)
Be careful, Grandson. I sense great
danger in this girl...

Kylo Ren nods slowly.

KYLO REN
Yes, Grandfather.

INT. *FINALIZER* - BRIDGE - LATER

Kylo Ren stalks onto the bridge.

Admiral Hux turns to face him.

KYLO REN
Order the ship to proceed to
rendezvous with the Starkiller.

Hux looks exasperated.

EXT. SPACE - D'QAR SYSTEM - LATER

The *Millennium Falcon* and the surviving X-Wings come out of hyperspace approaching D'Qar.

INT. *MILLENNIUM FALCON* - COCKPIT - LATER

Han and Poe grin as they see a fleet of about a dozen ships has already assembled in orbit over the base. Most are small or medium sized, but ONE MC80 MON CALAMARI CRUISER rests at its center: THE *HOME ONE*.

POE DAMERON
Where'd they come from?

HAN SOLO
All over, looks like.

Han flies the *Falcon* through the tiny fleet then descends towards the surface base.

EXT. FORMER REBEL BASE - LATER

The former rebel base is much busier. Techs and ground crew are moving around, servicing old fighters which have been moved out onto numerous landing pads.

Wedge LANDS HIS X-WING alongside the *Falcon*.

Han, Poe, and Finn emerge from the *Falcon* and meet up with Wedge.

Poe clasps his hand.

POE DAMERON

You've still got some moves, old man.

WEDGE ANTILLES

My thumb has more moves than anyone your age, pup.

They hug.

A WOOKIEE emerges from an overhang to meet them. It is CHEWBACCA, of course.

HAN SOLO

Chewie!

All of Chewbacca's lines are in UNSUBTITLED WOOKIEE.

CHEWBACCA

Han!

Han and Chewie embrace, then Chewbacca holds him at arm's length.

HAN SOLO

Thanks for coming, pal.

CHEWBACCA

I wouldn't miss this. What happened at Takodana?

HAN SOLO

A lot. I need to see Leia.

CHEWBACCA

She's in the control room.

They enter the base.

INT. FORMER REBEL BASE - CONTROL ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Han, Chewie, Poe, Finn, and Wedge enter the control room to find it filled with two dozen people, but all of their eyes are riveted to the central display.

A HOLOGRAM of Rhath is playing.

SUPREME LEADER RHATH

Numerous systems have broken with the illegitimate New Republic and sworn fealty to the First Order. To the people of Coruscant, Sylntar, and Sorik-Vega, of Kuat and Pridian, your loyalty will be rewarded. To those who still hesitate, your delay will be noted and remembered. To those who still hope to resist, I present to you the fate of the treacherous and verminous race of the Bothans.

A hologram recording shows Starkiller Base. It fires.

HAN SOLO

Oh no.

A star explodes.

A planet is shattered by the shockwave.

The HOLOGRAM of RHATH returns.

SUPREME LEADER RHATH

I urge all citizens of the galaxy: consider the choice now before you. Will you choose to join with me and pledge your loyalty to the First Order? Or will you share the fate of Chandrila and Bothawui?

The recording terminates.

Everyone stares in profound silence.

Leia breaks the silence.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

(to everyone in the room,
gently)

Bothawui is gone. I know we all need time to process this.

(sternly)

But we don't have it. Get back to your stations. Get back to work. Find a way to take this thing out.

Slowly, people sit back down at their terminals and resume working.

Leia comes over to meet Han.

HAN SOLO
(to the others)
Give us a minute.

They move away to give Han and Leia the illusion of privacy in the busy room.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
What is it?

HAN SOLO
I don't know how to tell you this.
I saw Bail. He's with the First
Order.

Leia stumbles into an available chair.

HAN SOLO (CONT'D)
That new Vader Poe mentioned. It's
Bail. Wears a mask. Calls himself
Kylo Ren now.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
How could he? How could he be
involved in something like this?

HAN SOLO
I don't know. I never understood
it. The darkness in him.

Leia takes a moment to process, then motions Poe over.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
Please tell me you have a lead on
my brother.

Poe shakes his head.

POE DAMERON
My droid had it. Scans of an
ancient star chart carved in stone.
Kylo Ren took him. And the girl who
helped me escape from Jakku.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
Girl?

POE DAMERON
Yeah. And there're some things I
need to tell you about her.

WIPE TO:

INT. *FINALIZER* - BRIG

Rey struggles against her restraints to no avail.

REY
(to restraints)
You will open. You will open!

The restraints do not open.

Frustrated, she shuts her eyes, forces herself to calm down and breathe deeply. Sweat breaks out on her forehead as she strains with concentration.

The mechanism holding her left wrist in place suddenly POPS OPEN.

She grins triumphantly, then quickly unfastens the other bindings.

INT. *FINALIZER* - BRIG - CONTINUOUS

Two stormtroopers and an officer are manning the brig's control room.

Rey hugs the wall to come up right next to one of the stormtroopers.

REY
(whispering)
You will stun your two comrades.

The stormtrooper levels his blaster and fires twice.

STORMTROOPER
I will stun my two comrades.

REY
You will stun yourself.

He turns the blaster on himself.

STORMTROOPER
I will stun-

He collapses as he pulls the trigger.

INT. *FINALIZER* - CORRIDOR - A FEW MINUTES LATER

A somewhat short stormtrooper strides down a corridor with purpose- it is REY IN DISGUISE.

INT. *FINALIZER* - DECRYPTION CENTER - CONTINUOUS

Five First Order techs are TORTURING AND DECONSTRUCTING BB-8. Numerous cables and electrodes are attached to him. He MOANS in droid-pain.

One of them pulls the lightsaber out of one of BB-8's compartments.

FINALIZER TECH OFFICER

What's that?

The officer holding the lightsaber shrugs and sets it aside.

Suddenly the door opens and the tech's look up to find a single stormtrooper. It is REY.

FINALIZER TECH OFFICER (CONT'D)

Well? What do you want?

As the door shuts behind Rey, she raises her blaster and RAPIDLY STUNS ALL FIVE OF THEM.

She then quickly goes to BB-8 who is still MOANING pitifully. She quickly but carefully starts removing the cables.

BB-8 WARBLER a weak question.

REY

Don't worry, my little friend. I'll have you out of here shortly.

BB-8 rolls upright as Rey CLIPS HER LIGHTSABER to her belt.

INT. *FINALIZER* - BRIG - CONTINUOUS

Kylo Ren enters the brig with a squad of stormtroopers and immediately sees the two unconscious troopers. The officer has come to and is slowly struggling to his feet.

Ren whirls around to face the troopers behind him.

KYLO REN

(to the squad)
Check the cell.

The stormtroopers move to comply.

KYLO REN (CONT'D)

(to officer)
Sound the intruder alarm!

The officer, still a little dazed, turns to his console and slowly finds the appropriate controls.

A KLAXON STARTS BLARING.

The officer then hears KYLO REN'S LIGHTSABER SNAP ON.

The stormtroopers come back out of the cell to find Kylo standing over a VERY DEAD OFFICER.

KYLO REN (CONT'D)
 (re: the unarmored
 stormtrooper)
 She's dressed as a stormtrooper.
 She'll be alone. Check decryption
 first! Go now!

EXT. SPACE - LATER

The *Finalizer* drops out of hyperspace before the Starkiller.

The enormous *Supremacy* hovers over its north pole.

INT. TIE FIGHTER COCKPIT - CONTINUOUS

Still armored, but with the helmet removed, Rey sits in a TIE fighter cockpit. BB-8 is wedged in with her.

The TIE fighter is docked within the hangar of the *Finalizer*.

REY
 Alright, Beebee-Ate. It's time.

BB-8 is connected to her instrument panel. He CHIRPS excitedly as he deactivates the clamps holding her fighter in place.

Rey flies gently out of the hangar.

INT. FINALIZER - FLIGHT CONTROL - CONTINUOUS

An officer returns from a break to sit at a panel. He sees the empty space where a TIE fighter was docked.

FINALIZER FLIGHT OFFICER
 Where's the TIE that was docked
 there?

Several officers look, but no one responds.

FINALIZER FLIGHT OFFICER (CONT'D)
Did anyone see it leave?

INT. TIE FIGHTER COCKPIT - CONTINUOUS

Rey steers the fighter toward the Starkiller.

Huge installations are built up around the planet's equator.

EXT. STARKILLER - CONTINUOUS

Rey approaches the main installation, STARKILLER BASE, a colossal structure towering three miles off of the surface. The weapon extends a further two miles up into the atmosphere, essentially a five-mile tall skyscraper. Her TIE fighter is a tiny spec in front of the massive construction.

INT. TIE FIGHTER COCKPIT - CONTINUOUS

BB-8 WARBLERs nervously.

REY
Don't worry, little friend.

BB-8 WARBLERs again.

REY (CONT'D)
(absently)
I feel as though the entire
universe is opening up before me.
Like a distant memory.

BB-8 gives an unconvinced MOAN. Rey doesn't seem to notice.

EXT. STARKILLER BASE - ENORMOUS HANGAR - CONTINUOUS

Rey pilots the TIE fighter into a large hangar as the base of the enormous structure she passed.

INT. STARKILLER BASE - ENORMOUS HANGAR - MOMENTS LATER

Rey docks with another TIE fighter pier and climbs out onto a catwalk.

She and BB-8 move away from the fighter.

INT. FINALIZER - KYLO REN'S QUARTERS - CONTINUOUS

Kylo Ren again kneels before the hologram of Rhath.

SUPREME LEADER RHATH
(hologram)
You disappoint me, Kylo Ren.

KYLO REN
I underestimated her power. It
won't happen again. We are
searching everywhere. She will be
found.

Rhath closes his eyes and takes a deep, slow breath,
searching with his mind's eye.

SUPREME LEADER RHATH
(hologram)
I can sense her power. She has
escaped your ship. She is on the
Starkiller. Go there. Find her. I
shall order Grand Admiral Jagen to
remain stationary until you are
aboard.

KYLO REN
Yes, My Lord.

INT. STARKILLER BASE - EMPTY CORRIDOR - LATER

Rey has found a terminal in an empty corridor. The corridor
opens out onto a larger corridor where she can see the
outside of the planet through several windows.

It is a brilliant night sky.

BB-8 extends a multitool and PLUGS INTO THE TERMINAL.

He SQUEALS that he has successfully tapped into the base's
network.

REY
Good. We need to send a message.
Can you do it from here?

BB-8 BLEEPs a negative.

REY (CONT'D)
What about the shield?

BB-8 explains that they can temporarily drop it for several
minutes from a high-security terminal.

Suddenly, there is a brief, light vibration in the base.

Rey looks down the corridor. She can see the night sky has been replaced by the mottled blue tunnel of hyperspace.

REY (CONT'D)
We've entered hyperspace again.

She thinks for a moment.

REY (CONT'D)
Can you find out where we're going?

BB-8 CHATTERS a response after a minute of working.

REY (CONT'D)
Let's go find a high security terminal.

BB-8 unplugs, and they hurry down the corridor.

INT. STARKILLER BASE - BRIDGE OVER CHASM - LATER

Rey and BB-8 come to a bridge over a chasm.

Rey looks down and sees multiple levels below them.

Then she sees KYLO REN STOP ON A BRIDGE FAR BELOW HER.

Flanked by stormtroopers, he looks around. Suddenly he looks directly up at her.

REY
We need to keep moving.

They hurry across the bridge as Kylo Ren shadows their move far below.

WIPE TO:

INT. FORMER REBEL BASE - CONTROL ROOM - CONTINUOUS

MAJOR BRANCE, the officer in charge of communications, looks over to Leia.

MAJOR BRANCE
Senator! We're receiving a signal I think you'll want to see right away!

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
Put it on.

A hologram of Rey's face appears on the central display.

Throughout the room, people stop working and watch.

REY

(hologram)

This is Rey. I'm on the Starkiller.
I've got Beebee-Ate with me.
They're moving on a system called
Mon Calamari.

There is a collective groan from everyone in the room.

REY (CONT'D)

(hologram)

They've halted outside the system
to charge the weapon. The base has
a strong particle shield, but we
think we can lower it temporarily
when you attack. We hope to reset
the weapon before they can use it,
too.

She hears something and looks over her shoulder before
looking back at the recorder.

REY (CONT'D)

(hologram)

Kylo Ren is here, seeking me. He
seems to be able to sense my
presence. I have to keep moving.
I'll wait for alarms, then we'll
reset the weapon and lower the
shields. Beebee-Ate is including
some schematics. Maybe you can find
a weakness. Good luck.

The recording ends.

Everyone looks to Leia.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

Alright everyone. We need to act
quickly if we're going to have any
chance to save Mon Cala. I want
everyone looking at the plans Rey
sent. Find weaknesses. We don't
have to blow it up, we just have to
disable it, even if only to buy
ourselves more time.

(to communication officer)

Have ships captains and all command
officers gather here immediately.

Han stands beside her as everyone gets back to work.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO (CONT'D)
Our son is on that station.

Finn appears before them.

FINN
So is Rey.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
We need to try and get them out of there.

HAN SOLO
I'll go. Maybe we can sabotage that thing from the ground anyway.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
Good idea.

HAN SOLO
We're a little light on ground forces at the moment, but I'll get some people together. We'll go in on the Falcon.

CHEWBACCA
I'll come.

HAN SOLO
I figured you would.

FINN
I'll come.

HAN SOLO
No offense, kid, but I don't think that's a good idea.

FINN
I've been stationed there before. I know the layout. I can be useful.

HAN SOLO
Why?

FINN
Rey... I... I feel I owe her one.

Han smiles at Leia.

HAN SOLO
There's two volunteers already.

INT. FORMER REBEL BASE ON D'QAR - HANGAR - LATER

Pilots and crew service several fighters within the hangar.

Poe, now dressed in a flight suit, approaches Ara.

POE DAMERON

Nice work getting these T-65s up and running. I'm leading a squadron of them.

ARA LAI

Most of them just needed batteries recharged. Nothing major.

Poe nods.

POE DAMERON

The senator said you could fly.

ARA LAI

I've logged four hundred hours in a T-55.

POE DAMERON

We have more fighters than pilots, if you want to join. Up to you.

He grabs a discarded helmet from a shelf and BLOWS THE DUST OFF OF IT and holds it out for her.

She takes it and stares at it as Poe walks away. She smiles.

INT. FORMER REBEL BASE - CONTROL ROOM - LATER

The room is full, but quiet as all of the commanding officers and pilots have gathered around the central holo-display.

ADMIRAL ACKBAR stands prominently among them.

LIEUTENANT KAYDEL CONNIX, female, 30s, Leia's acting intelligence officer, starts the briefing. The display projects a hologram of the Starkiller.

There is MURMURING around the room.

KAYDEL CONNIX

It's called the Starkiller. They seem to have built it onto a small planet or moon. The outer layer is still livable thanks to an energy and particle shield that retains heat and atmosphere.

ERG GLODNAR, an Abednedo and captain of a corvette in the fleet asks...

CAPTAIN GLODNAR
What does it do?

KAYDEL CONNIX
The weapon is designed for use on stars; it triggers a collapse of a star's inner core, which then causes a supernova destroying the entire system.

CAPTAIN GLODNAR
My God.

HAN SOLO
So how do we blow it up?

COMMANDER GAN STATURA, male, 50s, Leia's acting tactical officer, takes over from Connix.

GAN STATURA
We don't think we can, not entirely, but our team has found two possible strategies.

The hologram zooms in on the enormous equatorial installation of Starkiller Base.

GAN STATURA (CONT'D)
This structure houses the power core.

The schematic shows an interior spherical room within the structure, roughly a mile in diameter.

GAN STATURA (CONT'D)
The power source is essentially a small, artificial star contained by magnetic fields. If we can destabilize the fields, the power core would be enough to destroy the weapon, if not the planet itself.

HAN SOLO
(to Leia)
That's our target.

WEDGE ANTILLES
What about defenses?

GAN STATURA

That's the problem with this approach. The core is extremely well defended with point defense cannons and a whole array of turbolasers. It is unlikely any frontal attack could get through.

ADMIRAL ACKBAR

What's the other approach, Commander Statura?

GAN STATURA

Captain Dameron devised the second strategy.

Statura nods to Poe as the hologram shifts to the wide view again.

POE DAMERON

We attack the station's hyperdrive capability. The station has four hyperdrive modules, each as big as a large capital ship on its own.

The hologram highlights the four large modules attached to the planet via space elevators.

ADMIRAL ACKBAR

What is their redundancy?

POE DAMERON

We calculate they need all of them, so we would just have to knock out one of the four.

ADMIRAL ACKBAR

And the weapon?

GAN STATURA

Would still be operational. However, we find it unlikely they would attempt to destroy a system from which they can't escape.

ADMIRAL ACKBAR

But they could then repair the hyperdrive.

POE DAMERON

Yes. This strategy would buy us time. Allow us to gather more forces then come back and hit it again.

(MORE)

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)

The modules are well armored but less well defended than the power core.

Poe nods to Leia, indicating he's done.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

Good work, everyone. I think it best we pursue both strategies. We will be inserting a team on the ground led by General Solo to try and plant explosives in the power core. The fleet can focus on one of the hyperdrives.

ADMIRAL ACKBAR

I think it best we leave immediately.

(to Wedge)

Bring your fighter to the Home One, Commander. We will devise our plan en route.

WEDGE ANTILLES

Yes, Admiral.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

It's time. Get to your ships. And may the Force be with you.

I/E. FORMER REBEL BASE - CONTINUOUS

- Ground crew finish fueling fighters.
- Ground crew lower astromech droids into fighters.
- Ground crew pull away ladders as canopies close.
- Fighters start to lift off: X-Wings (both T-70s and older T-65s), B-Wings, A-Wings (newer and older models), and a handful of Y-Wings.
- Han, Chewbacca, Finn, and a five soldiers gather at the ramp of the *Millennium Falcon*.

The five soldiers are a rag-tag group. FONROW (38, human male), SOMDI (Rhodian male), KOLN (50, human male), TELLANA (28, human female), and KEPS TANO (22, human male). They wear various types of uniforms and armor.

Han is greeting them.

KOLN
Hey Solo, how's things?

Han shakes his hand.

HAN SOLO
Koln! Been some time. You still
running a company in the outer rim?

KOLN
Yeah. It's nice to have a real
cause again.

Keps steps in front of Han with an eager, reverential smile.

KEPS TANO
Wow. It's really Han Solo. General
Solo, I mean! It's an honor. What
an honor.

Koln gives Han a "sorry about this" look after a glance at
Keps.

HAN SOLO
Do I know you?

KEPS TANO
No, Sir, but my father was with you
on Endor.

Han grunts, perhaps in recognition, but who really knows?

Keps and the others board as Leia approaches them wearing a
blaster.

HAN SOLO
I hope you're not thinking about
coming.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
I'm not just thinking about it.

HAN SOLO
You can't come, Leia. You're the
only real leader this little group
has.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
Admiral Ackbar-

HAN SOLO
Is going into combat to save his
home planet. We can't plan on
Ackbar being here if things go bad.

Leia grimaces, hating the situation.

HAN SOLO (CONT'D)
Besides, he's gotten cranky in his old age. Nobody wants to listen to him.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
Han, he's my son.

HAN SOLO
He's our son. That's why I'm going.

She shakes her head.

HAN SOLO (CONT'D)
You gonna make me say it? You're not expendable. Okay? No one else has your contacts, your experience, your grasp of grand strategy. Not to mention people actually want to follow you. You're not expendable.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
You're not expendable either.

HAN SOLO
I know. But I'm more expendable than you.

Leia smiles despite the situation.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
We're all too old this. We shouldn't have to do it again.

HAN SOLO
There are some good kids coming up. Poe. I've got a good feeling about Rey. Others will emerge. They can do the heavy lifting this time around.

Leia shakes her head.

HAN SOLO (CONT'D)
What are we calling this outfit, anyway? We've got bits and pieces of New Republic Navy Reserve, planetary defenses units, even some scoundrels. And we ain't rebels anymore.

Leia smiles again.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
Some of the younger officers are
calling us the resistance.

HAN SOLO
Hmm. Not bad, I guess.

Her smile vanishes.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
How will you find Bail in that huge
base? Or Rey for that matter?

HAN SOLO
They're Jedi, right? They'll find
me.

Leia and Han embrace.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
Be careful. He's clearly not... who
he once was.

HAN SOLO
I know.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
If he is really *with* them... we
might not be able to save him.

HAN SOLO
I know.

They kiss and embrace.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
I love you.

HAN SOLO
I love you, too, Princess.

They part. Han steps onto the ramp and activates it.

HAN SOLO (CONT'D)
Long live the Resistance.

As Han's upper body disappears into the ship, Leia watches
his legs turn and walk into the *Falcon*.

Leia watches the X-Wings and the *Millennium Falcon* all fly
away.

The base is suddenly eerily quiet.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
May the Force be with you.

C-3PO shuffles up beside her.

SEE-THREEPIO
Mistress Leia, Admiral Ackbar
ordered a light corvette left for
your use.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
Then let's get moving.

EXT. SPACE - MON CALAMARI SYSTEM

A sapphire blue ocean world orbits twin stars. The planet is
MON CALA.

There are many ships in orbit taking on many passengers via
thousands of shuttles making trips up and down from the
planet surface.

INT. *HOME ONE* - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Admiral Ackbar sits in his command chair as his small fleet
exits hyperspace.

Mon Cala sits before him like a blue jewel. He allows himself
a moment to gaze at it, then turns and begins giving orders.

ADMIRAL ACKBAR
Tactical, any sign of First Order
forces?

HOME ONE TACTICAL OFFICER
Negative, Admiral.

ADMIRAL ACKBAR
Comms, order the fleet to launch
all remaining fighters. Then
contact Central Control and let
them know we stand ready to take on
refugees if needed.

HOME ONE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
Aye aye, Admiral.

He turns back to look at his planet again.

EXT. SPACE - CONTINUOUS

Suddenly, the First Order fleet begins dropping out of hyperspace.

INT. *HOME ONE* - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Admiral Ackbar wheels around as ALARMS BEGIN BLARING.

HOME ONE TACTICAL OFFICER

Admiral, they've entered the system.

ADMIRAL ACKBAR

Belay the offer to take on refugees. Order the fleet to move to engage their port hyperdrive module.

EXT. SPACE - CONTINUOUS

Ackbar's fleet turns to intercept the Starkiller. More fighters fly out of the hangars on *Home One*, including Wedge's X-Wing.

INT. VARIOUS FIGHTERS - CONTINUOUS

- IN AN RZ-1 A-WING...

A-WING PILOT

Look at the size of that thing!

- IN WEDGE'S T-70 X-WING...

Wedge smiles, hearing the echo of his younger self.

WEDGE ANTILLES

Cut the chatter. Flight leaders, report in.

- IN POE'S T-65 X-WING...

POE DAMERON

Red Leader, standing by.

- IN AN RZ-2 A-WING...

A MIDDLE-AGED WOMAN named NORRA WEXLEY (Snap's Mom!) flies amongst a squadron of A-Wings.

NORRA WEXLEY
Outlaw Leader, standing by.

- IN NIEN NUNB'S MK-2 B-WING...

NIEN NUNB, a Sullustan male and veteran of Endor, activates his S-Foils.

NIEN NUNB
Cobalt Leader, standing by.

- IN TYCHO CELCHU'S T-70 X-WING...

TYCHO CELCHU, late 50s, pilots an X-Wing.

TYCHO CELCHU
Ranger Leader, standing by.

- IN WEDGE'S T-70 X-WING...

Wedge smiles.

WEDGE ANTILLES
Nice to have you along, Ranger
Lead.

TYCHO CELCHU (O.S.)
(over radio)
I wouldn't miss this!

Wedge activates his S-foils.

WEDGE ANTILLES
Lock S-foils in attack position.

- IN NIEN NUNB'S B-WING...

NIEN NUNB
Copy, Black Leader.

EXT. SPACE - CONTINUOUS

X-Wings and B-Wings open their S-foils into attack position.

INT. ARA'S T-65 X-WING - CONTINUOUS

Ara searches her instrument panel.

ARA LAI
S-foils?

Her R2 unit CHATTERS at her, and she finds the switch.

ARA LAI (CONT'D)

Thanks!

INT. STARKILLER BASE - COMMAND CENTER - CONTINUOUS

Grand Admiral Jagen stares at Mon Cala in the distance.

GRAND ADMIRAL JAGEN
Begin targeting sequence.

STARKILLER WEAPONS OFFICER
Yes, Grand Admiral.

STARKILLER TACTICAL OFFICER
Grand Admiral, it seems they have a
small fleet moving to engage us.

Jagen smiles.

GRAND ADMIRAL JAGEN
I wonder what they hope to
accomplish? Launch our fighters to
intercept them. Lower the shield to
let them pass through.

EXT. SPACE - CONTINUOUS

A swarm of TIE fighters and bombers fly out of the
Starkiller's atmosphere.

The First Order fighters close distance with the incoming
Resistance fighters.

INT. WEDGE'S T-70 X-WING - CONTINUOUS

Wedge adjusts his scopes.

WEDGE ANTILLES
Here they come. Full power to
forward shields.

EXT. SPACE - CONTINUOUS

Explosions ripple through space as the fighter screens make
contact.

INT. VARIOUS FIGHTERS - CONTINUOUS

- IN ARA'S T-65 X-WING...

Ara looks terrified as the swarm of TIE fighters closes in.

She JINKS to avoid turbolasers and fires at a TIE fighter, missing it.

Fighters from both sides are exploding around her as she continues chasing her target.

Finally she gets a lock and BLOWS THE TIE TO BITS.

ARA LAI
That's for Chandrila.

- IN POE'S T-65 X-WING...

POE DAMERON
Nice shot, Red Nine!

Poe BLASTS APART a TIE bomber that was heading for *Home One*.

INT. *MILLENNIUM FALCON* - COCKPIT - CONTINUOUS

Han and Chewbacca fly the *Falcon* through the battle.

RESISTANCE PILOT 1 (O.S.)
(over radio)
There's so damn many!

TYCHO CELCHU (O.S.)
(over radio)
Outlaw Three, two coming up right
below you.

RESISTANCE PILOT 2 (O.S.)
(over radio)
I can't shake him!

An X-Wing is BLASTED APART right outside their cockpit.

HAN SOLO
What's the reading on the shield?

CHEWBACCA
It's down.

Han smiles.

HAN SOLO
Atta girl, Rey.

Han deftly pilots the *Falcon* through the battle using the forward cannons to destroy a TIE fighter, but keeping the Starkiller in front of him.

HAN SOLO (CONT'D)
We'll descend out of range of the
point defense cannons and approach
at ground level.

CHEWBACCA
Sounds good.

INT. STARKILLER BASE - COMMAND CENTER - CONTINUOUS

An officer looks up from his display.

STARKILLER SHIELD TECH
Grand Admiral, the shield is not
responding. It's still down.

GRAND ADMIRAL JAGEN
What? How can that be? Get it up!

STARKILLER SHIELD TECH
I'm trying!

STARKILLER TACTICAL OFFICER
Grand Admiral! Their capital ships
have altered course. They seem to
be converging on our port
hyperdrive module.

GRAND ADMIRAL JAGEN
Order our escorts to intercept them
there.

STARKILLER WEAPONS OFFICER
Grand Admiral-

GRAND ADMIRAL JAGEN
What!?

STARKILLER WEAPONS OFFICER
The weapon's charge has reset.

GRAND ADMIRAL JAGEN
Then restart it! Lord Ren has
clearly not found the intruder.
Order every spare soldier and
officer to sweep the base.

INT. STARKILLER BASE - CONTROL ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Rey stands over BB-8 who is plugged into another terminal.

REY

Good. Keep it down as long as you can.

TWO STORMTROOPERS APPEAR AT THE DOOR.

STORMTROOPER

Identify yourself!

Rey FIRES HER BLASTER at the stormtrooper, stunning him.

STORMTROOPER 2

(into comlink)

We found the intruder. Level ninety-three, block-

Rey stuns the second trooper.

REY

Come on! We've got to move!

INT. *MILLENNIUM FALCON* - COCKPIT - CONTINUOUS

Han and Chewbacca pilot the *Falcon* at top speed, skimming the surface toward Starkiller Base.

EXT. SPACE - CONTINUOUS

Admiral Ackbar's fleet continues toward the hyperspace module at top speed, but are not in range yet.

INT. *HOME ONE* - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Ackbar eyes the unfolding confrontation between fighters dead ahead of his fleet.

HOME ONE TACTICAL OFFICER

We're in range of their fighters, Admiral.

ADMIRAL ACKBAR

Order the fleet to engage the fighters, but use caution. We don't want to hit our own.

HOME ONE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Aye aye, Admiral.

EXT. SPACE - CONTINUOUS

The fleet begins opening sporadic fire as they close with the fighters.

Numerous TIE fighters and bombers are BLOWN TO PIECES.

EXT. STARKILLER SURFACE - FOREST - CONTINUOUS

The *Falcon* sets down at the edge of a forest near a mountain entry into the base.

The ramp opens.

Han, Finn, Chewie, and the commandos gather in the snow.

Chewbacca wears an ADDITIONAL BANDOLIER with several THERMAL DETONATORS and a ANTI-PERSONNEL LANDMINE.

HAN SOLO
Got enough explosives?

CHEWBACCA
Probably not.

Han grins with approval.

Koln carries a large pack on his back- it is a PROTON BOMB.

FINN
This way.

They move out.

INT. STARKILLER BASE - CORRIDOR - CONTINUOUS

Kylo Ren suddenly comes to a halt. He senses his father's presence.

KYLO REN
Han Solo...

INT. SUPREMACY - THRONE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Supreme Leader Rhath sits on his throne in deep concentration. The room is dark.

SUPREME LEADER RHATH
Lord Ren... I sense your distress.
What is it?

INT. STARKILLER BASE - CORRIDOR - CONTINUOUS

Kylo Ren shifts his attention.

KYLO REN
My father is on the base...

SUPREME LEADER RHATH (O.S.)
Your father?

INT. SUPREMACY - THRONE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Rhath deepens his concentration.

SUPREME LEADER RHATH
Yes. He is not alone.

He concentrates more.

SUPREME LEADER RHATH (CONT'D)
They must intend to bomb the power
core.

INT. STARKILLER BASE - CORRIDOR - CONTINUOUS

Kylo Ren nods slowly.

KYLO REN
I know what I must do.

SUPREME LEADER RHATH (O.S.)
You have never faced such a test.

KYLO REN
He is nothing to me. I am ready.

SUPREME LEADER RHATH (O.S.)
We shall see.

INT. PROTECTOR - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Leia stands on the bridge of a LIGHT CORVETTE, the PROTECTOR,
as it DROPS OUT OF HYPERSPACE.

GAN STATURA
Our fighters are already engaged,
Senator, and our capital ships are
almost within range of the
hyperdrive module.

PROTECTOR HELMSMAN

Shall I move the ship to join the battle?

Leia hesitates for a long time. At last she shakes her head.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

No. Keep us at a safe distance.

She stares at the occasional FLARES and EXPLOSIONS in the distance, peppering space around a small section of the Starkiller.

C-3PO watches the battle from behind Leia.

SEE-THREEPIO

Oh, dear. I do hope our friends are safe.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

So do I.

EXT. SPACE - CONTINUOUS

The *Home One* and other Resistance capital ships have closed with the targeted hyperdrive. Three star destroyers, including the *Finalizer*, are closing in.

The fighter battle is still being waged between and amongst the capital ships.

INT. *HOME ONE* - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

HOME ONE TACTICAL OFFICER

Three star destroyers moving to intercept.

ADMIRAL ACKBAR

Divert power from the engines to shields and weapon systems. We're not leaving until this battle is decided.

INT. VARIOUS FIGHTERS - CONTINUOUS

- IN POE'S T-65 X-WING...

POE DAMERON

Watch yourself Black Leader, two from above!

- IN WEDGE'S T-70 X-WING...

Wedge takes EVASIVE ACTION.

WEDGE ANTILLES

Thanks, Red Leader. All bombers,
target that hyperdrive and dump
your heavy ordnance onto it.

- IN NIEN NUNB'S B-WING...

NIEN NUNB

Target acquired.

- IN A B-WING...

FEMALE B-WING PILOT

I've got a lock! Firing!

Flames erupt around the pilot as...

EXT. SPACE - CONTINUOUS

Her B-Wing is blown to bits.

Dozens of TORPEDOES and other MISSILES SPEED TOWARD THE
HYPERDRIVE MODULE.

EXPLOSIONS RIPPLE ACROSS THE MASSIVE TARGET.

INT. *HOME ONE* - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Admiral Ackbar sees a RESISTANCE FRIGATE GETTING HAMMERED by
two of the First Order star destroyers.

ADMIRAL ACKBAR

Are the torpedoes having any effect
on the hyperdrive?

HOME ONE TACTICAL OFFICER

None yet, Admiral.

ADMIRAL ACKBAR

Order all heavy laser turrets in
the fleet to target the hyperdrive.
We've got to knock it out!

HOME ONE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Aye aye, Admiral!

EXT. SPACE - CONTINUOUS

The heaviest cannons in the fleet rain destructive fire down on the hyperdrive.

INT. STARKILLER BASE - CONTINUOUS

Finn leads the Resistance commando team toward the power core.

They come across a SQUAD OF STORMTROOPERS, but spreading out and taking them by surprise, Han's team makes short work of them.

HAN SOLO

Keep moving! Come on! Come on!

INT. STARKILLER BASE - POWER CORE - CONTINUOUS

They enter NEAR THE TOP OF A CAVERNOUS, SPHERICAL ROOM, a MILE IN DIAMETER.

HOVERING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CAVERN IS A TINY (though still very large), ARTIFICIAL STAR. For a moment, they look down on the bright star in wonder.

KEPS TANO

My God! Look at that!

But Han isn't looking at the star. He is looking at a LONE FIGURE STANDING ON A CATWALK over the top of the star, 100 meters away.

HAN SOLO

(absently)

Find a support beam to set the bomb.

CHEWBACCA

(warningly)

I've got a bad feeling about this.

As if he hasn't heard Chewie, Han starts walking out onto the catwalk. Chewbacca starts to follow him, but Han holds up his hand.

HAN SOLO

Not this time, Chewie.

CHEWBACCA

Going out there alone is bad idea.

Han turns and looks at Chewie.

HAN SOLO
I go alone.

CHEWBACCA
I owe you a life debt-

HAN SOLO
You've paid that debt a hundred
times over and you know it.

CHEWBACCA
You can't-

HAN SOLO
Chewie.

They look each other in the eyes.

HAN SOLO (CONT'D)
I have to.

Han turns and walks away. Chewbacca watches him go, stifling
a worried MOAN.

- SEVERAL LEVELS ABOVE THE RESISTANCE TEAM...

REY enters the cavernous room. She sees the Resistance team
below.

REY
(to BB-8)
Come on.

She takes off her helmet and discards it, then starts
descending toward them, DISCARDING HER STORMTROOPER ARMOR and
eyeing the tiny figure of Han Solo approaching Kylo Ren on
the catwalk as she goes.

INT. PROTECTOR - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Leia sits in her chair, her eyes distant.

INT. STARKILLER BASE - POWER CORE - CATWALK - CONTINUOUS

Han approaches Kylo Ren.

KYLO REN
Han Solo. Are you here to save me?

HAN SOLO
Take that mask off.

Kylo Ren does so, but holds onto his helmet.

HAN SOLO (CONT'D)
Come home, Bail.

KYLO REN
Bail Solo is dead. He was weak and foolish, so I destroyed him.

HAN SOLO
That's not true. He was kind. And sensitive. And he's standing right in front of me.

KYLO REN
He's gone. I have done things...

HAN SOLO
That doesn't matter. Your mother and I... We love you. We forgive you.

KYLO REN
You forgive me?

Han slowly approaches Kylo, closer and closer.

HAN SOLO
And we're sorry.

KYLO REN
For what?

HAN SOLO
For letting you go.

Han seems to be reaching Kylo. There are tears welling up in his eyes.

KYLO REN
I'm being torn apart. I know what I have to do, but I don't know if I have the strength to do it.

Han stands right in front of his son.

HAN SOLO
You're mother and I love you, Bail. We'll help you. Come home with me, now.

KYLO REN
You'll help me?

HAN SOLO
I'll do whatever I have to.

Kylo Ren drops his helmet onto the catwalk with a heavy THUNK. He takes his lightsaber and holds it out toward Han.

Han puts his hand on it, but as he does, Kylo tightens his grip.

Han tightens his grip.

Kylo turns the lightsaber toward Han.

Han looks up, and the two lock eyes.

Han uses both hands to try and keep the lightsaber from turning toward him, but Kylo is much stronger, and only needs one hand to overpower his father.

HAN SOLO (CONT'D)
(pleadingly)
Bail...

KYLO REN
I told you. He is dead.

Kylo IGNITES THE LIGHTSABER, STABBING HAN THROUGH THE CHEST.

INT. PROTECTOR - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Leia lets out a rasping breath, suddenly desolate.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
(weakly, pleadingly)
No...

INT. STARKILLER BASE - POWER CORE - CONTINUOUS

Chewbacca HOWLS IN RAGE.

Finn grimaces sadly.

Two levels up from the commandos, Rey, now mostly free of her stormtrooper armor, also pauses a moment and looks on sadly.

Han Solo reaches up to touch his son's face once last time.

KYLO REN
Thank you.

Han falls off of the catwalk and plummets down into the artificial star.

CHEWBACCA SHOOTS KYLO REN with his bowcaster, WOUNDING HIM BADLY, but Kylo brings up his lightsaber before Chewie can finish him off. He grabs a comlink with his other hand.

KYLO REN (CONT'D)
 (into comlink)
 They're in the power core! Level
 three eight six!

Chewbacca continues firing at Kylo Ren who advances as he DEFLECTS THE SHOTS WITH HIS LIGHTSABER.

Stormtroopers start to appear.

TELLANA
 Stormtroopers!

The Resistance commandos FIRE AT THEM, KILLING SEVERAL.

Chewie TOSSES A THERMAL DETONATOR TOWARD KYLO REN.

Kylo retreats as it EXPLODES, VAPORIZING part of the catwalk and cutting him off from the Resistance commandos.

REY AND BB-8 APPEAR AMONGST the commandos.

She briefly LOCKS EYES WITH KYLO REN, before he turns and starts walking around the long way. He GRABS HIS HELMET AS HE GOES and PUTS IT BACK ON.

FINN
 (upon seeing her)
 Rey!

REY
 Finn. What are you doing here?

FINN
 I don't know!

Rey hugs him.

REY
 Thank you.

As she parts from him, she sees he looks SHOCKED.

FINN
 What was that?

REY
It's called a hug, Finn.

FINN
I've never... hugged... before.

REY
(realizing)
I guess I haven't either.

Another squad of stormtroopers appears from the other side.

FONROW
More on the right! What's the
status on the bomb?

Koln looks up from the bomb.

KOLN
It's set! I've got the detonator.

Chewbacca throws TWO MORE THERMAL DETONATORS, BLASTING AWAY
the other approaches to where the bomb is set and KILLING
SEVERAL STORMTROOPERS.

The commando team withdraws out the door, but as they do
FONROW is SHOT IN THE BACK and KILLED.

Keps stops to check on him.

TELLANA
He's gone! Keep moving!

INT. STARKILLER BASE - CONTINUOUS

The Resistance fighters clear the power core cavern.

After Keps is through, Chewie throws one last thermal
detonator into the corridor they just came from.

It EXPLODES, MANGLING THE DOOR, and corridor they just came
through, making it almost impossible that First Order forces
will be able to reach the bomb.

CHEWBACCA
Let's go!

No one understands his words, but his meaning is clear.

INT. STARKILLER BASE - POWER CORE - CONTINUOUS

Across the cavern from the bomb, Kylo Ren, TIES PART OF HIS ROBE around his BLEEDING WOUND.

INT. SUPREMACY - THRONE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Rhath is concentrating.

SUPREME LEADER RHATH

Kylo Ren...

INT. STARKILLER BASE - POWER CORE - CONTINUOUS

Kylo stops as he hears Rhath's voice again.

KYLO REN

Han Solo is dead.

SUPREME LEADER RHATH (O.S.)

And you are gravely wounded.

KYLO REN

They've placed a bomb...

SUPREME LEADER RHATH (O.S.)

Leave the bomb. Pursue the girl. I sense that she is more important than the Starkiller now.

KYLO REN

Yes, Master.

Kylo Ren stalks toward an exit, dripping blood.

EXT. SPACE - CONTINUOUS

An X-Wing explodes into a thousand fiery pieces as THREE TIE FIGHTERS swoop past.

A CORVETTE BURNS as it careens towards the hyperdrive module.

INT. CORVETTE - BRIDGE

Most of the bridge crew are dead. Captain Glodnar pushes the dead helmsman out of the way and takes the controls. He SCREAMS defiantly as he PILOTS THE CORVETTE toward the hyperdrive.

EXT. SPACE - CONTINUOUS

There is a tremendous EXPLOSION as the corvette collides with the module.

INT. *HOME ONE* - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Admiral Ackbar swivels away from the explosion.

HOME ONE TACTICAL OFFICER
The hyperdrive is still operative
admiral!

ADMIRAL ACKBAR
Concentrate fire on that point of
impact!

INT. VARIOUS FIGHTERS - CONTINUOUS

- IN SNAP WEXLEY'S T-70 X-WING...

A TIE FIGHTER COLLIDES with Snap Wexley's X-Wing, sending it spinning out of control.

SNAP WEXLEY
I'm hit! Weapons and shields
offline!

- IN JESS PAVA'S T-70 X-WING...

JESS PAVA
Get out of here, Black Six! You
can't do anymore good!

Pava's X-Wing is HIT BY LASER FIRE. SPARKS FLY, but she jinks and avoids total destruction.

JESS PAVA (CONT'D)
Come on, baby, hold together.

- IN TYCHO CELCHU'S T-70 X-WING...

Tycho launches torpedoes into the hyperdrive module, then pulls up.

Suddenly, his X-Wing ROCKS VIOLENTLY as it is hit by debris from an exploding TIE fighter. It sheers off a wing, and he goes into a violent spin.

TYCHO CELCHU
I'm hit. Going down.

He tries to eject, but the lever is unresponsive.

WEDGE ANTILLES

Eject!

TYCHO CELCHU

Circuits are fried. Knock this thing out for me, Black Leader.

He clenches his jaw just before CRASHING INTO THE HYPERDRIVE MODULE.

- IN WEDGE'S T-70 X-WING...

Wedge watches the impact sadly, then JINKS and DESTROYS another TIE fighter.

RESISTANCE PILOT 3 (O.S.)

(over radio)

Ranger Lead is down.

- IN ARA'S T-65 X-WING...

Ara Lai destroys a TIE fighter and FLIES THROUGH THE EXPLOSION.

Her R2 unit SQUEALS IN PROTEST.

ARA LAI

Sorry!

- IN NIEN NUNB'S B-WING...

NIEN NUNB

The bombers have spent all their ordnance, Black Leader!

- IN WEDGE'S T-70 X-WING...

WEDGE ANTILLES

Black, Red, Ranger Squadrons, fire your remaining torpedoes at the hyperdrive minus two- repeat, keep two in reserve.

- IN POE'S T-65 X-WING...

POE DAMERON

Copy that. Commencing torpedo run!

Poe flies his X-Wing toward the spot where the corvette impacted, dodging a burning Y-Wing on his way.

He fires FOUR TORPEDOES and pulls away in time to avoid the blast.

He looks back.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)
That armor's just too thick.

EXT. STARKILLER SURFACE - CONTINUOUS

Chewie, Finn, Koln, Tellana, Keps, Somdi, Rey, and BB-8 are moving quickly down a snowy mountainside toward the forest below.

They are being PURSUED BY SNOWTROOPERS.

TELLANA IS SHOT in the back and falls, dead.

KOLN
Keep moving!

Chewbacca kills a snowtrooper with his bowcaster and HOWLS DEFIANTLY.

Koln turns and SHOOTS A SNOWTROOPER, but then is SHOT IN THE CHEST. He collapses, but holds up the detonator with his last strength.

The group temporarily halts and takes what cover they can as Keps stoops to grab the detonator with one hand and grabs Koln's collar and pulls him with the other.

Koln waves him away.

KOLN (CONT'D)
Go!

KEPS
No! Not without you!

Koln SMACKS KEPS with the butt of his gun, and Keps draws back.

KOLN
Don't be stupid, kid! It's mortal.
Save yourself, and make the bastards pay!

SOMDI
Come on! We have to go!

Koln doesn't wait for a reaction, but continues firing at the approaching snowtroopers.

Keps hesitates for a moment, blinking back tears.

Finn IS SHOT IN HIS LEFT ARM. He GRUNTS IN PAIN.

Rey shoots the trooper who shot Finn. Her blaster is STILL ON STUN.

KOLN

Go, damn you! Run!

Somdi GRABS KEPS' shoulder, but he is already turning to run. The group continues toward the forest.

Koln FIRES AT THE SNOWTROOPERS from the ground, but is quickly finished off.

REY

Are you alright!?

FINN

Yes! It's nothing!

EXT. STARKILLER SURFACE - ICY PATH - CONTINUOUS

Kylo Ren's cape whips violently behind him as he FLIES A SPEEDERBIKE around the mountain, following reports of the battle.

SNOWTROOPER (O.S.)

(over radio)

They're heading down slope in sector Gamma thirteen.

He accelerates to top speed.

EXT. STARKILLER SURFACE - EDGE OF THE FOREST - CONTINUOUS

Chewie, Finn, Rey, BB-8, Somdi, and Keps reach the edge of the forest.

Somdi is HIT TWICE IN THE BACK and collapses. He doesn't move.

FINN IS SHOT IN THE LEG. He falls.

Chewie SETS A ANTI-PERSONEL MINE at the edge of the forest, then DISGUISES IT WITH SNOW.

Rey and Keps help Finn up, and the group flees into the woods.

As the squad of snowtroopers approaches, one of them sets of the mine.

IT EXPLODES DIRECTIONALLY AT THE SQUAD, WIPING THEM ALL OUT.

Chewbacca gives another triumphant HOWL.

Finn comes to a halt.

FINN

I'm slowing you down! Go on!

REY

I'm not leaving you.

CHEWBACCA

I say we blow it now.

FINN

What's he saying?

KEPS TANO

I think he's telling us to blow the bomb.

Chewbacca NODS vigorously.

They all look at each other.

FINN

Are we far enough away?

They hear a SPEEDERBIKE through the forest.

Rey looks at Finn, then at Chewie, then at Keps.

REY

Do it.

FINN

Do it.

KEPS TANO

Nice knowing you.

Keps pushes the button.

A HUGE EXPLOSION FLASHES from the direction they came from.

The GROUND SHAKES. A SHOCKWAVE passes them, BLOWING SNOW OFF OF THE TREES and APPARENTLY OVERWHELMING THEM.

INT. STARKILLER BASE - COMMAND CENTER - CONTINUOUS

The command center shakes just perceptibly.

GRAND ADMIRAL JAGEN
What was that?

One of their monitors shows security camera footage of THE EXPLOSION as ALARM KLAXONS START BLARING.

STARKILLER CHIEF ENGINEER
There's been an explosion in the core! Power levels are fluctuating.

INT. STARKILLER BASE - POWER CORE - CONTINUOUS

The EXPLOSION IS DISAPPEARING.

The MAGNETIC FIELDS are WRESTLING WITH THE ARTIFICIAL STAR, but it REMAINS CONTAINED.

INT. STARKILLER BASE - COMMAND CENTER - CONTINUOUS

Grand Admiral Jagen stands over the weapon systems display.

STARKILLER CHIEF ENGINEER
Redundancy systems online and operational! The core is still contained.

GRAND ADMIRAL JAGEN
Can the weapon still be fired?

STARKILLER CHIEF ENGINEER
I cannot say for sure-

GRAND ADMIRAL JAGEN
Give me an answer, Lieutenant.

STARKILLER CHIEF ENGINEER
According to the readings in front of me, yes, it can still be fired.

GRAND ADMIRAL JAGEN
Then continue preparation!

EXT. STARKILLER SURFACE - FOREST - CONTINUOUS

Chewbacca pulls Rey and Finn out of a snow bank as Keps struggles out on his own.

FINN
We're still alive.

Chewbacca hears MUFFLED WARBLING, reaches into the snow, and pulls out BB-8.

REY
(to Chewbacca)
Can you get to the ship?

Chewie nods.

REY (CONT'D)
I'll help him along. Pick us up if you can, but the droid has to make it.

CHEWBACCA
Yes!

BB-8 BLEEPs a protest as Chewbacca PICKS HIM UP.

REY
No time to argue! You have the intel Poe's friends need.

KEPS TANO
(to Rey and Finn)
I'll help, too.

REY
No.
(re: Chewbacca)
Cover him. That droid has to make it.

Chewie RUNS off through the woods, taking BB-8 with him. Keps runs after them.

Rey helps Finn at a slower pace.

INT. PROTECTOR - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Leia is still sitting, completely devastated by the loss she just felt.

GAN STATURA
Senator, the ground team...

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
What is it?

GAN STATURA

There's been a large explosion on the surface on one side of the power core.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

Power readings?

GAN STATURA

They've stabilized. It seems it wasn't enough.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

Show me the E.L.I.

Leia stands Statura's shoulder and looks at an image of the site of the explosion. There is a clear HOLE in the side of the structure.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO (CONT'D)

What would happen if our fighters launched torpedoes into that hole?

Statura shakes his head.

GAN STATURA

Maybe nothing. Maybe it would blow up the power core and sheer off part of the planet.

Leia smiles grimly.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

Get me Admiral Ackbar.

Major Brance tries to raise the *Home One*.

MAJOR BRANCE

They're not responding. *Home One* has been disabled.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

Then get me Wedge.

INT. VARIOUS FIGHTERS - CONTINUOUS

- IN WEDGE'S T-70 X-WING...

Wedge BLASTS ANOTHER TIE FIGHTER APART as *Home One* slowly spins, out of control away from them.

WEDGE ANTILLES

Copy that, Senator.

Wedge changes radio channels.

WEDGE ANTILLES (CONT'D)

All fighters, all fighters, we have a new priority target. The ground team opened a hole into the power core. Anyone with torpedoes left, fire them into the core.

- IN NIEN NUNB'S B-WING COCKPIT...

NIEN NUNB

Copy Black Leader. Clarify all fighters?

- IN WEDGE'S T-70 X-WING...

WEDGE ANTILLES

Confirm all fighters. Many point defense cannons in the area. If only torpedo armed fighters go in, it is unlikely any will make it.

- IN POE'S T-65 X-WING...

POE DAMERON

You want us to give them a lot of targets.

- IN WEDGE'S T-70 X-WING...

WEDGE ANTILLES

You got it, Poe. Outlaw Squadron hang back and cover the rest of us from fighters, then joins us on the run if you can. Let's get to it!

- IN NORRA WEXLEY'S RZ-2 A-WING...

NORRA WEXLEY

Copy that.

EXT. SPACE - CONTINUOUS

The Resistance fighters all DISENGAGE even as the last Resistance frigate is DESTROYED.

A-Wings continue to tangle with First Order fighters, covering the X-Wings, B-Wings, and Y-Wings.

INT. FINALIZER - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Hux watches the fighters pulling away from the battle.

FIRST ORDER OFFICER
They're giving up!

ADMIRAL HUX
No. They're heading toward
Starkiller Base. Inform the Grand
Admiral.

EXT. STARKILLER SURFACE - FOREST - CONTINUOUS

Rey and Finn continue through the forest, when a dark presence looms ahead of them: Kylo Ren.

Rey RAISES HER BLASTER, but he easily uses the Force to pull it away from her and throw it into the woods.

KYLO REN
We're not done yet.

Kylo Ren IGNITES HIS LIGHTSABER.

Finn moves in front of Rey, but Kylo uses the Force to THROW FINN INTO A NEARBY TREE, STUNNING HIM.

KYLO REN (CONT'D)
It's just us now.

He holds up his hand, trying to use the Force to coerce her.

KYLO REN (CONT'D)
You will surrender and come with
me!

She flinches under the assault on her mind, but gathers herself.

REY
No. I will not.

KYLO REN
If you won't come willingly, then I
will make you come.

He advances towards her, but she takes a her LIGHTSABER from her belt.

Ren's eyes widen as he sees the weapon.

KYLO REN (CONT'D)
Where did you get that?

She IGNITES IT, and a PURPLE BLADE EMERGES FROM THE HILT.

REY
(sadly)
What does it matter?

KYLO REN
Come with me... or die here.

REY
What made you so evil?

KYLO REN
(laughing)
Evil! It is just a word. It means nothing.

REY
You seem to take pleasure in hurting people.

KYLO REN
I do what must be done.

REY
And it makes you miserable. I can feel your pain. Your suffering. I pity you.

KYLO REN
I don't want your pity you naïve child. Only your obedience.

REY
You are a coward. Afraid to look the people you hurt in the eyes. That's why you wear that mask.

Kylo Ren removes his helmet again and drops it in the snow. He meets her gaze steadily.

KYLO REN
Do I seem afraid to you?

She closes her eyes briefly.

REY
You are. You are afraid. You're spirit is sick, and you are terrified.

Kylo's calm demeanor gives way to violent fury.

KYLO REN
You know nothing about me!

Kylo Ren ATTACKS.

She wields the lightsaber AWKWARDLY, but is able to KNOCK HIS ATTACKS AWAY as she starts retreating.

EXT. STARKILLER - CONTINUOUS

The Resistance fighters descend en masse toward the ruptured power core structure. Hundreds of point defense cannons begin firing up into the sky.

INT. WEDGE'S T-70 X-WING - CONTINUOUS

WEDGE ANTILLES
All spare power to forward
deflectors.

EXT. STARKILLER - CONTINUOUS

The point defense cannons quickly start to take a toll.

Fighter after fighter is blasted apart.

Others are WINGED, and SPIN WILDLY OUT OF CONTROL, sometimes COLLIDING with other fighters.

It is a massacre.

INT. VARIOUS FIGHTERS - CONTINUOUS

- IN JESS PAVA'S T-70 X-WING...

Jess's X-Wing gets winged. Her X-Wing starts WOBBLINGS VIOLENTLY.

JESS PAVA
I've lost my stabilizer!

- IN WEDGE'S T-70 X-WING...

WEDGE ANTILLES
Pull out, Black Three. That's an
order.

Outside his canopy, a noticeably wobbling X-Wing pulls up.

JESS PAVA (O.S.)
 (over radio)
 Sorry.

- IN NIEN NUNB'S B-WING...

Nien Nunb maintains his dive. He calmly dodges a cloud of debris from an exploded X-Wing.

RESISTANCE PILOT 4 (O.S.)
 (over radio)
 I'm hit! I'm hit! I-

STATIC replaces the voice for a split second.

- IN WEDGE'S T-70 X-WING...

WEDGE ANTILLES
 Steady.

- IN A T-65 X-WING...

X-WING PILOT
 There's too many guns!

His wing man is VAPORIZED.

X-WING PILOT (CONT'D)
 We'll never make it!

- IN POE'S T-65 X-WING...

POE DAMERON
 Don't you pull up! Stay on target!

- IN ARA'S T-65 X-WING...

Ara's face is pale with fear as she continues flying into the heavy laser fire.

- IN WEDGE'S T-70 X-WING...

WEDGE ANTILLES
 Almost there. Almost there. Almost-

WEDGE'S FACE IS SUDDENLY BATHED IN GREEN LIGHT.

EXT. STARKILLER - CONTINUOUS

Wedge's X-Wing is BLASTED APART.

INT. VARIOUS FIGHTERS - CONTINUOUS

- IN POE'S T-65 X-WING...

POE DAMERON
(to himself, desolate)
Wedge...

- IN A B-WING COCKPIT...

B-WING PILOT
We've lost Black Leader! I'm
pulling out!

- IN NIEN NUNB'S B-WING...

NIEN NUNB
(calmly)
Negative. Stay on target.

An A-Wing explodes outside of his cockpit.

RESISTANCE PILOT 5 (O.S.)
(over radio)
Outlaw lead is gone!

- IN POE'S T-65 X-WING...

Poe pushes his visor back up into his helmet and wipes away gathering tears.

POE DAMERON
We're almost there.

- IN ARA'S T-65 X-WING...

Ara WHIMPERS with fear as another X-Wing COMES APART just ahead of her. She DODGES MOST OF THE BURNING WRECKAGE, but a CHUNK OF FUSELAGE RIPS OFF ONE OF HER LASER CANNONS. She is to the point of panic as she POINTS her X-WING back into the incoming fire.

INT. STARKILLER BASE - COMMAND CENTER - CONTINUOUS

Grand Admiral Jagen watches the fighters STREAK DOWN toward the power core in the distance. Mostly, he sees tiny explosions and debris raining down from the storm of turbolasers flying up into the air.

STARKILLER WEAPONS OFFICER
Grand Admiral, the weapon is
charged. The targeting sequence is
complete.

GRAND ADMIRAL JAGEN
Fire the weapon immediately.

STARKILLER WEAPONS OFFICER
(into station comlink)
Initiate firing sequence.

I/E. VARIOUS - CONTINUOUS

- IN ARA'S T-65 X-WING...

X-WING PILOT (O.S.)
(over radio)
I can't! It's too much! It's too-

Ara sees another fighter DISAPPEAR IN A FIERY CLOUD to her left.

ARA LAI
God!

- IN STARKILLER BASE WEAPON CONTROL...

First Order personnel pull the levers to begin the firing sequence.

- IN POE'S T-65 X-WING...

POE DAMERON
Just a little bit longer!

Another X-Wing DISINTIGRATES outside his canopy, and another B-Wing in almost the same instant.

The turbolaser bolts FLY AT THEM LIKE HEAVY RAIN. There are fewer than A DOZEN FIGHTERS LEFT.

- IN STARKILLER BASE'S COMMAND CENTER...

Grand Admiral Jagen SMILES.

- STARKILLER BASE AND SPACE...

The Starkiller Weapon FIRES.

A BEAM OF LIGHT CUTS THROUGH SPACE AT THE PRIMARY MON CALAMARI STAR.

- ON *HOME ONE'S* BRIDGE...

Amidst SMOKE and FLAMES, which crew are FIGHTING, Admiral Ackbar sees the BEAM, and lowers his head sadly.

- ON THE *PROTECTOR*...

Leia watches the beam strike towards the star.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
(whispering)
No...

- IN POE'S T-65 X-WING...

POE DAMERON
In range! Firing!

- IN ARA'S T-65 X-WING...

Ara presses the trigger as she emits a HEAVY SIGH.

EXT. STARKILLER - CONTINUOUS

Of the ten remaining fighters, only three have torpedoes left.

Six torpedoes STREAK TOWARD the BURNING HOLE IN THE POWER CORE STRUCTURE as the TEN FIGHTERS PULL UP.

TWO TORPEDOES MISS, HITTING THE SURFACE, CAUSING A HUGE EXPLOSION THAT COVERS THE TARGET...

INT. STARKILLER BASE - POWER CORE - CONTINUOUS

... BUT FOUR TORPEDOES STREAK THROUGH THE OPEN HOLE AND HIT THE ARTIFICIAL STAR DIRECTLY.

Everything goes WHITE.

EXT. STARKILLER SURFACE - FOREST - CONTINUOUS

Kylo Ren pursues Rey relentlessly, CHOPPING THROUGH TREES and BRANCHES.

She SCRAMBLES UP A ROCK FACE.

He BELLOWS AND SWIPES AT HER, sending SPARKS FLYING.

KYLO REN
Stop running and face me!

There is a TERRIFYING, LOW, LONG THUMP.

Rey and Kylo Ren both turn toward the base's power core.

Then a BLINDINGLY BRIGHT LIGHT FLARES.

Both of them temporarily shield their eyes.

A GIGANTIC COLUMN OF WHITE FIRE SLOWLY TOWERS UP INTO THE SKY.

The GROUND STARTS INTERMITTENTLY SHAKING VIOLENTLY.

Ren SNEERS IN ANGER, then ATTACKS REY ANEW.

They lock blades again. He attacks, she parries, he twirls with a backhand slash, and CUTS HER ACROSS HER RIBS.

She CRIES OUT, retreats, inspects the wound with one hand.

KYLO REN (CONT'D)

You need a teacher! I can show you the ways of the Force!

She looks up at him.

REY

What can you teach me?

KYLO REN

I can teach you to use your power! To bend others to your will! To fight!

Rey is focusing. She has closed her eyes.

KYLO REN (CONT'D)

I can teach you to rule. Do you hear me?

Rey opens her eyes and raises her lightsaber.

REY

You're right. I do need a teacher. But you are a failure and a murderer. I can learn nothing from you.

Enraged, Kylo BELLOWS IN ANGER AND RAINS BLOWS DOWN ON HER.

KYLO REN

You! Know! Nothing!

She DODGES HIS LAST ATTACK, then SWOOPS BACK IN AND SLICES INTO HIS LEG.

He goes down on one knee, but quickly rises back up. He stares at her, breathing heavily, trying to figure out how she wounded him.

REY

Apparently, I know enough.

He SCREAMS IN RAGE and ATTACKS AGAIN, she parries, ripostes, and SLICES HIS ARM.

KYLO REN

How!? How is this possible!? You are nothing! You are a scavenger from a worthless, dusty world!

He attacks her again, but this time she easily parries, then slashes into his TORSO and up ACROSS HIS FACE.

He falls to the ground and she KICKS HIS LIGHTSABER AWAY.

REY

You know nothing about me. I will show you who I am.

She raises her saber to finish him off, but the GROUND SHAKES VIOLENTLY.

As she steadies herself, FINN STUMBLES INTO A TREE NEARBY, using it to support himself.

FINN

Rey?

She stares uncomprehendingly at him, his face covered in blood, then realizes she is poised to kill a defenseless man.

She looks down and sees FEAR IN KYLO REN'S EYES.

She lowers her lightsaber.

Rey goes to Finn.

REY

Come on.

The two disappear into the forest.

Kylo FORCE PULLS his lightsaber back to him, then his helmet.

KYLO REN

Give me the strength,
grandfather...

He puts the helmet on, then tries to stand, but falls back down, his wounds overcoming him.

He loses consciousness as his blood stains the snow.

INT. SUPREMACY - THRONE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Rhath opens his eyes.

SUPREME LEADER RHATH
Kylo Ren has failed. Take my ship
and retrieve him.

A DARK-CLOAKED FEATURELESS FIGURE moves to obey the order.

EXT. STARKILLER SURFACE - FOREST - CONTINUOUS

Rey and Finn struggle on through the forest, stumbling every few steps as the ground shakes violently.

Then they reach a newly opened chasm, just as the *Millennium Falcon* comes into view, and Chewbacca spots them.

Keps helps them onto the open ramp, and the *Falcon* accelerates up into the sky.

INT. PROTECTOR - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Tears stream down Leia's face as she stares out of her ship at the BRIGHT LIGHT and EXPANDING SHOCKWAVE that was the Mon Calamari primary star.

She holds a microphone to her mouth.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
This is Senator Leia Organa-Solo,
to all ships in the system. The Mon
Calamari star has been destroyed.
We calculate the shockwave will hit
Mon Cala in just over five minutes.
Godspeed everyone.
(to navigator)
Prepare for the jump to hyperspace.

PROTECTOR HELMSMAN
Yes, Senator.

INT. POE'S T-65 X-WING - CONTINUOUS

POE DAMERON
We've done all we can! All
remaining fighters, set a course
for D'Qar.

INT. ARA'S T-65 X-WING - CONTINUOUS

Ara breathes an even larger sigh of relief as she activates her hyperdrive.

EXT. SPACE - CONTINUOUS

Ships start ZIPPING OFF into hyperspace.

Mon Calamari ships hyper away from the doomed planet.

Resistance fighters hyper away from the Starkiller.

The *Supremacy* hypers away from its station above the Starkiller's north pole.

INT. *FINALIZER* - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Admiral Hux watches as his own ship enters hyperspace.

INT. *MILLENNIUM FALCON* - COCKPIT - CONTINUOUS

Chewbacca sends the *Falcon* into hyperspace.

- In the lounge...

Keps assists Rey as she lays bandages on Finn's wounds.

EXT. STARKILLER SURFACE - FOREST - CONTINUOUS

Kylo Ren remains where we last saw him, unconscious and bleeding on the forest floor.

LIGHTS ILLUMINATE HIM, coming from above the trees.

The SOUND OF ENGINES APPROACH.

INT. *HOME ONE* - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Admiral Ackbar remains in his command chair.

HOME ONE NAVIGATOR
Admiral, the hyperdrive is back
online. Shall I initiate the jump?

ADMIRAL ACKBAR
Not yet.

Ackbar eyes the shockwave approaching his home world. His eyes seem a little more watery than usual.

INT. STARKILLER BASE - COMMAND CENTER - CONTINUOUS

Grand Admiral Jagen also stares at the approaching shockwave.

GRAND ADMIRAL JAGEN
Get us into hyperspace.

The navigator looks up from his station, face pale.

STARKILLER NAVIGATOR
We can't, Grand Admiral.

Jagen looks at him sharply.

STARKILLER NAVIGATOR (CONT'D)
There's a massive power failure...
we don't have the power... that
explosion...

Jagen's face goes white as he begins backing away from the officer. He then TURNS AND RUNS. Seeing this, the rest of the officers quickly desert their posts and run for their lives.

INT. HOME ONE - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Ackbar watches as the first the ATMOSPHERE, and then the OCEANS, are STRIPPED AWAY from Mon Cala.

Then the planet itself CRUMBLES.

Ackbar lowers his head in grief as the shock wave races towards them.

ADMIRAL ACKBAR
Make the jump.

The battered *Home One* enters hyperspace.

INT. STARKILLER BASE - HANGAR - CONTINUOUS

Numerous shuttles and fighters are RACING OUT OF THE HANGAR.

Grand Admiral Jagen BOARDS A SHUTTLE.

It lifts off and heads towards the hangar entrance, but the SHOCK WAVE IS RACING TO MEET IT.

INT. FIRST ORDER SHUTTLE - CONTINUOUS

Grand Admiral Jagen's eyes WIDEN as the shockwave reaches them.

EXT. STARKILLER BASE - HANGAR - CONTINUOUS

Jagen's shuttle is TOSSED BACK INSIDE THE HANGAR JUST AS IT EXITS.

EXT. SPACE - CONTINUOUS

THE STARKILLER IS SHATTERED by the shockwave it created.

WIPE TO:

INT. *PROTECTOR* - BRIDGE - LATER

Leia sits in the captain's chair, her face in her hands, bathed in the blue light of hyperspace. C-3PO approaches her.

SEE-THREEPIO

Mistress Leia, is there anything I might do to help?

Leia looks at him and manages a weak smile.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

No thank you, Threepio.

SEE-THREEPIO

It has been a most distressing day.

Leia can only smile at her well-intentioned droid's gift for understatement.

PROTECTOR HELMSMAN

We're coming out of hyperspace, Senator.

EXT. SPACE - D'QAR SYSTEM - LATER

Leia's light corvette drops out of hyperspace.

INT. *PROTECTOR* - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Leia gazes at a NEW SMALL FLEET of ships that has gathered in orbit around D'Qar since the others left for battle.

She allows herself a weak smile.

SEE-THREEPIO

My goodness! It looks like many more have come to join our cause.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

Take us down to the base.

PROTECTOR HELMSMAN

Yes, Senator.

EXT. FORMER REBEL BASE - LATER

A handful of X-Wings, B-Wings, A-Wings, a solitary Y-Wing, and the *Millennium Falcon* all come in for landings.

Ground crews rush out to meet them, pushing ladders up to the fighters, and assisting with the removal of astromech droids.

Poe greets Snap Wexley and Jess Pava, glad they survived.

Keps and Rey help Finn down the *Falcon's* ramp as BB-8 rolls around them and SPEEDS OVER TO POE, who happily greets him.

Chewbacca descends and sees Leia coming to meet him.

Chewie lowers his head in sadness. Leia embraces him.

CHEWBACCA

Han... Han is gone.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

I know.

CHEWBACCA

I'm so sorry.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

So am I.

Ara leans against the landing strut of her X-Wing, still stunned at what she has survived.

Poe approaches.

POE DAMERON

Glad to see you made it.

ARA LAI

I don't know how. I'm not even a real pilot. I should be dead.

She shakes her head.

POE DAMERON

Try not to think about *should*. Black Leader... Wedge. He was the best pilot I ever knew. In a fight like that, sometimes it doesn't matter how good you are. Sometimes it's just dumb luck.

Poe offers a hand. Ara takes it. He pulls her to her feet.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)

You're alive. You *are* a real pilot. You're one of us.

Poe heads towards the base, followed by BB-8.

INT. FORMER REBEL BASE - MEDICAL FACILITY - LATER

Rey sits with Finn while a medical droid treats his head wound.

REY

Thank you for coming for me.

FINN

(confused)

I... I couldn't not come.

REY

That's because you're a good person.

Finn looks even more confused.

FINN

I'm not. I've murdered people, I've-

REY

Stop. Stop dwelling on what you can't change. What matters is what you choose to do now. What you choose to do going forward.

Finn nods.

FINN

Thank you.

REY

For what?

FINN

For freeing me.

INT. FORMER REBEL BASE - CONTROL ROOM - LATER

Poe approaches the central display where Leia, Chewbacca, and BB-8 are waiting.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

Poe. I'm sorry about Wedge.

POE DAMERON

Yeah. Me too. Have we got final confirmation on the Starkiller?

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

Scout ships have confirmed it was destroyed. In no small part due to your leadership, from what I understand. I need you to take Wedge's place. I'm promoting you to Commander. Black Squadron is yours.

Poe is conflicted, not wanting to replace his old mentor but seeing the sense in it. He nods.

POE DAMERON

Thank you, Senator. I won't let you down.

Poe sees Rey enter the room. He waves her over.

POE DAMERON (CONT'D)

(re: Rey)

Senator, this is Rey, the girl I told you about.

(to Rey)

Rey, this is Senator Leia Organa-Solo.

Rey looks down sadly.

REY

I don't know what to say. I'm sorry for your loss... sorry we couldn't save the planet.

Officers and various other people are starting to gather around Rey, Poe, Chewie, and Leia, though sensing something important is happening, they keep some distance.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

We did our best. It wasn't good enough this time. But at least we took out that weapon. You helped save countless lives. I would grant you whatever reward is within my power to grant.

Rey doesn't hesitate.

REY

Teach me. Teach me about the Force.

Even more people have appeared and joined the growing crowd. Still they stand some distance back from the display. Leia eyes them. Most of them look at Leia expectantly.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

I couldn't teach you much, but I hope to help you find someone who can.

Leia turns to Poe and nods.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO (CONT'D)

Let's see it.

POE DAMERON

(to BB-8)

Go ahead, buddy.

BB-8 plugs into the central display and begins showing scanned images of an elaborate carving in a stone wall. He BLEEPS AND BLATS.

SEE-THREEPIO

He is cross referencing the carving to known star charts.

BB-8 SQUEALS excitedly.

SEE-THREEPIO (CONT'D)

Wonderful! He says he has found a match!

Now an image of the galaxy is projected showing a single hyperspace jump into the unknown regions.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

The unknown regions.

(to Rey)

That is the location of one of the first Jedi temples, if not the first.

(MORE)

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO (CONT'D)

It is also, I hope, where my brother Luke is. I would send you there to learn from him, and, I hope, to bring him back here.

Leia glances at the growing crowd. Most of them are looking at her. She knows they are waiting for orders.

REY

Then I'll go. Can you give me a ship?

CHEWBACCA

(to Leia)

I'll take her on the Falcon. Will you come?

She shakes her head, still eyeing the crowd behind them.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

I wish with all of my heart that I could.

(to Rey)

Chewbacca will take you on the *Falcon*.

(to Rey and Chewbacca)

Gather what you'll need. We'll have a service... for those we've lost. Then you'll go.

EXT. FORMER REBEL BASE - SUNSET

Leia stands on a small platform as a thousand people look on. All surviving characters are present: C-3PO, Chewbacca, Rey, Poe, Admiral Ackbar, Ara, and Finn, who is on crutches. Also present: Brance, Statura, Connix, Nunb, Wexley, Pava, etc.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO

The losses we have suffered in these past days are unmentionable. We are wounded by the deaths of our loved ones, the destruction of our home worlds, the murder of the idea that was the New Republic. We are gravely wounded... but not mortally. We will mend, if not fully heal. We will survive, if not thrive. We will resist this new and terrible enemy. We will resist them in every system, on every planet, every moon, every city, every building, and on behalf of every person they seek to conquer.

(MORE)

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO (CONT'D)
We will resist them. Let us bow our
heads, and for the next moment,
remember those that we have lost.

The crowd is completely silent. Finally Leia raises her head.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO (CONT'D)
And now, let's get back to work.

EXT. FORMER REBEL BASE - A FEW MINUTES LATER

Leia stands before Chewie and Rey at the ramp of the
Millennium Falcon.

Poe and Finn stand a few feet behind Leia, Poe holding A
WRAPPED PACKAGE.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
(to Chewbacca)
Take care, old friend.

CHEWBACCA
I will. You too. Stick to your
guns.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
I will.

Leia turns to Rey. She hands Rey a bracelet. Rey takes it.

REY
What's this?

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
We'll be moving away from here
soon. This is a way for you to find
us again.

Leia holds up her own hand revealing a matching bracelet on
her wrist.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO (CONT'D)
They're a matched pair. Jedi
bracelets. They act like beacons.
Luke used to wear that one. When he
disappeared, he left it behind.

REY
Why?

Leia shakes her head.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO
If you find him. When you find
him... he may not wish to be found.

Rey nods slowly.

LEIA ORGANA-SOLO (CONT'D)
May the Force be with you, Rey.

Leia turns and walks away.

Poe and Finn step toward Rey and Poe holds out the wrapped
package. Rey takes it.

Chewbacca, leaning against one of the ramp's pistons, SNIFFS
THE AIR.

REY
What's this?

POE DAMERON
Andari bacon. Got it off a smuggler
who just got here.

Chewbacca holds out his hands.

CHEWBACCA
I'll take it.

Rey doesn't understand the words, but does understand the
gesture. She hands Chewie the package.

POE DAMERON
(to Chewbacca)
Refrigerate that.
(re: Rey)
And it's for *her*.

Chewbacca heads up the ramp with the bacon.

CHEWBACCA
Yeah, yeah.

POE DAMERON
I don't think it's quite a hundred
portions- maybe ten? I'll have to
owe you the rest.

Rey grins.

REY
Thank you, Poe.

Rey hugs him and he returns the embrace.

POE DAMERON
Take care of yourself, Rey.

She nods. Poe steps back as she turns to Finn.

FINN
I should be going with you.

REY
This hyperspace jump- they said it's so old, the stars will have moved. It may not be safe. We might not even survive. I have to go. You don't.

FINN
What am I supposed to do?

REY
Whatever you want.

FINN
I don't know what I want. I don't even know who I am anymore.

REY
Neither do I.

Rey hugs him. He slowly returns the embrace.

REY (CONT'D)
Next time we meet, maybe we'll both know the answer to that question.

They part, and she goes up the ramp.

Poe and Finn watch the ramp raise and the *Falcon* lift off.

FINN
She's...

Poe grins.

POE DAMERON
Yeah. I know what you mean. Come on, pal. Let's find something to eat. I'm starving.

Poe puts his arm around Finn's shoulder and guides him back toward the base.

FINN
Are we pals?

POE DAMERON

You bet.

EXT. SPACE - AHCH-TO SYSTEM - LATER

The *Millennium Falcon* drops out of hyperspace before a watery world: AHCH-TO.

EXT. AHCH-TO - DAY

The *Millennium Falcon* flies just above the ocean surface toward a towering, green island.

EXT. AHCH-TO - ISLAND - A FEW MINUTES LATER

Chewbacca brings the *Falcon* in for a soft landing at the base of the mountainous island.

Chewbacca and Rey both exit the ship.

Rey looks at Chewbacca.

CHEWBACCA

Let's go.

The two of them proceed to climb the mountain in search of Luke.

They climb hundreds of steps, some cut into sheer stone surfaces.

Chewbacca stays behind Rey, letting her lead the way.

At last, they come to a SMALL STONE HUT.

A DOOR OPENS, and a BLUE-TOPPED ASTROMECH DROID ROLLS OUT OF ONE OF THE HUTS.

It is ARTOO-DETOO (R2-D2), and his body is moderately rusted from living in such a wet environment for so long.

Chewbacca responds with excitement, and the Wookiee and droid move to each other. Artoo SPEAKS IN UNSUBTITLED DROID LANGUAGE.

CHEWBACCA (CONT'D)

Artoo! Is that really you?

ARTOO-DETOO

Who? What? Who's that? My memory circuits are rusted.

CHEWBACCA

What?!

Chewie kneels down to inspect the rust damage.

ARTOO-DETOO

Haha! Just kidding!

CHEWBACCA

Well, it's definitely you, you twisted little trash can.

Rey is staring up at a precipice overlooking where the *Falcon* landed. She sees A CLOAKED FIGURE standing at the cliff, his back to her. She approaches slowly.

Chewbacca notices her continuing on but hangs back with R2.

Rey comes to a halt a few feet behind the cloaked figure.

The cloaked figure turns.

Of course it is LUKE SKYWALKER, gray bearded and weather worn.

He lowers his hood and gazes at Rey. He sees the lightsaber hanging from her belt.

LUKE SKYWALKER

Who are you?

REY

My name is Rey. I've come to learn the ways of the Force.

He stares at her, his look somewhere between shock, incomprehension, and resignation.

Then Chewbacca approaches. Luke sees him.

LUKE SKYWALKER

Chewie...

Chewbacca WRAPS HIM IN A HUGE EMBRACE.

LUKE SKYWALKER (CONT'D)

Where's Han?

CHEWBACCA

He's dead. Bail murdered him. Leia needs your help.

Luke is devastated by this news, though not surprised. Chewbacca steps back to stand beside Rey, giving Luke space.

LUKE SKYWALKER
I'm so sorry...

Luke looks back at Rey.

REY
Will you teach me?

Luke looks out over the endless ocean.

LUKE SKYWALKER
I heard the cries. I felt the pain.
It came in great waves. I searched
for this place seeking wisdom. I
sought answers for my failures. But
I have found nothing. The darkness
is as strong as it's ever been.

Rey stares at the Jedi Master uncertainly. Then, he looks
back to Rey, directly into her eyes.

LUKE SKYWALKER (CONT'D)
Let's begin.

WIPE TO:

STARS AND END CREDITS.