

Scene 8

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INT. ICE CORRIDOR

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Han strides down a corridor carved from the ice. Leia follows quickly, agitated. Behind them, unnoticed, the arm of a Wampa Ice Monster suddenly detaches from a seemingly solid section of ice wall.

LEIA

Captain Sol!

Han stops in the quiet corridor and turns to face Leia.

LEIA

Captain Sol -- Han. Why are you leaving us now?

HAN

That bounty hunter we ran into on Ord Mantell reminded me what I've got to do.

LEIA

Does Luke know?

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HAN

He'll know when he gets back...
Don't give me that look, Sweetheart.
Every day more bounty hunters are
searching for me. If I don't pay
off Jabba soon, there'll be too
many to stop... Remotes, Gank
killers, and who knows what else.
I've got to get that price off
my head while I still have
a head.

LEIA

Han, I need you here...
The Rebellion needs you.

HAN

Oh, so it's the Rebellion?

LEIA

Yes.

HAN

Not you?

LEIA

Me?

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(smiles)

My little princess. I'm afraid
you don't know yourself very
well.

LEIA

What do you mean?

HAN

When I met you I thought
you were not only beautiful,
but brave. Now I see that you're
only beautiful.

LEIA

I fear nothing in this galaxy.

HAN

You're afraid of your own feelings.

LEIA

(flips)

And what are they, please tell.

HAN

You want me to stay because
you care for me.

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LEIA

I respect you, of course. You're a bold fighter, maybe not the brightest --

HAN

No, your highness. Those aren't the feelings I'm talking about.

Leia looks at him. She knows exactly what he means, but pretends to understand only now. She laughs.

LEIA

You're imagining things.

Han steps closer and Leia instinctively steps back. She is almost against the wall.

HAN

Am I? I say you came running after me because you were afraid I was leaving you without even a kiss.

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LEIA

I'd just as soon kiss
a wookiee.

HAN

There's ~~just~~ no accounting for
taste. Too bad. You could
use a good kiss. All you let
yourself think about is the
Rebellion. The result is that
you're cold as this planet.

LEIA

(toughing it out)

And you think you're the
one to apply some heat?

HAN

Sure...

Han takes a final step toward Leia, pinning
her against the ice wall between his two
extended arms. Leia is surprised, but
excited. Han's face is very close. The only
thing that could come between them now
would be an unexpected Wampa arm.

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... If I were interested ...

Han steps back, dropping his arms. Leia is flustered by her disappointment.

HAN

... But I don't think it'd be much fun. We'll meet again. Maybe you'll have grown up a little by then.

Leia is miffed, but regains her self-possession.

LEIA

You have all the breeding of a Bantha, but not as much class... Enjoy your trip, hot shot!

She walks calmly away.

Introducing Yoda

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INT. CREATURE HOUSE

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The inside of the house is very plain, but cozy. Everything is in the same scale as the creature ~~who calls himself Yoda, or some third normal size~~. The only thing out of place in the miniature room is Luke, who is cramped by the four foot ceiling. He sits crossed-legged on the floor of the living room.

The creature is in an adjoining area, which serves as the kitchen, cooking up some incredible meal. The stove is a steaming hodgepodge of pots and pans. The wizened little creature scurries about chopping this, shredding that and showering everything with exotic herbs and spices. He rushes back and forth putting platters on the table in front of Luke.

CREATURE

Good this will taste. Wait and see, wait and see.

Luke looks around rather amused by his surroundings.

LUKE

Well, it smells good anyway....

CREATURE

Why wish you to become a Jedi Knight?

LUKE

Because of my father, I guess.

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The Creature gives Luke a questioning look.

LUKE

My father was a Jedi.

CREATURE

yes, yes. But why wish you?

LUKE

I know it was meant to be.

The Creature seems doubtful. Luke becomes irritated, defensive.

LUKE

I feel it, that's all.

CREATURE

Think you Yoda will be satisfied with that?

LUKE

Yoda (uncertain)
Yes... I think so. Yoda will understand. Where is he, anyway?

CREATURE

Very near.

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LUKE

When will I see him?

CREATURE

When you allow yourself to see.

The creature places a plate of steaming food in front of Luke. The young warrior studies the creature a long time through the steam, thinking. Suddenly he understands.

LUKE

You... you are Yoda?

YODA

That is my name. Why so surprised are you?

LUKE

(embarrassed)

I don't know. You're not what I expected.

YODA

You must learn to expect nothing.

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LUKE

(mortified)

Please forgive me for my lack
of respect, Master.

YODA

I am not your master.

LUKE

I'm sorry.

YODA

No. Sorry am I. For I can not
teach you to be a Jedi.

Yoda moves into the kitchen area and fixes a
dish for himself.

LUKE

Why not?!

YODA

Wrong are many signs in you.

LUKE

What do you mean? Ben said
I was to be --

YODA

Wrong he was! Obiwan has been
wrong before. I know. My student is

ALL
NO →

Introducing Yoda

LUKE

What do you mean?

I can be a Jedi! I'm ready.

Yoda sits across the table from Luke.

YODA

Ready are you? What know you
of ready? I have trained Jedi for
800 years. My own counsel I'll
keep on who is to be trained.

LUKE

Why not me?

YODA

To become a Jedi takes the hardest
work, the deepest commitment, the
serious mind. But you, Skywalker, I have watched
for a long time. All your life
have you looked away -- to the
horizon, to the sky. Never your
mind on where you were, what
you were doing. Adventure, excitement.
A Jedi craves not these things.

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Luke looks down, knows it's true.

LUKE

I have followed my feelings. I
~~don't know where they come~~
~~from.~~

YODA

(softly)

Perhaps. That matters not, for
you are too old. Yes. Too old
to start the training.

Luke thinks he hears a tiny opening.

LUKE

But it hasn't been wasted time.
I've learned much already.
Watch!

Luke closes his eyes, concentrating. Yoda
watches him carefully. Slowly Ben appears ^{at the side} you
looks at him. Luke keeps his eyes closed.

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YODA

(to Ben)

Who called you here?

BEN

The boy.

YODA

(impressed, looks at Luke)

And come you did.

BEN

He deserves a chance. And we
need him.

YODA

And say you he will finish
what he begins?

BEN

Yes (nods)

He will follow the ways of
the Force.

YODA

If he fails, on you the blame will

BEN

He will not.

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Yoda concedes with a odd look and Ben's is fades away. Yoda is left alone with his new apprentice. Luke opens his eyes and looks at Yoda hopefully.

YODA

A mistake I am making.
Obiwan has been wrong before.

LUKE

(ecstatic)
You'll do it?!

YODA

No. Do it you will! Work
you will. And work and
work... And once you start,
finish you must!

LUKE

I will!

YODA

(points to Luke's plate)
Eat well. Strength you'll need.

Introducing Yoda

LUKE

No matter how long, no matter
how hard.

YODA

And dangerous, yes dangerous.
Bodily, and up here...

Yoda taps his head.

LUKE

I am not afraid.

YODA

You will be, my young one.
Heh. You will be.

Scene 56

56 INT. COCKPIT, MILLENNIUM FALCON - MAIN HANGAR

Han, standing before a control panel, is busy flipping switches as Chewie watches the troublemaker gang. Leia has crowded in the cockpit and watches their efforts impatiently, disbelieving.

HAN

How's that, Chewie?

The Wookiee barks a negative reply.

LEIA

Would it help if I got out and pushed?

HAN

Don't worry, your holiness, I'll get her started.

Threepio clanks up to the cockpit doorway.

THREEPIO

Sir, I was wondering if I might...

Scene 56

Han gives the gold robot a devastating look.

THREEPIO

It can wait.

Threepio turns and makes a hasty retreat.

LEIA

This bucket of bolts is going
to get us past that blockade?

HAN

Those Imperial barge tenders? No
problem. This baby's got a few
surprises left in her.

LEIA

I'll be surprised if we start
moving.

Chewie lets out a loud WHELP as laser
begin to hit the cockpit window. Han
looks out and sees a squad of Stormtroopers
rush into the hangar deck, firing away. Han
makes a final panel adjustment.

Scene 56

HAN

This is my best shot, Chewie.
Switch over and hope for the
best.

Chewie pulls back on the controls and the
first stage of engine fire can be heard.
Han flashes a big grin at Leia as
he swings past her into the pilot's seat.
Leia straps herself into ^{one of} the navigators'
chairs.

LEIA

Someday you're going to be
wrong, and I just hope
I'm there to see it.

Han sets himself, looks at Chewie.

HAN

Punch it.

The ROAR of the Falcon's main engines blows
out everything.

Other notes

DYNAMIC

- 1.) This is the last Luke & Leia get to speak.
- 2.) Leia lets Luke know she feels something for Han, then has to play tough for Han in front of
- 3.) Han acts like a jerk because he can't resist thereby blowing his chance w/ Leia.
- 4.) Luke professes (or almost does) his love y before finding out its Han Leia wants (before)
- 5.) Luke tells her he's leaving in order to make value him more.

Chewie is — an ^{giant} overgrown ^{overcoat} fur tree
expanded fuzzy ball
overripe ~~hair~~ pile.

Luke and Vader

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INT. ZERO-COLD CHAMBER

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Vader ignites his powerful light sabre. Luke takes a step back and one foot rests half on the cold chamber platform. He lights his laser sword and ~~stands~~ ^{sets himself} to face the dark lord.

VADER

The fear does not reach you. You have learned more ~~from Obiwan~~ than I anticipated.

LUKE

You'll find I'm full of surprises.

VADER

~~And I too.~~ And I too.

Vader brings his mighty sword down on Luke, who deftly blocks the attack, but moves another step back in the process. He is now standing squarely on the hydraulic platform.

STOP

VADER

I'm taking you to meet the Emperor. I will help you in your studies.

LUKE

Not I can help it.

VADER

^{Wow!} You ~~wouldn't~~ be able to you'll be frozen.

With that, there is a slight stumble and the hydraulic platform disappears into the vat of freezing steam. Thinking quicker than the platform can move, Luke jumps straight up about fifteen feet and grabs hold of some hoses on the carbide ladder. He yanks one of the hoses loose and swings to safety on the far side of the platform.

The powerful steam of the zero cold chamber has obscured Luke's escape from Vader, who thinks he has been frozen.

VADER

You walk into my trap and you shall never escape... the Emperor predicted that you would embrace the dark side of the Force, and fight at our side.

LUKE

Never!

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VADER

Your future lies with us, Skywalker.
You will embrace the dark side. Obi-wan
knew this to be true.

LUKE

No!

VADER

~~Obi-wan knew this to be true...~~ But
~~not surprised that he misled you.~~
Yes, there is much Obi-wan did not tell
you. Come, let us go to the
Emperor.

LUKE

I'll die first.

VADER

That won't be necessary.

With that, there is a slight rumble and the hydraulic platform disappears into the vat of freezing steam. Reacting instantaneously, Luke jumps straight up fifteen feet and grabs hold of some hoses on the carbide ladle. He yanks one of the hoses loose and swings to safety on the far side of the platform.

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VADER

(looking down into the steam)

You turned quickly into my trap. Perhaps you are not as strong as the Emperor thought.

LUKE OS

Time will tell.

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looks up in surprise
Vader ~~is surprised~~ to see Luke standing on the other side of the platform. He moves toward Luke with overwhelming menace, his laser sword flaring.

VADER

You mind your lessons well. ~~to stop this~~ *Let's see how well.*

A section of pipe tears loose from the wall and flies toward Luke. Luke activates his sword and cuts it into five pieces, which bounce around the chamber.

~~I feel it now
your fear, you~~

~~I have no feelings~~

~~I do not~~

VADER

*I feel it now
your fear, you
Good. Let the pe
flow. Let yourse
hate me. I'm the one
murdered your family.
destroyed Obiwan.*

Cases, tools, bits of pipe begin to fly at Luke. He cuts ~~or deflects~~ them, ~~down~~ but is driven back by their onslaught.

VADER

Attack. Destroy me if you wish.

Take your revenge.

Luke looks around for a means of escape. There is only one -- a small round tunnel with ~~many~~ pipes and conduit running through it. He makes his way for it as Vader continues to hurtle objects at him.

VADER

There is no escape. You will use the dark side of the Force...or perish. *Let your hate flow.*

Save yourself.

Luke backs into the tunnel followed by Vader.

Luke and Vader

148 INT. GANTRY OUTSIDE CONTROL ROOM - REACTOR SHAFT

The guard rail has been cut to ribbons. Luke has been driven to the edge of jutting platform; he is ready to collapse under Vader's powerful blows. A continual rain of sparks showers down on the young warrior from a severed power cable on the instrument stand. The noise of clashing laser swords is now covered by the roar of wind working its way up the shaft. Luke almost loses his balance and goes over the edge, but the wind props him up enough for him to regain his balance. He attacks Vader again, with a vengeance, using his last reserves of strength. The wind fades away again.

VADER

The Force runs strong in the Skywalker line. You have the potential to achieve great power. Only to I see how great. → But you must use the dark side... Come, join with me!

Luke and Vader

VADER (cont'd.)

Together we will be the most powerful... even stronger with the Force than the Emperor.

LUKE

No!... Never...

Luke starts backing away from Vader, his strength gone at last.

VADER

There is no escape. You must join me or die. Don't make me destroy you here... The Emperor is stronger with the Force than I. But if you join me, together we could overthrow him. Do not resist. It is your destiny!

LUKE

Never.

Luke and Vader

Luke lunges for Vader with his laser sword, but misses. He stumbles to the other side of the platform. In the distance, the wind can be heard working its way up the long shaft. Luke is out of breath, exhausted, bleeding. He hears the wind rising and gives Vader a long, hard look.

LUKE
Never!

Luke staggers to the edge of the platform and jumps off into the endless abyss. Vader roars in disbelief.

Luke and Vader

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Luke's sword whistles past Vader and the young warrior is thrown off balance, his guard down. Vader's light sabre flashes out with deadly skill and cuts Luke's arm off at the elbow! Luke's forearm flies away in the wind as the boy dimesa almost goes over the edge. He can barely stand. He wipes the tears and blood from his eyes, but still can barely focus on his massive opponent.

Luke and Vader

VADER
Search your feelings, my son.
You will know it to be true...
Come, join your father.

Luke is horror-stricken, bewildered.