

STAR WARS Episode 4: A New Hope

The Emperor's new Empire has secured most of the galaxy, but a strong Rebel Alliance has arisen as well. To crush the rebellion and keep the Galaxy firmly under control, the Empire builds a planet destroying DEATH STAR. This battle station is powerful enough to end the rebellion. Rebel leader PRINCESS LEIA (Anakin Skywalker's daughter) calls on the last known Jedi, Obi-Wan Kenobi to deliver stolen secret plans of the Death Star to the Rebellion leaders on the planet Alderaan. Shortly after sending this message, she is captured and taken to the Death Star. Obi Wan enlists the help of young LUKE SKYWALKER (Anakin Skywalker's son). Obi Wan has long waited for this opportunity to become a mentor to Luke and together, they hire HAN SOLO and CHEWBACCA to fly them to Alderaan, only to be caught inside the Death Star itself. On the Death Star, Luke and Han free the Princess, but Obi Wan Kenobi dies -- killed in a duel with DARTH VADER (who was once his pupil, Anakin Skywalker). Inspired by Obi Wan, Luke uses his new found command of the Force to guide a Rebel attack on the Death Star and destroy it, striking a powerful blow for the Rebel Alliance.s.

Act 1: Luke Skywalker Joins the Rebellion

When two droids deliver secret plans of the Empire's Death Star to the planet Tatooine, they fall into the hands of LUKE SKYWALKER. Working for his UNCLE OWEN on their moisture farm, Luke thinks he will never leave this planet. But the droids lead him to Obi-Wan Kenobi, who lives like a hermit in the nearby hills. Obi-Wan accepts the duty to deliver these droids to the Rebel forces on Alderaan and invites Luke to join him. Obi-Wan knew Luke's father and thinks Luke should become a Jedi Knight, but Luke feels too tied down to the farm and won't leave his uncle. But when the Empire murder's Luke's uncle, Luke realizes it is time he made a stand. He joins Obi-Wan and asks to learn the ways of the Jedi so he can help the Rebellion..

1- C-3P0 & R2-D2 Take Plans to Tatooine

This sequence opens with text on the screen which explains that the galactic Empire has built a Death Star to crush the Rebel alliance. PRINCESS LEIA has managed to steal the plans to this space station, but her ship is captured by DARTH VADER. Before he can take the plans from her, Princess Leia puts them inside a droid named R2-D2 with orders to deliver them to a Jedi Knight named Obi-Wan Kenobi.R2-D2 takes this mission seriously and, to the surprise of his counterpart C-3P0, jumps in an escape pod headed for the planet Tatooine. Darth Vader and his Imperial troops are clever enough to piece together Leia's actions and are soon on the trail of the escape pod which they know must carry the stolen plans.

2- Captured & Sold by Jawas

In the deserts of Tatooine, the droids part company in anger - only to be reunited when both are captured by the droid-scavenging desert nomads known as Jawas. The Jawas collect droids and carry them from settlement to settlement like a travelling junk yard. R2-D2 and C-3P0 are sold at the next stop to LUKE SKYWALKER and his UNCLE OWEN. Meanwhile, Imperial stormtroopers discover R2-D2's crashed escape pod and realize the secret plans were carried away by droids.

3- Luke Skywalker Loses R2-D2

Luke Skywalker, being the young farm-hand on his uncle's farm, has to clean and prep the new droids for their labor. In cleaning R2-D2 and C-3P0, Luke finds the droids have been in service to the Rebellion and stumbles onto part of Princess Leia's message for Obi-Wan Kenobi. This is exciting news to Luke because he wants more than anything to get off Tatooine and join the space academy. His Uncle Owen and AUNT BERU won't let him go, though. They tell him he's too valuable to their farm, but secretly they're afraid he's got "too much of his father in him." While Luke argues with his Uncle over supper, R2-D2 dashes into the desert in search of Obi-Wan Kenobi. C-3P0 informs Luke of R2's escape, but it's too dark to go after the runaway droid until morning. "That little droid's going to cause me a lot of trouble," Luke says.

4- Saved by Obi Wan Kenobi

In the morning, Luke and C-3P0 go in search of R2-D2 before Luke's Uncle knows they're gone. They quickly find the little droid in a remote and dangerous canyon where a group of Tuskan Raiders (or Sandpeople) leap out and beat Luke up. Then a scary figure approaches from the hills and frightens the Sandpeople off. This figure revives Luke and reveals himself to be a friendly old man named BEN KENOBI. Luke explains that his droid is looking for "Obi-Wan Kenobi" and Ben is surprised -- because he is Obi-Wan Kenobi. He has simply gone by the name "Ben" for longer than most people remember. Obi-Wan is an old friend of Luke's father's and has a gift meant for Luke from his father -- a Jedi light saber. He tells Luke that his father was a great Jedi Knight who was betrayed and killed by an evil Jedi named Darth Vader. He also tells Luke about the "Force" from which Jedi's receive their power. Luke is hungry for any information about his father and shocked to learn these things.Then Obi-Wan receives Princess Leia's message from R2-D2 and asks Luke to join him in delivering the Death Star plans to the Rebels on Alderaan. Luke refuses, feeling obligated to helping his Uncle.

5- Luke Chooses The Force

In the final sequence of the First Act, the Empire gets closer to finding the stolen plans. They trace the droids to the Jawas who sold them to Luke, and then massacre Luke's family. Luke and Obi-Wan discover the destroyed Jawa vehicle and realize how close the stormtroopers are. Luke races off to try and help his family, but they're already dead when he reaches them. Devastated and alone, Luke goes back to Obi-Wan and joins his effort to reach the Rebels, asking to be taught the ways of the Force.

Act 2: Aboard the Death Star

Luke and Obi-Wan hire a ship to take them to Alderaan -- the Millenium Falcon piloted by HAN SOLO and his wookiee first mate CHEWBACCA. They fly across the galaxy, but discover Alderaan has been destroyed by the Death Star. They are soon captured aboard the Death Star themselves and forced to hide and plan an escape. During this action, they locate the imprisoned Rebel leader PRINCESS LEIA and rescue her as well. Blocking Obi-Wan's escape, however, is an old, fallen pupil named DARTH VADER. Darth is said to have killed Luke's father, and now he kills Luke's mentor Obi-Wan. Obi-Wan's death provides a distraction that allows Han to fly the others away. Luke isn't allowed to grieve long as he and Han have to battle through a wave of space ships before they are free. At last, they are able to deliver the plans to the Rebel base. They're being tracked, however, and will soon face the Death Star again.

1- Getting Out of Mos Eisley

The second Act opens with a Sequence about Luke and Obi-Wan trying to get off Tatooine. They visit the dangerous space port of Mos Eisley looking for a ship to carry them to Alderaan. Imperial stormtroopers are looking for them everywhere, but Obi-Wan's Jedi powers keep them from being found.Inside a bizarre cantina where alien pilots and smugglers hang out, Obi-Wan meets a wookiee named CHEWBACCA and a dashing pilot named HAN SOLO. They run a very fast ship named the "Millenium Falcon," famed for its success in smuggling. Obi-Wan strikes a bargain that will get them to Alderaan for a payment which will clear Solo's debts with his gangster bosses. Before they leave, Han has a gunfight with a bounty hunter who wants a reward for finding Solo. Solo kills the bounty hunter and realizes he has to get off Tatooine quickly. He gathers Luke and Obi-Wan and their droids onto his unimpressive looking ship. Just as they're about to fly away, the Imperial stormtroopers discover them and open a barrage of laser fire. Han rushes away before the troopers can stop him on the ground, but more Imperial resistance awaits them in space. Luke complains about Han's ineffectiveness until Han manages to make the jump to light-speed -- escaping the Imperial ships.

2- The Trip To Alderaan

On the Death Star, Darth Vader has delivered Princess Leia to his commander GOVERNOR TARKIN. Tarkin wants Leia to tell him where the Rebel Base is, so he threatens to blow up her home planet of Alderaan with the Death Star. She tells him where to look, but Tarkin blows up Alderaan anyway. Later he discovers Leia lied to him and that the location of the Rebel Base remains a mystery. On board the Millenium Falcon, Obi-Wan Kenobi senses the death of Alderaan, but doesn't realize what this "disturbance in the Force" is. He pushes it aside and instructs Luke in taking an important step forward in using the Force himself. Han brings his ship out of light speed near Alderaan, only Alderaan is no longer there. Without any clues, Obi-Wan's intuition tells him the Empire has blown Alderaan to pieces. It also helps him recognize the Death Star ahead of them when no one else can believe such a large space station could exist. But Obi-Wan's warning comes too late and the Death Star's "tractor beam" sucks them into landing on the Death Star as prisoners.

3- Breaking the Princess Out of Death Star Detention

This sequence on the Death Star begins when Han Solo manages to keep himself and his passengers undiscovered by hiding in his smuggling compartments. They have to sneak around the Death Star and turn off the tractor beam before they can fly away. Obi-Wan says he will do that task alone. Luke and Han disguise themselves as stormtroopers and wait for Obi-Wan to return. But when R2-D2 discovers that Princess Leia is a prisoner there on the Death Star, Luke is compelled to rescue her. He talks Han and Chewbacca into helping by promising them a reward. They leave the droids and sneak to the prison level and blast all the guards. But before they can get the Princess out of her cell, more troopers arrive, cutting off their only escape. Princess Leia is shocked at her inept rescuers and decides to take over -- blasting a hole in the wall through which they all dive to escape the stormtroopers. The hole actually leads to more trouble in the Death Star trash compactor. The trash compactor is full of danger, first from a creature that lives among the trash and almost kills Luke -- and then the walls of the compactor close in to crush everyone. Luke manages to hail C-3P0 on his com-link and relays the message for R2-D2 to shut trash compactor down. The message is received just in time and everyone is spared.

4- Fighting Out of the Death Star

Free from the trash compactor, Luke and Han try to take the Princess back to their ship. They meet more stormtroopers and are forced to split into two groups. Han and Chewbacca outrun one group of pursuers while Luke and Leia swing across a chasm together to finally escape. Meanwhile, Obi-Wan turns off the tractor beam, but his presence is detected by the evil Jedi Darth Vader. Darth Vader knows that he and Obi-Wan must face each other and waits for him in a hallway. When they meet, they duel with their light sabers, discussing the respective values of the good Jedi and the dark-side of the Force. Luke and his companions reunite at the Millenium Falcon, but as they board the ship they see Obi-Wan's duel with Darth Vader. With Luke watching, Obi-Wan intentionally drops his guard and lets Darth Vader strike him down. Luke is shocked into screaming and giving away he position. He has to fight his way back to the ship to escape with Han and Leia, but only does so after he hears Obi-Wan's voice encouraging him in his head.

5- Through TIE-Fighters to Freedom

The second Act ends with the Millenium Falcon's flight to the Rebel Base on Yavin. Before they can make the jump to light-speed, Han and a grieving Luke have a dog-fight with several Imperial TIE fighters. They manage to blast the fighters out of the sky and escape. The Empire, however, is secretly tracking their flight back to the Rebel Base.

Act 3: The Battle of Yavin

The secret plans to the Death Star reveal a weakness that the Rebels intend to exploit. They launch an attack with Luke Skywalker as one of the fighter pilots. This attack is met by two threats -- first Darth Vader meets the fighters in flight and kills them one by one with devastating ease; and second, the Death Star is only minutes away from destroying the Rebel base. If the attack takes too long, it will all be over for the Rebels. Fortunately, Luke feels the influence of his dead mentor and uses the Force to guide him. He fires a direct hit at the vulnerable spot of the Death Star and blows it apart. Luke, Han, Chewbacca, the Princess and the droids all become heroes to the continuing Rebellion.

1- The Plans Are Deciphered

The third Act opens with Leia's revelation that she realizes the Empire must be tracking their flight, but that it's worth the risk to deliver the Death Star plans to the Rebels and hope they can find a way to defeat it. Upon landing at the Rebel Base, R2-D2 hands the plans over and an attack plan is designed for Rebel ships to destroy the Death Star. But Han Solo thinks this plan is ridiculous and refuses to be part of it. Luke joins the effort as an X-Wing pilot and prepares to fly off with R2-D2 as his companion just as the Death Star flies into orbit around their planet.The Rebel pilots have very little time to destroy the Death Star before it destroys them.

2- The Fighters Meet Resistance

Flying in several teams, the Rebel fighters approach the Death Star in space and move in to attack according to their plan. But they are detected by the forces on board the Death Star and Darth Vader decides to attack them in ship-to-ship combat. Luke makes his first approach and is nearly destroyed by the Death Star defenses. Then the Imperial fighters approach and make things worse. Luke finds himself tailed by an enemy fighter, but is saved by another pilot named WEDGE.These isolated dog-fights give the Rebels time to send a group of fighters down the the Death Star Trench to find the vulnerable shaft which is their target -- but Darth Vader notices the Rebels who split off for this attack -- and he follows them.

3- The First Two Trench Runs

The next Sequence dramatizes the difficulty of the Rebel attack plan. The flight down the Death Star trench means flying into cannon fire which only stops when Darth Vader and two other fighters appear on the Rebel's tail. The first attack ends when Darth Vader destroys all the fighters in the group. The second attack gets farther, with the leader using his "targeting computer" to aim his torpedoes down the Death Star's vulnerable ventilation shaft. But this computerized guidance doesn't work out and his shots go wide. This pilot dies asking Luke to mount his own attack on the trench.

4- Luke Flies The Trench & Destroys the Death Star

With no one else to lead, Luke Skywalker forms a team to head into the Death Star trench. He knows to expect Darth Vader's ships to attack from behind, so he goes in at full throttle. His tactics aren't much help and soon Luke is alone in the trench with Darth Vader hot on his tail. Where everyone expects Luke to use his targeting computer to make the necessary torpedo shot, Luke hears Obi-Wan's voice urging him to "Use the Force." Luke chooses to obey Obi-Wan's advice and turns off his computer. Then, just when Darth Vader is about to blow Luke from the sky, a surprise barrage of laser fire from above sends Darth Vader's ship pin-wheeling into space -- it's Han Solo joining the fight after all. Luke is then free to fire his torpedoes and his aim is true. Just when the Death Star is about to fire on the Rebel Base, it explodes due to the chain reaction begun by Luke's torpedoes.

5- Congratulations All Around

Returning victorious to the Rebel Base, Han and Luke are embraced by Leia as the whole base erupts in celebration. Then, to honor the heroes, an awards ceremony is held in which Han and Luke receive medals. Meanwhile, however, Darth Vader flies away in his ship, living to fight another day.