

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away....

STAR WARS
EPISODE IX
Legacy of Skywalker

LUKE SKYWALKER'S valiant sacrifice at the Battle of Crait has inspired hope throughout the galaxy. Many have begun to rise up in the name of Resistance to defy the diabolical FIRST ORDER.

Meanwhile, REY, the last hope for the Resistance and the Jedi, continues her training, while General Leia Organa continues to attempt contact with Resistance allies and sympathizers.

As Supreme Leader KYLO REN searches for an ancient Sith artifact, he leaves General Hux in command. To extinguish hope and silence the rebellion, Hux orders an invasion of Coruscant, the former capital of the Republic

Act I

* After the opening crawl, we pan down to see Coruscant. Then, a First Order dreadnaught flies into view, imitating the opening of ANH.

* We see the First Order invading the planet, and taking over. The state of the planet is already poor, but the presence of the First Order only makes things worse.

* As they seize control, Hux enters a meeting room of First Order leaders, who want to know where Supreme Leader Kylo Ren is. Hux tells them that he is pursuing an artifact that will make the First Order more powerful than any planet killing super weapon.

* On Mustafar, we see Kylo and the Knights of Ren waging war on the planet's inhabitants. After defeating them, they make their way to Darth Vader's castle.

* Inside, Luke's voice echoes in his head, "Strike me down in anger and I'll always be with you." After searching the castle, the knights find a Sith Holocron.

* Kylo is able to open it and is presented a hologram of Darth Sideous instructing Vader to seek out the planet Exagol, where beings skilled in the Dark Side of the Force can complete his Sith training.

* Jannah Ren, a female member of the Knights of Ren, asks why they're chasing ghosts instead of hunting down the last Jedi. Kylo Force chokes her mid sentence and tells her not to question

him. Once they find Exagol, Kylo will become so powerful, no Jedi will stand a chance, not even Rey.

* Wipe to Kuat shipyards. Finn, Rose, BB8, and Chewie have infiltrated the First Order's Star destroyer manufacturing plant. They free the enslaved workers. Rey, disguised with her Jakku scavenger gear, plants explosives that set off a chain reaction throughout the plant. The team rendezvous, and are picked up in the Falcon by Lando and Poe. Some refugees and First Order prisoners join them and become members of the Resistance.

* On Yavin, the gang returns and celebrates another victory. However, Leia senses something terrible, and the group is then informed that the FO has taken Coruscant. Leia is downcast that immediately after freeing one world, another is enslaved. Rey tells Lando to take care of Leia, and walks off to:

* A small, haphazardly built temple, Rey sits and meditates, repeating the mantra, "I am one with the Force, and the Force is with me." Luke appears before her. She asks what she should do, but Luke tells her she already has everything she needs to figure out what to do. Rey doesn't understand and Luke tells her the Force will guide her. Then, he tells her that there is nothing more for him to teach her. They must complete her training. Rey doesn't feel ready but Luke believes she is.

* Kylo sends a message to Hux to update him on his search. Hux acts pleased to hear it. He immediately contacts Jannah and asks what the supreme leader is after. She says that he is searching for a powerful Dark Side planet where he will complete his training.

* On board his ship, Kylo is studying ancient Sith texts he recovered from Vader's castle. Jannah approaches him and asks why he is searching for yet another master after having killed Snoke to free himself of his control. It doesn't make any sense. Kylo reveals his plan to her. As soon as he finds Exagol, he is going to slaughter everyone on the surface and become the most powerful Sith in the galaxy. He wants to earn the right to call himself Darth Ren. Jannah reaffirms her allegiance to him and that if that is what he wishes, she will support him.

* Rey sits with her staff, tools, and Luke's broken lightsaber in front her. Luke guides her in disassembling the saber, and her staff. She constructs a new double sided saber. Luke tells her that the color will be determined by her nature. She ignites it to see a blue blade. She is a true Jedi Knight now. However, Rey's lack of confidence is obvious.

* She confides in Finn and Poe her lack of faith who try their best to encourage her. She is comforted by them but still does not feel fully confident that she can be the Jedi she needs to be. Later, Lando tells them that Leia's losing hope that their allies will help after their failure to respond at the Battle of Crait. Rey and the trio decide to research the Jedi texts together for something that could help, when Rey has a vision of the Death Star and Endor.

* Kylo meditates on board his ship. Vader's helmet sits before him. He speaks to Vader, asking for guidance. Instead, Luke appears. He asks Kylo what he hopes to achieve. Kylo tries to block him out. Luke tells him "you're nothing like my father." Kylo becomes enraged and ignites his saber, slashing where Luke was moments before. But the ghost is gone. Kylo instead has sliced Vader's helmet in two. He deactivates his saber, feeling defeated.

* Back on Yavin, the trio finds information on an ancient Jedi beacon that can send transmissions across the galaxy using the Force. However, the beacon is underneath the Jedi temple on Coruscant. The group is dismayed.

* Poe comes up with a plan. Team A: Finn, Rose, Chewie, 3PO, and R2 will go to Coruscant to infiltrate the Jedi temple. Team B: Poe, Lando, BB8, and Rey will go to Endor. Poe has come to believe in the power of the Force and that Rey's vision means something. Rey wishes to go alone but Poe isn't having it and Lando agrees.

* As they say their goodbyes, Finn tells Rey that Kylo is too far lost. Rey still believes otherwise. Leia reaffirms this belief.

* The Knights of Ren make it to Exagol. They scan the planet's surface and find an ancient Sith temple. They land and Kylo heads inside, alone. He discovers a throne, shrouded in Darkness. A figure sits upon it. He approaches, and begins pledging his allegiance to who he believes is the spirit of Palpatine.

* There is no response. Kylo looks up. The figure stands, slowly. Then ignites a red lightsaber. It's Darth Vader. Kylo is stunned as Vader approaches him. He finally ignites his own saber and they clash blades. After a brief fight, Vader stabs him, and Kylo slumps back into the throne. Vader approaches and tells him he is unworthy of being a Sith. Kylo shouts "NO" and then suddenly finds himself still kneeling before the throne. It was a vision.

* Kylo stands and ignites his saber to use as a light. He raises it over his head as he approaches the throne. A rotting corpse sits. He begins to become frustrated. Luke appears.

* "Look where your path has led you. Death. A corpse. What did you expect to find here? You turned to the Dark Side because I failed you as a teacher. You killed Snoke because he failed you as a teacher. What did you hope to accomplish with yet another Master?"

* Kylo and Luke argue a bit, before Kylo starts slicing up the throne in anger. Another Knight enters behind him and asks him what he's found. Kylo says nothing and angrily brushes past the knight back toward the ship.

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Act II

* Hux is named Chancellor of Coruscant and makes a menacing speech to its people. In his chambers, he contacts Jannah. She tells him that Kylo Ren is chasing ghosts. She is losing faith in his ability to lead. He only desires to serve masters rather than be his own master. Hux is unsurprised. He tells Jannah to stay on her guard. They cannot kill him just yet.

* Kylo returns to the ship. Jannah has just disconnected from a holocall, and Kylo pretends not to notice. She asks what he found. He tells her he found nothing, and the other Knights report the Sith temple is abandoned. Kylo then instructs the Knights to head back to Coruscant to aid the First Order in their occupation of the planet, and leave a transport behind for him. He's going to stay and meditate on what to do next. They agree. However, Jannah stays behind in secret, with an additional transport to see what Kylo will do.

* Team A arrive at Coruscant in an old FO ship, allowing them to sneak in undetected. Once they've landed, they blend in with refugees. Among them is DJ and other FO officers who have deserted, and explain that the Jedi temple is heavily guarded. Rose asks Finn what their plan is now. He looks around at the group. They're afraid and want to run. Finn has an idea.

* Team B exits hyperspace and lands on Endor. Rey explores the ruins of the Death Star and finds the Emperor's throne room. She hears echoes of Luke and Vader's fight. She touches the throne and sees a vision of herself, as a Sith, standing next to the throne, with Kylo Ren seated on it. The Dark Rey sees her and attacks. Rey does not ignite her lightsaber in time and is knocked back, back into reality. She sits up and cries, feeling helpless and unworthy of being called a Jedi Knight.

* Anakin's voice echoes in her head. He tells her that she is worthy. That she is destined to follow in his footsteps and restore order to the galaxy. She is the last Jedi, and her legacy will define future generations of Jedi. Rey doesn't believe that she can bring balance to the Force since she is not a Skywalker. Luke appears and tells her that Skywalker is only a name. The power she holds within herself is what makes her a true Jedi Knight. She doesn't have to be anyone special to fight for the Light.

* Kylo sits cross-legged before the throne, contemplating. He holds his helmet in his hands. He feels a disturbance

* On Yavin, Leia collapses. Resistance soldiers and medics rush to her aid. A medic says that she won't last long. Something is draining her.

* Close up on Jannah Ren meditating. She's trying to cut off Kylo's last tether to the Light. Close up on Kylo. And he reaches out, trying to save her. But he can't. He collapses, weeping, angry that he is powerless.

* Rey is meditating when she feels Kylo's despair. Luke realizes that Leia has died. Tears begin to stream down Rey's cheeks.

* Finn and friends follow DJ, who explains they've built up an arsenal of weapons and makeshift armor from repurposed FO, Imperial, and even some Trade Federation gear. Tinkerers have reactivated several battle droids and droidekas. There are AT-ST walkers and even an AT-AT. Finn asks DJ if there are other battalions who might turn on the FO if they make enough noise. DJ is positive there are others that would join their fight. Rose is hesitant to trust him again after TLJ. DJ gives his word, remarking that the FO is bad for business. He was more successful in the Republic. Rose is unsurprised by his motivations.

* Rey opens her eyes, still in the throne room. Darth Sideous sits on the throne, speaking to Rey, telling her to find Exagol and complete her Sith training. Rey hears a deep breathing behind her. She turns and sees Vader. Sideous was speaking to Vader, not her, and the throne room is restored to its state as seen in ROTJ. Vader asks about the Sith Spire. Sideous is using a Sith Spire, to block the Jedi beacon's signal in the event that it is ever activated. Rey doesn't quite understand. She is brought back to reality once again and Anakin's voice echoes in her head "Mortis."

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Act III

* Kylo Ren is meditating at the same time as Rey and when he opens his eyes they are sitting across from one another. Kylo asks where she is. She refuses to tell him. He asks what Mortis is. She pretends not to know what he's talking about. He tells her he heard it too. Kylo continues to read her. "The beacon..." he says. Rey realizes he's figured out what the Resistance is planning and their communication is cut.

* Rey quickly leaves the Death Star.

* Poe and Lando receive a transmission that Leia has died. They are shocked. Poe sees Rey approaching and exits the Falcon, embracing her. "Leia's gone..." he whispers. Rey already knows and tells him that Kylo has figured out their plan and is going to inform the FO. Poe realizes they have to get to Coruscant and tell the Resistance before it's too late. Rey tells him that she can't go with him. She briefly explains. Poe refuses to let her go alone and warns her not to try any mind tricks on him. Rey assures him that she never would, but she needs to do this. It's more important than either of them. They part and he boards the Falcon. They leave behind an escape pod for Rey to pilot.

* Kylo rushes out of the temple and to his ship. He is about to call Hux but stops himself. He hesitates. But then initiates the call. Hux answers, "Ah Supreme Leader, so good to finally hear from you personally." Kylo begins to explain the situation.

* Hux looks up from the holocall and sees something outside the window. "Looks like they're already here, Supreme Leader." Kylo informs him that the Knights of Ren are on their way to aid the FO. They hang up.

* Team A, along with DJ, and a small army of FO defectors and refugees, approach the Jedi Temple. They are flanked by the walkers. They reach the edge of the temple, which is heavily guarded by stormtroopers.

* Finn begins to make a rousing speech, about the FO and how they're traitors. "The Jedi didn't die just so that the shadow of the Empire could rise up and undo everything they fought to accomplish!"

* There is hesitation and doubt on many of the troops. Some begin to turn, others don't. The fighting breaks out, and the Resistance charges the temple.

* Kylo takes off and enters hyperspace. Jannah takes off shortly after and follows.

* Rey is already in hyperspace, piloting her small ship. Her eyes shut and she repeats "I am one with the Force, and the Force is with me." She opens her eyes and disengages the hyperdrive. She exits lightspeed in front of Mortis. She is amazed. She flies toward the planet and lands.

* On the surface, she begins to hike toward the Father's temple. The Daughter appears and guides Rey to the temple.

* Kylo senses Rey and exits hyperspace. He sees the planet as well. As he lands and exits his ship, in the background, we can see Jannah's ship entering the atmosphere.

* Finn and co are in the fight for their lives. TIE fighters enter the fray, gunning down soldiers. Suddenly Poe contacts him. Finn looks up.

* The Resistance has arrived! Hundreds of ships, including the Falcon, piloted by Poe and Lando, join the fight, both in space and on Coruscant.

* Team A makes it into the temple, and begins descending.

* The Son appears to Kylo and speaks to him about stopping Rey. Kylo says he knows what he has to do. He hears a familiar voice say "Hey, kid." He looks up. Han is there. He steps toward Kylo. Their exchange from TFA is repeated here. Kylo begins to tear up when Han agrees to help him. He ignites his saber and attacks the ghost of his father. But there is nothing there.

* Jannah is following close behind.

* Rey sees a vision of her parents' selling her on Jakku. She doesn't understand why they sold her. Then, she sees her parents' ship being intercepted by the FO somewhere in deep space. They sold Rey to hide her from Snoke. Suddenly, she reaches the temple. The Father asks if she understands why she's been brought here. Rey understands. The Daughter continues to guide her up, into the higher reaches of the temple.

* Team A is deep under the Jedi temple and they run into the Knights of Ren. A fight ensues.

* Poe does some fancy maneuvering with the Falcon, and ends up bringing down a Star Destroyer (with the help of X-Wings). A stray TIE fighter takes out the Falcon's satellite dish, cutting off coms.

* The fight against the Knights ends with Finn taking one of their vibroblades and taking them all on like a Jedi. They locate the beacon and DJ begins to tinker with it.

* Rey is brought to a wide open balcony. The Sith Spire lies at its edge. Rey approaches and sees that the spire houses a Sith Holocron, beaming out a transmission which blocks the spire at the Jedi Temple. The Son appears and tells her the only way to open it is to tap into the Dark Side.

* Kylo appears. He tells her to stop. He ignites his saber and steps toward her. Rey addresses him as Ben and ignites her double bladed saber. They duel.

* The battle wages on Coruscant. Hux orders the dreadnaught to fire on the planet's surface to take out the rebels. They are hesitant at first but obey. Blasts of ion energy collide with the soldiers, killing both FO troops and Resistant troops alike. The stormtroopers begin to see the horrors of the people they are fighting for. One by one, they begin to turn on the FO.

* DJ and Rose continue to tinker. They come across a control panel. There's a strange object on it, used to transmit messages. Finn feels drawn to it. It's a Jedi Holocron.

* Kylo and Rey continue to fight. Kylo gains the upper hand and forces Rey's saber away from her. When he goes to strike the killing blow, Luke appears and grabs his saber. Kylo yanks away from him and goes for another swing. Leia is there this time to catch the blade. Kylo forces his way through his mother's ghost and raises the saber above his head. And then... Anakin appears. He pleads with Kylo to stop this foolish pursuit. The Dark Side is not the way. Tears well up in Kylo's eyes as he tries to commit to the final blow. Jannah watches from afar. Kylo is thrown backwards by the Force intervening, away from Rey and his helmet flies off, shattering. As he lies on his back, he sees the galaxy in his mind and hears the voices of 1000 generations of Jedi calling to him. They tell him "You are all that's left of the Skywalker Legacy. The Dyad must become One."

* Then he sees Han standing over him, hand extended. He tells Kylo to come home.

* Suddenly, Rey is the one standing over him, hand extended. Ben Solo reaches up and takes it. She pulls him to his feet. Jannah grabs Kylo Ren's lightsaber with the Force, shouting "TRAITOR."

* Rey twists her hilt and the saber staff splits in two. She hands one to Ben. They ignite them together, the blue blades changing into a brilliant yellow, twin suns rising, ushering in a new hope. Luke's words echo in Rey's mind. They stand at the ready. Jannah attacks.

* DJ informs the group that the beacon is receiving power but it's not active. Finn reaches out to the Holocron, shuts his eyes and begins to focus. He uses the Force to open the Holocron and the beacon powers up. DJ says they have another problem. Something is blocking the beacon from transmitting.

* The war in space rages as Poe tries to take down the dreadnaught.

* Jannah throws Rey to the side and Ben grabs her other saber and dual wields them. He fights Jannah as Rey comes to. She sees that Ben is handling himself and rushes to the spire. She begins to use the Force on the Holocron. At first, she hears the hisses and whispers of the Sith, including Palpatine. Then, the red light changes to blue, transmuting it into a Jedi Holocron. Rey is able to open it and deactivate the spire.

* DJ sees that the beacon is open. Rose tries to contact Poe so that he can transmit his message to the beacon. No response. Finn is struggling to keep the beacon active. His inexperience in the Force is taking its toll.

* As Rey maintains the open line, Ben and Jannah fight. She tries to approach Rey but Ben grabs her with the Force. "I won't let you!" Ben is flanked by the spirits of Anakin, Leia, and Luke, who are reaching out to him, amplifying his power.

* Jannah gives in to the pull of the Force, sending her catapulting towards Ben. She turns and ignites the saber to attack him. Ben mimics his Uncle's technique from Crait and drops to his knees, dodging the slash. Jannah flies over the edge of the balcony.

* Rose continues to try to reach Poe but can't. She says his coms must be down. "What do we do now?" R2 rolls forward and plugs into the beacon. His head spins a bit, as if he's processing something, then he begins to turn the port, sending a message through.

* All across the galaxy, on every holo projector, a familiar message begins to play. It's choppy, obviously having been edited on the fly by a droid: "Years ago, you served [me] in the [war]. Now [I] beg you to help in the struggle against the Empire. This is our most desperate hour. Help me... you're my only hope."

* Leia's voice is heard across the galaxy. Ben hears his mother's voice and tears up.

* Rey lets go of the spire and falls back. She sees Ben looking up to the sky. They are victorious.

* Hundreds upon thousands of ships emerge from lightspeed above Coruscant, and other FO occupied planets. Poe and Lando "yahoo" in triumph.

* Hux, sees the massive fleet opposing them. He stands, stoic. Ships bombard the dreadnought and Hux is engulfed in flames.

* Finn lets go of the beacon and collapses, Rose catching him. He looks up at her. "Did we win?" She nods and kisses him.

* Rey and Ben look over the edge at Jannah's broken body. Rey embraces him. She tells him his mother would be proud. Ben sobs, saying that he wishes she could be there to see. Rey tells him, "no one's ever really gone." Ben smiles, and thanks her. Rey asks him to come with her back to Coruscant. Ben says he can't. He is not a Jedi. He has found the Light but he cannot join her in restoring the Order. Besides, everyone would brand him a war criminal. Half of the Resistance would want him imprisoned, and the other half would want to kill him.

* Ben acknowledges that he's done horrible things. He murdered his own father. He tells Rey he needs to go into Exile and continue his path toward the Light. Rey reluctantly agrees and pulls Kylo Ren's saber from Jannah's body with the Force. She twists it, opening it up, pulls the broken kyber crystal free, and tosses it over the edge. She holds the hilt out to him and tells him to find her when he has restored it and is ready to become a Jedi. He smiles and agrees.

* They part ways, Rey turning back to smile at him one last time.

* The Resistance celebrates their victory. Planets begin to rebuild. Finn asks Poe what's next. He says they'll rebuild the Republic. We see Maz and Finn working to rebuild her castle, turning it into a new Jedi Temple. Finn trains with the kids from The Last Jedi. Time passes.

* Finally, while training, Poe and Finn see a ship approach and land. Poe cracks a smile, recognizing the Falcon's escape pod, and runs toward the ship. He stops just short of it and watches.

* The docking ramp lowers and out steps Rey, a Jedi Master. She wears Kylo Ren's repurposed cloak, hood up.

* On Ahch-To, we see Ben, dressed in Luke's Jedi robes, removing black charred bits of metal from his saber, revealing the gold and silver metal underneath. He stops and looks up, out over the sea and at the setting sun, mirroring Luke from ANH. He cracks a smile.

* Match cut on Rey standing on the ramp. She lowers her hood, and smiles at the new generation of Jedi.

* IRIS OUT. END OF THE SKYWALKER SAGA.