The Lost Archive

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EXT. DANE'S VISION - NIGHT

DANE is in a swamp. He looks around, stumbling as if he was drunk. Suddenly the scenery changes and everything is black.

DANE

(whispering)

What?

Suddenly a light appears, revealing that he's in a large cave. Something glints in the mud. Dane kneels down and pulls the lightsaber out of the mud. He looks around before a red light fills the screen and everything goes black again. The sound of a lightsaber activating is heard.

YODA

Hmmm. Find me, you must.

INT. DANE & KAI'S HOME - MORNING

Dane is laying on some kind of blanket. He opens his eyes abruptly. KAI is standing over him. Dane sits up.

KAI

Dane! Are you okay? You were shaking!

DANE

(out of breath)

I'm okay, I'm okay.

KAI

What happened?

DANE

I think I just had a vision.

KAI

Really? What did you see?

DANE

It was a lightsaber - and it looked like I was supposed to... find it? It was almost calling out to me. And there was a darkness.

Kai looks up suddenly. He and Dane stare at each other for a few seconds. Then Dane stands up abruptly and starts grabbing

things and putting them in a bag.

KAI

What are you doing?

DANE

I need to find it. I saw a planet... I'm almost certain it was Dagobah. I know where I need to go.

KAI

Dagobah? Dane, was that... the lost saber?

DANE

(softly)

It was. I saw it. The lightsaber.. the lost archive.

They both sit in silence. Kai stands up.

KAI

I'm coming with you.

DANE

You can't. Someone needs to stay here. With the raiders around like they are, we'd come back to ashes.

KAI

You're right, but I don't want you to go alone.

DANE

I won't be alone. I have A-3.

A-3 beeps happily from the corner. Kai looks disappointed and slightly angry.

KAI

Alright. I'll help you pack.

EXT. DANE AND KAI'S HOME - DAY

Dane stands outside his and Kai's hideout, pack on his back and blaster on his hip. He checks his pack as A-3 and Kai watch.

DANE

I'm ready now.

KAI

Farewell. May the force be with you.

DANE:

And also with you.

Dane and Kai smile at one another. Dane turns and starts jogging down a trail.

DANE

Come on, A-3! We've got a lightsaber to find!

INT. CANTINA - DAY

DARTH CAEDES sits down at the bar. She holds up her hand to the bartender and they hand her a glass of blue milk. She nods.

The cantina is full, and there are strange creatures and people all around. A person in dark clothes walks up to the bar and sits down next to Caedes. Caedes takes out a bag and plops it on the counter.

SMUGGLER

The ship's out back. B-Class starcruiser, nothing fancy.

DARTH CAEDES

Does it fly?

SMUGGLER

Yes.

DARTH CAEDES

Good.

She gets up and walks away, leaving the credits on the table.

EXT. FOREST ON BAELIV - DAY

Dane and A-3 walk through the forest.

DANE

Are we still on course, A-3?

A-3 beeps confirmation.

EXT. ELYSIUM TERMINAL - DAY

Dane approaches Elysium Terminal, the one, and only spaceport

on Baeliv. He scopes out the area with his macrobinoculars. After spotting two guards, he puts the macrobinoculars away and draws his blaster.

Dane gets closer, sneaking behind bushes. He overhears the guards talking.

GUARD 1

Yeah, and they're still riding my ass about that new hyperdrive mandate

GUARD 2

No kidding. I still haven't made the upgrades, it's such a pain.

Dane looks at A-3 and nods. A-3 drives into the guard's line of sight.

GUARD 1

Hey! What's that droid doing here?

GUARD 2

Hey! Droid! Stop right there!

A-3 stops moving. As the guards walk towards A-3, Dane readies himself. As the guards turn the corner Dane jumps out. After a few seconds, he has knocked out both the guards. He takes off their belts and uses them to tie up the guard's hands behind their backs.

DANE

Alright, A-3. Let's grab a ship and get out of here.

A-3 beeps in agreement.

INT. A-WING STARFIGHTER | SPACE - LATER

Dane flies the A-wing. A-3 is in the back droid cockpit. Dane fiddles with a few switches and then looks back to A-3.

DANE

A-3, are there any starports on Dagobah?

A-3 beeps yes in confirmation, then a few more times.

DANE

Okay. Set course for Zergon Startport on Dagobah.

More confirmation beeps from A-3. Dane pulls a lever and jumps to lightspeed.

INT. A-WING STARFIGHTER | DAGOBAH - DAY

The A-wing receives a radio call from the Zergon platform commander.

PLATFORM COMMANDER

LWS Infineon, this is Zergon Spaceport. You are flying over restricted Imperial airspace, we demand that you land immediately so we can take you in for questioning.

DANE

(into radio)

This is LWS Infineon to Zergon Spaceport. I mean you no harm, I'm just a visitor to Dagobah. Requesting permission to land without being detained.

PLATFORM COMMANDER

Denied. What are your intentions on Dagobah?

DANE

(into radio)

Looking for a friend. He flew into here a few cycles ago.

Dane looks to A-3 and stares at the radio.

PLATFORM COMMANDER

LWS Infineon you have permission to land on platform B-6. You will be taken in for further questioning upon landing. Over.

DANE

(into radio)

OK. Landing now. Over.

DANE

(to A-3)

Alright A-3, prepare to land. This might get interesting.

EXT. ZERGON SPACEPORT - LATER

Dane stands in front of the now landed A-wing. He watches as the Platform Commander and a few quards approach the ship.

PLATFORM COMMANDER

Welcome to Dagobah. Please show your identification.

Dane nods and A-3 rolls up behind him. He walks up to the commander as he reaches into his bag. Close to the platform commander, he pauses.

PLATFORM COMMANDER

Well?

DANE

Hold on, I know it's here somewhere...

Dane punches the Platform Commander in the face and draws his blaster from his bag. He aims and shoots at one of the guards before running behind some cover. The guards shoot back and nearly hit him. He shoots a lucky shot and hits one of the quards in the arm. He ducks out from behind the cover and runs across the open field, shooting all the while. Blaster shots ricochet all around him. He fires at a fuel container and it explodes, killing one of the guards. The Platform commander is knocked out by the explosion.

A-3 rolls up to her and zaps her with its taser. Dane walks over to her. He takes a rope out of his bag and ties her hands and feet, then takes her blaster and a key card of some sort. He stands up, satisfied.

DANE

Well, A-3. We did it. Welcome to Dagobah.

Dane and A-3 walk off of the landing platform and into the control center. He searches around and finds a datapad.

DANE

Bingo. In my vision, I saw a cave... A-3, can you search the saved locations on this thing for a large cave or cavern?

A-3 beeps and rolls up to the datapad and starts searching. While A-3 is doing this, Dane searches the rest of the control center. He puts a few things in his bag and then stands back up.

DANE

Alright. A-3, you done?

A-3 beeps and rolls away from the datapad and over to Dane. A-3 lets out a series of complicated beep patterns.

DANE

That's... far. Well, we don't have much of a choice. Let's go.

A-3 lets out a series of beeps. Dane shoulders his pack and they set off into the woods, A-3 leading the way.

INT. IMPERIAL STARSHIP - SPACE

DARTH Caedes is in the controls of the ship. There's a navigation system, pointing to a planet. She's watching it angrily.

EXT. BATTLEFIELD - DAY

There is smoke and fire everywhere. Darth Caedes's master is standing with a lightsaber, deflecting laser blasts. They get shot in the chest and drop the lightsaber. They are shot again, and again. Finally, they collapse.

Darth Caedes enters the scene, lightsaber on and deflecting as she goes. She sees DANE'S FATHER, blaster in hand, and pointed at her master's body.

DARTH CAEDES

No!

She sprints over to Dane's Father, deflecting blaster shots. She reaches him and kills him with her lightsaber. Then she runs over to her master. They are lying on the ground, wounded badly.

DARTH CAEDES

Master - I will heal you.

She rolls up her sleeve and begins using the force, but then the master's hand grabs her wrist.

DARTH'S MASTER

No. Save yourself. Find the lightsaber. Avenge me.

The master dies.

DARTH CAEDES

Noooooo!

Darth Caedes stands up angrily and ignites her lightsaber.

EXT. DAGOBAH - DAY

Dane trudges through the swamp with A-3.

EXT. RUINS ON DAGOBAH - DAY

Dane and A-3 walk past the ruins of a building. There's a resistance flag on the ground that has been destroyed and the symbol of the Empire is painted on top of it.

EXT. CAVE ENTRANCE - DUSK

Dane and A-3 stand in front of the narrow entrance to the cave.

DANE

A-3, stay here. I want you to guard the entrance and alert me if you see anyone or anything, okay?

A-3 beeps confirmation. Dane walks into the cave.

INT. CAVE - CONTINUOUS

Dane walks through the cave.

DANE

(mumbling)

I remember this... where was the saber?

He walks to the edge of the water and looks out into the darkness. He looks down and sees something in the water. Dane reaches down and pulls out the lightsaber. He takes it out of the water and shakes it a bit before pressing the button and turning it on. The lightsaber activates and the green glow of the blade lights up his face.

YODA

Hmmm. Found my lightsaber, you have.

Dane jumps and turns around to see GRAND MASTER YODA's force ghost behind him. He turns off the lightsaber.

DANE

Master Yoda! I thought you were dead!

YODA

Gone, no one ever truly is.

DANE

Why are you here?

YODA

Here to train you, I am.

DANE

What?

YODA

Learn the ways of the force you must. Train you to be a Jedi I will.

DANE

Sorry... but I don't need training. I just came for this.

Dane holds up the lightsaber.

YODA

Hmmm. A darkness I sense in your family. Train you, I will. But a decision you have to make.

DANE

Thank you for the offer, but I'm just going to go home.

YODA

Hmmm. Remember this: Do not give in to hate. May the force be with you.

Yoda's force ghost fades into the blackness. Dane stares at the spot where Yoda was and then shrugs. He walks out of the cave.

EXT. DAGOBAH - SUNSET

Dane walks out of the cave. He looks back at the entrance, then turns away. A-3 rolls out of the trees and follows him.

EXT. RUINS ON DAGOBAH - DAY

Dane steps through a broken-down doorway in the ruins. Pushing through the tattered fabric, he enters the abandoned building. A THIEF runs out of the bushes, up to him, and tackles him from behind. Dane is caught off-guard and they both fall to the ground. The Thief grabs Dane's bag and tries

to run away but Dane catches his ankle, tripping the Thief. Dane's bag falls to the ground and Yoda's lightsaber falls out. The thief's eyes widen and he scrambles and grabs the lightsaber, then stands up. The thief looks at the lightsaber and turns it on.

The glow of the lightsaber blade lights up Dane and the Thief. Dane stands and backs up.

DANE

Look, you don't want that, just put it down-

The thief has a crazy look in his eyes. He brings the lightsaber above his head and starts to bring it down.

Dane raises his arms above his head and braces for the lightsaber to make contact with his face. Suddenly the thief straightens up, shaking, before falling over backward, unconscious. Dane looks down to see A-3 with his taser module arm out. A-3 beeps.

DANE

Thanks, A-3! He almost had me.

Dane bends over and picks the lightsaber out of the thief's hand.

DANE

I should really learn how to use this, shouldn't I?

A-3 beeps affirmatively.

EXT. CAVE ENTRANCE - DAY

Dane descends into the cave.

INT. CAVE - CONTINOUS

Dane wanders around the cave, returning to where he found the lightsaber.

DANE

Master Yoda!

Yoda's force ghost appears.

YODA

Hmmm. Knew you would return, I did. Welcome back, Dane.

DANE

I'd like you to train me.

YODA

Then train you I will. Come.

Yoda descends into a deeper section of the cave. Dane follows.

EXT. DAGOBAH - DAY

Dane emerges from a cave entrance onto an island. He looks around and walks to the tip. He looks out at the water and Yoda appears next to him.

YODA

Now, your training begins.

EX. DAGOBAH ISLAND - DAY

insert epic training montage

EXT. DAGOBAH ISLAND - LATER

Dane is attempting to use the force on a pile of rocks. His hand is outstretched, and he's straining. Finally, he lets his arm down with a sigh.

DANE

It's not working.

YODA

Believe in yourself, you must. Relax. Watch.

Without moving, one of the rocks starts to levitate. It flies up, around Dane, then drops back onto the pile.

YODA

Now. You do it.

Dane closes his eyes and reaches out with his hand. He takes a deep breath and one of the rocks begins to float.

YODA

Good! Now, move it around.

Dane strains and the rock begins to move left before falling to the ground. Dane opens his eyes and lets his hand fall.

YODA

Hmmm. Practice more, you must.

EXT. DAGOBAH - DAY

Dane stands atop a log while holding Yoda's lightsaber. He's wearing a blindfold and looks as if he's about to fall. In front of him is a trainer droid.

The training droid moves around and shoots a laser at him. He tries to block it but loses balance and falls to the ground.

YODA

Again, you must. Empty your mind - become one with the force

Dane takes a deep breath and climbs back onto the log. He puts the blindfold on and ignites the lightsaber.

The training droid starts to move again, shooting another laser. This time, Dane moves the lightsaber just in time and blocks it. He does this three more times before the training droid flies farther away and shoots him in the leg. He falls.

INT. CAVE - DAY

Dane emerges from the connecting cave, into the large cavern. A-3 rolls up to him, beeping wildly. Dane kneels down and looks at the droid.

DANE

What is it, A-3?

A-3 beeps more.

DANE

Here?

Dane looks up. Silhouetted on top of a mound of rocks is Darth Caedes, lightsaber in hand.

DARTH CAEDES

(shouting)

Hello, Dane.

DANE

(shouting)

Who are you?

She says nothing, but jumps down from the rocks and walks towards him. Soon they are standing roughly 10-15 feet apart.

DANE

Who are you?

DARTH CAEDES

I am Darth Caedes.

DANE

That doesn't help.

DARTH CAEDES

5 years ago, your father killed my master. It is my mission to destroy you and that lightsaber.

DANE

Wait- my father died at that battle. You're the one who killed him.

DARTH CAEDES

That's right. Now give me the lightsaber.

DANE

No.

insert epic battle

Dane's lightsaber is thrown out of his hand and he is knocked to the ground.

Darth Caedes leans over Dane, lightsaber in hand, about to kill him. Dane closes his eyes, raises his hand, and uses the force to lift a rock behind her. He pulls his hand towards him. Darth Caedes looks surprised and turns around just in time to have a giant boulder slam into her, and knock her over. Dane stands up, wincing. He walks over to Darth Caedes's body and kneels down. He checks her pulse. He reaches for her lightsaber, on the ground next to her. Just as he's about to grab it, he stops.

YODA (V.O)

Remember, Dane. Hate is not the way. The light must outshine the dark

Dane stands up and reaches out his hand. His lightsaber flies into it. He turns it off, walks over to his bag, and puts it into it. Then he walks out of the cave.

Once he's out of the cave, a hand reaches out and grabs Darth Caedes' lightsaber from her body, and takes it.

INT. DANE & KAI'S HOME - EVENING

Dane walks through the door and into their home.

DANE

Kai?

Silence.

DANE

Kai? Are you there?

A-3 beeps from beside him.

DANE

Yeah, I know A-3. He isn't here. That's odd, he was supposed to be protecting it.

Suddenly Dane hears a noise behind him. He turns and his lightsaber appears in his hand, and he ignites it inches from Kai's face.

KAI

Dane? You're back!

DANE

There you are!

Dane turns off the lightsaber.

KAI

So, you found it?

DANE

Where were you? I almost killed you!

KAI

I went... out

DANE

Where?

KAI

To get supplies.

Dane squints at him a bit before shrugging and walking away. Kai enters walks into the room and puts down his bag.

(ZOOM INTO THE BAG)

Darth Caedes' lightsaber is tucked into the bag, almost out of sight.

THE END (CUE CREDITS)