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— Echo.

"Aw, leave him alone. They kept him in his growth jar too long."

— Hevy and Cutup react to Echo's adherence to the regulation manuals — 

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Echo read the regulation manuals prior to the battle on the Rishi Moon.

During the galaxy-wide Clone Wars between the Galactic Republic and Confederacy of Independent Systems, CT-1409 "Echo," a clone trooper stationed at the Rishi Station outpost on the Rishi Moon in the Outer Rim,<sup>[2]</sup> was very focused on protocol, the regulation manuals,<sup>[3]</sup> and his orders.<sup>[4]</sup> In fact, Echo had received his nickname from his habit of repeating regulations<sup>[5]</sup> and orders.<sup>[6]</sup>

One day<sup>[2]</sup> in 22 BBY,<sup>[1]</sup> Echo walked into the station's command center while reading one of the manuals.<sup>[2]</sup>

When heavy weapons expert<sup>[7]</sup> and fellow rookie CT-782

"Hevy" complained about the lack of combat on the moon, Echo revealed he enjoyed their station's peace, citing that it allowed him to catch up on the manuals. The comment confused Hevy, who rebutted by saying their purpose was to fight against the Separatist Droid Army. When another rookie, CT-4040 "Cutup," joked that Echo had been kept in his growth chamber for too long, Echo was annoyed and turned his attention back to the manual until Clone Sergeant "O'Niner" spoke up.<sup>[2]</sup>

A short time afterward, the station was attacked by a team of BX-series droid commandos, resulting in the deaths of many clones stationed in the outpost. O'Niner was among those killed, making trooper CT-5555 "Fives" question what to do. Echo began to recite what the regulation manuals ordered, only to be interrupted by a Rishi eel that killed Cutup.<sup>[2]</sup>

## Behind the scenes

*"One of them is just really into his own books and studying protocol. That's really —"*

*"Maintenance clone."*

— Story editor Henry Gilroy and Supervising Director Dave Filoni<sup>[8]</sup>

The regulation manuals first appeared in the *Star Wars: The Clone Wars* episode "Rookies,"<sup>[2]</sup> which first aired on October 24, 2008. They were first identified by their full name in the *StarWars.com* episode guide for "Rookies."<sup>[9]</sup> In a behind-the-scenes featurette for the episode, Supervising Director Dave Filoni joked that Echo's strict adherence to the regulations made him a maintenance duty clone.<sup>[10]</sup> The *StarWars.com* article for their rewatch of "Rookies" framed Echo's strict adherence to the rules as his rookie mistake, making him the opposite of the eager-to-fight Hevy. According to the blog post, Echo had nervous responses to anything that bent the rules because he had yet to understand they should only be a guideline.<sup>[11]</sup>

## Appearances

- Star Wars: The Clone Wars* – "Rookies" (First appearance)



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NOTES AND REFERENCES

1. *Star Wars: Galactic Atlas* places the events of the *Star Wars: The Clone Wars* film and "Bombad Jedi" in 22 BBY. As the events of "Rookies" take place between the aforementioned media according to *Star Wars: The Clone Wars Chronological Episode Order* on [StarWars.com](#) (backup link), it must also be set in the same year. As the clone trooper regulation manuals appear in the episode, the manuals had been released by that year.

2. *Star Wars: The Clone Wars* – "Rookies"

3. [Rookies Episode Gallery](#) on [StarWars.com](#) (backup link) (Slide 2)

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