

# STAR WARS

## EPISODE VII:

“Stronghold”

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### **PAGE ONE (4 PANELS):**

#### **PANEL ONE:**

**A platoon of Rebel Alliance forces, led by Lieutenant Drex Anders, is entering an ex-Empire stronghold on the planet Malastare.**

1) CAPTION: My unit, sir, ever since Yavin, we’ve been hunting down the Empire’s strongholds. Making sure they’re secure. Seeing if they’d left some valuable intel behind.

#### **PANEL TWO:**

**The platoon is in a fierce firefight with various security and battle droids.**

2) CAPTION: And we’d run into some resistance before, sir. Mostly low grade security droids. Never anything like this.

#### **PANEL THREE:**

**The platoon is exiting the stronghold carrying their wounded and dead.**

3) CAPTION: We lost a lot of good guys in there, and we barely got to Level 3.

#### **PANEL FOUR:**

**Lt. Anders is talking to a hooded figure outside the stronghold. It’s an Over-the-Shoulder Shot favoring the Lieutenant, so we can’t see the hooded figure’s face.**

4) ANDERS: That’s why we called you, sir. I don’t know who this place belonged to, but they sure didn’t want anyone getting in.

5) HOODED FIGURE (O.P.): It belonged to my father, Lieutenant...

**PAGE TWO (6 PANELS):****PANEL ONE:**

**The hooded figure is revealed to be none other than Luke Skywalker.**

1) LUKE: And I sense something... important inside.

**PANEL TWO:**

**Luke walks toward the entrance of the stronghold, alone.**

2) LUKE: Tell your men to wait here.

3) ANDERS: But, sir--

4) LUKE: I'll contact you when it's secure.

**PANEL THREE:**

**Luke uses the force to open the stronghold doors.**

[NO DIALOGUE]

**PANEL FOUR:**

**He sees a cluster of G-2RD guard droids inside (REFERENCE LINK [HERE](#)).**

[NO DIALOGUE]

**PANEL FIVE:**

**Luke activates his lightsaber.**

[NO DIALOGUE]

**PANEL SIX:**

**Moments later. This panel is similar to Panel Four, except now the robots have been destroyed and Luke is walking past them into the stronghold.**

[NO DIALOGUE]

## **PAGE THREE (4 PANEL):**

### **PANEL ONE:**

**Each panel on this page represents a different underground level of the stronghold, each with a different and deadlier type of security droid. In this panel, Luke’s fighting a group of Nar Shaddaa security droids (REFERENCE LINK [HERE](#)).**

1) CAPTION: Level 4.

### **PANEL TWO:**

**Luke battles a company of 6FT-DP droids (REFERENCE LINK [HERE](#)).**

2) CAPTION: Level 12.

### **PANEL THREE:**

**Luke uses the force to bend up the metal floor, creating a wall to push back an army of B-2 battle droids (REFERENCE LINK [HERE](#)).**

3) CAPTION: Level 28.

### **PANEL FOUR:**

**Luke destroys a group of Krath war droids (REFERENCE LINK [HERE](#)).**

4) CAPTION: Level 33.

**PAGE FOUR (5 PANELS):****PANEL ONE:**

**Luke is fighting one of the infamous Droideka Battle Droids (REFERENCE LINK [HERE](#)). Luke's using his lightsaber to reflect its laser blasts.**

1) CAPTION: FINAL LEVEL.

**PANEL TWO:**

**Close-Up Shot of Luke, focused, his hand raised as he uses the full strength of the force.**

[NO DIALOGUE]

**PANEL THREE:**

**The Droideka is crushed by the force into a big metal ball.**

2) SFX: CRUSH!

**PANEL FOUR:**

**From behind Luke, a figure speaks. We can see just a black foot and the edge of a cape.**

3) VOICE (O.P.): Impressive, Young Skywalker.

**PANEL FIVE:**

**Luke turns and sees Darth Vader, red lightsaber drawn, ready for battle.**

4) VADER: But you will not fair as well with me.

5) LUKE: No! It's impossible!

**PAGE FIVE (4 PANELS):****PANEL ONE:****Vader swings his saber, and Luke blocks.**

- 1) LUKE: You died in my arms!
- 2) VADER: The Dark Side can never die. Nor can your feeble Jedi tricks defeat me.

**PANEL TWO****Luke swings back, but he's blocked.**

- 3) LUKE: You're not my father!

**PANEL THREE****Vader kicks Luke to the ground.**

- 4) SFX: Thump.

**PANEL FOUR****Vader stands over Luke.**

- 5) VADER: I sense much doubt in you.

**PAGE SIX (5 PANELS):****PANEL ONE:**

**Luke blocks as Vader brings his lightsaber crashing down.**

1) LUKE: No!

**PANEL TWO:**

**Luke is on his feet, fighting back.**

2) LUKE: When I fought my father before, I could always sense his own struggle.

**PANEL THREE:**

**Luke has the momentum.**

3) LUKE: The battle between the darkness and light. Between Vader and Anakin. But in you...

**PANEL FOUR:**

**Luke is standing in front of Vader, their lightsabers locked together.**

4) LUKE: I sense nothing.

**PAGE SEVEN (6 PANELS):****PANEL ONE:**

**Luke cuts Vader in half, revealing only circuitry inside.**

[NO DIALOGUE]

**PANEL TWO:**

**Luke looks down at the malfunctioning android.**

1) VADER: You cannot... defeat...

2) LUKE: You're just a machine. Programmed with my father's memories, but none of his soul.

**PANEL THREE:**

**Luke notices a vault nearby.**

[NO DIALOGUE]

**PANEL FOUR:**

**He uses the force to open the vault.**

[NO DIALOGUE]

**PANEL FIVE:**

**Luke is shocked by what he sees inside.**

[NO DIALOGUE]

**PANEL SIX:**

**Outside, Lt. Anders is receiving a holographic transmission from Luke Skywalker.**

3) LUKE: Lieutenant. The stronghold is secure. Take your platoon and proceed to the next one.

4) ANDERS: Understood, sir. But if you don't mind my asking, what'd you find in there? Anything valuable?

5) LUKE: Yes, Lieutenant.

**PAGE EIGHT (1 PANEL):****SPLASH:**

**Luke is standing inside the vault, which is more of a shrine dedicated to Padmé Amidala (Luke’s mother and Vader’s wife). We can see the red dress and crown she traditionally wore as queen. We can see a holographic picture of her clandestine wedding to Anakin Skywalker. Luke stands in awe, and his last comment is more to himself than to Lt. Anders.**

1) LUKE: Valuable indeed.

**THE END**