

Force Awakens Revised:

Full Story Draft

Preface:

Many aspects have been altered or completely reworked for this rewrite. This includes; location aesthetics, character traits and backstories, as well as others. I have tried to keep to the general spirit and plot structure of the Original TFA wherever possible while (hopefully) enhancing the story. Many scenes remain completely the same as the Original TFA, with only minor alterations. The most notable and impactful changes to the storyline are:

- Starkiller Base is now a First Order Stronghold/Prison rather than another Death Star stand-in
- Finn is Force Sensitive
- The Skywalker Lightsaber is found by Finn/Rey on Jakku
- The Rathtar segment has been removed

Wholly new or heavily altered scenes will start with **Blue Font**.

Jakku-Village Attack:

Opening Crawl.

The silhouette of a Star Destroyer blocks out the view of space above Jakku, a junkyard planet littered with the wrecks of countless starships. The results of a great battle between the Empire and the Rebellion that occurred decades ago. Several dropships filled with Stormtroopers hurtle towards planet's surface.

We see a scavenging Village, most homes and structures comprised out of various Original Trilogy ships, vehicles and technology.

In one home, Resistance X-Wing Pilot Poe Dameron meets with the village Elder who hands Poe a technological object, star charts that can help the Resistance find Jedi Master Luke Skywalker. The Elder is reluctant to give the map but states a need for the Jedi to return to restore Balance to the Force and the Galaxy.

Poe's droid, a white and orange spherical astromech named BB-8, bursts into the Elder's home. He has seen First Order transports approaching the village.

With the Elder's encouragement, Poe and BB-8 rush towards their X-Wing, hoping to make a hasty escape.

The Elder and his fellow villagers prepare to fight.

The dropships barely touch down before their ramps lower onto the ground, expelling dozens of Stormtroopers who begin firing on the villagers. The Stormtroopers are being led by a tall, female trooper with chrome armor, Captain Phasma.

Before he can take off and escape, several troopers spot them and shoot at the snub fighter. Poe's X-Wing is damaged, leaving the engines inoperable. Poe lowers the ship's antipersonnel turret, firing at and taking out the nearest troopers. He hides the map inside BB-8 and tells the little droid to flee into the desert, with Poe promising to come back for him later. Poe grabs his blaster and takes position on a nearby ridge. He starts firing at the First Order troopers.

As one trooper falls to Poe's shots, another rushes to help the fallen soldier. The wounded trooper dies, leaving a bloody smear across the facemask of the other trooper.

For the concerned trooper, FN-2187, the sounds of battle and destruction seem to grow louder. The screams of anguish and fear from the civilians press in even closer, as if their pain was felt directly in his own mind, overwhelming the Stormtrooper. The trooper hides in cover attempting to pull himself back together, his movement now appearing more 'human' and less robotic than his fellow soldiers.

The battle is winding down now as any villagers that haven't been gunned down are being pressed towards the village center. Many of their homes are aflame. Poe remains hidden, observing. FN-2187 has recovered slightly and has reluctantly taken his place among the other Stormtroopers surrounding the villagers.



The sounds of an approaching starship cut through those of the remaining blasterfire. A large and imposing black shuttle is landing at the edge of the village. Out from it steps a tall, black-robed figure, someone clearly above the rank and file soldiers. Beneath the hood his face is obscured by a black and silver masked helm. This is Kylo Ren, Dark Jedi and First Order enforcer. He approaches the town center, where the village Elder is being forcefully shoved towards him by a pair of Stormtroopers.

Kylo Ren mocks the Elder regarding how old the scavenger has become and asks where he has hidden the map to Skywalker. The Elder ignores this question and criticizes Ren for following the path of the Dark Side. Ren and the Elder appear to have some knowledge of each other. When the Elder begins to mention Ren's family heritage the Dark Jedi grows suddenly angry and ignites his cross-guarded lightsaber. Its crimson blade and quillons crackle with unstable energy and trail fiery embers. In a smooth motion Ren raises it above his head before slashing downwards. The Elder barely has time to react before he is cut down.

As this is happening Poe leaps from his hiding spot and rushes towards the village center. Leveling his blaster he fires a shot directly at Kylo Ren. The Dark Jedi spins around, his arm outstretched. Poe's blaster bolt catches in the air, sputtering and crackling impotently, unable to move forward. Poe finds himself frozen in place too.

Two troopers bring Poe before Ren who, upon not finding the map on the pilot, orders him to be brought back for questioning. Poe is hauled off to a transport. Ren then orders Captain Phasma to have the remaining villagers killed.

As the troopers prepare to fire, FN-2187 readies his blaster. Yet on the command to fire, he does not, the same empathetic pain of the villagers threatens to overwhelm him again; he doesn't want to hurt these innocents.

After the carnage, Ren pauses on the way back to his shuttle, turning to face FN-2187, sensing something strange about the trooper before ignoring it and turning away.

The frozen blaster bolt is released from its bonds, flying into a structure in the village center, startling FN-2187.

Jakku System-Star Destroyer Finalizer:

The First Order transports and Ren's shuttle land in the Star Destroyer's hangar bay. As Poe is escorted off of his transport he pauses, looking around the hangar bay, he looks surprised at the amount of resources this ship possesses. Poe is then hauled off to the detention center.

After the other troopers exit his transport, FN-2187 frantically takes off his helmet, revealing a dark skinned young man who looks as if he'd rather be anywhere else than on the Star Destroyer. He is hyperventilating after the events of the battle. Captain Phasma approaches him. She scolds him for removing his helmet without permission. She also reprimands him for refusing to fire on the villagers and orders him to go to reconditioning. She will not have her most promising cadet turning coward or traitor. FN-2187 acknowledges her orders and she leaves. Still breathing heavily, the trooper puts his helmet back on.

Jakku-Star Destroyer Wreck Scavenging Team:



Inside the decaying remains of an old Imperial Star Destroyer we see a girl. She is wearing simple clothing and a mask/cowl to protect her face as she deftly climbs through the ship, prying out valuable components from the ship's guts. She carries a crude but sturdy metal staff for protection. This is the scavenger Rey. She is there as the pilot of a quadjumper, a junker transport, for a scavenger team in return for access to usually inaccessible parts of the Destroyer.

Dragging her take back towards the ship, Rey pauses by a dark passageway that leads further into the ship. She has a strange notion that something in the ship's depths is calling to her, like a song at the edge of hearing. It fills her mind with unease and a feeling of imminent danger. She flicks on her headlamp, attempting to peer down the passage. She can see nothing apart from the dim outline of a hallway. Shaking the strange thoughts off, she continues onwards.

Rey passes several other members of the team packing up their finds, gossiping about a First Order attack on a nearby village, supposedly led by a Dark Jedi. They both argue about the First Order; most think it a cult devoted to the former Empire, but whispers say it has power to rival the old starfleets. The hard-bitten men leer at her as she passes them, eying her much larger pack of salvage. Rey ignores their stares while shaking her head at their gossip. She'd heard stories of the Jedi, the Dark Side and the Light, from various spacers and scavengers but never saw them as anything but tall tales. The strange musical calling washes over her again, like by the passageway but more insistent, she looks over her shoulder but sees nothing apart from the fading figures of the two scavengers.

Rey reaches the quadjumper, which is docked on an outcropping inside the cavernous main hull of the star cruiser. Dim light filters in through various cracks and holes in the capital ship's outer plating.

She sees an old man, who is the junker team leader and owner of the ship, resting by its loading ramp. He is a rough looking but kind man, his gruff appearance more a product of a hard life than a bad character. He smiles warmly at her, appraising the salvage. "Good haul today" he remarks, nodding towards her pack. Rey reaches up and removes her mask, revealing a youthful face not yet worn down by the harsh climate of the planet. Forcing the unusual fear in her stomach down she smiles back and reaches into her pack and hands the man a few choice parts. He attempts to wave them away but she is insistent. He takes a cut from the other scavengers for access to his ship but Rey gets to keep hers in return for piloting the ship, as he is getting too old to do it himself. Still, she likes to make sure the man gets a little extra for himself, he's always kind to her and offers her good salvage jobs. Rey heads into the ship

As she unloads her gear the feeling of dread continues to grow in her mind, the strange call is louder than ever. She doesn't know why but something is wrong. Abruptly the feelings crescendo and an image of being buried in metal and sand flashes in her mind. Gasping in fear, she rushes to the cockpit and starts prepping the ship for takeoff. The old scavenger leader comes hobbling back, looking equal parts confused and concerned. Rey implores him to get the team out of there, something bad is about to happen. A look of disbelief crosses his face but, trusting Rey, he quickly keys the comm and orders the other scavengers to hurry back to the quadjumper. They grumble back in confusion and annoyance but start to return. Rey is anxiously tapping her foot and eying the instruments as the others make their way back, with the old man still watching her carefully.

The last of the scavengers appears in the distance. Not a moment later a terrible metal groaning erupts from all around them and the destroyer's remains start to shudder violently. The unstable hull starts to crumble, large metal sections falling around the ship, their own makeshift landing pad begins to shake; it is no longer stable. The old man's face changes to one of shock and he rushes to the ramp, yelling for the other two to run to the ship. The last scavengers scramble, they barely make it aboard before Rey punches the engines. She weaves the ship through the falling debris, showcasing superb piloting skills. She

manages to find a gap in the hull and pilots the ship out to safety of the sun baked dunes. She takes the quadjumper towards the largest settlement on Jakku, Niima Outpost.

Jakku System-Star Destroyer Finalizer:

Pilot Poe Dameron awakens in restraints in a First Order interrogation room. He is bloody and bruised from the First Order's attempts to learn of the map's location. They have so far been unsuccessful. Abruptly, Poe realizes that he is not alone, the towering frame of Kylo Ren stands before him. Ren commends Poe on his abilities to resist the torture so far and then begins probing the pilot's mind with the Force, Poe valiantly attempts to resist but is no match for the Dark Jedi's abilities.

Ren exits the chamber, leaving behind an unconscious Poe. A First Order commander approaches, General Hux. Despite his young age he is one of the top commanders of the First Order military, certainly the most zealous. Ren reveals that the map is located inside the pilot's droid, a BB unit. Hux says that they shall deploy teams to search the surface and place a bounty on the droid, the search shouldn't take long.

Jakku-Niima Spaceport/Unkar Plutt:

Back at the spaceport, the scavengers are unloading what gear they have collected and are heading off to their preferred junk dealers. Before heading off herself, Rey pauses, staring out into the adjacent landing field at the various trader starships taking salvaged scrap to sell off world. She sees a family of traveling merchants loading goods into the nearest ship. Their children run among the cargo crates, playing games with one another.



“You should see about taking one of those ships off world.” The old scavenger approaches her, a look of pity in his eyes. “There are any number of crews that would pay handsomely for a pilot of your skill, and you deserve a better life than this.”

Rey takes one last look at the family before turning away. “I can't leave yet” she replies. She hefts her pack onto her back and heads into town.

We see Rey inside a junk dealer's shop. She waits in line as an old female scavenger argues about the value of her salvage with the shop owner. Rey eyes her, wondering if this will be her fate. The old woman leaves, Rey is next up. She heads up to the counter, now facing a rotund and seedy looking alien. This is

Unkar Plutt, a salvage broker. His operation is large enough that he can afford various enforcers and guards around town, several of whom glare from dark corners of the shop. Once a smaller dealer, he's slowly been edging out the competition in town. He offers her a 'fair' price for her goods (One Quarter Portion), just enough food to keep her going until the next run.

Taking her meager pay, she goes to her nearby salvage-built speeder and heads home.

Back in Plutt's shop, an unidentified figure approaches the junker dealer. Plutt turns to face them, "I don't see any scrap." He scowls, "What do you want old man?"

Jakku-Rey's AT-AT Home:



Rey prepares dinner for herself at her small compound. It is built from the remains of a downed AT-AT walker, surrounded by self-built moisture vaporators and power generators. She sits outside, watching the slowly setting Sun as she eats.

Finishing her meal, Rey puts on a scavenged X-Wing pilot helmet, watching a departing transport on the horizon, daydreaming of a life off world.

She is shaken out of her fantasies by the nearby sound of mechanical screeching. Removing the helmet, she stands, grabs her staff and heads towards the sounds.

Cresting a small ridge she finds a roving scavenger, an unpleasant creature named Teedo, riding an armored beast of burden. Caught in the scavenger's net is BB-8. Rey calls out to the other scavenger telling him to release the droid as he is in her claimed territory. Teedo resists at first but eventually relents. BB-8 is freed and Teedo heads back off into the wastes, grumbling to himself.

BB-8 and Rey chat. Rey asks him what he is doing out here, he replies that it's classified. Rey points him in the direction of town and starts to head back to her home. BB-8 implores her to let him stay the night. Reluctantly, she agrees.

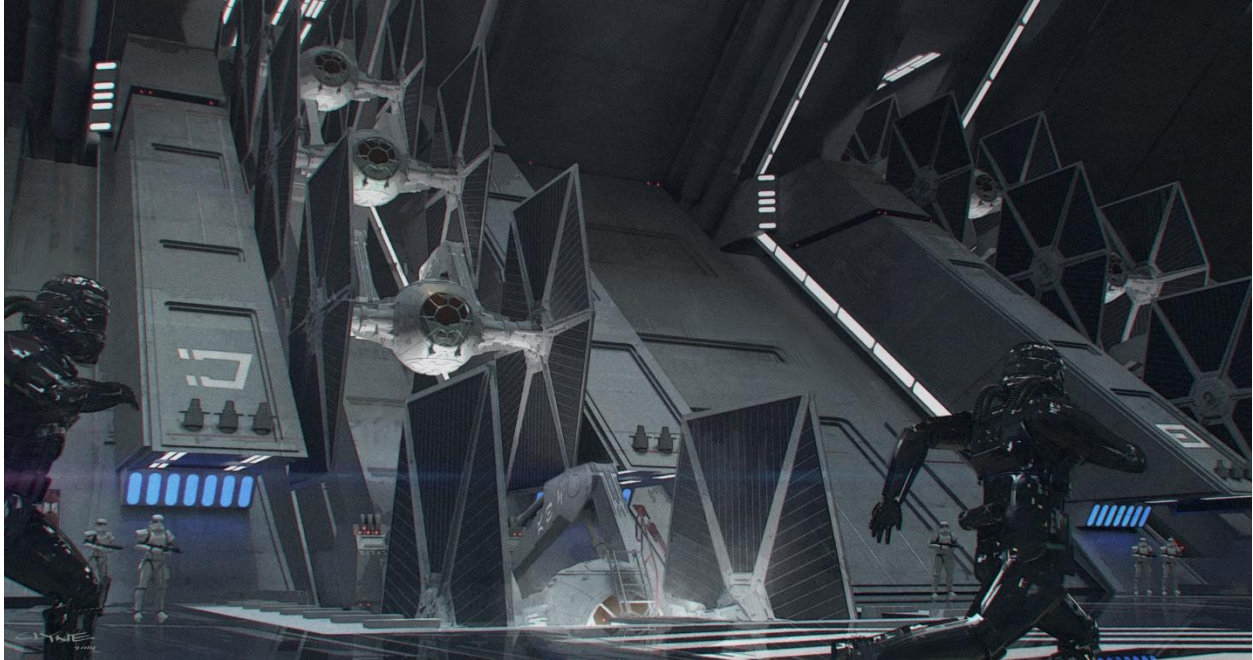
Jakku System-Star Destroyer Finalizer:

FN-2187 strides into Poe Dameron's prison cell, declaring that Kylo Ren wants the prisoner. This is outside normal protocol but the trooper guarding Poe knows better than to keep the Dark Jedi waiting. Poe is released to FN-2187.

FN-2187 escorts Poe away from the detention block before hastily pulling him into a side hall.

He removes his helmet and tells Poe that he can help him escape, asking if the Resistance pilot can fly a TIE Fighter. Poe asks if the trooper is with the Resistance too. FN-2187 replies no but that this is a rescue, asking again if Poe can fly a TIE Fighter. Poe says he can fly anything and asks why the trooper would do this. FN-2187 responds saying that “it’s the right thing to do”. Poe calls his bluff “You need a pilot...”

“I need a pilot” admits the soldier.



They head to the hangar bay, still under the guise of a trooper escorting a prisoner. Seeing an opening they sneak aboard a Special Forces Tie Fighter.

Poe remarks on how he’s always wanted to fly a TIE and helps FN-2187 familiarize himself with the gunner position’s controls.

Attempting to take off, the fighter manages to lift off the ground before catching in place. It is still tethered to its docking station!

Hangar control quickly spots the unauthorized takeoff and alerts General Hux while ordering ground troops to stop the fighter. Troops start firing at the struggling TIE.

While Poe looks for the tether release, FN-2187 fires the swivel cannon at the ground troopers. His aim is off at first, but he quickly bests his nerves and quells any serious ground resistance. He turns his guns on Hangar Control and the docked TIEs, destroying the former and damaging many of the latter, hopefully preventing any fighter support for the time being.

Abruptly, Poe finds the tether release and the captured TIE rockets out of the Hangar Bay and into space. Poe dodges expertly around turbolaser fire, using various parts of the destroyer for cover.

Poe asks the trooper what his name is and is met with a serial number, FN-2187. Refusing to refer to someone as just a number he gives the trooper a name, Finn, which the trooper happily adopts.

Poe puts them on course for an attack run on the Finalizer's long range cannons, the main obstacle to getting out of range of the destroyer. Finn targets them and fires several volleys, managing to disable them! The two cheer and Finn is equal parts surprised and elated at his success. Poe steers the fighter away from the Star Destroyer.

Kylo Ren enters the bridge as General Hux is ordering the ventral missile cannons prepped to fire. Ren asks if it's the resistance pilot. Hux confirms this and adds that one of their own troopers is aiding him. "The one from the village" the Dark Jedi mutters, almost to himself. Hux gives him an odd look but ignores Ren as the weapons officer reports ventral cannons are ready to fire. Hux gives the order.

Several missiles are fired at the fleeing fighter. Finn does his best to shoot them down while Poe makes evasive maneuvers. Finn realizes Poe has a specific course amidst all the dodging. He asks where they're going to which Poe replies "Back to Jakku". Finn is dumbfounded when Poe tells him they need to find his droid, a one of a kind BB unit. Finn says no droid is worth the trouble and Poe says that his is; it's carrying a map to Luke Skywalker. An incredulous look crosses Finn's face and he begins to react with disbelief at this. However, one of the missiles manages to get too close to the fighter before Finn manages to hit it. The explosion does major damage to the TIE, sending the ship spinning out of control towards the planet's surface.

On the bridge, Hux is pulling up Finn's file while conversing with Captain Phasma. She explains Finn's insubordination at the village and notes that this was his first sign of nonconformity. A bridge officer relays that the TIE has been hit and is falling towards the planet's surface. Hux orders troops to be sent to the wreckage.

Jakku-TIE Wreckage/Wastelands:

The sun is barely above the horizon when Finn awakens in a panic, Poe had ejected him first before the crash. Releasing his safety harness, he runs towards the plume of smoke coming from the other side of a nearby ridge, hoping his new friend is alright.



Finn approaches the burning wreck of the fighter. He is calling out Poe's name but can neither see nor hear any sign of the pilot. The inside of the ship is obscured by heavy dark smoke and Finn reaches

inside, hoping to pull the man out. Feeling something he grabs it and backs away from the cockpit. Out of the smoke he sees it is only Poe's red and brown leather jacket.

Before he can search the cockpit again, the ground begins rumbling beneath his feet. The sands start to shift wildly and Finn is forced to scramble backwards as the fighter sinks into the sand. He barely has a chance to regain his footing when another rumble, this time a muffled explosion of the tiny ship's reactor, shakes the ground before all goes still.

Finn looks sadly at where the ship used to be. Finn gives the spot where it was a sad nod of thanks and then turns and heads away from the wreck. He discards his Stormtrooper armor and dons Poe's jacket. Picking a direction he hopes will lead him to a way off this planet, Finn walks into the wastes.

Jakku System-Star Destroyer Finalizer:

Kylo Ren and Hux argue over the effectiveness and loyalty of Hux's soldiers, insisting that they must quickly bring the map back unharmed. Hux cautions Ren on his emotions, telling him not to let the desire to find Skywalker cloud his judgment. Ren steps uncomfortably close to Hux, "I want that map" he says ominously, "for your sake, I hope you find it." He walks off, leaving Hux looking somewhat fearful.

Jakku-Wreckage/Wastelands:

Rey is riding her speeder through the wasteland, weaving through the dunes, looking for a promising wreck to pick over. BB-8 is strapped into some netting on the speeder's main body. She stops the speeder at the top of a ridge to look over the hulks of several large ships, including the Destroyer from the last scavenging mission. Even from here she can see the recent cave in that had nearly crushed her and the scavenging team. BB-8 starts chattering away in his droid language, saying they need to get the largest spaceport so he can wait for his master to arrive. "Don't worry" she replied, "we'll head there after I get some salvaging done, at least I won't be the only one waiting for someone to return to this planet." The droid pauses and asks Rey who she is waiting for. "For my family" she explains, "they'll be back for me..."she turns away "...one day" she finishes to herself. A strange feeling, almost like the sound of distant music on the wind, catches in her ears. The girl looks back out over the horizon, scanning for its source.



Her eyes catch again on the Star Destroyer from her last run. She realizes that is the same feeling/call she had felt in the passageway yesterday, stronger and more insistent, but this time it seemed to be beckoning to her rather than warding her away. Gritting her teeth, she kicks the speeder into gear and heads toward the wreck.

Finn has been wandering the desert for most of the morning. The desert sun is now high overhead, beating down upon him. He has seen or heard nobody as he continually trudges forward, only the endless carcasses of old starships. He was dreadfully hot and thirsty. Finding shelter until the sun started to set seemed like the best idea. He scanned several ships in the distance and his eyes fell upon the familiar shape of a Star Destroyer. It was an older model than the Finalizer, its central hull looked to be horribly caved in.

He shakes his head, "I'm done with those". As he begins to turn away, something seems to catch in the air. The impression of distant sound fills his mind, as if something was calling out to him, a sound unlike any he has heard before. He turns back to face the wreck. Finn didn't know why, but he was certain the call was emanating from the Star Destroyer. Part of him wanted to investigate, another part wanted to run as far away as possible. His curiosity won out and he changed course, heading towards the Star Destroyer.

Rey has arrived and enters the ship, BB-8 trailing behind her. The original path she had scavenged is gone, but following the strange song, Rey is able to chart a new path into the bowels of the wreck. It grows in intensity before seemingly rising up and away from her. Rey stops suddenly and looks around. She realizes that she is standing on the same floor where she had scavenged yesterday. It was now collapsed and half buried in sand. However, about forty feet above her, she could see the entrance to the same dark passageway. The presence in her mind seems to intensify as she stares up at it. "Wait here" she tells the droid. It warbles indignantly as she puts on her scavenging mask, flicks the headlamp on, and begins to climb.

She scales the metal cliff easily and steps cautiously into the hallway. Doorways line the sides of the passage but the open one at the end of the hall calls to her the most. She presses forward and crosses the threshold into an unspoiled storeroom, full of unopened crates of gear and artifacts. The strange calling in her mind had become more localized. It seemed to be coming from a small crate on one side of the room. It was softly lit by a dim shaft of natural light coming from a small hole in the ceiling.

Carefully, she opens the crate. Inside she finds a single object; a small metal cylinder with black grips and several buttons and switches. A device of some sort that she didn't recognize. Tentatively, Rey reaches out for the object. Her fingers brush the cool metal...

She stands up suddenly in fear as the snap-hiss of volatile energy fills her ears, coupled with the sound of heavy, mechanical breathing. She is no longer in the storeroom, but a coolly lit hallway. Farther down the hall she can see out onto a catwalk where two figures stand, one a man and the other a dark shadow. They appear to be fighting, clashing blades of blue and red energy together. Rey begins to take a careful step closer to the action but her footing gives way as an anguished scream of "NOOOO!!!" rends the air and the hallway dissolves around her.

She falls forward, quickly landing on dirt ground. Looking up she sees a robed figure kneeling in despair next to a blue and white astromech droid. Both lit by the fire of a distant burning building. The figure puts a mechanical hand out on the droids dome.

Heavy rain like she has never felt before begins to pour down on her. She stands, turning to face a muddy, moonlit battlefield. Corpses are strewn all across the ground. Behind her someone cries

out and she spins to see an armed and armored figure raise his weapon to strike her. She barely has time to shield herself before a crimson blade of crackling energy bursts from the man's chest and he falls to the ground dead. Standing over him is a dark-robed figure whose face is concealed by a masked helmet. His cross-guarded energy sword sizzles in the heavy rain. He is flanked by around a half-dozen similarly robed and armored figures. Abruptly, he looks up from the body and the black pits of his mask's eye holes seem to bore into her, as if he had just noticed Rey. He marches forward, reaching out towards her.

Just before his arm can grab her, the scream of a small child breaks through the rainfall. She turns and finds herself back among the familiar sun baked dunes of Jakku. She looks down to see herself, but much younger, struggling against the grip of an undefined being, vainly calling for someone to come back. Rey follows her younger self's gaze upwards and sees a starship from her oldest, deepest dreams shooting off away from Jakku.

The harsh desert sun disappears and the sky darkens. Rey shivers as she finds herself in an icy forest at night. She turns to walk farther into it when suddenly the masked figure from the rainy battlefield bursts out from behind a tree, his crimson blade ready to strike. She falls backward in fear...

...and lands back in the darkness of the dim storeroom. Fumbling frantically for her headlamp she turns it back on. The figure is nowhere in sight. The lightsaber is sitting benignly in its box, as if none of the previous events had just occurred. Fearful, tears brimming in her eyes, ignoring the call in her mind, Rey runs out of the room, heading back the way she came.

Finn has been wandering the halls of the ship for a good while now, following the strange call in his mind. Every time he feels lost or that he should turn back, the 'song' seems to guide him more insistently into the bowels of the wreck. At one point he thinks he hears the sound of someone running through nearby passages, but the footsteps die as quickly as they came. The pull of the song eventually leads him to a dark hallway. To his left the call seems to pour out of a dimly lit storeroom. Entering it, the feeling pulls his attention of one side of the room where he spies an open crate at the edge of a dim beam of light from outside.

Peering inside, he sees...a lightsaber, it had to be. He had seen the Enforcer Ren wield a much cruder one in the village, and his instructors in the academy had talked of the Republic's Jedi peacekeepers wielding such curiosities before their fall. He had thought that most of the stories of their powers were overly exaggerated legends, but after seeing Ren freeze that blaster bolt in the village...

Gingerly, he reaches out and picks it up. A strange sense of calm fills him as he does so. Fingers fumbling around the hilt, he locates the activation switch and thumbs it on. With a snap-hiss a brilliant blue-white blade of energy springs into existence, lighting up the dim storeroom. It hums with potent energy, feeling almost alive in his hands. His thoughts are lost for a bit as he stares at the blade, maybe Poe hadn't been wrong about that map...

The distant sounds of a droid's warbling speech snaps him out of his reverie. He's not alone here. Quickly he shuts the saber off, tucking it into the outer straps of his jacket. He walks to the other end of the hall. There's a steep drop downwards. At the bottom lay a collapsed floor sticking out the sand. He can hear the droid still and, he thinks, a person talking with it. He might have found some help after all. Quietly, he slips back out the way he came, looking for another passage to the lower level.

Rey runs back out into the main cavern, her mind still reeling over the events of her vision. She stops, bracing herself against a large metal strut, breathing heavily. BB-8 rushes up towards her, concerned, asking what happened up there. Not having anyone else to talk to about it and not knowing how to process it herself, she starts to tell the droid what she can remember of her vision. When she gets to the kneeling man and the astromech, an R2 unit, the droid starts beeping excitedly. She can barely make out what he's trying to say, something about a map and a mission. Staring, confused, the droid turns its domed head away from her.

It's holoprojector lights up and semi-transparent blue 3D images appear in the dark cavern. Representations of planets, hyperspace lanes and star systems. Rey stares in awe at the star map, taking in the full picture. Abruptly, BB-8 shuts the projection off, his central eye focuses somewhere off in the cavern and he starts to beep again. This time he sounds angry and distressed. [That man is wearing my master's jacket! He stole it!] Rey looks over and sees a man standing near a crumpled blast door, wearing a red and brown jacket. "Him? You're sure?" The droid beeps an affirmative. Rey grabs her staff and charges towards the thief.

Finn had finally found a route that led him down to the lower level. He creeps forward carefully, following the sounds of a woman and droid conversing with each other. Eventually a pale blue light guided him through a twisted set of blast doors and he saw a scavenger girl and behind her...an orange and white BB droid. It must be Poe's! The droid was projecting something, but as he tries to move forward to get a better look, the droid notices him. It shuts off the projection and looks straight at him, warbling insistently. The girl turns around, asks the droid something and then runs at Finn brandishing a metal staff, a look of angry determination on her face.

Finn tries to run deeper into the ship but is quickly caught by Rey who knocks him down with her staff, calling him a thief. The droid rolls up and shocks Finn before he can answer her. Finn then explains the escape and Poe's apparent death. The droid rolls off in sadness.

Rey helps Finn to his feet, asking if he's a part of the Resistance too. Seeing her admiration, Finn lies and says he is. She says BB-8 is on a mission. Apprehensively, still not fully believing, he replies that the droid is supposed to have a map to Luke Skywalker. The girl gives him a sharp look at this, she finally notices the saber tucked into his jacket. She reacts fearfully to it but he quickly explains what it is, surprised at her strong reaction. Neither mention the strange circumstances that led both of them there. Finn convinces her to get both himself and BB-8 off the planet (mostly himself). Reluctantly, she agrees. They all hop on her speeder and zoom off towards Niima Outpost.



Jakku-Niima Outpost:

They arrive quickly at the trading post. Rey parks the speeder and starts taking them towards the airfields. The old scavenger could point them to a trader willing to get Finn and BB-8 offworld. As they are walking several of Unkar Plutt's thugs accost them, demanding the wanted BB-8 unit. Rey tells them to back off but they rush in towards the trio.

Finn grapples with the nearest thug, fumbling with half-remembered close quarters techniques. He eventually incapacitates the thug. Finn turns to help Rey but sees that she is doing more than fine without him. Showcasing excellent melee skills, Rey incapacitates three enforcers quickly with her staff and the three run down a separate street before finding their way blocked by Stormtroopers searching for BB-8. The three run amidst vendor stalls and buildings towards the city spaceport, now being shot at by the troopers. Unsuccessful at catching their prey on foot, the Stormtroopers call in air support. TIE fighters start making strafing runs on the city. Finn, Rey and BB-8 make it to the landing fields, scanning around for a vessel to escape in. Rey sees the quadjumper from her last salvage trip and they start running towards it.

Finn is unimpressed with the tiny ship and points off to another one. "What about that bigger one?!" Rey gives it one look before dismissing it. "That one's garbage!" They make it into the quadjumper and take off, Rey piloting and Finn manning the gun turret on top. They shoot towards the wastes, hoping to find refuge among the wrecked capital ships.

Rey's daring piloting and Finn's newfound gunning skills help them take out a few of the pursuing TIE fighters. However, more join the hunt and it quickly becomes clear that they won't survive the full TIE patrol.



Suddenly, a new ship darts into the fray, blasting several TIEs out of the sky!

From the gunner's turret, Finn exclaims, "It's the garbage ship!"

The Millennium Falcon streaks past them, firing at the TIEs and pulling some of the pursuers away from Rey's ship. The chase continues, with the Quadjumper managing to take out a few TIEs while the Falcon flits in and out of their view, dealing with its own attackers.



Finn is gunning for their last TIE, but the nimble fighter lands a successful hit on the quadjumper first, disabling the engines and dealing heavy damage to BB-8. The ship crashes, and Rey scrambles to pull a dazed Finn and damaged BB-8 out of the wreck of the ship. The final TIE bears down on the trio before the Falcon returns in time to blow it out of the sky.

The Falcon hovers near them, ramp lowering, Chewbacca the Wookiee exits, roaring and motioning frantically for them to come onboard. Not wanting risk more TIEs showing up, or even what else they

could do, Finn and Rey board while dragging the damaged BB-8 behind them. The Falcon hastily flees Jakku and jumps to Hyperspace.



Jakku System-Star Destroyer Finalizer:

A young officer approaches Kylo Ren, informing him of the droid's escape aboard a YT-1300 freighter. Ren initially receives the news with cold fury but upon hearing that Finn was involved, Ren ignites his fiery lightsaber and begins slashing a nearby terminal in a fit of rage. Once his anger dies down, he asks the officer if there was anything more. Shaking in fear, the officer mentions that Finn and the droid were accompanied by a girl. Ren whips around, arm extended, and the young officer is wrenched through the air towards the Dark Jedi until he finds his neck being constricted by Ren's gloved hand. "What girl?" the Dark Jedi asks angrily.

Hyperspace-Millennium Falcon:

Back on the Falcon, Rey and Finn are formally introduced to Han/Chewie and the Falcon. Each recognizes the pair differently (Finn – Rebellion Heroes, Rey – Famous Smugglers). They explain about the map to Skywalker. Han explains about Luke, the Force and the Jedi. He tells of Luke's attempt to start a new academy, it's eventual destruction by a traitorous student and the disappearance of Luke, Han's son Ben and some students, with all others being dead (Rey reacts to some events described as those she saw in her vision). Han had heard rumors of a Resistance fighter on Jakku being taken prisoner by troops led by a Dark Jedi. He and Chewie came looking for clues to either his Ben's or Luke's whereabouts. Finn confirms that the First Order does have Dark Jedi enforcers, but he knows of none called Ben.

Unfortunately, Han and Chewie don't have tools on hand to fix the amount of damage BB-8 took. BB-8 is barely functional, his speech is incomprehensible and he cannot roll around. He tries to show them the map/location of Resistance but the hologram is garbled and incomplete, the half-formed images flicker out as sparks erupt from the droid's holoprojector and he powers down to prevent further damage.

They then ask Han to help get BB-8 to the Resistance so that they can fix the droid and find Luke. Han says he hasn't spoken to Leia Organa, the leader of the Resistance, in years. He hasn't even seen her since the destruction of the academy, he doesn't know where their base is.

All eyes turn to Finn, who bluffs saying that he wasn't ever important enough to be given the base's location. Han sizes him up, seeing through his lie. However he also notices the Skywalker saber tucked into Finn's jacket and says nothing for now.

Han says he knows someone who could help them find the Resistance or at least be able to fix BB-8. They set course for Takodana. Rey helps Han with minor repairs on the Falcon and Finn plays dejarik with Chewie.

Star Destroyer Finalizer:

Kylo Ren and Hux enter a large holographic audience chamber on the Finalizer. A larger than life version of Supreme Leader Snoke materializes on a gigantic throne. Around the dais where Kylo and Hux are, more holograms appear, the other armored and masked figures from Rey's vision, the Knights of Ren. They are other Dark Jedi enforcers, leaders of various First Order fleets and armies.

The failure of Hux and Kylo to obtain the map is relayed to Snoke, who is displeased. If Skywalker is found, surely new Jedi will rise to combat the First Order.

Hux suggests that the First Order should accelerate their plans; to strike the Republic now before Skywalker and Organa have any further chances to unite the Republic or undermine the First Order. They can strike Coruscant and other important planets first, catching the Republic off guard.

Snoke agrees, he tells the other Knights of Ren to begin to prepare their forces for war. They bow and disappear. Hux begins to walk away excitedly before Snoke informs him that after the preparations are done that he and Kylo will not join the military campaign until they have either found the map or a way to Skywalker. Hux looks aghast at this. His moment of glory is being taken away from him! He pauses before responding however, thinking better of questioning Snoke's orders. Hux bows, giving Ren a hateful look for spoiling his chances of leading the attack, before exiting.

Snoke talks to Kylo Ren alone, informing him of just what ship the droid escaped on and its pilot; his father, Han Solo. Ren says that Solo means nothing to him. Snoke says that even Kylo, the master of the Knights of Ren, has never faced such a test. Kylo says that with Snoke's training, the light will not be able to tempt him. Snoke is unconvinced as his hologram disappears.

Takodana – Maz's City/Castle:

The Falcon arrives at Takodana. On approach to the temperate planet, Rey remarks on the green of its flora, having seen few plants on Jakku. Han gives her a pitying look at this. They approach a relatively small trading post built around an old but sturdy looking castle sitting on the edge of a lake. They put the Falcon down in a landing zone on the city's outskirts. Rey quickly exits to get a breath of the cool air and to look at the trees.

Inside the ship, Han is collecting some gear and rummaging around for extra blasters. Finn approaches him, trying to appear confident and asking if there could be any First Order spies or sympathizers in the city looking for an important Resistance fighter like him. Han says that he thought Finn had said he was small time. Finn fumbles with his words for a second before Han says "You're going to have to do better to deserve carrying something like that around." He gestures at the lightsaber. "I don't know how you found it, but it was Luke's once." Finn takes it out with renewed awe and hands it to him. Han inspects it for a moment before pocketing the saber. Finn apologizes for lying to Han at first but Han stops him, telling him he's got a bigger problem; women always figure out the truth...he shoves a new blaster rifle into an embarrassed Finn's arms and walks out of the Falcon.

Han strides out to see Rey standing by the water's edge, taking in the sights. He strides up alongside her, giving her a blaster pistol. In his roundabout way he offers for her to join his crew; she's a good pilot and has a good eye for repairs ('respects the Falcon'). She looks excited at first but then her face falls. She

politely declines, stating she's already been away from Jakku for too long. Han looks crestfallen but doesn't press the issue.

They head into the city towards the castle, leaving Chewie and BB-8 behind so Chewie can fix some of damage to the Falcon.

City looks like an alternate take on Mos Eisley, but rather than being full of the worst the galaxy has to offer, this place is somewhat nicer, being ruled by a different class of criminal than the likes of Jabba the Hutt. It's not a huge town, but it's certainly more built up than Niima Outpost.

Along the way to the castle, Rey takes in the sights of the trading post with awe (much nicer than Niima) while Finn looks twitchy and fearful of enemies lurking around every corner.



They enter Maz's castle and find the ground level is a packed cantina. A short, aged, orange female alien serving drinks spins around and loudly shouts "HAN SOLO!" Everything stops for a moment, all eyes turning to look at the newcomers, Han gives an awkward wave to Maz and the patrons return to their drinks and conversations.

Maz approaches, magnified eyes peering at them from behind a large pair of adjustable goggles. She asks after Chewie then says she assumes they're obviously in desperate need for aid if Han is here and tells them to follow her and spit it out. They follow her to a more private table. On the way they are spotted by a First Order spy, who rushes off to report their location.

Star Destroyer Finalizer/Starkiller Base:

Kylo Ren prays to the half melted remains of Darth Vader's helmet. Kylo asks for the will to not be seduced by the light side and to be able to finish what Vader started.



We now see a large First Order fortress situated on a snowy world, Starkiller Base. General Hux is seen standing on the on a raised platform on a military parade ground on the base, with officers flanking him. He delivers a furious, almost manic, speech about the destruction of the Republic, broadcasting it to the other ships and fleets of the First Order. “The end of their cherished Senate and their pathetic fleets...They will remember this as the last day of peace!” Ship Captains, Knights of Ren and soldiers on the ground acknowledge the speech with fanatical cheers or salutes. All ships jump to hyperspace.

Takodana – Maz’s City/Castle:

Maz approaches the trio at the private table with Chewbacca following her. They sit down to talk with the others. She has sent word out to her contacts in the Resistance to come claim the droid. She has also setup BB-8 in her workshop in the Castle to do what repairs she can until the Resistance arrives.

She impresses upon them the need to find Skywalker and the need to fight evil. She has been around long enough to see the effects of the Sith, the Empire, and now the First Order. Han blows her off somewhat, he’s just looking for his friend and son. The First Order isn’t big enough to be worth anyone’s time. Finn has kept silent but has been keeping a nervous gaze on the other patrons of the castle. At the talk of the First Order being a small threat he can’t contain himself any longer.

He interjects, saying there’s no fight against the First Order that they can win, and they’re far more powerful than anyone thinks. Maz zooms in her goggles on Finn, staring intensely at him. She mentions she’s seen countless people (eyes) come through her castle and that in him she sees a man who wants to run. Finn turns deadly serious, claiming she doesn’t know a thing about him, what he has seen or been through, the First Order will slaughter them. Everyone needs to run. Rey eyes Finn with concern. Maz mulls this over for a minute before nodding towards to aliens at a distant table, captains of a ship that will trade work for passage far away from the civilized corners of the galaxy.

Finn nods and turns to Rey saying “come with me!”

Rey looks incredulously at Finn, “What about the mission and getting to your base?”

Finn looks slightly apologetic but says “I’m sorry” and gets up to leave. He pauses by Solo, offering the rifle Solo had given him. Solo waves it away, “keep it kid”.

Finn heads off towards the ship captains. Rey turns to Maz and Han for a moment, a look of loss and confusion on her face before rushing off to catch Finn. As she does so Maz turns to Han and asks “Who’s the girl?”

Finn is talking with the smuggler captains when Rey reaches him, they are preparing to head back to their vessel. He turns away from them to talk to her. She is confused as to why he's given up but he reveals his the truth to her. He is not with the Resistance, he's a Stormtrooper, he lied when he saw her admiration in thinking of him being on the right side. He asks her again to come with him, she tells him not to go. He looks defeated, but merely says "take care of yourself" before following the departing smugglers.

Rey is left alone, fighting tears after yet another abandonment. She storms off angrily towards the workshop that Maz told them BB-8 is being repaired at.

First Order Fleet – Coruscant:

Above Coruscant, the galactic capital, a massive First Order fleet of Star Destroyers jumps into orbit. The anemic and complacent Republic forces, caught completely unaware, are quickly hit and decimated by the guns of the First Order. The Star Destroyers turn their heavy turbolasers on the planet below and begin to bombard the surface.



On the planet's surface, we see the familiar shapes of the Republic Senate buildings. Politicians, soldiers and other bystanders watch with abject horror as an endless hail of laserfire begins to rain down upon the planet.

Back above we see the scattered remains of the Republic fleet being pounded into submission by the First Order. The heavy guns continue to rain utter destruction down upon the planet's surface, large sections of scorched cityscape visible below. The Republic has no will or strength to fight back.



Takodana – Maz’s City/Castle:

Finn is currently helping to load cargo into the ship captain’s hold before takeoff, his gun resting against a nearby crate. He is suddenly distracted and overwhelmed by the sounds of innocents in fear and pain, similar to the village. The sounds grow stronger, drowning out all others as he falls to his knees in anguish. It is then capped off by him hearing Rey yelling his name in a plea for help. Panicked, he gets up and runs away from the spaceport back towards Maz’s castle, leaving his blaster behind.

Rey is down in the guts of the castle doing what work she can on BB-8. He already sounds better but is still unable to get a clear word out.

Rey freezes as she hears the same screams that Finn did and then abruptly the image of Kylo Ren and his Knights appear on the other side of her workbench. He reaches out towards her again, causing her to panic and fall backwards with a yell.

She snaps out of the vision to see Maz in the workshop’s entrance. Maz looks at her sympathetically, as though she is aware of what Rey just experienced. She explains that while she is no Jedi she understands and feels the Force. She senses it in young Rey as well. Rey is flustered, she says she needs to return back to Jakku. Maz says that Han told her about Rey’s desire to go home. Maz removes her goggles and takes Rey’s hand. She tells Rey that the true belonging she is looking for is ahead of her, possibly with Skywalker. She tells Rey to close her eyes and reach outwards. Rejecting this, Rey runs off towards the forest on the outside of town.

Finn reaches Han and Chewie at Maz’s Castle. He is blabbering almost incoherently about Rey, Coruscant and a First Order attack. Han looks disbelieving at first until reports start coming in around the cantina of the First Order attack. All contact from Coruscant has been cut. First Order fleets have jumped into the skies of over a hundred Republic worlds, starting an all-out offensive.

Han throws a strange look at Finn. They go looking for Rey and Maz at the workshop.

Rey is in the forest attempting to dry her tears and pull herself together. She is alarmed by the sound of TIE fighters overhead, she looks up to see squadrons and troop transports heading towards the Outpost/Castle.

Han, Chewie and Finn reach the workshop to find Maz alone with the somewhat functional BB-8, who is happy to see Finn. They ask where Rey is. Maz begins to say that Rey ran off and Finn needs to go find her. She is interrupted when laser blasts to the Outpost cause the room to shake. Maz realizes the First Order is here.

Rey runs back towards the edge of the Forest to see that the First Order has arrived and laid siege to Maz's city. The city has taken major damage, with many buildings being destroyed in fighter strafing runs and the castle crumbling in places. She spots Kylo Ren's shuttle landing off in the distance.

Rey sees Stormtroopers heading towards the castle and workshop. She takes a few shots with her new blaster and misses spectacularly. Her distraction is effective, pulling the trooper's attention to her, however she is forced to retreat back into the woods.

Kylo enters the now crumbling city and is promptly informed by a trooper that the girl with the droid from Jakku was spotted rushing off into the woods. He orders Phasma to press towards the castle and then heads after Rey.

Finn, Maz, Han and Chewie climb out of the rubble of the main entrance to the workshop/castle. Maz will rally some of her people to stay and guard BB-8 while the rest of her men will protect the city. She implores Finn, Han and Chewie to find Rey. Finn realizes he forgot his blaster and asks for a weapon. Han reaches into his jacket and pulls out the lightsaber before tossing it to Finn. Finn gives Han a questioning look. The smuggler smirks at him and they head out into the battle.



Han and Chewie are shooting at Stormtroopers. Chewie's Bowcaster is shown to be incredibly powerful, being hit sends troopers flying backwards, bits of armor exploding off of them. Maz's enforcers as well as the patrons of her castle join the fray. Han and Chewie become separated from Finn.

Finn, armed only with the lightsaber, clumsily attacks a pair of Riot Stormtroopers, taking them out more from surprise at the appearance of the archaic weapon than any particular skill. As the second trooper falls, those voice of a helmeted female cuts through the sounds of battle; "Traitor!"

Take 1: Finn turns to see Captain Phasma standing across from him. She levels her blaster at him, ready to end him there. He is too far away to reach her in time. Right before Phasma fires, a strange feeling enters Finn and he sticks his arm out in a reflexive gesture. Surprisingly, Phasma's blaster is wrenched to the side, sending the shot wide and the blaster spinning away. Both are

stunned by this turn of events, Finn rallies and closes the distance as Pasma readies her electro spear.

Take 2: Finn turns to see Captain Pasma standing across from him. She levels her blaster at him, ready to end him there. He is too far away to reach her in time. Right before Pasma fires, a strange feeling enters Finn and he flicks the blade up in a defensive stance. Surprisingly, Pasma's blaster bolt is deflected off of Finn's blade, sending the shot right back into the chrome trooper's blaster, rendering it useless. Both are stunned by this turn of events, Finn rallies and closes the distance as Pasma readies her electro spear.

The fight is short and fairly one sided, Finn displays some aptitude but is inexperienced with the lightsaber and outclassed by Pasma. Finn is eventually knocked down by Pasma, before she can deliver a killing blow, a Bowcaster bolt slams into her chest plate, sending her flying backwards, Chewie and Han have arrived as have more Riot Troopers. Amazingly Pasma is still alive, Han levels his blaster at her and fires but Pasma pushes one of her soldiers in front of her, who is killed while Pasma makes a hasty retreat. Finn notices this cowardly behavior on her part. The press of troopers threatens to overwhelm them and all three start falling back to the castle with other mercenaries and enforcers. Finn picks up a discarded blaster, putting up a better fight against the troopers.

Rey is in the forest, she has managed to kill/evade the pursuing Stormtroopers, but is still fleeing a dark presence she feels. Suddenly, Kylo Ren comes into view, the figure from her vision, his lightsaber at the ready. Rey fires a few panicked shots. Kylo lazily deflects them and sticks out his arm, freezing Rey in place. He puts the crackling blade of his saber near her face and demands to know where the map is.

Back at the castle it looks as if the defensive line will break against the flood of Stormtroopers that continues forward.



Something distracts the Stormtroopers and they begin to fall back and set up defensive positions. Han, Chewie and Finn turn to look across the lake. Resistance X-wings arrive, flying low, kicking up water as they speed towards the Outpost. The lead X-Wing, a black and orange fighter, demonstrates amazing flying skills, taking out a multitude of soldiers and fighters in a single run. The tide begins to turn towards the defenders.

Kylo is attempting to pull information from Rey's mind, he realizes that Rey has seen the star charts in full. One of his guards informs him that a large Resistance force has arrived and is pushing them back. Kylo orders a retreat, the girl has what he needs. He knocks her out and carries her away.

The battle is wrapping up; Stormtroopers are falling back to their transports, covered by TIEs. Han and Finn see Kylo take Rey to his shuttle. Han recognizes the figure and gait of his son. Finn chases vainly after the shuttle screaming Rey's name.

Several Resistance troop transports arrive. The head one lands near Han and Finn. General Leia exits the ship. A tense and awkward reunion begins between the two. C3PO interrupts them in his usual oblivious fashion, breaking the tension somewhat. Han turns serious again when he tells Leia their son was here.



All (including Maz and still-damaged BB-8) leave planet for Ileenium system.

Starkiller Base:

Rey awakens, she is bound in the same sort of interrogation chair we saw Poe in earlier. She looks around and sees Kylo Ren standing towards the side of the room, observing her. She asks where she is and Kylo dryly replies that she is his 'guest'. She asks after her friends and Kylo scoffs at them being anyone worth caring about (murderers, traitors, and thieves) before dismissively saying he doesn't know.

Rey stares angrily at Kylo who notes with a somewhat sadistic pleasure that this trapped and overpowered girl still wants to kill him. She spits out that he's just some creature in a mask. The man removes his helmet, underneath we find the pale, smooth face that doesn't seem to fit for one committing such atrocities. Rey reacts with some surprise.

Ren asks about the droid. Rey starts to deflect with useless technical details before Kylo interrupts her, he wants to know about the star charts it's carrying and how someone as random as her was given a look at it.

Ren pulls in closer, holding a hand near Rey's head. He peers into her thoughts, he can't see the map but he pulls out some details on her life to taunt her. Lonely but afraid to leave Jakkue, an island in her dreams, Solo as a father figure. At her protest Ren steps back and readies himself to rip the map from her mind. Much like Poe, Rey struggles and cries out. At first Ren is pleased, he seems to be acquiring some of the information he's seeking. However, Rey's resolve is greater than he was expecting, his look of success quickly evaporates as the girl's cries stop. She is composing herself, sweating, panting and looking pained, but she seems to have halted his advance.

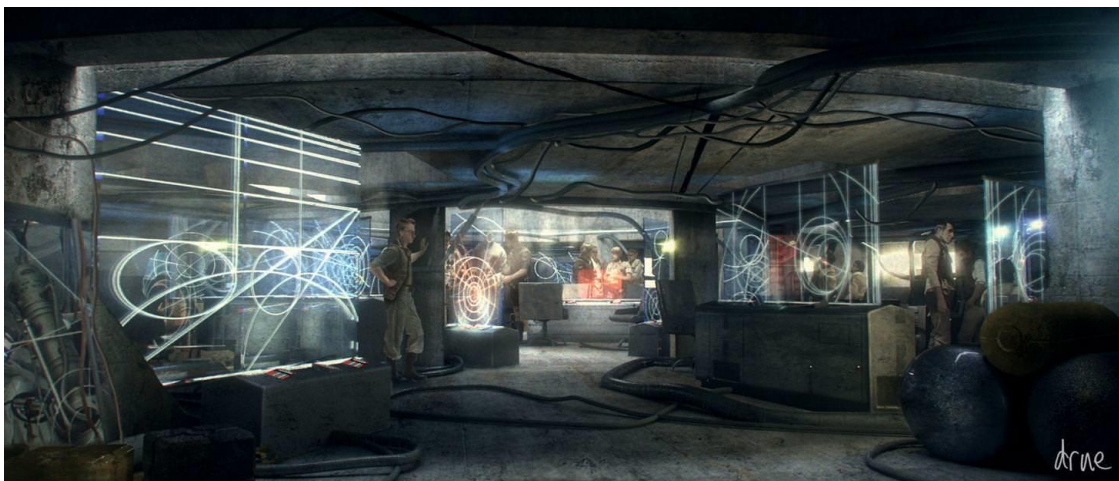
Ren's hand drops to his side. With a grudging respect he says, "Impressive, but it won't be enough". He raises his hand again and the torment begins anew.

D'Qar – Resistance Base:

X-Wings, Troop Transports and the Millennium Falcon fly past the rings of a green planet, heading for the surface.

They land below the jungle planet's tall tree canopy, at a small military base. Han, Chewie and Maz exit the Falcon, heading towards the command center. Finn follows behind, pulling the still-damaged BB-8 behind him. BB-8 looks around as best he can and his eye settles on the lead fighter that was so skilled against the First Order TIEs, he starts beeping (still garbled and full of static) excitedly. Finn pauses and looks over at the ship. The pilot exits and removes their helmet. Finn is astonished to see that the pilot is none other than Poe Dameron! Poe notices Finn and BB-8 and starts running towards them. The two men reunite, they are ecstatic to see each other alive and well. Poe explains that his seat threw him very far from the crash and that by the time he had awoken and found help Finn and BB-8 were long gone. Poe is somewhat put off by his droid's condition but is happy Finn brought him back alive and completed their mission. BB-8 is rushed off for repairs. Finn asks Poe for a favor. They head towards the command center.

They all meet Leia in the command center, she is flanked by Admiral Ackbar, C3PO and R2D2, the latter of whom is happy to see Solo and the Wookiee again.



Leia, Poe, Maz, Finn, Chewie, Han and Resistance leaders and soldiers receive a briefing on the current situation. The First Order is far more powerful than was previously known, even by the Resistance. War has erupted all across the galaxy, unprepared Republic forces are being assaulted by well-equipped and motivated First Order fleets. There is no response at all from Coruscant. No one can come to aid the Resistance in going to rescue Rey. BB-8's repairs and parsing the map data with known charts will take some time, they can't head for Luke just yet.

Finn reveals the location of Starkiller Base and that that is where Rey will be. Leia suggests that they mount an attack there to rescue the girl and stop the First Order from getting the map to Skywalker. Many members of the leadership are itching to join the larger fight, not wanting to save one person while the galaxy burns. Han, Finn, Maz, Ackbar and Leia want to get Luke first. Poe initially wants to join the war but sees Finn's determination to rescue Rey and sides with him.

To sway the others, Finn reveals that there are many Republic and Resistance members being held captive at Starkiller base, soldiers who could help in the war if rescued. If they mount an attack now while the

first wave of First Order fleets is focused on attacking the Republic, the base will be relatively undefended, with reinforcements being slow to arrive. The rest of the Resistance leadership agrees to this.

They start to form a plan of attack. Ackbar says that the First Order will raise base shields at the first sign of attack. Han says that he, Finn and Chewie will go ahead in the Falcon to disable the shield generators from within, before the Resistance arrives. Leia asks how he'll get in before being spotted by their sensors. He says she won't like the answer and leaves it at that. He asks Finn if he can disable the shields, Finn (wanting to save Rey) says he knows how. Once the shields are disabled, the X-Wings will swoop in, taking out air defenses by targeting the base's main power reactor. While taking out the defenses, ground forces will move in to evacuate prisoners on Resistance and stolen First Order ships. Then all can make a hasty retreat back to base.

Resistance soldiers begin to prep for the attack. Upon hearing that BB-8 won't be fixed in time for the mission, Poe is distraught. He did well enough without a droid before but he needs his companion for an attack of this scale. R2D2 rolls up, offering to ride with Poe for the mission. Poe accepts.

While packing gear on the Falcon, Finn is approached by Maz, who says she's glad Finn came back to fight with the Resistance. Finn says he just wants to get Rey back, Maz says that's a good enough start for now. If he's in doubt during the mission, she tells him, he should trust in the Force and in his friends.

Leia and Han have a conversation about their past and Kylo, Han thinks he's lost forever but Leia says there's still good in him. She asks Han to bring him back if he can.

The Falcon heads towards Starkiller Base.

Starkiller Base:

Kylo reenters Rey's chamber. The girl is looking haggard but her eyes bore with a great intensity into Ren's. Ren tries his usual mind tricks to pull the information out but is unsuccessful. Rey is hold on to the last crucial pieces with all her will. Frustrated, Ren throws out finesse and is more forceful in trying to acquire the information. Amidst his stronger attempts, Rey has a sudden realization. Somehow, she can peer back into his mind. The connection is reversed and she follows it, diving into Kylo's mind, his fears. Ren is thrown off balance as she proclaims that he is afraid he 'will never be as strong as Darth Vader'.

Stunned by her sudden insight, Kylo leaves and talks with Snoke, revealing how strong with the force Rey is. Snoke questions if Ren is worthy of the Skywalker heritage if he can't wrench knowledge from an untrained girl, telling Kylo to bring her before him if the grandson of Vader is too weak to take what he wants.

The Falcon is heading towards Starkiller Base, still in hyperspace. Finn asks how they're going to sneak in. Cloaking? Hiding on a bigger ship? Fake transponders? Han says no, they're going to jump in below their scanners. Finn looks aghast before the planetary proximity alarm starts going off. Han waits, reading his instruments carefully before pulling the hyperdrive levers back. The ship pulls out of light speed and the planet's surface fills their view. They're zooming straight towards the ground. Han pulls up as fast as he can and tells Finn and Chewie to brace for impact. Finn moan's something about 'not another crash' (his third so far in this version). They land hard, with the Falcon sliding for a bit before coming to a stop at the edge of a ravine.



Han, Finn and Chewie head towards the base. Upon being questioned, Finn reveals he doesn't know the access codes to shut down the shield generators, he only wanted to come here to save Rey. Han presses him incredulously at this, saying that the galaxy is counting on them. Finn says not to worry and that they'll figure out by using the Force. Han exclaims with exasperation that that's not how the Force works. Under pressure, Finn thinks up an idea.

Rey is still in the torture room. Her mind is still reeling from Kylo's attempts and her own budding connection with the Force. Rey tries to find a way to free herself. She can see the release switch to her restraints but can hardly move. Closing her eyes like Maz said to do she focuses on the switch, flicking her fingers like she heard Jedi do in stories. The switch doesn't move. Frustrated she begins struggling against her bonds, focusing harder on the switch. Reaching into the same desperate, reflexive spot she did to shield herself from Kylo, she directs her will towards the switch again, groaning in anger. Abruptly, it flips and she is sent tumbling from the prisoner's chair to the floor, confused at exhausted by what she had just done. Collecting herself, she quietly exits the room, searching for a way out of the base. With her knowledge of the Imperial designs that the First Order is based off of, she hides in the guts of the detention center.

Kylo heads back to her cell to find her gone. In a fit of rage he ignites his saber and dismantles the prisoner chair. Frantically he searches for her.

Han, Finn and Chewie sneak into the main base. They apprehend a somewhat injured Pasma, still recovering from the Bowcaster bolt to her now scorched armor. Tackled by Chewie, she gives up surprisingly easily. Finn realizes her zealous loyalty is all a front, she doesn't care about the First Order at all, she was happy enough to let her own men die to save her life, and now she's giving up without a fight. She rants for a second, saying she won't give up her life and power for some misplaced devotion. Besides, her troops will find them and kill them anyways.

Pasma gives the three her personal access codes to the base's security doors and then they shove her down a trash compactor chute.

While the three head in to shut the shields down, Ren is searching for Rey. In the midst of telling an officer to lockdown the detention block he freezes, sensing his father's presence on the planet. He abandons the search and heads out to search for Han instead.

With the Shields shutdown, the Resistance fleet arrives and begins assaulting the base and Ren's Destroyer in orbit guarding it.



Most troops are pulled towards gunnery stations and into defending the entrances to the base. Our heroes now have almost free reign to attack the now lightly-manned detention control center.

Rey steals a blaster from a nearby arms station and stealthily approaches the main control room for the detention center. This area is important enough to still have a skeleton crew to manage prison functions. It is also the only way in or out of this part of the prison. Even with most men pulled away, there are still more than she thinks she can handle, and no way to sneak by. She will try though, she'd rather fight and die than end up a prisoner to Kylo again.

She prepares to attack when suddenly the main blast doors open. Han, Chewie and Finn rush through the entrance, engaging the troopers! Rey joins the battle and they quickly wipe out the guards.

There is a happy reunion between Rey and Finn. From the control center, Han and Chewie use Phasma's codes to open all cells in the prison, allowing for a full scale riot!

Our heroes leave the detention center and flee back towards the Millennium Falcon, the base erupting into chaos around them as former prisoners work to fight First Order troops and make it to the airfield to steal ships.

Outside the battle is raging, but it appears the First Order has the upper hand. X-wings and support craft are dropping like flies. The TIE fighters are being supported by countless AA guns, the Resistance is heavily outgunned. The main reactor building has taken light damage but the X-Wings still haven't been able to punch through.

Han Solo pauses, saying that they can't leave yet. Those guns will cut down any prisoner transport ships trying to escape. Our heroes move to hit the main reactor that is supplying power to the AA guns. If they can take that out, all ships stand a better chance of surviving.

With heavy ground fighting now occurring in the prison portion of the base, the reactor's ground defenses are lighter. Han and Chewie take out the few Stormtroopers guarding it while Finn and Rey go above to open the doors for them to enter.

Han and Chewie split up to lay charges against the walls of the reactor building.

Kylo Ren and a squad of troopers enter the upper levels. The troops fan out while Ren heads below to search for Han. Ren steps onto a bridge that crosses the chasm between the walls and the center of the reactor. Han, fighting down his personal misgivings, steps on the bridge to confront him.

Chewie watches from above while Finn and Rey enter from a higher door to observe.



Tense confrontation (essentially the same from original TFA). Kylo tricks Han into ‘helping’ him. Ren impales Han with his lightsaber. Han is shocked but touches his son’s face one last time before falling into the chasm. Kylo looks absolutely terrified, his father’s death has had the opposite effect on him than he hoped for.

On a higher catwalk, Chewie roars in rage at the loss of his old friend. He snaps off a shot from his Bowcaster at Kylo Ren, who attempts to stop the shot. However, caught off guard by the shot and still in turmoil over what he just did, he merely slows the shot somewhat. It slams through his side and he is staggered.

The Stormtroopers notice Chewie, Finn and Rey. All three fire at the troopers. Chewie rushes off in anger, fighting various Stormtroopers and detonating the charges placed in the reactor chamber, severely damaging it and breaking open a large hole in the side.

Ren regains his footing and stands up, seeing the traitorous trooper and the scavenger up above him. He begins striding towards them.

Finn and Rey rush back into the forest to try to get to the Falcon.

Kylo Ren confronts them in the woods. Rey calls him a monster, Ren replies that it’s only them there now, Solo can’t save them. They both note the way Ren is heavily favoring his side. Rey levels her blaster but before she can fire Ren throws his hand out towards the pair.

Rey is pushed into tree and knocked unconscious, Finn is thrown backwards too, his blaster landing away from him. Finn rushes to Rey’s side, trying to see if she’s okay. Ren approaches them and shouts at Finn while brandishing his saber, “TRAITOR!”



Finn ignites the Skywalker saber and attempts to fight Kylo alone. Kylo toys with Finn at first, pinning him against a tree and using a cross guard to burn Finn's shoulder. Finn breaks free and lands a light shoulder graze against a surprised Kylo but is still hopelessly outmatched against a trained Dark Jedi. Kylo disarms Finn, sending the lightsaber spinning off to the side, it lands in the snow. Finn tries to back away but not before taking a shallow slash across the arm/chest. He falters and is thrown back onto the ground, battered and staring up in fear at Kylo. Kylo, somewhat winded from the fight and his injuries, begins to walk towards Finn, his saber ready to strike. The sound of a lightsaber igniting makes him freeze and he turns.

A recovered Rey is standing there with the saber, a look of determination on her face. They square off and begin to fight. Rey, a more accomplished melee fighter is able to fare better against the Dark Jedi, her strikes and parries less wild than Finn's untrained style. Finn scrambles, looking for his blaster. It still becomes quickly apparent however, that even after fighting Finn and being injured several times, that Ren is more than a match for Rey. He begins to box her in, breaking her guard and preparing to disarm her. It appears she will suffer the same fate as Finn when suddenly Kylo is forced to spin to deflect a blaster bolt.

Finn is propped up against a nearby tree. He is armed with his blaster, using his good arm to fire. Before he can react to Finn, Kylo must turn and block a fresh swing from Rey. The battle continues for some time, with Kylo having to directly engage Rey while dodging or deflecting shots from Finn. All the while they are approaching a cliff on the forest's edge.

Poe and other X-Wings make a run on the reactor complex. Poe flies through the newly created hole and does catastrophic damage to the reactor. AA defenses shutdown and explosions begin to rock the base. Prisoners and First Order troops alike are stealing what ships they can to escape the chaos.

A frightened Hux starts a hologram message with Snoke, informing him of the base's imminent destruction and that he doesn't know what to do. Snoke replies with the order to 'Leave the Base and bring me Kylo Ren'. Hux takes an armed party out to find Kylo.

Kylo's anger and frustration begin to outweigh his turmoil over killing Han. He should have bested these two easily. After a shot from Finn grazes him, he pushes Rey back for a moment and she falters on the edge of the cliff, trying to find her footing. This gives him time to deflect a blaster bolt directly back into Finn, hitting him in the chest. Finn falls unconscious to the forest floor.

Ren rounds on Rey, their sabers clash. He tells Rey that he can teach her the ways of the Force. Rey hears this and remembers what Maz told her. She closes her eyes and opens herself fully to the Force. With renewed vigor and purpose she pushes Ren back, matching him blow for blow. They grapple and she cuts Kylo across the face and chest, leaving him scrambling backwards in fear and pain. Barely standing with his injuries.

Before she has a chance to move forward and finish him off, their standoff is interrupted by Hux and Stormtroopers arriving. Before the troopers can fire, the Falcon arrives, spraying laserfire across the line between Hux and Ren and Rey and Finn. The power of the guns forces Hux, Ren and the Stormtroopers to flee back into the woods.

A distraught Rey helps Chewie carry a nearly lifeless Finn onto the Falcon. He is put on life support and they flee the exploding remains of the base. Resistance transport ships, X-Wings and escaped prisoner ships break back through space battle blockade and all flee home.

D'Qar – Resistance Base:

The Falcon arrives back at the base. Finn is rushed off to the medical center, with Poe hot on his heels. Chewie stops to hug Leia before following Finn. Leia approaches Rey and gives her a knowing look, and then pulls the girl in for a hug.

Rey and the others head into the base to see the completed map to Skywalker. Poe introduces himself to her. BB-8 is revealed to be repaired and reunites with Poe. The map data is combined with the other Star Charts to show Luke's location at the First Jedi Temple. R2D2 is ecstatic at being able to find his master.

Rey says goodbye to a comatose Finn, who is being watched over by Maz and Poe. Maz smiles at Rey, glad to see she has opened up to the Force and found belonging and friends.

The Resistance begins packing up their gear/base in preparation to join the larger fight against the First Order.

Various people come to see Rey off in thanks for helping to free all the captured soldiers. Rey says goodbye to Leia.

Rey, Chewie and R2 head onto the Falcon and leave the base.

The Falcon exits the planet's atmosphere. Rey, in the pilot's chair, has a look of uncertainty on her face. Chewbacca nudges her and gives her a look of support. Behind her, R2D2 beeps in encouragement. With an optimistic look on her face, Rey punches coordinates into the navicomputer and the Falcon jumps to light speed.

The End.