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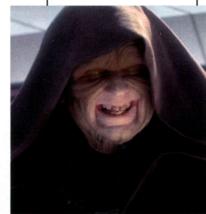
**Jedi Knights**

The Jedi use a mysterious energy called the Force. Jedi Knights carry glowing lightsabers to defend themselves.

What side are you on?

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away, a great and peaceful Republic existed. Each planet, large or small, made its voice heard in a huge Senate building on the capital planet, Coruscant. The Jedi Knights defended peace and justice everywhere. They ensured that arguments between planets were sorted out without violence or war.

Sadly, this peace was about to be smashed. A greedy business organization called the Trade Federation created an army and began to invade planets, starting with a small world called Naboo. As the conflict grew, the Republic later deployed its own army. With the galaxy at war, both sides learned too late that they had been manipulated by a deadly Sith Lord!

**Sith Lord**

The Sith have deadly evil powers. The Sith Lord Darth Sidious plots to destroy the Jedi and rule the entire galaxy.

**Battle droids**

The Trade Federation built many millions of machine-soldiers called battle droids. Each battle droid carries a deadly blaster weapon.

**Warmongers**

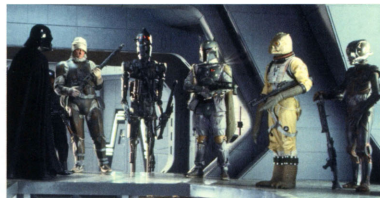
The Trade Federation and other greedy business corporations take orders from the Sith and use their droid armies to attack the Republic.



Dark forces

The evil Sith Lord Darth Sidious, also known as Emperor Palpatine, peers from his black cape. He is flanked by his trusted servant, Darth Vader, his red-caped guards, and battalions of white-armored stormtroopers.

The Sith were the greediest beings in the galaxy. The leader was called Darth Sidious and he was secretly controlling the Trade Federation. He wanted it to start a war that would put him in power as Emperor. He fooled everyone by pretending to be a kindly politician called Senator Palpatine. Palpatine became leader of the Senate, took control of the Republic's army, and forced every planet to obey him.



A few brave people refused to accept Palpatine's evil Empire. They were called the Rebel Alliance—and they set out to free the galaxy.

This is the story of the Emperor's rise to power and his downfall at the hands of the brave-hearted Rebels. It is a story of great struggles on land and in space. From all-out attacks to deadly duels and fights with savage beasts, these battles are epic!

Rebels at the ready

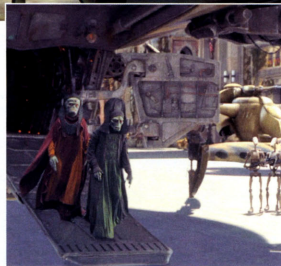
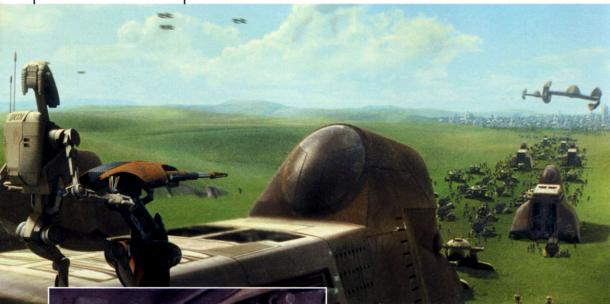
Luke Skywalker, his twin sister Princess Leia, Han Solo, and the Wookiee Chewbacca all fight for the Rebel Alliance.



Hired hands

Sith Lords often hire assassins, spies, and bounty hunters to do their dirty work for them. Bounty hunters are skilled hunters who kidnap people for a fee.

Legendary land battles



Vile leaders
The Trade Federation's cowardly leaders land on Naboo only after their battle droids have captured the royal palace.

The galaxy first erupted into violence when the Trade Federation invaded Naboo. This peaceful planet was home to the Naboo people and a water-dwelling species called the Gungans. Two Jedi were sent to investigate: Qui-Gon Jinn and Obi-Wan Kenobi. With help from the Gungans, the Jedi rescued the Naboo Queen, Padmé Amidala.

The Jedi took Queen Amidala to Coruscant to ask the Senate for its help. But the Senate was all talk and no action. Amidala would have to free her planet herself!

She and the Jedi returned to Naboo and battled their way to the hangar where their spaceships were housed. Then Amidala led an attack on the royal palace, fighting many battle droids. Elsewhere, the Gungans fought a battle-droid army. Now the Naboo pilots had to destroy the Trade Federation ship that was controlling the battle droids.



Return to Naboo
Qui-Gon Jinn and Obi-Wan Kenobi lead the attempt to recapture Queen Amidala's palace.



Swift strike
Qui-Gon slices a deadly battle droid in two as he helps Queen Amidala escape from her planet.

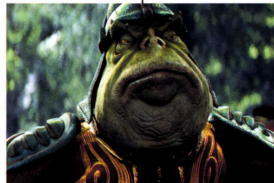
Back-up droid
Droideka are even more deadly than battle droids. They carry twin blaster weapons.





Gungan soldiers face the might of the Trade Federation's droid army.

Boss Nass
Queen Amidala asks the Gungan ruler, Boss Nass, to help her fight the invaders.



The deadly land battle between the Gungan army and the massed ranks of battle droids took place on a wide-open grassy plain. At first the Gungans were very clever. They activated special machines carried by their giant

swamp lizards. These machines generated an energy bubble that protected the Gungan army from high-speed airborne missiles.



But the Gungans did not realize that battle droids could walk right through their shield. Now the two armies battled each other inside the shield. The Gungans fought bravely but could not hope to win against an endless supply of battle droids.

It would take a space battle above Naboo to shut down the droid army.



Energy shields

Gungan soldiers carry glowing energy shields into battle to protect themselves from blaster bolts fired by battle droids.



Binoculars

Atlatl

Electropole

War weapons
Gungans use a variety of unusual weapons that fire balls of explosive energy called plasma. They hurl these balls into the air with catapults and throwing sticks called atlatls.



New leader

The Neimoidian leaders are joined by a powerful new ally, the former Jedi, Count Dooku.

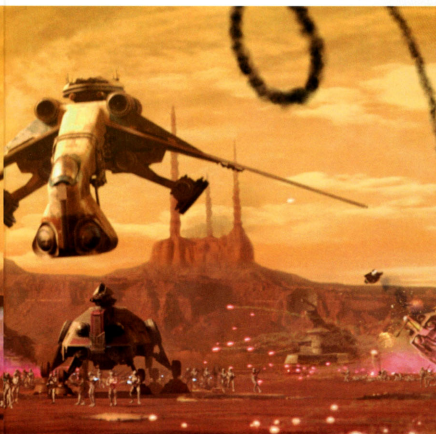
Wheel droids

Sinister hailfire droids roll into battle on giant hoop wheels, while Republic gunships prepare to strike from above.



After the Republic learned that its enemies were creating huge droid armies, it was tricked into using a ready-made army to defend itself. Its Army consisted of millions of clone

troopers—each clone was an identical copy of a single ultimate soldier. This hastily assembled army first saw action on a planet called Geonosis.



The droid armies attacked the Jedi in a large arena on Geonosis. When clone troopers joined the fray, led by Jedi Master Yoda, the battle spread outside the arena. Many Jedi and clone troopers were killed, but finally the droids and their masters retreated. This was the first battle of the famous Clone Wars.



Jedi generals

At the battle of Geonosis, Yoda and many other Jedi have to become military generals for the first time.

Advance guard

Clone troopers blast their way toward the enemy, using special sight systems in their helmets to see through the dense smoke on the battlefield.



Tarfful

One of the Wookiee leaders is called Tarfful. When the Republic's clone troopers, wheeled tanks, and walking guns go into battle against the droids, Tarfful and the Wookiees are right alongside them.

Droid armies attacked everywhere.

One of the biggest battles took place on Kashyyyk. This planet was home to tall, furry creatures called Wookiees. The Wookiees and the Republic army fought on land and sea. But just as victory was in sight, it all went wrong. The Republic did not know that their clone troopers had been brainwashed to switch sides when they received a special signal.

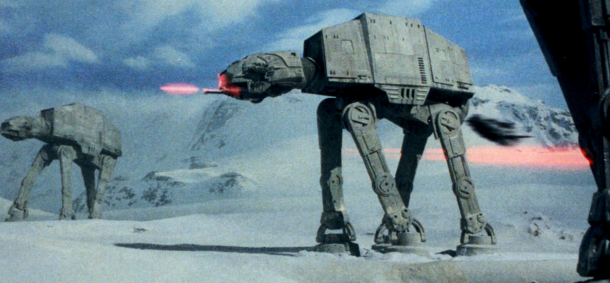


Tanks roll in
On Kashyyyk, many Trade Federation tanks roll over land and water with battle droids mounted on the sides.

When the clones received the signal, Order 66, they turned their weapons on their Jedi generals. The clones took orders only from the Sith. When Darth Sidious became his personal army, known now as stormtroopers. The Empire was born.



Assassination
When the Sith signal is received, every clone commander turns on the Jedi. Nearly all the Jedi leaders are killed. Aayla Secura is assassinated while fighting on the fungi planet, Felucia.



Walking tanks

The Empire's terrifying walking tanks, called AT-ATs, advance across the snow toward the Rebel base.

Great land battles took place in the time of the Empire, too. Many brave individuals joined the Rebel Alliance and fought against the Empire, though they had few weapons, vehicles, or other resources. The Emperor and Darth Vader put much of the Empire's military might toward crushing the Rebel Alliance.

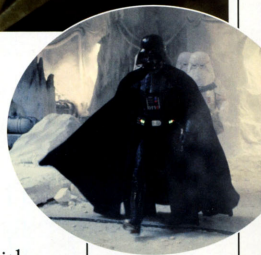
Front line

The Rebels try to hold off the advancing AT-ATs with their heavy guns.



Rebel hangar

The Rebel base is a converted ice cave, with a massive hangar for vehicles.



Darth Vader discovered that the Rebels had built a secret base on the ice planet Hoth. His troops attacked it with great force. He sent in giant walking tanks called AT-ATs. The Rebels tried to hold off the AT-ATs for as long as they could, and even managed to destroy two of them. But eventually they were forced to flee and find another hiding place.

Enter Vader

Sith Lord Darth Vader enters the Rebel base, which is now a smoking ruin. He is flanked by stormtroopers equipped for missions in sub-zero conditions.



Scout trooper
Imperial scout troopers on flying speeder bikes chase down the Rebels when they land on Endor.

After the defeat at Hoth, the Rebels hid all over the galaxy. Palpatine hatched a plan to draw them out. He had once built a huge super-weapon called the Death Star, which the Rebels had destroyed. Now he built a second Death Star, knowing the Rebels would try to stop him. Then he would blow the Rebel fleet out of the sky.

Battle in the forest

Stormtroopers, backed up by a walking AT-ST cannon, do battle with Han and Chewbacca.



The Death Star was protected by a shield generator on the forest moon of Endor. A team of Rebels led by Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia, Han Solo, and Chewbacca went to Endor to destroy the generator. The Rebels faced a large Imperial army, but they were helped by natives called Ewoks. Together they succeeded in destroying the shield generator, and then the Rebel fleet was able to attack the Death Star.



Ewok attack
Small, determined Ewoks hurl rocks at stormtroopers in their well-planned attacks.



Rebel team
Han tries to break into the generator bunker while Leia holds off advancing stormtroopers.

Space battles



Many of the biggest battles in the galaxy took place in space.

When the Trade Federation invaded Naboo, its massive

battleships surrounded the planet. While the conflict raged on the ground, a handful of Naboo ships managed to take off and fly toward the battleships.

Feared fleet

Deadly Trade Federation vulture droid ships emerge from the ring-shaped Droid Control Ship.

Rookie pilot

Anakin is whisked into the space battle when the autopilot engages in the starfighter he is hiding in.



One of the Naboo ships was flown—at first, accidentally—by a nine-year-old boy called Anakin Skywalker. Anakin had Jedi abilities and



was a superb pilot, although he had never flown a starship before. He managed to enter the Trade Federation's Droid Control Ship and fire torpedoes into its reactor room, escaping in his starfighter as the ship exploded.

Anakin's incredible feat saved Naboo.

Close combat
A Naboo starfighter narrowly avoids a direct hit as the Droid Control Ship fires at oncoming Naboo ships.

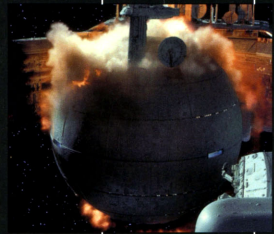


Brave strike

Starfighters avoid deadly laser blasts.

Blown away

The Control Ship sends instructions to every battle droid. When it is destroyed, the droids stop fighting.





The space battle above Naboo was just the beginning. Worse was yet to come. A full-scale war broke out between the

Republic and the droid armies. Their battle fleets met in a gigantic space conflict above Coruscant. The leader of the Republic, Supreme Chancellor Palpatine, had been kidnapped, and two Jedi set off to rescue him: Obi-Wan Kenobi and Anakin Skywalker.



Direct hit
Both sides lose some of their spaceships in the explosive space battle above Coruscant.

The Jedi dodged enemy fire and landed on the cruiser in which Palpatine was being held. After freeing Palpatine, Anakin had to pilot the cruiser to a crash landing after a Republic ship tore it apart.



Tiny but deadly
Small buzz droids attach themselves to the side of Obi-Wan's ship to inflict damage with their cutting arms.



Two-faced
When the Jedi rush to the aid of Palpatine, they are unaware that he is in fact a Sith Lord plotting to overthrow the democratic Republic.



Deadly sky
Republic warships engage droid fighters large and small in the raging battle above Coruscant.



Slave I

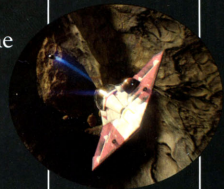
Distinctive ship
Jango pilots one of the deadliest ships in the galaxy, *Slave I*. It is armed with weapons and lethal surprises.



Young ally
Jango Fett's son, Boba, travels in *Slave I* with his father, learning from his every action.

Some space battles involved many ships, like the battle above Coruscant. In others, just two ships engaged in a duel called a dogfight. When Obi-Wan was on the trail of a dangerous villain called Jango Fett, the chase led into a highly lethal asteroid field. Any collision with these floating rocks would be fatal. Jango tried to lose Obi-Wan by blasting rocks close to the Jedi's ship.

Obi-Wan was a skilled pilot and he dodged each explosion. Then Jango steered his ship around an asteroid so he was now the one pursuing Obi-Wan. He fired a special seeker missile, but Obi-Wan faked his ship's explosion. When Jango saw the blast, he believed that Obi-Wan had been killed, but the clever Jedi was really hiding on one of the asteroids.



On the tail
Seeker missiles can home in on fast-moving objects so they are hard to shake off.



Jedi pilot
Even though Obi-Wan says he is not keen on flying, his piloting skills are superb.



Trusty ship

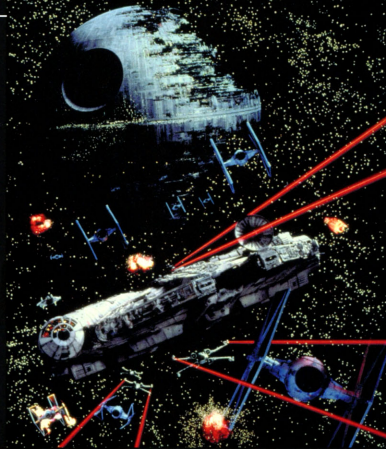
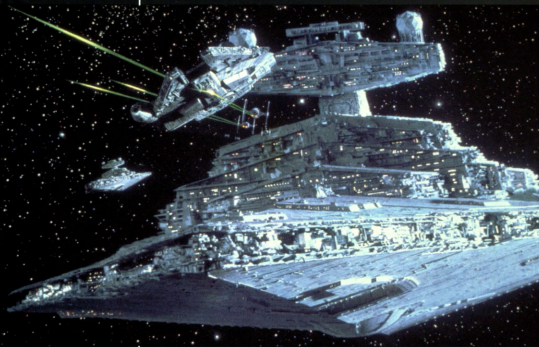
The *Falcon* is battle scarred from its many space adventures.



Another ship that has been in many dogfights is the *Millennium Falcon*. Piloted by Han Solo and Chewbacca, the ship could outrun most enemy craft. If the going got tough, the *Falcon* could jump to lightspeed, enabling it to vanish instantly and reappear somewhere far away.

Under pressure

A giant Star Destroyer chases the *Falcon* while Imperial TIE-fighters blast it with laser fire.



Heat of battle
Piloted by Han's old friend and rival, Lando Calrissian, the *Falcon* evades Imperial fighters at the second Death Star.

Hot shot

Han Solo was once a reckless smuggler. Then he joined the Rebel Alliance and eventually he even married Princess Leia.

Han Solo flew the *Falcon* in many daring raids against the Imperial fleet. Once, he landed right on the hull of an enormous Imperial Star Destroyer to evade its radar. Another time, he made the seemingly suicidal decision to fly into an asteroid field to shake off Imperial fighters. The daring plan worked and he escaped with his life.





Death Star

The moon-sized Death Star had the firepower to destroy an entire planet.

Strike force

Rebel teams of X-wing and Y-wing starfighter pilots fly from their base on Yavin 4 toward the Death Star.



Rebel space battles

The Rebel Alliance was dedicated to opposing the oppressive rule of the Empire, despite being desperately under-equipped. The Empire had a massive starfleet, but the Alliance made do with a small number of battle-worn starfighters.

The Alliance learned that the Empire had built an enormous battle station called the Death Star. Stolen plans showed a flaw: If a Rebel starfighter could fire a torpedo into a tiny exhaust port, the chain reaction would destroy the battle station.



The Rebel pilots boldly launched an assault on the Death Star from their base on the planet Yavin 4. The Empire was not expecting an attack on its deadly superweapon. One Rebel pilot was skilled enough to strike the target: Luke Skywalker. The Death Star exploded—and the Rebels scored their first major victory against the Empire.

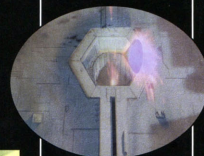
Enemy ships

Two Imperial ships chase the Rebel pilots along a narrow trench on the Death Star.



Rebel pilot

Luke stays calm and focused in his starfighter spaceship as he leads the attack on the Death Star.



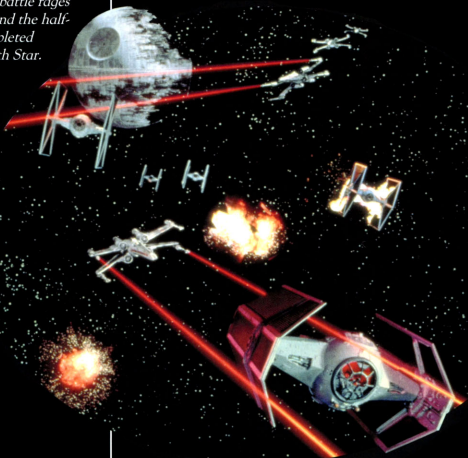
Hot shot

Luke hits the exhaust port that leads into the heart of the battle station's colossal reactor.



Rebel leader Admiral Ackbar is the loyal Commander of the Rebel fleet at the Battle of Endor.

The battle rages around the half-completed Death Star.



The Battle of Endor was the final showdown between the Rebels and the Empire. Part of the conflict took place above the forest moon of Endor, where the Empire was building a second Death Star. While a team of Rebels landed on Endor's moon to disable the shield generator protecting the Death Star, the entire Rebel fleet came out of hiding to launch a final, do-or-die attack.



A Rebel ship crashes into the bridge of an Imperial Star Destroyer, while Rebel B-wings fly in formation nearby.



At one point in the battle, Rebels targeted the Empire's Star Destroyers, hoping the Death Star would hold fire to avoid hitting its own ships. The battle turned when a damaged Rebel ship crashed into a Super Star Destroyer. With the shield down, Rebel ships could attack the Death Star's power plant, causing a fatal explosion.

Direct assault
The *Millennium Falcon* flew through the Death Star's superstructure to detonate the battle station's power plant.



Lightsaber clashes

Since ancient times, the lightsaber has been the chosen weapon of the Jedi Knights. Until the Sith emerged from hiding, the Jedi used their lightsabers only as defence against blasters and other weapons. But the Sith also used lightsabers. Now the Jedi faced opponents armed with their own traditional weapon.

Sith opponent

On Naboo, it takes two skilled Jedi to hold back Darth Maul's double-bladed lightsaber.

Surprise attack
Darth Maul first appears on the desert planet Tatooine. He ambushes Jedi Qui-Gon Jinn.



Obi-Wan leaps to avoid a low parry from Maul's glowing blade.

During the Battle of Naboo, Darth Sidious's Sith apprentice, Darth Maul, emerged. Maul's appearance was terrifying, with face tattoos, yellow eyes, and several horns. Darth Maul attacked Jedi Qui-Gon Jinn and Obi-Wan Kenobi. He managed to kill Qui-Gon. Obi-Wan was devastated but he fought on until he had defeated his Sith foe.



Final strike
Qui-Gon meets Maul in a clash that would spell the Jedi's doom.



Jedi in trouble
On the edge of a deep shaft, Maul nearly triumphs over Obi-Wan. But the Jedi will not give up until he has defeated the savage Sith.





Sith blade
Dooku's lightsaber blade is red, as all Sith blades are.

Captured Jedi
On Geonosis, Count Dooku wants Obi-Wan Kenobi to join him as a Sith.

With Darth Maul dead, Sith Lord Darth Sidious had to train a new apprentice. He chose a former Jedi called Count Dooku. The elegant, commanding Dooku left the Jedi Order to become a Sith. Sidious taught him to use the destructive dark side of the Force.

At the Battle of Geonosis, Dooku fought a great Jedi Master, Yoda. They clashed in a blur of lightsaber blows. Dooku used the Force to throw massive objects. This time, he managed to escape.

Jedi against Sith
The Jedi fight Dooku onboard the cruiser.



Dooku next faced Obi-Wan and Anakin on the cruiser where Palpatine (really Darth Sidious) was being held prisoner. Dooku knocked Obi-Wan unconscious. But he was unaware of Sidious's masterplan: He wanted Anakin to kill Dooku and replace him as his new Sith apprentice.

Bad influence
Palpatine encourages Anakin to reject his Jedi training and unleash his anger to kill Dooku in cold blood.





Count Dooku was not the only lightsaber-wielding foe the Jedi would meet during the Clone Wars. They also confronted a half-machine, half-living creature called Grievous,

Lethal general
On Utapau, Obi-Wan finds that General Grievous is a dangerous opponent in lightsaber combat.

who was general of the droid armies. Grievous had also been trained by Count Dooku in lightsaber combat. He liked to steal lightsabers from the Jedi he killed, and hoped to add Obi-Wan and Anakin's weapons to his collection.

Utapau chase
Grievous on his wheelbike and Obi-Wan on a fast varactyl lizard trade blows on the planet Utapau.



Furious foe
Grievous's two arms can split into four, giving the Jedi extra lightsabers to dodge and parry. Obi-Wan will shear off some of these extra limbs.

But not this time! The daring Jedi fought off Grievous's bodyguards and escaped the general's clutches.

Grievous next met Obi-Wan on the planet Utapau. Wielding four lightsabers, Grievous unleashed a brutal assault. A high-speed chase across the planet surface led to a final showdown—and Grievous's dramatic demise in a ball of fire.

Explosive end
Obi-Wan uses a blaster to fire the fatal shots that enflame Grievous.





Ever since Senator Palpatine first met Anakin Skywalker, he knew the young

Jedi had great powers. He also perceived Anakin's unruly emotions and knew he could be turned to the Sith cause. After he had encouraged Anakin to kill Dooku, Palpatine revealed that he was a Sith, and Anakin joined him, becoming Darth Vader. Then Palpatine made Vader believe Obi-Wan was against him.

Anakin's eyes gleam with anger as Obi-Wan defeats him in battle.

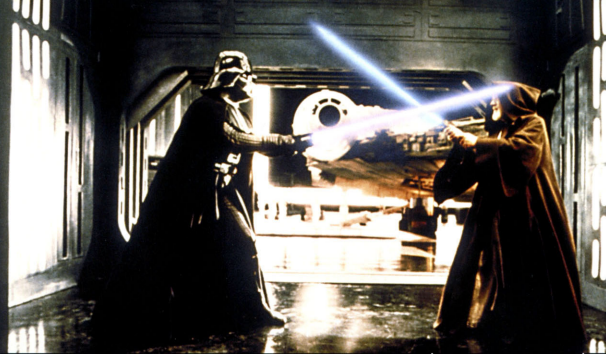


Lost cause

On the volcano planet called Mustafar, Obi-Wan realizes that Anakin is no longer a Jedi.

Sith opponent

Anakin, now named Darth Vader, unleashes his Sith powers against Obi-Wan Kenobi.

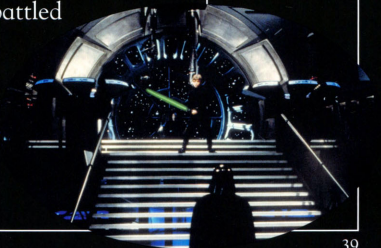


Darth Vader and Obi-Wan fought on the volcano planet Mustafar. Obi-Wan gained the upper hand and left Vader for dead. But Emperor Palpatine rebuilt Vader in black armor. Then Vader took his place beside the Emperor.

Darth Vader fought Obi-Wan once more, taking the Jedi's life. It wasn't until he battled with his own son that Vader was able to reject the Sith and the dark side.

Deadly rematch
Vader and Obi-Wan meet in combat for the last time on the first Death Star.

Father-son duel
Vader wants his son Luke to join him as a Sith, but Luke refused.





For a long time, the most evil Sith Lord in the galaxy went by the name of Palpatine. Pretending to be

Cruel Master
Palpatine enjoys the fight between his Sith accomplice, Dooku, and his accomplice-to-be, Anakin.

a friend to the Republic, he secretly masterminded a war that made him the cruel ruler of the galaxy.

The Jedi realized too late that Palpatine was really a Sith Lord named Darth Sidious. High-ranking Jedi Master Mace Windu lost his life attempting to stop the Sith schemer.

Sith unmasked
Palpatine displays his Sith lightsaber skills in the fight with Mace Windu.

Palpatine had hidden his Sith lightsaber until Mace confronted him.



Even Yoda was unable to defeat the Emperor in lightsaber combat. In the end, Sidious's own ally, Darth Vader, sided with Vader's son, Luke Skywalker. Vader turned against his Sith Master and threw Emperor Palpatine to his death.

Explosive clash
The two most powerful users of the Force's light and dark sides clash in a spectacular duel in the Senate building on Coruscant.



Lightning strike
Sidious fires deadly Sith lightning at Luke. But Vader will be unable to stand by and let his son die.

Famous showdowns



Airborne foe
Jango uses his jetpack to soar above Obi-Wan on Kamino.

Jango finds that Obi-Wan is hard to hit with a blaster.

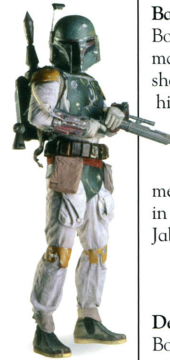
Final end
In the arena battle on Geonosis, Jedi Mace Windu strikes the fatal blow that ends Jango's life.

Even before the Clone Wars, the galaxy was not entirely peaceful. Many criminals thrived, including bounty hunters, who captured or attacked people for a price. The best bounty hunter in the galaxy was named Jango Fett. Jango wore sleek armor and carried many weapons. He clashed with Obi-Wan on a watery planet called Kamino.



Though Jango escaped, the Battle of Geonosis would be his undoing. In the combat, Mace Windu struck Jango down with a powerful thrust from his lightsaber blade.

Jango's son Boba witnessed his father's death. Boba became a bounty hunter like his father. He came to work for Darth Vader and the notorious gangster Jabba the Hutt, among others. With Vader's help, Boba captured Han Solo and delivered him to Jabba, who wanted Han for unpaid debts. A fierce battle ensued when Luke Skywalker and his friends rescued Solo from Jabba.



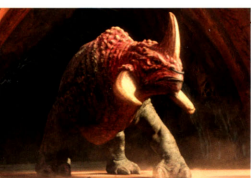
Battle-scarred
Boba Fett had many famous showdowns in his career as a

bounty hunter.

But he meets his match in the battle at Jabba's palace.

Deadly duel
Boba clashes with Luke, but a lucky strike from Han will knock the bounty hunter out of the battle.





Enter the beast

The three-horned reek enters the arena on Geonosis for a showdown with the human prisoners.

Jedi Knights, Rebels, and other defenders of freedom in the galaxy have had many showdowns with bounty hunters, assassins, and vile gangsters. They have also faced some nightmarish beasts.

On the planet Geonosis, Obi-Wan, Anakin, and Padmé Amidala were sentenced to public execution—by savage beasts.



Bared teeth

A soldier prods the nexu into the arena with a spear, where it bears its fangs in anticipation of fresh meat.

Obi-Wan faces the fearsome acklay in the Geonosis arena.

The blood-thirsty acklay walked on three pairs of giant claws. The reek had three pointed horns on its head for goring opponents. The nexu had a mouthful of sharp teeth. Obi-Wan managed to fell the acklay with his lightsaber blade. Anakin jumped on top of the reek and charged it into the nexu.

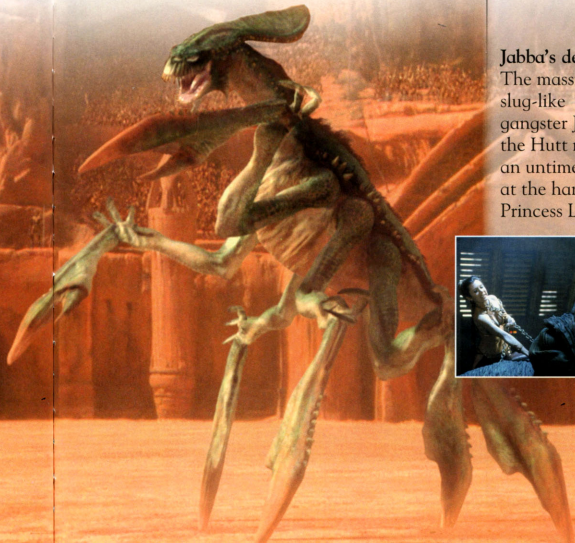


Rancor beast

In Jabba's palace, a caged rancor is let loose upon Luke Skywalker, but proves no match for the new Jedi.

Jabba's death

The massive slug-like gangster Jabba the Hutt meets an untimely end at the hands of Princess Leia.





Father and son reunited

Luke looks at his father's true face for the first time, revealed beneath Darth Vader's helmet.

A new era

At last—victory for the Rebel Alliance! The deaths of Emperor Palpatine and Darth

Vader, and the destruction of the second Death Star, meant that the Empire was doomed. Peace and justice would soon be restored to the galaxy. The good news spread quickly and people rejoiced.

Forest celebration

In Endor's forests, Rebels and Ewoks celebrate the destruction of the terrible second Death Star that had threatened all of their lives.



The Rebel Alliance established a New Republic to replace the Empire. But troubles continued. Hundreds of planets that had accepted the Emperor's rule needed to be won over. Many loyal Imperial officers continued to attack the New Republic with remnants of the Imperial fleet. For Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, Princess Leia, and their allies, a new era had begun but the epic battle was not over yet.

Good times

Above the gigantic skyscrapers on Coruscant, fireworks light up the skies in celebration of the defeat of the evil Empire.

Glossary

Alien

A creature from outer space.

Apprentice

A person who is learning a skill.

Asteroid

A rock that floats in space.

Blaster

A gun that fires a deadly beam of light.

Clone

An exact copy of another person.

Dark side

The part of the Force associated with hatred.

Death Star

A moon-sized superweapon developed by the Empire.

Emperor

The leader of an Empire is called an Emperor. Palpatine is the Emperor who rules the Galactic Empire.

Empire

A group of peoples ruled by one leader.

The Force

An energy field created by all living things.

Force lightning

A Sith power, which involves firing deadly electricity from fingertips.

Galaxy

A group of millions of stars and planets.

Jedi Knight

A *Star Wars* warrior with special powers who defends the good of the galaxy.

Jedi Master

A high-ranking Jedi who has exceptional skills in using the Force.

Jedi Order

The name of the group that defends peace and justice in the galaxy.

Lightsaber

A Jedi's or Sith's sword-like weapon, with a blade of glowing energy.

Light side

The part of the Force associated with goodness, compassion, and healing

Lightspeed

A special kind of travel that allows a spaceship to cross vast distances of space in an instant.

Parry

To ward off a strike from a lightsaber or other sword-like weapon.

Reactor

A device in spaceships used to generate power for travel.

Rebel

Someone who opposes their government or ruler.

Republic

A nation or group of nations in which the people vote for their leaders.

Senate

The governing body of the Republic.

Senator

A member of the Senate. He or she will have been chosen (elected) by the people of his or her country.

Shield

An invisible protective barrier around a spaceship, planet, or other object.

Sith

Enemies of the Jedi who use the dark side of the Force.

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