**“This is it boys”**

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A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away... twins Hansel and Gretel were born to a

family of smugglers who were constantly fleeing from the Empire. One day, when Hansel and

Gretel were 17 years old, the empire was about to catch them. So Hansel and Gretel’s parents put

them into separate space pods and jettisoned them into space as they passed a foreign planet,

hoping that at least one of them would survive.

The space pods flew in different directions and landed on opposite sides of the planet,

which was called Endor. Hansel’s space pod was packed with food, water, clothing, and a

protocol droid called Hans. When Hansel woke up, he was surrounded by a tribe of Ewoks who

were returning from hunting. The Ewoks quickly picked up the interesting-looking object and

carried it to their village to unpack it. When they did, Hansel got out, and Hans began talking to

them for Hansel to understand.

On the other side of Endor, Gretel found herself with food, clothing, and an astromech

droid called K9. She was not as lucky as Hansel and was found by imperial troopers who

promptly imprisoned her. But Gretel was smarter and more resourceful than the troopers thought.

She called her droid to her aid.

“K9! Can you come to unlock these doors?” she called. K9 beeped in reply and opened

the door for her. “Thank you, K9!” she said gratefully, “Now, let’s get out of here before they

discover I’m gone.”

Late that night, Gretel stole weapons and equipment from the Imperials, a few speeders

she tied together, and an imperial walker. She snuck in at night, put the vehicles in neutral, and

silently pushed them out. She traveled as far as she could before daylight and stopped to sleep

near an Ewok village. Like her brother, she did not know about Ewoks and was in for a surprise.

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She woke up to the Ewoks attacking the walker with spears. She tried desperately to

avoid the spears and placate the Ewoks. Once the Ewoks had finally calmed down, she spoke to

them using K9’s translations. When the Ewoks heard of the stolen equipment, they accepted her

as part of their tribe and sent her with a few Ewoks to steal more stuff. Soon Gretel’s Ewoks had

a decent military.

Meanwhile, Hansel and Hans stumbled upon the imperial base.

“Yo Hans, What do you say we take this place over?” Hansel exclaimed excitedly.

“Sir, im not sure that’s such a good idea. We have no weapons and it’s two against fifty”

Hans said nervously.

“Nah it’ll be fine! Here take these charges. If they don’t surrender, we blow them up!”

Hansel cheered.

“Alright, sir let’s go in. Let’s hope your plan works,” Hans said skeptically.

Hans and the Ewoks gave the imperials on the base two choices: Leave the base, or be

imprisoned. The Imperials took option one and deserted the base, leaving Hansel with more

equipment than he could ever imagine. He had speeders, walkers, and even a few starfighters.

The empire surrendered so easily to Hansel because it believed he was too naive and

overconfident to take it on and figured it could soon capture him.

Hansel was on his speeder practicing maneuvers when he heard a faint voice shout. He

turned to see a girl waving at him, stopped his speeder next to her, and hopped off.

“Hey! OMG IT’S YOU!” he cried. “GRETEL! I can’t believe you’re here! He exclaimed.

“Same, Hansel! Oh my goodness it’s so good to see you again! Wanna hop on my

speeder?” she asked excitedly.

“Sure! I’d love to!” replied Hansel.

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Gretel took Hansel to the imperial base near her village. This time the imperials were

outnumbered and surrendered quickly. Then Hansel and the Ewoks created a path between the

two bases. Hansel was a good shot with the blaster, and he trained the Ewoks to load, aim, and

fire. The two Ewok communities joined forces, and the exposure to new, powerful technology

made them a force to be reckoned with. Imperial forces didn’t expect a small innocent-looking

Ewok to pull out a gun and blast him to pieces. Gretel taught the Ewoks how to drive speeders

and imperial walkers.

This all came in handy the day a large imperial force came in to try to reclaim their base.

They expected a bunch of harmless Ewoks and two children. Instead, the imperials faced a

substantial-looking army of Ewoks on speeders, carrying guns, and sitting in walkers. Hansel

didn’t believe in killing in cold blood and wanted to give the empire a chance to surrender. But

again they refused, so the Ewoks attacked. The imperial troops either died, fled, or were captured

by the Ewoks. In exchange for food, the captured troops gave vital information that Hansel and

Gretel took notes on. Most importantly, they learned that the empire was developing a new and

improved Death Star, and its purpose was to destroy the Rebellion. The rebels didn’t know this,

so Hansel sent Gretel to send the rebellion the information through K9’s signals. Meanwhile,

Hansel took on the task of uniting all of the Ewoks on Endor into one giant army.

When the rebels arrived, they called Hansel and Gretel heroes. You don’t expect a

17-year-old boy and girl to take a pair of military outposts by force! Hansel, Gretel, and the

rebels gathered in the command center to form a battle plan. Due to Hansel’s force of Ewoks, the

rebels had way more troops than anticipated. The Ewok scouts were especially useful because

they knew the forests like their own hands.

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The Empire had devised a clever trap: Send a fake help message to the rebellion and lure

them into the Death Star’s line of fire. They captured one of the rebels to use as bait. The

imperials on the ground were trying to lure Hansel and Gretel into a bunker with a Sith lord so he

could kill Hansel and Gretel without the rebels finding out.

But as Hansel and Gretel were preparing for battle, K9 discovered the empire’s plan. The

rebels went to where the empire planned to destroy them and constructed a reflector shield. The

shield would make the death star’s shot rebound and the empire would effectively self-destruct.

What Hansel, Gretel, and the rebellion didn’t know, was that their genius plan to outsmart

the empire was only outsmarting half of the empire’s plan. Hansel and Gretel were still in danger

from the bunker trap. But when Hans and the Ewok scouts found the secret bunker, Hansel and

Gretel set up an escape route to use in a clutch moment. The escape route to a clearing that was

across a hidden bridge. When the Sith Lord tried to cross the bridge, it would collapse

underneath him, causing him to fall to his death. On the night before the attack, the rebels

prepared. They got the shield ready and positioned Hansel and Gretel near the chamber where

the Sith Lord waited.

The next morning the rebels put up their shield, and Hansel and Gretel “surrendered” to

the stormtroopers who took them to the Sith lord. The death star prepared to fire on the small

force of rebels, unaware of the reflector shield that protected them. Hansel and Gretel, armed

with weapons, faced the Sith lord. He was a powerful fighter and proved very difficult to dodge.

But Hansel and Gretel lured him toward their escape route, and when the Sith lord followed, he

fell through the hidden hole to his death. Simultaneously, in a massive fireball, the Death Star

self-destructed after firing into the reflector shield.

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The rebels and Ewoks celebrated for days after the victory. Despite all odds, Hansel and

Gretel survived and caused the empire to self-destruct. Although the Ewoks had become like

family and invited them to live with them forever, Hansel and Gretel missed their parents. They

figured if their parents were smart enough to send them to safety, they must have also provided a

way to be reunited. They went back to the wrecked space pods and went through them piece by

piece. Finally, they found a small, strange, flat object. Hans said, “Let’s see if K9 can figure it

out.” He took it to K9 and spoke to him in a series of beeps and whirs. Suddenly, a hidden port

on K9’s side opened just the right size for the object to plug into. It sent a signal in code into

space in all directions. When their parents received it, they knew Hansel and Gretel were safe!

They sent two more pods to Endor, following the signals. Hansel and Gretel hugged the Ewoks

and promised to visit again. Then they climbed into the new space pods, and the pods followed

their homing signals back to the smuggler base and home. Hansel shouted four iconic words over

his shoulder as the space pods ascended through space. “THIS IS IT BOYS!”