

"Star Wars: The Quest for Power - Chapter 1"

Master-scene script

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EXT - SPACE -

Opening Text Crawl

Storyboard ref: 1.1.1

PAN DOWN:

EXT - STARFIELD -

A probe droid is seen decending toward the planet Aloofin.

Storyboard ref: 2.1.1

CUT TO:

EXT - PLANET ALOOFIN - OUTSIDE PALACE - DAY

CUT TO:

We see the Aloofin palace coming into view. An Aloofin starship flys toward the palace.

We see a shot of the palace balcony. Queen Aemae walks out onto the balcony and observes an Aloofin ship preparing to land on a platform below the balcony. A look of concern falls upon her face.

Storyboard ref: 3.1.1

CUT TO:

We see the ship landiing on the platform behind the palace.

Storyboard ref: 3.2.1

CUT TO:

We see another view of the ship landing and steam issues forth from the back vents.

CUT TO:

We see two robed figures walking down the platform from the ship.

CUT TO:

We see the two figures approach the palace door.

CUT TO:

We see a protocol probe exit a hole in the door and asks for identification.

PROTOCOL PROBE DROID
(V.O.)
(Speaking in synthesized voice)
Stop. Identification please.

CUT TO:

Both figures look at each other and remove their hoods.

CUT TO:

The probe droid scans both mens eyes.

PROTOCOL PROBE DROID
(CONT'D) (V.O.)
(Synthesized voice)
Thank you. You may enter.

CUT TO:

INT - PALACE CORRIDOR - DAY

We see a huge door opening from the inside of the palace as the light from outside shadows the two figures.

CUT TO:

We see the two figures walk down a long marbled corridor to a huge set of doors.

CUT TO:

We see the two figures stop at the door. The door opens and they enter.

CUT TO:

INT - THE QUEEN'S THRONE ROOM - DAY

Figures walk up to throne and kneel.

STEPHAN (FILTERED)

You requested our presence your
highness?

QUEEN AEMAE (FILTERED)

Yes. I have asked you here today in
response to a possible threat to our
planet.

Both Stephan and Thoven look quizically at each
other.

THOVEN (FILTERED)

Yes your majesty?

QUEEN AEMAE (V.O.)

We have received information that
interplanetary probes have been sent
out from Coruscant to research and
explore the outer reaches of this
system. This does not sit well with
me. These probes pose a certain threat
to the security of our planet.

THOVEN (FILTERED)

Why not have the probes destroyed your
majesty?

QUEEN AEMAE (FILTERED)

I have already considered that Thoven. The amount of probes that were sent out are too great in number. We would never be able to destroy them all.

THOVEN (FILTERED)

I see.

QUEEN AEMAE (FILTERED)

If the Senate were to discover the existence of this planet, they would send men here to exploit its resources.

STEPHAN (FILTERED)

Our resources your majesty?

QUEEN AEMAE

Yes. You know that the unique atmosphere of this planet is the reason for all of our flourishing plants and wildlife. It also provides us with our gift of communication.

THOVEN (FILTERED)

You refer to the aerostimulons, your majesty?

QUEEN AEMAE (FILTERED)

Yes. If information about the planet's atmosphere were to fall into the wrong hands, I fear our planet would be exploited, our resources depleted, and even worse, my people terrorized or possibly even killed. I cannot allow this to happen.

STEPHAN (FILTERED)

What do you propose we do your majesty?
I assume that is why you have called us
here.

QUEEN AEMAE

You are correct Stephan. You both have
been called here because of your
significant talents.

Both men look at each other sheepishly.

STEPHAN (FILTERED)

(Both answer)

Yes, your majesty.

QUEEN AEMAE (FILTERED)

You are to travel to the planet
Coruscant. There you will determine the
magnitude of our plight. Who is being
sent out to our section of the system?
Find out who in the Senate is proposing
this venture. Erase their memories,
as well as all of those involved. You
both have your connections in the
Senate. This should not be a hard
task. You must succeed gentlemen. Of
this I am certain. For if you fail, I
fear for the very fate of the our
planet.

STEPHAN (FILTERED)

(Both answer)

We shall not fail your majesty.

Both men arise and bow.

FADE OUT:

WIPE TO:

EXT - SPACE -

We see the Sith ship HAVOC flying towards Coruscant

CUT TO:

INT - SITH HAVOC SHIP -

Darth Raze is sitting at the controls of the ship.
A stern look is on his face.

CUT TO:

A computer image of the approaching planet is on his
monitor.

CUT TO:

Darth Raze accepts an incoming message that is
beeping on his console. A hologram image of Darth
Shadow appears.

DARTH RAZE

Yes, Master?

DARTH SHADOW

(The hologram screen flickers as he
speaks.)

You will be arriving on the planet
Coruscant shortly.

DARTH RAZE

Yes, my Lord.

DARTH SHADOW

Be cautious my young apprentice. The
Jedi must not know we have arrived.
They have many on the council that are
paranoid about the reemergence of our
order. That old fool Yoda is strong in
the Force. His senses stretch out
over a vast area of the galaxy.

DARTH RAZE

I will be cautious master. What do you
wish me to do upon my arrival?

DARTH SHADOW

You will land at these docking
coordinates I am sending you now.

Flashing coordinates begin to appear on Darth Raze's
screen.

DARTH SHADOW (CONT'D)

Once there, you will make your way to
the Starlight Cantina in the Red
District on Level 2.

DARTH RAZE

And then my lord?

DARTH SHADOW

And then...you will make contact with
our agent from the Senate. He has
information that might be beneficial to
us.

DARTH RAZE

I understand.

DARTH SHADOW

Do not forget that secrecy is of utmost
importance. We have already been
exposed to the Jedi too soon because
of that fool Maul's arrogance. His
pride was his downfall. Now that the
Jedi are aware of our presence, they
will be more alert. Our advantage
still remains in our stealth. Do not
draw attention to yourself. Remember
this.

DARTH RAZE

I shall my lord.

DARTH SHADOW

To better make yourself hidden, you
will be acting as an entertainer from
the Kabukon Theatre for the Senate.
No one will question your dress in this
way. You will inform as well as you
make contact with our agent.

DARTH RAZE
Yes, Lord Shadow.

Hologram fades out. Darth Raze sneers.

The sith ship HAVOC begins its descent to the planet Coruscant.

WIPE TO:

INT - STARLIGHT CANTINA - DAY

We see the outside of the cantina.

We see the two Aloofins talking to their contact.

CUT TO:

Darth Raze enters the cantina door. The cantina immediately goes quiet.

CUT TO:

The Aloofins look over at Raze and then resume their conversation.

Raze sits down at another table where his contact is already waiting. His contact looks nervously at him. Raze smiles.

CUT TO:

STEPHAN
We know the probes have found our planet. What we want to know is what have they found out about our planet?

ALOOFIN CONTACT

We know that your planet's atmosphere is capable of supporting human life. We know that your resources are plentiful. The probes also reported evidence of civilized life and technology. However, these areas are sparsely populated. And there is talk of a research team being sent out to investigate an atmospheric anomaly.

THOVEN

What anomaly?

ALOOFIN CONTACT

I don't know. All I know is that a research team is being sent out in two days.

CUT TO DARTH RAZE:

DARTH RAZE

Is that it?

SITH CONTACT

That's all I know.

DARTH RAZE

Good.

We see Raze pushing money across the table.

We see a hand reaching for the money and dragging it towards them.

We see that after the hand takes the money that we are looking at the Aloofin contact.

ALOOFIN CONTACT

Thank you.

STEPHAN

You will of course inform us of new information you have received.

ALOOFIN CONTACT

Of course.

We see the Aloofins finish their conversation with their contact and begin to speak to each other telepathically.

We see Raze finish his conversation with his contact.

As both Aloofin and Sith contacts try to leave the cantina they run into each other. Both look nervously as if they recognize each other and then walk out in different directions.

We see Darth Raze scanning the room.

We see Darth Raze's gaze resting on where the Aloofins are sitting.

CUT TO:

We see the Aloofins talking telepathically.

THOVEN

What do we do now?

STEPHAN

We will proceed as planned. We know now from our contact who is sanctioning this research mission. You will go and erase his memory. I will report to Queen Aemae and ready our ship for departure. We must intercept this research team.

A strange feeling occurs between the two Aloofins. We see the Aloofins sense that someone is trying to enter their minds and they become quiet.

THOVEN

What was that?

STEPHAN

I don't know. I think someone is trying to listen in on our conversation.

The Aloofins notice Raze leaving the Cantina.

We see Raze intentionally looking back at the Aloofins and smiling like he knows something secret.

STEPHAN (CONT'D)

Thoven look! That man at the door!

Thoven looks over and nods that he understands.

The Aloofins stand up and begin to follow Raze out of the Cantina.

CUT TO:

EXT - OUTSIDE ALLEYWAY - DAY

We see the Aloofins walking into the alley behind the Cantina. The alley is smoky and dark. Shadows dart in and out of their peripheral vision.

They catch a glimpse of dark figure ahead of them turning a corner.

THOVEN (V.O.)

Stephan there he goes!

We see Thoven and Stephan turning several corners as Raze always manages to turn right ahead of them.

As Stephan and Thoven start to catch up with Darth Raze, Thoven tries to run ahead. Stephan catches him by the shoulder.

STEPHAN

Thoven, Wait! We don't know who we are dealing with here. We need to be cautious.

Thoven nods in agreement and they walk ahead.

Both men turn the corner of the alley and see Raze heading into a smoke filled section of alleyway.

THOVEN

Stephan, there. He's going to get away!

Thoven bolts for the alley while Stephan tried to stop him

STEPHAN

No! Wait, Thoven! It's too dangerous!

Thoven runs into the same alley and disappears into the smoke

We see Stephan calling for Thoven but getting no response.

STEPHAN (CONT'D)

(Speaking in fear with own voice.)

Thoven?.....Thoven!!.....Are you there?!?

Stephan walks into the alley and see a form on the floor.

It is Thoven's lifeless body.

Filled with terror, we see Stephan stagger backwards. He looks and sees Raze appear in front of him.

Stephan raises his blaster only to have Raze rip it from his hand using the Force.

Raze force pushes Stephan across the alley into a wall.

We see Raze reach down and pick Stephan up so that they are face to face. Raze demands information.

STEPHAN (CONT'D)

What do you want from me?

DARTH RAZE
You know what I want? Give it to me!

We see Stephan staring at Raze in total fear.

DARTH RAZE (CONT'D)
No???

Raze throws Stephan across the alley again and Stephan is knocked unconscious.

We see Raze grabbing Stephan's head and concentrating. Using the Force, he probes Stephan's mind. Images appear to him, telling him what he needs to know.

We see Raze rising and turning to leave.

Stephan stirs to consciousness and scrambles to find his weapon.

His eyes rest upon Thoven's blaster.

As he reaches for it, Raze notices the noise.

We see Stephan point the blaster at Raze and fire.

Raze's deflects the bolt away.

Stephan looks in astonishment and fires two more bolts.

Raze blocks both bolts back with the last bolt being deflected into Stephan's chest. Stephan falls back dead.

Raze's lightsaber shuts off and he turns as his cloak sweeps the ground in fanning circle.

FADE OUT/FADE IN:

EXT - LANDING PLATFORM - DAY

We see the Sith Havoc taking off from the landing platform

CUT TO:

INT - SITH HAVOC -

We see the screen on the Havoc console pop on, showing an image of Darth Shadow.

Shadow asks Raze what he has learned.

DARTH SHADOW

So my young apprentice. What have you learned?

We see a shot of Sith Havoc flying.

We see Darth Shadow after Raze has brought him up to date.

DARTH SHADOW (CONT'D)

Well done my young apprentice.

DARTH RAZE

What is thy bidding my master?

DARTH SHADOW

You will intercept the research ship heading to this planet Aloofin. You will dispose of the scientists and use the ships coordinates to travel to Aloofin.

DARTH RAZE

And then my Lord?

DARTH SHADOW

You will infiltrate the palace and keep the Queen detained until my arrival.

DARTH RAZE
Yes my master.

We see the hologram disappear.

DARTH SHADOW
Your time of power, Lord Shadow, is
coming quickly to an end. Soon...very
soon!

CUT TO:

EXT - SPACE -

We see the Havoc ship jump into hyperspace.

We see the lines: To Be Continued in ChapterTwo.