

ACT I



[Exeunt stormtroopers, bearing away the foes.]

If Palpatine shall hide beneath a shroud,
Be sure I'll seek him out where'er he lies.
Upon an errand urgent and profound 25
Have I come hither, pillaging for this:
The Sith wayfinder that leads me to him.

*[Kylo Ren uncovers a Sith wayfinder
and grasps it in his hand.]*

Darth Vader's former home on Mustafar—
The castle where my grandfather held sway—
Became the final resting place for this 30
Wayfinder that shall lead me to the Sith.
O, pyramid with knowledge long obscur'd,
Show me, I pray, the path that I must take.

*[Kylo Ren boards his TIE whisper,
plugs the wayfinder in, and travels
to Exegol, planet of the Sith.]*

My destiny herein awaiteth me,
Where all is done, or else I am undone. 35
Behold, this giant and forbidding hold,
A building of a most astounding girth.
The dark side of the Force I feel, as though
I were submerg'd beneath the ocean deep
And power dark were water all around. 40
White lightning crackles, flashes, dances quick,
A gloomy symbol of the threat within.
I shall not be deterr'd from purpose true.
Come, lightsaber, and lead me through the dark.

*[He disembarks on Exegol and walks
onto a platform, which descends into a
cavern past statues of former Sith.]*

Although mine enemy awaiteth here, 45
 'Tis truly said his lair doth strike my soul.
 These tow'ring statues of departed Sith
 Would chill the bravest heart and toucheth mine.
 Still, Kylo Ren shall not be shaken, nay—
 Whilst I have life, I shall not be sent hence. 50

Enter EMPEROR PALPATINE, hidden.

PALPATINE At last, young Kylo Ren, thou hither com'st.
 Snoke train'd thee well, 'tis certain.

KYLO —Yet Snoke died
 By this, my hand, and thou shalt follow him.

PALPATINE My dearest boy, Snoke was a thing I made—
 A valuable creation of the Sith, 55
 With still more of his like available.

KYLO REN walks past a tank of liquid holding many bodies that resemble Supreme Leader Snoke. Enter several SITH ACOLYTES, working on the tank.

I have been ev'ry voice thou ever heard'st:
 When I do speak, 'tis in the voice of Snoke
 Or, when I wish, 'tis in Darth Vader's voice—
 Inside thy head, these voices echo round, 60
 And I control the strings that move their mouths.
 'Twas always I who led and guided thee
 And now have brought thee here, my will to serve.
 Thy vain First Order was an overture,
 Preamble to profounder music still— 65
 A mere beginning to my pure design.

- Forsooth, I'll proffer thee a greater gift.
 KYLO Thou shalt die first—thine aspirations, too.
 PALPATINE I died before, yet death retains me not—
 The underworld is no match for the Sith. 70
 The dark side of the Force unveils a path,
 The road less travel'd by, which openeth
 A world of wondrous, new abilities
 That some consider most unnatural.
*[Palpatine comes forward, connected
 to an Ommin harness. Kylo Ren points
 his lightsaber toward Palpatine.]*
- KYLO Yet what couldst thou—unnatural, indeed— 75
 Give me that I do not have?
 PALPATINE —Ev'rything.
 Behold my broken, chipp'd, and weaken'd hands,
 And see therein the possibilities.
 An Empire new shall from these ashes rise.
 Around us even now my fleet doth rise— 80
 Grim Star Destroyers waiting rank on rank,
 In numbers such as none could comprehend.
 This have I plann'd these many slumb'ring years.
 Whilst some men dream, I have been at my work
 Assembling this: the army thou shalt lead. 85
 The Final Order's might shall ready be,
 And all is thine if thou dost what I ask—
 Kill thou the girl, the Jedi line conclude.
 Become, then, what thy grandfather could not—
 Darth Vader: powerful, yet not enow. 90
 Thou shalt rule o'er the galaxy entire,
 The newfound Emperor who takes my place.
 Beware, though—she is not whom thou believ'st.

KYLO

Who is she? Tell me all that thou dost know,
And down this pathway gladly shall I go.

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[Exeunt.]