

Empire for Life
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RED TEXT

To join is to truly live one's life. Cast away your name, your past, your hopes, your dreams and your desires. All for the sake of the Empire. -Darth Vader

INT. DEATH STAR TIE FIGHTER BAY-NIGHT

NINE stands at his TIE fighter. He inspects every aspect. Every side. Every detail.

CUT TO BLACK:

NINE (V.O)

Finally. It will all be over soon.

INT. DEATH STAR TIE FIGHTER BAY-CONT

Imperial Storm troopers run throughout the station. Alarms sound. Lights flash. Commanders scream and point them in different directions. Troopers grab their weapons. Canons are loaded and warmed up. There is the beginning of chaos.

NINE (V.O.)

They don't know. But I do.

TIE fighters speed across the platform and head out into space. Into battle. Some don't even make it very far. They are blasted into fire and then nothing.

A group of TIE fighter pilots run by Nine's plane. One of them sees him and stops. It is the female pilot **SEVEN**. She looks back to her group and then back to Nine. She runs towards him.

In front of Nine, Seven removes her helmet.

SEVEN

Nine! What are you doing? The rebels are attacking the Star Base.

NINE

That's not what they are calling it.

SEVEN

What?

NINE

The Star Base. It's not called that.

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SEVEN

Does it matter? We are under attack!

NINE

It does matter.

SEVEN

I don't know why I stopped by.

NINE

Because you care.

SEVEN

Shut up Nine! Why aren't you in a ship?! Why aren't you out there fighting?!

NINE

I will be. We all will. But I have to fix the stabilizer first.

SEVEN

Just grab another ship.

NINE

I've told you a thousand times before I like this one.

SEVEN

We aren't supposed to be picky about are ships. They are just tools. Parts for war against the rebel alliance. It doesn't matter!

NINE

Why cause you might die?

SEVEN

Yes! That's why we are here! We given our lives to them! To the empire!

Nine come from under his TIE Fighter. He looks at Seven sadly.

NINE

You sound like one of them

SEVEN

Don't say that.

Another group of TIE Fighter pilots pass by two of them break off and go to Nine & Seven. It is **ONE & THREE.**

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ONE

Seven! Nine! Why aren't you in at your ships?! The Rebel forces are attacking the surface and Lord Vader gave the order to all pilots. Get to a ship and get out there! Move!

Seven puts on her helmet and turns to Nine.

SEVEN

This is it Nine. Don't worry, we'll talk later. After this battle we'll defeat the rebels one and for all.

Nine looks to her and sighs. He turns back to his ship.

NINE

No we won't. Goodbye Seven.

From afar, One yells to Seven.

ONE

Seven! Nine! To your ships!

Seven runs off and Nine walks back to his TIE Fighter.

While trying to fix his stabilizer Nine twists a wrench and it snaps in two.

He looks through his area for another but cannot find one.

NINE

R2-02 do you see a stabilizer wrench nearby?

The prototype droid rolls out and clunkly stumbles around the area. It beeps and whistles.

NINE

Guess I'm gonna have to go get one in the holding ar-

Suddenly an explosion on the far end of the dock rocks the platform. More explosions.

NINE

It's started.

Nine continues his search through a toolbox nearby. Someone from behind and places there hand on his shoulder. It is **FOUR**, Nine's father figure. He's is the oldest of the Omega pilots.

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FOUR

Nine, They gave the alert sometime ago. Your team should already be out there.

NINE

My team? Is that what they are? What does it matter? We're no team when it's out there.

FOUR

What's wrong?

NINE

What's wrong?!

Nine is about to burst out but he looks around. He calms down.

NINE

Nothing's wrong just broke my wrench. For the stabilizer.

FOUR

Come on. Let's get one.

They both walk off.

EXT. SPACE - NIGHT

The Omega team flies out into space. One the leader, Two a ruthless pilot, Three an older female, Seven, & the younger female rookie **EIGHT**.

ONE

Alright let's show these rebels the power of the Empire. Omega team fall in.

TWO

Omega two in position.

THREE

Omega three in position.

SEVEN

Omega Seven in position

EIGHT

Omega Eight in position.

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ONE

Omega One. Locked in.

TWO

Nine & Four left us out to dry.
Those traitors.

SEVEN

Quiet Two! They will be here. And
the Omega's will be the crown jewel
of the Empire.

They all cheer and blast through the wave of oncoming X-wings. The Omega's are the best TIE Fighter pilots in the Empire squadron and easily out maneuver the poorly trained pilots of the Rebel Alliance.

Two shoots at an X-wing. It explodes into pieces.

TWO

Hahaha! Take that Rebel scum!

Three rolls behind an A-wing and takes it out with ease.

THREE

A-wing down.

ONE

Nice one Three. I saw that.

SEVEN

I'm on the Y-wing Leader.

Seven carefully makes her way behind the Y-wing, launches torpedoes and blows the rebel ship a part.

Eight is being chased by two X-wings. They fire at her barely missing. She spins the ship into multiple barrel rolls that would normally make someone pass out.

EIGHT

Weeeeeeeeeee!

Eight hits the thrusters and makes her way behind one X-wing that she destroys and the other that she explodes with torpedoes.

One in his TIE bomber, is laying waste to the bigger Rebel ships. Dropping massive armament he zooms through super star fighters and takes out turrets one at a time. That's why he is one.

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Two sits in his cockpit. He adjusts a dial and a radio signal is heard. He has tapped into the communication systems of the X-wing he has just locked on to.

X-WING PILOT

This is Red 13! I can't get this guy off of me! He's got a lock on me!

TWO

Hi there! I just wanted to hear you scream before I destroyed you!

X-WING PILOT

What? Who is this?! No!

Two fires a barrage of lasers and missiles destroying the X-wing to nothing. The pilot screams and then goes silent.

TWO

Hahahahahaah!

Seven is trying to evade an X-wing that almost has her on lock. She looks up and over and around trying to find a way out of the cross hairs. The X-wing fires, barely misses. Fires again and clips the tip of one of her wings. Seven quickly turns her head. The ship is still together. She pulls up hard. The X-Wing follows. She goes up and then low. The G's have her coming out of the seat. The X-wing tries to follow but it can't maneuver like the TIE. She makes up a little ground but still has the X-wing on her tail. He gets closer and closer. It has a lock. Seven turns her head behind her. The X-wing pilot fires and Two comes out of nowhere blasting through the X-wing. Two pulls up along side Seven.

TWO

Get your head in the game! I won't be there next time!

Two flies off back into battle.

Seven turns her head back forward.

SEVEN

Nine. Where are you?

INT. DEATH STAR TIE FIGHTER BAY- SPACE

Nine is in the storage cabinets searching for the right fitting so he can connect the wrench to the stabilizer. Four stand waiting for him.

FOUR

We have to get going Nine. We are taking too long.

NINE

Almost I know it's, here we go!

Suddenly a huge explosion rocks the base. The two pilots are sent flying.

SCREEN TO BLACK

FADE IN

Four is standing over Nine yelling to him

FOUR

Nine we have to move!

They comes too to find everything around them on fire. Four picks up Nine who is still dazed. Nine regains his composure and starts moving.

NINE

What happened?

FOUR

Someone says Vader's Star Destroyer got taken out. It crashed onto the surface of the Star.

NINE

Can we still make it to our ships?

FOUR

Looks like it. But we gotta find another way.

The men start to make their way through debris. They reach a point where a malfunctioning door no longer opens and a crowd of Troopers and workers have gathered.

STORM TROOPER 1

Open the damn door!

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STORM TROOPER 2

I can't! Everything has been sealed because of the explosion. We are stuck in here! We are all going to die!

Troopers start screaming and fighting among another.

FOUR

We can't get out through here.

NINE

Come on I know a way.

Nine kicks in a metal grate and points to the garbage shoot.

NINE

Let's go.

FOUR

What are you kidding?

NINE

Where else are you gonna go.

FOUR

Damn it kid.

Four gets into the shoot. Nine follows.

EXT. SPACE - NIGHT

The battle intensifies as it gets down to the best pilots for both the Empire and the Rebel Alliance.

EIGHT

I've never seen flying like this before!

TWO

I'll tap into his system. Cover me!

Two attempts to hack the X-wing but the R2 unit it is carrying is too sophisticated for Two's virus.

Is this an RS unit or is this a person?! Alright if I can't hack you I'll blast you! Ha ha ha hah!

Two fires and nearly misses the X-wing. The Rebel jets turns and maneuvers and Two follows in his TIE fighter.

How can someone pilot an X-wing like this!

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EIGHT

Two! There's one coming to you! I can't get to you in time.

TWO

I almost have him!

The X-wing skims in and out of the lock on crosshairs. Two tightens his grip. The star fighters scream through space. The X-wing is locked.

I have him!

Two begins to fire.

EIGHT

Two!

An X-wing explodes through Two turning him into space dust. Eight screams in her chair.

EIGHT

I'll destroy you!

ONE

Keep your head about you. These are the best pilots the rebels have left.

SEVEN

Who else is left?

THREE

The Executor destroyed the main fleet.

EIGHT

So that means.

ONE

It's just us and the last of them.

SEVEN

Where are Nine and Four?

ONE

Forget Nine and Four! If they didn't make it out right after us they are probably dead from the explosion.