

1. EXTERIOR: EWOK VILLAGE - NIGHT

The walkway is deserted now. The windows of the little huts glow and flicker from the fires inside. The sounds of the forest fill the soft night air. Luke has wandered away from the Chief's hut and stands staring up at the Death Star. Leia finds him like that.

LEIA:

Luke, what's wrong?

Luke turns and looks at her a long moment.

LUKE:

Leia... do you remember your mother? Your real mother?

LEIA:

Just a little bit. She died when I was very young.

LUKE:

What do you remember?

LEIA:

Just...images, really. Feelings.

LUKE:

Tell me.

LEIA:

(a little surprised at his insistence) She was very beautiful. Kind, but...sad. (looks up) Why are you asking me all this?

He looks away.

LUKE:

I have no memory of my mother. I never knew her.

LEIA:

Luke, tell me. What's troubling you?

LUKE:

Vader is here...now, on this moon.

LEIA:

(alarmed) How do you know?

LUKE:

I felt his presence. He's come for me. He can feel when I'm near. That's why I have to go.

(MORE)

LUKE: (CONT'D)
(facing her) As long as I stay, I'm
endangering the group and our
mission here. (beat) I have to face
him.

Leia is distraught, confused.

LEIA:
Why?

Luke moves close and his manner is gentle. And very calm.

LUKE:
He's my father.

LEIA:
Your father?

LUKE:
There's more. It won't be easy for
you to hear it, but you must. If I
don't make it back, you're the only
hope for the Alliance.

Leia is very disturbed by this. She moves away, as if to deny
it.

LEIA:
Luke, don't talk that way. You have
a power I--I don't understand and
could never have.

LUKE:
You're wrong, Leia. You have that
power too. In time you'll learn to
use it as I have. The Force is
strong in my family. My father has
it...I have it...and...my sister
has it.

Leia stares into his eyes. What she sees there frightens her.
But she doesn't draw away. She begins to understand.

LUKE:
Yes. It's you Leia.

LEIA:
I know. Somehow...I've always
known.

LUKE:
Then you know why I have to face
him.

LEIA:

No! Luke, run away, far away. If he can feel your presence, then leave this place. I wish I could go with you.

LUKE:

No, you don't. You've always been strong.

LEIA:

But, why must you confront him?

LUKE:

Because...there is good in him. I've felt it. He won't turn me over to the Emperor. I can save him. I can turn him back to the good side. I have to try.

They hold each other close and look at each other, brother and sister.

Leia holds back her tears as Luke slowly lets her go and moves away. He disappears onto the walkway that leads out of the village. Leia, bathed in moonlight, watches him go.