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GUNG HO - Gedi 1 – enthusiastic and faithful senior Gedi
DAHKKA WAN- Gedi 2 - turning to the dark side (dark-a-one)
BULWARK KEEL – Captain of transport ship
FINDA PEIDEI - Bounty Hunter (Find a payday)
SANTORINI – Princess in disguise being hunted by bounty hunter
EVAWITH - Lady-in-Waiting to the Princess
D-5QP - Droid
JEETH – a Gawa
DAGOR – Bar tender
KYLON – waiter
BIB - Farmer 1
AGOR - Farmer 2
VEREN – Farmer 3
TOLEN – Farmer 4

SCENE – CANTINA ON TATUWEEN

OPENING MUSIC

*(Cast sitting at tables: Princess Santorini and lady-in-waiting Evawith at one table. Bounty hunter at second.
Waiter is standing at the bar)
2 Farmers at table DSR*

ENTER 2 FARMERS AND JOIN FIRST TWO.

FARMER 4 - TOLEN

We live on the MOST BORING planet in the galaxy.

FARMER 2 - AGOR

You are right, Tol. Nothing exciting ever happens here on Tatuween.

FARMER 1 - BIB

Because our planet is a desert.

FARMER 4 - TOLEN

Which makes farming so VERY difficult – even for one as hard working as you, Bib!

FARMER 3 - VEREN

Extracting moisture from the dry air is no joke!

ALL FARMER

(they all make a toast)

Here's to us MOISTURE farmers!

WAITER – KYLON

Do the moisture farmers want more drinks?
(goes around serving the farmers at the tables)

ENTER BULWARK KEEL, DAHKKA WAN, GUNG HO, FINDA PEIDEI, D-5QP, AND JEETH

BULWARK KEEL

Well here it is. Mob Earley Space Port. If there is a bright center to the universe, you're on the planet it is furthest away from.

FINDA PEIDEI

(pointing at D-6QP and Jeeth)
Hey, they don't serve that kind here!

GUNG HO

(using mind control toward all in the cantina)
They are welcome here.

ALL

You are welcome here.

DAGOR

What will it be?

D-6QP

A can of good oil, if you have some.
(D-6QP and Jeeth join farmers at table and in mime starts a conversation)

BULWARK KEEL

Well, I'll be off....

DAHKKA WAN

Wait! Our assignment is to find the Princess. You undertook to help us. We paid you the full amount agreed upon.

(Bounty hunter pricks ears)

SANTORINI

(Notices the Gedi and she and Evawith approach them)
Gung Ho! What are you doing here?

GUNG HO

(surprised to see her)
Looking for YOU, Princess!

DAHKKA WAN

There is a disturbance in the...*(breaks the fourth wall and says to the audience)* ...highly-mysterious-and-benevolent-mind-control-we-Gedi-use-which-we-may-not-call-The-Force-due-to-copyright-issues-so-we-have-to-call-it-The-Fourths *(could be some kind of humorous reaction from cast to this).* *(Close fourth wall)*....and it is being felt all over the galaxy.

GUNG HO

The council feels you are in grave danger.

BULWARK KEEL

Wait....'PRINCESS'? I'm not paid enough for this!
(tries to leave)

BOTH GEDIS

Shhhhhhhhhhh!

EVAWITH

You are already deeply involved Pilot. Your best option is the stick with us!
(they return to Princess's table in conversation)

FINDA PEIDEI

(aside to audience as he walks DS, and then to SR)

Aha! The Princess has just shown herself. My mission is to capture her and take her back to my master.

D-6QP

(Dahkka Wan sneaks behind farmers table to join Finda Peidei DSR as D-6QP speaks. Farmers hang on his every word)
...and there I was, with laser fire surrounding me! I had to get to shelter....

(FP and DW talk in secret)

DAHKKA WAN

Greetings, Finda Peidei.

FINDA PEIDEI

My Lord Stith...er....Lord Dahkka Wan! What are you doing here? I thought you were with the Gedi!

DAHKKA WAN

Shhhhh....I am here to help you capture the Princess.

FINDA PEIDEI

Why wasn't I made aware of these plans! I thought I made it perfectly clear that I work alone!

(DW lifts his hand in a Gedi throat grip, FP grasps at his neck and gurgles as if being strangled)

DAHKKA WAN

Be quiet you arrogant Talaybian slug!
(releases his Jedi grip, FP splutters and gasps in relief)

The master sent me to make sure there would be no mistakes! I should not need to tell you how important the princess' capture is to the master... Failure is NOT an option!

FINDA PEIDEI

(still catching his breath)

Forgive me for my impertinence My Lord, I meant no disrespect and yes of course I know how important this gig is!

DAHKKA WAN

If we had only known that the one thing standing in the way of galactic domination was the princess, then the master would have had her....eliminated...as a child! But the.....*(breaks the fourth wall and says to the audience)* highly-mysterious-and-benevolent *(word 'benevolent' said with a wink to the audience as it is not benevolent in evil hands)* - mind-control-we-Gedi-use-which-we-may-not-call-The-Force-due-to-copyright-issues-so-we-have-to-call-it-The-Fourths *(close fourth wall)* was so strong in her that even he was blinded to it.

FINDA PEIDEI

It is true my Lord, that the...*(looks to audience)* "Fourths" *(back to DW)* is very strong in her... But...she is also *(looking across at the Princess)* a spoilt brat!

DAHKKA WAN

That may be, but the princess must be abducted now before Aldi Gamma can secure her safety!

D-6QP

Um, Gedi master Dahkka.....

(D-6QP shuffles DSC. DW uses The Fourths and D-6QP stumbles to the floor)

DAHKKA WAN

(Before swooping down to help D-6QP, he quickly whispers to FP)

Do it now, I'll distract them!

D-6QP

Oh dear, these dusty old bar floors are so uneven...

(struggles to get himself up)

(DW makes a fuss of trying to help D-6QP up. Farmers and Jeeth gather around – Evawith and Santorini hold back a bit)

DAHKKA WAN

Up you get you ridiculous tin can!

D-6QP

Oh no, I think I've sprung a leak in my under-carriage! How embarrassing!

DAHKKA WAN

Clumsy droid, you've leaked oil everywhere – Evawith! Bulwark!

D-6QP has leaked oil, come and help us!

(All start to gather round the droid)

GUNG HO

Dahkka, what's the hold up? We need to get the princess to a secure location, I have a bad feeling about all of this.

(While all attention is on D-6QP, FP runs up behind S, grabs her, hand over her mouth and drags her off-stage. DW runs off after them.)

EXIT FP, S, AND DW

FARMER 4 - TOLEN

Hey! Hey! That man just ran off with that pretty girl!
(struggles to be heard over the noise around D-6QP)

FARMER 2 - AGOR

(Jumps on a chair and shouts)

Oi!

(everyone stops and looks up)

Ya girl just got kidnapped!

GUNG HO

What? Princess? Who took her? Which way did they go?

DAGOR

That drifter. He's been here for a few days but never speaks to anyone! He ran out that way with her!

GUNG HO

Dahkka Wan, You go after them while I... Dahkka... Dahkka?
Where is Dahkka?

FARMER 2 - AGOR

I think I saw him run out after the kidnapper...

BULWARK KEEL

I knew it! I knew he was a turn-coat! I got a creepy vibe from him the moment he stepped onto my ship!

(GH, BK, Ev, D-6QP, and Jeeth are now in a line DS)

GUNG HO

Now hang on a minute! Let's not jump to conclusions! For all we know he saw the kidnapper and made haste to apprehend the filthy Corregan dog!

D-6QP

I must agree with Jedi Master Gung Ho. I'm almost positive that he will return through those door at any moment now with the Princess safely in hand!

(all lean forward and look at SL for a few moment...)

BULWARK KEEL

(Shakes his head)

Hey guys, I'm a pretty good judge of character and I'm telling you, your man Dahkka Wan is not what he seems!

GUNG HO

Nonsense! This is what we are going to do! D-6QP, get Jeeth to fix you up and then send a message to the council on the latest developments, Bulwark Keel, you're with me, we HAVE to recover the princess before it's too late!

GH AND BK EXIT

D-6QP

Oh nooooo! This is most disconcerting! I'm the worst bipedal, humanoid protocol droid ever!

FARMER 3 - VEREN

Don't be too hard on yourself buddy! So you single handedly made it possible for a thug to gag and abduct a princess... who hasn't been there?

FARMER 1 - BIB

What's so special about this girl anyway?

EVERAN

The 'girl'!! The 'GIRL'! You are referring to the Princess Santorini of the Byspin System!

D-6PQ

Well, I can not say much but there has been great disturbance in the Fourths...

JEETH

(interrupting)

GREAT disturbance!

EVAWITH

We are aware of the 'disturbance', Droid, but understand that the Princess MUST be located and kept safe, at all costs!

FARMER 4 – TOLEN

Yeah, yeah, end of the galaxy as we know it. We get it! But we want to know WHY!!

D-6QP

Knowledge has come to the Jedi council that the master of the dark side has discovered one of our most valued secrets....

JEETH

Concerning the 'sleeping armies'.

DAGOR

The sleeping armies?

JEETH

Well yes, named so because of the nature of their current status... sleeping.

FARMER 4 - TOL

So why are they sleeping and not out there destroying evil?

JEETH

Oh no... no, that would not do at all!