

What if?

What if Uncle Owen had never bought R2D2?

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The purchase of the 3PO and the R5 astromech unit from the Jawa traders set in motion a series of events that none would ever have predicted. R2D2 would later be sold to a small group of droid traders who were killed during an engagement with Imperial security forces.

The lack of a failed motivator and the subsequent separation of 3PO and R2D2 would change events considerably. Luke would never encounter the hologram of Leia and subsequently meet Old Ben. The old Jedi would have been powerless to prevent Luke from joining the Academy.

The Deathstar plans that were hidden inside R2D2 would be recovered by the Empire along with the droid; this would mean that the Alliance would lack the knowledge to destroy the Deathstar before it destroyed Yavin IV.

Upon joining the Academy the name of Skywalker would have created alarm bells within the Imperial computers. Lord Vader would become aware that his son was alive and that he had enrolled to be a pilot within the Empire. The Emperor would have sensed this recognition and they would have planned to test the young Skywalker and see if he could be turned. Luke would have no idea of his heritage or his power, and would not know of his father other than the tale told to him by his uncle.

Luke would be trained as a TIE pilot, excelling at the piloting courses and this would seemingly draw the attention of Lord Vader. As per the plan laid out by the Emperor, they would watch young Skywalker and see if he was suitable, upon gaining confirmation, Lord Vader would take the young Skywalker under his personal tutelage, gaining his trust and revealing his true identity.

Skywalker would train with Lord Vader, improving his piloting skills and becoming the equal to Vader. He would also be encouraged to train his abilities while being fed subtle propaganda to guide his progress towards the dark side. Once Vader was certain the time was right, he would open up to him and tell him the truth about who he was, what the Jedi had done to him and the galaxy, this would be the key to his own plans.

Luke Skywalker would gradually become Lord Vader's apprentice, learning to control the dark side of the force. He would be present when the Deathstar destroys Yavin IV and would be glad to see the Rebellion take a massive blow, its forces would not be finished though.

By the time of the battle of Hoth, Luke is well on the path to becoming a Sith Lord like his father, and Vader has plans to make use of the Skywalker power. During the battle of Hoth, Luke would go on to lead the troops of Blizzard Force, and would carve his way through the rebels, finally

earning the title of Sith Lord. With the routing of the rebels from Hoth, Luke Skywalker is announced as the Left hand of the Emperor, with Vader being the right, and would be known as Lord Krytus. Luke's journey from the young farm boy was over, he was reunited with his father and together they would achieve great things.

The Empire had decided to improve their Deathstar platform, the Emperor himself overseeing the program; he placed his Hands on board the station along with the Old warhorse Tarkin, to monitor its progress. A trap was set for the remaining rebels, an “opportunity” was created that they would be unable to resist, and their fleet set off to destroy the space station during construction while the other platform was out of reach. The Emperor himself came to witness the fall of the rebellion, little knowing that he too had walked into a trap. As the Emperor watched the final death of the rebellion he never even sensed the events that would be his own end. Vader and Krytus had been plotting his downfall for some time, and as the lightsaber blades emerged, glowing from his chest, he himself marvelled at the duplicity of his two apprentices. His lifeless corpse was thrown down into the bowels of the space station and the Darkside energy tore from his body in an explosion. The Royal guards stood during this entire event, not once did they move, Vader had made sure that all royal guards were replaced with members loyal to himself.

The prophecy that Vader had foreseen had come to pass; the pair now ruled the galaxy as father and son.

With the destruction of the Rebel Alliance, the Republic would not be restored. This would lead to the creation of a Resistance movement and the formation of a splinter group of the Empire known as the First Order; these would be tasked with the elimination of the Resistance and would be led by a Dark Side Agent known as supreme leader Snoke and the son of Darth Krytus and Mara Jade, Kylo Ren.