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20th Century Fox Film Co Ltd

Category: 'U'

No cuts

Country of origin: USA

Footage: 10875 feet

Running time: 2 hours

Set thousands of years in the future, the Universe is ruled by Grand Moff Tarkin (Peter Cushing) and his henchman Lord Vader from a large planet called 'The Battle Station'. They hold captive Princess Organa who comes from the only planet to oppose their rule. Luke, whose father was killed by Vader, goes to rescue the Princess accompanied by Solo, an inter-planetary freighter pilot and two delightful robots C3PO and R2D2. They are guided by Ben Kenobi (Alec Guinness) who possess the power of 'The Force' the only weapon that can defeat Tarkin and Vader, but as he is an old man his powers are fading fast. The climax of the film is when aircraft from the Princess's planet attack the 'Battle Station', led by Luke. The 'Station' has only one 'Achilles' Heel' for them to attack and all appears lost until the spirit of Ben tells Luke to rely on 'The Force'. With Solo's help in shooting down the enemy planes sent up to intercept them he destroys the 'Station'.

Grand fun for all ages, the synopsis gives only a brief outline of a vastly entertaining story. In the USA it is already outgrossing all other major films. We have decided to give the film a 'U' category, but in my opinion there could be some complaints regarding giving the film this classification. On a large screen with full stereophonic soundtrack, some of the shoot-outs could be quite frightening for younger audiences and in addition shots of mutated inhabitants from other planets and the tearing off of an arm, could be far more worrying than similar sequences seen on a small TV screen.