

EXT. BATTLEFIELD - DAY

The air thick with smoke - EXPLOSIONS ROAR, WEAPONS FIRE, SCREAMS ECHOE - we rush through it all to: SWANA, eyes wide with panic - DD-3 at her side scanning through the gloom..

VOICE (O.S.)

Hey!

Someone behind her. She looks up - an airship spirals out of the sky and EXPLODES!

SAWA

Come on, DD!

DD-3 beeps. They push on - come across the wreckage - and pinned beneath it: C-3PO.

C-3PO

Oh, Princess Swana. I'm so glad you are here. I seem to have found myself stuck.

VOICE (O.S.)

Hey! Stop!

SWANA

Threepio. You're fine. I have to go.

C-3PO

You what?

From the smoke the calling voice appears: HAN SOLO and R2-D2.

HAN

(to Swana)

Hey! You're supposed to be on the Falcon.

SWANA

I'm not leaving without it!

C-3PO

Oh, Han Solo, sir. She intended to leave me pinned under this ship.

HAN

You were going to leave an  
injured man behind?

SWANA

He's a droid. And you were the one  
ready for takeoff.

C-3PO

You were going to leave me, too?

HAN

I wish.

R2-d2 beeps.

C-3PO

You're right, Artoo. What would  
Princess Leia say?

HAN

Hey now, I'm here aren't I? I  
came back looking for you.

C-3PO

I don't think that's true..

SWANA

And now you've found him and you  
can go. I have business here.

C-3PO

I feel my circuits disconnecting..

R2-D2 beeps.

C-3PO (CONT'D)

R2 this is the exact time to be  
dramatic.

HAN

You can't go.

SWANA

And why not?

HAN

Because... Because I can't carry him  
back to the ship alone. He's too  
heavy.

C-3PO

I beg your pardon, I am crafted of  
the highest quality -

SWANA

Shut up!

HAN

Shut up!

SWANA (CONT'D)

I'm not leaving without it.

DD-3 whirs.

SWANA (CONT'D)

I know, DD!

HAN

And I'm not leaving without you.  
So what do we do?

C-3PO

Help me for one -

An EXPLOSION nearby rains earth upon them.

HAN

We're running out of time,  
sweetheart!

SWANA

Okay, okay! You take the top half  
back to the Falcon. I'll grab the  
legs, get what I need, and you can  
pick me up by the fortress!

C-3PO

I beg your pardon?

Another EXPLOSION. An airship crashes down.

HAN

Fly through this? You're crazy.

SWANA

Aren't you the pilot who did the  
Kessel Run in fifteen parsecs?

HAN

Twelve!

C-3PO

R2! Don't let them do it!

R2-D2 beeps. DD-3 beeps back. Their lights flash back and  
forth - almost like laughter.

C-3PO

That's not funny. Don't I get a  
say in this?

Han chews it over.

HAN

Okay. But I get the legs.

C-3PO

Oh my!

SWANA

No way, I'm not listening to that  
the whole way.

C-3PO

My voice has been programmed to  
be pleasant sounding.

R2-D2 beeps.

C-3PO

Be quiet, R2.

HAN

Fine! Don't be late.

SWANA

Don't get shot.

They reach down - Han grabs C-3PO's torso, Swana grabs the  
legs...

C-3PO  
I really must object!

CRUNCH. They pull him apart.

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