

1 EXT./INT. INTERCUT - MANDO'S SHIP - SPACE

The Mandalorian's silver Naboo starfighter soars past us. An enemy fighter is in hot pursuit firing upon Mando's ship.

Mando spins up side down and twirls back and forth.

Inside Mando's cockpit he is flipping various switches.

Grogu is in the astromech port and coo's as he flies upside down again.

The fighter is getting closer to Mando and seems to have him locked in. He fires and hits Mando's left wing.

The ship shutters and spits fire for a moment from where the shot landed.

Mando looks behind him at the damage.

MANDO

What's this guy's problem?

(beat)

Hang on!

Mando breaks hard while firing his main weapons

He floats above his attacker while firing down at him at an angle. The enemy star ship is blown to bits.

Grogu lets out a cry that could be seen as a cheer.

MANDO

Think that was the last of those guys.

Mando looks at his controls trying to do a diagnostic on his ship. There's some lights blinking red. A digital gage is lowering to a dangerous level.

Mando hits one of the side panels with his fist.

MANDO

He must have hit one of our fuel lines.

Mando fools with some switches again.

MANDO

Hopefully something in this sector has fuel near by.

Title credits flash on screen.

THE MANDALORIAN

CHAPTER ## - THE STORYTELLER

2 EXT. PLANET

Mando flies towards a planet that has earth like features from the distance.

A trail of fuel leaks behind Mando as he hovers closer into the planets atmosphere .

3 EXT. PLANET SURFACE

The ground below the ship is covered in scrap as far as one can see. Ships from every size rust in large metal graveyards. Some imperial, some rebel ships, some unknown. The planet is foggy and grey like it could rain at any minute.

Mando looks out from his window searching the surface.

MANDO

I don't even see a place to land

Grogu coo's from his port pointing to the other side. Mando looks over on his other side and notices a small hut with a clearing. Smoke is coming from it.

Mando's ship makes its approach and lands in the clearing taking up any extra space.

The ship slowly winds down as Mando opens up his cockpit. He takes Grogu out of the port who coo's as he jumps down to the ground. He takes a look around and at the simple hut. He takes a few steps.

STOFEY (O.S.)

That's far enough.

Mando looks over to the direction of the voice.

On the side of the the hut is STOFEY, 30 year old, shaggy hair skinny man. He's clothes are as dirty as his face. He's in the prone position on top of a scrap pile with a rifle.

POV through Stofey's scope as he aims at the Mandalorian.

Mando puts up his free hand.

STOFEY

I've worked around enough metal to know true Beskar when I see it. And I know enough that this rifle blast won't go through it. But if you want to keep your pets head you just stay right there.

POV through Stofey's scope as he targets Groggu.

MANDO

We just need some fuel. My fighter is damaged.

Stofey looks over at Mando's ship through the scope. A puddle of fuel has formed under it.

STOFEY

It looks like you were in a space fight.

(beat)

Maybe someones chasing you?

MANDO

I have credits. I can pay you for parts and fuel and get on my way.

STOFEY

Parts are easy.

Stofey gets up quickly from his position.

STOFEY

Fuel may be a bit trickier...

Mando startled quickly unholsters his gun and aims it at Stofey.

Stofey has shouldered his rifle but flinches at Mando's quick reflexes and cowers and loses his balance on the junk pile.

STOFEY

Woah, woah!

Stofey falls on his back and his gun fires ricocheting on all the scrap and metal around them. Mando ducks for a moment as the bullet wizzes by him.

Mando holsters his weapon and struts over to where Stofey lies.

He lends out a hand to Stofey.

STOFEY

Man. I had you till the end there. How did I sound? I put some fear in you, didn't I?

Mando looks at Grogu.

MANDO

Sure.

Stofey gets to his feet and dusts himself off. He picks up his rifle and makes his way to the hut.

STOFEY

I'll take it!

(beat)

We don't get many unannounced visitors.

Stofey turns back to Mando

STOFEY

Actually we don't really get much visitors at all. Always good to be prepared.

Stofey walks to his hut. Mando looks down at Grogu and shrugs his shoulders.

4 INT. STOFEY'S HUT

The inside of Stofey's habitat is just as disorganized as the environment outside. Various metal scraps cover the floor. There's a fire going with a cauldron over it. One banged up metal table sits in the middle. Stofey quickly finds something in the scraps to use as chairs.

Mando sits down. Stofey begins to ladle whatever is in the cauldron into a couple bowls and slides them in front of them.

STOFEY

'Fraid we don't have much to make a good stew around here, but it will do.

Mando looks at his bowl. It's a grey unappetizing looking goop. Grogu is already chugging his bowl with happy contentment. Mando pours his into Grogu's bowl while Stofey has his back turned. Grogu smiles.

Stofey tinkers with something we can't see. Eventually he turns back to join his guests.

MANDO

Thank you.

STOFEY

The fuel line I can fix in a jiffy.

(beat)

Hey Boltz!

A mechanic droid in the corner of the hut stutters to life.

STOFEY

Take a look at are new guests fuel lines.

The droid throws something at Stofey

STOFEY

I told you I'll give you an oil bath when I fix the coils. Now get out there before I add you to the scrap yard!

The droid shakes its head and eventually makes its way out the the ship.

STOFEY

You are ok with the droid working on your ship?

MANDO

I am now.

STOFEY

Right. Well as you can see

Stofey motions around his hut.

STOFEY

There are plenty of parts around here.

(beat)

But the fuel

Stofey sits down at the table with them.

STOFEY

That will cost you

Mando begins to take credits out from his person.

STOFEY  
No. Not with credits.

Mando looks up

MANDO  
What then?

STOFEY  
There's fuel out there I'm sure we can scavenge. Found some before. But there's perils out there. Perils I don't like to face if I don't have to. So for that. I require a fee.

MANDO  
Which is?

STOFEY  
Well you're a Mandalorian right?

MANDO  
Yes.

STOFEY  
So I'm sure you've had many adventures. Many battles. Gotten into trouble a lot?

Mando looks down at Grogu.

MANDO  
Lately it's been too much trouble.

Grogu looks at Mando and turns his head to the side.

STOFEY  
I require one good story then. A Mandalorian worthy story.

Mando looks at Stofey for a moment not saying anything. Stofey takes a drink from a dirty cup.

MANDO  
You're serious?

STOFEY  
Quite.

MANDO  
I'd rather just pay you for it.

STOFEY

No can do. If you haven't noticed  
there isn't much to spend on here.

(beat)

People come in from time to time trade  
for some valuables and go on their  
way. It's a simple planet. A simple  
life. I like it. But what I really  
crave, is a good story.

Mando sighs.

MANDO

I'm not good with stories.

STOFEY

Come now. You can't tell me you  
haven't had anything exciting happen  
in your life. Something only you have  
gone through. Something only a  
Mandalorian has experienced.

We push in on Mando's helmet.