

(“DISCLAIMER” SIGN)

(*CUE MUSIC “20th CENTURY FOX FANFARE, MAIN THEME”*)

(“A LONG TIME AGO”...SIGN
FLIP TO “STAR WARS” WHEN MAIN THEME COMES ON)

NARRATOR: STAR WARS EPISODE ZERO: RETURN OF THE AGENDA TOPIC. The Rebel Alliance meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous is holding the last of three meetings on the Agenda Topics. Meeting aboard the trusty Millennium Falcon , the members sit down to try and hammer out the group conscience. The group’s General Service Representative, Luke Skywalker, must somehow manage to get an informed group conscience without triggering an intergalactic conflict like last year’s Great Coffee Pot Wars. May the Force be with him... (*STOP MUSIC*)

(MILLENNIUM FALCON AND SIGN SWOOPS SLOWLY IN
FRONT OF TABLE WHERE CAST IS SEATED)

LUKE: OK, I’m glad to see that everyone was able to make it. We covered a bunch of stuff the last couple of weeks and we actually only have one Agenda Topic left. Just to review what we have voted on so far...let’s see...we decided not to proceed with a 24th edition of the Big Book. After taking the 12 Concepts out of the “Twelve by Twelve” we have now voted to put them back in. After some heated debate we decided that the next Interplanetary AA Conference should be held in the Milky Way Galaxy. Oh, before we go any farther, let’s open this meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

ALL: The Force grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can , and the wisdom to know the difference.

LUKE: Well let’s get right to it. The Agenda Topic we will be discussing today was actually first proposed by our very own Darth V. In other words, the background material for this item is sitting right here. So Dad, uh...I mean Darth, would you like to introduce this topic?

DARTH: <*BREATH SOUNDS*> Yes, thank you Luke. I have proposed that we develop a pamphlet for evil alcoholics who have asthma.

HAN: Oh, gimme a break! ANOTHER pamphlet?

PRINCESS LEIA: Han! We agreed that we would DISCUSS the agenda topics, not bicker about them.

HAN: I know, it's just that I thought we had reached the ridiculous last year when we shot down that pamphlet that Yoda wanted. Remember that pamphlet? "Do You Think You Are Different Because You're A Three-Foot Tall Muppet?" Come on! Are we gonna have a separate pamphlet for every alcoholic life form in the galaxy?

DARTH: <*BREATH SOUNDS*> You know, you are really starting to piss me off!

HAN: Oh yeah? Well what are you gonna do about it, Wheezy?

DARTH: <*BREATH SOUNDS*> You want a piece of me, punk?

LUKE: Guys! Guys! Please let's calm down here! Why don't you both just take a deep breath—oh, sorry dad—and chill out! OK, are you both calm?

HAN: Yeah, I'm cool.

DARTH: <*BREATH SOUNDS*> I am calm. But if big mouth here keeps it up I'll stick a light saber—

LUKE: Dad please!

DARTH: <*BREATH SOUNDS*> I'm calm, I'm calm, let's move on.

LUKE: OK, does anyone else have an opinion on the topic of developing a pamphlet for evil asthmatic alcoholics? (Chewbacca raises his hand) Yes, Chewie?

CHEWBACCA: <*GROWLS TWICE*>

LUKE: Um, Han, what does that mean?

HAN: Chewie says he agrees with me.

PRINCESS LEIA: Oh, there's a shocker. Wookiee see, Wookiee do.

LUKE: Look guys, we really need to discuss the pros and cons of this topic to arrive at an informed group conscience. So Darth, could you please share your experience which led you to want to have this pamphlet made in the first place?

DARTH: <*BREATH SOUNDS*> Well, when I went to my first AA meeting I saw alcoholic Ewoks, alcoholic Imperial stormtroopers, and alcoholic Jedi Knights, but as far as I could see I was the only one there who was an alcoholic, who was evil, and who was an asthmatic. I felt different.

HAN: Well, how about this ? How about looking for the similarities instead of the differences?

DARTH: <*BREATH SOUNDS*> What do you mean?

HAN: Well, I'm sure you were the only one there who had James Earl Jones's voice too, but did that make you want to not come back?

DARTH: <*BREATH SOUNDS*> Well no.

HAN: So are you really trying to tell me that a pamphlet is better than someone sticking out their hand to welcome you to a meeting?

PRINCESS LEIA: You know, I hate to admit it, but maybe hot-shot pilot here has a point. When I went to my first meeting , I sat in the back of the room and nobody said anything to me. Then, after the meeting this lady shoves a pamphlet into my hand called "AA for the Space Princess Having A Bad Hair Day". It kind of made me feel like I was being singled out as different.

LUKE: I can see that Leia, but what about the newcomer who sneaks into the room late, doesn't see or hear anyone on that particular meeting who they can relate to, but on their way out passes the literature rack and sees a pamphlet

that they relate to and they pick it up and read it? What about that person? Because I can tell you that there is at least one person behind all 12,746 pamphlets put out by the interplanetary Services Office who can say that “X” pamphlet saved his or her life.

HAN: It’s kinda hard to argue against that kind of passion, but where do we draw the line, kid? Besides, I haven’t even brought up the issue of cost. Big Book sales are down, people are still puttin’ a measly buck in the 7th Tradition basket, but everyone wants to have their own personal pamphlet!

C3PO: Master Luke, if I may?

LUKE: Sure, Threepio, go ahead.

C3PO: Actually sir, R2D2 had something to say.

LUKE: Oh, OK. Go ahead Artoo.

R2D2: <*SQUEAKS AND SQUAWKS*>

LUKE: OK, and what does that mean?

C3PO: R2D2 points out that if the group were to require a fixed financial amount be given by all members the cost of printing a new pamphlet could be offset rather easily.

LUKE: Well, I appreciate the input guys, but number one, this is not our regular business meeting and that’s where that motion would need to be made. This is the third Agenda Topics meeting and that is all we’re discussing now. Secondly, it flat out goes against our Traditions.

HAN: And thirdly, why are these droids even here?

LUKE: Well, Han, this is an open meeting and while Artoo and Threepio can’t vote, they are free to attend.

HAN: Great. Next time I’ll bring my microwave and vacuum cleaner .

PRINCESS LEIA: Can we please get back on track here?

LUKE: You're right Leia. Now, Han brought up an interesting point. What about the cost to print this pamphlet?

DARTH: *<BREATH SOUNDS>* I think the monetary cost placed next to the cost of a newcomer not feeling they are welcome is quite small.

LUKE: Anyone else?

(DARTH WAVES HIS HAND IN HAN'S DIRECTION)

HAN: *(LOOKING DAZED)* I think the monetary cost placed next to the cost of a newcomer not feeling they are welcome is quite small.

LUKE: Darth! Will you stop with the Jedi Mind Tricks!

DARTH: *<BREATH SOUNDS>* Sorry, I couldn't resist.

HAN: *(LOOKING ANGRILY AT DARTH)* Meteor head!

DARTH: *<BREATH SOUNDS>* Space monkey!

LUKE: Guys please! Now, Han you have said that you are opposed to the pamphlet. Can you sum up why?

HAN: Sure kid. Number one, I think we started down this slippery slope a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away when we decided to make so-called "special needs" pamphlets. In my book, the pamphlet "Do You Think You Are Different" sums it up and we don't need any more.

LUKE: OK, what about you Leia?

PRINCESS LEIA: Luke, I am opposed to the pamphlet too but for a different reason. I can't justify the cost of printing a new pamphlet for such a small alcoholic population.

LUKE: What do you mean?

PRINCESS LEIA: Well, I mean besides Darth here, how many evil, asthmatic alcoholics can there be? Jabba the Hutt comes to mind, but that just makes two. I have to say no.

LUKE: Chewie, do you have anything you want to add?

CHEWBACCA: <GROWLS TWICE>

LUKE: Han, can you translate?

HAN: Chewie says “Keep it simple stupid”.

LUKE: Well, I too have to say no to this proposed pamphlet for the reasons already mentioned. Do we need to have any more discussion on this or are we ready to vote?

ALL: VOTE!

LUKE: OK, all those in favor of developing a pamphlet for evil asthmatic alcoholics raise your hand.

(DARTH RAISES HIS HAND)

All right, all those against developing the pamphlet?

(LUKE, LEIA, HAN, AND CHEWIE RAISE THEIR HANDS—LUKE COUNTS SILENTLY)

The vote tally is one for and four against and so the group conscience for the Rebel Alliance group is that we do not develop the proposed pamphlet for evil asthmatic alcoholics. Darth, would you like to give the minority opinion?

DARTH: <*BREATH SOUNDS*> Yes. While I am disappointed that the group does not agree with me on this, I accept the group’s decision. The fact that I can do that and not have to slice you all in half with my light saber is proof that the program works.

LUKE: All right, thanks Darth. Well gang, we are done with the Agenda Topics. I’ll be going to the Pre-conference Assembly and presenting our group conscience on the Agenda Topics to the delegate, Jabba the H. I have to confess I am relieved because I felt overwhelmed at first. I just wish Obi-Wan Kenobi was here to give me guidance.

(OBI-WAN ENTERS)

LUKE: Obi-Wan!

OBI-WAN: Luke, you have done well. Not only did you facilitate the Agenda Topics meetings, but you made sure to include everyone in the discussion. You reeled everyone back in when they got off track, and you arrived at an informed group conscience. You are a great Jedi Knight and an even greater GSR. Just don't take yourself too damn seriously! May the Force be with you all!

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