

**STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS  
MOCK TRIAL**

***PEOPLE v. REY***

**The Court:** Rey has been charged in an information with one count of attempt murder of Kylo Ren in violation of Penal Code sections 664/187. To this charge and allegation, Rey has pled not guilty and the jury will be deciding whether she is guilty or not guilty.

The people of D'Qar have the burden of proving their case beyond a reasonable doubt, which means that each member of the jury needs to be convinced of their decision and be comfortable with it -- not only today, but even if we came back and asked you about it years from today. We call this in the law "an abiding conviction."

Do the People wish to give an opening statement?

**Prosecutor:** We do, Your Honor.

**The Court:** You may proceed.

**Prosecutor:** Members of the jury -- The facts will show that this is a simple case of Rey picking up a deadly and dangerous weapon, a lightsaber, and attempting to kill Kylo Ren. The evidence will show that she overpowers him and seriously injured him. She would have killed him if not for Kylo Ren's daring escape at the last minute. We will call Kylo Ren and an eyewitness, General Hux, who will tell you about this horrible violent act by an out of control girl. You will find at the end of this trial that Rey is guilty beyond any reasonable doubt.

**The Court:** Does the Defense wish to present an opening statement at this time?

**Defense Lawyer:** Absolutely, Your Honor.

Members of the jury, you will find that this case is anything but simple. You will hear testimony from not only my client, Rey, but also from an eyewitness, Finn, that Rey only attacked Kylo Ren after he had already killed Han Solo and tried to kill Rey's close friend, Finn. Kylo Ren had pursued Finn and Rey. Finn battles with Kylo Ren with the lightsaber, but is overpowered by the wicked Ren and badly wounded. Only then does my client, Rey, pick up the lightsaber to save her friend, Finn. After you hear all the evidence, you will find my client not guilty.

**The Court:** The People may call their first witness.

**Prosecutor:** The People call General Hux.

Clerk swears in witness and has witness state his/her name.

**Prosecutor:** General Hux, how are you employed?

**General Hux:** I am the Commander-in-Chief of the First Order's Starkiller Base.

**Prosecutor:** Were you present on December 15 of last year when Kylo Ren was attacked?

**General Hux:** Yes; I saw that vicious attack.

**Prosecutor:** General Hux, please tell us what you saw.

**General Hux:** When I came on the scene, the first thing I saw was that girl (pointing to Rey) pick up a lightsaber and attack Kylo Ren.

**Prosecutor:** Your Honor, may the record reflect that the witness has identified the defendant, Rey?

**The Court:** Yes; the record may so show.

**Prosecutor:** Did you see what happened to Kylo Ren during this attack?

**General Hux:** Yes; he was severely injured. I had to carry him away from the attack. He was nearly dead!

**Prosecutor:** Did you see what happened to Rey?

**General Hux:** Yes I did! Rey ran away with her partner in crime, Finn, and they flew away in the rundown spaceship, the Millennium Falcon.

**Prosecutor:** No further questions, your Honor.

**The Court:** The Defense may cross-examine.

**Defense Counsel:** General Hux, you said when you came on the scene you saw my client, Rey, pick up the lightsaber?

**General Hux:** That's true.

**Defense Counsel:** So you didn't witness what happened immediately before Rey picked up the lightsaber, which is that Kylo Ren attacked Rey's close friend, Finn and badly wounded him?

**General Hux:** No; I didn't see that.

**Defense Counsel:** You didn't notice Finn lying on the ground bleeding and begging for his life?

**General Hux:** No; I guess I missed that.

**Defense Counsel:** No further questions, your Honor.

**The Court:** General Hux, you may step down. The prosecution may call their next witness.

**Prosecutor:** Your Honor, the People call Kylo Ren.

The Clerk swears in Kylo Ren and asks him to state his name.

**Prosecutor:** Mr. Ren, can you tell us what you do for a living?

**Kylo Ren:** I am originally a member of the Knights of Ren and one of the commanders of the First Order.

**Prosecutor:** Mr. Ren, can you tell us what happened to you on December 15 of last year?

**Kylo Ren:** I had been terrorized by Rey and her band of criminals all day! Earlier in the day, I had been attacked by Han Solo and had to kill him to save my own life. Then Han Solo's bodyguard, that hairy creature, Chewbacca shot me! I was so badly injured but I still tried to defend myself by pursuing Finn, Rey and Chewbacca. I confronted Finn, and he and I fought with the lightsaber. I am stronger than Finn and he ended up losing the fight. Then out of nowhere, SHE picked up the lightsaber (pointing to Rey) and tried to kill me! I barely escape with my life!

**Prosecutor:** May the record reflect the identification of the defendant?

**The Court:** Yes.

**Prosecutor:** [approaches the witness stand with the lightsaber in hand]. Showing you what has been marked as People's exhibit #1. Is this the deadly lightsaber that Rey used to try to kill you?

**Kylo Ren:** Yes, absolutely that's it. I'll NEVER forget it!"

**Prosecutor:** No further questions.

**The Court:** Cross examination?

**Defense Counsel:** Absolutely, Your Honor. Mr. Ren, you say you were attacked by Han Solo?

**Kylo Ren:** Yes; I was.

**Defense Counsel:** Isn't it more like you got mad when Han Solo urged you to abandon the dark side of the Order and because of that you killed him?

**Kylo Ren:** Well maybe, but Han Solo was always after me.

**Defense Counsel:** And when Chewbacca shot at you, he was only trying to protect Han Solo, right?

**Kylo Ren:** You'd have to ask that smelly beast Chewbacca what was in his pea brain at the time.

**Defense Counsel:** You confronted Finn and Rey, didn't you?

**Kylo Ren:** Well confront may be too strong of a word....

**Defense Counsel:** And my client, Rey, only picked up that lightsaber after you had left Finn begging for his life, isn't that correct?

**Kylo Ren:** Finn was hardly even injured. Plus, your client attacked me from behind with that lightsaber! That's not a fair fight!

**Defense Counsel:** No further questions, Your Honor.

**Prosecution:** The prosecution rests, Your Honor.

**The Court:** The People having rested; does that defense wish to present any witnesses?

**Defense Counsel:** We most certainly do, Your Honor. The defense calls Finn.

The Clerk swears in Finn and has him state his name.

**Defense Counsel:** Finn, can you tell us about what happened to you, Rey and Han Solo on December 15 of last year?

**Finn:** Yes; Rey, Han, Chewbacca and I came upon Kylo Ren. When Han urged Kylo Ren to abandon the First Order, he became enraged and killed Han Solo. Chewbacca couldn't control his grief and he shot Kylo Ren right in the leg! Chewbacca, Rey and I fled but Kylo Ren followed us; and next thing I knew, Kylo Ren was attacking me with the lightsaber! I fell to the ground and felt a sharp pain in my chest. When I looked up, Rey had picked up the lightsaber and she walloped Kylo Ren with it. She saved my life!

**Defense Counsel:** No further questions, Your Honor.

**The Court:** Cross examination?

**Prosecutor:** Finn, you weren't really badly injured by Kylo Ren, were you?

**Finn:** Well, I guess not...

**Prosecutor:** And isn't it true that Rey attacked Kylo Ren with the lightsaber from behind while he was walking away?

**Finn:** Well, if you want to get technical, maybe that's true?

**Prosecutor:** Isn't it true that you are in love with Rey and you don't want her to get in any trouble?

**Finn:** Well, she is pretty amazing. Don't you think?

**Prosecutor:** No further questions, Your Honor.

**Defense Counsel:** The defense calls the defendant, Rey.

The Clerk swears in Rey and has her state her name.

**Defense Counsel:** Rey, were you involved in a fight with Kylo Ren on December 15 of last year?

**Rey:** Yes, I was.

**Defense Counsel:** Please tell us how this occurred.

**Rey:** Chewbacca, Finn and I had just seen Kylo Ren kill our friend, Han Solo, for no reason. Chewbacca was so sad, he shot at Kylo Ren and hit him in the leg. Kylo then confronted my friend Finn, and they got in a fight with the lightsaber. Kylo Ren was too strong and he severely injured Finn. Ren laid down the lightsaber and started to hobble away. I was afraid he might come back, so I picked up the lightsaber and hit him. I got a good whack in with the lightsaber! He deserved it!

**Defense Counsel:** No further questions.

**The Court:** You may cross examine.

**Prosecutor:** So Rey, you admit that Kylo Ren and your boyfriend, Finn, were in a mutual fight, correct?

**Rey:** I guess so.

**Prosecutor:** And when you picked up the lightsaber and attacked Kylo Ren, he was walking away?

**Rey:** Gee; I guess so! But who knows if he would have turned around and come back to get us again?

**Prosecutor:** So you attacked this man from behind while he was retreating?

**Rey:** Well sort of... but he's a really bad dude!

**Prosecutor:** No further questions, Your Honor.

**Defense Counsel:** The defense rests.

**The Court:** The People may make their closing argument.

**Prosecutor:** Members of the jury -- This is a clear case of Rey trying to kill Kylo Ren with the lightsaber. She even admits that Kylo Ren was walking away and in retreat! There's no way she was defending her friend Finn at that point. Plus, Finn was hardly even hurt. You may not like Kylo Ren or think he is a great person, but he has the right, just like any other person, to not be attacked from behind and almost left for dead! Rey is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of attempted murder with that most deadly weapon, the lightsaber!

**The Court:** Defense counsel?

**Defense Counsel:** Think about what Rey faced back in December. She had witnessed her friend, Han Solo, be murdered. Then she saw her good friend, Finn, viciously attacked by Kylo Ren. Okay. So she does what any brave warrior would do. She picked up the lightsaber and attacked the evil Kylo Ren. She shouldn't be prosecuted for attempted murder, she should be praised as a hero. Please find her not guilty.

**The Court:** Court instructs on attempt murder and self-defense.