

Darth Vader and the Holdup Problem

In *The Empire Strikes Back* (part of the *Star Wars* saga), the evil Darth Vader set in motion a plan to lure Luke Skywalker (the hero) into a trap. To do this, Vader made a deal with Lando Calrissian to facilitate Han Solo's (Luke's friend) capture and torture so that this plan could be completed. In so doing, Vader agreed to free Solo's companions, Princess Leia and Chewbacca (the Wookiee). On the basis of this undertaking, Lando betrayed Han and Leia to Vader.

IMPERIAL OFFICER: Skywalker has just landed, my lord.

VADER: Good. See to it that he finds his way here. Calrissian, take the princess and the Wookiee to my ship.

LANDO: You said they'd be left in the city under my supervision.

VADER: I am altering the deal. Pray I don't alter it any further.

[Lawrence Kasdan and Leigh Brackett, *Star Wars*, Episode V, *The Empire Strikes Back* (script adaptation from a story by George Lucas), 1981]

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