

Agony

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Kapitel 1: Pain

In the meeting room, Cody sat together with General Kenobi and reported the recent activities of the separatists. A daily routine with no emotions in it.

"Hmm, lately the separatists don't move any further... they don't occupy planets or involve our troops in battles... That causes a very bad headache to me. I'm pretty sure that they are plotting a big strike against us. Anakin sent Scouts to check out the situation. Can't wait to have them back..." Obi-Wan said as he finished reading Cody's Report.

Commander Cody agreed and hoped that the Scouts have some useful information.

Currently Obi-Wan's troops were on a rainy planet. They were there for 2 months and it got very depressive when you haven't even the chance to see the sun. Obi-Wan wished to be on any other planet, even Geonosis sounded good to him, as long it didn't rain. The General walked across the room to the window and stared into the rainy sky. The eyes of his Commander followed him with each step. Cody shifted nervously on his seat as if he wanted something to say but couldn't find the courage.

"Is there anything you want to say Commander?" Obi-Wan asked, but didn't turn around to look at him.

"Can I speak about something private with you, General?" Cody asked carefully.

"Sure, you know that I'm no tattletale, your secrets are safe with me." The General smiled, but still didn't turn around.

Cody searched for the right words; this was going to be a delicate conversation, that's for sure.

"This morning I ran into a couple who made it out in one of the elevators. They were two of my brothers. I suspected that a few of my brothers have relationships, but I never thought that they would bed a brother."

Finally Obi-Wan turned and looked at Cody. "Is that true?"

Cody nodded and looked away. This situation seemed so strange. On Kamino he was taught the 150 orders, but he was never prepared to handle such situations. This and

his biggest secret: Being in Love with someone who doesn't return the feelings.

"I think that the reason for this behaviour is this damned Planet... I..." Obi-Wan wanted to speculate further, but Cody interrupted him.

"No Sir, my brothers have no others but themselves. No one takes interest in us because they think of us like flesh tins. Furthermore we can't have a steady relationship with someone who isn't in the GAR, because..."

"Because what Commander?" Obi-Wan asked surprised.

"... because every day we live with the knowledge that maybe we will never come back. Therefore we can't have families other than our brothers. Only our brothers would understand
When we don't come back after a fight. Furthermore the Republic doesn't pay us, we can't support a family"

Obi-Wan felt dumbfounded and searched for the right words, but failed. 'Where is the negotiator, Old-Obi?' he thought grimly. But one thing nagged on him, so he dared to ask his commander.

"And what about you, Commander? Is there someone who you like? Maybe a brother too?"

Cody's head snapped up and stared perplexed to his General. "Excuse me??"

Obi-Wan slapped his head mentally and managed embarrassed out "Sorry Commander, please pretend that you never heard the last sentence!"

The Clone Commander mumbled something under his breath "Yes... there is someone I like. No not like – I love that person, but..."

"But what? Does that mean that the girl is already in a relationship with someone?" Cody stared at his General and couldn't believe that 'THE' General Kenobi asked such a naïve question.

"No Sir, not a girl – women are alien to me. It is a man, and before you ask, I don't think that he has a lover, but I know that he doesn't love me." Cody feared Obi-Wan's next question and wished that he never started this conversation.

But Obi-Wan granted him a short delay. "What?! Why doesn't he love you?!" He began strolling around the meeting room, but not as before, Cody didn't follow him with his eyes. He simply walked to the window like Obi-Wan and stared into the rainy night.

Obi-Wan continued chattering. "This man must be very dense, ignorant and blind... I mean you are a wonderful person: strong, intelligent, loyal and handsome. I really wish to speak with him because of him, my best commander and good friend suffers from heartache."

Cody turned and stared at Obi-Wan as if he had just seen Rex in a G-String, dancing

the Riverdance. "General Kenobi, I think you don't understand..."

That causes Obi-Wan to move to Cody. He stood before his black-haired Commander and looked him straight into the eyes.

"Why do you think I don't understand? I'm a Jedi, yes, but that doesn't mean that I have no emotions, too... So who is the one who you love?"

This was the dreaded question... No escape and no lies. Obi-Wan would sense it.

Cody took a deep breath of air and finally managed out "The one... The one I love is..."

But he couldn't finish his sentence; Obi-Wan's Comlink beeped frantically.

Sighing the General answered the call. "Obi-Wan here, what is it?"

It was Anakin who called him. Both Obi-Wan and Cody made a mental note to murder Skywalker by the next chance. The Clone Commander still looked at Obi-Wan.

Anakin, unaware of his sealed fate, said " Obi-Wan, we need you in the Command Centre immediately. The Scouts are back and they have very disturbing news!"

Obi-Wan sighed "I'll be right there Anakin." He run to the door and shouted to the Clone "Cody, please fetch Rex and Ahsoka and meet us in the Command Centre!"

Cody mechanically answered with his drilled "YESSIR" but Obi-Wan was already in the alleyway.

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Later this Night, after plotting a strategy against the separatists' new weapon, Cody stood outside of the barracks in the merciless rain.

"Obi-Wan, don't you see it??? That the One I love... that the one I love... IS YOU????!!!"

He literally screamed the last words into the universe.

... but this words weren't left unnoticed by someone ...