

Agony

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Kapitel 4: Despair

Battlefield was a single chaos. The droids splitted the troops of Skywalker, Kenobi and Tachi in three smaller units "Skyguy, we need help! We are closed in!" Ahsoka cried over the battlefield. "I know, I know!! We have to get out of here!" Anakin responded while ripping the head of ad droid off. "Obi-Wan, General Tachi, we are closed in and we need help!" Skywalker shouted through the commlink. "Negative Anakin, I have the same problem – I called the LAAT's, but you have to go to the RV Point by all yourself, I can't help you" Obi-Wan cried back. And Siri had the same problem. "Ahsoka, come over here, HURRY! I could use some help! Come, you filthy droid, I degrade you into you component parts!!" shouted Skywalker. Rex was 3 meters behind him, giving him rear cover. "Sir, we have to retreat now! Lost over three-fourths of our troops – we must reach the LAAT's!" he roared through the blaster fire. "All troops follow me!" ordered Anakin. Ahsoka was near him and blocked the attacks of three droids.

On the other side of the battlefield Obi-Wan tried to retreat back to the RV-Point, too. He saw Siri about 100m afar from him fighting off some droidekas. She seemed to be in serious trouble. Obi-Wan shouted via commlink to her "Siri, hold on!" He tried to help her, but a wall of fire prevented it. For a moment Obi-Wan inattentive and did not see a sniper lurking behind a rock. The sniper fired just as Kenobi noticed him "Wha-!!" but the shot didn't hit him. In this moment Cody hustled him to the side – and the blaster shot hit him hard. For a moment the time stood still. "CODY!!!!" Obi-Wan screamed. He forgot about last night and ran over to his commander. The Jedi grabbed and dragged him behind a big rock. "Damn, don't die!! Hold on!!" Obi-Wan opened his armor, the wound was very big and he tried to ligate it. Cody coughed blood, so he had bad internal damages. "Why did you do that?" Obi-Wan cried. Cody whispered between his coughs "You know why... I wanted to protect you... I swore it ... I am sorry" "Please, don't say anything. Save your strength. I don't care about yesterday anymore... Please stay alive" "Obi-Wan..." But then he fell into unconsciousness.

Outside of the Med-Center, Obi-Wan paced up and down. Cody was already 6 hours in the oP and the general asked every nurse or doctor who came along about the commander's condition. Ahsoka came to him and led him to the waiting room. Then she left to get him a cup of Caf. "Here, Master Kenobi. That will do you good." Obi-Wan took the cup without looking up to her. "Thank you, Ahsoka."

The Padawan sat beside him "Master, if you ever need anything, I'm here for you." She took his hand in hers but said nothing. Her presence was comforting and the two of them sat just there for awhile. Finally Obi-Wan broke down, hugged her and cried. "It's alright, it's alright... I'm convinced that Commander Cody will survive." Ahsoka comforted him. "It was my fault. I was blind. If I didn't brush him off..." "No, he would have done the same. He is your second-in-command after all. And what do you mean by *brushed him off*?" She asked.

Obi-Wan startled. He realized that he just said something he shouldn't had. "He confessed his love for me. Yes – Love as to be in love" The Padawan blinked. "So it was YOU he loved. I don't know what to say..." The general said "It is ok. I have to live with it. I pushed him away in the hope that his feelings for me would end. But I was wrong. If he dies... his death would be my punishment." Ahsoka didn't understand "General, do you love him?" "I don't know, young Padawan. I really don't know. Maybe... I'm so confused since Siri appeared." Ahsoka's eyes widened "Why Siri? What is with her? Do you love her as you love Cody? Or..." The general shook his head and answered "I was once in love with her. But because of our life as Jedi we hadn't a relationship. But yesterday, she asked me to run away with her. I almost agreed. I'm war-weary. But then I think about you and Anakin. I can't let you down. And then there is Cody. I'm not sure whether I love him or not. But one thing is sure. I feel good when he is by my side. I care for him. My heart stopped when the blaster shot hit him" Ahsoka smiled "Then you love him – go to..."

But she was interrupted by Siri. "What?! You are in love with that filthy clone?! How can that be???" She yelled. Obi-Wan looked up to her. "Siri, I have nothing to say to you. I made my decision. I will stay here at my friends side. Not for the Jedi, not for the order, not for the Republic. Only for them. Please leave me alone." "I will never give you up Obi-Wan." Siri started to cry and left. Ahsoka groaned and intended to go too, but Obi-Wan held her back. "Please, stay by my side for awhile? Your presence is soothing me."

"Okay Master Kenobi. I'll stay with you."

And so they waited together. Later that night, as Ahsoka left, Anakin and Rex came by and kept watch together with Obi-Wan – he never left the Med-Center. "Obi-Wan, please go and get some sleep. Rex and I will inform you when he wakes up." Anakin said. "No, I'm not tired." Rex lifted an eyebrow "Not tired? With all respect Sir, but you look like hell. Caf can't keep you awake forever" Just as Anakin tried to drag him away to his room, the door of the O.P. opened and the surgeons with their assistants came out. The three of them tensed but then one of the surgeons said "He is stable by now and we transferred him into a Bacta tank. But we had to keep him comatose as his life is still endangered. He had lost a lot of blood. We don't know if he will make it." Obi-Wan thought that he would faint. Anakin gripped his arm and thanked the doctors. Then he and Rex dragged Kenobi away. Obi-Wan didn't even fight back.

One week passed by, but Cody wasn't awake yet. He was outside the Bacta tank and now laid in a single room for inpatients. Everyday Obi-Wan sat near his bed and waited. He had time to think – for him, Cody and for them. Obi-Wan hoped that he

would wake up soon. "Please don't leave me here. I need you. I know that now."

As Kenobi fell asleep on Cody's bed, the commander's hand twitched. Slowly he opened his eyes and moaned. "Where am I? What happened?" he croaked. As he tried to move one hand upwards to shield his eyes from the bright light, he noticed that someone held his hand in a deadly grip. "Huh?" he blinked and thought he hallucinated –

Obi-Wan slept beside him and held his hand. Cody tried to sit up but a stinging pain hindered him. "Ugh..." Obi-Wan jolted up and looked into Cody's eyes "Cody... finally you are awake ... I'm so glad..." "I had a dream. In this dream you, General Skywalker, Rex and Ahsoka were by my side. Now I know that it wasn't a dream because you are here... What happened?" He whispered with a raspy voice. "You saved my life, a droid sniper shot you as you pushed me out of the way." Cody coughed and moaned again. "You... do you hate me for ..." He coughed again. "Please, Cody, save your strength. I don't hate you. I can never hate you. Sleep. I will stay here with you." The commander sighed, moaned something like "I love you" and then fell asleep. Obi-Wan smiled and bent down to kiss his forehead. "I love you too."

Over the next few days Cody recovered. Unfortunately, Obi-Wan had to leave the ship and headed to Yoda on Coruscant. The Jedi Master had a new mission for him and Kenobi had to discuss this personally with him. Cody missed him but Rex cheered him up. Finally, two days later, General Kenobi came back. Anakin greeted him "Obi-Wan, are there any news from the order?" "Yes, Aayla is missing. We have to find her as soon as possible. It seemed that she found some interesting news about the separatists but just as she transferred the data, the signal broke off. Yoda gave me her last known position and we should leave immediately." "Yeah, I got it. And Obi-Wan? Cody misses you." Obi-Wan nodded "I will visit him later. First I have to give the data to Admiral Yularen and inform him about the new mission."

Later that day, Obi-Wan finally decided to visit his commander. He didn't know why but he felt that after this visit, their relationship would never be the same. As he went into the sick room he found Cody training. Said Commander was absorbed in his sit-ups and didn't notice the Jedi. Kenobi just stood there for awhile watching his second-in-command, but then decided to interrupt him "Cody, is it healthy to train in your current condition?" Cody startled and looked up. "... I can't just lay here and do nothing..." He smiled "Hello there, too." Obi-Wan said and walked over to him. "Sorry, but I really feel better. The Doc says that in one or two day I will be able to resume work." The Jedi laid a hand on his shoulder "I'm looking forward to have you back. And before you ask, I don't allow you to change the troops. I wouldn't bear it" Cody raised an eye-brow "Cody, when you were hurt, my heart stopped for awhile. I'm still blaming myself for your injury. As you were in coma, I had time to think and realized that I have tender feelings for, too. Cody, I.. I think that I wouldn't say no know when you will ask for a relationship with me. Unless you don't want me anymore –" Cody's eyes widened; he couldn't believe what he had just heard. Was this a dream like those he had so many times before? "No general – Obi-Wan. I still want a relationship with you. More than anything else" Obi-Wan smiled, but didn't know what to do know; he never was in such a situation before. Cody noticed that and reached out for him.

... „Then come“ but Obi-Wan hesitated. Cody leaned his head invitingly to the side, but Obi-Wan didn't know how to react. His instincts told him to jump into his arms, but his mind warned that Cody hadn't yet recovered from his injuries and he should be careful. Finally he gave in and huddled against his commander.

Cody leaned down to Obi-Wan and caught his lips. And this time, Obi-Wan didn't pull away. Fortunately they sat already on the bed, otherwise Cody's legs would give up and he would hit the floor. He took his time and licked over Obi-Wan's lips as he begged for entrance. The blonde couldn't resist any longer and opened his mouth. Cody's tongue immediately dived in and explored every inch.

Obi-Wan remained passive and didn't move but moaned into the kisses. 'You don't know how happy I am, Obi-Wan' Cody thought.