

# Agony

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## Kapitel 6: Decisions

It had been three weeks since Cody was discharged from the Med-Lab. Three weeks since he and Obi-Wan slept together for the first time. And kept their relationship a secret.

The Jedi was a professional in keeping his emotions in line. Although Anakin asked him three weeks ago, why he had walked so funny for a day and avoided sitting. Cody was a good soldier, but every now and then he slipped and smiled at him or simply stalked him for a long time.

Sometimes, it was even difficult for Obi-Wan, Cody seemed to enjoy teasing him by just standing near or behind him as near as he could. He even guessed that Cody pinched him in his ass one time while they had a conference about Aayla's whereabouts.

Time was running out for her and they had to find her as soon as possible.

Both of them covered their \*Private meetings\* with \*Private briefings\*. One evening Obi-Wan was pissed off, because he couldn't bear Cody's teasing any longer. "Cody, You know just as well as I do, that we have to keep our relationship a secret. Where is the cautious Cody I once knew?" said commander grinned "Sorry, Obi-Wan. I just couldn't resist. Every time when you turn your back to me and ignore me, my body screams to jump and devour you on the spot. Like a carnivore pursuing its prey." As Cody turned and walked towards the bathroom, Obi-Wan only sighed "I created a monster..." Then he only heard a 'RAWWRR' from the bathroom and hid his head under a pillow.

A few minutes later he felt an additional weight on the bed, but he remained inactive. Even when the commander began to undress him. However, it became difficult to ignore him as Cody began to lick his spine. "What is it? Don't you like my ministrations?"

Fortunately for Obi-Wan and unfortunately for Cody, the Holocom beeped frantically. For the second time someone interrupted them. The Jedi darted a little bit too fast towards the Holocom and got stuck in one of the bed sheets. "Kenobi here." He panted while he tried to untangle himself. "Erm, Obi-Wan? Why are you sounding so stressed? What's the matter? And for God's sake, put some clothes on before I go

blind!" "Love you too, Anakin... I just got up from bed..." "Since when are you sleeping naked?! And hadn't I just seen Cody's head in the background?" Obi-Wan was embarrassed, but he played it down. "He came in and woke me." He lied. "What do you want?" Anakin cleared his throat and answered "We just received an incoming transmission from Ventress. You two should come immediately." Obi-Wan only nodded.

"Well, Cody. I suppose that your little game of 'Hunter and Prey' has to wait." He taunted as he dressed. Cody only sulked and headed without having achieved anything towards the door.

In the Command-Centre, Ahsoka had already a fierce discussion with Anakin. "No way, no way, no way. That is madness, Skyguy! Master Kenobi would never agree to that!" "Never agree to what?" Obi-Wan interfered. Anakin turned "Obi-Wan, we have a big problem. You should see this message." He switched the Holo on and Ventress appeared.

"My dear Jedi Knights. I'm sure you are already searching for your dear Twi'lek friend. But recently another person ran right into my arms when I was heading to our hideout. Senator Amidala and her hyperactive companion, whose name I forgot, were willing to accompany me and I fear that our hideout is a little bit overcrowded now. In order to clear space there, I would like to submit you following offer: substitutional for those three I want Obi-Wan Kenobi. Isn't that a fair trade? Three for one? Here are the coordinates of a neutral meeting point – meet us there tomorrow at 0900. I'm eagerly awaiting your arrival. But don't play for time. My new scientists were already impatient. Ah and Obi-Wan, my dear? You don't have to be afraid. I will take good care of you."

With an evil laughter, the message ended.

Obi-Wan stroked his beard and seemed to search for a solution. Anakin was furious – neither he wanted to loose Padme, nor he wanted to loose his former master. Ahsoka only looked to the floor and was lost in thoughts. Rex remained silent, too. Finally Anakin rose to speak "Obi-Wan, we must rescue Padme. And the others. We have to agree with her terms!" Cody interfered "With all due respect, Sir. I can't allow that! General Kenobi's safety comes first. His presence and leadership is necessary for the GAR. Without him, we would not function properly. Like the last time when he was MIA on Jabiim! For weeks, my whole 7th Sky Corps ran around like a headless herd of banthas!"

Obi-Wan froze immediately. He never ever wanted to be remembered of Jabiim and Rattak. Never again he wanted to be tortured in such a way as then. But then he thought of Aayla, Padme and Jar-Jar. Bly surely went up the wall when they are not going to rescue her. And surely would Anakin go berserk if he refused. Obi-Wan thought back, he nearly died by Ventress' tortures. And Padme would not last as long as he did. He was lost in thought in such a way, that he didn't notice the escalating argument between Anakin and Cody. They harassed each other verbally and vociferous. A clone was bred for obedience but Cody seemed to be only loyal to Obi-Wan alone. Rex and Ahsoka decided not to interfere. They both knew Anakin's

temperament only too well. They whispered to each other their own solution statements.

"I will go." Four pairs of eyes were suddenly fixed on him. "It is the best. But we have to think of an escape way for me when I'm in her hands. Ventress is not dense. She would sense every trick. And by the way, It's a golden opportunity for me to find out Dooku's new plans. I will take a tracking transmitter with me. Then you will know where I am." He stated. Cody shook his head no. "I don't like that idea, General. What if something goes wrong?" But Obi-Wan waved aside. "I had made my decision. I am going. Your personal emotions are blinding you." Cody fell silent but the three Jedi felt his rage and disapproval through the force.

Anakin was puzzled. Why was Cody so overprotective about Obi-Wan? Has it something to do with the last incident? Ahsoka could only speculate, too, but she seemed to feel that Cody was in love with Obi-Wan. Maybe Rex knows more about this. He was Cody best friend and brother after all. So she decided to ask him by taking the first opportunity. Somehow she felt like she was reading a tragic novella. The whole scene was so surreal.

Obi-Wan decided to break the silence. "Gentleman, instead of arguing we should prepare for tomorrow." Then he left the Command-Centre and headed for his quarters. Cody waited for a few minutes and shot at Anakin one last piercing glance before he disappeared, too.

"Damn, Obi-Wan why you?! Why are Dooku and Ventress interested in you?" He yelled. Cody's nerves were on the edge. He didn't want to loose him \*now\*. Now, that he had finally conquered him. Obi-Wan remained silent. He even didn't look at him. Cody walked to him and hugged him from behind. "I am sorry. I shouldn't have yelled." Obi-Wan turned within his grasp and leant his head against Cody's shoulder. "Apology accepted. And I don't know why they are interested in me. But I know that I am though enough to endure it. Aayla maybe too, with the help of the force, but Padme and Jar-Jar would certainly not survive it. I have to go." Cody gritted his teeth. "I know. It's just... I have such fear for you. I know that I should keep my feelings in line. I am a soldier. A perfect soldier should be above such things, but it is so difficult."

Obi-Wan closed his eyes and whispered. "Cody, will you stay with me overnight?" Cody only answered by crushing his lips against Obi-Wan's.

Ventress was already waiting at the RV. She kept her promise and had brought Aayla, Padme and Jar-Jar with her. She turned to them and smiled maliciously "What's the matter? Soon you all will be free. Aren't you happy?" She taunted. Padme only sneered, while Jar-Jar seemed to be really happy that he soon would be free again. Aayla answered "Ventress, you know that we will find your little hideout. We will rescue Obi-Wan and you will be judged by the Jedi Order." Ventress only retorted "Oh certainly, my dear. But when you will find us, we had reached our ambitions already. And the scientists had their fun."

In the sky they could see a gunship nearing. It landed near the Dark Jedi and her captives and opened the door. Obi-Wan was not alone, he was accompanied by

Skywalker, Tano and two clones. Ventress smiled "Finally you are here Obi-Wan. I nearly thought that you won't come. Now come over to me." She turned to the three captives again and ordered "And you, meet him on the midway, but don't walk to fast. Otherwise the droids will kill you."

Cody felt sick when he saw Obi-Wan walking towards Ventress. Rex put one arm on his shoulder in order to calm him and shoved him back into the gunship, before he could make any mistakes. Anakin hugged Padme and seemed relieved that she was alive and well.

Ahsoka shouted to Obi-Wan as the gunship took off "We will come and rescue you, Master Kenobi! We promise it!" Obi-Wan only nodded and watched the gunship fading in the sky.

Ventress came over to him and led him to her ship while she cooed "So my dear, we have big plans for you. Please come."