

Agony

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Kapitel 2: Distraction

"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 ...

Someone laid a hand on Cody's shoulder. He startled and whirled around. It was Rex. "Hey there... I heard your soliloquy. Damn Cody, why have you always a strong leaning towards complicated circumstances?! Of all people in the galaxy... has it to be Kenobi!!!!"

Cody's eyes narrowed, "If you are here only to pick on me, then go... I don't want to argue with you!"

Rex dragged him back to the barracks "Come on Ner Vod, I'm not here to tease you. You're my best friend. Let's go back and play a round of poker with Jester and his bro's –"

Cody looked horrified "Rex, you know that Chopper always wants to play strip-poker!!!" He wailed.

The captain grinned and wrapped an arm around Cody's shoulders. "Yes I know. I think this will distract you from your lovesick thoughts" but the commander tried to pull away. Rex grinned evilly and mocked "OHHH, are you scared? No, I know – you want to save your chicken-breast for a blonde Je-" but he couldn't finish his sentence – Cody punched him right into his guts. He squeaked "Why did you do that?!" the commander growled "If you don't shut up I will kick you in your most precious parts! And don't never ever mention Obi-Wan as my crush – you are the first and hopefully only one who knows! The others are only suspecting. By the way, you know that I have a lucky hand for royal flushes" The captain moaned something about needing his crownjewels someday and arrogant 'Lady-Luck Cody'. Yes, Rex was not his best friend for nothing...

Obi-Wan glared daggers into Anakin... said poor Jedi turned and asked innocently "Obi-Wan? Why have I earned such a disapproving glance?" "For a Jedi, you have a bad timing! I had a very important discussion with my commander but you had to interrupt." Anakin came over to Obi-Wan and set up a mischievous grin "Very Important? Maybe Cody told you that he had caught two of our soldiers In Flagrante

Delicto??? Or maybe he poured his heart out to you?" Obi-Wan was taken aback "WHA-how did you know???"

Anakin grinned triumphantly "The first one I knew - heard rumours about that within our troops... but the second one was not difficult to guess. Come on Obes – everyone knows that Cody is hopelessly in love with someone. The ARCS are calling him Drama-Queen for that... and before you ask – I don't know who it is – you have to find it out by all yourself alone!" Obi-Wan gaped like a fish...

Anakin decided to change the topic "By the way, Yoda said that we need backup. He sent another Jedi with his troops to following RV-Point.... we should leave immediately"

Obi-Wan flattened his beard and responded by walking over to the communications-desk. "This is Obi-Wan speaking, all troops have to prepare for leaving. Be ready at 0600!" with that Obi-Wan left the command-centre and headed to his room.

Obi-Wan's voice startled the seven clones who were absorbed in their card-game. As Cody guessed, poker started innocently but turned then into Strip-Poker. He had only lost two rounds – but Rex wasn't so lucky just like Jester. They sat there with nothing more on than their boxers. Rex and Jester were relieved as they heard the order to prepare for leaving and thanked Obi-Wan mentally. Chopper wasn't really pleased "Damn! Jedi and their perfect timing! Always have to interrupt when it's getting interesting..." Gus, who sat in his jumpsuit on the other end of the table remarked "Yeah, their Jedi-o-meter doesn't obviously work in this aspect" Sketch, who had only lost his shoulder and leg platings, agreed. Cody stood up and headed to the door. Rex shouted behind him "Hey, didn't you forgot something??" Cody turned, grinned and shouldered the bag with Rex's armour in it "No Rex, I definitively forgot nothing! It gives satisfaction to me when you walk along the corridors with nothing on besides your boxers. I give you your armour back when you arrived in your room. Now come on we have to hurry." Res growled and followed him while the others laughed and whistled. "Cody and Rex are acting like an old married couple. Guys what do you think? Could Cody's crush be Rex??? – When yes – Who will be the one on top????" Gus asked. Then he and his teammates roared with laughter.

During the flight through hyperspace Cody ignored Obi-Wan and stood on the other side of the command bridge. But sometimes the general had the feeling that his commander watched him intensely. Finally Obi-Wan couldn't bear it any longer and walked over to him. "Cody, I'm sorry. I shouldn't have asked you – " "It is ok, General." Obi-Wan nodded "I won't ask you again." The commander turned and looked into the hyperspace. "Maybe some day I will tell you who it is." The general only nodded. One of the operators announced that they were almost at the RV and prepared for leaving hyperspace.

Anakin's and Obi-Wan's VENATOR-Class destroyers left hyperspace and were welcomed by a third. "Anakin, do you know who this mysterious Jedi is who will assist us?" Obi-Wan asked. "No, I don't. maybe it's Aalya. Hadn't heard from her since Maridun." Anakin answered over commlink. Finally, a third commlink opened and revealed one of Obi-Wan's old comrades.

"Siri Tachi" Obi-Wan simply said.

