

"STAR WARS EPISODE III - REVENGE OF THE SITH  
REVISED FINAL BATTLE"

EXT. MUSTAFAR - NIGHT

The planet is covered in ash and rock. The darkness of the night is countered by the bright glowing lava pouring as far as the eye can see. There are networks of primitive roadways that lead between the small hills to the distance beyond. The planet is in the throes of a violent sequence of eruptions and as the NABOO SKIFF comes in to land on the planet, lava can be seen shooting into the air and landing on some of the roadways, blocking them from use.

OBI-WAN KENOBI exits PADME AMIDALA's ship onto the rocky terrain. The air is hard to breathe from the sulfur and smoke emanating from the hundreds of visible volcanoes. The only man-made structures are small shanties dotting the banks of the volcanoes, presumably for the workers who mine the ore the planet is known to produce. Within a hundred feet is ANAKIN SKYWALKER's star fighter.

OBI-WAN (SHOUTING)

Anakin! Are you here Anakin?

The only sounds are that of eruptions and sizzling rock.

OBI-WAN

I know you are here Anakin. I can sense your presence.

A moment goes by and out walks ANAKIN from behind a pile of rubble. His eyes are rimmed with red and his hair is fallen into his eyes. He gazes at his master with almost zero recognition.

ANAKIN

Hello, Master.

The two men keep their distance, arms akimbo as if almost a standoff. Neither man drifts towards their light saber, despite knowing what is about to come.

OBI-WAN

Anakin.

ANAKIN (CUTTING HIM OFF)  
No! You do not use that name when  
you speak to me. I am no longer  
Anakin Skywalker. You will  
address me as Darth Vader.

OBI-WAN's mouth hangs slightly agape. The two men begin to  
walk opposite each other in a circular pattern.

OBI-WAN (IN DISBELIEF)  
Anakin, what has Palpatine done to  
you...

ANAKIN  
The Chancellor did nothing to me  
but open my eyes to your lies and  
treachery.

OBI-WAN  
My treachery? I am the only one  
trying to save you! Palpatine is  
the one who has turned against the  
Jedi, against the Republic...

ANAKIN  
No! You shut your mouth!

ANAKIN extends his gloved hand and Force pushes OBI-WAN  
against the hull of the skiff. The impact drops OBI-WAN to  
his hands and knees.

PADME exits the skiff.

ANAKIN's eyes soften and the young Jedi is momentarily  
visible beneath the corrupted outer shell.

PADME runs down the ramp towards ANAKIN and slows as she sees  
OBI-WAN struggling back to his feet.

PADME  
Anakin! What are you doing?

ANAKIN  
Padme, what...what are you doing  
here?

PADME stops short of ANAKIN. Her face drifts from looks of  
worry, to love, to fear in seconds. ANAKIN senses this and  
he straightens his back.

PADME

I had to see you with my own eyes.  
I had to know if what Obi-Wan told  
me you did...

ANAKIN

Neither of you is fit to judge me!

PADME

Anakin...

ANAKIN (RAISED VOICE)

No! How dare you, either of you,  
judge me? I have done nothing in  
my life but attempt to please  
everyone. What has that gotten  
me? An apprenticeship to a weak  
follower of an archaic order and  
the (chuckles) "love" of a woman  
who cannot stand me.

ANAKIN begins to pace towards a volcano and back as if  
struggling within himself. PADME's eyes are tearing as she  
lifts her hands to her mouth.

PADME

Anakin, you know that is not true.  
What you and I have is more than  
love.

ANAKIN (SARCASTICALLY)

Oh? Now the politician is trying  
to persuade me?

A volcano erupts and shoots a plume of smoke and lava  
hundreds of feet into the dark sky. The ground shakes  
beneath them. ANAKIN remains steady, facing the final two  
members of his family. PADME loses her balance and almost  
falls, but OBI-WAN is able to get to his feet behind her and  
keep her standing. PADME's face turns towards OBI-WAN and  
gently nods a thank you for helping her.

From ANAKIN's P.O.V. he sees this brief exchange that would  
otherwise mean nothing. His eyes darken with rage.

ANAKIN

So, is that the reason why you are  
here together to try and persuade

me of the error in my ways? The two of you are in love?

OBI-WAN and PADME look at each other incredulously.

ANAKIN (CONT'D)

How could I have been so blind?  
The two of you have always shared  
more in common than with me. How  
did I not see it until now?

OBI-WAN

Anakin, don't be ridiculous! Your  
mind is clouded by the Dark Side.

ANAKIN raises his hand to stop OBI-WAN from continuing. His other hand unclips his light saber from his belt.

ANAKIN (IN A SOFT, BUT FIRM VOICE)

Don't tell me what I know.

OBI-WAN makes no move for his own weapon. Instead, he allows his face to go slack. He puts both hands up in surrender.

OBI-WAN

Alright, Anakin...

ANAKIN opens his mouth to speak. OBI-WAN quickly catches himself.

OBI-WAN (CONT'D)

Alright, Darth. You can believe  
what you want to, but I am telling  
you as your friend, as your  
brother, that you couldn't be any  
more wrong about me, about Padme.  
You couldn't be any more wrong  
about Palpatine. The man is pure  
evil. There is nothing about what  
he is teaching you that will bring  
you the peace in your soul that  
you have been searching for your  
entire life.

ANAKIN listens without moving. OBI-WAN walks a few steps to the side as PADME stays behind him, staring with fear at ANAKIN.

OBI-WAN (CONT'D)

Since the moment Qui-Gonn and I met you, I was skeptical of your abilities.

ANAKIN turns his back.

OBI-WAN (CONT'D)

But, as I have watched you grow and save me on countless occasions, I knew that you were destined to be a Jedi and defend the Republic that keeps us safe every day. You and I together are the only ones who can stop Palpatine from destroying everything.

ANAKIN

There is no more Republic. Only the Empire!

In a flurry of action, ANAKIN's light saber comes ablaze as he swings around and thrusts it towards OBI-WAN's chest. At the same moment, sensing what he is doing, PADME jumps in front to stop ANAKIN, but instead the saber enters her chest, extending through her back.

PADME's mouth hangs agape and her eyes widen in shock.

OBI-WAN stands hands at his side, still attempting to process what is happening before his eyes.

ANAKIN's face is a mask of evil, his lips pulled down at the sides like a skull. But, within moments, the reality of who he has felled comes across his vision. He looks down at PADME and she in turn looks back at him.

PADME (FAINT, ALMOST A WHISPER)

Annie?

ANAKIN's face completely returns to his normal self, he retracts the saber and drops it to the ground.

PADME drops to her knees and then falls to the ground, eyes closed.

ANAKIN (SCREAMING, VOICE CRACKING)  
No! Padme! No!

As OBI-WAN stands over them, ANAKIN cradles PADME, her body unmoving.

The planet shakes again as a stream of lava comes crashing down on ANAKIN's starfighter, melting the hull. ANAKIN does not even register this.

OBI-WAN (MAINTAINING COMPOSURE)  
It is not too late, Anakin. Pick her up, board the ship and we can save her.

ANAKIN raises his head to face his former master. He is seething and there is spittle popping from the corners of his mouth.

ANAKIN  
No, it *is* too late. If you had not brought her here, this would never have happened. Now she is dead and you are about to join her.

ANAKIN places PADME on the ground gently and uses the force to summon his light saber. The moment it reaches his hand it is ignited and he is making his way towards OBI-WAN.

OBI-WAN's saber is still on his belt. He begins to step back slowly to match ANAKIN's advance.

OBI-WAN  
When you met me, I was an apprentice. I took you under my wing to teach you the ways of the Jedi.

ANAKIN  
And yet from you I have learned nothing but weakness and passivity.

OBI-WAN  
You have learned of peace, order, and responsibility.

ANAKIN

No, I have learned nothing.

OBI-WAN (GRASPING HIS LIGHTSABER)

Then I have failed. You are  
nothing more than when I met you:  
a child who wants childish things.

ANAKIN is visibly stung by this comment, but it fuels his anger and he lunges at OBI-WAN.

ANAKIN and OBI-WAN give and take as they circle each other between the skiff and destroyed star fighter. OBI-WAN blocks as ANAKIN chops at him without regard for style or skill. Each strike pushes OBI-WAN with sheer physical force. ANAKIN is like a snarling dog making guttural noises as he attacks.

OBI-WAN lifts his saber into an overhead swing, exposing ANAKIN's torso. OBI-WAN kicks and ANAKIN reels back momentarily.

OBI-WAN seizes the opportunity and runs towards the star fighter. The cockpit looks like a melted candle as OBI-WAN steps onto the nose of the ship, back flips over the destroyed portion, and lands on the tail section.

ANAKIN follows suit, straight jumping from the nose to the tail, slicing down with his saber as he does.

The two clash close to one another as the handles of their sabers spark. Their faces are inches away from one another, but even the pressure between them does nothing to break their stare.

OBI-WAN

You would sacrifice your child for  
the Sith?

ANAKIN

My child is already dead. The  
Sith is all I have and all I will  
ever need.

ANAKIN head butts OBI-WAN who falls backwards and hits his shoulder against the rudder hard. He yelps in pain and barely misses a lava flow.

OBI-WAN struggles to his feet and as he does, the heat of the lava hits the fuselage of the star fighter, blowing it to pieces, sending him and ANAKIN flying.

When they have landed, OBI-WAN stands to see ANAKIN screaming. OBI-WAN retracts his saber and jogs to him. There is smoke rising from ANAKIN's charred clothing.

As OBI-WAN reaches down to ANAKIN's shoulder, ANAKIN's leg rises into a sidekick, catching OBI-WAN in the shoulder and sends him backwards onto the ground.

ANAKIN rises and from OBI-WAN's P.O.V. we see the explosion has burned his face and body. The clean features we once associated with him are gone. Instead we get the sullied visage of what was under DARTH VADER's helmet.

OBI-WAN

Give up, Anakin. You are in no condition to keep going.

ANAKIN

I will never give up!

ANAKIN ignites his saber, as does OBI-WAN, and the two lunge at each other and clash weapons. The duel intensifies as lava crashes against rock behind them like tidal waves. ANAKIN's anger has increased to the point that between swings of his saber he delivers punches to OBI-WAN's face.

OBI-WAN is caught off-guard as this is not the style of a Jedi Knight. The hits continue to jar him and blood begins to trickle from his nose and mouth.

ANAKIN (CONT'D)

Everything I have ever had is gone. My mother, my wife, my child. Everything! I was promised more than this! I deserved more than this! The Sith can give me everything I have always wanted.

OBI-WAN takes the opportunity to force push ANAKIN back. ANAKIN stumbles, but rights himself and pursues OBI-WAN up the embankment.



OBI-WAN

But at what price? Your soul?  
You are nothing more than a puppet  
to Palpatine. In the end he will  
let you die as he let Dooku die.

The two warriors are now on the side of a volcano, the skiff and PADME visible below them, but neither acknowledges this. They continue to volley and block, sabers up. There is sweat pouring down each of their faces from the heat of the planet.

ANAKIN

You are wrong. The Chancellor is  
more of a father than I have ever  
had.

The ground shakes again and the two men fall, sliding down the slope several feet as rocks and earth cascade around them.

The toll of the battle is obvious as both men struggle to stand. Both men rise to their knees. OBI-WAN is reaching for his weapon while ANAKIN has his hand around his.

OBI-WAN

Palpatine is the father of lies  
and nothing more. You are better  
than him, Anakin. Resist the  
Sith!

Anakin has risen to his feet and attacks OBI-WAN again. OBI-WAN rolls away from the attack and ANAKIN's saber hits the earth. OBI-WAN tries to crawl away, but his injured shoulder gives out beneath him. He rolls back and forth, ANAKIN's blade barely missing him as it slices to his left and his right.

OBI-WAN raises his blade and while holding ANAKIN's, he sweeps his legs beneath him, sending him onto his back. The difference is now that OBI-WAN is in a position of power, he does not slash at ANAKIN, he simply holds the saber beneath the chin of his former apprentice.

OBI-WAN (CONT'D)

There is nothing good that will  
ever come from the Sith. They  
only know death and destruction.

ANAKIN

It is only from death that we can truly become what we are meant to be.

ANAKIN force pushes OBI-WAN backwards and stands.

Both men are feet apart. Each of them has their light saber at the ready. OBI-WAN has blood in his beard and down his tunic. ANAKIN in turn is unrecognizable from the explosion of the star fighter. OBI-WAN breathes heavily as ANAKIN's breathing has become raspy and labored.

OBI-WAN

There is no logic in that. Death achieves nothing but the end of life. Life is what the Jedi are sworn to protect. Nothing has come from the death you have seen in your life Anakin. Nothing will come from my death.

ANAKIN

There is only one way to find out.

The battle resumes as the two men clash sabers. ANAKIN approaches and OBI-WAN steps back, their battle continuing up the slope to the lip of the volcano.

OBI-WAN hears a rumble just as a plume of lava ejects from the volcano as ANAKIN reaches the lip. OBI-WAN force jumps back to safety, but some of the lava hits ANAKIN's mechanical arm, sending the prosthetic still gripping his saber into the volcano pit.

ANAKIN screams in pain, and then seems to center himself long enough to reach into the back of his belt and remove a new light saber.

OBI-WAN

Anakin, please.

ANAKIN

I told you...

ANAKIN ignites the new saber, which glows red.

ANAKIN (CONT'D)

My name is Vader.

The weary fighters continue to slash at each other, sabers swinging furiously, as they traverse the lip of the volcano.

OBI-WAN tries to switch hands, but his shoulder twinges with pain and his saber drops to the ground below. ANAKIN takes the opportunity to attack and swings his saber. OBI-WAN ducks and slides down the side of the volcano towards his falling saber.

ANAKIN pursues, sliding down after OBI-WAN. OBI-WAN attempts to use the Force to summon his saber, but his attention is split between his fall and ANAKIN behind him.

As they reach the bottom, OBI-WAN loses his focus and hits the ground hard, rolling to a stop feet away from his weapon.

ANAKIN lands standing, saber gripped in his remaining hand. He approaches his fallen master who rolls onto his back, semi-conscious.

In the distance, roughly fifty yards away, PADME is still alive and has pulled herself to her knees. She watches as her husband stands over OBI-WAN.

ANAKIN uses the Force to choke OBI-WAN. OBI-WAN holds his throat as the invisible hands tighten around it.

ANAKIN

Goodbye, Obi-Wan. Now, I am the  
Master.

PADME summons all of her fleeting strength and screams at ANAKIN.

PADME

Anakin!

ANAKIN's concentration is broken by the sound of his wife's voice. He looks over at her, seeing she is still alive, as PADME drops back to the ground.

ANAKIN (SOFTLY)

Padme?

The Force choke loosens and OBI-WAN seizes the opportunity to do what he knows must be done. He summons his saber which flies to his hand, ignites, and thrusts it into ANAKIN's chest.

ANAKIN's eyes go wide and his body shudders once. He turns his head to face OBI-WAN and the two men look at each other's eyes. ANAKIN's face is totally destroyed, but OBI-WAN can still see the young boy on Tatooine deep inside.

OBI-WAN withdraws the saber and ANAKIN stumbled backwards. He coughs and grabs his chest with his one hand.

OBI-WAN

It's over, Anakin. I'm...I'm  
sorry.

ANAKIN stumbles backwards, tears or sweat dripping from his eyes. He says nothing but lets out a piercing scream as he falls, then stands again. He turns a corner and disappears behind the slope of a hill. At that moment, lava comes crushing down where he was just standing, sealing his fate.

OBI-WAN drops to his knees, head down.