

STAR WARS: Conundrum

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This is all about Echo Chi!!

She was a normal jedi youngling, then she found something that would change her life forever:

A twin sister!!

Was it for the good or for the bad?

Includes- Action-Romance-Humor-Danger!!

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1 - Introduction

Name: Echo Chi

Species: Pantoran

Home Planet: Pantora

Date of Birth: 37 BBY

Known Relatives: Ash Chi (identical twin sister)

Affiliation: Jedi Order; Rebellion; New Republic: New Jedi Order

Known Master/s: Rahm Kota

Combat Form: Form III: Soresu: Form V: Shien/ Djem So

Weapons: Heavy DL-44 Blaster Pistol

3 Icy Blue Lightsabers

2 Jade Blue Shoto Lightsabers

Gold Lightsaber-Staff

5 Dark Blue Lightsabers

2 Rainbow Electrum-Hilt Lightsabers

1 Blood Red lightwhip

4 Underwater Light Violet Lightsabers

2 Yellow Lightsabers.

Hobbies: Making things for her sister to blow up

Building Lightsabers with her sister

Practicing with her blaster

Decking out her swoop

Swoop riding/racing

Telling stupid jokes

Building and repairing things

One-on-One Lightsaber combat with her sister

Podracing

Astrobatocs

Bio:

Echo Chi was born on the planet Pantora in 30 BBY. At a very young age (1), she was taken to the Jedi Temple on Coruscant to be trained as a Jedi. She was separated from her sister when taken to the Temple. She grew up not knowing that she had any relatives. The Council tried to make it so where the two girls would not know they were related/sisters.

Like the rest of her friends she was trained with Yoda when she was young. By 8, she was in advanced classes with much older students. One of the older females she trained with was Juno Keslin a purple Twi'lek, a close friend. Juno and Echo would often battle against each other and even though Juno was 3 years older most of the time Echo would beat her because she was a lot stronger than her in the ways of the Force. Another friend was Hiro. Hiro was about her age, and in Echo's advanced classes and they could never beat each other by a long shot, sometimes Echo would win and sometimes Hiro would. They were extremely close.

When Echo was very young she started to want to learn how things were built. So she took apart her lightsaber to inspect it more closely. She started to build lightsabers. Constantly she would be telling stupid jokes and in all of her classes she was nominated the class clown. After classes though, she

would go in her quarters and keep to herself or would run to the nearby junk yard for parts to build things (secretly of course). One night when it was pitch black and Echo wanted to see what is out in the junkyard, so she snuck outside on her tiptoes trying not to make a noise. She looked out and saw something on the very top. It looked like a vehicle of some sort. Echo didn't usually run to the top because it was noisy and hard to get too. But, she wanted whatever it was. She could fix it or add modifications to it. She climbed to the top with a few slips and ran to the unidentified vehicle. Echo took a look at it and saw it was a swoop! She practically screamed! She realized it would only need a few repairs and they were repairs she could make! Echo didn't know where she would put it though. She thought for a few minutes and then decided she would put it in the temple hangar bay and knew nobody would touch it there. She knew it was getting really late so she had to leave it there and figure out how to get it to the hangar bay because it wasn't drivable. She then tip toed into her quarters and immediately fell asleep. She awoke five minutes before her classes were to begin.

" Oh no." She mumbled and grabbed an outfit and slapped it on and threw her hair up. She ran to the class room doing barrel rolls. She needed to work on those anyway. She smiled because she was getting better. As soon as she opened the door she saw Yoda walk up as she slipped in the door. He didn't notice. Good. He then said

" If you are an advanced student please walk forward." Echo frowned trying to think why Yoda would want her to walk up because that wasn't like him at all, she sighed and walked up. She walked up and Echo realized she was the only one who walked up besides her friend Hiro. They smiled.

" Your equal they are. She should be treated that way. Ok, for class today we will be working on barrel rolls again." Yoda said. Echo filled up with relief, somebody must have been making fun of her again. Oh well. Since she did barrel rolls all the way here it was an easy class. Then Hiro invited her to hang in her quarters, Echo couldn't resist.

After her classes she knocked on the door, and it opened.

" Oh, hey Echo!" Hiro said happily welcoming her in.

" Hey!" Echo said looking around her room, which had animals crawling all over the place. " What the-?" Echo almost yelled.

" You can't tell anyone! You have to keep them secret!" Hiro said covering Echo's mouth with her hands.

" What about the monthly inspection?" Echo asked, confused.

" I take them out to the junk yard in cages during the inspection." Hiro said smiling.

" Wow, where do you get all these?" Echo asked amazed.

" Well, do you know the inspection lab?" Hiro asked.

" Of course." Echo said nodding.

" They take animals under inspection and they can't keep them all so a unidentified person lets me have a few, and don't worry they don't hurt any animals during inspection!" Hiro said happily.

" That is so cool! Don't they hurt you, or maybe disobey or get scared or something?" Echo asked.

" I can use the force to calm them and draw them to me." Hiro said.

This girl is amazing! She is a genius! Echo thought!

" Here, I will show you," Hiro said pulling out an Anooba.

" Those are extremely dangerous, Hiro!" Echo shouted.

" No need to worry, Watch." Hiro said and laid it on the floor, it started to bite. Hiro just grabbed a treat put it down by the Anooba and sat and with her eyes closed focusing. The animal ate the treat happily and Hiro petted the animal with no problems.

" That's amazing!" Echo said.

" Here, you try!" Hiro said handing Echo a treat. Echo tried to do the same as Hiro but the animal grabbed the food and lightly bit her, she pulled her hand away.

" No worry, most of his teeth were removed." Hiro said smiling.

Echo tried a few more times and eventually it stopped biting but the Anooba would not allow her to pet it. " Yeah, Noob is a little stubborn." Hiro said putting him in his cage and she grabbed something hanging from a tree that was small and furry.

" Oh, that is so cute! What is it?" Echo asked.

" It's a Choreamnos, or a blase tree goat. It hangs on trees and is very lazy and this is just a baby one, so it is very small and furry!" Hiro said giving it to Echo to hold.

Echo petted it. This is so awesome! It's almost as good as mechanics!

" It is awesome isn't it?" Hiro said reading Echo's thoughts. Echo handed the goat back to Hiro nodding,

" Yes it is awesome, well I best be going." Echo said.

" May the Force be with you!" Hiro said.

" You too, always." Echo said walking out the door.

Once she left Hiro's room she went to the junk yard and saw someone picking up her swoop. She turned on her Jade Blue lightsaber and ran to the person with her swoop. She did a flip and landed right next to her swoop. Then that person pulled out a lightsaber and they battled for a while but the person was no match for her. Then the opponent who wore an eye covering turned off his lightsaber and put it away.

"Ok. You win. I'm Broze who are you? I'm a Jedi being trained at the Jedi Temple are you too?" The boy asked.

"Oh. Hi Broze I didn't recognize you since it's so dark. I'm Echo; I'm in a few of your classes." Echo said.

"Oh yeah. You are better than I thought. You are lot like my friend Ash you two would be a good match I actually think you may be able to beat her. You up for it?"

Echo thought for a few seconds and thought why not? I could beat her butt. Just like I do everybody else's. I need a challenge once in a while.

"Why not? I think I can take her. Actually I'm sure I can take her." Echo said calmly.

She brought her bag of supplies and she and Broze worked for a few hours on the swoop and it was fixed up and looked awesome. Then they test drove it then took it to the temple hangar bay agreeing nobody would touch it there. It was a successful day she got a swoop and new challenge, well hopefully a challenge and a friend. Broze said they should meet in their first class since they have that class together then he would take her to the room her and this "Ash" would battle. They decided 2 hours before their first class is when they would meet. Echo also learned that Broze was a species that was always blind but would use the force to guide them. Then they said goodbye and walked inside the temple.

"Better get some sleep Ash, oops I mean Echo sorry it's just...you act so much alike." Broze said. Echo laughed.

"Good night and May the force be with you." Echo said.

"You too, friend." Broze said and then they went their separate ways to their quarters. As soon as she went in her room she went to her bed and thought about the battle ahead, then she fell asleep.

She awoke the next morning 1 hour before she should head down so she did one her favorite things; meditating. Echo meditated about what she should do and other battles that may help her think of some fighting styles. Then once she got into her meditating deeply she heard a knock knock. She flew into the air doing a flip and landed by the door. She opened it to see two of her closest friends; Juno and Kali. They looked excited.

"Why in the blazes are you up?" Echo asked.

"Girl, why didn't you tell us you have a battle?" Kali asked while Juno was nodding.

"Uh.. You can watch. This will be short though I don't know why you are all excited." Echo said.

"I heard she is good. Really good. I do think you will beat her to the outer rim though." Juno said.

“You are going to change right?” Kali asked observing Echo’s outfit.

“Hold on.” Echo said and shut the door; she grabbed a “cuter” outfit for Kali and put it on then put her hair in a bun because she didn’t want it in her face. She walked outside and saw the girls.

2 - Battle and The Council

“There you go.” Kali said smiling. Echo sighed and they walked and arrived 5 minutes early. Then Broze arrived and he took them to the battle arena. She wanted to see her opponent but as soon as she walked in they put a blindfold on her. She tried to use Broze’s technique and used the force to walk up and she walked up and pulled out her lightsaber. It felt cold it felt good. It gave her confidence that she could beat this girl’s butt whoever she was. Then Juno walked up to her and said, “Pretend you’re fighting me, I know your nervous.” She said.

But the truth was, Echo wasn’t nervous she knew this would be as easy as beating Kali in a battle. She ignited her lightsaber and had it on stun. She didn’t want to kill her. She knew how to make it hurt though. She swung at the girl hoping to make it quick but to her surprise she dodged and then Ash did some sort of flip well that’s what Echo thought it was because she couldn’t see anything but she figured it was a spin because she was trying to trip her. Echo jumped out of the way it was close though. Wow. She is good. Echo thought.

Echo did a side sweep but again the girl dodged. Then she felt Ash go in the air and Echo jumped out of the way. Echo then learned that this girl fought aggressive. Ataru she figured. Soon, Ash started to go out of control with attacks they were low and high. Echo dodged them pretty easily though. She knew this girl was good and she wanted more. Echo wanted to see what she had in her bag of tricks. Echo then spun around her lightsaber twirling and hoping to get the girl off balance or distracted by the spinning and twirling. Ash kept her ground though. Ash charged at Echo and slashed her lightsaber at Echo. Echo blocked it and they got in a lock. Ash was stronger though and Echo was going down. She knew she had to do something unless she wanted to be sitting dust. Echo kicked her and heard her grunt as she staggered back. Ash quickly recovered though and sprang at Echo and started to go for the legs, Echo sensed. She jumped up in the air and landed in a spin. Echo then felt something slightly burn her shoulder. She yelped and brought her lightsaber up and pushed away Ash’s lightsaber before it got any deeper. Echo felt the burn. She closed her eyes and tried to sense Ash’s next move. She sensed that she was going to charge again and spin her lightsaber in multiple attacks. That’s exactly what she did and Echo blocked it. Echo felt Ash’s surprise in the force. I’m sure Ash felt her surprise as well. Once again, she felt the girl flip back and charged. Echo decided to meet her force with her own. She jumped back and charged too.. When their blades met, the impact was so powerful, they both staggered back.

“Wow,” they both said at the same time.
Echo then heard her friends start clapping and cheering.

"That was awesome!!" Broze yelled. "Do it again!"

“NO!” Echo and Ash said in unison.

Echo didn’t realize it until just now, but she couldn’t catch her breath. That battle had really worn her out.

“Ok, you can both take off your blindfolds now,” One of Ash’s friends said. “That was amazing!”
Echo took off her blindfold. It was soaked in sweat. She turned to look at Ash who was trying to catch her breath too. When she brought her head up, Ash was looking at her with a surprised look on her face.

Then she realized why. Ash looked exactly like her. They both stared at each other.

“WHAT THE WAMPA-POO??!!” they said in unison.

“Hey, stop copying me!” they both said again.

“No, you stop!” again they said.

“I knew IT!” Aero said. “I knew it; I knew it, I KNEW IT! They are twins!! Did I not say that?” Aero said.

“You did say that,” Broze replied.

“That is awesome!” Juno exclaimed.

Ash and Echo just stared at each other. They looked exactly alike except Echo's hair was cut a little different. Finally, Kali started to talk.

“Oh crap, our first class is going to start in 5 minutes. Come on Juno,” She said as she grabbed Juno away with her.

“See you at midday meal guys!” Juno said why being dragged away.

“Ya, we better go too.” Aero said. “You guys can work out your little problem by yourself.”

Aero, Broze and Nya all left the room for their morning classes as well. Ash and Echo just stood the field though. Ash was the first to break the silence.

“What do you go say we go talk to the Council and see if they have anything to say to us?” Echo said with a smile.

“That sounds great to me,” Ash said with a chuckle. Echo couldn't believe the council didn't tell them. Why would they try so hard to split them apart? They were supposed to be trustworthy. What am I saying? Echo thought. She wanted to be a part of the council when she gets older. It's just a dream though.

Echo didn't say anything to Ash on their way to the Council chamber. Echo was way too busy thinking about why they would do this to talk. It took them about 30 minutes to get in but Echo didn't mind, she wanted to hear what they had to say. As soon as Echo walked in she felt all the force at once.

Mace Windu spoke up first. Nobody else knew this, but he kind of scared Ash. When they walked into the room, Ash became more relaxed. There was so much Force-power in that room. It consisted of the most powerful Jedi in the Order. One day, she hoped to be a part of the Council. But that was just a dream.

As she and Ash walked to the center of the room, Echo felt everyone eye in the room stare at them. It was very uncomfortable. It was like being trapped by a pack of Rancor's. They stare at you then they eat you.

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“What can we help you with?” Mace Windu said with his hands folded in hi slap like he usually sat.

Ash and Echo both pointed at each other.

“Explain this,” they said in unison. Ash looked at Echo. How in the world could they keep saying the same thing like this? It was weird. Very weird.

Master Windu looked at Yoda, and then looked back to Ash and Echo. Yoda spoke up.

“Twin sisters, you are. Failed we have of keeping this a secret from you.”

"Obviously," Ash said under her breath. Mace looked at her.

"Sorry master," Ash said back.

"Control yourself, you must," Yoda said.

"Yes master," Ash said. Echo looked at her. What was she doing? Well, Echo wanted to yell at the council for not telling them too. She really didn't blame her.

"It's unfortunate that you learned of each other's existence. But you must remember not to get attached to each other. That path of attachment can lead to the Dark Side. If you 2 cannot master that, then I'm afraid we may have to split you up. That would be a pity, because you both are very strong in the Force."

"Thank you, masters," they both said, bowed, and left the Council Chamber. "One more thing," Master Windu said. "Ash, you will no longer go by the name of Ash Shy. Your last name is Chi, just as Echo's."

"Thank you, master," then they walked out of the room.

3 - Sister Bonding!!

Echo wanted to say something funny. She also wanted to learn about this Ash!

She turned over to Ash.

"Greetings, sis," she said and started to walk up to Ash. "I think now that we're sisters, we should start to learn more about each other," she said.

"Well, I guess you seem nice enough. Why not?" Ash replied. "My name is Ash Chi, what's yours?" Ash said.

Echo chuckled. "Echo Chi. Wow it's such a coincidence we have the same last name," she said smiling.

Ash laughed. Good, Echo thought. She likes jokes! Like me!

Echo took Ash up to her quarters. Echo opened the door and they both walked in. Echo saw Ash's mouth dropped. It was probably from all of her mechanical stuff.

"Utinni..." Ash said. Echo thought she had heard wrong.

"What did you say?" Echo said back, confused.

"Oh, that's Jawa for 'wow' or something. A friend told it to me. He said that once when he went on mission with his master to Tatooine, there were Jawa's everywhere and they were always yelling 'Utinni!' so now I say it a lot."

"Oh, ok...so well, um...welcome to my humble little room. Sorry it's got stuff everywhere, but I love to take stuff apart and build stuff. I even have my own swoop." Echo thought that was cool she knew how to speak Jawa. Well, she could speak Huttese, a far more developed language! But, she would wait until the time what right.

"Seriously?" Ash said. "That's pretty cool. So I take it you're a pretty good pilot?"

"Well, not exactly...yet. But I hope to be one! I've always dreamed of flying among the stars." Echo replied. Which was totally true.

"Ya that would be cool," Ash replied. "But it's not for me. I need action. I'm an athlete. I dream of becoming one of the best lightsaber duelists in the galaxy someday. You wouldn't believe how many lightsabers I have. That's probably the one thing I love to build, and am good at building."

Echo was happy that she likes to build. They could share information together!

"Really? How many do ya have?" Echo asked her.

"3 right now. I'm working on another one right now. It's going to be a black lightsaber. I already have the handle made, I'm just waiting to find the battery pack and the crystal."

"Oh, well I'm sure I've got a couple spare battery packs around somewhere," Echo said and started looking through her piles of junk. It took a couple minutes, but she found one.

"Here," Echo said. "Take it. I've got plenty more." She probably had like 7 more.

"Oh thanks," Ash replied. FINALLY, Echo thought to herself. Echo needed a friend! Then she got a sister! This day couldn't get any better.

"You wouldn't happen to have any black lightsaber crystals would ya?" Ash asked her jokingly.

"Actually, I have a silver crystal in my desk," she Echo said and went over to her desk and opened a dresser door. Echo smiled as she heard Ash gasp.

"Whoa! Where did you get all those?" Ash asked her.

"You'd be surprised what people throw out," Echo said smiling. She had been to the junkyard so many times she could find things worth half the price of this temple.

"Well, thanks again. Do you want to come see my room? No offence, but there's not much room to do

anything in here,” Ash said smiling. Echo agreed.

“No problem just let me get my other lightsaber. I like to switch back and forth.” Echo said. She liked variety.

Echo walked over to another dresser and opened another door. Ash followed her. Inside the cabinet were about 10 lightsabers stacked on a shelf inside the cabinet.

“No way! We have more in common than I thought!” Ash said.

“Literally!” Echo said and grabbed a lightsaber with an unusually long handle. “Ok, I’m ready,” she said and they both headed out the door. It took them probably a good 10 minutes to get to Ash’s room. Ash opened the door to her room to her sister. They walked in an Ash went and sat on her bed. Her lightsabers were sitting on shelves over-top of her bed. She also had a small obstacle course set up in one corner of her room.

“Welcome to my fortress of solitude!” Ash said to her sister.

“Wow, I can tell you like to exercise a lot!” Echo said. Ash also had bars hanging from the ceiling so she could practice swinging from one to the other. Maybe that’s why she is such good with a lightsaber and those flips.

“Ya, you don’t get these muscles from sitting around all day!” Ash said flexing an arm. Echo just laughed at her and continued around the room. Echo wanted to see those Lightsabers.

“Wow,” she said pointing at the lightsabers. “Those are beautiful!” She is so happy they have that much in common.

“Thanks. It takes me awhile to come up with the ideas, but once there in my head, it come pretty easy to build them,” Ash replied.

Echo noticed Ash looking worried.

“Ok, not trying to be rude, but I don’t want to be super late for class, so I kinda need to go,” Ash said.

Echo looked startled. “Oh no, that’s fine. I need to get going to! But I’ll see ya at mid-day meal right?” she said as she started walking towards the door. How embarrassing. Oh well. She gets to see her later.

“Ya that sounds good! Goopta ma bossa!” Echo said as she walked out.

Ash turned around.

“Never mind, it’s a Hutt saying. May the Force be with you sis!”

“You too,” Ash said as she walked out of the room.

4 - A padawan??

Echo ran out and to her classes. She wanted to know how they had so much in common and never knew of each other's existence! She would meditate on it later! She made up an excuse saying that she was sick which Yoda didn't seem to believe but he didn't say anything. She couldn't focus anyway, all she could think about was Ash. When it was her turn to have a practice battle. It was no competition! If only Ash were here. Then they could have a battle and show how it's done!! Then when they went to the athletics again, if Ash would have been there she would have rocked the temple down. Finally once they got into the mechanics of a lightsaber then she could finally get Ash out of her mind. Well, for a little bit. "Adjourned, class is." Yoda said " To your mid-day meal you may go."

Echo smiled she would finally get to see her friends again. Especially Ash, she swiftly walked into the cafeteria, you are forbidden to run in the halls unless you have a reason and Echo didn't think that Master Windu would except 'I wanted to see my friends' very well. Once she arrived she noticed only Broze was sitting at the table so she grabbed her lunch and sat down by him.

" What's up? Where is everybody else?" Echo asked.

" I don't know! Why are you asking me?" Broze replied angrily.

" What's wrong?" Echo asked seriously.

" How do two girls beat me?" Broze asked shaking his head. Echo busted out in laughing.

" I-" Echo started to say. She couldn't finish because Aero started to walk in with Nya, Kali and Juno.

" Uh Dude why are you sitting at the girls table? We are men!" Aero said with pride.

" Uh Dude we have no other friends If you haven't noticed." Broze said. Aero sighed then hid his face and sat.

Where is Ash? Echo wondered. As soon as she thought that Ash came storming in.

" Greetings." Ash said with happiness as she sat by Echo. Echo smiled.

"Achuta." Echo said " And, before you ask that means hello in Huttese."

" Oh. Sorry I was late, I had to exercise!" Ash said. They all sighed.

" Enough about boring wampa poo. Did you hear? There is a rumor that Yoda is firing Mace Windu!" Kali said, her eyes full of excitement.

" How many times must I tell you? It's not happening, Kali!" Juno said as Kali rolled her eyes.

" Mace Windu and Yoda are as close as a Jedi and his Lightsaber!" Nya said.

" Or as close as a Rancor and food." Broze said. Everybody laughed.

" Plus, I don't think Yoda has the power to "fire" him unless he turns to the dark side." Echo said matter-of-factly.

" Whatever." Kali said irritated.

It was about 15 minutes till' class started so they all went over to Ash's room except Kali of course who had to put on make-up before class. Echo tried some exercising with Ash and it wasn't horrible. Aero was just as amazing as Ash though. They were awesome!! Echo knew this wasn't for her but she kind of liked it. Ash kept looking at her though like as if she thought I didn't like it. Echo thought it was ok. This girl is amazing. We have SO MUCH in common.

" Uh guys, sorry but class is going to start soon. So catch ya after class!" Echo shouted as she ran out the door.

Once she got to her class, Yoda stood up straight and made sure he had everybody's attention.

" Young ones, If you are twelve chosen by Jedi Knights you will be. Advanced students will be tested. Everybody looked at Echo. She didn't blush she was so used to it, it was as normal as using the force.

Ok maybe not that normal but she is used to it.

" Echo, will you stay after class with me? Ash will be here too." Yoda said, Echo nodded " Everybody else go to your quarters until Dinner-Meal." Yoda continued.

After everybody charged out the door, Echo ran to Yoda.

" Am I to be a Jedi?" Echo asked.

" A jedi you will be, but if you are ready now is not decided, that's why you are here." Yoda said

5 - Friendly Battle

As soon as he said that Ash came running in.

" I didn't do anything this time! Jedi promise!" Ash said out of breath.

" That's not what you are here for. Testing to be a Padawan you are." Yoda said.

" That's what I figured. Since I never get in trouble." Ash said quickly. Echo couldn't help but laugh.

" Hmmm." Yoda said then let out a small chuckle himself. Then Mace Windu walked in.

" Greetings, girls. We have a test for you." Master Windu said.

" Bring it." Ash said full of pride.

" Uh, she means we are ready." Echo quickly put in. Mace Windu started to talk but shut his mouth the opened it again.

" Ok, the test in simple, you two must decide 5 of the same friends and you will battle them." Master Windu said with Yoda nodding.

" Aero, Broze, and Kali, Juno, and Nya" They said in unison. They didn't look at each other. They were almost used to it now. Echo had no idea why they said Kali. Well Ash has never battled her and Juno said she had improved.

Mace Windu looked at them odd then nodded. He grabbed his comlink and said something they couldn't hear. Soon, all of them came running down. Kali came down in curlers.

" What? Is there an emergency? I'm kind of busy here." Kali said pointing to her head.

" No. You all will be tested against Ash and Echo in a battle." Master Windu said.

They all groaned. Aero was against Ash and Broze against Echo for the first round.

Echo ignited her Lightsaber and ran towards Broze. She saw Ash flip. So then she did a barrel roll and slashed at Broze. He deflected it. She pushed out her hand and he went flying back. He came back limping from falling down hard. He flew at her his lightsaber in a stab. She jumped out of the way and he fell flat on his face. He got up his face red with embarrassment or from being slammed so hard.

" I'm out." Broze said limping to sit down while holding his face.

" Sorry!" Echo said full of worry. She turned over and saw Ash helping Aero up. She must have defeated him as well, Echo thought. Yoda nodded and out came Nya and Juno came out. Nya walked over to Echo. Juno walked to Ash.

Nya came at Echo full speed. Echo put power with power and they soon had got caught Nya in a Lightsaber lock. Surprisingly, Echo was stronger and started to see Nya's back bend backwards then she heard a crack. Nya fell on her back. Nya screamed. Nya got back up though not wanting to give up. Then she heard Juno yelp. Echo went at Nya in a flurry of slashes high and low. Nya reflected a few but then soon got hit deep in the right side of her stomach. She screamed as her face turned pale. She started to fall but Echo grabbed her and helped her sit down until first aid came down.

" Ok, Ok, I'm done! Don't hurt me!" Juno screamed.

" Oh, sorry Juno." Ash said apologizing.

Yoda and Master Windu looked at Kali.

" Yeah right! Did you see that? That is crazy! I'm out of here!" Kali screamed and ran out the door.

Echo hated this. She hated seeing the looks on her friends faces. It killed her. She could sense that Ash felt the same. They looked scared of them. Echo didn't want to hurt anybody unless they deserved it. Her friends did not deserve it. That's probably the whole point of this. So, they can see if they are ready inside. They knew they could do well with a lightsaber but they didn't know if they could handle hurting people who maybe they were close to them but then turned, maybe. Or just being away from their

friends.

"Yes, Echo that is the point of the exercise." Windu said reading her thoughts. Ash nodded, also understanding. Then they were dismissed to their next class.

She enjoyed this class it was an advanced class, a small class it was with Adi Gallia teaching, well that's who it was today it always switched, which was good. You could learn different ways of doing things.

Soon, she was called down by her friend Hiro she was Zabrak.

"Where are we going Hiro?" Echo asked.

"You're going to see the council, I think you're getting a master. You're going to be a padawan!" Hiro said full of joy.

"You're positive? Or have you been hanging out with Kali too much?" Echo said. Oka laughed.

"Well, I just overheard them." Hiro said.

"Oh well we will see, won't we?" Echo said as she walked inside and Hiro walked away.

6 - Rahm Kota...

"Sorry, Echo to have to keep distracting you from your classes but you have been chosen as padawan by Rahm Kota." Mace Windu said.

" Not to be rude, I am of course very grateful but I don't believe I have heard of him." Echo said.

" Fine that is." Yoda said nodding.

" Rahm Kota is a friend of mine. I met him on a mission when he was 18 and he only needed a few lessons then quickly became a Jedi Knight. It's not surprising that you have not heard of him, that doesn't make him any less capable though." Windu said.

" Of course. When may I meet him?" Echo asked wanting to see her master.

" Tonight in one hour. You will meet here. Your sister and her master will be here as well, numerous others as well." Master Windu said.

Yay! Who did my sister get? Echo wondered.

" Cin Drallig." Yoda said reading Echo's thoughts.

Oh she gets a well known Jedi. I don't! Why not? Echo thought.

" Understand I do. We wanted a well trained youngling to have him first. He is very capable." Yoda said.

" I didn't mean to-" Echo started to say.

" Its fine. You can go to your quarters the classes are over for the day." Master Windu said.

" Of course." Echo said then bowed then ran out of the room. As soon as she got in the room she jumped on her bed and screamed.

" I HAVE A MASTER!! I'M A PADAWAN!! OH YES!! OH YES!!" Echo screamed.

Then she saw her closet door opened and pulled out her lightsaber then she realized it was Ash. Hiding in my closet. She is so weird. Well, so am I. Echo thought.

" That was...odd." Ash said then laughed.

" Oh you did the same thing!" Echo said.

" What? Ok, maybe! So?" Ash said. Then they both started to laugh.

" Congratulations." They said in unison.

" Thank you." They again said in unison.

" I don't believe I have heard of Rahm Kota." Ash said first.

" Well, Mace found him when he was 18 and only needed a few lessons then quickly became a Jedi Knight. The council thought I would be a perfect fit. He is supposed to be very good. I'll tell you more about him after tonight. Now, we have done your favorite things now we will do mine." Echo said as she ran out the door.

They went outside. They took turns riding the swoop. Ash was having trouble at first but then got better. Echo was a pro. She did crazy turns! She was having so much fun! Her sister wasn't having as much fun but enjoying herself!

" Uh, Echo we have to meet our masters in 10 minutes and we have to shower!" Ash said full of concern. They took the swoop back and walked back into the temple.

" Well, see-ya in 5! Echo said then did barrel roll and ended up right by her door.

7 - My new Master

She jumped into the shower put on her white jumpsuit then her brown cloak over top. Her hair in braids. This wasn't her usual way of dress but she wanted to make a good first impression. She actually didn't think she looked half bad. She ran downstairs and ran into Ash. Who wore a total her outfit. Which was cute and comfy.

" You look cute, but why are you all fancied up?" Ash said.

" I need to make a good impression." Echo said.

" You need to loosen up." Ash said as they walked in. Echo didn't reply, she was looking for her master. Then she ran into someone.

" Oops. Sorry. I'm Echo Chi." She said trying to be friendly.

" Why, hello. I'm Rahm Kota. I'm your new master." Kota said.

" Oh, Hello I...uh..." Echo said mumbling, unsure of what to say.

" No need to have any special greetings. I'm your master, and just because you're young doesn't mean I'm going to get soft on you. We take the hardcore missions, the one's most people are too afraid to do. Unless, you don't think you can handle it." Rahm said.

Me? I love danger! I don't want soft! He is perfect! Echo thought.

" I can handle it. I may be young but I am ready, I may not have major experience but I've got what it takes." Echo said.

" Me too, kid." Master Kota said. " Now, about me..."

They spent over two hours talking. They were the last people in the room. Ash had left almost an hour ago. He mostly talked about the battles he had been in and his missions.

Echo mostly talked about her battles in the temple and he was majorly impressed with the battle against Ash.

" Well, we have a mission tomorrow. So goodnight, Padawan." Master Kota said.

" Yes of course Master. Goopta mo bossa." Echo said.

" Hopefully my mind won't evaporate!" Kota said as he walked out the door smiling.

Echo nodded and smiled. She walked out and saw Ash laying on the floor. She smiled and kicked her.

" Who? What? When? Where?" Ash started to ask. " Oh it's about time!" Echo laughed,

" Sorry, Master Kota was so amazing! He is a warrior, he only goes on dangerous missions. He is full of courage." Echo said thinking back.

" Well glad you liked him. Master Drallig already knows me so we got along well." Ash said.

" Good. Good." Echo said. They then departed and went to their quarters.

Echo let out her braids and took off her cloak and jumped in bed. She fell asleep in 2 minutes.

8 - First Mission

She awoke at 4. She said she would meet him at 5:30 this morning. So she went outside and started to make some repairs when she saw master Drallig walk in.

" Hello Ash. What are you doing down here? Did you- Wait, you aren't Ash!" He said.

" I'm her twin sister, Echo. She thinks very fondly of you." Echo said.

" She does? Well, good. I'm her master I don't think you have a master do you? Your sister is advance so.." He trailed off.

" No. I'm advance. I got my master the same time she did." Echo said.

" Oh. Good. Who?" Cin answered.

" Rahm Kota." Echo said with pride.

" Ah. He is a very good Jedi." Cin Drallig said nodding.

" Thank you. I think so too. Well I don't mean to be rude but I have to go." Echo said.

" I understand. May the Force be with you." Drallig said.

" You too."

Echo said and ran to the cafeteria, she was supposed to meet her master there, eat then go talk to the council about the mission. She sat down, waiting. 2 minutes later he arrived.

" Your early. Don't worry about impressing me, you are going to make mistakes, I'm going to make mistakes and you are held high by the council." Kota said.

" I understand, master." Echo said nodding.

" Enough talk, let's eat!" Rahm Kota said, Echo laughed. " What?" he said with a smile.

Once they ate they walked into the council room.

" Not easy, your first mission as a pair will be." Yoda said. Echo and Rahm nodded.

" You will be going to the Hoth System. We had sent some Jedi there 4 months ago and they never came back. We got a transmission and it was an assassin who has them captive."

" What is the physical description of this assassin?" Master Kota asked.

" That's the problem. In the transmission all it showed was a cave and we heard talking." Ki-Adi-Mundi.

" So, this assassin probably turned on the transmitter then ran somewhere else and just talked loudly from there?" Echo asked.

" Probably, but you need to find the Jedi then if possible the assassin or if it's a bounty hunter, it doesn't matter." Master Windu said.

" I understand." Master Kento said and was about to leave when Echo started to talk.

" Why were the Jedi there in the first place? Could it may have been a trap? Do we have more enemies than we thought?" Echo asked thinking hard. Kento stared at her, amazed.

" Good points. They went there because the attacks by wild animals started to increase and the people wondered why so we sent them down." Ki-Adi-Mundi said.

" We don't know much more so the rest you will have to figure out by yourselves." Windu said.

" I understand." Echo said.

" May the force be with us all." Mace Windu said then Rahm and Echo bowed and left.

" How did you think of all those points?" Rahm Kota asked.

" Yoda always said find a good opening and dig deeper. I didn't know why the assassin would take the Jedi so I dug deeper and thought maybe they interfered with a plan." Echo said.

" Impressive." Was all master Kota said. Then he smiled. " Well young padawan we are going to Hoth so

bundle up!" Echo smiled then nodded.

She ran up and put on a black jumpsuit and then white arm and leg warmers her hair down a white scarf and a white cloak. She packed a sack full of medical supplies, a heat blanket, warm-up beverages, protein bars and some more layers. Then she put on her utility belt with her Lightsaber, comlink, and a small knife.

" I'm ready Master Kota." Echo said smiling. He smiled then frowned.

" What's wrong?" Echo asked.

" This is going to be dangerous, and I don't want you to get hurt so stay behind me." Rahm Kota said seriously.

" Oh, you said you weren't going to get softie on me. What could happen?" Echo said.

" A lot. He mumbled under his breath.

They got into the transport, then the ship. After an hour Echo went up and looked at the controls.

" You mind I give it a whirl?" Echo asked.

" Hey, why not?" The female Twi'lek said. The Twi'lek whose name was Roe got up and showed her the controls. Echo had trouble at first then steadily got better. She had fun the realized she had better get ready for the mission.

" Thank you but I had better get ready." Echo said.

" I didn't mind. I liked it, you are a natural." Roe said.

Echo smiled and thanked her again and she went back and gathered her things and stretched.

" So, the mission plan is..." Kota asked wanting Echo to tell him, it was an exercise.

" We get down find the jedi and if possible get the assassin or bounty hunter."

Echo said. Her master nodded.

" Ok, good. So what did you bring?" He asked.

" I brought warm-up beverages, protein bars, heat blanket, layers and medical supplies. In my utility belt I have my comlink a knife and obviously my Lightsaber." Echo said as she thought back.

" Good. Hopefully we won't need medical supplies." Master Kota said.

" Hopefully." Echo replied quietly. The descending was bad, but it was Hoth, during a storm. The landing was smooth though. When they started to walk off Rahm thanked the pilot, gave her some money and walked off. Echo nodded and smiled then put in some more money.

9 - Brrr!!

Once she walked out it was cold. Very cold. The snow was hitting her hard. The wind was blowing so bad she almost fell over. Echo looked who was just standing there embracing it. She tried it too. She felt inner peace.

"Where are we going?" Echo asked as she saw her master walk and she ran to catch up.

"To find camp. Then we go from there. You always find shelter first because then if something happens you have somewhere to go." Master Kota said. Echo nodded. Practical. I need to remember that. She thought. Then she looked and saw a cave. Rahm must have seen it too because he began to head that way. Once they arrived in the cave she sensed something.

"You stay here and set up. I'm going to check what's inside." Rahm Kota said.

"Bu-" Echo started to say.

"Die on your first mission? How embarrassing." He said. Echo got the point.

She started to set up. She set the blanket on the ground and organized everything. Soon she heard a yelp.

"Master Kota!" Echo screamed as she ran towards her master with her lightsaber ignited and ready. She sees a big white monster holding Rahm by the neck. She screams unable of what to do. He then struggles but pulls out his lightsaber and cuts off the animals arm. The animal falls back and he falls to the ground gasping for breath. While the animal is down she stabs the animal threw the heart.

"Are...are you ok?" Echo asks running to her master.

"Yes. She helps him back to the camp and gives him the warm blanket. She starts a fire and she knows it won't stay so quickly makes him a warm drink.

"You were amazing. I wouldn't have been able to get my Lightsaber with that thing grabbing my neck like that." Echo said with awe as she handed him the drink.

"Thank you. I knew if I didn't do something quick he would get you too so I bared through the pain and cut off his arm and you did the rest." Rahm said.

Echo nodded.

"Now rest. It's getting dark. I will keep watch for other animals, ok?" Kota said.

"Ok. Thank you." She laid down on her own blanket and quickly fell asleep. Soon, she began having nightmares. One's about an animal coming and taking her master and he not being there when she awakes. Then she desperately looks for him and finds him dead, half eaten. She awakes up in a jump.

"Nothing is going to happen to me. You have been having these dreams for hours you keep screaming and running." Rahm said soothingly.

"I know. I'm sorry. How do you know? How are you sensing that?" Echo asks.

"It's fine. I only know because you are talking in your sleep. Now sleep. I'll be there when you awake. Promise." Rahm Kota says.

"Jedi Promise?" Echo asks.

"Jedi Promise. He says back. Echo easily falls asleep with no bad dreams. She awoke at 3 A.M. and just as Master Kota had promised he was right there. She know saw how bad his wounds were. She felt bad. She should have got there faster done something productive besides screaming like an idiot. Echo thought.

"Well come on. Let's go. We are going to take a look around." Master Kota said.

She put on her utility belt and ran out beside her master. They walked around and started to sense a force presence. They walked inside when her and her master were grabbed. She screamed, then black.

10 - Misery

She awoke with scars all over her. She could barely move. Then a human female walked up in a white lab coat and fur gloves.

" We are Jedi. We don't want to hurt anybody we just came back for some Jedi."

" Oh well good. They are here but I don't think you will want them." She said. The lady flipped on some lights and saw and the Jedi laying, dead.

" You are sick!" Echo screamed at her.

" Well, I was just testing them for an experiment and...well it went wrong." The female said.

" I'm I your next subject? Well take me not the other man. Please." Echo begged.

" Well yes and if you cooperate I will let him free." She said.

" Ok. So are you going to kill me too?" Echo asked.

" No. We made some changes. You will only be observed not killed." She said.

" What do you want anyway? Echo asked.

" World domination. So I have to study for weaknesses and Jedi don't have many so I experiment with them." The lady said.

" Wow. Well you won't figure it out." Echo started to pull but she realized she was locked in tight. She then felt a painful and terrifying shock go up her body. She yelled in pain.

" You aren't going anywhere. Do that again, the more painful it will become."

Echo didn't listen and pulled as hard as she could! She then felt as if she was on fire and screamed and weakened majorly.

" Now, let be civilized about this. I'm Yorra So Lu. Who are you?" Yorra asked.

" I'm Echo, Echo Chi." She said not wanting to argue.

" Well Echo, you will be tested tomorrow so I will let you see your friend before that happens, in case something happens." Yorra said as she walked out of the room.

Echo didn't reply. She was left hanging on a wall. She eventually drifted off to sleep. Echo had nightmares again. This time it was about her dying. The worst part was that it was right in front of master Kota. She woke up often hoping to see her master, but she never did.

She awoke and tried to figure out a way out of here. She looked at her lightsaber and it appeared nowhere. She sighed as Yorra walked in with Kota right next to her.

" You two may talk for a little while I get ready." Yorra said and walked away.

" What are you doing? I'm supposed to do the risking!" Kota said.

" No. You will be more helpful to the order. Plus, if you were to sacrifice yourself I would not be able to get out. Now, you can get out." Echo said.

" Echo you don't understand the power you hold. You are 9 and you are supposed to be 13 but again your here. You are just as much capable as I am. Please switch places with me.

" No. I'm sorry but I'm not going to let my master die right in front of me." Echo said.

" I'm not going to let my padawan die in right in front of me either." Kota said.

Then Yorra started to walk in. She sat down and smiled.

11 - Pain.

" This is the plan. So you don't feel lonely I will let your friend watch. First, I will electric shock you until you go unconscious then I will do the experimenting. Hopefully you will wake up alive." Yorra said. Echo had no reply but nodded. Master Kota looked at Echo as Yorra put her arms up and spread apart hanging on the wall. Same with the legs. Echo was just hanging there. Then Yorra walked over to chair and pressed a few buttons. Soon Echo felt the shock at first not horrible then it got worse and worse until she was screaming at the top of her lungs begging for her to stop.

Master Kota sat there in pain, Echo sensed. He looked at Yorra who was smiling and said " Do you know I can just get up and kill you?" Rahm said.

" With what? You may be able to hurt me without weapons but I am loaded with weapons." Yorra said. Echo knew he had no chance then thought what could happen? He is a Jedi. She then started to scream louder. Then again, blackness.

She awoke and realized that Yorra was draining her blood. Then Yorra looked up in shock.

" How did you wake up? You were not supposed to wake up!" Yorra screamed.

" You underestimated her. She is a very powerful." Master Rahm Kota said.

" I did not. You did some sort of Jedi thing didn't you?" Yorra asked.

" Why would we do such a thing to you?" Echo asked. Yorra pressed a button now it felt like she would explode. She screamed and cried for help. She saw her masters face drop. She saw tears in his eyes. Yorra finally let go. Echo cried.

" Would you stop?" Rahm cried. " That is a 9 year old." Master Kota cried.

" What did you do?" Yorra cried.

" Nothing! I promise!" Rahm Kota cried.

She pressed harder. Rahm couldn't stand it any longer. He jumped in the air, kicked Yorra in the face, she fell. He then picked up her blaster and shot her. He turned it off. He then grabbed his lightsaber and cut Echo free. She smiled. She felt his hands holding her. His fingers through her hair.

" Stay with me, Echo. Please." Master Rahm said.

" Ok..." Echo said in a shaky voice. She then felt the pain again. Rushing threw her. She then fell into unconsciousness.

12 - Alive.

She awoke at the Jedi Temple with her master standing over her in the First Aid.

" Good. You are awake. How are you feeling?" Her master asked. Echo saw and felt the relief on his face. Echo tried to move. It hurt but she could.

" Better. How are you?" Echo asked. He smiled.

" Good. I'm so glad you are ok." Rahm Kota said.

" Yeah me too." Echo said.

"Well, there are some other people who want to see you. Bye." Master Kota said as he walked out the door.

"Thanks. I owe you. Echo said " Goopta mo bossa."

" I'm more worried about your mind and your body not mine." Kota said with a laugh.

In busted Kali, Juno, Aero, Broze, Nya, and Ash.

" What do you think you were doing scaring me like that?" Juno said.

" You more important than fashion to me, that's saying a lot." Kali said.

" I'm glad you're ok." Nya said happily but full of concern all at the same time.

" Yeah. Who else would their to make fun of?" Aero asked with a smile.

" And who else could beat my butt?" Broze said then looked at everybody else " Ok don't answer that."

Broze said. They all laughed.

" A half of a set of twins isn't cool not cool at all." Ash said.

Echo could tell she wanted to run up and hug her. Echo knew Ash didn't want to make it look like attachments though.

" Sorry, It was for the mission." Echo said in reply to everybody. They all left except Ash.

" I would of died if something happened to you!" Ash practically screamed.

" Well, I'm here so calm down, let the force flow through you." Echo said.

Ash stood and did exactly that. Echo smiled. Everything was ok.

Well, for a while.....

13 - I love you, Ash.

" No, the wire on the left you Gungan." Echo said.

" What left? Your left?" Ash asked.

" My left!" Echo said sighing.

" Oh. Well, how am I supposed to know?" Ash said.

" Uh, because we are on the Blade Energy channel and the other wire goes into the Cycling field energizers...Duh!" Echo said.

" Of course." Ash said under her breath. Then she laughed, so did Echo.

" Ok, we are almost done, aren't you having fun?" Echo asked.

" Is this lightsaber mine?" Ash asked.

" Sure." Echo replied shrugging.

" Then yes, I am having fun." Ash said. Echo started to crack up laughing. Echo started to notice that Ash would laugh then put on a sad face. She could sense she was sad.

She must not like this at all. Well, I'm not going to make her. I just thought this would be fun for them to do while I heal.

" Ash, we don't have to do this if you don't want to. I just thought it would be fun." Echo said.

" Oh, I am it's just..." She trailed off.

" It's just what?" Echo asked.

" Well, your condition it just makes me sad because I could have helped you." Ash said. Echo became confused.

" What? Ash, there is no way-" Echo began to say.

" YES! I could have helped you! I saw the whole thing! You were being shocked your were crying and screaming and I didn't even try to find you!" Ash said.

" At the time it probably had already happened when you saw it." Echo said.

" No, Yoda said it was present!" Ash said.

" Well at least you tried to talk to Yoda..." Echo said softly.

" Oh quit being stupid Echo! I'm selfish! I obviously care for no one but myself! I could have helped you!" Ash screamed. Ash started to throw things and stomp and scream. Echo started to get upset to see her sister like this, then she regained her cool.

" Ash... Be serious, what could have you done? If you came you would be as hurt as well, if you even found us!" Echo said seriously.

" That's what Master Cin said." Ash mumbled.

" That's why HE is the master. Besides you tried. If you didn't do a thing I might be a little hurt but you did so that's all that matters." Echo said.

" Listen to me I sound like a grandma." Echo said. Ash chuckled.

" I could have disobeyed the council." Ash said.

" You call me stupid, you could have been kicked out of the order. I would have slapped you to the unknown regions if you disobeyed the council!" Echo said with a smile. Ash smiled too. Ash ran and hugged Echo.

" Owww!" Echo said. She smiled though, knowing that people cared for her.

Ash started to take healing classes then try to heal Echo. Echo would be patient, even though sometimes her sister would mess up. She knew she was trying hard. She stuck with me this whole time

so I'm not giving up on her. Echo often thought. Ash was very helpful in the end.

14 - Training...

Eventually, Echo was back to normal. It seemed like years, but it was only a few weeks. She went to her Master who said to get in touch with him after she fully heals. Echo had already been talking to him. He had been a source of major encouragement. She saw him walking in the hall ways.

" I'm fully healed. I'm ready!" Echo said happily. Master Kota stared at her.

" No, you are not. There is no way." He said.

" Yes! I promise, Ash has learned how to heal and she has been doing it on me so-

" Fine. We will have a little battle. Meet me in the West Wing level 4 and room B 5 planetary rotations."

Kota replied.

" See-you then." Echo said as if it was no big deal. In reality though she thought otherwise. She had just healed and now he is going to battle her. Uh, well he wants to see how ready I really am.

He just nodded and left. Echo knew she had to get much stronger if she was going to even be a sand-bat of a problem.....

" Ash!" Echo said banging on her sisters door. No answer. She took her bobby pin that was holding her braids and picked the lock. She knew she wasn't supposed to do that but it was emergency.

Echo got inside and ran to all Ash's exercise equipment. She saw that she had bars for chin-ups and pull ups on her walls and ceilings. Echo jumped up and started some chinups. She did 5. Then 10 then 15.

Soon she was 30. At 35 she couldn't do anymore. She realized how weak she still was.

All of a sudden the door slammed open. Echo not knowing who it could be quickly did a barrel roll behind Ash's bed. All of a sudden she heard Ash mumbling to herself.

" I'm stuck in the temple all the time, while everybody else is going on missions!" Ash said. Ash walked over to her weights which was right behind Ash's bed. She saw Echo and stared.

" What are you doing? Oh, I don't care." Ash said.

" Missions end up whooping your butt in the end." Echo said. Ash smiled.

" You heard that?" Ash asked.

" Not if you don't want me to." Echo said.

" Then you didn't hear anything." Ash said with a smile. " What are you doing in here anyway?"

" Master Kota doesn't think I'm ready for missions yet so I'm going to have to battle him. I need more strength so I came in here for some exercising. " Echo said.

" I thought you hated exercising." Ash stated.

" No. I'm still weak though, I can only do 35 chin-ups." Echo said.

" Well, we can fix that..." Ash said with a grin.

Soon, Echo was better and stronger than ever! She was ready to battle her master.

They walked in at the same time. Her Master came in from the opposite side. He looked at her.

" Ok, come on we have a mission get ready to go." Rahm Kota said.

" What?" Echo said in surprise.

" You passed my test. I wanted you to build up and see if you could meet a challenge and you are stronger than ever before. I do not want to fight you, that is not my style."

" Oh. Good. I'll meet you down in a few." Echo replied smiling.

15 - Mission with my sis!!

Echo soon began going on missions regularly. They would always be dangerous. Echo would learn something new each time though. Her sister though would go on small missions, rarely. Echo started to get a strong build Ash was book-smart Echo knew. That was good. Echo couldn't have been able to stand being in the Temple so much.

Master Cin liked to stay in the Temple, but occasionally he would let Ash go on missions with other Masters, it was nothing normally exciting though. Just the regular routine thing. She never had a real chance to test her skills in the real world, Echo realized, until one day when she was 12 years old.

Echo and Master Kota were called down to the council. Echo figured another mission.

The council said they had to wait for another group. It was obviously a big assignment. A big assignment. A dangerous one. She then saw her sister. She smiled.

"What did you do this time?" Echo asked her. Echo hadn't seen Ash in exactly 9 months 2 weeks and 3 days.

Ash had not gotten much more muscular. Somehow she seemed different, but a good different. Echo sensed her surprise at her muscular build.

"Oh you know me, just the normal stuff," Ash said walking up to give Echo a pat on the shoulder. "But don't worry, you'll be as good as me someday," Ash said. Echo smiled.

"As if!" Echo said. Their masters quieted them and guided them into the Council Chamber.

They all walked in and stood in the middle of the room.

"Greetings," Master Yoda said. "A mission we have for you."

"It requires a Master/Padawan duo team," Mace Windu said. "We're tracking a bounty hunter that has been leaving a trail of dead bodies all around the galaxy. Most of her victims have been Jedi. We've dispatched another Jedi group to find her a year or so ago, but all attempts have failed so far. We must take this person down before anymore lives are taken."

"Understood," Rahm Kota said. "Where are we to start looking for her?" Echo smile, her master always the first to talk.

"Her last known location was Kashyyyk. She's been on the run for a while now, so you may just be on a wild bantha chase," Ki-Adi-Mundi said. Echo tried to hold in her excitement because Ash would have thought her to think it was no big deal for Echo by now. Still, she gets excited every time.

"We'll leave immediately," Master Drallig said. Ash and Echo just nodded.

"May the Force be with you," Mace Windu said.

"And with you too," Rahm and Cin both said.

They all turned and left the Council Chambers. When they were outside, Ash said jumped for joy. Echo giggled.

"Finally some action!" Ash practically screamed.

"Padawan," Cin said, "don't get too over-excited. We may not even find this bounty hunter. Like Master Mundi said, it may just turn into a wild Bantha chase."

"Don't say that Master Drallig," Echo said. "After all, this is Ash's first real mission."

"Hey, I've been on missions before," Ash shot back, and then mumbled, "Just not cool ones."

Echo smiled. Somehow she figured that they were going to get action but, not the kind of action Ash wanted.

Echo laughed, she saw her master smiling.

Cin and Rahm told them to go back to their rooms and pack some extra supplies and meet them in the

hangar bay. Echo ran back to her room as fast as she could, ignoring the people telling her to slow down. She did take a while getting her supplies though.

In her room she packed 4 of 11 Lightsabers. She grabbed protein bars and water and energy drinks and a comlink. She also grabbed her medical pack hoping she wouldn't have to use it. Especially on Ash. Well, she didn't want to do it on Master Kota either. Or Master Drallig. Just say we don't want to use it. Then she put on brown jumpsuit in case she needed to blend in. She knew Kashyyyk had lots of trees. Her hair was in a low pony tail that was braided.

"Yes, where just waiting on Echo," Rahm said. Echo heard her master say as she ran down. She smiled.

"Echo Chi reporting for duty!" she announced. She looked at her sister and saw her smile. She liked going on a mission together. It will be fun, and probably dangerous if her Master was assigned to it.

"Good. Let's get going then," Cin said, and they all hurried on to the ship. Cin pulled Ash aside and gave her something. It was a small comlink. Echo smiled.

"I need you to keep this with you at all times Ash," he said. "It has a small tracking device in it, so if we ever get separated, we can find you."

"Got cha master, Ash said and ran to the back.

Echo meditated. Trying to see what would happen. She only saw bits and pieces but she did see that they fell into somewhere and her sister being horribly wounded. Not good. Not good. Echo thought sadly. She would not tell Ash. Ash would want to change it. Echo can't because Yoda said not to try and change it, because we would be changing the will of the force.

Master Cin came by, Echo sensed. She opened her eyes and he said to tell Ash we are getting ready to leave hyperspace. Echo nodded and ran back to Ash. She found her doing flips and practicing with her Lightsaber when Echo came in she dropped it.

"What do you think you doing?" Echo asked smiling.

"Nothing. Nothing at all," Ash said back. She used the Force to summon her lightsaber to her hand and attached it to her belt.

"What are you doing is a better question!?" Ash said.

Echo chuckled. "Oh, I'm just checking out the ship," she replied which was true. She really did want to.

Ash laughed. "You and your electronics."

Echo just shrugged. It was fun and it gave her peace.

"Well, we're about to come out of hyperspace so get ready. Master Cin wanted me to tell you that." Echo said remembering what Cin had said.

"Ok, thanks!" she said and Echo walked out of the room.

Echo went to check the ship and saw that the Sensor Dish was unstable so she tightened it up. The ship was ready. She smiled. She walked to the front to see Kashyyyk.

16 - What? NOO...

"I can't wait to get down there!" Ash said sarcastically.

Echo chuckled. She actually loved Kashyyyk. It was so beautiful. All the trees, Echo loved to climb trees. Echo then realized this would be a good time to work on personal attachments with her sister. She hadn't seen her in over three months so maybe that would help.

They landed on the outskirts of the city. They hid the ship inside a cave, and Kashyyyk was as Echo thought, a beautiful planet. The air was damp, and there was almost a chill in the air. Echo was glad she didn't wear a cloak like her sister. She loved the breeze. They landed on one of the tree-top landing platforms and powered down the engines. Outside, there were a huge Wookiees waiting for them.

"I hope somebody here knows how to speak wookiee," Ash said.

"Don't you worry about that. I have a contact here. He's a smuggler that speaks basic. He'll be meeting us outside," Rahm Kota said.

Cin lowered the exit ramp and they all went outside. Ash stood beside her master while Echo stood beside hers. The huge wookiee walked right up to them. His hair was ruffled and long, and he wore a shoulder-pad armor.

"[Long time, no see Rrrahm Kota,]" the wookiee said.

"Greetings Baccachin," Kota said. "It's nice to see you too. Is there some place where we can talk in private?"

"[Ofcoursse,]" Baccachin said. "Follow me."

They followed the wookiee through the tree-top city to a small tree house not far away from their ship. They walked inside the house and sat down at a wooden table.

"[Now, time to talk business,]" the wookiee said.

"Good. First of all, I need to know if we can get any information on a bounty hunter, Aurra Sing," Kota said. Ash looked over to Kota. He had a very strict look on his face.

"[Depends. How many credits you got?]" Baccachin asked.

Typical smuggler, Ash thought. Always wanting more money.

Kota reached into one of his pockets and took out some credits. Ash didn't see how much, but she guessed it was a lot because the wookiee smiled.

"[Okay, I guess that's a lot,]" the wookiee said.

"So?" Kota asked.

"[She's been here on Kashyyyk for a few days now, hiding out in the trees' 2 levels below here. She comes up top at night, but nobody knows why,]" the wookiee said.

"Thanks, old buddy," Kota said and passed the credits over to the wookiee.

"[Good doing business with you,]" the wookiee said.

Kota got up from the table and walked away. Echo, Ash, and Cin followed.

"Looks like your contact paid off," Cin said. "Now we just need to find her."

"Our best bet is going to be to split up at night and keep a watch out for her," Kota said.

"Good," Cin replied. "For now, we should go back to the ship and get prepared to meet this Jedi-killer."

Ash and Echo followed behind their masters on their way back to the ship. She was silent while her master and Echo's master came up with a plan.

Suddenly, Ash felt a tingle go up her spine. She stopped dead in her tracks and put a hand on Echo's shoulder.

"Do you feel that?" she whispered to Echo.

"No. What is it?" Echo asked.

"I don't know. But whatever it is, it isn't good," Ash replied.

She took 2 steps in front of Echo and the floor under her feet fell apart beneath her. She screamed, and heard Echo scream her name. Echo took one more step forward, and the floor fell out beneath her too. She fell, and Ash heard their masters scream for them.

Ash kept falling, looking for something to grab a hold of, but before she could grab it, she went smashing through it. She tried to stay calm, but then she finally hit a huge tree limb. Her back smacked so hard she heard it crack, and then her head flew back and hit the tree too. Major headache. She heard Echo screaming, and then stopped abruptly.

Then, blackness.

17 - Big Mouth- Shut it, Ash!

Ash's clothes were torn to pieces, and her back was a dark purple. She had scrapes all over her body and was bleeding in multiple places. Her hair was an unruly mess. Ash guessed it was from falling through the trees. She also guessed that she looked like that too.

"Well aren't you just a ball of sunshine," Ash said. "Do you even know where we are?"

"I know we're in a ship of some sort, but I have no idea whose," Echo replied.

"Oh, that's helpful!" Ash said.

Then, a door in front of them opened. A tall woman with pale white skin and a red ponytail. She wore a red jumpsuit and had multiple weapons attached to her belt.

"So, my, my, my, what do we have here? I didn't realize you were twins until now. Twin Jedi. Very valuable," the woman said.

"Who are you!?" Echo demanded.

"Well aren't you feisty little one," the woman said. "I guess it won't hurt to tell you. You probably don't even know who I am. I'm Aurra Sing at your service."

"YOU! You piece of bantha fodder!" Ash yelled, and used the Force to slam the woman back against the wall. The woman grunted, but regained her balance. She walked right up to Ash and slapped her as hard as she could. Ash yelped in pain.

"How dare you speak to me like that? You are my prisoner, and I can do whatever I want with you. I would kill you, but I'm a little low on credits right now, and I'm sure the Jabba the Hutt could always use 2 more slave girls." Aurra then punched Ash in the stomach and kicked her in the knee. She heard her knee snap. She yelped again. She couldn't take much more. She heard Echo gasp.

"That is, if you survive the trip," Aurra added. She felt the room, leaving Ash in pain.

"You need to learn to keep your mouth shut," Echo said jokingly.

"Oh, shut up," Ash mumbled.

"How do you suppose we're gonna get out of this mess?" Echo asked.

"I just remembered!" Ash said. "My comlink! It has a tracking device in it! My master will be able to find us sooner or later."

"Let's just hope it's not too late," Echo said back.

Ash soon fell asleep. Besides there was nothing else to do, and she needed to keep her mouth shut as much as possible. Echo just sat, thinking, meditating. Every hour, Echo guessed, Aurra would send an electric pulse through the cuffs and shock them senseless. The shock lasted 30 seconds each time. Eventually, Echo could no longer think and blacked out.

She awoke when Aurra shocked her again. She awoke screaming. Aurra stood in front of her.

"Good morning, rancor breath," Ash said. She couldn't help it. She was prone to getting in trouble.

"You just don't know when to stop do you?" Aurra said. "Maybe this will teach you."

Aurra took a lightsaber, one Ash had never seen before, and ignited it. It's bright crimson blade shown on Aurra's face. Echo wondered where this piece of hutt slime got it. Aurra stepped closer to Ash and sliced the blade down Ash's arm. She moved it slowly, making it more painful. Ash screamed so loud she thought her lungs would burst. Echo couldn't take it anymore. She screamed.

"No! Please stop! She won't do anything more! Please stop!" Echo cried.

"This should be a lesson to you, young one," she said to Echo. "Keep your mouth shut and don't get on my bad side."

Echo nodded sending strength to her sister through the force.

Aurra started to walk out the door, and then stopped halfway.

"Oh, by the way, we on Tatooine, so I would suggest you get ready to meet your new owner."

She walked out of the room and the door closed.

"Ash, don't keep doing this. I can't take it anymore! Pull yourself together!" Echo said. She wanted to go and hug her sister but she knew this was not the time.

Ash didn't have anything to say. She needed to control her big mouth.

Aurra came in about 10 minutes later and released Ash and Echo's cuffs. But as soon as she let them out of those, she put another pair of electronic cuffs on them. Echo could barely move her neck. She knew what Ash was thinking- I wanted action, I wanted danger, she thought. Well I got it didn't I!

Echo nodded she remembered her first mission. She wanted action and danger and boy she got it. Echo was hoping that this wouldn't be any worse. Echo knew she and Ash would be fine.

Echo was more concerned about the Masters. Did Aurra take them too? She heard them screaming for each of us but could she have grabbed them later? Or found them useless and killed them? No, she couldn't have, Echo would have felt it. Her and master were too close. So for now, she can rule out the dead possibility. Echo wondered.

18 - Jabba's Palace...Ewww!!

Aurra leaded them out of the ship. They were outside of a huge palace. Echo knew it was Jabba's palace. When they got to the door, it opened and they walked in. A male Twi'lek was waiting for them. "[Jabba is waiting for you,]" he said in Huttese. Echo knew that they figured she couldn't speak Huttese, but she knew somehow that would help her.

"Thank you," Aurra said, and pushed Ash and Echo forward. Ash almost fell down multiple times. Echo felt a little weak but she was ok. She felt so bad for her sister so she gave her some strength so her sister could walk a little.

They walked up to Jabba's grand audience chamber and stood in front of the Hutt. He was huge, and stunk like dead wampa. Echo wanted to slap him then and there, but she knew to wait.

As soon as Jabba saw the girls, he smiled, or at least he looked like her smiled. Even though they were all torn up, they were still beautiful girls. Echo knew they were decently pretty but if anybody looks at her she will slap them into the next galaxy.

"Glorious Jabba, I am in need of your help," Aurra said. The male Twi'lek walked you to Jabba and translated what Aurra said. Echo smiled understanding.

"I am not one of the riches people in the galaxy, and I am in need of money. So I offer you these 2 slave girls. 5,000 each. They are hard working and will serve you well. The one may be injured, but she will heal quickly. For her, I will except 3,500.Jabba nodded.

"Wa wanna coe moulee rah?" Jabba asked. When will I expect my payment, Echo knew he said.

"You can expect your payment as soon as you except my offer," Aurra replied. Echo figured by payment, they meant us.

Jabba considered this for a moment then said, "Tagwa," excepting the offer.

Aurra actually smiled. "Thank you, your highness." She smiles at this ugly beast and not us? She is worse than Echo thought.

A Gamorrean guard came up and took Ash and Echo away. Aurra walked up to Bib Fortuna and handed him the money. Ash turned around and watched as Aurra mockingly waved good-bye. Echo looked to her sister hoping she wouldn't say anything. Of course she did.

"You sleemo!" Ash yelled at her. Echo put her hand where her Lightsaber was supposed to be but sadly realizing it wasn't there.

The guards brought them into a small room and handed them two outfits. They were very revealing, and Ash and Echo paused before putting them on, but they didn't want to get into any more trouble. Echo put hers on realizing she had much more wounds then she thought, but she was ok. Echo helped Ash down but her wounds slowed them down immensely. When they were down, the guards came and go them and brought them back to Jabba's main audience chamber.

Jabba was a disgusting thing, and Echo wanted to stay as far away from him as possible, but obviously she didn't. The guards attached cuffs to their necks and attached chains to those that Jabba could hold onto. Echo felt trapped. Jabba yanked on the chains and brought both Ash and Echo over to him. Echo stayed calm knowing if they made a move it could be the end of them.

"Ewww...", Ash mumbled.

Jabba pushed them aside and had them sit down on his side. His skin was slimy and disgusting. Echo saw men look at her with wanting eyes, she wanted to pull out her lightsaber and chop their arms off but she knew she couldn't. Echo had been through a lot of missions and through a lot of hard times but this one may hit the top. Echo wanted to run and hug or sister or maybe slap her for her big mouth but most

of all she want Rahm. Rahm would give her wisdom and help her through. All her sister seemed to be doing is get her in trouble but Ash always found ways to amaze her.

19 - Me...Dance? Fine, into the Pit.

Most of the time, Jabba just had them sit at his side. But then, a day or 2 later, Jabba had something else in mind.

Jabba started to speak to Echo.

"Chik youngee." He stated simply.

"You want me to do WHAT?" Echo said she doesn't dance! She isn't horrible but she is not dancing!

"Porkman Fa." He said angrily but startled.

Echo stood up and slammed her chain to the ground.

"No! There is no way I'm gonna do that! Not in Yoda's lifetime!" Echo said.

"What is he asking?" Ash whispered.

"He wants me to dance for him. In front of everyone! I DON'T DANCE, ASH." Echo said firmly.

Jabba just laughed.

"Gardo" He said. Echo frowned. He is so annoying with his guards.

Guards came in around Echo and formed a circle around her.

"Dumpa Kung" Jabba said. No, he wouldn't drop her. Not again. He pressed the button and she fell. She hoped her sister wouldn't fall. She didn't want her sister to die as well. Or see Echo die.

"Not again!" she screamed.

Ash looked down the hole and watched as her sister fell. Echo tried to motion for her to get away. Ash didn't pay any attention and was pushed down too. She fell on her back unlike Echo who had landed on her feet.

Echo came over and helped her up. "You ok sis?" she asked.

"Ya, I'll be alright," Ash replied.

Then, they heard a squeaking noise. They turned around and a large door was opening behind them. Slowly, Ash and Echo saw the form of a rancor appear behind the door. The beast roared so loud the walls shook.

"Ahhh! Bantha fodder!" Ash said.

Echo looked over to her.

"Where did you get your dirty mouth?" Echo asked.

"Never mind that now, let's just try to stay alive, shall we?" Ash said.

Echo gathered all her strength. Knowing that this could and probably would be the hardest battle of her life. She didn't even have a lightsaber. She looked around at her surroundings. She didn't see much but a bone. She decided her and her sister would have to rely totally on the force.

Then rancor was slow. Very slow, but it was massive, with the teeth the size of ten Lightsabers each.

Echo noticed that Ash was slow on her bad leg, but she managed to dodge a lot of the rancor's attacks by jumping or somersaulting over them. Echo using all her force ability was flipping and jumping to dodge the attacks. Echo saw Ash hide under a rock.

Bad move.

The rancor moved away from Echo and moved to where Ash was hiding. She was cornered. Up above, she heard Jabba's mighty laugh.

Echo tried to run up and hit him with rocks but nothing, he didn't even notice. She tried to kick, again nothing. She would have to wait until she thought of something.

The rancor moved his huge hand under the rock and grabbed Ash. It squeezed tighter. Ash yelled. Echo stood in pain watching her sister scream, possible to death. No. What am I saying? We are Jedi! We will

survive, I just have to think of a way...

20 - Saviors!! First Aid...Again!

Soon, she heard exactly what she needed. Help. The masters came in with blaster shots and the humming of lightsabers.

The masters jumped down the hole and smiled at Echo, she smiled but then quickly frowned and pointed up. They saw Ash and Cin Drallig's mouth dropped as Rahm stared in despair. Then, Cin right went for the Rancor and jumped and stabbed it through the other side of its head. The rancor roared and dropped Ash. Echo ran and almost burst in to tears seeing her sister so weak. Rahm and Master Drallig finished the animal off with Master Kota hitting the final blow. Ash Master Cin ran up and grabbed Ash into his arms.

"Just in time," Ash said, starting to see stars. "I was beginning to think you weren't coming."

"Do you think I would forget you that easily?" Cin said smiling.

Ash smiled. She felt Cin move her hair away from her face.

They made their way out of Jabba's palace. Echo and Rahm lead the way, taking out any person that tried to stop them. Rahm had brought an extra lightsaber and gave it to Echo to use. If there was anybody near Ash, Echo would immediately slash them good. Right now she was not in the mood for negotiations, and her Master didn't stop her. They finally made their way back to the ship. Cin strapped Ash onto a medical cot, and tried to heal some of her wounds. Echo and Rahm got the ship out.

"Are you ok? I'm sure Cin can help, Echo, some of the wounds are horrible." Rahm said, pointing to a very large wound on her right leg.

"Yeah, I'm fine. I can go to the first aid at the temple." Echo said.

"Suit yourself, so what happened to you guys?" Her master asked.

"Well, we met your bounty hunter, she hurt us bad and Ash kept making nasty comments which got her slapped pretty bad. We were shocked constantly then she sold us to Jabba." Echo said. Rahm nodded memorizing her moves.

"I see. What got you thrown into the pit?" Rahm asked.

"Well first he put us in these outfits," Echo said pointing to her outfit. "Then he asked us to dance, I don't dance." Echo said.

"Well, there will be two people happy that you are wearing that outfit!" Her master said laughing.

"What? Who?" Echo asked, confused.

"Broze and Aero!" He said cracking himself up.

"Hey!" Echo said then started to laugh as well.

Once they arrived at the temple Ash and Echo went straight to the first Aid.

Their cots positioned right beside each other. Echo was ok in about 3 hours. She left and told everybody the story, while in her outfit.

During the whole story the boys would occasionally stare at Echo while she was in her outfit. She then force pushed them a little back. Then, they all walked right outside of the First Aid and said nothing for 7 to 8 hours. Finally, they were permitted in.

"Please, don't scare us again like that!" Echo said the first in.

"Man, these Chi girls," Broze said. "Always getting hurt on their first missions. How embarrassing!"

Ash tried to laugh, but it hurt when she tried, Echo tried to laugh but couldn't when she is seeing her sister like this.

Echo watch Ash's mouth drop in surprise on how different her friends looked. Now that they have Masters. Echo smiled, she had done the same thing.

"It's good to see you guys," Ash said.

"It's good to see you in one piece!" Nya said.

"And from what I've heard," Kali said, "you need to learn how to shut your mouth!"

Ash chuckled. She couldn't help it. It was her nature.

"Hey, what can I say? Either I say bad words or I turn to the dark side. Your choice," she said.

Everybody laughed. Then her master came in. Echo left but she did hear one thing...

"Get some rest Ash, and may the Force be with you," Cin said on his way out.

"You too master," she replied, and Ash went to sleep.

21 - Missing...

Echo ran to find her Master, they had a meeting with the council in less than 10 minutes! She had checked everywhere...wait, she hadn't checked the Mess Hall. He was probably in there stuffing his mouth before a mission. That is so like him.

She ran in, hoping to see her master chowing down. No, he was not in there. She ran down to the outside of the Council Chambers, no. There was one last thing, his quarters. She took a pin out of her hair and picked the lock. He was not in there. All of his stuff was out laying around. Lightsaber markings on the wall. Then she searched around and she found a note. In big black letters it wrote:
HE IS OUR FIRST STEP, TO CONQUERING THE REST.

-Unknown

Echo started to shake. Conquer the rest of what? The temple? The Jedi Order? The world? Also, why her Master? Echo questioned.

She ran to Ash's quarters. She had just moved in there. Echo hangs with her all day except 2 hours. This incident had made her 1 hour late. She ran inside to see her sister look at her in shock.

"Why are you so late?" Ash started to say.

"Rahm is gone!" Echo said.

"What? Gone? Are you sure he isn't just stuffing his mouth?" Ash said.

"No, this is serious there was a note in his quarters." Echo said getting upset.

"You got in his quarters? Ash said then read the note. "Your worse than me!" Ash exclaimed.

"Did you check the council chambers?" Ash asked.

Echo nodded and ran. As soon as she made it to the chambers she busted in.

"Echo, not now-" Mace Windu starts to say.

"No. Echo says as she sees Windu's face drop. "Master Kota is gone."

"What do you mean gone?" Ki-Adi-Mundi asked.

"I checked the whole temple and I found this note." Echo said handing the note to Yoda.

"Confusing this is." Yoda says as he shows everybody else. They stare in shock.

"Where did you find this?" Master Windu asks.

"Uh...Er...his quarters." Echo says stumbling over her words.

"Why were you in his quarters?" Ki-Adi-Mundi asked.

"Now is not the time, we need to find Master Kota and see who is doing this and why." Windu stated. "Master Drallig and I will accompany you on this mission."

"Ok, what about Ash?" Echo asked.

"Help you at the temple she will." Yoda said simply.

"She is still healing and we can't risk to put her in anymore danger." Ki-Adi-Mundi said.

"Ash can give you information from the data computers at the temple and can arrange rides and will keep communications up here at the Temple." Mace Windu said. Echo nodded.

"You are dismissed." Ki-Adi-Mundi said.

"May the Force be with us all." Mace Windu said.

Echo nodded and left. She ran to tell Ash the news.

22 - Trackers...

" What? Ash asked after hearing the story, " I'm stuck here, once more?" Ash asked in fury.

" You can't even walk." Echo said seriously.

" I can...kind of." Ash said mumbling.

" Well, you think it's hard for you?" Echo asked angrily.

" I understand, I'm sorry." Ash said.

" Well, let's form a plan." Echo said with a smile.

" Oooh, a plan. I like plans!" Ash said excitedly.

15 minutes later they had one option, they had to interview people here in the temple, because obviously no one can get through the temple's security.

" Echo, I hate interviews! If they don't tell us what we want can we blast them into oblivion?" Ash asked.

" What? Are you stupid? No!" Echo screamed.

" Sorry. Can we blast something into oblivion?" Ash asked.

" WHAT!?!?? Are you sick?" Echo asked.

" Uh, yes! Have you seen me lately?" Ash asked.

" Oh shut up you tauntaun." Echo says.

" Ok, I suggest we interview the oldest since they are the most capable of pulling something like this plus, they are idiots." Ash said.

" True. Let's ask my mas-..." Echo started to say. " I mean Master Drallig."

" Echo-" Ash started to say.

" Forget it. I will go talk to your Master about it, and you think of more ideas." Echo said and ran out the door.

After ten minutes she found Master Drallig.

" Echo, I heard about Rahm and the mission and I just wanted to let you know, I will be here for you." Cin said.

" Thank you but no need for dramatics Master Drallig. Me and Ash are wondering if we can interview some people here in the temple. We know that no one can get in through the temples security so it has to be someone in the temple." Echo said.

" Fine idea, Echo. You do know that it would take months to interview everybody in the temple." Master Drallig stated.

" Point. I think we can start with the older ones since they are the most capable and then branch off that." Echo said.

" You are approved to proceed." Cin said.

Echo nodded and left. She ran to Ash's quarters and busted in.

" Ok, Ash you can stay here and interview but I have to go find my Master." Echo said.

" What? I'm not being gone stuck in this prison by myself!" Ash yelled.

" Well, sorry." Echo said.

" Whatever. Where in the galaxy do you plan to look for him?" Ash asked.

" That is where you come in." Echo said handing Ash a comlink. " I will be checking his quarters for more clues, then I will be on my way." Echo said.

" You think the council is going to let you go where you want?" Ash asked.

" You think the council is going to stop me?" Echo said surprised but smiling and left.

" Uh, YEAH!" Ash said.

" Well, if they want to stop me they can kiss my wookiee." Echo said as she walked out, letting her sister's mouth drop.

She walked to her Masters quarters. She started to pull the pin out of her hair. Then put it back in. She turned on her lightsaber and made a hole and went in.

" I was getting tired of that." Echo said to herself.

She looked inside and she heard something beeping from her Masters closet. She opened the door and found a tracking device. Echo wasn't sure what it was tracking but hopefully something good. Like her master.

She walked back to her sister quarters. When she walked in she held the tracker in her hands and showed Ash.

" Oooh, sweet. What is it?" Ash asked.

" Well, if you knew anything about anything you would know that it was a tracker."

" Oh. Is it tracking your master?" Ash asked.

" Maybe, I'm leaving and I want you to tell me where they, whoever they are, are going." Echo said.

" Sure! I get to do something!" Ash said excited.

" I'm going to talk to Mace Windu then Master Cin." Echo said and left.

She ran through the halls not paying attention to the people staring. She soon ran into Mace Windu.

" Greetings, Echo. I was just looking for you." Mace Windu said.

" Ok, well I have some news, I found this tracking device in his quarters. I don't know what its tracking but it's going fast and I think it's a clue." Echo said.

" Good. I will follow it and you stay here and gather more information." Windu said.

" With all due respect Master Windu, I wanted to go while Ash gathered more information." Echo said quietly but firmly.

" No." He said.

" I'm going. If I have to follow you, I will." Echo said seriously.

" I somehow knew you were going to say that, meet me down here in 10 minutes and be ready." Master Windu said.

" Ok." Echo said happily as she was going to her quarters.

She skipped to her quarters. Finally! They were making progress! Echo thought. Once she reached her room she looked at the tracking device again. They were in...Coruscant. Coruscant? That is really close! She packed 3 extra lightsabers and a comlink.

23 - Searching...More Missing!

She ran to Mace Windu.

" Master Windu! They are extremely close!" Echo practically screams, as she shows him the tracker.

" Actually, Echo...it appears to be deep down in the temple!" Mace Windu said.

" What the wampa poo? Uhh...I mean, really?" Echo says.

" I thought you said you looked everywhere!" Mace Windu says.

" Well, sorry that I didn't look in the vents!" Echo almost yells.

" Control your anger."

" Ok master, well let's just look around. I will give Ash the tracker and she will tell us where they are going." Echo said getting back to the subject.

" Good idea. Get moving! I will be right here." Mace Windu stated.

Echo ran back to Ash's room as fast as she could again. She was getting a good work-out today.

She burst into Ash's room, and Ash just stared at her.

"Ya know, you could learn how to knock," Ash said.

"Now is not the time for jokes," Echo replied.

"Dude, when did you turn into Mace Windu?" Ash said.

Echo couldn't help but smile. Mace was always saying that.

"Ok, I need you to take a look at this tracker and tell us exactly where the signal is coming from," Echo said.

"No problem," Ash replied. "I just need to go to the Archives room for a computer."

Ash got up from her bed and walked slowly to the Temple Archive room. Echo was stuck walking slowly behind her.

When they got to the Archives, Ash grabbed a computer and started working. She was kinda a computer whiz, but so was Echo. Ash hooked the tracking device into the computer and started working. It didn't take her long to find the signal.

"Ok, it seems the signal is coming from the very lowest level of the Temple under the south-west gardens," Ash said.

"Thanks sis!" Echo thanked her.

"Anytime, anytime," Ash said.

Echo started to leave, but then stopped.

"You do have that comlink I gave you right?" Echo asked.

"Right here," Ash said showing her the comlink.

"Okay, good. You'll need to stay here and tell us the way to where the signals coming from. That ok with you?"

"Sure, I ain't got nothing better to do," Ash said.

Echo ran back to where Mace Windu and stopped in her tracks.

"Are you ready to start looking?" Echo asked.

"Ready when you are," Mace replied.

"Ok, Ash is in the Temple Archives tracking us so we know where the signal is coming from. She's gonna show us the way." Echo said.

" Good. How are we going to keep in touch?" Mace Windu questions.

" We have comlinks." Echo says then checks to make sure they are working " Echo to Ash." Echo says to Ash through the comlink.

" Ash here. They are still on the lowest level in the temple, under the south-west gardens." Ash says repeating the information for Master Windu.

" Good. We will go down as far as possible then you tell us from there." Windu says.

Echo and Master Windu start down and soon Echo has no idea where in the wampa poo they are going. Mace Windu seemed to though.

" How do you know where are you going?" Echo asked amazed.

" I let the force guide me." Mace says.

" Oh. I'm going to try that too." Echo says. She begins to try. She closes her eyes and rams into a wall. Mace Windu stared at her then kept walking. Echo tries again, but with her eyes open.

" Echo to Ash, we are as far down as possible." Echo says in the comlink.

" Ash to Echo, do you see a door on your left?" Ash asks. Echo looks.

" Echo to Ash, Yes I see a door." Echo says happily.

" Ash to Echo, Good, now open it." Ash says " Also, can we stop saying Ash to Echo?"

" Yes." Echo says with a chuckle. She puts her hand on the door handle. She feels a shock, she stumbles back.

" The door is wired, it shocked me." Echo says into the comlink.

" Oops. My computer even says all that information at the bottom, I forgot to tell you."

" Thanks." Echo says then turns to Mace Windu. " How are we going to get in?"

He smiles and turns on his lightsaber, he chops off the handle. Echo kicks the door open. There is nobody in there. Then they hear a beep. It gets louder, and louder and faster.

" RUN!" Mace Windu says. Mace Windu gets safe but Echo doesn't get far enough and gets slammed into a wall from the blast of the grenade.

" That has happened twice today!" Echo says angrily as she tries to get up.

" What in GALAXY are you two doing down there? Never mind, I don't want to know." Ash says scared.

" You led us into a trap! It blew up!" Echo says screaming into the comlink!

" Sorry!" Ash says apologizing.

" I think one of the younglings would have been able to help us more than you!" Echo says.

" I will say a nasty comment back after I answer this." Ash said, getting a message. Mace Windu grabs the comlink.

" We will discuss this later." He says.

" Oops." Ash says. " Hang on for a sec though."

Echo waits, and waits. Mace Windu starts getting impatient.

" We are in the middle of a mission and she is talking to her friends!" Mace Windu says.

" She has...problems." Echo says. Mace Windu actually laughs.

" Ok, I'm back. Sorry but, AERO IS GONE!" Ash screams into the comlink.

" What? Like Master Kota?" Echo asks.

" Yes! Broze is worried sick! His only friend is gone!" Ash says.

" That was rude, Ash!" Echo replies.

" Well its true..." Ash says quietly.

" Now is not the time, Ash, warn the temple that people are missing, the temple is under lockdown." Mace Windu says. Echo's mouth drops like a sand bat after hitting a pole.

" Uh...Ok. I'll be back soon!" Ash said. " Ok maybe, I'm still slow." Ash said.

" Oh, great we picked the slowest person in the temple to get a very important message heard." Echo says smiling.

" Well, her and Yoda." Mace Windu says.

" Wow." Echo says amazed that he would say that.

" Well he is!" Mace Windu says. Echo starts to laugh really loud. Windu smiles.

30 minutes later.

" Ok, I'm back! Everybody is warned." Ash says. Then Echo feels something. She feels somebody being hurt. Master Kota.

" You feel it too." Mace Wind says " We better hurry."

" We have nowhere to look." Echo says depressed.

" Don't worry, we will find him." Mace Windu said putting a hand on Echo's shoulder.

" Ash, do you have any information?" Echo asks.

"Wait a minute....is that Aero? Hey Aero! Hey where have you been?" Echo heard Ash say.

"Oh nowhere," Aero said. "Just walking around...learning some new tricks."

There was silence for a minute, then Echo heard Ash scream.

24 - Let's go!

"ASH!! What's going on? Do you read me?"

All she got was static. Echo tried again.

"ASH? WHAT HAPPENED?!"

Then, a voice she didn't recognize picked up the comlink.

"I'm sorry," the person said. "But Ash will be unavailable for a while."

Mace took the comlink from Echo's hands.

"Who is this?" he asked.

"You don't need to know that at the moment," the person said. "But I have hacked into your computer system, and in one hour I will broadcast my demands on the holonet through the Temple. If you are not able to meet the demands, then the padawan and the man will die." They heard some whispering in the background, like someone was arguing with another person, then the whispering stopped.

Echo's heart dropped. She couldn't let her sister die. Not like this. Also, she couldn't let her master die. No.

"Ok," Mace responded, "Just don't try anything stupid."

"You would like that wouldn't you?" the voice said, then cut the connection.

Echo looked to Mace. "We have to save Ash!" she said.

"Echo, there's nothing we can do for her until they tell us in an hour. Then we'll be able to come up with a game plan," Mace said.

Echo then felt something, like pain. Somehow though it wasn't her. Someone close to her, was in pain. Ash.

"Ok," Echo said unconvinced. She needed to do something. They needed to warn somebody! "Uh, I have to go to the bathroom." Echo said.

"Ok, make it quick." Mace Windu said.

Echo ran to the vents. She closed her eyes. She saw Ash screaming. She heard Rahm yelling in the background. Then she saw her sister being injected with something. Ash screamed louder. Then she heard Aero in the background. No, we can't kill her! Aero was taken captive too. He must be trying to save her. He is nice inside. She wanted to see her sister, Echo had to help her. Echo has to get help. Or free her sister and her master, either would be fine. She climbed inside. It was a tight fit. She turned right, then left then she saw an opening. She peeked through a hole. It was just a hallway. Good. She got out. She starts to walk to the Chambers, hoping to find someone. She runs into Shaak Ti.

"I'm sorry Master Ti, but we have a major problem." Echo says.

"Of course, what is it?" Shaak Ti asks.

"It's a long story but, Aero is acting weird, Rahm and Ash are trapped and there are a few people are trying to take over the temple and if we don't meet their demands they are going to kill Rahm and Ash." Echo says.

"Oh, wow. Uh, we have to go and get Master Windu!" Shaak Ti says.

"No, he is down in the lowest level he wants to wait! I was down there with him but I snuck up." Echo says uneasily.

"That, we will discuss later. We need to make a plan." Shaak Ti says.

25 - Bombs! Plans! Computers!

1 hour later, they had a decent plan. They started to walk out but then a hologram popped up out of the table in the command center.

Everybody in the hologram had hoods on to cover their faces.

"All of the captives will die if you do not meet my commands." An unidentified leader said. "To prove my point, I will show you the captives."

Soon on the screen, they showed Rahm unconscious hanging on the wall beaten badly.

Echo gasped. "Oh, no. Oh, no." Echo whispered. Shaak Ti looked in shock.

The screen then showed Ash was being held by her hair and with a lightsaber held to her neck. Under her eyes were black. Her skin was fading, she was pale.

"We are in deep." Echo said, in tears.

"She will be ok." Shaak Ti says. Then the screen turns to the leader of the group again. Echo wants to kill him. Kill him then and there. Strike him where he stands.

The man started to talk again.

"The padawan will be fine, if she gets the antidote, which only I have. It was a poison of my own design. She will be dead in a matter of hours. The man put up a good fight when we captured him, and we would have killed him right then and there. He is severely injured and needs medical attention soon. If he doesn't get any he will die too."

Suddenly, the sound of Mace Windu's voice came over the intercom.

"What are your demands?" he asked.

"My demands are simple," the leader said. "I want the Temple. Easy as riding a land speeder. And, I want all the younglings and padawan's to stay inside, so they can be trained under my teachings."

"I'm afraid that's not possible," Mace Windu said.

"Then, the padawan will die, the master will die, and everyone else will die. I have the place hardwired with explosives. If anyone tries to escape, this whole place will go up in flames like Mustafar."

Mace Windu stuttered. "Just don't do anything stupid, ok? We need time to decide what we're going to do. I have to meet with the fellow masters. It's protocol."

The leader was silent for a minute then said, "Ok. But you only have one hour to decide. I'm taking any chances, and if you don't have your decision in an hour, I will start killing the hostages on the live holonet. I'm sure you don't want the younglings seeing that."

His connection broke off. Echo was balling.

"That changed our plans." Echo said, crying.

Shaak Ti sat nodding, thinking.

"Echo, if you want to save your sister and your master, I think I may have a plan." Shaak Ti said.

"What?" Echo asked wiping the tears off her face.

"I heard you were good computers. You and your friends can try to hack on the computer and try to deactivate the bombs. While you are doing that the adults will think of a way to get the hostages safe." Shaak Ti said.

"Got it. I'll get all the kids, and you get the adults." Echo said, then they departed.

Echo ran to Broze, she knew he could help him find everybody and he was always in the mess hall.

"Broze I need your help," Echo said.

"Anything. I saw the holonet broadcast. To tell you the truth, I'm kinda scared. For Ash, and Rahm, and....me!" Broze said.

Echo grabbed his shoulders and shook him.

"Pull yourself together, man!! You're a man! You can do anything!" Echo said.

Broze considered this, then said, "I don't want to be a man! I want my master!"

Echo shook her head.

"Listen. I need your help. You know a lot of people in the Temple and I need you to help find the people that are good with computers. There are bombs in the Temple and we need to get them deactivated in less than an hour."

"Okay...I'll try," Broze said and followed Echo.

"First we need to find Nya and Juno. They're pretty good with computers, and I'm sure their worried sick about Ash. Then, there's a few more people I know that might be able to help," Broze said.

Echo lead the way to Nya and Juno's rooms and got them to come with them. Then they went in search for Broze's other friends, which weren't that many.

When they were done, the snuck into the Archive room and got on a group of computers. Their group consisted of a mon calamari, 4 more humans, a rodian, and a togruta. 11 total people. They didn't even bother to get Kali.

Echo was the best on the computer. She quickly found the radiation signals that led them to the bomb.

The sliced into the programming of the bombs and tried to deactivate them, but she had to be careful.

Time was running out. When she got close to deactivating the bombs, her computer screen went black.

Then, the lights in the Temple went out.

"AWOOGA!" she said. This caught everyone's attention.

"What happened?" Nya asked.

"I was this close to deactivating the bombs then the stupid power went out!" she said.

Then, on a table near, a hologram came up. It showed again the leader of the group and Ash and Rahm in the background. They looked worse.

"Well, It seems like someone has been trying to deactivate my bombs," he said. "I'm afraid I can't let that go un-noticed, so I have a little surprise for you."

26 - Surprises...Decisions...

As soon as he said that, the door on the far side of the Archive room opened, and a group of about 20 shadows stood waiting. Simultaneously, they all ignited crimson red lightsabers.

"Kill them," Echo heard the leader say.

"Oh fodder," Echo whispered to herself. "Okay everybody, get ready for the fight of your life!" she yelled. She heard her friends ignite their lightsabers and saw them charge up to the dark jedi. Echo stayed on the computer, trying to see if she could get it back up and running.

She heard screams from her friends, but also from the enemies. She had to work quickly. Eventually, she got the power up and running for a single computer. She silently congratulated herself and kept going. She sliced back into the bombs and eventually got them deactivated. It was one of the hardest things she had ever done. She had to be extremely careful, or else one of the bombs could have went off by itself. She got off the computer, and turned around. There was a Dark Jedi running straight towards her. She dodged his attack and kicked him into the computer. It was sad to see a good computer go to waste.

She ran out of the Archive room, leaving her friends to finish the battle. She wanted to stay and help, but she had to get this information to the masters. She ran as fast as she could and finally met back up with them in back in the command center.

"Masters! The bombs are deactivated! But my fellow friends are under attack by a group of Dark Jedi. You have to help them!" Echo said, out of breath.

All of the masters were in there, along with a few Jedi Knights. Master Adi Gallia spoke up.

"I'm sorry, but we cannot help them. We have managed to find the spot in the Temple where they are keeping the hostages. We have to go rescue them and arrest the Dark Jedi," Adi said.

"I disagree," Mace said. "Half of the masters should go and help the padawans while we take a small group to attack the Dark Jedi, that way it's more inconspicuous. Myself, Ki-Adi-Mundi, and Yoda."

"Agree with this, I do," Yoda spoke up. Echo hadn't even seen him in the room.

"Agreed. Then let's get going," Ki-Adi-Mundi said.

"What about me?" Echo asked.

"You need to go back to help your friends." Ki-Adi-Mundi.

"No. I'm going with you." Echo said firmly.

"I agree with Echo. Echo could be of help." Mace Windu said.

"We need to get going then." Adi said. All the Jedi departed.

As they walked, Echo was preparing for the loss of her master and sister. I will NOT turn to the Dark Side if they die. Well, being realistic will I? NO I WON'T!

"Ok, the game plan is this. We know the group is hiding under the south tower, so we need to take the lower corridors from the north tower and ambush them," Mace said.

"Sounds great to me!" Echo said.

They all headed to the north tower and started down, to the lowest level of the Temple. It was extremely dark, considering there was no power. They used their lightsabers to lead the way, but tried not to make too much noise. Eventually, they reached the south tower. At the end of a hallway, they saw a light shining beneath a door.

"This is it," Mace said. "Are enemies are behind that door. I can sense them. They are relying heavily on the Dark side."

Mace looked over to Echo, his face was purple from the shine of his lightsaber.

"Echo, this my turn out to be the fight of your life," Mace said to her.

Echo gulped, and followed the masters down the hallways. Just before she reached the door, she saw Ki-Adi-Mundi focusing on the door. Inside the room, she heard people screaming. Echo looked over to Ki-Adi-Mundi.

"What did you do?" she asked.

"Just made a little distraction," he said.

Mace Windu Force -shoved down the door and pushed it into 2 more Dark Jedi.

27 - Aero?? Master Kota! Ash!

The leader stood in the middle of the room with another man behind him holding Ash. The both wore hoods. Echo and the masters stepped into the room. Ki-Adi-Mundi's unforeseen attack had taken out over half the group.

"Ah, Master Windu," the leader said. "I was wondering how long it would take you to get here."

"Who are you?" Mace asked.

"You don't need to know that," the leader replied.

"Know him, I do," Yoda said. "An old padawan of mine, he was. Turned to the Dark Side, he has."

"And I'm quite happy with the decision, actually," the man replied. He then snapped his fingers, and a younger man in a hood stepped up.

"I'm sorry master Yoda, but I'm afraid I can't let you all leave here alive," the leader said.

5 Dark jedi stepped up behind them and they all ignited red lightsabers, including the young man. The 5 older people stepped up and attacked the Masters, but they left Echo alone. Then, the younger man stepped up. He jumped at Echo and she blocked his first attack. He began to pound down her defenses with a very fast rally of lightsaber attacks. Echo blocked them all and tried a few attacks of her own. She launched into a high jump over his head and attacked from up high, but he blocked the attack and moved away. Echo landed and spun around to meet his blade again. They were in a lightsaber lock. Echo looked closer and saw strange yellow tattoos on the boy's face.

No, she thought, that can't be Aero. There's no way.

Echo Force-pushed him back and he went flying into the nearest wall. Echo looked over at the masters and saw that they already had 3 of the five men down and were working on the fourth. Then, she walked over to the younger man. She held her lightsaber aimed his neck. She walked closer to the man. His hood had come off to reveal a young Kiffar man.

"AERO?! WHAT in BLAZES are you doing?!" Echo said. All the Masters looked at her. They had finished and seen who it was as well. Aero wasn't nice inside. He was pure evil. Why did he try and save Ash though? He does still have some good in him. After I whoop his butt I will take and turn him good again. Echo thought.

"Aren't you surprised?" the leader said. "Surprised to see one of your own turn against you?"

Echo got really mad, but she tried to control it, for Ash and her master's sake.

Mace Windu stepped forward, then stopped.

"Take one more step and I will blow this Temple to oblivion!" the leader said.

Mace Windu kept walking, and the leader took out a small device and pushed a button. When nothing happened, Windu said, "We have deactivated your bombs. You're trapped. There's nothing else you can do."

"I still have one more option," the leader said. He ignited a deep red lightsaber and attack the masters.

Aero got up and then started to attack Echo again.

Echo dodged most of his attacks, then counter-attacked. The Dark-side had really made Aero more cunning and inventive. He was using moves Echo had never seen before. Aero attacked high and Echo blocked the attacks, but then Aero maneuvered his feet under Echo's and tripped her. She fell down on her back and Aero was there pressing his attack harder. Echo kicked him in the back and he went flying over her head. She got up and turned around. Aero was already up on his feet and running towards her. When he got close, Echo slipped under his lightsaber and grabbed both his arms. They struggled back and forth. Echo wouldn't let go for anything. Then, when the time was right, she let go and formed her

free hand into a fist. She aimed it towards his face and stopped an inch away. Aero had his eyes closed, then opened them to see a huge fist in his face. Then, Echo opened her fist and sent an incredibly strong Force-push through her arm and out her hand. Aero went flying back. He smacked against the wall so hard she heard his back crack. Echo felt really bad, but he had turned to the Dark Side, so he got what he was coming for.

Echo looked over to the masters. They were still fighting the leader. Rahm and Ash were laying against the back wall, both unconscious. Time was running out for them both.

The leader backed away from the fight and took out a small viol.

"Inside this is the antidote for the girl. You kill me or don't agree to my plans, the antidote goes bye-bye," he said.

28 - Ash...Dying...

"Well we've already established that we're not going with your plans. And you're going to jail!" Echo said. Suddenly, out of the corner of her eye, Echo saw Ash move. She tried to sit up, but instead she just laid back down next to the wall.

"It's okay...don't do anything he says," Ash said incredibly weakly. She was shaking as she said it. "You don't have...to worry about me."

"Ash-" Echo started to say.

"No, it's ok. I'm willing to accept my fate...for the life of all the other Jedi," Ash said again.

Echo didn't like hearing sister say that, but she realized that it was incredibly brave, and something a real Jedi would say.

"Okay, now that we're done with this love-fest, can we get back on with the negotiations?" the leader asked.

"There will be no negotiations," Ki-Adi-Mundi said. All the masters aimed their lightsabers at the man.

"You're under arrest."

"You just ruined your chance of saving the girl," the leader said. He took his lightsaber and sliced it through the vial. The antidote disintegrated in mid-air.

Echo screamed. Her heart dropped. Ash was pretty much a dead-girl.

The leader activated a button on his suit and it started to beep.

"And you're all going to be dead soon since I just activated a bomb attached to me. If you try to take it off, it will blow, so I suggest you leave."

The masters paused for a second, thinking of another alternative, but they couldn't think of one. They ran and picked up Rahm and Ash. Echo followed them, but then remembered Aero. She ran back and grabbed him with her. He was very heavy.

They finally got to the main level of the Temple when the bomb exploded. They felt the floor shake beneath their feet, and smoke started to come out of the vents.

"That was a close one!" Echo said smiling. Then she looked at Rahm and Ash and the smile quickly disappeared.

"Well we're not done yet," Mace Windu said. "We have to get them to the Med Center and get the power back up and running as soon as possible."

Echo quickly followed Mace and Mundi to the Med Center. They did what they could for Rahm without power and they said that he would be okay eventually. But Ash was another story completely.

They had one of the best Jedi Healers, Aubrie Wyn, trying to figure out an antidote for Ash.

"I'm sorry," Aubrie said. "Without electricity, I can't pinpoint what type of poison this is. I know it's focusing around her brain, but that's about all I can tell you. And apparently, it is immune to Jedi healing techniques."

Echo's heart dropped even further. She felt Cin Drallig's shock too. He had come running into the Med Center as soon as he heard the news. He had been standing by her bed side the entire time with his hand in her hair.

"There isn't a thing you can do for her?" Cin asked.

"I'm sorry, but no. Unless you can come up with an antidote in less than an hour, I'm afraid she won't be with us long enough for me to do anything."

Then, Echo thought of something.

"What if you took a sample of her blood and examined it closely. You might be able to find a trace of the

poison and come up with an antidote," Echo said

Aubrie thought about it for a moment, then said, "That might actually work. Things have been so crazy today that I forgot completely about that option. Let me just go get my tools."

Aubrie left and Cin and Echo were left in the room alone with Ash. Echo decided she couldn't stand to look at her half-dead sister anymore, and went out of the room to her master's room that was next door.

29 - Master Kota...Dying...

When she walked in, he started to groan.

"Master?" she said desperately.

His eyes awoke slowly and he looked at her. "It's really good to see you Echo," he said slowly. He looked so weak, so pale.

"Are you feeling ok?" Echo asks.

"I wouldn't say OK but I'm not dead so...I'm fine. I heard you were awesome." Rahm said.

"What? You just woke up!" Echo said confused.

"I know, but that's what they are gonna tell me later so I'm going to complement you now." Master Kota says. Echo laughs.

"Well, thanks to your teachings." Echo said.

"I wouldn't say that..." Rahm Kota said smiling.

"Whatever. I'm just happy that your alive! Well actually OVERJOYED!" Echo said.

"I'm glad I'm alive too...Is Ash doing any better?" Master Rahm asked.

"No." Echo said starting cry. "She is going to die! Unless, they find an antidote, which is very unlikely." Echo said balling.

"Oh, well she is very strong...like you." Rahm Kota said. Echo smiled.

"You just made my day." Echo said. "Well you better rest up! We have missions to attend to!" Echo said, joking.

"I guess. Well, Goopta mo Bassa!" He said trying to sit-up. He couldn't. Echo started to cry, she didn't though because she didn't want to depress her master.

"Goopta mo Bassa! And, just because you're hurt doesn't mean I'm going to be soft on you." Echo said mimicking one of the first things he said to her.

"I guess I deserve that!" Rahm Kota said.

Echo ran out of the room, balling. She couldn't stand seeing anybody like this, especially her master.

Before she went back into Ash's rooms, she wiped the tears out of her eyes. When she walked in and saw Aubrie taking some of Ash's blood.

30 - One dying on the outside...One dying in the inside.

Suddenly, the lights came back on.

"Well, that was convenient," Aubrie said. "I'll be right back in few minutes to see if I have an results." With that, she left the room and left Echo with Cin alone again.

"I can't believe I let this happen to her. This the first time I've even seen her today," Cin said.

"Apparently, I'm not a good master."

Echo looked at him. "Are you serious? Your one of the best Masters I've ever known."

"Well I'm glad someone still thinks so," Cin said. "I just hope Ash will forgive me."

"No disrespect master, but it wasn't your fault at all. If it was anybody's fault, it was mine," Echo said. "I was the one that had her helping me find the tracking device that lead us to the Dark Jedi. If I hadn't asked her to help me, she probably wouldn't be about to die."

Echo actually started to cry in from on Cin. She couldn't hold it in anymore.

Cin put his arms on her shoulder and comforted her.

"It's okay Echo, everything is going to turn out fine. I can feel it," Cin said.

Cin's words comforted Echo a lot.

"Thank you, master. I'm just so afraid of losing her. I don't know how to control these emotions and I'm afraid that if I don't learn how to control these emotions that Yoda will be right. That I'll turn to the Dark Side," Echo said.

Cin looked at her. "I completely understand you Echo. You just can't let these feelings consume you. If you're doing things out of fear that you'll lose someone, then that is the time to be worried about the Dark Side. But a little compassion towards your friends won't hurt anyone."

Cin's words touched Echo so much that she actually hugged him.

"Thank you Cin," she said. "You have no idea how much your helping me."

Aubrie then can running into the room.

"I've found it!" she exclaimed. "There is an antidote. The Felucian spike plant. It's found on Felucia, obviously. But if you leave now, you may be able to get back in time to save her."

Echo's heart jumped for joy. "Come on Master Cin, let's go!" she said pulling him by his arm. He gladly followed her.

Once they got to the Hangar Bay, Echo picked the ship to her liking. After they got in the ship, Cin just looked around.

"Who is going to fly this? I'm not a good pilot." Cin said.

"I can!" Echo said jumping in the pilot seat. She got the ship up and out of the Hangar Bay and started out.

"Ok, Master Cin can you help me calculate the jump to hyperspace?" Echo asked.

"Sure. Why not?" Cin said. After they did, Echo got the coordinates in they went into hyperspace.

"So, why did you chose Ash? Echo asked, bored.

"I don't know, she just seemed perfect, she had so much potential." Master Drallig said.

"Yeah. She has a LOT of potential, and here she is, almost dead!" Echo says.

"Maybe, but you have major potential too, I know why Master Kota picked you."

"Why? He probably had mistaken me for Ash!" Echo said.

"No. He said you were smart, you had what it takes." Cin said.

"Really? I just can't stand that I let him get hurt!" Echo said.

"You didn't let him! He is a grown man. You did what you could."

" I guess. Well, it looks like we are ready to jump out of hyperspace! This could get bumpy, I would strap on your seatbelt." Echo said trying not to picture her master.

" Ok." Master Drallig replied. It sure did get bumpy.

Once they arrived, Echo looked for an opening or landing platform. Echo soon found a large opening. She landed decently.

31 - Antidote! Alive!!

" Ok, follow me." Master Cin said after they grabbed some shovels. Echo did. They didn't find anything at first. Echo started to let the force guide her again. Soon, she started to see something green. She ran to it. Surely it had spikes.

" Master Drallig! I found it!" She said jumping. Master Drallig came running.

" I don't know for sure what part she wants so we can take it all." They dug it up and put it in a container and took it on to the ship.

They got in the ship and Echo quickly got the ship started and she got prepared for hyperspeed.

Once they got to the temple, Echo and Master Drallig ran to the Med Center with the plant. As soon as they walked into Ash's room they saw Aubrie taking Ash's temperature.

"I thought you guys would never get back. I've been worried to death about her. According to my calculations, she should have been dead 2 hours ago, but somehow she's been able to slow down the toxins from entering her entire body," Aubrie said.

Echo was surprised. Wow, maybe is more powerful than we all thought, she said to herself.

Echo handed the plant to Aubrie. "Here's the plant, now what in blazes are we suppose to do with it?" Echo asked.

"According to my records, we need to break open the spikes and get the toxins out of it. The toxins should act as an antidote and destroy the poison. According to my records, both poisons will pretty much destroy themselves," Aubrie said.

Aubrie took the bag away and came back 15 minutes later with a vial of the antidote. Ash didn't even look like she was alive at all. If someone just walked in, they would have thought she was dead.

Aubrie walked over to Ash's bedside and injected her with the antidote. At first, nothing happened, and all hope for Echo began to fall. Aubrie left to give them some time alone. Cin and Ash waited at her bedside for another 2 hours, and then she started to get a pulse again. Not much, but more than normal. The antidote had worked. When Ash found out she was breathing faster, she almost screamed for joy. But she held that in, and instead tears began to fall down her face. Tears of Joy.

The Council had requested Cin up in the Chambers on the next day, and he had to leave, otherwise he probably would have stayed. But he said it was for the better if he didn't get too emotionally attached to Ash. Echo still stayed. She sat by her bedside for days, only leaving to eat a meal or two every day. Each day, her condition improved a little bit. Each day, her skin got a little bluer and her eyes didn't look as black. Slowly, but it did improve. It took a full 2 weeks before she woke up.

32 - Improving...Waking...

Ash started to groan. Echo looked up immediately. She hadn't heard anything out of her sister in 2 weeks. This was an improvement.

"Ash? Can you hear me? Ash?!" Echo said in Ash's ear.

Ash just groaned again.

"Ash? Come on sis, you can make it through this! Wake up!" Echo said again.

Ash slowly opened her eyes, then closed them again.

"Ah come on! Just wake up! You've made me go through too much lately!"

Ash opened her eyes slowly again and slightly smiled.

"Nice to...see you...too...bantha breath," Ash said slowly, stopping in the middle of her sentence to cough

Echo smiled. "Now that's the Ash Chi I know!" Echo hugged her lightly, trying not to hurt her.

"Welcome back sis," Echo said, tears rolling down her face.

" Good to see you as well sis." Ash said.

" How in the world did you survive that? The healer said you were supposed to die a long time ago...well actually 2 weeks ago!" Echo asks, amazed.

" I don't really know...what happened. The entire time I was...like, half-awake and half-dead. I heard what was...going on but I couldn't...wake up. When I was injected with...that poison and thought I...was gonna die, I just put...the thought in my head...that I had to hold...on as long as possible...because I knew you...would save me. Somehow, I just...knew it," Ash said.

"That's why I'm here!" Echo responded.

" I'm glad...who did...this to me?" Ash asked.

Echo paused, " Aero." Echo got ready for Ash to explode.

" What?...Why?" Ash said, not exploding, but close.

" He has turned...to the Dark Side." Echo said. " He and a lot of Dark Jedi, were trying to get the Temple to train Dark Jedi!" Echo said.

" Where...is that...scum?" Ash asked still talking slow.

" I wondered what they did with him, I battled him and he was harder, ALOT harder. Then I knocked him out, then I took him with us...I wondered what happened to him."

At that moment, Nya, Broze, and Juno, and Kali busted in.

" Oh my, oh my. Look at that hair, I feel so bad." Kali said.

Juno stared at Kali. " Are you ok?" She asked.

" If you need anything, just tell me." Nya said looking worried.

" You are a true man," Broze said. Echo laughed, but Ash looked confused.

" One at a time...I'm ok...I guess." Ash said, trying to smile.

" So, how did the battle go?" Echo asked.

" It was ok...NOT!" Broze said staring at Echo.

" All the others were wounded besides us and the Masters! Most of the Knights are wounded!" Nya said.

" Guys, I'm sorry! I had to tell the Masters, they helped you! You did beat them in the end so..." Echo said trailing off.

" It's ok...we understand." Juno said smiling.

" Yeah, I would have ditched you guys too." Broze said. They all laughed.

"Every single one of us was wounded except the masters. I've been in a bacta tank for a couple days

healing from a bad lightsaber scar and Broze still has some bacta patches on his leg from the battle. Fortunately for Kali, all she got was some badly scorched hair!" Nya said.

"Don't worry guys," Kali said. Ash couldn't tell that her hair was messed up because it was in a pony-tail. "I've already ordered a wig. I'll be normal Kali in a couple of days."

Ash tried to laugh again. Kali was ridiculous.

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"It's ok...we understand." Juno said smiling.

"Yeah, I would have ditched you guys too." Broze said. They all laughed.

In a few minutes, everybody but Echo left Ash.

"Why are you...staying with me? I'm not...dead!" Ash said her. She didn't like being treated like a youngling anymore since she wasn't dead.

"I know. I'm just so happy you are alive." Echo said.

"I am too. But why don't you...go check...on your master, he needs you....more than you...need him! Last time...I saw him...he was pretty...beaten up." Ash said, wondering about Kota.

"He's feeling a lot better now." Echo said. Echo looked at her, then the door, and then Ash again. "Okay, I'll go check on him. You won't go anywhere if I leave right?"

"Oh, just get...out of here...you Gamorrean," Ash said chuckling. Echo laughed too, and skipped out.

33 - Everybody healing...

Once Echo walked into Rahm's room she noticed he was sleeping. Then she started to walk out.

" No, stay. Your presence is soothing." Master Rahm says.

" Ok, how are you?" Echo asked. I have been saying that A LOT lately! Echo thought.

" I'm better. I'm trying to figure out a new master for you." Master Kota said.

" What?" Echo said almost in tears again.

" I'm just kidding. I wanted to see what you would say." Kota said.

" You are SO mean!" Echo said cracking up!

" Well, I have been bored sitting here all day." Rahm said. " All these medical droids say is ' You are doing better, would you like some tea? How about berry tea? Mint?', It is so annoying!" Rahm says, annoyed. Echo falls on the floor laughing.

" It's funny for you." He says rolling his eyes. " Now, go get some rest! You have had more of a work out than anyone."

Echo nodded.

" Goopta mo Bassa." Echo says.

" It won't...yet." Rahm says as Echo leaves.

Echo realized she had more of a work out than anyone. Well, at least an emotional work out. She wanted to say bye to Ash before she went to sleep.

Echo went into Ash's room. Who had went to sleep.

" Good night, Ash." Echo whispered and left.

Echo ran to her quarters. She jumped in bed and for once in a few weeks got some sleep.

She awoke the next morning at 4:30 AM. She knew Ash nor Rahm would be up. Echo wanted to find out what happened to Aero. There was 2 people who would know and one was most likely up. Echo ran to the Council Chambers. She found who she was looking for; Yoda.

34 - Talking...Classes

" Why are you up so early, Echo?" Yoda asked.

" I need to talk to you about some things." Echo said, not sure of what to say.

" Sit down, you can." Yoda said putting his hands on Mace Windu's seat. Echo smiled and sat down how Mace does. She felt powerful. " What do you need?" Yoda asked.

" First, what happened to Aero? I have a right to know since I grabbed him after I fought him and defeated him." Echo said, proudly.

" He is to have a meeting with the council today. Now, he is in his quarters, that are all locked up of course." Yoda said, as if it were nothing. " You and Broze are to come."

" Ok, good. The second thing is..." Echo started to trail off, she didn't want to sound stupid.

" Tell me. Make fun of you, I will not." Yoda said, smiling.

" When Ash was trapped, I saw and heard what happened. She was screaming and Aero was saying ' Don't kill her, that wasn't part of the deal!' The leader injecting the poison. I saw it like hologram. I wanted to help." Echo said uneasily.

" Understand, I do. You were seeing the present. That happens when you are close with someone. You girls have a twin connection bond, and the force makes it stronger. When you were at Hoth, came to me Ash did, with the same problem." Yoda said.

" Is it bad?" Echo asked unsure.

" No, it is good. You can't let it take over though. You have to let it happen. Rejoice when friends become one with the living force." Yoda said calmly. Echo nodded.

" Thank you, Master Yoda." Echo said.

" May the Force be with you, Echo Chi." Yoda said.

" You also, Master Yoda." Echo said, smiling and left.

Ok, its normal. Sort of. I'm not going crazy. Well, I am but that's not the point now. I can't let it over take me, or in simpler words, I can't save Ash if it would cause many others death. Got it...Kind of.

Echo walked slowly to her room. She was in no hurry. Classes don't start for a few hours. What am I going to do now? Everybody is hurt! I guess I will just build droids. I could take some extra classes. Like what though? Uh...Well, I could take extra combat classes...no that would be too easy. I know! I could take The living force classes! Good. I'll sign up for them during mid-day meal!

At mid-day meal she sat with Broze and Kali because everybody else was on missions.

" What are you going to do now?" Kali asked.

" Take some extra classes and build more droids." Echo said.

" Well, I Broze the Great will be...doing nothing!" Broze said sadly. Echo and Kali laughed.

" Do you think they gave beauty classes? Or I could help the needy!" Kali said happily.

" They do NOT have beauty classes." Broze said, staring at her.

" Help the needy?" Echo asked, confused.

" With style!" Kali said fixing her hair and smiling into a small mirror.

Echo laughed so hard her stomach hurt. Broze laughed as well.

" Hey, Broze I have something to tell you." Echo said.

" Ohhhh... I want to know!" Kali said excitedly. Echo didn't want to tell Kali about the meeting. Broze obviously didn't want Kali to know either.

" Hey, Kali there is a hot guy over there looking at you." Broze said. Kali turned around with a giggle.

" Ok, Aero turned to the Dark Side and he has a meeting with the council and you and me need to

attend." Echo said quickly. Broze's mouth dropped. He nodded.

Kali turned around. " There ARE some guy's staring at me, but obviously they aren't even cute! Broze, I think you need some style lessons." Kali said. Broze sighed.

They all finished their food, and signed up for some classes.

Echo signed up for the Living Force classes. Broze signed up for world languages. Kali signed up for Jedi appearance.

" You know Kali, all they do in that class is say wear jedi robes and tell you what's inappropriate." Echo said.

" Hmpf!" Kali said and stomped away.

" Why did you sign up for world languages?" Echo asked Broze.

" Well, I don't want to be stuck in Kashyyyk with a bunch of furry balls going 'RRRrrruurgh! Arrggg!' In my face and I don't know what to say." Echo laughed and nodded. For the next couple days Echo was building droids. She had just recently built a make-up droid for Kali, it would organize and hand Kali her make-up. She called everyone over to see.

" Do you like it?" Echo asked Kali.

" I love the Pink color! It is so useful! So much make-up so little time!" Kali said with joy.

" How did you do that?" Juno asked.

" I don't know, I just free it." Echo said smiling.

" That is really cool." Nya said nodding.

" Girls and their makeup." Broze said sighing.

Echo then felt a beep. It was Ash on the comlink.

35 - Shatterpoint...COOL!!

"Hey Echo, where ya at?" Ash said.

"Ash? Is that you? You feeling any better?" Echo asked.

"Ya I'm better. Hey where are you at? I need to show you something," Ash said.

"Um, I'm actually in my room. Juno, Kali, Broze, and Nya are here too. We're just hanging out."

"Okay, good. I need to show them this too," Ash said and the comlink beeped off. Soon, she busted in as Kali was teaching Nya how to braid which didn't make much sense since she was a Twi'lek.

Everybody smiled when they realized Ash was up and walking more.

"Guys, you have to see this. I've been working on this all morning and I have no idea how I'm even able to do it," Ash said.

"Okay, let's see it," Echo said.

Ash put the marble in front of her face and let go, using the Force to levitate it to the other side of the room near the bed.

"You might want to get out of the way," she warned them. They got off the bed and stood behind her.

Kali and Nya turned around from where they were standing.

Ash raised her hand again like a blaster and aimed at the marble. She heard Broze laughing behind. He must have thought she was ridiculous to think it would even work. But Ash set that out of her mind and concentrated, finding the weakness in the glass. She let go to the Force and pulled the imaginary trigger.

The marble exploded, and everyone jumped.

"Whoa!!" Nya, Kali and Juno said in unison.

"What in blazes did you just do?" Echo said startled.

"Ya!" Broze said. "And can you teach it to me?" He sounded excited.

Ash looked at them. "I told you I have no idea how I'm able to do it! I just can! I concentrate and I can do it! I don't know how to even start to explain it!"

Everyone was startled and speechless.

Broze just looked at her. He paused for a minute, then said, "That is easily one of the coolest things I have ever seen."

Echo walked up to her and grabbed her arm. "Come on, we have to go show the Council this! I've never seen anything like it! Can you do it to anything else?"

"I haven't really tried anything else that worked, but I could try again. Do you have a cup or piece of metal I can try it on?" Ash asked her.

"When do I not have an extra piece of metal?" Echo said and went to go get a piece.

She came back with a metal cube. "She if you can blast this into oblivion!" Echo said tauntingly.

Ash accepted the challenge. She took to cube and use to Force to float it to the opposite side of the room. She sensed her friends watching her closely, looking for the first opportunity to make fun of her if it didn't work.

Ash relaxed herself and concentrated. She aimed and fired like she had before, and like the marbles, the cube burst into pieces.

Broze looked at her. "I guess what they say is true. What doesn't kill you makes you stronger. I think your living proof of that!"

Ash blushed. She wasn't use to having all this attention from her friends.

"You have to go show that to the Council!" Juno said. "That is amazing."

"Okay. Echo, do you want to come with me? I get nervous when I go myself."

"Sure. Let me get another piece of metal for you," Echo said and scurried off. She came back and Ash and Echo left again for the Council chambers. Ash was still very tired, and Echo did have to help her walk a bit.

"Wow, it's weird that you need help to walk but you can do that imaginary blaster thing like a breeze," Echo said as they were walking.

"Well apparently, the Force doesn't like my legs right now."

They made it to the Council Chambers, and to their surprise, only a few members were in there. Mace, Yoda, Adi, and Ki-Adi-Mundi and Adi sat talking together. They walked to the center of their room and waited for them to speak to them.

"We seem to be seeing you two a lot lately," Adi said giggling. "What is it we can do for you?"

"Masters, Ash has this...gift. One I have never seen before. You have to let her show it to you," Echo said, speaking before Ash could open her mouth.

Mace Windu nodded forward. "Go ahead," he said.

Echo handed Ash the piece of metal. Ash levitated it to the other side of the room where the masters weren't sitting, so they could see it easily.

Once again, she found the object in the Force, found its weakness, and then gently exploited them, pushing them apart. She raised her hand, aimed, and fired. The metal burst into pieces.

She turned around to look at the masters. They were just looking at her.

"A natural ability for shatterpoint, you have," Yoda said.

"What's shatterpoint?" Ash asked.

"It's an ability that can let you see many different futures and what paths to take to make a certain one come true. But in your case, you are actually able to apply it to physical things. You find the weakness, and let the Force surge through you and into the weak points of the object, making it shatter," Mace Windu explained.

"That is so cool!" Ash exclaimed.

"You should be thankful for this gift padawan. Most Jedi cannot do that as easily as you can. Most can't even do it, and rarely, if never, can someone as young as you be able to master it. It is a genetic gift," Ki-Adi-Mundi said. "Just make sure not to over use this power and don't get cocky with it."

Ash smiled. They were always telling her not to be cocky. "Yes master," she replied. "I'm very thankful!"

"Good. Now be one your way. You should still be resting," Mace said.

"Yes master," she said and turned away with Echo. They left the Chamber and went towards Echo's room.

"Wow," Echo said. "That is such a cool power. I wish I could do that."

"Hey, we are related. You should try it! You might be natural!"

"I doubt that!" Echo replied. "I'll probably be able to do something way cooler..."

Ash just stared at her and Echo stared back. They laughed at each other. Ash lightly punched Echo in the shoulder jokingly.

"You crack me up, you know that?" Ash said.

"Yes I know. I'm hilarious," Echo said trying to act preppy. She flipped her hair away from her face in a good impression of Kali. Ash started to crack up laughing.

"We're retarded, you know that?" Ash said to her.

"Are you just now figuring that out?" Echo said smiling.

Ash just laughed.

"Come on, let's try!" Echo said leading them to the room.

"Oh, alright!" Ash said as they walked in the door.

Echo ran up to her battle droid.

"You built a battle droid?" Ash asked in shock.

" Roger, Roger." The droid said.

" Yeah, I'm kind of stuck because the only thing I can get it to say is Roger, Roger. So, I'll try it on this." Echo said.

" Echo, that is way to big!" Ash said. " I have a hard time doing that small piece of scrap metal!" Ash said shaking her head.

Echo didn't reply. She didn't know what to say. She just focused then she raised her hand aimed, and fired. Nothing.

" Roger, Roger." The droid said again.

She heard Ash laughing. Echo force pushed her back then focused again. Then she tried to find a weakness. Then she aimed and fired. It was cool.

BOOM! The droid exploded. Flying pieces went everywhere. She ducked and jumped out of the pieces way. She even pulled out her lightsaber and sliced pieces that flew by. It was good practice.

" Wow. All I can say is wow." Ash said shaking her head in amazement.

" Like I said, I can do things so much cooler." Echo said laughing. Then she heard the speakers click on.

" Echo and Broze please come to the Council Chambers." The speaker said. It was a voice she had never heard before.

" What did you do now?" Ash asked laughing.

" I think I know." Echo said walking out the door.

36 - Aero...!!

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She walked in the Chambers and felt all the force in the room. Then she felt something else though, she felt the Dark Side. She looked to where she felt it. Aero.

How could he have done this? He was like my brother. He was an amazing Jedi. This wasn't going to be pleasant. Echo thought. Broze walked in. He walked in smiling. Then he stopped and frowned. He must have felt it too. Echo thought sadly.

" Ok, everyone is here. Let's begin." Master Windu said.

" Aero, are you going to return to the ways of the Jedi?" Ki-Adi- Mundi asked.

" Betray the ways that made me stronger? No." Aero said.

" Stronger the Dark Side is not." Yoda said.

" Echo, admit it. I was stronger. You should turn as well." Aero said.

He was stronger. Imagine how strong I could be. No, I'm loyal to the Jedi. The Jedi helped me become what I am today. Besides, the Jedi do what is right. Echo thought.

" You are correct Echo. You are correct." Mace Windu said reading her thoughts.

" Suit yourself, you will regret it when I destroy you." Aero said calmly but angrily.

He wants to kill me? No he doesn't. Echo began to think.

" DUDE! What do you think you are doing? Everyone trusted you and cared for you! I thought we were friends. Why are you doing this to us? You are killing us. Especially me and Echo and Ash." Broze said jumping up from his chair. His hands in fists.

Aero looked hurt, He has good in him. He will turn, Eventually. Echo thought.

" Aero, don't." Quinlan Vos, his master said.

" No, sorry old master." Aero said.

" Appears made his decision Aero has." Yoda said.

" Aero, you will be send to the Agricultural Corps." Mace Windu said.

" What? You are sending the most worthy to that junkyard of a place?" Aero screamed. None of the Masters face moved, they kept the same face, a frown. Echo used the force to push him down.

" You are not going to be a Jedi so it appears we have to get you out of here." Mace Windu said and Aero was led out.

" Hard for you it is. Understand we do. Keep strong." Yoda said and they were dismissed.

They bowed and walked out.

" Are you ok?" Echo asked.

" No, I don't know what I am going to do now." Broze said quietly.

" Well, why don't you come to my room? We can talk." Echo said trying to make Broze feel better. Trying to make herself feel better too. As they walked in, Ash posed as Darth Maul, trying to make a joke. Now isn't joke time.

37 - Comfort...

Back off Darth Maul!" Ash said with a deranged look on her face. It was weird, and if Echo just hadn't seen and heard what she did, she probably would have thought it was very funny.

"Now is not the time for jokes," Echo said and walked up to Ash. Ash deactivated Echo's lightsaber and handed it to her. Broze walked in slowly behind her. Echo and Broze brought in the sadness. Echo saw Ash's smile drop to a concerned frown.

"Aero is being sent to the Agricultural Corps. We probably won't ever see him again," Echo spoke up. Echo then became worried again. Is he going to come back and kill me? He is capable of escaping. The council knows as well, I just don't know how to tell Ash. Echo thought.

"What else is wrong?" Ash asked.

Echo paused then looked to her. "He threaten to kill me Ash."

Ash was shocked. Then she made the face she made when she got angry. It was a frown and then her face turned darker then her face would twist. She was thinking about how this was personal and he isn't the same.

"He is definitely not the Aero we grew up with anymore," Broze said. He looked to Ash.

"You should have seen him in there. He was an insult to the Jedi name, and he disrespected the masters. It was embarrassing."

"You're also leaving out the part where you almost attacked right then and there," Echo said. She looked to Ash. "I had to hold him back with the Force to keep him from getting himself into major trouble. It was kinda scary."

"Wow. This is crazy." Ash said shaking her head.

"I know, I just can't believe he did this." Broze said.

"It's probably just a faze. He will turn." Echo said trying to push hopes up.

Broze nodded and left.

"What is up with him?" Ash asked, confused.

"Did you not understand what just happened? Aero might has well of died and Broze's mind!" Echo said getting angry.

"Sorry." Ash said nodding. "Your lightsabers are amazing." Echo smiled.

"Thank you. They took me a while and some hard work, but boy it was a lot of fun." Echo said proudly. How does she get me from upset and blazing angry to extremely happy? She is my sister. That's all I can say.

They got into a long talk of lightsabers and droids. Her master walked in.

"Achuta, Padawan we have a mission tomorrow." Rahm Kota said.

"Well, good. I have missed you." Echo said smiling.

"It's not surprising. He said smiling and left.

Echo and Ash laughed. Everything was back to normal.

Broze didn't say much anymore. Echo started to go on more missions with her master.

38 - Getting Older...

Five Years later.

Echo has been going on missions for 5 more years, they getting harder, and she improving. She was able to build so many more things. She built a ship. An amazing large sized ship. It still needed a few more things, but none the less it was flyable. It was an Consular-class space cruiser. She painted it a bright red and named it Conundrum.

She was majorly respected around the Temple. The younglings would sometimes call her Master Chi, each time she would correct them. She had passed all the trials except the Trial of Spirit.

She had passed the Trial of Flesh when saving Ash from poison.

Echo passed the Trail of Skill in a mission when she saved her master and herself from pack of Rancor's when her master was severely wounded.

She had passed the Trial of Courage when she jumped into a pit of Gundarks to save some friends.

She still needed the Trial of Spirit which she felt would come very soon. She could battle her master and nobody win, by a long shot anyway. Her lightsaber moves were more complex and graceful. Usually, her sister would learn something then teach it to Echo then Echo would make it her own and then make it better. Sometimes, though she would make her own.

She had just got back from a mission and she walked to her bed, she stepped on something.

" Ouch! Fodder!" Echo said. I sound like Ash now. How embarrassing.

She looked at what she stepped on. It looked like it was a transmitter. She turned it on. On came Aero. She shuddered.

" Friends, I have repented of my mistake. I want to turn back, the people here are evil. They only want bad. I beg of you, come and get me. I'm still at the Ag. Corps. I need just you to come down, Echo-."

Aero started to say then it started to buzz and get blurry, It turned off.

Should I trust him. He did threaten to kill me. Yet, he did sound sincere.

At that moment Ash busted in.

" Now I will need a new door." Echo said smiling.

" Whats up? I felt your surprise." Ash said.

" Aero-" Echo started to say.

" What about that rancor butt?" Ash asked.

" He send me a message, it was about him turning and he wants me to come." Echo said shakily.

" Don't listen to him!" Ash said grabbing Echo's shoulder and shaking her.

" He sounded so sincere." Echo said quietly.

" I know, but.." Ash started to say.

" I'm going." Echo said firmly. " You and Broze and Juno and Kali are coming too."

" What?" Ash asked, surprised. " I can tell there is no stopping you." Ash said.

" We have to go tell Broze and everybody!" Echo said.

" Echo, its 2 in the morning, you will have to wait." Ash said.

" Oh, sorry. Ok." Echo said. " Goopta Mo Bassa!" Echo said quietly.

" Goopta Mo Bassa." Ash said back smiling.

Echo jumped in bed, but could barely sleep.

39 - New Mission...Again!

The next day Ash held a meeting in her room about the message.

It appears that everybody got the same message.

"So we all got the same message?" Ash asked. Everyone nodded.

"And we all feel a need to act on through the Force?" she asked. Again everyone nodded.

"Very weird," she whispered to herself. She looked up to the others spread across her room. Everyone had grown up in the last couple of years. You could tell that Kali was less obsessed with fashion but no doubt still loved it. Juno and Nya looked a lot alike. Ash was tall and lanky, but muscular and had long pretty hair. Echo was the same as the same as Ash except maybe a more muscular build, she also always had her hair up. She couldn't believe how much she and her friends had grown up since they were younglings.

"Should we go?" Echo asked.

Everybody was quiet. Finally, Broze spoke up.

"I think we should, even if we get in trouble. I can almost hear this person inside my head saying how much they need us. As Jedi, it is our duty not to say no to a desperate cry for help."

Broze was right. They couldn't just let this person suffer. They had to do something. Yet, Echo wasn't sure. He had threatened to kill her.

"I have a bad feeling about this, but I'm in," Ash said.

Now that she agreed, so did Nya, Juno, and Kali. Only Echo hadn't answered. "What do you think?" Broze asked Echo.

"I'm not entirely sure. But I feel like it's the right thing to do." Echo said.

They all nodded.

"But, guys how in the galaxy do you plan to sneak past everybody?" Kali asked.

"I've been wondering the same thing." Echo said. They all looked to Ash and Broze.

"What are you looking at me for?" Broze asked. Ash grinned.

"I think I may have an idea." Ash said her grin getting wider

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"I don't think this will work," Nya said uneasily.

"Yeah, how are we going to get around Temple security? It doesn't seem very easy," Juno replied.

"I agree with Juno on this one," Echo said. "The Temple has security day and night, 24/7."

"Easy. We just need to get the security code," Ash replied. She already had it all planned out in her head.

"From who?" Broze replied. "Nobody is just going to say, 'Hey, here's a top secret security code!'"
Everybody smiled.

"Well, I have a plan...if people will just stop interrupted and listen!" Ash said. She calmed herself down and continued.

"First of all, I need Echo to hack into the security system and find the code. Do you think you can handle that?" Ash asked.

Echo looked at her like she was crazy. "What do you think?"

"Okay good. Everybody go pack your stuff and meet in the hangar bay at Echo's ship. Once we have the code we'll be able to fly out of here like a mynock."

Everybody left Echo's room, including Ash, and went back to their rooms. It wouldn't take Echo long to get the code.

Echo brought a bag full of clothes. She brought a small pack with essential needs. She has her lightsaber, a comlink, a medical kit and protein bars and energy drinks. She also brought a few mechanical supplies...just in case.

Then she ran down to the computers, one of Echo's favorite places. She ran to her favorite computer, the one that saved her butt when she was little. Well, actually saved Ash's butt. She had turned the computer on. It only took a few minutes to get hacked on. Now she just had to find the code. She went into the security files, she then got into the Codes. Ok, she just needed a code for getting in out of the Temple at late hours. She found codes for everything, it was so cool. Stay focused Echo, you can get other codes any other day. Focus. She found the code. It was-

257-9107-4445

She smiled. She got out her comlink.

" Ash, is everybody in the Hangar Bay at my ship?" Echo asked.

" Everybody is here but we are having trouble figuring what ship is your ship." Ash said.

Echo sighed. " Give the comlink to Broze." Echo said, knowing Broze loved to fly as well.

"Ok, which one is it?" Broze asked.

"To put it simple for you, the red one that says conundrum on the side!" Echo said.

Broze paused.

"That piece of fodder?" Broze asked, laughing.

"It may look that great but boy, it has it where it counts!" Echo said defensively.

"I'm just kidding, you didn't do too bad for an amateur." Broze said. Echo laughed.

Ash came on. " Who cares about your ship crap?? Let's go!" Ash says.

" I'm coming." Echo says. She turns the comlink off. She runs to her room and grabs her bags, over half of her lightsabers and heads out. In 10 minutes, she is in the Hangar Bay. She sees her ship, the Conundrum and smiles.

Once everybody gets in and comfortable she starts the ship. This will be the first time she does much piloting in her ship.

" Uh, Echo what about the code? When are we going to use it?" Juno asked.

" You are just full of questions, I know how to do this...I think." Echo said.

After Echo got out of the Hangar Bay someone came over her speakers,

" Conundrum, I need to know your code." The person said.

" Uh, 257-9107-4445." Echo said hoping the code would work.

" It's not going to work." Kali said, negatively.

" Hey! It's me! Think positive!" Echo said, though not 100% positive herself.

" Conundrum, you are cleared. " The voice said.

" You see? I did ok." Echo said, proudly.

When they were out, Echo realized how late it was and turned on all front and rear lights.

" Nobody to scrunched up back there?" Echo called.

" Scrunched? This is one of the largest ships I have ever been!" Ash said back.

Echo smiled. Broze walked up.

" This think is the size of half the temple!" Broze said, amazed.

" It's not that big. When I first found it, it was put together, mostly. But, that was it. I had to get EVERYTHING!" Echo said, happy that somebody wanted to hear.

Ash and Nya walked up.

" Do you know where you are going?" Nya asked.

" If we end up in Tatooine-" Ash started to say.

" We will not, end up in Tatooine...hopefully." Echo said.

" So what is the planet again?" Broze asked walking up.

" Bandomeer." Echo said.

" Where in the galaxy is that?" Ash asked.

" It is in the Outer Rim, so it may be a while." Echo said.

They all got ready for a long ride.

" Alright, guys I'm calculating for hyperspeed." Echo said after a while.

" I don't know what that means, but ok!" Kali said. Flying was not one of her strong points.

" I'll make it simple for you, we are going to hit some buttons that will make us go faster." Echo said, making fun of Kali.

Everybody laughed.

" Oh, I think I get it." Kali said acting stupid.

Echo pressed the buttons and pulled the throttle and they were in hyperspace.

Echo went to check on the ship, while Broze was up front.

She went in the back room where all the mechanics are. She realized something was out of place. The Ion generator ring was not there. She looked all over, finally she found it, it was above the igniters. She put it back under them, where it was supposed to be.

" Coming out of Hyperspace!" Broze said.

" Ok, I will be there in a second." Echo called, checking everything again.

Then she felt the ship move.

" Uh, Echo why are they firing at us?" Broze yelled.

" What?" Echo asked running back to Broze.

She jumped in the pilot seat and he moved to the copilot seat.

They fired again and Echo just barley dodged it. The fired again and she flipped around and the bullet went under. She started to do all sorts of flips spins and jumps.

Juno, Nya, Ash and Juno ran up.

" It's no time for Astrobatics." Ash said.

" No they are firing at us!" Echo said doing dropping the ship so the bullet went above them.

" Why?" Juno asked.

" Why don't you just tell them you aren't enemies?" Nya asked.

" Then why we be there? They will ask." Ash asked.

" We can just tell them we need to pick up some Jedi." Juno suggested.

" Well, I'm kind of busy so why don't you tell them." Echo said dodging another bullet.

Then she got hit. They went down.

" Strap in!" Broze yelled.

They were going at the speed of light. Echo knew if they didn't slow down they would all be...dead.

She pulled the throttle up. She pulled with all her might and the ship started to go a little up.

" The landing might be a little bumpy!" Echo called.

The Conundrum started to go in Bandomeer's surface. Nobody was shooting at them now. Nobody could hit them.

Echo saw the ground and pulled harder and she saw a landing platform. They skidded all the way across. Finally, the Conundrum stopped. Everybody got out.

40 - Trap!!

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A group of men came out.

"What do you want?" A handsome man with jet black hair asked.

"Uh, we need to pick up some Jedi." Ash said.

"Oh, of course." The man said.

"Are you here for Aero?" A Mon Calamari said. "He told us about you coming."

"Yes, we are." Kali said looking at the man with black hair.

"Whoever piloted did an amazing job, one of the best I've seen." A Sullustan said.

"Thank you." Echo said walking up. "I built the ship myself."

"Are you twins?" The Mon Calamari asked.

"Yes we are." Echo and Ash said in unison.

"I do think it's time that we take you to Aero." The Sullustan said.

"I agree," Kali said following the man with jet black hair with a smile on her face.

Before Kali got far, Echo pulled her aside.

"Would you just focus on the mission for once?!" Echo asked.

"Sorry! He's just so cute!"

Echo sighed. Kali was obsessive when it came to guys and make-up.

They came to a big cave. The Mon Calamari and the Sullustan left without saying anything but, the guy with jet black hair smiled at Kali and left.

Then, Aero walked out. He looked different. He looked stronger.

"Greetings, Echo-" Aero started to say then his mouth dropped. "Uh..Er... I wasn't expecting all of you to come." Aero said.

"Well, you know. I can't go all by myself." Echo said smiling.

"Or are you just sorry you can't get her all to yourself?" Ash asked.

Everybody laughed, except Aero, he frowned.

"Ok, well the Council and the Masters are going to start worrying if we don't hurry." Nya said.

"I'm sorry." Aero says and turns on his lightsaber. Soon a group of Dark Jedi jump out of nowhere with red lightsabers ignited.

41 - Sweet Revenge...NOT!!

"Aero? What's happening?" Echo asked walking back.

"Revenge. That's what happening. Revenge for what you did to me five years ago," he said talking to Echo.

"You got what was coming to ya," Echo replied.

"Ya you stupid piece of bantha fodder!" Ash replied.

Aero looked at Ash. "You still have a dirty mouth don't you? How nice."

"How could you betray us like this again?" Broze said. "Dude, snap out of it!"

"Well, I only meant to betray one of you at a time, but since you're all here, there's no sense in not doing it at the same time," Aero said.

Another group of dark jedi came up behind them and surrounded them. They were cornered. Echo had no idea how they were going to escape this.

Everyone ignited their lightsaber. There was a rainbow of colors shining in a row.

"Your outnumbered!" Echo yelled.

Aero laughed. "Are you sure about that?" he turned around and looked at his minions. They were laughing too. In that split second that he turned around, Ash and Echo attacked him. He barely had enough time to turn around and block their blow.

"I will not fall for that stupid trick again," he said.

"Bet cha 10 creds you will!" Ash said and backed away and attacked him low. Echo attack high and Aero had to jump back to avoid the slashes.

Echo heard her friends defending themselves in the background. She sneaked a look back and saw at least 5 dark Jedi on the ground with lightsaber scorchs on their bodies. Apparently they weren't well trained. But Aero was more of a challenge. He attacked with great speed, and it was hard to dodge his attacks, but Echo managed.

She saw Ash out of the corner of her eyes trying to sneak away from the fight. They were in a dark room so it was easy to sneak around.

It's okay. I have a plan, she heard Ash's thoughts in her head.

Good, cause I have a Plan B, Echo replied.

Echo kept battling Aero while Ash went out with her plan. Aero attacked from the side and Echo slipped aside and counter-attacked. He caught her attack with the tip of his lightsaber and tried to Force push her back. Echo caught the attack and tried to Force push him back as well. They were in a Force lock. Echo pushed harder and Aero went flying to the other side of the room. She walked closer to him.

"It seems like every time we battle you always end up against a wall," Echo said.

She looked over to her sister. She had her hand in an imaginary blaster against a mans head.

Don't worry, it's not what you think, Ash said to Echo.

The man turned around and laughed. Ash started to smile and laugh with him, then she brought up her foot and kicked him in the face.

Echo smiled. Then she turned and Aero had his hand raised. Then blue electric volts came out of his hands. Echo started to scream. She screamed and tried to grab her lightsaber but Aero wouldn't stop. She fell to her knees in pain. She cried.

Echo, are you alright? Get up! Ash pleaded through the force.

All of sudden, Nya jumped into the lightning and relieved Echo from it. Echo could feel her hair sizzling. She turned towards Nya and watched as she screamed. Everyone else was too busy with the Dark Jedi

to help her. Echo tried to get up, but failed. Her whole body was on fire. She couldn't get up no matter how hard she tried.

42 - Man-Slayer...

Suddenly, a dark jedi that was battling Kali force pushed her into the wall and jumped over to Nya. He came up and stabbed her through the shoulder. Echo screamed. She tried to give her friend strength through the Force, but it was no use. The blade had pierced her heart. There was no saving her. Echo felt her friend wink out of existence in the Force. She began to cry and what was worse was that she couldn't move and Aero was coming for her. She cried out to Ash in the Force, but instead Juno came to her rescue.

She came flying through the air and blocked his attack aimed at Echo.

"You're not taking any more Jedi lives today," Juno said. She pushed his lightsaber up and aimed at his head. he blocked it, and then he went flying.

Ash and Broze stood at the other side of the room with their arms stretched out towards Aero. All the dark jedi behind them were either unconscious or dead.

Aero went flying into the darkness. They heard him hit the wall inside the cave. Then Ash aimed her hand and fired. Echo heard rocks in the background come down, probably on top of Aero.

Ash ran over to Echo and pulled her to her feet.

"Are you okay?" she asked.

" Yeah, I'm not dead. Just slightly fried and baked til' golden brown." Echo said.

They walked over to where Nya laid. Juno was already hovering over her with tears in her eyes. Kali was with her too.

"I let her die, " Juno said. "She had become my closest friend in the past few years, and I just let her die."

"It's not your fault. If you're going to blame anybody, blame Aero," Kali said hugging her.

"Not that I don't feel extremely bad for Nya, but we need to get out of here. Aero isn't dead. He'll be back," Ash said. "Broze, can you carry Nya back to the ship?"

"Sure, if you'll show me where she is. Now that she's dead, I can't sense where she is."

Kali pulled him over to where Nya was and he picked her up. They all hurried back to the ship and got on board. Broze laid Nya in the Med Bay of the ship and everyone else got in their seats to prepare to lift off. Echo got in the captains seat and started to get the ship running, but before she walked back to the mechanic's room. Or that's what she called it. She screamed. All of the wires were pulled, the Radiator Panel Wing was nowhere to be seen and the Deflector Shield Generator was dismantled. They were going nowhere.

She ran into the cockpit where everyone else was.

"Guys, we have a major problem!" she said.

" What?" Ash asked.

" The ship was sabotaged!" Echo practically screamed.

"How do you know?" Kali asked.

" The radiator panel wing is gone and-" Echo started.

" No need for boring technical terms, we believe you." Ash said.

" We can't go anywhere without that, what else is gone and messed up?" Broze asked.

Echo took Broze to the back.

" Even, the deflector shield is gone." Echo said shaking her head.

" Not good. What are we going to do?" Broze asked.

" Do you think they have parts here?" Echo asked.

" I don't think so, they may have some. Why don't we just get a new ship?" Broze said.
Echo was not giving her ship up. " What? Are you crazy? Do you know who you are talking to?" Echo screamed.
" Somehow, I just knew you would say that-" Broze started to say, then Echo felt a disturbance in the Force. The ship was going to blow. Broze must have felt it too.
They nodded.
" EVERYBODY, OUT!!" Broze screamed.
" The ship is going to blow!" Echo yelled and she and Broze ran out.
Juno started to grab Nya's body, but Echo stopped her.
"There's no time. We have to get out of here now," Echo said and pulled Juno out of the ship.
Once everybody got ten steps away from the ship it blew into oblivion pieces.
" NOOO!" Echo screamed. She ran to the ship. There was nothing but scrap metal of what had taken her years to build. She felt tears come to her eyes. Aero is really pushing it. Echo thought.
Ash ran up. " It's just a ship. No need to worry, we can buy another one." Ash said as if it was no big deal.
" Just a ship? That took me YEARS to build!" Echo said yelling at her sister. Ash's mouth dropped.
" Anger..." Ash mumbled.
I'm going to slap her, if she doesn't shut up! Echo thought angrily.
" Echo, you can build yourself another ship, and Ash you knew it was important to her." Kali said.
" Yeah, just be glad everybody is ok." Juno said. They all nodded.
" What are we going to do now?" Ash asked.
" I don't know, maybe we can work on getting a new ship, maybe the local's will let us borrow one." Echo suggested.
" I doubt they will let us, but we might as well try to find someone." Juno said.
They looked around and saw a large group of caves nearby.

43 - Finding A ship...Trap, Again!!

Hey! Look, there are some caves over there!" Kali said. " They are very tacky though."

" Well, let's go." Broze said. " Maybe they won't try kill us, like the first guys we met."

They all smiled. They were all thinking the same thing though. Hopefully, it won't be another trap.

Ash and Juno took the lead. Echo and Broze looked around trying to make sure no one is following them, because if Aero and his group knew where the ship was they could certainly find them. They arrived at the cave grouping in a matter of minutes, the first few appeared to be empty so they walked back farther and one had lights inside .

" Ok, guys it appears like one is being used." Ash said and they walked towards it. There were no doors of any type so they just walked in. A woman was sitting on a rocking chair.

" Oh, greetings. May I help you?" The woman said. She was blonde and appeared to be in her mid-twenties.

" Greetings, our ship has been...damaged. Would you perhaps know anyone who would have one for us to lend?" Echo asked.

" I think so," The lady said then saw their lightsabers and she started to shake. " Well, actually I think my husband may be of more help to you." The woman said, who began to drip sweat. " David!" She called. A man walked in. He had brown hair and was very tall and skinny.

" Yes, honey?" He said then looked to the group of people then their lightsabers. " Oh, hi. I'm David and this is my wife Breia. What can I help you with?" He asked them.

" We need a ship." Ash plainly said.

" I think I may be of help to you." David said. " Follow me. Breia, I'll be back in less than 2 hours." He said talking to his wife. She nodded and ran inside.

" I'm sorry about my wife, she gets a little scared when people have lightswords. As you may guess, we don't have visitors often." David said pointing to Broze's lightsaber.

They went back behind the house and followed a dirt path, in about 20 minutes they had reached a very large ocean. They split and went into small paddle boats.

David and Kali and Juno in one, and Broze, Echo and Ash in another.

David took the lead. They paddled until they saw a large group of mountains.

That's weird. Why would there be a ship by mountains, it looks inhabited. Maybe David shouldn't be trusted. I'll have to watch him. Echo thought. Ash must have sensed it too, because she looked at Echo and nodded. Broze nodded as well.

They all pulled to the side and got out of the boats, and David took them to the mountains. Then they just stood by a mountain, doing nothing.

" David, what are we doing?" Kali asked.

" I'm leaving, I don't want to get killed." David said and ran off.

" Oh, no. Not again!" Echo said.

" Fodder!" Ash yelled.

Then a group of 10 Dark Jedi ran up to them.

Echo ran up to a Kaleesh and they started to battle. She started with a flurry of attacks some low some high, he dodged them. Then she forced him into the side of the mountain. Echo ran towards the Kaleesh and took the head of her lightsaber and hit in the head, he went into unconsciousness.

She saw Ash cut a male Meerian arm off. He screamed and fell of the side of the mountain. Echo ran up to the top of the mountain which took her 10 minutes. Kali was already up and battling an Mon

Calamari. They were in a Force Lock and then Kali kicked them in the gut and they went off the side of the mountain. More and more Dark Jedi came, though.

Echo got in a battle with an Meerian and she was having a bit of trouble then somebody or something grabbed his leg from the side of the mountain and he went flying off. She looked down and saw Ash sitting on an ledge.

" Thanks." Echo said.

" Anytime." Then they went back to back, they were much better that way.

" I have an idea!" They said at the same time.

There were 2 dark Jedi coming at them from each side.

"You ready sis?" Ash asked.

"Ready," Echo agreed. They both aim and fired. The dark Jedi's lightsabers blew up in from of them.

They were so startled that they both flew off the side of the cliff.

"Good teamwork!" Echo said. "We should do that more often."

There were only two dark jedi left and they were battling Juno and Broze down below. Echo and Ash both jumped off their ledge and landed on the dark Jedi's backs hard. The landed right in front of Juno and Broze.

"What do you say?" Ash said tauntingly.

"Ughhh...Thank you for saving our skins!" Broze said.

Echo looked down. Kali was hanging on the side of the mountain on a tree branch.

"Are you okay?" Echo yelled down to her.

"Of course I'm not you idiot! Have you seen my clothes lately?" Kali yelled back.

Echo used the Force to bring Kali up the side of the mountain. When she got up, she brushed off her clothes and straightened them out.

"Thank you," she said. "Now, can we leave this place now!?" Kali screamed.

" Yeah, sure...if we had somewhere to go!" Ash said.

" Well, let's just get away from here!" Juno yelled! They all agreed. They ran until they hit the water. The paddle boats were gone!

44 - Where are you??

"Would you like to go for a swim?" Echo asked everybody.

They all shrugged except Kali.

"What? Swimming? In that? There may be sea monsters in there! Or worse, my hair could all naughty!"

Kali yelled.

Juno snuck behind her and pushed her in the water.

"My hair!" Kali screamed, as she went in the water. She came up with a frown.

Echo jumped in the air and dived in. Ash did the same. Echo loved to swim, so she would lead.

Broze walked in. Juno jumped up in the air and did a cannonball down.

"It's cold!" Juno screamed.

"I don't like swimming!" Ash said.

"If you don't shut up, I will shut you up myself!" Echo said, and everybody stopped complaining.

They kept swimming for an hour.

"Can we stop now?" Kali asked.

"We are almost there." Echo said, in a few minutes they reached where they started earlier.

"LAND!" Kali screamed.

"Finally!" Broze said.

They found the dirt path that they walked on earlier, and they walked and walked. They were soaking wet and had cuts and bruises all over their bodies. Juno was still extremely upset about leaving Nya to her complete doom, but they didn't have much choice at the time. Echo stopped and turned around to face Juno.

"Juno, I'm so sorry about Nya," she said. "I'm so sorry I made us come here. It's all my fault."

Juno looked at her with sad eyes. "It wasn't your fault. We were all fooled. I can accept her death, and blame it on Aero." Juno said this with a hint of revenge in her voice.

"He will pay for this. I promise you." Echo said.

What is up with you? She heard Ash said inside her head.

Nothing. I'm fine. Echo replied.

"Okay, let's get going guys. We don't want to get into any more trouble," Echo said to everyone.

They continued walking on and on. Eventually, they ran out of mountain and it turned into desert. There was nothing around. It seemed like they walked for days before they reached civilization. Once they reached a mining colony, Kali collapsed.

Juno was immediately at her side. "What's wrong?" she asked.

"I can't go on. I need water...or something, and...a pedicure," Kali said.

Everybody laughed. Even in times of trouble, Kali was still worried about her looks. It was quite amusing.

A group of colonists came up and helped Kali up.

"Don't worry. We will take care of her. We will take her to the Med Center," a female human with bright red hair said. "You don't have anything to worry about."

"I wish you wouldn't say that," Ash replied.

They followed the girl and her helpers that carried Kali to the Med Center. She was given some refreshments and some time to sleep. In 2 hours, she felt a lot better. Kali was a healer, and quite good at it. She must have used that time to help heal herself.

"Thank you so much," Echo thanked the woman. "You have no idea what we've been through today.

We've been ambushed twice, once in a cave and once on a cliff. Then we had to swim for an hour

through across the ocean to get here. This means a lot to us that someone is actually helping us."
"Oh, you're very welcome indeed. I'm glad to help anybody I can. My name is Kya. I've worked here for about 10 years now. I know this place like the back of my hand. If you ever need any help, just let me know."

"Thank you Kya," Ash said. "As a matter of fact, we do need something. Our ship was blown up. Do you happen to know we're we can buy another one? Or if you know where an extra one is that would be fine too."

"I'm sorry, but I can't help you there. But I can get in contact with someone that might. If you like, I can get you a couple of apartments to stay the night in," Kya said.

"That would be WONDERFUL!" Broze said.

Kya laughed and took them to the apartments. The girls took one room and Broze got a room all to himself. Juno and Kali went to sleep immediately, but Echo and Ash couldn't go to sleep. Something in the Force was unsettling them. Something bad was coming for them.

"What do you think it is?" Echo asked Ash while they were trying to get to sleep.

"It's Aero. There's no doubt about it," Ash replied.

"I just don't understand why he hates us so much," Echo said. "We where nothing but nice to him, and he turns on us just like that."

"Some people just want power. They can't control themselves," Ash replied.

Echo turned over to face Ash.

"If we don't get away from here, I want you to know that your my sister and I love you," Echo said, tears coming down her eyes.

"I love you too sis," Ash replied. "Now try to get some rest. I'm going to go see if there's anything to eat around this place."

Ash got up and left the apartment. Echo tried to sleep, but something was still bugging her. She couldn't get it out of her head. When she finally did go to sleep, she had nightmares over and over. One about Ash getting killed and Echo taking revenge on Aero. One about herself getting killed trying to save Ash, and one about all of them dying in a brilliant blast.

She woke up with sweat pouring down her face, but it wasn't the nightmares that woke her up. Ash was in trouble. She woke the others up and told them what was going on.

"Where did she go anyway?" Juno asked.

"To see if there was anything to eat," Echo replied.

"That's stupid! She could've got herself killed!" Juno said.

45 - The Dark Side...taking over...

Then, Echo heard loud footsteps in the hall and yelling. Her sister was yelling in her head. WAKE UP! GET OUT OF THE BED YOU LAZY HUTT! she was screaming.

What's wrong? Echo replied.

OPEN THE DOOR! Ash yelled back.

Echo walked over and opened the door and looked outside. Ash was on the other side of the hallway running for her life. She was heading straight for them. She ran past their door and Echo heard the sound of a dart gun being fired. Two darts came down the hall towards Ash. She ducked and use the Force to send them back to where they came from.

"Get Broze up!! We're being hunted again! Follow my Force-presence sis!" Ash kept running and turned down into another hallway. Echo quickly closed the door and walked over to the wall that they shared with Broze.

"What's going on?!" Kali said following her. "It's interrupting my beauty sleep!"

Don't go outside, she tried to tell Broze through the Force. They didn't have a strong enough connection like her and Ash so she doubted he heard that, so she added the sense of danger and that he should stay where he is.

Echo ignited her lightsaber and made a circle whole in the wall they shared with Broze. When she got down with the cut, Juno kicked the walled into his room. He was already awake but he was standing around like he had no idea what was going on. Kali, Juno, and Echo walked into his room.

"What's going on?!" he asked.

"We're being hunted again. We have to get out of here now!" Echo said.

"Where's Ash?" he asked, not sensing her presence.

"She's being chased by a bounty hunter right now and is not available to talk," Echo said, trying not to laugh. Everyone else chuckled.

Echo walked up to the wall that she knew was the outside wall. She used the Force to blow a hole in the wall. She didn't have time to use her lightsaber to cut a hole, so she just blew the wall apart. She heard someone pounding on their door in the other room saying to let them in.

"Come on guys, we don't have much time," Echo said. She stepped over to the edge of the use-to-be-wall and looked over the edge. They were about 5 stories above the ground.

"Let's go!" she yelled and jumped out of the building. She used the Force to slow her decent, but it still hurt when she landed. She was tired and running out of energy from always being on the run. Her friends landed beside her. Kali stumbled a little from being dehydrated, but she recovered.

"Come on guys! Into this ally!" Echo said and ran into a dark ally. They needed to get out of sight. Their attackers must have realized by now that they were gone and went back to chasing Ash. They got in the ally and everybody stopped to catch their breath.

"What are we suppose to do know?" Juno asked.

"Me and Ash have a very strong connection. I can sense where she is right now. She told me to follow her. She must have some big master plan," Echo explained.

"If I know Ash, she doesn't have a plan she's just making it up as she goes!" Broze said.

Echo laughed. She tried to search for her sister in the Force. She could feel her presence in the next building over. She must have gotten to the top of the apartment and jumped across.

"Okay, she's in the building right next to us. Follow me," Echo said.

She lead the way in the next building, ignoring the guards yelling for her to stop. She sensed that Ash

was about 3 stories up and coming down fast. Echo lead her friends to the turbo lift and went up. The door opened and they walked out. All of a sudden, they saw Ash run around the corner.

"Get back in the turbo lift!" she yelled and she got closer. Echo turned around to get back inside, but the door closed right in front of her face. She banged her hands on the door trying to get it back open. They were stuck.

Ash finally got caught up with them. She had cuts and bruises all over. She ran into Broze because she couldn't stop face enough. She was really out of breath.

"Who's chasing you?!" Echo demanded, grabbing her sister by the shoulders.

"Aero and his deranged apprentice!" Ash said.

Echo looked around Ash shoulders and saw a hooded figure and a bright red haired woman step into the hallway. Kya and Aero.

"What are you doin Kya?" Kali said. "How can you be bad? You had such a good taste in clothes!"

"What? A villain can't have style?" Kya replied.

Echo's anger boiled up inside her. She was going to take Aero down if it was the last thing she did. She ignited her lightsaber and so did her friends. Kya took her dart gun and aimed it. She fired 5 times. Ash and Echo blocked the darts, but the others didn't miss their other targets. Broze, Kali, and Juno all took a dart in the chest. They immediately collapsed.

Ash charged, lightsaber held high. Kya throw her dart gun on the ground and ignited a red lightsaber. She charged Ash. They met blades and then Ash turned and kicked Kya through the hallway wall and followed her into the room. Echo looked over to Aero who was watching the fight.

"My apprentice is much stronger than you will ever be," Aero said.

Echo laughed. "Did you not just see what my sister did to her?"

Aero smiled. "That won't last for long."

He sent a bolt of electricity at her, but this time Echo was prepared. She had done some thinking since the last time her had used that one her, and this time she used her lightsaber to absorb the lightning.

"You'll have to do better than that," Echo said.

"Oh don't you worry about that. I can do much more," Aero said. He took off his cloak. He was covered in bad cuts and bruises and looked like he just went through a rock slide, which he kinda did.

He charged at Echo. She ran to meet his attack. Aero kept attacking from the sides and tried to catch her off guard, but his style was sloppy and immature. He hadn't changed much since the Temple except her was using the dark side now, and it made him harder than usual to fight.

Aero grabbed onto Echo's lightsaber arm and twisted it behind her. Aero temporarily had the advantage, but it wouldn't last long. She used the Force to get enough speed up, then she flipped into a spin turned around to kick Aero in the face. He was completely caught off guard and went staggering back. Echo used her speed and spun around again to land a kick on his chest and pushing him right through the wall.

She had dropped her lightsaber when he grabbed her arm, so she summoned it to her hand then jumped through the wall. She heard her sister struggling with her opponent on the other side of the hallway. She must have been a bigger problem than Echo thought.

Aero got up and attacked her again, this time low. Echo struggled to dodge the attacks. The dark side was making him stronger by the minute. She might not be able to defeat him. But she had too. Her friend's lives depended on it.

He swung at her legs and she blocked it, but then he brought his lightsaber up into a swing towards her head so quick that she didn't have time to block it, she just had to duck. She bent backwards and reflexively blocked his next attack that she knew was coming. She kept going backwards and used her speed to go into a back handspring. When she landed, she used the momentum from the handspring to

jump forward and at the last second slip under his attack and sliced off his feet. He wasn't guarding his feet, and they slipped off like butter. He screamed and fell backwards against the wall. Echo walked forward with her lightsaber aimed at his neck.

"It always ends up this way, doesn't it?" Echo said with a hint of anger in her voice. "When I promised that you would pay for killing Nya, I meant it."

Aero visibly began to look surprised and worried. Echo could also feel it in the Force. He was scared for his life. Good, she thought. He needs to feel like this.

"ECHO! How dare you think those thoughts?!" Ash said walking into the room. She had lightsaber scars all over her. Echo was surprised she was even standing. She must have already taken care of Aero's assassin.

"You need to stop! You're heading on a dark path right now. Look deep inside yourself. This is not the normal you! Use your brain you bantha breath!"

Ash's words hit Echo hard, but they all hit ground. She understood Ash, but she didn't want to listen.

"Ash, look at him! He needs to pay for what's he's done!" Echo said. This time she listened to what she said, and Ash was right. This didn't sound like her at all. She looked at her sister and all the anger went away, but then she looked back at Aero and it all came back. She hated him so much for all the pain and misery he had caused her. He wanted him to pay, but she knew it wasn't the Jedi way. If she killed him, she would only be stumping to his level, and she wouldn't do that.

She looked Aero in the eyes. He was just a poor misguided boy. He was scared and went to the Dark Side hoping he would be more powerful than all his enemies.

She disengaged her lightsaber and clipped it to her belt.

"Your right, I can't do this," Echo said, then she paused. "But can I..." Echo started to say, but knew Ash would hear her thoughts.

"Of course!" Ash agreed.

Echo walked up and punched Aero out. At least she didn't kill him.

Ash left the room and came back with Kya's dart gun and shot Aero with it.

"ASH! That could kill him!"

"Oh, keep your nerf's in a herd. It's just a tranquilizer gun," Ash said.

Echo laughed.

"Hey, what happened to Kya?" Echo asked.

"You don't need to know," Ash said, waving her hand, pretending to use a Jedi mind trick on her.

"Dude, I'm not weak-minded like Kali. That won't work on me," Echo said laughing.

Ash giggled too. "Okay, come on we need to get the others and get out of here. There going to be quite cranky when they get up so I would suggest we get them onto a ship soon."

"What ship? Either your memory is worse than I thought, or you're talking about a new ship." Echo said.

"Oh, it's a new ship. A BRAND new ship! I bought it myself, just for you," Ash said, trying to sound cute.

"You're not good at acting cute, you know that right?" Echo said.

"Yes I know," Ash said laughing.

46 - Jedi...Knight??

Broze with the Force behind them.

"So how did you come by this ship?" Echo asked.

"Well, I ran into this person that said he could sell me a ship. He took me too it, and it didn't look half bad to me, and the price was good, so I got it. It's a YG-4210 light freighter," Ash said.

"You really don't know anything about ships do you? You bought a piece of junk!" Echo said.

"Well, this piece of junk looked like it was in good condition! Anyway, after I paid the guy he ran off. I opened the ship's back hatch to look inside, and Aero and Kya stood there waiting for me. It was another trap. Anyway, that crazy psycho apprentice of his kept shooting at me and I had to run for my life the entire time because she was really fast and I knew I couldn't probably take both of them at the same time."

"Very interesting story," Echo said. "Let's just hope that this ship isn't as bad as I think it's going to be." It took them 30 minutes to get to the hangar bay. It was pretty easy for Echo to pick out the piece of junk YG-4210. It didn't look like much on the inside, but when they got inside and Echo started to look at it inside, she was amazed. She ran to Ash and slid and to a halt.

"How much did you say you paid for this ship?" Echo asked, waiting for an answer.

"Uh, 9,000," Ash said.

Echo's mouth dropped. "Do you even know the deal you got!? You can't buy anything for that, let alone this type of ship! This ship has a class 0.5 hyperdrive, a Torplex deflector shield generator, 2 Girodyne SRB42 sublight engines, and so many other awesome things!!!"

Echo ran up and hugged her sister.

"Uh...you're welcome," Ash said, a little scared.

"Well then is it's so good, why don't you get us out of here while I got rub some bacta salve on these wounds," Ash said pointing at her scars.

"Oh don't worry, with this ship we'll be back to Coruscant in a flash," Echo said and ran to the cockpit. She got it up and running in no time and set a course to Coruscant. It would take maybe about 2 hours to get there with this ship. She loved it so much.

She then went into the back and started to tinker with the engines and tighten some loose screws. She really owed her sister now.

They go to Coruscant in a matter of no time and Echo actually wished it had taken a little longer. She still had no idea what she was going to tell her master, let alone Nya's master. They were allowed to dock in the Temple hangar-bay, and before they even landed, Echo left her masters displeasure in the Force. He was nearby.

She opened the back hatch and Rahm, Cin, and about half the Council stood waiting for them.

"Would you like to explain where you've been?" Rahm asked her.

"Uh...we needed a vacation," Echo said, trying to stall. She hoped Ash didn't come out so the Council wouldn't see her wounds.

Sure enough she did.

She walked right up to Echo and patted her on the back.

"What cha' talkin about?" she asked. The she looked at the masters. "Oh."

"What did you think you were doing?!" Cin yelled at them. "You didn't tell anyone where you went and you disobeyed Temple rules. You are in serious trouble. And just look at you! It looks like you just fought a Sith!"

"Master, it wasn't a Sith, it was a Dark Jedi and his apprentice," Ash said. No matter how serious the situation was, she still always had a sense of humor.

"Dark Jedi?" Mace Windu stepped forward and asked.

"It's a long story," Echo said. "I think we need to our wounded help first, and then we'll explain to you what happened. Also, I need to talk to Nya Jintou's master."

Everybody got a chance to explain their story to the council. Echo was first considering she was the least injured and not half-paralyzed. It took her a long time to explain what happened. She also included the part where she wanted to kill Aero, but realized her wrong and didn't. The Council was actually impressed.

"What you did was extremely reckless, but also very brave. As Jedi, we cannot ignore a direct cry for help, but yet you should have told someone about this first and we would have decided if it was the right thing to go or not," Mace Windu said.

"I understand Master," Echo said. She felt embarrassed.

"Heard we have of your struggle against Aero. The trial sent by the Force you have passed. For you, the Trial of the Spirit it was. Ready to become a Jedi Knight you are," Yoda said.

Echo's heart was caught in her throat. She couldn't say anything. Her recklessness had just got her promoted to Jedi Knight.

"This evening you are to meet us in the Hall of Knighthood for the ceremony. Do not be late, or we might have to demote you to youngling," Mace Windu said jokingly.

"Thank you masters!" Echo said. She bowed respectfully and went out of the Council Chambers. She ran straight to her room. She didn't stop to tell anyone. She just wanted to get to her room and jump on her bed and celebrate...and find a really cute outfit for tonight.

47 - P-A-R-T-Y

She was at the Hall of Knighthood 10 minutes before she was suppose to be. She had her hair up in a loose-bun with her padawan braid showing. She sensed someone behind, and she turned around and it was Ash.

"What are you—"Echo started to say, but then sensed Ash's thoughts and smiled. Ash's courage and wisdom had just helped her pass the Trials. She was becoming a Knight too. Echo ran up and hugged her sister.

"This is so awesome," Ash said. 'Probably one of the happiest moments of my life...until I get to be on the Council."

Echo laughed. Ash still had cuts and bruises all over, but the bad stuff was starting to heal already. She must have been really working on those healing lessons.

Then, the Hall door opened and they both stepped in. The Council was waiting for them. They walked into the center of the room and knelt. The Council stood in front of them, along with their masters.

"We are all Jedi. The Force speaks through us. Through our actions, the Force proclaims itself and what is real. Today we are here to acknowledge what the Force has proclaimed," Yoda said.

"Step forward, Padawans Ash Chi and Echo Chi, by the right of the Council, by the will of the Force, I dub thee, Jedi Knight of the Republic," Mace Windu stepped forward and send. In one swift motion, he cut off both Echo and Ash's padawan braids. Both Echo and Ash stood up.

"Step forward, Padawans Ash Chi and Echo Chi, by the right of the Council, by the will of the Force, I dub thee, Jedi Knight of the Republic," Mace Windu stepped forward and said, in one swift motion cut of their padawan braids.

Echo and Ash ran out.

As soon as she walked out the door, Rahm ran up and grabbed Echo's shoulder.

" Congratulations, this day came faster than expected." Rahm said.

" It was all thanks to your teachings." Echo said, and Kota just shrugged.

" This day is about you, not me. We will discuss how amazing I am later." Rahm said.

Echo laughed. She ran up and hugged him. He smiled and she bowed and ran off.

Echo ran to her quarters, she wanted to dwell on her past. First, she wanted to check on somebody.

Well, somebody's thoughts. Ash.

I am a Jedi Knight! This is the happiest day of my life. This is so awesome! Hey! Echo, why must you always be reading my thoughts? Ash asked Echo.

Just making sure you don't do anything stupid, of course. Anyway, this amazing isn't it? Echo replied.

YEAH! Can I come over? Ash asked, then Echo heard a knocking on her door. She opened it and there was Ash.

" So much for asking." Echo said as Ash walked in.

" I asked, I just didn't wait for a response!" Ash said and they laughed.

" Patience!" Echo said, who had good patience.

" You patience people! Why wait, when you can just do things at that time?" Ash said throwing her hands in the air.

" For one, you can't always just do it at that time so when you wait you need patience. Two, if you don't use patience and just do it, you could get yourself killed!" Echo said.

" Whatever." Ash said, sighing.

" Well, I'm going to meditate on my past so..." Echo said quietly.

" What? On the day you become a Knight? We have go to celebrate!" Ash said dragging her out of the room.

Finally, they arrived at the Mess Hall, where a big group of people were having a party! Echo talked to almost everybody in the room then she kept thinking-

Where is Hiro? I really want to talk to her, I have not seen her since we were younger. We used to be so close.

Then she looked around and saw a Zabrak, and realized it was Hiro! She looked different then most Zabraks because she didn't have face tattoos and her hair covered up most of her horns. Echo ran to her and embraced her old friend.

48 - Old Friends...

" It's so good to see you Hiro!" Echo said joyfully.

" It's good to see you too, Echo! I have missed you! I have been trying to find you, then I heard you had become a Knight so I made this party!" Hiro said.

" That was very kind of you! What have you been up too?" Echo asked.

" Nothing, just hoping I can become a Knight soon. I've completed the trials, but somehow I was delayed." Hiro said shaking her head.

" That's weird, it will come soon! With your ability, I don't think I could ever beat you!" Echo said seriously but smiling.

" I don't know about that but...We can try it out!" Hiro said.

Echo wasn't going to give up chance to fight with someone besides, Ash. That would be a challenge, anyway.

Echo nodded and they ran to their favorite battling spot. The West Gardens. There were so many obstacles and jumps.

After 4 hours of incredibly hard battling, nobody won. Echo was dripping, from all her blocks, Hiro was breathing heavily. They were a mess, but it was totally worth it!

They had decided when it came to hardcore lightsaber skills, Echo was the one. When you're in a force lock, Hiro has it no problem. It was amazing.

" Wow, I never knew you were that good!" Echo said getting sweat off her face.

" Me neither, you might get to my level one day." Hiro said and they both laughed.

" Yeah, maybe." Echo said,

" Well, I better go!" Hiro said bowing and running off. Echo smiled and went to her quarters.

49 - Hiro...becoming a Knight!!

A Few weeks later

She deserves to be a Knight, as much me. Maybe more. Echo thought. I have an Idea!

She ran to the council chambers, and saw Mace and Yoda sitting meditating. As soon as she walked in they opened their eyes.

"Oops, I guess I can come another time." Echo said apologizing.

"You may come in." Mace Windu said.

"If feel that your subject needs to be recognized, then come in you may." Yoda said nodding. Echo smiled and walked towards them.

"Now Echo, what do you need?" Mace Windu asked.

"I feel that somebody needs to become a Jedi Knight." Echo said softly.

"Choose our own Knights we do." Yoda said, but Mace Windu looked at Echo closely.

"Hold on, Who is it, that you believe should become a Knight?" Mace Windu asked.

"Hiro Xa." Echo said, hoping this was going to go somewhere.

"I feared you would say that, after she completed her trials, her master needed her for one more mission. We let them go, then her Knighting ceremony never happened." Mace said.

"I see, so she is to become a Jedi Knight?" Echo asked happily.

"Yes, yes she is." Yoda said.

"Go and get her, then you know where to take her." Mace Windu said...with a smile.

YES!! I'm getting two things accomplished!! One, making Mace Windu smile, and making Hiro a Jedi Knight! Echo thought. Killing two Sith with one lightsaber,

Echo laughed at the saying. Echo would never kill two sith with one lightsaber. She could kill two sith maybe, but she would probably have a different lightsaber, give each lightsaber a shot.

She knocked on Hiro's door, which quickly opened.

"Hey, Echo! What's up?" Hiro said smiling.

"Oh, nothing. I just have a little surprise for you." Echo said then put a wrap on her eyes. "Do you need me to hold your hand?" Echo asked.

"What surprise? What in the name of the force are you talking about?" Hiro asked, confused.

"Nothing, do you need help or not?" Echo asked trying not to tell.

"No, I'm fine. I wish you would just tell me." Hiro grumbled. Echo just smiled to herself. As, they began to walk Hiro smiled.

"I feel like Broze, this is kinda cool." Hiro said.

"Just follow me." Echo said laughing, as Hiro almost ran into a youngling.

They walked into the Knighting chambers and Echo stopped in her tracks as all the memories flooded back, although it wasn't too long ago, she too had become a Jedi Knight, she felt like she had been a Knight all her life. That probably just means she was ready. So is Hiro.

"Welcome," Mace Windu said. Hiro unwrapped her blindfold and her mouth dropped. "Jedi Knight, Hiro!"

"WHAT THE-? HOLY FORCE! OH MY LIGHTSABERS!" Hiro screams, then runs to Echo and grabs her and lifts her in the air.

"Ok, have you been working out with Ash?" Echo says, as Hiro puts her down.

Hiro laughs and Mace Windu sits down.

"Well we better get settled." Mace Windu said.

"Well I better leave," Echo says turning around.

" No, I demand she stays!" Hiro says, Echo tries to stop her from saying anymore. But, she doesn't stop. " She arranged this whole thing, I want her by my master." Hiro says firmly.

Mace Windu just stares at her then nods. " Go stand by, Agen Kolar." Echo nods as the ceremony begins, then she smiles as Mace Windu says-

"Step forward, Padawan Hiro Zuu, by the right of the Council, by the will of the Force, I dub thee, Jedi Knight of the Republic," Mace Windu stepped forward and said. In one swift motion, he cut off her padawan braid.

Hiro beamed, Echo saw tears come to her and her master's eyes. Echo remembered everybody's faces when she had become a Knight, they were all the same. They all bowed and left.

" I owe you big!" Hiro said as soon as they walked out the door.

" I didn't do anything, you had completed the trials, I merely just stood back and watched it unfold." Echo said wanting it to be Hiro's day.

" You are too modest!" Hiro said.

" Whatever, I didn't want you to have a large party, I wanted something special." Echo said taking Hiro to the Echo's room. When they walked in Hiro squealed.

" Your room is clean!" Hiro screamed. It was. All of Echo's mechanic supplies were put in her shelves or stuffed in the closet. Mostly stuffed in the closet.

" Well, instead of having a big party we can have tea and meditate and make a force meld." Echo said.

" I thought force meld's were only for battle." Hiro said.

" They are meant to improve battle by of having everybody's thoughts together, and we can think of ideas for future battles." Echo said. Hiro nodded, understanding.

" This is way better than a party! Thank you, so much!" Hiro said getting excited.

" The party they had for me, was awesome but, cramped!" Echo said.

" Amen to that! Now, let's get settled." Hiro said sitting down.

Echo opened her mind, and grew a strong force wave then invited Hiro to it. They were able to sense each other's thoughts, at first Hiro was only thinking about her animals. Get back on subject! Echo thought, and Hiro sensed it and changed her thought. Echo dwelled on her last battle with Aero, what she could have done better. She realized that she could have tripped Aero in his flurry of attacks. Hiro was thinking in her last battle she could have done a barrel roll to reach the target easier and faster. Echo then thought of an idea- she could mix a Sai and a Jung ma and have a defensive and offensive move. She would block an attack at the feet (by jumping in the air) then do a spin for power and gain the lead if ever in an odd position like when she was with Aero when he went high and low.

Hiro obviously sensed Echo's thoughts and then Echo felt her happiness then, Echo felt something, Hiro was coming up with an idea. When opponent flying in the air at you, instead of using complicated spin, you could use the lightsaber throw.

These were all just simple mixes of other moves, but they were helpful for battles. They didn't come up with much but had fun. They opened their eyes and finished their tea.

" Thank you, Echo. This was so much fun, to share our simple battle thoughts." Hiro said smiling brightly.

" Anytime, I think if you just mix normal ideas you can improve." Echo thought then felt something buzz, her comlink.

50 - Another Mission...

" Echo here." She said into the comlink.

" Greetings. You, Hiro, Kali are needed for a mission." Mace Windu replied back.

" Of course, do you need me to fetch Kali, because I have Hiro here." Echo asked.

" Thank you, meet us at the Council Chambers as soon as possible." Mace Windu said and the comlink clicked off. She smiled.

" Ready for some fun?" Echo asked smiling wider.

" Always." Came Hiro's reply.

They walked to Kali's quarters quickly. They knocked and she immediately let them in. When they saw her, she was putting her hair up in a quick but cute ponytail.

" What do you guys need?" Kali asked, smiling.

" We are in a mission together, we are to meet at the Chambers." Echo said.

" Quickly." Hiro added.

" Fun, fun. I'm in!" Kali said running out the door. They all made it to the chambers in about 5 minutes.

As soon as they walked in, Mace began to speak.

" Greetings, this needs to be fast. It is urgent. There has been a number of lightning strikes and other natural disasters in Ansion. The few who live there, got in touch with us and so we sent one person down, figuring it was going to be a small job." Mace Windu said. " Now, we can't get in touch with him, he may be dead."

" Got it, got it." Echo said nodding, then she stopped and looked at Mace Windu.

" But, who was person you sent?" Hiro asked.

" Jedi Knight...Broze." Mace Windu said.

Echo and Kali and Hiro's mouth dropped, they hadn't known Broze had become a Jedi Knight.

" Why would you send just him? You rarely ever send just one person." Hiro said, confused.

" We thought it would be a small job, maybe nothing..." Mace Windu said.

" You sent a man alone? In a planet that has natural disasters every 4 hours?" Kali almost screamed.

Mace gave her a stern look and Kali nodded and didn't say anything.

" Broze wanted to go by himself, didn't he?" Echo asked, thinking back on her friends memories.

" That was another reason." Mace said.

Everybody nodded, they needed to hurry.

" Well, we better be going," Kali said.

" May the Force be with you." Mace Windu said.

They all nodded bowed and silently walked out.

" Ok, well we better get our stuff." Kali said and they departed,

Echo suddenly felt bad, she had not gotten in touch with Broze for a while and he had become a Knight and left on a mission without me knowing,

It could not have been too long ago for him to become a Jedi Knight, So, how could I have not known? Why didn't he tell me? Echo thought. He has been there for me...so I'm going to be there for him...but what if it's too late? The boy who got her and Ash together and also he was a...friend. Echo thought sadly, then she felt somebody come in her, it was Ash.

What's wrong? Ash asked.

Nothing, I don't want to talk about it, I have to go. Echo said which, really was a lame excuse because she could talk to Ash even if she was walking, almost if she was talking. Nobody could even know.

You bet it is a lame excuse, now tell me you nerf-herder. Ash commented.

NO! Echo said sternly and packed up the last of her things. Echo felt Ash's surprise and Echo didn't care. Is that the Dark Side? No, it can't be. Not telling somebody personal things has nothing to do with being good or bad. Echo thought and shut the door as she walked out.

Kali and Hiro were already waiting at her ship. Which was the YG-4210 that Ash had got her, she named it Ash Fighter, for her sister.

"What took you so long?" Kali asked. "It's usually me who takes that long!" Kali said and everybody laughed.

"Nothing, just caught up in thoughts." Echo thought,

Hiro nodded in understanding, she was a friend of Broze as well, he was a brother to them.

"Echo, you know Broze. He probably just got lost." Hiro said. Echo tried to smile but she couldn't knowing that it may not be the case.

The 3 girls walked on board and Echo got the ship started in no time, she had got the ship fully repaired and now it didn't look like crap on the outside or the inside.

"Uh, Echo, your comlink has been buzzing for the past 10 minutes straight." Hiro said.

"It's Ash, I don't want to talk to her right now." Echo said as they flew out of the Hangar Bay.

"Oooh, sister fight." Hiro said smiling. Echo gave her a stern look and she became quiet.

"Well, can you shut it up?" Kali asked. Echo smiled.

Echo lifted it in the air, crunched her hand in an fist formation and it blasted into a few pieces, like a small explosion.

"Thank you." Kali said and went to the back to practice her lightsaber skills.

Hiro of course, brought a few animals and was training with them.

"Hey, Hiro! Have you ever heard of Anson?" Echo called behind her.

Hiro ran up. "Uh, I don't believe so." Hiro said trying to think back.

"Well, they have LOTS of animals!" Echo said trying to lighten spirits.

"They do! Well, maybe I could be of help!" Hiro said getting excited.

Echo went to hyperspeed quietly since really none of them cared about ships. Hiro did, sort of but she was more focused on her animals. Broze did. Echo shook away Broze for now. She sat in Hyperspeed saying nothing, trying to block out Ash's constant calls for about 15 minutes.

"We will be landing in 5 minutes!" Echo said coming out of hyperspeed.

"That was shorter than I expected." Kali said walking up.

"It's just in the mid-rim." Echo said shrugging.

She quickly looked for a landing platform, which there was none.

"This may get bumpy!" Echo said.

"That isn't the first time I've heard that." Kali mumbled.

They started to plummet slowly then increasing speed. She pulled the throttle and the ship eased up. It got a little bumpy, but thanks to her pilot skills it was a little better than expected. They landed in a large plain.

They all stepped out.

51 - Meeting a small friend...and danger!!

So, where do we go?" Kali asked.

" Mace didn't exactly say so we better just look for a small village or something." Echo said.

" Then, we can go from there." Hiro said finishing Echo's sentence.

They all looked around for signs of civilization. Then Kali saw something.

" Look lights!" Kali said. " We can follow them to wherever they lead."

Echo nodded and followed Kali.

The grass was up to their knees. Then she saw the grass move. Then it got closer. It had six legs and red eyes and striped skin. Very, very small though.

Hiro smiled and closed her eyes and put her hand out, and the animals fiery red eyes turned soft. It came up and put its head in her hands. Hiro picked it up.

" Wow." Echo said shaking her head.

" What is it?" Kali asked.

" I believe it is a baby Shanh. Beware though, they are super dangerous, so if you see one, don't do what I just did. I only did this because it's a baby." Hiro said scratching the animal's chin.

" You can 'adopt' the animal later, let's go!" Kali said.

Echo took the lead to the village, she followed the lights. When they got closer, Echo realized something. This wasn't a village.

" Uh, guys..." Echo began to say.

" What?" Hiro asked.

" This is no village." Echo said.

" What is it then?" Kali asked.

" It is a large building." Echo responded squinting to see it.

" Well, maybe they can help us." Kali said walking past Echo towards the building. Hiro shrugged and followed, then Echo followed as well. They finally reached the building.

" It's about time!" Kali said.

" My legs kill!" Hiro said.

" Should we go in?" Echo asked.

" I don't know..." Hiro said, unsurely

" You guys can stand back here like cowards but I'm going in." Kali said walking to the door. The door, that was just a small door, with no doorbell. Nothing.

Kali opened the door. It was black. Echo couldn't see anything.

" Let's grab each other's hand." Kali suggested. They all grabbed each other's hand and slowly walked forward. There was another door. It was locked.

Then out of nowhere somebody screamed.

52 - 1 falls...

" What happened?" Echo screamed.

" I don't know! I was holding Hiro's hand and then I heard a scream and she was gone!" Kali screamed. Anger boiled up inside of Echo. Aero turned to the Dark Side, Broze could be dead, and Hiro is in big trouble!

Each time, Echo failed! Aero has turned and she couldn't turn him, she didn't even know that Broze was gone, and Hiro is gone, Nya is long gone, all because of Echo! All because of her. The thought pained Echo, but she knew it was true.

" Uh, Echo." Kali said breaking in her thoughts. " Are you ok?" Kali asked.

Echo nodded and took her hands and pushed them forward towards the door and screamed and with all of her might, then the doors busted open.

Kali's mouth dropped.

With anger, Echo stormed in the black room, she heard Kali scream and then Echo felt something rap around her..then...then black. Not again.

She awoke and saw all of her friends, except Broze. Then she tried to feel around and realized that she only had wounds from a whip around her legs, and a few bruises on the upper body, nothing big. She looked at Hiro, she was horribly wounded. Whip marks all over her. Again, anger boiled inside of Echo. Hiro's eyes flashed open.

" I...tried...to..stop...them..." Hiro mumbled, then her eyes shut again.

" I'm glad your...alive." Echo said, she was going to say ok, but that wasn't the case.

Kali's eyes opened, and she smiled. " That wasn't exactly what I call beauty sleep."

Echo smiled. She looked over Kali, she wasn't too bad, she was as bad as Echo. A human woman that appeared to be in mid 30's walked in. She had red hair pulled in a ponytail she looked familiar...Hoth. She was the scientist from Echo's first mission. Everything came back. The scientist wanted to conquer the Jedi and learn their ways.

" Do you remember me?" The lady asked.

" Sadly I do. Yorra I think, I thought my Master killed you." Echo said.

" He hit me just below the heart, after major surgery, I survived." Yorra said.

" I see. Do you want the same thing?" Echo asked.

" I'm not talking with you, you escaped me last time and it will not happen again," Yorra said.

Then Echo began to feel her arms and legs spreading apart, the cuffs that were holding her up were pulling away from each other. It pulled more and more, she felt something in her tear. She screamed, the pulling stopped.

" I will pull you all apart if you don't cooperate." Yorra said.

" Ok, what do you want me to do?" Echo asked.

" One of you has to go, who will it be?" Yorra asked, Echo sighed.

" Me." Echo said and dropped her head.

" No, you have to pick one of your friends." Yorra said.

" ME!" Echo says again.

" Not happening. Either you pick one, or you all die. I'm giving you 10 minutes." Yorra said. Then all of her friend's cells moved forward, including Broze's.

They were all awake, Broze and Hiro were incredibly wounded, Kali wasn't horrible. She had a deep friendship for all of them. She began to cry, she began to weep.

" What's wrong?" Kali asked.

" I have to chose one of you to die." Echo says, " I wanted it to be me but she wouldn't let me, if I don't make a decision we will all die." She cried harder.

" Jedi...do not...fear...death." Hiro said painfully. Kali nodded. Broze opened his mouth.

" I'm nothing now...Its...over...for me..." Broze said slowly offering himself. Echo cries.

" Broze, I can't let you die, you are so important, you're so strong!" Echo screams.

" I must...you...hold...all the...power." Broze replied.

" I wish you wouldn't say that! It's not true! I'm not letting you die!" Echo screams.

" I will not let it happen either, I will die for you!" Kali says.

" Broze...doesn't...deserve...this." Hiro says nodding.

" If being...a...sacrifice...is my...fate...then...it will be." Broze says.

" But that isn't your fate!" Echo screams.

Is it his fate? Do I just want it not to be his fate? I don't know, but I can't change fates and Yoda says its good when someone becomes one with the force. Echo wondered.

Yorra walks in. " Who is it?" She asks.

Don't say anything Broze! Please! Then if Broze doesn't say anything, Hiro will, or Kali. Nobody say anything! Then we will all die! Echo kept thinking.

Broze quickly opens his mouth. " Me." He says. Echo starts to cry again, her eyes sting from the crying.

53 - Torture...For Many

This can't be happening! I have to stop him! Why won't she let me die?

" No, Broze don't!" Echo screams.

" Please!" Kali screams.

" I...would have...done it." Hiro says steadily gaining her strength back.

Who would she had rather? Broze because of his jokes? Or Hiro, because they went through everything together? Or Kali, a girly girl that likes to have fun? She could never know.

" I'm not...worth...anything...now...you...have...power." Broze says, weak.

I wish people wouldn't say that! It's not true! Why do people think I'm so special?

" I'm not surprised, he is quite a weakling now." Yorra says lowering his cell and putting him in a long cot. (With the help of a small humanoid.)

! I'm going to shut her up myself if she doesn't shut up!

Echo cannot contain her anger any longer. Echo blows the cage into bits. She runs towards Yorra, charging. Echo begins to punch her then she hears a quiet voice.

" Don't, please...for me." Broze says very quiet and weakly. Echo pulls the fist away. She runs toward Broze, looks over him.

What am I doing? Calm down Echo. I need to be worrying about Broze, not my anger issues.

" U will be remembered," Echo says to him, he nods and puts on a small smile. Then grunts in pain.

When Yorra turns around she whispers to him. " I'm going to save you."

Hopefully.

" Go back in your cell, or I will kill you as well." Yorra says angrily. Echo nods and walks back in what's left of her cell.

I can't use that kind of power, it turns me and weakens me. Echo thought.

" Now, don't think I'm evil, it's just I need one Jedi to inspect and I need them dead." Yorra says.

Not evil...KISS MY WOOKIEE! Echo curses to herself.

Hiro can't hold it in any longer either.

" Hutt Slime." Hiro says angrily. Kali turns a red instead of pink. Yorra doesn't do anything for a moment, then she pulls out a large needle. She jams it into his arm with all her might. He screams, and grunts. Echo, Hiro and Kali scream and cry together. Echo quickly looks for her lightsaber, and sees it, it's in Yorra's pocket. She sighs.

Yorra presses a button and Broze shakes and screams, he is being shocked. He grunts and yelps.

I remember that, it was horrible. I don't want anybody else to go through that.

" STOP! Why? Why him?" Echo asked, screaming.

Yorra gave her a cold hard stare. " You chose this death, you brought it on him, I have done nothing. You chose his fate."

The words hit Echo like a bomb, she dropped to her knees. I couldn't have...I couldn't...I did .I killed Broze. Echo thought and something ripped inside of her.

" Don't...listen to her." Hiro said.

" It's true." Echo mumbled. Kali and Hiro looked at her in shock.

" I'm done with all this, I'm going to kill him now." Yorra said and smiled and she took a gun and pointed it at his head, No.

I HAVE AN IDEA! Echo thought. For the love of the Force please work.

" Wait! I have to say a few last words to him!" Echo says. Kali and Hiro look at her, confused.

Yorra nodded, " Alright."

Echo runs up to him, he is nearing unconsciousness. Instead of talking to him she turns to Yorra and grabs her lightsaber but, Yorra shoots Broze right before Echo cuts her in half.

54 - 1 fading...

Her heart just ripped, my plan failed. He is dead, I killed him.

Echo screams, the bullet hit near the heart, maybe it hit the heart. Hopefully not. She presses a button and Kali's and Hiro's cell doors open. Kali helps Hiro walk and Echo grabs and with all of her might, she lifts Broze and they run to a Hangar Bay. Echo finds a ship and they all hop in.

" Uh, Hiro...can you and Kali get the ship started, I need a few minutes alone." Echo asks.

" Of course." They say in unison. Echo nods and carries Broze back. She looks at the bullet mark and she puts her head on his chest and cries.

" Oh, Broze. I'm so sorry. I can't believe I let you do this." Echo says and puts her head down and continues to cry. Echo stands up, whips her tears and walks out.

" Kali, do you want to try to heal him, maybe with the help of Hiro. I can pilot." Echo says.

Kali just nods and Hiro puts a hand on Echo's shoulder.

" He will be ok, he is strong." Hiro says and follows Kali out.

Echo sits in the pilot seat and finishes up starting the ship and begins to fly out.

It was a smooth ride home, Broze was immediately taken to the med center, and so was Hiro.

Echo was told to wait outside. She just nodded and stood by the door, in about 5 minutes Ash comes running in.

"Echo...what happened?" she said slowly.

"I...I...I killed him," she said. Ash didn't believe her words.

"Could you repeat that?" she asked.

"I killed him Ash! I let him die in front of my eyes!!" Echo screamed at her.

"I know...I felt it. It was quite painful," Ash said. She hugged her sister.

"We'll make sure he's alright," Ash said. She looked back done to Broze. She rethought her sentence. She had no idea if they could save Broze or not.

55 - Broze!!

We'll make sure he's alright," Ash said. She looked back down to Broze.

Sakura walked in.

"Echo, Kali, Hiro, I'd like to introduce you to someone," she motioned Kiro to come over.

"This is Kiro. He's a new friend. He'll help us out."

"Don't worry. I'm at your service," he said smiling. He had a correllian smile.

Sakura walked up and stood beside Kiro. Then, the Med Group came running into the docking bay.

"What seems to be the problem..." a human female said, but when she saw the group and Broze, she didn't need an answer. She motioned her group over and picked Broze onto a medical bed and pushed him out of the docking bay and into the Med Center. Everyone else followed, although when they got there, nobody was allowed into his room. Echo was worried for her friend. Ash kept trying to get in her head, but Echo didn't want to talk to her right now.

She stood outside of his room and waited and waited. It seemed for hours that they stood outside of his room.

Finally the human that talked to them early came out.

"He's awake...but barely. He's asking to see Echo Chi," she said.

Yay! He must be feeling better! Echo thought.

She ran inside. Broze was a pale white. There was a nurse putting an IV in his arm. Echo could hardly stand to look at her friend while he was like this.

"How are you feeling?" Echo asked.

"Been...a lot better." Broze said quietly.

"So you are going to live?" Echo asked. He shrugged.

"It's me...I'm awesome...remember?." He said then smiled. Echo laughed.

Echo pause for a second to think about her words.

"Broze...I'm so sorry! I should've never let you go through that!" Echo said.

"It's oka...", Broze started to say, but then his words drifted off. His eyes rolled back in his head and the screens around him started to go crazy. He started to twitch and twist. Then it all stopped. The screens went blank. A nurse that was putting his IV in ran up and checked him.

"He isn't breathing!" The woman screamed into a comlink. Immediately people came running into action. No matter how many times he tried, he was nonresponsive. Echo watched in terror. She watched for 15 minutes. They would take silver disks and put them on his chest about every minute or so. Once or twice his eyes would pop open and then screens would come back alive, but then he slipped back into nothingness.

"We need to go into extreme measures." The female said. Echo gasped.

What is that supposed to mean? Echo thought worriedly.

"Excuse me miss, but you need to leave now," A man said.

"WHAT? You've got to be kidding me! This is my best friend! I'm not leaving him!" Echo said.

"Miss, you must leave now...your friend's life could depend on it."

Echo took a deep breath and headed back out the door. Everybody was staring at her, especially Ash.

Ash looked at her with wondering eyes.

"I...I don't know what's happening...", she said with tears in her eyes and ran up to Ash and hugged her tightly.

"I don't know if I can stand to lose him," she whispered into Ash's ear. "First Nya, now him. I don't

think I can take it," she said shaking.

"He's not dead yet," Ash said. "All we can do is hope."

Echo looked at her and smiled.

"Do you know how much that means to me?" she said.

"I already read your thoughts...I know it means a lot...that's why I said it," Ash said with a smile on her face. "Come on," Ash said grabbing Echo's shoulders. "Let's take you to your room."

56 - Sister Fight....Xiang...

Ash led her to her room. More like dragged her. Sakura and Kiro followed.

" Ok, what happened?" Ash asked as she sat Echo down on her bed.

Echo didn't say anything.

" Uh, guys. I don't mean to sound rude but I..." Ash started to say to Kiro and Sakura.

" Of course, I'm sorry." Kiro said with his correllian smile. Ash looked at him with fondness.

Ash has a boyfriend, Ash has a boyfriend! Echo thought to herself.

As soon as Sakura and Kiro left Ash glared at her.

" I do NOT like him!" Ash said, obviously reading her thoughts.

" Well, if you weren't always reading my thoughts!" Echo replied.

" I just need to know your ok." Ash said politely.

" Just get out of my head and out of my life!" Echo screamed.

" What is wrong with you? We have been doing that forever!" Ash said, confused.

" I know I'm sorry, It's just I let him die." Echo says, quieting down.

" He isn't dead. Why don't you just tell me what happened." Ash said nicely.

Echo nodded.

She told the story. Ash was crying by the end.

" You didn't kill him! He offered himself! Yorra wouldn't let you chose yourself!" Ash said.

" I let him go through the torture!" Echo yelled, then calmed herself down.

I do crazy things when I'm mad. Calm down Echo, let the force flow through you.

" What could you have done? You saved him!" Ash said.

" Saved him? He is in the middle of a coma! He is fighting for his life!" Echo screamed, and ran out and slammed the door shut. Before the door shut, she saw Ash's face. It was full of worry.

She walked into her special meditating area. It was in the North Garden, there was a large waterfall, she would meditate under it, while the peaceful water would sooth her. She walked in and started to meditate.

Broze is going to be OK. I can't let my friendship take over me, I can't let my anger take over as Aero did. I'm so worried though, what if he doesn't make it? I can't let someone else die, because of me.

" If your friend is as strong as he seems he will make it." An unfamiliar voice says.

Echo turns and opens her eyes. She sees a man with long black hair in a lose pony-tail, and a decently buff. Cute, very cute. The man looks at her as if she is rare gem.

" Thank you, If I may ask, who are you? I have not seen you around the temple." Echo says.

" I'm Xiang, Servant of the Republic. You?" Xiang asks.

" I'm Echo Chi, Jedi Knight." Echo says standing up.

" You are a Jedi Knight as well? You look a little young." Xiang says.

" I took advanced classes. I'm only a few years young. What about you?" Echo asks.

" I took some advanced classes. Would you like to take a walk?" Xiang asks.

Echo nods and smiles. " Sure," She says and they begin walk around the garden.

" I believe, I know your friend. Would his name happen to be Broze?" Xiang asks.

" Yes, that is him. Do you know him?" Echo asks.

Xiang laughs. " Yes, I remember Broze, he was a funny one. We were childhood friends, then I was a year or two younger than him so I became a padawan before he did and we couldn't keep in touch."

Echo smiles, that was Broze, the funny one.

This is exactly what I need. I need to vent.

" I let him die." Echo said.

" I heard your story, it was one of courage, bravery and intelligence. If you didn't help him at all, you would be surrounding his grave at this very moment." Xiang says.

" That is true. I'm just concerned." Echo said quietly.

Xiang put his hand on her shoulder and nodded. " He will be alright, I can feel it."

Echo tried to go down deep and she could feel it too. Broze would be alright. Echo beamed.

" Thank you so much!" Echo said joyfully.

" That's my job!" Xiang said, Echo giggled.

" I thought you are a servant of the Republic." Echo said.

" Are you a part of the Republic?" Xiang asked, as his eyebrow raised.

" I guess..." Echo said, unsure.

" I'm serving to you needs, so I Xiang am a servant of the Republic!" Xiang said with pride. Echo laughed.

57 - What? A battle? In Genosis?

I'm in love! Wait, I can't be in love...DARN! Echo thought. Then she noticed something.

" Look! There are a bunch of starfighters flying out the main exit!" Echo said, pointing.

" We better go in the Temple and see what's going on!" Xiang said, Echo followed him inside.

They ran in, and found people running through the hallways.

This must be serious!

Soon, they ran into Master Luminara Unduli.

" What is going on?" Echo asked her.

" Obi-wan Kenobi, Anakin Skywalker and Senator Amidala have been captured on Genosis. There is apparently a large army of droids, we are trying to get all Jedi that we can. You both need to grab a starfighter, and head out to Geonosis." Luminara said quickly then ran off.

" We better go!" Echo said.

Xiang looked at her in wonder, she just shrugged and ran to the Hangar Bay. They almost tripped over a bunch of younglings that were running in the mess as well, because they wanted some fun too. Even though they weren't allowed to go. There were probably a few to stay with the younglings.

When they got inside, Echo saw Ash running with her boyfriend, and looked at Echo.

"Who's your new friend?" Ash asked as she ran up to her.

"This is Xiang," Echo introduced him as they got closer. Ash looked at her in surprise than admiration.

"Do you have any idea what's going on here?" Ash asked.

"Master Kenobi, Skywalker, and Senator Amidala have been taken captive by the separatists. We're going to rescue them," Xiang said.

"We need this many Jedi to rescue 3 people?" Kiro said.

"Apparently the council believes there will be more than we expect when we get there," Echo said.

"Well then, we better get going," Ash said and turned around to go back to her starfighter. Kiro followed.

Echo and Xiang jumped in a starfighter. Echo took the front. She took off, and they flew out of the Hangar Bay.

" Do you even know where Genosis is?" Xiang asked.

" Surprisingly, no." Echo said realizing she had never even heard of Geonosis.

" What are we going to do?" Xiang asked.

" I'll get on the main line and ask." Echo said, hitting some buttons. " Greetings, this is Echo Chi. Where is Genosis?" Echo asked.

" Echo, I'm sending you all the data you need." Mace Windu said over the speaker.

As soon as he said that, the data popped up. The directions, climate, everything.

" How far is it, pilot? I don't have all day!" Xiang asked, being stupid. Echo chuckled.

" Its way out in the outer rim, but I can make some modifications real quick to make it a bit faster and smoother." Echo said pressing some buttons and soon, the starfighter was in top condition.

Echo followed the directions, but she really didn't need too. She could have just followed everybody else. After a bit, they were ready for hyperspace.

" Help me, get ready for hyperspace." Echo said.

" Got it." Xiang said. After they were ready, Echo counted down, then they reached hyperspace.

" So, what are your interests?" Xiang asked.

" I like to build droids and lightsabers, lightsaber battling and piloting!" Echo said.

Xiang nodded. " I like to build droids and make inventions, I also like to get into people's minds and I can

sense what they are thinking, I'm very talented with the living force. Very talented with nature!" Xiang said. Echo nodded.

" That's really cool too, we have a lot in common." Echo said, Xiang smiled a very cute smile. Echo blushed.

This guy is awesome! Echo thought.

" I am awesome, aren't I?" Xiang asked.

" You are really good at reading my thoughts!" Echo said amazed.

She heard a beep. Somebody was logging on the main channel.

"Get ready to come out of Hyperspace," Mace Windu's voice came on over the comm speaker.

" It's about time..." Echo mumbled.

Echo pulled back on the throttle of her starfighter and watched the familiar scene of starlines turning back into stars. She watched as Kiro and Ash and hundreds of other Jedi starfighters came out of hyperspace all around her. Echo and Xiang were the only double starfighter!

58 - Finding their way around

As they got closer to the system, the Anti-orbital cannons began to fire at them. Mace was right when he said to be prepared. Echo watched as people around her burst into flames as their ships got engulfed in cannon lasers. 4 beams right after another came at Echo and Xiang, Echo spun and dipped to block the beams.

" That was sweet!" Xiang said. Echo grinned.

She focused back on the mission and continued to pour laser onto the GATs and Hailfire droids on the surface of the planet as they entered the atmosphere. Soon enough, Echo saw all but one of the cannons explode. Good job! Echo thought.

There was only one cannon left, and that was inside a crashed republic cruiser. By now, there were no droids in sight. The Jedi had taken care of them all. This was going by very fast. Ash took her starfighter up higher to where other Jedi were, waiting for the last cannon to be destroyed. Within minutes, Mace Windu's voice came over the comm. channel.

"Jedi Strike team, prepare to land in a captured Confederate outpost near the arena."

Echo knew she was a part of the strike team, along with Kiro, Echo, Xiang, and many other Jedi. Echo smiled and dipped down to the planet's surface. Echo landed perfectly, while others were having trouble. Echo and Xiang were told to go to the RTT convoys.

After a few minutes, Ash and Kiro came over.

"You're a little too slow for me," Echo said.

Kiro gave Xiang a dirty look. Xiang turned his head as if he didn't notice.

That's weird. I will have to ask him what's up! Echo thought.

The doors of the RTT closed and they were on their way. It was dark inside; the only light was a dull red one.

Mace and Luminara were leading the way to the arena catacombs in tanks, taking care of the droids that dare stand in their way. Ash heard multiple explosions outside. One was so close to their transport that she actually was startled.

"You aren't scared are you?" Kiro said smiling.

"Me? Scared? You must have me confused with my sister," Ash said. This made Echo frown.

" Forget it Echo, she was just kidding." Xiang said quietly.

The doors of the RTT opened and everybody rushed out. They worked their way to the perimeter of the arena, taking out numerous droids. Then they silently made their way inside.

It was dark and musty. Echo grabbed Xiang's hand to make sure she wouldn't get lost. Echo heard talking, she ignored it. She just followed the schematics. She soon felt they were getting closer. She then saw a battle droid behind the next turn. Echo smiled. When she got close she forced the droid into the wall and it blew up. She tried to sense for more droids. There were no more.

" What else can you do?" Xiang asked.

" Patience, you will see." Echo said with a grin.

They kept walking down the twisty hall way, and she felt Obi-wan and Anakin's presence getting stronger. Echo had deep respect for master Kenobi. They were good friends.

Echo soon saw light and they walked into the large dusty arena. Echo heard droids behind them. What a waste of perfectly good droids! Echo thought angrily.

" You ready?" Echo asked.

" Me? This Xiang you are talking to!" Xiang said, Echo laughed.

She didn't see her sister. Ash was probably with her boyfriend.
" Let's go have some fun then!" Echo said happily.

59 - Wounds and Love!

With that, the droids attacked, lightsabers sprang into action, and the battle of Geonosis had begun. Echo ran and leaped in the air, her lightsaber pointed down and when she landed she stabbed one droid through the head and crushed one.

Xiang smiled and jumped up in a twirl and came down spinning and cut a row of droids around him! Echo nodded and got focused. She felt the coolness of her lightsaber. She felt the power of the force through all of her friends and screamed and ran to a bunch of droids. She went high and low and to the side in a flurry of attacks, five droids went down.

Echo sliced a droid in half while kicking another into a near-by wall. Echo then forced two droids together. Xiang spun his lightsaber cutting down a few droids.

This wasn't too hard, it was just tiring. The droids just kept coming. Echo ran to Xiang and she leaned against his back, and they were fighting back to back. Echo through her lightsaber in the air and spun to catch it and when she caught in and landed, she had killed 6 droids in the process.

Xiang screamed. " Echo!"

Then a bullet came flying out of nowhere. Echo bent back at the last second. Xiang sighed.

Xiang jumped in the air, he forced two droids against the wall and kicking two all at once.

Nice move. I have to use that! Echo thought. She ran, then did a barrel roll and as she was rolling, cut about 10 droids. She got up.

Ouch! Not good for the back! Echo thought. Xiang smiled, sensing her thoughts. He jumped to her, and helped her out. Echo looked over and saw Obi-wan stabbing a beast through his back. Anakin and Padme' were riding on a beast.

I knew they would be ok! I'm not so sure about us, though! Echo thought as she looked around and saw many jedi on the ground!

Echo got ready. She ran at full speed crushing down as many droids as possible on her way. She attack low and high. She would spin and swirl. Forcing some droids she missed.

Soon, Xiang ran up. He forced one droid into a wall then kicked another. Echo felt somebody running up to her. It was Hiro. Echo smiled. Hiro performed falling leaf. Echo was impressed.

" I thought you were still wounded!" Echo said, amazed.

" Hey! It's me!" Hiro said pride fully and sprang into action.

" How could I forget??" Echo said, playing along.

" I don't know, it looks like someone needs help over there! See-ya!" Hiro said and ran off.

At that moment about 50 droids surrounded her and Xiang. She sprang into action. Cutting down the droids. Echo then got off balance, after all the droids began to come at her. She tried to spin, but to many droids. Echo leaped up and while she was in the air, a droid shot at her. It missed but it messed up her landing and she landed wobbly. The droids came at her all at once.

One shot her in the arm, the other in the leg. She fell down hard on her head. Xiang screamed. She started to fall, but someone caught her, Xiang. He lifted her up into his arms. He signaled a jedi to come over. It was a jedi Echo didn't recognize, they blocked all of the incoming shots as they ran to safety, which was the large killers, as Echo called them. The objects Obi-wan and the others were hung on. The man blocking them was shot down, so Xiang had to jump and dodge while carrying Echo. It looked hard. He finally got there. Echo could hardly move, she stung, from her wounds. Xiang put her down behind the large killers.

" Go." Echo said quietly. He shook his head.

" I'm not leaving you." Xiang said and put his hand on her face, gently.

He loves me! He loves me! I love him!

" I love you." Echo said.

" I love you too." Xiang replied.

I'm in love! Wait! I can't be! We can't do this! Echo thought.

Xiang nodded, sensing her thoughts. " Your right. We can worry about that later, are you ok?" Xiang asked full of concern.

" I won't die." Echo said, trying to smile.

" Please don't!" Xiang said.

" I won't! Now go!" Echo said sternly.

" What if someone comes over here?" Xiang asked, looking over her wounds.

" Oh, shut up and go!" Echo said. Xiang just stared at her, then nodded and ran.

Echo felt something, Kiro had been wounded, and more importantly, Ash had been horribly wounded.

She screamed out.

Please, please be ok Ash. Just be ok. Echo thought, worriedly.

60 - L-O-V-E

Xiang came running up soon, with some more wounds. They weren't horrible though.

" We need to go, over there by Ash, and...Kiro." Xiang said, pausing before saying Kiro.

Echo nodded as he lifted her and ran while Count Dooku was talking.

They got to them soon.

" Whats up with you too, anyway?" Echo asked quietly.

" Long story." Xiang said, as if not wanting to talk, Echo didn't care.

" I have time, don't think I can't figure it out." Echo said, Xiang laughed and nodded.

" I suppose you could. Long story short, is that his master took me as a padawan and ditched him. I wasn't going to say anything about it, of course. But, he became mad and wounded me very badly. Then I began to see why his master left him, he is pure evil. I didn't not like him, I felt bad." Xiang said and put his head down.

" Well, you didn't do anything." Echo said smiling.

" I just feel weird, and mean that I took his master," Xiang said. Echo put her hand in his.

" No need to worry, I'll make everything better." Echo said smiling.

" No point. We are rivalries!" Xiang said shaking his head.

" That's exactly what needs some fixing." Echo said.

"Look!" Ash said. Everyone looked up. Coming towards them were several LAAT gunships coming to their rescue. She could feel Yoda on there.

Then lightsabers hummed back to life and blasters began to fire, again. Echo watched fellow Jedi fall. Echo looked over to Kali. Kali leaped in the air, flipping and dodging all blaster bolts coming her way. coming at her. It was amazing.

The LAAT gunships landed around the surviving Jedi and they were all helped onto the ships. Ash and Kiro stood close to Echo and Xiang. Xiang picked Echo up in his arms and carried her aboard the ship. Ash and Kiro followed.

The ship lifted off and they were carried away from the hectic and dangerous battle arena.

"We need to get a ship back to Coruscant!" Kiro said talking to the clone trooper in charge. Echo learned that the republic used clones now, Echo wasn't sure what to think, she had to see them in action for sure, the view she had wasn't good enough.

"I'm sorry sir, that cannot be permitted," the commander replied. "The battle in space has prevented any ship from taking off without getting damaged."

"Do you not see these people?" Xiang spoke up, pointing to Ash and Echo. "They need medical attention!"

Always thinking of others! I so love him! Echo said.

"I'm sorry sir; you will have to take them to the infirmary aboard one of our ships. There is nothing we can do to get you off the planet at this time," the commander replied.

Ash and Echo were sitting on the bottom of the LAAT watching the fight their friends were having with the clone trooper. Around them were about another half a dozen clone troopers.

"Guys, it's not a problem," Ash said. "We aren't dying, and we're not that badly injured, but you need to get that shoulder checked out as well."

Kiro smiled at her and came over and helped her up.

So cute, except I don't like Kiro. Echo thought. Better keep it to myself, though.

"Can you up drop us off at the infirmary then?" Kiro asked.

"Not a problem sir," the commander said and told the pilot that they needed to make a slight change of events. The ship turned hard to the right and Ash clung to Kiro's arm to stay standing up. Xiang had went over and sat by Echo.

I think someone's in love, Ash taunted.

I may be in love, but so are you, Echo replied, smiling at her.

That's just what you think, Ash said.

That's what I know! Echo said.

Ash chuckled.

Does this mean we aren't mad at each other anymore? Ash asked.

Us? Mad at each other? How could that ever happen? Echo said.

Ash just smiled back at her. Their twin bond had been restored. She felt whole again. A part that was missing of her had returned.

The LAAT landed in a hangar bay of the Medical ship and they were dropped off. The ship left and they were on their own. Echo clung to Xiang's shoulder while Ash did the same to Kiro. They took them to the Medical station where it was packed with wounded people. Ash, Echo, and Kiro had to wait a while, considering their wounds weren't as bad as some of the ones they saw coming in.

I can stand...sort of. Echo thought, Xiang must of sensed her feelings and helped her some.

Echo stood and let some of the more injured people sit in the chairs. She couldn't really heal anything, so she just stood in pain.

"Are you, ok?" Xiang asked,

"Yeah, it's weird. I feel so alive when I'm with you." Echo said, smiling.

"Well, I'm glad I don't make you feel like you are going to die." Xiang said, Echo giggled.

"You should be. What's going to happen when we get into the temple?" Echo asked.

"What do you mean?" Xiang asked, not sure of what she had in mind.

"Well, it's kind of obvious...about...us." Echo said uneasily, looking down.

He put his hand on her face, and she smiled.

"What could happen? Are they going to kick their best Jedi out of the order?" Xiang asked. Echo laughed.

"Who, Ash and you?" Echo asked.

"Yeah, that's totally what I meant." Xiang said, sarcastically.

"Figured. What are you good at, besides lightsaber battling?" Echo asked.

"I'm good with alter environment, which means, I can cause force whirlwinds, which is fogging everything around me, I can change the temperature dramatically with my mind, create floods. Make large storms, all for good of course. Also, plant Surge, which means I can control plants." Xiang said, Echo's mouth dropped. She couldn't do that kind of stuff well, at all. "That's amazing!"

"Thank you, anything else I should know about you?"

"Well, I just have mechanical adeptness and have major experience and piloting as you already know." Echo said shrugging.

"That is really amazing." Xiang said.

They waited for hours for medical attention. Echo hoped she wasn't getting an infection or anything.

After waiting for so long, and still not getting any attention, Kiro and Xiang went up and just ask for some bacta salve and some bacta patches. With that, Xiang and Kiro helped Ash and Echo out of the crowded medical center and into a more not-so-packed part of the medical ship.

That ended up being a challenge.

The battle outside was not going well. Both sides had lost a lot of troops. Echo heard that Obi-wan and Anakin got in a battle and due to Anakin's stupidity, but then bravery, Yoda had to come in save them right before they were to be destroyed by Count Dooku.

The battle had slowed down and they had been told that it was safe to leave the planet now. Echo didn't really want to leave, neither did Xiang.

61 - Die in one Week

They took a ground vehicle back to where their starfighters were and they were dropped off, Echo and Xiang included. Echo sat on top of her starfighter while Xiang bandaged all of her wounds.

"Man, Echo! Do you try to kill yourself?" Xiang asked observing her wounds. Her legs began to numb.

"No! I'm just a bit on the clumsy side!" Echo said. Xiang laughed.

"I noticed." Xiang said, finishing putting on the bandages.

"You are beautiful!" Xiang said, with a smile.

"Thank you, but don't be like that around the council, or any jedi really except like Ash or whoever."

Echo said sternly, he nodded. "You are very handsome yourself."

"Thank you." He said, fixing his hair.

"Well, what are we going to do?" Echo asked.

"Patience, as you would say, in a few years we can think more about it." Xiang replied.

"Good idea, we are too young anyway." Echo said, laughing.

"Which kind of stinks..." Xiang mumbled.

Echo laughed, and couldn't hold in any longer, she was in love.

Then suddenly she felt something weird, the pain was unbearable, and she fell down. The last thing she saw was Xiang looking desperate and worried and Ash running over. Unconsciousness.

Echo's eyes were starting to roll back in her head.

She began to say things without even knowing it.

"Yuppp...everything is A-okay Admiral Acne," Echo mumbled, putting extra effort into saying the 'Admiral' and 'Acne' part.

"Hey! Watch...your mouth!" Echo slurred. She then went back into total black. She awoke with Ash crying and weeping. She had to say something to cheer her up.

"Stop it you cry baby," Echo mumbled quietly.

Ash looked up and stood next to Echo's bed. Echo tried to sit up.

"What are you crying about?" Echo asked.

Ash lifted her hand and showed her sister. Echo's eyes widened.

I thought I was bad.

"How did that happen?" Echo asked, amazed and worried.

"I have no idea. I checked you for infections, we took you back to Temple, took you in here, and somehow I never noticed that my hands were bleeding uncontrollably." Ash said, shaking her head.

Echo sat up and touched the back of her head. Her hand came back with blood on it.

"What happened to me?" Echo asked.

"Concussion...a pretty bad one," Ash said. Then Ash's eyes began to brighten, and Echo got it too.

"Echo let me see the back of your legs...where you got shot," Ash said. Echo knew what she was about to see.

Echo turned her legs over and both Ash and Echo were shocked. Echo was bleeding through her bacta patches too.

Ok, I am bad. I wish Xiang was here! Echo thought.

"Looks like whatever's happening to me is happening to you too," Ash said. She showed Echo her legs too.

"This will be a great time for sisterly bonding," Echo said jokingly. Ash couldn't laugh.

Then the droid doctor came back in.

“The 2 young men have updated me on your situation,” he said. “I regret to inform you that I have no possible remedy for your illness.”

Echo's heart stopped.

I just found, true love, and now I'm going to...die. Echo thought, worriedly.

“WHAT?” Ash screamed.

“I'm sorry to inform you that you only have a week to live. Your disease is one of a blood-sucking fungus. It will slowly drive you insane and eventually kill you.”

Echo felt her sister's heart stop as well.

62 - Stupid Droids and fungus

Apparently they only had one week to live. Ash pointed her hand at the droid and used the Force blow his head off.

"Stupid droid," she said, her voice mixed with both anger and depression.

" Ash, you know anger won't help!" Echo said sternly.

" When did you become Miss Perfect?" Ash shot back, angrily.

" Xiang has...softened me." Echo said nicely.

" How cute, get back to reality, we are going to die, then there will be no, Xiang!" Ash yelled, angrily.

" You think I don't know! How it tears me inside! Would you calm down! You survived through that...stuff, no doubt you will do it again! Your Ash Chi!" Echo said, trying to make her feel better.

" Your right! What about you?" Ash asked, staring at her.

At that moment, Xiang and Kiro busted in.

" Are you guys ok?" Xiang asked, staring exactly at Echo. Echo blushed.

" Uh, well..." Ash started to say.

" We...uh...how do I say this? Echo asked.

"We're going insane and we're gonna die in a week," Ash blurted. "You also can't touch us or you're going to die too."Ash put in for her.

The boys mouth's dropped, and you could see in their eyes, that they were filled with terror and worry.

Xiang began to tremble, tears flashed down Kiro's face. They were miserable.

Echo and Ash stared at them in helplessness. They didn't know what to say.

" Guys, its fine." Ash said, speaking up. " There are other girls." Echo laughed.

Kiro did not. He turned red.

" You think, I can just replace you, like that?" He yelled at Ash.

Xiang turned red as well.

" Echo you know well that I love you and there is nobody else for me!"

" Xiang! Not at the Temple!" Echo said quietly.

" I don't care anymore! I don't care if they find out!" Xiang yelled out.

" Don't say things like that! Everything is going to be fine!" Echo said.

Xiang and Kiro softened, and Ash did as well.

Then she felt something come up on her again, she screamed, Ash reached out for her, but then it hit her too, Xiang and Kiro cried. Then, then...black.

Echo awoke in a small room, it was an observation room. It was all windows. She felt dizzy. She could feel the blood from her cuts sticking to her legs, she tried to forget about it. She rubbed her eyes and looked around, she had trouble sitting up. She saw Kiro and Ash talking. Echo ran to the wall and put both hands on it. When Xiang came he put his hands on hers. She almost thought she was really touching him. She wanted to hear his voice.

" I'm so sorry, Echo." He said slowly. Echo was so happy he was there.

" It's ok...really. I know you are trying." Echo replied, seriously.

" Apparently I'm not trying hard enough." Xiang said, frowning.

People need to cheer up! If I'm going to die, why make my last days miserable and sad?

"Hey! Chin up mister!" Echo said jokingly. Then her face got serious and she looked straight at Xiang.

"Don't worry...I will not die...I waited for you!"

Did I just say that? I think I did. Well, I meant it and its true.

Ash's mouth dropped, at her words.

"Hey guys...can you turn off the comm. channel. I want a little alone time with my sister," Ash said.

"You'll never be alone as long as I'm alive," Kiro said. "But I guess we can give you some privacy for a little bit," he said, giving her another crooked smile. He walked away with Xiang and went back to talking to the medical droids. When the comm channel clicked off, she looked over to Echo.

"What are we going to do?" she asked.

"Wait...we must have patience," Echo said. It was something Ash had expected her to say.

"Echo...listen to me VERY CLOSELY! We don't have time to wait! We're dying a little bit each second!"

Ash almost yelled at her. She hated waiting.

"If we aren't patient then we will make bad decisions. One mistake could cost us our lives...we have to take the time to think everything out," Echo said. She spoke calmly. Ash wished she had Echo's patience, but she didn't and never would.

"You're right...we have to come up with something before our minds turn to mush," Ash replied.

"Don't think I'm trying to avoid you....but I'm going to try mediating. It really helps me concentrate. Maybe I'll be able to come up with something then," Echo said.

"No problem," Ash replied. "I'll just sit here all by myself and do nothing."

Echo smiled. She went back to her bed and began to meditate.

Ok, we need to get this stuff out, but how? We can't drain our blood, we need that stuff. They have already took some out to examine, but they don't know how to cure it. Well, what kills fungus? Fungus killer. Ha, ha. What is the fungus killer though? It could be..Wait what is wrong with Ash? Ow, something hurts. I can't feel anything.

Echo opened her eyes, she couldn't feel anything, or maybe Ash was hurt, and Echo was feeling her sisters feelings.

A few minutes later, the medical droid said they had two days left. Ash got mad. Echo just sat in silence.

Ash blew up the droid. She needs to stop doing that.

Kiro started to talk to her softly, but Ash was not happy anymore. She screamed at him. Echo closed her eyes, and tried to avoid it, then it got louder, and her and Xiang were both staring at her and tried to calm her then Kiro got everything under control by saying one small thing.

Ash...I will find a cure...I can feel it in the Force. You're not meant to die this way. The Force is guiding me. You won't die on my watch," he said.

Ash calmed, they mouthed I love you, and Echo smiled to Xiang.

Echo and Xiang looked at each other, and smiled. Echo was taken into another room, like the one before, a little different though. There were more nurses. The design and set up was a tad different too. It wasn't all windows though, just had a lot though.

They talked for a little bit about nothing really.

" Well, I have to go." Xiang said.

" Why?" Echo asked, but he had already left and shut the door.

Grrrr! Why must everybody do that? It was a simple question! Echo thought angrily.

No, I can't have any anger. That usually doesn't go well for me.

Echo just sat for a while, thinking.

63 - A quick relationship, A hard one

Then she felt something, a small shock, then it got more and more painful. She started to scream at the top of her lungs, droid nurses came in.

" Whats wrong?" They all asked.

" Get away!" Echo screamed, and busted them in all to bits.

It hurt so bad, that she almost wanted to die. She screamed and screamed, begging for someone to kill her, but nobody was around to hear. Finally, she went into unconsciousness.

She awoke with Kiro and Xiang hovering over her.

" What happened to you?" Kiro asked.

" What in the crap did you do to Ash?" Echo asked.

" Uh, how did you know?" Kiro asked.

" What do you think? They are sisters you idiot She felt it!" Xiang said.

" Oh," Kiro said.

" We need to get the stuff out of you, by using electric judgment, and Xiang will use the force to keep you alive during the process." Xiang said, bluntly.

Confused, Echo thought for a minute, then got it.

" No, I went through it once. I'm not doing it again!" Echo said, angrily.

" You will die, if you don't." Kiro said.

" Ash is stronger than me! I could still die." Echo yelled.

" Not true." Xiang said quietly.

" What?" Echo asked.

" That's not true! You are the strongest person I know! Stronger than me! I wouldn't do this if I thought you would die! I would think you would know that by now! Can't you see? I love you, Echo!" Xiang yelled. Tears dripped off Echo's face. Kiro's mouth dropped, Echo had never heard something so...well, touching.

" I...I...Alright." Echo said, then smiled. Xiang smiled back, the cutest smile Echo had ever seen.

Echo blushed. Kiro pulled out his hands shakily, while Xiang looked in horror.

In seconds, orange electric bolts came flying out of his hands, at first the pain was ok, then it became unbearable. She screamed, and screamed for somebody just to get this over with, she tried to get them to stop. Echo screamed for them to kill her, finish her, she was going to die anyway, they wouldn't, soon she went into unconsciousness.

She awoke seeing Xiang hovering over her, again. She smiled.

" Thank the force you are alive." Xiang said, almost in tears.

" Literally, without you I would be sitting dust!" Echo said, smiling.

" I'm really glad you're ok. I don't know I could do without you." He calmly replied.

" About...us..." Echo began to say.

" What about us? Do you like someone else? Kiro?" Xiang asked, getting worried.

Echo laughed, at her dating Broze or Kiro. " Oh, no. It's just, I can't be with you any longer."

" What? I cannot show it at the Temple if you want." Xiang said pleading.

" No. My allegiance, is to the Jedi order, to the Republic, to the galaxy! Not to you!" Echo said, being serious.

" But-" Xiang began to say.

Echo interrupted. " Unless the Jedi order falls apart, which it never will, we can't EVER be together."

Echo said and put her head down. " I'm sorry, we can only be friends."

Tears poured down his face, his shoulders slumped and the sparkle in his eyes were gone, he walked out of the room, not saying a word.

64 - Feelings and Emotions

As Ash walked in, tears flooded down Echo's face for two reasons, she had to break her relationship with Xiang and the most important reason, she broke his heart.

"What's wrong?" Ash asked as she slowly walked up to her bed.

"Xiang...I think I just broke his heart," she said.

"He'll fix it...although he did say how you said some pretty harsh words," Ash replied and hugged her sister.

"Good to see you alive and not crazy," she said.

"You too sis," Echo said. "It's hard enough worrying about you all the time. I don't think I could worry about Xiang all the time too."

"Don't worry...I won't be getting into anymore trouble for a long time," Ash said.

Echo laughed.

"I'll believe that when I see it!" Echo said, laughing.

Ash laughed too.

"Just shut up." Ash said, smiling.

Echo tried to laugh but she couldn't. There was only one thing going through her mind right now- I broke his heart.

From thinking I had fallen in love to, breaking his heart? What kind of person am I? In my time of need, desperate need, he came to me with an open heart. He just saved my life, and I dropped him like a rock. I'm evil. Echo thought, sadly.

65 - Again??

Echo hadn't been able to talk to anyone for weeks, she had completely shut herself out, because of what she had done. How she had treated him, how he tried to talk, but how Echo wouldn't let him. Ash knocked a few times, but never busted in, when Echo never answered. Xiang did it too. She closed her mind to everybody and wouldn't let them in.

It's not that she was mad. No. It was just, all the emotions and thoughts were taking over her, she couldn't stand or bear to talk to anyone.

She decided she needed to get away, maybe she would ask to go on a mission, where she could just clear her thoughts. Not really a mission, just like a break. The masters would probably understand. She wouldn't have anyone else go with her, especially not Xiang, she didn't ever want to see him again, not after what she had done. Something happened to Ash, something well, good. Echo couldn't figure out what it was though. Echo closed Ash's thoughts to her but Echo could still sense her. Echo had completely closed herself but Ash had not, she had learned how to feel others, but make herself invisible. Difficult, but worth it.

Echo opened her eyes. She was done meditating for now. She jumped in the refresher and put on some clean clothes and braided her hair. She opened the door, and walked out into the cool, fresh hallways. Echo hadn't walked out of her room in long time. It felt good.

Was I overreacting? Maybe I was a little harsh, what I said needed to be done. I'm fine. Everything is ok. Echo thought, then smiled.

She opened herself back up. Echo felt everything she had been holding in, fly out of inside her. It was a joyful experience, one of the best things she had ever felt. She felt clean, and happy. It felt like getting rain after a drought. It felt good.

I'm back.

She touched her lightsaber, it was cold, unused. Echo was going to fix that.

Echo ran outside to the east garden. She grabbed her comlink.

"Hiro?" Echo asked into her comlink.

"Echo?? Your back, from whatever was the problem, thing!" Hiro responded, happily. Echo laughed. She needed a good laugh.

"Yes, that we can discuss later, want to battle?" Echo asked.

"Anything for you! I have been needing a good battle!" Hiro practically yelled.

"I'll be here at the East Garden!" Echo said, and shut the comlink off.

The weather was perfect, 75 degrees. There was a small breeze to cool her off. The flowers were in perfect bloom. Each flower was a different color, it was like a small rainbow. Her yellow lightsaber looked good with everything. It blended. Echo tried to blend as well. Her blue skin and soft black hair went well with the sky, her small colorful tattoo's that she had since she was born looked good with the colors of the plants.

Hiro then skipped out to Echo, smiling. Looking happy and refreshed. Today, was a good day.

She turned on her lightsaber, Hiro turned on hers. The lightsaber hummed to life, as did Echo. The battle had begun.

Echo leaped into the air, twirling. She landed spinning, and Hiro had to fight hard to block all of Echo's blows. She had to jump and dodge some of them. Hiro then did a flurry of attacks, one of the hardest Echo had ever had to dodge, but Echo had amazing defense and blocked them all, with some trouble. Sweat dripped off her face. Echo smiled and slashed at Hiro, Hiro blocked the attack, and soon they

were in a hold, Echo pushed back, and back. Hiro was bent over when she kicked Echo in the gut, Echo went flying back. She grunted, then ran back towards Hiro, flying. Echo twirled and spun her lightsaber at incredible speeds, Echo tripped Hiro and Hiro went stumbling back.

" Ok, break!" Hiro said, breathing heavily.

" I agree!" Echo said smiling.

They sat down right by the fountain, occasionally, water would spray on them. It cooled them off.

" I could sit here forever." Hiro said, looking at the Felucian pitcher plants. Echo had no idea how they got them to survive here, but they sure were pretty.

" You and me, Hiro!" Echo said, grinning at her friend.

" Yeah, I could do this for a few days, then I would need some action!" Hiro said, laughing.

" Yeah, I think I might be ready for some small action, but perhaps without anybody getting or injured, or killed!" Echo said, getting sprayed by the fountain.

" Well keep dreaming pal, when that happens I'll be nice to Sakura!" Hiro said, Echo laughed.

" What is with you two, anyway?" Echo asked. Hiro sighed.

" She thinks she is so much better than me, because she became a padawan before I did! She was the hot shot of the Temple, besides you two. I was good, but quiet." Hiro said, shrugging.

" That's how Ash was, but we got over it. We are sisters and BFF's now!" Echo said. " That's the past, you need to make up. Just be nice." Echo said.

Hiro laughed. " For some reason I'm not liking this plan." Echo laughed.

" Well, since I'm having so much fun, I'll let you hold off for a bit!" Echo said, they both laughed.

Kiro walked into the garden, with Xiang. Echo stood up immediately, and started to run.

66 - More Trouble...

" No, Echo! Please!" Xiang pleaded. Echo stopped and turned to look at him. He looked cute. He looked sorry. He opened his arms.

Echo ran into his open arms and cried.

" I'm so sorry, I didn't mean to hurt you!" Echo said. He stroked through her hair.

" It's okay. It needed to be said." Xiang said and smiled at Echo. She walked out of his arms and smiled back.

" So, we are friends?" Echo asked. Xiang nodded. Echo hugged him, again.

Hiro and Kiro stood back smiling. Echo let go, and nodded.

" Do you want to go work on fixing your ship, I like to fix things!" Xiang said.

" Sure! Kiro, Hiro, want to come?" Echo asked.

" Nah, we have other stuff to do." Hiro said, looking at Kiro. Kiro looked startled then nodded.

" Yeah, I have to do this...stuff." Kiro said, and they walked away.

" I wonder if they heard just friends part!" Xiang said. Echo laughed, they walked to the ship.

" Hey Xiang, can you go and make sure the hyperdrive is in place? It seemed unstable earlier." Echo said, adjusting the laser cannons.

" Yeah, sure. I thought so too." Xian replied. " We have a lot in common."

" That is for sure." Echo said, she tightened the last screw and the laser cannons were ready for use.

Xiang walked over to Echo. " The hyperdrive is stable, but I think the deflector shields are malfunctioning." He said.

" What? I just checked them a few days ago. Come on." Echo said, then they walked to the front of the ship. Echo looked at the settings, and sure enough, the shields weren't connected properly.

Echo walked to the control room. She checked them, and the red wire, was where the yellow wire was supposed to be. Easy fix. She plugged it in the right one, and she got shocked, she fell back. She heard Xiang yelp. Then she felt something bad about to happen.

" Xiang! Get out of here! Now!" Echo yelled at him. Echo was tried to get up, then couldn't then...black.

She awoke in a dark room. Echo looked over to Xiang, he was pale, with scars and bruises all over him. Tears filled her eyes, not able to hold it any longer, she broke into a sob.

" Who did this?" Echo mumbled.

A man with a long cloak, and hood to where you can't see his face walked up.

" I did. He may die, he may not." The man said.

" You hutt slime! You can kiss my wookiee if you think you can kill him! You nerf-herder!" Echo yelled at him.

" I think I can kill him, very easily." The man said.

Echo had heard enough. I don't think so.

She gathered as much strength as possible, and using the force pushed him against the wall, and after he hit, chunks of the wall fell out. They all tumbled over him. He groaned. Using the force he moved them off of him.

" Doing that, may get him killed faster." The man said.

" He is more powerful than you could ever imagine." Echo said, meaning it. I do love him, how could I ever say I didn't? Echo thought.

" You are said to be the powerful one, to have more power you can come with me, and we can conquer the galaxy!" The man said, his voice booming.

" Never," Echo said, with a smirk.

" You either come with me or he dies." The man said, grinning.

Echo's heart fell, crashed, and broke. Oh, no. Please! Don't put me through something like this, again. I don't think I could live without him, I don't even have to love him, I just.. just...need him. Echo thought.

" Please! No, why? Why me?" Echo asked.

" You are powerful." The man said shrugging. " Now pick."

Echo looked over to Xiang, and nodded.

" I'll...I'll...do whatever you say." Echo said, then put her head down, and cried.

" Good, now time to kill the man." The hooded figure said.

" What in the blazes are you talking about?" Echo asked, her mouth dropping.

The man pulled down the switch, and Xiang's eyes popped open, he grunted and grasped for breath, he acted like he was being punched. He screamed and groaned.

" What are you doing?" Echo screamed at the evil man.

The man didn't answer, he just laughed.

Echo busted her cell open, the man looked at her in surprise.

" You said I was powerful." Echo said shrugging. She saw her lightsaber on a near-by stand. The man let go of the switch and put his hand out to force it to him, Echo did as well, he kept pulling, hard. Echo knew he might win, she smiled. She let go, and hit him in the head and he grunted and fell back.

Echo forced the lightsaber to her. The man got back up. He pulled out a crimson lightsaber and Echo pulled out her yellow.

Echo went low, slashing at the legs, the man deflected them with no problems. Echo got angry and jumped at him. She would twirl and spin, but he would block them all.

Ok, that's weird. Who is this guy? One of Aero's guys? An apprentice maybe? The one who turned him? Or some dark jedi wanting revenge? Echo thought, while dodging the stab, it was really easy to block.

Good defense, bad offense.

Echo was tripped him, he fell to the ground and soon Echo had her lightsaber to his neck. He then pulled out a needle and jabbed it through her limb in one quick stroke she yelped then everything went blurry, and she started to fall to the ground.

67 - Can't move...

" Echo!" Xiang pleaded, then Echo fell, hard. She tried to move, but she couldn't.

" I could kill you, but Aero needs you. The man though..." The man trailed off.

" No! Aero wants to kill him too, childhood revenge." Echo said, making it up as she went along. Xiang looked confused, then nodded.

" Uh, yeah. I always beat his butt in the Temple. He always got so embarrassed. He hated me." Xiang said. Echo just looked around, unable to move.

" Ok, whatever." The hooded figure said and walked out.

As soon as the man walked out Echo felt something.

Echo, let the man take you, we will meet up. Aero has me and Kiro. Ash said coming into her again.

Got it. Echo said back to her.

Xiang looked at Echo in sad eyes.

" Will you be ok?" Xiang asked.

" I...don't know." Echo said, she didn't really feel pain, she just couldn't move. She felt numb, she couldn't stand it.

" You don't know? What? You always know!" Xiang yelled.

" I can't tell, I just feel numb, I think it just paralyzed but who knows what it could do." Echo said.

" I wish I could get out of here, and come check what it's doing." Xiang said.

" Well, then get your butt over here." Echo said. Xiang looked surprised, then just blew up the lock. and walked out. He ran over to Echo. He looked over her.

" That looks bad, if we don't get that out soon, you could be paralyzed for the rest of your life." Xiang said. " It is also putting some sort of poison in you, it could kill you in hours."

Echo smiled. " I will not die, I waited for you." Echo said weakly, something more than being paralyzed was happening.

Tears came to his eyes. " Echo, you could die in a matter of hours, why are you concerned about me?"

" Because...you saved me." Echo said. Xiang cried. He just nodded.

" We have to get out of here." Xiang said, looking around.

" No, he is going to take us to Aero, and Ash and Kiro will be there. Then we can all get out of there." Echo said.

" I don't know, you need medical attention, fast. Who knows what he could do before we get there?" Xiang said, unsure.

" Get some confidence. What does your instinct tell you? Jedi always trust their instinct." Echo said.

" It tells me to do whatever you say, because you risked your life for me." Xiang said.

" You have some amazing instincts..." Echo said.

The hooded man came in. " What are you two doing? Well, I guess it doesn't matter, My master and I will destroy you soon enough." The man said shrugging.

" What did you do to her?" Xiang yelled at him.

" I did nothing, just paralyzed her and put in a killing disease. You and her sister will have to mourn her death if you don't follow my master's desires. That though, we will discuss later." The hooded man said.

" What is your name anyway?" Echo asked. " It doesn't matter anymore."

" I guess you right, I am Juro the Great!" Juro said, raising his hands as he spoke.

" Master like padawan." Echo thought, thinking back on what Aero used to call himself.

" Padawan? Is that what you think of me? I'm soon to be sith lord!" He boomed.

" If that will help you sleep at night, then sure. Whatever you say." Echo said. Xiang couldn't help but chuckle. Juro raised his hand and blue shock came out of his hand, pouring on Echo. She screamed out.

Xiang yelled. " Stop! We're done!"

The man pulled his hands back. " Keep acting like that and she will be dead in an hour." Juro said. Echo and Xiang gasped.

Juro smiled and kicked Echo in the face, and since Echo was paralyzed she was unable to move then, black, unconsciousness. The last thing she heard was a booming evil laugh over a small cry of terror and sorrow.

68 - One kills another??

While she was in unconsciousness she felt something's, like Ash's presence. She sort of Aero and Ash talking. She couldn't open her eyes but she could sort of hear and feel. Wait, Aero? Not good. Echo thought. Then a startling pain raced up her spine. She screamed, she heard other screaming as well. She looked around and immediately saw Ash and Aero talking. They kept talking for a few minutes, Echo wasn't able to hear what they were saying. Then, suddenly, Ash was dropped and Echo heard a roar, a roar of a rancor. Echo gasped for her sister. She wanted to help her, but there was no need for Echo to even try, she was useless at her state right now.

Echo wished she could see her sister right now, what if something happened to her? Echo would die if something happened to her. What are you thinking, Echo? Echo thought to herself. They defeated a rancor before! They were 12 and had no lightsabers, and Aero threw her a lightsaber. Then again, they were together. Now Ash is all by herself. She will be fine, I'm overreacting. Echo realized that Ash would be fine, and had a deep breath. Echo heard a whimper and a rumble, the animal is dead. Ash came back up, Echo sighed with relief.

Ash and Aero kept talking so Echo just fell asleep. She awoke to their talking, again. The first thing she heard terrified her.

"One of your friends will die in the next 5 minutes," Aero paused and Ash's heart dropped.

Please don't make me pick, Ash thought, and Echo sensed.

"And you get to decide who," Aero finished.

"Don't make me choose....please," Ash begged. "I will do anything but that."

"It's too late. You've already said that you were under my control. You have five minutes to decide, or I will kill them all."

As Aero started to turn off the holocomm, Ash pleaded, "PLEASE!! PICK ME!! KILL ME!!" Echo heard, it was so loud.

Echo felt her sisters thoughts, they were about her not being able to kill anybody. She would rather kill herself. Echo would not allow that. She had a plan. Echo might die, but she couldn't watch anybody else die.

"It hasn't been 5 minutes yet!" Ash screamed in tears.

She is so loud! I have a headache!

"Oh I know, I just forgot to tell you something. You will be the one personally killing them."

Ash screamed at him and screamed. It was time tell her the plan.

Pick me, she said.

What? How do you-

I have a plan. Pick me. Pretend to kill me by pretending to use shatterpoint on my head. I can stop my heart rate and breathing to make it seem like I'm dead. Then you won't have to worry about this.

Are you sure this will work? Ash said.

No...but it's our only chance. Besides, if it doesn't work it won't matter because they've already injected me with a deadly poison. Maybe this will wipe the poison from my system, Echo said and withdrew from her mind, not leaving Ash much time to respond.

Don't forget to act like you have no idea what is going on, Ash said as quickly as she could.

Ash started to sob. Echo blocked her out, she needed to think how she could do this. Echo thought deeply about how to slow her heart rate, she thought and thought then finally it slowed. Echo practiced a few dying tricks, this was going to be easy. So easy she could kill herself. Ok, no time for jokes, Echo.

She said to herself. Echo then opened her mind again to listen as Aero walked into Ash's quarters which, Echo could see from a view, she mostly had to rely on her hearing.

"Your decision?" he asked.

Ash, in tears replied, "Echo."

"That was an unexpected surprise. I would have never expected that you would pick your own sister, your own flesh and blood." Aero said.

Oh, shut up you idiot. Echo thought.

"Ya...can we just get on with it?" Ash said, crying softly.

"Of course," Aero said. "Juro will be there any minute to escort you to your sister's room."

69 - Echo is...dead??

Echo began to think, she knew exactly how she was going to do this. She just needed to act like she was really going to die, it wouldn't be hard since she could anyway. Ash walked in.

"I'm...so...sorry," Ash began, crying.

"Sorry about wh-what?" Echo stuttered,

"You'll see." Ash said, Echo acted shocked.

Aero, standing on the other side of Echo's cot. Aero looked at Ash.

"Now is the time," he said and handed her a lightsaber. Ash pushed it aside.

"No...I wouldn't dare. My sister, my rules."

"You're not doing what I think you're doing?" Xiang mumbled from the screen.

Echo almost wanted to weep right then and there, she couldn't stand for Xiang to be watching this.

"What in bl-blazes is going on!?" Echo said weakly.

"Just stop talking and relax. It will make this easier for both of us."

Aero glared at her.

"What are you going to use then?" he asked confused.

Ash took in a deep breath.

"I can use shatterpoint," she said, trying to avoid using the word 'will'. "It will literally make her brain explode inside her head."

"ASH! DON'T!! Kiro yelled, Echo smiled. Kiro knew that his girlfriend was wrong.

Echo gasped. She tried to act as surprised as she could.

"WHAT? You're going to KILL me?!"

"I had no other choice!" Ash yelled back.

Echo began to cry harder, she might actually die.

"Go ahead Ash. Make me proud."

"Don't ever say that," Ash mumbled. She could feel the hatred in her own voice.

"Ash, don't!! You don't have to do this!" Echo screamed.

Ash started too choked on her own words. "I'm...sorry. I love you sister."

"Wait! I just need to say something." Echo said, Ash looked surprised then nodded.

Echo just looked up. "Xiang, I love you! It doesn't matter how many times I tell you I don't, I do and I always will! If I die I wanted you to know that! I'm just glad she chose me over you! I don't know what I could do without you!" Echo yelled, Xiang began to scream and cry.

Echo nodded, as if to accept her fate. Ash nodded.

Ash started to slowly move her hands towards Echo's head. Echo was mumbling 'no' the whole time. She was balling. Ash was too.

I hope I don't die.

Ash jerked her hand around. Echo smiled and began to play her role. She let out a blood-curdling scream. She began to shake. She tried to break out of the restraints and screamed and cried and yelled for help. Echo tried to reach out for her sister, as if somebody was going to save her. Echo smiled to herself, then dropped to the ground, tried to say something, then stopped. Echo tried to do something she had been trying to work on for years, she rolled her eyes to the back of her head. Xiang and Kiro were screaming. Xiang was weeping, Kiro was crying a bit too.

Echo slowed down her heart rate and only heard a few things.

"You killed her!!" Xiang screamed. "You killed your own sister!!"

"No, you don't get it-" Ash started to say but Xiang cut her off.

"NO! You killed Echo!" Xiang screamed. He was crying. "You and you only...I'll...I'll never forgive you. She loved me! I loved her! She gave me peace!" He screamed. "I...I...loved her." He finished softly.

"No...no...you don't understand!! I-I-" Ash stuttered and looked over to Kiro.

He was just shaking his head with a shocked look on his face.

"Don't try to explain anything," he said. "It's pretty clear what you just did. You've changed...you've turned dark."

"Just shut up!!!" she yelled at Kiro. She couldn't hold it in any longer. She was tired of hearing it...hopefully he would understand later.

Then, Ash lifted Echo then blackness took her over as her heart rate slowed.

70 - Padawan??

Echo regained consciousness, and tried to get up, but she couldn't. She tried again and winced. Instead of having pain in a few spots, it almost curdled her. If she embraced it, the pain would take over and she would go into unconsciousness again. She just accepted the pain and tried to focus on something else. Echo looked around, she was in this large room. Her vision was blurred, she blinked a few times and she could see clearly the room was full of, skeletons!

" Ewww!" Echo squealed and jumped back.

Calm down, I sound like Kali. They are just...dead. I just need to get out of here and save Xiang, Kiro, and Ash. Echo thought, and tried to regain her cool.

She heard to men outside yelling.

" She has a pulse!" One man said.

" What should we do?" The other man asked. " Tell Aero?"

" No, let's just kill her. She is a girl. She has nothing on us." The first man said, and the doors busted open. They quickly loaded their guns but they were too late.

Echo force grabbed their weapons and slammed them against the wall and they crushed to pieces. She grabbed a man, using the force and choked him and through him against the wall.

Echo turned to the next man. " I don't have anything on you." She said smirking.

His mouth dropped. Echo charged at him. She punched him in the face, twirled around and kicked him in the stomach. He grasped for the air as he flew back.

While both men were laying there, unconscious Echo checked if they were dead, they weren't. Good, I don't want any more people in this dreaded place. Echo thought looking around the room.

She looked at the men and smiled. " Just a girl." Echo said out loud. Then she winced again. Just a girl, with major medical needs!

Echo opened her heart to try and see if she could feel anyone. She felt Ash as usual, but Echo could feel this was not the time to get her, Aero was with her. Echo was too weak to battle him. She felt Xiang. She tried to let the force guide her. She went straight down the hallway. Then she saw a dark small hallway, branching off the first one. Echo knew that was the way the force was guiding her. She peeked inside and saw nothing, nor felt anything much, so she walked down. It had many curves. Finally, she saw light. She ran towards it. Echo stopped, knowing there would be somebody there.

Echo looked and sure enough, there were to guards standing at the end. Echo put her hands out and when she walked out, with her open arms she smacked the men in the face then elbowed them in the gut.

The both fell down, immediately. Echo smiled and kept walking.

She sensed somebody was coming. She barrel rolled to a wall and made her body flat against the wall.

Risky, but she didn't have much of a choice and if they saw her she would have to knock them out.

A woman walked past, but she was too busy putting a pin in her to even look Echo's way. Kali's twin.

The woman typed in a secret code and a door opened. Echo memorized the code. 789456123. Oh, very original Aero. Idiot. Echo thought. The woman walked in, swiftly. Echo looked and ran up to the pad.

789456123. Echo put in, quickly. The door slid open and Echo saw the woman stare at her in shock. Oh crap. Then something metal shot at the woman's head and she dropped to the floor. Echo looked over and saw Xiang and Kiro smiling, widely.

" We were wondering when you would be coming." Xiang said. Kiro nodded.

" Well, I am here. Let's go." Echo said, and the boys got out of some medical cots. Xiang had some

major bruises and so did Kiro, but they acted ok so Echo said nothing.

Echo started to turn around and walk out.

" What about Neon?" Kiro asked. Echo became confused.

" Neon?" Echo asked, not understanding.

71 - Liking the Padawan...

" Ash didn't tell you? That is her padawan! Aero captured him and that is why Ash is here." Kiro said, shocked.

" I'm going to whoop her butt the next time I see her, now though, we have to get the padawan." Echo said walking out the door. Kiro and Xiang quickly got up. Echo looked through a glass door in the next room.

" Uhh, Kiro. What does this padawan look like?" Echo asked.

" He is sort of short with sandy blonde hair." Kiro replied looking confused. " Why?" Echo saw something she did not want to see.

" Well, he looks like he is being executed." Echo said, hardly able to watch.

" Let's go!" Xiang said running. He busted the door open. He pulled his lightsaber and cut the executor in half. Echo gasped.

" How do you have your lightsaber?" Echo asked in shock.

" Whoever this Aero is, he isn't very smart." Xiang said.

" I wish that were true." Echo mumbled under her breath.

" Neon, are you ok?" Kiro asked him.

" Yeah, It's good to see you, master." Neon said, looking at Echo. Echo looked confused then laughed.

" Oh, no. I'm Echo. I'm her twin sister. We are going to save her, and apparently you too." Echo said, looking over his wounds. She began to feel for infections.

" Ow!" Neon yelped.

" Xiang, do you think you can help him enough to get us out of here?" Echo asked, ignoring Neon.

" Of course I can." Xiang said.

" Good. Kiro, I need you to see if you can find Ash through the force. While I make a plan." Echo said.

" Got it." Kiro said then sat down and Echo felt him open himself.

Echo began to think of a plan.

" Ooh! I found her!" Kiro yelled.

" Where?" Echo asked, getting excited.

" Oh, never mind. It was you." Kiro said.

Echo sighed. She opened herself. Her sister was close. Echo had everything ready.

" Ok, let's go. I found her." Echo said.

" Are you serious? How did you find her?" Kiro asked, amazed.

Echo smiled as she walked out the door. " We're sisters." She said with a backward glance.

Xiang, Neon and Kiro came running out, trying to keep up to Echo. Neon ran up to her.

" So you're the legendary Echo Chi?" The boy asked.

" I wouldn't say legendary, but yes, I'm Echo." Echo said, laughing.

" You are legendary! You became a padawan at 9! You and Ash, I mean my master were captured by Aurra Sing and lived!" Neon said, going over all their accomplishments.

Echo couldn't blush. " How do you know all this?" She asked.

" You and your sister asked the same thing. You really are alike. To answer your question, things go around." Neon answered shrugging.

" Were sisters!" Echo said, again.

I have to find her, something doesn't feel right. She needs to stay alive. For the love of the force, Ash. Stay alive. Echo thought, walking faster.

Then she felt someone gently touch her shoulder. " She will be ok, I promise." Xiang said. That's all Echo needed. The kid believes in her, why shouldn't I? Echo thought. Echo turned to her side and saw Xiang nodding.

Echo felt something strong. Ash. She ran around the corner and saw Aero and Ash standing there.

72 - Leaving...Ash.

He got out of his chair, brought his lightsaber back to his hand, and maneuvered himself behind Ash with his lightsaber held by her neck.

"MASTER!!" Neon yelled and started to run forward, but Echo grabbed him by the shoulder to stop him.

Echo didn't want him to get her.

"GO!!" Ash yelled. Aero pulled the lightsaber closer to her neck. Echo was not leaving her sister. Not ever.

"We're not leaving without you!!" Echo yelled. "There isn't a chance in the world."

"If you leave Ash now, I will allow you to leave unharmed!" Aero yelled. "But Ash stays!"

Echo was not leaving her sister. She began to speak but Ash would not let her.

"JUST GO!! Leave me!! My survival isn't more important than your lives!"

A tear came to Echo's eye. I can't leave her but we can't risk the padawan. Besides then we would all die. Yet, she is my sister. We have to go. I just don't know if I can.

"I will come back for you...I promise," Kiro yelled.

"Don't!" Ash yelled back. "My fate is sealed! Yours aren't, now go before I force you out!"

I love you sister, Echo said through their bond.

You too, Ash answered back.

Echo nudged Neon and they ran out with Xiang following.

Kiro stayed back a little longer. Echo could only imagine what they were talking about. I crack myself up.

They ran out and found a ship and surprisingly it was a YT-2400 light freighter.

Echo whistled.

"What?" Neon asked.

Xiang turned to him with a smile. "Here is a tip about Echo, if there is a ship and its nice, Echo is happy as can be." Echo laughed and nodded.

Neon nodded as if memorizing.

"Young one, there is not going to be a test on it. Your master isn't here." Echo said, laughing.

Kiro ran up. He looked at Echo laughing at became red.

"What is with you, Echo? Your sister could die any minute now because you left her! Now you are over here laughing! Ash could be going through extreme pain right now! I figured you would know that!" Kiro yelled at her.

Echo nodded it was true. She had already opened the hatch. In tears she ran in the ship.

She went in the back and heard Xiang yelling.

"You idiot! Don't you think this is hard for her? It is her sister! For the love of the force, did you think she was trying to get it off her mind? She was trying to make everybody happy! Don't you think that would make Ash happy? Think about somebody besides yourself."

Then she heard the door open and Neon walked in.

"Are you ok?" He asked.

Echo smiled. "Yeah, thanks." Echo said.

"Don't thank me, thank that guy." Neon said.

"Xiang." Echo said, correcting him.

"Yeah, he is nice."

"Yes he is." Echo said, smiling wider.

"Come on youngling, let's go pilot this ship!" Echo said, and the boy eagerly nodded and they walked up

to the cockpit.