

EPISODE I: A DISTURBANCE IN THE FORCE

Anakin is not raised by the Jedi council. After meeting Qui Gon and Obi Wan when he's a teenager, he wins his freedom in a race wager. However, once they arrive at Naboo, an all-out war rages in Naboo and even reaches Tatooine, resulting in the republic requiring the aid of sand people, who kill Anakin's mother. Anakin goes against the Jedi's philosophies and he destroys the sand people in response, breaking laws set by the Trade Federation and thus, the Galactic Senate. He escapes on a Naboo fighter to a desolate planet full of outlaws, becoming an off the radar refugee hunted by the republic and also by bounty hunters, with only his droid C3PO as his companion. Anakin, though troubled and aggressive, is shown to be a kind and helpful person. [Anakin may meet Kar here, who at first tells the kid to get lost when he talks about separatists.] Naboo falls and Padme, with one of her handmaids, goes into hiding too. She follows Qui Gon and Obi Wan, who temporarily and secretly secede from the republic in order to find Anakin and find a way back to the republic. The Republic seeks to 'rescue' Padme while the trade federation seeks to destroy her.

Jar Jar Binks (less annoying now), Qui Gon and Obi Wan venture in search of Anakin before the hunters and senate do. While the trade federation is declaring war on various planets, corruption within the senate has also led the republic to commit heinous crimes against the galaxy, and so the entire galaxy is patrolled by the illegal hand of both the trade federation and corruption within the senate.

Meanwhile, Anakin learns about the Separatists, and debates whether to join them or not. Obi Wan and the rest arrive on the planet Anakin is hiding in. The crew has formed a dynamic, not dry, relationship. When fighting the separatists, Padme discovers Anakin, who threatens to attack her. This leads to an uneasy tension and extreme disliking between Anakin and Padme. Anakin blames Padme and the entire republic for causing such a war that led to the death of his mother- he doesn't think planets should be controlled and oppressed without any freedom. Instead of killing her, however, he takes her into hiding with the Separatists.

Obi Wan, with Jar Jar defeating enemies through what appear to be 'mistakes', fight their way into the Separatist stronghold (actually a ship stolen from royalty), and Anakin, unwilling to be ordered and controlled by the Separatist 'masters' who force him to kill Padme, rebels against the Separatists and fights his way out. Meanwhile, Obi Wan catches up with Anakin, and the team manage to discover a secret plan that the separatists are hiding, generating even more mysteries as to their ultimate plan, and their relation to the republic.

During the final fight with Darth Maul, Qui Gon is killed, and Obi Wan slices Darth Maul in half. Anakin destroys the stronghold with his Naboo fighter and a squadron of republic fighters with Naboo soldier refugees, who are unaware of Anakin's identity during the scrimmage [Now Kar, who hears of this fight and decides to take up Anakin's money offer, may reappear and fight alongside Anakin in the dogfight]. Officials of the republic arrive and order the immediate death of Anakin, sensing his powerful abilities and predicting he will become an unstoppable Sith, given his troubled nature (Palpatine, as he is not elected supreme chancellor yet, cannot stop this; or perhaps he engineered this so Anakin would be driven to garner even more hate against the republic). However, Obi Wan, to honor Qui Gon, disobeys the republic's orders. By doing so, Obi Wan, Jar Jar, Anakin, Padme and her handmaiden Sabe [and Kar if he's introduced] are forced to be hunted down by the Republic and the Jedi Council. Jar Jar is key to their escape.

MINI SERIES BETWEEN EPISODE I AND II: A REFUGE FOR THE FORCE

EPISODE II: TREACHERY OF THE REPUBLIC

3 years pass, and Anakin is now around the age of 18. Obi Wan has trained Anakin for several years, and the team is venturing around the galaxy attempting to uncover the plan behind the separatists and republic. They venture into a hidden facility, where they discover clones being produced. Clones are said to walk among the current population, leading people to believe their loved ones are still alive, even though it is just a clone. Memories may be transferred to clones- however, the greatest danger is that clones are easily controlled using a chip. Rumors are that Jedi are being cloned, and besides a clone army (whoever is producing these clones), many other types of clones have the potential to exist, depending on whichever power gets their hands on the industry. More clues lead to them realizing they need to infiltrate the republic, as they suspect it is being controlled by a traitor from within.

A love triangle has formed between Anakin, Padme and Sabe. Padme is fierce and stubborn. Sabe is less fierce than Padme, and is often submissive to her queen, apologizing to her even though she didn't do anything wrong. Padme is responsible and is determined to rescue Naboo from the trade federation, who is allied with the separatists.

[After a battle, the team's ship is destroyed, and they have to land on a nearby planet to find a new one. Echoing the entrance of Han Solo, a young smuggler in his 20s named Kar is hired, his face hidden behind a mask. He appears as a rugged, malnourished criminal, with several tattoos and scars. Kar befriends Anakin and enters the love triangle, with Kar and Anakin both bonding over their annoyance with Padme, and infatuation with Sabe. Throughout the series, there is a mystery as to whether Kar will help or harm Anakin, as there is sufficient evidence he can do either. The story up to this point is illustrated in more detail in the Refuge for the Force mini series, which ends up to here. Some of Kar's adventures with the crew also take place in flashbacks during the Clone Wars mini series. These adventures last a year. (Another option is there is no time skip; before/after Kar, who has been with them for a while, appears, there is a flashback over a crackling fire of this battle and hiring incident that actually takes place in the past. Or, Kar is introduced in episode I).]

The crew investigates a hidden base within the republic. There, they encounter Jango Fett, a bounty hunter who has been sent to assassinate Padme. Jango has tracked Padme for a while and seeks to quickly assassinate her before they discover Palpatine's plans in the hidden base, but he is too late, so separatist troops intervene as Palpatine's republic troops are having trouble. A figure with hints of Darth Maul returns and quickly clashes blades with both Obi Wan and Anakin. With the troops unaware that the two sides are controlled by the same leader, they spot one another and an all-out battle (actually cunningly planned by Palpatine too to accelerate the Clone War declaration) between the separatists and the republic ensues, and the crew has to decide who to aid in order to survive. Sabe goes with the republic, fearing the Republic she used to serve. Since he is separated from the rest of the group, and wanting to protect Sabe, Anakin goes with Sabe to the republic as a prisoner. Padme and Kar find their way with the separatists; for some reason, Kar is able to convince the separatists that they are allies, much to Padme's confusion. She begins to wonder who Kar really is. Before being captured, Kar gives Padme a mask, and tells the separatists that, 'like the species he is', they both cannot take off the mask, else they would die and release a blinding energy that kills all around them. Therefore, the separatists do not know they have captured Padme, and for some reason, they place a high trust in Kar.

While the two sides are torn apart, the Senate declares the start of the Clone Wars. They seek to execute Anakin, but Palpatine, now Supreme Chancellor, intervenes, exclaiming that it is wrong to kill a teenager who is so connected with the force. The Jedi Council meet with Anakin, and Anakin blames the republic for many atrocities and illegal alliances throughout the galaxy, which several councilmen

claim are necessary means to an end, while Palpatine agrees with Anakin about how terrible those activities are. Anakin does not give in immediately, but Palpatine saves Anakin by keeping him alive as a prisoner. While talking with Palpatine, he shows hints that he wants to overthrow the republic, and he tells his plans to Sabe, who is unsure what to think. Anakin also shares her uncertainty, and is tremendously conflicted.

On the separatist's side, Padme and Kar meet a teenage boy, Boba Fett, son of Jango Fett. Boba recognizes Kar, and Kar is revealed to have come from 'a separatist family'. Eventually, Kar reveals to Padme that he is the 'brother', by cloning, of Boba, but both refuse to acknowledge each other as family. Kar, with mixed feelings about the separatist movements, runs away in order to get away from a life where he is seen as merely a clone and not his own person. Each time, except the time they were captured because else they would die, he changes his mask to 'battle mode', so the separatists won't recognize his iconic mask. Gradually, Padme and Kar become sympathizers to the separatist cause. Both the republic and separatists are orchestrating large clone armies- neither side has knowledge as to what extent they will go to, and like a cold war, and building bigger and more threatening types of armies to ensure the other side does not win.

More of Darth Maul's back story is revealed. Darth Maul remains a mostly silent antagonist, and he and Jango, a hired mercenary, lead the separatist movement, secretly orchestrated by Sidious. The new Darth Maul is actually a clone- cloning is revealed to be a way to live forever, as the mind can be transferred onto the new body, which is regrown very quickly with the new mind as a seed.

Despite being away from one another, the relationships of Anakin, Padme, Kar and Sabe are all developed, such as through flashbacks, memories, epiphanies and new information of what the others are doing being passed around.

Obi Wan and Jar Jar are left deciding what to do. Obi Wan does not know where the crew is, but senses Anakin is with the Jedi, and in grave danger. Obi Wan decides to investigate a ruin that is said to have been an area where Darth Maul stopped by to learn the secrets of something, perhaps cloning. He learns of this because he hears the Jedi are also heading towards it, and believes he can find a way to Anakin through this intuition. They stumble upon this strange, ancient ruin, and slowly, all the hints of Jar Jar's deceiving actions unfurl. Obi Wan is ambushed with decisions about whether to attack the Jedi- who threaten to not only kill him but to cover up the secrets of the republic's atrocities- or to risk his own life to negotiate with them. Finally, Obi Wan reaches a location where he discovers a vision and voice of Qui Gon, who tells him that even though he disagrees with the republic, to maintain order in the force, he must regroup with the Jedi. Obi Wan does not know that this is a force ghost yet- Qui Gon has not mastered his new ghostly form, and thus Obi Wan only perceives him through a vision in the ruin.

While a group of Jedi search the ancient ruin, it is at this point that Jar Jar binks is revealed to have Sith powers, and attacks the Jedi. This ruin was a trap that Jar Jar set to have Jedi become weakened in the temple, an abandoned Sith ziggurat. He expected Obi Wan to lose a mental battle against the ruin's Sith apparitions, but he managed to be saved through a mysterious vision from Qui Gon Jinn. Jar Jar has been against the rule of the republic for decades. A powerful, highly marketable technology required using material extracted from the body of gungans, and the gungans did not have a choice in the matter, though they were persuaded by false priests that they had to sacrifice their bodies for gods, who were actually corrupt Jedi using mind tricks to control the religion. When it's known Jar Jar is force sensitive, the corrupt Jedi seek to turn Jar Jar into one of them, but Jar Jar refuses and slaughters them in secret. The atrocities against the gungans, who reproduce very quickly, continue, and Jar Jar hides

his identity. These atrocities are hinted at but not revealed in the first chapter, so they act as foreshadowing. Jar Jar planned for Anakin to be found and to be taken into the republic, but it is not revealed why he wants Anakin to be found.

Jar Jar kills all the Jedi task force he encounters, and a battle between Obi Wan and Jar Jar occurs, with Jar Jar mostly overwhelming Obi Wan until an entire battalion of Jedi and troops arrive. Jar Jar, realizing this is not the right time to be revealed, escapes while Obi Wan is captured. The Jedi who survive never meet Jar Jar and do not believe in Obi Wan's knowledge of the clone army and the many other pieces of knowledge he has learned in his journey.

The separatists conduct a surprise attack, using a droid army, on the republic; with no choice in the matter, Padme and Kar go along, hoping to reunite with the crew. Though Kar is sympathetic towards the separatists, he and Boba become enthralled in a heated argument and forget about the battle in order to focus on their own conflict; the two begin to fight. It is revealed that Kar's mask actually does emit a terrible energy upon being removed- leading to his death- but Boba has a way of shielding himself from it. This light is due to a defect imparted onto Kar during cloning. Kar is an actual clone and ages faster than Boba, and he has always viewed himself as being less of a real person than Boba was. The separatists knew about this terrifying effect due to effects from failed clone experiments, but in their ignorance, they believed the clones are 'different species'.

Anakin and Obi Wan, now prisoners, reunite when the prisons are attacked and released. Padme reunites with them, and during the battle, the republic manipulates Sabe to her death, with her 'willing' sacrifice leading to a nearly negligible gain in the battle. Enshrouded in anger, Anakin is nearly influenced to turn against the republic, but Obi Wan stops him when he reveals that Padme is being attacked by Jango Fett, who has learned of her true identity. Anakin duels and kills Jango, and Kar and Boba watch from afar. Realizing they faced a shared threat, the two stop their fighting with one another and resume battling the republic, with Kar having mixed feelings about what he should do. Kar was not that close with Jango, though he does share some bond with him; this is in stark contrast with Boba. The two are not fully aware which Jedi killed Jango- they only see the glow of the lightsaber strike him, and the rest of the battle was too far away and hazy to perceive.

At the height of the battle, there is a surprise: while the republic has been raising clones of soldiers, the separatists have been raising clones of force sensitive individuals. Obi Wan, Mace Windu, and Yoda separately duel Darth Maul and his enhancements. Suddenly, Jar Jar- Darth Gungan- intervenes. Darth Gungan cuts off Anakin's hand, so he is reduced to running away from Boba. Boba does not know Anakin's identity, and only follows the shadowy figure of the one who killed Jango. Eventually, an entire portal linking the separatist cloning base and republic cloning base is established, and a race to destroy each base commences. The force sensitive individuals, much to the horror of the Jedi, are dead inside, like zombies. Finally, the separatist force-sensitive base (which resembles a ritualistic dome) is fully destroyed, but the terror of these force sensitive individuals remains, as several of them escape. Obi Wan is key to destroying this base.

These clones are clones of Jnai, explained in the backstory document. There were several temples Jnai meditated at and her force possessed several of these, which meant Sidious was able to use multiple temples to produce clones. There were far less force-clones than clone troopers, due to Sidious's cautionary calculations after his first clone army nearly destroyed him. Some- not all the important parts- of Jnai's backstory is mentioned in Episode I and II. Jnai is identified, but her appearance is not. The audience may wonder if these force-clones are based on Jnai, but they can only speculate until episode III.

Darth Gungan fights through illusion and manipulation, attempting to get the others to lower their guard through seemingly drunken and carefree movements. His style is free and flowing, like a dance that alters between drunkenness and intense acrobatic styles. He does not look silly. He also speaks in a dark, shaman-like voice. He acts like the Joker.

Kar, Boba and Anakin find their way to a dark tower where neither one can see each other, and can only track each other using the Force or with skilled mercenary tracking techniques (by sound and other means). Boba is knocked out through his own aggression and carelessness, and Kar and Anakin recognize one another by their voices. They engage in a dialogue. Kar tells Anakin that the republic, despite being influenced by the Jedi, constrict freedom and are forcing many planets to do their bidding. He is also outraged by how the republic manipulated Sabe, whom he loved. Anakin is torn between his emotions and having faith in the words of his master, Obi Wan. Obi Wan tells him to have faith in the Jedi order to slowly turn the republic around- even though it is corrupt now, he has to believe that eventually, even if very slowly, the Jedi will cure it of its corruption and restore fair governance to the galaxy. Order is important to have alliance between many planets- if they are separate, chaos and war will ensure, so someone must control and oversee them, even if it restricts their freedom to do and explore what they want. They sacrifice individual selfish freedom for rational cooperation. Kar senses that Anakin is gritting his teeth, not fully believing in the words he's saying. By now, it's clear that Kar is a clone, one who was forced to have no free will, but he is now a free individual with the chances to make any choice he wants. Anakin chooses to stay with the republic, and there is a tense moment when it appears Kar will use a powerful weapon he holds (and often threatens with how dangerous it is) to kill several characters from the republic who have been well-developed with uncertain fates, and perhaps even Anakin. But Kar does not do this and lets Anakin escape. However Boba, meanwhile, is passed out, and is unaware that Kar let Anakin escape; Boba's concussion makes him even less aware of which Jedi killed Jango. Note that when he comes Darth Vader, Anakin can control clones, but even at his peak, clones with strong enough free will can only be slightly persuaded, not mind controlled through demented mind tricks.

Meanwhile, Darth Gungan tells Darth Maul and other separatist leaders of his chance encounter with Darth Sidious. Darth Gungan was only told by him that in order to gather revenge against the republic, he had to discover 'a powerful force sensitive individual' for the Sith. Slowly, Darth Maul learns that Darth Sidious does not care about individuals, but only for overall causes (namely, the cause revolving around himself), a sentiment both Sidious and Gungan share. While Darth Maul set out to train in order to obtain revenge for the Sith, he morphed to a more selfish individual who wanted eternal life and power for himself, not for any organization or belief. He was aware of the rule of two. With the organization calling for Darth Maul to commit a suicide mission, conflict is planted within him, and this is sensed by both Sidious and Gungan. Darth Maul and Darth Gungan briefly fight and Darth Maul escapes as an outcast, seeking to obtain the resources of cloning for himself to achieve eternal life.

After the battle, Obi Wan and Anakin are both forgiven and accepted into the Jedi Order, aided by persuasion from Palpatine. The council must debate whether- to match the power of the separatists, who are desperate for power against the strong republic- they should also breed force sensitive individuals. The Jedi strongly oppose this. Padme is returned as the Queen of Naboo; she wants to see her people do well and trusts the Jedi Order and Naboo's senator Palpatine, but is wary of the republic, and still holds hidden sympathies for Kar and the separatists. However, there is hope that peace may be restored by the Jedi Order, and that corruption within the republic will be removed.

MINI SERIES BETWEEN II AND III: THE CLONE WARS

EPISODE III: THE MALICE OF THE SITH

The clone wars are coming to an end. The film opens with Anakin and Obi Wan, now knights of the Jedi order, attacking Darth Maul. Maul has assembled a team of separatists dissidents, as the confederacy is quickly splitting up due to the death of several leaders, and is attacking republic-controlled regions. Anakin kills Darth Maul with Palpatine's encouragement.

An all out war of droids, clones, and remnants of jedi-clones (there are actually a decent amount of remnants) commences. These jedi-clones wield gray lightsabers unless they are to deceive others using physical manipulation technology, having allegiance with neither jedi nor sith, as they appear to have no conscious souls to choose their beliefs. The Jedi continue to oppose cloning jedi-clones, though the republic hints that they oppose this, and may already be doing so in secret.

Anakin and Padme, as established in the last film, have grown closer, which hinted them as having feelings towards one another, and secretly are in a relationship. Flashbacks of his mother's and Sabe's death continue to haunt Anakin, along with visions of Padme's death, and he seeks advice from Palpatine, who tells him of Darth Plagueis the Wise, and his secret to transferring consciousness for eternal life. Anakin wonders if this has been done already, and realizes that this may have been what happened to Darth Maul- only Anakin and Obi Wan were close enough to Maul to observe this, and the republic had no idea this is what happened. Anakin now seeks Maul to learn more about cloning, wondering if he is still alive.

Kar and Boba now have a mixed relationship, but in secret, both are struggling for control to replace Jango, who led the mercenaries and several powerful divisions of the separatist confederacy.

The Jedi are growing increasingly frustrated and angered with the republic. The tensions have boiled so much that several Jedi, even masters, are slowly succumbing to turning away from the Jedi philosophy and are seeking to work for their own self-interests, instead of for the common good and working together with other Jedi. Several of these Jedi have learned that someone is coming up with a plan to exterminate them; indeed, these rumors were planted by Palpatine to create fear and disorder within the Jedi.

The main flow of the story picks up when the republic orders an attack on a peaceful, yet rebellious, planet. Padme and several other leaders strongly oppose this action, as many Jedi have historically been known to come from this planet, and its citizens strongly embrace the Jedi philosophy. This planet does not belong to the separatists confederacy. Several Jedi masters become paranoid that this is the rumored 'order' (order 66), though it is not, and they refuse to use their powers to attack the weaponry on the planet- the strongest which can ONLY be defused through Jedi powers, and not by any other means. The republic claims they do nothing, but suddenly, an army of force-sensitive jedi-clones attack the planet, slaughtering the residents.

Some Jedi turn against the republic and are killed by these jedi-clones. Though the republic dares not publicly admit it- claiming these jedi-clones must be from some 'rogue organization' or even the confederacy who sought to destroy the planet because it was full of Jedi sympathizers- it is well known that the republic is corrupt and has been ordering the production of jedi-clones, secretly persuaded by Palpatine. Palpatine knows that the jedi-clones (force-clones) are strong temptations for many Jedi, who may turn towards the dark side in order to use them. Anakin is frustrated that Obi Wan is taking his time to carefully plan out how to peacefully change the republic; Anakin argues that this Jedi

rebellion may be the only way to stop the republic. Obi Wan, adhering to Jedi code, exclaims that Anakin is acting on his emotions, not thinking of the consequences of such impulsive actions.

Several Jedi hatch plans in secret to dispose of the Jedi-clone production, and to begin stronger measures to remove corruption from the republic, and discover who is the phantom menace orchestrating it all. When Anakin and Obi Wan begin a mission to these facilities, they discover it is located in ancient temples, with the power to bestow Force powers upon these clones, who are based on a powerful female Jedi turned Sith who lived long, long ago. Through a complicated journey, Anakin and Obi Wan learn that these force users are not mindless- rather, they are being controlled through a terribly strong Sith power, a bastardized version of the Jedi mind trick. Many of them debate whether they should side with the Jedi or the Sith; Anakin can relate to this, and he forms a bond with one of these clones, attempting to guide her to the Jedi side even though Anakin himself is unsure of what side he should be on. These clones can sense the Sith philosophy, but are unaware of the rule of two.

In the temple, Obi Wan and Anakin learn about the full history of Jnai, but what is missing is her story and epiphany about becoming a Gray Jedi. Also, throughout the story, subtle hints occur in which Anakin begins to wonder about where he comes from, with very small and weak hints that he may be a clone of Darth Plagueis. The only one besides Sidious who learns of Anakin's true identity (until Anakin discovers it much later as Darth Vader) is Mace Windu, who becomes aware that it is impertinent to stop Anakin before he unleashes his Sith identity. Mace Windu wanted to give Anakin a chance when he confronted Sidious- but when he saw Anakin conversing with Sidious, Mace Windu realized he was too late, and that Anakin was at the brink of turning towards the dark side. Yoda later deduces Anakin's identity too and tells Obi Wan. The audience is not aware what Mace Windu realizes at first; it is only through careful re-watching and analysis that they're supposed to piece together what he has realized.

Some of the clones befriend and trust Anakin and Obi Wan. Obi Wan has loyalty to the Jedi order, but he is at foremost loyal to the Jedi philosophy. He assumes that if the other Jedi council members saw the force sensitive clones had consciousness, they would not exterminate them, but would instead try to convert them to being Jedi. Instead of destroying them, the two Jedi lead them to defeat droid armies, with Obi Wan defeating General Greivous. Kar and Boba led these battles too, and battle Anakin and Obi Wan. During this battle, Anakin leaves behind his duties and encounters Darth Maul, who is seeking revenge against the separatists and has revealed to have cloned himself, transferring his memories through both technology and the powers of the Sith. Cloning works by setting a preset condition for the mind: once it dies, it is to be moved (using the Force) onto an already growing body, which only grows further from an embryo state when a mind is implanted into it. Anakin finally discovers that eternal life is possible. The Jedi also independently discover the powers of the Sith, and seek to clone themselves when they fear the rumored order 66. But since they cannot access the technology yet, dying Jedi immediately transfer their minds onto these force sensitive clones, instead of growing their new bodies using their old minds, and kill the existing host. It is revealed one of these clones, thought to be just a clone before, was actually a former Jedi master. These Jedi, without a master, turn to the Sith, a new order of Sith who all are against yet are loosely aligned (for temporary power in numbers) is born. Some are aware of Sidious; however, they are also aware of the rule of two, and thus deceive the other Sith in order to later kill them after the Jedi have been disposed of.

After informing Mace Windu and others of Palpatine's identity, further investigation is prompted. Anakin grows impatient that Obi Wan's promise that something will be done about the republic is not happening- Obi Wan wants to do is slowly so that things go safely, but Anakin cannot wait. Padme is injured by the republic when she fiercely speaks against them for their treatment of rebellious planets,

especially with how they treated the prisoners of war in the last battle, and is being riskily kept alive in a coma by advanced medical technology; additionally, she is also pregnant. The Jedi prevent Anakin from using cloning to save Padme- Anakin can't understand, believing the Jedi hold onto a dead religion rather than rationality, as he cannot sense drawbacks with eternal life. What the Jedi believe even one 'allowed' clone will set a precedent for more allowable clones, leading to the dilemma of immortality for the general public. Eventually, Anakin is persuaded by Darth Sidious into joining the Sith. Angered against the republic and the Jedi, Anakin accepts becoming Sidious's apprentice and turns to the dark side. He seeks to overthrow the Jedi so that he can save Padme. He tells his Jedi-clone friend of the powers of the dark side, persuading entire legions of clones into accepting the Sith. Many Jedi-clones were mistreated by actual Jedi and were killed by rogue Jedi, so this is not hard to do. Still, Anakin is instrumental for persuading the Jedi-clones, who can be controlled by mind tricks (unlike the troopers, force-clones cannot be affected by chips) but can still struggle to fight it, into full on accepting the Sith. Instead of giving the clones their freedom, which Anakin was adamant about before as he emphasized with them, he now forces them to do his bidding to achieve his own selfish goals.

Finally, the Jedi conclude that Palpatine is a Sith, and the Jedi confront him. However, Anakin turns on them and kills Mace Windu. Sidious and Darth Gungan commence Order 66 on both sides. All force-sensitive clones, in both the republic and separatist factions, turn against the Jedi and their sympathizers. Many Jedi trusted some of these clones, seeing they had life in them, and wanted to make them into real Jedi. However, the Jedi-clones let their paranoia and fear of the minority of discriminatory Jedi overwhelm them, and combined with Anakin's rhetoric and the Sith 'mind trick', most of them succumbed to killing all the Jedi. Still, some of the clones were able to turn against the mind trick and chose to save the Jedi, though this was rare. A war raged between Jedi and Sith; it was not so clean cut and simple, but the clones far outnumbered the Jedi, so it eventually boiled into a genocidal slaughter. The Jedi-clones and paranoid Jedi turned Sith (lured in by the promise of eternal life through Jedi-clones) are important for striking fear into the public about the Jedi; no one trusts the Jedi as benefactors anymore, believing their susceptibility towards becoming Sith. Politicians overwhelmingly vote to give all rights to Palpatine, unaware that he himself is a Sith, so they can further support Order 66, unaware that is what is causing all these clones to turn to the dark side. The clones themselves cannot be trusted- who knows who is a clone, or if a clone was a person in the past.

The new empire merges with the confederacy controlled by Darth Gungan. Kar cannot believe the separatist movement was all fake. He converses with Padme, and the two find solace in one another when they realize both of their sides were orchestrated by the same deceiver. Kar still holds onto his ideals, telling Padme that even though the world is full of liars, there still exist those who are true to their ideals. He remarks that he is not sure if Anakin is one of those people. Padme leaves, and Boba appears. Kar and Boba realize the entire confederacy was a lie and is now collapsing, and they duke it out. It ends with Kar seemingly dying.

An open world tournament and hunting ground begins in which the Sith not only fight the Jedi, but themselves. When Sith exterminated all the Jedi in a region, and sometimes even before they did, they deceived one another and killed each other. This was because they became aware of the Rule of Two: and so they all competed to become the only apprentice of Darth Sidious. Obi Wan fights to survive, while Anakin engages in mindless slaughter. The biggest Sith to Sith fight is between Darth Gungan and Anakin; Darth Gungan seeks power so that individuals can have freedom, but as the chapter progresses, he realizes the empire, which Sidious did not detail upon, will not give freedom to individuals either. Eventually he hunts down Darth Maul, sensing his clone has persisted. Maul has invaded Gungan's hidden facility of Jar Jar clones, a lair full of water. He converses with Darth Maul and nearly kills him, but suddenly finds understanding in Maul's philosophy and hesitates. With Order

66 running about and the Sith pitted against one another, he realizes the lack of control he now has, as he is not a leader running the show anymore but merely a starving animal competing to win over a master's approval.

At that moment, Anakin finds Gungan and duels him and his premature clones. Gungan gains the upper hand, but suddenly Kar appears in a ship. He hits the weak point of the ship that is carrying them, causing it to slowly self-destruct- as he planned to rescue Anakin and escape- and also destroying all clones Gungan had of himself. However, his plan fails when his own ship is destroyed by separatist fighters. Kar crash lands and Anakin, in a brief moment away from his bloodlust, protects him, but Gungan and the jedi-clones who have suddenly appeared overpower him. Gungan removes Kar's helmet and kills him, and Anakin is enraged, reverting back to his berserk state of slaughter. He kills Gungan. Gungan's last thoughts are that he served a master who did not practice true freedom and desire, which was what drove him to join the Sith to drive the Jedi out of controlling Gungans. Anakin, with the last friend who would have helped him gone, is driven even deeper into anger. As the ship collapses, he escapes in a fighter.

Though Darth Maul is lured in by bloodlust, he resists in the end, realizing he prefers a selfish existence that he can control himself instead of living for the Sith mantle and master. He sits out of the battle, secluding himself to faraway solar systems where he can conquer regions to establish his own power. In a way, Maul had a slight moment of resisting temptation and fear, and may have glimpsed the essence of being a Jedi, but ultimately chose not to follow it down any further.

Yoda duels with Sidious, but Yoda is forced to escape. Anakin finds the clone he befriended. She is sitting with a group of younglings, and though the clone wanted to kill them, she stops and stares down in a state of deadness and confusion. That jedi-clone realized the folly in her mistakes for killing all those people, and regrets what she has done. She asks Anakin if she made the right choice, but Anakin does not answer. She ponders about free will during his last moments, and about authentic people vs. clones, and what is truly authentic. Anakin kills that clone and all the younglings. Now all the Sith are close to decimated; it's implied that Anakin will track down all the last remaining ones and kill them, and also that they are fighting both the clone troops commanded by Anakin (now the jedi-clones feel betrayed) and anyone who fears their existence. He visits Padme, who is comatose, and knows she will be ashamed that he has turned to the dark side, so he hopes to not speak to her while he transfers her body to a clone, one who has been engineered to be more accepting of the dark side of the force. However, Padme wakes up from her coma and refuses her body to be transferred to this monstrosity, threatening to kill herself before it can happen. Padme accuses Anakin of lying as Siths are liars, which Anakin vehemently denies; his honesty has actually nearly always been intact despite his violent crimes. Anakin exclaims that the Sith may deceive, but they do not hide from what they truly desire and do not deny their wants- under them, you are not a clone being mind-controlled by the republic, but you are an individual. Anakin does not know about the true plan of the tyrannical empire yet. Fearing that she would commit suicide, Anakin uses the force to puppeteer her to not kill herself, ironically making her health even worse as she struggles to escape. Obi Wan intervenes and stops him; Padme is moved onto a medical ward on a ship. Obi Wan and Anakin duel, with Anakin losing and being engulfed in lava. Anakin accuses Obi Wan of being the true liar, the one who deceived Padme, because he did not seem to initiate any action to actually save the republic from corruption.

(There is a fight in the series in a setting which resembles the tall, golden pillars in several levels, namely the last level in chaos route, of SMT IV. Much of the setting takes place in these clean, grand and terrifying temples. Stylistically speaking, the red guards and Naboo fashions are close to what I

envision the setting to be like. Other settings resemble those of the original trilogy, such as Cloud City, Tatooine, and more).

Luke and Leia are born while Padme dies, and Darth Vader is told that he killed her. With nothing else to live for, Darth Vader gradually accepts the way of the Empire, losing faith in individual freedom and succumbing to power that stems from a shared movement or belief. Becoming part of an empire gives his life meaning, as even though he has individual power to do anything he wants, he has lost all individual desire. Balance to the Force meant a balance between individual selfishness and a shared cooperation; neither Jedi nor Sith were exercising both equally at the time of the Jedi's destruction. Obi Wan is told about force ghosts, and realizes that the vision he had was real- it was the voice of Qui Gon's afterlife form. Before his death, Qui Gon had discovered the philosophy of Jnai, and made peace as a Gray Force User, but leaning towards the Jedi. It was his way of dealing with the evil acts he had committed in life, as he had come to terms with his selfishness and selflessness. This new information reveals the Jedi also have a way of living forever, in a zen-like life away from mortal desires, but without a group coercion and extermination of the Sith. The film ends with a glimmer of hope as Luke is given to Owen Lars on Tatooine.

Errata: To make the clones seem more visually diverse, you can make them wear armor and tattoos because they have a desire to become individuals, not clones. Or you have the clones be produced from multiple force sensitive masters.