

Ep1: Hope of the Jedi

The movie begins scene in the middle of a pod racing race with announcers introducing Anakin and Obi speaking with Qui Gon about Anakin, and then after Anakin wins we see Shmi running up to congratulate Anakin as he won his freedom. It's bittersweet because soon, Anakin leaves with the Jedi, who do not allow personal attachments; Anakin is being taken away from his mother with the two Jedi knights. Qui Gon tells Shmi that Anakin is the 'Chosen One' and will go on to do great things.

The movie then shifts to show Anakin as a rebellious teenager. This movie loosely adapts some aspects of the clone wars movie but greatly retcons it so that the focus is on Anakin's journey to be a renowned hero. The timeline is retconned too, so the clone wars has just begun. The Council is wary of him and he is on journey to overcome his selfish desires and prove himself, while the chancellor supports him. The chancellor is obviously Palpatine to the audience, but he's likeable as a father figure instead of being outright shady like in the latter movies.

Count Dooku has sent his frightening apprentice Asajj Ventress to attack Naboo, infiltrating it by exploiting the hatred of the native minority Ra-tuuns, an underwater people like the Gungans, have for the Naboo and now the Gungans. Dooku plans to frame the slaughter of Ra-tuuns on the Naboo people. The Ra-tuun, who have an unsteady peace treaty with the rest of Naboo, are greatly divided between helping the Republic vs the Separatists, and only a strong diplomatic approach can sway them. Gungans are seen, but Jar Jar is not.

A young Ahsoka is introduced as a padawan whose master is a new character (a human female), and she and Anakin don't like each other at first. Anakin, a new Jedi Knight, doesn't fit the definition of a "hero" as he's reckless and proud, and also deceptive instead of being truthful. Ahsoka doesn't listen to anyone and operates on her own, but she is not whiny, resembling San from Princess Mononoke. Barriss is introduced as Ahsoka's close friend, and she greatly adheres to the Jedi way. Rex is also introduced as a prominent ally.

Anakin knows senator Padme but they have not grown mature enough to admit their love yet (this maturity develops during the movie and at the end of it they do).

Qui gon leaves clues behind on something but it's still a mystery, until revealed in ep3 it's about force ghosts.

Another new character is Hamoff Ta, a Jedi high council member. He and Mace distrust Anakin the most.

Obi Wan and Anakin are good friends, but Obi Wan has a hard time disciplining Anakin. Anakin disagrees with the Jedi's orders a lot and often exploits half-truths in their wording to disobey them. He doesn't cooperate with Obi Wan, and after seeing a Naboo mother taken as a slave and die from Ra-tuun, recklessly rushes in to attack the Ra-tuun alone, as the woman reminded him of his own mother. Ahsoka is the only one who is able to follow him. His dark side is tested as he approaches the Ra-tuun, who have run into a village with their families. Anakin reaches for his lightsaber but at the last moment refuses to ignite it, as he remembers Obi Wan's words that it's not the Jedi way. The Ra-tuun do not see him, as he is in the shadows. However, just then, a cloaked assassin kills the Ra-tuun villagers with a blue lightsaber. Anakin rushes in to stop the assassin, but the assassin disappears. He falls into Dooku's trap, as now the Ra-tuun wrongfully believe Anakin had killed the villagers.

Anakin, with Ahsoka, tries to escape from the vengeful Ra-tuun; only Ahsoka knows of Anakin's innocence. Barriss sees them and saves Ahsoka from an attack, and she joins them on the run. This event causes great tension between the Republic and the Ra-tuuns, and now the separatists have the upper hand as the Ra-tuuns have knowledge of Naboo and strategic positions that the separatists can use to attack the Republic. Asajj readies her troops in these areas.

As Anakin is on the run, he encounters things left behind by Qui Gon on Naboo. He learns from these, and hears a faint voice, but can't make out what it's saying, only knowing where he must go. Anakin re-discovers Qui Gon's messages about becoming a 'grey' Jedi, and realizes he must have balance. He reflects on his reckless actions and goes to Obi Wan for help and to apologize.

Now, with Ahsoka and Obi Wan's help, Anakin is able to clear his name and expose Dooku's nefarious plot to turn the Ra-tuun on each other. The Ra-tuun learn that the assassin was Ventress who used the lightsaber of a fallen prominent Jedi, who she defeated earlier in the movie, to conduct the killings. This prominent Jedi was Ahsoka's master. The Ra-tuun turn on the separatists.

During the final battle, Anakin is tempted once again to recklessly charge into battle with Ventress. He has the choice to stay behind and guard native Ra-tuuns, or to get the perfect chance to kill Ventress. At first, he believes the guard duty is pointless, as they are in the safest location and his talents could be used better elsewhere. However, Anakin is able to temporarily overcome this to avoid falling into the trap. He patiently thinks things through and realizes he can't go after Ventress, and instead has to help the innocents escape as the 'safe' location is now compromised. He succeeds in saving the innocents, but it comes at a cost- Anakin, being the last one left, is ambushed. He runs away only to head into Dooku's direction, as Dooku sent himself in as backup in case Anakin did not fall prey to his plans. Dooku duels Anakin and overwhelms him, cutting off Anakin's hand. Just as Anakin is about to die, Yoda appears and holds Dooku off, but the Sith Lord escapes.

On the surface, Ventress silently stalks Obi wan in the shadows. In a rainy jungle, she attacks Obi Wan and another Jedi- Ahsoka's master- at the same time. The scene is reminiscent of Maul's duel. Ventress, who has the environment advantage due to being skilled in the shadowy terrain, kills the other Jedi and sulks back into the shadows. She taunts Obi Wan, reminding him of his duel with Maul. Eventually, Obi Wan greatly wounds Ventress, and the audience believes she's dead when she falls off a cliff, though in actuality she escapes. After the battle, in her dying breath, Ahsoka's master tells Obi Wan to find Ahsoka a strong teacher, one who understands her independence but can also guide her to control it for the good.

Anakin, with just one hand, is told by Yoda to escape. But this time, he argues with Yoda he can still fight, and seeing his logical reasons about being one of the few who can pilot a starship (needing R2D2) skilled enough to attack a weak point that will end the separatist attack, Yoda says that Anakin still may. On the starship, Anakin cunningly uses the large enemy fleet's anger against themselves, harkening back to the pod race, and saves the day. The Jedi trust Anakin more as he is hailed by Naboo as a great hero, and he begins to live up to his name as the Chosen One. The movie ends with Ahsoka being assigned to him as apprentice, as her former master was killed by Asajj.

Ep2: Deception of the Force

Takes place after the season 5 Darth Maul arc of Clone Wars. Dark Disciple, the Ventress and Quinlan story, is changed to occur before this Episode. The first half is never before seen clone wars battles, which naturally flow into Ahsoka's trial arc. These battles give motivation for the bombing by showing the Jedi's hypocrisy. The second half is about Anakin and Ahsoka seeking to find the true bombing culprit.

Greivous is introduced to audience as a chilling, menacing foe with few words. He is shown killing Jedi and collecting their lightsabers, discarding his old ones in favor of better sabers. He kills Obi's friend, sparking a rivalry between the two. Cad Bane and Boba Fett also play minor roles. Asajj is mentioned by the Jedi to be dead after she tried to kill Dooku with Quinlan, as there is a new character introduced as Dooku's new apprentice (not Opress, as this is after Maul arc). This new apprentice, Lushpa, is a stand-in for Asajj during Anakin's interrogation; Lushpa claims to Dooku that she wishes to show she is nothing like Asajj. The new apprentice has three lightsabers, interchanging controlling them using the Force and her hands. In the first half, Anakin and Lushpa clash several times but never finish their battles, as they are always being interrupted. In one instance, Ahsoka saves Anakin from Lushpa.

Hammerhead is given more screentime: he is a very strict, highly prestigious Jedi of the High Council who leads the efforts to suppress attachments and align the Jedi on a path for the 'greater good' instead of the 'selfish good'. This makes him place ideals over individual lives. Mace Windu is not like Hammerhead, as Mace just follows the clan very strictly but is more flexible and compassionate for the individual. Hammerhead is so arrogant that he operates from afar; he does not even sit at the High Council meetings despite being a member, and instead influences people from outside the meetings as a rarely referenced but greatly respected figure.

Halfway through the movie, Palpatine is kidnapped. The Jedi are greatly worried as they show loyalty to the Chancellor, who they rely on for power within government due to him being their greatest support. The Jedi launch a desperate attack to save Palpatine. During this battle, Dooku is in a position of vulnerability; Lushpa takes this chance to attack him, but Dooku counters, telling her that he sensed betrayal stirring in her that she could not suppress, no matter how hard. Dooku seemingly kills Lushpa. Dooku then nearly escapes with Palpatine, but Hammerhead orders the Jedi to enact an explosion that will both cut off his escape route and allow the Jedi to reach the Sith Lord. Obi-Wan and Anakin are the only ones who reach Dooku, and they duel him. Dooku dispatches Obi-Wan, but through his tricky deception and foul play, Anakin wins the duel and beheads Dooku, encouraged by Palpatine who claimed this is what the Jedi want (which is true; Hammerhead greatly congratulates Anakin on this, rebuffing Anakin's questions on if it was the Jedi way to kill a defenseless enemy). Now, the Jedi think the Sith are eliminated. Greivous takes over as commander, and the Jedi believe that without the Sith, the Separatists are guaranteed to fall. Hammerhead hails Anakin as fulfilling the prophecy of being the Chosen One who ends the Sith. A huge celebration ensues.

However, soon after, an explosion occurs that kills influential Jedi allies. All evidence points to Ahsoka, and she's imprisoned, though she escapes. Anakin is furious and journeys to clear her name, just as she cleared his. The Council, who was warming up to Anakin, now begin to detest him again. Padme aids his investigation, and she discovers a horrific truth: the explosion which entrapped Dooku also killed around 8 innocents. The Jedi did not even take the time to plan for alternatives; they simply ordered the attack.

Anakin is in disbelief, and begins to question the Jedi's ways. He urges Padme to look more into these hidden files, as he had been having troubling visions of his mother lately that he'd suppressed when he tried his best to follow the Jedi without question, and discovers she is still alive. The truth of the explosion pushes Anakin to disobey the Jedi, as he begins to see that though the Jedi grieve over hard decisions, they rarely show true compassion for individuals. Instead, they are focused on preserving their orders against threats to their ideals.

On Tatooine, he discovers his mother's fate. The Jedi told Anakin to leave her as they feared attachment would cause him to abandon war effort. Indeed, if Anakin went to try to rescue his mother, he would not be present in the battle where Dooku is captured, and Anakin was the key pilot in that victory. The Jedi did not purposefully hide this during that battle; it was just a coincidence that this would be the case. Anakin goes to save his mother from the sand people, but it's too late. Unable to control his rage, and regretting not killing the Ra-Tuuns who killed the Naboo woman before due to it not being the "Jedi way", he slaughters the sand people in the village.

This begins his descent into ruthlessness. Anakin disobeys all Jedi orders and follows clues to figure out that Padmé is still alive. He believes Padmé caused the explosion and framed Ahsoka, so he tracks her down, fights her, defeats her with one of her own lightsabers, and interrogates the former Sith apprentice without mercy. However, he learns that Padmé now identifies as neither Sith nor Jedi, and had actually aided Ahsoka while she was on the run. Padmé had actually been gathering up information on who the actual culprit was. She shares this information with Anakin.

Padmé also reveals her true goals: she had been abandoned by her people, and only Asajj befriended her, sparking meaning back into her life. After Asajj's death at the hands of Dooku, she sought to avenge her. But now that Dooku was dead, she no longer had any purpose. She was driven by her instincts to feed on the dark side, but this was a meaningless existence. Her whole life was built on revenge and now she felt she was on a dark path she couldn't get out of. She does not give a damn about what happens to the Jedi, and only empathized with Ahsoka as she felt they both were alone and abandoned by all in life. Anakin pities her, and kills her to put her out of her misery.

Anakin discovers the true traitor can't be Ahsoka. Meanwhile, Ahsoka meets with Barriss, and Barriss claims that she knows a way to gather evidence to prove Ahsoka is not guilty. However, this was a ploy for Barriss to further frame her. Ahsoka is in disbelief when the "evidence" they gather only strengthens the argument that Ahsoka is the culprit. But using information that Anakin relayed to her, Ahsoka pieces together the clues to realize that the mysterious criminal was Barriss all along. Cornered, Barriss duels Ahsoka as she tries to escape, but Ahsoka defeats her former friend. Barriss doesn't explain her motives to Ahsoka before the duel as she is only focused on escaping and has no time to explain to an enraged Ahsoka who feels hurt over the betrayal.

Anakin reaches Ahsoka, who now has Barriss in plasma chains. They bring her to the trial and Barriss explains why she committed the attack: her entire remaining family was killed in the Jedi's explosion. Hamoff says that killing those few would save millions, but Barriss doesn't care about his reasons. She claims the Jedi were callous and didn't even consider alternatives.

Barriss accuses the Jedi of being too strict and detached from people, as they choose ideals over individuals. Due to the Jedi's need to make sure their ideals are practiced, they use militant force to enact their code, and only fight against those who threaten their power. The Jedi then discover that

Barriss did not act alone; she was part of a larger terrorist organization that all saw the Jedi as being hypocrites who cared more for ivory tower “morals” than actually saving lives. Barriss is imprisoned, and Ahsoka’s name is cleared, but she still leaves the Jedi Order, believing them to be too corrupt. The only high council members who sympathize with Ahsoka are Yoda, Obi Wan, and Plo Koon. They were against the explosion used to corner Dooku, but they were overruled by the others.

After the trial, the Jedi now fear traitors in their ranks, but most are still too stubborn to admit the Sith still roam, as they cannot sense them and refuse to admit they are wrong. Anakin loses faith in the Jedi order.

Ep3: Revenge of the Sith

Very similar to the actual ep3, but vast changes in details and dialogue. With the Sith gone, only the Separatists remain. But paranoia about remaining Sith cause the Jedi to give in to their fear and their desire to eliminate this sith threat as fast as possible, forgoing even sufficient trials for suspected Sith sympathizers.

The first half of the movie deals with the clones, Anakin and Obi wan hunting down an anti Jedi terrorist group that cloaks itself in attire reminiscent of the Sith. The terrorists are allying with the separatists (who do not have the sith to aid them anymore). The Jedi must also find suspected traitors within their ranks. Meanwhile, Ahsoka and Rex battle Darth Maul, who was only mentioned during the last two movies, at the Siege of Mandalore. Ahsoka struggles to ally with the Republic, as it had forsaken her during the trial, but does so anyways to help fight Maul. The politics and details of the Siege of Mandalore are not explained; the main focus is on Ahsoka’s inner journey, and the battle is just a vehicle to showcase that. In this movie, Maul is not given depth and is just a plot device.

Obi wan kills Greivous on Utapau, seemingly ending the separatists and the terrorists' main provider of resources. But then the movie heads into its second half: Order 66, which is more drawn out and brutal instead of just a scene (the initial scene is kept in, but note that it's just the start of the long slaughter). Ahsoka reunites with Obi Wan to help him find Anakin, though she is torn due to her hatred of the Jedi and the difficulty in walking a grey path. Like Anakin, she is tempted by the dark side, but does not give in, as Anakin is far more desperate and enraged at the Jedi than she is. She turns to Qui gon's writings for help; Anakin had forgotten them, and even Obi did too.

The start of the movie shows someone murdering a high ranking Jedi council member. The Jedi fear who did it, and are in denial that it is a Sith Lord. They highly suspect a traitor within their ranks. In actuality, it was Palpatine, as the Jedi member had learned his true identity and Palpatine could not let him expose the truth. Many do not wish to believe Palpatine, their strongest ally in the Republic, is the traitor, but nonetheless consider it. To inform Anakin of his mission to spy on Palpatine, they appoint Anakin to the high council as a member but not a Master- he will know of their most important dealings, but has no voice on how they are run.

Anakin wishes to be a Master on the high council so he can have the power to change how the Jedi are run. He secretly wishes to influence them so they can let him be with Padme. The Jedi sense he has some underlying plot so they distrust him and refuse to make him master. This infuriates Anakin as he believes he can rule much better than they can, and has proven he can make better decisions as it's his

reckless nature that allowed him to give the Jedi the decisive chance to use the explosion to get access to the room where Palpatine and Dooku were in.

The Jedi hypocrisy is vastly exposed as they bend the rules to destroy the traitor in the name of justice. They do this because the traitor insulted their order by killing their own. They refuse to bend the rules, however, to save Padme from an illness, and suspect Anakin secretly cares for her over all others and their overall ideals. This illness is so strong that not even the greatest technologies in the galaxy can cure it. Padme also doubts the Jedi, but notes there are many good Jedi still, and it's mainly the few ones at the top who are bad. She thinks the Jedi can still be saved while Anakin disagrees; Palpatine sown in extreme ideals into him in which he believes Jedi who don't challenge the order as just as guilty as the bad Jedi. But her illness takes a toll for the worst while she's pregnant; Anakin becomes very desperate to save her.

When Anakin learns of Palpatine's true identity, he discovers the chancellor was the one who planned for the Jedi to be forced to make the hard decision of killing Barriss's family to get to him and Dooku. He knew this would drive Barriss to betray them and sow disarray into their order. He would also use this example to show Anakin that the Jedi are hypocrites.

During her conversations with Anakin, Padme introduces the idea of hope- believing the Jedi ideals can still shine through, even if they have been shrouded. She tries to tell Anakin that with time and hard work they can change the Jedi to be better, but Anakin is impatient, saying it must happen now. This is because he has dreams of Padme dying. He believes if the Jedi do not allow research into ways to save her, she'll die. But the Jedi forbid this as they interpret the dreams as the way things should be. Anakin is outraged at this. Palpatine tells Anakin there are unnatural ways to save her using techniques the Jedi forbid.

Palpatine tells Anakin that an empire will allow Anakin to enact whatever rules his self serving heart desires. He says this is no different than the Jedi as of now, except the empire will not be bound by outdated religious rules that prevent self serving and desire. The ideals the Jedi held onto were an impossible myth, and life is only about who can win. It is impossible to help all, as the Jedi claim; the Jedi not only do not practice their own ideals, they can't due to their impossibility!

When Anakin reveals that Palpatine was the one who killed the Jedi high council member, Mace Windu and others go to arrest the chancellor. Due to new regulations, this is a direct violation of the law- the Jedi are acting outside of their jurisdiction. Anakin sees this hypocrisy, as the Jedi did not allow him to act in his own self-interests, but now they are acting in their own. Anakin goes to find Mace Windu about to kill Palpatine, another clear and more serious violation of the law. Anakin tells Mace Windu that they can't do this, but Mace Windu doesn't care. Anakin then slices off Mace Windu's hand, as the Jedi Master revealed that his hypocrite ways. Palpatine kills Windu and tells Anakin he must prove himself further in order to become his new apprentice and learn how to save Padme. This task is the enactment of Order 66.

While carrying out Order 66, Anakin goes to the Jedi Temple and finds Hamoff Ta meditating alone in his chambers, a regally built one echoing an Emperor's. Anakin tells Hamoff all about the Jedi's hypocrisy and how they only care to preserve power to enact their "morals", rather than to protect people from harm. Hamoff tries to refute him, but is unable to give good arguments for all the violence committed by the Jedi for pushing war with a central goal of saving the Jedi, not individuals. Hamoff says that without

the Jedi, people are in greater danger. But Anakin says that “we’ll see about that”. Hamoff trembles in fear as he’s unable to morally defend himself with logic, and is killed by Anakin in cold blood without a fight- he had already lost the moral argument and could not find the strength to defend himself.

During Order 66, the clone troopers attack Ahsoka after the Siege of Mandalore. Ahsoka is on the run from terrifying elite clone assassins. Rex refuses to kill Ahsoka, and helps her escape as they fend them off the elite assassins. Ahsoka doesn’t know who betrayed the Jedi but hears rumors that it’s Anakin; she refuses to believe this, and wishes to find Anakin to clear his name, like in Ep 1. Ahsoka reaches Padme and Obi Wan, but their hopes are dashed when it becomes clear that Anakin was the one who committed the slaughter at the Jedi Temple. Ahsoka feels that she is too late, and that now it is futile to face Anakin; he cannot be changed anymore. She goes into a deep trance and briefly senses Anakin; Anakin tries to reach out to her thoughts using the Force, but Ahsoka shuts him off, and Anakin is hurt, as he thought Ahsoka was one of the few who could understand why he destroyed the Jedi. As Ahsoka is lost in thought, she is separated from Obi Wan and Padme when the clones close in on them. With Ahsoka gone, Anakin then reaches out to Padme using the Force and tells her where he’s at- asking her to meet him, so he can explain to her why he needed to do all this. Padme and Obi Wan go to find Anakin on Mustafar, where he has eliminated the remaining Separatist Leaders. Anakin is angered that Padme also brought Obi Wan along, and believes she betrayed him in order to kill him. Unable to contain his rage at the “betrayal” of the one he destroyed the Jedi for, he chokes Padme, but is stopped by his former master.

Obi Wan defeats Anakin, and Padme goes into hiding. Anakin’s body is recovered by Palpatine. Yoda tells Ahsoka and Obi Wan about Qui Gon’s force ghost, and they meet with it. They begin to have hope, and decide that they must begin the Rebellion. The two depart on their own separate missions. Obi Wan learns that Padme is delivering (they are no longer on Mustafar), and she gives birth to twins, but succumbs to her incurable illness. Obi Wan promises Padme that he will protect the twin children; Padme says he must, as she just had a dying vision that they are the key to inspiring the Rebellion and to bringing hope back into the galaxy. Meanwhile, Anakin begins to awake from his coma, and discovers he has a new body. Palpatine tells Anakin that he was unable to save Padme in time, as the stress of Anakin’s actions caused her illness to accelerate. Anakin is angered and attacks Palpatine, but realizes it’s futile; the dark emperor is far too strong, and Anakin’s mind is weak, having been shattered by his wife’s demise. Instead of blaming himself, he blames Obi Wan and the other Jedi for not allowing him to learn dark side techniques to save Padme, as if they had listened to him diplomatically, he would not have to destroy them by force and cause his wife to endure all she had to go through. Palpatine christens his new form as Darth Vader and orders him to hunt down all remaining Jedi in vengeance, using the Empire to ensure that the Jedi’s oppressive ideals never return. Anakin does not seek to enact justice to save the weak; he now believes that only the strong individual will get their way. Anakin believes that the Jedi, including Obi Wan, did not sacrifice their own ideals to help him and people he loved, and thus loses hope in the concept of self-sacrifice.

In the last scene, Obi Wan sends the twins to their separate homes, and watches the binary sunset on Tatooine with Lars as Beru holds Luke.