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Star Wars: The Mustafar Debate

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EXT. MUSTAFAR - NIGHT

OBI-WAN and ANAKIN are standing on a platform facing off.

ANAKIN

You turned her against me!

OBI-WAN

You have done that yourself!

ANAKIN

You will not take her from me!

OBI-WAN

Your anger and your lust for power have already done that. You have allowed this, dark lord to twist your mind until now, until now you have become the very thing you swore to destroy.

ANAKIN

Don't lecture me Obi-wan. I see through the lies of the Jedi. I don't fear the dark side as you do.

(ANAKIN turns his back on
OBI-WAN)

I have brought peace, freedom, justice and security to my new empire!

OBI-WAN

Your new empire?

ANAKIN

Don't make me kill you.

OBI-WAN

Anakin, my allegiance is to the Republic, to democracy!

ANAKIN

If you're not with me, then you're my enemy.

OBI-WAN

Only a sith deals in absolutes.

ANAKIN turns around.

ANAKIN

Are you absolutely sure?

Beat.

OBI-WAN

What?

ANAKIN

You said that only a sith deals in absolutes, but that is, in itself, an absolute.

OBI-WAN

Um.

ANAKIN

So by saying that you are dealing in absolutes and thus, by your own logic, you are a sith.

OBI-WAN

Hold on-

ANAKIN

And if you're a sith and you're trying to kill me, then it's possible, even likely, that I'm the jedi here, not you.

OBI-WAN

Well,

ANAKIN

So I should be asking you, Obi-wan, how you could betray the Republic and join with the sith lord.

OBI-WAN

Look, I think this has gotten away from us a bit.

ANAKIN

I agree, for I am a sith and you are a jedi. But again, by your own definition you are a sith as well.

OBI-WAN

I'm not a sith.

ANAKIN

Then what are you? You say only sith deal in absolutes yet you deal in absolutes? So that makes you either a liar or a hypocrite. Not good for a jedi.

OBI-WAN

Anakin, I know what you're doing.
You're trying to manipulate me into
joining the dark side. Well it
won't work. I will do what I must.

OBI-WAN ignites his lightsaber. ANAKIN turns his back to OBI-WAN again.

ANAKIN

And now you're being the aggressor
trying to bring on a fight like a
sith, rather than find a peaceful
solution like a jedi.

OBI-WAN

Look, can we just get on with this?
You know there's no chance for a
peaceful solution, I know there's
no chance, why waste time?

ANAKIN

Very well, my old master, you shall
have your fight. But no matter who
wins our duel, I've already won,
because you've betrayed more of
your beliefs since we started this
conversation than I have since I
turned.

OBI-WAN

Anakin, you slaughtered more than a
dozen younglings.

Beat.

ANAKIN

Oh. I had forgotten about that.

(ANAKIN turns back towards

OBI-WAN)

Still, you have betrayed a lot of
your beliefs.

OBI-WAN

Well at least I didn't kill
younglings.

ANAKIN

That's great, isn't it? With that
line of reasoning you can justify
any action, no matter how bad as
long as you can point to something
someone else has done that's worse.

(MORE)

ANAKIN (CONT'D)

With reasoning like that, I could justify blowing up an entire planet by saying that it would, I don't know, end a war and save lives.

OBI-WAN

Well, when you put it like that, - no. No no no, no more philosophizing, there's been far too much of that in this part of the saga already.

ANAKIN

I agree, it's time to die.

ANAKIN ignites his lightsaber and flips through the air and engages OBI-WAN in a duel. OBI-WAN cuts off ANAKIN's left arm then both his legs. OBI-WAN begins to walk away, leaving ANAKIN lying on the ground.

ANAKIN (CONT'D)

I'll admit, I was expecting that duel to last a bit longer. Thought maybe we'd fight our way inside, destroy some control panels and cause this place to start falling apart, then we could swing from cables like we're in the jungle or something.

OBI-WAN

You have a weird imagination, Anakin.

ANAKIN

Oh well. Say hi to my son for me.

OBI-WAN

See you later. Oh and by the way, I didn't even need the high ground.

OBI-WAN exits.

THE END