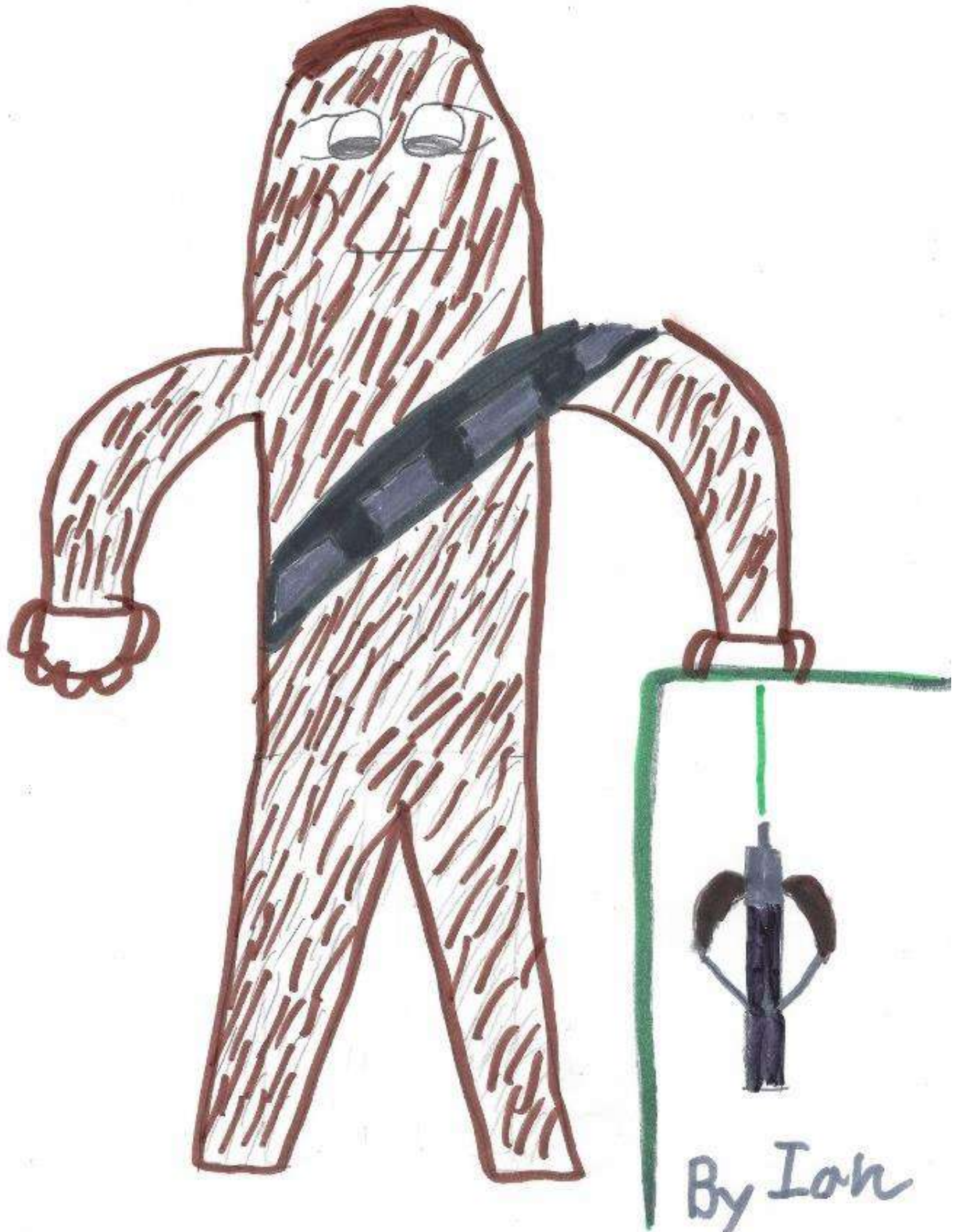


A Wookiees Pride



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(Please note that Wookies don't talk in English but I will translate as best as I can)

Chapter 1

The Hearing

A large creature woke up yawning. He got out of bed and looked around. To the left laid another creature about two inches smaller than this one. These two creatures were Wookies named Cadana and Koua. On this day these two brothers would go through the most irritating journey of their lives,

"Would Cadana and Koua please come to the Council Chamber as soon as possible?" screeched the intercom inside of the brother's room

"Hey what was-? Oh it was you," said Koua as he bolted up from his sleeping position.

"No, it was the intercom telling us get down to the Council Chamber for some reason," said Cadana.

"What! We have to go to the chamber. What did we do?! Oh I bet were going to get kicked out for yesterday's test," said a worried Koua

Cadana looked at Koua puzzled. "What do you mean yesterday's test?"

"Well, I think I didn't fully explain on question number five," said Koua as he shrugged.

Cadana walked over to his brother, "You won't kicked out because you didn't fully explain something. Okay little bro?"

“Yeah”

Cadana and Koua began to get ready. As usual Koua put on his metal helmet and Cadana grabbed his crossbow that he had ever since he was four. Cadana checked the clock. It was 9:12. To Koua this had lucky written all over since it was his birthdate. But as for Cadana, he hated this particular time because he had lost his crossbow for a whole 24 hours due to Koua’s birthday party. But this doesn’t matter right now because the two brothers are now walking down a hallway towards the Council Chamber.

“So can I help you in your argument to get us out of this?” asked Koua.

“No, because I don-”

“We could set up traps and use our training lightsabers to distract them!” interrupted Koua

“NO,” said Cadana with much force. “We will try to persuade them if we are in trouble.”

“Okay”

They kept walking down the outside passageway in silence. As birds began to chirp, Koua hummed to the tune. Then they finally made it to Council Chamber. They walked into the room and everyone went silent. Cadana looked around the room. He remembered when he first came in the room. He was four. As he walked in he had no idea what adventures lie ahead. But there was one part that he remembered vividly. Yoda began to walk up to him. Usually he would have knelt down but Cadana was already four feet tall so he just looked up.

Then he said something Cadana could never forget, “The force within, you have. Come now you will go through your first lesson. Long hair, you also have.” Then Cadana left with tears in his eyes. That was the last time he had seen his parents face-to-face.

Remembering almost brought tears to his eyes again but he held it in.

“Now, wondering why you are here, are you not?” asked Yoda

Koua spoke up, “Yeah, kinda.”

“You have been chosen out of a select few to go on a journey to get your very own Khyber crystal,” said Master Windu

“Yes!” yelled Koua and Cadana at the top of their lungs.

“Excitement, good! What you seek, careful you must,” said Yoda.

Mace Windu, “You are to be leaving in the next flight out in 30 minutes to the Forbidden Planet.”

As they walked down the hall towards the docking bay Cadana moved closer to Koua, “Maybe lightsabers will come in handy.”

The boarded the A5X2 freighter ship and were soon speeding through space.

Chapter Two

Into the Cave

The A5X2 shook with turbulence as it entered the forbidden planet’s atmosphere.

Snow blew in the young Padwans faces as they exited the ship. Asoka Tano waved her hand with the force and without

notice, a large slab of ice opened up to show the inside of the caverns

“So who do you think will get out first?” said Cadana as he and Koua entered the Jedi Caverns.

“I don’t know but I hope I can help you on the way,” said Cadana’s younger brother Koua.

“Hey, you don’t always have to help me, little bro,” Cadana said to his brother for the fifth time that day.

They kept walking for a while when the both saw a beautiful shining light, but it just was the other Padwans one of which tried to heave a Khyber crystal out of the wall. As the kept walking, the cave kept getting darker and they started hearing voices that seemed to be telling them where to go. When they reached a fork they stopped.

“So which way do we go?” Cadana asked Koua.

Koua pointed to the left side, “This way’s bigger which means there is more room for crystals.”

“Bigger doesn’t always mean better,” Cadana pointed to the right side, “And, for all we know, there could be millions of crystals down the smaller path.”

“Well I think we should go down the bigger one,”

“How about this... let’s do what Master Yoda would want us to do. Let’s follow our instincts and split up that way we could cover more ground.”

“Are you sure?” asked Koua who seemed to more worried than before.

“You bet I am,” said Cadana seriously. At that moment they went their separate ways.

Chapter Three

The Failures

“Boy I wish there was crystal here somewhere.” Cadana thought as he started to jog down a long narrow path trying to find an exit. It was strange how the Jedi Caverns looked. Cadana had never seen something like it. It was ice that never melted covered in even more ice afterwards. Although he could see his breath, Cadana wasn't cold. In fact, he only rarely experienced cold because he decided never to trim his long black and brown fur. Then there it was. A light in the distance. Cadana started to run. As he came closer to the crystal there was something very odd about it. It looked transparent unlike the one he saw a while back. When he got to the crystal it was just nothing. The light had gone and there was only a blank wall.

“Talk about bad luck. I wonder how bro's doing?” thought Cadana as he turned left at another fork in the pathway.

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“I'll never find this crystal without helping out Cadana!” said Koua as he entered a circular room. But in the middle of the circular room, something shined. Once he got closer he knew what that shining light was. It was a Khyber crystal. The excitement began to run inside him. He yelled with happiness as he plunged into the fountain. Then he heard screaming as he was being pulled into the fountain by 100 dead hands. As more time passed the hands kept pulling him farther and farther into the fountain. Then with one burst of strength Koua barely got out.

“What the HECK was that!!!” yelled Koua with so much anger that part of the wall began to shake, “I hope that never happens again.”

He started to walk away when he sensed something in the force that told him to go to the fountain again. This something wasn't like the other voices he heard. They seemed way more instructing and demanding.

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“Is there really any Khyber crystals in this place” said Cadana to himself as he walked in a long corridor with little spikes all around. As he kept walking there was a light at the end of the corridor.

This has to be it thought Cadana as he went to pick up the crystal. But it wasn't a crystal. Just as last time he went to pick it up and the light vanished. *Well once again this stupid brain of mine has failed me.*

Cadana grabbed his crossbow to shoot the closest thing by him, but then put it down, “No, Cadana don't do that! That would be stupid!”

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“Oh I'm so worried to go into that... place,” said Koua quietly. Although he listened to what people said he always had a little knack of doing what he probably would told not to do. So once again he went into the fountain. He heard the screams again and once he did he got out as quick as Wookiely possible.

“Not again!” yelled Koua.

Chapter Four

Success at Last

Cadana walked down an open corridor that seemed familiar. As he kept walking the hope drained out of him as if it were a bowl of soup draining through a crack in the bowl. Then a light came into view. It didn't seem transparent, as the last two did, but he was still skeptical. As he was walking very slowly to the light it vanished.

Cadana got out his crossbow and started to shoot wall "WHY DO WE HAVE TO GET THIS STUPID KHYBER CRYSTAL!!!!" He dropped to his knees crying. He tried to keep yelling but tears had filled his mouth and he couldn't get anything out.

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"Okay, I can do it," said Koua wearily. He began to run towards the fountain but then he stopped.

"What are you doing you know what's going to happen. Don't do this to yourself. Use the force you're a Jedi for thinking out loud," thought Koua. He held out his hand and pointed at the fountain where the crystal was. The whole room started to shake. As more seconds passed, the room shook even more. Then with slight move of the hand, the crystal came flying at Koua's hand.

"Yes!" yelled Koua as the crystal came into his hand.

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Cadana got from his knees and wiped his tears away. But the he sat down again in a meditating pose. *You can do this Cadana, your previous times were not failure, and they were opportunities to learn from your mistakes.*

!BOOM! A large piece of ice fell split from the wall and on to Cadana.

“That hurt,” said Cadana as he began to get up from the rubble of the wall. Something was strange about the place where the wall once stood many seconds ago. It was shining with bright, beautiful light that Cadana had seen before. When he got up and was standing he knew what the light was. It was the Khyber crystal that the other Padwans were trying to get out. Cadana ran towards it and grabbed it (to his surprise) with ease. Then he began to run to where he thought the exit was. There he met up with Koua and they made it to a closed in exit.

“Let’s try to knock it down!” said Cadana.

“Okay!” yelled Koua. Then both of them ran through the wall of ice and made it out. The other Padwans cheered them and themselves on while celebrating.

“So did you find your crystal easily?” asked Koua.

“You do not want to know,” said Cadana.

The End