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In "Monsters," which airs Friday night at 8:30PM ET/PT, Dooku seeks to replace Asajj Ventress with a new, deadlier apprentice. Little does he know that his new protégée – the formidable Savage Opress – has been selected by Ventress herself, and that the Nightsisters have used their witchcraft to transform the warrior into a monstrous killer without remorse, compassion or loyalty. "I've really fallen for Ventress, and here the audience gets to learn a lot about her history. She's an extremely complicated character," says Katie Lucas, writer of the three-part Nightsisters arc. "She's a cold-hearted harpy, but she has good reason to be – and now she's displaying a much more independent side of herself. Ventress is nobody's pawn anymore. She finally owns herself. I grew up on Buffy and Tank Girl, so writing for strong females is second nature to me. I listened to a lot of early Hole and