

# E X O D U S E D I T I O N

## Address From the Iron Throne

Brethren,

*It is hard to believe that a year has already passed. Tonight feels like we only recently left Eos and set out for our new prosperity. Tonight feels like there are still endless possibilities ahead of us. Three years have passed in all, and in that time, much has been accomplished. Though you may not see it in day to day action, the change is there and we are not the same group that left the Emperor's Hammer. There is much for which to be proud.*

*Fear, anger, hate -- these rule our lives by choice. It is our way and we welcome the power it brings. In the days of old, however, a different fear grappled our senses and tore at our conscious beings. That, my brothers and sisters, was the fear of creative restraint, the fear of failure due to incompetence, the fear of never seeing our true potential. And right we were to escape. Here in our own system of Antei, we thrive on the power of the Dark Side. Our numbers have grown; and today, we are more powerful than we have ever been. And for that opportunity, we celebrate the day that our Lord Firefox led us away. His infinite wisdom has given us such opportunity.*

*In reality, many of you do not remember the times we left. Some of you had not known of the Brotherhood. Others had only just become members. But let us not lose sight of our accomplishments relative to the past. This group is strong and powerful. Verily, you can see it in the eyes of those who still defect from Eos. The place we left is desolate and in despair. For us, however, change is always forthcoming and new initiatives mark our news regularly. Today we recognize the greatness that has already expounded from this group. For three years our members have worked and strived so that the Brotherhood should prosper. My Brethren -- we have much more that is undone, but at last we are prosperous.*

*There is much to be proud of since the last release of the Voice alone. I had foreseen a period of growth and change, yet even I could not know how successful this season would become. In a few short months, we have seen long-overdue changes, rampant new introductions and steady increases in our holdings. The state of the Brotherhood is strong.*

*Every leader in our organization should be duly proud of the feats accomplished with the adoption of the Dark Covenant. For years, the Brotherhood has struggled to define some of the very principles of our way of life. We were tortured over the idea of a renegade Grand Master. We were torn over the*

*judicial process. Today, those arguments are behind us. The Dark Brotherhood is stronger at its foundation with the Covenant established and ratified. It sets out in clear and precise words the basis for our existence and the basic laws that we follow. It is not a perfect document. Truly, change is already planned to make it even more versatile and useful. Its adoption was a great moment in our history, though.*

*Amalgamation, too, was a strong, necessary transformation of the Dark Council. It streamlined our approach and cleared readily identifiable problems. The newly reformed Dark Council is dedicated, efficient and reliable. With only two of the original members remaining, the Council is refreshed and willing to enact further change.*

*Change is readily seen on Antei as well. Our control of the Sunside has solidified. With the assistance of many great warriors from clan forces, we have pushed those factions still opposed to our control into hiding. Their attacks have decreased, and their support is dwindling. The Anteian citizens now know what fate awaits those who work against us. As such, we have established powerful allies in the regional governments and tribal councils. The Anteian resources have added riches to our coffers; these new sources of funds will greatly help in our path along the Final Way.*

*In all, my brethren, it is a prosperous time for the Brotherhood. Let us not pull back our efforts now, however. Our success is contingent on a steady drive toward progressive change.*

In Darkness,

**Lord Jac Ae-Sequiera Cotelin, Dark Lord of the Sith**  
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### Honoring the Grand Master

By DJM Xanos Sadow

ANTEI: At the behest of the Star Chamber the Dark Council, Clan Summits and several prominent members of the Dark Brotherhood, most noticeably Lord Thedek, Prophet Telaris Taldrya, Master Alanna Taldrya, Master Gui-Long and Adept Quiritatio Entar, were summoned to a private ceremony deep in the Dark Hall early on the anniversary of the Exodus.

"None of us knew why we had been called," said the Praetor to the Grand Master, Master Pyralis. "Though once we found out it was a great honour to be in attendance, only six of these ceremonies have been carried out in the past."

The ceremony Master Pyralis was referring to was that of the presentation of the Silver Sash to Grand Master Jac Cotelin, the formal presentation being made on behalf of the Star Chamber by the Grand Master's processor Lord Firefox.

"Nobody deserves it more," said Adept Korras, "it's well overdue". Also in attendance was the Herald, "Jac has brought the Brotherhood to a more solid state, even conquering our new home entirely with the late war efforts on the sun-side" commented Pontifex Sadow.

The Silver Sash is of course an award unlike any other. Even the coveted Golden Lightsaber has seen more recipients than the sash which has reached almost legendary status.



Fig 1.1: Jac pwns.

Lord Cotelin's award comes after almost eighteen months in office, three years in Galactic Standard, during which time he has seen no recognition for his service. This period has seen the Grand Master lead the Dark Brotherhood through the K'hamar'a and Coratua campaigns, as well as the revival of the Grand Master's Royal Guard, the consolidation of the Clans and amalgamation of the Dark Council together with the appointment of the Tribunes. He has also personally spearheaded several major improvements to Dark Hall

HoloNet mainframe and continues to do so in conjunction with the Seneschal.

Of course, to only consider Lord Cotelin's time as Grand Master would be unfair. Indeed his last major reward was not since back during his service as Deputy Grand Master under Lord Firefox. Since then Lord Cotelin has selflessly provided the Dark Council with his guidance and leadership.

The Compendium defines the Silver Sash as being for:

"Any Dark Council member who has used his position to help the growth and function of the Brotherhood by aiding the Orders and the Lower Clans."

Lord Cotelin is much more than just any Dark Council member and there are few who deserve to wear the Silver Sash as much as him.

*Note: There exists a large collection of membership-submitted recommendations for Grand Master Jac Cotelin. Please see the accompanying \*.zip file (or his dossier) for a complete listing.*

### The Seals of Loyalty

Congratulations to those recipients of the Seal of Loyalty for their steadfast service to the cause of the Dark Brotherhood and its pursuit of the Final Way.

**Dark Council:**

Firefox  
Acxodim Pyralis  
Kaiann Yetaru Entar  
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Muz Keibatsu Sadow  
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**More SoLs!:**

Kaine Mandalaa  
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**Clan Tarentum:**

Frosty Romanae  
Sephiroth Storm

*The Seal of Loyalty is awarded bi-annually: once on the anniversary of the Exodus and again on the Day of the Fox in honor of Grand Master Emeritus Firefox and his contributions to the Brotherhood.*

### SA Introduces Member Survey

*Journeyman Interview Process Helps identify Problems*

Shadow Academy, Lypsair

At the behest of the Headmaster and Knight Commander, the clans have been placed under orders to send every member that reaches the rank of Acolyte to the Shadow Academy for an interview process. Shadow Academy officials have confirmed that the office of the Master at Arms will no longer submit to requests for Equite promotions without an interview being conducted prior.

The Dark Voice staff has inquired into the purpose of this interview process and learned of the Dark Council's desire to identify and solve problems within the clans. Headmaster Spears weighed in on the reasoning behind the new requirement: "Feedback has always been essential in our operations. Without an accurate portrayal of what is leading to success and failure within the clans, we cannot emulate and eliminate things, respectively."

It has been reported that some brave souls have even asked for the Grand Master to be present at their interview. The Dark Voice staff has learned that only three of five Journeymen survived that encounter. We had a chance to sit down with one of the survivors. She had this to say: "The Grand Master was wonderful in allowing me time to submit my thoughts. Of course, I was giving him valuable intelligence that should help to save lives. I assume that is why I am still talking today."

The Knight Commander has informed us that he will be reporting soon on the first wave of interviews.

### Xanos Sadow Beats the Odds

*Former Sith High Warrior's return to the Dark Council gives Naga Sadow's gamblers something to cheer about.*

Dark Council replacement pools; they are the hot topic in the cantinas that span the Dark Brotherhood's holdings any time a new position opens. The credits that can be made betting on the unlikely candidate make the pools popular to the poor construction workers; the bragging rights make the pools popular among Dark Jedi. The stakes are higher when the position is one like Deputy Grand Master. The choice can be very personal to some gamblers.

The betting was dispersed in the lead up to Lord Cotelin choosing a replacement for Kir Katarn. From all directions they came: bets on Mav returning, wagers that Pyralis would take the spot, gambles that the job would go to Korras, and many people placing their money on Kaiann or Trevarus. "My favorite bet," commented Carver, the local 568 bookie, "was Arania coming up and placing a call on Firefox for Deputy Grand Master. I do hope she wasn't serious in that loss of money."

In the end it was generally the members of Naga Sadow who won big. With their bets on the hometown hero, they were able to make a killing. One apprentice had his credits set on target before he left the bookie's office. "I'm gonna buy me one of them fancy new Training Sabers on the black market. I'm rich b1atch!"

Unfortunately, that apprentice never made it back to his ship. The murder is still unsolved, and the credits are missing.

### Assault On Harka

By DJK Revenant

The Dark Brotherhood's expansion into the sunside of Antei continued this month with an assault on the nation of Harka.

As some readers may be aware, the Harkin Federation was a constant voice of dissent against the Korindans. Since the Brotherhood's invasion of Korind, the Harkin Federation have aimed its rebellion at us. Once again the aid of Sapphire Squadron was enlisted to quell the uprising.

A scout party, sent in by the Korindans, observed a group of guerrillas operating from the outskirts of Harka. Their base was equipped with a small squadron of cloakshape fighters and a few surface-to-air weapons.

For this assault, Commander Revenant split his forces into three teams. Flight Leader Acara Rayden and Flight Member Manesh Sadow were the first wave, orchestrating a bombing run to disable heavy weapons and destroy munitions stores. This cleared the way for the Brotherhood's forces to land a troop carrier. This carrier was escorted by Flight Leader Eldrad Sin, and Flight Members Qiw Nuron and Malakai.

The leader of the Harkin Federation, a nikto calling himself Commandant Jem'Hakkhar, must have been expecting an attack. He managed to scramble his fighters with a speed of which even the greatest Sith Commanders would be proud.

Commander Revenant himself led the remainder of his squadron in an aerial battle against the Harkin fighters.

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During this battle Acara and Manesh continued to bomb the perimeter of the facility, keeping the ground-based troops occupied during the carrier's landing. The Brotherhood troops, along with their Dark Jedi escorts, disembarked and began the task of clearing the facility, taking key personnel prisoner and killing the rest.

Commandant Jem'Hakkhar tried to flee the scene in a Z-95 headhunter, but Revenant managed to disable his engines and was caught on the ground.

The prisoners were taken to Jezra, the Harkin capital, where they were publicly flogged and executed. When questioned about brutality and humiliation techniques, Revenant replied only that "it is important that the will of Darth Cotelin is enforced. It is more important that it is *seen* to be enforced".

And so the invasion continues. It will not be long before the entire planet of Antei is consolidated under the rule of the Dark Jedi Brotherhood.

### The Shadow Academy Then, Now and the Future

*Commentary from the new Headmaster*

I was speaking with a younger member of the Brotherhood the other day. It started off as a talk about proposed Shadow Academy courses, but it progressed into how long I'd been in the Brotherhood, how I got to Headmaster, and how the Brotherhood got to where we are today. I started to think back on how much things have changed, especially in the Shadow Academy. Then I got to thinking "hey, this would make a decent Exodus article, and I can let everyone know what I'm planning for the Shadow Academy."

I joined the Brotherhood back in 1999. I'm fairly certain Thedek was Grand Master at the time, but don't hold me to that. I am by no means the oldest member in the Brotherhood, but time and the split from the Emperor's Hammer have made me one of the elder members, at least in time in the Brotherhood. The Shadow Academy was drastically different back then. The Brotherhood was rigidly divided into orders, and each order had its specific activities. This is why I'm a Krath: because, at the time, all I could do was write fiction, as I did not possess any of the Star Wars games. The Shadow Academy was required and there were four things you had to do. Everyone took the Test of Lore, as they still do today. I also had to submit a character history, submit a poem, and submit a short story. These four things were required, but after each one, you got a promotion.

When all was said and done, you left the academy at the rank of Guardian and got involved in your house and clan.

Upon completion, you also got a "graduation certificate," which was actually a graphic made that looked like a diploma of sorts. I do not have it, I don't even think I saved it, but you did get one back then. Having these four requirements is what constituted the CORE, and up until a few years ago, SA: CORE was present in my ID line, and probably a few other older members as well. But, once you completed that, you were largely done with the Shadow Academy and you did not go back. Though I was too young in the Brotherhood to know it, I would be willing to bet that all the grading was done by the Headmaster and his Praetor.

As time went on, more courses were added to the General Studies and Order-specific courses were added, greatly increasing what could be done at the Shadow Academy. Some of these courses, like the Test of Wisdom, Test of Agility, and Test of Endurance were simply the old exams that had been required as part of the CORE. The Shadow Academy has not stopped growing since then. Under Pylalis, the title of Eclectic Pedagogue was officially added and the Envoys, through Project Dark Fury, were established as they exist today. The promotional ability of the Shadow Academy has been limited; you can now only get to the rank of Protector, and it is not even required to go that route. The Shadow Academy offers a wide variety of courses these days, some very general, others still oriented towards the Orders. The Shadow Academy today, and the Academy of the future, will largely be an area for academic growth, to the extent that there an academic realm of the Brotherhood and Star Wars. The clans are where your practical experience will come from (clans, of course, should reward for efforts at the Shadow Academy).

The Split from the Emperor's Hammer did not change the Shadow Academy, nor did it impede its growth. But, the Split guaranteed that some changes would come to the Shadow Academy, and this is where we find ourselves today. Just about every course has been altered to eliminate references to the Emperor's Hammer, as well as to update information. The elimination of strict orders, and subsequent elimination of order leaders, has brought about the need to further edit courses. Other courses, such as the Imperial and Enemy fighter courses are also outdated. There is a lot of work to do; here is just some of what is planned.

There are a lot of updates. A new career guide with history creation guidelines is being worked on, and these guidelines are almost complete. All courses are in the process of being audited and updated. The core tests are being rewritten and reorganized to provide a better understanding of how the orders fit into the Brotherhood today.

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The ISET and ESET are going to be replaced by two new exams, one focusing on fighters and freighters, and the other focusing on capital starships. In terms of organization, I would like to organize the Shadow Academy by activity rather than order (this was not my original idea, but I like it). While many of the courses will not change location (and indeed, they will help emphasize the fictional traits of a certain order), some courses will be placed differently. Here's an example. Currently, there is a Sith Alchemy course, and it is listed under General Studies. Under the new system, the Sith Alchemy course will be moved to what is tentatively called the School of Lore and Philosophy (the Deneba Campus). While many of the courses in this school will be more oriented towards the Krath Order, which is in the Brotherhood the more mystical and academic order, not every course will be Krath oriented. A School of Flight and Tactics and a School of Melee and Ground Combat will also be added. The courses that don't really fit into any of these will be left as General Studies (on the main campus). Finally, a new and better looking Shadow Academy website is under construction.

As previously mentioned, the Shadow Academy will largely be an academic entity, aimed at providing information about the Star Wars universe, the Brotherhood, and some more practical things, like the coding and communications courses. It will still help you to advance, of course. While Spears was Headmaster, in a little over 1.5 years, 5,000+ courses were passed. There will always be growth in the Shadow Academy. Even as I write this, I know of four potential new courses that have been proposed or are on people's minds; I'm waiting for the detailed proposals with notes and exams on two of them. The organization that I want to pursue will help emphasize the fictional aspects of the Brotherhood, something that is, in my opinion, a vital part of the Brotherhood.

I hope you enjoyed the trip down memory lane, and I hope that you're interested in what the Shadow Academy has to offer to you as an individual, and to the Brotherhood as a whole. I am always open for comments and suggestions from any member.

In darkness,

~Anshar

## Exodus

*A poem by Dark Jedi Master Mejas Doto*

Broken, split, fragmented,  
A hammer lies without its haft.  
A dead weight,  
Doomed to drown in the sea of space.

The haft too is free in this sea,  
But it floats.  
It travels far then snags and grows,  
Back into a tree of power.

Our Brotherhood of Darkness was the haft of the Emperor's  
Hammer.  
No more.  
Never again.  
Our haft has found a new hammer.  
It is called Freedom.  
And we wield it with such malice that never again will it be  
taken from us.

Our Brotherhood,  
Our Darkness.  
Ours.  
Forever.





# The Krath: Philosophies and Purpose in the New Order

By: Krath Archpriest Shin'ichi Endymiron Keibatsu

There are practitioners of the Dark Side who look to their compatriots in the Krath Order and sneer. They stand glistening in their armor or huddle conspiring in dark corners. Always do they bask in their own hubris, unknowing that it is the ritual power practiced by the Krath that enables them to achieve their glorious feats. The Obelisk will look to his strength and martial prowess and say: "What need have I for the tomes and chants of the priestly Krath?" The Sith sitting upon their thrones of blood will say: "I, and I alone, wield the power to command the universe."

Traditionally the Sith would play their games of power, plotting and planning, possibly even scheming within the wheels of governments, businesses, religious orders, and military regimes to gain power in any manner possible. They maintained that they alone were the true heirs to the mantle of power held by the Dark Jedi, that it was they that seized the throne of the Galactic Empire, and therefore it should be they who bring about the next age of Darkness. The Sith look down upon the Krath as weak scribes and bookworms, condemning us for our apparent lack of ambition and unwillingness to engage in the game of thrones.

The Obelisk hold even more disdain for the Krath than the Sith do, which in itself is hard to believe. Yet in the midst of battle while weapons rise and fall and men lose their lives, those of the Cerulean order still find time to offend their brethren in the Krath. They berate us for not standing in the front lines of a charge, but never take into account that several of the finest warriors of the Brotherhood hail from the Krath order. The Obelisk are content to believe that the only combatants in the Brotherhood are they, and it is only through their actions that battles and ultimately wars are won.

To this the educated Krath can only smile in the knowledge that it is their power, prayer and diligent practice that has augmented the powers of their brethren in the Sith and Obelisk. It is through the intercessions of the dark spirits of the Dread Lords, through diligent study and observation, and finally the crafting of talismans, wards, sigils and other imbued artifacts that the night is won, not just through the clumsy machinations of the Sith politicians nor of the brutish fumbling of the Obelisk warriors. The Krath are well aware that there is a place for their sister orders, yet recognize that the whole of the Dark Brotherhood is more than the sum of her parts. For the Empire of Darkness to be truly resurrected the three must act as one.

Always with this in mind does the Krath enter into their dangerous work, for the workings of the Dark Side are dangerous, indeed. Calling upon the spirits of long dead Sith Lords is not a vocation for the reserved, where a single mispronounced syllable or forgotten gesture can lead to death or worse. Just as building a lightsaber is dangerous so too are the forging of Force-Imbued Weapons, or the creation of powerful talismans. To accomplish these tasks the Krath look upon the Dark Side as more than a power to be manipulated, but rather as an awe inspiring Force deserving of dedication and worship. Therefore it must be remembered that a crucial step to effectively using power is understanding the nature of said power.

There are many mysteries to the Dark Side of the force that politicking and combat alone will not reveal. Diligent study and attentive practice of the rites and rituals of the Dark Side will bring with them wisdom and power unseen in this galaxy for many millennia. Even at the height of Palpatine's Empire a multitude of Dark Side sacraments remained hidden, unknown or even lost altogether. Already in the few short years since the Galactic Civil War have we among the Krath rediscovered a plethora of lost knowledge. And the Krath seek to go even further than this and bring forth the forces and powers that shall plunge the galaxy back into darkness and wrestle it free from the grasp of the accursed Jedi and their so-called New Republic.

Krath Pontifex Muz Ashen Keibatsu Sadow, Herald of the Dark Brotherhood once said: *"This is not to say that power and strength are to be overlooked by our brethren, that we should drift away in our libraries. There is wisdom to be found in the blade, in the blood of foes, and under the banner of war. The greatest understanding comes not only from the scribed words of our forebears, but in tempering those learnings on the battlefield."* Look to the victories of the Dark Brotherhood and it is evident that our presence in the New Order is essential. Would the conquering of Antei have been as free of obstruction had not many times many Krath been there to bolster the powers of their brethren? It was the Krath, who sought out and defeated the minds of their opponents through the Dark Side, which allowed the forces of the Brotherhood to sweep through and crush our opposition with relative ease. There is no doubt that our brothers in the Crimson and Cerulean orders would have accomplished this task; however, many would not have returned to us were it not for the attention of the Krath.

If there can be a single tenet used to categorize the philosophy of the Krath it would be our strive for knowledge, our strive for self-perfection above all else. It is this endeavor that we bring to the Dark Brotherhood, and in this philosophy shall we as a society grow and prosper.

## P A G E S E V E N

## Taldryan Chain Broken

*Conspiracy Theorists lose ground as Xanos appointed to Deputy Grand Master*

For three years the position of Deputy Grand Master has been held by a former Consul of Clan Taldryan. Current Grand Master Jac Cotelin held the position under Lord Firefox. When he ascended to his second term, it was not a surprise when he choose long-time friend and ally Telaris Cantor to be his new Deputy. Given the politics of the time, it was a good choice, and Mav served a fruitful term.

This did not stop the fear-mongers from passing theories throughout the Brotherhood, however. Fueled by the presence of a Taldryan Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Justicar (Keirdagh Cantor had also served as Taldryan Proconsul) some members felt they were correct in their assumptions when former Taldryan Consul Kir Katarn was appointed to the seat next to Jac. Another Taldryan Deputy Grand all but affirmed to those members that Jac only dealt in cronyism and that as long as he held Grand Master, Taldryan would rule the Brotherhood. This was all, of course, disregarding the other members of the DC who came from many different clans. They also looked past the obvious qualifications that those leaders from Taldryan held themselves. The theory was too good to be untrue.

This theory came crashing down this past week as Xanos Sadow, Consul of Naga Sadow, was appointed to Deputy Grand Master. Xanos and Jac had known and worked with each other before, but were by no means great friends. They were strong acquaintances who had even quarreled in Xanos' previous term as Sith High Warrior. This is not the typical crony chosen by Jac. Sadow is a strong and independent leader of the Brotherhood. Perhaps most importantly, he's not from Taldryan.

"I could have sworn he would have chosen Pyralis." That reaction was common amongst the theory-mongers -- disbelief that they had been so wrong.

But who knows, maybe Jac was just trying to throw the theorists off. Of course -- they had to be on to something big.

We'll just have to wait and see what the conspiracy folks come up with next. It will probably be something related to the Dark Council spying on them and learning their secrets. That one is always popular in even years due to the alignment of the stars.

## The Exodus

A poem by Dark Jedi Knight Valnir

Ronin had lost it and Ast ran the show,  
But he was a git and things went quite slow.  
Oh how we mocked him behind his back,  
At least we can say he was good for that.

But then the line, he crossed it at last,  
And some people had a word with little old Ast.  
And he went off in a huff and cried all night,  
It was a battle of wits, so he couldn't put up much of a fight.

Then he was banning people left right and centre,  
So the seven were formed to sort out this little bender.  
Chi-Long and Khyron, Jac and Pyralis,  
Cofo, Firefox, and don't forget Travarus.

They all got together and had a chat,  
To see what should be done about dear old Ast.  
It was decided then that we should all revolt,  
Leave the hammer and cast our ship afloat.

So we all up and left, and for Antei we headed,  
But Ast wasn't happy and wanted us beheaded!  
But we shrouded our path, and were gone with a flash,  
Grabbing our gear and off at a dash.

And Ast, the sod, he cried for a while,  
And set up the EHDB and was in denial.  
He said it would work and we'd be crawling back,  
Didn't we show the little ball sack?

So now we are strong, and the EH is losing,  
And out of the cracks their members are oozing.  
The BHG went next, and we saluted them well,  
And then Ast really was screaming to hell!

Perhaps one day we'll extend our friendship again,  
But maybe when Ast has gone, I mean were not insane!  
So we look back on this event and celebrate with glee,  
Cos the DB now rocks, and I cant think of anything to rhyme  
with glee so here's the ending.



## M A C R O N ' S T O M B

## Experiment 421: Kyatrium, an Overview

By: SBM Mononoke Macron Keibatsu-Goura

In recent Keibatsu forays into the planet Kyataru, several unique mineral deposits have come to my attention. Perhaps one of the most intriguing is a mineral I have dubbed "Kyatrium". This mineral is found in areas that once contained extensive radionuclide deposits, and these deposits may have acted as natural fission reactors. We came across commoners mining the raw deposit for radiological material.

#### Overview

The mineral generally appears as a hexagonal bipyramidal form, of the 6/m crystal point group. Lesser crystals of a simple hexagonal prism shape occur also. However, the only usable nova crystal found so far was of the more complex shape. The crystals appear as universally yellow in color, ranging from a honey brown to a light golden hue. The mineral seems similar in composition to beryl, although Scandium substituted for most of the Beryllium atoms in the chains.

The deposits themselves contained high amounts of Uranium 235, and apparently natural ground water circulation acted as a neutron moderator for the activity of the deposit. The Kyatrium crystals were bathed in radiation and heavy mineral salt solutions, thus making them slightly radioactive. They appear to be igneous and of alpine type hydrothermal origin.

Judging from an isotopic trapped Xenon pocket analysis, the cycle of power versus cool down of this makeshift natural reactor was approximately one-half hour to 2 hours. These vein systems were active for over one billion years, making even the small energy output of the 30-meter wide vein system considerable over historical time. The resulting fission events depleted the U-235, marking the by-products clearly for isotopic analysis.

#### Conclusions

Upon experimentation with the crystals, they seem to possess a number of interesting effects. They are unsuitable for use as a power generator crystal in a lightsaber, an effect that was discovered much to the chagrin of the test subject. Detonation was the inevitable result. When used as a nova type focusing crystal, the Kyatrium had interesting effects. The saber thus enabled seemed to be virtually immune to ion weapons, recovering from even high powered shots within nanoseconds. As well, the draw upon the power cell

was proportionately slower, ensuring a much longer usage period per saber recharge.

This mineral dubbed "Kyatrium" bodes further study and experimentation. This nova could be extremely useful for Brotherhood persons operating sabers for extended periods in the field. It may also give clues to the abilities of historical persons that operated their sabers for extended times in the field, such as Quinlan Vos.

## Ecology of the Orbalisk

The parasite known as an Orbalisk is an intriguing creature. These hard-shelled life forms evolved on the Demon Moon of Dxun. Presumably, the influence of the Dark Side seeping from Freedon Nadd's iron tomb caused a native beetle-like creature to evolve into a parasite with unique qualities. In some respects, it resembles a symbiote as well.

Orbalisks attach themselves to the bodies of living creatures, and then drain the energy and fluids of the victim. They also inject an agonizing poison into their victims. This poison can be resisted with the power of the Dark Side, and in fact the Orbalisk seems to feed off of Dark energy. The more steeped in the power of the Dark Side the host, the more likely they are to resist the toxin.

Once the relationship between the host and parasites has become stable the toxin has some other effects. It makes the host stronger, and increases their vitality. It also increases the rate at which they heal. The intermixture of Dark Side energy and Orbalisk venom acts like adrenaline in the system of the host.

They are lightsaber resistant, and thus create a living suit of armor when encasing a life form. The armored pests reproduce and eventually cover the host unless a helmet or barrier is used around the head.

Darth Bane was known to have encountered Orbalisks on Dxun in the Tomb of Freedon Nadd. Bane attempted to remove the creatures, and found it to be very difficult. They resisted his lightsaber, and the wounds healed extremely quickly.

The Sith Lord then decided to master the venom. He created a helmet to protect his face and found himself possessed of a suit of living armor that resisted lightsaber blows, gave him awesome strength, and increased recuperative powers. The Orbalisk is only found on Dxun, thankfully. It would be bad for the galaxy at large if they spread.



### M U S I C

See the "Files" at the end of the Voice section for links to the mp3s

## Remember The Exodus

Music, Lyrics, and Vocals By: Dark Adept Dalthid

mp3 url:

[http://www.darkjedicrypt.com/storage/Remember\\_The\\_Exodus.mp3](http://www.darkjedicrypt.com/storage/Remember_The_Exodus.mp3)

Oh mighty Hammer, how the strong have seen defeat  
The pages of the history tell the tale complete  
No matter how you spin it, propaganda that you spew  
Dual plagues of tyranny will be the end of you

**Remember the Exodus!**  
**A vision of The Seven!**

Let it be known and not misunderstood  
In the breaking from the Hammer we are a Brotherhood!  
In all the minds of members of the Way  
This time of honor is our Independence Day!

Break the ties from those that held the reigns  
As the vision of The Seven, broke us from the chains  
Freedom braved the journey and conquered the unknown  
As the Hammer crumbled beneath the Iron Throne

**Remember the Exodus!**  
**A vision of The Seven!**

Called us 'rogue' to try and fan a flame  
But we wore it proudly while they played their game  
The master and his puppet flailed in disarray  
Like a child in a tantrum on our Independence Day!

**Remember the Exodus!**  
**A vision of The Seven!**  
**Remember the Exodus!**  
**Freedom from Eos!**

## Scion of Death

A song by PICTAR and Epis Manji.  
<http://www.myspace.com/pictarband>

Murderer of thousands, yet you never touched a sword  
Your name synonymous with death but by many is adored,  
You made your people suffer, when you took your place  
Slaying all that fight back, scourge of the human race,  
You set your plans out straight, no place for criticism  
Critics die and critics fry, ashes now for museums,  
You'll murder your subjects, destroy them as a whole  
No matter what the means, you have to reach your goal,

**You! Are! The Scion of Death!**  
**Echoes of Chaos deep within your eyes**  
**You weave carnage, through the mists**  
**Slaughtering all, disrupting time**

You fought your way up the ranks, for your twisted  
Communism,  
Whoever thought that anyone could frak up Socialism?  
And perfect ideologies never really work  
The only thing your people know is your evil smirk,  
You have people assassinated for missing a salute  
The rest of the government has turned completely mute,  
The state is in chaos, the poor are unfed  
The police are corrupt and the Tsar's fraking dead

Chorus

Overthrowing, controlling, manipulating masses  
Cackling with hatred, ordering more Lashes,  
Twisting, deceiving, the truth is now dying  
Ultimate power, gained through your lying,  
Destroying, backstabbing, ordering deaths  
The law more twisted with your every breath,  
Maybe someone could resist, but no-one ever tried  
No-one ever knew one man could cause a genocide

Solo

**You! Are! The Scion of Death!**  
**Echoes of Chaos deep within your eyes**  
**You weave carnage, through the mists**  
**Slaughtering all, disrupting time**  
**Filling the seas, with fluids of innocents**  
**Tearing people apart with your lies**  
**Scion of death, ruling from above**  
**With a bloodied staff, purging all that's good**

### Council Change Run-down

By: Jedi Hunter Sephiroth Storm

The Dark Brotherhood was rocked with news of several major changes in and around the Dark Council over the past few months. Here are the major changes:

Dark Side Adept Kir Taldrya Katarn, has stepped down as Deputy Grand Master of the Brotherhood after a six month term. Many lamented his departure as the right hand of the Iron Throne and the same rejoiced his subsequent return to Clan Taldryan. Kir has been replaced by Naga Sadow Consul, Xanos Sadow.

Dark Side Adept CyberGuy Quiritatio Entar, stepped aside as the Seneschal of the Brotherhood. Lord Archon Jam3z Entar stepped down as well. CyberGuy and Jam3z have been serving the Brotherhood as its coders since before the split and did a great job. Sith Warrior Rax Von-Klug succeeded him as Seneschal and is doing a wonderful job.

Dark Side Adept Spears Tarentae resigned as the Headmaster of the Shadow Academy. Spears has held the Office of Headmaster for a year and a half and left big shoes to fill. The Brotherhood's found the capable Dark Side Adept Anshar Kahn Tarentae to fill the void. Anshar Kahn served Praetor to the Headmaster and Knight Commander of the Brotherhood under Spears. Dark Jedi Knight Siyavash Kaida is the new Knight Commander. Knight Kaida by all appearances is committed to the Brotherhood and its future, and we wish her luck.

Finally, the new Herald, Muz, has settled into his role nicely. He has taken the job after Cyris in perfect stride.

So it looks like the Dark Council and the Brotherhood at large are in good hands. New blood is always good.



**The new Cluster of Fire**

### Herald releases Medal Designs

By: DV Staff

As Exodus Day grows nearer, this reporter found himself assigned to the Uncharted planet of Kyataru, where the Herald of the Dark Brotherhood, Muz Sadow has been cloistered, working on a few projects that had, until today, been kept under wraps.

I met with the Son of Sadow on his home planet, in his workshop, where I saw the impressive fabrication facilities. The machines ground out dozens of new medals as I stood there, watching. I asked Muz which Medals were up for re-minting and redesign.

"The First medal that came to mind for Exodus Day was the Seal of Loyalty. What better way to remember the ties that bind us to our brotherhood than in this, the rare pinnacle of achievement." The herald went on to explain some of the design elements used in the device. The chain that encircles the medal symbolize the strength of our bonds, the course we hold to. The centerpiece is made of embossed phrik alloy, the insignia of our Brotherhood adorning it.



**The new Seal of Loyalty**

But the Seal of Loyalty is not the only medal getting an overhaul. A far more common medal has been floating across the Herald's design desk for months now.

"It always struck me as kind of odd that the Cluster of Fire didn't have anything really representing fire in it's design. The aggressive nature of the medal (which is awarded for enemy kills) is quite conducive to the primal aspects of fire."

And so, utilizing a new holographic imaging process, the Herald designed a metal of dark stone that bears not only symbolized flames, but actual 3-dimensional flames. The technology permits us a very cool effect, where, by tilting the medal, different angles show the flame as if they actually burned. I got the chance to sneak peeks of both of these new medals, and I show them to you now.

As we walked through the rest of the tour, I spied a few other very interesting projects, but I regret that I can say no more on the subject. Rest assured that there is much more to come in the near future.



### New Senescal Brings Needed Change

The departure of Seneschal Cyberguy and Lord Archon Jam3z sent shockwaves through the Dark Brotherhood community. The two Dark Council members had served for years and their contributions were wide, indeed. They had provided the stability needed to keep the infrastructure of the Brotherhood going before, during and after the Exodus. It was unknown when they departed whether or not Grand Master Jac Cotelin would be able to fill their roles.

The most important consideration in the new choice was not the candidate's potential to be a stable figure. It was well known that the Dark Council's top concern was finding someone who could facilitate the long-standing plans for change within the infrastructure. True to this mission, the Grand Master set out to find an outstanding architect to work on the Brotherhood systems.

Rax Von-Klug was a relative unknown in these parts when he was chosen. Many Jedi were skeptical of giving so much access to a man that they had yet to find a reason to trust. Their fears and doubts were misplaced, however; Rax has proven himself in a very short time. The Grand Master was right to put his faith in this individual.

In a short span of time, the infrastructure of the Brotherhood has already seen much change. Some vital systems have been added that allow for better dispersal of needed arms and supplies, tracking software has been re-built for our weekly forays into combat, and the crucial backend of the Brotherhood's communication network has undergone an overhaul. While there is still much left to do, it is apparent that Rax has the skill, knowledge and motivation to get the work done.

The Dark Voice staff applauds his efforts and looks forward to more change to come.

### Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The irregularity of releases of the Dark Voice Newsletter is a travesty. Fix your organization.

*Editor's note: The organizational changes are underway, but please do note that there has only been one missed release of the Dark Voice in two years. That is a record of success relative to the Dark Voice's spotty past.*

Dear Editor,

The loss of the Order Leaders was a blow to this Dark Jedi Brotherhood. The Order Leaders provided stability and support for the three factions of the organization; their role was critical to our success.

Even more disturbing, however, is the lack of a Tribune position to fill in for the role of Krath High Priest. There are two positions used to fill the role of the Sith High Warrior and Obelisk High Commander, but the Krathly duties have just been lost amongst the Dark Council. The Grand Master must address this problem soon.

Dear Editor,

It's about time the Order Leaders went away. For too long we have had a bloated and incompetent Dark Council – the less of them the better. The Order Leaders didn't have enough to do to justify taking capable leaders out of the clans. Removing the positions is the best thing that this Grand Master has done yet.

Now, if he would only get rid of that blasted Obelisk order...

### Ask the Grand Master

Dear Jac,

I am an Apprentice in Clan Taldryan. My question is: why is the Dark Brotherhood's fleet is so small?

APP Festrunt

**Jac Cotelin:** *Festrunt, as an Apprentice, I would expect you to at least refer to me as Lord Cotelin. As you have not, I have directed your Consul to impose a suitable punishment. I do hope you have lived to read this.*

*Let this be a lesson to all of you out there who do not know my proper name!*

Dear Darth Jac Cotelin, Dark Lord of the Sith

Where is Rebirth?

DJK Regalus

**Jac Cotelin:** *Regalus, as a Dark Jedi Knight I would expect you to know that I am to be addressed as His Majesty, Darth Jac Ae-Sequiera Cotelin Taldrya-Cantor, Dark Lord of the Sith, Grand Master of the Dark Jedi Brotherhood, Wielder of the Golden Lightsaber, Hunter of the Largest Buffalo.*

*That you have not done this, I have directed my Royal Guard to administer punishment on yourself and your family. I do hope you have lived to read this.*

## F E A T U R E D I N T E R V I E W

## Master at Arms Syn Kaek

**By: Shin'ichi Endymiron Keibatsu**

When Syn Kaek was appointed Master at Arms the Dark Brotherhood knew that changes were on the horizon. With a dynamic outlook on his position, and an outwardly autocratic managing style, the MAA has been the topic of some criticisms recently by old and new members alike. I recently had the opportunity to sit down with Sith Warlord Syn Kaek, these days he's known as Xu Long, and talk about some of his goals, ideas and what direction he'd like for the Office of the Master at Arms to take in the future of the Dark Brotherhood. I also took a look at some of the lighter aspects of Kaek, the man behind the title.

**Did you have aspirations to become the Master At Arms and if so why?**

*I've actually been inclined to become MAA since...as far back as I can remember. Since when Thedek was MAA....this was prior to the database existing. I've never understood my own reasons for wanting the job - it always just seemed like something I could do well since my mind tends to be very well adjusted to administrative purposes. Back in the day, I was also younger and more impetuous...this was 6 or 7 years ago. My reasons for wanting to be MAA have changed over the years...today, I mostly want to give back to this club that has given me much pleasure and I'm anxious to ensure that the systems we have in place for member rewards are well organized.*

**Now that you have the position what do you see yourself accomplishing?**

*Already much has been accomplished. Most of the changes are small and were made both while Khan was MAA and now during my tenure. Many of them have been to solve small problems that pop up...some are to satisfy growing needs, like the family census and the Clan title census, and almost all of them are simply paving the way for the large changes. We have major reform/revision projects planned for...quite literally...all aspects of the MAA's office.*

**Would you care to elaborate on that?**

*It's hard to elaborate on exactly what that means....since we're looking at wholesale revision. It doesn't mean we're scrapping everything we have and starting over, it just means we want to reevaluate the system we use so that it better serves the DB populace. On a side note we'll be making a nice guide for people to use as well. My goal is quite simple: I want to make everything clear enough for everyone that my workload virtually disappears. When promotions/medals are written properly, it takes no more than 20 or 30 seconds to review low-level requests...when they are poorly written, it's just not good for everyone. I aim to correct that; and a lot of that correction has to do with educating the membership.*

**Do you have any other side projects in the works?**

*Yes...there are some nefarious ideas. Obviously I will be making small changes continuously.*

**Anything you'd like to share with the members?**

*Well, following the conclusion of most of these large projects there are several other ideas that I have. I'd rather not go into them, since I am absolutely positive that they will be controversial, and while The Grand Master is aware of them and approves of some of them, now is not yet the time to reveal them. Needless to say, the MAA status quo does not exist anymore, as in, changes will be made - I'm not just going to sit and press "Approve/Deny".*

**Shortly after taking the position of MAA you came under fire from several directions for your handling of the office.**

**Would you care to respond publicly to anything, or say anything to clarify your position on things such as the "nonexistent status quo"?**

*It seems to me, most of the criticisms have come because I'm a non-traditional operator. It also seems to me, that most of the criticisms have been from small groups and not the mainstream of the Brotherhood.*

**Could you explain the term "non-traditional operator"?**

*I don't think anyone would say that they want an MAA who simply approves/disapproves of requests, however, many people have become used to that. The fact that I question assertions has offended some individuals who maintain that I have no right to question their statements. This is what I mean by a "non-traditional" operator: I aim to make significant changes to the way things are handled. If my job consists of pressing a button why do we even need to have someone in*

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### Interview with Master at Arms Syn Kaek

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*my position? The answer is because that's not all my job consists of. I'm supposed to square away everything across all of the Clans and Houses - that means adjusting my thinking to the way every individual leader handles their awards and recommendations. This goes for Clan leadership, House leadership, Battleteam leadership and DC leadership. Some people have accused me of advocating more 'bureaucracy' because I demand more quality from recommendations. However, as I have said on other occasions, I do not consider it unreasonable for me to expect leaders to know what their members have done. Others have brought up the fact that some people are overlooked for awards. I have been looking into a solution for this.*

#### **Is there anyone you consult with if and when you have a difficult decision to make regarding your position?**

*Well, if I have difficulty making a decision on a medal or a promotion, I'll usually consult with whoever requested it or any related superiors. For higher-level stuff, I will usually automatically consult with the Grandmaster, although he usually leaves the final decision to me, however on general policy changes, I almost always consult the Grandmaster and oftentimes the Dark Summit as well.*

#### **Do you find it difficult to be the sole decision maker or do you enjoy it?**

*It can be difficult sometimes but it's also enjoyable. On situations where I know my decision will create problems, it's challenging. However, ensuring things are done properly allows me to derive a lot of pleasure from making the right decision. And to be honest being the sole decision maker ensures uniformity...which is a very good thing.*

#### **Do you believe the Dark Brotherhood, as a whole needs to be more authoritarian? Or do you believe our current semi-democratic system works just fine?**

*The current semi-democratic system works well...in fact, I'm in favor of more democracy. Some people might be surprised to hear that from me, however, with these large reform projects, many members will be surprised at the amount of 'democracy' I intend to inject into this decision making process. Ultimately, in my particular position it will always come back to one person making the call, but the more voices and opinions I hear, the better I can make that call.*

#### **Where do you see yourself DB wise five years from now?**

*Well, I'll either still be MAA or, more likely, I'll have long since retired. I don't aim to go any higher than this. I don't think I'd be a good DGM or GM, although Firefox's job is quite appealing to me as a law student. Most likely, however, I will retire after I've finished setting up a stable MAA system.*

#### **Let's talk about Kaek the person now. You are a pre-law student?**

*Yes.*

#### **What has drawn you to law?**

*Mostly natural inclination. It's actually one of my career interests to potentially serve as a Judge one day, which fits in quite nicely with my DB position, I'd think.*

#### **What hobbies do you have outside the DB?**

*Well, most of my time is spent doing college work. I'm also extremely politically active and I spend quite a lot of time working with University administration.*

#### **I know this will get me in trouble but I have to ask...Red or Blue?**

*I don't answer that question. I like to play my cards close to my chest. Besides that I paintball when I can and am a huge sports fan - I love my trifecta of football, baseball and basketball: never a dull moment.*

#### **What are your teams?**

*In the NFL, I like the Redskins though I'm not a big NFL man. In the NBA, I'm a Clippers fan ha-ha and I'm an Angels fan for MLB. Plus, in college sports I always root for my school's team, UCLA, and also LSU and Alabama and I absolutely hate Barry Bonds.*

#### **Is there anything else you'd care to add?**

*Just one more thing: Pyralis (*bad Kaek!*) sucks. And make sure that gets in there or I'll demote you to Initiate.*

### F I L E S

#### Fiction and Poetry

- *Into the Abyss We Go*  
A story by DJM Mejas Doto  
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