

War raged around Emperor Kamjin Lap'lamiz in the Ethereal Realm. The uncomfortable different plane of existence failed to truly focus around the Emperor. His red armor and flowing black cloak contrasted with the out-of-phase reality. His blood red lightsaber slashed through the crystalized corrupted body of a Twi-lek soldier of the Children of Mortis as he approached his target.

Loremi P'sum, the slightly taller leader of the Children of Mortis, or at least one of the leaders, of this cult of personality. His mop of hair fluttered in the winds of war as his lightsaber pierced the armor of one of the Palatinae stormtroopers. Kamjin leapt with unnatural grace towards the lithe man.

“Are you the best they have to send to take me out?” Loremi taunted. Kamjin took the measure of the man as the conflict moved beyond them.

“I think we both know how this ends if we let our blades settle this,” Kamjin said, extinguishing his blade. Loremi scrunched his face as he followed suit.

“What do you suggest? Certainly you don't intend to join us.”

Kamjin laughed. “No more than I expect you to surrender and join the Brotherhood. I propose this!” Kamjin said, pulling two small cardboard boxes from his belt.

“What are those?” Loremi inquired, squinting to read the small graphics emblazoned over a picture that looked like a space battle.

“A game of my own creation...I call it; The Dark Brotherhood Customizable Card Game!” Kamjin tossed one of the boxes towards Loremi. Loremi turned the box over in his hand, reading the description ‘The Force is With You! With the Dark Brotherhood Customizable Card Game, players control, alter, and feel the Force. The universe comes alive as the Brotherhood battles against the unrelenting power of the Children of Mortis. This premiere release consists of 52 common, uncommon, and rare cards with a random selection of hundreds of support cards’.

“You...made this?” Loremi asked while Kamjin had been busy abusing the Force to set up a makeshift table and chairs.

“Naturally. Now come, sit, we'll get this setup,” Kamjin said, throwing his cloak back as he sat down and gently lifted the top off his box of cards. Loremi took the seat across from Kamjin.

“You know...I expected some sort of mind game or riddle,” Loremi said, while haphazardly ripping off the top of his box of cards.

“HEY!”

Loremi reached for his lightsaber.

“Those are collectables. Be careful with the box. Ah, dank farrik, you ripped it,” Kamjin said, pain dripping from his face as he looked at the ripped cardboard.

“Oh...sorry?” Loremi said, taking his hand off his hilt and gently removing the cards. “What am I supposed to do with these?” Loremi asked, watching Kamjin who had already shuffled his deck and was busy laying cards down on the table.

“It's really quite simple. Pull out your objective card. It's the purple one,” Kamjin said, reaching over and separating the cards until he found a purple and gray two-sided card. “Put the side with a zero face up and then read the instruction.” Loremi looked down and read the list of instructions with titles of cards to find in his deck and began to pull them out.

“There you go. Just like that,” Kamjin said as he already had several Arx locations on the table, a character card of Emperor Palpatine at the Iron Throne, and a smug look as he looked

at his hand of cards. Loremi slowly found and deployed the Dandoran sites listed on his Objective card, occasionally looking up at Kamjin for confirmation that he was doing it correctly.

"That's right. Now, I'll go first," Kamjin said.

"Hey, what do you mean you go first?"

"It's in the rules."

"What rules?"

"The rules," Kamjin said, pulling a little booklet of rules out of his cardboard box and sliding them over to Loremi. Loremi began to read while Kamjin deployed Arx: Eos City and then began to deploy Dacien and Howie for free. He searched his Reserve Deck and found Evant and deployed him with Palpatine on the Iron Throne.

"Hey, what are you doing? You need to...umm...use Force to deploy characters," Loremi interrupted.

"Read the game text on those sites," Kamjin said, as he searched the deck again and found a red card that he deployed. Loremi read the game text.

"This doesn't seem fair at all. How is that fair? You get to deploy all these cards so quick..." Loremi coughed on his words. A shining blade of blood red light had shot up through the table. He smelled the burning cloth and flesh as he looked at Kamjin's raging face.

"I spent months working on this game. I am not going to let you insult it," Kamjin spat before using the Force to send the corpse flying over the edge for fear of having him fall and ruin the cards. "Damn, I wanted to actually play this game with a person instead of Dbbot."