



The Old Constellation

The Watchful One is a constellation visible from the Dune Sea of Tatooine. It represents a Massiff, a reptilian, hound-like creature native to the desert world and often used by the Sand People as guard pets. The Tusken Raiders revere this constellation as a sigil of endurance and protection.

There are long-established traditions amongst the Tusken that harken back to the days before the colonization of Tatooine, long before the Hutts and the Imperial era. It is said that one must make an offering of fresh meat to the Watchful One to gain its protection. Before Great Hunts, feasts are held in its honor so that it may strengthen those that remain behind to protect the *Uli-ah*, the children, in the absence of the hunters.

The Legend of Uku'rank and Rakr

There is a Tusken legend that depicts the birth of the Watchful One. It is said that in ancient times, in the days when water still flowed on Tatooine, a descendant of the Sand People, the great hunter named Uku'rank, set out to hunt a Krayt Dragon with only a gaderfii and his pet Massiff, Rakr.

Together, Uku'rank and Rakr crossed the length of what is now the Dune Sea until they tracked the dragon to its lair. In the ensuing battle, the hunter and his companion were both gravely wounded and though Uku'rank managed to deliver a blow that felled the dragon, it wasn't without cost. He had lost both an arm and an eye and the pain rendered him delirious. He fell unconscious shortly thereafter, on the brink of death. Good Rakr, who had also lost a leg against the monster, would muster the strength to drag Uku'rank back across the Dune Sea from whence they came, back to their people.

As the hunter recovered, bedridden, Rakr remained by his side. Through the days that followed, the hero grew progressively stronger but as he did so good Rakr grew weaker, until, finally, one could stand again, and one could no longer do so. It is said that as it drew its final breath, Rakr sacrificed its spirit so that its beloved master could endure. The Tusken believe that when Uku'rank later passed away after a long life as chieftain of his tribe, Rakr's spirit was released and taken to the stars where it now watches over all tribes as the Watchful One.