With the final push in the Dark Crusade, I had the privilege to speak to one of Plagueis’s highly skilled and, if they know what's best for them, respected veterans about his views on the proceedings thus far. Here is what I have learned.

People say war changes a man. The things one may see out in the field, friends and loved ones getting killed. Many weaker individuals would have a problem in the future and may even just lose their minds altogether, but with his unique bloodline trait, to his now internal mentor, the spirit of Ludo Kressh, Kuro is unlike any other that I have ever met. Kogarasu has been in many wars and conflicts during his time with the Brotherhood, during all of which he has been a part of Plagueis, but none of his past operations measure up to the complexity and savageness of the Crusade.

Since the start of the Crusade, Kuro has met many obstacles and crushed them under his foot. He has learned how to control his berserker rage and can now call upon it when the need arises. He can communicate to Master Kressh more easily. His own personal loyalty to Plagueis has tightened to the extent where it’s almost a part of him. Anyone who tries to take his new home and family from him will die. Kuro may be more controlled now, but he is more beastly and primal than ever.

Kuro was always kind of a loner; he just found it hard to trust people. Now he wants to see that all his brothers and sisters of Plagueis reach new heights in their individual quests for power and glory. It’s no longer in his mind as Kogarasu’s Plagueis, it’s now a House. Everyone works together, helping one another to make the whole house more powerful instead of just themselves.

With the new changes to Kogarasu’s abilities, His ability to control his rage and/or his mentor, his mindset is the same. He still wishes to attain the power to destroy Coruscant, his home planet in which its government murdered his family. Kuro has never been too keen on politics, so his view of the Dark Council has not changed. The council and the Grand Master are handling the events that have unfolded since Horizons fairly well, especially since everything that has happened is because they want more planets under Brotherhood control.

Not really liking politics, Kuro chooses to ignore the causes of many of the conflicts that the Brotherhood and/or House enters and only focuses on the result. The only things that matters is what happens when all the dust clears, the body count has been done and, if Plagueis is happy at the end. There is also, of course, the fact that he gets to fight and kill. Anything that can “feed the beast” is alright by him. Got to feed the animal inside somehow, right? Now, Kuro is not one to ask questions, he only does as he is told, within reason, but that does not stop him from thinking. Why invade Sith space? Well, why not? Kuro thinks that to be more feared in the galaxy, you need to have a larger presence. With more planets and their populations under Brotherhood control, the greater grip they will have in their growing domination.

Kuronos, or Kuro as he is called for short, is a busy man, and one of the more loyal to Plagueis as he likes to remind me, but before he left to tend to his normal training duties, I had time to ask one final question. What do you think the overall purpose was of the Dark Crusade?

His glare sent shivers up my spine like a womp rat looking at a angry and hungry Nexu. Though he did not attack. he did answer my question. “To gain more power.” That was just his guess, I assume. He said again that he doesn't follow the politics, he just follows orders, so when Plagueis was sent to investigate and conquer their first planet, the House did just that, no questions. Over the months of their conquest more planets fell under Plagueis’s control, he started to wonder if all of this was necessary.

Like I had mentioned before, near the end Kuro’s personality has changed. Seeing his friends die from fellow Brotherhood Clans and Houses who were going for the same planet, He thought about what the Brotherhood was trying to accomplish. Kogarasu had decided that the Crusade was to simply take Sith Space and make it Brotherhood space, build more bases, training facilities, and defenses if the Vong attack again. Anything to make the Brotherhood’s presence and power more overwhelming. If it meant putting each other against one another, so be it. “Sometimes, sacrifices have to be made for the greater good.”

With that, the large Prelate stood up, gave me a simple nod, and walked out. As he left the room, it was like a huge weight had been lifted off the building. Kuro carries a lot with him, mentally and physically.