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The Force sometimes lends its helpful hand and grants the visions of the future events. Only the most skilled and experienced Force users may actively follow the paths of the Force and draw precise conclusions from the images, which they see in their visions. However, even those, who only start their adventure with the Force may benefit from some visions of the future, though they find it significantly harder to interpret them in a correct way. Still, one shall be always open to the visions, which are granted by the Force, as they may save one's life or provide an advantage, which shall increase one's power or improve one's position.

Xantros' personal comments

68 ABY, Judecca, Cocytus Systum, Imperial Palace

The audience hall of the Imperial Palace on Judecca was intensively buzzing with excited whispers and talks. There were all members of House Scholae Palatinae and numerous officers, clerks and other important guests, who had been invited for the celebration. There were also holoreporters of the Imperial Holonet present in the hall. Xen'Mordin Vismorsus, still the Emperor and the Consul of the Imperial Clan, summoned all of them to make an important announcement.

Finally, the Emperor entered the room and everyone kneeled down, as he passed them by with a majestic step. No one had doubts that he had deserved such a respect, as everyone owed him their position, safety, wealthiness and power. Without his leadership, dedication and abilities, they would have never achieved what was at their disposal.

They raised up only when the Emperor sat down on the very new throne., which was a clear sign of his new status, as the leader of the victorious faction. He was going to address them with a speech, which was going to deal with the recent events.

Xen'Mordin Vismorsus looked around and spoke finally.

"Welcome, loyal citizens of the Empire. My wish is to speak to you, as I have an important announcement to convey to you. Please, listen carefully, as it is a joyful news to all of us."

Emperor stopped for a while, in order to bring listener's attention to the words, which he was going to speak in a moment.

"Three hours ago, I received a report from Grand Admiral Xantros. As you know, he has been leading the assault against the Galactic Alliance in recent two years. His mission was to crush the resistance of the last remnants of the Galactic Alliance, who dared to oppose us. Now, with the received words from Grand Admiral Xantros, I am glad to announce that he has been successful in his mission. The navy and the ground forces under his command have managed to liberate the last planet under the occupation of the Galactic Alliance, which was called New Coruscant."

People gathered in the audience hall started to cheer and applaud. The victory was finally their and their primary enemy was defeated. The Galaxy was their for the taking, as the Empire became the most significant faction in the Galaxy. With the ultimate defeat of the Galactic Alliance, no one would be able to stop them from seizing the Galaxy.

"It has been a great victory. Since now, we shall celebrate this day as the Victory Day. It shall be the commemoration of all these people, who have sacrificed their lives to make our victory possible. Through last twenty five years, we have seen many people die, in order to allow us to continue our quest. Many of them have been widely known – Angelo and Kell Dante, Evant Taelyan, Koryn Thraagus, Elincia Rei, Eetherbiail and many other officers. However, most of them have been rank soldiers, pilots and members of the auxiliary personel. They orphaned their children and left their families in sorrow. We shall never forget their efforts, dedication and loyalty. We shall never forget about their families and leave their families alone. We shall take care of their wives, husbands, parents and children. It is our duty to repay our debt to them, as only thanks to their selfless service we have been able to bring freedom to all of the planets, which have been occupied by the New Republic and the Galactic Empire for last sixty years. Please, commemorate their sacrifice with a minute of silence!"

A minute later, the Emperor continued his speech.

"Our enemy has been defeated. We have killed or captured some of the hostile forces, which have opposed us, and save these, who have asked us for mercy. All our enemies shall be judged and punished properly. These, who have surrendered themselves or have turned out to be helpful for us, shall be treated in a suitable way, as they are the prisoners of war, though they will not avoid punishment. However, their rights shall be respected and their sentence shall be a bit lower. Rank members of the navy and the army have been carrying out orders only. As such, they cannot be blamed for their actions, which have been taken up under the circumstances of life threatening environment. The primary responsibility burdens the top commanders of the Galactic Alliance, who have continued the war, which have caused so many casualties and material loses on both sides. They will be severely punished for their war crimes against the sentient beings."

The assemblied people applauded again. The Emperor once again proved to be fair, but also merciful. Though some people would rather see all their enemies dead, even they saw the wisdom of the Emperor, who gained more allies in this way. However, they expected that the war machine would lead to expanding the Imperial Dominium to the borders of the Galaxy. They were surprised by the words of the Emperor, who continued his speech.

"Our ultimate goal is to bring peace to all sentient beings in the Galaxy. With the defeat of our primary enemy, the Galactic Alliance, there is no need to continue the warfare. These, who dared to oppose us openly, have been crushed by our might. Our citizens no longer desire blood and death. They require peace and safety. We shall consolidate our new acquisitions and allow their citizens to decide, if they wish to become parts of the Empire. Each star system and planet shall be offered to join us on the equal conditions. If they do not agree for our proposal, they will be allowed to live on their own without the fear of retalation from our mighty navy and ground forces."

The attitude of the Emperor surprised many of the citizens of the Empire. Certainly, the members of House Scholae Palatinae were aware that it was the best way to maintain peace and prosperity in the Galaxy. If anyone dared to challenge them, they would be immediately deposed. However, it was fairly probable that most of the star systems would decide to join the Empire and lend it their resources in exchange for protection, free trade and the ability of free travels within the territories of

the Empire. The benefits were clearly obvious to any reasonable politicians and only fools, blinded by their own interests, pride or false dreams, might refuse such a beneficial offer. The suitable time for conquering the Hapan Consortium Hutt Space, Corporate Sector and any other independent parts of the Galaxy would come later. In the future, they would expand their rule to other Galaxies in the Universe. However, the constant warfare would not serve the goals of the true leaders of the Empire. Sometimes, it was better to build peaceful relationship with other governments, in order to become stronger before another war or to peacefully convince them to become the part of the Empire. Among the Dark Jedi that policy known as "Double X Doctrine", as it had been proposed by Emperor Xen'Mordin Vismorus and Grand Admiral Xantros.

"Now, it is a happy day. After long years of struggle and sacrifices, we may celebrate the victory. Our efforts have brought peace to our citizens and we may announce the end of the war. Today, the Empire have rised from the ashes like a phoenix. We are the Empire, the rightful heirs of our noble precedessor, Emperor Palpatine. His great vision of unified Galaxy is very close to becoming the fact. The Empire is alive and we are on the right way to unify the Galaxy under the banner of the Empire. All thanks to our efforts and dedication beyond any expectations. For the Empire!"

However, the truth was that the Empire would not be able to defeat the Galactic Alliance without the tacit support of the Dark Jedi Brotherhood. After the War of Darkness, which shook the foundations of the Brotherhood in 40 ABY, the Imperial House earned the trust of the Grand Master, as it had been the only House of the Dark Jedi Brotherhood, which fully sided with the Iron Throne. However, it had been enough to defeat forces of the rebelious Clans and Houses, as the combined might of the Iron Throne, the Imperial House and few loyal members of other units turned out to be stronger than the rebels. Thanks to the loyalty shown to Dark Jedi Brotherhood, Scholae Palatinae grew in power, as it was the only united unit. The other members of the Brotherhood came from different units and they had to deal with mutual hatred and suspicions, while the Imperial House remained united by the ideals of the Empire.

Now, Scholae Palatinae was the sole Clan of the Brotherhood and the dominant force in the Galaxy. The dream of the members of Scholae Palatinae finally came true. The Empire was reborn. The Empire was strong. The Empire had brilliant future. The Empire had destiny to fulfill. The members of the Imperial Clan had taken their rightful position as the heirs of the Empire and Emperor Palpatine himself. They were proud, but they had a good reason for that. They defeated the Galactic Empire and got rid of the greatest of their enemies. However, it was the rule of revenge. The one, who was ready to take it in a suitable moment, was the one to win the whole war.

Sometimes, the visions of future require sacrifices to be made in order to make these visions happen. The question remains, if one is capable of making these sacrifices. If one is not ready to resign from what they value the most, even being aware of the possible future scenarios is not enough to make them come true. Remember that the future is in constant movement. Every decision shapes the future. Every actions shapes the future. Every sacrifice shapes the future. A success may come only with a sacrifice. The greater success is to be achieved, the greater sacrifice must be made, in order to make it possible to turn out to be successful. If one is not ready for the necessary changes, one will never be able to make the visions of prosperity, wealthiness and glory come true. Sometimes, "the one" may be referred to larger entities than a single being. "The one" may be a group of various sizes. As it is clearly visible, "the one" is quite vague, as the visions of the future themselves are. One needs to be able to understand the subtle nuances of the Force visions, which require sharp mind and great sensitiveness. To get a vision of the Force is a difficult thing. To understand it properly is a more difficult thing. However, the most difficult thing is to make the visions of the vision come true. Knowledge, understanding, action. These are the steps to make the visions of the future come true.

Xantros' personal comments