Assault on the Secure Vaults of Daemon

**ISD Indomitable**

**Bridge**

 Delak was sitting in his personally installed Captain’s chair aboard the ISD Indomitable in orbit around Judecca. The patrol of the system had been unusually boring today until one of his Lieutenants walked up to him with a datapad.

“My Lord, there is a report of an attack on the Vaults of Daemon on the planet Caina. Here is the information we received.” The Lieutenant said.

 Delak took the datapad from the Lieutenant and looked carefully at it. The intel had come straight from Kell Dante, Quaestor of House Imperium and his friend. The reports are confirmed that the joint forces of many of the mercenaries that Scholae Palatinae had defeated in the previous years were massing on the Secure Vaults underneath Daemon, the main capital and trading outpost of Caina.

“We have been ordered to Caina to protect the secrets of the vaults at all costs. Commander, set course for Caina, best possible speed. Lieutenant you are dismissed.” Delak commanded with great authority in his voice.

 The Lieutenant turned on his heels and marched back to the communications station while the Commander of the Deck ordered best speed to the planet Caina. Delak continued reviewing the details of the insurgency on Daemon’s Vaults. No one knew what was in the vaults but he knew that he must stop the enemy forces from obtaining anything held within those walls.

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**Planet Caina**

**Daemon City Lower Levels outside the Vaults**

 The enemy forces had made their way through the trade city and were quickly heading for the vaults below. They had not encountered much resistance but the city wasn’t as important as the treasures that were in the vaults. The mercenary forces knew that they would encounter resistance once they reached the vaults. It was up to them to destroy whatever forces were there and break into the vaults to steal whatever precious treasures they could. The mercs marched on the vault entrance and were greeted by Imperial Scholae Guardsmen and a couple low level acolytes who were tasked with defending the vaults. The mercs launched a full assault on the unsuspecting troops stationed in the hallway entrance. War had begun as bodies began dropping left and right and from both sides of the firing lines. The acolytes tried to deflect the blaster bolts and take a rush as the merc forces but were cut down by enemy blaster fire.

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**Indomitable Hanger Bay**

 Delak stood onboard one of the Laat dropships that were stationed aboard the Indomitable. He had four dropships with twenty men each including his own hand-picked troopers from the guard as well as several Dark Jedi including his Battleteam Leader Chrome. Chrome was new to the command game so Delak had decided to bring him along on this mission of reclamation and defense of the vaults.

“Reports from the ground Delak,” Chrome stated, “the vaults are under siege. Our acolytes have already been taken out and the troopers are failing in their duties.”

“Well then, I guess it’s up to us then. Commander launch the drop ships now. We are going in. We are going to land in the main plaza and make our way to the vaults as quickly as possible.” Delak ordered.

“Aye sir, it will be done.” The ships pilot did as he was told.

“You don’t think we are too late do you?” Chrome asked.

“If we are, then we will be the first to find out.” Delak responded.

 The ships left their hangar and made their descent towards the giant ice ball in space. Caina. This is where Dorimad Sol, his former Battleteam, had been stationed not too long ago. The fond memories Delak had of training again with Kell and destroying the pirates who tried to take over their temple during the Looking Home Campaign from last year. The ships made orbit and dropped into the plaza of the City of Daemon. The Imperial citizens there scattered as the landing vessels touched down with Dark Jedi and Scholae Guard alike disembarking quickly from the ships. Delak ordered a quick march to the under levels where the vaults were located.

 As Delak, Chrome, and the troopers and other Dark Jedi got closer to the vaults they could still here blaster fire.

“Good, blaster fire means they haven’t succeeded in their goals yet and this is soon to be a battle on two fronts with the enemy pinned down.” Delak announced to Chrome as they ran.

“Good I like them helpless,” chuckled Chrome.

 The two led their troops into the lower levels and rounded a corner and Delak quickly pulled up his saber with a snap-hiss and deflected a blaster bolt that was meant for his head. He cherished having the ability of foresight, for whatever brief periods he could conjure up. Chrome similarly ignited his saber as did all of the Dark Jedi, they ran forward screaming out war cries as the troopers behind them started firing into the enemy mercenaries. Delak and Chrome leapt over top of the blaster fire and landed on top of a couple of mercs. They kicked the blasters out of their hands and pushed them out of the way through the force hurling them into the backs of their comrades. Delak spun round and sliced the head off of a foe who had no idea how bad of a headache he was going to have. Chrome stabbed his saber into the chest of another merc. The enemy managed to get a few shots of at Delak and one of the shots caught him in the mechanical leg. It seemed fine and he was not having any gear issues yet. Delak fed off of the anger he felt for letting himself be shot once again and screamed loudly as he plunged headfirst into the man’s chest knocking him backwards and then stabbing a vibroblade into his throat. Delak savored every moment of the man’s death feeding off it further. The group of mercenaries that had been attacking the vault knowing that they were outmatched, instead of continuing the attack, decided that it would be best to surrender and live to fight another day. Delak, though mad that they surrendered, accepted the surrender knowing full well that he would be in charge of the interrogation of these men. He would find out if there were any more forces lying in wait anywhere in the Cocytus system and he would wipe them out for the glory of the Emperor.