

## **Maximum Brevity Series IV – First Kill**

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Rian first ever killed another being not so long after he had joined Taldryan. Back in the days when he was still a Journeyman, the former reigning Grand Master Muz Ashen made a call for all Clans of the Brotherhood to conquer a world called Salas V that was inhabited by a sentient insectoid species. During this campaign Rian was put in charge of commanding a squadron of TalEx Elite soldiers; their mission was to secure a deployment zone now under control of an enemy Clan.

Outside the hovering transport the air was split with blasterfire coming from ramparts hastily built by enemy forces to fend of their attackers. Yet lacking formal training in the fine arts of lightsaber combat that would have allowed Rian to return the incoming blasterfire with his lightsaber, the Journeyman did the only thing at his disposal and charged for the first enemy soldier, drilling the blade of his lightsaber into his chest. It was the first ever time that he took another ones life, but he didn't took the other ones life out of hatred. They were at war, and one thing was for sure, whether this day or another, if he was about to protect his comrades and the values they stood for, taking another one's life would be something he was ready to do again.

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