## **True Strength of Character**

Lucyeth gazed upon the plaque on the wall of the main hall. The plaque was put up in part of a motivational speech done last week that the emperor quoted to the clan with enormous respect. The Battlemaster continued the quote in his head like a song.

"I once thought it was the great who held power, yet I was wrong...very wrong..." -Lucifer Romanov

"It's not the great who are strong; it's the strong who are great!" - Albel Nox

The Palatinaean looked it over again and remembered the speech and recalled in vividly. It was truly aspiring which reminded Lucyeth of the many members of Scholae Palatinae and what the quote meant to each and every one of them. Everyone always has a job to do in the clan and Lucyeth with everyone else included knew that what the case. Back when Lucyeth first joined he watched the Emperor inspire his people and to this day, still could in the worst of times, in the best of times. The Battlemaster was a mere hunter when he took on his first leadership position as a battleteam Sergeant for Acclivis Draco. It was a time of his baptism into leadership and Lucyeth took it in stride. His peers enjoyed his company and it wasn't long before he ascended to the position of Battleteam leader. Acclivis Draco was booming and morale was the best it had been until it was disbanded. But Lucyeth's position was not at an end when he was appointed to the position of Aedile for the newly branded House; Excidium.

Lucyeth worked under Koryn, a master and apprentice duo in House Excidium until Koryn stepped down. The Sith Warrior at the time assumed the position in a period of low morale. Lucyeth had to step down shortly after to pursue a life out of leadership. The Battlemaster knew it was time with a busy schedule to take a step back for the benefit of the House. Lucyeth knew what the meaning of the quote meant to himself and the clan at that point and could relate to what he went through as he went through the ranks.

Power is not through pure strength of the someone's character or physical abilities but by the strength of his leadership. It is the power of leading through influence of others not through the position. Lucyeth knew what that quote meant to Scholae Palatinae and why the Emperor used it in the speech. Leading is by example and the will to bring people together and not being the leader to tell people to come together. The Battlemaster looked at the plaque and smiled with the time he had given. There is always a time when a leader knows when to step back and assume that he did his time and Lucyeth took that step. It was time for someone else to step up and take the position and lead the people. The Palatinaean was proud to take part in it and looked forward to the future as he continued to gaze at the plaque in wonder.