

Although Rulvak was disinterested in the feud between the Grand Master and his vendetta against the "treasonous" members, he was still dragged into it. Being the Captain of the *Nighthawk*, he had to play his role; the Shadow Lady herself had decided what was best. Thankfully, Atyiru was not trying to start a full out war with Darth Pravus, therefore allowing Rulvak time to think about how he would handle any situation that came his way. He was not one to up and jump ship, but he definitely was not the one to fight a battle that did not pertain to him. The Sephi was quickly discovering that fate had a different path than what he had intended.

Unfortunately, Arcona as a clan is starting to decay. Alliances between members are shifting based on each individual's ideas, and the alliances between clans have been sabotaged. With the conflict within the clan about what the clan as a whole should do, the Captain of the *Nighthawk* now has to watch his back. He has trust for his crew, but there are quite a few that have already voiced opinions of directly opposing the Shadow Lady's commands. Already, an ally of Arcona was slain by one of Arcona's own, betrayed on the battlefield. For what purpose? Rulvak's duty as a member of the *Nighthawk* will be to find out.

As Rulvak continued his interrogations to learn more about what actually happened, as well as who the mastermind was, he grew more and more confident that this was a plot to create chaos and disorder amongst each of the clans. It was clearly a way to sabotage loyalties and dismantle alliances. Rulvak decided that the information he had gathered was too sensitive for just anyone to overhear or intercept. In an effort to keep the intelligence he had gathered to only the most need-to-know personnel, Rulvak made a personal trip to visit the Shadow Lady herself and present the information.

Pleased with the information that the *Nighthawk's* Captain had brought her, Atyiru was now able to make a better assessment of what damage had been done, then develop a new plan of action. Rulvak returned to the *Nighthawk* to begin preparations for the next phase of the plans, whatever they may be. Whispers were that war was on the horizon. Regardless of the attempts to break alliances, Tarentum, Plagueis, and Arcona were a force to be reckoned with.