

An accidental meeting

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Lithar Andaris did not really like hazard, as he did not see any point in wasting one's money for futile efforts of earning a small or, preferably, a large fortune in a seemingly easy way. However, the Clan Summit had claimed that he had been working too much for the success of the Clan and had ordered him to take a leave, so that he could actually rest a bit. He had been specifically asked to do something funny and in another region of the Galaxy, because they had been aware that he would have not been able to rest, if he had remained in the Kiast star system. Thus, Lithar decided to visit one of the most famous casinos in on Corellia, the Herrani Casino.

It was really an astonishing place. Twelve large rooms, which were full of various machines, tables and other tools to waste money on hazard. Crowds of entities of all kinds of species were moving here and there in a steady flow. Lithar Andaris walked around all rooms of the casino and finally decided to sit down at one of numerous tables, where the guests of the casino played Sabacc. He saw that game as less depending on luck and rather requiring strategic thinking, reading facial expressions of other people and hiding one's own feelings.

Lithar Andaris played just few rounds, when his face went slightly pale as he noticed two people sitting down on the other side of the table. He had never met them in person, but intelligence of Clan Odan-Urr provided enough data about members of other Clans of the Dark Jedi Brotherhood to allow Lithar to recognize them. They were Adept Kell Dante and Warlord Archangel, two notable members of Clan Scholae Palatinae. Lithar knew them also from stories of his old friend, Jedi Vanguard Xantros, a former member of the Dark Jedi Brotherhood.

Soon, the thing which the Lieutenant Colonel was afraid of happened. Kell Dante noticed and recognized him. He also brought Archangel's attention to him. However, both of them smiled politely at him and continued playing Sabacc without any hostile action towards him. Thus, he smiled politely too. However, he did not feel comfortable with their presence, as he did not know what they were going to do. Still, despite being extremely suspicious about their motives and plans, he also continued the game.

Twenty minutes later, Lithar Andaris went to the lounge to get something to drink. A moment later, he noticed Dante and Archangel following his steps to the lounge. They walked towards the bar counter and ordered two glasses Corellian ale. Then, they approached Lithar with polite smiles on their faces.

„Relax, Lieutenant Colonel,” spoke Dante. „We are here to enjoy some free time that we got to celebrate Sithmas.”

„Oh, I also got free time to celebrate Life Day,” replied Lithar Andaris.

„Good for you. It is probably the only moment of the year, when do not have to fight each other. Also, Herrani Casino is one of few neutral grounds, as it would be stupid to exposing our true nature to kill just one non-Force user.”

„Good point,” said Lithar with a smile and raised his drink. „Cheers!”