Precious cargo
Lt. Col. Lithar Andaris
11518

35 ABY, somewhere on Fex surface

„Geez, I have just made my first on the planetary surface and I already wholeheartedly hate this planet," spoke Lithar Andaris to himself. „I have very bad feelings about this place."

Murmouring about sending him to such a remote planet for a mining expedition, Lithar Andaris drove a repulsor trolley with necessary equipment towards nearby caves, as he was tasked with obtaining as much rare mineral as it was only possible and bringing it back to Kiast. The travel to the caves was quite boring. Soon, the Lieutenant Colonel activated three small mining droids that dug into walls of cave corridors.

Half an hour later, Lithar Andaris got bored and started looked around to keep himself busy with something before the mining droids would load the repulsor trolley. He decided to explore the caves and to see, if there anything worth taking it with him back to the headquarters of Clan Odan-Urr. Actually, his salary was not too high. Earning some more credits would be quite useful, if he wished to buy a shiny new fully functional Imperial II-class Star Destroyer with full crew aboard. It was worth like thousand times more credits than he had on his savings account. Getting his hands down an extremely rare and beautiful gem or a gem crystal with unique properties, he might get some extra money.

Lithar Andaris took out a flashlight, turned it on and moved deeper into the cave. He walked slowly, looking around carefully so that he would not miss anything that might be valuable. Suddenly, when he got two hundred meters deep into the cave, he noticed a strange being. It had six limbs with clawed fingers and a head with eight eyes. It also had spines on its back. It was definitely observing him. Suddenly, it vanished in thin air.

„Hmmm...I wonder if it was something real or just a kind of illusion?" thought Lithar Andaris. „Is it guarding something valuable or the cave is just its nest?"

Not sure what to do, he took out his Blastech DH-17 Blaster Pistol and made another step further into the cave, observing the place, where strange being disappeared. As soon as he moved, it appeared again to disappear just a moment later.

„This strange being that I have never heard about might be the thing I am looking for," thought the Lieutenant Colonel. „Its strange properties may make it extremely useful for our scientists and I might earn some extra credits outside my normal salary."

He aimed his blaster pistol at the last place, where he saw the creature and fired twice. It appeared with hole visible in its head and its corpse flopped on the crystaline ground. Lithar Andaris took the dead being with him and returned to the mining droids. He put it in a container and await some more time to allow the droids obtain a little bit more resources. When they filled whole repulsor trolley, he packed them on it and returned to his freighter.

Lithar made few rounds to the cave and back to fill his ship with the minerals. It was quite boring as nothing happened. It was possibly the only creature nearby or others were intelligent enough to keep away from him since he killed one of their kind. In the result, the Human spent over ten hours on the planet before he filled his ship with precious minerals. Then, he left the planet and jumped into the hyperspace, to return to the headquarters of Clan Odan-Urr with the bounty of crystals and

the dead creature of an unknown species.

Despite the fact that he was extremely bored with the assigned mission, he was also satisfied with the cargo that he was returning with. He hoped to get a decent reward, which would make him one step closer to buying his own star destroyer, for it.