

## **Into the lair**

### **Augur Xantros**

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#### **35 ABY, Caelestis City, Ragnath, Caperion System, Unknown Regions**

Xantros was slowly moving around the streets of Caelestis City, the largest cities on Ragnath moon. He carefully observed each place and he looked around quite often, but also discreetly, as he did not want to be followed and observed by anyone else. He was there on a secret mission assigned to him by the Summit of Clan Scholae Palatinae. His task was to infiltrate the city and gather as much intelligence about it as it was only possible.

It was an extremely important assignment as the Imperial Clan was going to invade Ragnath and Seraph in the upcoming months. However, if the initial assault and whole war was going to be successful, it was necessary to obtain as much intel data as it was only possible, in order to learn about strengths and weakness of their enemies. And, what was quite common with important tasks, it was not going to be an easy one.

Meraxis Empire was militaristic dictatorship that heavily relied upon strict laws and police forces to ensure the loyalty of its citizens. That was why Xantros had to use all his powers and abilities as an assassin to avoid any detection by police forces or army. However, the Force was his ally and he managed to spend almost two days in Caelestis City without significant troubles. He avoided most patrols thanks to his ability to cloak himself from the view of other living beings. In few other cases, he used Mind Tricks to make sure that the policemen, soldiers and guards ignored his presence, especially in restricted areas. However, as he spent more and more time in the Caelestis City, he found it more and more difficult to maintain his identity concealed, because the extensive use of the Force for a long time made him exhausted. It was also particularly difficult to deal with droids, as they were immune both to the Mind Tricks and the invisibility offered by the Force. He was forced to destroy them each time and explain himself to living beings, convincing them that he was a high-ranked Imperial officer, who inspected military installations to make sure that they are ready to fight the enemies of the Empire off in case of an invasion.

Finally, after two days of careful investigation, Xantros decided to leave the city, in order to avoid detection and getting caught. He gathered enough valuable data regarding military installations, city plans, vulnerable areas and other matters that might be useful, when planning an invasion to get a foothold in the Caperion system. He had to deliver the intel data to his superiors, in order to help them do their job, and getting caught by the military of the Meraxis Empire would definitely not be helpful as they would interrogate him brutally. Even though the Augur was sure that he would endure the interrogation and not slip any Dark Jedi Brotherhood or Imperial related secrets due to his training as an Inquisitor, his capture would weaken his allies both by making him unable to fight on their side during the upcoming battle and by allowing the Meraxis Empire officials to threaten Clan Scholae Palatinae with killing him. Though they would probably be willing to sacrifice him for the good of the Imperial Clan, but he did not like the idea at all, because he would fail in his quest to spread the Unity all over the Galaxy by letting his enemies kill him.