

## **Shady deals**

### **Augur Xantros**

#### **11518**

#### **35 ABY, Ulress, Caperion System, Unknown Regions**

After successful gathering of intelligence data about the Caelestis City on Ragnath, Xantros did not have much time to rest. He slept for few hours to regain stamina, but soon later, he was sent for another mission. On that time, his target was Ulress, where all kinds of criminals and scums lived in the hollowed center of the moon that once used to be mineral rich. His goal was to learn, what could be done there to make Clan Scholae Palatinae benefit.

After few hours of travel, the Augur found himself in the hollowed center of the moon. He could sense that the climate of the moon was similar to Nar Shaddaa, even though on much smaller scale. It was quite obvious that Ulress was a criminal center of a star system instead of a much larger region of the Galaxy, like it was in case of Nar Shaddaa. Still, it was a very dangerous place.

However, thanks to a display of his marksmanship skills, when he got attacked by several thugs just after his arrival to the moon, no one dared to approach him with the intent of attacking him in any way. It also brought attention of a powerful crime lord to him. To some extent, it was something that he had hoped to happen, even though he wished to keep his ties to Clan Scholae Palatinae secret.

„What can I do for you?” asked Xantros, when he sat down on a comfortable armchair in private room of a pub.

„My name is Volash Vilirin,” answered the human that was the crime lord interested in Augur's sharpshooting abilities. „I must admit that I am impressed by your shooting skills.”

„Thank you,” replied the Duros. „I hope it taught those thugs to stay away from me, if I do not want to talk to them.”

„I may have an offer for you, as you look like a reasonable mercenary,” spoke the crime lord. „I am sure that you will benefit from it very much.”

„Oh, really?” asked Xantros trying to make an impression of being surprised and curious. Actually, he was quite curious, because the offer of the human was possibly a way to achieve his goal.

„One of my...employees...decided to leave the job that I has assigned to him,” explained Volash Vilirin. „It caused me a lot of troubles and he vanished. I cannot let him live any longer, because it would be a disgrace to my reputation to the extent that it might even threaten my position on this moon. I cannot let it happen.”

„I see,” replied the Duros. „What would be my role in this mission?”

„My former employee knows all of other people hired by me. However, as you are completely new on the moon, he might allow you to come close enough to get rid of him,” said the human.

„What would I get from it?” asked the Augur.

„I would pay you five thousands credits and I would be in debt to you, in case you might need my assistance in the future,” promised the crime lord.

„Consider it done,” spoke Xantros after a brief consideration of the offer. „I need as much information about him as you can provide me, if I am to be successful on your assignment.”

Volash Vilirin moved a datapad over the table. „Here you are. It includes current image of the target and the location of his current hideout.”

Xantros nodded, finished his drink and left the bar. The information provided by the crime lord proved to be extremely useful. Few hours later, the Augur returned to the bar with a holorecord that showed the target with three blaster holes in his body. The Duros cashed the reward and left the moon, promising to be back soon.