

Lyra-3K-a Ordu Aspectu Temple

Just as Coruscant's gleaming spires are built over old and decrepit cities, the modern colonies on Lyra-3K-a hide an ancient secret. Deep in the caves beneath the surface, barely explored by the Principate's archaeologists lies a temple older than many civilizations. Rumors and findings suggest that a splinter group of the Jedi order called the Ordu Aspectu may have built what is now a ruin.

Beyond crumbling doors from the cave entrance is a small foyer, the air is still, a fine layer of dust covering everything, making the smooth stone floor treacherous. Small sconces line the chamber, the torches long since dessicated by time. The room is completely dark, except for what light filters in from the next room via the researcher's lamps, powered by two large and noisy generators near the entryway, feeding wrist-thick power cables into the main chamber.



Through the arched stone entryway lays a large main chamber with high ceilings. Nine large pillars reach for the roof of the chamber, stopping about halfway, ten to fifteen feet from the floor, age having chipped away at some more than others. So deep below the surface, the chamber's atmosphere seems heavy, the darkness seemingly only staved off by worklights.

Concentric circles line the floor, deeply carved into the stone itself, the geometric shapes reminiscent of ripples in a pond. Some of the researchers theorized that the pillars themselves once were able to be lowered and raised using the Force, but were naturally unable to confirm their theory. Closer inspection of the walls provides a bit more light by way of imbedded Kyber

shards, too small to be of much use, but glow brightly in shades of blue and green as living beings are nearby. This forgotten art may explain the lack of wall sconces or light shafts as are commonly found in other ancient temples. Sounds within the chamber echo ferociously, making audible communications difficult to understand, yet if one stands in the very middle of the center circle, some trick of architecture and geometry makes it so that no echo is to be heard. These unusual features of this temple have mystified the researchers of the Severian Principate and their allies, and there are usually several archaeologists investigating, probing the ruins for answers.