

INTRO

What you are about to hear is an audio version of Clan Plagueis's first post in their clan-wide run-on for the Thirteenth Great Jedi War: Discord. The run-on can be found on the Discourse site in full, though we have provided the original post as part of our submission. Our performers are Ronovi Tavisaen, Arden Karn di Plagia, TuQ'uan Varick, and Gaius Julius Caesar.

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NARRATOR

In the cold, nearly empty space, a dance of lights begins. Vivid grids of green and red appear like a hand perfectly drew them. Then, from every corner, comes blue. Vivid silhouettes emerge as if from the walls. The holograms stand out starkly from the holomap, witnesses to the data that has been fed to the Ascendant Fleet's flagship by the diligent Inquisitorius's reports.'

A meeting has begun in the war room of the *Ascendancy*, flagship of the Ascendant Fleet. The Dread Lord of Clan Plagueis communicates with her summit and the di Plagia circle. They aim to strike the Thuvis Shipyards, in order to remove Collective forces and ally with the Principate, though motives and plans may clash soon enough.

The cast of characters, in order of appearance:

Wrathus, Aedile of Ajunta Pall.

Kz'set, representative of Arden Karn di Plagia.

Cyvvaria Ranin, Admiral of the Ascendant Fleet.

TuQ'uan Varick, Dread Lord's Wrath.

Ronovi Tavisaen, Dread Lord of Plagueis.

Gaius Julius Caesar, Aedile of Karness Muur.

Tra'an Reith di Plagia.

Tahiri Thorn Morte Tarentae, Quaestor of Ajunta Pall.

Scudi Ferria, Quaestor of Karness Muur.

And Furios Morega di Plagia.

(Sound of beeping and whirring, perhaps, to signify a ship)

WRATHUS

The Inquisitorius has reported that the Collective is fully engaged with the shipyards. They plan to plant an AI unit to take full control of the station. All under the guise of camaraderie with the Principate.

KZ'SET

I can confirm thiszzz information. I waszzz able to hack some transmissions from enemy dreadnaughts.

RANIN

Any specs on the AI unit? Can it be disabled remotely?

WRATHUS

Most likely not. We don't have much information beyond that. But I'm working on it.

TUQ'UAN

The *Wrath* has a lock on the shipyards' battalions, Lord Tavisæn. We've detected that four dreadnaughts from the Collective's Elysium Battle Group are in orbit and on the defense. The Principate's 5th Fleet is on standby as well.

RONOVI

What are we looking at with them, Varick?

TUQ'UAN

Two Frigates, two Light Cruisers, two Bunkbusters, three Corvettes, and three Star Destroyers. Two Victory-class, one Imperial I-class.

WRATHUS

Hah! Pushovers, then.

JULIUS

Four dreadnaughts are nothing to sneeze at, Wrathus.

KZ'SET

Not concerning in the least, Caesar. We could wreck their fleet.

RONOVI

Enough. The Dread Lord speaks now.

(beat)

What's stopping us from an all-out assault here?

(Audible confusion)

TRA'AN

Is that what you're ordering, Lord Tavisæn?

RONOVI

Possibly, Reith. No sense in playing nice. If we take the shipyards, we'll have seized an extraordinary asset - one that would cripple both the Principate and the Collective.

TUQ'UAN

You...you mean to attack both groups?

RONOVI

Why not? The Principate isn't exactly about to give us the time of day due to our slaves. Why should we give them what they won't?

(Pause)

WRATHUS

Heh, heh. I like this. Prepare the squadrons for bombardment, Tahiri.

TAHIRI

No, Master Wrathus.

RONOVI

Anyone else agree with Wrathus?

(silence)

Really? Outvoted again? What kind of Dread Lord do you take me for?

JULIUS

Tavisaen, it's no use obliterating a potential ally and alienating the Principate even further from the Brotherhood. If anything, this is a great opportunity for us. We could kill two birds with one stone here.

WRATHUS

I get it. Crush the Collective's dreadnaughts, save the children.

TAHIRI

There are several families in the station. If they're in danger, the Principate would want to protect them.

SCUDI

If I may interject...

RONOVI

(sigh) Yes, Scudi?

SCUDI

We still have time to convince them that we are, in fact, on their side. Perhaps a meeting is in order.

KZ'SET

The installation of the AI unit must be halted.

FURIOS

And we still have ships to blow up. We have a lot to do, don't we?

RONOVI

Yes. Yes, we do.

(dramatic music crescendo)

RONOVI

Honestly, Furios, I forgot you were here.

FURIOS

I can contribute sometimes.

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NARRATOR

And so the campaign becomes three-pronged: Diplomacy, Infiltration, and Assault. If you'd like to know how Plagueis fared, there's a run-on to read!

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