

## Catching Manu

**Coruscant**  
**Mid-Levels**  
**Present Day**

Mauro Wynter stalked the mid-levels of a tenement block in a seedy neighborhood of the cosmopolis of Coruscant. The target was a Twi'Lek named Manu, an information broker and liaison with the Collective. Too much had transpired too soon between the Collective, the Dark Brotherhood, and the Severan Principate. Much too much, indeed. And many high ranking and powerful people demanded answers.

And thus was Wynter tasked with hunting down Manu and taking him alive back to the bounty contractor. It was a very loosely hidden cover story, as Wynter knew that the Inquisitorious had hired nearly all of Clan Vizsla to track down the Twi'Lek and bring him in for questioning and interrogation. Vizsla had minimal scruples when it came to taking on jobs of a political bend, but the Collective was a threat for what Vizsla was attempting to build in Wild Space under the aegis of the Dark Brotherhood.

Coruscant was a dirty city, an ugly city, one teeming with the multitudes and filth of a worldwide city state. Wynter knew taking down the information broker would be a challenge – taking life prey always was. Indeed, he was sure if Manu knew all the information that it was alleged then he would have a team of bodyguards or Collective Zealots. He readied his blasters and slunk down low as he approached the level and prepared to breach the door where he was certain Manu had setup operations.

Wynter placed a small explosive charge in two posts on the doorframe and backed up, taking cover against an support pillar and drew his blasters. He slowly counted down as the timer on the explosives expired. With a subdued bang the doorframe burst off the hinges and crumpled to the flooring, revealing the occupants of the level. Wynter started firing at everything that moved without lekku.

The initial surprise of the explosives took the occupants by surprise. Two Nikto guards had been posted at the door itself, and had been disabled by the door crushing down on them. Wynter could make out another half dozen, dazed but still deadly defenders inside the room. We caught sight of a figure with blue lekku and knew he had his target. Manu knew what the Mandalorian was after, and he made a swift attempt to exit the room via a back exit as his guards tried to buy him time.

It nearly worked, and indeed some time was gained. Wynter fired repeated bolts of laser fire from his blasters, methodically striding forward and cutting down Manu's guards. The abruptness of the attack had indeed taken them by surprise. Apparently the Twi'Lek fancied himself a non combatant and a freelancer not entirely beholden to the Collective. It was a tragic mistake. Wynter dispatched the last Nikto guard and ran after the Twi'lek. The Twi'lek

had a head start but it was not nearly good enough. Wynter took aim with his stun blaster and fired off two shots in rapid succession. Manu had been taken.