

**HISTORIAN'S HALL, ARTIFACT ARCHIVE, SECTION 8, ROW 11,
COLUMN 5**

Name: Saber's Bane

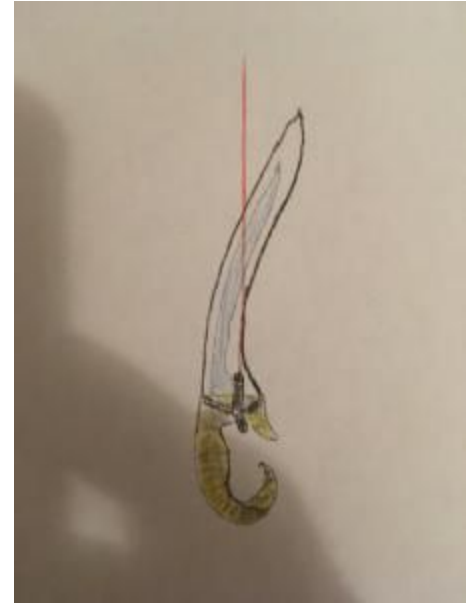
Ownership: Longstanding trophy of Clan Saxon of Mandalore

Manufacturer: Mastersmith Gar-Takked of House Saxon

Date of Creation: Unknown, estimated circa 20,000 BBY

Composition: The blade and hilt are forged from one piece of folded, high-carbon content beskar iron. The ornamentations hot-plated onto the hilt are composed of 99% purity electrum, plated over with 24 karat gold. Similarly, the blade is ornamented with a beryllium plate, tamped into the curved fullers. The hydrogen-ion blast-emitter affixed to the hilt, however, is forged from a singular piece of black-osmium, and totally unornamented.

Length: 65cm from pommel to tip



Physical Description: A beskad of traditional mandalorian style, this blade has been marked out as a weapon of Clan Saxon's nobility. The gold and electrum plated hilt is finely, intricately carved with micro-meter wide channels, designed to maximize the user's grip. More noticeably, the pommel and ante-pommel have been shaped into the near image of a mythosaur's closing jaws. The weapon displays two key additions that set it apart from the average beskad; firstly, its blade displays a far more noticeable curve than is usual, covering a space of 10 centimeters. This might have been done in order to account for the second unique factor; a small, two-shot blaster has been affixed to the hilt, with stopping power akin to that of a standard scout pistol. Of course, the accuracy of such a weapon is limited -without a barrel, there is little to guide the actual shot- but, combined with the already-lethal nature of the blade that it is attached to, this addition provides a degree of unpredictability to the user's tactics.

Item History: Judging by the bestowed name, and the presence of deconstructed carbon along the blade's edge, signifying multiple clashes with a lightsaber, '*Saber's Bane*' was likely forged for use during the Great Mandalorian Crusades against the Jedi. According to Clan Saxon historians, the weapon was bestowed upon the Clan's highest marshal after its forging, passed on from man to man as previous owners fell during the conflict. It stood as a symbol of unity for the Mandalorian clan, a mark of royal pride. That pride was shattered, however, some 10,000 years after its forging, as High Marshal Kilv Saxon was struck down while wielding the blade against Tarre Vizla during his reconquest of Mandalore. *Saber's Bane*, it seemed, simply could not stand up to the wielder of the Darksaber.