

## The Defense of Arx: A Battle Plan for the Sadowan Warhost

### Situation Report:

The overall conflict between the Collective and the Dark Brotherhood are finally coming to a head. The Warhost assets of Clan Naga Sadow have been brought to bear in response. Grand Master Telaris Cantor has requested the assistance of the clans, and as such the Overlord has granted a task force of Sadowan ships to break the back of the Collective fleet. Of these forces, six groups have been formed as a direct response to elements of the Collective's own task force, Task Force Elysium. Following the resolution of this immediate space bound threat, the clans are expected to help secure the surface of the planet Arx against Collective incursion.

There will be two expected phases to the Sadowan battle plan. The first phase of combat will involve engaging Task Force Elysium above the surface of the Brotherhood capital world. The second will involve eliminating ground combatants and designated military targets at the discretion of the Iron Throne.

## Phase One: Space Combat Above the Planet Arx

Objective: Clan forces must engage the Collective fleet attacking the Shadow Academy station *Nesolat*. Elysium task force must be eliminated as a threat, in order to allow the Brotherhood and Clan to establish a defensive position at one flank. The destruction of Collective ships is HIGHLY suggested.

### WARHOST SPACE SUPERIORITY FLEET:

#### Sepros Group Aurek

*Perdition* ((Imperial II-class Star Destroyer)

T-70 X-Wing squadrons x4

A/SF-01 B-Wing Starfighter Squadron x2

*Hammer* (Quasar Fire-class Cruiser Carrier)

BTL-A4 Y-Wing Starfighter Squadron x2

T-70 X-wing Starfighter Squadron x2

#### Sepros Group Besh

*Wrath* (DP20 Gunship)

*Blood Moon* (DP20 Gunship)

*Implacable* (DP20 Gunship)

*Spectre* (DP20 Gunship)

Sepros Group Cresh

*Dauntless* (Carrack-class Light Cruiser)

*Defiant* (Carrack-class Light Cruiser)

EF76 Nebulon-B Frigate

Tarthos Group:

*Phoenix* (Vindicator-class Heavy Cruiser)

A/SF-01 B-Wing Starfighter Squadron

TIE-Defender Starfighter Squadron

*Crucible* (Strike Class Cruiser)

A/SF-01 B-Wing Starfighter Squadron

TIE-Defender Starfighter Squadron

*Basilisk* (Raider I Corvette)

*Manticore* (Raider I Corvette)

Kressh Group:

*Immortal* (Vindicator-class Heavy Cruiser)

T-70 X-wing Starfighter Squadron

A/SF-01 B-Wing Starfighter Squadron

*Light of Orian* (Vindicator-class Heavy Cruiser)

BTL-A4 Y-Wing Starfighter Squadron

T-70 X-wing Starfighter Squadron

Scepter Group:

*Reaver* (Ton-falk-class escort carrier)

BTL-A4 Y-Wing Starfighter Squadron

T-70 X-wing Starfighter Squadron

T-70 X-wing Starfighter Squadron

T-70 X-wing Starfighter Squadron

A/SF-01 B-Wing Starfighter Squadron

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Aeotheran Group

Strike-Class Medium Cruiser

T-70 X-wing Starfighter Squadron

A/SF-01 B-Wing Starfighter Squadron

*Khar Shian* (Raider II Corvette)

*Stalker* (Raider II Corvette)

*MCC Rogon* (Marauder Corvette)

*Hyperion* (CR90 Corvette)

## Task Force Elysium at Nesolat:

*Lansford* (Dreadnaught-class Collective a70 Heavy Cruiser)

*Korpil* (Strike-Class Collective m50 Medium Cruiser)

*Straden* (Strike-Class Collective m50 Medium Cruiser)

*Obarel* (Strike-Class Collective m50 Medium Cruiser)

*Yorcot* (Strike-Class Collective m50 Medium Cruiser)

*Calgen* (Dreadnaught-class Collective a70 Heavy Cruiser)

*Almiston* (Dreadnaught-class Collective a70 Heavy Cruiser)

*Vassic* (Dreadnaught-class Collective a70 Heavy Cruiser)

*Pencron* (Dreadnaught-class Collective a70 Heavy Cruiser)

*Bastra* (Dreadnaught-class Collective a70 Heavy Cruiser)

*Clordorme* (Ton-Falk-class Escort)

*Zeballos* (Lancer-class Collective s20 Frigate)

*Tashota* (Lancer-class Collective s20 Frigate)

*Edam* (Lancer-class Collective s20 Frigate)

*Aylmer* (Lancer-class Collective s20 Frigate)

## Sadowan Warhost Strategy to Accomplish Objective:

Before coming into the engagement range of Collective ships, the ships of the Warhost will split into their respective groups. It must be stressed that initial engagement should be started at extreme ranges.

SEPROS GROUP AUREK will engage the Collective Cruiser *Lansford*. This can be accomplished via slugging it out with the heavy cruiser or the judicious use of ion cannons. Once the *Lansford* is disabled, AUREK will join with SEPROS GROUP CRESH in engaging cruisers *Calgen and Almiston*.

SEPROS GROUP BESH will engage Collective Strike-Class m50 cruisers, using the modular weakness of the ships to quickly clean up the shine. Once the medium cruisers have been either repelled, destroyed or otherwise disabled as a threat. Expected threats include: *Korpil, Straden, Obarel and Yorcot* cruisers.

SEPROS GROUP CRESH will maintain a distance from its assigned targets *Calgen and Almiston* until SEPROS GROUP AUREK can join them. Cresh will be remaining highly mobile, striking and fading instead of directly attacking the assigned Collective forces. If either cruiser closes into distance with CRESH, the group is instructed to regroup with SEPROS GROUP AUREK.

TARTHOS GROUP will be tasked to engaging *Vassic* and *Pencron* heavy cruisers. Given the slight disparity between the group and the offensive might of the heavy cruisers, the *Phoenix* will spearhead the attack, with the other ships will fire from a position behind the Sadowan heavy cruiser to provide fire support.

KRESSH GROUP will be tag-teaming the *Immortal* and *Light of Orian* to ensure the destruction of Collective cruiser *Bastra*. The combined firepower will allow the potential disengagement of *Light of Orian* to join with the singular ship of SCEPTER GROUP. If the combined power of the two cruisers proves overwhelming to *Bastra* the *Immortal* is permitted to engage with targets at the sole discretion of the captain.

SCEPTER will be tasked to engage with the Ton-Falk-Escort designated *Chloridorme*. Given that both Ton-Falk Escort Carriers will be bearing squadrons, the twin B-Wing squadrons on the *Reaver* will be tasked to destroying the Chloridorme while the four snubfighter squadrons will be acting as cover for the bombing squadrons. Once the squadrons have been deployed, the *Reaver* will retreat to safety at the extreme boundaries of battlespace.

AEOTHERAN GROUP will be tasked to engage the Collective Lancer frigates wherever they are deployed. While the Lancer-class s20 frigates remain in play, *Khar Shian*, *Stalker* and MCC Rogan will be hunting down the enemy Lancers directly, with *Hyperion* acting as an anti-fighter platform. The Strike-Class cruiser assigned to the group will be acting in a fire support role. Destruction of these enemy frigates is vital to ensuring Sadowan victory. No element of the Task Force can be ignored.

As individual groups complete their respective objectives, they will rejoin the next 'smallest' group. This should allow the Warhost to destroy more ships with a reduction in loss of equipment or life. The intended strategy is not without risk, as it does put all ships in a relatively close proximity but it should also allow Clan Naga Sadow and the fleet to more quickly eliminate threats to Brotherhood and clan.

## Phase Two: Surface of Planet Arx; Air Superiority

Overview: With the successful return of the Administration and Observation sections of the *Nesolat* station to the surface of Arx, the immediate priorities of the fleet have changed somewhat. Rather than disengaging from their position in space, the Naga Sadow Warhost fleet will hold position. The Arx Occupation Detachment of the Warhost operating fleet Iron Legion Headquarters. This will involve operations on both ground and air, but will primarily involve acting as a deterrent both active and passive against Collective airborne threats.

BATTLEGROUP SCEPTRE and its accompanying forces will be responsible for engaging with Collective. T-70 A-Wing squadrons will engage primarily with B-Wing squadrons and Quadrijet squadrons. *Hyperpion* will engage with Headhunter squadrons and T-70 X-Wing squadrons of the Collective. Gunships *Wrath* and *Blood Moon* will spearhead the attack. Meanwhile *Perdition* and *Hammer* will disgorge their squadrons and join the gunships in the destruction of Collective Lancer-class frigates.

Once air superiority has been established, the *Sanctuary* will begin dropping Legions of the Warhost Army onto the surface.

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