

Bakura Space

Kanal O'Neill Aboard the Nightstrike

Kanal stared at his consoles as he prepared to make the descent into the mountain regions on Bakura. Ever since the pirate forces on Daemunn had been chased away he had heard rumors that Captain Mar'Vel Wonder, the pirate leader and ex-Imperial, landed on the planet. Bakura isn't a big jump from Zsoldos and Vizsla space so it was a quick and easy trip if the rumors weren't true. This was one threat, and rumors were growing of a newer group of people who were beginning to terrorize people around the galaxy.

"Encoded message to Korvis on Zsoldos," Kanal spoke into his flight recorder. "This is Kanal. I have reached Bakuran space and I am beginning my landing procedures. So far so good. I will contact you if I find anything out about anything here. Kanal Out." Kanal finished quickly and transmitted the file.

A few minutes passed flying into the atmosphere of the planet. The Mandalorian did a quick fly-by of the area in the mountain ranges where he was told to go. As he flew around he could see a shuttle and two fighters landed near what looked like a temple entrance. He decided to land out of range and take a hike to get to the temple.

It took about twenty minutes to make the long trek from his ship to the temple entrance. There were markings on the ships that he didn't recognize. It was a circle surrounded by and filled with a couple of triangles with a sphere at the top. An interesting symbol to be sure. He saw two cloaked figures standing guard near the entrance and knew that any further information would have to wait until the group exited the structure. The structure itself was mostly buried in sand but partially sticking out from the mountain range itself as well. He could see a statue of three beings partially protruding from the ground. They appeared to be an old man in robes with a smaller but evil looking male and a beautiful and peaceful looking female.

"Interesting." Kanal thought to himself.

Hours went by and finally a small group exited from the temple. It was a group of about ten and they all wore similar robes to the guards. Each robe was black with red outlines around the shoulders and neck and up around the edge of the hoods. One had gold instead of red. Kanal assumed this was the leader due to the color change. They boarded the shuttle and the fighters and took off. Kanal took this as his chance to make way into the temple to see what they were doing there.

He entered the temple and followed the lights that had been laid out into the central cloister. There was a giant wall with pictures of the three beings who matched the statues that he saw outside. They seemed to be in conflict with each other and each one had different symbols attached to them. It was a very odd mural and he wasn't sure what it meant. There was a computer setup in front of the mural and it was running a decoding program. When he looked

through the records Kanal found that they were the Children of Mortis and were looking for a way into the world between worlds. What this was, he had no clue, but he knew it was his duty to report back what he had found. He exited the temple and headed straight for his ship. With the enemy gone his jetpack was his greatest ally.