

Fire raged throughout Caelestis City. The Civil War had destroyed most of the infrastructure but the crystal asteroid that rocked across the city before impacting upon the lighthouse had been the killing stroke. Komilia stood upon the husk of a tower within the remains of the entertainment district. She couldn't tell if it was the wail of the seasonal winds blowing in from the ports or death that she heard. She realized she probably didn't care. Ever since she had come back to her father, the Emperor of Scholae Palataine, she had heard that same sound off in the distance.

She flipped her visor sensor pod and her HUD zoomed in to the street level. When she took note of a person she saw the contortions upon their face as they ran in horror. She made a minor adjustment on her vambrace and the image zoomed out. "There you are," she muttered as a hulking crystalline monstrosity appeared, lumbering after the terrified civilians. It must have been a Gand before the crystals had gotten to it. The bulbous red crystals jutted out from the pressure suit Gand's wore to breathe within normal oxygen rich atmospheres.

Komilia could see the ammonia leaking out around the crystals. *It'll suffocate before it gets much further*, she thought. Then she spotted them. A mother and child trying to hide in the wreckage. *Sithspawn. He'll smell them out*. With a click she drew her blaster from its holster and she jumped from the building. The empty shells of floors flew by as she steadied her aim. As the ground started to get closer she unleashed hell. The beast jumped out of the way as potholes exploded into the concrete street.

Komilia's jetpack activated as she leaned into a dive. As she shot past she dropped her thermal detonators. She pulled out of her dive and hovered several meters above the ground as they detonated. Despite her Mandalorian helmet she turned away from the blast reflectively. If she hadn't, she'd have noticed the Gand had dove behind a vehicle and avoided most of the shrapnel.

Komilia scanned for her prey through the smoke to no avail. Suddenly, a lightwhip's yellow energy trail sprang forth and wrapped around her ankle. If not for the beskar plated boots she'd have lost her foot. Komilia didn't have time to be thankful for the armor as the beast yanked her from the air. She hit hard upon the ground. Her jetpack ripped itself free from its mounts and spiraled off into the distance.

"You're fracking kidding me," Komilia screamed at the beast. Enraged, she let loose again with her blaster. The lightwhip was recoiled and in a dazzling display of skill danced through the air deflecting her blasts. The mother and child stood frozen nearby. Komilia barely noticed them anymore as her rage seethed at the monster who dared to pull her out of the air.

She broke into a run, her barrage of blaster bolts continuing to be stopped by the lightwhip. With her free hand she pulled out her vibroknife and flung it at the Gand. It impaled itself deep into his shoulder. As the beast screamed a soulless, bestial, howl, she connected a kick squarely into its chest. "You. Scummy. No good. Poison breathing. Motherkarker," Komilia howled as she stomped upon the Gand's chest. "That jetpack was a gift." Komilia landed squarely on the Gand's belly with the last dual footed stomp and she felt what passed for air escape from his body.

Komilia backflipped off the prone body. Landing she threw out her arms as her dual vambraces spewed flame upon the Gand. The crystals glowed an unnatural blood red as the fabric of his suit began to burn. "No, don't!" the mother screamed in horror. Komilia looked over at her as the suit ruptured and the ammonia within ignited. Komilia was flung across the street,

saved by the beskar but knocked unconscious while the rest of the area was engulfed in the flames.