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WULFITE-CLASS PASSWORD CODELOCK REQUIRED FOR GRAYBLADE ASSESSMENTS

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FILE ACCESS: GILDED HEARTS

ASSESSMENT PROVIDED BY AGENT 'GRIS'

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Dossier information first. Target's name is Sera Kaern. Twenty and four years of age, hailing from the blasted lands of the Zabraki homeworld, Iridonia. Despite her tribal background, Kaern has risen rapidly within the ranks of both our foe's greater organization (SEE FILE: FRACTURED FRATERNITY), and the command structure of its sub-component, known as Clan Arcona. (SEE FILE: BRIGHTEST SHADOW) Specifically, she is the commanding officer of its largest planetary garrison at Fort Blindshot, home to the majority of the clan's quick response forces, and the target of our upcoming operation. (SEE FILE: ASCENSION) This is after only three years total within the fold of the organization, which also appears to be the sum-total of her experience in the galaxy at large.

GILDED HEARTS, at the time of this assessment, is identified as an **ORANGE BESH** level threat, of significant enough import to be specifically targetted for assassination and elimination immediatly upon initiation of **OPERATION ASCENSION**. The reasoning behind this assessment is two-fold. The primary objective is the elimination of her place in the planetary defense command structure, outlined above. Secondly, there is the threat that she presents personally, as both a battlefield asset, and an assassination hazard. **GILDED HEARTS** is a powerful Force user, with abilities that defy her classification as either a Sith or Jedi. Of particular import are gifts as a battle-conduit and telepath. A User invested practiced in Battle Meditation can sway the outcome of operational-level engagements, and dampen the influence of all but the most potent Shadowseer manipulations. Telepaths, meanwhile, are the potent bane of Force-gifted assassins; as long as **GILDED HEARTS** is in place, gaining access to Arcona's command structure will be difficult, if not impossible without suppressing her screen of sensation. This is further complicated by the fact that she is a talented warrior, and impossibly tenacious. I would hazard that, despite **GILDED HEARTS** being only assessed only at an Orange threat level, that a **BLUE XETH** level asset be assigned to hunt her down, if deemed necessary.

But there are other options.

GILDED HEARTS defies classification as a Sith or a Jedi. But, as her code would suggest, there is an obvious lean to her character. She is merciful, honorable to a fault, and in my assessment,

deeply naive. These are strengths and faults that our organization could utilize, and that the silvered tongue of a Dawnseeker might exploit. Let one of them find her, either prior to **ASCENSION**, or in the operation's opening moments. Let them speak. Even if the target can not be swayed, she can be distracted, disturbed; just long enough for a Grayblade to slip in, and do what they do best.

