

A Dark Cult

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In a system like Cularin, with a history of Sith activity dating back thousands of years, where an Academy was founded by those who would keep watch over the ruins of one of the great fortresses of the Sith, it must be inevitable that this day would come. Citizen and criminal alike step warily, watching over their shoulders for signs of the dark force that has made its way into Cularin. There have always been devotees of the dark side, lurking on the fringes of society all around the galaxy. Now, in Cularin, there are rumors that the dark cult may soon make its presence felt in very real, very painful ways.



The following message was posted, for a matter of five minutes, to every news board in Cularin. While it was deleted almost immediately, downloaded copies survived. The headers were consistent with those used for the transmission of information to and from the Jedi Academy and seem to indicate that the message was intercepted, decrypted, and made public. The Academy has issued the following statement regarding the posting: "The information that was publicized two days ago does not necessarily reflect factual details of goings-on in the Cularin system. A great deal of information - both good and bad - is available in the public record, and any transmission that purports to offer insights into secret groups of Force users should be viewed with a critical eye." No further statement has been forthcoming.

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Central -

Early indications of significant dark side activity may have been overstated. Patrols report no meaningful deviations from previous activity by cultists.

Organization remains weak. No central core is yet visible, and the structure seems a loose matrix without a problematic command base. Cularin proper houses one element, meeting location indeterminate. Evidence indicates that cultists are separate from the Wyrd, but that the two groups may be working together.

Elements are also present on Tolea Biqua, Varna Biqua, Eslo Magua, Hyllos, Depatar, and potentially a half-dozen other cities of Genarius. It is unlikely that any elements are present in the asteroid belt. A different darkness exists there, but neither we nor Nirama's people have been able to localize it. Observations of Nirama indicate that he is aware of the problem, but remains uninvolved in it. Postulate that he is busy with Trammel.

Only evidence of meaningful change in cult activity is directed at Almas. Strongly advise increased security on-planet. We have been unable to learn the precise nature of the threat to the Academy, but believe the cultists may be preparing to make a move on the other pole. It is not unreasonable to suspect they may have learned something that has emboldened them enough to finally come out of the shadows and make themselves known.

Cularin is not ready for the kind of power they are likely to wield. The threats the system has endured so far have been political, economic, and criminal. If we have been unable to locate them before now, they must have substantial resources at their disposal, and more facility with the dark side than we had allowed ourselves to believe. It is only in the last week that we have



even found solid evidence of their existence; before then, we were chasing fog. With evidence, though, we must still decide what to do.

We leave the decision to Central, and will continue to gather information regarding cult activities. That we have found as much as we have, as quickly as we have, means one of two things:

Either the cultists are growing careless and not bothering to cover their tracks, or they want to be found.

Neither offers comfort.

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Current speculation is that the transmission was from a Jedi envoy and was meant for the eyes of someone at the Academy. Other theories have been floated as well, with one of the most troubling being that the information was put out by the dark cult itself, a way to place the seeds of fear in the people of Cularin. So far, it seems, it may be working . . .

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