

Uffel

The moon of Uffel supports a thick atmosphere filled with numerous heavy and poisonous gases. The small moon rotates quickly around Genarius, spending equal time in light and darkness. Because of the faint light emitted by Genarius itself, it would never really be dark on the moon if it were not for the atmosphere. Thick gases dim the light as it travels toward the planet's surface, with the result that it is usually twilight or night. Days are never as bright as they are on Cularin or Genarius.

Though uninhabitable, the moon's potential mineral wealth was attractive enough to two Twi'leks that they mounted a survey expedition. When their ship hit the thick atmosphere, they lost control. The Twi'leks did not survive, but two astromech droids of the R4 series and QS-2D, a heavily modified humanoid administrative droid based on a protocol droid frame, did. 2D surveyed the situation and decided that because its owner was dead, it was independent.

The clever QS-2D first ran a wholly droid-operated mining operation with the help of Riboga the Hutt. By the time the first mine began to run dry, 2D, which had been exploring new droid designs, had manufactured a prototype MSF droid, a variant on the MSE "mouse droid," that could perform minor mechanical repairs and carry messages. Furthermore, it could hover on tiny repulsorlift engines and work in extremely cramped conditions. The profits from the droid's manufacture allowed 2D to buy Riboga's interest in the mines just before the crimelord lost the system to Nirama.

Today, Uffel houses more than a thousand droids under QS-2D's guidance. QS-2D maintains strict control over their routines, but their responsibilities are logical and predictable. The original mines no longer produce, but worker droids plunder new mines.

A large city, X2-4, houses the droids and their facilities. QS-2D sells some of the minerals and uses the rest to create new droids. Some droids from the factory join the colony, while others are sold offworld. A spaceport has been built in X2-4 that functions as perhaps the largest droid ever created: The whole space station is controlled by a single droid with multiple coprocessors.

QS-2D's greatest creation, an engineering droid named G-8Y5, develops new droids, makes modifications to existing droid models, and keeps the droids in the colony functioning. Defense is always a primary concern with QS-2D, because it would be easy for a predatory species to come in and assume control of the whole settlement. The droid facility has produced a highly skilled war droid to defend its base of operations. Living beings occasionally come to Uffel. QS-2D holds meetings with clients, buyers come to examine the droid facilities and test out new models, and wealthy people come to commission modifications to their own droids. Breath masks and pressure suits are required, because the droids do not build environmental controls into their structures. Near the spaceport a visitor can find accommodations suitable for living beings. Except during inspection tours, the spaceport is usually the only place one finds living beings on the moon. 2D believes that this increases the moon's security.

QS-2D is one of the more powerful corporate movers in the system, but it keeps the lowest profile. It still conducts business in the name of its dead master, so no one can really verify that the poor Twi'lek is dead.