



Republic Armed Forces

Special Jedi Liaison Division

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OPERATION: PUPLE RAIN

SUMMARY:

Intel reports that the planet Parat is a major research and development facility behind enemy lines. Sith forces use the technology discovered and invented there to manufacture new weapons of destruction. For five days, the five premier scientists will be meeting in a single location.

Your mission is three-fold:

1. Destroy the research and development facility.
2. Capture or kill the attending scientists. Capture is highly preferable, as they could provide valuable intelligence.
3. Destroy the manufacturing facility.

PLANETARY OVERVIEW:

Parat is a lush and varied world, mostly uninhabited. Initially a colony of the Republic, it was evacuated just before the Mandalorian Wars. Many settlements are now completely overgrown. Once the civilians left, the Mandalorians saw no reason to invade, and passed it over completely. Now that the planet has fallen into Sith space, no colonists have returned to the surface.

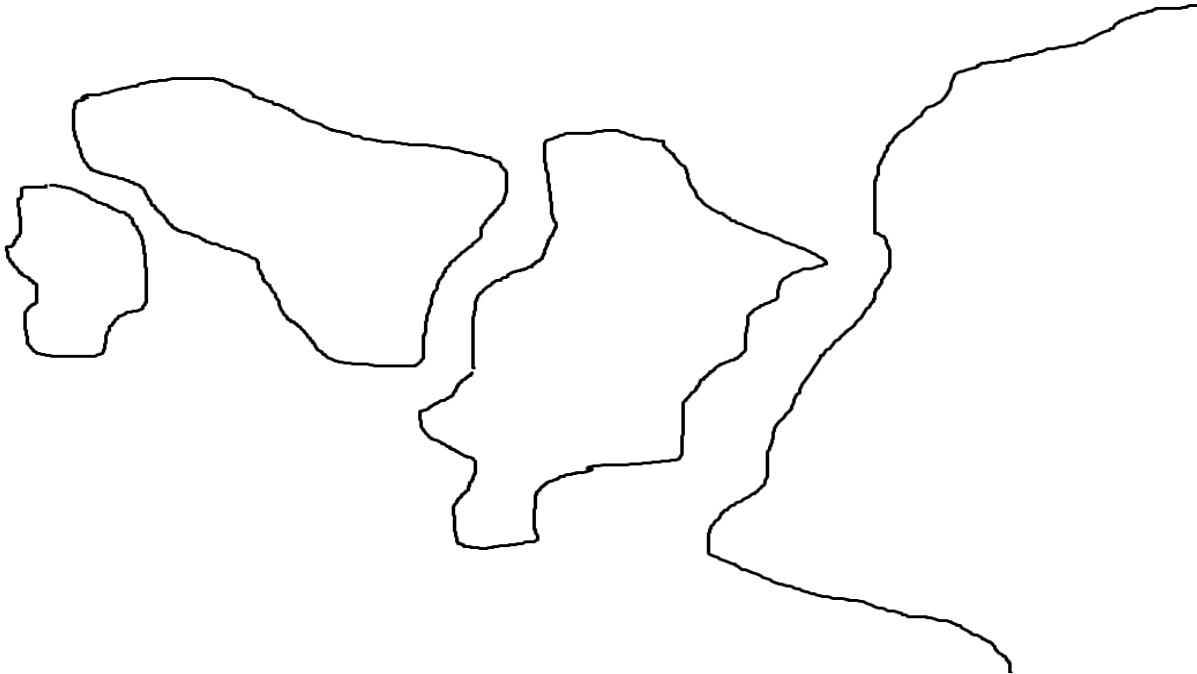
The most predominant lifeform is the vurdu, a small, furry animal whose primary method of locomotion is to roll up into a ball and bounce across the landscape. The vurdu prefer wide, open plains, as it provides the smallest number of obstacles to the herd. They live in holes in the ground, which can extend for many kilometers beneath the surface. All indications are that the verdu are non-sapient.

The most dangerous predator is a variant of the sarlaac, which also prefer the wide plains. Stragglers and wanderers from verdu herds will occasionally fall into a sarlaac pit. When the world was first colonized, there was a campaign to dig out the sarlaac as pests. The presence of the Sith research facility has only served to increase their number.

OBJECTIVE 1:

Destroy the research and development facility.

The main facility has been built on a series of islands off the coast of the largest continent.



The primary research facility is on the small island to the far west. The islands are close enough together that bridges have been constructed, linking the islands together. An air strike is not recommended, as the area is thoroughly covered with turbo lasers, anti-gravity interdiction, and other surface-to-air defenses. Intel indicates that the primary facility is also covered by a shield strong enough to repel any orbital bombardment.

The ocean surrounding the islands is heavily mined. Any submersible or other floating vessel is advised to stay clear of a five-kilometer radius around the island.

All visitors land at the spaceport on the mainland, and then follow a paved road across the bridges to the facility. Each island has its own checkpoint, manned by four heavy-assault droids.

In the event of a frontal assault, the shield around the research facility will be activated, and the mines on the bridges will be activated. However, the shield must still admit droids and personnel to pass through, and any attackers would be able to penetrate at that point.

It may be enough to disable the surface-to-air defenses, eliminate the shield, then evacuate the premises. A wing of Republic bombers will stand by for your order to strafe the site if they are given the all-clear.

OBJECTIVE 2:

Capture (or kill) resident scientists.

There are five known people working in the research facility. It is unknown why all five will be gathered in one place. They will be meeting for five days, and then will return to other facilities scattered around Parat. Moving in while they're together may result in an easier capture than if they were holed up behind their own walls and defenses.

Varan Basai:

Human, 43, until recently presumed dead. Creator of several types of illegal cybernetic modifications. Experimented on several sentient species, most of them conscious at the time.

Telo Varsin:

Sluissi, 28. Brilliant starship engineer. Will work for anyone for the right price. May have designed the latest model of Sith warships and snub fighters. High-priority target, highly desirable capture.

Umwaw:

Ithorian, 51. Former assassin that would pose as a doctor for as long as it took to get his marks under the knife. May have an actual doctorate in xen anatomy.

Athaka Montari:

Human, 33. The foremost superluminal physics engineer, though most of her work is theoretical. Claims to have a way to eliminate the need for hyperspace beacons entirely. High-priority target.

Abano Cari:

Human, Age Unknown. Presumed to be a general overseer of the facility. High-priority target.

OBJECTIVE 3:
Destroy the manufacturing facility

Any breakthroughs discovered by the scientists can be developed into working prototypes almost immediately. The manufacturing facility is operational twenty-nine hours a day, and is fully automated. It can churn out weapons, ship components, droids, or even full-sized snub fighters.

It is located twenty kilometers south of the Parat north pole. Snowstorms are frequent all year-round, and extra precautions have ensured that the ice surrounding the facility is too thin to support a landing spacecraft. The walls are ten meters high, one meter thick, and point-defense systems are active at all times. At least two shield generators are active at all times, and the heat from them have made it necessary to burrow beneath the snow to support the generators with plastisteel columns.

Raw materials for the factory are delivered daily at randomized times, as calculated and transmitted by the protocol droid at the primary research facility. Sneaking on board a shipment or pretending to carry a shipment may be the only way to be escorted into the base.

