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The Growing Darkness

Long ago, a prophecy foretold the coming of an individual who would “bring balance to the Force,” ushering in a new era of peace following one of great instability. With the Separatist crisis, the future of the great Galactic Republic is clouded with uncertainty and the peace-keeping Jedi are too few to hold together an entire galaxy. In this age, the Sith have reappeared, their evil hidden perhaps in the heart of liberty’s citadel—and while the prophecy is looked upon anew, many of the galaxy’s denizens have no choice but to fend for themselves.

Beyond the vision of the Jedi Knights, somewhere within the darkness, the greatest master of evil ever to use Sith power bides his time. As his strength grows, his plans begin to shape the course of the galaxy, and his snare is laid for unsuspecting.

A Time of Change

Below the spires of Coruscant where the Jedi High Council and the Senate debate how to resolve the Separatist crisis, ordinary people struggle through a period of growing unease. Ancient patterns are in upheaval and vast populations are on the move. In such a time, individuals must learn self-reliance and trust in what they can carry.
Hidden Demons

Anakin Skywalker’s fate has made him a Jedi and brought him to the center of events at the galactic capital. Senior Council members suspect he is the Chosen One. But like Coruscant itself, Anakin contends with inner demons against which an ancient prophecy seems little help.

Since its inception, the Republic has been protected by its system of law rather than by the force of armies. But the law is only as strong as its people, and when their vigilance fades, armies may regain the upper hand.

DATA FILE
- Many Coruscant freighters designed for hauling cargo are now forced by necessity to carry many hundreds of passengers as well.
- Military expenditures in the Republic are dramatically rising during this troubled period.

Refugees

Anakin Skywalker and the woman he is protecting flee Coruscant in disguise, but they cannot hide from the Sith. In the time of greatest crisis, they are caught within the plans of the powerful, and like all galactic refugees, find they must rely on their inner resources.
Obi-Wan Kenobi

A dedicated Jedi Knight facing a time of great crisis, Obi-Wan Kenobi finds himself at the heart of galactic turmoil as the Republic begins to unravel. Kenobi has witnessed the death of his Master, Qui-Gon Jinn, and now faces the challenges the Jedi face in the defense of justice. He is cautious where his apprentice, Anakin Skywalker, is impulsive. Kenobi strives to train his young Padawan in the discipline that will make him a pillar of strength against the dark side of the Force. As dangers unfold around him, Kenobi's abilities and judgment form one of the last bulwarks against the collapse of the Republic.

Obi-Wan's Jedi apprentice is Anakin Skywalker, the boy suspected of being the prophesied individual who can bring balance to the Force. Anakin's independence, born of his late induction into the Order, has brought Kenobi reprimands from Jedi elders Yoda and Mace Windu.

Trailing a would-be assassin into a nightclub on Coruscant, Kenobi steps casually to the bar "to have a drink." As planned, his apparent relaxation draws out his quarry, who finds that the Jedi's extraordinary powers give him a lightning edge—it is virtually impossible to take Obi-Wan by surprise.

**DATA FILE**

- The quartermasters in the Jedi Temple issue Obi-Wan with field equipment, such as this scanner monitor.

- Obi-Wan focused on Form III lightsaber training after the death of Qui-Gon Jinn.
Field Agent

Accomplished in a wide variety of skills ranging from diplomacy and psychology to military strategy and hand-to-hand combat, Obi-Wan has to be ready for anything on his field assignments. On Kamino, his investigation bursts into explosive conflict when bounty hunter Jango Fett resists arrest. Covered in armor and weaponry, Fett is a professional at the top of his field, but he cannot overcome Obi-Wan. The best Fett can manage is a trap—with a powerful tracer beacon attached to his ship.

Star Tracker

Pursuing Jango Fett across the galaxy, Obi-Wan engages in a space duel with Fett and his deadly spacecraft, Slave I. Obi-Wan proves his abilities as an expert pilot and tactician, sacrificing his spare parts in a ruse to put Fett off his trail with apparent explosion debris. From high in orbit, Obi-Wan’s top-of-the-line starfighter sensor suite then traces Fett down to the weird planet surface of Geonosis.

Facing off against Count Dooku, Kenobi wisely exercises restraint where his apprentice rushes in headlong. A Jedi of powerful inner focus, Obi-Wan nevertheless finds he is unprepared for the Count’s specialist techniques. Against Kenobi’s Form III moves, the Count demonstrates the ancient and elegant precision of Form II lightsaber combat.
Anakin Skywalker

TWENTY-YEAR-OLD Jedi Padawan Anakin Skywalker is gifted with extraordinary Force skills and piloting abilities. His talents make him impatient with Jedi traditions that seem to hold him back and he often disagrees with his more cautious Jedi Master, Obi-Wan Kenobi. Skywalker was accepted into the Order at the age of ten, far later in life than its rules allow, and his emotional bond with his mother was already strong. Unlike other Jedi, Anakin struggles with the pain of this separation. Jedi Council members suspect Anakin of being the prophesied One who can bring balance to the Force. But in an increasingly unbalanced world, Anakin must face ever steeper challenges to master the dangerous force that is himself.

Anakin is capable but not yet professional, criticizing his Master Kenobi in front of their charge, Senator Amidala. Anakin prefers to exceed his and Obi-Wan's mandate to only protect Padmé by trying to discover who is after her.

Most Jedi Padawans build their lightsabers to resemble those of their Masters as a gesture of respect. Anakin constructed his own lightsaber while in a trance-like state, resulting in a design that favors maximum strength.

Blue lightsaber blade generated via traditional Jedi crystals is more maneuverable but slightly less powerful than blade using synthetic Sith crystals

Dark Knight

The tunics, robes, and cloaks worn by Jedi are honored traditions, but not uniforms. From the time they become Padawans, Jedi are free to dress as they choose. Anakin Skywalker breaks with tradition in his garments, both in their color and material. His distinctive dark clothing makes him stand out at the Jedi Temple and draws concern from Jedi elders.
Most Jedi preferred to reserve the more effective gestural techniques for their own use. When fighting like starfighters, Jedi fought like that and that was it.

- Housing cylinder
- Activation and power indicator
- Power source housing
Airspeeder

Anakin is possibly the best pilot ever to train within the Jedi Temple. When he commandeers an airspeeder in pursuit of an assassin on Coruscant, his abilities are phenomenal. Anakin violates Jedi policies on vehicular speed and risk—guidelines intended to safeguard other craft, but not designed with so gifted a pilot in mind. Anakin’s antics prompt the remark from Obi Wan, “Why do I get the feeling you’re going to be the death of me?”

Forbidden Feelings

Only 20 Jedi have ever left the Order, but Anakin is coming perilously close. When he is assigned to protect the woman he has loved since childhood, he is torn between love and duty. The Jedi discipline does not seem to help him as it does the others, so his loyalties are put to the test: Will he insist on being an exception to the rules of the Jedi Order?

On Coruscant, Anakin suspects that Padmé has feelings for him. On Naboo, where Anakin’s charm is in full force, Padmé’s feelings become transparent—but the inherent danger of their passions frightens both Senator and Jedi.

When Anakin senses his mother in terrible pain, Padmé goes with him to Tatooine in search of her. After Anakin fails to rescue Shmi in time, Padmé must alleviate the Padawan’s anger, resentment, and despair.

DATA FILE

- Anakin has started the study of lightsaber Form I, known for its power.
- The pain of life-draining lightning is an experience of evil that Anakin will never forget.

A mechno-hand replaces Anakin’s after he is maimed by Count Dooku. As a result of his impetuous passions, Anakin has begun to lose his humanity.
Zam Wesell

As a Clawdite shape-shifter, Zam Wesell can change her appearance to mimic a range of humanoid forms, giving her a special edge as a hired assassin. Zam learned her trade on Denon, the globe-girdling metropolis second only to Coruscant as a center of galactic business. In the high-risk world of industrial espionage, Zam rose from corporate security sergeant to executive bodyguard before seeking higher fees for contract execution and bounty hunting.

For some years Zam has worked on and off with renowned bounty hunter Jango Fett. Her latest job with Fett takes her to Coruscant, where Jango entrusts her with the assignment of killing a prominent Senator. Wesell knows that this opportunity will enhance her reputation and allow her to return to Denon as a master in her field.

Bounty Hunter

A loner with few close associates, Zam Wesell is typical of bounty hunters. She inhabits a gray zone that extends to both sides of the law. Arrogant, highly skilled, and feeling unchallenged by legal bodyguard and security work, Wesell regards bounty hunting as a more suitable channel for her superior talent.

Kouhuns

Zam uses two deadly kouhuns for her Senatorial assassination job. Small, silent arthropods like the kouhuns of Indoumado can evade even tight security. Unlike projectiles or energy weapons, they are virtually impossible to trace back to their users. Kouhuns are starved in advance, so they head straight for warm-blooded life forms when released, and use a fast-acting nerve toxin to kill their prey.

Zam’s discipline derives from the teachings of the Mabari, an ancient order of warrior-knights on her homeworld. She wears Mabari inscriptions and stylized emblems, including a cape seal that is an ancient Mabari artifact.
To prevent being traced, Zam Wesell prefers to steal a new vehicle for each new job. But when her security depends on performance she uses her own airscooter.

Streamlined with enclosed cockpit for high speeds

Waste heat and radiation radiator

Secret compartment for sniper rifle

Electromagnetic pulse barrel

Cleaning rod

Blaster gas capsule loading port

Handle holds power cell

Igniter pin

Hadrium alloy

Muzzle brake absorbs emitter flash

Guardless trigger for fast action

Injector needle

Embedding prongs

Poison chamber

Stabilizer

SZABERDART

Preferring to leave no trace, Zam dislikes projectile weapons. A saberdart such as Jango might use may be silent and highly lethal, but has the potential to lead pursuers back to its source.

Light helmet

Comlink system

Scrambled direct comlink pickup to Jango Fett

Flexible armor/ jerkin

Visor cuts glare

Zam favors her KYD-21 blaster pistol for both attack and defense, though Jango has begun teaching her that projectile weapons can be useful when working invisibly in the dark.

KYD-21 Blaster

Though she carries a projectile rifle at Jango’s insistence, Zam’s primary weapon is a compact, precise KYD-21 pistol. She finds she can hide a pistol more easily when she needs to disguise herself as a non-threatening presence in order to close in on her mark.

Clawdite shape-shifters, or “changelings,” evolved on a world inhabited by warring humanoid subspecies. Shape-shifters developed the ability to mimic the appearance of other species in order to blend in without being killed. As a changeling dies, its ability to shape-shift fades and it returns to a neutral Clawdite configuration.

PROJECTILE RIFLE

Simple optical scope

Power amplifier circuitry

High Stakes

Zam knows that in accepting a risky assignment from Jango Fett, she is in danger of being used as an expendable pawn. Such are the risks of the high-stakes trade in death, and Zam is prepared to take them...though she will find that she is not equipped to outrun two Jedi.

DATA FILE

- Shape-shifting takes effort, and it is only through long practice that Zam has learned to rest in a mimicked form.

- Although shape-shifters are most effective at a limited range of shapes they imitate often, medical assistance can enhance their abilities much further.
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Under intense Jedi mind-pressure, Zam begins to reveal her employer... until she is silenced by an assassin.
Jedi Temple

For millennia the Jedi Temple on Coruscant has served as the training ground and home base of the Jedi Knights, peacekeeping defenders of justice throughout the galaxy. At the Temple, Jedi initiates learn the ways of the Force, a mystical energy field created by all living things. Hundreds of other individuals who are not Jedi Knights provide vital support in everything from operations management to technical analysis. The galaxy is so large that complete law enforcement is impossible; so most Jedi rove through assigned regions on "journey missions," empowered to support justice as they see fit.

Jedi based at the Temple travel on special assignments.

The Jedi eschew materialism as they do any attachments that could cloud their judgment. Yoda's years of dedication have raised him to power and influence, but he meets his colleagues in a simple cell.

Active Jedi

Jedi begin their lifelong training when they are recognized as gifted children. They accept a life of total dedication and self-sacrifice to become diplomat-warriors. As initiates, they train together until they are accepted as Padawans, or apprentice learners. They must then face the Trials to become Jedi Knights, who are allowed in turn to take on an apprentice and earn the title of Master.

Shaak Ti

Jedi come from every corner of the galaxy. Jedi Master Shaak Ti is a Togruta, a species which lives in dense tribes on the planet Shili, where the disruptive coloration of their long lekku (head-tails) serves to confuse predators. Unlike most of her kind, Shaak Ti is a highly independent spirit.
Yoda

The wise Yoda is the sole member capable of recognizing the present danger of Jedi corruption. He knows that, in these troubled times, the greatest threat to the Force come from within the system itself. Even Yoda and with his formidable reputation and experience, he still trains young initiates. His students must never take anything for granted and to keep their minds open to possibility, avoiding the pitfalls of overconfidence.

Hidden Strength

Yoda's abilities with the Force give him amazing strength and speed, as well as the ability to levitate. These special powers, combined with his knowledge of fighting tactics, allow him to overcome virtually any opponent, though times are few indeed that Yoda has actually used his lightsaber in combat.

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- Yoda has never revealed his homeworld, and his species is not seen anywhere in the galaxy.

Shaak Ti

The Jedi Master Shaak Ti is a Shaak, a species which lives in dense jungle on the planet Shili, where the red coloration of their long lekku (tails) serves to confuse predators. While all but one of her kind, Shaak Ti is an independent spirit.
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Obi-Wan Kenobi has grown close to Yoda since the death of Kenobi’s Jedi Master, Qui-Gon Jinn. Facing a difficulty in his current assignment, Obi-Wan does not hesitate to consult with his wise friend and colleague, who in turn uses the opportunity as an exercise for his young Jedi initiates.

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Jedi Archives

Ever since the ancient origins of the Jedi Order, knowledge and its mastery have been vital to the Jedi mission of supporting peace and justice throughout the republic. The great Archives Library in the Jedi Temple safeguards the accumulated knowledge gathered by millions of individuals over hundreds of generations. It is a repository of seemingly infinite information on every part of the known galaxy and on billions upon billions of its inhabitants. The Archives is the greatest library in the Republic, and an incomparable asset to the Jedi, whether they are acting as diplomats, counselors, or fighters.

The Main Hall of the Jedi Archives holds most of its information in holobooks to prevent electronic access by overly curious outsiders. Some of the holobooks date back many thousands of years to the earliest days of the Galactic Republic.

Jocasta Nu

Madame Jocasta Nu is Archives Director and a former active Jedi Knight. Her astonishing memory seems to rival the Archives itself, which she runs as a tool rather than a service, expecting Jedi and support personnel to do their own research. Her pride sometimes blinds her to the Archives’ limitations, however.

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◆ Knowledge has been a key source of Jedi power for thousands of years. It is considered one of the three pillars of Jedi strength, along with the Force and self-discipline.

◆ Holobooks are an ancient self-contained technology requiring only small amounts of energy. They are easy to use and offer many modes of interaction with their users.
At Varykino, Padmé talks with Anakin about the difficult situation they face: Their demanding careers do not allow either of them to fall in love.

The Jedi and the Senator share their views on how galactic politics ought to run. Both are in positions to affect such matters.

Padmé takes Anakin to Tatooine to help him escape his mother, Shmi Skywalker. A decisive woman, she acts quickly when she realizes that time is of the essence.

**Individual**

In her family home, Padmé is at last free to wear non-official clothing. Deeply affected by the presence of Anakin Skywalker, she tells herself that she cannot and will not fall in love with him, but unconsciously she wears a gown expressive of her true feelings.

**Fighter**

Accompanying Anakin on his journey across the galaxy, Padmé plunges into the heart of the Separatist crisis. She faces extraordinary danger, but she acts with the same determination that brought her a successful Queen. Now, she must use her skill and determination to overcome her new challenges.

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- Padmé served as Queen for the maximum two four-year terms and was elected Senator upon the conclusion of her reign.
- Padmé has had only limited weapons training but demonstrates natural skill at aiming a blaster.
- Free of the symbolic requirements of monarchy, Padmé can wear practical clothing on Geonosis.
Kaminoans

When a global climate shift flooded their planet, the Kaminoans were forced to adapt. They developed cloning technology and practised selective breeding to keep their race alive. As a result of the hardships endured during the Great Flood, the Kaminoans have an austere, non-materialist outlook. They are outwardly polite, yet behind this lurks an extreme intolerance of physical imperfection. The Kaminoans are reliant on certain outworld technologies and raw materials to maintain their advanced society, so they use their cloning abilities to produce goods for export. When a Jedi named Sifo-Dyas placed an order for a massive clone army a decade ago, the Kaminoans embarked upon the largest human cloning project ever undertaken.

The planet Kamino once had extensive land areas, but the melting of inland continental glaciers sank all land beneath the waves. Today, only the Kaminoan stilt cities project above the water, forming colonies of varying sizes around the planet.

Kaminoans use domesticated aiwhas for sport and transportation between close-sited colonies. These animals can fly and swim with equal ease, controlling their density using a water-vascular system. This system allows the aiwhas to fill their spongy tissues with seawater when they want to swim underwater, and to wring the water out and shed it to lighten themselves for flight.

Obi-Wan Kenobi identifies himself as a Jedi to Kamino Space Traffic Control on his return.
Ministerial assistant Taun We serves as a Project Coordinator for the clone army. Taun We has studied human emotional psychology to ensure that the clones are developed into mentally stable individuals. Chief Scientist Ko Sai, serene yet exacting, oversees the clone-army project's biological aspects, ensuring that clones are of the highest quality. She also supervises the delicate redesign of the genetic codes that make the clones independently intelligent, but preconditioned for obedience. No other scientist in the galaxy could so capably manipulate the genes of another species.

Lama Su is unsure whether Obi-Wan Kenobi's seeming ignorance of the tremendous clone army is a devious test or a complex form of politeness. Regardless, his overriding concern in meeting with Kenobi is to ensure that the Kaminoans will obtain their first shipment bonus payment, so he makes nothing of the Jedi's odd behaviour.

Kaminoan stilt cities echo the Kaminoans' former land colonies. These were communal dwellings constructed of wattle and daub, which shed water easily in the long storm seasons.

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- Kaminoans see color only in the ultraviolet spectrum. Their seemingly white dwellings are suffused in many shades that humans cannot see.
- Prime Minister Lama Su is the head of the ruling council of Kamino colony governors. He is aware of the larger arena of galactic events, but is nonetheless little interested in outworld politics.
Clone Trooper Growth

THE MYSTERIOUS Jedi Sifo-Dyas ordered from the Kaminoan cloners a secret army created from a single individual. An agent named Tyranus selected the clone-source: Jango Fett, a man whose natural combat ability and high endurance level would produce the ideal soldier. Under Kaminoan Chief Scientist Ko Sai, the clones' genetic code was altered to accelerate their growth to twice the normal human rate, and their mental structure was subtly reconfigured to make them obedient to authority. Comprehensive training shapes the identity and abilities of the clones throughout their development. The result of this colossal project is an army of identical soldiers produced in a world of clinical efficiency.

The clones begin life as artificially created embryos that are mass-produced in the Egg Lab.

Most Kaminoans regard the clone variants as laboratory specimens but Taun Wee has some affection for the young ones.

Accelerated Learning

Clone youths grow at twice the rate of ordinary humans, so they can process information but receive only normal time to assimilate it. This is compensated for by a learning program that focuses more on military know-how than on academics. In addition, special equipment modulates the clone's brainwaves and enhances their ability to retain information.
Maintaining Perfection

The Kaminoans strive to control every aspect of the clones' existence for perfect regularity, but slight deviations occur in the development of any living individual's biochemistry. Chief Scientist Ko Sai inspects the clones at every stage of life to identify those who have drifted from the standard. Aberrant clones are given extra conditioning to regularize them.

The Kaminoans' dedication to perfection has led to methods of absolute sterilization and ultraclean surfaces so the clones are not in any way tainted with imperfections. Such standards are extraordinary for so vast an enterprise, and Obi-Wan Kenobi is astonished.

Batches of clones are trained in an environment with exactly enough semblance of community to make them emotionally stable. Physical skills are imparted through learning devices and are perfected through practice.

Developed Clone

The stress of accelerated physical, mental, and emotional growth could easily drive a clone insane. To counter this and produce sound soldiers, the Kaminoans provide a highly disciplined environment and a rigorously balanced development program. At a physical age of just ten years, the clones are fully developed and ready for battle, though they cannot be said to have normal personalities.

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- The Kaminoan cloners recondition an average of seven aberrants for every two hundred clones produced, maintaining superb standards.

- Ordinary soldiers might become claustrophobic when sealed into armor, but clone troopers are trained to wear it for extended periods.
Clone Trooper Equipment

Clone Trooper armor and equipment is based in part on the Mandalorian "shocktrooper" supercommandos, of whom Jango Fett's light armor inspired the heavy-duty shell completely covering the trooper. Replacing the Mandalorian flightsuit is a pressurized glove that protects against acid vapors or even the vacuum of space.

The distinctive shocktrooper "T" visor plate is an enhanced breath filter for optimal operation often poor environmental conditions of the warfront. With their superb training and combat skills, troopers feel virtually invincible with their gear.

Outfitted in their extraordinary gear, clone troopers face the hails of deadly projectiles or explosive blasts. They are also able to march through deflectors of high-powered barriers that would incinerate even a shocktroop's flesh.

Body Armor

Clone trooper body armor is made of 20 form-fitting plates of lightweight plastoid-alloy composite. Troopers receive and send battle status signals via communication equipment contained in their helmets. Fabricated by an alien species with a limited knowledge of human ergonomics, the armor allows reasonable freedom of movement in combat, but is uncomfortable to sit in when troopers pilot vehicles. Future versions and upgrades of this body armor will undoubtedly include improvements in this respect.

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- As the clone-source for the entire army, Jango Fett cooperated in devising the Clone trooper's base armor, based on his combat experience.
- Republic assault ships are fitted with the gunsight that deploy clone troopers under heavy fire protection.
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combat fire protection.
Battle Gear

Vital combat transports and fighting machines have been developed alongside the clone troopers. This new equipment expresses the battle philosophy of the clone army: It is built for heavy use and the unleashing of maximum-effort assaults without warning. These approaches differ from the forms of battle seen throughout the galaxy for thousands of years, in which armies deployed their strength cautiously over long periods.

Weaponry

Clone troopers are issued plasma guns of two types. Like all standard blaster weapons, these guns create a charged plasma bolt using a small amount of Tibanna gas. Blaster weapons free clone troopers from the need to carry projectile ammunition but are notoriously hard to aim due to the inherent instability of plasma bolts.
Jango Fett—Bounty Hunter

After the murder of his parents, Jango Fett was adopted and raised by legendary Mandalorian warrior army, a mercenary group who earned a reputation as the most formidable supercommandos in the galaxy. The Jedi destroyed his dangerous force, but Fett survived and continues to wear the armored, well-fitted uniform that helped make the Mandalorians a feared name.

Keeping himself in top condition and training often with his equipment, Jango Fett combines physical and tactical abilities with a prudent intelligence that is a rare attribute for his bounty-hunting community.

Even the surprise appearance of a Jedi Knight was not enough to overcome Fett’s topnotch composure. Obi-Wan Kenobi tries to capture him, but Fett is prepared and instantly launches a volley that would annihilate an ordinary opponent.

In battle with Kenobi, Fett appreciates the seeming weaknesses of the Jedi, re-assessing his tactics as he gains the upper hand.
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Even the surprise appearance of a Jedi Knight is not
enough to overcome Fett's top-notch combat skills. When
Obi-Wan Kenobi tries to capture him, Jango is well-
prepared and instantly launches a volley of blasts that
would annihilate an ordinary opponent.

In battle with Kenobi, Fett soon
appreciates the seemingly supernatural
abilities of the Jedi. Jango must quickly
re-assess his tactical situation before
Kenobi gains the upper hand.

Walking Armor

Mandalorians who could afford it
commissioned backup suits of their
armor. Fett has replacement armor
for much of his suit, with additional
items that can be fitted for particular
mission profiles. Some configurations
stress brute-force armament, while others
maximize nonlethal
weapons used for
capturing quarry.
WESTAR-34 Blaster

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Never governed by passions or panic, Fett coolly calculates his every move, always playing to win or survive. He knows when to make use of evasion and thus outlasts both rivals and opponents.

FILE

Years ago, Darth Tyranus recruited Kenobi is a formidable Fett launches his jetpack missile Fett's gear includes two models of fuse charge. The missile can be jettpack, one more heavily armored and locked dead as a grappling hook. deployed, it would kill any ordinary but will it kill a Jedi? but carrying a larger-bore missile.

Professional

Raised in a brutal frontier environment on Concord Dawn, Fett is tough and self-reliant. He has worked out his own sense of morality which is honorable by his standards. He keeps his bargains and he earns his pay. As a bounty hunter, Fett has become so professionally formidable that planetary governments are known to hire him.
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Jango and Boba Fett

The Mandalorian Way lives on in the bond between Jango Fett and his son Boba. Growing up at his father's side, Boba has learned the value of superior training, judgement, and weaponry. To Boba, Jango stands above the greed and betrayal encountered in the underworld, and is a man of honor who is unfailingly truthful with him. To young Boba, Jango Fett is father, family, ideal, and hero, the greatest of the Mandalorians and the image of his own destiny.

Jango maintains a Spartan apartment on Kamino. He uses it as a safe house for himself and his son, far from the dangerous entanglements of his professional life.

Like Father, Like Son

In Mandalorian tradition, fathers were responsible for training their sons in combat skills. At age 13, boys had to face the trials of manhood. Although these rites could be fatal, actual deaths were extremely rare because candidates were so well prepared. The close father-son bond, built on respect, trust, and discipline, produced highly capable and confident individuals.

Lamp creates apparently sourceless light

Decorative frame

Tone activator

Monangular screen

PERSONAL DATAPAD
Jango uses portable computer systems to store mission information. They are programmed to erase all stored information if not handled correctly.

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Boba Fett

Young Boba Fett is perceptive and intelligent. He has learned to assess situations carefully, and to listen more than he talks. When Obi-Wan Kenobi appears at the Fetts' apartment, Boba immediately senses trouble, but betrays none of his concern.

Jango teaches Boba to be self-reliant and to trust his skills. He also trains the boy to handle dangerous bounty hunting equipment. Exotic armor and advanced starship systems are commonplace elements in Boba’s daily life.

Boba knows when to stay in the background. Jango trusts his son's discretion and keeps him around even during critical meetings.

DATA FILE

- Boba Fett is a perfect, unaltered clone of his father, part of Jango’s compensation from the Kaminoans.
- Jango knows that Darth Tyranus, who recruited him for the clone-army project, is actually the Separatist leader, Count Dooku.

Even in combat, Boba Fett stays at his father's side. He trusts in his father's abilities and learns from Jango's skillful actions in every encounter.

Slave I

Jango Fett pilots a prototype Kuat Systems Firespray-class interceptor of the kind made for patrolling the prison planet of Oovo IV. Fett reasoned that a starship designed to thwart some of the galaxy's most hardened criminals would be excellent for his unusual line of work.
C-3PO
Anakin Skywalker built the working skeleton of C-3PO out of scrounged droid parts when he was just a boy and still a slave. Two years after her son's departure, Shmi Skywalker acquired a set of old droid plating from her then master, Watto. Shmi installed the plates to help the droid last longer in the sandy environment.

Cliegg Lars
Cliegg Lars left behind life in a cramped garret within a centuries-old Core World skyscraper to run a farm on Tatooine. Looking for a farmhand, instead he found a woman whom he fell in love with. In order to marry Shmi, he bought her freedom from Watto, the junk dealer.

Mechno-Chair
When Tusken Raiders ambush the nearly defenseless settlers who attempt to rescue Shmi, Cliegg Lars' leg is cut off by a lethal trick-wire. Refusing to be fitted with a mechno-leg, Cliegg is confined to a power chair.

Facing Loss
After the Tusken tragedy, some wonder whether the moisture farming community will be abandoned. With the death of Shmi, Cliegg Lars has lost as much as anyone, yet he remains determined to live out the life he has worked so hard to create.
Count Dooku

THE DANGEROUS AND ELEGANT Count Dooku was once a Jedi Master of great repute. He left the Jedi Order after the Battle of Naboo, returning to his homeworld of Serenno and his family title of Count. By protesting the failure of galactic government, Dooku has swayed many systems to the Separatist movement, which seeks independence from the Republic, but his motives lurk in darkness. The Count has always wielded considerable power—by natural authority, by lightsaber, and now by wealth and persuasion. This double-dealing master of the Force has taken a place at the heart of galactic affairs and he threatens the very survival of the Republic.

Dark Alignment

Although Dooku joined the Order at the usual age, he never fully gave it his inmost allegiance. He maintained a streak of independence, which he transmitted to his pupils, including the late Qui-Gon Jinn. Dooku’s considerable strength in the Force made him enigmatic even to Yoda, and there were whispers that he experimented with Sith teachings, using a dark Holocron kept in the Jedi Archives. The Council underestimated Dooku’s interest in power.

DATA FILE

- The Count is master of his family’s fortune and one of the wealthiest men in the galaxy. He could field an army on his own resources.

- Dooku’s teacher was Yoda. The great Jedi Master hoped, with careful teaching, to overcome the effects of Dooku’s persistent independent spirit.
Dooku’s Lightsaber

As a Jedi Master, Count Dooku set aside the lightsaber he built as a young Padawan and created a superior one, as Jedi sometimes do. In creating his personalized design, he chose a configuration that had no connection to that of his master, Yoda, nor to the style in fashion at the time. Instead, he studied Jedi Archives records to create a lightsaber of the type that was standard in the heyday of Form II lightsaber combat. Form II is an ancient technique that favors long, elegant moves and incredible deftness of hand.

Dooku tempts the captured Obi-Wan Kenobi with an offer to join him in the Separatist movement. The Count subtly uses the Force to probe Obi-Wan’s spirit for inner weaknesses.

The Lost Twenty

Only 20 individuals in the history of the Jedi Order have ever renounced their commissions. Their leave-taking is sorely felt among the Jedi, who memorialize them with portrait busts in the Archives. Count Dooku is the most recent of the “lost” ones. He is considered the most bitter loss because the Force was so strong in him.

When the arrival of the Jedi forces spoils his primary plans, Dooku uses one of his several means of escape—a small, open-cockpit speeder bike.

Dooku reveals the full measure of his dark nature when he casts legendary Sith lightning. Virtually impossible to deflect, Sith lightning causes excruciating pain and weakens life. The Jedi possess no exact equivalent to such an evil use of the Force.
lightsaber

Kenobi with an offer to join Count subtly uses the Force weaknesses.

Sith synthetic crystals (inside saber) replace original ones for greater power.

The curved hilt of Dooku’s lightsaber allows for superior finesse and precise blade control. This design gives Dooku an edge when facing Jedi, who have mostly trained to lightsabers to deflect blaster bolts.

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Sun Fac

Poggle's chief lieutenant, Sun Fac, ensures that his master's will is done throughout Geonosis. Unusually intelligent and creative for a Geonosian, Sun Fac is adept at playing whatever role will best accomplish the needs of the moment. He may be a sympathetic listener or a heartless executioner, depending on which will increase productivity.

Poggle the Lesser

The Stalgasin hive colony ruled by Archduke Poggle the Lesser currently controls all the other major hives on Geonosis. Poggle has negotiated with outworld interests and coordinated widespread planetary hive efforts on the largest industrial projects ever undertaken by Geonosian society—the building of colossal numbers of Battle Droids for the Trade Federation and their Separatist allies. The tremendous income from these projects has secured Poggle's power, but this situation could change, as it has done in the past. The infighting rife in Geonosian society usually makes clients reluctant to place large orders.

Blade-like images are common in Geonosian art, reflecting the violence of Geonosian society. Poggle is rumored to have had his political opponent murdered in a coup and to carry the rival's limb bones as a staff.
Jedi in Battle

JEDI KNIGHTS use their powers of subtle perception to resolve conflicts through negotiation and diplomacy. They seek peace through justice, knowing that true harmony can rarely be forced upon a situation. Nonetheless, mystical philosophy has never blinded the Jedi to the practical need for force in intractable situations, and the most studied Jedi diplomats are capable of drawing their lightsabers in an eyblink when crisis demands it. When war preparations are discovered on Geonosis, Mace Windu is quick to act, leading a Jedi expedition of all available fighters to rescue Obi-Wan Kenobi.

Kit Fisto

As an amphibian being, Glee Anselm, Kit Fisto, can move in air or water. His heightened senses and organs allow him to precisely detect subtle pheromones and express emotion. This ability to take instant advantage of his opponent's uncertainty gives him an edge.

BULTAR SWAN

Jedi Knight Bultar Swan can predict his opponents' movements, striking suddenly with a flawless attack. This highly complex, yet executed in a single blaze of motion, makes him a formidable foe.

Mace Windu

As a senior member of the Jedi Council, Mace Windu built a new lightsaber for himself. Displaying the highest standards of precision, it represents Mace's mature abilities as a Jedi leader.

A Form VII instructor, Mace Windu is one of the best living lightsaber fighters in the Jedi Order. Only high-level masters of multiple forms can achieve and control Form VII. This dangerous regimen cuts perilously close to the Sith focus on physical combat ability.
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Jedi Knight Bultar Swan draws in her opponents by minimizing her physical movements, striking suddenly with a flawless attack that may be highly complex, yet executed in a single blaze of motion.

**Luminara Unduli**

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Shaak Ti
Shaak Ti fights at her best in group combat as she is biologically adapted for moving in dense crowds. She darts with ease through chaotic melees, where others struggle amidst the complexity of movements.

Barriss Offee
The Padawan learner of Luminara Unduli, Barriss specializes in tandem fighting. She uses the Force to harmonize her actions perfectly with her partner, making for a pair that is more powerful than the sum of its parts.

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DATA FILE
- Special lightsaber disciplines take advantage of non-humanoid abilities such as 360-degree vision.
- Jedi train constantly with their lightsabers, whether alone on long field assignments or with colleagues at the Temple.
JEDI WEAPONS

Every hand-built lightsaber expresses the individuality of its builder, although there are few differences in function.
Lightsaber Combat

The lightsaber is a powerful symbol of discipline as well as a weapon. In the hands of the untrained, the lightsaber is worse than useless against modern blasters, and may even injure its user. But in the hands of a Jedi, the lightsaber can become as powerful as any weapon turned against it, deflecting energy bolts back at attackers in a deadly hail and leaving the Jedi wielder untouched. In its highest form, lightsaber combat becomes a subtle and intricate art, but every Jedi begins by learning its first principles.

The Seven Forms

Seven forms of lightsaber combat have been the foundation of the Jedi Order. Each represents an approach or philosophy, and has its particular emphasis. Some Jedi may specialize in dedication to a particular form, while others seek to build their own fighting style with elements of other forms, although this takes special discipline.

Ready Stances

In a ready stance, a Jedi is prepared for combat. Lightsaber forms include many ready stances, and one called “Jedi ready” is the most commonly used. In this position, a foot back, blade held in parry position on the opponent's side.

Defensive Neutral

In this stance, feet are positioned evenly and the lightsaber is held upward in front of the body. This position presents the maximum amount of blade for deflection of blows or bolts, and maximizes the visual impact of the blade to an opponent as a warning sign. (A Jedi hopes to avoid conflict.)

Body Zones

Attacks and parries are described in terms of zones they concern. “Attack 1” is a blow to the opponent's head, “parry 2” the block of a blow to your right arm or side, and so on. Attack any zone you see on your opponent, while parrying those of your own body. So to go from attack 1 to 3, your blade must move from your right side to your left side.
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AGGRESSIVE NEUTRAL
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VELOCITIES
To develop lightning reflexes and tight control, Jedi face each other in drills called velocities. The tenth velocity sequence takes each opponent through a series of attacks and parries and is repeated in turn at ever greater speed until one opponent is felled or yields with the declaration, “Solah!”

Foundations
Jedi in training run lightsaber velocities endlessly to increase their key skills and physical stamina. Building on these basics, Jedi can go beyond what is physically possible, allowing the Force to flow through them. A Padawan practices for the trials of passage using dulan: Solo sequences of moves in which the opponents are only envisioned. The patterns of velocities and dulan prepare a Jedi for the unpredictable realm of live combat.

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LIVE COMBAT FORM
In contrast to ideal form, in live combat, blade attitude for attack is often angled downward to minimize body movement and increase speed. But keeping in mind the ideal distinction between attack and defense attitudes improves precision.

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**Jedid Maves**

- **JUNG: 180-degree turn**
- **JUNG MA: 360-degree spin to gain power for an attack**
- **SAI: Force-assisted jump to evade an attack to the legs**
- **SHUN: One-handed grip, spinning lightsaber 360 degrees to gain speed for an attack**

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Two-handed grip gives best control

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**FORM**

An ideal form, in live combat, blade attack is often angled downward to stop movement and increase speed. But find the ideal distinction between defense attitudes improves precision.

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KAI-KAN

Great lightsaber duels have been studied throughout the ages by sword-masters. Kai-kane are dangerous re-enactments of these combats that only well-trained Jedi attempt.
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Sith Holocron

The Archives vault contains the only known Sith Holocrons, whose very existence is revealed only to a handful of Jedi at the highest levels. These infernal devices contain teachings of powerful evil, but have sometimes been consulted when Sith enemies posed a threat to the Jedi.