

The Dark Side Of Do'Naar

How It All Began

The Dark Side Of Do'Naar, though part 5 of the saga, was the first story to be written. However, it was not originally meant to exist as a story, nor was it going to be part of a saga. The Dark Side Of Do'Naar was originally supposed to be a fan film, made by myself and some of my friends. The would-be film and its characters were heavily inspired by the computer game Jedi Outcast, which I had been playing a lot during 2002 along with Mr. Krig. We had even used pictures of our faces to create skins of ourselves to use within the game.

Jedi Knights Macan Vesso and Wilcra Li New:



The decision to make a film was made in November 2002. A rough story was soon completed, though the first draft of the script could not be completed until we knew exactly where we stood on a technical standpoint. Just what could we accomplish with home video equipment? To answer this question we did some experimenting, including a fully edited saber duel by myself and my bro over the nearby Cannock Chase.



We discovered that we could apply effects on top of video footage that looked alright, had no worries about sound and dubbing, and could even seemingly create surprisingly good 3D animation usable for space combat. However, there was one problem we could not get around and it was a big one: any blue/green screen work we did was just not acceptable. The picture quality of MiniDV

cameras was just not good enough at all. The only way to get around this was to spend a whole heap of cash we didn't have on a much better video camera. And without blue/green keying ability, there was no way to accurately recreate a Star Wars feel. So unfortunately we had to abandon the film.

From there it was almost a year later when I decided I wanted to have this story finished in some way, whatever way it may be, and got stuck into the writing. Though I realized that without the limitations of film I



could now completely change everything and let my imagination run loose, I decided to try and stay with the original essence of the story. A few things have changed for the better, mainly three entirely new chapters at the beginning, as the film was going to begin from what is essentially chapter 4 in the finished story. It was also good to be able to change a lot of the characters to non-humans, as all except the character of Raelag were going to be human.

FAQ

When are the stories set?

The stories are (or eventually will be) set around 20 to 30 years after the original Star Wars film.

How true are they to real Star Wars history?

Honest answer is I'm not exactly sure. I've only read a few of the novels set after the classic trilogy. I've looked through timelines to try and get things right, but mostly they are influenced by the Jedi Knight series of computer games.

Where are the stories set?

The stories are set all over the galaxy. There are a lot of well known planets as well as planets I have created. The main planet I suppose is the moon of Yavin IV, where the Jedi Academy is situated.

What characters are in the stories?

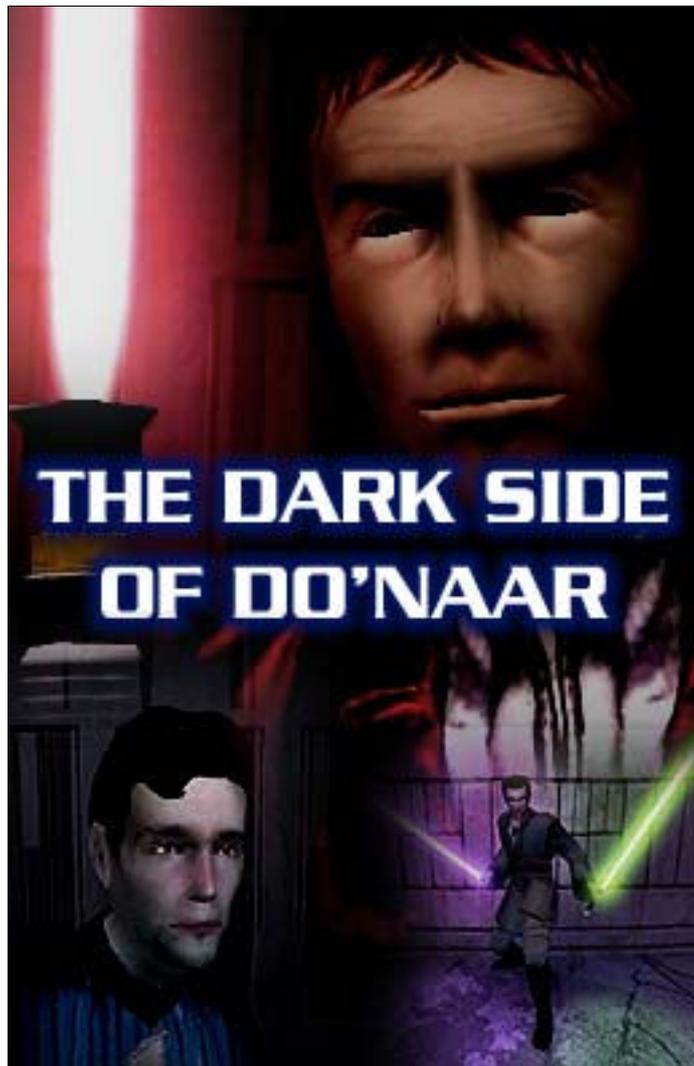
The subject of characters is a tricky one. You play around with fan favourites and you can annoy people. This is why most of the characters have been made up. But some classic icons make frequent cameos, such as Luke and Kyle Katarn.

Why start with part 5? Trying to copy Lucas, eh?

Simple. It wasn't part 5 when I started to write it. The basic story for The Dark Side Of Do'Naar was created in November 2002, when myself and several friends started to make a fan film. The film was never finished, but I really wanted to finish the story so I did. Of course, this then got me thinking of sequels and prequels. I only wish it wouldn't take me so long to write each one.

Does that Macan character look like you?

Well it's supposed to. The Jedi Knight skins of Macan and Li New were made from pictures of myself and Mr Krig. These skins were the inspiration for the characters we were going to play in the film that never made it. Other characters were created simply because our other friends wanted to be in the film. Mr Gallear wanted to be a Zabrak like Darth Maul, so that is where the Raelag character came from. A workmate's son wanted to be in it so we gave Li New a Padawan. My bro wanted to be in it so we created Codan, and there were others. All these characters stuck when I wrote the story, even though I didn't have to do it that way.



Meja Codan Character Profile

Affiliation

Jedi

Species

Human

Home Planet

Corellia

Date Born

Same year as Star Wars Episode IV

Background

Codan's Force talents were spotted shortly after he joined a New Republic flight school in his mid teens. He soon agreed to undergo Jedi training at the Academy. Though intelligent and friendly, his overconfident personality and desire for action led him into frequent competition with another student called Ghyron. During a mysterious mission that Luke Skywalker had secretly arranged, Codan came to learn the true meaning of being a Jedi and began to calm himself down. Along with his good friend Wilcra Li New, he was then promoted to the rank of Jedi Knight.



Wilcra Li New Character Profile

Affiliation

Jedi

Species

Human

Home Planet

Chandriga



Date Born

1 year before Star Wars Episode IV

Background

Wilcra Li New was raised hearing stories from his grandparents about the days of the Old Republic and the Jedi that existed back then. So when it became known that he was Force sensitive, Li New had a rather good idea about what was expected of him. Relaxed, focused and easy to get along with, Li New quickly became a well known and promising student at the Academy. His only possible problem, in the greatly different years of the New Republic, was his insistence on following the traditional Jedi code that had been established thousands of years before. However, after learning things in the galaxy were now much different, he demonstrated he could make the right choices. He was promoted to a Knight, and soon took his first apprentice in San Rylo.

Macan Vesso Character Profile

Affiliation

None

Species

Human

Home Planet

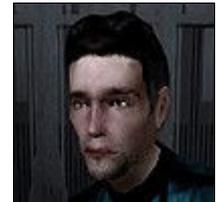
Ord Mantell

Date Born

3 years before Star Wars Episode IV

Background

Macan was a simple star fighter engineer on Ord Mantell when he came to the attention of the Jedi, who identified him as Force sensitive. He hesitantly agreed to be trained as a Jedi, and moved to the Academy where he struck up an immediate rapport with Li New and Codan. During his training, he fell in love with a fellow student called Peta, but when she was killed in battle his feelings threatened to run wild, which later convinced him he was too emotional to become a Jedi. Though he wished to do good and bring her killer to justice, he turned his back on the Jedi and the Force, fearing his mental state could lure him to the dark side.



Kreygor Character Profile

Affiliation

Dark Jedi

Species

Human

Home Planet

Unknown

Date Born

Unknown

Background

Little is certain about Kreygor's origins. He was first encountered by the Jedi on the planet Reejan, where at the request of his secretive master he managed to overpower and kill Jedi Knight Peta Sailin. Over the next couple of years the Jedi heard several more reports of vicious cruelty that they managed to trace back to Kreygor, until he seemingly went into hiding. His connection to the dark side is immense, and this has proven enough for him to be put in charge of one of several secret Dark Jedi training facilities spread throughout the galaxy. This fact coupled with his great powers have led him to believe he is near impossible to defeat. He believes he will soon be strong enough to take rule of all the Dark Jedi and even kill Luke Skywalker.



Yazh Ghyron Character Profile

Affiliation

Dark Jedi

Species

Human/Cyborg

Home Planet

Coruscant

Date Born

2 years before Star Wars Episode IV

Background

Ghyron joined the Jedi Academy at a similar time to Li New, Macan and Codan, and as a quartet they were placed under the guidance of Kyle Katarn. Ghyron immediately tried to establish himself as the leader of the group, a fact that didn't go down well with the others who thought they should all work as a team. He quickly grew frustrated and jealous of the friendship between the others, and far too sure of his own abilities started



to ignore Master Katarn's guidance in order to prove his worth. His frustration led him to the dark side, and into confrontation with Jedi Knight Peta Sailin, who seriously injured him. He was left needing a cybernetic right arm and leg, and after the procedure built himself a suit of ghastly looking red and black armour. He has matured into a cold and calculated Dark Jedi in his bid for revenge.

San Rylo Character Profile

Affiliation

Jedi

Species

Human

Home Planet

Coruscant

Date Born

7 years after Star Wars Episode IV

Background

San Rylo is the promising young Padawan of recently promoted Jedi Knight Wilcra Li New. Like his master before him he is turning into quite the model student. Calm, observant and dedicated, his skills and attitude are developing rapidly.



Raelag Character Profile

Affiliation

Dark Jedi

Species

Zabrak

Home Planet

Iridonia

Date Born

Unknown

Background

At the request of his secretive master, Kreygor began hunting the galaxy for Force sensitive beings evil enough to be trained as Dark Jedi. Arguably his best find was this fierce Zabrak warrior. Raelag proved to be a fast learner in the ways of the dark side, and soon created his potent double edged saber. Happy to stick to the shadows until needed, Raelag is a clever and observant warrior, who is more than capable of challenging any Jedi in combat.



Karynna Character Profile

Affiliation

Dark Jedi

Species

Twi'lek

Home Planet

Ryloth

Date Born

2 years after Star Wars Episode IV

Background

Following in the footsteps of her older sister Ja'nalora, Karynna started her Jedi training at a fairly young age. For several years she progressed through her training and things were fine, until she mysteriously disappeared. Unknown to the Jedi, Karynna had been tricked and imprisoned by a powerful and elusive Dark Jedi sect. After suffering months of sickening torture to both body and mind, Karynna could no longer remember who she really was, and came out of her ordeal a twisted servant of the dark side. To perfect her skills, she has been sent to the hidden Dark Jedi structure in the system of Do'Naar to learn from Kreygor.



Reeldo Character Profile

Affiliation

Jedi

Species

Rodian

Home Planet

Rodia

Date Born

10 years before Star Wars Episode IV



Background

Reeldo joined one of the early batches of pupils to study at Luke Skywalker's Jedi Academy. Over the years, he ascended to the rank of Knight, and has helped to teach several other students including Peta Sailin and Ash Tor. In recent times his hard work and dedication have been rewarded with a promotion to Jedi Master status. He continues to train and lead the younger Jedi in the quest for galactic peace.