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Taris

Two-Liner:

A brilliant metropolis of towering skyscrapers before its destruction at the hands of a mad Sith, Taris now sees the beginning of a new era.

Quote:

“The fall of Taris has always cast a shadow over the Republic.” -Doctor Synoda, Taris Resettlement Initiative

Intro:

In a time long before the Great War, Taris was a central hub of activity for the galaxy. Located at the intersection of no fewer than three heavily trafficked hyperspace trading routes, Taris was able to grow quickly. In the span of only a century, the planet built itself into an ecumenopolis; a massive, planet-wide city in which towering skyscrapers reached into the heavens. Yet while the wealthy and powerful of Taris society occupied the upper levels, the pristine façade of Taris’ upper cities hid the decay and prejudice that marked the planet.

At the height of Revan’s Sith Empire during the Jedi Civil War, a fleet of Imperial ships led by the Sith Lord Malak bombarded the planet, reducing the globe-spanning cities to twisted mounds of rubble. Today, Taris is a haunting wasteland. Trees have begun to spring up amidst the deteriorating rubble, as nature slowly reclaims the world. Amidst the destruction, the Republic now looks to rebuild the planet, showing the galaxy that the Empire cannot crush their resilience.

Stat Box:

1. **Region:** Outer Rim
2. **Allegiance:** Republic
3. **Status:** Destroyed; Site of a Republic Reclamation Effort
4. **Inhabitants:** Republic colonists, Cathar pilgrims, rakghouls
5. **Key Facts:** Before its destruction, Taris was once home to over six billion people

The Wrath of Malak:

Darth Malak and his Imperial fleet blockaded the planet of Taris as he hunted for the Jedi Padawan Bastila Shan. Bastila’s mastery of battle meditation had proven costly to Malak’s forces, and the Sith Lord had become obsessed with capturing and turning Bastila – and her battle meditation – to the dark side.

As his men scoured the upper cities of Taris, Malak’s patience grew short. Fearing Bastila’s escape from

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Taris, he ordered his fleet to bombard Taris from orbit. The entirety of Malak's fleet opened fire on the unsuspecting planet, killing billions and decimating the entire world. But for all of their efforts, Bastila escaped the doomed world with the help of Malak's redeemed former master, Revan.

Rebuilding Taris:

In an effort to raise the morale of a battered Republic, and to show their unrelenting resilience and ability to overcome the Sith, the Republic Senate agreed to fund a project to recolonize and, ultimately, restore the ruined world of Taris. The Republic's early efforts proved futile, as the utter totality of the devastation overwhelmed those tasked with managing the restoration efforts. Many Governors attempted to set the course for the recovery efforts, each one ultimately failing and being reassigned.

The first signs of progress were seen after the arrival of Governor Saresh. A young and ambitious Twi'lek member of the Republic Senate, Saresh understood the plight of those trying to return life to this dead world. She tapped into her considerable political capital, calling in old favors to see that vital supplies make their way to the settlers. Under Saresh's guidance, life has returned to Taris for the first time in three centuries.

Rakghoul Plague:

The source of the deadly rakghoul plague has been a mystery for centuries, but the monstrous effects of the disease cannot be denied. Those unfortunate enough to be attacked, bitten, or even scratched by a rakghoul become infected, ultimately becoming a rakghoul without treatment. Before the destruction of Taris, rakghouls were confined to the planet's Undercity, where they preyed on the outcasts who struggled to survive, forgotten by the society thriving above them.

After Taris' destruction, the surviving rakghouls roamed the surface of the planet. When the Republic began their recolonization efforts, rakghoul attacks greatly hindered their progress. Amidst the chaos of these attacks, several reports reference larger, more intelligent rakghouls. Some reports even suggest that these larger creatures, dubbed "nekghouls", could even possess a violent sensitivity to the Force. Further concerning the Republic, unsubstantiated reports have begun to circulate of rakghoul sightings on other worlds. While the Republic has officially remained silent on these reports, some fear that recolonizing Taris may have unwittingly unleashed this devastating plague on the galaxy.