Characters D6 / Admiral Terrinald Screed



Name: Admiral Terrinald Screed
Died: Prior to 8 ABY
Species: Human
Gender: Male
Eye color: Brown
Cybernetics: Electronic patch over left eye

DEXTERITY: 2D
- Blaster: 5D
- Brawling Parry: 4D
- Dodge: 5D+1
- Grenade: 4D
- Vehicle Blasters: 4D+2

KNOWLEDGE: 3D
- Alien species: 3D+2
- Bureaucracy: 6D+1
- Planetary systems: 4D+2
- Tactics: 6D
- Willpower: 5D
- Intimidation: 5D+2
- Languages: 4D+2
- Survival: 4D+2

PERCEPTION: 3D
- Bargain: 4D+1
- Command: 6D+2
- Con: 4D
- Investigation: 5D
- Search: 5D+1
- Persuasion: 5D+1

STRENGTH: 2D+2
- Brawling 4D+2

MECHANICAL: 3D+2
- Communications: 5D+1
- Capital Ship Piloting: 4D+2
- Capital Ship Shields: 4D+1
- Capital Ship Weapons: 5D+2
- Sensors: 5D+1
- Astrogation: 5D
- Repulsorlift Operation: 5D+1
- Space Transports: 4D+2

Starship Gunnery: 5D+2

TECHNICAL: 2D+2
Capital Ship Repair: 4D
Computer Programming/Repair: 6D
Droid Programming/Repair: 4D
First Aid: 4D+2
Security: 6D

Move: 10
Force Points: 4
Dark Side Points: 3
Character Points: 14

Equipment:
Imperial Admirals Uniform, Blaster Pistol (4D), Commlink, Imperial Code Cylinders

Description: Terrinald Screed was an officer of the Judicial Department during the waning years of the Galactic Republic, and an early political ally of Senator Palpatine. As a young commander, Screed broke the Biskaran Pirates' siege of Niele, losing his left eye in the process. During the Clone Wars, he served in the Republic Navy, and, along with Captain Jan Dodonna, commanded the Victory Fleet that defeated the Confederate forces of Dua Ningo. Their victory saw Screed promoted to vice admiral and command of the Coruscant Home Fleet.

After the rise of the Galactic Empire, Screed became one of the first admirals in the Imperial Navy and acted as one of the Emperor's right-hand men. Screed commanded Imperial forces that defeated Separatist holdouts in the Outer Rim and served with distinction in Moff Wilhuff Tarkin's campaign in the Western Reaches. His mission to seek out new opportunities for the now Emperor Palpatine in the Outer Rim led him to form alliances with the Great Heep, establishing a mining operation on Biitu, and with Governor Bisad Koong of Roon, in search of the valuable Roonstones. Both operations ended in disaster after the intervention of the merchant Mungo Baobab along with his droids C-3PO and R2-D2.

Screed's career declined in the following years, and after Palpatine's death at the Battle of Endor, Screed became one of the many warlords fighting for control of the Empire. He was eventually executed by his rival, Warlord Zsinj.

Biography

Early service in the Old Republic
Terrinald Screed was born during the final decades of the Galactic Republic. He studied at the Prefsbelt IV Fleet Camp and the Caridan Military Academy, and after graduating pursued a career as a Judicial in the Republic Judicial Department. Screed achieved the rank of commander and, in 35 BBY, was decorated for leading a Republic fleet that broke the Biskaran Pirates' siege of Niele. During the battle, Screed lost his left eye to a Biskaran vibro-ax, leaving him scarred. Screed opted to have an advanced cybernetic replacement fitted in place of his missing eye, instead of a more aesthetically-pleasing prosthetic. During his early career, Screed became convinced that the Republic was decaying from within, but discovered a like mind in Palpatine, then senator for Naboo. Believing that Palpatine could save the galaxy, Screed became one of the senator's early allies.

By the end of the Separatist Crisis, he had become a father and was an established figure in the Republic's Judicial Department, often acting as a spokesman for the body. Screed became increasingly concerned about the growing threat of the Confederacy of Independent Systems, believing that the Jedi and various planetary forces were insufficient to protect the Republic, and that a unified military force was needed. Therefore, when the Military Creation Act, proposing the creation of a Grand Army of the Republic, was put before the Galactic Senate, Screed became one of its most outspoken supporters, and spoke passionately on the subject to HoloNet News. When the tension between the Republic and the Separatists eventually led to the outbreak of the Clone Wars in 22 BBY, Screed saw the conflict as an opportunity for "house-cleaning" to put an end to the decadence of the Galactic Republic.

Clone Wars

During the war, Screed played an active role in the Republic's war effort. By late 20 BBY, he had been promoted to captain and was given command of one of the two task forces that made up the first fleet of Victory I-class Star Destroyers, the other being commanded by another rising commander, Captain Jan Dodonna. The Victory Fleet's first assignment was far from a casual shakedown cruise, as they were dispatched to stop a Confederate fleet under Dua Ningo, which had recently broken through the Republic's blockade of the Foerost Shipyards and launched a series of attacks throughout the Galactic Core. In a campaign that would decide which side controlled the Core Worlds, Screed and Dodonna's fleet clashed with Ningo's forces in battles at Ixtlar, Alsakan, and Basilisk, before a final confrontation above Anaxes. Dodonna took his task force into battle against Ningo, suffering heavy losses but drawing the enemy commander's flagship into position for Screed to launch an ambush. Screed's forces emerged from hyperspace and launched a broadside fusillade against Ningo's Unrepentant. The Confederate command ship was destroyed but the explosion struck the bridge of Screed's Star Destroyer, the Arlionne, leaving Screed with near-fatal injuries that required further cybernetic reconstruction.

Three weeks after the final battle against Ningo, Screed and Dodonna were presented with the Holt Cross on Anaxes. Still suffering from his injuries, Screed had to be supported by his friend throughout the ceremony. The two subsequently returned to Coruscant as heroes. Shortly afterwards, Screed was promoted to vice admiral and given command of the Coruscant Home Fleet by the now Supreme Chancellor Palpatine, with complete authority over the capital world's defenses. The assignment also allowed him time to recover from his injuries.

Imperial era

With the death of the Separatist leaders shortly after the Battle of Coruscant, the Clone Wars came to an end. In a speech shortly after the end of the war, Palpatine announced that the Republic was to be reorganized into a Galactic Empire with him as its Emperor, and blamed many of the Republic's troubles on the Jedi, who were declared enemies of the Empire. Screed became one of the first officers appointed to the upper echelons of the new Imperial Navy. Promoted to admiral, he became one of the Emperor's right-hand men, and was charged with seeking out new opportunities for the Empire in the Outer Rim Territories.

In 19 BBY, Imperial forces stages a major push to bring order to the lawless worlds of the Outer Rim. Separatist forces had fled from Muunilinst and Mygeeto and joined forces with pirates and Thalassian slavers in the Ciutric sector. Based out of Axxila, Screed's fleet formed part of Crimson Dagger Command, which was charged with eliminating this threat. Screed worked closely with Imperial Army General Hurst Romodi during the campaign, and the pair developed a mutual respect while achieving victories in the Kanz, Tragan, Ciutric, Nijune, Sprizen and Quelii sectors. After Screed's forces defeated the Separatists at the Battle of Vinsoth, the Muun leadership fled to Binquaros. Screed left Romodi's ground forces to fight the Muun while he pursued a combined

InterGalactic Banking Clan, Commerce Guild and Thalassian fleet ships to Bimmiel. Screed eliminated the Separatist fleet, but while he was engaged at Bimmiel, pirate and Mandalorian forces driven from the Salin Corridor by another Imperial task force overcame his rear guard at Botajef. Joining forces with mercenaries from Serenno, they broke Romodi's siege and fled to the Unknown Regions with their allies from Binquaros. Acting on intelligence from a pirate captain, Screed and Romodi intercepted the Separatists at Vardoss and finally defeated them. Screed's victory saw him again celebrated as a hero in the Core Worlds.

During the final days of the Clone Wars, the remnants of Confederate General Grievous's forces had fled to the Western Reaches. In 17 BBY, Palpatine tasked Moff Wilhuff Tarkin with pacifying the region. In response to Tarkin's request for significant military resources, Screed and Admiral Bannidge Holt were given joint command of the naval forces, while Romodi was assigned to lead the ground forces. The Western Reaches Operation captured the imagination of the Imperial citizenry, with battles at Ord Vaug, Halm, Pendaxa and Ichtor becoming famous throughout the Empire. After Holt was killed and Romodi injured during an Iska pirate ambush at Bryndar, Screed's forces defeated the pirates at Fanha. The pirate lord Guun Cutlax fled to the Atravis sector, where he joined forces with the Aqualish general Kendu Ultho, but the Imperials followed and ultimately defeated Ultho's forces at Ogoth Tiir.

Screed's career peaked with the Western Reaches Operation. The New Order saw the rise of Human High Culture and an increase in non-Human slavery. For a short time Screed took the Twi'lek Boc Aseca as his manservant, until Inquisitor Jerec discovered the slave was Force-sensitive and demanded that Screed hand him over for execution. He was also known to have owned at least two more Twi'lek slaves in his lifetime, and recommended the species as good slaves in a report on slavery for the Imperial Security Bureau years later. Screed was regularly invited to appear at fetes in the Core Worlds but rarely spoke in public. Instead, the admiral increasingly spent time on his flagship, the Gladiator-class Star Destroyer Demolisher, devising increasingly-corrupt economic schemes in the Outer Rim to increase his personal wealth. Nevertheless, by 15 BBY, Screed was still an important figure within the Empire. That year, he traveled to Boonta to represent the Empire at the Boonta Speeder Race, watching Thall Joben's victory from a private viewing box.

Biitu mining operation

At some point, Screed discovered the husk of a giant Abominor droid known only as the Great Heep at the Braltzamir Museum of Antiquated Machinery. After a team of students from the Imperial Engineers Academy found a way to revive the Heep, Screed formed a partnership with the Abominor to establish a droid-operated mine to exploit a newly discovered source of fuel ore on the agriworld of Biitu. The Empire, however, was not the only interested party, and Mungo Baobab had traveled to the world to establish his own mining operation for the Baobab Merchant Fleet. While Baobab saw the mine as a source of income for the native Biituian population, Screed and the Great Heep planned to drive them away from their homeworld, and seize the planet for the Empire. To this end, Imperial forces, led by the Heep, went to Biitu and constructed the "moisture eater," a tower that drained all moisture from the atmosphere, causing a drought that threatened to kill the natives.

The Imperials soon had control over Biitu and established the mine under the Heep's supervision. Mungo Baobab was captured during the invasion, along with his droids C-3PO and R2-D2. While Baobab was imprisoned, C-3PO was set to work in the mine and R2-D2 was sent to the Heep's droid harem, along with numerous other astromech droids, which the Heep planned to drain of power in order to recharge himself. Eventually, Screed arrived aboard a cargo ship to take possession of the first shipment of fuel ore. Screed was met by the Great Heep and was taken to

Baobab's cell where he informed the prisoner that he would be taking him to the Emperor the following day—to ensure that his valuable prisoner was not harmed, Screed planned to have him put into hibernation for the journey.

The following morning, Screed, along with two stormtroopers and an interrogation droid, went to Baobab's cell to give him the injection that would put him in hibernation for the trip. Unknown to the Imperials, Baobab had acquired a saw from the Biituian Fidge Tadrazan and had spent the night sawing through one of the cell bars. Screed's arrival initially stopped Baobab from making his escape, but when Tadrazan arrived outside and began throwing rocks at the Imperials, Screed ordered his stormtroopers to capture the young Biituian, and Baobab used the distraction to kick away the weakened bar and escape his cell. Screed pulled his blaster and fired after Baobab, but both the merchant and Tadrazan were able to escape down a nearby pipe into the tunnel system below the Imperial installation, sealing the entrance behind them.

Despite the setback, Screed proceeded with the loading operation. Knowing that Baobab might attempt to get aboard his vessel, the admiral ordered his stormtroopers to watch for Baobab, and to only allow droids aboard the ship. C-3PO, meanwhile, had assisted R2-D2 in escaping from the droid harem and the two rendezvoused with their master. After disguising himself in old droid parts, Baobab and the two droids were able to sneak aboard Screed's ship, posing as part of the loading crew. Baobab's plan was to use the ship against the moisture eater, but as R2-D2 attempted to access the ship's computer, the droid activated a silent alarm that alerted Screed to the intruders. Screed returned to his ship with a squad of stormtroopers to apprehend Baobab but they were delayed at the entrance ramp by an apparently disgruntled droid. Only when the droid's hand fell off, revealing the Human hand below, did Screed realize that the droid was Baobab in disguise, attempting to delay them while R2-D2 took control of the ship. As Screed's stormtroopers moved to capture Baobab, R2-D2 succeeded in raising the ship off the ground, leaving both Baobab and C-3PO behind.

Screed quickly responded to the new threat, ordering his troops to man the mine's laser turrets and shoot down the captured vessel. However, the situation deteriorated further when Tadrazan arrived in a stolen vehicle that he used to disable the turrets. The Biituian was also joined by dozens of astromech droids from the harem, which began attacking the stormtroopers. Screed was attempting to get the situation under control when the Great Heep arrived. The Abominor blamed the apparent chaos on Screed, who in turn accused the Great Heep of failing to keep control of his droids. However, their bickering was soon ended when R2-D2 opened the ship's cargo doors and dropped its cargo of ore containers, forcing Screed to take cover. Seeing the danger above, the Great Heep attempted desperately to stop the ship before it could destroy the moisture eater, but R2-D2 sent it on a collision course with the tower before abandoning ship. As the cargo ship collided with the tower, Screed could only watch helplessly as the stored moisture was released in a torrent of rain that extinguished the Heep's furnace and left the giant droid deactivated. With the Heep gone, Screed and the other Imperials found themselves outnumbered by the natives and were easily rounded up. The Imperials were forced to help restore the destroyed crops, leaving a humiliated Screed to vow revenge on Baobab.

Search for the Roonstones

Screed eventually left Biitu and returned to his duties with the Empire. Although the incident on Biitu was disastrous enough to have nearly toppled his career, he nonetheless rebounded from the failure. While searching for new opportunities for Imperial expansion, Screed dispatched a probe droid to the distant Cloak of the Sith region to look for planets ripe for conquest. When the droid returned to the Demolisher, it brought a holographic message from Bisad Koong, the governor of Tawntoom province on the planet Roon. In his message, Koong explained that he was seeking an

alliance with the Empire. Though Screed viewed Koong's proposal with disdain, the governor's gift of a valuable Roonstone, the source of which was of great interest to Palpatine, was enough to convince the admiral to meet with him.

After arriving in the system, Screed took a Lambda-class shuttle to Koong's new Umboo Lightstation to meet with the governor. He was surprised to learn that Koong had already received what he believed to be the Imperial emissaries—Screed's old adversary Mungo Baobab, along with the droids C-3PO and R2-D2. Baobab had arrived earlier, seeking to establish the first trade route between the Empire and the Roon system, only to be mistaken for an Imperial representative by Koong. His true identity revealed, Baobab attempted to flee, but was soon caught by Koong's aide Gaff while Screed's stormtrooper guards captured the droids. Screed was pleased to once more have Baobab in custody and had him locked in one of Koong's cells. The admiral had need of C-3PO's services and ordered the protocol droid reprogrammed, while R2-D2 would be turned over to Koong.

With the intruders caught, Koong began to show Screed around the lightstation. The governor had had the original lighstation shut down and was using his lightstation to cause unsuspecting ships to crash in order to scavenge their cargo—a process that Screed saw as little more than piracy. Their negotiations were cut short by a sudden explosion—Baobab and the droids were attempting to escape with the assistance of fellow prisoner Noop Yeldarb and several crates of Nergon-14 had exploded in the ensuing chaos, damaging the ship's engines. As the lightstation began to drift into the nearby asteroid belt, Koong ordered an evacuation. Screed led the Imperials aboard Baobab's ship, the Caravel, joined by Koong and Gaff, escaping shortly before the lightstation was destroyed. Baobab was also able to escape, stealing Koong's personal shuttle. Screed was not impressed by the incident and ordered his stormtroopers to lock Koong and Gaff in the ship's brig.

Alliance with Koong

Koong's protests that only he could lead Screed to the source of the Roonstones initially fell on deaf ears, but the admiral's desire to acquire the Roonstones ultimately led him to give Koong another chance. In exchange for providing the Empire with the precious gems, Screed promised Koong an alliance and access to Imperial resources including stormtroopers and a Star Destroyer. In truth, however, the admiral had no intention of making an alliance and only sought the Roonstones to present to the Emperor. Proceeding to Roon, Koong attempted to show Screed that his world had more to offer than just the Roonstones. Screed was unconvinced but agreed to accompany the Tawntoom governor to the Roon Colonial Games after hearing that Koong's forces had intercepted and destroyed Baobab's ship. If Tawntoom's team could defeat the team from Umboo at the games, the governor expected the last province resisting his rule to lose morale and fall under his control.

Screed watched the Roon Colonial Games from Koong's private box, but was shocked to see Baobab arrive with Umboo's champion Drainsweeper team. Seeing that the admiral's patience was waning, Koong ordered Gaff to ensure that Baobab and the Umboo team were eliminated before the final, and deciding, event of the games. Gaff's efforts met with mixed success—the Umboo Drainsweeper riders Gee Long and BIX were incapacitated before the race, but Baobab was able to survive an attempt to eliminate him. After Baobab and C-3PO agreed to join Auren Yomm in place of the missing riders, the Umboo team was once again able to win the Drainsweeper event, and take overall victory in the games. With Koong's plans once more foiled by Baobab, Screed was not willing to tolerate any further delays and demanded that the governor deliver the promised Roonstones to him.

However, Koong was unable to deliver on his promise, having failed to locate the source of the

Roonstones. Knowing that his only hope was for Baobab to lead him to the Roonstones, Koong dispatched probe droids to locate the merchant. Koong's efforts eventually paid off, and Screed was watching the surveillance feed with the governor when Auren and Nilz Yomm arrived at Baobab's vessel. Baobab had also been unable to locate the source of the Roonstones and was preparing to leave, but when his visitors presented him with one, saying that it had come from an old prospector known as "Old Ogger," he decided to pay the hermit a visit. Koong promptly dispatched Gaff to follow Baobab, and Screed ordered his stormtroopers to assist the Kobok, reminding the governor that any Roonstones he found were the property of the Galactic Empire.

"Old Ogger" was able to give Baobab a lead and the merchant headed for the port of Nime, along with Auren Yomm and the droids. There Koong's forces apprehended the group and took them to the governor's ship for the journey across the Roon Sea to Koong Island, where Screed was waiting to take them to Tawntoom for interrogation. The admiral eventually received word from Koong that the prisoners had escaped en route, and though Koong begged another chance, Screed made it clear that his report to the Emperor would indicate his displeasure.

Showdown with Baobab

Other than the Roonstones, the only thing on Roon that was of interest to Screed was the wealthy Umboo province that still resisted Koong's control. The increasingly desperate Koong planned a show of force to impress Screed and the two departed for Umboo aboard one of Koong's ships. Koong's plan was to poison Umboo's population by releasing the deadly rooze germ over the province. Screed, however, saw the plan as foolhardy—the Empire's previous use of rooze had caused as many deaths among its own forces as the enemy. The admiral's concerns were proved well-founded when a leak in the rooze containers allowed the deadly germ to enter circulation on Koong's ship. While Screed's stormtroopers were protected by their armor, the admiral used a breath mask to keep from breathing the germ. Koong, however, was not so fortunate and was infected by the germ as he attempted to shut down the ventilation system.

Koong's only hope of survival was to enlist the help of the Nilz Yomm in finding a cure, and Screed allowed his stormtroopers to accompany Gaff in capturing the doctor. They returned with both Nilz and Auren, but Screed's patience was exhausted and he informed the ailing governor that he would be withdrawing his forces from Roon that afternoon. Meanwhile, Mungo Baobab traced his captured friends to Koong's Fortress of Tawntoom, built atop a volcano in an otherwise frozen wasteland, and mounted a rescue effort. During the rescue, Baobab discovered that the volcano itself was the source of the Roonstones he and Screed had sought. The admiral was leading his troops aboard their shuttle as the stricken Koong made one final attempt to persuade him to stay, when Gaff arrived in pursuit of Baobab and the escaping Yomms. Screed's stormtroopers moved to attack Baobab but were stopped by Koong when the governor saw that Baobab carried the cure for his illness. While the Yomms attempted to start the engines on Baobab's captured Caravel, the merchant proposed a deal to the Imperials—he would provide both the cure and the source of the Roonstones in exchange for safe passage and peace with Umboo. Upon discovering that the Roonstones were in the surrounding volcano, Screed turned on Koong, declaring the fortress Imperial property and ordering his troops to impound it.

Seeing Screed's betrayal, Koong used the drilling laser to blast the surrounding Roonstones free from the rock, sending them plummeting into the lava below in an effort to keep them out of the admiral's hands. However, the Roonstones caused the lava to freeze, depriving the fortress of its only source of heat and leaving it vulnerable to the harsh climate. With the situation having once more turned against him, Screed ordered his troops to their shuttle and evacuated the fortress before it froze. Baobab's ship was also able to escape, but Koong succumbed to his disease shortly before the fortress froze around him.

Later career

In the years following the debacle on Roon, Screed's position in the Imperial hierarchy faltered, with him falling behind the various moffs and Grand Admirals in the Emperor's favor, though he continued to serve as an admiral in the Imperial Navy. A few months after the Rebel Alliance destroyed the Death Star at the Battle of Yavin in 0 BBY, Screed was working with the Imperial Security Bureau on Imperial Center.

In 4 ABY, the Emperor set a trap for the Rebel Alliance, using his presence aboard the second Death Star while it underwent construction over the forest moon of Endor as bait. Screed was among the Imperial commanders who participated in the Battle of Endor. However, the battle went against the Empire; the Death Star was destroyed and Emperor Palpatine was killed. After the Emperor's death, Screed became one of many warlords who used the subsequent power vacuum to attempt to carve a personal empire out of former Imperial Space, ultimately allying himself with Warlord Zsinj, one of the most powerful Imperial warlords. However, when Zsinj learned that Screed had been in contact with his old friend, Imperial Navy Captain Gilad Pellaeon, he had Screed executed for treason at some point prior to Zsinj's own death in 8 ABY.

Years later, during the Yuuzhan Vong Invasion, now Grand Admiral Pellaeon asked if Screed was still serving in the Empire. Pellaeon's aide, Arien Yage, reminded him that Screed had been executed by Zsinj, and Pellaeon reminisced that he had always been fond of the "old Hawk-bat."

Personality and traits

Terrinald Screed was an easily recognizable figure due to his above average height, angular features and the electronic eye patch he wore in place of his left eye. Disciplined and composed, Screed was an accomplished military commander with a talent for space combat. Screed saw success in campaigns for both the Galactic Republic and Galactic Empire and was decorated for his actions on multiple occasions. His bravery came at a high personal cost, with the loss of his eye during his early career and near-fatal injuries sustained at the Battle of Anaxes during the Clone Wars. Screed cared little for how he appeared to others, and preferred an advanced cybernetic replacement for his eye over a less noticeable prosthetic.

During his time as a Judicial, Screed respected the Jedi and their long-standing duty to protect the Republic. However, he felt that times had changed, the Jedi were no longer sufficient, and that a stronger force was needed. Motivated in part by his desire to see his child grow up in a strong Republic, Screed became a strong Militarist and campaigned publicly for the Military Creation Act. Screed was also a loyal officer of the Judicial Department—when Captain Zozridor Slayke and the crew of the CR90 corvette Scarlet Thranta defected from the Republic to begin a private war against the Separatists shortly before the Clone Wars, Screed spoke out against their vigilante actions, even though he understood their motivations. Screed went on to keep the public informed of his department's efforts to reign in the vigilantes, though there were suggestions that they privately supported the renegades' actions, and may have even helped orchestrate them.

Eventually he came to see the Republic as ineffective and hypocritical, and by the rise of the Empire, Screed was a firm believer in the New Order and its tenets, regarding non-Humans as inferior and devoting much of his time to devising schemes to increase his own wealth. By this time he was a no-nonsense military man and had little tolerance for either those who opposed the Empire or those who failed him. Governor Koong in particular was frequently on the receiving end of the admiral's disappointment. Screed could also be overconfident; during the Imperial occupation of Biitu, Screed dismissed the threat posed by the natives, only to suffer a humiliating defeat when they revolted against him. During his later career, the once eloquent and outspoken admiral

became almost reclusive, rarely speaking in public and known for his short temper and occasionally eccentric behavior.

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