

Name: Marchion Ro Homeworld: Ro homeworld Species: Evereni Gender: Male Height: 1.88 meters Hair color: Dark Eye color: Black Skin color: Slate-gray Family: Ro family Parent(s): Asgar Ro Affiliation(s): Nihil Apprentices: Krix Kamerat (Protégé), Nan (Protégée) Move: 10



DEXTERITY: 3D+1 Blaster: 7D

Brawling Parry: 6D+2 Dodge: 8D+1 Lightsaber: 8D Melee Combat: 7D Melee Parry: 6D+2 Throwing Weapons: 6D+1 PERCEPTION: 3D Bargain: 6D+2 Command: 7D+1 Command; Nihil: 9D+1 Con: 8D+1 Hide: 5D Persuasion: 8D+2 Search: 6D+2 Sneak: 5D+1 KNOWLEDGE: 3D+2 Alien Species: 5D+1 Cultures: 5D Intimidation: 9D Languages: 5D+1 Planetary Systems: 7D+2 Scholar; Path Drives: 8D Streetwise: 7D

Survival: 6D

Tactics: 10D+1 Value: 6D+1 Willpower: 8D STRENGTH: 4D Brawling: 7D+2 Climbing/Jumping: 7D+1 **MECHANICAL: 3D** Astrogation: 8D+1 Capital Ship Piloting: 5D Capital Ship Gunnery: 5D+2 Repulsorlift Operation: 8D+1 Space Transports: 5D+2 Starfighter Piloting: 5D+1 Starship Gunnery: 7D Starship Shields: 5D **TECHNICAL: 2D+2** Computer Programming/Repair: 5D+2 Droid Progamming/Repair: 5D+1 Security: 6D

# **Special Abilities:**

Sharp Claws and Teeth: Evereni had sharp black claws and sharp white teeth, both of which could be used to tear flesh, doing Str+1D damage in combat.

Night Sight: The black eyes of an Evereni saw better in the dark than humans, although their eyes still took a moment to adjust to darkness. Reducing penalties for darkness by one level.

# EQUIPMENT

**CREDITS - Vast Quantities** 

Loden Greatstorms Lightsaber (5D), Helmet with Smoked Transparisteel Mask (+1D+2 vs Physical, +2 vs Energy), white tunic and belt, jacket, boots, black pants, Comlink, Gloves with padded Knuckles {reinforced with acceleration compensators and armored plating}(Str+3D damage), Arratan wolf skin cloak, Vibro Stars (4D damage), Poisoned Needle Launcher (2D damage + 5D toxin), Armor (+2D vs Physical, +1D vs Energy, -1D Dex), Control Rod for The Great Leveller

FORCE SENSITIVE N FORCE POINTS 5 DARK SIDE POINTS 8 CHARACTER POINTS 30

Description: Marchion Ro was a male Evereni who held the title of Eye of the Nihil in the days of the High Republic. The son of Asgar Ro, he grew up on the Gaze Electric, his family's ship, and watched as his grandmother, Shalla, and his father developed the marauder group known as the Nihil in the Outer Rim of the galaxy. The Ros grew the Nihil into a significant disruptive force, using a unique mastery of hyperspace to conduct lightning raids, and becoming rich and influential in the process. While he was still

a teenager, Ro's father was betrayed and murdered by one of the Nihil's leaders, and Ro succeeded him as the Eye of the Nihil.

In 232 BBY, as the Jedi Order and the Galactic Republic prepared to unveil their principal base in the Outer Rim, Ro dispatched a Stormship to intercept a cargo freighter known as the Legacy Run, deliberately causing them to crash into each other. The crash resulted in a hyperspace cataclysm known as the Great Disaster, as the Legacy Run tore itself apart and emerged at lightspeed to strike various astronomical objects in realspace. Profiting from the subsequent blockade of the Outer Rim's hyperlanes, the Nihil struck at several worlds, revealing their existence to the Republic. Ro solified his hold on the Nihil, and concealed their true strength from the Jedi, by sending one of its leaders, Kassav Milliko, and his Tempest fleet to be destroyed in a Republic trap. Hidden once again from their gaze, Ro continued his preparations for the future.

Working in secret, Ro collected an ancient relic from the Elders of the Path cult on Vrant Tarnum, which would allow him to control a creature from his family's past; a creature he collected from a shrine guarded by Ro relatives on the planet Rystan. A subsequent Nihil attack on the Republic Fair on Valo left thousands dead. In retaliation, the Jedi attacked a Nihil base on Grizal where Ro first unleashed the Great Leveler on the Jedi, overwhelming them with fear and turning Jedi Master Loden Greatstorm into dust. The attack on Valo and the engagement on Grizal showed the Nihil's continued strength and their possession of a weapon powerful enough to destroy the Jedi.

Using the Republic assumption that Lourna Dee was the true leader of the Nihili, Ro planned to strike at the Jedi directly, collecting several more creatures from their hidden homeworld and smuggling them onto Starlight Beacon as it orbited over the planet Eiram. Nihil operatives sabotaged the station while the Jedi were distracted by the Force-paralysing effects of Ro's creatures, and the whole galaxy watched as Starlight Beacon tore itself apart and crashed on Eiram. Dozens of Jedi died onboard Starlight Beacon and, in the aftermath, Ro revealed himself to the galaxy with a public broadcast, taking credit for his acts of destruction and challenging the Republic to stay away from the Outer Rim. He also sealed off ten sectors of the Outer Rim from the Republic's intervention, using the stormseed technology developed by scientists loyal to the Nihil to destroy the Republic Defense Coalition fleet sent to invade his territory and capture him.

### Personality and traits

#### Eye of the Nihil

The man who used the name Marchion Ro was a long-limbed Evereni with long, dark hair, black eyes, and slate-gray skin etched with silver markings, along with an angular physique. Following the Battle of Kur, he had a more confident appearance and later grew a light beard on his cheeks. When Ro took off his mask, his physical appearance would leave the impression of a "predator" on the Tempest Runners. As the Eye of the marauders, Ro felt he was the only individual who saw the full potential of the Path engines. Before his plans were in place and the marauders were unified under his control, he was worried about the threat the Jedi Order and Republic posed to the Nihil, going so far as to suggest that the Nihil cease operations to maintain a low profile. Even after becoming leader of the Nihil, Ro kept things slow for a time to not attract too much attention or overextend their hand.

With his father dead and believing most of his extended family would try to stab him on sight, Ro considered Mari San Tekka the closest thing he had to a family left, but also despised how much he relied on her for hyperspace routes as her death would cause the Nihil as a whole to lose their biggest advantage over ordinary marauder gangs. Thus, he was secretive about the true nature of the Paths a secret from the rest of the Nihil, including the Tempest Runners. He would go so far as to shock her in her medical pod repeatedly and cause her to have a seizure in order to receive vital information on the Paths as quickly as possible. Ro believed it was his duty to finish his family's revenge but, should Tekka die before his uses for her were over, had considered starting a new life. Ro at one point considered disbanding the Tempests altogether and leading the Nihil alone if the Tempest Runners did not obey him completely.

Although he came to believe, possibly without even realizing it, he was the only being in the universe who mattered, he had no desire to rule over the galaxy. Ro also claimed he continued to practice the rituals performed by "the faithful" among his family. In order to acquire and control the Great Leveler, which Ro viewed as a creature of great power, he killed his cousin, Kufa, whom had been overjoyed to see him again. During their reunion, he had not wanted to show her his face, which contained a tattoo that disturbed her despite his claims it meant nothing. While his face softened when she spotted the silver markings on it, Ro only ever saw her as a deluded hag who had squandered the power of the Leveler when it was in her grasp. Despite having said the Talortai was a friend, Ro also killed Udi Dis to ensure the Leveler could be unleashed, although he thanked the talented Nihil pilot for his service before murdering him. He also had scoured the galaxy for the artifact to complete his father's rod.

After seeing the Leveler in action, the Eye was unable to believe what he had experienced, and was left breathless. He thought that all of the effort put into studying his father's texts and searching for that artifact had been worth the trouble. When he collected more Nameless but was asked why he was forging the Nihil into a force that could destroy the Jedi and Republic, he never even considered giving the honest answer; he simply did not want individuals he saw as lesser telling him what to do, so he felt groups like the Jedi and Republic could not be allowed to exist because, according to him, the version of freedom they offered constrained people like himself. While he may have not known the truth himself, Ro truthfully did not fight for the thoughts like power, wealth, or revenge that sometimes crossed his mind, instead fighting to wipe out the beings who dared give out laws and orders meant to contain him.

#### **Beliefs**

Marchion Ro saw himself as the most important individual in the galaxy: it was not his goal to rule the galaxy, but instead to remove any organization that saw itself fit to control the galaxy and, by extension, him.

Ro did not believe the Nihil needed to know information about his past, including information on his homeworld and original name, and so he answered his fellow Nihil with few words, giving nothing away. He doubted that his family would accept him if he were ever to return to them. In order to maintain the Nihil's secrecy, Ro would go so far as to sacrifice one of his Tempests, a third of the Nihil, to do so. He hid his true intentions from his subordinates until after the events he planned out had transpired. Ro also believed that the road to achieving a goal did not matter if the intended result would be achieved regardless. He viewed everyone and everything as a tool to be used to achieve that goal.

Nevertheless, Ro entrusted his own mask to Krix Kamerat, who reminded the Eye of his own childhood. He even elevated the boy above several longer-serving Nihil and into his inner circle. As the Eye of the Nihil, he wanted to be a strong individual, unlike Uttersond, Greatstorm, or his father. Although he believed it was his duty to bring about his family's revenge, if Ro was able to find it in himself to reflect on what he stood for, he would have found he worked only to ensure his own freedom; his talk of giving the Nihil freedom or achieving his family's revenge were, deep down, mere claims. Ro instead fought for the simple belief that he was the only being in existence who mattered, and so no other being deserved to give him orders. Indeed, he had no designs for actively ruling the galaxy and instead wanted the freedom to do whatever he personally pleased, no matter who currently stood in his way.

#### Thoughts on others

Ro held differing opinions for each of his Tempest Runners, and thought that the groups of Nihil they led reflected their leaders' personalities; Eyta's were precise planners, Milliko's was impulsive and chaotic, and Dee's was subtle. To Ro, Milliko felt predictable as a sunrise, believing that either the Weequay hated silence, or was focused on ensuring that people knew the Tempest Runner was present. After setting up Milliko's demise at the Battle of Kur, Ro made a marytr out of him in order to unite the Nihil. Ro saw Zeetar as an obedient soldier and someone who would not follow in Eyta's footsteps as the Talpini knew his place. When observing Zagyar, the Eye respected the fact that Zagyar answered Eyta directly without hiding the truth when explaining Blit's miscalculation.

Ro viewed Eyta as a physically strong individual, and as such used his mask in order to subdue the Dowutin as a show of superiority to shame him into obedience. When being confronted by Eyta aboard the Gaze Electric, Ro was confident that the Dowutin would not attempt to kill him and was only aiming to gain attention from fellow Nihil. In another confrontation with Eyta, Ro repeatedly punched him and pointed out that the Dowutin's ambition and thirst for glory would not allow him to see the Republic's destruction. Ro also planned to make a martyr out of Eyta, like with Kassav at Kur, by planting a bomb aboard the Dowutin's ship and having it detonate should he attempt to return to Grizal. Following Eyta's defeat at the second battle at Cyclor, Ro believed that the remaining two Tempest Runners at the time, Dee and Zeetar, had fallen in line, and no one would challenge him ever again.

When thinking about Asgar, Ro believed he lacked vision, and that he should have restructured the Nihil back when he led the Nihil. When Asgar, who had never treated Ro with kindness or respect, was gravely injured and begged his son for help, Ro repeatedly kicked him, continuing to do so even after the man had died as an act of gratification. He stood over his body for an hour to keep the scene in his memory, wishing to remember Asgar as a corpse rather than the man who had made Ro's life a misery. However, Ro would later be plagued with the voices of Asgar chastising him. On one instance, the voices caused him to accidentally snark at Uttersond, but decided to play along as to keep others from suspecting that Ro was speaking to dead people.

### Skills and abilities

Through planning, Marchion Ro was able to manipulate both the Nihil and the Jedi Order by causing the Great Disaster and setting off the chain of events that would help him achieve his goals. His Nihil

successfully captured a Jedi after he ordered them to only kidnap a family on Elphrona, as their presence would attract Jedi from the outpost on the planet. Ro was also a skilled fighter, which he demonstrated when injuring and lecturing Milliko. Ro saw Eyta as a physically strong individual, and as such he used alternative methods of subduing the Dowutin when confronting him, such as electrocuting the Tempest Runner with the Eye's own mask and injecting him with a toxin. When Ro delt with Greatstorm unarmed, he exploited the latter's status as a Jedi by stating that the Jedi Master would not attack an unarmed individual and feigning surrender, before using the opportunity to attack Greatstorm.

# Equipment

### Clothing and armor

Marchion Ro wore a mask created from smoked transparisteel with a storm symbol etched onto it, along with a pattern of lines and swirls and an "eye" at the center of the mask. After the events on Quantxi, Ro gave the mask to Kamerat. For clothing, he wore a sleeveless white tunic and belt under a jacket, boots, and black pants. Other colors of pants that Ro also wore at different points in time included green and brown. The Eye also donned tight leather gloves that had padded knuckles. The gloves were reinforced with acceleration compensators and armored plating that allowed him to punch a hole in a durasteel wall without suffering any pain. He also wore multiple cuffs around his ears.

Following the Battle of Kur, Ro wore his father's heavy fur cloak—Arratan wolf skin covering the shoulders—which conveyed the history of the battles in which it was worn to the Nihil. He donned an ornate mask marked with a superstorm within a red circle that resembled a crown, and it came with communications functionality and an internal display.

#### Weaponry

Vibro-stars were stored in a sheath on his wrist. His wrists also contained devices that could launch needle-sharp hypodermics filled with poison. Under one of his sleeves was an injector that protruded from a diminutive mechanical arm. For protection, Ro wore armor.

After receiving Greatstorm's lightsaber, Ro hung the weapon on his belt and kept it on his person, using it to threaten those who opposed him. He lost the weapon when Greatstorm himself retrieved it from him in a scuffle during the attack on Grizal. Under his tunic, he kept a three hand-long rod made of stone and metal with symbols such as fire and screaming faces carved into it. The rod emanated a purple glow and grew warm when touched. When it was combined with the other artifact from Kharvashark Ruins, it allowed the wielder to assume control of the Great Leveler. Ro also carried a comlink on his belt.

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