Planets D6 / Flashpoint



Name: Flashpoint
Region: Outer Rim Territories
Sector: Meerian sector
System: Flashpoint system
Suns: 1
Moons: None
Grid square: O-7
Trade routes: Mandalorian Road
Rotation period: 1 standard hour
Orbital period: 1,776 local days
Class: Barren
Atmosphere: None
Climate: Arid
Gravity: Standard
Terrain: Desert
Points of interest: Flashpoint Stellar Research Station (capital)
Government: None
Population: 99% Human, 1% other
Major imports: Foodstuffs, Raw materials, Medical supplies, Scientific technology
Major exports: None
Affiliation: Galactic Republic, Mandalorian Neo-Crusaders

Description: Flashpoint was an airless planet that orbited very close to its star, with a day lasting just one standard hour. Being so close to its star meant that the planet was bathed in stellar radiation and thus devoid of life. Before the Great Sith War, a protective magnetic field was set up and a research station established by scientists to study stars. In 3965 BBY, this station was seized by Mandalorian warriors as part of their invasion of Galactic Republic space. The Mandalorian scientist Demagol used the research station to experiment on Jedi in an attempt to discover the source of their powers, but the Mandalorian presence was later expunged from Flashpoint by fugitive Jedi Padawan Zayne Carrick and his companions in 3964 BBY.

Description

Located in the Meerian sector of the Outer Rim Territories, Flashpoint was a planet that orbited very close to its star and had no orbiting moons. Flashpoint was a relatively new arrival in its star system and subsequently had a year that was 1,776 local days long, with each day lasting only one standard hour. The proximity to its star also meant that the surface of the planet—constantly bombarded by stellar radiation—was extremely arid and lacked an atmosphere of any kind, leaving it void of life.

A small area of Flashpoint was made habitable when a magnetic field was set up on the surface by scientists of the Galactic Republic. The scientists also established a research station on the planet to study stars. Surface travel was impossible outside this field due to the solar radiation clinging to the planet. The short nighttime had no effect on the radiation, and Flashpoint would cool only slightly during this time.

History

Four-thousand years before the Galactic Civil War, the Galactic Republic established the Flashpoint Stellar Research Station on the planet to study the life cycle of stars, with funding for the station diverted from another solar observatory on Metellos 3. In 3965 BBY, after the Great Sith War, the nomadic Mandalorian Neo-Crusaders instigated the Mandalorian Wars by invading Republic worlds close to the edge of Mandalorian-controlled space. One of these worlds was Flashpoint. A year later, Mandalore the Ultimate, leader of the Mandalorians, awarded the captured Flashpoint research station to the Mandalorian scientist Demagol as a location for him to carry out experiments on Jedi to discover the source of their powers. When the conflict between the Neo-Crusaders and the Republic escalated, greater numbers of Jedi were brought to Flashpoint, usually in small Teroch-type gunships.

Shortly after the Battle of Vanquo in 3963 BBY, fugitive Jedi Padawan Zayne Carrick and the crew of the space transport Last Resort traveled to Flashpoint to stage a rescue of Jarael, a crew member who had been captured by Mandalorians on Vanquo. By posing as the prisoner of an apostatized Mandalorian scout, Rohlan Dyre, Carrick planted himself inside the research station, where he ambushed Demagol and took the scientist's Mandalorian armor. Dyre, together with a now-disguised Carrick, then distracted the Neo-Crusader sentries in the station's landing area while the Padawan used the Force to subtly place mining charges on nearby vessels and shield projectors. Marn Hierogryph, one of Carrick's other companions, detonated the charges remotely to leave only one Mandalorian craft, which the the remaining Neo-Crusaders used to flee. With their captors gone, the Jedi prisoners were able to leave Flashpoint while Jarael was reunited with Carrick and the crew. When they too departed, Flashpoint was left deserted.

Inhabitants

The intense heat and radiation from its sun left the surface of Flashpoint entirely devoid of life. Sentient beings, mainly scientific researchers, were able to reside on the planet after the Great Sith War as a result of the protection accorded by a magnetic shield. By the time of the Mandalorian occupation, the majority of Flashpoint's inhabitants were Humans, with sentries also residing in the research station to control the numerous Jedi prisoners being held for Demagol's notorious experiments.

Flashpoint Stellar Research Station

The only habitable location on Flashpoint was the Flashpoint Stellar Research Station set up by Republic scientists around 4000 BBY. Five projectors maintained a protective magnetic shield over the actual structure of the station as well as a landing area large enough to accommodate at least three Ministry-class shuttle-sized craft. The main part of the station was in an underground bunker and contained Demagol's experimentation room.

Description

Flashpoint Stellar Research Station was a Galactic Republic scientific research station on the Outer Rim planet of Flashpoint that was captured by the Mandalorian warrior clans in 3964 BBY. Originally intended for the study of stars and related phenomena, Flashpoint Station was located inside a powerful magnetic shield—the planet Flashpoint was located extremely close to its star, and organic life usually could not survive on the world's barren surface. In the beginning stages of the Mandalorian Neo-Crusaders' war with the Republic, Flashpoint Station was taken by the marauders and turned into the operating base for the notorious Mandalorian biologist Demagol. From Flashpoint Station, Demagol furthered research into the source of the powers of Jedi Knights, conducting brutal live experiments on Jedi captured near the front lines.

Demagol's collection grew to include a number of Jedi crusaders captured on Suurja, led by the

Human Alek. After the Mandalorians mistakenly captured and brought to Flashpoint a non-Jedi named Jarael, the Arkanian Offshoot's friends, including fugitive former Jedi Padawan Zayne Carrick and escaped Mandalorian warrior Rohlan Dyre, formulated a plan to rescue her. With Carrick posing as a Jedi whom Dyre had captured, they were able to incapacitate Demagol and simulate a fake Republic attack to clear the other Mandalorians off the station. The captive Jedi were freed, although Demagol escaped Republic custody by knocking out Dyre and switching armor with him. After the ordeal was over, the Jedi destroyed Flashpoint Station.

Located on the Outer Rim world of Flashpoint, the Flashpoint Stellar Research Station was a Galactic Republic scientific outpost established to study the life and death of stars and other solar phenomena. Flashpoint Station was located on a small, desert world with no atmosphere, as the planet was extremely close to its star. The massive amount of heat and radiation produced by the nearby star necessitated the creation of a powerful magnetic shield—without it, nothing could survive on the planet's surface during Flashpoint's hour-long days. The magnetic shield protected a roughly circular area of the planet's surface and was generated by several towers. For a starship to land at Flashpoint Station, the magnetic field had to be lowered, although this was unsafe to do during Flashpoint's brief and dangerous days. During the Republic's tenure in charge of the station, their scientists employed heavily shielded Ministry-class orbital shuttles while carrying out research.

Even with the magnetic field, the planet had no atmosphere, requiring all present at the station to wear airtight suits while outside. The station's main structure was a bunker near the center of camp, surrounded by a larger outdoor area that was big enough to hold several starships. The station was equipped with guns to repel unwanted intruders and a comm system to contact nearby starships. The bunker itself was pressurized and featured a large, open entrance room that led into much narrower corridors. Deeper within the compound was a central research room, which the Mandalorian doctor Demagol made into his office during the Mandalorian occupation amidst their war with the Republic. Demagol adorned the room with the bones and skulls of several victims, as well as a number of lightsabers; the room itself was covered in bloodstains. The room also featured a vertical board to which Demagol strapped his Jedi test subjects and thereupon working on them with his vast array of medical tools.

History

Flashpoint Station was originally constructed and staffed by the Galactic Republic, which defunded a solar observatory on the moon of Metellos 3 in order to pay for the station. In 3964 BBY, the Mandalorian Neo-Crusaders, who had previously carved out their own empire beyond the reaches of the Republic, began to encroach upon Republic space in the name of the Mandalorian warrior clans. With Flashpoint Station sitting on the edge of Republic territory, the Mandalorians captured the facility. After Flashpoint Station fell into Mandalorian control, they began to use it to their own ends—the station was given over to Demagol, the top Mandalorian biologist, as a base where he could advance his studies into the powers and abilities of Jedi. As the first Jedi scouts were discovered investigating the frontier, the Mandalorians were ordered to bring all captured Jedi alive to Demagol, who conducted experiments on his living prisoners, with many dying under his watch. During the early days of the war, the Mandalorian Teroch-type gunship was primarily used to ferry prisoners to Flashpoint.

During Demagol's reign on Flashpoint, a number of Jedi attempted to escape their predicament, but all died within minutes under Flashpoint's unforgiving sun. As the Mandalorians continued to threaten the Outer Rim, a group of Jedi, led by the charismatic Revan, defied the Jedi High Council's wishes and set out to battle the Mandalorians. However, many of these Jedi, including Revan's right-hand man, Alek, were captured on the war-torn world of Suurja and brought to Flashpoint Station as a fresh crop for Demagol. The new arrivals were relentlessly tortured,

especially Alek, who proved willing to subject himself to more suffering in order to protect his fellows. While Demagol busied himself with his test subjects, the Mandalorians ramped up the fight against the Republic, launching a major offensive aimed at taking the valuable world of Taris. In one major battle at Vanquo, the Mandalorians mistook the Arkanian Offshoot Jarael as a Jedi—she had posed as one in a previous caper on the world. She was promptly taken prisoner and brought to Flashpoint Station, where Alek, recognizing that she was not a Jedi, protected her by volunteering himself for "research" in her place.

Unbeknownst to Demagol, Jarael's friends—including the fugitive former Jedi Padawan Zayne Carrick—had set out for Flashpoint to rescue her and the other Jedi trapped there. Assisted by escaped Mandalorian warrior Rohlan Dyre, Carrick developed a plan to sabotage Flashpoint Station from the inside—he would pose as a Jedi whom Dyre had captured on Vanquo and thus gain entry to the heavily guarded station. After landing safely within the magnetic shield, Dyre marched Carrick into Demagol's office and demanded that Demagol get to work on the young Padawan. Demagol acquiesced and brought Carrick to his operating room in the back—once there, Dyre knocked Demagol unconscious. Dyre locked Demagol in a storage closet, while Carrick put the scientist's armor on and posed as Demagol while proclaiming to the captive Jedi that Carrick had died during an experiment. Not realizing the situation, an enraged Jarael attacked the false Demagol, although she relented after Zayne whispered her name and confused her. "Demagol" and Dyre began the next part of their plan, simulating a Republic attack on the station. Carrick's Snivvian friend, Marn Hierogryph, posed as a Republic admiral and sent a holomessage to Flashpoint Station, warning of an imminent attack. Hierogryph's message coincided with the remote detonation of several mining charges previously found on Vanquo, which destroyed a number of captured Republic ships around the station, along with almost all of the towers generating the station's magnetic shield.

The explosions caused a panic amongst the Mandalorians about the station, and Dyre directed them to flee on a Mandalorian-made shuttle. Dyre also told them to report to Mandalore of the Republic's new "tactic" of remotely detonating Republic ships captured by the Mandalorians—a complete lie, invented by Hierogryph. Once all the other Mandalorians had left, Carrick returned to the bunker where the Jedi were being held and revealed himself as the false Demagol, thrilling Jarael and the other prisoners. After their caper, Dyre returned to collect the fallen Demagol. However, the warrior let his guard down, and Demagol injected him with a substance that incapacitated him. Demagol switched armors with Dyre, posing as him after returning to the others, while Dyre, in Demagol's armor, was taken into Republic custody. The Jedi prisoners and Carrick's group went their separate ways after the incident, using the rest of the mining charges to destroy Flashpoint Station entirely.

Inhabitants

Originally inhabited by a team of Republic scientists, by 3964 BBY, Flashpoint Station had been totally taken over by the Mandalorians. Flashpoint Station was subsequently staffed by a group of Mandalorian warriors, led by the notorious biologist Demagol. Demagol, real name Antos Wyrick, had previously studied the powers of Jedi for decades, believing the Force, as the Jedi explained it, to be a myth meant to hide the true source of their abilities. On Flashpoint Station, Demagol was assisted by an ambitious Mandalorian named Pulsipher, who disagreed with Demagol that the Force was the result of genetic modifications, instead believing that the Jedi's powers were a result of artifacts and trinkets carried by the Force wielders. The rest of the Mandalorians at the station were mostly employed as guards and assistants, charged with defending the isolated outpost and keeping the magnetic shield running—the majority found it a desolate, wretched place, some losing sleep due to Flashpoint's hour-long days.

Mandalorian crews bringing in captive Jedi also visited Flashpoint Station on occasion—the Jedi themselves were kept in the installation's entrance room, which had been outfitted with gurneys and benches. The Jedi on Flashpoint were constantly tortured, many killed by Demagol, with others perishing in futile escape attempts. One Jedi in particular, Alek—known to Demagol as "Squint"—proved himself to be exceptionally hardy, withstanding all of Demagol's most painful procedures. A well-known leader of the Revanchist movement within the Jedi Order, Alek took on something of a leadership role amongst the captured Jedi. During Zayne Carrick and Rohlan Dyre's plot to rescue the trapped Jedi, many of the Mandalorians at Flashpoint Station fled, while Demagol escaped in Dyre's armor. The Jedi were freed, detonating their former prison behind them as they left.

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