

There is Good in Him

The Jedi Redeemer

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The pull of the dark side is strong, and even some of the most well-trained Jedi have been drawn into its inky depths over the course of the Order's history. When a Jedi turns to the dark side, the Order feels the pain of such a loss and must set out to ensure that their fallen comrade does not become a threat. When these situations occur, they must be dealt with delicately and sometimes ruthlessly, and it is for these occasions that the Jedi Redeemer trains.

The earliest recorded exploits of a Jedi Redeemer date back to the days before the Great Hyperspace Wars against the Sith Empire. Ancient Jedi records show that shortly after the Sith broke away from the Order, several Jedi Knights made it their personal crusade to bring their former companions back to the light side of the Force. Some were successful, and some died trying to convince their one-time allies that the dark side would destroy them, and from these roots grew the tradition of the Jedi Redeemers.

Much like many of the other more focused styles of training, the path of a Jedi Redeemer was only handed down directly from Master to Padawan. During the times of heavy conflict, such as the outbreak of wars with the Sith, the number of Redeemers grew as each Master trained several willing Padawan learners. Other times, the number of Redeemers dwindled down to just a few pairs of teachers and students, for when the presence of the dark side was weak, there was less of a need for Jedi to bring others back from the path of evil. During the Great Hyperspace War, the number of Redeemers actively working across the galaxy reached almost a hundred, then slowly waned following the end of the conflict. When the Sith rose again 2,000 years before the rise of the Empire, the few Masters who had kept the path of the Redeemer found themselves overwhelmed with requests from Padawans with hopes of helping restore ex-Jedi to the light. After the Battle of Ruusan, where

many of the most talented Redeemers were killed, the Redeemers again began to shrink in size. By the time of the Clone Wars and the fall of the Galactic Republic, only a handful of Redeemers remained, and those were almost assuredly destroyed alongside their fellow Jedi when Darth Vader betrayed the Order.

The Training of a Redeemer

Jedi Masters who follow the path of the Redeemer often are rather picky about the students they train. Despite this fact, the Redeemers are as varied and different as any like-minded organization can get. When selecting a Padawan, Jedi Redeemers sometimes go with the most serious-minded apprentices who have never shown any signs of being affected by the dark side. Others are chosen for their passion, and sometimes the best students are those drawn from the ranks of Jedi who have been brought back from the dark side by another Redeemer. Some are bright and ambitious, while others are dour and brooding. It is each master's individual tastes which determines which students will be taken and which rejected, and each one has different preferences.

Once an apprentice is selected, the Redeemers are first taught the various ways in which the dark side manifests itself. They pore over ancient historical texts which give accounts of brushes with the dark side; some of the most valuable tales are those which are autobiographical accounts of the ways in which the dark side affected a person. This extensive study of the history of the dark side and its manifestation is the first step towards gaining the innate sense most Redeemer's have for the dark side. In truth, all Force-sensitive beings have the ability to sense the draw of the dark side, but the Redeemers focus and refine this sense until it becomes as natural to them as any of their other physical senses. By recognizing the ways in which the dark side affects the ebb and flow of the Force, the Redeemers use



their knowledge of history and their training to detect and identify the presence and power of evil forces. While in the early stages of their training this ability to sense the dark side is still rudimentary, later it becomes second nature to the Jedi and allows them to anticipate the actions of one infused with the dark side.

After the master decides the apprentice has sufficiently mastered the early ability to detect the presence of the dark side, she is then taught the application of such a skill in practical encounters. The dark side is a deadly opponent, and as such all Redeemers hone their combat skills to a level suitable for someone constantly placed in grave danger. This combat training often employs tactics specially tailored for use against those think with a dark side mentality. During the times when the Sith cult was a formidable opponent, lightsaber technique and dueling was a major focus of a Redeemer's combat training; when in the field, most of the Sith warriors they faced

employed lightsabers as their primary weapon, and as a result duels between Jedi and Sith were not uncommon. Even in later times, lightsaber combat skills are a strong focus of Redeemer training, and such emphasis has saved the life of many Jedi sent against a fallen member of the Order. Jedi Redeemers learn to anticipate their opponents' next moves based on their knowledge of the dark side, and then apply these tactics when making an attack.

Following their basic training, Redeemers often gain their most valuable lessons in the field. The fine art of diplomacy is an indispensable skill for the Jedi, and doubly so for Redeemers who must use every ounce of their communication and negotiating skills in order to draw being back from the grip of the dark side. Practical experience is a far more effective teacher than the master's lessons alone, and as such the Redeemers begin going with their instructors on assignments from an early point in their training. Though the path of

the Redeemer is a dangerous one, and many apprentices find themselves overwhelmed at first, their masters rarely coddle them, preferring that they experience the darkness they are trying to combat early, and become hardened against its effects.

Roles of the Jedi Redeemer

The mission of the Jedi Redeemer is a simple one: to fight the forces of evil, and save as many beings as possible from the clutches of the dark side. Despite such a straightforward creed, the cases and assignments taken on the by Jedi Redeemer are as wide and varied as those taken on by the other Knights of the Jedi Order. Of course, Redeemers are still Jedi Knights, and still answer to the Jedi Council. When not on a mission that specifically requires their talents and abilities as Redeemers, they often find themselves participating in other assignments with non-Redeemer Jedi.

The primary function of the Redeemer, that which was the reason for their founding in the first place, is the redemption of those who had fallen to the dark side. During wars in which many of their own number were lost to the side of evil, it became necessary to focus on returning those beings to the light. Traditionally, this is the first goal when encountering a being absorbed by the dark side: determine whether or not the being can be brought back to the light. If so, the Redeemer makes every effort to help that being atone for past acts of evil and renounce the dark side as their master. This is a dangerous task, however; many times the evildoer's intentions to return to the light are merely a facade to get closer to the Redeemer in order to harm her, something all Redeemers must be wary of. It is a dangerous and difficult task, as most darksiders do not want to leave the power they have desperately latched onto, however the reward when successfully redeeming a being is immeasurable.

While rarely is a being ever seen as irredeemable, there are certain cases in which a Jedi knows that the subject has sunk too far into the dark path to ever be brought back. It is in these situations where the Redeemer must take on the role of an eliminator, preventing that darksider from becoming a threat to the general population

around him. The Jedi Council has long had a policy of not tolerating the continued existence and taint of evil beings in the galaxy, and it is the Redeemers who are often called upon to the Council's dirty work. Whenever a Dark Jedi terrorizes a local village, the Redeemer must step in and protect them. Whenever the Sith organized a strike against a Republic outpost, it was the Redeemer's job to hunt down and eliminate the leaders of the operation. In these and many other cases, the Jedi Redeemer must throw herself in the path of evil, to become the first line of defense against the dark side and the harbinger of death for those who embrace evil.

In addition, one of the most often overlooked functions of the Redeemer is the destruction of physical objects tainted by the dark side. Everything from dark side amulets to Sith temples retain a resonance of evil, and it is the job of the Redeemer to draw the evil energy out of those objects and destroy them. Since these objects help encourage the growth and sustained power of the dark side, the Jedi Redeemer must remove their influence from the galaxy lest they taint otherwise innocent beings. While larger objects and locations of dark side power, like the Sith Temple on Dromuund Kaas or the cave on Dagobah, require whole teams of Redeemers to completely destroy (and are, thus, more rarely dealt with), talismans, weapons, and even objects as large as sarcophagi all fall within the jurisdiction of the Jedi Redeemer.

Aleria Sur-Pelin

One of the most famous Jedi Redeemers in the history of their tradition was a woman named Aleria Sur-Pelin. Aleria underwent training during the height of the wars with the Sith, and from the beginning was involved in many battles against dark side opponents. In a surprising turn of events, Aleria's master betrayed the Jedi Order and turned to the dark side under the influence of a powerful Sith warrior following a particularly harrowing battle. Saddened to see her master succumb to the very forces they were trying to defeat, Aleria set about learning as much as she could about the circumstances of her master's fall and made it her goal to redeem him. After a lengthy campaign against the Sith, she was soon

brought face to face with her former master, now powerful in the ways of the dark side. After a fierce duel and a lengthy battle of wills, Aleria somehow managed to redeem him and bring back a weakened but thankful Jedi Master.

Following her success in redeeming her former instructor, Aleria went on to become one of the most influential Jedi Knights in the Order. In addition to continuing her own studies, she codified a training regiment, which she used when instructing Padawans over the course of the next few decades. She trained over a dozen other future Jedi Redeemers, increasing the size of their tradition drastically and permanently solidifying their place in history. Though never a member of the Jedi

The Jedi Redeemer Holocron

While the techniques and history of the Jedi Redeemers is primarily an oral tradition, passed down from master to apprentice, one of Aleria Sur-Pelin's most significant contributions to the Jedi was a holocron intended to help with the instruction of future apprentices. Knowing that the tradition waxed and waned with the strength of the dark side, she feared her teachings could be lost and enlisted the aid of fellow Redeemers in compiling as much knowledge as they could for posterity. With the destruction of the Jedi at the hands of Emperor Palpatine and Darth Vader, this holocron is the only knowledge of the Jedi Redeemers left in the galaxy.

The holocron itself is a palm-sized cube with triangular-cut edges and a second, smaller cube encased within the outer shell, crystalline in composition and light gold-tinted, with rays of purple and blue shot through its interior. Aleria Sur-Pelin herself acts as the primary gatekeeper of the holocron, and provides most of the basic instruction with a somber and no-nonsense method of teaching. A Kel Dor Jedi Master named Eri Faar is the teacher involved in the instruction of the lightsaber, and his personality is patient and methodical, seeming almost fatherly at times. A Kiffar Jedi Master named Milan Spartis appears to be the keeper of some heavily-guarded dark side lore which is only revealed to the owner of the holocron after the gatekeepers are confident the student is ready. Her knowledge is mostly used to prepare the Redeemer student for any dark side weapons which could potentially be used against her.

The holocron can act as a master for purposes of instruction for a student wishing to become a Jedi Redeemer. Additionally, the holocron acts as though it has the following skills: scholar" Jedi Lore 7D+2, scholar: Dark Side Lore 7D.

Council (for she preferred to work in the field), her expertise was called upon frequently by the leaders of the Order when a situation was encountered involving the powerful influence of the dark side. She was one of the chief generals in the violent conflict against the Sith, and was present at many of the most famous battles, including the Battle of Ruusan where she died along with many of her fellow Jedi.

Type: Jedi Knight

DEXTERITY 2D+2

Blaster 8D, dodge 9D, lightsaber 8D, melee parry 8D

KNOWLEDGE 3D

Intimidation 6D+2, languages 5D+1, scholar: Dark Side Lore 7D+1, scholar: Jedi Lore 8D

MECHANICAL 3D

PERCEPTION 3D+2

Con 7D, investigation 8D, persuasion 10D+2, search 8D, sneak 7D, willpower 8D

STRENGTH 2D

Brawling 7D+1

TECHNICAL 3D+1

Computer programming/repair 5D, lightsaber repair 5D+2

Special Abilities:

Force Skills: *Control* 10D, *Sense* 10D+1, *Alter* 9D+2

Control: Accelerate healing concentration, control pain, detoxify poison, emptiness, enhance attribute, force of will, hibernation trance, reduce injury, remain conscious, resist stun

Sense: Combat sense, danger sense, life detection, life sense, magnify senses, receptive telepathy, sense Force, sense Force potential, sense path, shift sense

Alter: Telekinesis

Control and Alter: Accelerate another's healing, control another's pain, detoxify poison in another, return another to consciousness

Control and Sense: Farseeing, lightsaber combat, projective telepathy

Control, Sense, and Alter: Affect Mind, Projected Fighting

Sense and Alter: Dim Others' Senses

This character is Force-sensitive.

Force Points: 2

Dark Side Points: 3

Character Points: 9

Move: 10

Equipment: Jedi Robes, lightsaber (5D)



The Jedi Redeemer Template

Type: Jedi Redeemer

DEXTERITY 2D+2

Dodge

Lightsaber

Melee Parry

KNOWLEDGE 3D

Scholar: Dark Side Lore

Scholar: Jedi Lore

MECHANICAL 3D

PERCEPTION 3D+2

Con

Investigation

Persuasion

STRENGTH 2D

TECHNICAL 3D

Lightsaber Repair

Special Abilities:

Control 1D, Sense 0D, Alter 1D

Control Powers: Concentration

Move: 10

Equipment: Jedi Robes, Lightsaber (5D), 500 credits

Jedi Redeemer Powers

Destroy Artifact (Control and Alter)

You can destroy an artifact imbued with the power of the dark side and dissipate its negative energies.

Control Difficulty: Moderate +3D

Alter Difficulty: Moderate

Required Powers: Absorb/dissipate energy

Time to Use: One Round per cubic meter

Effect: A being strong with the power of the Force and free of the taint of the dark side can use this feat to rid the galaxy of physical manifestations of evil. Similar to the absorb/dissipate energy power, the character must make a roll to absorb 3D of dark side energy to destroy any dark side artifact or any item tainted by the touch of evil; the time taken to fully destroy such an artifact is one hour per cubic meter in size. If the character successfully destroys the artifact, it loses all power and the dark side energies released during its destruction do not harm the character. The successful use of this feat results in the character gaining one Force Point.

Suggested Bonuses

Some gamemasters may wish to reward aspiring Jedi Redeemers by giving them certain bonuses to reflect their training against Dark Side characters. The following bonuses may be applied at the GM's discretion for characters who are prepared to combat the Dark Side:

- +1D to attack rolls against Darksiders
- +1D to *Perception* rolls when determining initiative in single-combat with a Darksider
- +1D to *willpower* rolls when resisting dark side powers
- The ability to aid in the atonement of others. By making a Very Difficult *persuasion* skill roll, the Jedi Redeemer may aid in a Darksider's atonement, deducting an additional Dark Side Point from their total when atonement removes another.

