

MONASTERY

Astronavigation Data: Monastery system, Hasarian sector, Mid Rim

Orbital Metrics: 355 days per year/22 hours per day

Government: Theocracy

Population: 35,000,000 (Humans 43%, Other 57%)

Languages: Basic

Terrain: Rainforests

Major Cities: None

Areas of Interest: Temple of the Sacred Circle, Crystal Valley

Major Exports: None

Major Imports: None

Trade Route: Reena Trade Route

Background: Monastery was a Mid Rim world. It belonged to the Order of the Sacred Circle, an order which revered all forms of life. Shortly before the Clone Wars, Monastery opened itself to refugees of the Separatist crisis provided they agreed to convert to the Order. The Order accepted beings of any gender or species. During the Clone Wars the planet was located within Separatist space.

Monastery was home to a number of dangerous creatures, such as the Nightshrike, and the Saber cat. Saber cats were able to be tamed, and the Order of the Sacred Circle kept several as pets.

The residents of Monastery lived a relatively simple life. No cities in the traditional sense were constructed. Instead, small to large groupings of simple abodes dotted the surface, with the Temple of the Sacred Circle serving as the center of the Order's functions and de facto capital of the planet.

MAY THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN

The Order of the Sacred Circle was a religion that dominated the planet Monastery. The Order's name originated from the rings of debris circling the planet. The rings represented the eternal and ever-renewing cycle of life. The Order was ruled by a High Priestess and the main governing body was the Circle of Elders. Most of the time, the Order tried to remain neutral. During the Separatist Crisis, Monastery opened up to refugees, provided that they converted to the Order upon their arrival.

During the Galactic Civil War, they stayed neutral due to their belief in the circle of life and that a war would break the circle and cause doom to the galaxy. Darth Vader was dispatched by the Galactic Empire to convince the Order to side with the Emperor. Eventually, the leader of the Order, Domina Tagge, was convinced to side with the Empire. Sister Domina had already planned to side with Vader to force him into dueling Luke Skywalker. The Order suffered much from the Imperial presence on their home planet. When Domina stepped down as High Priestess of the Order, the Circle of Elders agreed to ally themselves with the Rebel Alliance.

