Characters D6 / Cal Kestis (Human Jedi Knigl



Name: Cal Kestis
Homeworld: Bracca (adoptive)
Species: Human
Gender: Male
Height: 1.8 meters
Hair color: Red
Eye color: Green
Skin color: Light
Partner(s): Merrin
Affiliation(s): Jedi Order, Galactic Republic, 13th Battalion, Scrapper Guild, Stinger Mantis crew, Partisans, Hidden Path
Masters: Jaro Tapal (Jedi Master), Cere Junda (informal Jedi Master)
Move: 10

DEXTERITY: 3D+2
- Blaster: 6D
- Brawling Parry: 6D+1
- Dodge: 7D+2
- Lightsaber: 8D+2
- Throwing Weapons: 6D
- Vehicle Blasters: 4D

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

KNOWLEDGE: 3D+1
- Alien Species: 4D+1
- Languages: 6D
- Scholar (Jedi Lore): 7D
- Willpower: 5D+2

STRENGTH: 3D+2
- Brawling: 5D+2
- Climbing/Jumping: 7D
- Swimming: 5D+2

MECHANICAL: 2D+1
- Astrogation: 4D+2

Beast Riding: 5D+2
Communications: 5D+1
Repulsorlift Operation: 5D+2
Space Transports: 5D+1
Starship Gunnery: 4D+2

TECHNICAL: 4D
Capital Ship Repair: 5D
Computer Programming/Repair: 5D+2
Droid Programming/Repair: 6D+1
First Aid: 5D+1
Lightsaber Repair: 6D+2
Repulsorlift Repair: 5D+2
Space Transports Repair: 5D+1
Starfighter Repair: 4D+2

SPECIAL ABILITIES
Control: 8D
Sense: 9D
Alter: 8D+2

Force Powers: Absorb/Dissipate Energy, Accelerate Healing, Concentration, Contort/Escape, Control Pain, Emptiness, Enhance Attribute, Hibernation Trance, Rage, Reduce Injury, Resist Stun, Combat Sense, Danger Sense, Life Detection, Life Sense, Magnify Senses, Receptive Telepathy, Sense Force, Telekinesis, Farseeing, Lightsaber Combat, Projective Telepathy, Affect Mind, Control Mind, Memory Wipe, Lesser Force Shield, Psychometry, Postcognition

EQUIPMENT
CREDITS - 50
Lightsaber (5D) (Firstly Single Bladed, later Double Bladed, then Split Blade), Comlink, Rugged Clothing, BD-1 (BD-Series Explorer Droid), Climbing Claws (+2D to Climbing), Breather, Grapple Hook and Line, Starship (Stinger Mantis), LW-896 Blaster Pistol (5D damage)

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FORCE POINTS 7
DARK SIDE POINTS 0
CHARACTER POINTS 16

Description: Cal Kestis was a Force-sensitive human male who became a Jedi Knight during the reign of the Galactic Empire. As one of the few Jedi who survived the purge that all but destroyed the Jedi Order, Kestis lived in seclusion on the planet Bracca for years until a confrontation with the Inquisitorius compelled him to openly resist the Empire's rule. Hunted across the galaxy by the Empire's Jedi hunters, Kestis embraced his connection to the Force once more, having decided to restore the Jedi Order.

The Padawan of Jedi Master Jaro Tapal, Kestis served alongside his mentor in the Clone Wars until the Grand Army of the Republic betrayed its Jedi officers, after receiving the command to execute Order 66 from Supreme Chancellor Sheev Palpatine. As a result, the clone troopers of the 13th Battalion attempted to execute Kestis as a traitor to the Galactic Republic, forcing General Tapal to sacrifice himself in order to save his apprentice. After his master's death, Kestis lived in exile on Bracca, working as a rigger for the Scrapper Guild until he was discovered by the Second Sister and Ninth Sister, Inquisitors of the Empire.

Kestis joined the crew of the starship Stinger Mantis after they rescued him from the Inquisitors. Over the course of their journey, Kestis befriended the droid BD-1, the former Jedi Cere Junda, the Mantis' captain Greez Dritus, and the Nightsister Merrin. They attempted to locate Eno Cordova's Jedi holocron, which contained information that was vital to creating a new generation of Jedi. Though they retrieved the holocron while surviving an encounter with the Sith Lord Darth Vader, Kestis chose to destroy the holocron in order to protect the galaxy's Force-sensitive children from the Sith. By then, Kestis had been recognized as a fully-trained Jedi by his new mentor.

By 9 BBY, Kestis was working with Saw Gerrera on anti-Imperial activities with fellow rebels, including freelance mercenary Bode Akuna, who gave him an LW-896 blaster pistol. The crew took part in a mission on Coruscant to recover classified Imperial intel, later crash landing on Koboh after a narrow escape. Accidentally discovering droid ZN-A4 inside a High Republic era Jedi chamber, Kestis became aware of the existence of the planet Tanalorr, intending to use it as a haven for those hunted by the Empire. Reuniting the original Stinger Mantis crew, Kestis dedicated himself to finding how to navigate the Koboh Abyss and reach the planet on behalf of the Hidden Path network. During this mission, Kestis and Merrin became romantically involved. After Akuna's betrayal on Jedha, leading to the Imperial raid on Junda's archive, Kestis pursued him, eventually reaching Tanalorr and besting him in lightsaber combat.

Personality and traits

Cal Kestis was a Force-sensitive human male with red hair, green eyes, and light skin. He stood 1.82 meters tall. Kestis had several facial scars, including one caused by a clone's blaster bolt during Order 66.By 9 BBY, Kestis had grown a beard.

Before Order 66 was issued, Kestis was part of the Jedi Order as a Padawan. During his time fighting with the 13th Battalion in the Clone Wars, Kestis and the battalion's clones formed a very friendly relationship. The betrayal of the clones due to Order 66, as well as the death of his Jedi Master, Jaro Tapal, left Kestis emotionally shaken. After the fall of the Jedi, Kestis served the Scrapper Guild as a rigger, a dangerous and physically demanding job. Kestis was quiet, hard-working, and well-liked by his colleagues, but generally kept to himself. His only real friend was Prauf.

Kestis would usually refuse to speak of his past, as he was quite haunted by it. He felt that he could have saved Jaro Tapal if only he followed his Master's teachings. He usually reacted with anger or dismissed his past when it was brought up. Eventually, Kestis began to open up more about his past, and when confronted by the dark side of the Force on Dathomir for the second time in the form of his master, Kestis fully accepted his past and grew from the experience, acting much more level-headed and wise, showing an almost mentor-like attitude towards others. Kestis had great respect and compassion for nature. When he visited Kashyyyk the second time, Kestis found an injured shyyyo bird and treated its wound.

When the Shyyyo bird helped Kestis to fly to his destination, Kestis was happy to see that there were many natural beauties in Kashyyyk that the Empire had not yet destroyed. At Dathomir, Kestis showed an impressive respect for life forms. He was attacked by a chirodactyl that persistently tried to kill him, but after perishing during the fight, Kestis mourned its death, saying that he wanted to be able to say that the creature was fine, despite the beast trying to kill him. Despite him great regard for life forms, Kestis was capable of feeling uncomfortable with some beings. The skriton, a predator from the moon Jedha, was an example. Kestis considered him an unpleasant creature. Kestis was extremely selfless, often putting the needs of others above his own.

During his time hiding in Bracca, trying to avoid being found by the Empire, Kestis used the Force to save his friend Prauf when he almost fell to death, even though Kestis knew that put him at risk of being discovered by the Empire. Kestis formed a teacher-student bond with Junda, whom he could trust to always give him a new perspective on matters. When Kestis recovered Eno Cordova's holocron from the Second Sister on Nur, he decided to destroy it to keep Force-sensitive children on the list safe from the Empire, showing concern for those he never met.

Kestis was compassionate and had a strong sense of justice, which drove him to risk his life for others with little personal benefit. Cal's personality enabled to make many friends on his travels across the galaxy. He cared deeply for his friends and comrades and was highly protective of them, sometimes to their own frustration. These qualities had a more negative side, however. Kestis's sense of justice fueled a growing hatred for the Empire, which his friends sometimes worried would consume him. His affection for his friends was matched with rage when they were harmed or killed, which nearly led him to fall to the dark side of the Force after Bode Akuna's betrayal led to the deaths of Junda and Cordova.

Relationship with the Nightsister Merrin

Kestis first met the Nightsister Merrin when he traveled to Dathomir searching for the Zeffo tomb located there. Merrin warned Kestis that he was trespassing and demanded he leave at once. Cal regretted that he could not do so, and Merrin ordered the Nightbrothers to attack him. Merrin's hatred towards the Jedi was driven by her childhood experience of seeing most of her people slaughtered by the forces of a lightsaber-wielding armored warrior, who she believed was a Jedi. Continuing to explore the planet, Cal encountered an eccentric wanderer, who claimed to be an explorer studying extinct cultures, and expressed surprise Cal had survived an encounter with the Nightsister. The wanderer eventually revealed himself to be the fallen Jedi Taron Malicos, who was attempting to study the dark side of the Force. Malicos had manipulated Merrin and the Nightbrothers by playing into the belief that the Jedi had been responsible for the genocide against their people, tricking Merrin into teaching him the secrets of her coven. An enraged Merrin revealed herself to have overheard the conversation, and raised fallen Nightsisters to attack both Kestis and Malicos, both of whom retreated.

Returning to Dathomir sometime later, Kestis again encountered Merrin. Merrin expressed an admiration for his doggedness, but remained hostile to him. Cal attempted to make peace with Merrin by giving her his lightsaber, stating that it was not a weapon that made a Jedi who they are. He related that like the Nightsisters, the Jedi had also been hunted into near-extinction. He further explained his mission to protect other Force sensitive children from Imperial persecution. Merrin empathized with Kestis, returning his lightsaber and letting him go to confront Malicos. During his duel with Malicos, Kestis was nearly overwhelmed but was saved when Merrin intervened. The two then worked together to defeat Malicos.

Upon discovering the Astrium, Kestis excitedly proclaimed that it could be the key to rebuilding the Jedi; Merrin expressed that nothing, however, could bring back the Nightsisters. Kestis told her he had been alone for a long time, but life eventually forced him on a path forward. Acknowledging his words, Merrin asked to join him on his travels, rather than continue waiting alone for a chance to avenge her sisters. Kestis accepted. Later, Merrin used her magick to shield the Mantis on its approach to the Fortress Inquisitorius, and rescued Kestis and Junda from drowning during their subsequent escape from the base. She and Kestis shared a hug after he recovered consciousness.

During their years together on the Mantis, Kestis and Merrin gradually grew closer. They battled together and often exchanged playful barbs, though they occasionally quarreled more seriously,

such as when Merrin felt he was overprotective. They typically reconciled before long, however. Other members of the Mantis crew, such as Frethylrin, expressed that they seemed to have something special together, though Merrin at the time insisted that Cal simply cared about everybody.

Eventually, the crew of the Mantis parted ways over their disagreements, which included Cal and Merrin. During this separation, the two came to miss each other deeply. In 9 BBY, Kestis reunited with Merrin on Jedha, during his hunt for the hidden world of Tanalorr. The two were glad to see one another again and caught each other up on their respective adventures. Merrin told him he had never been far from her thoughts, no matter how far she traveled. Cal expressed admiration for her altruistic actions during her wanderings, and for her coming to a better understanding of her self-identity. While sheltering in a cave from a sandstorm, Merrin warned Cal against being consumed by his obsession with battling the Empire, and the two shared a tender moment as they huddled together by their campfire. Later, the two embarked on a mission together to Pilgrim's Sanctuary, a Hidden Path safe house threatened by the Empire. When cornered by an Imperial Trident drill, Merrin prepared a dangerous ritual, asking Cal to trust her. When he responded he did, she kissed him. The two then worked together to defeat the war machine.

Merrin rejoined the Mantis crew to assist him in finding Tanalorr on behalf of the Hidden Path, but also because she wished to be close to Cal. Cal was at first reluctant to enter a relationship with her, citing the Jedi prohibition on attachments, but Bode Akuna encouraged him to embrace a future with her. After defeating Rayvis, Cal confided in Merrin that his devotion to battling the Empire and finding Tanalorr would drive him to the dark side. Merrin promised that she and the rest of the crew would support him if he started to falter. After defeating Dagan Gera and recovering the Abyss compass, Cal abandoned the old Jedi Order's insistence on avoiding attachments and began a relationship with Merrin, with the two sharing a passionate kiss on the cliffs of Jedha.

After Bode Akuna's betrayal led to the deaths of Junda and Cordova, Cal and Merrin comforted each other. When Cal's anger towards Akuna nearly drove him to execute the defenseless Lank Denvik, Merrin talked him back from the brink, saying she could not bare to lose him. Cal relented and promised she would not. Kestis and Merrin later confronted Bode Akuna and defeated him together, after giving him multiple chances to surrender. During the funeral of Cordova, Junda, and Akuna, Merrin was the last crewmate to leave Kestis's side. The two remained close in the following days.

Powers and abilities

Lightsaber abilities

As a Padawan, Kestis originally had a single-bladed blue lightsaber until he lost it down a turbolift shaft while trying to deflect blaster shots from clones. In an escape pod, Tapal gave Kestis his damaged lightsaber, and he kept it with him until the crystal broke on Dathomir five years later. Using its remains, Junda's lightsaber and a newly split Ilum crystal on the planet, Kestis built a double-bladed lightsaber that could separate into two lightsabers. Like all Jedi, Kestis' training made him highly athletic beyond the limits of normal beings, which he used to traverse difficult terrain and overpower various enemies with ease.

As he progressed through his journey, Kestis became significantly more competent in the use of his lightsaber and displayed impressive skill in the use of a single-blade, a double-blade, and Jar'Kai dual-blade combat. His skill eventually reached a point where he was able to switch between these three forms while engaged in combat, utilizing strings of attacks in which he would constantly vary his weapon configuration in order to keep his opponents off-balance.

Kestis proved to be a fast learner, as he quickly improved his skills after years of being rusty and having not completed his training. He proved capable of fighting through dozens of well-trained and strong enemies, such as magick-enhanced Nightbrothers, the elite Purge Troopers, and squads of Stormtroopers, as well as contending with imperial Inquisitors: His first two encounters with the Second Sister ended in defeat, though he was able to escape her on both occasion, even receiving praise from the Second Sister for his improvement after contending with her better than he did on their previous duel, stating that Kestis's performance was not bad. After partially healing his damaged connection to the Force, he proved able to defeat the Ninth Sister on Kashyyyk. He also proved capable of fighting relatively evenly with the former Jedi Master Taron Malicos in lightsaber combat, but was overpowered by Malicos' superior strength in the Force and ultimately required Merrin's assistance to win.

When he faced the Second Sister on two more occasions, one in Bogano and one in Nur, Kestis not only stalemated the Second Sister in their first fight before tricking her by suddenly deactivating his lightsaber to overpower her, but in their final duel, he finally defeated her, incapacitating her by injuring her right shoulder, showing how his skill with a lightsaber progressed. However, he was no match for Darth Vader when they faced each other in lightsaber combat, though he managed to fend off his strikes, albeit barely, and hold a bladelock with Vader long enough for BD-1 to shock Vader, giving Kestis the opening he needed to stab Vader in the stomach, though even then he failed to strike Vader down and was swiftly disarmed.

Five years later, Kestis's skills with a lightsaber had grown considerably. During his rematch with the Ninth Sister, despite her own improved abilities, Kestis proved capable of defeating her with much greater ease than he did before on Coruscant. Kestis also was one of the only two along with Dagan Gera to defeat Rayvis in combat, a feat that took multiple Jedi Masters working together to achieve, although Rayvis's skill as a warrior was reduced during the centuries he spent imprisoned after his capture by the Jedi during the days of the High Republic Era, a fact that was noticed by both Gera and Rayvis himself. Kestis proved able to fight on par with Dagan Gera when he was lacking his right arm on their two encounters, but was barely able to hold his ground against the superiorly skilled Jedi Knight for a length of time after he had regained the usage of his right arm, requiring the use of his psychometry to turn Dagan's illusions to deliver the fatal blow. Although bested by Bode Akuna in their first fight, Kestis only lost in this particular instance due to his emotions affecting his fighting prowess and being caught off-guard by Bode revealing his Jedi skills after previously having the upper hand over him. In their second fight, Kestis pushed Bode to his limits when he was expertly combining both his lightsaber and blaster alongside Merrin, and after destroying Bode's blasters, Kestis proved capable of soundly dispatching his former friend in a one-on-one lightsaber duel.

Force powers

After Kestis' connection to the Force was damaged by the trauma he suffered during Order 66, he retained some basic use of the Force, such as the enhanced physicality of a typical Jedi. However, he was only capable of using the Force Stasis ability, having lost the ability to use even the most basic of telekinetic techniques. He also retained his ability to use the rare, naturally acquired gift of psychometry, a Force technique that allowed him to sense the history of objects and people through the Force if he touched them. When Kestis fully healed his connection to the Force, he was able to use telekinetic techniques such as Force push, Force pull, and Force Repulse to great effect, even against groups of enemies or large beasts. He could Force Dash to great effects, especially in offensive ways. He could use the Force to run on walls on short distances and could also use it to swim faster.

Kestis' ability to use his Force Stasis power grew significantly as well, as he was able to hold

multiple opponents in stasis at once and even slow down multiple blaster bolts simultaneously. He was also capable of throwing his lightsaber with the Force and utilizing limited telekinetic lightsaber combat, in which he would fling his weapon in a circle around his body with the Force. During his duel with Malicos, he proved unable to free himself from the former Jedi Master's Force Grip. Despite being easily subdued by the Second Sister with the Force in their early duels, Cal progressed to where he was able to overpower her in both lightsaber skills and force abilities during their third and fourth altercations, Force-pushing and disarming her of her lightsaber in their third altercation. However, he was easily outmatched by Darth Vader's Force abilities, as he was neither able to affect Vader nor resist the Sith Lord's telekinetic attacks, though he was resilient enough to pull down a piece of machinery down on Vader while Force-choked by him, only for his attack to be easily repelled and Kestis himself flung aside.

5 years later, Kestis's mastery of the Force had grown noticeably. He had gained skill in mental powers, capable of performing the Jedi Mind trick on various people to sway them to his way of thinking and turn his enemies against one another. Cal learned to create a mental connection with animals, a skill that allowed him to be assisted by different creatures, both in combat and in overcoming adversity in the environment. He was able to use Force Illusion to throw Dagan Gera off balance and reverse what seemed to be a certain defeat. By the end of his journey to find Tanalorr his Force Stasis amplified to where time itself seemed to be frozen, able to affect greater groups of enemies. In addition to crushing droids with the Force, Kestis was able to completely dominate Bode Akuna using the dark side of the Force, whereas before he struggled to break free from his attacks. Kestis lifted him off the ground while slowing his movements to grab his weapons before crushing his blaster.

Other abilities
A speaker of Galactic Basic Standard, Kestis also understood the droid binary language. Kestis was also a skilled mechanic and was able to repair and modify BD-1, as well as make repairs to his lightsaber that was damaged on Dathomir.

Equipment
During his apprenticeship under Jaro Tapal, Cal Kestis owned and wielded a single-bladed blue lightsaber with a metallic cylindrical hilt and leathery grip. The kyber crystal that powered the weapon was retrieved by Cal from the crystal caves on Ilum when he participated in The Gathering as a youngling. Kestis used the weapon as part of his Jedi training under Tapal and later during the commencement of Order 66. During his escape from Order 66, Kestis lost this weapon when it fell down an elevator shaft after a pair of Clone troopers shot the lightsaber out of Cal's hand.

During the early Imperial Era, Kestis kept the saber of his fallen master while on the run from the Empire. Although the blue lightsaber was originally double-bladed, the weapon had been damaged during Order 66, and subsequently could only emit a blade from one side of the weapon. Kestis used the weapon on several missions during his journey to rebuild the Jedi Order. During a mission to Kashyyyk, Kestis repaired his master's lightsaber, restoring the weapon's second blade. Unfortunately, the weapon was destroyed shortly after by Kestis, who accidentally crushed it during a visit to Dathomir.

After the destruction of his master's weapon, Kestis constructed a new lightsaber on Ilum. This lightsaber was constructed using parts from Tapal's damaged saber and Junda's. The weapon was double-bladed like Jaro Tapal's, and could also be split into two separate sabers for duel-wielding. The two crystals housed within Kestis' new weapon both came from the crystal caves of Ilum. Kestis subsequently used his new weapon during his second mission to Bogano and the mission to Nur that followed it. Kestis also possessed a comlink, which he used to communicate with the crew

of the Stinger Mantis. On Kashyyyk, Cal acquired a rebreather while helping the Partisans, allowing him to freely explore underwater. After defeating Gorgara on Dathomir, Cal found some climbing claws on a dead Nightbrother, letting him reach higher ground much faster and scale the planet's native fire lichen.

Five years after his encounter with Vader and recovering Eno Cordova's holocron, Kestis received from Merrin an artifact from Dathomir that allowed its wearer to briefly channel the magicks of the Nightsisters to pass through obstacles such as energy barriers.

As a Jedi Padawan during the Clone Wars, Cal Kestis wore standard earth-colored Jedi robes. These robes included a cream undertunic, a light brown overtunic, a deep brown tabard, a pair of tall deep brown boots, loose-fitting light brown trousers, and a broad sash tied around the waist. Sometime after the near-extinction of the Jedi Order, Kestis stopped wearing his Jedi robes. Kestis owned at least 2 ponchos, with one being blue and orange and another being pink and white. Akuna gave Kestis a LW-896 Blaster Pistol.

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