Weapons D6 / Kaiburr crystal



Name: Kaiburr crystal
Cost: Not Available for Sale

Game Notes: Doubles all Force Skills, although effect fades when it is taken from the Temple of Pomojema. Shards of the crystal can be chipped off, these grant a 1 pip bonus to all force skills, and can be incorporated into Lightsabers.

Description: The Kaiburr crystal was an ancient Force relic, initially located on the planet Circarpous V, locally known as Mimban. When in its natural location in the Temple of Pomojema on Mimban, the crystal increased a Force-sensitive's power one thousand times over. Among its magnification of abilities were the ability to heal, to further augment a Force-user's connection to the Force, to project Force lightning by those typically unable, and to empower and energize a tired being close in proximity to the crystal. If cut properly, the Kaiburr crystal also worked as a lightsaber crystal.

The Kaiburr crystal was initially used by priests to heal the sick in the Temple of Pomojema. However, for reasons unknown, the area was abandoned, and the crystal became a legend in the eyes of the local Mimbanites. The crystal would go on as a legend until around 2 ABY, when an elder woman named Halla purchased from one of the Mimbanites a shard of the crystal, as well as a map which led to Pomojema's temple. The woman enlisted the help of Luke Skywalker and Leia Organa, on Mimban due to a crash-landing, and helped the two escape from prison. Unknown to the three of them, this caught the attention of the Dark Lord of the Sith Darth Vader; unaware, she and her allies went on an expedition to acquire the ancient relic.

They eventually reached the temple and found the crystal; however, Vader had beaten them there. Confronting Skywalker and Organa, Vader engaged in a duel with both of them, eventually defeating Organa and driving Skywalker to the ground before losing his right arm to Skywalker's lightsaber and eventually losing the battle despite the power given to him by the crystal. Halla handed Skywalker the Kaiburr crystal, and, along with his inherent Force sensitivity, Luke used its legendary focusing powers to heal both himself and Organa, as the two were left critically injured after their duels. However, unbeknownst to any members of the party, the crystal lost its power as it left the proximity of the temple and was completely powerless once off-planet. The shard, which began the adventure on Mimban, would stay in Vader's possession until he gifted it to his apprentice, the Dark Lady Lumiya. Luke Skywalker later found use for the crystal off-planet, as a teaching tool when he started his Jedi Praxeum and as a lightsaber focusing crystal.

Properties

The Kaiburr crystal was a deep-crimson-colored crystal which glowed with a faint inner light. Another variant was completely transparent, with no red coloration. When in the presence of a Force-sensitive or in the Temple of Pomojema, the crystal shone brighter. The crystal felt much like it looked: a cool, glowing piece of glass. However, when held by a Force-sensitive, as was the case of Halla and Luke Skywalker, this feeling was enhanced by a sensation much like touching a live electrical current; this was due not to any inherent chemical properties of the crystal itself, but instead its connection to the Force.

Effect on the Force

Proportionally according to size and density, the Force's power was magnified a thousandfold; while a single shard would give off a minor jolt, the entire crystal gave off such a feeling of power and clarity of the Force that the possessor's entire being would course with the energy. The full crystal was also able to channel the Force into a method of healing; Luke Skywalker used this inherent power, along with his limited connection to the Force, to bring both himself and Leia Organa back from the brink of death.

However, when Darth Vader was in close proximity to the presence of the Kaiburr, the residual effects of the Force caused the Dark Lord's affinity with the dark side of the Force to expand greater. As a result, Vader found himself losing what self-control he possessed, fighting his own son and—unbeknownst to him or Skywalker—his daughter against his will, as he had intended to capture them alive. Furthermore, the crystal granted Vader the ability to cast Force lightning, normally impossible due to Vader's bionic limbs and life-support systems.

The Temple of Pomojema was the initial resting place of the crystal, where it was used by priests under Pomojema to heal the sick through the Force. However, the crystal's abilities, whether the full crystal or a mere shard, decreased substantially in direct relation with distance from Pomojema's temple. This meant any metaphysical properties held by the Kaiburr crystal became less and less powerful, and by the time the crystal made it off-planet, it was essentially worthless, save for its history and use as a lightsaber focusing crystal.

Use in a lightsaber

hards could be removed from the main crystal easily; as such, these crystal fragments could be utilized as focusing crystals in lightsaber-type devices, including variants such as the lightwhip or shoto. In fact, the crystal's properties made it, according to Luke Skywalker, the most powerful type of lightsaber crystal, and also one of the most sought-after. Later, Skywalker, his sister Leia Organa Solo, and several other Jedi in the Jedi Praxeum on Yavin 4 also used these shards for their lightsabers. Dark Lady of the Sith Lumiya would also utilize the crystal in her personal lightwhip; the fragmented piece she utilized was the same piece that had belonged to Halla, confiscated by Vader long before.

History

The crystal was known to have existed as early as 3951 BBY. Due to its mysterious nature, several myths were formulated to explain the origins and usage of the Kaiburr crystal. One was formulated by the residents of Circarpous V, a planet locally known as Mimban, who began attaching the crystal to one of their legends. These legends stated that the crystal was created by Pomojema, a third-rate local god described and known as the god of the Kaiburr. In his temple, his priests would

bolster their healing powers to aid the sick with the Kaiburr crystal. Certain elements of this particular myth were shown to be true by Luke Skywalker; however, as it was also later proven, the crystal was only the agent for healing, as it was instead the Force, acting through the priests, which was healing Pomojema's patients. The crystal was held by a stone statue of Pomojema inside the large temple ziggurat, and guarded by a hssiss.

Aside from very isolated appearances, the crystal was mainly unknown by the galaxy, known only to the citizens of Circarpous V as a local myth. Halla, an elderly Force-sensitive woman who claimed to be a Jedi Master, knew of the legend and the reports of xenoarchaeologists concerning the crystal. She determined discovered such material after purchasing a remnant of the crystal from a local in exchange for an alcoholic beverage as well as through studying the crystal. Halla approached Luke Skywalker and Princess Leia Organa, stranded on Mimban while en route to a Rebel Alliance meeting on the nearby world of Circarpous X, due to a crash-landing forced by the Imperial mining operations taking place on the surface, and revealed her sliver of the Kaiburr crystal, which she held in a small box for safekeeping.

After explaining the supposed properties of the crystal, Halla offered the two stranded Rebels a chance to gain passage off-world in exchange for assisting her in finding the crystal. Unfortunately for the older woman, Organa remained skeptical throughout the demonstration; it was not until Halla offered Skywalker the shard to hold, so he could feel its power, that she agreed to the expedition. However, due to a fight they caused, the two Rebels were detained by Captain-Supervisor Grammel and held in a converted Mimban temple which served as the Imperial headquarters. Skywalker still possessed the crystal fragment; Halla and the droids C-3PO and R2-D2 had escaped detection and were in hiding. Once at the Imperial headquarters, Grammel interrogated the two; Skywalker attempted to hide the nature of the visit to the Circarpous Major system and was moderately successful. However, Grammel did recognize the two as the same pair who had met with Halla, known locally for her stories and frowned upon by the Imperial presence. Grammel requested that Skywalker hand over the box containing the crystal shard. After a brief attempt at escape by Organa, Skywalker was forced to hand over the still-open container, and the two were placed in the maximum security cell, shared by two Yuzzem, located within the prison.

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