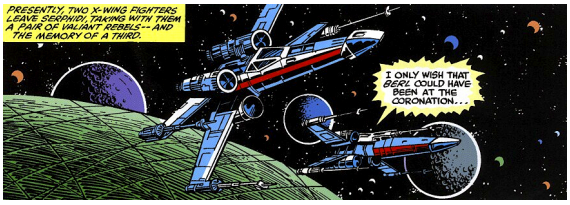
Planets D6 / Serphidi



Name: Serphidi
Region: Outer Rim Territories
Sector: Sanbra sector
System: Belial system
Suns: 1: Belial
Grid coordinates: N-17
Primary terrain: Forests, Mesas, Mountains
Points of interest: Harmony Glade, Castle S'Shah
Fauna: Unidentified Serp mount
Native species: Serps

Descripton: Serphidi was a planet in the Outer Rim Territories. It was the homeworld of the reptilian Serps.

The Serp people were ruled by Imperial-allied King S'Shah, who had a taste for Human flesh. The corrupt government was toppled by Luke Skywalker, who placed Rebel Alliance-friendly King Elglih on the throne.

Society and culture

The Serps had a highly stratified society with the population ruled by a monarch. Under the King were a band of warriors known as knights. Knights, in turn, were served by warriors-in-training known as squires. Serps valued age as well, with elders afforded great respect. They viewed time in recurrent terms, speaking of "cycles" rather than years.

During the Galactic Civil War, the Doom-Jousts were an annual combat tournament. Serp warriors underwent intensive training to prepare for the Doom-Jousts, traveling to secluded sylvan environments to both perfect mounted jousting techniques by engaging in exercises such as skewering a spinning ball, practicing archery, and drilling with weapons used in hand-to-hand combat. The Doom-Jousts were popular with the Serp populace; spectators filled the stands, and heralds announced the events by blowing long trumpets. While all the jousting contestants were males, female Serps showed their support by throwing red flowers at the knights of their choice. Before each bout, an announcer called out the names of the challengers. The joust itself consisted of two phases: in the first, two mounted warriors rode at each other with lances and separated by a wooden fence, while attempting to unseat the opponent. In the second part, the unseated warriors engaged in mêlée combat with hand weapons. The match ended when one of the contestants was killed or yielded. Other recognized Serp vocations included chefs and jesters, who entertained their compatriots with displays of juggling.

Serps practiced marriage, with a male and female Serp forming a wedded pair. They found Humans physically unattractive due to what they perceived to be dull coloration, soft flesh, and a lack of scales.

Technology

The Serps developed a high level of technology, with access to items such as starfighters and blaster cannons. They lived in high-tech cities with multistory buildings. However, after the Serps united as a single political union, high technology was banned, and their society adapted a simpler lifestyle.

Thus, at the time of the Galactic Civil War, Serp technology was relatively primitive by the standards of the outside galaxy. Some Serps lived in simple cottages made of brown wood and thatched with yellow straw. Windows allowed sunlight to illuminate the interior in daytime, while candles served that function by night. Entrance and egress were facilitated by doors. Individual homes lay in fields of green grass, separated from neighboring plots by picket fences. Interior furnishings were wooden and included tables, stools, and benches. Serps used black, metal pots and utensils for cooking and eating and glass jugs for storing liquids. Porridge was one representative Serp meal, although at least some Serps found the flesh of other sentient beings, such as Humans, delectable.

The Serp King, in contrast, lived in a large castle known as Castle S'Shah. The imposing structure was made of stone, boasting large towers and parapets, from which banners streamed in the wind. The castle featured stalwart, wooden doors. Torches ensconced in the walls provided interior lighting. In such opulent settings, glassware was preferred.

Serp fighters wielded lances, bows and arrows, daggers, quarterstaffs, longswords, nets, and maces in combat and rode large, green, bipedal, reptiles as mounts. Despite the relatively primitive nature of their technology during the Galactic Civil War, the Serp King S'Shah reserved for himself a lance that fired energy bolts.

Points of interest

Castle S'Shah
Castle S'Shah was the personal castle of S'Shah, King of the planet Serphidi and the Serp species during the Galactic Civil War.

Harmony Glade
Harmony Glade was the name of a sparsely populated woodland area found on the planet Serphidi. The Serp known as Elglih resided in a small hut in Harmony Glade with his wife. In 3 ABY, Luke Skywalker saved Elglih's life from a carnivorous plant monster and brought him safely back home.

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