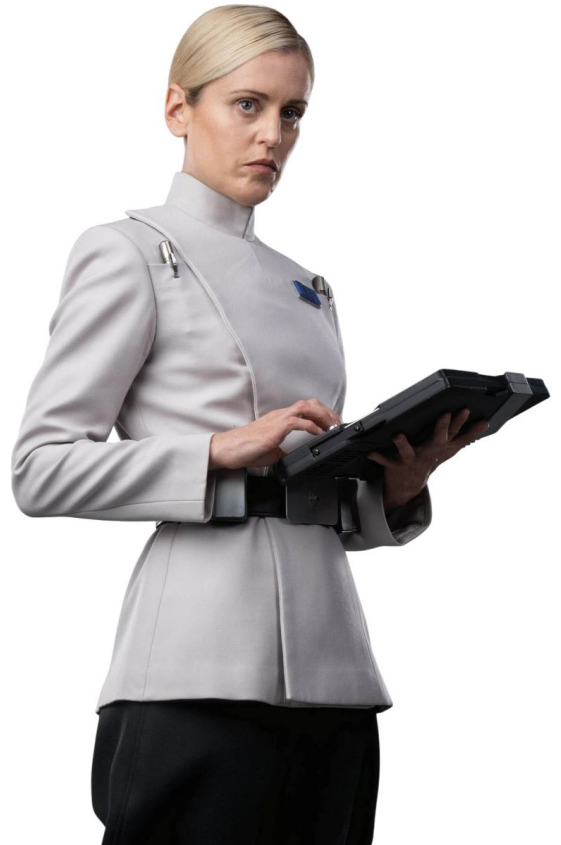


Name: Lieutenant Dedra Meero
 Homeworld: Coruscant
 Species: Human (Coruscanti)
 Gender: Female
 Hair color: Blonde
 Eye color: Grey
 Skin color: Light
 Parent(s): Dedra Meero's parents
 Partner(s): Syril Karn
 Affiliation(s): Galactic Empire, Imperial Security Bureau



DEXTERITY: 2D+2

Blaster: 5D+1
 Brawling Parry: 4D+2
 Dodge: 5D+2
 Grenades: 4D

KNOWLEDGE: 3D

Alien species: 3D+2
 Bureaucracy: 7D+2
 Cultures: 4D
 Intimidation: 5D+2
 Planetary Systems: 4D+2
 Tactics: 6D

PERCEPTION: 4D

Bargain: 5D+1
 Command: 5D+2
 Investigation: 7D+1
 Persuasion: 6D+1
 Search: 5D

STRENGTH: 2D

Brawling 4D

MECHANICAL: 2D

Communications: 6D+1
 Repulsorlift Operation: 4D+2

TECHNICAL: 2D

Computer Programming: 6D
 First Aid: 4D
 Security: 6D+1

Move: 10

Force Sensitive: N

Force Points: 3

Dark Side Points: 2

Character Points: 8

Equipment:

Imperial uniform, Blaster Pistol (4D), Power-5 Heavy Blaster Pistol (5D), Commlink, Imperial Code Cylinders, Briefcase, Datapad

Description: Dedra Meero was a human female who served as a lieutenant and supervisor on the board of the Galactic Empire's Imperial Security Bureau in its central office on her homeworld of Coruscant. Diligent and methodical, she transferred from ISB Enforcement to Investigations, and collected and analyzed evidence from across the galaxy that indicated an ostensibly more organized rebel effort than her superiors and peers suspected. She was fixated on identifying and capturing the central figure of the Axis network, and was eventually granted supervision of the Axis desk by Major Lio Partagaz after a struggle to gain respect and credibility. Meero was supervising the Imperial occupation of Ferrix in 5 BBY in an effort to capture Cassian Andor when a rebel riot broke out on Rix Road. She was attacked, but was saved from the rioters by Syril Karn, a disgraced former Preox-Morlana deputy inspector who had previously caught her attention and ire.

In 4 BBY, Meero was appointed supervisor of the suppression of Ghorman by Director of Advanced Weapons Research Orson Krennic as part of the Ghorman project, and begrudgingly yielded the Axis desk to her former attendant, Heert. She had by this point entered a romantic relationship with Karn, and installed him in the Imperial Bureau of Standards field office to further the Imperial agenda for the planet. Though the Ghorman Massacre occurred in 2 BBY under her direction just as planned, Karn was killed in the event. By the Galactic Civil War, Meero came to be aware of the nature of the secret construction of the DS-1 Orbital Battle Station. In spite of bureaucratic incompetencies in the ISB, Meero also discovered that the leader of the Axis network was Luthen Rael. However, the reckless tactics Meero used in attempting to capture Rael resulted in his suicide attempt and her arrest. Meero was mistakenly implicated as a rebel agent due to her illegal possession of classified knowledge regarding the Death Star; this information had recently been leaked to the Axis network by the traitor Lonni Jung, who had stolen it from Meero's office. Meero was interrogated by Director Krennic and imprisoned in an Imperial labor prison facility.

Biography

Early life

Dedra Meero was a human female born on the city planet Coruscant to criminal parents who were arrested when she was three. She was raised in a facility that would later be known as an Imperial Kinderblock, within which she was trained.

Investigating a theft

During the reign of the Galactic Empire, Meero served with the military rank of lieutenant in the Imperial Security Bureau. She was part of the Enforcement branch before transferring to Investigations. Eventually, Meero was promoted to an ISB Supervisor in charge of two sectors, including the locations of

Steergard and Sev Tok, and joined the ranks of the ISB Board, a collection of different supervisors who delivered informative reports from their respective sectors to Major Lio Partagaz in the ISB Central Office building on the Imperial capital planet Coruscant.

In 5 BBY, Meero attended one such meeting in the ISB Central Office. After berating Captain Lagret for the captain's mistakes, Partagaz opened a question to the room about the nature of the Imperial Security Bureau, to which Meero responded with the verbatim portion of the organization's mission statement. Partagaz emphasized her response and dismissed it as wrong. When Supervisor Blevin reported the status of the Ferrix incident and mentioned the theft of an Imperial N-S9 Starpath Unit, Meero used her datapad to inquire about it.

Jurisdictional conflict

Following the briefing, Meero was in her office with Attendant Heert searching for more details on the theft of the Starpath unit, in order to establish jurisdiction over what happened on Ferrix. As the device had been stolen from the Steergard Naval Yard, which was under her jurisdiction, Meero asked Heert to send a request to Blevin's office to get involved in the situation.

When the request was denied, Meero went to Blevin's office to discuss the matter in person while her colleague indicated that he had work to do and suggested that she book an appointment. After Meero insisted on her jurisdiction in the matter due to the device being stolen from Steergard, Blevin argued that Ferrix was in his sector and accused the supervisor of wanting to use the moment to rise through the ranks. Meero claimed that she did not need his career advice, and after Blevin denied her request twice, finding herself stuck, she decided to take the matter up with Major Partagaz.

Meero and Blevin met in the meeting room and took their differences on the matter to Partagaz. When Meero brought up the theft of the Starpath unit and her claims of jurisdiction over the Ferrix incident, Blevin accused her of wanting to increase her portfolio and recommended that she take care of her own bases. An instinctive Meero asserted to Partagaz that there were multiple indications of organized insurgency regarding the theft of Imperial artifacts and coordinated attacks in multiple sectors, with three previous case files on her desk indicating a pattern. However, Partagaz requested Meero provide factual evidence, which she could not. Partagaz thus recommended that both of them confine their activities to the sectors that were assigned to them.

After dispatching Blevin, the major told Meero that he knew that working with Blevin could be a challenge, but nonetheless, his quarterly reports were delivered unlike Meero's. Partagaz told Meero that a high performance was expected from her for an exceptionally promising career within the bureau, advising Meero to minimize trifles and suggesting more work like her impressive number of detainees at Sev Tok, going so far as to say he may send her more work of that sort. After Partagaz left the room, Meero breathed a sigh of relief.

Never climbing the same fence twice

Meero was walking through the corridors of the ISB headquarters when she saw Blevin walk by with a group of attendees. After discussing a matter regarding Hosnian Prime and its military component, Meero ordered Heert to leave as she did not know the time and it was late. The attendant refused to leave when

Meero told him that she didn't know what she was doing about anything. Heert told her that she was following clues, listing events in different locations such as Kessel, Fondor, Jakku, Base Cay, and Steergard. However, Meero agreed with Major Partagaz, who believed that it was too scattered to be organized.

Heert again rebutted and said that Meero did not believe that. The supervisor was fully aware that if she were on the other side, she would disperse the activities and never climb the same fence twice. When the attendant told her that it was too random to be random, Meero asked if they could check two more files each, to which Heert nodded. Taking a stimulant pill with a beverage, the supervisor then resumed her work.

Shortly thereafter, a Rebel infiltration team stole approximately 80 billion credits that were part of an entire sector's quarterly payroll from an Imperial installation on the planet Aldhani. As a result of the robbery, Major Partagaz summoned all the supervisors and their staff to the meeting room. Meero stood with the rest of the staff as the major ordered every Star Sector and Planetary Emergency Retaliation plan to be ready for presentation by midnight, and told them to inform their staff and families that nobody would be leaving.

Supervisor on the rise

Meero prepared the next day, changing out of uniform, to attend a briefing in the ISB meeting room chaired by Colonel Wulf Yularen. Yularen informed the Imperial staff of the bureau of the countermeasures that would be taken throughout the galaxy in the wake of the Aldhani heist, mentioning, among other things, that he had spoken with Emperor Palpatine to ensure permanent leadership of the ISB in the matter, providing full access to resources for both the Army and Navy, as well as calling an emergency session of the Imperial Senate to grant an amendment that would give full control over matters of surveillance, search and seizure.

The supervisor was not delighted with the new rules imposed by her superiors, as she considered that they were playing directly into the rebels' hands by taking what happened in Aldhani as a simple robbery and not for what it really was: an announcement. Afterwards, Meero walked through the halls of the ISB to the datavault, at the time manned by attendant Felzonis, to request a Multi-Sector Data Blend from two years earlier, which included a report of bases and repair facilities and missing-item reports. When Felzonis asked the star system for which Meero wanted the report, she answered all star systems and that it be confidential to her office.

Later, Meero was at another meeting of ISB supervisors when Major Partagaz reprimanded Supervisor Lonni Jung for failing to keep pace with the neighboring sectors. Partagaz then asked Supervisor Blevin if he was eager that morning. Blevin replied that he didn't have any good news to share either as he wanted to press charges against Meero. Hypothesizing that Meero's overreach on the matter at Ferrix compromised Imperial security, Partagaz asked Meero if she was okay with her integrity being questioned, to which Meero replied that she was interested in hearing what her fellow supervisor had to say about the matter.

After a heated crossfire and Blevin's mention of unauthorized access to his sector records, Meero took

pity on Partagaz and claimed that she used the Imperial Emergency Act to collect data on multiple sectors without official sanction. She then opened a question to the room as to whether they believed the Rebellion operated around the sector's boundaries, to which Lagret replied that those sectors were created by Partagaz. Meero countered that they were created simply as organizational principles and that the rebels didn't really care about those boundaries. When Partagaz questioned the relevance of his own work, Meero responded that systems change or die. The major asked Meero to elaborate on her thesis, and she replied that there was an organized rebel effort that was acquiring Imperial military components.

Meero pointed out that Blevin knew that she had a report with the information ready to go and that his accusations were more self-preservation than a sense of urgency. Blevin then expressed that she was more urgent as a renegade intelligence with such a lax sense of rules. Partagaz highlighted his suggestion, mentioning Meero's dedication and reassigning the Morlana sector to her jurisdiction before ending the session. Meero walked past him to thank him, to which Partagaz replied to watch her back.

Later, Meero sent her Attendants Heert and Corv to the Imperial Bureau of Standards to bring Syril Karn for interrogation at the ISB central office. When Karn revealed during interrogation that he was unable to read the Ferrix report before being dismissed from his job in the Morlana System, Meero and Heert had to leave to attend another meeting elsewhere in the building. As the pair left, Meero ordered Corv to give Karn a copy of the report to read.

During this meeting, Meero requested additional resources to hunt down Cassian Jeron Andor, who had been identified as one of the two culprits of the Ferrix incident. Among the resources she was hoping to gain were a full planetary comnet, a full tech package from the Ferrix garrison, Series Nine Spectrum surveillance, funding for local agents, and a Code Droid. Although Meero and her staff were unable to identify Luthen Rael, whom they had code-named "Axis" for his centrality in the plot, she was nonetheless determined to hunt him down. Later that day, the ISB officers returned to the interrogation room. Although the former Deputy Inspector believed he could identify Rael's voice if he heard it again, Meero determined that Karn's description of Rael was not of further use. Karn protested that he did well at his job and that he could be a valuable asset to her operations. However, she ordered him to forget that this had ever happened.

Around a month later, Meero was present on Ferrix in the former hotel that had been converted into the headquarters for the Ferrix garrison. She was present for the torture of Salman Paak and Bix Caleen, alongside Prefect Vanis Tigo and Doctor Gorst. Meero taunted Caleen during the interrogation, before the doctor forced her to listen to the harrowing cries of dying Dizonite children. After the torture, as she left the hotel, Meero ordered Captain Tigo to keep Caleen alive, due to her being a witness who could identify Axis. When asked about Salman Paak, Meero responded that she did not care what happened to him, to which Tigo replied that he wanted to hang the prisoner.

Upon her return to Coruscant, Meero attended a meeting with Major Partagaz, bringing her ISB Attendants Heert and Corv to the meeting as well. She discussed the list of Imperial equipment that Caleen had given after interrogation, which contained a targeting unit that was recovered from a safehouse operated by a rebel cell associated with Maya Pei. Through Andor's return to Ferrix three days after the Aldhani heist, she connected Axis to the events on Aldhani. When Heert presented statements

from two soldiers at the Aldhani Garrison who believed Andor looked similar to one of the rebels, Partagaz responded that the amplified interest made the connection to Aldhani worth following up. Captain Lagret asked why Meero did not question Maarva Andor, to which she cunningly responded that she decided to wait and that she could be used as bait to lure Andor back to Ferrix.

The Kreegyr lead

When arriving to work the next day, Meero was stopped on her way into the central officer building by Syril Karn, who thanked her, believing she had a role in his recent promotion. Meero responded dismissively, and then questioned why Syril was waiting outside her workplace. Under the impression that Karn was stalking her, Meero threatened that if he continued to pursue this, she would have him imprisoned on the Outer Rim. Upon entering her office, Supervisor Meero was met by Attendant Heert, who informed her that Imperial authorities had detained a rebel pilot using a stolen Imperial masking unit, and that Attendant Corv was checking if the unit was off of their list. Meero ordered her aide to send Doctor Gorst to interrogate the prisoner on the Destroyer above Steergard where he was being held. Heert responded that he had already sent Gorst, and asked if she wanted to go as well. She replied that there was no time and dismissed her assistant from the room after congratulating him on his work.

After having remotely interrogated the prisoner, Meero attended a small meeting with Partagaz, her attendant Heert, Lagret, and two of his attendants. During his interrogation, the prisoner claimed that he did not contact anyone during his escape attempt. Heert added that the masking unit had been stolen from the Imperial naval yard in Lozash the previous year. Supervisor Lonni Jung and his attendant entered the room, having arrived late due to being offsite. Partagaz informed them about the capture of the rebel pilot, who was part of Anto Kreegyr's rebel cell. The major informed Jung that he believed that Kreegyr was unaware of the pilot's capture, and that the prisoner had revealed a planned raid on the Spellhaus Imperial power station.

When Jung warned that the pilot would be counted missing soon by not showing up on Kafrene, Lagret proposed destroying the ship and making it seem accidental. Meero proposed the idea of fouling the ship, damaging a mechanical component and planting the pilot's body in the cockpit. She suggested staging the accident quickly and allowing the ship to drift into traffic near Kafrene. Agreeing, Partagaz ordered her to make it top priority and to act carefully, leaving no trace. As Meero and Heert left the conference room, the major ordered the other Supervisors to schedule a meeting with Military Intelligence about the planned raid on Spellhaus.

Meero was in the conference room when Supervisor Lagret confirmed the trap set for Anto Kreegyr's men on Kafrene. Her assistant, Heert, handed her a datapad, from which she read the situation report to Major Partagaz. Meero mentioned the details of the supposed mechanical failure implanted. Supervisor Lonni Jung suggested Partagaz go ahead with a routine inspection, assuming Kreegyr was watching their movements.

After the trap had been sprung on Anto Kreegyr's men, Meero expressed concern and frustration about Military Intelligence not taking any prisoners when they could have done so, as the captives could have had information valuable to the Empire. Partagaz stated that the point of the massacre was to "wipe the taste of Aldhani from the Emperor's mouth," referring to the Aldhani raid, where over 80 million credits

were stolen from the Aldhani Garrison by rebel operatives, among them Vel Sartha and Cassian Andor.

The funeral

The next day, Cassian Andor's mother, Maarva, passed away due to disease; Ferrix garrison commander Captain Vanis Tigo contacted and informed Meero of the fact. He reported that the local citizens' society Daughters of Ferrix had requested a public funeral on Rix Road as per local customs and that he was prepared to deny their request. Meero, however, ordered the captain to authorize the ceremony, as it would be an ideal trap for Andor, who Meero was certain would return. By nighttime she had arrived on Ferrix on board a Lambda-class T-4a shuttle accompanied by a guard of two death troopers. She was debriefed in the Imperial planetary headquarters on the Rix Road hotel, after which she went for a walk in the city accompanied by Attendant Corv.

The next morning, as Imperial forces were preparing for the funeral, she was briefed on the security measures the garrison had taken from a hotel balcony. She instructed Tigo to not use lethal force against anyone, as she needed Andor alive; she also ordered that an Imperial sniper unit stationed by the street be replaced by a riot unit. The funeral service started earlier than expected, giving Imperial units little time to prepare and set up a perimeter around the hotel. During the ceremony, Nurchi, a friend of Andor's who had been told of his arrival to the town the night before, approached Corv with information on Andor's whereabouts, prompting Corv to pretend to arrest him and lead him to Meero. The supervisor immediately picked up her escort and arrived to inspect the supposed hiding place, finding no trace of Andor inside. Unbeknownst to her, Andor had escaped through the old furnace tunnels and was entering the hotel while its security was busy attending to the funeral outside as Maarva Andor's recorded farewell speech was particularly anti-Imperial and the crowd was visibly moved.

Enraged with the spectacle, Tigo rushed to the droid B2EMO, who was broadcasting the speech, and kicked it down. This action roused the crowd, which immediately attacked Tigo and the Imperial security trooper detail standing by, causing the Prefect to crawl through the action beaten up and hide behind the Imperial perimeter. The riot caught Meero unprepared and outside Imperial protection, as Andor had just taken out one of her death trooper escorts inside the hotel. Alone, Meero fought the protesters with her blaster drawn until she was attacked and beaten up. While she was crawling through the mud attempting desperately to reach her pistol, she was taken by an armed man who cornered her in a warehouse, shutting the door; grabbing a tool, Meero attempted to fight him, only to realize it was actually Karn who had saved her. Shocked, she admitted that she should thank him. Karn simply responded that there was no need to.

Ghorman project

In 4 BBY, despite the uprising on Ferrix and her failure to identify Axis, Meero received an invitation from Orson Krennic, Director of the Imperial Military Department of Advanced Weapons Research, to attend a secret meeting at the Maltheen Divide. Krennic presented an overview of the Imperial plan to gouge mine deep substrate foliated kalkite from the planet Ghorman—a process that could render the planet unstable and potentially collapse its core under the stress. Though Krennic did not reveal all of the details, the kalkite would be used to coat the reactor lenses of the DS-1 Death Star Mobile Battle Station. The plan for subjugation and military occupation of Ghorman, to be completed within three years, included a negative propaganda campaign against the Ghor to limit galactic sympathy and present an alibi for

martial crackdowns. Meero was skeptical that the plan was sufficient, and privately suggested to Krennic that fostering a violent insurgency on the planet would produce better results. Back on Coruscant, Meero indicated that she would decline further participation in the project, hoping to resume her work searching for Axis. Major Lio Partagaz chastised her for building up the fame of Axis and failing to deliver results. He instructed Meero to accept the Ghorman project, stating that, while it would appear to be a demotion, and that Meero would need to play the part as such, Ghorman was a gift that she could run as she saw fit and use to secure a win for herself.

Over the following two years, leading up to the Ghorman Massacre in 2 BBY, Dedra Meero oversaw ISB security operations on Ghorman. Central to Meero's task was the false flag Ghorman Front insurgency that she herself had suggested to Director Krennic. Meero quietly transferred her boyfriend, Syril Karn, to Ghorman as director of the Imperial Bureau of Standards Field Office. Meero took numerous precautions to conceal the nature of their relationship from rebel elements, including staging a breakup with Karn back on Coruscant and having their in person interactions and remote communications conducted under the strictest ISB restrictions. There, in 3 BBY, Karn was contacted by the Ghorman Front leadership, including Carro Rylanz, on its mistaken belief that he had sympathies for Ghorman's plight. This was thanks to a carefully cultivated personality that Karn projected to the locals, both in person and in remote communications with home, which the ISB anticipated would be intercepted by the Ghorman Front. Meero successfully used Karn to feed information to the Ghorman front about classified military shipments through Palmo. This emboldened the insurgent movement, attracted the involvement of the Axis Network, and had the intended effect of supplying the Ghorman Front with weapons, destabilizing the political situation sufficiently to justify an increased Imperial military presence.

By 2 BBY, although the Ghorman Front had begun to see through Karn's deception and become both radicalized and desperate from the deteriorating situation, Meero had accomplished her goal of justifying a severely tightened regime on the planet. She arrived in person in Palmo to oversee the final stages of the covert ISB operation that would result in the Ghorman Massacre, though Imperial leadership did not entrust even her with the full details. On the fateful day of the Ghorman Massacre, a crisis specialist Captain Kaido arrived to assume the tactical command of Imperial operations, while Meero retained overall command, including initiating the fateful order to (unbeknownst to her) execute the false flag attack leading to the massacre. On command from Partagaz in Coruscant, Meero gave the order in her command center overlooking the plaza, an order which led to an Imperial sniper killing one of Kaido's riot control officers, who had been deliberately chosen for their inexperience and sent into the midst of the gathering, racious crowd around the Monument to the Fallen. This led to a drawn-out firefight between Imperial forces surrounding the plaza and armed Ghorman Front partisans in the crowd, causing the deaths of large numbers of civilians, especially once the Imperial command unleashed droids and unrestricted live fire on the city. Meero, who witnessed the bloody event and had played such a decisive role in it, was psychologically shaken by the event, especially when Karn angrily confronted her for her complicity in the imminent bloodshed. Meero was even unknowingly almost killed by Cassian Andor, until he was distracted by Syril Karn, who had fled the safety of the Imperial command center to show his solidarity with the Ghor in their crowd. Meero's saving by Karn, despite his killing at the hands of Rylanz, unknowingly played a profound role in saving the very growing rebellion that Meero had spent years of professional service in attempting to quell. Her legacy tarnished by the Ghorman Massacre, Meero's inadvertent leaking of Project Stardust to rebel operatives over the course of the following year meant

that the continued survival of this dreaded Imperial agent, in fact, sealed the fate of the Galactic Empire itself in the years to come.

"Axis" found

With the operation on Ghorman a success, Meero continued her search for Axis over the next year. In 1 BBY, Meero finally managed to track down and deduce the identity of Axis, discovering he was, in fact, Luthen Rael, a well known and well-connected antiquities dealer. Dedra made a failed attempt to confront and arrest Luthen Rael, whom she had correctly deduced as Axis. Making the mistake of confronting him alone with a team surrounding his shop, Luthen attempted suicide to protect the Rebellion. Dedra's team took him to a hospital where he remained in critical condition. Dedra ordered he be kept alive for interrogation until Supervisor Heert arrived and arrested Meero under suspicions of her being a spy. Luthen would never be interrogated, however, as his assistant and second-in-command, Kleya Marki infiltrated the hospital disguised as a nurse and successfully killed Luthen to make sure the Empire would never learn the secrets of their Rebel network. This failure was the least of her worries, however, as her arrest was due to the discovery of her files containing intel directly connected to the Death Star.

Downfall

The Death Star's discovery was made when the ISB discovered Jung had gone through her files the night before and leaked it to Axis before his demise. When confronted by Director Krennic, Meero tried to defend herself, insisting that her actions in acquiring classified intel were her efforts to capture Axis and that she had only done so because any possible leads were either buried under clutter or killed. Meero implored to Director Krennic to focus their efforts now on capturing Marki. Director Krennic agreed but rejected her help. Afterwards, Meero, having been stripped of her rank, was approached by an anxious Supervisor Heert in her cell. After correctly surmising that Rael had died by then and Supervisor Heert had grown desperate for leads, Meero reluctantly advised him to trace Marki's location through use of the fractal radio.

Meero was soon after a convict imprisoned at an Imperial labor prison facility similar to those on Narkina 5. As soon as the lights went out, Meero broke down weeping over having lost everything and how her careless obsession with finding Axis had led to her downfall.

Personality and traits

Meero was a human female with fair skin and blonde hair that she wore in a tight bun at the back of her head. Her face often displayed a measured but severe expression. An ambitious and relentless agent of the Imperial Security Bureau, who never missed a detail, Supervisor Meero was a devoted advocate for the organization, determined to make her way up its male-dominated hierarchy. Steely, ruthless, and fiercely intelligent, she possessed an acute acumen regarding the rebellion, predicting their actions.

Equipment

Meero donned the signature white uniform of the Security Bureau along with black boots. She had three blue squares on her rank insignia plaque, as well as a pair of code cylinders. At times, Meero donned a cream-white overcoat, a black kepi, and black gloves, in addition to her uniform. She occasionally also carried a briefcase or a Power 5 blaster. She traveled on a Lambda-class T-4a shuttle.

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