

The Dark Forces Saga, Part 3

Pride of the Dark Side

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Sariss, the Prophetess



Sariss knew nothing but darkness her entire life. She was raised by the Prophets of the Dark Side, ignorant of her parentage. It might've been that one of the prophets was her father, but by the way they all made abuses of her, she could never have guessed which. Sariss quickly learned that life was pain and misery. Life was the dark side.

The prophets had agents on several planets. On Tatooine, Sariss worked for Governor Tour Aryon, going by the name Prophetess. She also helped train the darksider Merili, and was often part of the Secret Order entourage sent to the Super Star Destroyer *Vengeance* to confer with Jerec, whom she'd first met during his time on Dromund Kaas years earlier. She became strongly attracted to the enigmatic Inquisitor and his visions of ruling the galaxy. Through violent and masochistic lightsaber sessions, Jerec turned Sariss from one of Palpatine's magicky pets into his quasi-loyal second-in-command. When the population of Tatooine rebelled against their Imperial oppressors following the Battle of Endor, Sariss saw the perfect opportunity to disappear and join Jerec.

With supplies in short order after Endor, Sariss took over the holdings of a Panathan mineral baron. In the process, she recruited Yun, an inexperienced boy whom she derived pleasure in manipulating as the prophets had her. Sariss knew that her actions were cruel, but felt she needed to educate the boy in more than merely the dark side, preparing him for the wretched place the galaxy truly was. She likened Yun to a son, though having never known the appropriate bond between a parent and child, she couldn't say for sure.

In a fierce battle with Kyle Katarn, the prophetess accidentally struck down Yun, and Katarn stabbed Yun's own lightsaber through Sariss's chest, melting her heart. Yun's dying words -- "Sariss, can you see the light?" -- reverberated in her mind, cutting more deeply than any lightsaber wound. In her final moments, Sariss saw only darkness.

Sariss: Female Human Jedi Consular 5/Dark Side Devotee 3/Dark Side Marauder 4; Init + 3; Defense 23 (+3 Dex, +10 class); Spd 10 m; VP/WP 88/14; Atk +12/+7/+2 melee (3d8+1/19–20, lightsaber) or +12/+7/+2 ranged; SQ Dark Side talisman +2, deflect (defense +1, attack –4, extend defense and attack); SV Fort +11, Ref +12, Will +9; SZ M; FP 4; DSP 12; Rep 5; Str 12, Dex 16, Con 14, Int 15, Wis 13, Cha 15. Challenge Code D.

Equipment: Lightsaber*, comlink.

Skills: Craft (lightsaber) +3, Diplomacy +5, Intimidate +4, Jump +4, Knowledge (Sith lore) +12, Listen +3, Read/Write Basic, Speak Basic, Tumble +4.

Force Skills: Affect Mind +8, Battlemind +12, Enhance Ability +9, Enhance Senses +7, Farsensing +5, Force Defense +8, Force Grip +6, Illusion +7, Move Object +8, Telepathy +7.

Feats: Ambidexterity, Blind-Fight, Combat Reflexes, Exotic Weapon Proficiency (lightsaber), Force-Sensitive, Martial Arts, Skill Emphasis (Force Grip), Stamina, Weapon Finesse (lightsaber), Weapon Group Proficiency (blaster pistols, blaster rifles, primitive weapons, simple weapons, vibro weapons).

Force Feats: Alter, Burst of Speed, Control, Hatred, Malevolent, Rage, Sense.

* Sariss has built her own lightsaber.