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A-3DO (ThreeDee)

This multitalented service droid was in the service of Jedi Andur Sunrider when Sunrider died at the hands of Great Bogga the Hutt's gang of

criminals. Programmed as a mechanic and pilot, A-3DO later served Andur's wife, Nomi, while she trained to take her husband's place among the Jedi. [TOJ]

A-9 Vigilance Interceptor

An Imperial starfighter that first saw action against New Republic forces during the events that led to the return of the Emperor six years after the Battle of Endor. It was designed as an answer to the Republic's A-wing fighters, but has limited maneuverability and a weak hull. [DE, SWVG]

Aalun, Syron

One of three famous Gand ruetsavii, or observers, who were assigned to Rogue Squadron pilot Ooryl Qrygg. They were sent to observe Qrygg's activities and determine his worthiness to become janwuine, the highest possible honor in the communal Gand society. In addition to watching Qrygg, Aalun and the other ruetsavii served as pilots and undercover operatives for the squadron. [BW]

Aar'aa

Members of a reptilian species of skin-changers, they are able to change the color of their pebbly textured skin to match their surroundings. The Ylesian priests used Aar'aa to guard their spice-processing plants. [PS]

Aba

A Wookiee doll, named by its owner, young Jacen Solo. [CS]

A'baht, General Etahn

Commander of the New Republic's Fifth Fleet. A'baht led from aboard his flagship, the fleet carrier Intrepid. His disregard for orders and the defeat of the fleet at the Koornacht Cluster led Princess Leia Organa Solo to relieve him of command and place the fleet under the authority of her husband, Han Solo. [BTS]

Abbaji

This planet is home to the Irugian Rain Forest, where one-hundred-meter-tall firethorn trees grow in a single grove. Prince Xizor, leader of the Black Sun criminal organization, counted a 600-year-old dwarf firethorn tree among his most prized possessions. [SOTE]

abo

An old Imperial slang word for the native inhabitants of a planet, often used in a derogatory manner. [SME]

Abregado-rae

This manufacturing and trade-oriented planet within the Abregado star system was part of the New Republic some five years after the Battle of Endor. During the time of the Empire, the spaceport was considered on par with the worst places in the Rim Territories. Since the birth of the New Republic, the place has cleaned up its act. A bright, painfully clean cityscape towers over its landing pits, but the wild air of all spaceports, created by the mix of cultures and species, cannot be washed from the place. A repressive bureaucracy that struggled to bring outlying clans into line rules the world. [DFR, HE, HESB]

Abregado system

This planetary system is located in the Borderland Regions, a militarized zone that separates the New Republic from the remnants of the Empire. A vast manufacturing infrastructure links the system's planets, and the goods produced there are vitally important to the New Republic. [HE, HESB]

Abrion sector

The location of the planet Ukio, one of the top-five food-producing worlds in the New Republic. [LC]

Abyssin

A primitive and violent species that inhabits the planet Byss, located in the binary star system of Byss and Abyss. Averaging about two meters tall, each humanoid Abyssin has long limbs and a single eye in its forehead. [GG4]

Academy, the

During the time of the Old Republic, this elite educational institution produced highly trained personnel to fill posts in Exploration, Military, and Merchant Services. Under the rule of the Emperor, the Academy slowly turned into the training ground for Imperial officers, especially the Raithal Academy in the Core region. All of its numerous campuses, spread across the galaxy, had a reputation for a competitive selection process and a rigorous curriculum. [ISB, SW, SWR]

acceleration compensator

This device provides artificial gravity and neutralizes the effects of high-speed maneuvering for crew and cargo aboard space vessels. The Millennium Falcon, for example, is equipped with such a device. [HSE]

acceleration straps

These passenger safety harnesses, usually built into seats, serve to restrain passengers during takeoffs, landings, and adverse traveling conditions. [SW]

Access Chute

This kilometers-long tunnel snakes through the decaying buildings and docking towers of the spaceport moon Nar Shaddaa, leading to Shug Ninx's repair facility. An advertising holoscreen hides the entrance to the Chute. [DE]

Accuser

See Emancipator.

Ackbar, Admiral

A respected and highly regarded member of the Mon Calamari species, Ackbar overcame hardship and adversity to take a pivotal role in the Rebel Alliance and later the New Republic. His public life began when he served as the leader of Coral Depths City on the Mon Calamari homeworld. The Empire attacked the watery planet and enslaved many of its citizens, including Ackbar. He eventually became Grand Moff Tarkin's interpreter, and while in the Imperial's service he heard about the Rebellion and learned of a new superweapon. Ackbar made a study of Imperial tactics and defenses while serving the grand moff. Rebel agents released him from servitude during a failed attempt to assassinate Tarkin. Ackbar returned to his homeworld and convinced the normally peaceful Mon Calamari to join the Rebels, bringing a much-needed fleet of capital ships into the Alliance arsenal.

Shortly after the Battle of Yavin, the newly ranked Commander Ackbar proposed a plan for dealing with Imperial escort frigates. He argued that a specially designed starfighter was the Alliance's best hope--at least until more funds became available or the number of Rebel capital ships dramatically increased. With the aid of the Verpine, a renowned species of shipbuilders, Ackbar developed the B-wing starfighter.

Ackbar then became one of Mon Mothma's two senior Rebel Alliance advisers. He was promoted to admiral and helped develop the plans for the Alliance surprise attack on the second Death Star battle station. He led the assault from the bridge of his personal flagship during the Battle of Endor. With the rise of the New Republic, Ackbar was named commander in chief of Republic military operations. As a member of both the Provisional Council and the ruling Inner Council, he helped forge the new galactic government.

During the events surrounding the return of Grand Admiral Thrawn, Ackbar was falsely accused of embezzling New Republic funds thanks to fake evidence planted by Thrawn. Ackbar was later cleared, through the efforts of Luke Skywalker and his companions, and the Mon Calamari led the New Republic fleet to victory over Thrawn's forces at the Bilbringi Shipyards.

A few days after Thrawn's defeat, survivors of the Emperor's ruling circle and a handful of Imperial fleet commanders attacked and recaptured

Coruscant. Ackbar and other New Republic leaders planned a counterstrike, and their forces regained Coruscant a few months later.

Later, on a diplomatic mission to Vortex, Ackbar's personal B-wing fighter crashed into the Cathedral of Winds. This towering crystalline structure was considered to be the world's greatest artistic treasure, and Ackbar was once again accused of a serious crime. His chief mechanic was discovered to have been an Imperial operative who had sabotaged the B-wing, and Ackbar was cleared of any wrongdoing.

After he resumed his role in the New Republic, Ackbar returned to Vortex to attend the ceremony dedicating the rebuilt Cathedral of Winds. Winter, Princess Leia's aide, accompanied him on the trip, and the two developed a close relationship. [DA, DE, DFR, DS, HE, LC, RJ, SFS, SWCG, SWSB]

Adamant

Admiral Ackbar commanded this New Republic bulk space cruiser. Some nineteen years after the Battle of Endor, the Adamant was attacked while transporting a cargo of hyperdrive cores and turbolaser battery emplacements to the Kuat Drive Yards. It was boarded and captured by onetime Imperial TIE fighter pilot Qorl and his troops, who set the crew adrift in escape pods and made off with the cruiser and its cargo. [YJK]

Adamantine

This New Republic escort cruiser visited the planet Nam Chorios. The ship and its crew were lost when the Death Seed plague was unleashed on the surrounding sector of space. [POT]

Adega

This star system located in the Outer Rim Territories was the site of an important Jedi stronghold in ancient times. [DE]

Adegan crystals

These crystals were the types most commonly used in ancient times in the construction of lightsabers. They spontaneously emit powerful bursts of light and energy when resonant frequencies are transmitted through them. These crystals are also known as Ilum crystals. [DE]

Adin

This former Imperial stronghold was the homeworld of Senator Meido. [NR]

Adjudicator

One of two Imperial Star Destroyers captured by the Alliance during the Battle of Endor, the Adjudicator was renamed the Liberator and placed under the command of Luke Skywalker. After the Empire recaptured

Coruscant, Liberator crashed into Imperial City as the result of damage sustained during combat. Skywalker's skillful deployment of the Star Destroyer's shields and repulsorlifts prevented the death of the crew. [DE, DESB]

Adriana

This gas giant, the third planet in the Tatoo system, has rings of ice. The rings are periodically mined to provide the planet Tatooine with water. [GG7]

Af'El

The homeworld of the Defels, or Wraiths, this high-gravity world orbiting Ka'Dedus specializes in the export of meleenium, a metal used to build duras...

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