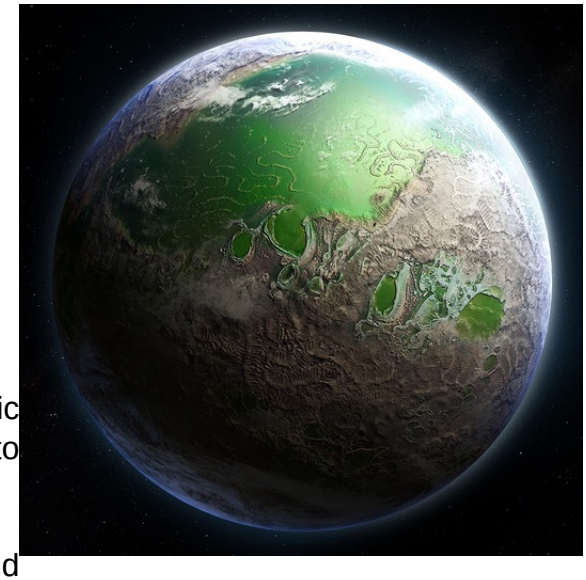
Planets D6 / Pillio



Name: Pillio
Region: Core Worlds
System: Jinata system
Atmosphere: Breathable
Primary terrain: Aquatic
Surface water: Seas
Points of interest: Emperor's Observatory
Fauna: Coral, Scritter

Description: Pillio was a remote and uncolonized aquatic planet on the edge of the Jinata system that was home to more than 3 million species.

A colossal coral reef stretched across the entire planet, and vast numbers of sea life lived in its oceans. Ancient fossils, uncommon species, and other secrets laid hidden in the deep coral caves. Pillio was the main food source of the Jinata system. Both the Nautolan and Mon Calamari fishing companies quarreled over the profits that were to be made from the natural resources.

Pillio was also the location of one of Emperor Palpatine's observatories. In 4 ABY, the Jedi Knight Luke Skywalker recovered a compass kept at the observatory.

History

Galactic Civil War

Following the destruction of the DS-2 Death Star II Mobile Battle Station, Luke Skywalker felt a calling to Pillio and travelled to the planet. Imperial forces also arrived on the planet, including Inferno Squad's Del Meeko, who had orders to destroy an Observatory belonging to Darth Sidious. Despite being on opposite sides of the conflict, Luke and Del worked together to reach the Observatory, where the former retrieved a special compass before the two parted ways.

Cold war

During the Cold War between the New Republic and First Order, Del Meeko once again returned to Pillio, aiming to locate a number of kidnapped Athullans. After landing on the planet, he was captured by Jinata Security. Later, Kylo Ren arrived to interrogate Del regarding the whereabouts of the map leading to Jedi Master Luke Skywalker. Ultimately, Ren discovered the map was taken by Lor San Tekka to Bayora and promptly departed after delegating authority to Gideon Hask, who then executed Del aboard the Corvus.

Places of Interest

Emperor's Observatory

The Emperor's Observatory on the planet Pillio was one of several observatories maintained by Emperor Palpatine throughout the galaxy, each one being part of his goal to find out what lay beyond the known galaxy. The Pillio observatory contained a number of artifacts from the Emperor's collection.

In 4 ABY, after the Emperor's death, the Emperor's Observatory was discovered by Jedi Knight Luke Skywalker and Imperial Agent Del Meeko of Inferno Squad. Meeko's orders were to destroy the observatory, but Skywalker convinced him not to and to avoid inflicting damage to the planet. Skywalker left the Observatory with a compass, an artifact he sensed was important.

The Emperor's Observatory was a bunker on the planet Pillio. It was one of many observatories that Emperor Palpatine, also the Dark Lord of the Sith, established across the galaxy. Each observatory looked beyond the galactic rim with the intent of finding what laid beyond the known galaxy, and each had a specific purpose. The Pillio observatory contained a number of items the Emperor had collected before his death, such as a compass. The bunker had no locking or unlocking mechanism, and it could only be opened with the Force.

During the Clone Wars, while he was still Supreme Chancellor of the Galactic Republic, Sheev Palpatine felt the call of unknown space from beyond the galactic rim. He wanted to explore the Unknown Regions and galaxies that laid beyond his own, and even theorized that such unexplored space could be the source of his dark side powers. He built observatories, such as the one on Pillio, as part of that exploration and used this one to store several artifacts.

In 4 ABY, Palpatine—ruler of the Galactic Empire—was killed during the Battle of Endor. After the battle, Inferno Squad member Del Meeko was tasked with leading a contingent of Imperial troopers to Pillio in order to destroy the Observatory. At the same time, Jedi Knight Luke Skywalker also traveled to Pillio. He felt called to Pillio by the Force, and the arrival of Imperial troops confirmed his suspicions that there was something special on the planet.

After Skywalker destroyed the Imperial forces he encountered and saved Meeko, who was trapped after an encounter with scritters who lived in Pillio, the two worked together to find the Emperor's Observatory; neither felt the other was truly their enemy. The Jedi opened the door with the Force when they arrived, and Meeko realized that the Emperor—the man who destroyed the Jedi Order—could also use the powers of the Force. Once inside, Meeko felt that none of the items were of any value or worth the Emperor protecting, but Skywalker discovered the Emperor's compass. Meeko allowed him to keep it, and Skywalker convinced Meeko not to destroy the Observatory. The Empire, Skywalker said, had already inflicted enough damage on innocent worlds.

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