Planets D6 / Jakku



Name: Jakku
Region: Western Reaches, Inner Rim
System: Jakku system
Suns: 1
Orbital position: First from the sun
Moons: 2
Grid coordinates: I-13
Trade routes: Burke's Trailing
Rotation period: 26.8 standard hours
Orbital period: 352 standard days, 315 local days
Diameter: 6,400 kilometers
Atmosphere: Type I (breathable)
Climate: Cold
Primary terrain
    Modern: Deserts
    Historic: Forests
Surface water: Arid
Points of interest: Anchorite habit house, Carbon Ridge, Ergel's Bar, Fallen Teeth, Feressee's Point, Goazon Badlands, Imperial research base, Kelvin Ravine, Kelvin Ridge, Main Imperial base, Namenthe's Crater, Niima Outpost, Old Meru's, Orkoon Hub, Pilgrim's Road, Plaintive Hand plateau, Sinking Fields, Starship Graveyard
Flora: Tuanulberry bush
Fauna: Bloggin, Cricket, Gnaw-jaw, Happabore, Luggabeast, Nightwatcher worm, Pole-snake, Ripper-raptor, Skittermice, Steelpecker, Thissermount, Vworkka
Native species: Teedo, Uthuthma
Immigrated species: Abednedo, Crolute, Human, Hutt, Kyuzo, Melitto, Nu-Cosian, Dybrinthe
Primary language(s): Galactic Basic, Hideo, Teedospeak, Uthuthma
Population: Unknown (Less than 25,000)
Demonym: Jakkuvian
Major cities: Blowback Town, Cratertown, Niima Outpost, Reestkii, Tuanul (one of the Sacred Villages)
Major imports: Foodstuffs, Luxury goods, Technology, Water
Major exports: Bezorite, Junk metal, Kesium gas, Magnite, Osmiridium, Salvaged tech, Silicon

Description: Jakku is a remote desert planet located in the system of the same name, within the Western Reaches of the galaxy's Inner Rim. Though considered by many within the galaxy to be distant and relatively worthless, Jakku was the site of important events that would shape galactic history. In 5 ABY, Jakku was the site of the pivotal Battle of Jakku, which ended the Galactic Civil War in favor of the New Republic. A generation later, the planet was the home of the scavenger Rey, who became involved in the events of the Cold War after helping the former First Order stormtrooper Finn and the astromech droid BB-8 escape offworld with a map leading to the missing Jedi Luke Skywalker.

An isolated planet located in the Jakku system within the Western Reaches of the galaxy's Inner

Rim, Jakku was once a verdant world with forests and water, but some past calamity turned it into a barren globe of scorched badlands and marching dunes. It hosted the Wheel Races in the north and mining operations dotted the planet. Buttes were located in the south in which lichen could be scraped off of to create the alcoholic beverage Knockback Nectar. One could become an Anchorite if certain vows were taken, while scavengers often used luggabeasts to carry supplies across the desert.

Tuanul, Reestkii, and Cratertown were settlements on the planet, while the trading post Niima Outpost was considered the only major settlement on the planet, and was guarded by the humorless Constable Zuvio and his Niima Outpost Militia. Lacking a communications grid, spacers seeking to escape debts, create a new life or simply see the galaxy often wound up at Niima Outpost, owing to it having the only navigational beacon. Not all residents were scavengers, however, with the isolated villagers of Tuanul worshiping the Church of the Force, an underground faith of Jedi worshipers hiding from first the Galactic Empire.

Owing to the planet's distance from populated space, it served as a jumping-off point for warships heading into the Unknown Regions in the final years of the Galactic Civil War. Nearby worlds to Jakku included Ogem and Ponemah Terminal, the latter of which was connected to Jakku by the Burke's Trailing hyperspace route, which also linked Jakku to Adrathorpe.

History

Darth Sidious, known to the galaxy as Emperor Palpatine, regarded Jakku as essential to his Contingency.

The Contingency

Eons ago, the planet Jakku was once covered with green vegetation and oceans. At some unknown point, the planet was reduced to a barren desert wasteland. However, the planet's core still had the vital spark of life essence, something which disgusted Sheev Palpatine. About 1,000 standard years before the Battle of Yavin, the Plaintive Hand plateau was the site of an event that was regarded as significant by Palpatine. He believed that the site would become significant again in the future.

The human boy known as Galli grew up on Jakku. As an orphan, he was raised at an orphanage run by the Anchorite Kolob, who lived a life of austerity and strict obedience. Galli chafed under Kolob's care and longed to travel to a better world. In 30 BBY, Palpatine and his Adviser Yupe Tashu traveled to Jakku to supervise an archaeological dig on the Plaintive Hand plateau. During that trip, Palpatine encountered a twelve-year old Galli, who had stowed aboard his yacht Imperialis. He took the young boy as a protege and tasked him with guarding the excavation site against any intruders.

Rax spent the next ten years guarding the Plaintive Hand plateau, which became the site for the Jakku Observatory. The Observatory was part of Palpatine's Contingency plan to destroy the Galactic Empire in the event of his death. Palpatine had no wish to leave his Empire to a successor and tasked Galli with executing the Contingency when the day of his death arrived. The Jakku Observatory was home to computers that projected paths into the Unknown Regions, a collection of Sith relics, and a borehole which led to the planet's core. Palpatine instructed Galli to use the borehole to detonate the planet and the remnants of the Empire. Galli adopted the persona Gallius Rax and later became a Fleet Admiral in the Imperial Navy.

At some point during the Age of the Empire, the Galactic Empire established a secret research base. Later, the Hutt crime lady Niima established a presence on Jakku and lorded over several

slaves.

Galactic Civil War
In the months following the Battle of Endor, war refugee Corwin Ballast headed to Jakku, believing it to be a worthless rock floating in space and thus of little importance to the galaxy-wide conflict between the New Republic and Empire. If there was any place to escape the war, he hoped Jakku to be it. After learning about Fleet Admiral Rax's connection to Jakku, Grand Admiral Rae Sloane and the rebel Brentin Lore Wexley traveled to Jakku to hunt down and kill Rax. Shortly later, Rax proclaimed himself Counselor to the Empire and led the remnants of the Imperial Navy to Jakku.

Counselor Rax established a base beyond the Goazon Badlands and the Sinking Fields. Claiming that the harsh, desert world would test the spirit and mettle of his Imperial forces, Rax implemented a harsh and violent training regimen on his stormtroopers and officers. For several months, the Imperials gathered their forces while waiting for the New Republic to launch their attack. In addition, Rax struck up a deal with Niima to guard the pass leading to the Observatory and to kidnap local orphans from the Anchorites. The former Commandant Brendol Hux trained these orphans into Rax's personal guard of child soldiers. Rax also settled scores with his former guardian Kolob and killed him as a sacrifice to the dark side of the Force.

While hunting for Sloane, the New Republic operative Norra Wexley, her son Temmin Wexley, Sinjir Rath Velus, Jas Emari, and the B1-series battle droid Mister Bones discovered the Imperial remnant forces above Jakku. Temmin and Sinjir escaped on their starship Moth back to Chandrila to warn the New Republic. Norra and Jas took an escape pod to Jakku's surface to continue their hunt for Norra. Under the orders of Temmin, Mister Bones took another escape pod to Jakku to look after his mother Norra. Norra and Jas were captured by Imperial forces and separated.

Norra eventually escaped Imperial custody with Mister Bones's help. She then reunited with Jas, who had escaped Niima's custody, and the trio continued their search for Sloane. Meanwhile, Sloane and Brentin learned about Rax's origins from Kolob and later convinced Niima to take them to the Plaintive Hand plateau, which Niima believed held a weapons facility. However, Rax learned about Sloane's presence and bombarded Niima's convoy with turbolasers. Before Norra and Jas could catch up with Sloane, Rax's Imperial forces captured Sloane and Brentin and brought them to his headquarters.

Battle of Jakku
The final battle of the Galactic Civil War was fought on Jakku between the New Republic and the remnants of the Galactic Empire.

After the New Republic's Galactic Senate voted to intervene on Jakku, the New Republic dispatched military forces to the planet. Several New Republic figures including Admiral Ackbar, Commodore Kyrsta Agate, Captain Wedge Antilles, Temmin Wexley, and Jom Barell would see action in the cataclysmic Battle of Jakku. The battle would take place one year and four days after the Battle of Endor. It became the last major stand of the Galactic Empire and last major battle of the Galactic Civil War. In secret, the Battle of Jakku served as a pretext for Rax to facilitate the final stage of the Contingency.

During the Battle of Jakku, Imperial and New Republic forces fought on both space and land. The Imperial fleet formed a tight defensive formation around the Super Star Destroyer Ravager. The New Republic Defense Fleet was unable to penetrate this thick wall until the Star Destroyer Punishment broke formation and rammed the Starhawk-class battleship Amity. This explosion created a gap which allowed the Amity's sister ship Concord to bombard the Ravager. Despite

being crippled, the Concord's commander Agate used her ship's powerful tractor beam to drag the Super Star Destroyer down to the surface; turning the tide of the battle in the New Republic's favor.

Meanwhile, New Republic ground forces under Lieutenant General Brockway assaulted the main Imperial base and weapons facility. Many from both sides were killed or crushed by falling debris from the space battle. Mister Bones was destroyed during the battle after reuniting with Temmin. In an attempt to prevent New Republic forces from capturing her ship, Captain Ciena Ree crashed her Star Destroyer Inflictor onto the planet's surface. She was rescued by her lover New Republic pilot Thane Kyrell. Meanwhile, Norra joined forces with Sloane and Brentin to hunt down Rax.

After launching the battle, Rax traveled with Yupe Tashu, Brendol, his son Armitage Hux, and the child soldiers to the Observatory to initiate the last stage of the Contingency. While the Huxes and the child soldiers boarded a replica of the Imperialis, Rax and Tashu entered the Observatory to initiate the planet's destruction. After performing a Sith ritual, Rax threw Tashu, who was wearing Sith relics, down the borehole to Jakku's core. Before he could leave, Rax was killed by Sloane with the aid of Norra and Brentin. Sloane managed to stop the planet's destruction by sealing the borehole. She then joined the Huxes and the child soldiers on their journey to the Unknown Regions where they rendezvoused with the Super Star Destroyer Eclipse.

While the battle was taking place, the New Republic's Chancellor Mon Mothma and the Imperial Grand Vizier Mas Amedda signed the Galactic Concordance on Chandrila; formalizing the Empire's surrender and ending the Galactic Civil War. However, Imperial forces on Jakku and elsewhere continued fighting the New Republic for several months. As the battle turned against them, the Imperials locked tractor beams onto the ships of the New Republic Starfleet, crashing them into the surface below in a desperate gamble. New Republic forces eventually captured the base after fierce fighting. Due to the Battle of Jakku, the planet's surface was covered with wrecked starships and weapons. Niima established a black marketing operation based on selling recovered weapons, computers, and engines.

Rise of the First Order
Two First Order TIE fighters pursued the Millennium Falcon through the Graveyard of Giants.

After the Battle of Jakku, wreckage from the battle was strewn across a region of desert aptly named the Starship Graveyard. Sometime after the battle, Niima the Hutt established Niima Outpost, in an effort to scavenge leftover wreckage from the destructive battle.

In 34 ABY, the up-and-coming First Order, successor state to the Galactic Empire, deployed the Resurgent-class Star Destroyer Finalizer to Jakku in an effort to recover a fragment of a map that led to Jedi Master Luke Skywalker, who had gone into self-imposed exile following a failed attempt at resurrecting the Jedi Order. The First Order forces, led by Kylo Ren, attacked the village of Tuanul, where the mystic Lor San Tekka lived and kept the map to Skywalker. However, San Tekka was able to give the map to Poe Dameron, who in turn hid it in his droid, BB-8, before Dameron was captured by Kylo Ren.

The attack led to the defection of stormtrooper FN-2187, who aided Dameron's ecsape from the Finalizer in a stolen TIE/sf space superiority fighter. Ultimately, FN-2187, nicknamed "Finn" by Dameron, would escape the planet with an unknowingly Force-sensitive girl named Rey.

By 35 ABY, Jakku was in open rebellion against the First Order.

Inhabitants

The settlers and war refugees who inhabited Jakku cobbled together clothing from recycled material that they scavenged, as clothes were not something they coul afford to waste money on when water and nourishment cost a premium.

Major cities

Blowback Town

Blowback Town was a settlement on the desert planet Jakku. Around thirty years after the Battle of Endor, the Blarina merchant Ohn Gos operated in the town, and when the Blarina scavenger Naka Iit found the Resistance pilot Poe Dameron lost in the deserts he agreed to take the pilot to Blowback Town in his speeder so he might arrange transport offworld with Gos. En route, the pair were attacked by the criminal Strus clan, but Dameron was able to escape them and earn Iit's gratitude, causing the Blarina to promise to intercede with Gos in Blowback and ensure Dameron found passage offworld. The pilot successfully left the planet soon after.

Cratertown

Cratertown was a town located on the planet Jakku. It was the location of Ergel's Bar.

Niima Outpost

Niima Outpost was a junkyard settlement on Jakku, a desert planet in the Western Reaches of the galaxy. The outpost was named for and founded by Niima the Hutt after the Battle of Jakku to capitalize on the new scavenging opportunities the battle created on the planet. Niima Outpost was the only spaceport on the planet, although it was referred more as a landing field rather than a spaceport. Scavengers, like Rey, salvaged materials from the technology leftover from the Battle of Jakku. Salvage made up the backbone of the economy, but other branches such as black market trading, mercenaries for hire, and other unlawful activities exist.

Niima's fuel supplies were basic, though there were some scavengers who located military grade supplies, such as rhydonium. Niima attracted a lot of attention offworld because of it being the only navigational beacon on the planet. These foreigners were encouraged to lock up their ships. Most travelers opted to sleep on their ships due to lack of permanent structures in the outpost. Scavengers brought their finds to Niima Outpost in exchange for supplies from Unkar Plutt, the local boss who operated from the center of awning-roofed blockhouse known as the Concession Stand. Niima Outpost was also the location of Constable Zuvio's office. The outpost's main gate utilized architecture akin to that found on other Hutt worlds such as Teth. Sarco Plank opened a gun shop here to modify and enhance blasters.

The outpost was attacked by the First Order, who were looking for the astromech droid BB-8 and stormtrooper defector Finn.

Reestkii

Reestkii was a town located near the equator of the desert planet Jakku. It was also situated over four hundred kilometers away from the only settlement on the planet worth noting, called Niima Outpost. Reestkii—a name that, loosely translated into Galactic Basic, meant "the leftover"—had no minable resources whatsoever, and barely enough agriculture for its inhabitants to survive.

Tuanul

Tuanul was a settlement on the planet Jakku located in Kelvin Ravine. It was populated by members of the Church of the Force, who eschewed modern technology and instead created their own in order to bring themselves more in touch with nature.

The huts of Tuanul were made of wattle and daub created from local natural materials.

Approximately thirty years after the Battle of Endor, during a conflict between the First Order and the Resistance, the settlement was sacked by the Order. The assault was led by Kylo Ren, a Force warrior who sought to gain knowledge on the whereabouts of the missing Jedi Master Luke Skywalker from one of the Tuanul villagers, Lor San Tekka. After capturing the Resistance pilot Poe Dameron, the stormtroopers—with the exception of FN-2187—executed the villagers in accordance with Ren's orders.

Points of interest

Anchorite habit house

The Anchorite habit house was a location on the desert planet Jakku.

Carbon Ridge

The Carbon Ridge was a ridge located on the desert planet Jakku. It held a secret research facility owned by the Galactic Empire. Unkar Plutt organised a failed expedition to the ridge in an attempt to collect valuables from there.

Ergel's Bar

Ergel's Bar was a cantina in Cratertown, a settlement on the Western Reaches desert world of Jakku. The bar was welded together out of scrap, shaped into a rough half circle, all of it underneath the cap-top of a 323 Rakhmann concussion-miner. Knockback Nectar, a favorite drink of humans and Uthuthma on Jakku, was sold in Ergel's Bar. By 5 ABY, Corwin Ballast was working as a bartender in the bar when Grand Admiral Rae Sloane came to Jakku seeking information about Gallius Rax. Ergel himself sometimes worked as a bartender there.

Fallen Teeth

The Fallen Teeth was a mountain ridge located near the equator of the desert planet Jakku. Niima Outpost was constructed not far from the ridge, in a temperate zone of the planet.

Feressee's Point

Feressee's Point was a location on the desert planet Jakku.

Goazon Badlands

The Goazon Badlands, also known simply as the Goazon, were a canyon zone on the planet Jakku, characterized by the presence of debris and wreckage of Imperial walkers and other vehicles. Depending on which locals were asked, it was either between Niima Outpost and Kelvin Ravine, or between Carbon Ridge and the Sinking Fields. It was vague to say whether one was in the Goazon unless they were not in one of those aforementioned places.

About one year after the Battle of Endor, the Badlands were the locations of one of the flashpoints between the Empire and Republic during the Battle of Jakku. Like in the Starship Graveyard, another massive field of wreckage, the Badlands were littered with many starships and Imperial walkers, one of which became the home to the scavenger Rey thirty years after the Battle of Endor.

Imperial research base

The Imperial research base was a facility located in Carbon Ridge on the planet Jakku. The base was operated by the Galactic Empire before and during the Battle of Jakku. The Empire's final goal during the battle was to prevent the New Republic fleet from reaching the base. Before retreating into the Unknown Regions, the remaining Imperial forces destroyed the facility. During the battle, All Terrain Armored Transports of the Hellhound attack force were deployed from the Star Destroyer Interrogator in a last ditched defense of the base. In the decades after the Battle of Jakku, only unverified stories remained of the facility which circulated upon the residents of the

planet. The mysterious faction known as the Dead-enders were popularly believed to still be guarding the facility.

Kelvin Ravine
The Kelvin Ravine was a canyon located on the desert planet Jakku of the Western Reaches. It contained at least one settlement, Tuanul, which was sacked in 34 ABY by the First Order.

Kelvin Ridge
Kelvin Ridge was a location on the planet Jakku.

After the First Order attack on Tuanul, the droid BB-8 fled, eventually running into the scavenger Rey who convinced a local Teedo to leave the droid alone. Rey then pointed BB-8 in the direction of Niima Outpost but warned him to stay off Kelvin Ridge.

Main Imperial base
After Counselor to the Empire Gallius Rax relocated most of the remnants of the Galactic Empire to Jakku in 5 ABY, he set up a base beyond the Goazon Badlands and the Sinking Fields. This base was built by builder droids and was reinforced daily by deliveries of TIE fighters, AT-ATs, AT-STs, troop carriers, and more stormtroopers. The base was located at a considerable distance from the Jakku Observatory near the Plaintive Hand plateau.

The base was known to contain a prefab training facility where stormtroopers underwent ruthless and violent training. The Imperial base also had an underground level which housed a room full of screens which linked up to security cameras. Prior to the Battle of Jakku, Rax gave a broadcast speech urging his Imperial forces to destroy the New Republic. Following the defeat of the Imperial fleet, the base was stormed by Republic forces after fierce fighting.

Namenthe's Crater
Namenthe's Crater was a crater located on the desert planet Jakku. It was formed when a scavenger named Namenthe died while carelessly transporting proton bombs.

Old Meru's
Old Meru's was a location on the desert planet Jakku. Old Meru's was a stop on Pilgrim's Road that travelers traveling to other parts of Jakku could stop and restock on water and food and rest through the harsh sand storms at night. It was a big tent with supplies.

Orkoon Hub
The Orkoon Hub was a location on the planet Jakku. When Grand Admiral Rae Sloane traveled to Jakku to find out information about Gallius Rax she came across Ergel's Bar in Cratertown where the bartender, Corwin Ballast, told Sloane that a Knockback Nectar was ten credits apiece or one quarter-portion from the Orkoon hub.

Pilgrim's Road
The Pilgrim's Road was the name given by residents of Niima Outpost to an old happabore trail that ran through the Goazon Badlands region of the desert planet Jakku. Following the road through the Badlands lead to the Sacred Villages located beyond Kelvin Ravine, an area which bordered the Goazon. The only points of interest along the trails route were the watering hole known as Old Meru's and a pillar of stone located near the Carbon Ridge that was home to the individual known only as the Sitter. Around thirty years after the Battle of Endor, the scavenger Rey wrote about the road in a survival guide she compiled, including an image and noting that she had only ever seen the road used by other scavengers trying to reach the Graveyard of Ships, never by

actual pilgrims.

Plaintive Hand plateau
The Plaintive Hand plateau was a plateau on the planet Jakku, described as "an outcropping of bent, flat rock". The Anchorite sect regarded the plateau as a holy place, believing that it was home to the Consecrated Eremite thousands of years before the Galactic Civil War in a period when the planet was lush and vegetated.

Sinking Fields
The Sinking Fields were an area of the Goazon Badlands on Jakku. They were located north of Niima Outpost and Rey's AT-AT home. They were the site of a crash landing by Poe Dameron and FN-2187 in a Special Forces TIE fighter after escaping the First Order's flagship Finalizer. Soon after impact, the fields swallowed the TIE fighter whole to the horror of Finn. The former stormtrooper walked across the fields to Niima Outpost where he encountered Rey and Dameron's missing BB unit BB-8.

Previously, Rey had also warned BB-8 not to traverse the Sinking Fields, but the droid had already decided that it would stay with her.

Starship Graveyard
The Starship Graveyard, also known as the Graveyard of Giants or Graveyard of Ships, was a wide desert area on the planet Jakku that took its name because of the wreckage of "giant" ships accumulated on its dunes.

One year after the Battle of Endor, the Galactic Empire and the New Republic fought a battle on Jakku, during which damaged starships of both factions crash landed on the terrain, littering the landscape with debris and dangerous volatiles like fuel and coolant. Among the wreckage of huge warships were the Inflictor and the Ravager. Republic infantry attempted to strike a decisive attack against the Imperial forces defending their weapons facility. In one section of the graveyard, the Crackle, the sandy terrain had been turned to glass from the heat of a crash. The 35 ABY uprising against the First Order added at least one Resurgent-class Star Destroyer to the wreckage littering this area.

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