

Resurrection

The Mandalorian War

Twenty years ago, the Mandalorians launched an attack across three quadrants of Republic space, nearly overwhelming the Republic forces in those sectors. As the war raged on, the invaders gained more and more territory, their assault vicious and unrelenting.

Many Jedi called for the Order to send them to the front, believing that they could turn the tide against the aggressive Mandalorians. Foremost amongst them was the Knight Revan and his friend Malak. However, the Council called for patience while they debated and decided on the best and wisest course of action.

Unwilling to wait, Revan and Malak departed for the front taking a substantial number of Jedi with them. There the Jedi served with distinction and made something of an impact on the conflict, but it was only when Revan and Malak took charge of the Republic forces that the tide of the war truly began to shift.

The two friends had gone searching for some kind of advantage over the Mandalorians... whatever it was that they found, it allowed them to drive their foes right back across every front, matching the aggressiveness of the Mandalorians with a cold determination of their own.

The war effectively ended at Malachor V, a strange, dark world forbidden to the Mandalorians. Some terrible weapon was activated at the order of a general under Revan's command, one of the Jedi who had followed him against the Council's orders; the world was all but destroyed in some kind of cataclysm that shattered both the Mandalorian and Republic fleets and scattered the Mandalorians survivors all over the Outer Rim.

Revan concentrated on hunting down any remaining Mandalorian forces, while the general that had given the fateful order at Malachor V returned to face the Council, the only Jedi to do so. It was said she did so to face their judgement for her actions, and to explain them. Their decision was final: exile to the Rim.

The Return Of The Sith

It appeared that whatever secrets Revan and Malak had found to give them victory over the Mandalorians came back to haunt them, and the Republic. They soon returned to Republic space, but at the vanguard of a massive invading armada. Worse, it was soon discovered that Revan had declared himself the new Dark Lord of the Sith, intent on crushing the Republic and replacing it with a "stronger" government. Many of the Jedi that had served with him during the war had been corrupted and become Sith.

The Republic, still not recovered from the onslaught of the Mandalorians, were unable to repel yet another massive attack so soon. That war grew even more desperate than the last as the Republic had to fight for its own survival once again. In a desperate bid to stop Darth Revan, a group of Jedi led by Bastila Shan attempted to capture the Dark Lord, infiltrating his ship during a battle.

They had not counted on the perfidy of the Sith, however. Sensing an opportunity, Darth Malak, now his one-time friend's Sith apprentice, took advantage of his master's distraction to launch an attack on Revan's flagship. The Jedi fled before the ship was destroyed, and Revan was believed dead.

Malak, now the new Sith Lord, took up his master's cause and continued his assault on the Republic. He also turned his attention to the Jedi Order, decimating their ranks and destroying their most important Temples and Enclaves, including the one on Dantooine.

Revan was not dead, however. Instead he had somehow been redeemed and was working to defeat his former apprentice by tracing the source of his unstoppable fleet of warships. Incredibly, Revan and his allies were successful

and destroyed both the shipyard and the Dark Lord of the Sith. The so-called Jedi Civil War was over.

The Republic Weakened

Revan was hailed as a hero, but after only a brief time in the galactic limelight he vanished. He left behind him the legacy of his war with the Republic: divisiveness and widespread distrust of the Jedi.

The once-united Senate was split into factions, each sure that their way was the right way, and many worlds broke away from the Republic or formed new alliances. New political movements and old rivalries resurfaced, throwing many sectors into disarray. Through it all the Republic "loyalists" tried their best to rebuild and restore the damage wrought by two wars, including the terrible destruction inflicted on many Outer Rim worlds such as Telos. Much of the credibility of the Republic, and its future, depended on the success of such restoration projects.

The Jedi Order was all but disbanded after the destruction of the Enclave on Dantooine. The greatest blow to the Order however was that the average citizen of the Republic simply did not trust them anymore. To the average being on the street, a fight between Jedi and Sith seemed to be nothing more than a fight between sects of the same cult, despite the long history of Sith aggression and the number of times Jedi had saved the Republic. They knew nothing of the Dark Side of the Force and its corruptive influence, and so held the Jedi responsible for many of the Sith's crimes.

So the Jedi were forced into hiding, in some cases fleeing retribution for sins that were not truly their own, and the Republic lost one of its most moderate voices as well as a strong guiding influence. Some would say that their indecision over first the Mandalorians and then Revan's fleet made the leaders of the Jedi unfit guardians of the Republic. But whatever their faults, the scattering of the Jedi Order could not have come at a worse time.

A New Threat

Destabilising forces were at work in the fractured Republic. Dissent and separatist sentiment was being fostered by unseen hands. And there was talk of worlds being found dead, devoid of all life, of a phantom warship that evaded all attempts to pursue it. In fact, the Sith, led by a shadowy Triumvirate, were behind it all, seeking to both strike at the foundations of the Republic and hunt down and destroy the Jedi.

It was at this time, around five years after the defeat of Malak, that "the Jedi Exile" returned and became embroiled in galactic events once more. While evading numerous attempts to capture her for the massive bounty on her head, the Exile visited several worlds, seeking to find the last masters of the Jedi Order who had survived the destruction of the Dantooine Enclave and gone into hiding. The Exile found herself trying to counter the machinations of the Sith at the same time, and went some way to restoring the people's trust in the Jedi. Two of the Sith Triumvirate were personally defeated by the Exile in the process.

Unfortunately, the Exile was being manipulated by the last member of the Triumvirate, who was seeking to wreak a terrible personal revenge on the Jedi. The Exile was betrayed and the Jedi Masters murdered, but the Exile pursued the perpetrator to a hidden Sith stronghold on the fractured world of Malachor V... a stronghold said to have been found and activated by the long-vanished Revan when he was a Sith Lord himself.

Exactly what transpired on Malachor V is unknown. What is known is that the final Sith Lord was defeated and the planet was finally utterly destroyed. The fate of the Exile remains a mystery.

Rebuilding

With the Sith defeated once more, the galactic situation slowly began to stabilise. While still not truly united, the Republic was no longer teetering on the brink of collapse, but neither had the factions been appeased and harmony restored. The tentative alliances still held, and new ones had been formed in the aftermath of the success of the Telos Restoration Project.

Following the actions of the "Jedi Exile" and other lone Jedi, public trust in their judgement began to increase, though many still remained suspicious of their intentions and dubious about whether they could be trusted again. Like the Senate, the remaining Jedi had grouped into factions, small copies of the old Order that were essentially independent from each other. Much lore and history had been lost in the destruction of the Enclave on Dantooine as well as those elsewhere, and for many years children who would have been found and raised by the Order to become Jedi had been left to live normal lives, albeit ones touched by the Force.

The leader of one of the largest Jedi groups, Master Bastila Shan, elected to forgo the traditional age limit on training potential Jedi and instituted a search for suitable candidates for training. These new Jedi, more worldly than those of previous generations who had been almost entirely raised in the relative seclusion of Jedi Enclaves, would be exactly what was needed in those troubled times.

Once their training was complete, many of these Jedi were sent out to investigate rumours of Jedi in hiding, lost artefacts like Holocrons, or even of Sith activity. Others were sent to try and find diplomatic solutions to dangerous situations, or to track down criminals.

It would take time to rebuild the galaxy's faith in the Jedi Order.

Time they did not have...