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## Can the Empire Withstand Growing Fears?

The Sellonian Empire is beset on all sides by anxiety and panic over rumors surrounding the discovery of an alleged Dominari agent on Titus.

In the year since the unnamed agent's discovery at Starfall Academy, frustratingly little has been uncovered about the mysterious assassin's plans or origins.

"We still have no reason to believe that this constitutes any Dominari resurgence within the galaxy," said an official Imperial statement on the matter. "All evidence suggests the alleged Dominare was a rogue agent and likely more a cult fanatic than a true fallen Guardian."

Despite this, speculation and fear fill in the gaps left by the Order's fruitless investigations, even within the highest offices of imperial government. Just last week, Senator Rinn-Soh of Shola accused Titus's Tarrani monarchy of treason and demanded the immediate resignation of the Royal Family. A widespread petition amongst Cradle World legislators is calling for an inquiry against Lurio and the Rogue Sisters as possible sources of the attacker. In the most daring accusation, Congressperson Ellene Nora of Porthia suggested the Guardian Order itself was responsible for the attack, arguing the fear would assist the Order in developing a stronger hold over the Galactic Navy.

A growing movement is demanding the questioning and possible interrogation of Starfall Academy's own Jezza Stormblessed, who executed the agent shortly after his appearance. Some — like Senator Wrelle Gibbs of Titus — suggest Stormblessed may be involved in a far larger con-

spiracy against the Empire. Stormblessed and the Academy have enthusiastically denounced these claims.

Standing in opposition of growing paranoia, word of the courageous and unorthodox methods employed by the Guardians-in-training at Starfall has instilled many with hope that the Order and the Empire can rise to face this potential threat. Last year, students successfully carried out the rite of *Dal Rak Shiir*, an ancient collection of trials deemed too dangerous for modern students. The successful completion of the trials was enough to distract the alleged-Dominare — and imperial bureaucrats — long enough for Starfall faculty to address the threat.

As the anniversary of the attack approaches, the students and faculty of Starfall Academy prepare to welcome a new class of initiates into the Order of The Light.

"Starfall Academy is safe," said Grand Master Vaega Sol'on, headmistress of the school. "We will continue to stand as the servants of unity and hope. It is long past time for fears to subside."

A shadow still lingers over the planet Titus, drawing the eye of the Empress herself. Facing mounting pressure from her advisors, Laevina II has awarded Imperial Naval Intelligence permission to monitor the sacred training rites of the Order, a first in imperial history. Under the anxious eye of the galaxy's populace, the second class of Starfall Academy prepares to ignite their blades against the encroaching darkness and make their mark on galactic history — for better or worse.

