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THE HISTORY OF THE MYTHOSAUR

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Warning: this article contains spoilers for the most recent season of The Mandalorian.

As the newest season of The Mandalorian has hit screens, there has been a flurry of old and new faces in the show. One of the oldest, and most notable appearances came in the second episode, when Bo-Katan Kryze dives into the waters beneath the Mines of Mandalore to rescue Din Djarin from something that lurks below the water. As she rises to the surface, her helmet mounted headlamp reveals a mythosaur beneath the water. Although the opening recap to the show was the Armourer saying "the songs of eons past foretold of the Mythosaur rising up to herald a new age of Mandalore", many fans weren't sure what to expect. Although Boba Fett was the first to be seen wearing the Mythosaur Skull sigil on his armor, fans had never gotten the chance to see a version of the "living" beast in a live action way. With this new image, many viewers had questions as to where the beast had been, and where exactly did it come from?

While viewers don't have an answer as to where the Mythosaur that was seen was from, there is more of a history to the beast that exists in both Canon and Legends forms of Star Wars. Although the Canon form of Star Wars doesn't have as much material, it is clear that the writers behind The Mandalorian have been trying to prepare audiences for it's onscreen appearance. In season one, fans might recall a comical scene where Din Djarin is attempting to learn from Ugnought Kuiil how to ride a Blurg. Kuiil quips "You are a Mandalorian! Your ancestors rode the great Mythosaur."

Along the same string of references in canon, the Armorer had a Mythosaur skull hanging on her wall. Although it is clear that the Armorer holds onto the symbol, when Bo-Katan tells her of the Mythosaur that she saw, the leader simply responds with "This is the way," before continuing on with her tasks. Although she knows the prophecy, this conversation would indicate that she didn't fully believe that the great beasts really existed.

Star Wars Legends offer us more tales of these beasts. The only other image that we really have of a Mythosaur actually is in The Bounty Hunter Code: From the Files of Boba Fett. The image, as pictured here, showed a four legged beast with the two iconic tusks and a slew of other horns. It was known to be amphibious, dwelling in the sea, but also being ridden on land as Kuiil mentions. However, it is not known how it chose to fight, whether it was slow and tank-like or quick-striking. Pulling back on the aforementioned Canon appearance, it is likely that the beast is more slow moving since it did not react and attack Bo-Katan quickly. There is still much unknown about the beasts since they were thought to be extinct and even in Legends only appeared in tales.

Also in Legends, it is believed that the Mythosaur was tamed by Madalore the Great, sometime before the Great Purge of Mandalore. According to legend, Mandalore defeated the beast in its lair within the mines before taming it to ride. Mandalore the Great was well known for his battles against the Jedi with Mythosaurs, and they were known as fearsome mounts. Unfortunately, a large reason that we have not seen the majestic beast before now is similar to tales of other great animals.

Long before the start of the Clone Wars, the Mythosaurs were all thought to be extinct, mentioned several times in Legends, but also shown in Canon content through the Armorer's comments. Mythosaurs were killed in combat situations, where opposing tribes or sometimes even Jedi would be the opponant. Even later, some mandos began to hunt the animals to prove their mettle, claiming their scales, tusks, and teeth as trophies.

In Legends, it is said that these actions of the past caused all the Mythosaurs to be wiped out entirely, leaving only the symbol of its skull to unite the people. However, with the Canon elements now bringing this majestic beast back into play, it will be interesting to see how the story of the Mythosaur progresses. Will Bo-Katan be heralded as the new Mand'alore because she is the only one who has seen it with her own eyes? Will she or Djarin tame or defeat the creature to add to the lore? At this point we can only speculate, but we are excited to see more of the elusive Mythosaur.



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UNDER THE BUCKET

CIRYC CA'TRA

ARTICLE BY: PARJII SAVIIN

This month's Under the Bucket article comes from, none other than Ciryc Ca'tra of Wasu'ran Clan up in British Columbia, Canada! She has held several positions within the Mando Mercs Costuming Club, including Regional Commander, the Public Relations Team, and is on the Diversity Panel. Ciryc has a wealth of knowledge as she has been a part of the club since July 2017.

The following is her story and the legacy that she brings to the Mando Mercs!

Ciryc Ca'tra joined the forums in July 2016 at the suggestion of one of her clients who was the Regional Commander of Canada at the time. While cutting his hair, he would tell her about the club and eventually invite her to the club BBQ, where she met other members and recruits. She became an official member a year later, and her experience snowballed from there!

Her biggest inspiration within the Mandalorian Mercs was personalizing the members' kits: color combination, greeblies, and intricate armor designs. Each individual was able to create their own character and design their armor that matched their personality within the Star Wars universe. As she continued to become more involved as a founding, she drew that inspiration into her own costume.

In 2016, when Mandalorians did not have as many on-screen designs as the current day, she designed her armor in the standard Jango/Boba styled plates but was inventive with the colors. Her creative hair color inspired her colors, and she depicted her armor as such!

An event that is ever impacting to Ciryc is the "Dreams Take Flight" troop. Special needs children and their families are flown to Disneyland in California on this special day. This is an all-expense paid trip through fundraising and volunteers to aid in the all-encompassing experience. Star Wars Costuming Clubs, such as the 501st, Rebel Legion, and Mando Mercs, to name a few, combine forces with other costumers on this mission to fight for the cause. The groups get special permission from the airport to gather in the hangar to surprise the unsuspecting families as they prepare for their trip to the happiest place on Earth.

The costume groups get to spend time with the families before boarding their flight. The smiles on everyone's face are apparent, especially on the children as they get to interact with their favorite movie characters. According to Ciryc, at that moment, everything is priceless!

Thank you Ciryc, for answering the call and for sharing your story!

If you have a story to tell from Under the Helmet, please throw a PM to our editor on the forums at mporter.

THE BESKAR CHEF

-ARTICLE BY: DIZ GE'TAL

Spring has finally arrived to my small part of this planet, and the Hoth like landscape that we have been enduring is becoming something more like Nabu as the temperatures begin to rise and the snow is turning to sweet water in our lakes and reservoirs. Yes, it is a beautiful time in the Mountain West, which means, it's almost hiking season! It's been a while since we, here at BattleCry have given you a Beskar Chef recipe, and I thought that it would be good to give you all one of my favorite recipes for time spent in the great outdoors, or even time spent trooping with the clan.

GRANOLA

I love granola. Eaten by the handful while on the trail, sprinkled into yogurt before a troop, or in a bowl as a replacement for that sugary stuff we usually eat in the mornings, granola is a great source of slow burning carbs to keep you going.

I really never make this the same way twice, so here are a couple of things that I do.

Rollled oats are fine, I like to replace one cup of plain rolled oats with a multigrain oatmeal. I found one at our local market called "Cowboy Oatmeal" that has 7 different grains in it, but there are lots of multigrain oatmeals out there, just find one that you like.

I'm not a big fan of nuts, but I like the texture that they bring to the granola, so I'll find sliced almonds, walnuts, maybe some shelled pistachios and add them to the mix. I always try to find them unsalted. If unsalted isn't an option, then I will reduce the amount of salt that I add to the dry goods of the recipe. I also like to add a few shelled sunflower seeds to the mix.

I love a good maple syrup, especially a dark maple syrup, but that can get pretty spendy, so most of the time I just reach for the store brand syrup that we have in our pantry for frozen waffles. That stuff works just fine.

On to the recipe:

INGREDIENTS:

2 cups Rolled Oats
1 cup MultiGrain Oatmeal
2 cups Nuts and/or Seeds of your choice (Nuts should be coarsely chopped)
3/4 cup Sweetened Coconut (Shredded or Flaked)
1/4 cup (rounded) Brown Sugar (Dark or Light)
1/3 cup Maple Syrup
1/4 cup Vegetable Oil
3/4 tsp Salt (reduce if nuts are salted)
1 cup Dried Fruit (Raisins, Dried Cranberry, Mango, etc. Your choice)

METHOD:

Preheat oven to 250 degrees F

In a large bowl, combine the dry ingredients (excluding the dried fruit) and give it a good stir so that the mixture is uniform. Add the Syrup and the Oil to the mix and stir until well combined. The mixture will seem a little dry, but don't worry, as long as the syrup mixture is coating all of the rolled oats, you're fine.

Line a large baking sheet (or two smaller sheets) with non-stick aluminum foil, and pour granola mixture into the baking sheets.

Bake for 1 hour to 1.5 hours stirring every 15 minutes until you get a nice toasted color.

When toasted color is achieved, remove from the oven and cover with parchment paper. With a fresh cookie sheet (or some other flat object) give the hot granola a good pressing so that it will hold together a little better.

Let Granola cool to room temperature, break into nuggets, add dried fruit, and store in a large ziplock storage bag.



CLAN SPOTLIGHT: TAAKURE

-ARTICLE BY: ALDWYN KASS

Battlecry's clan spotlight this month is shining on the mercs from Taakure clan in Indiana as they celebrate their 10 year anniversary! Established in 2013, Taakure has been holding down their little corner of the midwest for a decade now, and they have no intention of stopping any time soon.



The Mandalorians of Indiana's "Bones clan" got their humble start in 2013, and started cranking out the invasion reports right away. They staged their first invasion at GenCon in Indianapolis in August of 2013 - an event that was attended by more than 49,000 people! 2014 saw the clan troop their first tabled event at Indy PopCon, and while they didn't know it at the time, this event would become a staple for their territory and turn into a yearly kind of checkpoint for them, and one of their biggest reoccurring invasions. 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 all saw Taakure clan showing up to represent the MMCC at PopCon and making improvements and additions to their booth space every year.

PopCon 2016 saw Taakure's first bounty hunt, and at PopCon 2018, the clan had the honor of hosting the Northeast Regional Meetup in celebration of their 5 year anniversary as a clan.

In 2019, Taakure joined forces with the other Star Wars costuming clubs of Indiana in a more intentional capacity than they had in previous years, establishing the unofficial Indiana territory Star Wars charity costuming partnership simply dubbed, Star Wars Indiana (SWIN). This collaboration with local members of the 501st and Rebel Legions helped foster better inter-club relationships and communication, facilitated event request sharing, and allowed the clubs to put on bigger and better displays at large events like Indy PopCon as members from all three clubs worked hand in hand to put together, move, store, and set up large props, photo backdrops, and booth displays. These included everything from a detention center, to a trash compactor, and served to really bring event attendees a little piece of that galaxy far, far away.

Readers may remember 2019 as the year Star Wars Celebration came to Chicago, and Taakure clan showed up to reinforce their brothers and sisters in neighboring Nexu clan territory for the big event. That same year, Taakure clan partnered with the city of South Bend for the first time and showed up to march in their annual St Patrick's day parade, and later, the Holiday Lights Parade. These events quickly became a yearly tradition for the clan as well, and Taakure mercs continue to march every year, rain or shine, bringing joy to children of all ages, making smiles, and building relationships with the local community.

2021 saw Taakure clan returning to Indy PopCon, and this time they had the great privilege of inducting the Armorer herself, Ms Emily Swallow, as an honorary member of the MMCC.

Currently, the Taakure clan roster is holding steady at 25 official members, with an unnumbered handful of unofficial members who are well on their way to being ready to apply.



I talked to a couple of Taakure clan's founding members, and when I asked them to share something memorable or meaningful to them about the clan's founding and early years, both former officers had the same reply: the thing that stands out most to them when they think back on the history of Taakure clan, is the strong familial atmosphere.

Founding clan member and former Taakure clan Ver'alor, Ordeyn shared with me briefly about her memories of the early days: "One of the officers hosted the clan at their house for a fun weekend

of games and fellowship. I think it was events like that where we were spending time together outside of trooping as a bunch of nerds that really set the tone of being a family for the clan early on. Despite the fact that we all lived pretty far apart, we demonstrated how much we meant to each other by traveling to hang out because we enjoyed being a family."



Looking back at my own history with the Mercs of Indiana, I have to agree. There are specific events I remember for specific reasons, sure. Funny trooping shenanigans, inside jokes, incredible opportunities. But more than that, when I think of Taakure clan, I think of family. I didn't earn my Official Member killstripes until 2019, but I was first introduced to the clan very soon after it's founding. From my first contact with them, they welcomed me with open arms and really made me feel there was a place for me among their ranks.

Whether it was guiding me (a total noob) through the build process, helping me tailor my first flight suit at an armor party, or their constant encouragement as I worked through several fix lists during the application process, the men and women of Taakure clan supported and encouraged me the whole way.

I dragged my feet for six years before finally completing my kit, but Taakure never gave up on me, and my MMCC brothers and sisters stood beside me, patient and encouraging and excited to (finally!) welcome me officially into the fold.

As we look to the future, these Indiana skies look bright for the valiant and dedicated Mercs from the Hoosier state. And I know as I get ready in my own life to follow the next star over an unknown horizon, my Taakure clan brothers and sisters will be waiting to welcome me back any time with open arms. 10 years down, may there be many, many more to come. Oya, MMCC! Oya, Taakure!



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