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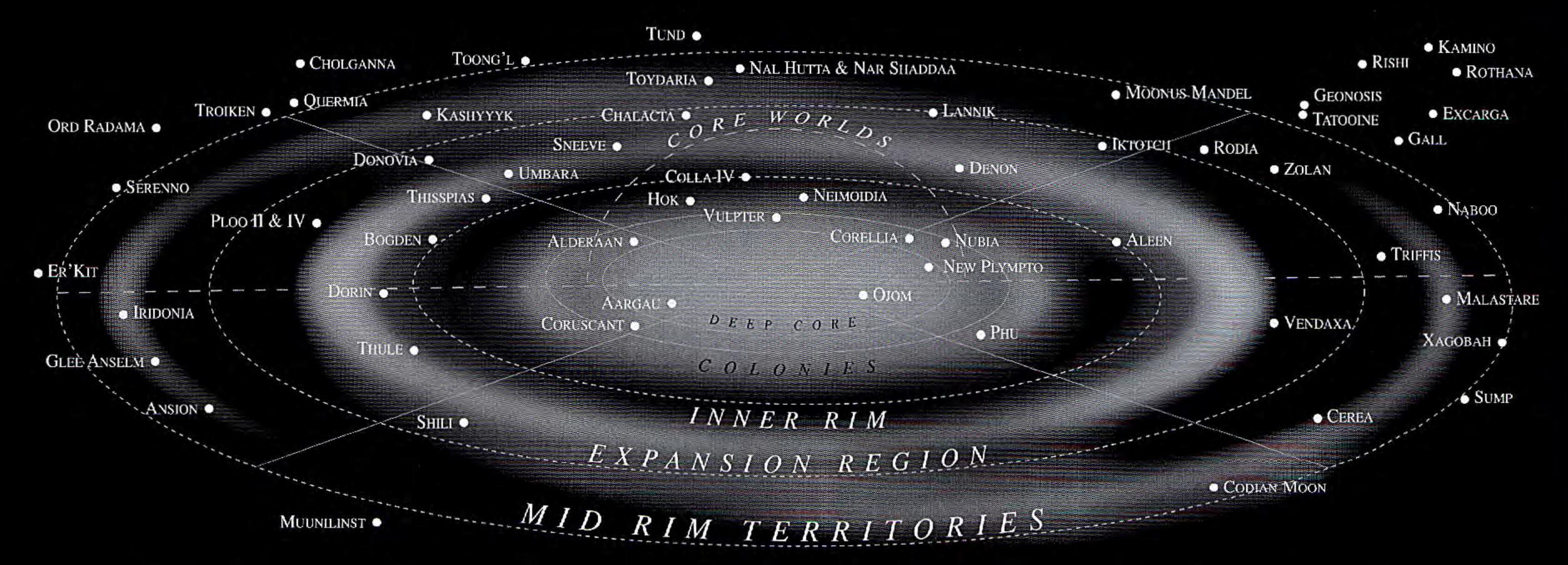
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DIVIDED GALAXY

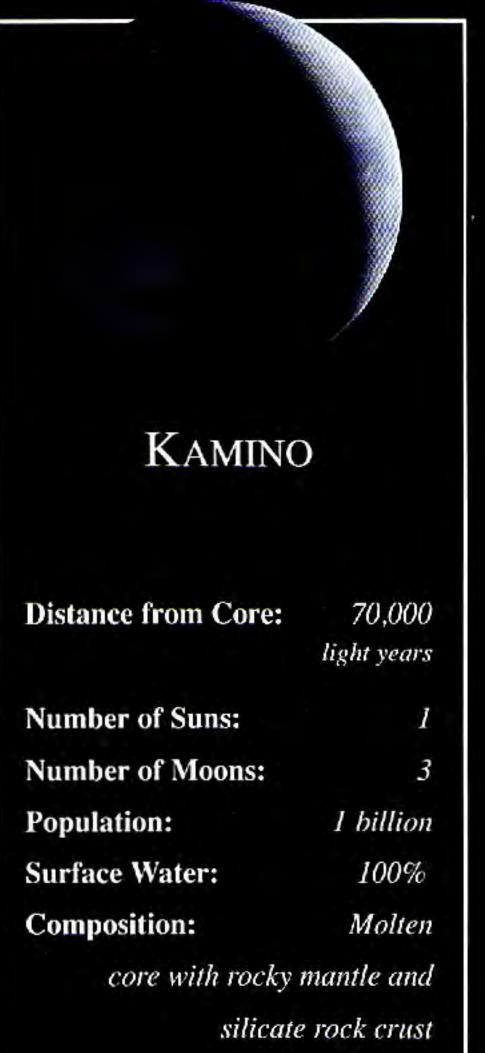
OR THE FIRST TIME SINCE ITS INCEPEPTION, the Galactic Republic is beginning to be less a united system and more a loose conglomeration of competing worlds. The Separatist movement, under the leadership of the double-dealing Count Dooku, is forcing the Republic Senate to confront the extent of its own division. The Jedi High Council is also recognizing that its influence is no longer sufficient to maintain harmony. Ordinary people are experiencing increased instability, too, as powerful commerce organizations bully whole star systems into signing trade deals that force mass migrations of workers across the galaxy. The potential demise of the Galactic Republic is played out across a number of very different worlds. The planetwide city on Coruscant experiences an attempted political assassination, tying the peaceful planet of Naboo inextricably to the conflict. Meanwhile, ominous events take place on the most elusive, mysterious worlds in the galaxy: forgotten Kamino and brutal, unregulated Geonosis.

OF THE GALAXY'S MORE THAN A MILLION INHABITED WORLDS, several thousand have declared their intention to formally withdraw their membership from the Galactic Republic, which they see as intolerably corrupt. Their aims are sometimes honorable, but what of their leader—the mysterious Count Dooku?



WATER WASTELAND

Kamino is a stormy world in a system of thirteen planets circling an aging star that straggles south of the Rishi Maze, an irregular dwarf galaxy in a close and decaying orbit about the Galactic Republic. Climatic changes have long since submerged the planet's continents beneath a global ocean. Immense storms lash the surface, with powerful lightning bursts visible from orbit. Beneath this tempest, the planet's vast biomass is largely under artificial control. Because they live beyond regular trade routes, the discreet Kaminoans can hire their biotechnological mastery to only the most secretive and profligate of customers.



GEONOSIS **Distance from Core:** Number of Suns:

Number of Moons:

Population:

Surface Water:

Composition:

4 major

100 billion

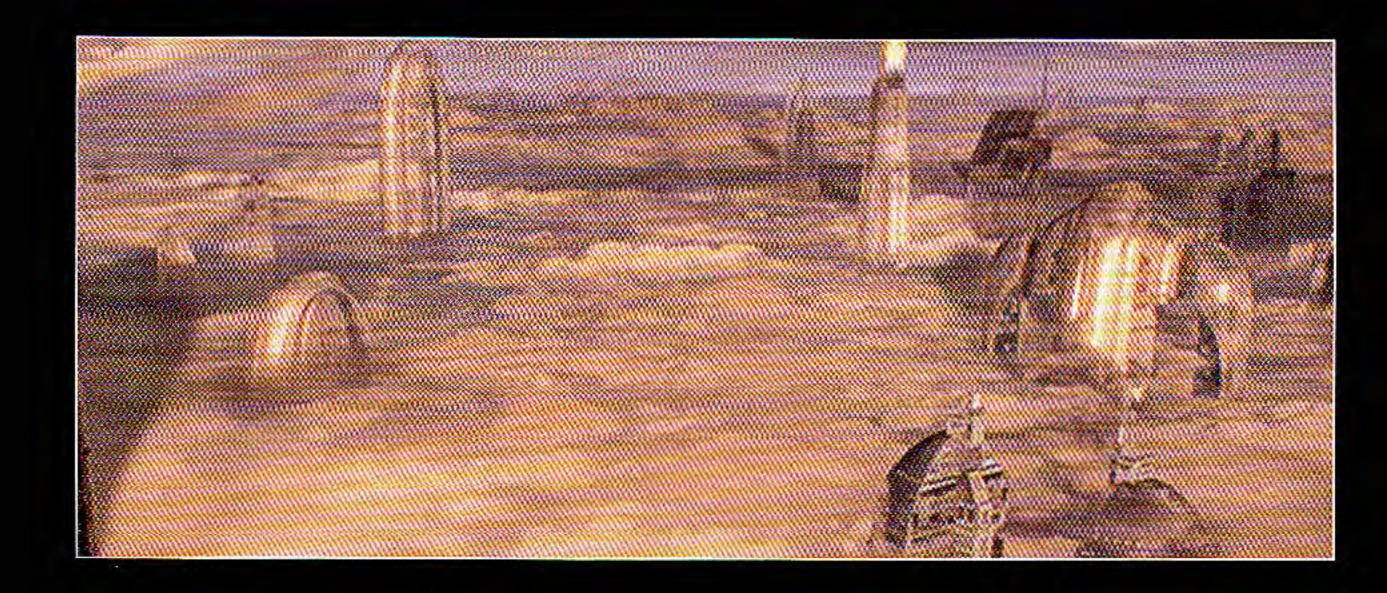
molten core with rocky mantle

The nearest inhabited neighbor of Tatooine, Geonosis is the second of five rocky worlds orbiting a yellow sun in a lawless niche of the Outer Rim. Geonosis's four surviving outer moons and an array of inner moonlets act as tidal shepherds to a spectacular and recently formed ring system, and therefore the planet suffers from frequent asteroid showers. Geonosis has a large diameter, light gravity, and dense atmosphere. Flash floods and groundwater eruptions carve a precipitous terrain of highland canyons. Geonosis's weak magnetic field admits harsh solar radiation storms, ensuring that the most persistent surface organisms are

RED DESOLATION

humble red rock-algae.

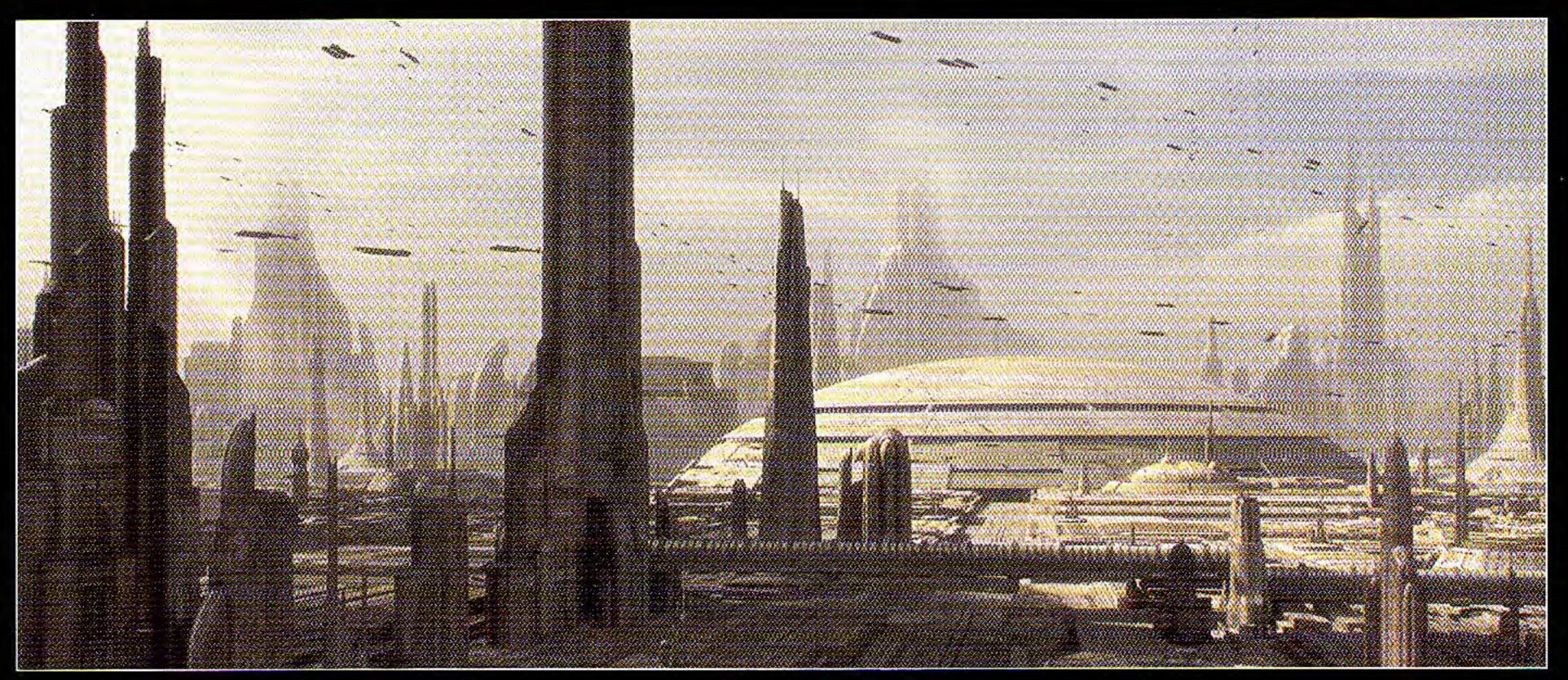
CORUSCANT



SEEN FROM ABOVE THE CLOUDLINE, Coruscant appears still and serene, with just the tops of the tallest buildings visible. Beneath the clouds, the galactic capital planet is a heavily populated, multilayered metropolis. Its skylanes are constantly busy with traffic, from small personal speeders to air buses and larger freighters. Most skylanes on Coruscant are autonavigated, with each vehicle traveling along a preprogrammed route to minimize the risk of collisions. The fastest traffic makes use of the highest skylanes as it travels long distances across Galactic City. Below the elevated skylanes, traffic moves in a more disorderly way, vying for space with garbage scows, unmarked speedervans, and small private conveyances. Vehicles may change skylanes at giant spiral interchanges, where they move up or down, or switch directions.

URBAN GROWTH

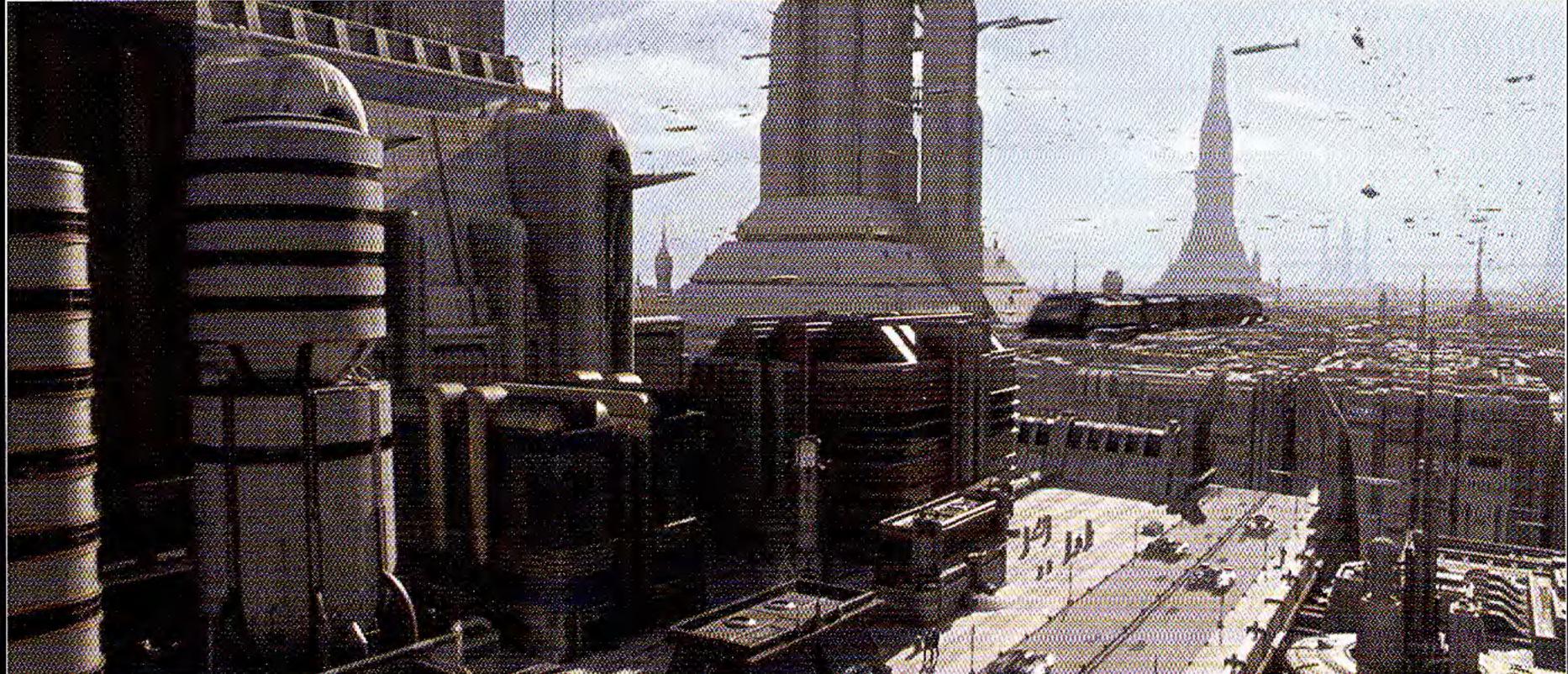
The Galactic Senate stands at the heart of the governmental district. In the 10 years since the crisis on Naboo, this area has altered almost beyond recognition. New buildings and floors house the thousands of extra departments and commissions that have been formed in the name of bolstering the stability of the Republic. In addition, corpulent Senators, keen to minimize their journey to the Senate, have used every form of persuasion to ensure that their offices and suites are built as close to the chamber as possible.



ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

Galactic City's enormous entertainment districts are equally alluring and unsettling for the hordes of revellers drawn to its nightclubs, gaming houses, bars, and palaces of hedonism. These districts can be alternately awash with bright lights and gaudy partygoers, or, all of a sudden still, dark, and empty, reeking of danger. In these streets of dubious pleasures, menace lurks around every corner, and innocent pleasure-seekers mix with thieves, assassins, and sellers of illegal spices.



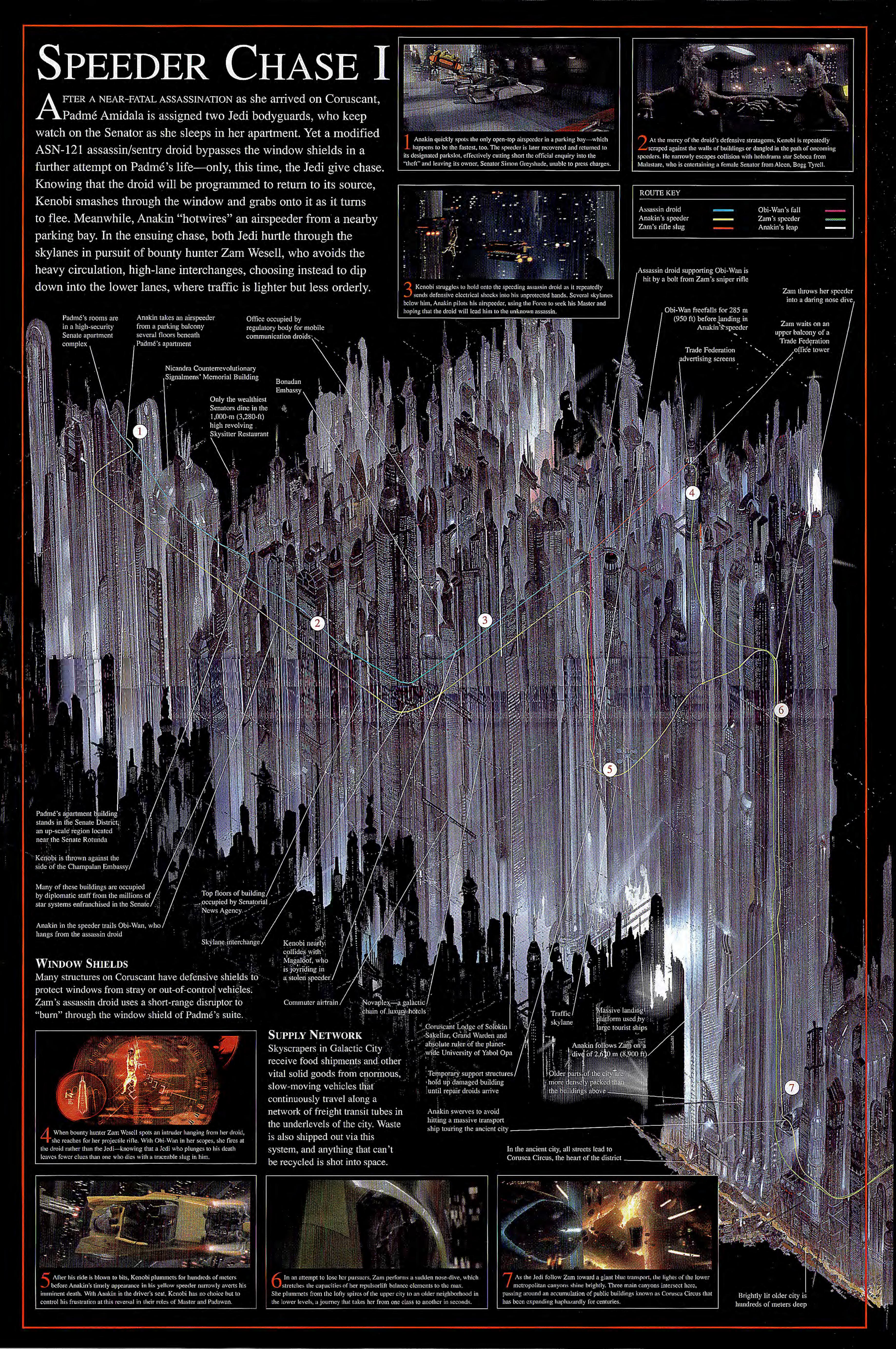


THE WORKS

Coruscant's single planetwide metropolis, Galactic City, is divided into several thousand quadrants, which are further subdivided into numbered sectors. Whereas official maps use this classification, most people refer to districts by colloquial names. One large sector is known as The Works. It is a manufacturing district, where, for hundreds of standard years, spacecraft parts, construction droids, and building materials of every kind were churned out at an astonishing rate. Now, much of this manufacturing is done more cheaply off-planet, and the area has fallen into disrepair. Coruscanti stay well clear of The Works, as it has gained a reputation for the most sinister kind of criminal activity—making it ideal for a clandestine meeting between two shadowy Sith leaders.

UPPER LEVEL DINERS

Exclusive stores and restaurants cater to
the wealthy citizens who inhabit the
highest levels of Galactic City. Small
canteens serve maintenance crews and
support staff working in these lofty heights.
Many of the more fly-by-night canteens
operate without trading licenses and are
repulsor-fitted for easy getaway if officials
come snooping. Located in Coco Town,
Dex's Diner is one such mobile
installation. In Coco Town (short for
"collective commerce"), immigrants of
diverse species have established mutually
supportive manufacturing businesses.



SPEEDER CHASE II

These are the areas the upper classes rarely see: the industrial plants that supply Coruscant with power and fuel, and the warehouse zones where essential supplies from offworld are readied for distribution around the planet. In all, the Jedi chase Zam through the skies for more than 100 kilometers (62 miles), until Anakin forces Zam to crash-land in a busy entertainment district.



Zam in her sealed vehicle deliberately leads her pursuers through the flaming exhaust vents of a recycling plant, knowing their open-top speeder will leave them dangerously exposed. These vents burn toxic waste gas into less harmful forms (atmospheric carbon dioxide and water vapor).

Using his lightsaber, Anakin slices through Zam's windscreen, aiming

to knock out her guidance systems. Zam uses her blaster to shoot the

lightsaber from the Jedi's hand and they battle for possession of her weapon.

As they struggle, another blaster bolt tears through the airspeeder's control pipes.

Mapping Coruscant

Coruscant is divided into quadrants with official coordinates, which often receive unofficial names. For example, quadrant

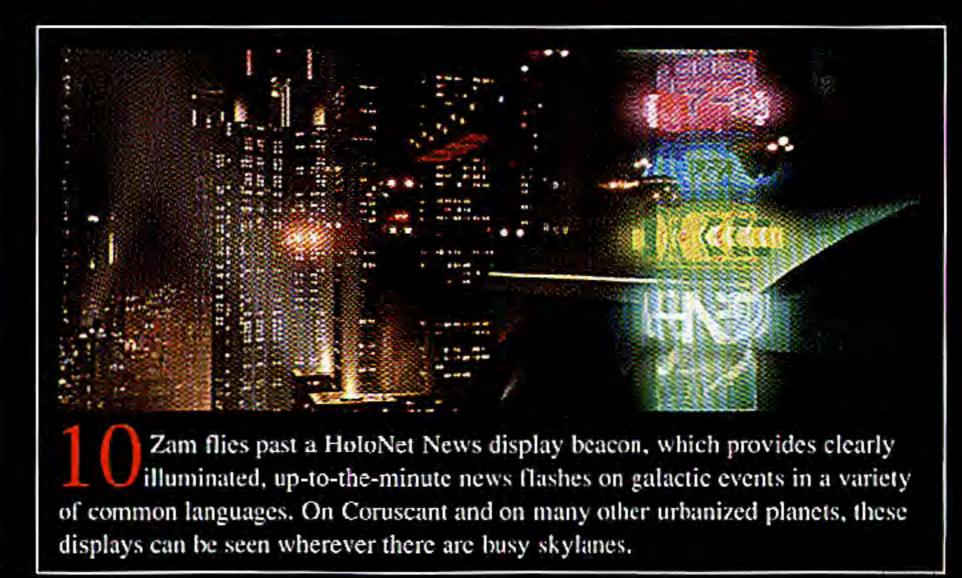
H-46 is more colloquially known as Sah'c Town (named after a wealthy family who owns much of it). Quadrants are further subdivided into zones: for instance, the Senatorial, financial, and industrial zones through which Skywalker and Kenobi pursue Padmé's would-be assassin.

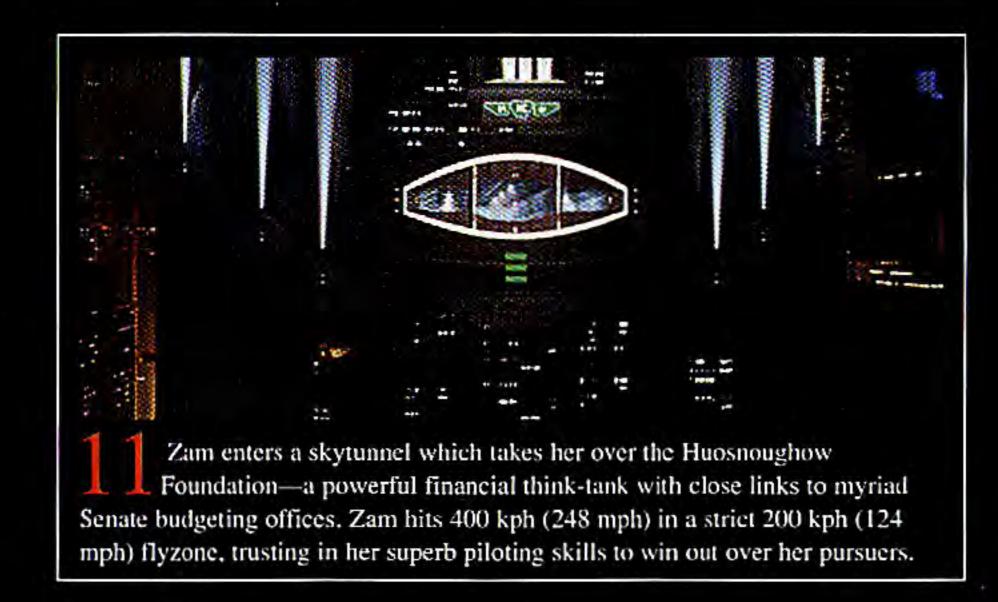


Bounty hunter Wesell fires a blaster bolt at the couplings of an onsurface power refinery, activating massive electrical bolts between the prongs. As the Jedi have no time to avoid them, they are enveloped in nerve-jarring lightning. The powerful shock would induce a heart attack in those not trained in the Force.

SKYTUNNELS

Certain neighborhoods of Galactic City are accessible only via skytunnels, such as the one Zam soars into. Some skytunnels serve as short-cuts through structures built by powerful but uncaring official bodies that end up blocking established skyways. Other tunnels allow civilian traffic to pass through private airspace, such as high-security banking or governmental zones.



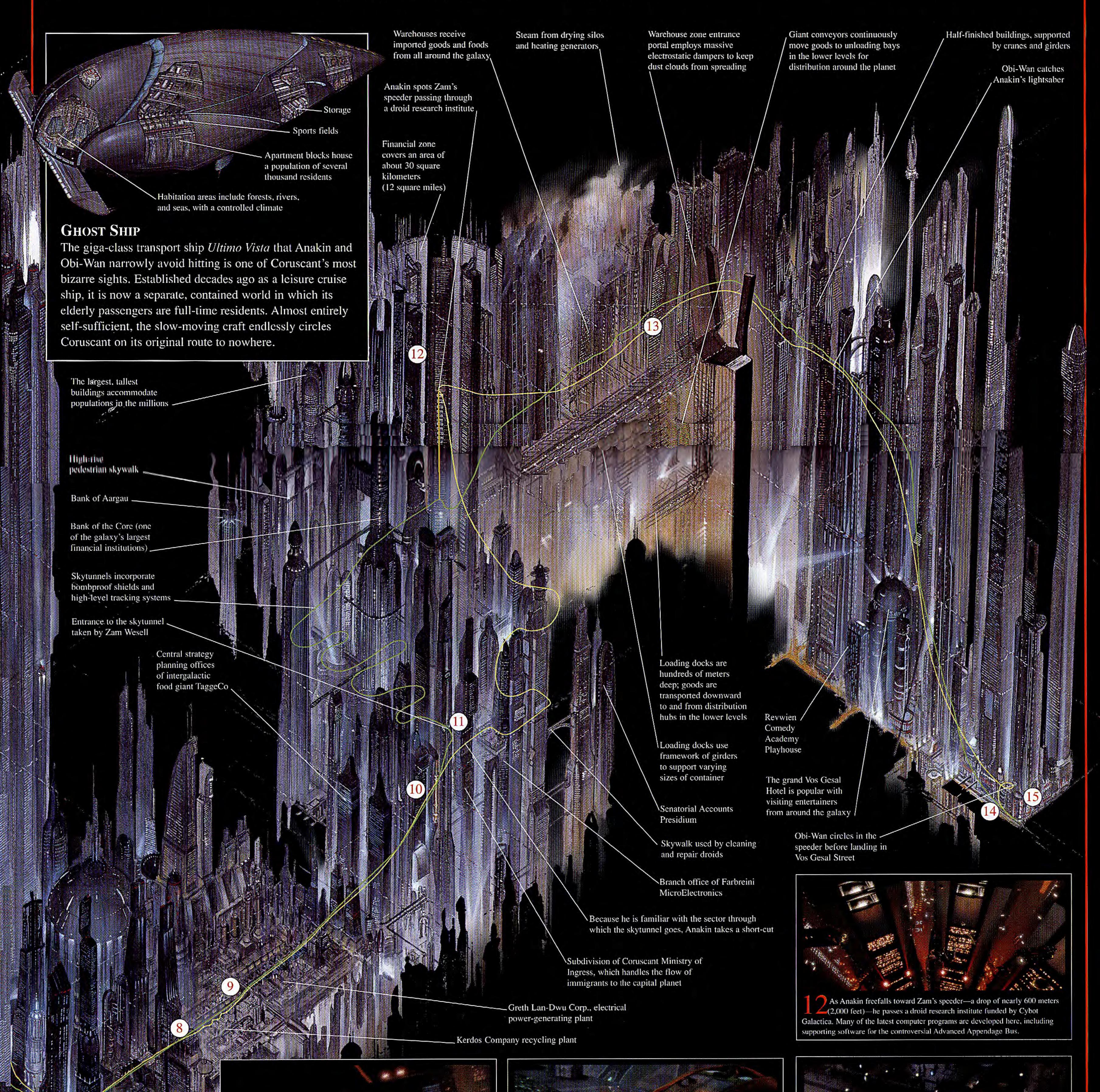


Obi-Wan looks for Anakin on Vos Gesal Street, one of the main

who made their name in the area's earliest clubs and bars, the street is still

popular with singers, musicians, and entertainers today.

thoroughfares in Useru District. Named for the legendary singing family

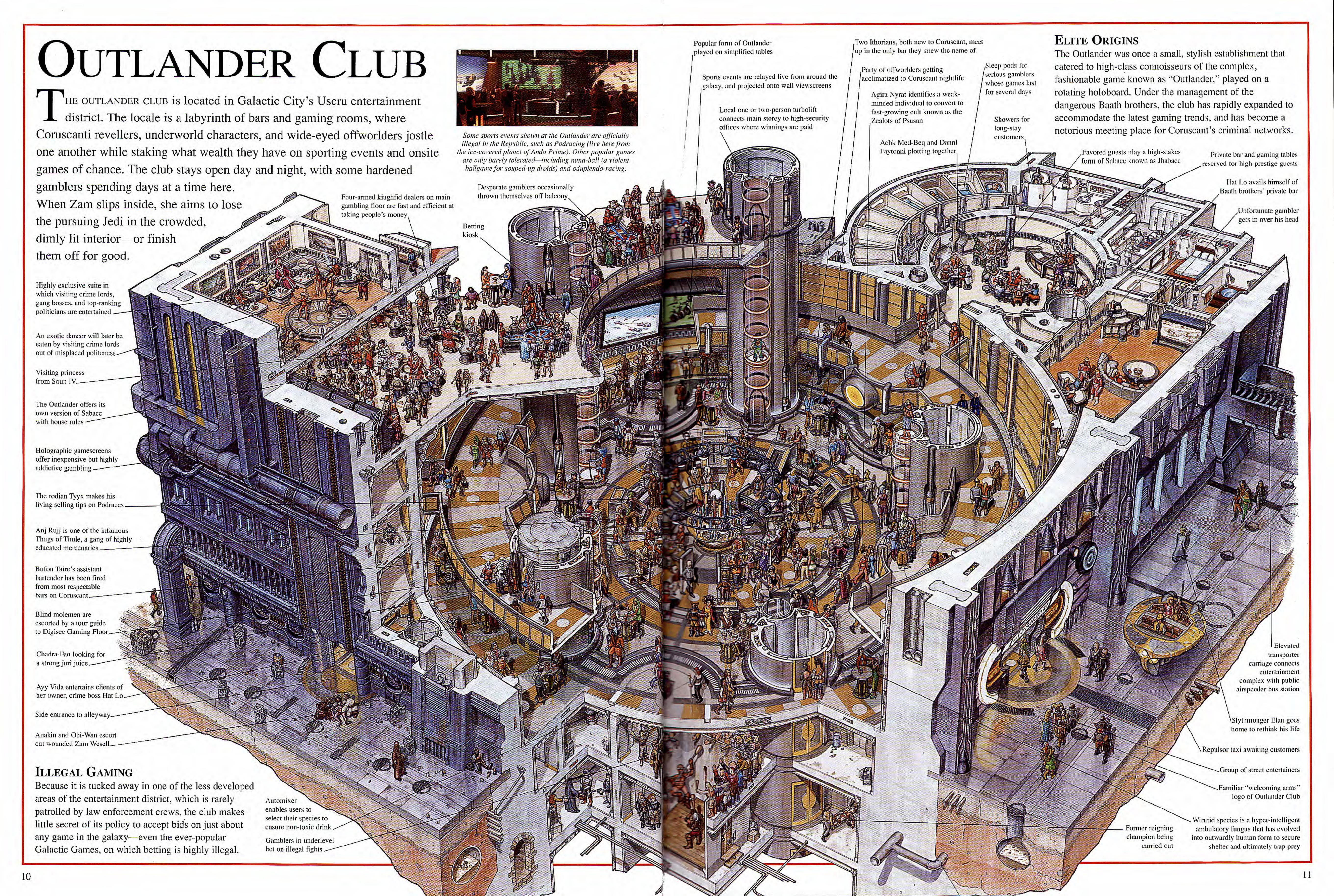


With the pipes gone and fire burning in its propulsion systems, Zam's

Koro-2 quickly loses altitude and the huntress is forced to bring it down

in one of the lower-level entertainment districts. Thanks to his training, Anakin is

able to jump off the speeder before Zam collides with the corner of a building.

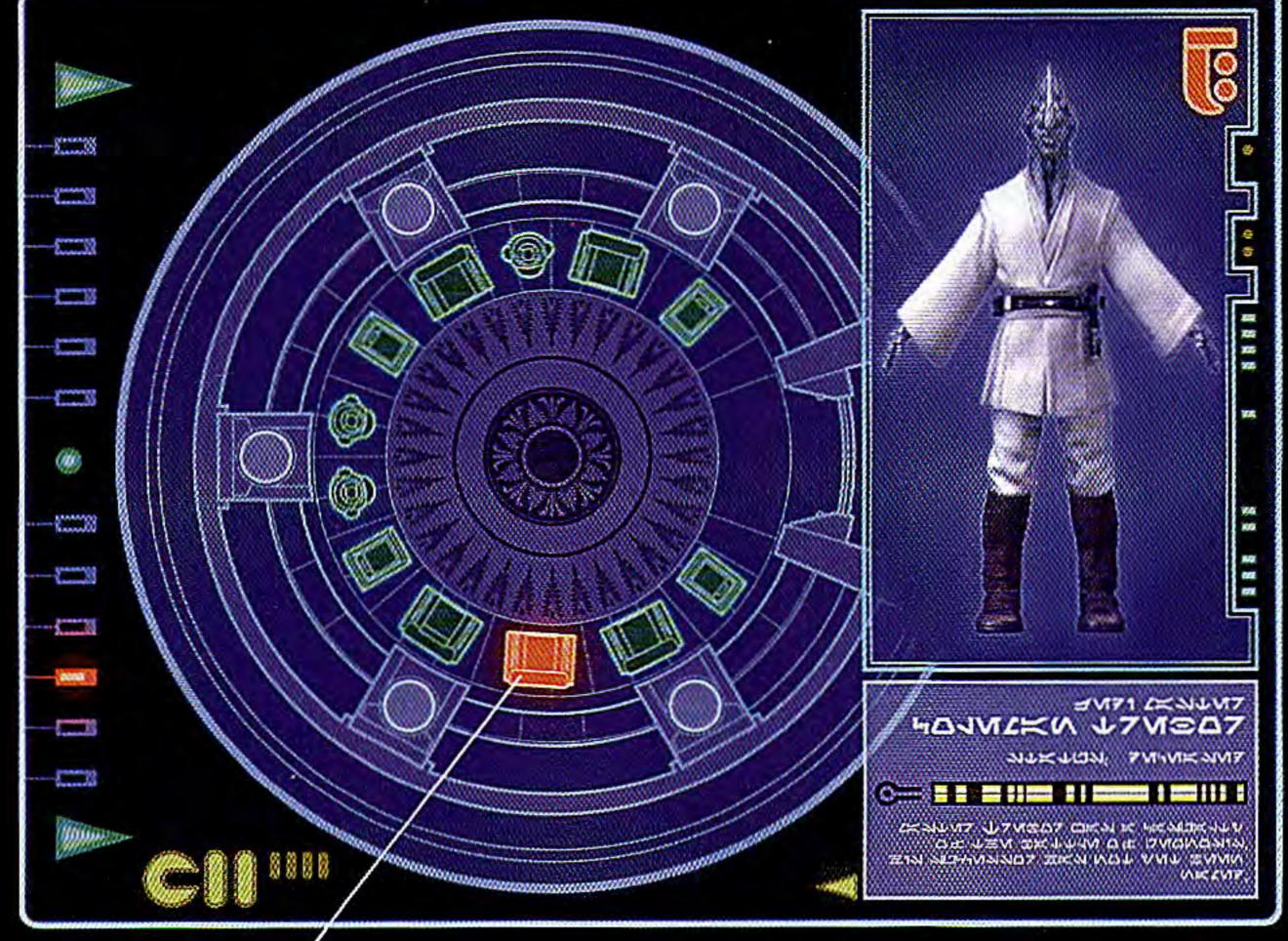


JEDI TEMPLE

OR AT LEAST 4,000 YEARS, Jedi activity in the I galaxy has been centered at the Jedi Temple on Coruscant, with lesser Jedi sanctuaries, libraries, and chapter houses dotted throughout the Republic. In more ancient times, Jedi temples dominated other planets, such as Ossus, with its now-destroyed Great Library. The Temple is the home of Jedi in training for at least their first eight years, until they are accepted as Padawans to Jedi Knights. Until this time, they do not leave the Temple precinct, and have little communication with the outside world.

TEMPLE HANGAR

Jedi have to depart for any sector of the galaxy at a moment's notice in response to some imminent trouble or crisis. After the Naboo blockade, the Jedi Council introduced single-person Delta-7 starfighters and assigned them to all leading Jedi, with specially adapted versions for non-humanoid Knights. These ships are stored within recently constructed Temple hangars and launched from an extendible platform.



Coleman Trebor's seat

COUNCIL CHAMBER DATABANK

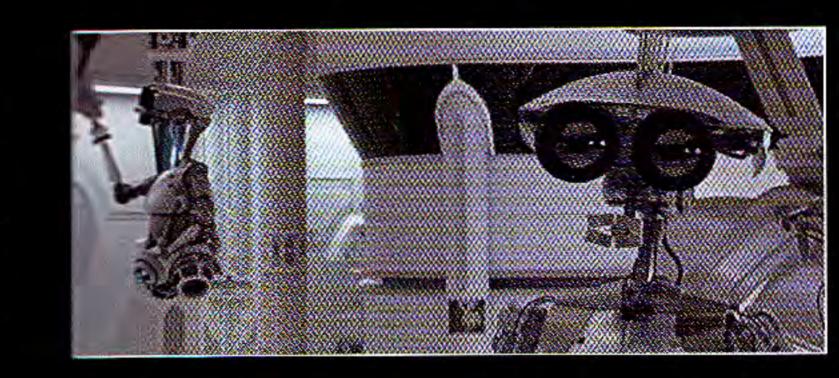
Temple databanks show the latest seating plan of the Jedi High Council, with information on the current location and status of its 12 members. Only Jedi with appropriate access privileges are able to view such information. Coleman Trebor, one of the latest appointees to the Council, perishes in the Battle of Geonosis, the first combat of the Clone Wars.

Analysis Rooms

Analysis spaces fall under the overall jurisdiction of the Temple Archives and archivist Jocasta Nu. They are used by Jedi for many tasks, including locating the provenance of alien objects, either organic or inorganic. SP-4 and JN-66 analysis droids that staff the facility can access the computer systems of the Jedi Archives to match identification indices. Their multispectral readers and polysensitive graspers detect even the slightest odor traces. The room is therefore hermetically sealed to humans or aliens, so no contamination can occur

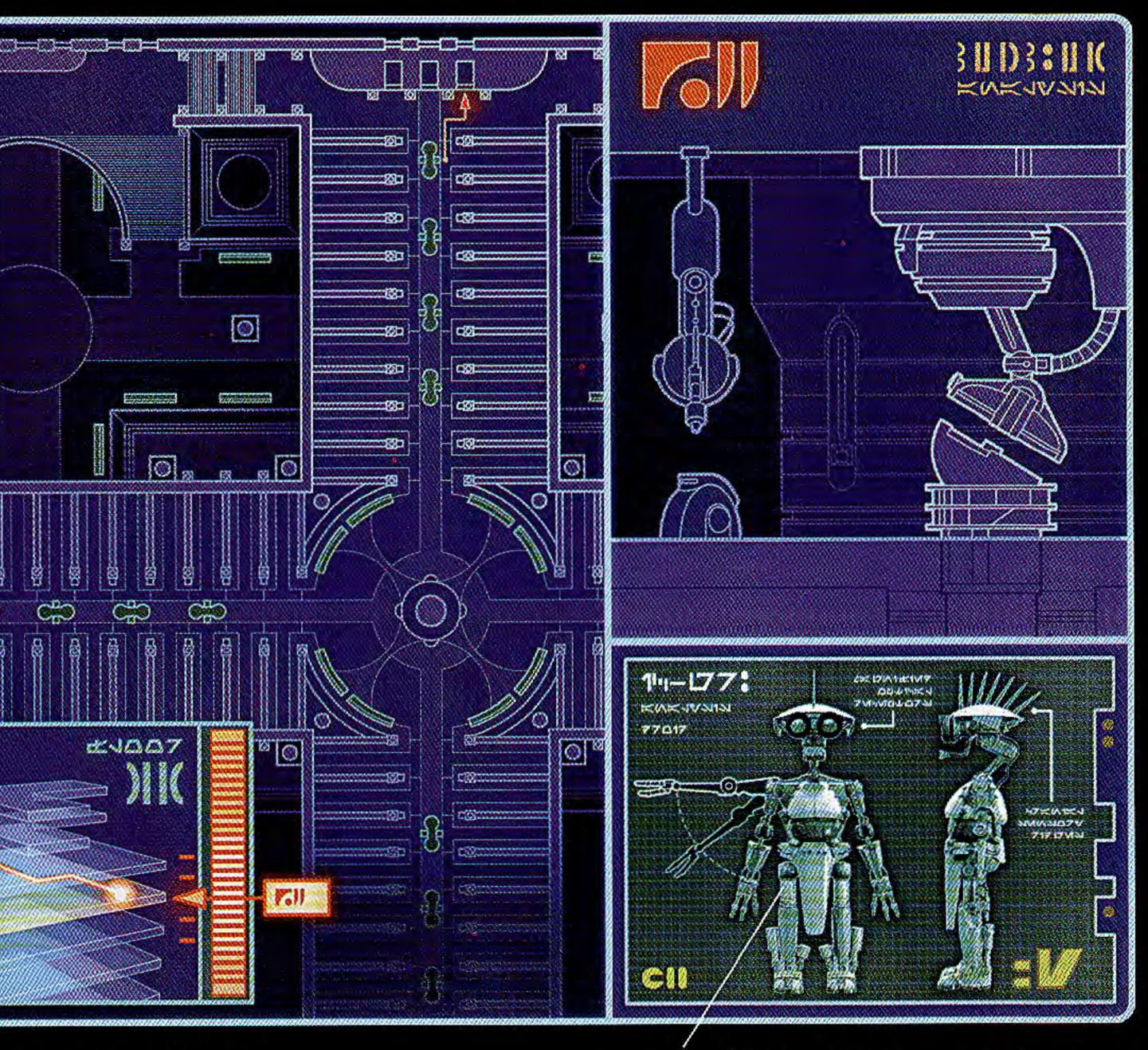
that would cause false readings from the

highly sensitive equipment.



Temple data screen shows route from Archives to Analysis Rooms

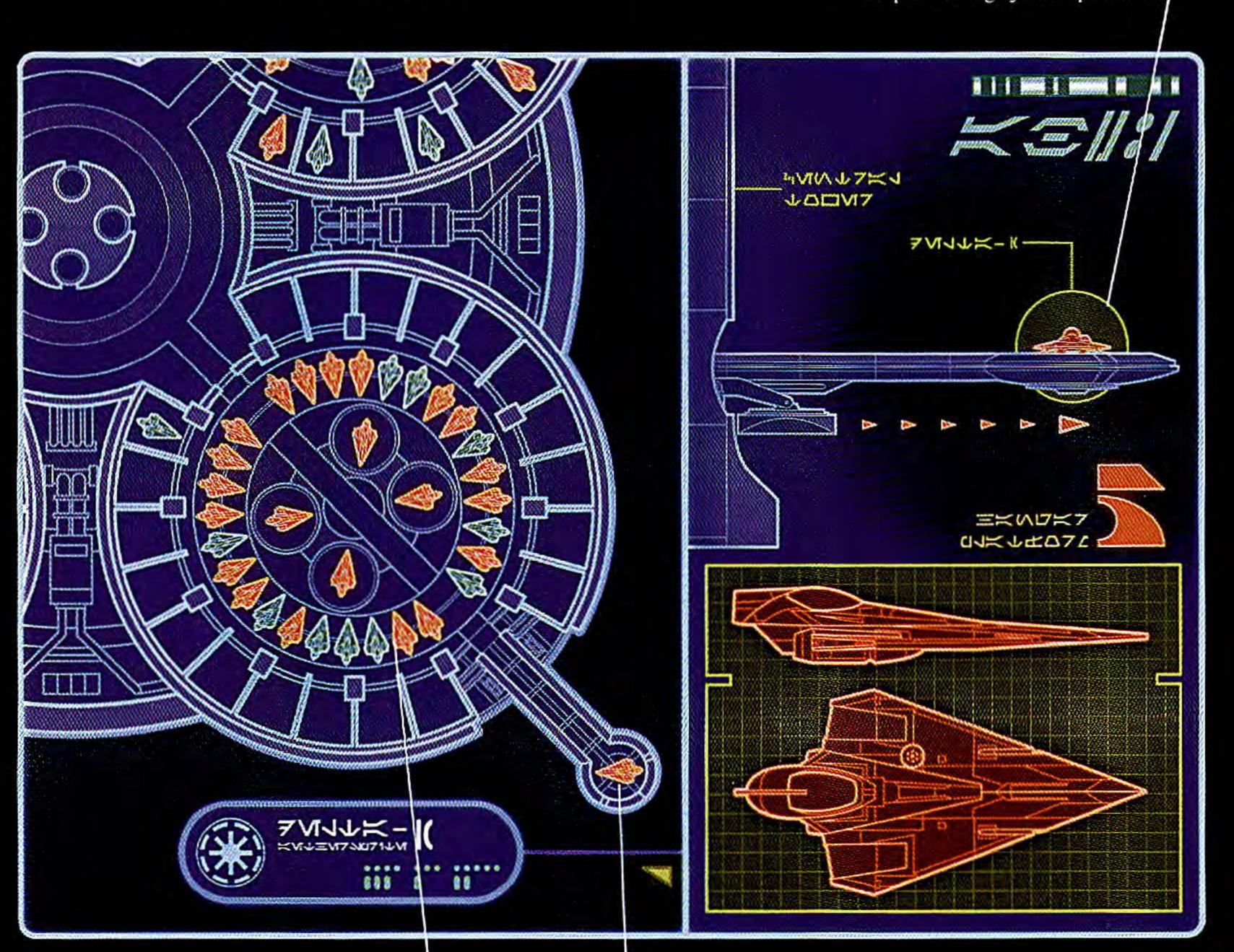
Buildings added after initial construction are contained in the extensive Temple Precinct



Specifications of SP-4 analysis droid

Central spire of Jedi Temple

Spaceport tower allows larger spaceships to dock in the Jedi Temple complex Temple tracking system operational



Starfighters coded red are for use by particular Jedi; green-coded ships are for general use

MEDITATION AND EDUCATION

The Jedi Temple dominates the landscape for kilometers around, its noble spires seeming almost to pierce the sky. The Temple is the heart of the ancient Jedi Order, its many serene, spacious chambers and walkways—its room of a thousand fountains—facilitating deep contemplation of the Force. High-ranking Jedi Masters, such as lightsaber virtuoso Soara Antana, hold prestige classes for Padawans in specialized halls and instruction rooms, although much of their training takes place in the standard accommodations of the Temple Precinct.

Launch platform in use





NABOO RETREATS

SINCE THE TRADE FEDERATION INVASION, Naboo has undergone a period of adjustment. New building works in the capital, Theed, have repaired the damage done by the invasion force, and Queen Jamillia has accepted the necessity of increased security for her people. A well-equipped new spaceport is a bold symbol of the people's expanded outlook. When Anakin accompanies Padmé to Naboo as her bodyguard, he visits the planet's most remote region, the Lake Country.



Like many of the rooms in the grand house, the rotunda in which Padmé and Anakin dine has associations with its former celebrated resident Berenko. In this Room of Morning Mists, Berenko wrote some of his most famous works, including the disturbing and visionary epic poem, Defense of Naboo.

TRANQUIL OASIS

The Lake Country boasts some of the most idyllic water meadows on Naboo, with dramatic waterfalls and flocks of peacefully grazing shaak. The fertile land is regularly flooded by its rivers, but is pleasantly dry in summer.

The communally owned meadows are maintained by the Pastoral Collective. In springtime, the festival of Glad Arrival is held here, when, for several days, the meadows are transformed by colorful pageants and music-making.

VARYKINO

The Lake Country is sealed off from Naboo's underground waterways and caverns, making the lakes safe from sea monsters. The sparse population is made up mostly of farmers and hermit-craftsworkers famed for their almost mystically bewitching glassworks. Padmé and Anakin stay at Varykino, a large villa that stands on the lake's most distant island. The house was occupied centuries earlier by the tragic Naboo poet Omar Berenko, who lived in an unconventional community of Naboo—and even Gungan—outsiders.



CLANDESTINE CEREMONY Following the Battle of Geonosis, Anakin Skywalker escorts Senator Amidala back to Naboo, where they marry in secret—an act forbidden to Jedi. The simple ritual takes place on a shaded balcony at Varykino. The marriage rites are pronounced by a holy man from the region. Unknown to either bride or groom, it was on this very spot that the controversial poet Berenko was kidnapped by unknown assailants, never to be seen again.



PUBLIC SPLENDOR

Travelling by public airbus, Anakin and Padmé arrive in Theed's new Palace Courtyard. Built over a part of the city that was severely bombed by Trade Federation tanks 10 years earlier, the new enclosure is designed to foster and encourage principles of enlightened thought and practice. Theed's inhabitants wander through the courtyard's graceful walkways and sit in the shade of the circular colonnade, within which a holographic frieze depicts great philosophers and artists from the planet's history. Naboo is not entirely free from trouble, however: In recent months, migrant workers have staged protests about their work conditions, only to be forcibly removed by Theed police. Naboo's leaders are largely sheltered from these events by their security advisors in order to preserve—for the time being at least—the utopian outlook of which the planet is so proud.

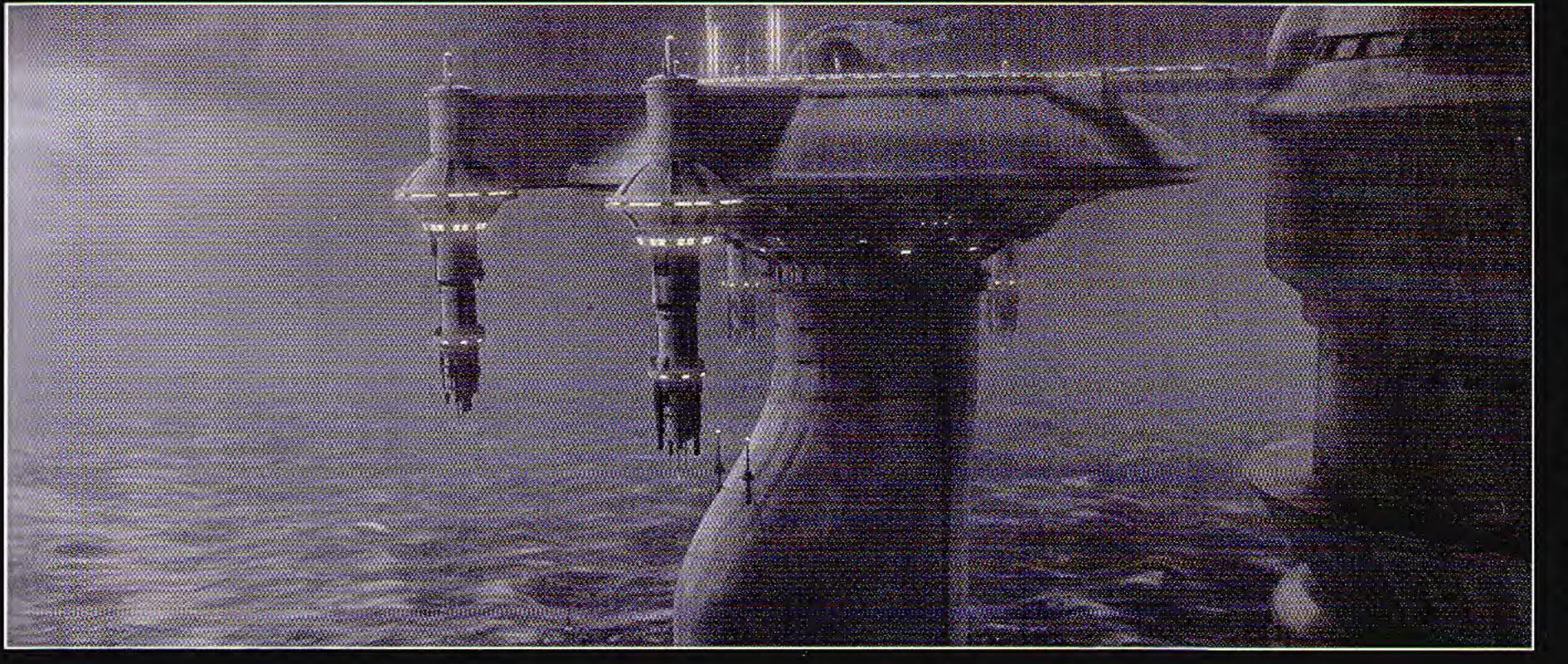
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KAMINO



Kaminoans. This highly intelligent race has specialized in the high-skill, value-added industry of human, alien, and creature cloning, supplying a select client base with workers, private security forces, and a range of unusual, one-off requests. The Kaminoans live in stilt-cities scattered across the planet's watery surface, the majority of which are devoted to cloning projects. The Kaminoans only rarely receive visitors:

The remoteness of the planet and its extensive rainy season deters all but the occasional representative of a clone purchasing authority.



AIR-TO-SEA TRANSPORT

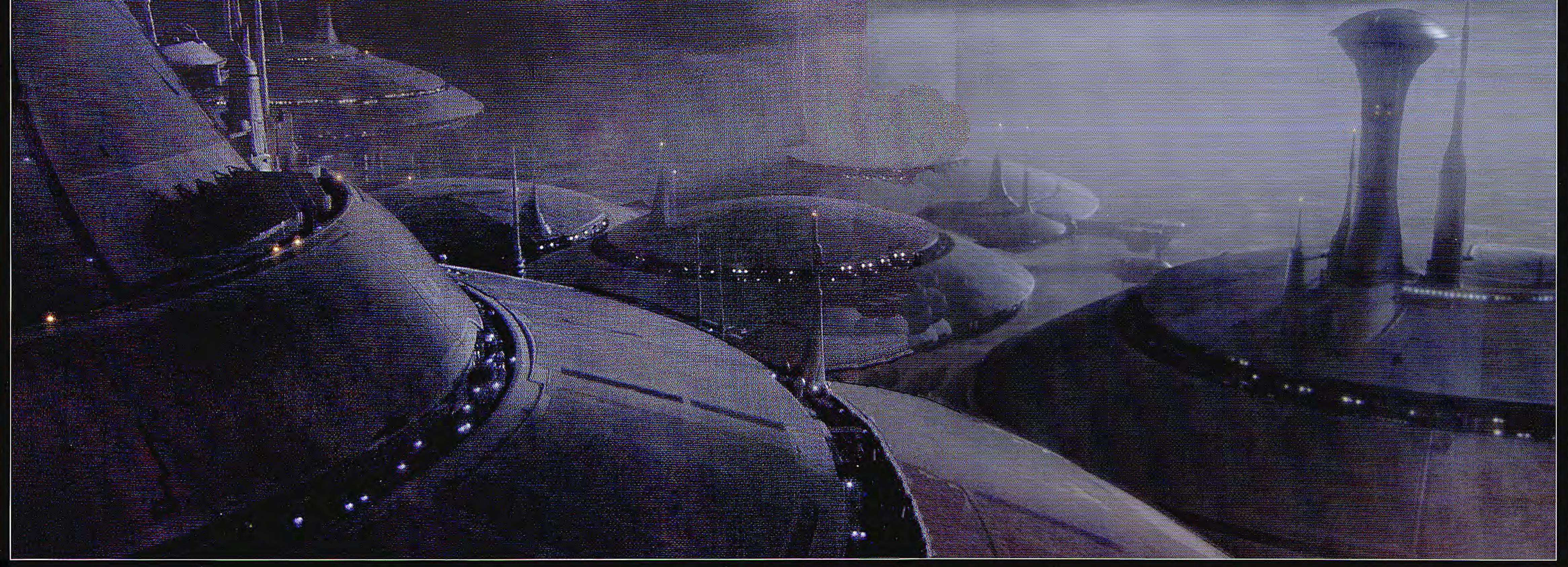
The amphibious Kaminoans often travel between their stilt-cities on cloned aiwhas, animals that can both fly and swim. For much of the year, severe electrical storms rage across the planet. At these times, Kaminoan aiwha-riders tend to travel underwater to escape the lashing tempests, surfacing as they near their destination. Another, more unusual imperative drives the Kaminoans under the waves—pilgrimages to the sunken cities on the seabed, relics of the ancient land-based Kaminoan civilization that existed before the entire planet was flooded. These sacred journeys are made purely to honor their ancestors, rather than for scientific or archaeological research, and seem highly inconsistent with the Kaminoans' more characteristic scientific rationalism.

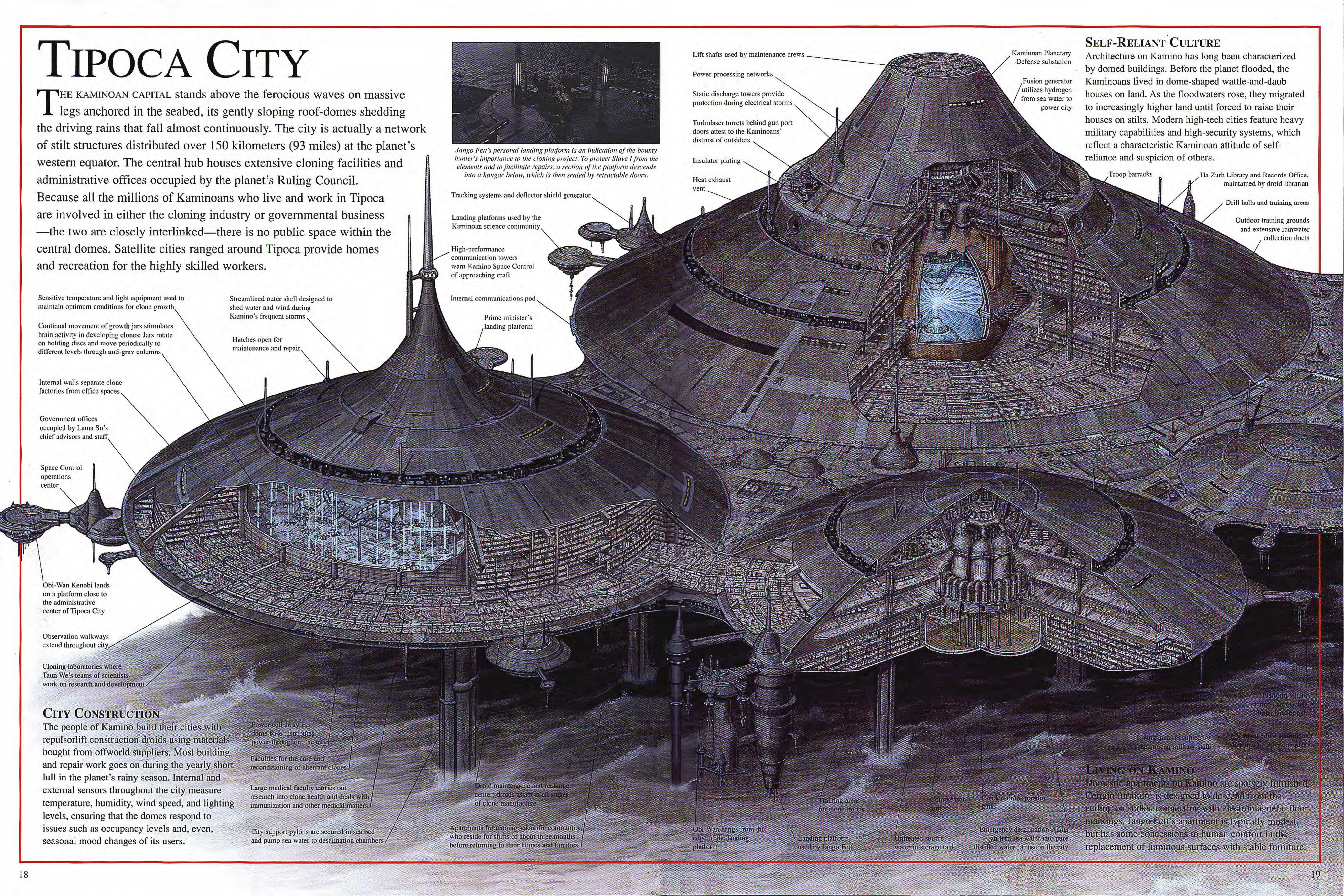


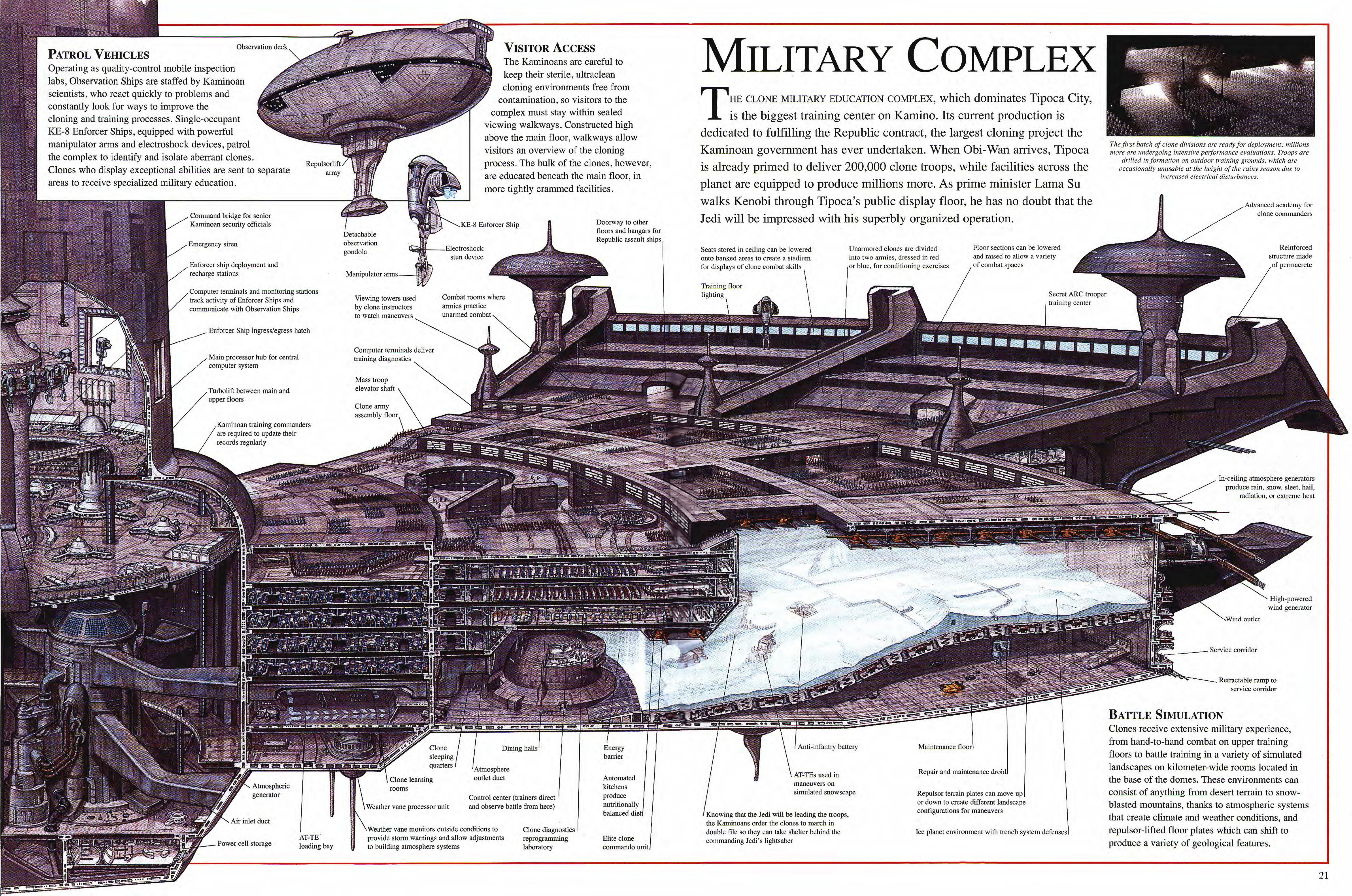


CAPITAL CITY

When Obi-Wan Kenobi enters Kaminoan airspace, he is cleared to land at the planet's capital, Tipoca City, where the first shipments of the Republic's clone army are being readied. The giant domes house Kamino's largest and most prestigious military complex, although many other cloning facilities exist at other sites across the planet. The center at Tipoca extends throughout the domes, and includes hatcheries, growth pods, learning and training facilities, as well as dormitories and dining halls. In addition to creating clones, the Kaminoans produce a range of specialized, high-tech weapons and missiles for a number of clients: for example, interrogation devices and an array of saberdarts, mainly for use by professional bounty hunters and security specialists. The cloners subcontract the manufacturing of larger weapons and vehicles to offworld suppliers such as Rothana Heavy Engineering.







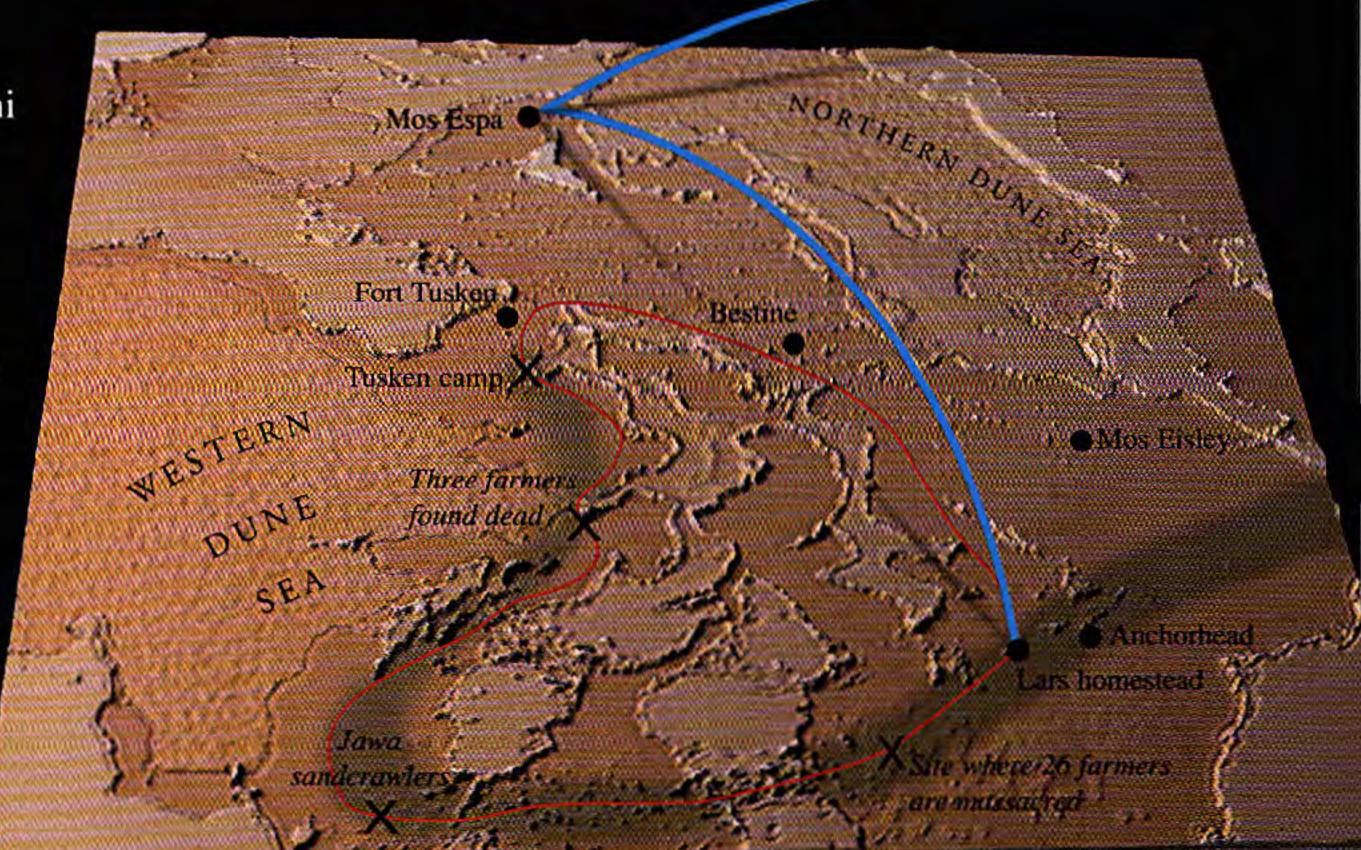
TATOONE

WHEN ANAKIN SKYWALKER RETURNS to Tatooine, he finds a world unchanged from 10 years earlier. Slavery still exists in the lawless Outer Rim, and the threat of danger hangs in the air. Yet Tatooine functions with a kind of rough order: Droid taxis navigate the spaceports, where merchants sell their wares; Podraces and cantinas provide entertainment; and harsh justice is administered by Hutt ganglords. Out in the wastelands, moisture farmers eke out a living, raising their families to have a sense of community and morality. The slow turning of the galaxy's political fortunes has yet to impinge on this inward-looking world.

ANAKIN'S JOURNEY

Tusken Raiders abducted Shmi Lars as they skirted the Lars homestead on their nomadic wanderings that had lately included numerous conflicts with settlers. In search of her, Anakin sets off in the direction of the Tuskens' last sighting—the massacre of Cliegg Lars' posse of farmers. He picks up the trail from Jawas and other isolated settlers. Finally, he comes upon a camp,

deep in the barren wastes.



ROUTE KEY

Anakin on Owen Lars' swoop bike Padmé's starship Tusken Raiders' route



WATTO'S JUNKSHOP

In the 10 years since Anakin said farewell to his former owner, Watto has remained wedded to his used-parts dealership in a Mos Espa backstreet. Despite purchasing parts of the adjoining buildings in order to enlarge his premises, Watto's business future is uncertain thanks to numerous gambling losses. His locales are also severely understaffed, with Watto doing most of the work himself. Spoiled by his former slave's surprising skills, the Toydarian can no longer find slaves with enough technical knowledge. The hovering junk dealer now lives in constant fear of thieves and customers who default on payment.



About 150 kilometrers (90 miles) from the Lars homestead, on the edge of the Western Dune Sea, just beyond the giant rock canyons of the Jundland Wastes, Anakin encounters a fleet of sandcrawlers that belong to Jawas, who are working with their portable smelter beneath a tent. He questions these tiny, cloaked scrap-dealers about the nomadic Tuskens. For only a few small items from his bike pannier—a multitool and a portable scanner—they point Anakin toward the east, advising him to stick





TUSKEN RAIDER CAMP

Tusken settlements are scattered across Tatooine's deserts. Because the Tuskens are a nomadic species, they keep few possessions beyond weapons and food stores, although they set great store on the spoils of raids on Jawas or human settlers. These raids are not entirely mercenary, but are intrinsic to Tusken culture, which demands that males prove their prowess or skill to maintain their standing in the tribe. Prisoners taken in a raid are subjected to harsh rituals; sometimes they are used to improve the breeding of the tribe.



BURIAL SITE

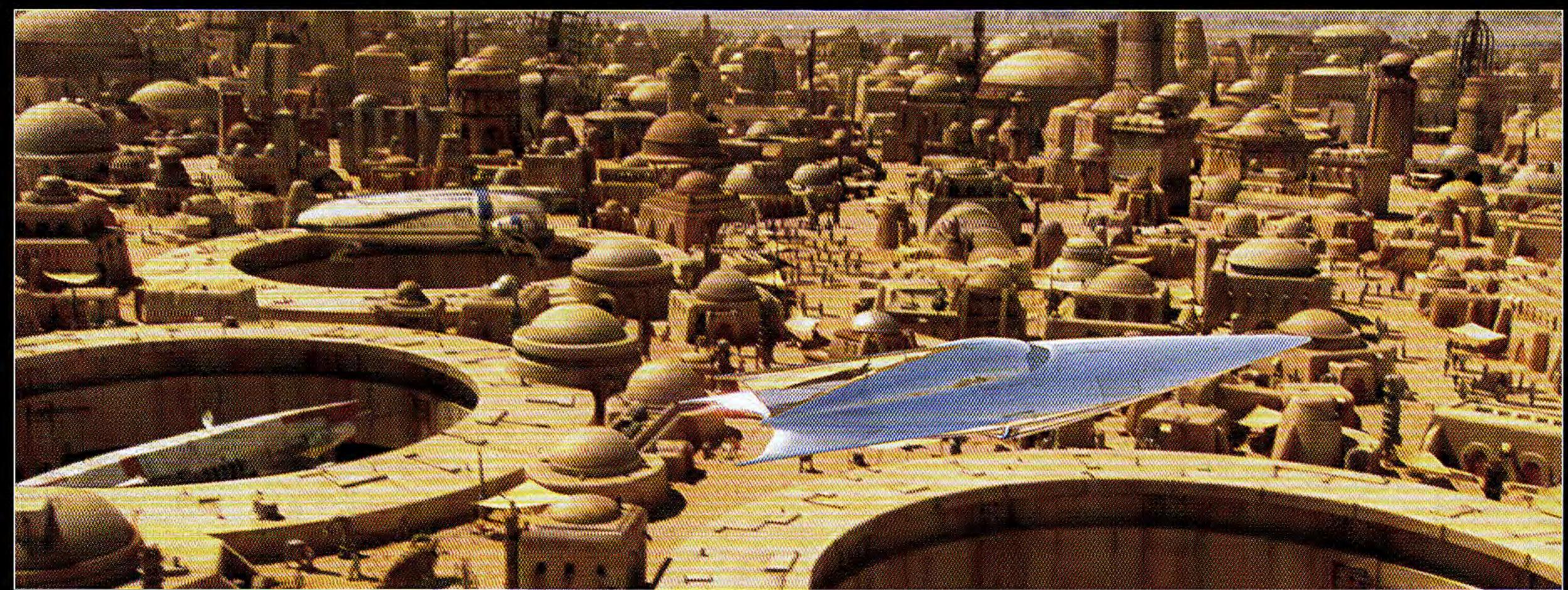
Cliegg buries his beloved wife, Shmi, alongside the grave of his parents, Gredda and Lef, and his brother Edern, who died aged 14 when he lost control of the family V-35 speeder. For most Tatooine farmers, the untimely deaths of family members and friends is a common experience that is borne stoically. Burial is a private matter for these isolated communities. Utility droids dig plots, which are marked by plain headstones. During a simple ceremony, surviving family members usually speak a few poignant last words while the body is placed beneath the hot sand.



The Jundland Wastes are dotted with unusual rock forms, many of which have significance to the Tusken tribes who have inhabited this area for thousands of years. Anakin passes under the 90-meter (300-foot) high B'Thazoshe Bridge (which translates into basic as "bantha horn turned to stone"). Formed by ancient drainage channels, it is the largest natural bridge on Tatooine, and is considered a sacred site by the Sand People. The bridge also marks the boundary of the Tuskens' ancient hunting territory. Sand People have a tradition of letting off rounds of blaster fire before passing through—failure to do so is said to bring bad luck on the tribe.

SPACEPORTS

The FLOW OF INTERGALACTIC trade makes spaceports common on most inhabited worlds. They range from the cosmopolitan, bustling megaports on Coruscant, to tiny docking bays on outworld planets such as Tatooine. Most spaceports are noisy, polluted places populated by an entire community of pilots, mechanics, inspectors, parts dealers, and smugglers. These professionals talk the complex language of galactic spacecraft, while spacers discuss little-known, high-risk space routes and tell tales of encounters with pirates. Working alongside the spaceports is space-traffic control, which receives landing requests from incoming craft and assigns docking coordinates, allowing them to land safely.



TATOOINE DOCKING BAYS

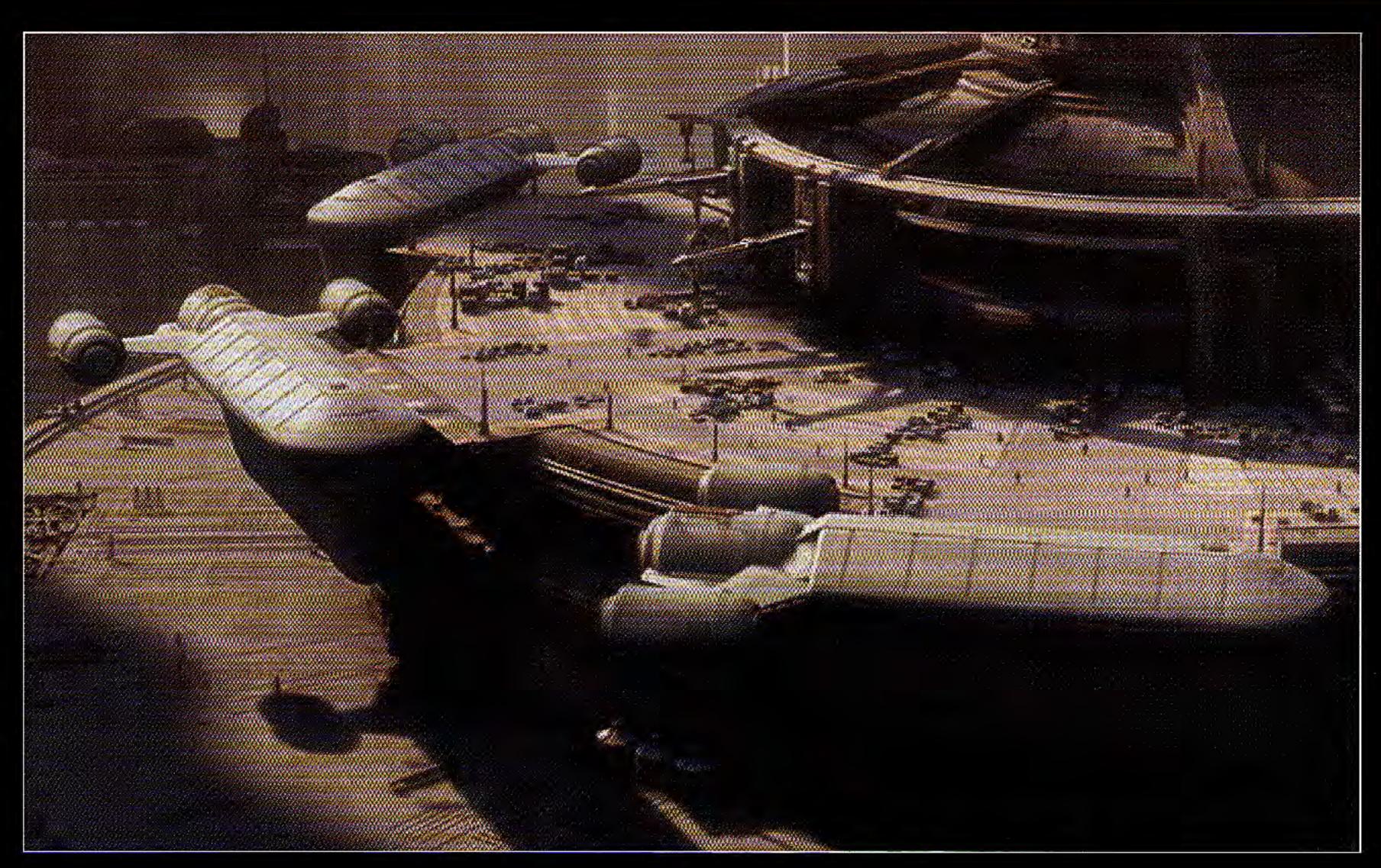
Mos Espa is dotted with dozens of small to mid-size docking bays, equipped for refueling and general repairs. Many bays are rented by spacers running missions ranging from simple cargo and passenger delivery to smuggling of contraband. Arrivals are usually greeted with a flood of mechanics-for-hire, droid taxis, conartists, beggars, and courtesans.

THEED SPACEPORT

Dominating the land below the great cliffs,
 Theed Spaceport is an unprecedented development in the Naboo's tradition-bound culture. Its unadorned, functional construction is testament to the speed and urgency with which it was built. The only nod to the Naboo design aesthetic is its elegantly curved docking platform, which mimicks the natural sweep of the cliffs. Built with reparation money from the Republic after the Trade Federation invasion, the spaceport accommodates the increased space traffic resulting from Senator Amidala's high-profile tenure. The spaceport also receives immigrants seeking mining work on Naboo's spice-rich moons.

CORUSCANT SPACEPORT

When Anakin Skywalker accompanies Padmé Amidala into hiding off-planet, he is advised that the least noticeable way to leave is via a freighter spaceport. The huge craft that dock here are cargo carriers, transporting luxury goods from Coruscant to every corner of the galaxy, and returning with raw materials not available on the urbanized capital planet. These craft are not passenger ships, although many impoverished emigrants obtain steerage on them. Passengers areas are made and furnished with makeshift components, with unreliable air and life-support. As well as migrants, the spaceport is busy with loading droids and overseers ensuring that each ship receives its correct load of cargo.



SPACEPORT AIRBUS

The spaceport is connected to other parts of Coruscant by civilian airbuses, which provide staff with a low-cost form of transport to and from work. The port is located some distance away from housing areas in a zone of the city dedicated to the shipping industry, so this public transport link is essential. Crowded at certain times of day or night when work shifts begin or end, it is virtually empty when Anakin and Padmé ride it on their undercover getaway.



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GEONOSIS

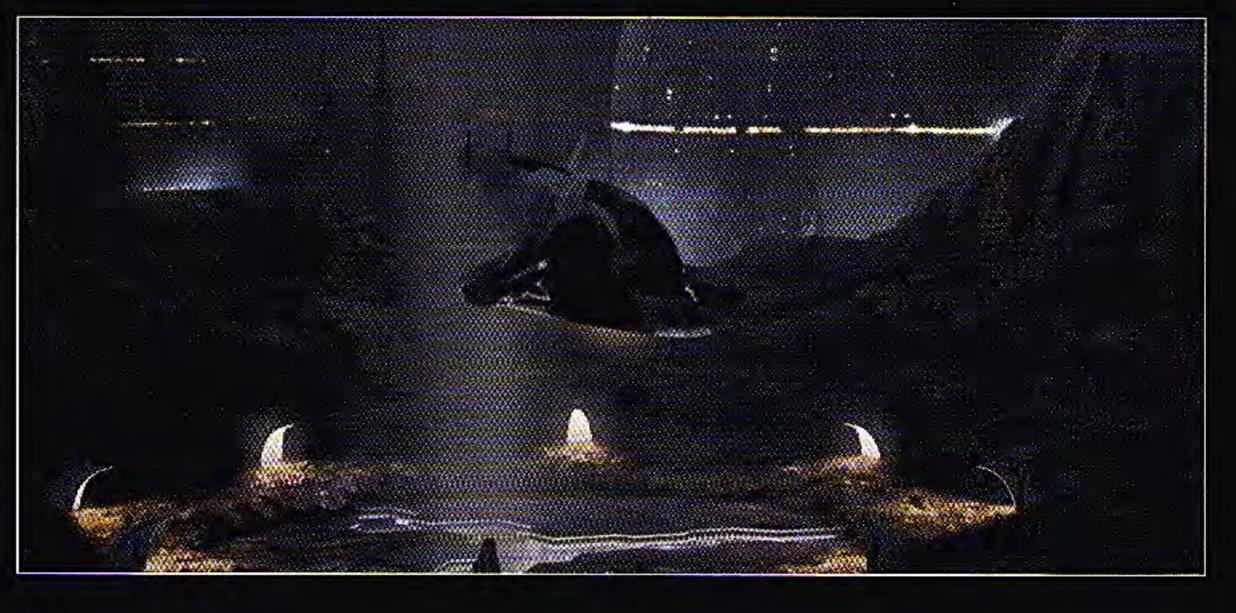


THE RED, OUTER RIM PLANET of Geonosis is ringed by asteroids which were created by the decimation of a local moonlet by a two-kilometer wide comet. The planet surface is scarred from falling meteors and episodic radiation storms, which have caused several mass extinctions. The semi-insectoid Geonosians—the planet's higher life-forms—were consequently driven underground, where they inhabit hives and manufacture battle droids. The planet's barren exterior is dominated by huge insectoids called merdeths, and various other animals, including savage massiffs.



In his Delta-7 Jedi starfighter, Obi-Wan follows Jango and Boba Fett in their spaceship *Slave I* from Kamino to Geonosis. The bounty hunter descends toward small shutter doors located beside the docked Trade Federation core ships. Jango uses a clearance code signal to enter a hangar inside the underground droid-loading bays. These small hangars dot the perimeter of the droid loading fields, and are equipped with Geonosian fighters ready to make lightning strikes against the occasional marauding merdeth or any other uninvited visitors. The Geonosians are particularly vigilant when clients are taking receipt of their droid units.





CORE SHIPS

The Geonosians have begun to fulfill their battle droid order for the Trade Federation, and the first fleet of battleships have arrived to take delivery of the units. Core ships detach from the orbiting Trade Federation battleships and land in docking bays that connect to the droid factory loading hangars wherever fissures in the ground make excavation possible. The ships lower in stages into the docking bays to facilitate transferral of the droids into storage holds on various levels. The core ships also undergo maintenance and are upgraded with hardware for the semi-autonomous droids.

HIVE GALLERIES

The Archduke of the ruling Stalgasin hive colony, Poggle the Lesser, takes his business clients, the Neimoidians, around one of the galleries inside the hive entrance tower, toward the suite of meeting rooms provided for esteemed guests. Geonosian hives are connected to each other by kilometers of populated tunnels that extend underneath much of the planet; each hive guards its own tunnels with vigilance. Periodically, great wars are fought for control of the major hives, with battles taking place throughout the tunnel networks. At these times, sabotage is common, with sonic mines laid in rivals' tunnels.

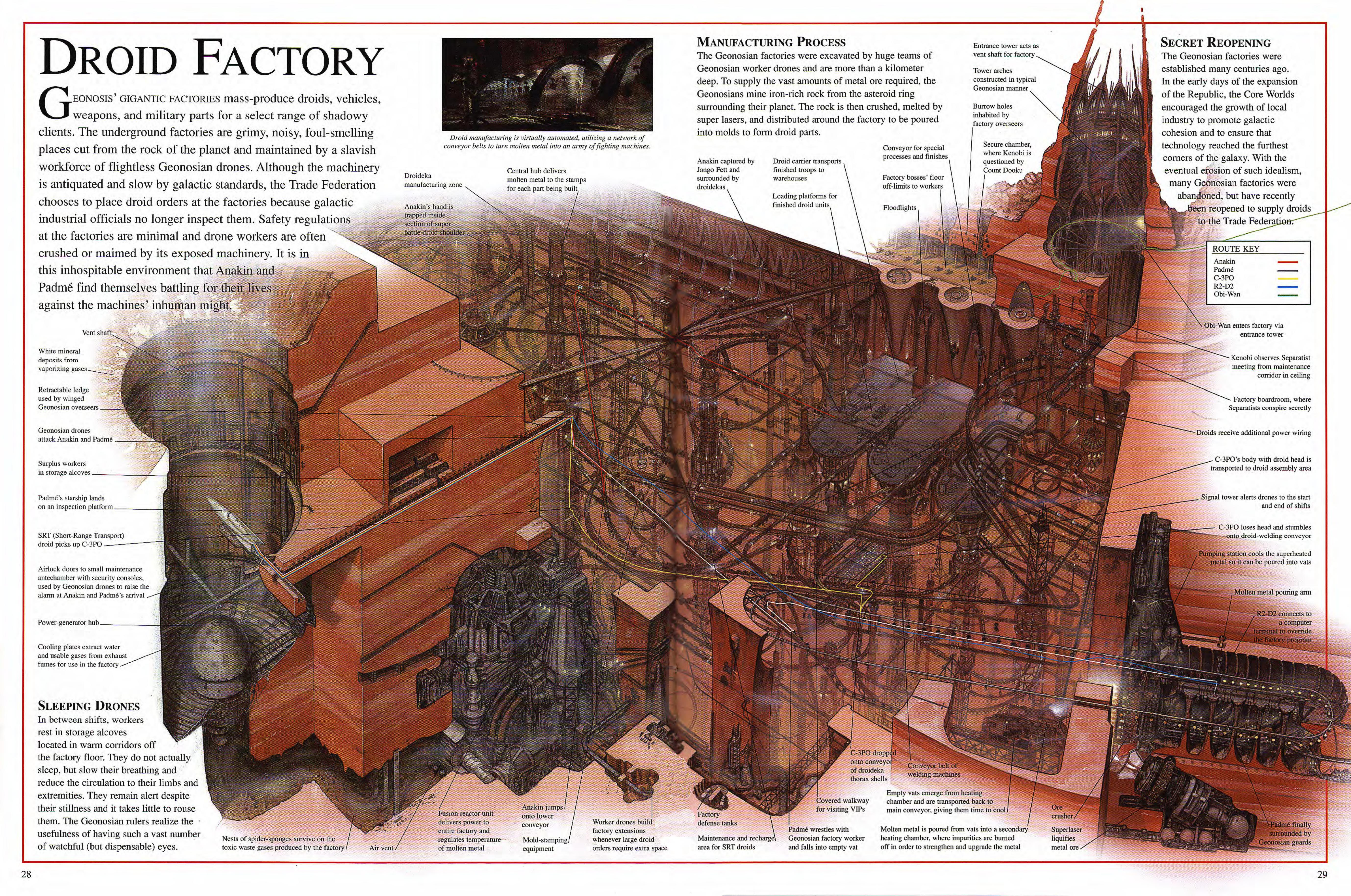


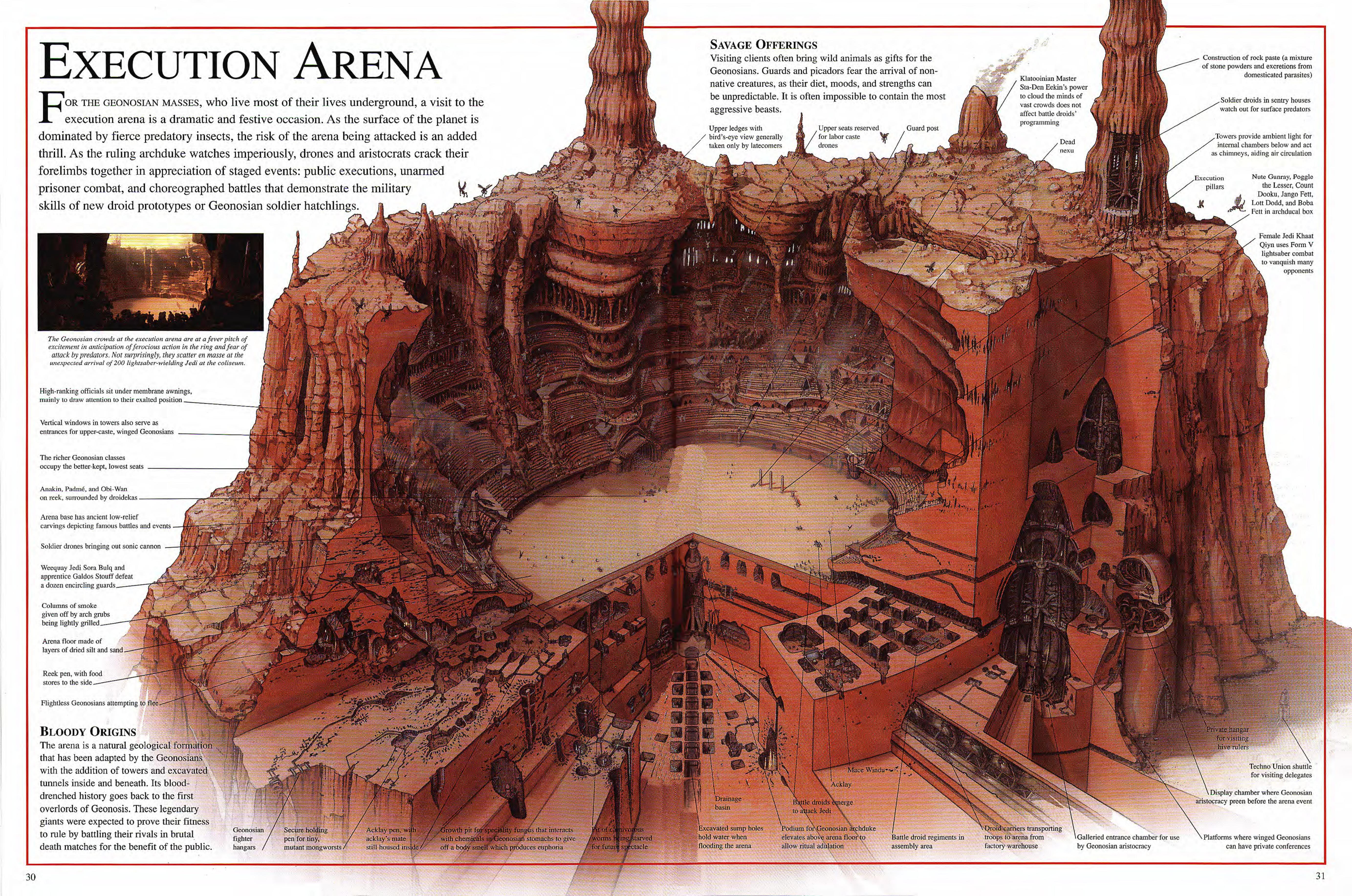
ENTRANCE TOWER

The factory entrance tower that Obi-Wan encounters after he lands on Geonosis is an impressive piece of Geonosian hive architecture. Every major factory has a grand entrance like this, through which Geonosians receive visiting clients. Meeting rooms and board rooms are located along nearby corridors, which means that customers are afforded only the briefest of glimpses into the turmoil of the factory before signing the all-important contract. The Geonosis landscape is dotted with similar rock towers, constructed from solidified rock paste strengthened with a laminasteel framework. Most towers act as cooling chimneys for the heavily populated hives below, letting out hot air through side vents. The factories typically lie just beneath the surface, with living areas for the drones alongside; beneath this are the more opulent nests and public spaces occupied by the ruling caste. Deeper still are enormous caverns fed by underground streams in which an edible fungus is cultivated to feed the general population. The queens' quarters are located at the deepest level, where eggs are laid and hatched.



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REPUBLIC ARMY

Facing the ominous reality of a Separatist war machine poised for an all-out attack on the great Galactic Republic, the Senate has no choice but to respond quickly and decisively. The risks are great: The Republic must deploy an army it has neither amassed nor trained, and whose battle effectiveness is as yet unproven. The Jedi Council's skillful command, however, ensures that the Republic's bold, preemptive strike on the Separatist forces is effective by utilizing a full compliment of battle vehicles to achieve air and ground supremacy against formidable odds in the unfamiliar landscape of Geonosis.

With high-ranking Jedi acting as de facto generals, more than 80 regiments of clone troopers are deployed on Geonosis. The clones use imaging systems in their helmet visors to see through dense smoke on the battlefield, allowing an unbroken advance on the Trade Federation battle droids.

REPUBLIC TROOPERS

On Geonosis, the Republic deploys two full battle armies, with Yoda and Mace Windu commanding one each and other veteran Jedi Knights in charge of eight corps of 36,864 troops each. All other divisions are led by specially trained clones: Commanders head regiments of 2,304 men; clone captains lead companies of 144 men; lieutenants head platoons of 36 men, and sergeants command squads, each made up of nine clone troopers. Separate ranks of specialized clones operate gunships, drop ships, AT-TEs, and SPHA-Ts. (All figures shown below are supplied by HoloNet News Sources.)

LAAT/c

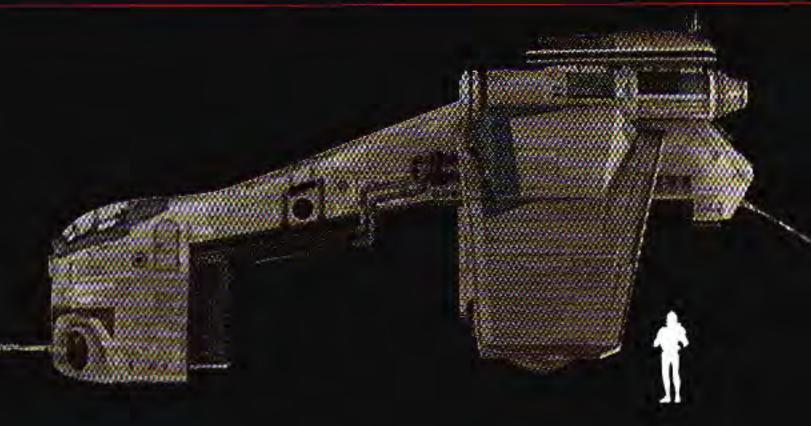
LAAT/c (Low-Altitude Assault Transport/carrier) are used to airlift military hardware right into the thick of battle, such as AT-TEs, portable power generators and shield projectors, observation posts, field medical centers, supplies, and fixed artillery. They also ensure the heavy-strike SPHA-T s are well defended by AT-TEs and infantry on foot to a distance of several kilometers. Magnetic clamps hold payloads in place and can be disengaged instantly, allowing payloads to be dropped speedily. A wide wingspan allows maximum distribution of repulsorlift vanes when carrying heavy weights.



TROOPER SERGEANT LIEUTENANT CAPTAIN
192,000 DEPLOYED IN BATTLE



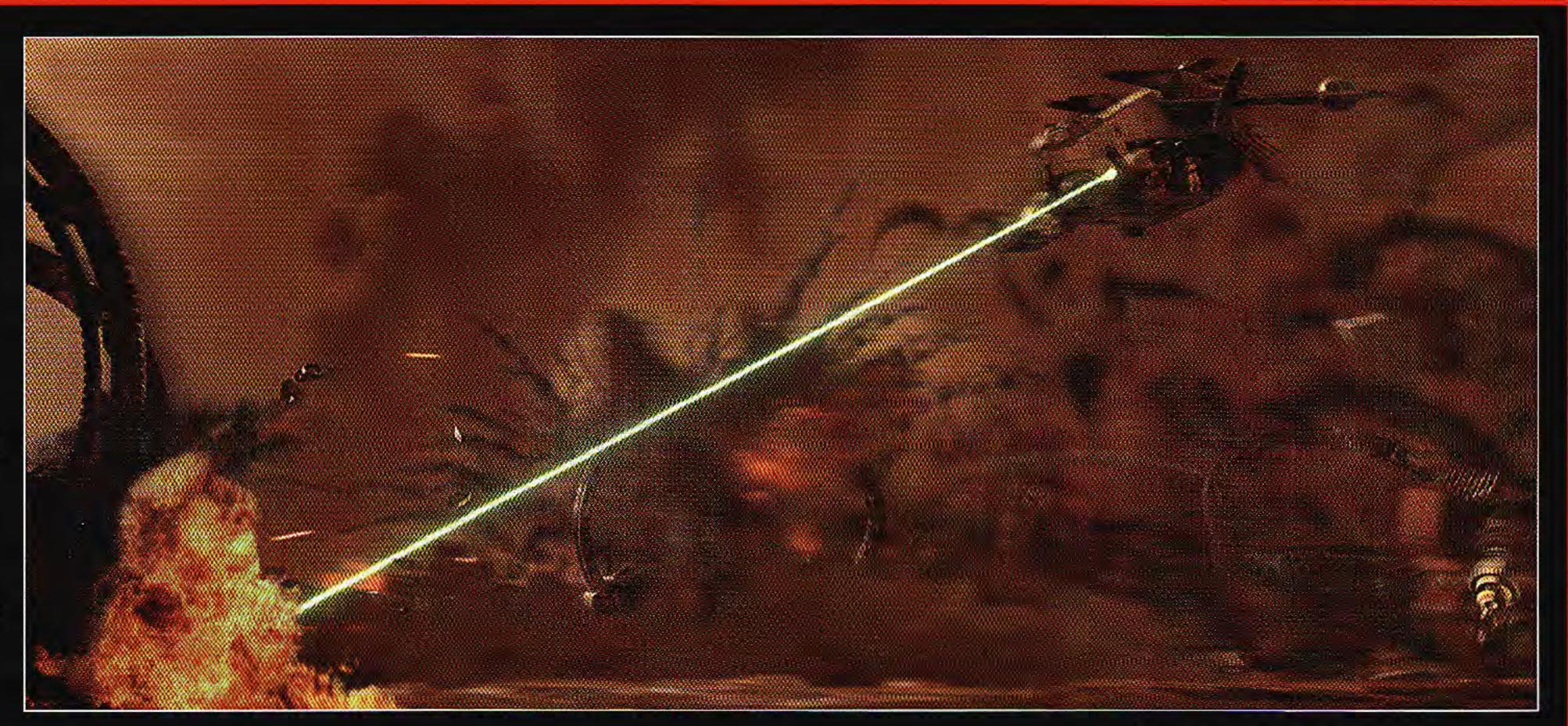
LAAT/I GUNSHIP
1600 DEPLOYED

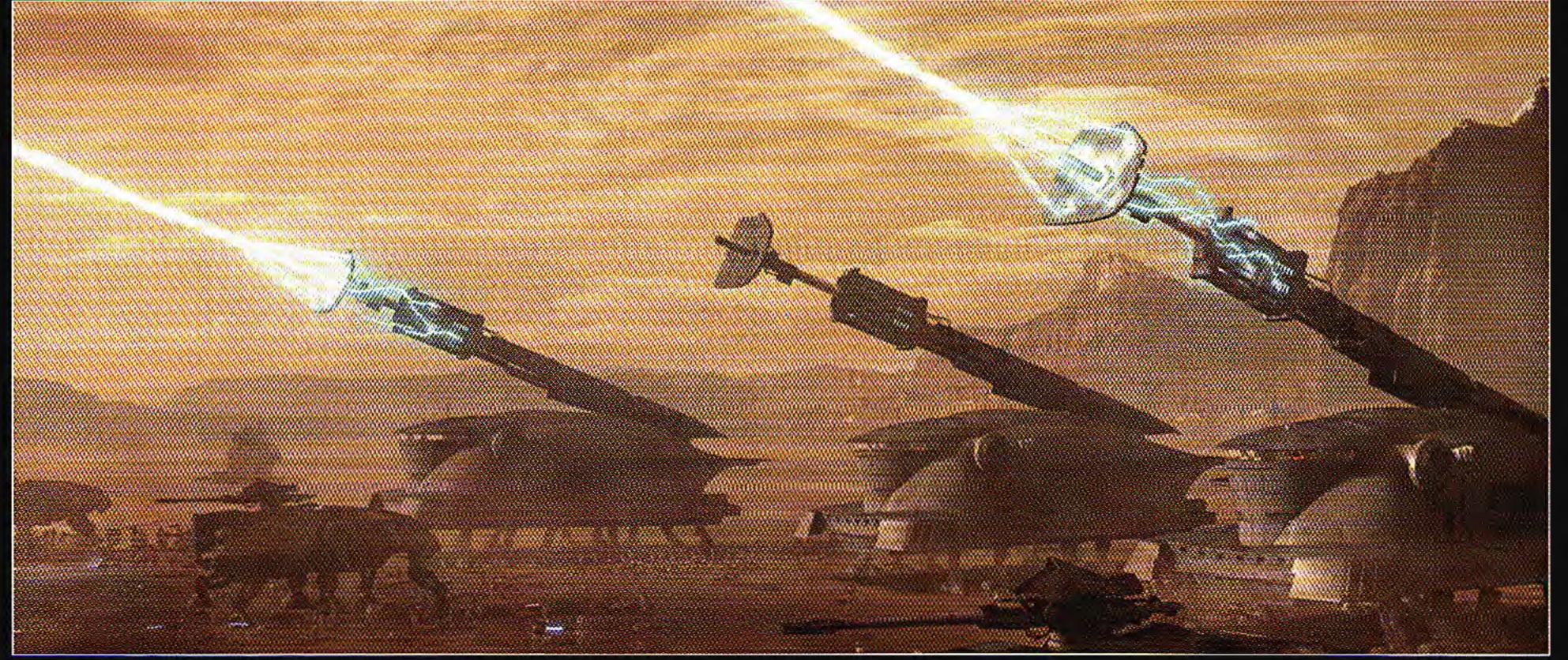


LAAT/c (AT-TE CARRIER)
400 DEPLOYED

GUNSHIPS

Fast and maneuverable LAAT/i gunships make repeated passes over the entire battlefield, responding to situations and opportunities wherever needed. They rain fire on enemy vehicles, clearing a path for the advancing clone infantry, and drop squads of clone trooper commandos at the battle front. Commandos are specially trained for high-risk covert work and wear a higher grade armor with additional weapons capacity. Despite their strengths, gunships prove vulnerable to Separatist antiair batteries positioned in rough terrain below.



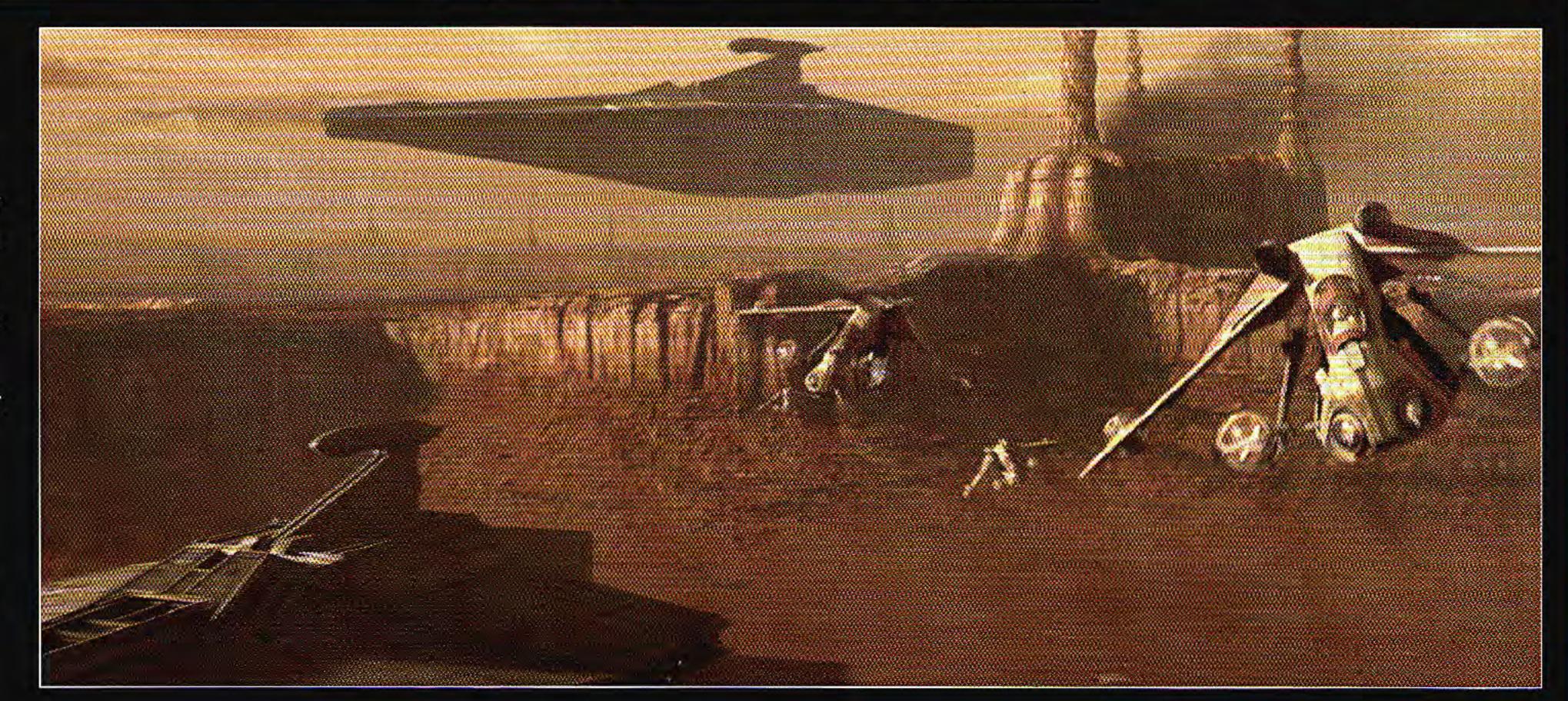


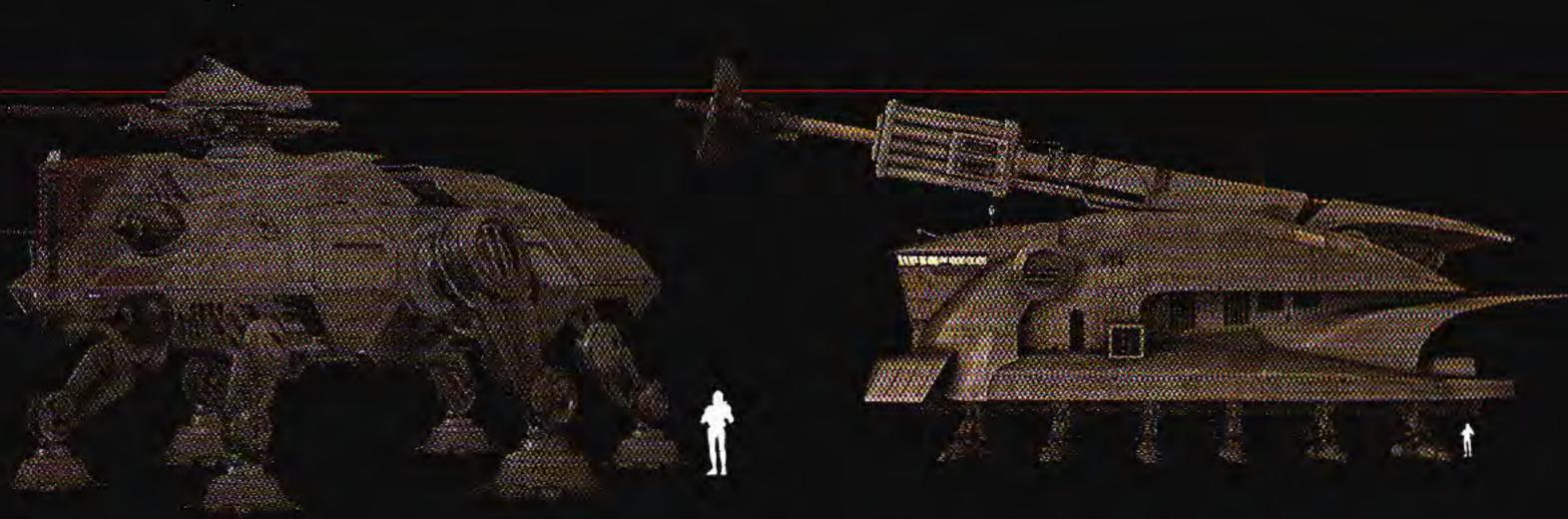
DEADLY JUGGERNAUT Deployed in squads of four at the rear of advancing AT-TEs, SPHA-Ts combine the devastating firepower of a permanent lasercannon emplacement with the ability to literally walk into battle on powerful articulated legs. SPHA-Ts are deployed in key positions on several battlefronts, proving particularly effective on the battlefield commanded by Yoda. They also provide an impregnable line of defence for the fleet of assault ships that land immediately outside the arena.

ASSAULT SHIPS

Acclamator-class assault ships
land outside the smoking arena,
unloading military vehicles and
troops, and providing an assembly
point for SPHA-T s. Disembarked
troops initially prevail on the flat
ground of the canyon floor, where
their beam weapons are most
effective, while Separatist artillery
persists in the rougher lands.
Earlier, assault ships made
preemptive strikes against
Geonosian beak-wing facilities,
leaving the fighters that remained
unable to make headway against

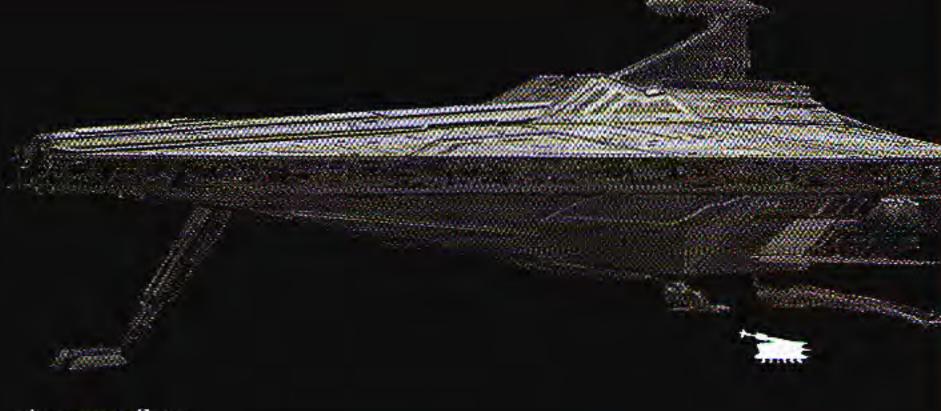
the Republic's orbital blockade.





AT-TE 2160 DEPLOYED





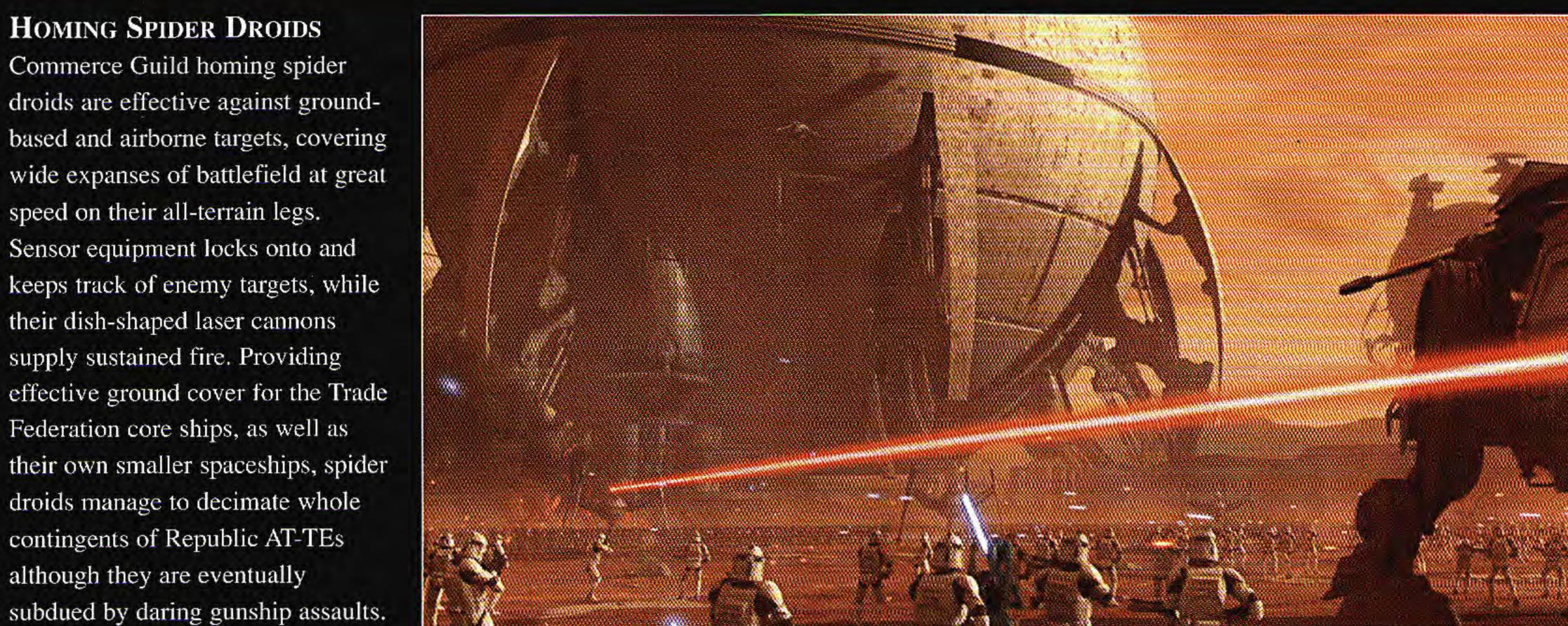
ASSAULT SHIP
12 DEPLOYED

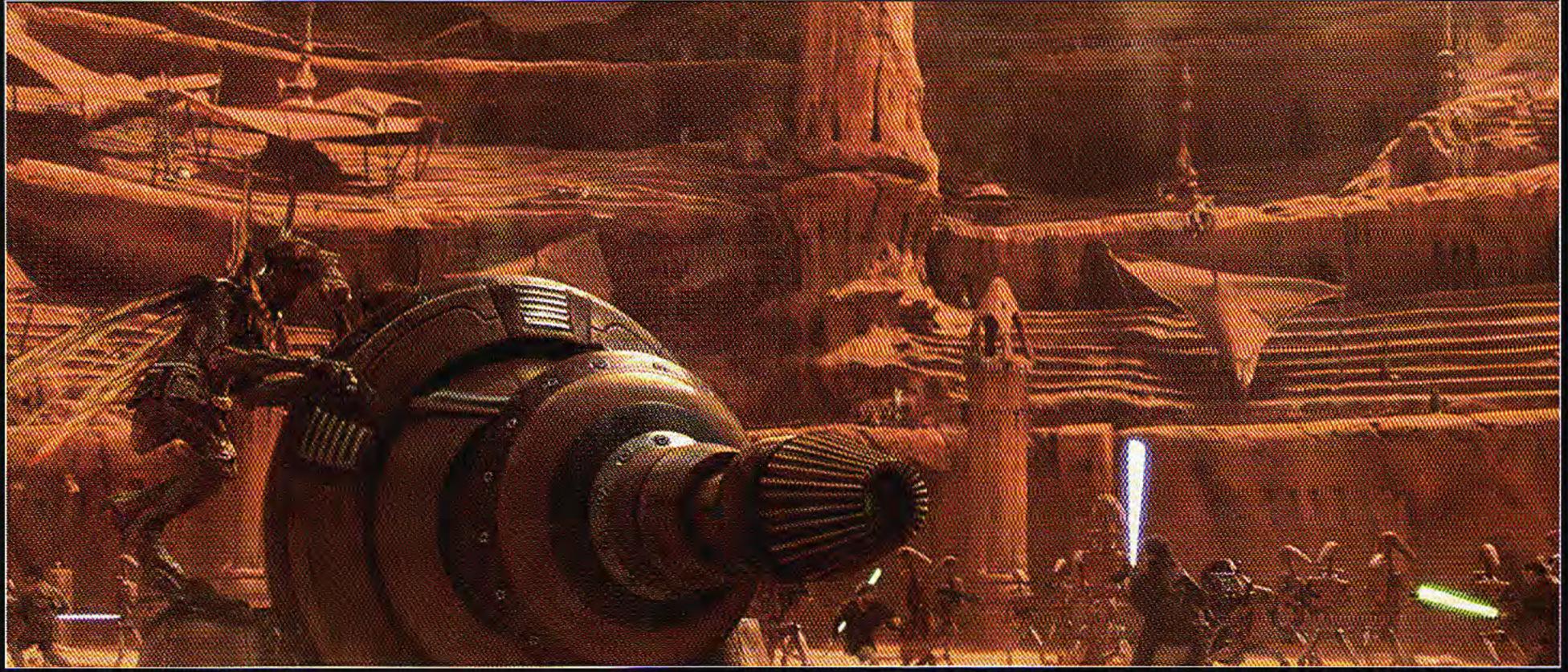
SEPARATIST FORCES

LTHOUGH THE REPUBLIC FORBIDS the existence of mass armies, many private interests maintain small armies in local territories. The most powerful armies are those owned by the wealthy commerce organizations, who use a number of attack droids for purposes of debt collection and revenue enforcement. However, these trade bodies have now illegally pooled their armies to create a single, truly sinister force that threatens the hegemony of the Republic. Geonosis' barren rock landscapes are backdrop to its clone army's first encounter with the combined ranks of the commerce organizations' droid armies.



In the Command Room behind Separatist lines, Geonosian rulers observe and direct the battle on a live-feed holomap provided by at-site camdroids. The Separatists are able to reassign battle objectives and targets to their droid forces via radio signals to their processors. In the past, the Geonosians staged large-scale training and exhibition battles from the Command Room.





SONIC CANNON A Geonosian soldier drone operates a sonic cannon, which fires balls of high-impact concussion energy. The Geonosians house an arsenal of these weapons at the execution arena for use in the event of outbreaks by particularly violent creatures or disturbances in the audience. Geonosians also use sonic weapons in inter-hive conflicts. Sonic cannons and blasters have the advantage in that they can be set to varying degrees of force so they smash bones but leave rock tunnels unharmed.

SEPARATIST HARDWARE

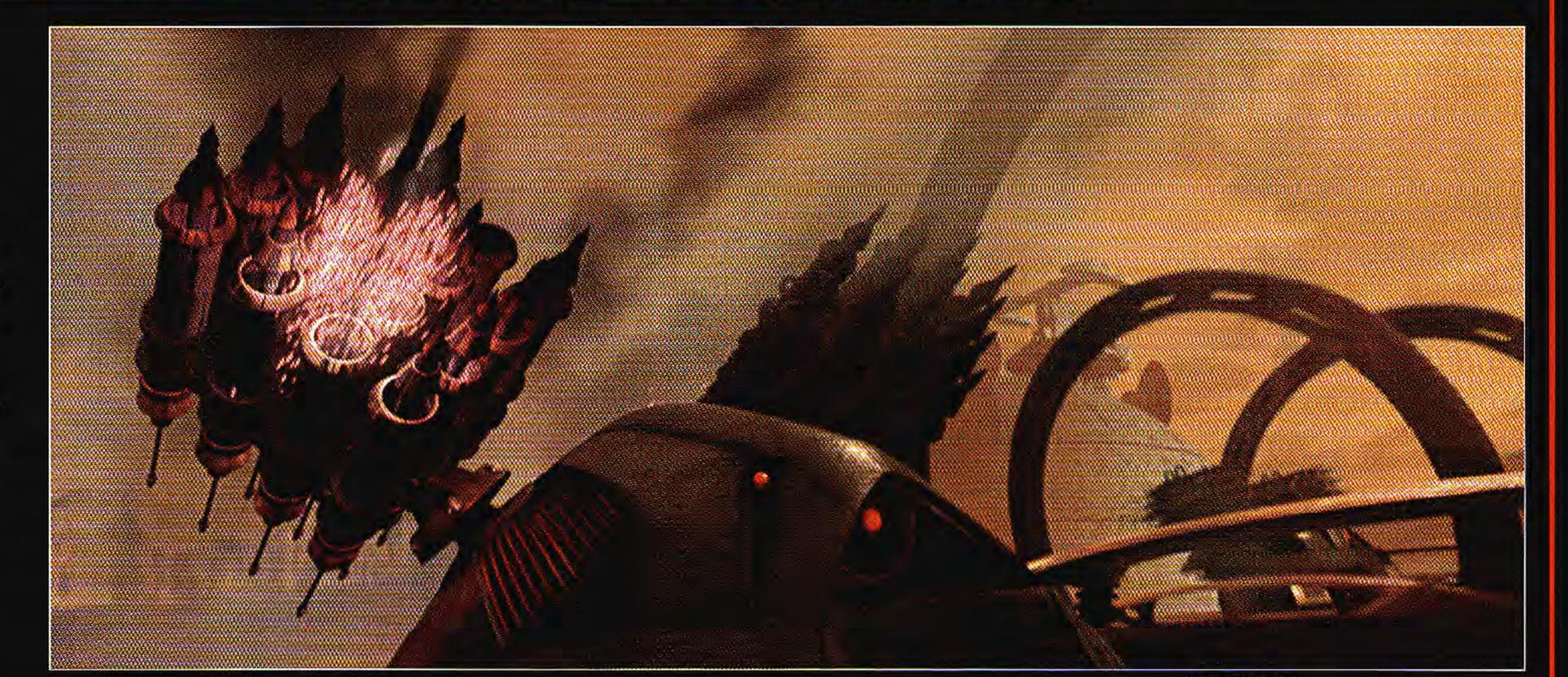
Surprised by the Republic's assault, the Separatists mobilize all forces not already loaded onto their starships, supplimenting droid contingents with battle droids direct from the factories. They have no airborne vehicles, although spider droids and hailfire droids carry ground-to-air weapons, which prove effective against Republic gunships. Techno Union starships and Trade Federation core ships carry no weapons, and rely on the defence of the droids. Droidekas were preferentially loaded into the escaping starships, and are mostly absent from the battle. (All figures shown below are supplied by HoloNet News sources).

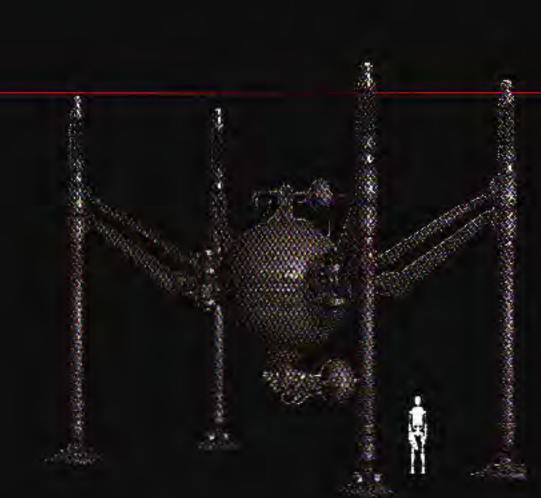
DWARF SPIDER DROIDS

Dwarf spider droids advance in front of a platoon of battle droids, closely followed by spider droids, and after that another infantry formation. Their low height allows larger spider droids to fire over them, providing a formidable advance attack. Much of the dwarf spider droid's head space is devoted to power cells for two blasters, one mounted on the head and one underneath. Designed for use in narrow mine shafts, these droids are slow to react to fast-moving targets above or to the side because they cannot swivel their blasters independently of their heads.

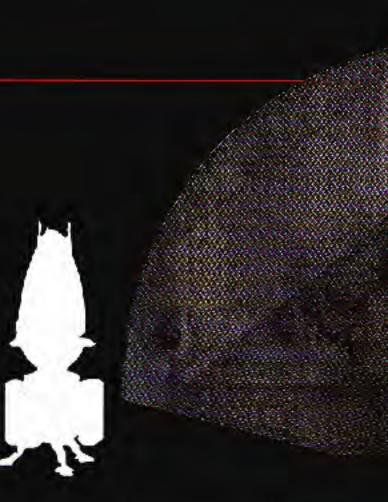
HAILFIRE DROIDS

The InterGalactic Banking Clan's hailfire droids are a powerful presence on the battlefield, although their use is short-lived because they carry a limited number of missiles. They make fast, concerted charges on Republic AT-TEs, using twin chin-mounted blasters once their missiles are depleted. Missiles are effective against stationary or slow-moving targets on terrain where blaster weapons are inoperable due to a lack of clear lines of sight.

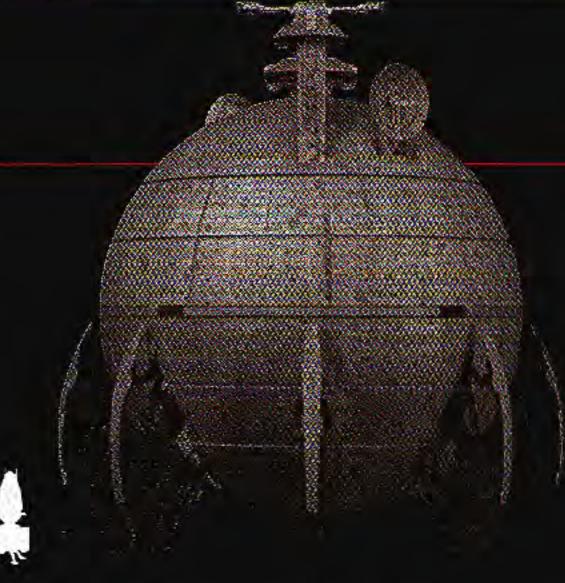




TECHNO UNION STARSHIP HOMING SPIDER DROID 7,500 DEPLOYED 286 ON BATTLEFIELD (169 ESCAPE)



COMMERCE GUILD STARSHIP 41 IN BATTLE (36 ESCAPE)



TRADE FEDERATION CORE SHIP 60 ON BATTLEFIELD (46 ESCAPE)



SUPER BATTLE DROID 1,000,000 DEPLOYED 100,000 DEPLOYED



3,000 DEPLOYED



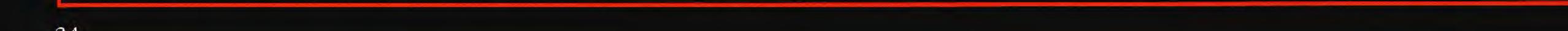
DWARF SPIDER DROID 15,000 DEPLOYED

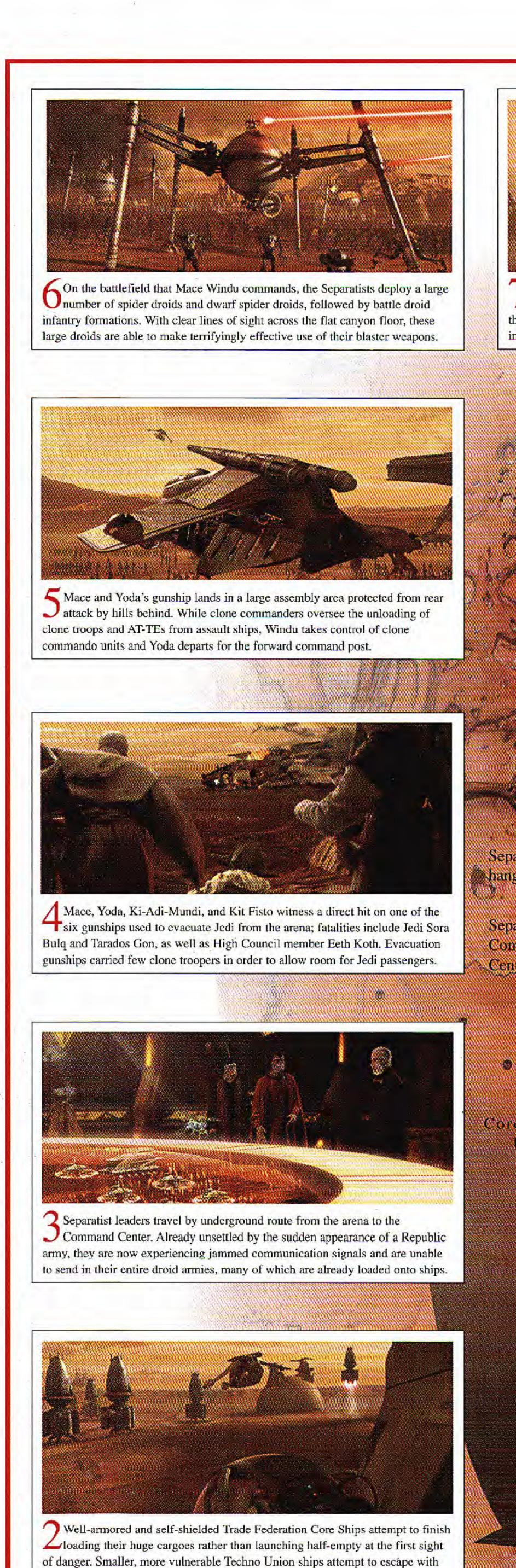


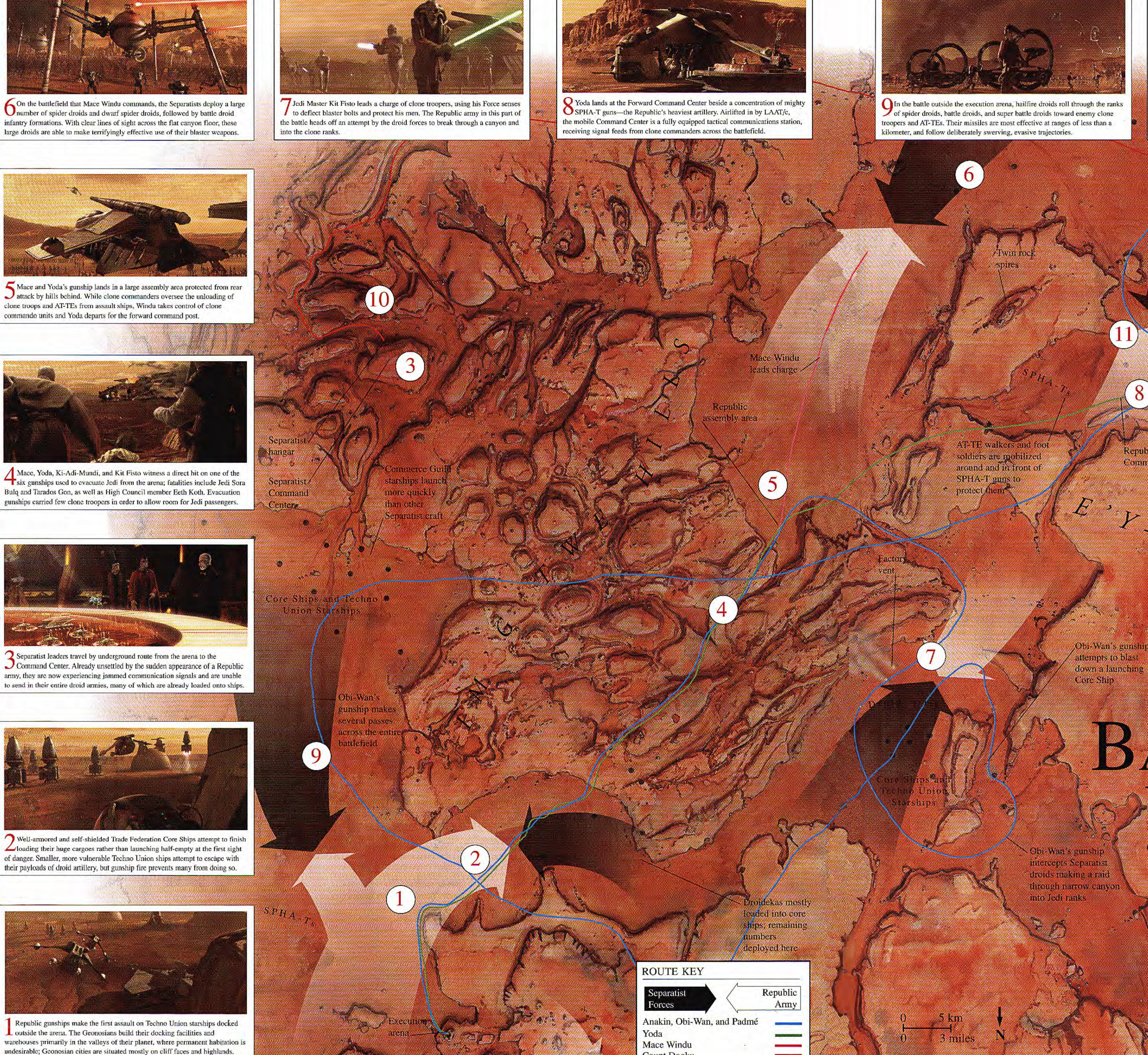
SONIC CANNON 4 DEPLOYED (IN ARENA)

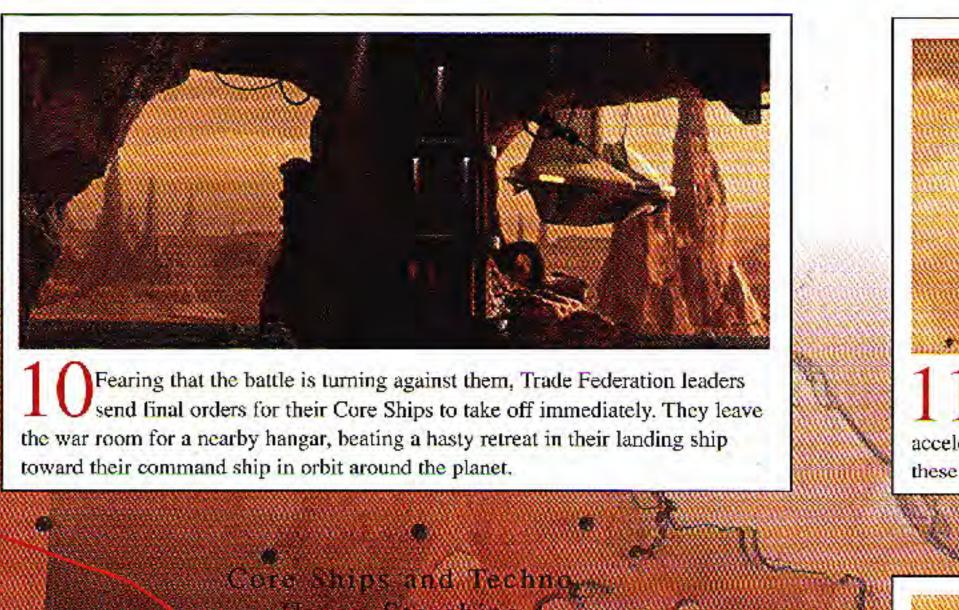


HAILFIRE DROID 4,100 DEPLOYED









Clone troopers in swoop bikes

make daring raids on droid

army, attaching magnetized

thermal detonators onto the

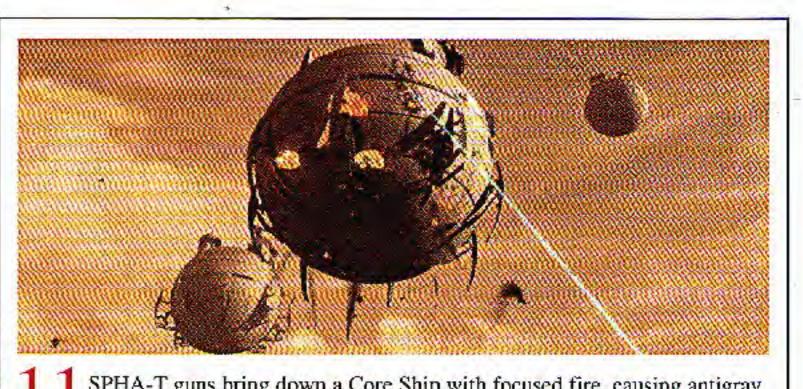
Dooku on speeder bike flies

through narrow rayines for cover

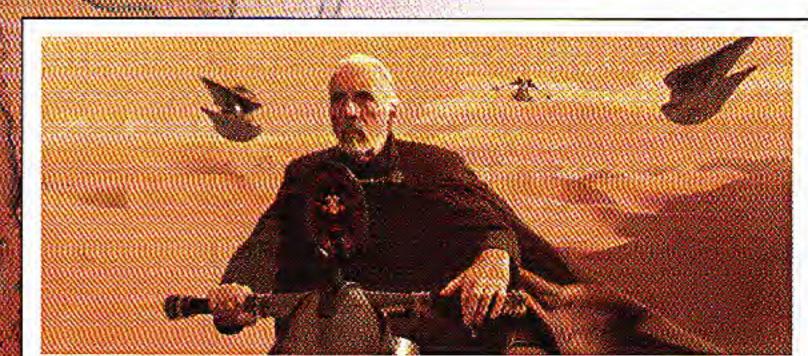
hulls of spider droids

Republic Forward

Command Center



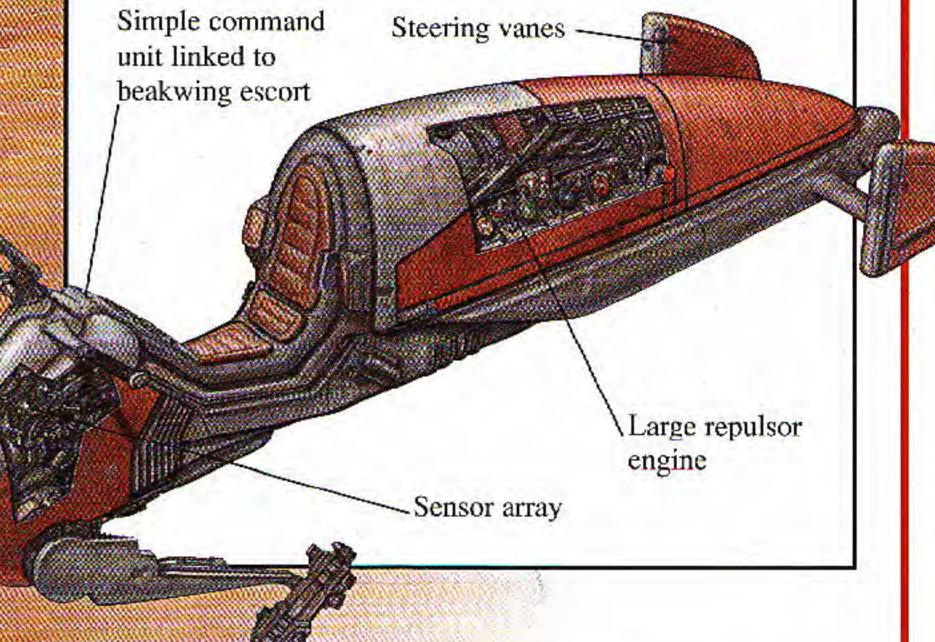
SPHA-T guns bring down a Core Ship with focused fire, causing antigray L repulsorlift malfunctions that produce a tractor-beam effect and greatly accelerates its fall. The SPHA-Ts can only be charged up to a certain level; after these shots, they must be replaced with charged guns from the rear lines.



Nenobi sees Dooku and his escort of beak-wings. The Geonosians are unable to deploy more of these fighters due to an aerial bombardment of launch hives by assault ships commanded by Yoda that took place simultaneously with the arena rescue; still others were neutralized by clone-commando raids.

DOOKU'S SPEEDER BIKE

Dooku's open-cockpit repulsorlift speeder bike is highly maneuverable over a variety of terrain to a top speed of 634 kph (393 mph). Manufactured in Geonosis factories, this model is commonly used by soldier drones on patrol missions around the hive-cities.



BATTLE OF GEONOSIS

HEN MACE WINDU'S ATTEMPT to rescue Obi-Wan, Anakin, and Padmé from the execution arena ends in failure, Master Yoda's deployment of the clone army-becomes inevitable—and the launching of the Clone War is the outcome. While Yoda airlifts out the remaining Jedi, other sections of the Republic army focus on halting the departure of the Separatist craft filled with deadly droid troops. The rapidly escalating battle is fought on the ground between troops and battle vehicles, with a number of different fronts-opening up. With powerful energy shields on their starships, neither side can overwhelm the other using their ship-mounted cannons; moreover, indiscriminate fire by Republic anti-starship weapons would endanger the droid facilities that it must capture if it hopes to uncover the secrets of the Separatist conspiracy.

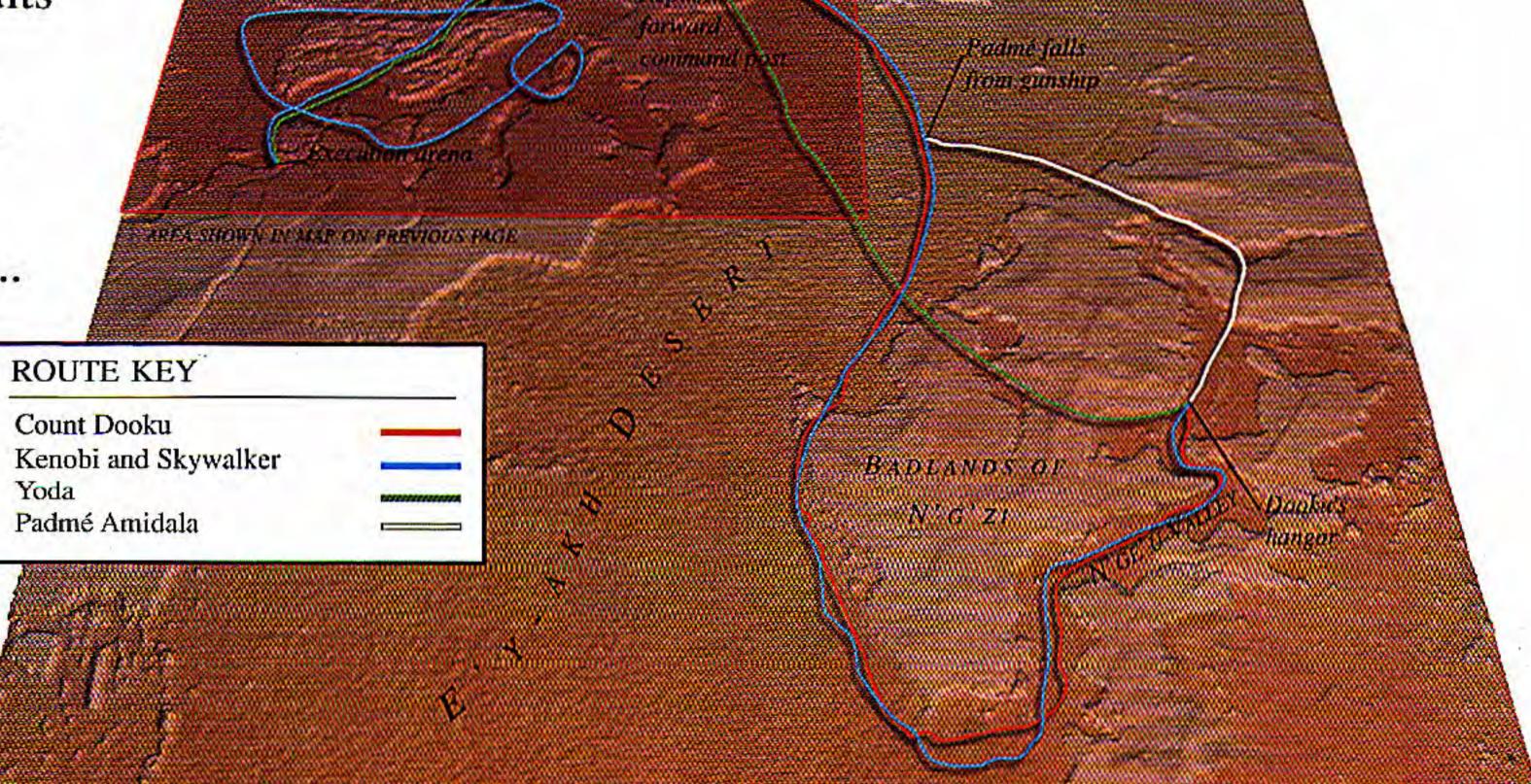
HANGAR DUELS

In his dealings with the Geonosians, Count Dooku avails himself of a dedicated hangar removed from the war room and those hangars used by financial and industrial cartel officials. Dooku's hangar lies northward of the main battlefield, in an abandoned factory outpost, where his getaway vessel is manned by an FA-4 pilot droid and stands ready for take-off. The remoteness of the building suits Dooku's hidden agenda, but the long journey to his ship is almost his undoing: Carrying the Geonosians' secret plans for their ultimate weapon, he is soon sighted by Master Kenobi...



DOOKU'S FLIGHT

Leaving the Separatist Command Center, Dooku flies to his hangar by speeder bike, located 40 kilometers (25 miles) away across the E'Y-Akh Desert. He skirts around the edge of the battlefield behind Separatist lines, passing close by the gunship in which Obi-Wan travels with Anakin and Padmé.



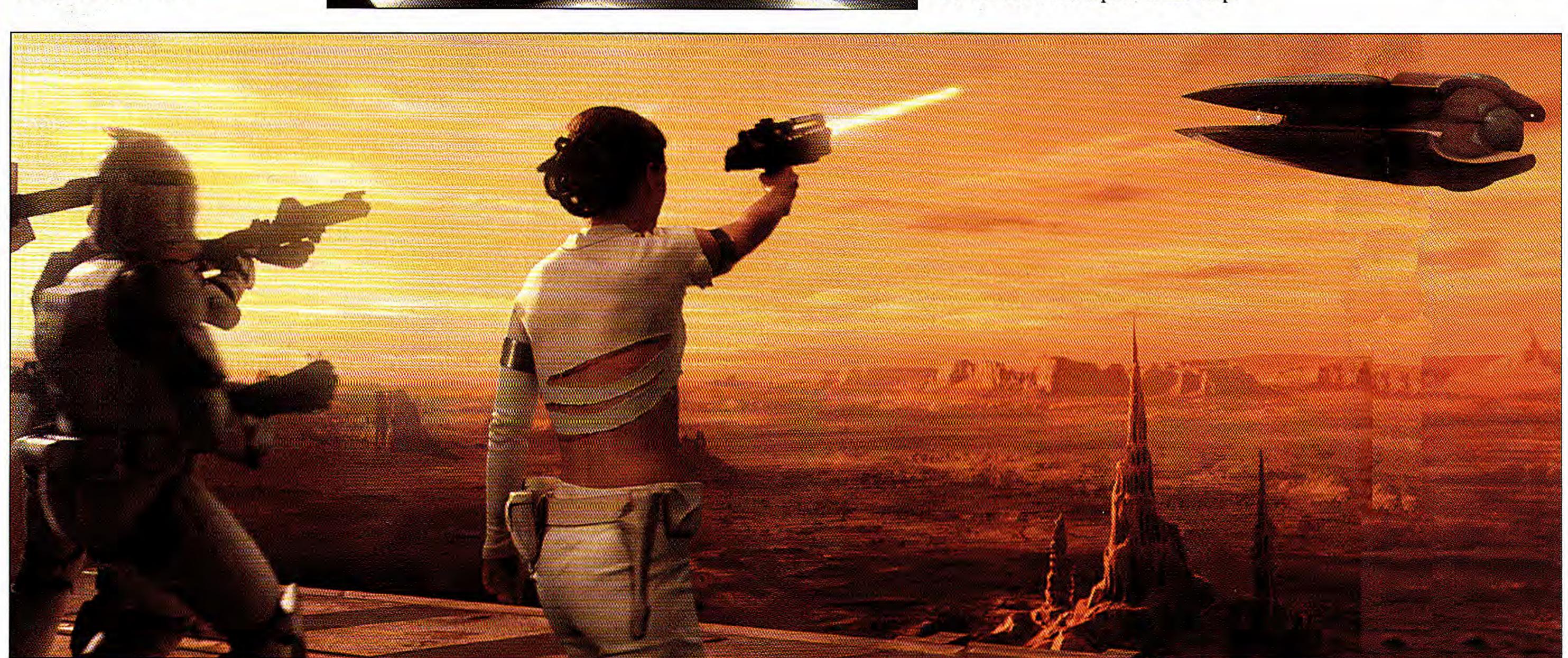
BATTLE OF WILLS

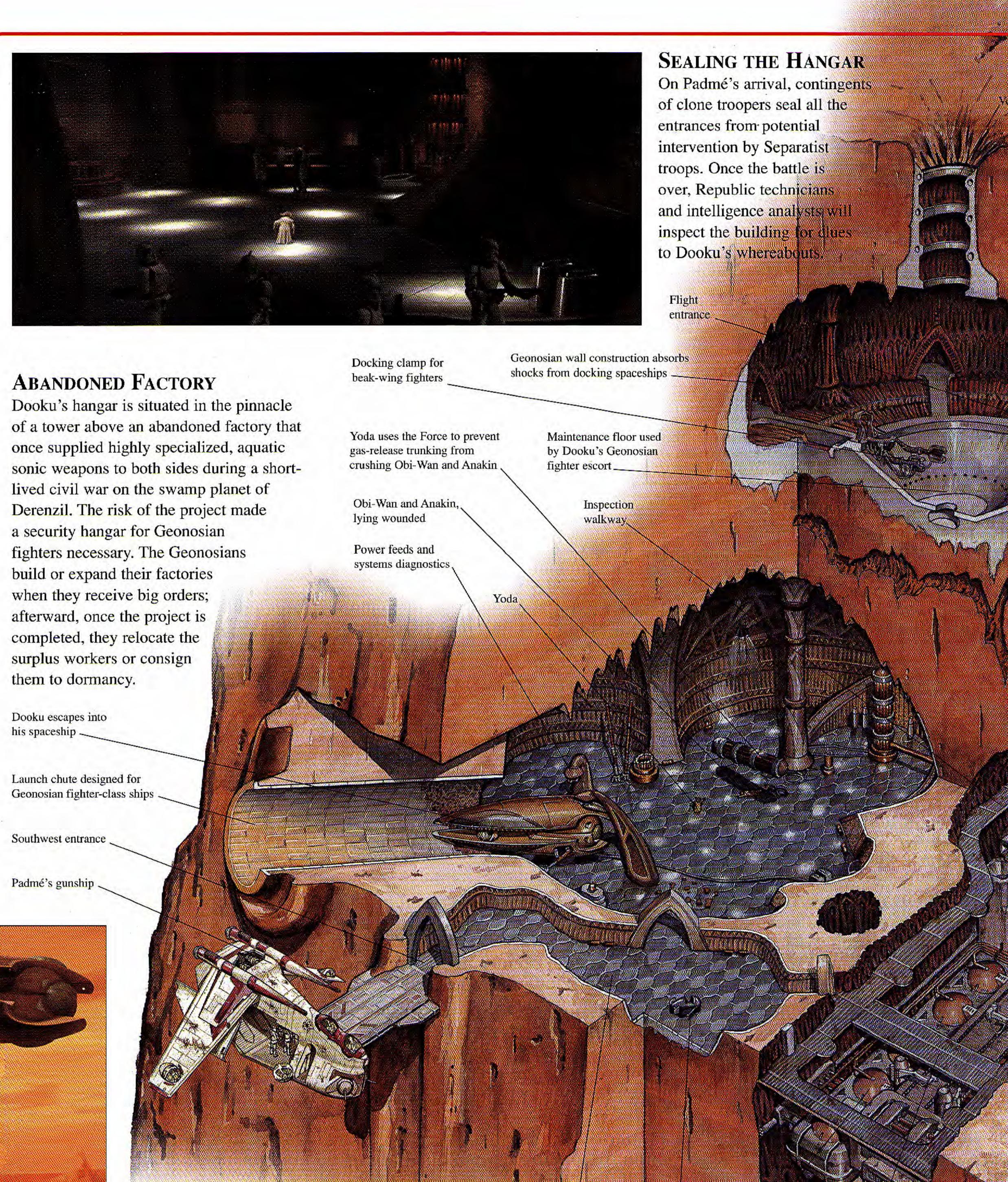
Alerted by his Force sensitivity,
Yoda comes to the aid of Kenobi
and Skywalker. Dooku projects
ceiling chunks toward Yoda,
which risks bringing the entire
structure down on both of them.
Yoda intercepts and redirects
each piece with ease.



LIGHTSABER COMBAT

Yoda knows only too well that if
Count Dooku is not stopped from
leaving Geonosis, he will rally more
planets to his cause. In the half-light
of the renegade leader's secret hangar,
Yoda wields the lightsaber he so
reluctantly uses in combat, attempting
to block Dooku's path to his ship.





Geonosian egg-nest pattern

GEONOSIAN CANYON

Padmé fires at Dooku's Solar Sailer in a forlorn attempt to stop the dastardly ex-Jedi from leaving the planet.

Nevertheless, his ship shoots safely across the wide canyon expanse outside the hangar. This canyon is a former industrial region now totally uninhabited by Geonosians. Like many of the planet's valleys, the flat plain is occasionally flooded by sudden storms or vast groundwater eruptions.

Fuel stores

Walkway to north entrance (where Kenobi and Skywalker arrive)

Reactor powers hangar machinery



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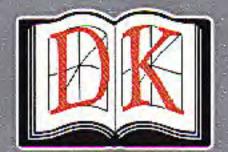


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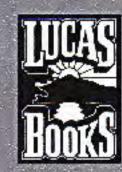
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