

Astatine – an innocent romantic or a cold politician?

Are you bossy?

Do you try to hide your true nature?

Are you a natural born politician?

If you answered "yes" to at those questions, you might find a soul mate in the newest Fleet Commander!

Nervous and harsh- that's how one could describe the successor of the Grand Admiral Ronin (we wrote about him in the April issue).

Astatine Thalanesis, to friends Ast, joined the Emperor's Hammer just after he had been expelled from the New Republic Navy.

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Zero kills, zero fights, only hours spent in flight simulators. Too good to kill, one could say. "Astatine seemed to be too gentle to swat a fly" – said his ex superior - "we couldn't afford spending funds on unproductive jerk, who'd use his X-Wing to watch sunsets!" –he added.

What caused the Flight Officer of Emperor's Hammer to allow such a mummy's-boy to enlist on the active cadets' roster? To learn that we'd have to track back through Astatine's childhood records.

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He got a camera for his 10th birthday. Excited, he was nosing everywhere he could, pressing the trigger all of the time. Various photographs lay in his draws, most of them totally random, but a few...

"When I received a call and heard a childish voice, I didn't really want to keep this talk going on"- recalled the ex state minister of the Old Republic- "but then I wondered how the heck he got my private number." It appeared that the young Thalanesis witnessed the homicide of the minister's business partner. Our informer claimed that the boy blackmailed the assassins, getting his enemies cancelled. Afterwards he called the minister and set them up.

"I was aware of that event. That's why I let Astatine in"- said the ex EH Flight Officer – "we needed witty people for whom the ethics was just a tool to achieve what they wanted. It was the war, and during the war all ways are good."- He stated.

Thalanesis seems to lie or not to reveal the whole truth about that issue. "I didn't know who they were. I thought of having some fun at them, that's why I called the minister." His words are in contradiction to what we learned. But nobody is crystal.

A chameleon in service

Since he joined the Hammer, Astatine's been in constant opposition to law enforcement forces. Landing in the High Court of Inquisitors multiple times, he was demoted frequently. Mostly for his short temper and inability to sit quiet when needed.

Was it just cover for his "real" personality?

"He was in the New Republic, he had to be good. He went to the enemy side, he had to show his evil nature took over." – Such opinion was stated by a sociologist from Brisbane Political Science Institute. "We believe here that all he did was subjected to an aim he had in his early years - to rule. So he was flexible enough to achieve what he wanted and where he wanted." –added the sociologist.

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In our plebiscite about the perfect male, our readers claimed that a man of their dreams should be romantic but also a bit bossy. He would have to hold power and have guts to get what he'd like, simultaneously being a gentle lover when needed.

Astatine fits perfectly into that scheme.

Appointed the Fleet Commander, he is now the most powerful person in the Aurora System. He can be harsh, as his records say. His relationships with women were quick and passionate so far, maybe he is still waiting for that one who'd change his life entirely? After all there is still a bit of a romantic in him. During the evenings one may see him standing on a balcony, looking at the full moon.

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