

# "Seether"

An ace Confed pilot that at one time served with Jacob "Hawk" Manly. While he was initially seen as a hot dogger and show off, his skill as a pilot attracted the notice of Confed Intel who recruited him for the G.E. Program, a program to enhance his already astounding flight skills through a process of Genetic Enhancement. Seether was neither heard from nor seen again until well after the end of the Terran/kilrathi war.

Under the command of Admiral Geoffrey Tolwyn, Seether became a leading member of the Confed rouge division known as "The Black Lance." This division was meant to be an elite armed force to combat traitors and incursions from outside the Confederation. In reality it was little more than a testing ground for new technologies and a breeding ground for sadistic pilots like Seether. Under Tolwyn's orders, the Black Lance attacked several civilian, Confed and Border World's targets with the intention of stirring up a war.

During the Black Lance conflict, Seether encountered the famous "Heart of the tiger" Col. Christopher Blair. To antagonize Blair, Seether attacked a Confed star base, in a Border World's Bomber, in plain view of Blair and his Wing Man Maniac. While Blair did not know at the time who the pilot of the bomber had been, he later discovered that it had been Seether.

When Blair made a run for Earth to address the Senate, Seether was ordered to delay him. The sadistic Seether engaged Blair over Earth Orbit. In a daring and deadly display of dog fighting skills, Seether and Blair fought to the death. Ultimately Blair defeated and killed Seether.



# Shin tar Melek

Once a lowly Kilra'hra, Melek's political career was as little more than a servant boy to the politicians. As a common born Kilrathi, he was fated to be a servant to others for ever. But Melek's skills could not be denied. He advanced through the political scene and eventually became the personal aide of Prince Thrakath. As a war time aide, Melek was responsible for bringing all relevant news to the eyes and ears of the prince.

In the later months of the war, Melek was fortunate enough to have earned the prince's respect. Thrakath gave Melek unprecedented authority for a Kilra'hra and allowed Melek to personally deal with some of the more day to day orders for the Kilrathi army. In this capacity, Melek became the next in line of succession should Thrakath die. This fact would play a great role in the end of the war.

In the final days of the war, Col. Blair made a desperate run on the Kilrathi Home world itself and in the process engaged Prince Thrakath. Thrakath was killed in that duel and Col Blair managed to drop the Temblor Bomb to destroy the planet. With both the Kilrathi Emperor and Prince Thrakath dead, Melek was the next to assume Command of the Kilrathi Empire. Realizing that continued warfare could only ruin the empire, Melek chose to sign a peace treaty with the Confederation.

With the war over, Melek turned to the shattered Kilrathi Empire. Over the course of a decade, he worked to settle the populaces of the empire to rebuild themselves. With their home world destroyed, Melek sought a new world to call their own. It was on a pilgrimage in search of such a world, that Melek's convoy was attacked by the Unmarked fighters of the Black lance. With the aid of Col. Blair and the Border Worlds Union, Melek and his convoy were saved and ultimately made it a star base at Pasqual 10.

