



ASAJJ VENTRESS (CLONE WARS)

Asajj Ventress, first introduced as Count Dooku's apprentice, bursts onto the scene between the events of *Star Wars: Episode II Attack of the Clones* and *Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith*. The character was derived from concept art created for *Attack of the Clones*, and Nika Futterman provides her voice for *Star Wars: The Clone Wars*.

"You can't help but wonder what made her this way," said Futterman. "That's what I think this character [brings] to the table—a real sense of history [and] the personal, internal war."

Ventress is born into the Nightsister clans on the planet Dathomir but becomes a child slave on Rattatak and eventually conquers the planet by force. Dooku offers her a way off the world if she becomes his disciple. Under Dooku's tutelage, Ventress becomes an unquestioned master of the dual-wielding lightsaber combat style known as Jar'Kai.

Both of Ventress's blades have bent hilts reminiscent of Dooku's saber. Striped black handgrips along the silver hilts give the sabers an animalistic appearance. Ventress can connect the hilts end to end, forming a double-bladed weapon with an S-shaped grip.

Dooku eventually betrays his apprentice, inspiring Asajj Ventress to reestablish her ties with the Nightsisters and plot her revenge on her former Master.

