

Planet Sheet

Granithor

Segmentum: Segmentum Pacificus

Sector: The Calixis Sector

Sub-Sector: Golgenna Reach

System: The Mortairdis System

Classification: Cemetery World

Diameter: 7456 Km

Land Mass: 95% Land. 5% Lake

Moons: 1

Capital: Templum City (Located on Moon – old pilgrim ship)

Population: 50 Million (90% Penal colonists)

Affiliation: Imperial World

Current Military Strength: 3 PDF Regiments – ‘The Reapers’

Tithe Grade: Solutio Extremis

Notable Events: 6.978.M38 – Planet is catalogued by the Calixis Expedition fleet
6.753.M39 – Colonised by pilgrims
6.437.M40 – The Pilgrim ship *Templum* is decommissioned on the planets moon
6.482.M40 – Ecclesiarchy builds a base around the *Templum* and petitions the Administratum to turn Granithor into a penal colony

Description: Known as ‘The Silent World’ to those in Golgenna reach, the planet Granithor is a vast, sprawling world located at the coreward side of the subsector. It is an extremely built up planet, with its vast tomb complexes more than 300 layers thick in some places, while in others the ground has barely been built on at all.

Granithor was first colonised in 6.753.M39 by a group of pilgrims of the Argantius Order, a small order who believed that the final resting place of Saint Gregory Argantius was located somewhere on the planet. Whether they were correct in their assumptions remains disputed, but in any case, the story spread until large amounts of pilgrims flocked to the

world to venerate themselves at the spot of the Saints supposed burial. The city expanded, and as further generations of pilgrims came to the world, often never leaving, much of the design aesthetic of the buildings became inclined towards catering for the death of those pilgrims, their hab-block almost always becoming their tombs.

After the successful decommissioning of the pilgrim ship '*Templum*' on the planets only moon, to be buried on Granithor became more popular amongst the ruling elite of Golgenna reach. In particular members of family Cesairia, who were the first to commission one of the now common Necropoli of Granithor. The Necropoli of Granithor are vast complexes dedicated to housing the departed of the members of high class families who can afford the cost of setting one up. To take advantage of this, the Ecclesiarchy set up a base in and around the site of the *Templum*s decommissioning, dedicating themselves to endless vigil and prayer over the souls of those who were buried there. This base also manages the logistics of the planet. To further facilitate this, a high ranking member of the Ecclesiarchy petitioned the Administratum to set Granithor up as a penal world, and the petition was approved. Now, prisoners from across Golgenna reach are transported to Granithor to labour in the Texoletii, vast, ant hive like conglomerations of temporary residence that house the highly indoctrinated and brainwashed prisoners as they build across the landscape.

Most of the planets landmass consists of layer upon layer of mausoleums containing various members of the upper class who have spent exorbitant amounts paying for them to be constructed. These are the Necropoli of Granithor, each one housing thousands of long dead nobles and their descendants. Their architectural styles vary enormously, as various families have attempted to preserve their tastes and mannerisms for all time, with the largest and grandest Necropoli belonging to the first families to build there. Some of the newer families to set up Necropoli on the surface of Granithor have differed from this tradition, albeit unintentionally, as each successive generation attempts to impose their individuality on the past. This often results in large differences in style between successive layers of the complexes.

For the middle classes of Golgenna reach, burial on Granithor is seen as an expensive and extravagant luxury, with some families saving thrones across many generations in order to purchase a single vault in the depths of the catacombs so as to rest in peace at the end of their lives. For those unwilling to fork out for this, it is possible to have a lavish burial service on what little surface remains of Granithor, and for the deceased's body to be buried under a small, inscribed headstone. This then remains in place until it is either built over by the workers of the Texoletii or until the inscription on the headstone wears off, at which point the grave is re-used. In the event of paying for a lavish service, and not having anyone to invite, or simply to make the deceased more important looking, it is possible to hire additional mourners to attend the funeral from one of the many groups that advertise within *Templum* City. These mourners traditionally wear white facemasks to hide their identities. It is rumoured that some of these groups have more than just a financial interest in the bodies of the deceased however...

The toiling masses of Golgenna reach however, have but one fate in store for them within the vast factoria complexes that cluster around the planets poles – their bodies are

unceremoniously processed by machinery operated by legions of servitors into rationing for the 38th Gelmiran Taskforce, currently on campaign in the Gelmira system, fighting a war of attrition against the advanced alien race that inhabit that area. To be made into rations (known as Soylens Viridanis by the soldiers of the taskforce) is seen as an honour by those who will undergo it, despite the unsuccessful attempt to keep it a secret from the general population which lasted for 3 Millennia.

Scratch the surface of Granithor's silent exterior however, and you will reveal an underworld that is rife with shady dealings. Whispers of lost archeotech and vast wealth buried with some of the older families draw many who would use the riches gained for their own ends. There are persistent rumours amongst the residents of Templum city that depraved individuals stalk the catacombs miles below the outermost shell of the planet, stealing bodies to fuel their heretical cravings. No proof of their existence has been found however, although the Ecclesiarchy regularly send strike teams from the PDF forces to investigate. Not all of them return...