

# Species

There are several different species living in the Galactic Empire.

## The Keris-Ve

The first one is the Keris-Ve. They are a bipedal species and grow to about 2.5 to 3 meters. Most Keris-Ve have greenish skin. They have a short muzzle tipped by a small black horn. Their bodies are covered in short hair, usually black or brown. They also have very sharp teeth. The vampire teeth generally grow to about 5-10 cm long. Most people say they are a very refined, sleek looking species. They have adapted to life on the land as they were once exclusively water creatures. The variations on the skin and hair colour are either genetic (accidental) or mutational.

They live on most worlds in the Empire but their home planet is Keris II, in the Nom-Orn system. Here the average day time temperature is about 480°. They solved this problem by digging massive underground caverns where they could live in comfort. Strangely enough, there is natural water in the caverns. The Keris-Ve live in dens where they have the king or queen, workers, slaves, soldiers, etc. In fact it is very like a giant ants nest where everybody does a particular job. Most Keris-Ve are infertile. The fertiles must stay in the den.

## The Srta

The Srta are a bipedal species and grow to about 1 to 2 meters in height. They are covered in thick brown or black hair. By human standards they are a bit chubby. They are herbivores and have small flat teeth. On top of their head stand 2 small ears, usually about 3-5 cm high. The strangest feature on the Srta are their eyes. They are glowing red and they say Srta use them to see in the dark. The Srta's home planet is Srtalan IV in the Nom-Orn system. It has a disorientating 20 h rotation. Their Imperium is one of the biggest single imperium known. They have small claws on the ends of their hands and feet. On the palms there are small pads to help them grip.

## The Rkshu

The Rkshu are a quadrupedal species that grow to about 1-2 meters in height. They have blue-ish skin and black eyes. On their faces they have a covering of fine black hair. They have 4 toes on each foot ending in a sharp curved claw with a jagged inside edge. The Rkshu are carnivores. They are just as agile on 4 legs as they are on 2. Their home planet is Rendes, the 2nd planet of the Makrain system. Many live on the four moons orbiting Rendes. They are regarded as an advanced species. A group of Rkshu scientists discovered a new element only 2 years ago. They named it Muah, after the Honoured Emperor Muah-'Tror. They developed a special system to destroy any asteroids that come within a certain distance of the planet. It is the Rkshu who operate the vessels for the Imperium.

## The Mastekians

The Mastekians are tall compared to most other species. They are bipeds and grow to 3 to 3.5 meters in height. They have no hair but their skin is quite thick. They have long lanky arms that each end in 5 fingered hands. The fingers in turn end in small but incredibly sharp talons. Their eyes are on the side of their head and the ears are just small holes in the side of their head. But they have three pairs of ears, one pair where humans have them, the second pair on

either side of the mouth and the final pair on the top of their head. They can tell where sound is coming from and judge the distance. They are very accurate. A lot of Mastekian children have fake eyes because they were blind at birth. The eyes are quite often referred to as "The eyes of the Prophet" because they have a range far greater than the naked eye. Their teeth are strangely shaped. They are like a cross between a carnivore's teeth - long and sharp - and a herbivore's teeth - big and flat. The feet have 3 toes each, two at the front and one at the back. They have short claws on the ends of the toes. The claws carry a lethal poison. They call it "Juhdb's potion." One scratch and five minutes later you're dead. It attacks your nervous system first then goes on to your brain. This poison develops when they reach twenty years old. The Mastekians always wear "socks" over their claws. Their home planet is Mastek III, in the Guhdb system.

## The Wuqish

The Wuqish are amphibian bipeds. They grow to about 2 meters high. They are covered in metallic blue scales. Spaced about 10 cm apart are 5 cm high bones. These are covered in skin to form a sort of rudder. This ends in a tail about 2 meters long. Running along their backs are two small dorsal fins. They help to steer when in the water. The gills are at waist level as to provide maximum water flowing through them. The lungs are not in the chest like humans but are where the stomach would be. In addition they have three lungs but they are about three-quarters the size of human lungs. In the mouth there are about one hundred tiny teeth. The exceptions are the vampire teeth, which grow to about 5 cm. In the water they navigate by a very complex system of echo location. Like sharks they can detect the minute electricity from a fish in distress. They can dive to depths of up to 1.5 km. This is due to the rigidity of their skeleton. They have over 350 separate bones. If a bone was broken and they dived deeper than 200 meters they would be crushed. There are eleven openings in a typical Wuqish head. The first pair are for the echo location and are located on either side of the mouth. The second pair are also for the echo location and are on the back of the head, about seven cm up from the top of the neck. Another two are also for the echo location and are where the temples would be on a human. The ears are just holes on the sides of the head. Their eyes are in the front of their heads and they can judge distance very well. The mouth is in the normal place. They originate on the planet of Wuqhuy VI.

## The Vorhos

The Vorhos are a bipedal species that grow to about 2 meters in height. Their young look almost exactly the same as the parent. The young are covered in fine black hair. On their elbow and knee joints are small spikes that are used for self-defence. They carry a lethal poison in the spikes. It is curable for the first hour. After that the poison takes effect. It attacks the nervous system, leaving the victim paralysed. It is commonly known as "Lacon's Death." The eyes are glowing red. At the end of each of the toes is a small toenail. It has small indentations running parallel to the toe. This so they can clip special claws on them. The claws contain many useful substances. The first one is a poison that comes out when the jagged edge comes into contact with something. To prevent this there are small covers that clip onto the edge. The second one is the equivalent of sleeping gas. The final substance is harnoekis, similar to kerosene but one hundred times more flammable. In the tip of the claw is a tiny fireball launcher. The fireball is miniscule, only 1 mm diameter. The launcher

can throw the fire ball up to 10 meters. The adults don't have the joint spikes. Their home planet is Vorhok III, in the Kfudi system.

## The Quensicons

The Quensicons are a off-shoot of the species Wuqish. They are basically genetically engineered Wuqish. They are very tough and adapt quickly to new situations. Quensicons look almost exactly the same as normal Wuqish. They grow to about 2 meters high but they have a bulky thermo suit on. There are special drugs or devices that are inserted in to the Quensicon's body or thermo suit that can change the way a Quensicon moves or acts, or where it can go. The following is a list of some of them and what they do.

### **Name**

den-kolos  
all bodily fuctions. eg: heart  
hexan  
space with out a space suit

### **What's it do?**

enables the owner to control  
rate; amount of sleep  
enables the owner to travel in