

# THE UNTOUCHED SIBERIAN PRIDES

EXCERPTS FROM KINGSLEY'S GUIDE TO THE HYRCANIAN  
PRIDES IN THE WILDS OF RUSSIA

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## INTRODUCTION & FOREWORD

As a Respected Tribe Elder and expert on Hyrcanian Culture, I ask, who better than Kingsley of Sector One social research department, to relate to us his experiences and knowledge of the Prides of Siberia. His two year expedition living amongst the Russian Collective wasteland tribes, and Kingsley's unique insights into Hyrcanian lifestyle, give us a rare opportunity to greater understand our Allies and their culture and provides a native's inside look at how they succeed living on the edge of survival.

*C. Darwin.*



SIBERIAN  
RED ZONE

RUSSIAN COLLECTIVE

KAZAKH  
RED ZONE

SAMARCAN  
RED ZONE

MIDDLE EASTERN ZONE

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## **SIBERIAN SPECIALISATIONS**

It is already established knowledge that our kind have many variations in appearance, often dependant on geographical location and environments.

As befits such cold lands, most of the Prides that originally settled in Siberia were those already used to the harsh climates of arctic environs, resulting in the majority of Hyrcanians here exhibiting pale, thickly furred pelts, large paws and ears, and exceptionally fluffy tails. These adaptations in physiology, handed down from ancestors originating in colder climates on Hyrcania, are necessary for survival here.

## **NEXT TO THE RED ZONES**

With such close proximity to the red zones in this wasteland, it is important for all who live here to be expert survivalists. Hyrcanian natural protection against some of the negative environmental effects found in red weed-affected areas allow our kind to flourish outside the protection of the Wall of Iron. It is uncommon to find Hyrcanian here that cannot hunt, fight, track or trap, and all are expected to be able to do so from a young age. Everyone is expected to contribute here, and those who are no longer able to are at the mercy of their tribe's good will.

## **THE FOUR PRIDES**

There are four main prides in the wilds of Russia, spread widely in the few habitable areas of wasteland that border the edge of the great city

and the inhospitable red zones that have ravaged much of the Siberian landscape. Each Pride consists of a range of smaller familial tribes, much less than the vast prides in the Mongol steppes further south, but more indeed than that of the Free Scandinavian Prides to the north west. If you observe closely, you can see some cultural influence from each of these areas in their neighbouring Siberian tribes.

The majority of the northern Prides are of the spotted castes, and sometimes patched, but the southern-most pride is predominantly striped. There are, of course, many smaller independent Prides, some of only one tribal family, but the following four main Prides are the most well-established, stable Prides with consistent Elder and leader lineage:

#### The Vork'yan Pride

- Location: *North Western Mountains (Area 1)*
- Majority Caste: *Spotted*
- Notes: *Avid big game hunters, and some fish hunters on the north coast. Have some contact with occasional outsider travellers from the Russian Collective. Welcoming, but fiercely proud, loyal and traditionalist.*

#### The Tunguskan Pride

- Location: *Central Mountains (Area 2)*
- Majority Caste: *Spotted*
- Notes: *Live in larger groups, very sociable, have regular contact and trade with the few human settlements that nestle at the edge of*

*the interior city wall. The most socialised of all the Prides.*

#### The Bai'kal Pride

- Location: *Lower Central Plains (Area 3)*
- Majority Caste: *Patched*
- Notes: *Have remained truly nomadic and tribes move about within their territory, following the seasons and constantly changing borders of the red zones. Often hostile to outsiders, the shy, insular Tribes here rarely have contact with others.*

#### The Amurr Pride

- Location: *South Eastern Peninsula (Area 4)*
- Majority Caste: *Striped*
- Notes: *Expert big game hunters, adopting the use of the mutated eagles to flush out prey. They often have contentions for leadership roles within their tribes and are quick to challenge.*

#### **KAHRAN TRIBE OF THE VORKUYA MOUNTAIN PRIDE**

The Kahran, a typically proud Vorkuyan tribe, were my hosts for a week stay in the north western mountains. They are welcoming, if hesitant, and offer me every hospitality. I feel they do not get that many visitors, in such a remote location. The tribe elders are Kohrs and Arina Vorkuya, both strong warriors who take a relatively modern view on the world. Not only are they the tribe leaders, but also the Pride elders for the entire Vorkuya Mountain Pride. I am honoured to be their guest here.

### TRIBAL VILLAGE

As with most Hyrcanians of the Vorkuya Mountain Pride, the Kahran live in a settlement built up around old human pre-war ruins. The remains of a church form the foundations for the main tribal hall; the centre of village life and the home of the tribe elders. You can still see the onion-shaped main spire rising from the sprawled building below. It is surrounded with Hyrcanian-style yurts, teepees and small wooden huts, housing the rest of the tribe members. The village is surrounded with a thick protective stone wall, nestled in the foothills of the Ural Mountains, not far from areas of red weed infestation.

The central round room of the main hall has no human-style chairs or tables, but heaps of furs surrounding a central round fireplace. The walls are decorated with hunting trophies and tribal art of carved wood, feathered totems and painted cloth.

### SOCIAL HIERARCHY

The Kahran have a traditional tribal hierarchy, as all Vorkuyan do, with the tribe elders held in the highest regard. Their large family of direct descendant sons and daughters are also greatly respected. Respect here is shown by a nod of the head, casting one's eyes to the floor. The longer and lower the look, the more respect is shown. The rest of the tribe consists of less close family members, many who have joined from neighbouring tribes, and some who are drifters, those who wander from tribe to tribe and never settle. Even

these drifters are fiercely loyal to their tribes, and Prides for as long as they belong.

Whilst tribe elders may choose monogamous relationships, there is a much more relaxed attitude to the moralities of marriage than humans have, and monogamy is rare. This is borne of the need to share and support each other in all things within the tribe for the purpose of survival, originally when such great numbers died at the hands of the Martians, and now that the debilitated numbers of the Hyrcanian race must be helped to grow.

Here, offspring are cared for in a single nursery tent, by an older Hyrcanian until they are old enough to be taught to hunt and look after themselves properly. Young Hyrcanians are born with especially thick downy coats to help them survive the harsh conditions.

### **TRADITIONALISTS**

As with many of the Vorkuyan, The Kahrans observe the old traditions of Hyrcania, some few I shall list here:

#### *Honour*

With the lack of emphasis put on marriage, many outsiders believe traditional Hyrcanians lack honour, but this is simply not true; they merely place the importance of honour on survival-related occurrences and situations. A tribe member who does not pull their weight in hunting and daily duties will bring dishonour upon himself and disrespects his tribe members. Any Hyrcanian that

brings danger to the tribe or any of its members also dishonours himself.

### *Life Debt*

Any Hyrcanian that saves Hyrcanian another Hyrcanian's life will be owed a life-debt. This is only paid off when the favour has been returned. Occasionally, in extreme circumstances, Hyrcanians have been known to extend this life-debt offer to Humans and Reptids.

### *Guests*

When visiting a Hyrcanian's home, one should always bring a gift for the dinner table. It may be small or large, it can be food or drink. This gift is a sign of respect to your host by showing you wish to place no burden on them because you can provide for yourself.

### *Kill Trophies*

When a Hyrcanian fights, not for food, but for survival, they take something for a trophy from what they kill. This is not so that they remember a fight with fondness, but that they might be reminded of what and who they were fighting for.

### *Coming of Age*

A young Hyrcanian must prove themselves capable before being accepted as an adult. They go out into the wilderness alone, to hunt, and must return with the most impressive kill they can, from which they take a trophy (see above) that they carry with them life-long.



### **FINAL NOTE**

It is hoped these excerpts have been of help to further understanding the untouched tribes of the Russian Collective, and perhaps some insight into our kind.

Kingsley of the Vorkuyan Pride.