



# UNDERSTANDING OUR NEW ALLIES

## INFORMATION FOR THE LAYPERSON ON HYRCANIANS & REPTIDS.

Following the proper integration and resultant mixed public opinion on our new allies, this article is intended to liberate the mind of fears and mysteries regarding those that have arrived from Mars.

To clarify for those of a less erudite standpoint, Martian refers to the aggressors in the tripods, the gangly creatures that are incased in masks and armour, those that brought bloody ruin upon the Earth and Humanity. Hyrcanians, often referred to as "*Martian Cat People*" are the furry humanoids that somewhat resemble our native felines. Reptids are the humanoid lizards that were brought over with the Martian war machines. Both Hyrcanians and Reptids have integrated with the nations of Earth despite uneducated fears.

Many years of study have given us insight into our allies and has helped us piece together an idea of what life on Mars is like. From the accounts that we have been provided, both by our allies and from eyewitnesses of the Great War, we know that the Reptids mostly lived around the machines, away from the sky, with a few notable exceptions around the equatorial regions. Hyrcanians however, lived varied lives ranging from miners, herders of Reptids and survived from the Polar Regions to the tropics. The two species are very different and seem to have a genetic disposition for varying tasks and roles. Reptids are highly advanced specimens of the lizards

we see on Earth, with a vastly superior intelligence. Hyrcanians are less suited to more cognitive tasks but certainly better at the physical

Given the nature of Hyrcanians, it may well be that they are natives to Mars, especially to the mountainous regions. Reptids appear to be much closer to Martians in appearance when compared to the Hyrcanians, though it seems unlikely that they would have thrived from the way they describe the planet now. The three could well have developed alongside each other, in a manner which the scholar Darwin would describe as Evolution (see the recently published Origin of Species 1859), indeed, the Martians may well have bred these slaves the same way humans have bred sheepdogs and shire horses. It may well be that the Martians have already conquered Venus or perhaps one of Jupiter's or Saturn's moons and brought them back to Mars, a fate that may have been in store for humans should we have lost the Great War.

## **HYRCANIANS**

Hyrcanians have distinct patterns on their furs. They vary from single colour, to patches, spots or stripes. These are different groups, referred to as prides, of Hyrcanians and there is an animosity between them. Whilst striped Hyrcanians get on with other striped Hyrcanians, they will refuse to work with and be aggressive towards other types of Hyrcanians. This led to them being split up between the nations to prevent them fighting. This may be why you have only seen certain patterns of Hyrcanian fur.

Hyrcanians have found to be skillful at a variety of



different tasks and have integrated fairly well with human society – from game keeping, serving the higher classes or serving in their home nations military. In their prides, the leader is the most able member. They often challenge for leadership and this can cause issues when working with a group of humans. This culture of questioning leadership is still an issue, but not one for the layperson to worry about, your leaders are clearly the most able members of society for their respective jobs.

Hyrceanian loyalty is lifelong. The human that removes the Martian control collars that excerpt the aliens influence are honoured greatly and have made an ally for life. These dangerous items are difficult to remove but gain the just, lifelong gratitude of the liberated. Hyrcanians are typically opinionated, proud, passionate and driven, welcoming challenges to prove themselves – some of these features we can all aspire to, whilst we understand their natural flaws. Whilst it may be noted that Hyrcanians hold Reptids in low regard, this is a result of years of conditioning by the Martians and should not be emulated on Earth. Hyrcanians are mammals like us typically living between 40 & 80 years of age and often have twins, triplets and quadruplets. .

## **REPTIDS**

Reptids however, have social groups called clutches based on the way their mother's nest. They generally do not know their fathers and so keep their mother's name as part of their identity. They interact well with other Clutches to perform tasks and have a solid work ethic, one that we can all aspire to! The leader



of the clutch is the eldest and their wisdom is well respected by the younger members of the brood. Unfortunately for the Reptids on Earth, only their youngest leaders have been liberated, their being left behind on Mars. This has understandably caused some upheaval in their society.

When dealing with outsiders that are not dealing with a mutual task, Reptids are timid and shy, quietly hiding and keeping their heads down. No doubt this is a trait that they learned during their time on Mars. This may be why you think them to be secretive or skulking, this is not the case! Merely they have learned that pride is not a virtue. Despite this and for the most part, Reptids have integrated well to human cities and factories, preferring to be in the hustle and bustle, still somewhat shying away from the sun and sky.

It is also noted, that whilst Hyrcanians are not particularly bothered by Reptids, this is not reciprocated by the Reptids, who hold resentment for past transgressions. This is presumably to do with Martian orders issued to Hyrcanians whilst under the influence of Martian control collars

Reptids live shorter lifespans, living between 25 and 55 years, but as a result, reach maturity at a much younger age – fully grown by the age of 10! They lay eggs and are not mammals.

**REMEMBER! HYRCANIANS & REPTIDS ARE OUR ALLIES!**

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