

RACE

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COMPENDIUM
ENTRY

SHIARDAN

CATEGORY: GREEN

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FOUNDER

Special Characteristics:

Advanced Technology

Cloaking

Weaknesses:



Homeworld: Shiardo

Natural Lifespan: 400 - 600 Earth years, some individuals recorded at 1,200

Recorded History: 450,000 Years

Tech Level: Highly Advanced

Physical Characteristics:

Similar to humans in shape and sexual dimorphism, Shiardans do have distinct characteristics. Their society has eliminated disease and genetic mutation. Thus, all shiardans are free of blemishes and asymmetry in physical characteristics. Shiardans have slightly more angular and sharper features than most humans, but it is difficult to tell for most. The most striking difference is that all Shiardans have clear blood, making them naturally pale to the point of almost seeming radiant. Shiardans are extremely intelligent and extraordinarily inventive.

Shiardans are regarded as the most technologically advanced civilization in the known galaxy. The most significant achievement of their society is the cloaking system that hides their entire planet from all known scanning techniques. They are a former ruling race; a co-opt of species that dominated galactic politics for thousands of years. Their extreme tactics in a war with the psychons caused them to retreat from galactic politics.

Cultural Aspects

Shiardan society is divided into a clan-system, based upon the five foundations of Shiardan society: Soul, Body, Spirit, Energy, and Mind. The Soul Clan is the ruling clan of Shiardo, though all clans are held in equal regard. Magic and technology have equal ground in Shiardan culture as well. The heads of each clan are responsible for weapons grafted with magical crystals that embody the characteristics of their clan. The ruling Soul Clan picks a High King to wield the SoulSteel, an indestructible artifact that can only be wielded by a perfectly neutral soul.

Shiardan crime is almost nonexistent, though not unheard of. On the whole, their species is a peaceful one. A sleeping giant; their technology grants them the most powerful fleet in known space. However, their reluctance to rejoin galactic society almost makes this a moot point. Shiardan culture is rich and long in history. Art and science are valued greatly in Shiardan society. Variations on these themes depend upon each clan.