Creatures D6 / Purrgil



Name: Purrgil
Type: Deep Space Lifeform

Dexterity: 3D
Perception: 2D
Strength: 4D

Special Abilities

Hyperspace Jump: Purgill are capable of making Hyperspace Jumps, and consumption of Clouzon-36 gas is involved. After inhaling the gas, the massive creatures are able to make the transition to Hyperspace and travel between distant stars.

Massive Size: Purrgil are large creatures, which count as Starfighter Scale for damage purposes, ramming anything they perceive as threatening with their noses for Str damage.

Distinctions: Ability to travel through hyperspace, Four large hind tentacles, One dorsal fin, Two side fins
Skin color: Blue, gray, purple, yellow
Eye color: Blue, gray
Move: 4 (Space Speed)
Size: 5-50m long
Orneriness: 4D

Description: Purrgil were a species of massive, whale-like creatures that lived in deep space, traveling from star system to star system. It was their natural ability to fly through hyperspace that inspired sentients to develop the hyperdrive technology. However, according to Hera Syndulla, most spacers considered purrgil a pest due to their habit of approaching and flying into starships near their flight paths, and for ships crashing into their swarms during hyperspace travel. Numerous spacer deaths could be attributed to purrgil-related incidents, leading most spacers to fire upon them on sight.

Biology and appearance

Purrgil were large creatures with a streamlined, torpedo-shaped body, and a horizontally flattened head with two cloudy eyes placed on the sides of it. They looked like a cross between a whale, a squid, and a stingray. They had four large hind tentacles, a single dorsal fin, and two side fins, all of which allowed them to move gracefully across the vacuum of realspace. The skin of purrgil was smooth-looking, and often a bluish purple color. Their large mouths were filled with egg-shaped, irregularly implanted teeth. Some specimens had slender, whisker-like organs near the mouth.

In order to breathe, these space-whales needed to inhale stores of a specific green gas, Clouzon-36. Once sufficiently provided with said gas, they could jump into hyperspace, an alternate dimension that could only be entered by traveling at lightspeed or faster.

Behavior

Purrgil lived in groups called flocks or swarms that could count up to eight individuals. Such groups were led by a bigger specimen, referred to as a Purrgil King. Although they showed a certain degree of intelligence, the purrgil could unintentionally cause harm by crashing into starships, killing their occupants in the process.

History

Several millennia before the cold war, the purrgil's ability to travel through hyperspace inspired sentients to find their own way of entering that alternate dimension. After studying purrgil, sentient beings ended up inventing the hyperdrive.

Although few people actually witnessed their special ability to attain lightspeed, the purrgil became the stuff of legend for smugglers and pilots across the galaxy. However, due to their habit of unwittingly crashing into starships, the legendary space-whales came to be regarded as "a big, lumbering menace." Many purrgil were thus killed, with spacers puncturing them with hook-lashes while they bled to death, before bringing them up on deck.

The crew of the Ghost encountered a purrgil swarm while stealing fuel from the Mining Guild.

In 1 BBY, dozens of purgill were summoned by Ezra Bridger in order to aid in the liberation of Lothal. Many purgill completely wiped out Thrawn's blockade of Lothal and damaged three Star Destroyers, including the Chimaera hovering above Lothal Capital City. They then wrapped their tentacles around the Star Destroyers, trapping both Thrawn and Bridger in a cold embrace, and then jumped to hyperspace, removing the Imperial threat from Lothal.

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