Races D6 / Arcona



Name: Arcona
Designation: Sentient
Classification: Reptile
Average height: 1.8 – 2 meters
Skin color: Ebony to mahogany
Eye color: Green, Blue, Pink, Gold (When addicted to salt)
Distinctions: Scaleless reptilians, Flat anvil-shaped heads
Average lifespan: 100 years
Homeworld: Cona
Diet: Ammonia-converting roots
Language: Arconese
Attribute Dice: 12D

DEXTERITY 2D/4D
KNOWLEDGE 2D/4D
MECHANCIAL 1D+1/4D+1
PERCEPTION 2D+2/3D+2
STRENGTH 2D/5D
TECHNICAL 1D/3D

Special Skills:

Strength-Digging: Time to use: One round or longer. Allows the Arcona to use their talons to dig through soil or other similar substances.

Special Abilities:

Senses: Arcona have weak long distance vision (add +10 to the difi¬•culty level of all tasks involving vision a distances greater than 15 meters), but excellent close range senses (add +1D to all Perception skills involving heat, smell or movement when within 15 meters.

Thick Hide: Arcona have tough, armored hides that add +1D Strength when resisting physical damage. (This bonus does not apply to damage caused by energy or laser weapons.)

Talons: Arcona have sharp talons which add +1D to climbing, Strength (when determining damage in combat during brawling attacks), or digging.

Salt Weakness: Arcona are easily addicted to salt. If an Arcona consumes salt, it must make a Very Difi¬•cult willpower roll not to become addicted. Salt addicts require 25 grams of salt per day, or they will suffer -1D to all actions.

Move: 8/10

Description: Arcona, sometimes singular Arconan, were scaleless reptiles with humanoid bodies. Hailing from the tropical desert planet of Cona in the Teke Ro system, they had poor eyesight, despite their large eyes, and had a small organ between their eyes which, often mistaken for their

nose, helped them to see. An Arcona's lifespan was roughly the same as a Human's. The Arcona lived in a family-based community, where the males took care of the young, as the females were generally reckless and thrill-seeking. Despite not being a particularly technological species, by the time the Galactic Empire rose to power, Arcona could be seen in every corner of the galaxy. They were also notorious for their easy addiction to common salt.

Biology and appearance
The Arcona had flat, anvil-shaped heads, sharp claws, clear, marble-like eyes, and thick, protective skin that ranged in tone from olive to ebony. Cona, the native planet of the Arcona, was always hot, and had very little water. The atmosphere was filled with ammonia vapor. The Arcona adapted to this environment by eating the ammonia-converting roots of the complex flora of Cona as a source of water (the only water planet-wide). The Arcona depended on the ammonia to live and, as a result, Arcona living offworld had to take ammonia supplements or risk death.

Despite their bulbous eyes, the Arcona had very poor eyesight. Their eyes could not detect fine shapes as they were made up of thousands of tiny photoreceptors like those of an insect, so they only saw blurry objects. To aid their poor eyesight, the Arcona had a small diamond-shaped sensory organ between their eyes. Often mistaken for their nose, this organ detected heat patterns from living beings. Thus, the Arcona could recognize someone or something by its heat pattern. Like many reptiles, the Arcona had olfactory organs located in their ever-moving tongues. This helped them distinguish objects in their environment that they otherwise could not make out and also gave them a keen sense of smell.

Society and culture
Arcona normally thought of themselves not as individuals but as a collective whole. Largely forsaking individuality, they often referred to themselves as "we" even when alone. The Arcona lived in loose, family-based communities called nests, which were ruled by a Grand Nest. Because Arcona were born in nests underground, they obtained a close sense of family living in close quarters with brothers and sisters.

The language of the Arcona was Arconese, which came from their home planet of Cona. However, on off-world colonies, Arcona young were rarely taught Arconese, as they could learn Basic easily.

Arcona females were considered far more reckless and free-spirited than their male counterparts, so the males usually raised the children. Arcona took much time courting a partner, and the commitment to marry was also a commitment to parent.

Arcona were highly susceptible to addiction to salt, which served as a hallucinogen. Their eyes shifted from green to gold after prolonged addiction. The effects of salt on the Arcona resembled that of intoxication; an Arcona was seen in a dive bar consuming a soup in which he had poured an entire salt shaker's worth of salt, then was observed stumbling out of a cantina "like it was last call."

History
Before they made contact with the greater galaxy, the Arcona were not technologically advanced. Although they eventually used sentient technology, they never developed any of their own. When scouts from the Galactic Republic first arrived on Cona, many Arcona were extremely enthusiastic about exploring the galaxy; oftentimes, whole communities sought to travel off-world. As a consequence, Arcona colonies were quite common throughout the galaxy. After adapting to other species' technology not present on Cona, the Arcona were commonly seen in every spaceport in the galaxy.

Offworlders initially traded water for mineral rights, but soon discovered that salt was a highly addictive hallucinogen for the Arcona. Traders then imported large amounts of salt before communities outlawed the dealings. In the long run, it was only the Republic that saved the Arcona from pandemic addiction, passing laws which punished salt sales on Cona. Salt-addicted Arcona could be easily recognized because their eyes turned from green to gold. Because of the large number of addicts, many people believed that the natural Arcona eye color was gold.

When the Galactic Empire came to power, the Arcona largely made up the institution's most vocal supporters when they learned of its desire to form a united galaxy. Because this fit with their notion of a uniform galaxy, the Arcona quickly pledged support but had joined the New Republic sometime during the Imperial Civil War. When the Yuuzhan Vong invaded the galaxy, the Arcona homeworld was attacked and invaded by the alien horde and only freed after the war's end by the Galactic Alliance.

Arcona in the galaxy
Due to their communal nature, the majority of Arcona who traveled offworld sought scientific development to bring back to their nests on Cona. Having spread out across the galaxy to follow the urge of exploration, entire families could be found living near every major spaceport working as employees of major shipping or mining conglomerates, as well as simple tourists. At the time of the Galactic Civil War, a camp for salt-addicted Arcona was established on the jungle world Kashyyyk.

Force-sensitivity was not uncommon among the Arcona, and many found themselves involved in the Force traditions of the greater galaxy. While no Arcona were ever recorded as joining the Sith Empire, many Force-sensitive Arcona were initiated in the Jedi Order until the time of the Great Jedi Purge and the collapse of the Republic. Two Arcona Jedi Knights served the Order after it was rebuilt during the time of the Galactic Alliance; Vaala Razelle and Izal Waz.

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