

The Alurians

Homeworld: Aluria

Location: Alpha Aluria System (Andromeda Galaxy, Alpha Quadrant)

The Alurians were the first race encountered by the U.S.S. Odyssey and the Andromeda Exploratory Fleet upon their arrival in the Andromeda Galaxy. A matriarchal race led by a ten-member council composed entirely of females, they are the leading diplomats in the Free Species Alliance that formed in the social and political vacuum left when the Kelvan Empire departed Andromeda.

An aquatic species, their homeworld of Aluria is over 80% water with all major landmasses in use as starports or cultural centers for congregating with different species. Their society is class-based, dominated by the matriarchs, the class from which the council members are selected. Beneath them is the male-dominated Alurian Guard. The society's military component, they man a vast armada of warships and are in an increasingly hot cold war with an opposing race, the Endari, who are not part of the Free Species Alliance and who have been stretching military and social muscle in Alurian territory for some time now.

The general populace makes up the third and final class of artisans, traders, workers, and consorts. Alurian pottery and cloth are widely desired around the galaxy and fetch heavy prices at inter-species markets. Also, Alurian silver, an iridescent blue silver alloy, is one of the most precious materials in the quadrant, improving the already impressive trading power the Alurians hold.

Alurian consorts are highly regarded as the best companions in the galaxy. Offered by their matriarchs to visiting dignitaries as well as victorious leaders in the Alurian Guard, their attention is highly sought by non-Alurian races, so much so that demand has resulted in assaults on transports carrying the consorts or even kidnapping from the Alurian homeworld. However, it is important to note that the consorts are the only social class from which an Alurian female can rise to the level of Matriarch without having been born to a mother who was a Matriarch.

