

# The Free Species Alliance

**Homeworld:** N/A

**Location:** Andromeda Galaxy, Alpha Quadrant

The Free Species Alliance is the Andromeda Galaxy's equivalent of the United Federation of Planets. Formed during the waning days of the Kelvan Empire, approximately 400 years prior to the Andromeda Task Force's Arrival, the Free Species Alliance is headed by a High Council composed of representatives from the four principle races, the Alurians, the Jovians, the Kalatians, and the Eseptians.

It is important to note, however, that only 100 years prior to the Andromeda Fleets arrival, the Free Species Alliance was made up of five primary council members, the fifth being a representative from the Endari Empire. However, since the departure of the Kelvans from Andromeda and the sudden growth of the Endari Empire, the Endari representatives have been withdrawn from the council and tensions have begun to rise between the Endari and the Council races.

The Free Species Alliance maintains a large active fleet, composed of ships from each of the four principle species. However, most of the fleet is composed of ships from the Alurian Fleet and Kalatian Imperial Guard. This fleet is organized into scientific, combat, and engineering components and perform tasks for Free Species Alliance citizens, as well as serving as guardians of the Free Species Alliance borders.

The Council itself, like the other components of the Free Species Alliance government, dwells in a colossal space station known throughout the galaxy as 'The Keep.' Guarded by an equally massive joint Alurian and Kalatain taskforce, the station and armada survived three separate attacks by the Kelvan fleet during the final days of the empire and have gained an aura of mystique throughout the galaxy. The exact location of 'The Keep' is known only to a sub-race of the Free Species Alliance, the Lucificans, a mythical race who have existed longer than any of the Free Species Races as well as the Kelvans. Their sole contribution to the Council is to serve as navigators for ships wanting to reach 'The Keep,' beyond that, they maintain no open communication with Free Species Alliance and dwell in a cluster of derelict space stations that encircle 'The Veil', a dense nebula and radiation belt in which the 'The Keep' is hidden.

Interestingly, the origin of 'The Keep' itself is unknown. At over three-hundred kilometers long and one-hundred kilometers in diameter, it far exceeds the construction capability of the Alurians, the Endari, and even the mighty Kelvan's and many Free Species Scholars believe that it may have been built by the same race that gave rise to life in the Andromeda Galaxy, though this theory has fallen on deaf ears among the religious circles – and consequently much of the general public - of each individual race.