

The Kalatians

Homeworld: Kalatia Prime

Location: Kalatian System (Andromeda Galaxy, Alpha Quadrant)

The Kalatian homeworld is a relatively small planet, about two-thirds the size of Earth, and underwent heavy degrees of population pressure in the millennia before the development of space travel. As a result, their culture began extremely territorial and militaristic, each member of the race having to fight for a large enough spot of land to sleep on.

With the advent of their expansion into space, the Kalatians have expanded onto several nearby planets in their system and their population pressure has settled, but their culture still maintains itself possessive and militaristic, easily threatened and unpredictable. They maintained a somewhat isolationist persona politically, lashing out against any races who attempted to contact them, until the Kelvan Empire descended on them, at which point they fought back with quick, practiced effectiveness but were finally subdued and occupied.

The Free Species Alliance regained Kalatia from the Kelvan occupation about halfway through the war, at which point the Kalatians, feeling themselves to owe a debt, joined the Alliance and became one of its Council races because of the military power and skill they could contribute. At the conclusion of the war they considered withdrawing from the Alliance, but by that time they had become dependant on the economic and military symbiosis provided by their Council position and they have remained in contact.

Kalatians are a warrior people, mammalian, bear-like in stature and bearing, bulky and boxy and built for strength rather than speed. They are quick to anger, blunt, hotheaded and fiery orators but poor at more individualized diplomacy. They value honor, loyalty, and a fair fight, but their greatest concern is not letting themselves be fooled or duped; they have a tendency to see threats that aren't there and to make unnecessary defensive plans and preemptive strikes. As such, they can be difficult allies, but worthwhile ones to cultivate because of their military abilities and their loyalty.