

DENOBULANS

PERSONALITY: The typical Denobulan is exceptionally friendly, even to strangers, and possesses a keen curiosity about the world around them. They cherish new experiences and find their lives, and those of life forms around them, exceptionally interesting. They are excellent listeners.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: Denobulans have about the same range of height and build as Humans. Their skin tones range from pale pink to deep tan, with hair color sharing the same range as Humans. Both genders have a high hairline. As a species, they have a pair of cartilaginous ridges running up the sides of their faces, from the cheeks to their foreheads, with an additional ridge on their chins. Denobulan facial muscles are much more pronounced than most other humanoids, allowing them to more easily express a wide variety of emotions.

HOMEWORLD: Denobula, a Class M planet orbiting the trinary star system Denobula Triaxa. Denobula is a crowded world with a population in excess of 12 billion people, all living on the planet's single continent.

CULTURE: Denobulan culture is similar to that of Humans in many regards. War and conflict have never been predominant in their history, but they haven't been unknown, either. During their Age of Enlightenment, many Denobulans began an inward journey that served to strengthen Denobulan society as a whole. Instead of fracturing themselves as divided individuals, Denobulans came to embrace one another and learn from themselves.

Modern Denobulans are honest, open, and friendly—sometimes to a fault. They are quick to recover from their transgressions and can be humble to excess. Some consider Denobulans to be pacifists, but they have, on occasion, been involved in wars. The most notable of these was their series of wars with the Antaran people, the last of which ended sometime in the 19th century.

Denobulan marriages are polygamous, with a husband having three wives, and each wife having three husbands. The marriages are also open, with spouses free to pursue casual encounters with other people as they please. While many non-Denobulans find this arrangement difficult to grasp, it's the social norm on Denobula. Most Denobulans are equally astonished by the exclusive and monogamous mating rituals of other species.

Mating season for Denobulans harkens back to their more primal history, where males and females would fight for the right to take another mate. While not fatal, the mating season does see a marked rise in injuries across Denobula. The pheromones of Denobulan females are quite intense and clearly signify their interest in another.

The Denobulans have a very clearly defined concept of "personal space." In spite of their social nature, they don't generally like to be touched. Even spouses rarely touch each other except when mating. It is one of the few elements of privacy which life on such an overcrowded planet affords them, and they tend to guard it jealously.

Denobulans do not sleep nightly, as most other species do. Instead, they hibernate for a period of about a week, once every year. It is very difficult to rouse them from this hibernation, and a Denobulan awakened prematurely generally finds it extremely difficult to function. The hibernation cycle, with its accompanying lack of REM sleep, can sometimes lead to psychological stress, which can in turn lead to vivid hallucinations. Such hallucinations are considered normal and healthy in Denobulan society, where they are generally allowed to run their course, with friends and family taking care to ensure that the hallucinating party doesn't accidentally injure himself.

LANGUAGE: Denobulan. After Denobula joins the Federation, they also learn Federation Standard.

COMMON NAMES: Denobulans generally use only their given names; their complex mating practices make it somewhat impractical to adopt a surname that would please everybody involved in the marriage. In social situations with some alien cultures, however, they tend to adopt one of their spouses' names as a sort of

“surname” in order to make the other person comfortable; for instance, one of Dr. Phlox’s wives introduced herself as “Feezal Phlox” while on board *Enterprise NX-01*.

Male Names: Biras, Bogga, Delix, Grolik, Groznik, Klaban, Mettus, Moga, Morox, Phlox, Rinix, Takis, Tropp, Tuglian, Vinku, Yolen, Zepht, Zinet.

Female Names: Anari, Andora, Asha, Daphina, Feezal, Forlisa, Kessil, Liera, Lusia, Miral, Natala, Ninsen, Phenna, Sabra, Secka, Symmé, Trevix, Vesena.

FAVORED PROFESSION: Diplomat or Scientist. Because of their interest in other species and their social natures, Denobulans excel at professions that provide them with new experiences. Many Denobulans participate in the Interspecies Cultural and Medical Exchange programs in an effort to learn more about other species. Denobulan diplomats tend to express an almost tireless patience in dealing with others while their friendly demeanor causes others to be at ease. For this same reason Denobulans also make excellent healers or doctors, although their holistic methods tend to be somewhat unconventional.

SPECIES ADJUSTMENTS: +1 Intellect, +1 Presence. Denobulans are enlightened and enjoy the study of the sciences and arts. They are also social creatures, and quite friendly and open to new experiences.

SPECIES ABILITIES:

- **Bonus Edge: Cultural Flexibility:** Because of their willingness to experience new situations and cultures, Denobulans feel at ease when dealing with species other than their own, receiving the Cultural Flexibility edge for free.
- **Bonus Edge: Curious:** Denobulans are eager to know how things around them work and are adept at unlocking life’s mysteries. They receive the Curious edge at the start of play for free.
- **Bonus Edge: Excellent Metabolism:** The Denobulans have a particularly robust immune system, enabling them to very effectively ward off almost any infection, up to and including Borg nanoproboscopes. They receive the Excellent Metabolism edge for free.
- **Patience:** Denobulans live for a long time, and they are very patient as a result. They can go for years without seeing one of their spouses and think very little of it. This patience also enables them to excel at tasks that take time; they gain a +2 bonus when performing extended tests.
- **Social Creatures:** The Denobulans are a social race not just by circumstance but by choice, and they do not function well without daily social interaction of some sort. For each day past the first where a Denobulan is forced to work alone, without any social interaction, they suffer a cumulative –1 penalty to all tests they have to perform, up to –5 on the fifth day. This is in addition to any other penalties that may apply to those tests.
- **Species Flaw: Intolerant (Antarans)**
- **Species Flaw: Species Enmity (Antarans):** Centuries ago, the Denobulans and the Antarans were bitter enemies, taking part in a series of devastating wars. Even now, at least 300 years after the end of their last conflict, neither species can stand being in close proximity to the other.

NOTABLE DENOBUANS: Doctor Phlox, a participant in the 22nd century Interspecies Medical Exchange program, is one of the more notable Denobulans in recent history, one of only two non-humans serving aboard the Earth Starfleet vessel *Enterprise NX-01*. His ability to meet and interact with new and alien species marked him as something of a celebrity within the Denobulan medical community, and his reports were awaited with great eagerness. His extensive medical background proved invaluable to the ship’s crew on more than one occasion. Of note were some of the Doctor’s unconventional methods of treatment, such as kinji spores and wessa root extract for mild sprains.