

STAR TREK ROLEPLAYING GAME

SPECIES PROFILE

SPECIES NAME: KAELO

VISUAL REPRESENTATION



SPECIES ADJUSTMENTS

+1 Intellect

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The Kaelon people are a humanoid race with a very human anatomical structure, and bio-chemical make-up.

Externally they appear decidedly human, with one obvious distinguishing feature. All Kaelon have a series of vein-like protrusions on their foreheads, the tops of their heads and their necks. These veins seem slightly distended and the flesh around them is slightly raised forming a series of ridges where the veins are most protruding.

This is a normal part of the Kaelon circulatory system, and not an indicator of any kind of medical problem. All Kaelons have this feature, regardless of gender, or age.

Otherwise Kaelons appear generally human, with the full range of skin-colors and hair colors as Terran humans. Their eyes tend to be dark, and the hair-coloring of Caucasian-appearing Kaelons are usually brown or dark in color.

Kaelon women often wear odd, elaborate hair-styles with their long hair tied up in intricate brads and buns that, to some other species, have an almost comical appearance.

Kaelon males have a tendency towards pattern-baldness, beginning at or close to the age of 40.

CULTURE

The Kaelon culture is one of science and scholarly study. Kaelon scientists are known as skilled physicists, and are often consulted by Starfleet in matters of nuclear, spacial, and warp-physics. There are some Kaelon scientists affiliated with the Department of Temporal Investigations, due to their talent for Temporal Physics.

The Resolution

Resolution is the custom of ritual suicide as practiced on Kaelon II, introduced at an unspecified date between fifteen and twenty centuries before 2367 to cope with the overcrowding in the 'death-watch' facilities where people were originally simply sent to wait for death. Kaelons who reached the age of sixty were expected to present themselves to all of their family and friends for the Resolution ceremony, intended to represent a celebration of their life. The ritual eliminated the society's responsibility of caring for the elderly, with an age of sixty being selected so that those dying could say goodbye to their loved ones while still in full possession of their faculties; it was believed that asking each family to randomly picking an age for their elders to die was too heartless.

LANGUAGES

The Kaelon have their own native language and speak Federation Standard in an elegant way that gives most Kaelons an aristocratic sound to their speech but not a true accent.

COMMON NAMES

Kaelons have no surnames, or family names despite their devotion to family and traditions. Kaelon male names include Timicin, and B'Tardat; and female names include Dara. Male names usually end in a consonantal sound, while female names end in a vowel sound.

HOMEWORLD

Kaelon II. The second planet in the Kaelon system and as such close to the Kaelon sun. In 2367 the planet was threatened with destruction, along with all life on it when the Kaelon sun came close to going super-nova.

A plan, devised by Kaelon scientist, Dr. Timicin, to prevent the sun from going into a super-nova state was implemented by Starfleet, under the direction of B'Tardat, the Kaelon minister of science and head of state for the Kaelon people.

Although devised by Timicin, the celebrated Kaelon scientist did not get to witness the success of his plan as he reached the age of 60 prior to the implementation of his plan and performed his Resolution, or ritual suicide, before the process to reverse the destruction of the Kaelon homeworld was completed.

Kaelon II, not yet a member of the Federation, is considered an ally.

The planet is a standard Class-M planet with a three-season climate roughly comparable to the Winter, Spring, and Summer seasons on Earth. The conditions of Terran Autumn are present in early winter months when temperatures are notably colder than during Autumnal seasons on Earth.

FAVORED PROFESSION

Scientist- most Kaelons encountered off the homeworld will be civilian scientists, explorers, or Starship officer serving aboard Kaelon ships.

There are a few Kaelon Starfleet officers.

Although they do not usually maintain their careers long enough to advance in the ranks to reach flag-level positions. Kaelon admirals are unlikely, as it would be too close to the time of the Resolution when an officer would achieve that high rank.

Likewise there have been no Kaelon captains in Starfleet.

Several Kaelons have served as department heads aboard smaller Starfleet vessels and freighter craft affiliated with the Federation; usually as engineers or science officers.

SPECIES ABILITIES

Kaelons are all very well educated, and this results in a +1 species bonus to the Intellect attribute.

Beyond that Kaelons are very human in their attributes and abilities and have few species traits.

The Resolution: All Kaelon are required to undergo this ritual when they reach the age of 60. If a Kaelon refuses the Resolution, he becomes a social outcast, resulting in a reduced reaction stance of 3 levels when dealing with other Kaelons. All Renown modifiers will be negative if a Kaelon who has rejected the Resolution is trying to interact with another Kaelon as well.

Technocratic: Kaelon are all very skilled and knowledgeable when it comes to machinery and technology. All Kaelon receive a +2 species bonus to Computer Use skills.

Virtuosity: Kaelon tend to be very skilled in their chosen areas of expertise. With their third advancement, a Kaelon may chose one Tier-1 Professional Ability, from their primary professions, for free. If they already have all the Tier-1 abilities for their primary profession, they may choose a Tier-2 ability if they have the applicable prerequisites.