



# Unique Circumstances

Some sophonts have unusual or unique physical or life cycle structures. These uniques may be implemented for specific sophonts are necessary. This list is not exhaustive.

# Sophont-14 Uniques

### METAMORPHOSIS

The sophont individual undergoes one or more abrupt and dramatic changes in physical structure or form, typically when the sophont advances from one Life Stage to the next. At its simplest, Metamorphosis occurs once and the sophont changes abruptly; in more complex structures, the sophont repeatedly transforms into new and different forms.

**The Changes.** When a sophont Metamorphosizes, it takes on a totally new physical structure: create a NEW sophont to be the next stage: the only firm requirement is that the new form must be larger than the old form.

**Life Stages.** Each change takes place at the beginning of a Life Stage.

**Metamorphic Stages.** The Table gives a series of Metamorphic Stage names. Their precise meaning for a sophont may differ from the classic biological meaning. For example, Egg is the name of the lowest or earliest of Metamorphic Stages rather than necessarily an ovoid immobile form.

### SYMBIONTS

The sophont lives in a paired relationship with another organism.

**Dominated Carrier.** An external or visible sophont (the Carrier) is inhabited by an interior symbiont (Dominant) acting as the brain. The Carrier is typically deficient in Mental Characteristics; the Dominant is typically diminutive by highly intelligent.

A Dominant can be transferred from Carrier to Carrier.

**Assisted Carrier.** The Carrier is inhabited by an interior symbiont (Assistant). Both Carrier and Assistant are intelligent and interact to process information.

An Assistant can be transferred from Carrier to Carrier.

### UNIQUES

This system cannot cover every possible situation. Where necessary, or where desired, unique elements of the Sophont structure can be inserted. Such Uniques may change, supplement, complement, or supersede any of the other sophont information. For example,

The Shriekers of Shvireeyiji experience an intense aging crisis at Life Stage 5.

The Intferhi of Beta Hydrae have two heads.

### AVAILABLE

### METAMORPHIC STAGES

- Egg.
- Embryo.
- Larva.
- Nymph.
- Pupae.
- Subimago.
- Imago.
- Postimago
- Adult.
- Post Adult.

### HIBERNATION

The sophont undergoes a long-term hibernation (typically lasting a full life stage).

### THE EFFECTS OF WORLD CONDITIONS

The conditions of the homeworld have an effect of the abilities of the sophont. Sophonts from worlds with extremes of Hot, Cold, Light, and Radiation react to the damage they inflict differently.

#### Sophont From

Normal	Hot World	Cold World	Normal	Rad World	Normal	Bright World
Hot-4	Hot-3	Hot-5				
Hot-3	Hot-2	Hot-4				
Hot-2	Hot-1	Hot-3				
Hot-1		Hot-2				
--	Cold-1	Hot-1	--		--	
Cold-1	Cold-2		Rad-1		Flash-1	
Cold-2	Cold-3	Cold-1	Rad-2	Rad-1	Flash-2	Flash-1
Cold-3	Cold-4	Cold-2	Rad-3	Rad-2	Flash-3	Flash-2
Cold-4	Cold-5	Cold-3	Rad-4	Rad-3	Flash-4	Flash-3