

Species Profile: The Rigelians



Species Background:

Rigelians call Rigel V their home. The Rigel system is a densely populated system with the majority of worlds seeing some kind of activity. The Rigel system is unusual in that it has two native species that call the system home. The Chelons sometimes known as Rigellians call Rigel III their homeworld. The two races appear to have developed a high level of spirituality and this made it easy for the two dominant races to form a unified coalition government. The Rigelians are known for their scientific and medical breakthroughs. Indeed many of their medical treatments are much sought after ranging from gene therapy to advanced blood producing techniques. The Rigelians believe that they are on a spiritual walk towards enlightenment. The Rigelians share a lot in common with the Romulans and Vulcans including the internal organ structure and blood type namely copper rather than iron. The Rigelians are more likely to turn to the diplomatic circle rather than go to war. This can be seen in their demands for Jonathan Archer's arrest after the Romulan Drone ship destroys one of their many scout ships. Rigelians are heavily engaged in trade throughout the quadrant and this continues right through until 2400 when the Rigelians formally request and receive permission to join the Federation. While some enthusiastic Rigelians start enrolling in Starfleet the vast majority stay with the Rigelian Trade Commission. Doctor Phlox suggested that Rigelians are suspected to

have between 4 to 5 genders. This turned out to have been a mistranslation as the Rigelian language caused several issues with universal translators. Rigelians even share a similar neurology to Vulcans and experience some of the same illnesses including Tuvan Syndrome. There is a popular theory that the Rigelians may well have been part of the Vulcan Diaspora and that the reason they look so different now is due to cross breeding with the indigenous population of Rigel V. There is no solid proof of this yet as no scientific research into the matter has been approved as of yet.

Language and Names:

Rigelians speak, a complex mathematical language which shares certain root words within ancient Vulcan. Universal translators have been known to have issues with the Rigelian dialect sometimes mistranslating it into Andorian.

Male names: *Talut, Vimok*

Female names: *Selul,*

Favoured Professions:

Diplomat: The spiritual and calm demeanour of Rigelians makes them ideal politicians. They rarely raise their voices in anger and this makes them ideal for most situations.

Merchant Marine: A great many Rigelian's have served or serve in the Trade Commission in some role. The Merchant Marines serve aboard their freighters and scout ships in equal measure. While they don't have the training of Starfleet officers they are just as equally dedicated.

Rogue: Some Rigelians find the relatively quiet life frustrating these young troublemakers usually grow out of such mischief. However not all do and they have been known to sell their services to whoever will hire them. The mercenaries who kidnapped Phlox were Rigelian for instance.

Mystic: Their spirituality makes the path of the mystic attractive for many Rigelians indeed many mystics are held in deep respect and during diplomatic missions it is not unheard of for the team to include a mystic.

Scientist: The Rigelians have made many scientific, medical breakthroughs over the years from gene therapy to medical technology almost any species as encountered or used something designed by Rigelian science. This included gene therapy for conditions such as Taggart's syndrome.

Species adjustments:

stats +1 per, +1 int, -1 Str Rigelians are a relatively peaceful race who are quicker to use diplomacy and words over violence.

Resolute thinker: plus 1 species roll on all savvy and social tests

Enhanced rapid healing

Bonus edge:

Encounters: The Rigelians can be found through out their home system as well as along the many space lanes that they have charted. They can also be found bartering in the many space ports, engaged in philosophical discussion or at cross-species medical conferences.

Eras:

Enterprise: Most Rigelians encountered during this era are either freighter crews, diplomats or mercenaries although the latter tends to be made up of unscrupulous freighter crews seeking a quick credit. By 2150 it was not unheard of for Rigelian crews to visit Earth. By 2155 Rigelian diplomats are on Earth discussing a coalition of planets.

Original series: By this time most encounters are with politicians and freighter crews. The Rigelians have maintained their neutrality and tend to act as intermediaries between disputed parties. In 2266 an experimental Rigelian treatment is used during an operation on ambassador Sarek.

TNG and onwards: Whilst a great many Rigelian freighters and scouts are exploring the space lanes Rigel is on the cusp of joining the Federation.

DS9: The first Rigelians have entered Starfleet academy at this point. As the Rigelians never had a military organisation there was nothing for Starfleet to absorb. Exploration is still under the control of the Rigelian Trade Commission and freighters continue to ply the space lanes. In 2369 a Rigelian freighter docks with DS9.

Voyager: It would be fairly easy to have a Rigelian crew lost in space. With dozens of Rigelian scout ships tracking down newer space lanes for trade it would be all too easy for such a ship to become lost in another quadrant. This could be caused by a wormhole, outside influence or unknown phenomena.