

Childhood:

- Yalis spent much of her childhood on Qo'noS, the Klingon homeworld, where her anthropologist mother studied Klingon culture. The part of her family that lived on Qo'noS returned to Denobula for three months out of each year.
- Yalis was in frequent fights with Klingon children. This led to her interest in under-handed fighting tactics (size and strength don't matter if you poke someone in the eye) and also her determination to always stand up to bullies.
- As a child, she read a book where humans rode horses, and became determined to ride her pet targ.
- Her childhood fights and attempted targ-riding led to frequent trips to a Klingon doctor, who eventually performed a bone augmentation/strengthening procedure so she wouldn't keep breaking them.

Personality and outlook:

- She has the typical friendly and open demeanor of a Denobulan. Although she's still fairly new to the ship herself, Yalis will look out for new people and try to make them feel welcome.
- Yalis has great memory for social interactions. Tell her the name of your dog or kids and she'll remember and ask about them by name when you talk in the future. (Her player probably won't remember though!)
- She does not follow the path of a Klingon warrior, but she does have a strong sense of honor when it comes to honesty and keeping her word.
- She wants a traditional Denobulan family with many wives and husbands, but her sense of romance is Klingon which has kept her from finding any spouses yet.
- She has the temper of a Klingon, but she keeps it under such tight wraps that usually only an empath would be able to tell when she's angry. But she survived her childhood by out-Klingoning the Klingon children, and if she perceives someone as a bully they might see a side of her that few people ever meet.
- Yalis' favorite place on the ship is the Crop Sciences lab. She enjoys being around all the plants.

Career and interests:

- Yalis enjoys the "seek out new life" part of the Starfleet mission - she loves first contact, she loves learning about alien cultures and getting to know them, and she loves learning about their technology and biology.
- She is particularly interested in what digestive systems can tell us about the evolution, culture, and environment of a species, and is delighted if an opportunity arises to acquire a new fecal sample.
- On her first posting as an Ensign, her ship encountered the Scent-of-Blueberries-and-Ammonia, a non-humanoid species with an olfactory language. Using half-completed designs from her various projects, Yalis was able to create a biochemical/scent-based Universal Translator, leading to a successful first contact.
- Yalis joined the crew of the USS Nightingale 6 months ago. She liked the idea of being directly involved in helping people while also being close to the frontier where contact with new species was likely.

Relationships with others:

- Relza, a Klingon field medic on the Nightengale, was Yalis' close friend and roommate at the Academy. They spar frequently to relieve stress.
- ___, the ship's Andorian Chief Engineer, is a mentor to her as well as a bit of a father figure.
- Yalis and Siltec share a love of horses. She finally got to ride them while she was training at Starfleet Academy on Earth, and was also fascinated that any species could manage to survive with such a ridiculous digestive system.
- Yalis has taken Ensign Kaden (a new Betazoid science ensign) under her wing like a big sister
- Yalis does not like ___, the ship's Vulcan Chief Supply Officer, a petty little power-tripping bureaucrat. Following an incident where ___ restricted Ensign Kaden's replicator access for "replicating too many writing devices" (3 in two weeks), Yalis lost her temper and called him "a massive turd obstructing the colon of scientific progress" as well as "a petaQ with a brain as smooth as his mother's forehead".
 - She narrowly avoided a reprimand for this incident, thanks to (Andorian Chief Engineer) intervening on her behalf with the Captain and First Officer.