

CONTENTS OF THE ALIEN COMPUTER

TRANSCRIPT FROM THE ALIEN DATABASE

The following is a transcript of the contents of the alien computer. Some language problems are deliberately included to make it sound more "alien."

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THE AKONA

We come from a small moon of Wroft-Gar.

Body

We look like crystals, but we are alive and very intelligent. The center part is blue, but we are white on the edges. When we are young, we are less than an inch wide, but we can grow to be almost a two feet. Our whole body is made to store information. When we learn, we grow another piece of our body to store the information there. We do not move. If we want to go to a new place, we break off pieces of ourselves.

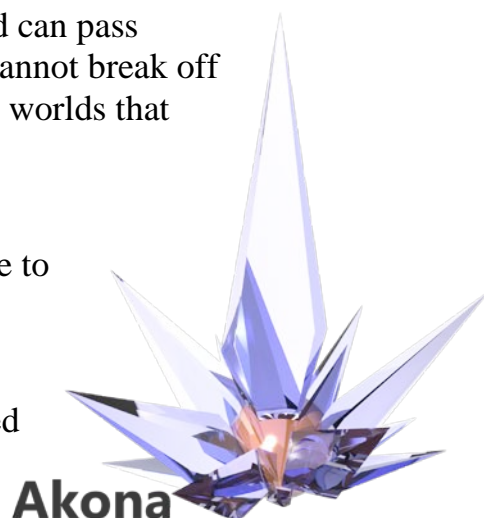
These pieces grow into new Akona. In this way we spread and can pass information about the new place to the other Akona. But we cannot break off pieces too much or we die. This also means we cannot live on worlds that have earthquakes.

Food

We take some minerals directly from the rock and ice. We like to take in: (carbon and nitrogen spectra).

Habitat

We lived on Akonid, a very cold moon of Wroft-Gar. We lived on the surface, on the ice and the rock. The surface must be hard. We like to live in the areas that have mountains. From



there we could see many stars and galaxies very clearly, and we have gathered information on them for much time. There is almost no atmosphere where we live.

Dwellings

The Eolani and the Kaylid moved some of us to other worlds in our solar system. We travel in the space ships of the Eolani. We do not build. The Eolani build for us special places that are very cold. We died when it got warmer than 100K.

Communication

To speak, we make very small vibrations in the blue part of our bodies. These vibrations go through the ground and through each other and we feel them and understand. Sometimes we all vibrate together and it sounds like music. The other species cannot understand us, but we can communicate with the computers the Eolani build. The Eolani did not know we were intelligent until they brought us aboard a ship to study us. After a while, we learned how to talk to the computer. The Eolani were very surprised.

Technology

We do not make any tools of our own, but we know how to work with the computers of the Eolani. We hold much knowledge in our bodies, and we can share this knowledge with the computers. Someone asks the computer to do something, the computer tells us what information it needs, and we give it. Now we travel on all the space missions of the Eolani and the Kaylid and work with their computers. We like this very much because we can learn so many new things.

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THE EOLANI

We come from the third planet in our solar system.

Body

We have six limbs. The upper two are like human arms, the middle two limbs are like tentacles, and the bottom two are like human legs. Every limb has six fingers on it. When we stand on our legs, we are about nine feet tall. We are thinner than human beings, and our skin is light gray. Our torso has a mechanic element. On the head we have two large eyes that can be purple, green, or blue. We have short white hairs all over our bodies.

Food

We eat many types of plants. We made breads from the many types of grasses that grew on our home world. We also have many fruits and vegetables. We cook our food, but we also eat it without cooking. We are excellent farmers, and we know how to grow our food in many places.

Habitat

We need to breathe in: (oxygen spectrum). However, we have learned to live in places where there is not much of it. We know how to build shelters and make the air we need. We also need water, but we know how to find it in many places and bring it to places that do not have it. We are not very strong. We cannot live in a world with much more gravity than Eola had. We like the temperature between 270K and 300K.

Eolani



Dwellings

We built large cities with many tall buildings on our home world. We made our buildings of glass and out of metals, which we mined and which we got from the Kaylid. Our buildings are fragile. They would fall in earthquakes, and we want to find a new home where the ground does not shake.

Communication

We communicate by speaking, but we can also read each other's minds, at least on some simple things. We cannot read the minds of other species. We have a written language that some other species use to communicate with each other.

Technology

We have a lot of advanced technology. We know how to travel in space and have been doing it for a long time. We were the first species in our solar system to learn how to do this, and we traveled to other worlds and taught the species this knowledge. We can make big machines to build things. We make robots and computers. We made this computer. We built colonies to live in two other worlds in our solar system. We learned how to change the worlds to make it possible to live there. We use a plant to gather heat from the Sun to melt the ice to make water. If there is: (oxygen spectrum), we can release the gases from the rocks to make an atmosphere. This can make the world sometimes as much as 100K warmer. We also know to take minerals from asteroids.

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THE JAKALA-TAY

We come from the second planet of our solar system, a world we call Tay.

Body

We have a head, two arms, two legs and a tail. On our head are two large eyes that can be extended and can see a long way. We have a mouth with small teeth and a long tongue. Our head has a ridge of bone that goes all the way down our back. Our skin is covered with scales in the same colors as our world: yellow, orange, and red. Our legs are very strong, and we can jump far and run fast. Our arms are strong also, so we can carry heavy things. We are three to four feet tall.

Food

There were many types of very small plants that lived on Tay, our home world. We became very good farmers, and could grow the plants in many places. The plants that grew on Tay need to have this gas in the atmosphere: (nitrogen spectrum). We also grow the small insects and reptiles that we like to eat.

Habitat

We lived on the surface of our world and also below it. We breathe in the atmosphere that has lots of: (sulfur spectrum). There is a common gas that is very poisonous to us. If we breathe in even a little, we die: (hydrogen spectrum).

Dwellings

We built homes on the surface of our world and right below it. We make bricks of colors like red, orange, yellow and brown to use for our buildings. Every building has a part underground and a tunnel below it. The tunnel is very important because on the home world, Tay, there were big volcanoes all the time. If a volcano exploded, we could escape through the tunnels. We make the tunnels very strong with the metals we take from the ground. All the tunnels connected to make a very large underground network. We made ships to carry us around through the tunnels.

Communication

We have a spoken language and a written language. Many of us have learned to speak some of the language of the Kaylid and Eolani.

Technology

We study the plants and animals of our world, and are very good farmers and



scientists. We know how to gather the gases that we breathe to keep us alive and gather gases we use as fuels to make ships move. We also gather the many metals and crystals in the ground, and make many useful tools with them. We know how to build tunnels that do not collapse during earthquakes.

The machines we build are used to dig in the ground and make tools. We learned much from the Kaylid about these machines. After the Eolani came to our world, we learned how to use computers and many other machines, but we do not build them.

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THE KAYLID

We lived on Kayl, a planet in our solar system that moved in a strange way, sometimes close to the sun, sometimes far away.

Body

On the heads of our bodies are large eyes and a mouth with sharp teeth. We do not have bones on the inside of our bodies. Instead we have a strong shell on the outside of the body, like your lobster on Earth. Our shell can open and close over our head. On the back of our head there are small slits in the shell for our ears. We walk on two legs, but when we run, we use our two arms as well. Our legs are very strong and have sharp, strong claws on the end. We also have strong, sharp claws, that can hold things. We are around 2 feet tall.

Food

We eat the plants that grow beneath the surface of our planet. These plants are like your mushrooms and algae. We also eat insects and small reptiles, which we grow for food.

Habitat

We build large underground cities. We use the openings that are already in the ground, but we also dig much further to make our homes deep under the surface. We do not spend much time on the surface because there is not very much atmosphere there for us to breathe. If there are many caves on a world, we can build quickly. We like the very hot temperatures. When it is below 250K, we go to sleep for long periods of time. When we sleep, we stay underground.



Kaylid

Dwellings

We build our homes and buildings by cutting into the rock. We cut long, thin tunnels through the rock to the surface to let the light from the sun come in, and we build larger tunnels to the surface.

Communication

We use very little sound to communicate. We use a sign language, but most of our communication is through writing. We built computers and could communicate all over our world that way.

Technology

We adapted to the changes on our planet by learning to live underground. We can dig with our sharp claws, but long ago we learned how to use metal to make the machines that could dig very deep for us. We make many excellent tools and beautiful things with the metals we take from the ground. We also learned how to release the gases from the rock for us to breathe. The gases we need are: (sodium and oxygen spectra).

We learned how to make computers and how to build ships to travel underground and ships to travel into space. After we learned to use the fuel the Wroft make, we built better ships, and traveled a great deal in space. We built a small colony on Milar, the world nearest to our Sun.

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THE SYLCARI

We come from Sylcar, a moon of Belus. Belus was the fourth planet in our solar system.

Body

We live in water so our bodies are shaped to help us swim very fast. We have a head with a mouth and large eyes. We can see in very dark places, but bright sunlight hurts our eyes. At the base of our head, we have four long, thin arms, like the tentacles of an animal in your oceans, the octopus. When we swim, these arms stay flat against our side. We can wrap our arms around objects or can hold things with the two fingers we have on each arm. We have very strong tails, which we use to swim.

Food

We eat as we swim. Because the waters of Sylcar were rich with the food we need, we

never needed to learn to farm or raise animals for our food. We eat the many small creatures and plants that live in our ocean. The most important food for us was a plant that grew on top of the oceans in places where there was no ice. This plant needs some sunlight, but it must be protected from the radiation of the sun. We need this plant, so we must find a world that has an atmosphere that can protect the food from too much radiation.

Habitat

We live in water, which is almost pure. We like water that is very cold, but we cannot live in ice.

Dwellings

We built cities along the floor of our ocean and along the sides of their undersea mountains. Our buildings are not very tall, but we cover large areas. These buildings are made of a type of animal called melk, something like coral on your world. We have learned how to train melk to grow into shapes we can use as shelters. Melk live a very long time, but when they die, the building we made begins to fall apart and we must train a new melk to replace it. For the melk to grow, the water must have: (calcium spectrum)

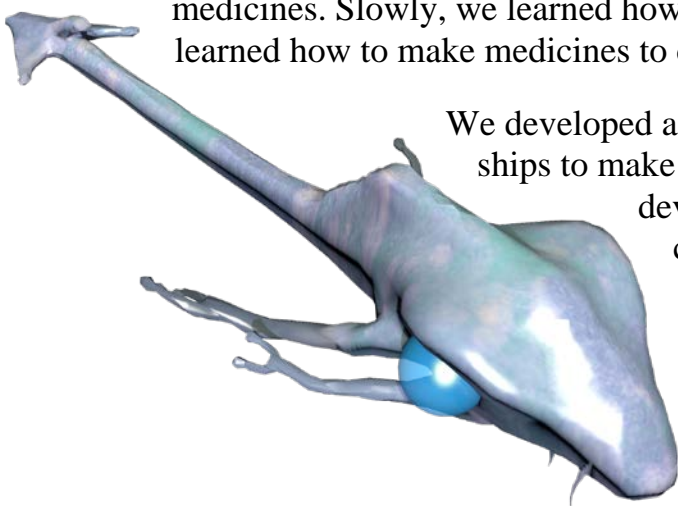
Communication

To communicate with each other, we use both our voices and our tentacles. We have a written language.

Technology

Long ago, we had a history of plague epidemics that killed 15% of the total population of the world. We began to study the plants and animals of our world to use them as medicines. Slowly, we learned how to cure almost all our diseases. We also have learned how to make medicines to cure the diseases of the other species.

We developed a planet-wide communication network, and ships to make them travel fast in the water. We did not develop computers, but we learned how to use the computers for the Eolani.



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THE WROFT

We come from Wroft-Gar, the fifth planet from our sun. Wroft-Gar was a large planet. Only DelShar was bigger.

Body

We are very long and thin, but part of our body is like a bag which can spread out to make us 10 feet wide. This bag helps us to float and glide in the air. We have very long flagella at the bottom of our body. We take the air in through the flagella. Near the top of our bodies we have little wings. The wings can flap very fast to help us move. We make electricity in our bodies. The bag part of our bodies is covered with areas that can light up. We cannot live on a world that has a magnetic field or too much lightning because of this electricity.



Wroft

Food

The only food we need is the air that we take in through our flagella. The air can be mixed with other things, but this element makes it easier for us to breathe: (carbon spectrum). We also like this substance, but we can live without it: (sulfur spectrum).

Habitat

We live in the atmosphere above the surface of a world. We float in the air and never touch the ground. The atmosphere must be very thick. We like to travel in the currents of the wind, but lightening can kill us. Gravity is not too important to us because we float in the atmosphere.

We do not know the temperature we can live in. On Wroft-Gar, we did not often travel in the areas that were 100K or below. When the Eolani brought us to DelShar, we were able to survive in 600K.

Dwellings

We live in the atmosphere. We do not build any structures.

Communication

We flash the lights along our bodies to communicate with each other. Sometimes many of us come together and we flash our lights the same way. It is very beautiful to watch. We do not have a written language. The other species do not understand our language very well.

Technology

We do not build anything. However, when we take in the air, we change it. This new air is a very good fuel for space ships. The other species take this fuel from Wroft-Gar, and they bring to us the gases from Jakala-Tay. These gases have in them:(sulfur)

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