

Squalka Codex

There are only a few things scarier than a psychedelic daydream screaming like a banshee in your face out of nowhere.

Name: Squalka (singular and plural)

Sexes: Male ~50% (~30% forager ~17.5% worker, ~2.5% breeder), Female ~42.5% (~20% forager, 17.5% ~5% broodmother) and ~7.5% hermaphrodite (~7% scout, ~0.5% quetzalcoatli)

Hair: Squalka feature hair on their head and a fine layer of fur covering most of the non-feathered parts of their bodies with the exclusion of a strip of bare skin at the front of their bodies. The majority of the race possesses the ability to control their fur and feather colors, with the few that do not possess this ability having brightly colored feathers and fur.

Height: The majority of the species grow to be between 5 and slightly larger than 6 feet, with the broodmother and breeder male being about half a foot shorter on average, and the Quetzalcoatls standing at 6 to 8 feet tall without counting their tail.

Weight: About 33% less than the weight of an average humanoid of the same build. With Quetzalcoatls weighing about 20% less than their naleen counterparts.

Appearance

The foragers, scouts, broodmothers, and breeders can best be described as furred harpies, as they have the features commonly associated with harpies in addition to having a thin layer of fur on most of their skin -with the exception of their legs and a strip of naked skin of varying size and shape at the front of their bodies. Lastly, the foragers have three clawed digits at the end of their mid-wing which they use to forage for food.

The workers instead of having wings for arms have both clawed avian arms, and a pair of wings on their back. With the exclusion of the broodmother and breeder, the Squalka possess the ability to shift their feather and fur colors.

Society & Culture

They have also shown a disdain for the vanae, with more delinquent members of the squalka dropping the vanae a "present" whenever they get the chance.

Reproduction

Breeders are usually brought to tribal meetings and exchanged between tribes

Technology

Know how to work metal but have trouble finding it due to the species being uncomfortable in narrow dark spaces

Strelitzia Symbiosis

Nearly all colonies are in a symbiotic relationship with their nearby venus pitchers, and other similar species which are given the moniker of strelitzia. The behavior of both parties in this relationship normally depends on the age of the colony with younger colonies having a more cordial relationship with their strelitzia and older colonies seeing them as fellow members of the colony (although the strelitzia in these colonies are raised as such from sprouting) to the point that it isn't uncommon to have a Strelitzia as a council member.

Aside from a mutual defense pact, both parties gain several advantages from their relationship with the squalka using the strelitzia for training their youngs sexual endurance, sexual relief for adults, training their scouts in the art of hypnosis, and in the rare case the colony manages to capture a naleen a strelitzia will usually act as its warden.

The strelitzia are given access to a constant source of nourishment in the form of training the young and adults seeking relief and equally valuable an insurance of a strong lineage bu utilizing the scout's {Silly: spring break: venus pitcher edition //regular: rite of passage}.

Although uncommon there have been squalka who entered a relationship with a strelitzia to the point of having "children" together.

Quetzalcoatl