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Foreword

This document is a modified version of and heavily based upon (and, as we'll get into later in this foreword, is plagiarized from) this page on the wiki and therefore based upon the original, no-longer-maintained ariral lore document but it takes more of a basis in the wiki page as it is more updated. This lore page has zero affiliation with Mr. Dr. Nose, the official EternityDev Games discord, or any other official avenues of Voices of the Void content. Arirals themselves however are a product of Mr. Dr. Nose, but this lore does not reflect actual canon. What this page is affiliated with is the "Signals From Deep Space" series of fanfics on AO3, seen here, and is the lore used for these fanfics.

A lot of information on these pages will be copied nearly or straight up word for word from the wiki page, because let's be honest, it would take ages to rewrite that info to not be plagiarism while keeping all the same info intact, and I personally think that it would be worth it but I'm not that good at rewording things! It'd be the effectively same info too, so I feel that as long as I am up front about it it is fine. So, I will just say it here in plain text: A good chunk of this information is plagiarized from the Ariral wiki page on the Voices of the Void wiki.gg wiki.

New or changed information will be highlighted in blue, to indicate that it's new or changed information of course. Where there are exactly zero changes, I'll simply redirect to the proper section of the wiki page. Some things may be intentionally left out to indicate they are not canon to my lore.

Keep all this in mind, and hopefully enjoy!

Ariral Biology

Overall

Arirals are cat-like alien humanoids with six breasts and six fingers per hand, along with a small divide in their ears. The Ariral species has three sexes: male, female, and germale (pronounced "her-male"). Males have rounder heads, no boobs, male reproductive organs, and average ariral muscle mass. Females have squarer heads, boobs, female reproductive organs, and above average ariral muscle mass. Germales have sharper heads, boobs, male reproductive organs, and below average ariral muscle mass. Arirals can run anywhere from 31-56 mph, and have an IQ range of 180-200, but tire very quickly. Arirals lay ostrich sized eggs that are squishy and harden, laying them monthly. Society has no stigma related to egg-laying, as they believe it's perfectly natural.

Fur and Hair

Arirals have no fur, and only have hair on their head and eyebrows. Depending on genetics, they sometimes have a small patch of hair/fur on the tip of their tail. This trait is NOT rare, and is quite common among the ariral population. Ariral hair is smooth and heavy. Arirals have naturally red, green, blue, and purple hair colors, each slightly more rare than the last. A rare (but NOT extraordinarily rare) genetic mutation can cause natural black or white hair. It is possible for two hair colors to mix into a combination, but this is exceedingly rare.

Eyes

No changes, see the wiki.

Mouth

No changes, see the wiki.

Skin

No changes, see the wiki.

Body

Arirals have more powerful lungs than humans, but due to their sheer size and consumption of energy they effectively have worse lungs than humans, as well as having very sensitive lungs. Shorts lungs are not near as sensitive, but still operate worse due to the environment they grow up in. A short integrated into tall society may experience alleviation of certain symptoms associated with their terrible air conditions, and can have their lungs become as powerful as a normal tall ariral's given time. Their blood is bright red with a very subtle orange tint. Ariral blood and sweat both contain a protein that causes severe negative reactions within the human body. It begins with quick onset of a headache, before turning way to nausea and hallucinations, eventually leading to seizures and a slow and painful death. The protein is way more present in blood than in sweat, and while the sweat slowly onsets these effects the blood can cause seizures in seconds. The SHCv (Safe Human Contact vaccine) allows humans to gain an immunity to these effects, as well as resistance to various ariral illnesses. Arirals do NOT have an organ that regulates their metabolism to prevent them from becoming fat, just a regular organ to regulate their metabolism. This means that chubby or fat arirals can exist in this canon, but are uncommon as arirals have a normally high metabolism. Arirals are also not naturally made of lightweight materials, and are rather heavy. Arirals also can be stunned by high frequency noises, that leave them practically defenseless. Ariral blood has a sickly sweet smell.

Immune System

No changes, see the wiki.

Age

No changes, see the wiki.

Talls and Shorts

On average, Talls are 250 cm (8' 2.4"), and Shorts are 190 cm (6' 2.8"). Improvements to diet, mental health, and breathing conditions can make a Short stronger, have a longer lifespan, and generally (besides height) more similar to a tall. Talls are 9x stronger than a human, shorts

are 2x stronger, and "former shorts" are 5x stronger. Talls live for about 200 years (without any age reversing procedures), shorts live for about 90 years, and former shorts live for about 150 years.

Ariral Technology & Lifestyle

Homeworld

The ariral homeworld is called Alæn. A week on Alæn is twelve days, and a day on Alæn is about 1.3 Earth days. Alæn has five seasons, in this order: Snowy season, Rainy season, Mild season, Dry season, and Prismatic season. An Alæn year is the same length as an Earth year, which means it's 280.7 Alæn days long or 23.4 Alæn weeks long. The seasons in order of length, shortest to longest, are: Prismatic season, Snowy season, Mild season, Dry season, Rainy season. The capital of Alæn's tall society is Volux.

Measurement

The ariral measurement of weight is in 'quoths' and follows a similar system to the metric system where there are prefixes that dictate larger or smaller amounts.

Language

No changes, see the wiki, minus the fact that the tall language is called the Standard Tall Dialect.

Food

No changes, see the wiki.

Utensils

Why is this a section on the wiki?

Clothes

No changes, see the wiki.

Armor

Talls' have suits of armor that are made of Indis. Indis is an incredibly strong super metal that is nearly indestructible, has zero electrical conductivity, and is 100% reflective. Their suits generally cover the whole body with removable headpieces such as night-vision goggles. Indis suits may be lined with fur to keep the user warm. Indis suits look somewhat similar to the HEV suit from Half-Life, though they're usually all black or highlighted with white. The suit grants the user invisibility through science bullshit that I can't explain. Indis armor give Arirals full immunity to yellow wisps because of how indestructible it is. Shorts wear hazmat suits. The Talls protection suits seen in VotV are fully enclosed, allowing them to protect against certain types of cognito-hazards. To mitigate the problem of no direct sight line, the suits use alternative vision systems such as cameras. Indis suits also have devices that lower the frequency of high frequency sounds so that the ariral inside the suit cannot be stunned by the high frequency. For fashion, arirals commonly wear a garment that looks somewhat like a labcoat but connects at the collar, going down in an upside-down V shape called a rokkæ.

Beds

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Entertainment

Arirals have a toy model of their spaceships, and enjoy picnics. Some Arirals vape, but instead of inhaling chemicals they just inhale flavored vapor and spit out clouds. Arirals do not enjoy playing with lasers like a cat does. Arirals can synthesize artificial hormones which have a similar effect to catnip.

Sports

Arirals hunt shrimp in water with their bare hands, and the person who collects the most shrimp wins. This game is fittingly called "Shrimp Hunting." I need to add more sports here later, it'd be fun to do.

Music

No changes, see the wiki.

Individual Technology

No changes, see the wiki.