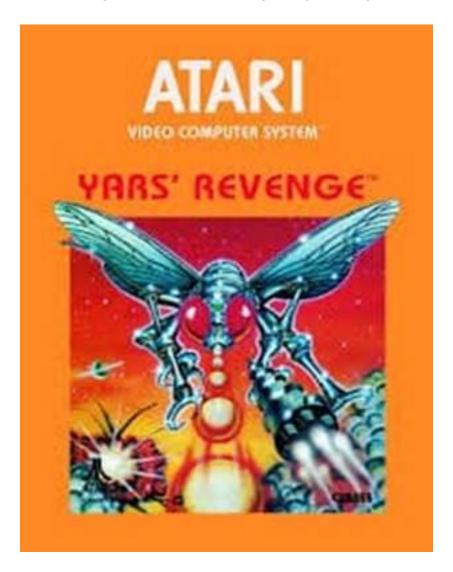
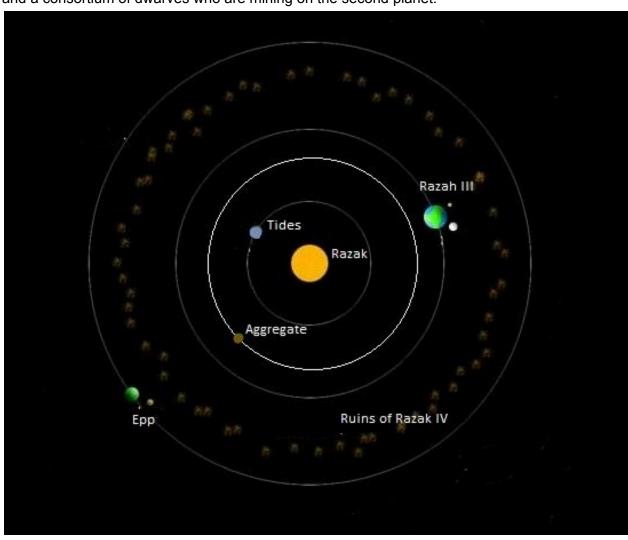
Yars' Revenge was a game released for the Atari 2600 back in the 80's. I was lucky enough to get it the week (depending on your point of view) I came down with chicken pox. I spent an entire week off from school, soaking in oatmeal baths, smearing myself with Calamine Lotion, and playing this game. It was awesome. I haven't thought about it in years and then, one day last week, I was watching videos on You Tube and Yars' Revenge was mentioned and that got me to thinking I could make something for my campaign based on the old video game.



At first, I thought I would just do creature stats but as I worked on that little project, I decided to expand on my original ideas and incorporate some of the original game's mythology as well and from there, I started putting together an entire sphere for the Spelljammer setting. This is what I came up with. I hope you enjoy it.

Razakspace, to the few spacefarers who know of it, is considered to be something of an interstellar backwater. It is a fairly small crystal sphere containing a central sun and four (formerly five) planets. Being of little strategic importance militarily and offering few natural

resources that cannot be just as easily obtained elsewhere, Razakspace is only rarely visited by travelers. The only continuous "outside" presence in the sphere is that of a single Elven Armada, the Qotile that has been stationed on the outermost planet since the Unhuman Wars and a consortium of dwarves who are mining on the second planet.



NAME: Razak (the Sun)

TYPE: Spherical Fire Body

SIZE: F (39,719 miles in diameter)

ESCAPE TIME: 18 turns
SATELLITES: 5 Planetoids
DAY LENGTH: 23 Hours
YEAR LENGTH: None

POPULATION

ANALYSIS: Apparently uninhabited

DISTANCE/TIME FROM:

Tides 40 million miles

10 hours travel

Aggregate 75 million miles

16 hours travel

Razak III 150 million miles

36 hours travel

Razak IV 200 million miles

2 days travel

Epp 300 million miles

3 days travel

Razak is a bright star at the center of Razakspace. It sheds red light on everything in the system. The size of the star compared to its comparatively small crystal sphere means that Razakspace is incredibly warm. As far as anyone has been able to discern, there is no life anywhere on this sun.

NAME: Tides

TYPE: Spherical Water Body SIZE: C (785 miles in diameter)

ESCAPE TIME: 9 turns
SATELLITES: None
DAY LENGTH: 12 hours
YEAR LENGTH: 70 days

POPULATION

ANALYSIS: Creatures from the elemental plane of Water and quasi-elemental plane

of Lightning

DISTANCE/TIME FROM:

Razak (the Sun) 40 million miles

10 hours travel

Aggregate 35 million miles

10 hours travel

Razak III 110 million miles

27 hours travel

Razak IV 160 million miles

38 hours travel

Epp 260 million miles

2.5 days travel

Tides is covered with boiling oceans and is wracked by extreme storms. The few small landmasses are constantly battered by hurricanes and lightning.

NAME: Aggregate

TYPE: Irregular Earth Body SIZE: B (89 miles in diameter)

ESCAPE TIME: 6 turns SATELLITES: None

DAY LENGTH: Varies, planet tumbles along its orbital path, pitching and yawing on both

of its axes

YEAR LENGTH: 248 days

POPULATION

ANALYSIS: No permanent inhabitants

DISTANCE/TIME FROM:

Razak (the Sun) 75 million miles

16 hours travel

Tides 35 million miles

10 hours travel

Razak III 75 million miles

16 hours travel

Razak IV 125 million miles

1 day, 6 hours travel

Epp 225 million miles

2 days, 6 hours travel

Aggregate is a massive asteroid that has taken up orbit around Razak. Essentially barren and having an incredibly thin atmosphere, this planetoid is devoid of any permanent inhabitants. The only residents are Hammer Golems who mine the asteroid for the Iron Pit Consortium. The dwarves make quarterly visits in a flotilla of Tradesmen, load the cargo, and transport it to their citadel ship.

NAME: Razak III.

TYPE: Spherical Earth Body

SIZE: D (3,305 miles in diameter)

ESCAPE TIME: 12 turns
SATELLITES: 2 moons
DAY LENGTH: 26 hours
YEAR LENGTH: 378 days

POPULATION

ANALYSIS: Refugees from Razak IV

DISTANCE/TIME FROM:

Razak (the Sun) 150 million miles

36 hours travel

Tides 110 million miles

27 hours travel

Aggregate 75 million miles

16 hours travel

Razak IV 50 million miles

12 hours travel

Epp 150 million miles

1 day, 12 hours travel

Razak III is the planet the Yar fled to when their world was attacked by the elves. The Yar have built their new civilization into the sides of the highest and steepest mountains for defensibility. Razak III has two moons (Size A Spherical Earth Bodies) that inhabit the same orbital path. These moons have been named Zorlon and Qotil by the Yar. Zorlon is slightly faster than its sister moon and in the next ten thousand years or so, it will overtake and destroy Qotil, much in the same way the Yar rulers plan to eradicate the elven invaders to their sphere.

There are only two hive cities of note, each named for its current queen. The older and larger of the two is Apis and the second is Micrapis. The queens have brokered peace with the Yars' long-time rivals, the Formians and the two races are working together to ensure their mutual survival. Plants brought from Razak IV have been introduced to Razak III and these invasive species have quickly overwhelmed the native flora, transforming the world into a smaller version of Razak IV.

Those few Myconids and Treants who were able to flee Razak IV's collapse are opposed to the Yar-Formian alliance and the transformation of Razak III's ecosystems but thus far, have been unable to slow the spreading influence of the two insectoid races.

NAME: Razak IV

TYPE: Asteroid Belt (formerly Spherical Earth Body)

SIZE: (formerly B)

ESCAPE TIME: 1 turn
SATELLITES: None
DAY LENGTH: N/A
YEAR LENGTH: 224 days

POPULATION

ANALYSIS: Carnivorous Plants, Formians, Myconids, Treants, Yar

DISTANCE/TIME FROM:

Razak (the Sun) 200 million miles

2 days travel

Tides 160 million miles

38 hours travel

Aggregate 125 million miles

1 day, 6 hours travel

Razak III 50 million miles

12 hours travel

Epp 100 million miles

1 days travel

Razak IV was once the homeworld of a sentient insectoid race known as the Yar. The planet was ravaged during the First Unhuman War when a Witchlight Marauder was unleashed by the Elven Armada Qotile in an attempt to root out and destroy a rumored Orcish supply depot hidden in the planet's subterranean caverns. As the Witchlight Marauder and its subsequent spawn destroyed everything in its path, Razak IV began to tear itself apart. The planet, which was tectonically unstable, had been held together by the roots of the numerous plants, carnivorous and otherwise, covering its surface. As the root system was destroyed, the planet simply fell apart, leaving nothing but a nearly-lifeless asteroid belt in the path of the former fourth planet's orbital track.

Until its destruction, Razak IV was home to dozens of species of carnivorous plants, several varieties of monstrous spiders, other plant-based creatures like treants and myconids, the Yar, and their chief rivals, the Formians. Those creatures who were able to do so fled to Razak III.

NAME: Epp

TYPE: Irregular Earth Body

SIZE: E (6,328 miles in diameter)

ESCAPE TIME: 15 turns

SATELLITES: 1

DAY LENGTH: 61 hours YEAR LENGTH: 678 days

POPULATION

ANALYSIS: Elves, Formian, Rancor, Yar

DISTANCE/TIME FROM:

Razak (the Sun) 300 million miles

3 days travel

Tides 160 million miles

38 hours travel

Aggregate 225 million miles

2 days, 6 hours travel

Razak III 150 million miles

1 day, 12 hours travel

Razak IV 100 million miles

1 day travel

Epp is the largest planet is Razakspace. It has numerous continents that are overrun with primeval forests and wetlands. The few seas is has are relatively small and shallow. The primary inhabitants of the planet are elves from the Imperial Navy who have maintained a forward base here since the Unhuman Wars and large, semi-sentient reptilian carnivores. Numerous carnivorous plants that landed on Epp after Razak IV was destroyed have taken root but these have struggled to survive in the cooler climate on this outermost planet.

The Yar and Formians have a presence on the planet as well and conduct guerilla raids against the elves.

MONSTROUS COMPENDIUM ENTRY

Yar (2nd edition)

Climate/Terrain: Any Frequency: Very Rare Organization: Hive Activity Cycle: Day Diet: Nectarivore Int: Ave to High

Treasure: Z (J, K, M, Q)

Align: LN

No. Appearing: 1 or 2d4

AC: 5 or 0

MV: 12, fly 15 (B)

HD: 4+2 THAC0: 15

No. of Attacks: 5

Dmg/Att: 1d6+1/1d6+1/1d6+1/1d3

SA: Breath Weapon

SD: - -MR: - -

SZ: S (4' tall)

Morale: Champion (15-16)

Xp Value: 420



The Yar are a race of four-armed humanoids evolved from flies. They tend to dour and taciturn following the destruction of their home planet. They cling tightly to a Warrior's Code of Honor. Their carapace ranges from blue to iridescent green with translucent wings and red compound eyes.

COMBAT



a savage bite. Their mandibles are strong enough to chew through 3" of wood, 2" of stone, or 1" of most metals in a single round. They are also capable of spitting a nodule of caustic chemicals up to 50' away that explodes on impact with a solid object for 2d8 fire damage in a 10' radius (save vs BW for ½). Warriors are outfitted in a lightweight, silvery armor similar to mithral when they go into battle. They are capable of flying from the surface of a planet and into the void of space. They can achieve speeds up to one-third of Ship's Rating 1 while doing so and survive in Wildspace for up to 10 days without eating, drinking, or breathing.

HABITAT/SOCIETY:

Yar originally hail from the world of Razak IV. They live in hive cities ruled by a queen, who also serves as the spiritual leader of her people. They worship a goddess they call A'tari (domains and abilities identical to the Faerûnian god Akadi).

ECOLOGY:

Before the destruction of their world at the hands of elves, workers would gather pollen from numerous carnivorous plants and return it to the hive where it was processed into a substance they call Zorlon. This Zorlon served as a staple of their diet but could also be treated by the priesthood to make potions that augmented the potency of their breath weapons – increasing the damage to 10d6 and doubling the radius. Following the Unhuman War, the Yar despise elves and will attack them whenever the opportunity presents itself as long as it does not endanger their hive.

VARIANTS:

WORKER/MALE YAR: as above but 3 HD, THAC0 17, claw damage is decreased to 1d4.

6HD QUEEN YAR: as above but casts spells as a 6th level Cleric.

10 HD HIGH QUEEN: as above but casts spells as a 10th level Cleric

YAR (3.5e)

CR 5

LN Small Monstrous Humanoid

Init +2, Senses: Listen +5, Spot +1, Low-Light Vision

Languages: Read/Write and Speak Common

AC: 22 (+1 size, +2 Dex, +3 Natural, +5 Silver Breastplate); t: 12, ff: 20

Hp: 20 (4HD) Immune: - -

Fort +1, Ref +6, Will +5

Spd: 30', fly 150' (good)

Melee: +4 4 Claws: 1d3+1 and +2 Bite: 1d4

Ranged: - -

Combat Gear: Silver Breastplate, 2 Zorlon Potions Str 12, Dex 15, Con 11, Int 10, Wis 12, Cha 9

SA: Breath Weapon, Powerful Bite

SQ: Interplanetary Flight, Low-Light Vision

Feats: Flyby Attack, Multiattack

Skills: Craft (any one) +2, Knowledge (Nature) +4, Listen +5, Survival +5

• Breath Weapon (Su): Yar are capable of spitting a nodule of caustic chemicals up to 50' away that explodes on impact with a solid object for 2d8 fire damage in a 10' radius. Ref ½ DC12



• Powerful Bite (Ex): The Yar have powerful mandibles that can tear through most materials with ease. They ignore the first 10 points of Hardness when attacking an object with their bite attack.



• Interplanetary Flight (Ex): Yar can fly from the surface of a planet and into the void of space. They can achieve speeds up to one-third of Ship's Rating 1 while doing so and survive in Wildspace for up to 1 day/3 points of Constitution without eating, drinking, or breathing. Beyond this, they must make a Fortitude save (DC10+1/previous save) for each additional day spent in the void.

Treasure: Standard Advancement: by class

