

Excellia, Lost Daughter of the Emperor,
2nd Primarch and Primarch of the
Venus Legion



The Lost 2nd Primarch

Deep in the world hive city of holy Terra, in a forgotten place sealed for more than ten millennia, long before the slow decay of the Emporium, before the age of apostasy and even before the holy god Emperor was betrayed by Horus, there is a hall of statues that have somehow withstood the march of time.

While there are twenty plinths in this chamber, intended for massive statues, only a few have such statues placed on them. Each statue present depicting a Primarch in the state the Emperor first found them. Lion El'Jonson, Fulgrim, Perturabo and one other, a statue very different from the others.

Unlike the others, this one does not depict a son of the Emperor, but the lost and only daughter of the Emperor. While the other nineteen Primarchs and legions were indeed intended only to be male, the Emperor made one exception to this rule. Whether it was because of a very unique gene stock he was able to find or because he had some other plan for the specific legion, the 2nd legion and it's Primarch were intended to be female.

Childhood

Like the other infant primarchs, Excellia was cast onto an alien world when the gods of chaos attacked the Emperor's labs on Luna. The Chaos gods abandoned the young baby girl on the savage world of Torus. Torus had been a farming world filled with heavily genetically modified humans during the dark age of Technology. The humans of Torus were stronger and hardier than humans from other dark age colonies as their genetics had been infused with bovine DNA. Maybe it was coincidence or the humor of the dark gods, but like the inhabitants of the savage tribe culture of Torus, Excellia too had horns similar to the ancient human back beast known as the bull. The infant Excellia was found on top of a temple devoted to a fertility goddess by the priestesses of the Temple. Seeing this as a child given directly from their fickle goddess, the priestesses raised the child as a blessing and child of their god.

Excellia grew at a rabid base, which only affirmed her adoptive tribes belief in her divinity. The priestesses were surprised that Excellia did not have the gift of the mind like many of the other priestesses, the head priestess realized that Excellia had learned all she could with the priestesses and made arrangements to have her taught the ways of the warrior. The head priestess did not trust the many surrounding male lead warrior tribes and decided that Excellia would be best taught by the Amazon Tribe of warrior woman.

The Torus Amazons

Unlike many of the other Tribes of Torus, the Amazon tribe was completely female but each member was just as strong, if not stronger, than the mightiest warriors of the other Tribes. Even more odd, unlike the other tribes, the Amazons of Torus did not believe in any of the "False

Gods” but in a “Great King Warlord”, one that had visited the planet long ago and had chosen the amazon as his stewards to keep the Torus and show the other tribes by example the “Imperial Ideal.” While Priestess that initially raised Excellia was hesitant to hand her child over to be trained by such “heretics,” she knew they were honorable and the safest tribe for Excellia to be with, less a local warchief take the young girl as a prize.

It is with the Amazons that Excellia truly excelled and thrived. Unlike the rigid prayers and rituals of the priestesses, which Excellia has always chafed under, the Amazons were far more practical and efficient in how they lived. More concerned with honing their skills and knowledge than pleasing some invisible and fickle gods. In time and after many notable deeds, including the defeat of the chief of the rival Blood Horn tribe, Excellia became the chief of the Amazon tribe.

It is after becoming chief, Excellia went on war of unification amongst the other warring tribes. She had fully embraced the “Imperial Ideal” and looked to serve the Great King Warlord in all ways, except for one. Being raised by a priestess of one of the “false Gods” she could not bring herself to deny the inhabitants of Torus of their long held beliefs. She decided that it was through example that she would convert others to the “Imperial Ideal,” but being more prosperous, more technologically advanced and by being the most stable of the tribes of Torus would she convince them to abandon their primitive ideals.

During her unification of the tribes of Torus, Excellia never took a mate or partner. Those closest to her knew that she intended to only ever be with the only one truly worthy to be her mate, the Great King Warlord.

The Coming of the Emperor

It was during the final days of the great unification campaign that a golden vessel appeared from the stars and came to rest near the City of Nu'texan, the capital of the Amazon nation. From the ship strode a giant warrior clad in gold who wished to see the leader of the Amazons. The Emperor had finally come to reunite with his only daughter. Those of the Amazon nation knew who this man in gold was, he was the long awaited Great King Warlord foretold and all there redoubled their loyalty to him. But Excellia was not in Nu'Texan at the time of the Emperor's arrival, she was at the place where she first arrived in Torus.

The once peaceful temple of the fickle goddess of fertility had been overrun by the last Chief of the last wild tribe on Torus. The son of the chief Excellia had killed had taken his vengeance by killing and bathing in the blood in the priestesses that had shown Excellia such compassion and kindness in her childhood. Empowered by some dark force pleased with his slaughter, the chief of the Blood Horn tribe made a last stand against Excellia. There on top of the crumbling temple did the two chiefs battle, one with fury and raw power while the other with skill and determination. In the end it was Excellia that walked down of the now blood soaked temple,

carrying the corpse of the high priestess in her arms. In a stoic yet tearful expression she buried her first adoptive mother at the foot of the ruined temple. When she was done, she stood from the freshly dug soil and turned to and was shocked to see the golden clad warrior that was the Emperor standing mere meters away. Like the Amazons before her, Excellia knew who he was, he was the Great King Warlord, finally returned to bring glory to the Torus people that had devoted themselves to his "Imperial Ideal."

The Emperor of Mankind revealed himself as Excellia's father and informed her that he wished her to return with him to take command of her legion. She swore fealty to the Emperor right there and then, gaining a father next to where she had just lost and buried a mother.

The Venus Legion

The other Primarchs were shocked and unsettled to have a sister. They had been under the knowledge only males could take on the gene's of the emperor and all astartes legions up to that point had only had male members. In fact they had not been a 2nd space marine legion up until that point. The Emperor had kept his knowledge of the 2nd legions female gender a secret in order to prevent possible further tampering by the forces of chaos. Since there was no 2nd Legion to speak of at all, the Emperor gave Excellia the task with choosing and raising her own astarti from the population of Torus. Naturally Excellia chose to raise the new 2nd Legion of Space Marines from her Amazon warriors. The tech priests and the other Primarchs scoffed at this idea. They said none of them would survive being Neophytes and that all females die a horrible painful death from the process of implanting the gene seed. This did not tutur Excellia nor her Amazon warriors. It is unknown how the gene seed of the 2nd legion allowed for female astartes or how the 2nd legion had such quick a metamorphosis time compared to the other legions, but the warrior woman of Torus where Astartes faster than most legion's Neophytes could even finish half their surgeries. Indeed, the 2nd legion was ready for active duty within a few solar months and all but the Emperor were surprised at this development. In honor of the Amazon's tribe all female heritage, Excellia named her legion the Venus Legion.

The Great Crusade

In the years following the Venus Legion's founding, Excellia devoted herself to the great crusade with a zeal that made those in her path tremble. Planet after planet was brought into "Imperial Compliance" with almost a honed skill that the other Primarchs could not believe at times. Indeed, it was because of Excellia's years of practicing the "Imperial Ideal" that had given her the template for the most efficient ways to bring about the similar "Imperial Compliance." The only time the legion was slowed down was when they further recruited from the new imperial worlds or when Excellia made her many visits to the Emperor's side.

While the initial shock of such of unique astartes legion made some of her brothers a little wary of their only sister but her efficiency and fierceness brought her the friendship and brotherly love of some of her brothers. It was Vulkan and Leman Russ that she grew the closest too, Vulkan admired her sense of loyalty and responsibility to her troops and Russ loved the fact she was the only one who could possibly keep up with him during a drinking contest.

But the other brothers never quite connected with her and seeds of Excellia's expungement from imperial records would be planted by their mistrust.

The Fall of Excellia and the exile of the Venus Legion

Of all his rediscovered children, the Emperor had a special place in his heart for his only daughter. Brave, loyal, fierce and cunning, he found in her the best that any of his children had to offer, and maybe even more. Excellia has always felt the same way of her father and ever since being re-united with him sought to get ever closer to him. But their relationship eventually turned from simple fatherly and daughterly love to something more intimate. It was behind closed doors and even secret from his personal guard that the Emperor of Mankind had his trysts with his only daughter. It was not long before her most beloved brother, Leman Russ, started to expect more between Excellia and their Father. To make matters worse for Excellia, her other brothers were starting to take offence to the Venus legion recruiting women from their homeworlds and raising Astartes at such rapid pace. It was not soon after that the other legions started to forbid the Venus Legion from entering their space and assisting them in military campaigns.

It all came to crashing down when Torus, the Venus legion's and Excellia's home planet came under attack by mysterious beings. The other legions refused to assist not believing the claims of monsters coming out of nothing. While this was happening, Leman Russ finally confronted his father and sister about their affair. It was then that Excellia admitted to Russ's accusation and told the emperor that she was with child. With nothing else to say, she left for Torus. Shortly after Torus was engulfed by the warp, and with it the entirety of the Venus legion.

Shortly after, due to shame, guilt or anger, the emperor ordered all records of the 2nd legion and their Primarch expunged from all imperial records and had the other Primarchs make a vow to never speak of their only sister.

The Emperor, Torus and the Amazons

The Torus Amazon tribe's "Great King Warlord" and "Imperial Ideal" beliefs are far too close to the description of the Emperor and "Imperial Compliance" to be mere coincidence. While it is unsure when the Emperor had been to Torus, it was clear that he had visited this tribal planet. Was it his genetic manipulation that caused the Amazon tribe to be so different than the other tribes or were the Amazons such a unique evolution of humanity that he derived Excellia's gene stock from them. Did he also use the Amazons to spread a primitive version of "Imperial Compliance" to test a more natural progression towards his ideals. The fact the Emperor had been to Torus before would also explain how Excellia was the 3rd of the Primarchs found after

being scattered. These are questions and answers that have been lost to time, as the only being who truly knows is imprisoned on the Golden Throne.