

Reptilian Planets

All Reptilian script is written alphabetically and in Unicode for simplicity.

The **Reptilian Planets** are a pair of civilized planets in the Perseus Arm of the Milky Way. These two planets are called **Renyoth** (*S-III*), home to the Protoids and the Renyo Empire, and **Dethak** (*W-N<L*), home to the Serpents and the Queendom of Dethak. Their Supreme Gods are siblings Rynko (*S>IL*) and Ringax (*SVII<AZ*) respectively, and their holy languages share a common ancestor.

Renyoth

History

Formation and First Protoids

Renyoth was formed as a terrestrial planet younger than Terra, at 3.5 billion years old. The formation of the planet included the bonding of water, causing water vapor and thermodynamics to quickly cool down the planet. However, the planet remained a desolate and lifeless ocean for 2 billion years, since no elements necessary for life were present on the planet.

1.5 billion years ago, the planet was bombarded with asteroids rich in the nutrients required for life to form. This mainly came in the form of carbon and nitrogen, since the oldest carbon on the planet could only be dated to that time period. When multicellular life formed, it was dependent on a similar, but not identical, ecosystem to Terra's.

The first prominent genus of Protoid, appearing 3 million years ago, was not the current *P. cataphractum*, but *P. lacertid*. Unlike their modern counterparts, *P. lacertid* did not have plated keratin armour and were a mostly pacifist species. It is suspected that they evolved and were not simply created, as might have been the case with *P. cataphractum*.

Prehistory

The first historical record of any Renyo civilization is dated to about 11.000 BCE, although no letters are present. It was used to count their equivalent of cattle. Although the numbers were completely alien to the modern number system, it was quickly identified as a count, and it was discovered that proprietary number systems were used in certain tribes.

Early Modern History

The first written words related to the modern society were dated to around 900 BCE, and contained fragments of the current Rynkyo (*S>IL*), their holy book. The society described in these fragments is blunt, chaotic and warlike. The god Rynko instructed their people to build a bare-bones society, advancing in technology only with the goal of improved warfare.

This holy culture treated all inhabitants as equal, glorified battles as a means of mutual respect and perfected their equipment and technique. It was this that formed the basis of the modern Renyo civilization, and the culture brought an end to more peaceful and creative cultures also present on the planet.

A key difference with the present day is the presence of local emperors or kanau ($L<IK$), instead of a unified council. However, this cannot be compared to feudalism, and it was more similar to how Tellurian countries functioned around the 17th century CE.

Total Conquest

A Total Conquest of Renyoth was declared in 1532 CE, which meant that all of Renyoth was equally developed and under governance of the Kanauoth ($L<IK/II$). As such, the new Renyo Empire sought out new frontiers, among which the planets Terra calls Aeneas and Ulysses. These became the first colonies of Renyoth, being exploited on occasion for resources, even though they are perfectly habitable.

A major recruitment colony of Renyoth became Arachne/Aratayoth ($<S<M<ΔII$), inhabited by large arachnids. They are reinforced into armoured cavalry, although they remain autonomous to some degree. In addition, not all populations are conscripted and thus live in the wild.

Present Day

In the present day, Renyoth is a stable state with a willingly complicit population and military prosperity. Technological progress has improved the defense of infantry significantly, with them being covered in steel armour. Another such innovation is turrets suspended in mid-air by ultra-resilient pillars. Despite this, their preferred weapons are a spear and a shield, in honour of Rynko.

They have formed very little relationships with other established societies, although they have encountered co-alien on Ulysses and they used to have an embassy near Dethak. They seem to be on good terms with several Simian Planets, but are otherwise completely oblivious to Terra. This is despite the fact that a considerable minority of the population speaks a dialect of English called Gynyoth ($J>IΔII$), or alternatively Enlishyoth ($-IBV3ΔII$).

Culture

Renyoth sees the universe in three genders: familiar/us, foreign/them and neuter/it. This is reflected in their grammar, with each respective suffix being =/, =V and =/II (-o, -i, -oth). Familiar people are treated as equal, while foreign people and concepts are treated as either below them or above them. The latter can be an expression of formality, but the rules on such are strict, and it is easy to cause offense.

Renyoth is centered mainly around war and battle, although it has been modernized to a display of mutual respect. Killing is highly discouraged when fighting an equal, but turning down a fight or forfeiting early is seen as badly as a middle finger in Tellurian Western culture. An exception is made for foreigners or in miscellaneous cases of inequity, where reciprocal action is the norm.

Among the equal, communal living and the lack of significant private property is standard. Children are raised communally as well. While Protoids often run establishments outside of military duty, there is no standard currency of Renyoth and no one claims ownership of anything larger than novelty items. As such, objects are judged by their intrinsic or personal value, rather than their monetary value.

Dethak

History

Prehistory

Dethak was formed similarly to Renyoth, at about the same time as Renyoth. However, the climate was tropical across the planet by the time *Serpens purpureus* dominated.

Before the rise of any sort of philosophy or society, while males carried out the hunting, the females took many strategic decisions and often told the men how to hunt. This quickly gave rise to a biologically hard-wired hierarchy that favoured females in positions of power, and males in positions of labour.

A belief in gods has been attested to in this period.

Early Society

The first written record of Dethak, dated to 7000 BCE, was a sketch of an ancient Serpentine syllabary, which was presumably taught in schools and institutions. Interestingly, it was found in a place other than the modern capital of Relyaz. Indeed, before the revelation of any god to Dethak, writing and civilization had already been developed independently.

Other records have identified the optimal way to live for a Serpent, as well as key insights into physics, biology and astronomy. Though largely inaccurate and unscientific by today's standards, such studies became the cornerstone of the modern civilization.

Early Modern Dethak

On what is calculated to be sometime in October, 874 BCE, the Supreme God of Dethak, Ringax (*SVII<ΔZ, first recorded as Rinka*), revealed themselves to all of the planet. They were seen from the best angle at the city of Relyaz, which then became the capital. Ringax also introduced Old Serpentine as a lingua franca for the planet.

While there is no holy scripture besides verifiable historical records, many principles endorsed by earlier studies were reinforced by Ringax, and research into the nature and effects of gods was encouraged. This molded Dethak into its modern form, which revolves around hedonism, merit and mutual respect.

For the title of the Lady of Relyaz or Riganak Relyazim (*SVJ<I<L S-B><3V4*), a system was put in place that elected a member of a select, intelligent family to the position for life. The Lady acts as the direct prophet of Ringax, and upon death, a copy of their soul rests as a god of Dethak.

New Frontiers

While the term "Total Conquest" was never used, the then-Lady of Relyaz declared an Act of Unity (*B-S<L VI-4 -4<SVB-Z, Lerak inem Emariles, lit. "Declaration concerning the Creating of One"*) in 406 CE. Because there were no wars dividing Serpents, the delay in creating a planet-wide queendom was hindered by cultural integration of other cities into Relyaz.

To sustain themselves, they colonized a multitude of planets for food and resources. These were all dead planets, turned alive by Dethak and Ringax. In one such attempt, they landed on Renyoth, and became acquainted with the Kanauoth. To this day, the Arynyoth and the Lady of Dethak maintain good relations with one another, though in a manner similar to siblings'.

Present Day

In the present day, Dethak is a hotspot for science and philosophy. The current Lady of Dethak is Zumax XVI, with her family holding the title since the discovery of Renyoth. By and large, English is used for interplanetary communication: while Serpents do not speak Gynyoth, they are still largely incapable of speaking perfect General American English or Received Pronunciation.