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A BRIEF HISTORY OF TIME LORDS

In this section of the book you will learn everything you need to know about the Time Lords and life on the planet Gallifrey. This information is important for those who wish to play The Doctor or Time Lord characters of their own, because the people of Gallifrey are not just super-smart humans with fancy gadgets and funny clothes. Time Lords have an alien outlook that is less about physiology than having been raised as the scions of an ancient and powerful culture that spans eons and has mastery over all of time and space.

Before we can start to truly understand the nature of the Time lords and exactly what their place was in the universe, we have to first look at where, or more importantly when, they came from. For you see, the Time Lords were indescribably ancient long before man ever came into existence and their initial development as a species took place in a time when the universe was much younger, much darker and much more dangerous than it is today.

THE FIRST STIRRINGS OF GREATNESS

Gallifreyans were, before the Time War, the oldest surviving civilization in all of known creation. They walked in a universe that was still forming, mastered its concepts before most other intelligent life forms had even found a way to leave their own planets, and dominated it when planets like Earth were nothing more than clouds of dust orbiting a new star.

The early universe was a place of terrible violence as ancient species with comparatively primitive technology fought to create not simply empires, but the very path along which the cosmos itself might develop. With no race owning technology that could decisively end the fighting the wars were hard fought, but the Gallifreyans were the ones who ultimately prevailed. When the universe was but a fraction of its size, they had already defeated the Racnoss, destroyed the Great Vampires and banished the Carrionites from this universe.

Although the wars had cost the people of Gallifrey dearly, they became the preeminent race in the universe. No one else could directly challenge their position, so the early Gallifreyans stood as the guardians of peace in the cosmos.