

## THE AQUAN PRIME

The Aquans are an aquatic race with an older history than the Terrans; they value that history greatly and to a degree they even revere some of their famous ancestors. They attach huge importance to the first systems that they settled: the Slyvas and Csera, their home world. The Aquans that come from those systems have high status in their society, and the seas on the planets within them are considered to have healing qualities. The Slyvas systems are therefore a centre of pilgrimage and tourism.

The Aquan centres of government, the Syberns, are elsewhere in the empire however because the early settlers found it necessary to remove the direct rule of Csera, to ease the process of colonisation. These Syberns are semi-autonomous but regard the Urelus system as the home of the Aquan empire and its ruling government the Prime. The current Chamberlain of the Prime is Tsuran Kerus, and his major concern about the Dindrenzi invasion is that Csera falls in its path, within the Storm Zone.

The vulnerability of Csera has always been a source of anxiety for the Aquans, especially when the Terrans first pushed through Fathoms Reach. The Aquans were at a disadvantage from the first contact, because they did not have Fold Space Technology and could not travel as far or as fast as the Terrans. The early skirmishes between

their colonists were peacefully resolved to the Aquans' relief, and the subsequent centuries of close relations between the two empires guaranteed the safety of Csera. The Aquans have even gained Fold Space Drives from the Terrans and refitted their fleets.

The rise of the Dindrenzi has changed that. Initially the Aquans had little to fear from their neighbours, but they soon began to suffer raids in their system by Dindrenzi pirates and the security ships of the Directorate. Soon enough they were dragged into direct conflict with the Dindrenzi, as were the Sorylians, in the Xenos War. The Aquans and Sorylians realised the danger posed by the Dindrenzi, not just to their borders but their core systems as well, though the Aquans were quicker to act on it. They reinforced their border stations, increased the production levels of their shipyards and began a program of constant training within their fleets.

If anything, the Aquans were better prepared than the Terrans or the Sorylians for the Dindrenzi invasion, due in part to the canny speculations of Tsuran Kerus. His appointment of two experienced Grand Admirals - Asmorose Fenn and Jesper Melfe - has ensured that the Aquan Grand Fleet is in excellent hands and resulted in fewer defeats against the Dindrenzi than their allies have suffered.

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