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Web Portfolio Sample

Two-Liner:

Isolated from the galaxy, the Chills, Mirauka, and Rattaki forged powerful and unique cultures – only to be driven from their solitary lives by the Great War.

Chiss

Spec Box:

1. **Homeworld:** Csilla
2. **Distinctive Features:** Blue and silver skin, red eyes
3. **Government:** Chiss Ascendancy
4. **Personality Traits:** Disciplined, Pragmatic, Isolationist
5. **Notable Chiss:** Aristocra Saganu

Main:

The xenophobic and intelligent Chiss have lived in near-absolute secrecy for thousands of years, keeping themselves isolated within their small Chiss Ascendancy. Located within the Unknown Regions, the Chiss remained detached from the galactic community, viewing them as an unstable and chaotic threat to their rigid and disciplined society. Although the ruling classes often fought for power and influence, none of this filtered into their control over the Ascendancy. It's member worlds are tightly controlled, allowing the Chiss to flourish technologically, socially, and financially, without outside interference.

In the final days of their exile, the Sith Empire learned of the Chiss after discovering a technologically advanced settlement on the planet Celwis. With their plentiful resources and advanced technology, the Empire saw the potential value of subjugating the Chiss. The Sith Empire gave the Chiss a simple choice: swear allegiance to the Emperor, or be destroyed. As the Empire prepared to invade, the Chiss ruling families agreed to meet with Imperial diplomats.

What was discussed between the Imperial and Chiss diplomats remains a mystery, but the outcome would stand as unique event in the history of the Sith Empire. For the first time, the Empire had formed an ally in the galaxy. In exchange for allowing the Chiss to continue to govern themselves and the two-dozen worlds of the Chiss Ascendancy, the Empire was offered the wealth, resources and military might of the Ascendancy. The Empire also swore to never set foot on the Chiss homeworld of Csilla, thus ensuring the Chiss' continued isolation.

Although their allies, many within the Empire still regard the Chiss as second-class aliens. Their cold, calculated demeanor has won them little friends and their continued secrecy elicits suspicion among the population. However, their ability to analyze any situation and surmise every possible outcome made them valuable tacticians during the Great War, and their naturally secretive nature has made the few of them who venture outside the Ascendancy valued members of Imperial Intelligence.

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Sentient Species

Miraluka

Spec Box:

1. **Homeworld:** Alphreidies
2. **Distinctive Features:** No eyes, ceremonial headbands
3. **Cultural traits:** Viewed themselves as a single, grand family; worship the gods Ashla and Bogan
4. **Notable Miraluka:** Visas Marr, survivor of Kataar; Master Bestros of the Jedi Order

Main:

A thoughtful and spiritual species who share a common genetic ancestry with Humans, the Force-sensitive Miraluka have evolved into a uniquely gifted species. On their adopted homeworld of Alpheridies, the only source of light is a red dwarf star whose infrared light could not be viewed by normal eyesight. Over the millennia, Miraluka learned to adapt and, in time, learned to perceive their surroundings through their connection to the Force.

To further hone their connection to the Force, many Miraluka are taken to be trained by the Luka Sene. While with the Luka Sene, young Miraluka are taught how to better develop their connection to the Force. Although the Luka Sene did not dictate the lives of its members, their teachings warned of the dangers of the dark side, and those who followed the path of darkness were pursued and either be redeemed, or captured. Their affinity with the Force, as well as their cultural adherence to the light side of the Force, have made the Miraluka a valuable ally of the Jedi.

The Miraluka colony on Katarr is remembered as the sight of one of the most horrific events in the Jedi Order's history. Following the Jedi Civil War, the Jedi Order was near collapse, with barely one hundred members surviving. Sensing a new threat, many of the surviving Jedi convened on Katarr to discuss the possible return of the Sith. But before they could enact a plan, the broken Sith Lord Nihilus came to the planet and devoured the life force of the entire world. In Nihilus' wake, millions of Miraluka were dead, and the Jedi Order's most senior members lay as empty shells.

Rattataki

Spec Box:

1. **Homeworld:** Rattatak
2. **Distinctive Features:** Pale skin, facial tattoos
3. **Society:** Driven by the glory of combat
4. **Notable Rattataki:** Kaliyo Djannis, bounty hunter

Main:

With a culture revolving around gladiatorial combat and constant infighting with their fellow inhabitants, the Rattataki have more than earned their reputation as brutally violent warriors. Hardened by their unforgiving world, Rattataki have battled for centuries against themselves, occasionally setting aside their tribal differences to fight against the other species that share their world.

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Shortly after the Sith Empire's return from exile, the Sith Lord Vich discovered Rattatak, and soon felt the high number of Rattataki that possessed an affinity to the Force. Promising them glory in the great war the Empire was waging, Vich took many Rattataki under him, training them in the ways of the dark side. Their natural combat prowess and ability to quickly manifest control over the Force gave Vich a powerful army, and soon he turned them on the Empire in an attempted power grab. Vich himself was killed during the insurrection, and many who did not die by his side were either enslaved or executed. After Vich's failed coup, the Sith took notice on Rattatak. Unable to deny the power the Empire could wield, a select few Rattataki are taken in for training in the Sith Academy, and many others have now become prized assassins and mercenaries.