

NERO Vanguard Barbarians

The Yatima (Yah-Tee-Muh) are of the race Barbarian of the NERO International 8th Edition Rule Book. As a race they have an additional 2 body points and may purchase the skill Detect Celestial Magic at a cost of 2 build points. Barbarians must also pay double for the skills “Read and Write” and “Read Magic.”

There are six tribes of the Yatima. Each tribe is led by an elder who sits on the Council of Elders. One additional elder (typically female) is chosen from among the tribes as “Cheikh” (Sheek) whom leads the council as high elder for a total of 7 members.

Kindred Spirits

Each tribe has a group of animals whom they deem to be “kindred spirits”. These animals are looked upon as brothers of which the Yatima are codependent with. While the Yatima may hunt for food, tools, and warmth, no part of the animal is left unused. The Yatima also understand that when they die their bodies will decay and feed the grass on which the grazers feed, thus completing the Great Circle.

Family

The Yatima view one another as family. Those of the same generation are referred to as “brother” or “sister.” Those of an older generation are referred to as “mother” or “father”. Those of a younger generation are referred to as “child”, “son”, or daughter. These titles are regardless of actual lineage. It is not uncommon for children of a village to be cared for by many adults, not just his biological family.

Tribes

Thaba (Tah-bah) – the Thaba are primarily gatherers. They live on the Prismatic Mounds. They prefer to hunt aggressively and their preferred form of weapon is blunt. Their preferred form of dress consists of thick leather and ivory. Their kindred animals are Elephants, Hippopotamuses and Rhinoceroses whom they admire for their great presence and brute strength.

Nakisa (Nah-key-sah) – the Nakisa are primarily hunters. They live in the Lachdan Swamp. They prefer to hunt stealthily and tend to dabble in poisons. Their preferred form of dress is scaled leather. Their kindred animals are vipers, constrictors, and crocodiles whom they admire for their stealth and speed.

Gahji (Gah-gee) – The Gahji are primarily hunters. They may hunt in groups or alone. Their preferred weapons are edged. They live in the Shilandi Jungle but tend to also travel to the Prismatic Mounds to hunt. Their preferred form of dress is feline furs. Their kindred animals are jaguars, lions, tigers, cheetahs, and panthers whom they admire for their grace, speed, and power.

Vakasa (Vah-kah-sa) – The Vakasa are primarily farmers. They tend their primitive fields on the Prismatic Mounds. Their preferred form of dress is fur and horns. Their kindred animals are zebra, antelopes, water bison, and gazelles whom they admire for their patience and familiar presence.

Mandala (Man-dah-lah) – The Mandala are primarily shaman. They will typically travel from tribe to tribe to assist in magical duties. Their preferred form of dress includes vibrant feathers. Their kindred animals are parrots, toucan, ostrich, flamingo, and crane.

Fakih (Fah-key) – The Fakih are primarily artisans and crafters. They are the most advanced in terms of tools among the Yatima. They live in the Shilandi Jungle. Their kindred animals include monkeys, baboons, apes, and gorillas.

Creation

In the beginning there was the Great Mother, Kumani. The great mother sang and the sun rose, giving light and warmth to Tyrra. She was lonely and began to cry, creating the oceans, rivers and streams. Now with water, light, and warmth the plants began to grow. The Great Mother took delight in her new creations but was still lonely, she then created six children. It was these children who shaped and created the races and beings of Tyrra in their own images. It is said that the Children took extra special care in creating the Yatima and that each one took on a group of the Yatima and taught them what they need to know of the world. The Yatima are the chosen people, and their guardians have reincarnated many times throughout the century in order to properly watch over their creations. The Yatima have long awaited the day for the Great Mother to return and embrace her Children once again.