The Giz’ka People

The Giz’ka people are a race of exclusively spacefaring humanoid species. In fact, they are so alike in appearance to humans, that they could be, and *would* be, mistaken for exotically beautiful, tall humans. In reality, the name *Giz’ka* refers to a nation rather a species, as they are the only survivors of a once prosperous world.

The Giz’ka home planet Yèr, an exoplanet similar to earth, was destroyed in its entirety in a great war. Various global conquests throughout the millennia of its existence had led to only a remaining handful of warring empires. Fearing an ultimate great war, the leaders of these empires gathered under a banner of truce to discuss unification into one great global empire.

Predicting that the peace summit would lead to war, the Giz’ka withdrew their people to safety from Yèr. This was, in actuality, a strategic move to stay out of the looming war, only to orchestrate a grand planetary invasion at the very end of the war. What the Giz’ka leaders did not foresee, however, was the total destruction of Yèr before their plan could come into fruition.

The descendants of these Giz’ka leaders would vehemently deny that their forebears had not only foreseen the war, but in fact played a pivotal part in insuring that it happened. That only military Giz’ka survived, cannot be denied though. All but their most basic customs and traditions died with their civilians, replaced by an overwhelming sense of duty. A century later, the Giz’ka may have finally found a planet to replace their own. And they have been ready for an invasion for a hundred years.

Empress Umu Anad Rikum

Empress Umu Anad Rikum is, of course, no true empress as she has no empire to rule over. She is the great-granddaughter of Rikum the second, known to history as *Rikum the Last*, as he turned out to be the last emperor before the destruction of Yèr. Her own realm consists of about a million well-trained military personnel and a fleet of highly advanced warships.

Umu Anad Rikum took over from her from her father, Rikum the fourth, whose tumultuous reign was rumoured to have ended at the hands of his one and only daughter. These rumours were subsequently labelled as treason, and were mercilessly quashed, setting the stage for her reign.

Empress Umu Anad Rikum is a ruthless ruler, governing through fear. Her goal is to find and establish a new empire for her to rule over, whatever the cost. She demands blind loyalty from her subjects, even though it is said that “she would gladly slaughter all of her people if it meant that their bones would provide the building blocks for her new empire.”