

Graxlat

The Graxlat are a hermaphroditic vaguely-humanoid species of scavengers and thieves. They are usually found around urban areas where they benefit from the refuse of other species.



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History

The origins and homeworld of the Graxlat are unclear. Like the [Rixxikor](#), they are a widespread nomadic race that is found throughout known space.

They were first encountered by the [Yamatai Star Empire](#) in [YE 35](#) when the [YSS Eucharis](#) visited [Urtullan](#), but they were largely ignored among the crowds of various aliens living in and around the domed colony. Some Graxlat also lived on the [Essai](#) Dreamworld when the Eucharis visited it in YE 35.

In [YE 38](#), the YSS Eucharis was taken to a Graxlat shipyard where the Graxlat were building colony ships for the Rixxikor at the behest of the [Kuvexians](#). The Eucharis crew tracked down their ship and destroyed the shipyard.

As of [YE 38](#), the presence of Graxlat is slowly growing in the Kikyo Sector and they can be spotted anywhere there is enough commerce and recyclable trash to support their lifestyle, including the [Grand Bizarre](#).

Physiology

They are roughly humanoid, with two arms and two legs, but with a vaguely-rat-like face. They are short (about 1.4 meters tall on average) and fat (about 90 kilograms/200 lbs) on average, and have very oily green or olive skin.

Their backs are covered in coarse hairs, and they have three large eyes. They have evolved natural pockets in their flabby skin. These skin-pockets cover much of their bodies.

The lifespan of a Graxlat is somewhere around 45 years, although many die sooner of non-natural causes.

Environment

Graxlat breath Oxygen but have a high tolerance for atmospheres [humans](#) are unable to tolerate, such as elevated levels of Carbon Dioxide or Sulphur Dioxide.

Diet

Graxlat are also highly resistant to most diseases, allowing them to eat most organic materials, although they have a taste for fatty junk food, processed grains, candy, and generally anything that would make a human gain weight or get heart disease. They especially love hot dogs, neon green sugary soda, and flavored vending-machine tortilla chips.

Reproduction

Each individual possesses both male and female sexual organs which they use to conceive offspring with other Graxlat or with themselves. They have four wombs, allowing them to bear up to four children at any one time. Once born, the infants will climb into one of its parent's skin-pockets, where it will remain until fully developed.

Diseases

Graxlat, despite their excellent resistance to disease, are susceptible to a few conditions:

- **Graxlat herpes** is carried by about 20% of the Graxlat population and causes occasional outbreaks of crusty patches of skin with yellow blisters that weep diluted sulphuric acid if punctured.
- **Graxlat flab stank** is a fungal infection similar to jock itch. If normal Graxlat smell terrible, the ones with infected skin reek in an *awful* way that can cause many other species to become physically ill. Flab stank is treatable with a spray of a particular flower that apparently went extinct about 20 years ago, and Graxlat are desperately still looking for it.

Culture

Graxlat have a mercantile culture and believe greed to be the purest of emotions. They are collectors and traders. They recycle trash that other species leave, and make it useful again. They actually make good mechanics and engineers...if paid the right price.

Graxlat tend to exhibit kleptomaniac-like behavior, stealing whatever is around, because they are seemingly genetically dispositioned to be greedy. Also, care must be taken to remain "useful" in the Graxlat's eyes. If you no longer appear to be useful, they may turn on you and attempt to take your possessions for themselves. Because of the above, the Graxlat have a reputation as thieves wherever they are known.

They view [Rixxikor](#) as competitors and a nuisance, but they tend to inhabit the same spaces and occasionally cooperate, usually with the Rixxikor doing some sort of mass labor in return for something. The Rixxikor have even been able to get Graxlat to provide them with recycled starships.

The Graxlat tend to be extremely unsanitary. They do not bathe unless there is some medical reason that requires it, as freshly-bathed Graxlat are more susceptible to Graxlat flab stank.

Graxlat tend to live as solitary nomads or in small teams of 2-3, sometimes going for years without seeing another of their kind.

OOC Notes

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