

The cult of Yaeprax

Planet name: Yaeprax Prime

Classification: Paradise world

Location:

Affiliation: Chaos (Slaanesh)

Population: unknown, in imperial time about 1.25 billion.

Gravity: 0.979 G

Other planets and colonies: Yaeprax Secundus, Gerrecci, The red moon colony, Zroc and the Inah moon colony.

In imperial time the planet of Yaeprax Prime was known for its beautiful gardens, stretching for miles and miles, filled with exotic plants and docile plant eating animals, collected from all over the galaxy and bred for their beauty. Delicious restaurants, fascinating sports events and breathtaking dance shows, all set in buildings drawn by some of the best architects in the galaxy and filled with exquisite art by the finest artists money could buy.

Beautiful castles, hotels, brothels, casinos, concert halls and sanctuaries filled the planet, waiting for the high class visitors of the imperium to visit and fulfill their every desire of whatever desire they might have. Might it culinary, cultural, erotic, esthetic or just having a place to meditate and contemplate once part of the imperium of mankind.

For centuries the noble de Ortega family had been the most powerful and had the title of planetary governor, along with controlling the arms production, and trade, of the planet Gerrecci.

The planet was a bit smaller than Terra, but did not have large oceans, it had a few lakes, so big you could not see shore in the middle. Tall mountains, many of them with eternal snow on the top. Only a few of them in chains, so travel was easy on the planet. The planet had many rivers, filled with tasty fish and boats, some of them cruise ship sized, moving goods and relaxing tourists and noblemen. The Ronstoy-Blackwood family, even had their main headquarters on a huge boat manor.

Most of Yaeprax Prime was very fertile, one of the few uninhabited places was the great southern ice desert, close to the south pole and the poison jungle, believed to be inhabited with plants imported from a different planet millennia ago. This jungle was one of the few places where the rare Yall fruit was found and the brave and the stupid would enter the jungle to find it. The fruit, when fresh, would sell for huge sums, and since some of the finest restaurants of the galaxy were found on Yaeprax Prime, there was always a demand.

Giant underground cave systems were built to make room for the many workers and production of needed goods, like clothing and food for the lower castes, so the factories would not spoil the view. Some of the workers were born and died underground.

At the territories of poorer families, endless rows of grains, orchards and greenhouses produced products for food and materials for wines and spirits. Mushrooms grown in caves, fish and algae in large floating tanks in rivers and lakes. Game bred and released for meat and hunting by nobility and guests.

Resorts of all sizes were built in huge forests, on the top of mountains, in large caves or even floating in the sky, to please the many visitors from across the galaxy.

The inhabitants of the planet were divided into a complex and strict caste system, that was almost impossible to break out of, or at least advance. At a certain age, all but the children of the highest castes, was placed into the caste that was selected for them, depending on the appearance and abilities of the persons. Every caste, below the highest, had a distinctive way they had to dress to distinguish them from each other, and every noble family set their own rules on this, making the whole look of the population colorful and pleasing to the eye.

The planet was ruled by dozens of noble families, who had ruled for centuries and centuries. The legend says that some time, many millennia ago, the infighting between the families had caused a civil war and the empire of mankind had given the nobility an ultimatum, stop the infighting or die. Some say this legend is as old as the golden age of technology. Since then the fighting had stopped, at least on the surface. The old feuds never stopped, but lasgun and tank was changed for prestige and prowess in sports, arts and beauty. The families fought ever on to produce the best food, having the most colorful gardens, the strongest fastest runners, the most alluring and exotic whores and dancers and attracting the most prestigious imperial guests. Even rivers and mountains were changed over the years to make them more impressive and pleasing to the eye.

Every family specialist in one or more of the many fields, and the richest families had contracts with rogue traders, or even had agents themselves, who searched the galaxy for new animals for the gardens, new ingredients for the chefs and beautiful and exotic slaves to breed to get better athletes, dancers and prostitutes. The finest chefs, artists and philosophers were paid huge sums to move to the planet and use their abilities in the service of a noble family.

In the larger cities neighborhoods of ratling cooks and ogryn wrestlers slowly appeared, all tolerated as long as they accepted the caste system and the authority of the noble caste.

As a part of their planetary taxes the noble families had to supply trained men and equipment to the PDF. Every man or woman trained was in the time of war, led by the noble family who had trained them. Making a somewhat ineffective force, since the fighting between noble houses was found among their serfs as well. And every noble family had their own uniform, tactics and esthetic for vehicles.

Among the vehicles built were walkers used for jousting or dancing to entertain guests and nobles.

In the system several other planets and moons were populated and under the control of Yaeprax Prime. The most important was Gerrecci and Zroc, the deadly high gravity world of Zroc had a huge production of mineral ore, while Gerrecci had a fair production of military equipment and spaceships, but in no way close to the larger forge worlds. Much of the equipment had a This was used as a part of the tribute to the empire, part used for the PDF and the rest sold to anyone who were willing to send an interstellar ship to pick them up and had the money to pay. Some rogue traders became astronomically rich on this trade.

It is said that the first thought of the chaos god Slaanesh came to a philosopher's assistant called Dracciona in a monastery like hotel called Motec in the temperate zone of Yaeprax Prime. No one

knows for sure, but the planet fell to chaos. Among the famous guests, who was lost, was General Freomund Achglen who was recovering from a bolter wound, after fighting a chaos cult in a hive world.

Some speculate that General Achglen was part of the corruption, since he had been rather erratic after the fight.

Important persons:

Imperial Governor Edward Carolus de Ortega:

Edward de Ortega have served as the imperial governor for decades and made untold fortunes for himself, his allies and the Yaeprax system while doing so.

While having a sharp mind de Ortega is known as a notorious glutton. Always eating and always looking for new recipes, most of them nauseatingly sweet the governor have grown to an immense size. Barely being able to walk, he is now driven around in a special crafted armored car.

Erich and Thurizas van Makeem - the jousters

Erich and Thurizas was the forth and sixth of Helmuth van Makeems seven sons. They were known as skilled walker jousters and highly loved by the audience, for their skill and showmanship. The two of them were celebrities and known as charming playboys. The boys were also known for their party lifestyle, dating famous and beautiful women, and driving and flying at neckbreak speed.

Penelope Naomi Sunsburg:

Born into one of the most powerful noble families on Yaeprax Penelope was expected to behave like a good girl and marry the suitable man from a good family. Always being a fighter and a tomboy she refused and it was a screaming and kicking Penelope who was dragged to the alter. It was said one of the soldiers holding her lost several teeth.

On her wedding night she cut the throat of husband and even though a noble she was arrested and put to jail.

While the trial lasted and reparations were paid, she spend her time training and studying. When the trial was finally finished she was sentenced and sent into a normal prison, as part of the requirement.

She only spend two years here, before Governor de Ortega, a very distant cousin, pardoned her and she returned home. Even though scared and angry, she was still beautiful, but refused to get married. After her having beaten up several suitors, they slowly stopped coming and Penelope could be free to do what she liked best. Fighting and killing.

Penelope became famous, not for cursing and aggressive behavior, but for fighting in the gladiator pits, a sport almost exclusively reserved for slaves form foreign planets. At her side was Ezme, a fiercely loyal ogryn female, who had served as Penelopes whippingboy(/girl) from when they were both children.

Between fighting seasons she took over one of the families castles in the high north and found a group of killers and cutthroats. She bought pretty girls, weapons, food and drink for them, while

they hunted in the wilderness, both man and beast. Some say she bathed in the blood of slaves, ate their hearts and made clothing from their skin. No one knows if this is true, but few dare to get close

General Freomund Achglen:

General from the Imperial Guard, former commander of the Keit Light Infantry Regiment. A smaller regiment known for their bravery and discipline, but the system having few resources, other than manpower, the regiment is rarely equipped with heavy or technologically advanced weaponry.

Captain Eberhardt "Green eyes" Romulus:

Captain Romulus was somewhat of a celebrity on Yaeprax, known to socialize with the nobles and the rich. Romulus made his fortune shipping arms from Gerrecci and bringing back slaves, animals and delicacies from distant worlds.

Over the years he became extremely rich and he leased a piece of land from the de Ortega family, on this he building housing and training facilities for the small army he had on hand for doing his trade with distant planet.

Romulus is known to have eyes and ears in dozens of systems, always searching for profit and ways to impress the nobles of Yaeprax. Several of his officers have sold their services as excellent trainers of soldiers or even mercenaries, in the minor conflicts among the noble houses.

Melving Beardtooth - the Yall fruit collector

Melving was the son of famous chef Topper Beardtooth, the first person born outside the planet to rise to the highest caste in food production. Before connection to the planet was lost, it was rumored that Topper would be the first abhuman to be given a noble title for inventing the yall fruit desert Governor de Ortega's delight.

Even though Melving being a brilliant chef himself, he was more of an adventurous soul and got a ragtag group of like minded and started searching the poison jungles for yall fruit.

Melving is known to rub elbows with all the right people, and have more than a dozen children around the planet. Known as a notorious womanizer, he is rumored to have had affairs with famous people like the champion ogryn wrestler Giyah and even Elisabetha de Ortega, nieces to Governor de Ortega himself.

Ehrai and Zami - the philosopher twins

Born in the underhive of a distant hive world the twins life could have turned out very differently. From very young they were different from their peers and started talking to people and a group of loyal followers started surrounding them. The twins, one of each sex, started talking about the glory of the emperor, meditation, inner peace and other subjects, very far from violence of the underhive, and had it not been for the rogue trader Captain Eberhardt "Green eyes" Romulus, they would probably have lived and died in the violence of the underhive. But Captain Romulus knew how to make money and paid them a large sum to move to Yaeprax. The twins insisted on bringing their collection of firearms and a group of followers and family members.

On Yaeprax the twins got work at a meditation sanctuary that was visited by Count Helmuth van Makeem, who was so inspired by them that he asked them to join him at his estate. Here the count

spend large sums to build a sanctuary after their specifications. This sanctuary soon became one of the most popular for meditations and inner reflections, and the reputation of the twins became quite famous amongst the guests of Yaeprax.

Yina:

Yinas father was a known walker joustier, but was killed before she was born. No one knows where mother was born, the rogue trader tried to track it down, but the slavetrader who sold her had no idea. But she was different and exotic, not like anything anyone had seen before. A witch said some, sorceress said others.

She died at childbirth and the daughter was not like anyone had seen before. Almost black hair, that looked purple in the right light, piercing eyes and a skincolor that had a faint blue to it, and did not change no matter how much sun she got.

Strikingly beautiful Yina was placed in a brothel from an early age, and almost every one of her costumers fell in love with her. Giving her expensive gifts of the highest quality. It was said that no man or woman could withstand her gaze if she chose to.

Before she was 19 she managed the brothel, at 22 she owned it.

Costumers would come from a far to visit and it is said that some only visited the planet to see her, and if they could afford it, spend a night with her.

It is even said that many noble men tried to marry her, but none succeeded. Yina became famous, her face covering billboards and having her at your side at the galapremiers became status symbol among the rich and noble.