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Introduction

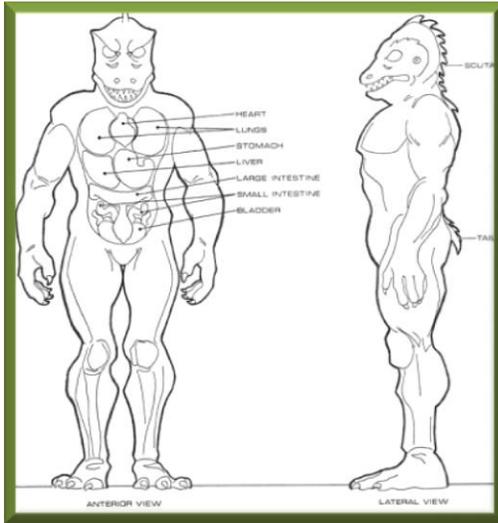
The Gorn's first official contact with the United Federation of Planets took place in 2267, when the Gorn attacked a Federation colony on Cestus III. The Gorn saw the strike as a preemptive move, since they regarded the Cestus system as part of their territory.

The USS Enterprise pursued a Gorn starship from Cestus III into a previously unexplored region of the galaxy, near 2466 PM. There, both starships were immobilized by the Metrons, who transported James T. Kirk and the Gorn captain to a planet's surface, where the two captains were instructed to settle their differences in a "contest... of ingenuity against ingenuity, brute strength against brute strength." Although the Gorn captain was physically stronger than Kirk, Kirk was able to construct makeshift cannon out of materials on the planet's surface and defeat the Gorn. When Kirk showed mercy to his defeated opponent, the Metrons sent both captains back to their respective ships and transported the Enterprise out of the area.



On Stardate 5267.2, a Gorn was serving on the ruling council of the pocket dimension Elysia, in the late 23rd century. It is unknown how long members of his species had been trapped in that universe.

Physical characteristics



Gorn were a cold-blooded, reptilian species with green, rubbery skin, red blood and an average height of approximately two meters. They tended to be many times stronger than most humanoids, albeit slower and less agile but with greater stamina and, like most cold-blooded species, preferred warmer temperatures. Some Humans had an instinctive revulsion to the Gorn, as they were a type of reptile, and may think them primitive or unintelligent. This is unwise, as the Gorn are at least as intelligent as Humans. Their ears were simple holes on the sides of their skulls, while their mouths boasted an impressive array of sharp teeth and their hands and feet possessed vicious claws.

In the mirror universe, Phlox quipped that the Gorn were comparable to that of the extinct Velociraptor, based on one Gorn's size and bite radius.

Some Gorn display eyes that are silvery and faceted, much like the compound eyes of insects, while others have typical humanoid eyes complete with pupils. They also possess incredible durability and are able to take an extreme amount of punishment.

During the first skirmish between Captain Kirk and the Gorn captain, Kirk hurled a boulder at his opponent, only for it to bounce off the Gorn's skin. Later, he caused a giant boulder to roll down a mountain and hit the Gorn captain. Though this temporarily stunned him, he was not injured. Kirk finally managed to wound and disable the Gorn with primitive cannon comprised of rope-wrapped bamboo as a barrel, with raw diamonds as projectiles and a homemade gunpowder mixture as propellant.

Technology

As of the late 23rd century, much of the Gorn technology was on par with Starfleet's. Their ships were almost as fast as that of a Constitution-class starship, as it would have to push its engines to dangerous speeds to overtake a Gorn ship.

Their weapons were described as "like phasers, only worse" by a survivor of the Cestus attack. This description may have been colored by fear, as they were later described as disruptors.



Gorn shields were capable of enduring an initial full barrage of phaser and photon torpedo fire, with little or no appreciable damage.

They had transporter technology and possessed voice duplicator equipment at least good enough to fool a casual listener.

Gorn ground tactical units utilized powerful disruptors, capable of completely disintegrating targets at ranges of between 1,200 and 1,500 yards. Their sensor technology may have been less effective than that of the Federation, as they had some difficulty targeting the landing party during their ambush at Cestus III.

They were able to home in on signals from a tricorder, allowing them to "bracket" the user with fire.

Gorn Hegemony

The Gorn Hegemony was the governmental body of the Gorn, a reptilian species first encountered by the United Federation of Planets in 2267.

This first encounter with the Hegemony was hostile as the Gorn were claiming Cestus III - a world which was then occupied by a Federation settlement - as their own. Despite this, the two powers had resolved the conflict over Cestus III by the 2370s, when a Human settlement did indeed thrive there.

Prior to actual contact by the people of Earth, there was little known of the Gorn people. Among the minor bits of knowledge that did exist was that, according to Orion privateer Harrad-Sar in 2154, the Gorn Hegemony brewed "the finest Meridor in the five systems".

Mirror Universe



Slar

In the mirror universe, a Gorn named Slar was a slave master working for the Tholian Assembly. He was in charge of the workers assigned aboard the USS Defiant until the crew of the ISS Enterprise took it over. Slar was seen as untrusting of Terrans and vicious when it came to dealing with them.

During the salvage operation, the Defiant was boarded by an away team from the ISS Enterprise. When the Terrans stole the Defiant, Slar began killing Enterprise crewmembers and sabotaging the ship. Contacting Jonathan Archer, the Terran who had taken command of the Defiant, Slar promised to

return stolen plasma regulators, which the Defiant needed in order to go to warp, in exchange for one of the ship's shuttlecraft. Archer refused, however, and led a security team to hunt down and kill the Gorn. Slar proved to be quite a match for the security team, ambushing and killing several MACOs and even left Major Reed seriously injured with a hidden bomb. Archer eventually engaged Slar in personal combat, and was victorious when he ordered Commander T'Pol to increase the polarity of the grav-plating where Slar was standing, incapacitating him. Archer then shot him to death with a particle rifle.