Creatures D6 / Wistie



Name: Wistie
Designation: Sentient
Classification: Humanoid
Skin color: Golden, white, blue or red
Distinctions: Tiny, glowing beings
Homeworld: Endor
Habitat: Deep forests
Language: Wistie language

Dexterity: 3D+1
Perception: 2D+2
Strength: 1D

Special Abilities

Heat: Wisties are glowing creatures, but usually do not emit any heat, however, when they feel in danger they can heat up to do a 3D heat attack, which will burn through ropes or nets which may be used to restrain them, or burn the hands of a creature attempting to catch them.

Move: 12 (flying), 2 (walking)
Orneriness: 3D

Description: Wisties, also called firefolk, flutterglows or firesprites, were a sentient species native to the forest moon of Endor. They were very small, winged humanoids that had the appearance of a moving flame. However, fire did not have anything to do with their luminosity, and they could be safely touched by other creatures most of the time. Although the Wisties seemed extremely simple, even non-sentient, they had a language of their own and even a form of government, with a Queen as Head of State. It was thought that the firefolk fed off happy emotions and expressions of mirth.

They were known offworld as early as 32 BBY, in the waning days of the Galactic Republic. Because of their beauty and rarity, the firefolk fetched high prices on the illegal market. Despite that, knowledge of their existence was not not very widespread in the galactic community: when Sergeant Pfilbee Jhorn encountered Wisties on an expeditionary mission after 3 ABY, he did not recognize them and even doubted they were actual creatures. During the time when most of the galaxy was ruled by the Galactic Empire, Izrina was Queen of the Wisties.

Biology and appearance

The Wisties of Endor were tiny humanoids with one head, a torso, two legs and two arms, with the latter ending in three- or four-fingered hands. Some individuals had no visible digits. They were surrounded by a bright mantle of fluttering flames, the color of which could be golden, white, red or blue. Their mask-like faces featured two forward-facing eyes and a large mouth relative to their size. Some Wisties had a hair-like corona of light sprouting from the top of their head. While the

seemed to "flicker" as a flame would do—and sometimes even seemed to disappear for split second— they were well and truly corporeal, and could be restrained with the help of miniature chains. They were so small that they could fit in the palm of an Ewok. All known Wisties were referred to as females in Galactic Basic Standard, the most prominent language in the galaxy.

The Wisties rarely kept still, which rendered detailed examination of their body features difficult. Most of the time, they appeared more like thin lines of light that flew in the air erratically, which prompted uninformed observers to think they were unexplained light phenomena. Because of their spark-like appearance, they were often called "the firefolk" or "the flutterglows" by the Ewoks, a race of one meter tall bear-like sentients with whom they shared their homeworld. Their luminescence, however, was not fire-based, but biochemical. Although they did emit heat, which was fanned through the rapid beating of their wings and produced light, they could normally be touched by other organics without risk. However, angered Wisties could increase their body heat to such a degree that their could actually burn. They also had the ability to transfer some of their energy to certain responsive objects, including Force-sensitive gemstones like the Sunstar.

Society and culture

Wisties lived in swarms of several dozens individuals. At night, those swarms would venture in the open air, where they performed what has been described as "flashing, spinning, dizzying light shows." During their aerial ballets, the firefolk were usually peaceful and harmless, although their buzzing and brightly lit night flights could prevent other beings from sleeping, much to their annoyance and discomfort. In the rare cases when a Wistie got angry, it could increase its internal heat greatly, allowing the creature to burn through traps and nets.

Diet

Observers were uncertain as to what the Wisties ate. Although their behavior indicated that they absorbed firelight as a source of nourishment, some believed that they fed on laughters and other manifestations of warm feelings. In any event, the Wisties were indeed fond of laughter, and appeared to possess some ability to either physically or psychically affect other beings in a manner that provoked it. The sensation has been compared to playful tickling. The experience was considered extremely enjoyable and continued to be so long after an actual tickling would have become unpleasant. Once deprived of her liberty for an extended period, a Wistie was in imminent danger of dying of starvation.

Relations with other Endorians

The spark-like beings generally maintained cordial relations with the tree-dwelling Ewoks, who even had a holiday in their honor, called the Festival of the Wisties. Both species would celebrate that event together in a playful astmosphere, performing a dance and baking a special pie made from rainbow berries. Wisties and young Ewoks would often frolic together in the forests or on the edges of a pond. Despite that, even their Ewok friends still regarded the untimely night flights of the firefolk as a nuisance, at least in the context of camp life. By contrast, the Wisties were prey to the warlike Duloks, the lankier cousins of the Ewoks, who considered them delicacies and sometimes caged them into small lanterns.

Wisties normally spoke their own language, which was made of squeaking and buzzing noises. Some Ewoks, including Teebo and later Kneesaa were able to understand that language. Conversely, a few Wisties who had been taken offworld also showed the ability to speak Galactic Basic Standard fluently.

History

The Wisties evolved on Endor, a forested moon in orbit around the planet of the same name, in the Moddell sector of the Outer Rim Territories. They shared their homeworld with several other intelligent or semi-intelligent species, namely the Ewoks, the Duloks, the fftssfft the Yuzzums, and the Gorphs. As early as 3640 BBY the firefolk and their bear-like neighbors knew each other, as the Ewok mercenary named Treek mentioned how she liked to listen to the Wisties in the forest. The firefolk's first encounters with the wider galactic community dated back to at least 32 BBY, in the waning decades of the Galactic Republic. By that date, several Wisties had been abducted by offworld visitors and sold as living trinkets elsewhere in the galaxy.

Some time after the Battle of Hoth in 3 ABY, the Wisties encountered Pfilbee Jhorn, a sergeant of the Galactic Empire who had been requisitioned for an expeditionary mission to Endor. The flutterglows were attracted by the Imperial campfires, and they started to fly around their visitors, as they usually did. The Imperials tried to shoo them away, but to no avail. As records officer of the expedition, Jhorn reported that encounter in his field journal.

Around 3.5 ABY, the fairy-folk of Endor were ruled over by Queen Izrina. One day, the Queen fell prey of Morag, a mandrill-faced Tulgah witch who dwelled on Endor. Morag used her arcane magic to put Izrina into a state of perpetual anger, rendering her able to set things aflame through casual contact. When the Queen travelled back to her home, she infected her fellow Wisties with Morag's curse. Because of Morag's wicked ruse, the erratic flight of the Wisties caused a terrible forest fire that nearly destroyed the Bright Tree Village and, more importantly, the sacred Soul Trees of the Ewoks.

However, even as the Ewoks struggled to fight the fire, they found a way to free the firefolk from Morag's spell, when the young warrior Wicket Wystri Warrick doused Izrina with water. Wicket and his friends then cured the rest of the Wisties, and put out the remaining fires with the help of magic foam concocted by Logray the shaman. In gratitude, the firefolk offered to help implement Warrick's plan to airdrop Logray's firefoam by guiding the Ewok skin gliders safely around the dangerous convection currents caused by the forest fire. As a result, the fire was quickly brought under control and the wisties took the liberty of dropping a bag of firefoam on Morag to humiliate her in revenge.

Shortly afterwards, when an Ewok caravan accompanied the young Humans Mace and Cindel Towani in their search for their parents camped in the Endor plains, a group of Wisties were attracted by the campfires. The young Cindel then presented Candle of Pure Light, a magical artifact provided by Logray, and the Wisties all leaped into its flame. That event had the consequence of summoning Queen Izrina, who decided to accompany the caravan. She later proved helpful in distracting a malevolent Gorax while the Ewoks rescued the elder Towani from that creature's lair.

Wisties in the galaxy

To outlanders, the Wisties gained numerous nicknames, such as firefolk, firesprites or flutterglows. Their existence was known to other species since at least 32 BBY. Around that year, a Hutt crime boss named Gardulla had imported Wisties in the pleasure garden of her palace on Tatooine. Although those Wisties lived in an environment close to their natural habitat, they still were slaves to the Hutt. When Gardulla opened her garden to night parties, the Wisties served as flying night-lights. Indeed, the Wisties were often captured and put on the black market because of their extreme beauty and rarity, which contributed to reduce their number on Endor. Around 18 BBY, a gray-haired Human who was part of a resistance movement on Samaria went by the nickname of

"Firefolk." Although it may have been a coincidence, the Jedi Ferus Olin found it amusing that a grown man would have chosen the name of a tiny, glowing creature.

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