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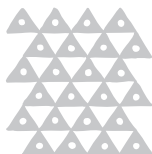
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MARTINEZ FAMILY AND DEPENDENTS

MARCUS, LORD MARTINEZ: Terran, patriarch of Clan Martinez, patron to Laredo, Chee, and Parkhurst.

LADY MARTINEZ: Terran, wife to Lord Martinez.

LORD ROLAND MARTINEZ: Terran, Lord Martinez's eldest son and heir. Convocate.

GIRASOLE MARTINEZ: Terran, Roland's daughter.

FLEET COMMANDER LORD GARETH MARTINEZ: Terran, second son of Lord Martinez, awarded the Golden Orb for conduct during the Naxid War.

LADY TERZA CHEN: Terran, daughter and heir of Lord Chen, wife of Gareth Martinez.

GARETH THE YOUNGER ("CHAI-CHAI"): Terran, son of Gareth Martinez and Terza Chen.

YALING ("MEI-MEI"): Terran, daughter of Gareth Martinez and Terza Chen.

LADY VIPSANIA MARTINEZ: Terran, daughter of Lord and Lady Martinez, married to Lord Convocate Oda Yoshitoshi and head of Imperial Broadcasting.

LADY WALPURGA MARTINEZ: Terran, daughter of Lord and Lady Martinez, widow of PJ Ngeni.

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LADY SEMPRONIA MARTINEZ: Terran, daughter of Lord and Lady Martinez, estranged from her family. Married to Nikkul Shan-karacharya.

LIEUTENANT LALITA BANERJEE: Terran female, signals officer on *Los Angeles*.

AITOR SANTANA: Terran male, signals officer on *Los Angeles*.

WEAPONER FIRST CLASS AGUSTIN MPANZA: Terran male, orderly to Gareth Martinez.

LADY SULA, HER DEPENDENTS AND ASSOCIATES

SENIOR CAPTAIN CAROLINE, LADY SULA: Terran, head of Clan Sula, Fleet officer and former head of the Secret Army. Former leader of Action Team 491.

MASTER CONSTABLE GAVIN MACNAMARA: Terran, detailed as orderly to Lady Sula, former member of the Secret Army and Action Team 491.

MASTER ENGINEER SHAWNA SPENCE: Terran, detailed as orderly to Lady Sula, former member of the Secret Army and Action Team 491.

MING LIN: Terran, veteran of the Secret Army, graduate in economics, and Sula's economic adviser.

DR. SERDAR GUNAYDIN: Terran male, physician assigned to *Splendid*.

RICCI (MALE) AND VISWAN (FEMALE): Sula's signals lieutenants.

THE FLEET

FLEET COMMANDER LORD PADO-FAQ: Lai-own male, commander of the Third Fleet at Felarus, Gareth Martinez's former commander.

SENIOR FLEET COMMANDER LADY MICHİ CHEN: Terran female, commanding Fourth Fleet at Harzapid. Sister of Lord Chen, aunt to Terza Chen, and Gareth Martinez's commander.

SANDRA YUEN: Terran female, one of Michi Chen's aides.

SENIOR SQUADRON COMMANDER NGUYEN: Terran, commanding a squadron under Do-faq at Felarus.

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CAPTAIN LORD JEREMY FOOTE: Terran, commanding light cruiser *Vigilant* and Light Squadron Eight. Veteran of the Naxid War, the First and Second Battles of Magaria, and racing pilot for the Apogee Club.

LIEUTENANT-CAPTAIN LORD NAAZ VIJANA: Terran, hero of the Yormak rebellion.

CAPTAIN LADY ELISSA DALKEITH: Terran, commanding cruiser *Bombardment of Los Angeles*.

LIEUTENANT-CAPTAIN ARI ABACHA: Terran, a friend of Gareth Martinez, and a sporting enthusiast.

SQUADRON COMMANDER LORD HARVEY CONYNGHAM: Terran male, commanding battleship *Perfection of the Praxis*.

LIEUTENANT-CAPTAIN LADY ALANA HAZ: Terran, former premiere lieutenant on Sula's frigate *Confidence*.

CAPTAIN LADY CHANDRA PRASAD: Terran, formerly of Martinez's cruiser *Illustrious*.

LORD NISHKAD: Naxid male, senior squadron commander (retired), now businessman on Harzapid.

CAPTAIN HUI: Terran female, captain of *Staunch*.

JUNIOR SQUADRON LEADER KHALIL: Terran male, commands Heavy Squadron Twenty in the Fourth Fleet.

FLEET COMMANDER WEI JIAN: Terran female, commanding defectors from the Second Fleet.

CAPTAIN YOSHIDA: Wei Jian's tactical officer.

LIEUTENANT-CAPTAINS PAIVO AND RANSSU KANGAS: Terran males, twin sons of the late Fleet Commander Eino Kangas.

LIEUTENANT-CAPTAIN VONDERHEYDTE: Terran male, formerly of Martinez's command *Corona*.

SENIOR CAPTAIN SIZO MAZANKOSI: Terran female, captain of cruiser *Splendid*.

LIEUTENANT-CAPTAIN LEPP: Terran male, captain of frigate *Mentor*.

LIEUTENANT BENEDICTA KELLY: Terran female, champion yachtswoman with the Corona Club.

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MARIVIC MANGAHAS: Terran female, Martinez's chef.

LADY XIA GAO: Terran female, second officer on cruiser *Defense*.

SENIOR SQUADRON COMMANDER RIVVEN: Daimong male, defector to the Restoration.

SENIOR CAPTAIN LORD BATUR KHAN-NIYAZ: Terran male, commanding the Fleet dockyard and ring station on Terra.

SQUADRON LEADER AN-DAR: Lai-own male, defector to the Restoration.

SQUADRON COMMANDER DRAYMESH: Daimong male, commands Light Squadron Twenty-Two under Do-faq.

SQUADRON COMMANDER FARHANG: Terran male, one of Wei Jian's officers.

CAPTAIN DEVINDAR SURI: Terran male, civilian commanding *Parkhurst*.

LIEUTENANT-CAPTAIN BHATTI: Terran male serving with the Constabulary.

ELECTRICIAN SECOND CLASS RAJU: Terran female, on crew of *Los Angeles*.

WARRANT OFFICER SECOND CLASS FILOMENA JUSKIENE: Terran female, on crew of *Los Angeles*.

CONSTABLE FIRST CLASS HADAD: Terran male, heading police on *Los Angeles*.

MASTER ELECTRICIAN PARK: Terran male, head of electrics department on *Los Angeles*.

RIGGER FIRST CLASS JAPUTRA BLISS: Terran female, on crew of *Splendid*.

MASTER ENGINEER TODD BLISS: Terran male, semi-estranged husband of Japutra Bliss.

LORD ETHGRO TRIBE: Daimong, lieutenant-captain on staff at the Commandery.

KAVASIA: Terran male, elderly lieutenant brought out of retirement.

EXPLORATION SERVICE

SQUADRON COMMANDER (FIRST GRADE) SHUSHANIK SEVERIN
("NIKKI"): Terran, captain of *Expedition* and puppeteer.

LIEUTENANT LORD CHUNGSUN CLEGHORNE: Terran, premiere lieutenant of *Expedition*.

LIEUTENANT CRESSIDA TOUPAL: Terran, second lieutenant of *Expedition*.

PILOT FIRST CLASS LIU: Terran, on crew of *Expedition*.

WARRANT OFFICER FALYAZ: Terran, on crew off *Expedition*.

PEERS

MAURICE, LORD CHEN: Terran. A convocate, member of the Fleet Control Board, and father-in-law of Gareth Martinez.

LORD SAÏD: Terran male, head of Clan Saïd, deposed Lord Senior of the Convocation.

LORD MEHRANG: Terran, patron to Esley, home planet of the Yormaks.

LADY KORIDUN: Torminel, the young head of the Koridun clan.

LADY DISTCHIN: Torminel, absentee patron to Spannan.

LADY GRUUM: Daimong, former patron to the newly settled world Rol-mar, now Lady Senior of the Convocation.

LADY TU-HON: Lai-own, head of the Fleet Control Board in the Zanshaa government.

LORD MINNO: Cree, a banker, heading the Treasury.

LORD ODA YOSHITOSHI: Terran, heir to Yoshitoshi clan and husband of Vipsania Martinez.

LORD DURWARD LI: Terran, former client of the Sulas, now client of the Chens.

LADY AMITA: Terran, Lord Durward's first wife.

LADY MARIETTA LI: Terran, Lord Durward's second wife, a runaway.

LORD NGENI: Terran, member of the Convocation, former patron to the Martinez clan.

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LORD PIERRE NGENI: Terran, Lord Ngeni's son, member of the Convocation.

LADY CASSILDA ZYKOV: Terran, former wife of Roland Martinez and mother of Girasole.

LORD ZYKOV: Terran, Lady Cassilda's father.

LORD ELDEY: Torminel, a convocate and former governor of Zanshaa.

LORD HOTTASH: Torminel male, a convocate.

LORD TROOM LAMONG: Daimong, Minister of Right-Mindedness.

PAR-KAI: Lai-own female, chair of the Protocol Committee in the Convocation.

CLIQUEMEN

NAVEEN PATEL: Terran male, a member of the Commission.

JULIEN BAKSHI: Terran male, a member of the Commission.

SAGAS: male Daimong, a member of the Commission.

LINKBOYS

HECTOR BRAGA ("LAMEY"): Terran, sometime gangster from Spannan, lately a lobbyist.

GREDEL ("EARTHGIRL"): Terran, a street girl from Spannan.

OTHERS

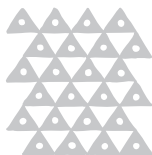
CHESKO: Daimong, clothes designer in Petty Mount.

LET-KWAI: Torminel male, a doorman.

SIMONE BECKWITH: Terran female, owner of Stellar Properties on Zanshaa.

PRINCIPAL THEEL: Daimong, principal of the Zanshaa College of Economics, a semiautonomous division of Zanshaa University.

APPENDIX



DRINK LIKE A PEER

My friend, the author and mixologist Terry Boren, has created two original cocktails based on my characters, the Blue Gredel and the Lady Sula. It seems only fair that I share these with my readers.

(There already exists a nineteenth-century cocktail called the Martinez. For the sake of completeness, I include the recipe below.)

The Blue Gredel

This refreshing cocktail features a transformation that emulates that of Gredel herself.

2 ounces gin, either Empress 1908 or any gin colored with B'Lure
Flower Extract
basil leaf
 $\frac{3}{4}$ ounce limoncello mixed with lemon juice
2 dashes orange bitters

1. Measure the gin into a rocks glass, then add ice to taste.
2. In a separate glass, muddle the basil leaf, then add the limoncello mixture and the orange bitters.
3. Add the limoncello mixture to the gin and stir. Watch Gredel transform into someone new, someone born to the purple!

The Lady Sula

In my opinion, this complex and luxurious cocktail is a masterpiece. It even gets me to drink rye whiskey, which I normally don't care for.

Luxardo cherries, with their juice
2 ounces rye whiskey
½ ounce Averna
½ ounce cold press coffee
½ ounce dry sherry
Black walnut bitters

Rim a coupe or martini glass with Luxardo cherry juice. To an ice-filled shaker, add the whiskey, ½ oz. each Averna, coffee, sherry, and one or two drops black walnut bitters. Shake, then strain into the prepared glass. Garnish with a Luxardo cherry.

The Martinez

This cocktail is first recorded in an 1884 bartending manual and is the direct ancestor of both the martini and the Manhattan.

1½ ounces gin (for true nineteenth-century flavor, use Old Tom gin)
1½ ounces sweet vermouth
¼ oz Luxardo cherry juice
2 dashes Angostura bitters
Orange or lemon twist, for garnish

Pour the gin, vermouth, cherry juice, and bitters into a mixing glass with ice. Stir. Strain into a martini glass or coupe and add garnish.

Cheers!

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