

Context: This was part of an unpublished homebrew game for the Lancer system. Picking what race/ancestry is not an option Lancer has as there are no mechanics involved. However, for this game I wanted players to have more variety and flavor text into their pilot.

Lichlings | The Eternally Damned| (Lich-ling-ss)

Many have heard the beautiful calls of the mysterious Soul Song. But to a Lichling, this is not a song of ethereal warmth, but rather an insidious anthem of their impending doom.

Lichlings are a semi-immortal race, called into power by an unknown source. Lichlings can originate from all organic beings, making them one of the most diverse races in the far known galaxy. Lichlings are an uncommon sight as the only way to become one is to be sung back to life by the mysterious Soul Song. Though their appearance may be frightening, Lichlings are immersed in a rich culture with a unique perspective on life that excel in space travel and study.

Appearance: Though Lichlings are semi-immortal, they are still considerably undead and thus their mortal bodies continue to rot. This forces Lichlings to undergo many body modifications from high-tech exoskeletons to cybernetic enhancements attached to one's own skeleton. All Lichlings are deathly cold to the touch and their bodies are sensitive to temperature. Their most striking feature however, is a distinctive green light emanating from their eyes where a pupil would be located.

Culture: Since Lichlings can originate from all organic beings, they are well known for their close-knit, melting pot communities. Many holidays and traditions center around death and memories as it can be hard for Lichlings to process their new life. When a Lichling is sung into life, many see it as a celebratory cause, lovingly calling it the Second Birth. It is also very common for older Lichlings to adopt newer Lichlings (and other people in general) into their families. Many Lichlings dedicate a good portion of their eternity to studying the Soul Song, which all can agree is an eerie, gut wrenching, melody of pure terror. All Lichlings look to their immortal Queen for guidance, who can be found on their only colonized homeworld located in the Pandora System.

Space Travel: Lichlings tend to travel in bulk, aboard higher quality ships. Due to their fragile and sensitive bodies, they need their own space for regular maintenance. Lichlings may not be the best roommates, but their sometimes masterful jack of all trades skills can come quite in handy when traversing the galaxy. A unique ability Lichlings possess is the ability to always find their way back to their Queen's homeplanet so long as she welcomes them back.

As Lancers: Lichlings make excellent Lancers, having years to hone their skills. Due to their long lifespan, a Lichling may have owned multiple frames. It is not uncommon to find that a Lichling have restructured their mechs into homes, places of business or even their own vessels. Lichlings tend to favor a variety of frames suited to their tastes or interests and prefer many brands over loyalty to one.