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# THE DRAKAI

Some two million years before the lands of Mazarium would be inhabited by sentients that would call it home, before the humans and elves and dwarves, another race slowly evolved on another planet in the Mazarium star system. Around the giant planet Intigao there is a moon named Lystra...

Although much farther from the sun than Mazarium, Lystra had a very thick atmosphere that kept heat in and warmed the moon...



Over time, a lush planet full of plant-life developed with one race that would dominate the moon and master magic. This race, the progenitors of the dragons of Mazarium, was called the Drakai.



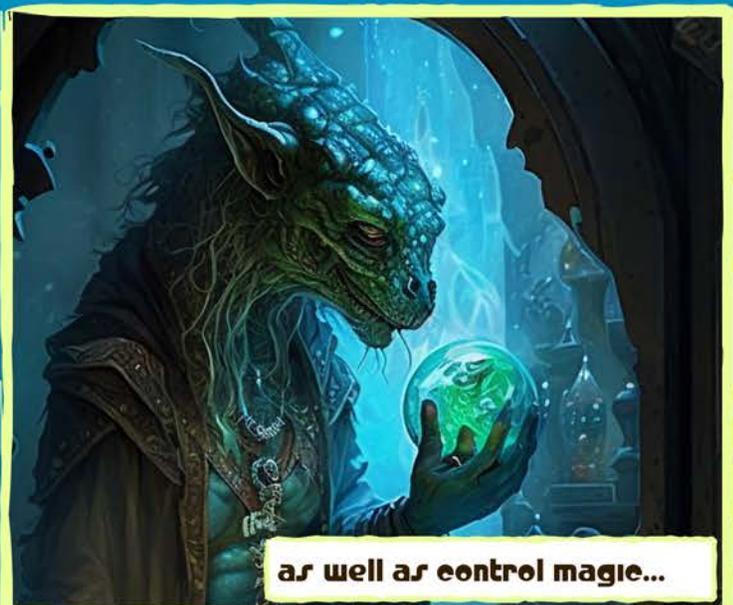
**A magical race of six-armed reptilians...**



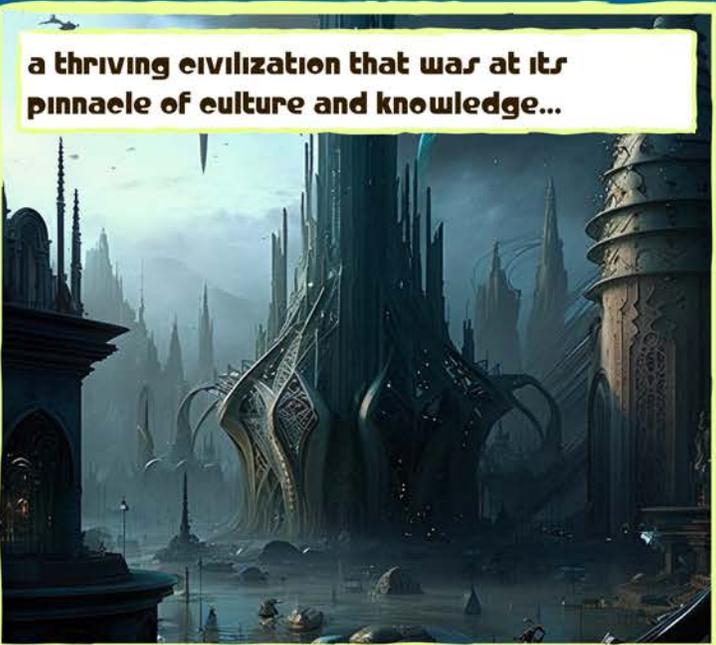
**the Drakaii had a highly complex society with a caste system based on mastery of magic...**



**and over thousands of years grew to conquer both science...**



**as well as control magic...**



**a thriving civilization that was at its pinnacle of culture and knowledge...**



**an almost utopian society of enlightened ageless creatures...**

**came to a sudden end!**



Light years away and hundreds of years prior, a star had begun losing its battle between gravity and outward pressure from fusion as its core became iron.



**ZZZZZZZZSSSTTT!!!**



As it heaved and pulsed, it shot out a gigantic gamma-ray burst that would one day reach the moon of Lystra, a cosmic coincidence that would be the end of almost all the Drakii.



Many of the Drakani sages knew their world would end, but some thought it to be visions of alternate realities, and others mere foolishness, but their hubris would be their downfall.

One particularly wise Drakani named Giganzalt spoke often to the High Council days before the disaster...



PLEASE, ZATHRUUM... THEY NEED HELP BEING CONVINCED!! SURELY YOU SEE THE DOOM THAT AWAITS US!



NO, GIGANZALT... I CANNOT ASSIST YOU IN THIS DIATRIBE OF DESTRUCTION AND DOOM....

Other Drakani laughed and sneered at Giganzalt and his prognostications of armageddon...



YOU SEE! EVEN HIS OWN CLAN WILL NOT BACK UP HIS APOCALYPTIC NONSENSE? AND WHAT DO YOU PROPOSE?

EVACUATE THE ENTIRE MOON?!?

Arrogant laughter erupts at the comment...



THOSE WHO WANT TO LIVE...

WILL FIND NEW HOMES, NEW PLANETS, NEW WORLDS....

Giganzalt pointed to the sky and space beyond...



UTTER NONSENSE! WHO LET THIS DOOMSAYER SPEAK!



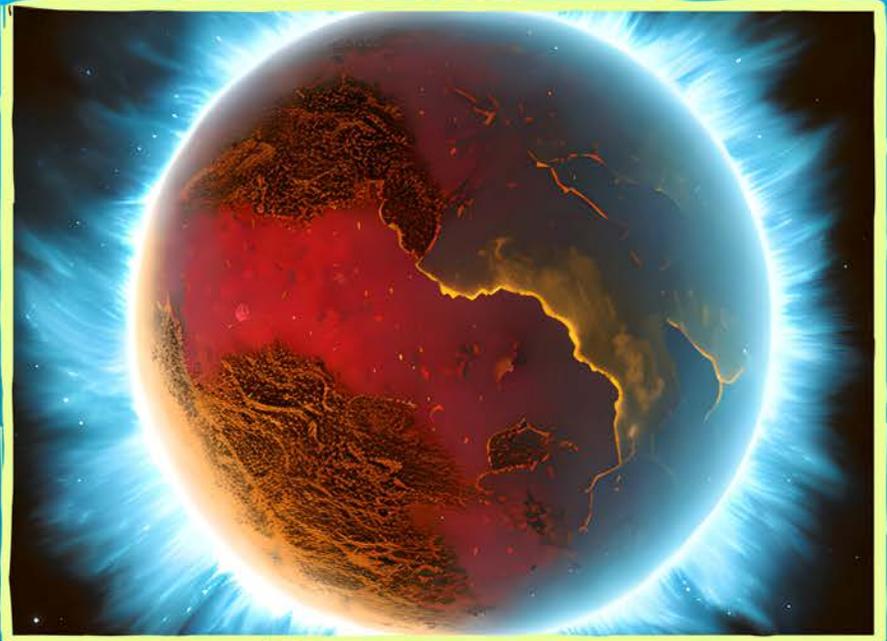
THE DIVINATIONS SHOW... ALL TIME-LINES ON THIS MOON END IN DAYS... DON'T BE FOOLS!!!



YOU KNOW THE INTRICACIES OF THE MULTITUDE OF PARALLEL REALITIES THAT EXIST. THIS SEEMS... RASH. I MOVE TO DISMISS.

Almost none were convinced.

**A few Drakani would flee across space and time just before the disaster, but most would be caught up in the blast of radiation that stripped the atmosphere off of the planet in a matter of days, causing it to descend into a deep freeze and completely wiping out the Drakani peoples.**



**A small number of them escaped to the fledgling planet of Mazarim and established a small colony. There, they would seek peace and a new life, a new existence on this planet with so much potential.**



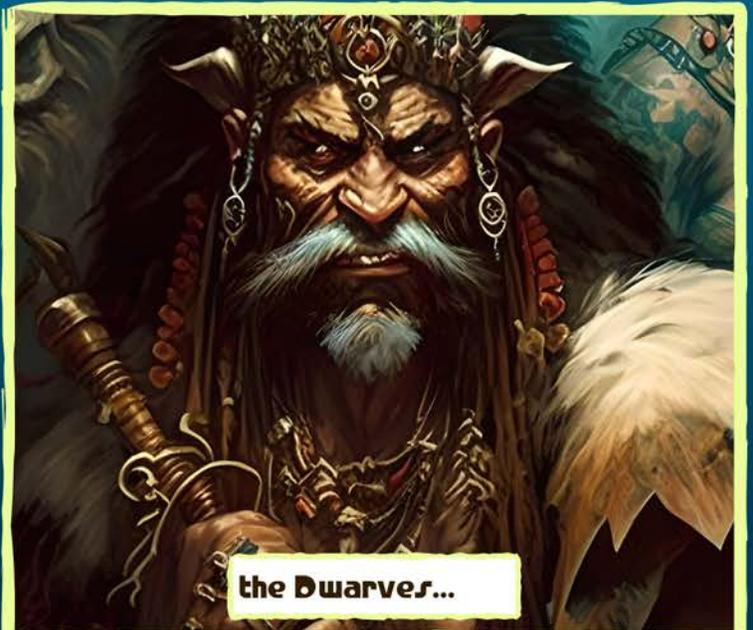
The Drakani of Mazarim soon began to experiment with the animal life forms of the planet.



and although they would achieve their goals through magic, these experiments would one day yield the races of Mazarim...



The Humans....



the Dwarves...



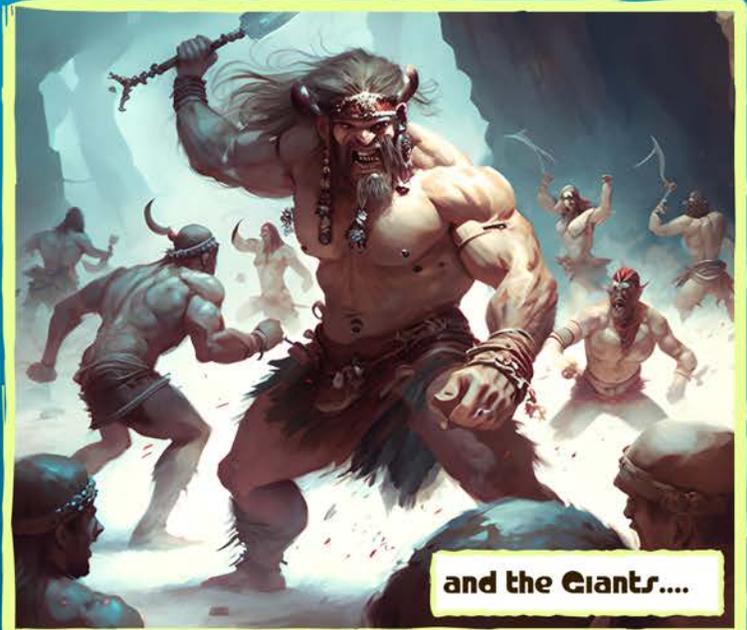
**The Elves...**



**and the Goblins...**



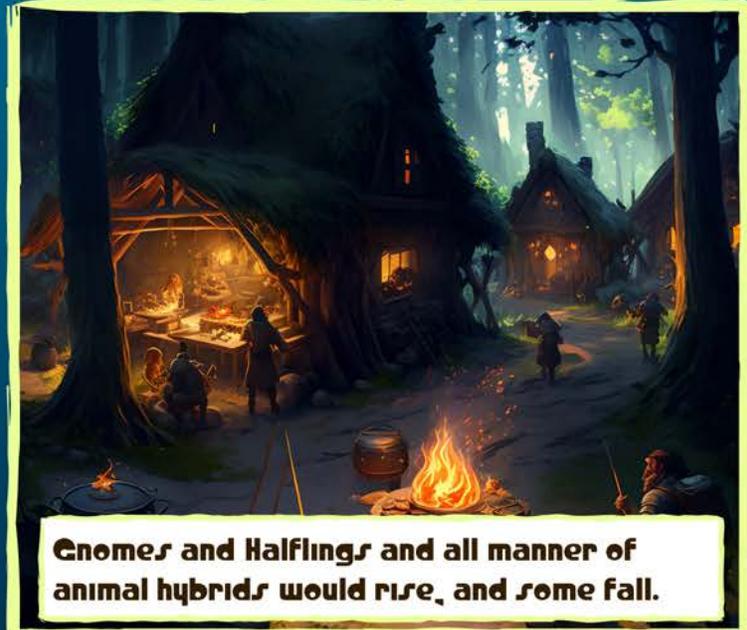
**the Ores...**



**and the Giants...**



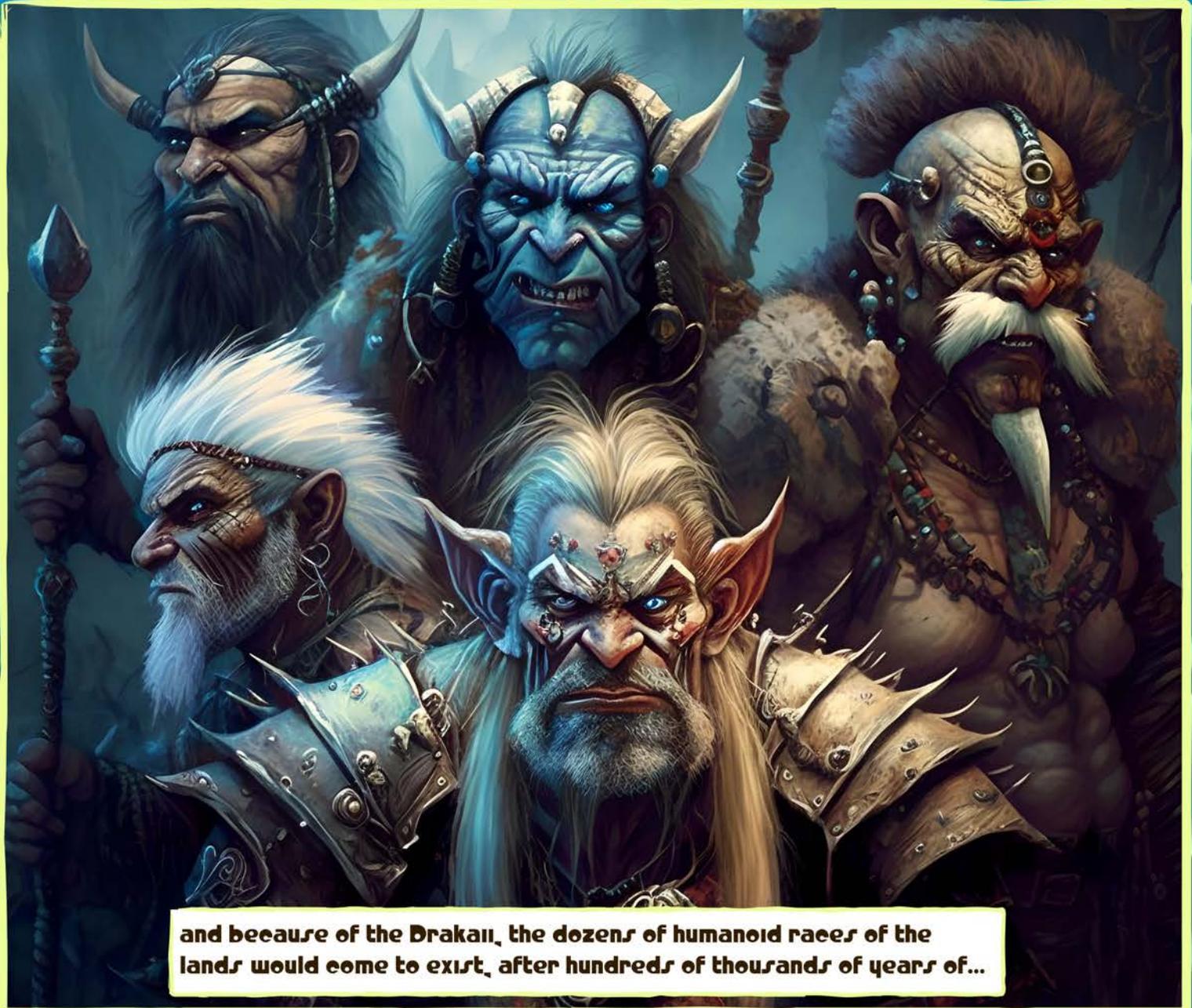
**with many other races that would one day develop intellect and sentience as well...**



**Gnomes and Halflings and all manner of animal hybrids would rise, and some fall.**



And this six-armed reptilian race, existing hundreds of thousands of years before the sentient creatures of Mazarim, would one day forget their past, change over the course of timespans hard to comprehend, and grow to be the dragons found in the world of Mazarim. . .



and because of the Drakaii, the dozens of humanoid races of the lands would come to exist, after hundreds of thousands of years of...



**EVOLUTION!!!**

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DISCOVER ONE OF THE FIRST HUMAN SOCIETIES TO MASTER MAGIC

TAUGHT ARCAINE SORCERIES BY DRAGONS, THE HUMANS OF YRUGRAS GREW IN POWER IN THE ANCIENT PAST



LEARN OF THE ANCIENT CIVILIZATION OF YRUGRAS AND ITS MASTER, MADRON!

