

T'K-GHAL

Chelon

Male

Biography

One of two species native to the Rigel system, the Chelons are a species in decline. They have one sex and shift over their lifespans to male or female forms in order to procreate through eggs. The scattering of Chelons through Federation space, however, has seriously impacted their reproduction rates, as have traditional forms of nobility which further complicate social situations.

While it is not yet a crisis, xenobiologists estimate that Chelons could number less than a billion within two generations. Many Chelons are determined to reverse this through social programs and policies to reverse the Chelon diaspora, but the geneticist T'k-ghal has another plan.

For T'k-ghal, indirect means are not going to solve this problem. Chelons were pushed into this situation through technology and so it is through technology that they must solve it. The direct answer, in T'k-ghal's mind, is genetic engineering to remove the complications of reproduction and make the Chelon species more sustainable. This runs up against the Federation ban on eugenics, one of the strongest-held prohibitions in the quadrant. The "nervous clucking" of Federation scientists, though, are of little concern to T'k-ghal who has ostracized himself from society with his fringe experiments and mounting list of crimes.

In his quest to find research on genetic modification, T'k-ghal has blackmailed Starfleet medical officers, stolen data from secure locations, and tracked down illegal augments to torture and study them in his quest to learn from past



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T'k-ghal for the 23rd Century

The biggest connection to involve T'k-ghal in during the 23rd century is the reappearance of Khan Noonien Singh and the reemergence of his genetically engineered warriors. T'k-ghal in that time period would be very interested in the blood of those genetically engineered humans for use in his own research. Introducing T'k-ghal as a secretive ally in a storyline involving followers of Khan only to have him abscond with biological samples for his own research is a good way to start a recurring character in your campaign. Alternately, T'k-ghal might be an ally of Khan's in a retelling of the events of *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan*. With T'k-ghal helping him, Khan might be more successful and dramatically change the course of history in your campaign.

experiments. He has quiet support among some Chelons but his increasingly extreme methods put most of the peaceful species on edge. If T’k-ghal is aware that his tactics are estranging him from the very people he hopes to save his actions show no sign of it.

Statistics

Use the following statistics for a Notable or Major version of this character. The statistics note what changes are necessary for a Major NPC.

TRAIT: Rigellian Chelon

Stress: 10 **Resistance:** 1

VALUES:

- **These Will Not Be the Last Days of My People**
- **There Is No Such Thing as Illegal Knowledge** (Major NPC)

ATTRIBUTES

Control	10	Daring	11
Fitness	9	Insight	10
Presence	9	Reason	11

DISCIPLINES

Command	01	Conn	01
Security	01	Engineering	01
Science	02	Medicine	03

For Major NPC add +1 to Conn, Security, Engineering, Science, and Medicine. This adds +1 to Stress.

FOCUSES:

- **Genetics**
- **Security Systems**
- **Starfleet Medical** (Major NPC)
- **Research** (Major NPC)

ATTACKS:

For Major NPC, add 1♣ to each damage.

- **Unarmed Strike** (Melee, 2♣ Piercing 1, 1H, Debilitating, Non-lethal)
- **Phaser type-I** (Ranged, 3♣, 1H, Charge, Hidden 1)
- **Escalation Disruptor Rifle** (Ranged, 5♣ Vicious 1, 2H, Accurate)

SPECIAL ABILITIES

- **Field Medicine** p. 138
- **Chelon Shell:** T’k-ghal’s hard shell protects him from physical and radioactive threats. This natural armor gives him a Resistance of 1. He may also ignore Complications radiation sources.
- **Toxic Claws:** In times of danger, Chelons excrete a contact toxin onto their claws that can be used to debilitate their foes. T’k-ghal’s Unarmed Attack is replaced with the statistics above.