

KOBALI

THE NEXT GENERATION ERA ONLY

Originally from the planet Kobali in the Vyntadi Expanse, the Kobali have a unique form of reproduction: they reanimate the corpses of other species, inducing a metamorphosis that alters their DNA and turns the formerly deceased into a new Kobali. The initial transformation occurs in a matter of hours, and slowly progresses over several months. This process is not natural: in their distant past, genome experimentation accidentally sterilized the entire Kobali population and in desperation they developed a retrovirus used to turn corpses into new members of their society. However, the virus only worked once on a single corpse, which also cannot be too badly damaged, forcing the Kobali to rely on deceased aliens to replenish their numbers. Newborn Kobali appear fully mature, possessing learned technical and social skills, but retain few memories of their prior life. They require education in the Kobali language and culture. Like most newborn humanoid, the brains of freshly reanimated Kobali learn new information at a highly accelerated rate; after only a few months, a new Kobali is fluent in their language and common customs. Some individuals remember a larger percentage of their former life, which is known as *kyn'steya*. Those who attempt to return to their old lives are pursued by the Kobali who know the inability to easily resume one's former life will only result in disappointment and anger, having seen many such experiences before. Because of their constant need for new corpses, a high percentage of the Kobali populace is nomadic, roaming the Delta Quadrant in vast fleets. While not scavengers by nature, Kobali make use of retained knowledge to augment their technology and ships.

EXAMPLE VALUE: Look to the Future and Not the Past

■ **ATTRIBUTES:** +1 Control, +1 Reason, and +1 to one Attribute from your pre-Kobali species

■ **TRAIT:** Kobali. Reborn as humanoids with grayish skin and hairless heads, only traces of an individual's original DNA remain after their resurrection with Kobali's genetic pathogen. However, a being's rough appearance, skeletal structure, and much of their muscular is only partially affected. Kobali internal physiology features a six-lobed brain and a binary cardiovascular system.

■ **TALENTS:** At character creation, Kobali characters are considered to be their previous species for purposes of talent prerequisites.

