

**WE DEMAND YOU  
LEAVE TAU CETI E**



Though we have no colony on the planet, Tau Ceti E is of immense religious significance to our people, and according to our ancient laws, the planet must remain pure and untouched by any sentients. Why is your colony of tremendous political importance to your people?

**WE DEMAND THAT  
ONE OF YOUR  
POLITICAL LEADERS  
SACRIFICE  
THEMSELVES AS  
PENANCE FOR THEIR  
PAST MISDEED**



During a previous encounter, one of you violating our most sacred of taboo, an insult that can only be cleansed with a blood sacrifice. What seemingly minor act that you perform regularly is a tremendously important taboo to our culture?

**WE DEMAND THAT  
YOUR CONSTRUCTION  
SHIPS LEAVE THE  
VEGA SYSTEM**



Our colony there is of no military purpose, but it stands in the way of your interstellar scale construction project. They would have to leave the home in the system for you to complete it. What great project was your race working toward, and why is it so important?

**WE DEMAND YOU  
ALLOW THE CHILDREN  
OF ESHNU ETHNIC  
MINORITY TO FREELY  
LEAVE YOUR  
BORDERS**



Your government has been mistreating these indigenous people for generations, and they want out from your control. Our race has agreed to house the refugees and form a beneficial union with them. Why can't you allow the Children of Eshnu to leave your government's control?

**WE DEMAND THAT  
YOU WITHDRAW YOUR  
MILITARY VESSELS  
FROM KEPLER 62E**



The fortifications you are constructing in the region are a clear sign of aggression, and we cannot tolerate warships equipped with antihypertriton cannons within four light years of our borders. Why must you keep those military encampments where they are?

**WE DEMAND THAT  
YOU CEASE  
CONSTRUCTION OF  
THE BLACK HOLE  
GENERATOR  
SUPERWEAPON**



Sure, we have a black hole generator of our own, but we cannot allow any other galactic powers to wield destructive power of that scale. What existential threat do you face that you need the black hole generator to protect against?

**WE DEMAND THAT  
YOU SHARE WITH US  
THE PLANS FOR A  
SUPERINTELLIGENT AI  
THAT YOU HAVE  
CREATED**



The mental processing and potential instability of the godlike artificial intelligence is too powerful to be in the hands of a single group. Why is the AI too dangerous to share with any other race?

**WE DEMAND THAT  
YOU ACCEPT  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
THE DEATH OF OUR  
EXALTED HIEROPHANT  
AND SACRIFICE THE  
LIFE OF YOUR MOST  
POWERFUL DIPLOMAT  
IN PENANCE**



The Hierophant died during a previous political summit, leading to the current hostilities, but the assassins have never been caught. We believe that agents of your government were responsible. Who do you blame for her death?

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**WE DEMAND EQUAL  
ACCESS TO THE  
PARADOXOGRAPHIC  
ORACLE OF THE  
ANTARES CLUSTER**



The immortal prophet is sacred to both our peoples, but you have denied access to his Moon of Isolation for the last two galactic cycles. What tragedy did we wreak upon your people the last time we followed one of the Oracle's prophecies?

**WE DEMAND THAT  
YOU NEGATE ALL  
THE DEBTS OF THE  
FERMIONIC  
CONDENSATE MINERS**



The miners are largely members of our race that work at debt-slave wages for your richest corporations. Their meager pay will never repay the cost of their oxygen and water reclamation. What financial catastrophe would befall your people if the debts were forgiven?

**WE DEMAND THAT  
YOU GIVE GREATER  
POLITICAL AUTONOMY  
TO THE MAELSTROM  
DREAMERS, THE  
REBEL FACTION OF  
YOUR PEOPLE**



Sure, in the past we have armed the rebels when they tried to strike against your government. But if you give them their freedom, then they might not strike at you again. What worse action do you believe they will take against you if given their autonomy?

**WE DEMAND THAT  
YOU ACKNOWLEDGE  
OUR CLAIMS TO THE  
EPSILON ERIDANI  
STAR SYSTEM**



The star system is devoid of livable planets or valuable resources, but it falls directly on the border of our spheres of power. But each side wants control of it, purely as a matter of political posturing. We landed the first known sentient there a generation ago, claiming it in our name. What prior claim to it do you have that we ignore?

**WE DEMAND THAT  
YOU RETURN OUR  
CAPTURED PILOT AND  
EXPERIMENTAL  
SPACECRAFT TO US**



One of our experimental CloakShip recently flew off course and crashed on one of your moons. Though we deny it, it's obvious that the ship was a spy craft, and the pilot was obtaining intelligence on your military capabilities. What terrible punishment is traditional for spies among your race?

**WE DEMAND THAT  
YOU IDENTIFY WHO IN  
OUR ADMINISTRATION  
IS WORKING A SPY  
FOR YOUR  
GOVERNMENT**



Recent actions by your government seem to indicate that your spies have infiltrated the highest ranks of our government. One of our members must be a mole, feeding classified knowledge back to your government. What alternative explanation do you have for always knowing our next move before we make it?

**WE DEMAND THAT  
YOU CANCEL YOUR  
ALLIANCE WITH THE  
VOID SPEAKERS, OUR  
HATED ENEMY**



We have been in a long cold war with them for generations. Without your assistance, their position would crumble quickly. What enormous benefit do you gain from being their ally?

**WE DEMAND THAT  
YOU HAVE YOUR  
GOVERNMENT'S TOP  
OFFICIAL FACE OUR  
CHIEF QUASAR  
WARRIOR IN HAND TO  
HAND COMBAT TO  
THE DEATH**



This would erase a grave dishonor your people did unto us at the Festival of Infinity, two cycles ago. According to our tradition, the only way to clean the stain of insult is with the spilling of blood. How was that incident not your fault?

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**WE DEMAND THAT  
YOU GIVE US HALF  
OF ALL THE  
NEUTRONIUM MINED  
FROM THE CALVERA  
NEUTRON STAR**



The neutronium is highly valuable in high energy computational paraphysics. Before our people grew hostile to each other, we allowed you access to the star in exchange for a portion of the profits. Now we want half of all the material mined. What percentage were you giving us previously?

**WE DEMAND THAT  
YOU MAKE  
REPARATIONS FOR  
THE DAMAGE YOU  
CAUSED TO THE  
STOCHASTIC CITADEL  
DURING THE  
ENTROPIC FLUX  
WARS**



The Stochastic Citadel was the greatest of construction projects, a space elevator made out of spun diamond fiber and stretching into the void of space. What military purpose do you claim it served during the war?

**WE DEMAND THAT  
YOU GIVE OUR  
LAMENTATION  
PRIESTS FREE  
ACCESS TO YOUR  
PLANETS TO SPREAD  
THEIR HOLY WORD**



The Lamentation Priests only wish to bring the divine message of Uluthra the Undying to the unenlightened. The times when our people used the lamentation priests as cover to perpetrate hideous crimes against your race were all isolated incidents, we promise. What atrocities did the these lone gunmen commit while disguised themselves as lamentation priests?

**WE DEMAND THAT  
YOU STOP PROVIDING  
MILITARY AID TO THE  
REBELS ON TARANDI  
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The rebel forces have repeatedly attacked our legitimate peacekeeping forces, when all we want is to bring law and order to the region. By force if necessary. What legitimate grievances do the rebels have against our government?

**WE DEMAND THAT  
YOU RELEASE THE  
HOSTAGES YOU HAVE  
CAPTURED FROM OUR  
EMBASSY ON YOUR  
HOME PLANET**



When the troubles began, you took the entire embassy staff hostage. We want them back, unharmed. What crimes against your people do they currently stand trial for?

**WE DEMAND THAT  
YOU FREE THE  
POLITICAL PRISONERS  
YOU CURRENTLY  
IMPRISON ON PEGASI  
1467**



The majority of these prisoners are peaceful protesters who opposed your government's actions. Your government agreed to free the prisoners and close the prison, but have not done so yet. What terrible thing would happen if you freed the prisoners?

**WE DEMAND THAT  
YOU REPAY THE  
EXCEEDINGLY LARGE  
LOAN THAT OUR  
GOVERNMENT LOANED  
TO YOURS TO  
FINANCE YOUR WAR  
AGAINST THE  
D'RAWMM MINDWORMS**



We agreed to give you financial backing to defeat a common enemy, but your government has yet to pay down its debt to us. What factor prevents paying back your loan?

**WE DEMAND THAT  
YOUR GOVERNMENT  
CEASE SUPPORTING  
THE ILLEGAL  
SMUGGLING OF MIND  
ALTERING MEMORY  
CRYSTALS INTO OUR  
STAR SYSTEMS**



These artificial memories are extremely addictive to our people, and considered immoral to our culture. Your government openly opposes the smuggling, but recent reports indicate that they support the trade under the table. Why is the illegal smuggling so important to your people?

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## FOURTH DIMENSIONAL



Our species interacts with spacetime differently than most species. In particular, we do not normally perceive time linearly, as most sentients do. While in human form, for this meeting, we experience time normally, but we still cannot not understand verb tenses in any way. Are they talking about the past or the future? We have no idea.

## POETIC



In our society, it is impolite to directly state what you mean. All statements are made in the form of metaphor: you must describe an unrelated matter that is analagous to the matter in some way. We therefore always assume that others speaking to us do the same.

## LITERAL



Our race is incapable of understanding metaphor, analogy or idiom. A thing is itself, not some other thing. Why would you describe it as that other thing, when it is clearly not that thing?

## COLOR CHANGING



In our native form, we are covered in scales that change color like a chameleon, in response to our moods. This makes it impossible for us to lie and we do not understand deception in any way.

## AQUATIC



Our race didn't evolve on land. We are naturally creatures of the sea, and we have great difficulty getting the hang of walking on land. Whenever we want to move around the play area, we should walk awkwardly and slowly, falling over or crawling along the floor.

### Constructed Race

We were originally created through genetic engineering to serve another species. We were made to have few emotions to interfere with the master's orders. The master race is long gone, but we are still extremely logical in our decision making. We do not understand emotions in other races.

## RODENT



Our race evolved from warren dwelling colonies of small furred creatures that rely on each other for survival. We never think things through logically, but instead simply rely on the emotional response of the group as a whole to guide our actions.

## SOLITARY PREDATORS



Our race is descended from large catlike predators that hunted on their own. Social niceties and friendship are unknown to our culture. We do not care or notice when our behavior offends those around us.

## CLONES



Our race are all clones of a small number of perfect specimens chosen centuries ago. We can easily tell each other apart, but we are completely unable to tell members of any other species apart.

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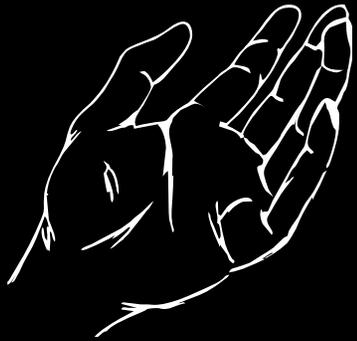
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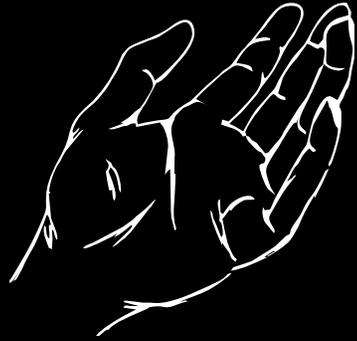
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## BERSERKERS



Our people are a glorious warrior people. We revel in the joy of battle, we honor the bravest among our warriors. We wish to crush our enemies, see them driven before us, and hear the lamentations of their mating partners.

## MOLLUSK



Our natural form is covered in a thick, crystalline shell. If ever danger threatens us, our natural defense is to retreat into hiding. To this day, our species avoids any violence or conflict if it can be avoided in any way. Even the slightest threat will send us running.

## BOASTFUL



In our society, it is considered normal to exaggerate your every accomplishment. Everyone is expected to turn their slightest deed into a fantastic tale worthy of praise and glory. Sometimes, you completely fabricate the stories out of thin air. After all, how will your listeners know? Because of this tendency, we assume that all other people are exaggerating and boasting when they tell tales of their own accomplishments as well.

## BIRDLIKE



Our species evolved from feathered scavenger creatures, and we still retain some of the habits of the magpies we came from. We love collecting any shiny objects, and our culture is built on greed. Whoever collects the most valuable resources wins, right? Fragile  
Our race lives a very short time, and dies easily. We have large families to survive, knowing that most of our young will never reach adulthood. Central to our culture is the concept of Shouganai, that since fate is inevitable, you shouldn't stress out over the consequences.

## CRYSTALLINE



Our species is grown from living rock. We live for millenia, and are very slow to act. Central to our culture is the concept of Zugzwang, where acting first will cause worse consequences than waiting for the other party to act first. Patience is the highest virtue.

## MANY EYES



Our native form is covered in a large number of eyes that see in all parts of the electromagnetic spectrum, as well as other more specialized sensory organs. In our society, what someone tells you counts for nothing. You only trust what you can observe directly yourself.

## INSECTILE



Our species goes through several life stages, and each stage has a very specific role in society. Workers are expected to follow orders without being told why those orders are as they are. In our society, it is considered an insult to ask questions.

## NO EYES



Our species lacks eyesight in ranges humans would understand. Consequently, information often has to be transmitted verbally instead of simply showing someone something. In our society, it is considered impolite not to ask dozens of questions until all details of a person's story have been explained.

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## BURROWING



Our species naturally lives deep under the crust of our planet. Tunnels are hard to dig, so space is always at a premium. We don't have a concept of 'personal space'. In our society, it is considered impolite to stand more than two feet away from someone you are speaking to.

## SPIKED



Though we currently have taken on human form, our natural shape is covered in protective spikes. In our society, it is considered impolite to stand within ten feet of someone you are speaking to.

## BUREAUCRATIC



In our society, it is considered impolite to speak to the person in charge directly: all matters are communicated through their underlings. Important matters will work their way up the chain, while minor matters will be dealt with by minor functionaries. To bring a matter directly to those in charge is to insult their rank, by suggesting that they are unimportant bureaucrats.

## DIRECT



In our society, it is considered rude to address any except the highest ranking person present. Your first task when meeting a group is to determine who is in charge. Addressing their underlings marks you as an underling yourself.

## GENEROUS



In our society, all meetings are commemorated with the giving of gifts, which the recipient must accept. Whoever gives the best gift is given the most social prestige.

## MODEST



In our society, all gifts or compliments offered must be refused by the recipient out of modesty. The winner of any social situation is the one who is the most humble. If ever another person makes a positive statement about you, you must counter it with an even more positive statement about them.



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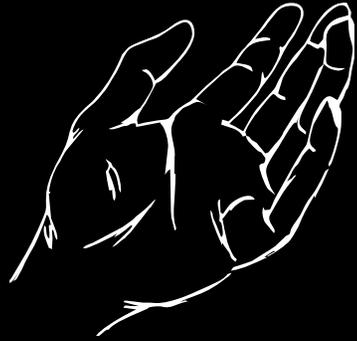
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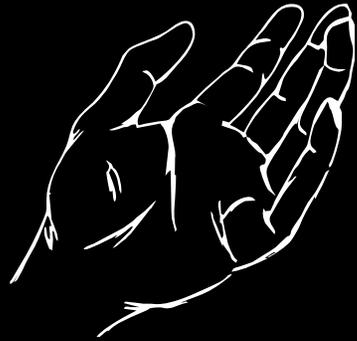
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