

Questionnaire - Species

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Species Details	
Name	Yogl
Description of Appearance	A stout but long bodied people ranging from between 6 inches to 1 ½ feet in adolescence, to 3 to 4 ½ feet in maturity, yogl are a hairless mammal which a wider lower body to allow them a primarily bipedal method of locomotion. Their short limbs allow them the ability to concave their long torsos and “bound” on all four limbs instead of sprinting away from danger. Large ears contain a dense collection of blood vessels to allow them to remain cool on their native world, while their skin possesses large darker patches more resistant to exposure.
Other media available? Images, Video, Costumes, etc.?	http://www.furaffinity.net/view/28490278/ The other images will be attached in the email If you have a lot of literature about this species, key quotes from the writings will be helpful too.
What colour scheme would you like?	Lavender Or Beige

Please add your comments in the spaces below. If any particular heading doesn't seem relevant you can skip it. Please bear in mind that I try to keep my write-ups a relatively manageable size. As it is, I will write up between 2,000 and 3,000 words about your world. If you wish me to write more than that, please talk to me about re-negotiating prices.

Geographical Distribution

Please feel free to send a map if you have one.

<p>- Areas, terrains, climates etc. where your species is the most locally common</p>	<p>The yogl home-planet of machii (Mah Chee) is several billion years older than the planet Earth during the time of the yogl evolution. Nutrients in the soil are much more scarce causing large patches of dead or spotty vegetation, with large swaths of desert area. Towards the equator of Machii, there exist oasis pockets where the ground</p>
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	<p>is more fertile than the rest of the world at large. It was in such a pocket where the yogl originally evolved. However, as they grew in number, it became clear that they'd either have to cull their numbers or search for more land at risk of depleting the oasis they were in. As such, they did not have a great abundance of other options available to them on their world, and were forced to settle a large sum of their population in a more viable piece of desert ground to the northwest. It was not ideal, however over time, the yogl who ventured out managed to form a stable and flourishing city.</p> <p>Off planet, yogl prefer warmer climates of 80 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit. As lush green areas are uncommon to them, such areas are considered exceptionally beautiful to them, and are sought out accordingly. Tropical temperatures with large fields to admire, good land to farm, and a level of tactical defensibility would be ideal for them.</p>
<p>- Areas, terrains, climates etc. your species avoids</p>	<p>The yogl, being very lean and with effective methods of self-cooling, will usually avoid anywhere prone to severe cold outright. Given their pragmatic and cautious nature, the yogl will usually tend to apply this to where they develop settlements, with the ultimate goal being long term and stability. Craggy areas, areas which could support abundant dens of predatory animals, and other such hazards are usually considered with the individual discretion of the yogl considering the location. Coastal cities are not wholly uncommon, but the prevailing yogl philosophy is to stay close together and instead use coastal areas as dedicated water conversion plants to convert sea water into fresh drinking water.</p>

Ecosystem

Tell me about your species' relationships with the plant and animal life in their environment.

<p>Plant life</p>	<p>While patchy, given the advanced age of the planet and low soil nutrition, Machii is still abundant in types of plant species. The majority of their biodiversity comes from the</p>
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	<p>sustainable pocket along the equator, featuring most of their flower species, green (albeit patchy) tall grass, mushroom stalks which range from 2 to 3.5 feet in height, tall thin trees (some species known as fasting trees due to their narrower trunks and sparser leaves, to lessen their nutritional requirements), moss, straw, grains, and ferns.</p> <p>Outside of the equator, most of the tall grass and straw are wilted or brown, developing to lay along the ground to maximize the amount of soil it can pull nutrition from. Most flowers are not present outside of the oasis and instead the mushrooms become more abundant. While trees are not wholly impossible, they are very less likely to be seen alive outside of the equator, and much less likely to provide fruit.</p>
<p>Dominant species</p>	<p>Machii is home to two dominant sentient species: the yogl, and the yahmii. The yahmii are a distant offshoot of proto-yogl and have evolved to be more carnivorous, as opposed to the yogl who are facultative herbivores. This makes the yahmii much more daring and curious than the yogl, who are much more cautious and wary of their surroundings. The yahmii differ considerably from their distant cousins: possessing fur, more triangular heads, smaller eyes, favouring subterranean dwellings, and being considerably less intellectual than the yogl, as the same mental evolution was not needed to assure their survival.</p>
<p>Predators (if applicable)</p>	<p>As the original proto-yogl were one of the larger of the prey animals in their evolution, they were prey to most of the predators on Machii. Given the conditions of Machii, however, most of the animal species consolidated (through interbreeding or extinction) leaving only several constant threats in their early history. These include:</p> <p>Ya-Tzwehii: a partially scaled canine-like creature which typically stands around the height of the terrestrial hyena. The Ya-Tzwehii have been the most consistent predators to the yogl due to their rugged</p>

biology which allows them to survive in and out of the equator. The name itself is formed of three major components: the yogl suffixes “Ya” which means “strong” & “without worry/fear” and “ii” which means “of Machii”, “Weh” which is the yogl vocalization of terror, and the base word “Tz” which is their general catch all term for a canine-type creature. The opposite of this, for the smaller breeds of domesticated canine on their world would be, Et-Tz: “Et” the suffix for “small/cute” and “Tz” canine. (Ya Tsah-Weh Ee)

li-Gung-ya: The li-Gung-ya are territorial beasts similar to a hybrid of a large boar and rhinos. Larger and more powerful than the Ya-Tzwehii, the li-Gung-ya were significantly less of a threat with their more specific needs of survival. As such, the yogl would only be forced to face them when unknowingly passing through their territory. (Ee GoonG Ya, strong emphasis on the second G)

Q’Eqchii Nok Nok: The Q’Eqchii Nok Nok is one of the only, and largest, flying predator on Machii. 9 feet tall and not entirely visually dissimilar to the ancient Pterodactyls of Earth, the Q’Eqchii Nok Nok are a thin, hollow boned omnivorous scavenger that largely populate the inland areas of the major continent of Machii. Primarily, the Q’Eqchii Nok Nok will only eat plant matter or carcasses to sustain their minimal nutritional requirements, however, as they prefer to move in flocks, when yogl were alone or in small groups in the past, they would harass and attack them. In modern times, the threat that they represent has significantly diminished as advances in technology allow the yogl to defend themselves, combined with their slow migration to more fertile hunting grounds.

Weh’Mol3dai Yg-Ene: With a name that translates to “Fear! They take/drag away”, the Weh’Mol3dai Yg-Ene are not the yogls’ most prolific predators, but is by far the most feared. A considerable hunter in their own right, the Weh’Mol3dai Yg-Ene are 9 to 13 foot long serpent creatures who favour

	<p>stealth & ambush hunting, and execute through constriction. In earlier points in yogl history, the Weh'Molzdai Yg-Ene were extremely abundant in the new lands during the yogls' time of expansion: proving to be a formidable early hazard. In modern times, the yogls have greatly culled their numbers and their expansion has greatly caused the Weh'Molzdai Yg-Ene to retreat farther east. (Weh Mol zche die Yi gee nay)</p>
<p>Prey animals (if applicable)</p>	<p>Outside of their plant based diet, the only meats that yogl will consume are limited to most types of molluscs, the preferred kind being gastropods. Similarly, if necessary, crustaceans similar to Krill and small fish like Sardines can be eaten in limited amounts. Ideally, the Krill-like species of Machii, are treated and prepared under pressure in a thick broth over the course of some days to bloat them and make them softer, much like the fish, to dilute the irons, vitamins, and dense amount of proteins in the meat.</p>
<p>Ocean life</p>	<p>The majority of Machii is covered in a very harsh high-salt content ocean from the continued aging of the planet. As such, there is considerably less bio-diversity in the oceans of Machii than a planet like Earth. While Fossil records clearly show that this was, in fact, the opposite case during the early centuries of Machii, much of the ocean life falls into only five Phylum: Mollusc, Crustacean, Chordata, Ochrophyta, and Echinodermata</p> <p>Much of the waters nearer to their shores are populated by a very oily and soft breed of small fish, as well as many types of small molluscs. The larger species are more abundant in the deeper waters in low-dense pockets of salt water or fresh water pockets inland. The largest of the sea life tends to favour their Arctic regions, taking the form of large, slow moving, and largely docile creatures who conserve their energy by simply inhaling smaller prey.</p>
<p>Major viruses and bacterial diseases</p>	<p>Ironically, thanks to the major hurdles in their developmental history, the yogl made early leaps in the medical fields. Their partnership with the United Cultural Acceptance Species Commonwealth</p>

	<p>(UCASC) allows them access to even greater medical technologies. The only major ailments to yogl are: Influenza, from their close proximity, Heat related illnesses, and the occasional reaction in the very rare instance where produce makes it through their screening.</p>
<p>Any other information you think I need to know</p>	<p>While Machii itself is a half dead planet with very little in thriving plant life, the yogl still hold their natural world in high regard. All of their major cities (which are located exclusively in the northern most continent) are designed to sport internal gardens, or roof based parks stocked with either “reclaimed” soil, or soil they import from off world to make up for the nutrient deficiency of Machii. Soil, nutrients, sustainable plant-life, and other such agricultural supplies are one of Machii’s major imports and accounts for a majority of their off-world spending.</p> <p>Despite the limited amounts of viable ground, outside of office type work, farming is one of the most respected professions on their planet; with farmers having similar status to b-list celebrities among the general populous. Almost the entirety of the yogl population is concentrated in the northern continent and the straight bridging the northern and southern continent, with most of the city built within a mineral and ore rich zone near their western seaboard. In order to keep from over-burdening their cities, farms are built some distance away from the city areas on parcels of land which are bid on by aspiring botanists and cultivators who keep in constant contact with the Transit-Safety Towers and Civil Services in case of emergency.</p>

History

Tell me the history of the species you have created.

<p>Major settlements</p>	<p>Oo-GhOu-oo: (Oo-G(click at the front of the mouth)-oo) The heartland of rural/indigenous yogl and the birthplace of the species, Oo-GhOu-oo is located in the single straight of land connecting the North and South continents of Machii: two of the only three continents that the planet has.</p>
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Located along the equator, Oo-GhOu-oo is actually a collection of many smaller settlements within a very small distance of each other, with an unofficially recognized capital among them named KION dh-ii (Kluh (click at the front of the mouth)-N duh- EE). Oo-GhOu-oo safeguards the largest expanse of fertile ground on all of Machii and is largely technologically un-advanced. While open communication is maintained with the more urban settlements of Machii, the settlements of Oo-GhOu-oo are much more hesitant to venture beyond their territory, tending to only slowly allow trade of machine goods to them in fear of throwing off their natural balance and co-existence with their land. Oo-GhOu-oo, in spite of this, will welcome their more urban brothers at certain times of the year for exchange and trade of natural goods.

Maechoi: (May-choy) The largest city of Machii, as well as the first, Maechoi is the capital of the industrial and urban yogl as it is built on a dense pocket of natural metals and minerals. Originally, the settlement of the Maechoi founded by the original nomads from Oo-GhOu-oo, was a trade off of building potential in place of largely poor ground. Maechoi is considered the birthplace of the sciences, as the abundance in materials allowed for the first boom in the yogl industry. With the help of trade and exchange with their former home, and the efforts of the yahmii in their group to work the land, Maechoi eventually grew large enough to comfortably support a much larger population. Efforts to re-cultivate the ground have since allowed Maechoi to grow to roughly the same size as the state of Texas, with a population of 32.15 million.

O’Nong Pamu: ((Click at the front of the mouth)- Knee-ong Pah moo) O’Nong Pamu is a smaller settlement farther inland from Maechoi which connects off into the bulk of the yogl farmlands. The opening click is meant to denote the more rural focus of the city, despite it being a relatively newer city in the history of their settlements in the northern continent. Much of the outer areas of the city are devoted to transit and

	<p>shipping to and from the private farmlands, lacking the gross number of colleges and office spaces which Maechoi sports in bulk.</p> <p>li-Gkoua: (Eh Goo-kuwa) Meaning “Ground of the Harbour”, li-Gkoua is the foremost developed area along the west coast of the northern continent: overseeing much of the fishing, soil & water reclamation, and industry of the peoples of Machii. li-Gkoua supports the largest centres of manufacturing, canning, and power production in comparison to the other yogl cities, and maintains many of the solar boilers scattered along the rest of the continent. The head office for the Office of Agricultural Viability is located here.</p>
Major wars	<p>Because of their social nature, the yogl are rather effective communicators, and find it relatively easy to explain, and understand the thought processes behind others’ ideas, as well as their own. This, paired with their less aggressive nature, their rapid technological and societal development, and the scarcity of resources making prolonged violence far too costly to maintain, has resulted in a lack of violence towards other yogl in their history.</p> <p>However, this is not to say conflicts have never happened. During first contacts with the more daring yahmii, there were several skirmishes with initial scouting parties before the two became closely knitted allies. These early conflicts would last around roughly a week, and are referred to in their historical texts as the li-Ya WehNoi.</p> <p>There have also been very small groups of nomads who have, on occasion, attempted to take from other settlements during harsh times or developmental conflict, but the status of “major war” cannot really be applied to any of these.</p>
Any other information you think I need to know	<p>The yogl history is mainly comprised of overcoming increasingly higher odds from circumstances beyond their control. At every instance, fate had given them a bad hand which has forced them into developing faster and faster to deal with it. Their intelligence is the result of evolving from</p>

	<p>prey animals, which necessitated increasingly elaborate ways to avoid predators, and rewarding strategy over ferocity. It was the shortage of materials and threat of exhausting their lands that forced them to expand outwards, and the constant threat of danger which drilled the importance of cooperation and social cohesion into them.</p> <p>Their early forays into the sciences and astrology revealed that their home star was going dormant, forcing them to develop into space and work out methods to reverse said process. In spite of their timid nature, the yogl always continue to endure and build forward: together. It is also because of their cautious nature, and their emphasis on out-thinking a problem, that the yogl maintain all written history and knowledge back to the origins of their early history, and all traditions (even if not all are viewed with the same importance) are at least common knowledge.</p>
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Culture

Tell me about the lifestyle/s of the species you have created.

<p>What foods do they like to eat (and are there any rules about this, i.e., are only the nobility allowed to eat meat)?</p>	<p>The yogl, given their history of facing famine, scarcity, and having limited options of food sources, have a strong affinity for food which keeps for long periods of time. There is not class separation for given foods, however there is a sense of “traditional” and modern foods. That said, while there is no law or rule against it, despite the scarcity of Machii, yogl will not consume milk or eggs from any creature as it is considered an uncomfortable and repulsive prospect: to dine on the discharged unfertile eggs of a creature or the lactic secretions of a beast’s teat. The latter is more based on a sever lactose intolerance after their earliest infantile years.</p> <p>The more “modern” foods, more favoured in the urban areas of the yogl population, are foods such as Pemmican, dried fruit mixes, and most canned goods.</p>
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	<p>The outstanding favourite across the board is a canned black bread made of a strong but sweet nectar from their Nimii trees (a tree with a proportionally disproportionate root base). The canned bread is by far one of the most popular treats of the yogl, and a staple to any household.</p> <p>As the yogl draw most of their energy from high-mineral content foods instead of crude proteins, most traditional dishes from the rural areas of Machii are exceptionally mineral dense with enriched, fertile soil being more than a viable ingredient to most foods. Root soups, mushroom loafs, and wet grain meals similar to porridge are the primary bases for most dishes with fruits and vegetables being added when applicable to these structures. Most of these foods possess a very strongly bitter in flavour and possess a very “earthy” flavour.</p> <p>The most common drink across Machii is Nimii tea, as with most meals, tea is served to accompany other drinks as it is regarded as a “formal” drink. “Non-formal” drinks are considered as treats, similar to soda pop/soft drinks, and are usually the second most common drink, behind water. The most common “non-formal” beverage is made by soaking a specific kind of dried seedling in a dense ground meal and slowly boiled into a nut broth creating something similar to “bubble tea” in taste. Finger bathes are also very common sights in any dine-in or traditional style establishment, and are only neglected when consuming meals “on the go” which is usually avoided when possible.</p>
<p>Does your species make art? What is it like?</p>	<p>Despite a very outwardly reserved and overtly cautious nature, the yogl are extremely active in the arts. An art renaissance occurred after their initial contact and trade agreements with other species, allowing them to import supplies to begin fueling a mass-market of traditional arts. Paintings and sculptures are second only to creative writing and theatre.</p> <p>Most yogl artwork features either surrealism or detailed landscapes featuring</p>

	<p>lush vegetation or portraits. For yogl, technical skill is valued exceptionally in paintings, musical performances, and when prose is required. Meticulous would be the ideal word to describe a yogl artisan at their craft.</p>
<p>What language/s does your species speak?</p>	<p>The yogl, given their close development and the lack of distance/ease of communication between their settlements, have only a single language amid their people. Ygɔi (Yohg Oi) is the first and only language of Machii and all yogl colonies, and has maintained the same characters and words, and general grammar through the ages. Because of this, all yogl can effectively communicate no matter their place of origin, and all records across their entire history (scripts, tomes, artefacts, etc) can be read by any common yogl or yahmii.</p> <p>This is, of course, by design to increase the social cohesion of the yogl people, and make communication as effective as possible to increase their odds of survival. Yogl historians have noted common trends that appeared in their language, based on ages, where certain characters and sounds were more popular. The same holds true with their customary name suffixes, as some suffixes fall out of style or popularity in as little as the last few generations. The ages where Ygɔi has its most distinct sounds are:</p> <p>Yhm-ii-ts (Yem eetz) Some of the earliest periods in the language, shortly before or around the time contact was made with the yahmii. This period features the heaviest use of clicks & lack of syllabic consonants. Most words of this period are collections of small simple sounds with dedicated meanings combined together to describe the noun or expand on a simple concept rather than having unique additions to their lexicon for differing objects. Each word thereby, is more of a general description with very few exceptions to this rule until later in the Yhm-ii-ts era.</p> <p>Yuqihən (You Qwun) The Yuqihən period was the time of some of the largest</p>

	<p>expansion in the yogl language with the first instances of silent consonants & much more frequently used Diphthongs. It was also the time period that most commonly used the now derelict name suffixes le and Ei. During this time, Ygoi began to develop larger more complex words to better detail concepts, replacing the largely short simple words of the Yhm-ii-ts period.</p> <p>Ynyaen (In yayn) Ynyaen, which is also known as ʉr Yogyæn (Yog Yayn): meaning Second Normalcy of yogl/Intelligent Speech, was a point undertaken by the former nomads of the yogl as their influence and prominence grew after the establishment of their settlements. As the rift between the rural yogl, and the now suburban yogl's dialects, compounded with the yahmii's budding variants, began to grow after the Yuqihøn period: which was largely ignored in the later half in the heartlands, direct intervention was taken to avoid a breakdown in communication & relations between themselves. This period consisted of a renaissance of Derivative sounds which were the most common rural villages, while introducing words and an intention with "modern" Ygoi to be as unambiguous as possible. Increased trading in their heartland and efforts from the cities, with its streamlined clarity & inclusion of familiar derivatives allowed for much easier and faster assimilation of the language. Ynyaen also marks when the name suffix "Ae" began to gain its now modern popularity.</p>
<p>Does your species form into groups, and what groups are these (e.g., families, businesses, etc.) Tell me about these.</p>	<p>Yogl are imbued with a very strong sense of community, and tend to design their cities and settlements accordingly. With their nervous nature and high anxiety, the yogl will often chose shared living arrangements when in the city, or keep their extended family under one roof when they own their own property: which is less often outside of Oo-GhOu-oo. In either setting, Yogl will have dedicated group sleeping areas: either in the forms of a single sleeping building, or a shared chamber, usually per floor. The sounds of calm breathing, the assurance of numbers, and the minor warmth and</p>

movements of the others has a soothing effect on yogl which allow them to relax enough to go to sleep. This arrangement has been employed throughout their entire history, assuring that the likelihood of hearing a predator before they got close enough to attack was much lesser, and that should the danger get nearer to them, there would be others there to help immediately. The members of these group sleeping arrangements are called Poh Poh Mou (Poe-Poe Moo) which roughly translates to sleeping friend.

With such a high importance of community and protection in numbers, a very high importance is put on family groupings. This extends to the entire family, and it is not uncommon for second and third cousins to share in close proximity to one another, and a great respect towards their elders for their wisdom. The sense of family and partnership is actually so strong, that upon a wedding, both families retreat to a ceremonial resort venue, and for the next 36 hours no family member will leave the grounds or the sight of another. This is a tradition to establish trust between them and display their dependability and commitment to each other, symbolizing the two families becoming one.

In business, the sense of community is no different, as their group nature and external friendships/living groups will carry over. This is compounded by the yogls' frequency of carpooling. Most employees in a single area, or under a single company, will commute together to their place of work, creating a much looser sense of group binding with their contemporaries. Conversation among the group often occurs, as well as group review of their work, and cars on Machii are not allowed to move faster than 60 miles an hour. While it would not be difficult for them to make engines for such machines, having created faster than light vehicles, the yogl do not place value to efficiency over safety. As a yogl could not survive an impact of over 60 miles an hour, should it occur, no ground vehicle is made able to travel in excess that

	<p>limit, as such, they will spend the extra time of slower travel to speak, build relationships, and exchange favours for their respective specialities.</p>
<p>How do different races, gender etc., manage differences in culture?</p>	<p>As is the case in most facets of their lives, the yogl are very keen to act in groups. In most cases of dispute, yogl prefer committees or small summits to thoroughly discuss the point of contention. In case of a disagreement or irreconcilable issue, representation for a discussion is often requested, as well as additional information on certain topics. This model is usually scaled to the issue with large groups going to committee, and inter-personal differences being discussed at length within the usual social group. Differences in culture, thought, sex, and etc are exceedingly rare within Machii, as their society is based heavily around similar ideas & open discussion, paired with their small population spread, and are generally met with a Live & Let Live attitude so long as a potential for danger or threat isn't apparent.</p> <p>With other species however, the yogl tend to become more passive and stutter the larger and more aggressive the species tends to be. The desire to talk an issue out will prevail as long as the option seems viable, and safety will be the guiding factor between them and the party(ies) they're addressing. If the opposing party is more "care free" and refusing to meet their more meek disposition or satisfactorily address their fears and concerns, the response is somewhere in the range of passive aggression, timid agreement, concerned but stuttering nagging, or a ceasing of interaction with the more reckless party(ies) being viewed with a sympathetic concern, or as outright dumb. Because of this, yogl usually tend to keep to themselves unless they perceive a similar regard for planned and safe actions. This need for structure and safety extends well into their business and television institutions as: yogl will call ahead even if they will be delayed by as little as a minute to a meeting to avoid triggering concern that they've been injured</p>

	<p>or preyed upon, and in television, all news is soft spoken and delivered as unambiguously as possible. Every fact is delivered in as timely a fashion as they can, and no issues are projected without at least a clear idea at a solution or potential for one.</p>
<p>Any other information you think I need to know</p>	<p>Yogl name suffixes can be applied to words to describe traits and qualities about them. For objects, more than one can be added to convey more traits about the object one is attempting to describe. Removal of a suffix when yogl are communicating is considered a provocative act and an intended insult. The closest human comparison would be intentionally refusing to use someone's title (ie. Doctor, Professor, Lord, Sir, ect) and intentionally calling them Mr. or Ms instead to insult them.</p> <p>Suffix placement normally is to convey the sex of the yogl instead of having dedicated male and female "base names". While exceptions are present to these conventions, primarily a suffix at the beginning of the name is to convey masculinity by having their trait precede them. A suffix at the end of the name is meant to convey femininity and subtly.</p> <p>A yogl with two separate suffixes for their full name is considered to have an odd or eccentric name. The suffix in the first name would relate to the individual and the second would relate to the family. This might be done if there is a poor relationship between them, if the achievements or reputation of one is meant to be kept separate, or to put importance on the family. Successful yogl will often change their first suffix to "EE" to show prestige or "AE" to appear humble. Suffixes are primarily placed after a double or silent consonant.</p> <p>Common yogl suffixes are: AE= Commonality/peaceful or quiet EE= Extrovert or natural communicator II= Of Machii/ simple YO= Cautious/meek ET= Naturally small/cute OO= Agreeable/conforming or comfortable YA= Strong/without worry (sometimes negative context, usually meant to imply lack of concern or being dumb)</p>

Tell me the current political state of the species you have created.

<p>Alliances</p>	<p>The yogl are aligned with the quintal species and are prevalent members of the United Cultural Acceptance Species Commonwealth, or UCASC, which spans well over 3 galaxies. Their proclivity towards business & finance usually make them highly regarded among many species as office labourers, designers, bankers, and other such roles when in the pan-galactic workforce. Very few hold the yogl in poor regard overall, and at most will instead hold indifference towards them.</p>
<p>Religions</p>	<p>While at least 50% of the yogl species is agnostic, or religiously indifferent, all yogl possess a varying degree of adherence to their religious rituals and customs. The most common expressions of religion are based around the idea of honouring their ancestors and their memories. Most religiously inclined yogl believe in a metaphysical concept of a scale of debts which had become unbalanced, resulting in their poor fortunes of development. The faith proposes that through leading a well disciplined life and strengthening their resolve, they will join their ancestors, whom have gone through similar trials, and increase the likelihood that they will be able to tip the scale of fortune in favour of their descendants. Variants of this core belief structure exist in abundance with various villains and heroes being added to the belief, and the extent of how much their ancestors and intervene in their favour, but generally the core belief follows along a largely similar formula.</p>
<p>Who determines and enforces the law? Who rules?</p>	<p>Being timid and frightful by their nature, Law enforcement was one of their first institutions to benefit from automatization. To limit their exposure to danger. While remote controlled to simple level “Simulated Intelligences” are employed, all police departments maintain a set number (albeit small) of yogl officers and Yahmii officers.</p> <p>Yogl emergency services, however are much more densely populated with yogl staff, only using machines to supplement their numbers rather than to make up for a</p>

lack of.

The yogl's primary form of government is unique form of mixed government that can best be described as a Demacro-aristocratic cooperative. A Demacro-aristocratic cooperative is an Aristocracy type society with a dedicated constitution ensuring Democratic rights to the citizenry of Machii. Their earliest forms of leaderships, before they expanded out of the oasis area along their equator, were chieftains; so when the group decided to explore for land that could sustain a larger population, a chieftain was elected to lead the group. As they travelled the worn soils, this chieftain came to the conclusion that the abundant dangers would make having a single leader a crutch to the rest of them, should he be injured. He solved this by distributing his power to two others and forming their first committee. When they established what became their new home, this system evolved to feature a committee of representatives, elected by the people, all based on their technical abilities in the field they represented. Yogl citizens are also granted the responsibility to care for the leading council of 3, as they are not allowed to own property. They sustain them with voluntary donations of goods, foods, lands, and other things, ensuring that if they prosper, so too do their leaders. The leaders are not allowed to form mandatory taxes to garner their own personal wealth, and are, again, elected to their position based on personal & technical skill for the job, and has the authority to watch and investigate the other members of the council should they ever exhibit potentially dangerous traits to abuse or acquire power over their position. These oversights are conducted by the second tier committee and the overall power of the central government is limited to issues of safety, agriculture, external affairs, education, and economics.

In regards to yogl laws, the creation of a new law can be put forward by any tier of yogl society: from the general public all the way up to the Council of Three. Passing of the laws is strictly dependant on who put

	<p>the law forward. Any proposed law or amendment from the second tier committees (I.E: their congress & senate) or the top level Council, must be approved by the general yogl populous before it is written into law. As the yogls are incredibly democratically active and analytical in their nature, every law is written strictly as unambiguously as possible, and no proposed law is paired to any other. Representatives from Banks, Specialized Departments relevant to the law, and members of their Senate are allowed to come forward in scheduled meetings seasons to advocate and explain the proposed laws before an audience of the general populous, but they are not allowed to vote upon the law: it is strictly up to the yogls voting districts whose votes are compiled and awarded points through their electoral system. Any law which affects only a specific district is only voted on by the members of said district and the votes are tallied individually.</p> <p>Any law drafted by the yogls' general public must be either ratified by the second tier system and thoroughly considered and analyzed before it can pass through to the Council of Three for final approval. Any proposed law from the Council of Three is able to pass the second tier entirely and goes to the general populous. All members of this council are allowed to maintain their position as long as the public supports their continued service/believes they are qualified for the position. At any time, the yogl public can issue a vote of no confidence and call a member of their council before the second tier to make a case against them, and for the leader to defend themselves before a vote. The entire system is strengthened by the active participation of each member of their society and government, benefits from an intelligent public, and trust in their institutions.</p>
<p>Anything else you think I need to know</p>	<p>The yogls' preferred tendency to talk and study and more worrisome nature allows for the frequent formation of short lived committees to deal with most issues within</p>

their governmental system which dissolve after the issue is resolved. A common phrase among most yogl politicians is no issue without solution, meaning no concern goes unconsidered or resolved, and no important issue should go unaddressed with the utmost sense of urgency.

The Council of Three's members are voted in by yogl based on 1.) Public support after a vetting process which puts forward the 5 most popular candidates. 2.) The most qualified for the job [this is not officially required but commonly considered by the yogl populous] and, 3.) The candidate's ability to fund their own campaign. While private institutions may be able to fund a specific candidate or suggest them/host them for specific talks, the yogl have no official parties and candidate without enough public support by the deadline of the popular voting period are automatically removed from the pool regardless of their funding. Any and all campaign funds must be made available to the public and publically announced beforehand. In any case, most voting is done electronically through dedicated console or device and considered a basic utility. Voting is also hard-limited to the general public only: any major share holder or owner of a private institution would have to submit any potential law before the second tier system for their review, then the vote and review of the general public. Every vote is held "In private confidence" and can be recalled by the person who issued the vote, as well as a request from a majority vote for manual count.

To this end, Book-keeping is considered one of the most serious and vital institutions within the yogl system. Yogl lawyers are perhaps the most aggressive yogl when it comes to records, and have set a precedence that the greatest care must be kept to maintain them, and have the authority to call in audits. To further ensure accurate book keeping, and to avoid employers, entities, or interest groups cannot coerce a group of voting, unlikely as it is with their general like-mindedness and

	<p>education, there is a concept of personal speech, and professional speech. In any place of work, for their own desire of safety and accuracy in their justice system, yogl will record all audio and data within a place of employment. Any ill conduct, such as attempted coercion or unlawful threat of termination of employment, is kept on record, and will likely be reported to the police or legal firms of Machii which will then audit the business and impound the recordings for review.</p> <p>This, in tandem with the yogls' deeply engrained desire for social cohesion, full governmental transparency, and their society & culture based on benefiting the group & the pressures of conformity to this end, and personal accountability all amalgamate to allow the yogl an immensely stable system which a measure of faith that their best are always at the reigns and all information is easily available for audit and review in any case. The phrase "taking a leap of faith, but always double checking" would sum up a good deal of their operating practices.</p>
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Economy

How does the species you have created go about its business?

<p>Do they have any major businesses and organisations (e.g., Google, Walmart, MI5, SETI, Illuminati-style secret organisations, etc.)</p>	<p>While reserved and timid on an individual level, the yogl are explosively active within the UCASC markets & community. It is not uncommon to find yogl financiers, advisors, lawyers, accountants, bankers, or computer specialists in most businesses. Were they not burdened with putting 80% of all their spending into making up for the shortcomings of their homeworld, constraining their immediate focus, the yogl would likely become majority players in most administrative, digital, and technical markets. This potential and proficiency in computer sciences, among other things, has earned the yogl a very poor professional relationship with the Xellyz (Zel ees) : a neighbouring species within the Commonwealth whom more or less dominate such markets. Aggressive trade</p>
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	<p>agreements to keep the yogl economy laboured are frequent tactics employed when the yogl compete with them.</p> <p>Overall, most yogl businesses aren't large enough in scope to have a prominent presence across the commonwealth, and most yogls or private entities will act as staffing companies or private contractors, with Business Trusts or agreements to establish Comparative Trade Advantages being arguably equally common. With that said, there are a number of businesses which have both gained notoriety within Commonwealth and local Machii spheres. These companies include: YogNet, Nogscape: Relative Digital Storage, Maechoi Boiler Service, Yg Ene Insights, Pride of O'Nong Pamu Cannery, Maechoi Consulting Firm, Yognium Fabrication and Manufacturing, Yg Ene Financing, Held-Star Reactors, Light of Nog Industries, Pou'bol Laboratories, and Planning Abo Banking.</p> <p>Any business operating outside of yogl speaking space is always HEAVILY translated.</p>
<p>What is the quality of education available (and who is it available to?)</p>	<p>With social cohesion, ensuring group survival, and intelligence holding some of the highest regard (Yogl in some of its base components meaning intelligent), schooling is made available to all yogl at the earliest possible age to the largest amount of their population possible. Private schooling, as a concept largely doesn't exist, as the intention of the yogl is to ensure the best level education to the largest swath of their population.</p> <p>Many businesses in yogl, or departments of their government, actively fund and maintain their own "Specialty Schools" to expedite job placement and technical qualification in their fields. It is also not wholly uncommon to find yogl who take night classes to be able to branch into other fields, just to ensure that they are capable of adapting to situations as they are needed. Extreme importance in their schooling is placed upon character building,</p>

	<p>self reliance, productive discussion, individual responsibility, and the importance of democratic participation. After-School clubs and guilds are another part of their well oiled education machine.</p> <p>The only dip in their educational system is in regards to the heartlands of Machii wherein the rural yogl tend to keep to themselves and place higher importance in survival and sustaining education through instruction, instead of formal education institutions. This is not an outright refusal to educate their children on the rural yogls behalf, but rather a disagreement in method and importance, paired with a historical resistance to pushing outwards in fear of overburdening Machii.</p>
<p>What is the quality of medical technology (and who is it available to)?</p>	<p>As with their educational field, the yogls' prevailing philosophy is ensuring the maximum advantages to the largest amount of their population as possible. All known diseases of their home were eradicated as quickly as possible throughout the development of their medical history. Their focus is always cure over treatment, and as such, Medicine as a hallmark of this philosophy as a whole. Medical care is considered a basic necessity to all yogl citizens, and as a result, every yogl is on a government supported universal care system. Private Clinics, as well as Charity Hospitals, still exist and instead fill the role of convenience for local communities. Any charge for the use of a local clinic is then reimbursed to the yogl once the appropriate office is contacted.</p>
<p>What is the quality of building construction technology?</p>	<p>Exceptionally high, especially given the scarcity of material resources on Machii. One such example is their innovation in creating a building material known as Sandcrete: which has similar properties to Roman Concrete in its durability and strength. As they're avid book keepers, yogl have not gone through periods of lost historical knowledge and instead build off of what works, as well as incorporating modern innovation when applicable.</p>
<p>How is food and other goods distributed?</p>	<p>While markets and industries for direct conveying of goods (teleportation) is popular among the mostly single working</p>

	<p>demographic of yogls, so too is the enduring institution of the shopping centre. Markets for specialized goods and services are still widely common in all major yogl cities and towns, complete with in-store showrooms for most products. As is common in other places within the Commonwealth, most material goods are fabricated to order, allowing for highly personalized, highly specialized machines and goods to be produced for very little in cost.</p> <p>Canneries for producing canned goods ranging from fish to bread are exceptionally popular, even while farm-fresh alternatives are available. Many farms set up trade deals directly with local canneries which fill the abundant markets: which are the standard as opposed to systems with bulk shopping malls in other species.</p> <p>All goods are made available at stable prices, from the yogls' diligence towards their resource backed economy, maintaining consistent pricing over generations. Foods, goods, and services are evenly available to everyone, as most business models are designed to cater to the lowest common denominators instead of exclusive pay levels. Even into their modern eras, yogls will still buy surplus canned goods or can their own food when they're able, to maintain a constant supply in case of emergencies. Because of this, Swap-Meets are exceptionally common, and during the sixth day of their weeks, usually at the end of each month cycle, yogl will get together to trade the oldest cans in their pantries to ensure nothing goes to waste. This only strengthens their sense of community as during these days, it is not uncommon for children to be grouped together to play, adults to get together and speak, and the daily goings on shared among yogl who might not live within the usual Poh Poh Mou groups. Food, thereby, is perhaps one of the most common methods of socializing among yogl.</p>
Add anything else here you think I need to know	While these are not in regards to the yogl economy, it is worth noting that yogl are a

	<p>space faring civilization, maintaining a rather sparse Stellar Defence Force: instead in active trade agreement for support from their earliest alien ally: the quintal. Stellar vehicles of yogl design usually sport a 60/40 weapons placement favouring the rear of the craft.</p> <p>Before entering their armed service, law enforcement, or more physical career, it is customary for the yogl to go to their equator and survive alone for a number of days, walking into the oasis's centre and returning. The idea of this is to increase their self reliance to better strength the group. The yogl philosophy on society is that the only way to improve a society is for the people to improve themselves.</p> <p>The yogl natural life span is roughly 75-80 years, but it can be expanded with artificial means. The advent of regular use of Anxiety medication to reduce their near constant stress has already seen significant improvements on their overall life expectancy.</p> <p>Technologically, their greatest invention in power supply is their ability to create and contain small stars for sustainable energy. This comes from their early research in stabilizing the heart of their sun when it began to enter the latter stages of dying. Because of their nervous nature and unwillingness to let problems loom over them, a common opinion of the yogl is that no matter the situation, they will figure something out.</p>
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