

ELYSIAN - Makeup and Costuming Technical Guide

Costume

Elysians share the same heritage as Terrans, but are a cultural branch-off. Their predecessors were caught off-world when the Celestial Ascendancy fell - like many others, they were stranded in space with limited resources until they were able to jury-rig some form of propulsion they could use to navigate. Once they were mobile, they sought out supplies and resources anywhere they could find them - usually preying on neighboring ships and any salvage they were able to find. In the Bard System, the first Syndicates formed and sought to unify these wandering groups in the abandoned Aesir ship that would become their home and namesake.

The culture that arose from this collection of drifters values self-reliance and self-service - the Syndicates provided, but the division of resources was still a matter of get-what-you-can, when you can.

Suggestions: Elysian clothing is layered, with a lot of pockets in which things can be hidden or squirreled away. Loose-fitting outer layers (such as trench coats) are often worn for additional concealment, and can be shrugged off and abandoned if the Elysian finds themselves in a tight spot. The general appearance of their clothing should be well-worn - not many Elysians bother with brand-new clothing unless they are specifically trying to attract attention.

Key Accessories

The key to making your character distinguishable as an Elysian, rather than a Terran, is in the accessories.

Elysian Scarf and Vest: To an Elysian, ownership (of goods, materials, food, etc) is both a point of prestige and a liability. In order to display their wealth for influence and social cred (while keeping it safely stowed away elsewhere) **all Elysians wear a scarf and vest festooned with trinkets** which represent their wealth. In general, the more pins and tags an Elysian has, the more wealthy they are. It is undertood amongst Elysians that this is an accurate representation. It is also taboo for any Elysian to steal the scarf or vest of another Elysian (to the point where the direst enemies would form an alliance to seek the head of anyone who would do such a thing).

Suggestions: Jewelry, round buttons, ribbons - any type of pin/trinket is acceptable. Buttons may portray meta subjects and phrases, as long as they are small. These are intended to be representations of “things” rather than what they actually are.

