Paphadis

Atmosphere: Breathable mix
Temperature: Variable cold-to-temperate
Biosphere: Immiscible
Population: Hundreds of millions of inhabitants
Tech Level: TL4

Fauna & Flora

The plant-like organisms on this planet are almost exclusively made up of bushes. While flowers, shrubs and a few trees do exist, fungi are nowhere to be found. The bushes managed to dominate the planet and have done so by growing in a huge variety of shapes and sizes. One species grows so big they appear to be dozens, sometimes even hundreds of bushes, but it's actually just one enormous bush.

Survival of the fittest is not something this planet is unfamiliar with. But one species might take this a little extreme. While most weak organisms are killed by other, stronger species, this species kills its own weak. Once they've grown to a mature size and are ready to produce seeds, these species begin by growing against each other, strangling the other and using specialized thorns to inject seeds into the other. The weakest will die and be used as nutrients for the seeds inside it. However, if two of them are equally matched, both of them could be injected and thus become food for the other's offspring.

Soft corals and various aquatic plants make up the plant-like life of the oceans on this planet. However, due to the unique properties of the water, many of these plants and corals have developed strange shapes and grow only to short sizes, with the exception of a handful of giant species.

This planet is home to many sentient creatures. The bird, reptile and amphibian kingdoms have the most sentient species, but the mammals and fish have their fair share as well. However, a few of the amphibian species appear to be the most advanced of all. They live in what can only be described as small communities in town-like constructions. They may lack the intelligence humans have, but their ingenuity is still very surprising.

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