

# Some Clarifying Comments on some of my stories

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## **Spoiler:**

Oh hey I forgot I had Universe Sandbox on Steam. I should try to build out Focus. I don't have anything defined other than Yih and Focus itself. I've been thinking I'd just keep it simple and have all the rocky planets be more or less identical to Yih, maybe varying by 10% in some aspect here or there.

One tidbit about Hearthside is that they use aerosols in the atmosphere to keep the day side cool. I mentioned in the Outlander thread that, at least to people at Moonlitter and in the Outer Belt, planets and other bodies are divided among those that cannot be terraformed at all, those that can be terraformed and can also be actively climate-controlled, and those that can be terraformed but are too big to allow active climate control. Gaseous bodies like gas and ice giants and brown dwarfs have another word.

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On another topic, here are some clarifying comments on some of my stories. In the House of Friendship, Aurora has to stop herself from returning the priest's smile. Especially in the early days, yinrih would try to mimic human facial expressions to compensate for the fact that humans don't pick up on yinrih pheromones. Yinrih unfamiliar with human customs would also default to mirroring human body language where possible "just to be safe". Since yinrih have very canine features their attempts at smiling look like a snarl. Yinrih already use their ears as secondary indicators of emotion, and learn to be more deliberate about ear position to clue humans into how they're feeling.

In The Spacer Confederacy, the representative from the Federal Council floats across the threshold of the colony and into the airlock of his own shuttle before beginning his lecture to Graypelt. That's because he's technically no longer inside Wayfarers' Haven and isn't subject to its norms and can speak freely. If, hypothetically, Wayfarers' Haven had something akin to blasphemy laws (which don't exist in the Bright Way but the councilman doesn't know this) they could kill him with no repercussions if he said something wrong as long as he's inside the colony. The Spacer Confederacy is made up of mutually antagonistic groups who only agree on one thing, that they want self determination, and they hate each other just little enough to come together to protect that singular common goal. I often think of the SC as a federal system with an authoritarian federal government but libertarian state governments. The Federal Police are how the SC maintains that

delicate balance, and their methods aren't gentle as can be inferred by the scar on the Councilman's muzzle.

Exactly how this works out, how colonies manage to keep to themselves and don't grab more than their fair share of resources, especially under such a hyperlibertarian system, is yet to be determined, other than that the Police keep everyone in line through fear. Like the councilman says, if you stay in your corner and obey what few laws do exist, you won't get a visit from the cops. And as I said before, it's entirely possible this system is just as dysfunctional as it probably sounds, but I hope it's dysfunctional in a way that makes for fun worldbuilding and not just breaks the suspension of disbelief.

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