

Monkey Fox Linemen

Random factoid:

As you would expect from an arboreal species, monkey foxes make excellent linemen, well, linewomen. The lowly task of maintaining utility poles and transmission lines is usually the domain of acolytes and seminarians, but some ordained hearthkeepers make a point of continuing this work after attaining the clerical state in order to keep themselves humble.

Indeed, the theme of the simple laywoman who couldn't quite make it through the seminary, but who nevertheless keeps working on the lines in humble service to her community, shows up time and again in Claravian hagiographies.

In addition to the transmission lines, power poles also support inert paw cabling that runs above and/or below the live wires. Workers climb up to the paw cabling and brachiate along the line to wherever they need to go. Depending on the local gravity, they may even skip climbing the pole and jump up to grab the paw cabling directly.

Untrained laymen aren't supposed to, but especially on low gravity worlds, you'll see random people brachiating along this paw cabling just to get from A to B. This is very dangerous, since you're still in close proximity to high voltage transmission lines. Yinrih are lighter than humans, and even the high voltage lines are set up to support the weight of at least one worker just to be safe. As long as her body doesn't bridge the high voltage wiring with a lower voltage surface, she can traverse the transmission lines like a squirrel, but it's far too easy to slip up and connect the power line to ground with the body, which is why the paw cabling exists.

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