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In the year 24 BCE, the world is a vibrant mosaic of cultures and civilizations, each with its distinct traditions, beliefs, and aspirations. At the heart of this ancient tapestry lies the Roman Empire, a burgeoning power that has expanded its reach across vast territories, encompassing the Mediterranean and beyond. This is an era of unparalleled conquests, diplomatic endeavors, and cultural exchanges, shaping a world where boundaries are continually redrawn, and identities are forged in the crucible of interaction between diverse peoples.

Surrounding the Roman heartland are nations and tribes, each with a rich history and a unique way of life, contributing to the cultural melting pot that is the Mediterranean and its adjacent territories. From the scholarly halls of Alexandria in Egypt to the fierce, untamed landscapes of Germania; from the sun-kissed shores of the Iberian Peninsula to the mysterious, mist-shrouded islands of Britannia; and from the majestic cities of the Hellenic world to the vast, rolling steppes of the Sarmatian lands — these are but a few of the kins that interact closely with the Roman Empire. They engage in trade, diplomatic alliances, and sometimes conflict, each leaving an indelible mark on the fabric of Roman society and, indeed, on each other.



ROMANUS

ROMAN

Origin and Lifestyle: Romans hail from the city of Rome and its vast empire, which at its peak, encompassed territories across Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East. Roman society was highly organized, with a strong emphasis on law, governance, military discipline, and public works. Romans valued civic duty, honor, and the success of their city and empire above all else.

Appearance: They had olive to fair skin and varied hair colors, typically sporting a muscular build. Their facial features ranged from rounded to square with notable jawlines. Grooming varied by era, with clean-shaven or bearded looks for men and short hairstyles. Women often wore their hair in elaborate updos, utilizing wigs and hairpieces.

Clothing: The typical Roman attire included the toga for citizens, which was a large piece of cloth draped over the body in a distinctive manner, and the tunic for everyday wear.

Weapons and Armor: Roman legionaries favored the gladius, pilum, and scutum for combat, with armor types varying by rank, including Lorica Hamata, Segmentata, and Musculata.

BRN	SWI	FOR	WIT	WSD	BEA
+0	+0	+0	+0	+0	+0
HP	MP	TSR	WSR	BPs	WL
30	+0	+0	+0	6	1

Special traits

- **Expertise** : Romans get a +10 to any one Skill of their choice and a +5 to any one Stat of their choice.



GRAECUS

GREEK

Origin and Lifestyle: Graeci from the city-states of Greece are pioneers of Western philosophy, democracy, and the arts. Esteeming education and physical prowess, their society is deeply rooted in mythology and the pursuit of excellence.

Appearance: With olive skin and often curly hair ranging from dark to light brown, Greeks are known for their athletic build. Men varied from clean-shaven to bearded over time, while women styled their long hair in braids or updos.

Clothing: The chiton and himation were staples of Greek attire, crafted from linen or wool. Simplicity in daily wear contrasted with the elaborate decorations for special occasions, complemented by distinctive sandals.

Weapons and Armor: Greek military excellence is epitomized by the hoplite, armed with the dory, xiphos, and aspis. Bronze cuirasses, greaves, and crested helmets were common.

BRN	SWI	FOR	WIT	WSD	BEA
+0	-5	+0	+5	+5	+0
HP	MP	TSR	WSR	BPs	WL
30	+0	+0	+0	6	1

Special traits

- **Philosopher's Insight** : Greeks gain a +10 bonus on rolls involving knowledge, history or philosophy, and Charisma Skill checks.



GALLUS

GAUL

Origin and Lifestyle: Galli come from the vast territories of what is now France, Belgium, and parts of Italy and Switzerland. Known for their fierce independence and tribal societies, they are deeply connected to nature, with a strong druidic tradition influencing their spiritual and daily life.

Appearance: With fair to light brown skin and predominantly blonde or light brown hair, Galli are tall and robust, embodying the physicality of warrior cultures. Men often sport full beards and long hair, with both genders displaying intricate tattoos signifying tribal affiliations and personal achievements.

Clothing: Galli wear woolen tunics and trousers, complemented by heavy cloaks to withstand their region's cooler climates. Clothing often features bright colors and complex patterns, reflecting their craftsmanship in textile work.

Weapons and Armor: Known for their long swords and large shields. They favor chainmail for protection, a testament to their metallurgical skills. Warriors adorn their helmets with feathers or horns.

BRN	SWI	FOR	WIT	WSD	BEA
+5	+0	+5	-5	+0	+0
HP	MP	TSR	WSR	BPs	WL
35	+0	+0	+0	6	0

Special traits

- **Nature Bond** : Galli characters gain a +10 bonus on rolls to Nature and Wandering Skills.



BRITANNICUS

BRITON

Origin and Lifestyle: Britannici hail from the rugged and misty isles of Britannia (modern-day Britain). Known for their fierce independence and resilience, they lived in closely knit tribes governed by chieftains. Their culture was rich with oral traditions, and they had a strong connection to their land, often clashing with Roman expansion.

Appearance: Fair-skinned with hair colors ranging from blonde to brown, and often adorned with blue woad tattoos symbolizing tribal affiliations. They have a robust physique indicative of a warrior culture.

Clothing: Functional woolen tunics, cloaks, and trousers suited to Britain’s climate, complemented by metal or leather jewelry like torcs.

Weapons and Armor: Britannici warriors were adept in using longswords, spears, and shields. While they utilized leather and metal for protection, their armor was less extensive than that of Roman soldiers, favoring mobility and speed.

BRN	SWI	FOR	WIT	WSD	BEA
+0	+5	+5	+0	+0	-5
HP	MP	TSR	WSR	BPs	WL
35	+0	+0	+0	6	0

Special traits

- **Guerrilla Warfare :** Britannicus characters excel in stealth and ambush, gaining a +20 bonus on Stealth Skill rolls, showcasing their mastery of the terrain.



Aegyptius

EGYPTIAN

Origin and Lifestyle: Hailing from the fertile lands along the Nile River, Aegyptii are the architects of one of the world’s oldest and most magnificent civilizations. Their society, rich with ancient knowledge, monumental architecture, and deep religious traditions, revolves around the Nile and the Pharaoh’s divine rule.

Appearance: Egyptians have medium to dark brown skin and dark hair, with a slender build. They are known for their elaborately styled hair and sometimes shaved heads, adorned with intricate jewelry to denote status and protect against the sun.

Clothing: Their clothing primarily consists of light linen garments, such as the kalasiris for women and a simple loincloth or skirt for men, suitable for the hot climate. Higher status individuals often wore more elaborate and finely decorated attire.

Weapons and Armor: Aegyptii soldiers might wield spears, bows, and short swords. Armor was not commonly used, except for shields made from animal hide or wood, prioritizing mobility in the hot climate.

BRN	SWI	FOR	WIT	WSD	BEA
-5	+0	+0	+5	+5	+0
HP	MP	TSR	WSR	BPs	WL
30	+0	+0	+0	6	1

Special traits

- **Blessing of the Nile :** Aegyptii characters receive a +10 bonus in tasks related to agriculture, crafting, and healing, reflecting their civilization’s deep connection with the Nile’s life-giving properties and their advanced knowledge in these fields.



NUMIDA

NUMIDIAN

Origin and Lifestyle: The Numidae were renowned horsemen and warriors from North Africa, particularly the region corresponding to modern-day Algeria and Tunisia. Their society was semi-nomadic, with a strong emphasis on horsemanship, family ties, and a warrior culture that prized individual valor and tactics. The Numidians played crucial roles as both allies and enemies of Rome, demonstrating their prowess in cavalry warfare.

Appearance: Numidians typically had light to dark brown skin and curly dark hair. They were lean, with a physique honed by a life of riding and combat, embodying agility and endurance.

Clothing: Their attire was designed for mobility and desert climates, consisting of light tunics, cloaks, and sandals.

Weapons and Armor: Numidae favored light weaponry that could be easily used from horseback, including javelins, short swords, and light shields.

BRN	SWI	FOR	WIT	WSD	BEA
+0	+10	-5	+0	+0	+0
HP	MP	TSR	WSR	BPs	WL
30	+0	+0	+0	6	0

Special traits

- **Master Horsemen** : Reflecting their unparalleled skill in cavalry tactics, Numidians can perform exceptional feats of horsemanship. They gain a +20 bonus to Ride Skill rolls.



SYRUS

SYRIAN

Origin and Lifestyle: Hailing from the fertile crescent of the Levant, the Syri are known for their rich cultural tapestry and strategic importance as a crossroads of civilizations. Their society flourished through trade, craftsmanship, and the exchange of ideas among diverse peoples, making them adept merchants and scholars.

Appearance: Syri feature olive to light brown skin, with dark hair that is often kept long and styled elaborately. They boast a blend of Mediterranean and Middle Eastern features, reflecting the diverse influences of their region.

Clothing: Syrian attire is characterized by vibrant tunics and trousers, richly adorned with intricate patterns and accessorized with belts and jewelry, showcasing their wealth and connection to the Silk Road.

Weapons and Armor: While not primarily known as warriors, Syri utilized light spears and bows in defense of their cities. Leather armor and small shields provided protection without hindering their mobility.

BRN	SWI	FOR	WIT	WSD	BEA
+0	+0	-5	+5	+0	+5
HP	MP	TSR	WSR	BPs	WL
30	+0	+0	+0	6	0

Special traits

- **Silver Tongue :** Reflecting their historical prowess in trade and negotiation, Syri characters gain a +10 bonus on rolls related to commerce, diplomacy, and understanding foreign cultures.



HISPANUS

IBERIAN

Origin and Lifestyle: The Hispanicus peoples hail from the Iberian Peninsula, encompassing modern-day Spain and Portugal. Known for their vibrant cities and rich mineral resources, they boast a complex tapestry of cultures, including Celtiberians, Lusitanians, and various Phoenician settlements. They value family, honor, and a connection to their land, demonstrated through their fierce resistance against invaders and their adeptness in both agriculture and warfare.

Appearance: Hispanicus individuals typically have olive to fair skin, with dark hair being predominant. They are well-built, and facial features include strong jawlines and intense, expressive eyes.

Clothing: Their attire consists of tunics and cloaks made from local wool, suitable for the varied climates of the peninsula. Leather sandals or boots were commonly worn.

Weapons and Armor: The falcata, a curved sword unique to the region, is a symbol of Hispanicus martial prowess. They also employed javelins and round shields in battle. Armor varied from chainmail for the wealthier warriors to simple leather protections for the common soldier.

BRN	SWI	FOR	WIT	WSD	BEA
+5	+5	+0	+0	-5	+0
HP	MP	TSR	WSR	BPs	WL
35	+0	+0	+0	6	0

Special traits

- **Warrior Blood** : They receive a +10 bonus on stealth and warfare rolls, making them formidable opponents in uneven or rugged terrain



PARTHUS

PARTHIAN

Origin and Lifestyle: Hailing from the Parthian Empire, which spanned modern-day Iran and beyond, the Parthi are celebrated for their sophisticated blend of Persian and Hellenistic cultures. Esteemed as traders and warriors, they maintained a vast network of trade routes and were renowned for their equestrian skills, particularly in archery.

Appearance: Parthi typically have light to medium brown skin, with dark hair and eyes. They are known for their tall, slender builds, ideal for mounted archery. Men often sported beards and mustaches in accordance with their traditions.

Clothing: Parthian clothing was a mix of Persian and Hellenistic styles, featuring silk robes, trousers for riding, and ornate headgear. Their attire was practical for desert climates and horseback riding, yet richly decorated, reflecting their wealth and status.

Weapons and Armor: The Parthi excelled in mounted combat, utilizing composite bows as their primary weapon. They also carried short swords for close combat.

BRN	SWI	FOR	WIT	WSD	BEA
+0	+5	+0	+0	+0	+5
HP	MP	TSR	WSR	BPs	WL
30	+0	+0	+0	6	0

Special traits

- **Parthian Shot :** Parthi characters can execute a “Parthian Shot,” allowing them to make a highly effective ranged attack while in retreat or maneuvering on horseback. They can ride and load a bow in the same partial action.



GERMANUS

GERMAN

Origin and Lifestyle: The Germani hail from the dense forests and river valleys of northern Europe. Known for their fierce independence and tribal society, they lived in close harmony with their natural surroundings, valuing bravery, loyalty, and the prowess of the warrior above all.

Appearance: Germani are characterized by fair skin and a range of hair colors, predominantly blond and red. They are tall and robust, with a formidable physique built for the rigors of battle and a hardy lifestyle. Men often sported thick beards and long hair, a mark of their warrior status.

Clothing: Their attire consisted of simple woolen tunics and trousers, designed for mobility and the harsh climate. Cloaks fastened with brooches were common, providing additional warmth and protection against the elements.

Weapons and Armor: Favored weapons included long swords (spathas), spears, and the seax, a type of knife. Shields were large and wooden, often round, providing defense in skirmishes and battles. Armor was less common, but those who could afford it might wear chainmail or leather for added protection.

BRN	SWI	FOR	WIT	WSD	BEA
+10	+0	+0	-5	+0	+0
HP	MP	TSR	WSR	BPs	WL
35	+0	+0	+0	6	0

Special traits

- **Furor Teutonicus** : They gain a +20 bonus to the Battle Frenzy Speciality Skill.



SARMATA

SARMATIAN

Origin and Lifestyle: The Sarmatae, nomadic warriors from the Eurasian steppes, excel in horsemanship and cavalry tactics. Their society, ranging from Southern Russia to Ukraine and Kazakhstan, values mobility and martial skill, living a life tuned to the rhythms of their herds and the vast open landscapes.

Appearance: Sarmatae boast fair to medium skin and typically have dark hair, which is often worn long and may be braided. Their build is sturdy, suited to a life of constant movement and battle.

Clothing: Their attire is practical for horseback life, consisting of heavy, brightly colored robes and trousers, reinforced with leather for protection against the elements and in combat.

Weapons and Armor: Celebrated for their cavalry prowess, they utilize lances and composite bows effectively. They are also known for wearing scale armor, which offers protection in combat without sacrificing mobility.

BRN	SWI	FOR	WIT	WSD	BEA
+5	-5	+5	+0	+0	+0
HP	MP	TSR	WSR	BPs	WL
30	+0	+0	+0	6	0

Special traits

- **Nomadic Mastery :** Reflecting their nomadic heritage and equestrian skills, Sarmatae gain a +10 bonus on rolls involving Ride and Wandering Skill rolls.



THRACIUS

THRACIAN

Origin and Lifestyle: Thracii hailed from the rugged territories of what is now Bulgaria, northern Greece, and Turkey. Renowned for their fierce independence and warrior culture, Thracians were also celebrated for their artistry, particularly in metalwork and music. Their society was tribal, with a strong emphasis on personal valor and loyalty to their chieftains.

Appearance: Thracians typically had olive to light brown skin, with dark hair and eyes. They were muscular and compact, built for agility and strength. Facial tattoos or intricate body markings were common among warriors, signifying rank and achievements.

Clothing: Thracian attire was practical for their warrior lifestyle, often consisting of tunics, cloaks, and trousers, all suited for mobility in combat. Wealthy individuals or nobles might adorn themselves with finely crafted metal jewelry and colorful fabrics.

Weapons and Armor: The Thracii were adept in guerrilla warfare, favoring the sica (a curved dagger), rhomphaia (a long, curved blade), and javelins for their skirmishes. They used round or oval shields and wore minimal armor, prioritizing speed and surprise in their tactics.

BRN	SWI	FOR	WIT	WSD	BEA
+5	+5	+0	+0	-5	+0
HP	MP	TSR	WSR	BPs	WL
30	+0	+0	+0	6	0

Special traits

- **Ritual Dancer** : Thracians gain a +10 bonus to intimidate, inspire and distract others while using dance or poetry.



ARMENIUS

ARMENIAN

Origin and Lifestyle: Armenii hail from the rugged highlands around Mount Ararat, a land of stark beauty and ancient history. They have carved out a distinct identity at the crossroads of various empires, contributing richly to trade, art, and the early adoption of Christianity as a state religion. Their society values family, tradition, and resilience, having navigated complex political landscapes throughout history.

Appearance: Armenii typically have medium skin tones, with dark hair and eyes. Their build is sturdy, reflecting a life adapted to mountainous terrain. Facial features are pronounced, with strong jawlines and notable noses.

Clothing: Traditional Armenian attire is both functional and ornate, incorporating woolen fabrics for warmth and richly embroidered patterns. Men wear tunics and trousers, while women's garments include long dresses and headscarves.

Weapons and Armor: Armenii warriors favored the use of long spears, swords, and bows. Armor was practical, with leather and metal scale armors being common.

BRN	SWI	FOR	WIT	WSD	BEA
+0	+0	-5	+0	+5	+5
HP	MP	TSR	WSR	BPs	WL
30	+0	+0	+0	6	0

Special traits

- **Diplomat's Grace :** Reflecting their historical role as mediators and skilled negotiators among great powers, Armenii characters receive a +10 bonus on rolls related to diplomacy, negotiation, and understanding cultural nuances.



MAURUS

MAURITANIAN

Origin and Lifestyle: Mauri, hailing from the western parts of North Africa, were renowned for their skills as horsemen in the arid and desert landscapes. They were part of a mosaic of Berber tribes, known for their fierce independence, complex social structures, and nomadic lifestyle, which allowed them to thrive in harsh environments. Their interactions with the Romans ranged from trade to military alliances and conflicts.

Appearance: Mauri featured dark brown skin and tightly coiled black hair, adapted to their sun-drenched homeland. They were lean and muscular, optimized for endurance and mobility.

Clothing: Clothing was practical, made from materials that offered protection from the sun and heat.

Weapons and Armor: Their weaponry favored the use of light spears and short swords, suitable for quick, mounted attacks. Armor was minimal, prioritizing speed and agility over heavy protection.

BRN	SWI	FOR	WIT	WSD	BEA
-5	+5	+0	+0	+5	+0
HP	MP	TSR	WSR	BPs	WL
30	+0	+0	+0	6	0

Special traits

- **Desert Navigator** : Mauri characters excel in survival skills within desert and arid environments. They gain a +20 bonus to Wandering Skill rolls in those environments.
- **Excellent horsemen** : They gain a +10 bonus to Ride Skill rolls.



NUBIUS

NUBIAN

Origin and Lifestyle: Nubii hail from the kingdom of Kush, located along the Nile south of Egypt. Renowned for their gold, archery skills, and formidable kingdoms, Nubians maintained a complex relationship with their northern neighbors, often blending cultural elements with those of ancient Egypt while preserving their unique traditions.

Appearance: Nubians have dark brown to black skin and typically sport tightly coiled hair. They are known for their height and strong, lean physiques, reflecting their adeptness as warriors and hunters.

Clothing: Nubian attire often includes brightly colored tunics and robes, adorned with distinctive jewelry made of gold and precious stones, reflecting their access to rich mineral resources. Leather and animal hides are also common, signifying their martial prowess and connection to the land.

Weapons and Armor: Specializing in archery, Nubians favored the bow and arrow, along with spears and shields for close combat. Their warriors wore minimal armor, relying on mobility and the protection offered by large, sturdy shields.

BRN	SWI	FOR	WIT	WSD	BEA
+0	+0	+5	-5	+0	+5
HP	MP	TSR	WSR	BPs	WL
30	+0	+0	+0	6	0

Special traits

- **Kushite Marksman** : Reflecting their renowned archery skills, Nubii characters receive a +10 bonus on rolls involving bowmanship and related martial skills.



AETHIOPS

ETHIOPIAN

Origin and Lifestyle: Hailing from the Kingdom of Aksum and regions further south, Aethiopes were central to ancient trade networks that connected Sub-Saharan Africa with the Roman world and beyond. Renowned for their wealth in gold, ivory, and exotic animals, Ethiopians were among the earliest adopters of Christianity, reflecting a deep spiritual and cultural richness.

Appearance: Ethiopians possess dark brown skin with tightly coiled black hair. Their build is lean to medium, with features that reflect a rich heritage of both Cushitic and Semitic influences.

Clothing: Ethiopian attire consists of garments made from cotton and animal skins, which are richly decorated with beads and metalwork.

Weapons and Armor: Ethiopians when needed wielded spears and short swords. Shields made from animal hide or wood were common for protection.

BRN	SWI	FOR	WIT	WSD	BEA
+0	+0	-5	+5	+0	+5
HP	MP	TSR	WSR	BPs	WL
30	+0	+0	+0	6	1

Special traits

- **Trader of the Ancients** : Reflecting their historical role as master traders, Aethiopes receive a +10 bonus on rolls related to trade, negotiation, and finding rare goods.

