

The Principalities of Jadd

The Jaddian worlds were settled along a broad swath of the Perseus Arm near the outer rim of the galaxy during the eighth millennium. Due to the region's remoteness, the palatine families there tended to intermarry rather than connect back to the broader Imperium, which—coupled with a shared Zoroastrian heritage dating back to the time of the **Foundation War** and the **Exodus**—created a racialized subculture among the region's elites and led to the formation of a local identity separate from that of the broader Imperium.

This separation reached a turning point in the twelfth millennium, when the Imperial **Prince Cyrus** absconded with his Jaddian lover, **Princess Amana di Jaddi**, scandalizing the Jaddian lords. The Jaddians maintain to this day that Amana was raped and kidnapped, while Imperial accounts attest to a romance between the pair. What is beyond dispute, however, is that Amana was recovered by the Jaddian **Duke Katanes du Otranto**, who recovered not only her, but the High College genetic codex tied to her, which contained the intelligence necessary to free the Jaddian palatines of Imperial control. Though Amana died and her house was destroyed in the wars, the eighty-one remaining palatine families took her name as their own, becoming Jaddians in ISD 11466, after the **Battle of the Encircling Moons**, when Duke Katanes bested the Imperial Legions with the first Jaddian mamluk clone army.

The eighty-one Jaddian families took the title *shahdom*, meaning *prince*, and have ever since elected one of their number to rule from the planet **Jadd**, formerly the home of Amana's family. Katanes's house, **House du Otranto** of **Laran**, have made up the majority of all High Princes in Jadd in the millennia since. Relations with the Empire—initially strained—relaxed in recent millennia, as the princes and the Emperor were forced into an uneasy alliance against the Commonwealth in the **Persean Wars**.

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