

Glossary of Nentraee Terms

A': Day

A'UNA: Benzee holiday, the day the Clan War ended; celebrated by all Benzee but mainly celebrated by the Za'entra.

A'A LUTA: Marks the day the Nentraee world was destroyed; a day to remember all those who died and were left behind.

ACTIONSHIP: A two-seater (pilot and gunner) attack ship.

A'DA MAGINA: Day of hope, celebrated to remind the people that there is always hope.

A' GODÁ FAOO: Celebration after the third right of fatherhood is complete.

A'KO HUNE: Evil little spirits who are known to haunt weddings.

A' MEV: Naming day. This is similar to a birthday. It is the day that the Nentraee are given their name and presented to friends and family. Normally a week after birth.

A'SOOTEE: Rebirth, when the Nentraee calendar begins.

BENZEE: Nentraee home world

A'ZEN: Day the Za'entra celebrate the final winning battle over Dentraee, Martween, and U'Zraee.

CANDRA: First planetoid of Benzee; closest in orbit; similar size to Earth's moon.

CÁDO: Companion animal to the Nentraee. They are a medium-sized animal that has limited intelligence and can communicate on a basic level.

COLO CO MO: A Nentraee dish—a combination of meat and vegetables over a noodle. Very popular but very expensive to make as both meats and vegetables are rationed on the ships. It has an almond and citrus scent but is spicy.

DAMUS WITH MĪ (MEES): A vegetable-based dish with a thick sauce and a flatbread. A common dish among the Za'entra.

DEN A'TAE: Four-day religious event to honor Jealug Bravisa.

DUSAL: Flying water bird that buzzes and can be annoying.

É'BOWUNÁ: Stone unity bowl, used in all Nentraee wedding ceremonies. Each clan uses a different type of stone decorated in various ways.

EMISARATION: All Nentraee children, when they reach the age twenty-four, are considered adults with full rights: voting, É'mawee, etc. At this point, they are no longer considered children and can make all their own life choices.

É'MAWEE: Nentraee wedding. A two-day event where the families and invited guests of the couple come together to witness and speak. It is a celebration of the couple and the family.

É'MAW Po: Family dinner hosted by the families of the couple getting married.

É'MAZEE: Day of joining—the actual day the couple is legally married.

É'MAZ PO: Couple's first dinner—the lunch or dinner hosted by the newly married couple.

É'TOK: Wooden token placed in the É'bowuná by each person in witness of the É'mawee. The token has a unique symbol on it that represents the person in attendance. They will place the token in the bowl as an indication of their support of the couple and the wedding.

E'XIN: A rich Nentraee wine, served warm. Traditionally served at weddings or very special events, now it is enjoyed on other occasions. It has a fruity chocolate flavor.

Gĩ (GEES): (1) A flying lizard-type animal; (2) A medium range passenger shuttle holding between ten and fifteen people, used mainly by government personnel.

GODÁ FAOO: Rights of fatherhood, there are three stages. Once the third right is granted, the only way Godá Faoó can be revoked is if the father has a child by another female.

IZ-CUS: A flowering plant. Instead of petals, it has pink sweet-smelling berries. The berries are used as a perfume or deodorant.

IZ-GOOT: A flowering plant with large lavender blooms with spiky green leaves. Smells like ocean mist.

IZ: A flowering plant

ĩ-TA (EES-TA): Vulgar word used to describe the Za'entra, meaning half blood. Commonly used prior to the Clan War. Now it is considered very offensive by almost everyone.

ĩ-NO (EES-NO): One of the worst, most vulgar terms in the Nentraee language. The English equivalent would be "Fucking Bitch."

JAREEDAN: A leafy plant that has a strong lavender scent.

JEALUG BRAVISA: Formal reference for the Nentraee deity.

JEKTİL (JEK-TEESL): A high-level accountant or controller for a dedicated project.

J'VEESA: Common reference for the Nentraee deity.

KAP'ERIN: Ceremonial cloak, dress garb, used by the Nentraee. Often embroidered in gold or silver with the symbols of the seven clans. The military Kap'erin differs in that it will only be embroidered with the signet of the specific branch of the military.

KAROO: Silver-laced ear cuff worn in the left ear by some Za'entra. It started as a way to remember those lost in the Clan War, now it's a fashion accessory. Some were passed down over the years, but most are new with new designs. There is no one single design. They can vary.

KĪ (KEES): Largest class of military ship in the Nentraee fleet.

KUMNAS: An Ultween thick dip. A combination of nuts with oil and spices.

LAGU: Chopsticks used for eating, normally used in the left hand.

LÁOO: A tieback for longer than normal hair, used by males of the Altraee clan to keep their hair in a neat ponytail. The strands are braided around the hair, ending in a standard knot.

OMLANGA: Nentraee dish—a flat noodle and meat dish made like a casserole with the equivalent of cheese and spices. A common dish among the Za'entra Clan. Now, however, after the Clan War, only served on A'una to celebrate. This has a meaty, sweet, spicy scent.

MENTRA: Largest planetoid of Benzee. It also has the farthest orbit.

MÉTKIP: Position or title of a meeting keeper and note taker. Similar to a secretary.

NABUTIMABA: Tallest tree on Benzee, can grow to heights of 200 meters. Most grow between 90 and 120 meters tall. Has a nutty scent.

NAYUS: The Nentraee spirit or soul

NA-TRAEE: The title for the Dentraee spirit finder or talker. This is the priestess the Dentraee use in the event that the body cannot be found or entombed properly.

NENTRAEE: The race of people from the planet Benzee. There are seven clans, each with different physical features. Shared physical features include.

Noses that continue past the brow line joining their forehead ridges, which vanish into their hairline.

Pointed ears.

No body hair except for the hair on the tops of their heads, which both males and females will keep long. Males will wear it tied back and females will create elaborate hair sculptures.

RÁDO: Name of the Kī-class battle cruiser that is the flagship of the Nentraee fleet. It is also home to the General Command offices where military command is maintained—the command center for the fleet and the most heavily protected.

SAGVARWA: An Ultween dish. A sausage filled with meat and various spices and dried fruit. Often served with kumnas for dipping.

SALRA-KÉ: Nentraee dish—meat wrapped in either a leafy vegetable or thin bread with a thick sauce. A common midday meal for the Nentraee.

SEYAS: A baby cádo

TA-OOLEE: Offering for the dead.

TÉ: A large spoon-type device with one very sharp edge used in conjunction with the Lagu—normally used in the right hand.

TIEBACK: A piece of cloth or leather used by Nentraee males as a hair tie to keep their long hair in a ponytail and out of their faces.

TUMA: Nentraee coffee; this drink is traditionally served cold and has a sweet spicy flavor. The scent is similar to chocolate-covered chili peppers.

U'XTRA: Second planetoid of Benzee, smallest, oval shape.

WÁ: Largest water mammal, similar to an Earth dolphin but larger and lacking the long snout. The Wá look like a combination of a shark and a dolphin.

YARUS: Tree, similar in size and color to a Japanese Maple tree, but with purple leaves and bare bark.

YÉP: A term used to describe troublesome children.

VAK YÉP: Slang. A little bastard or a weak little male.

XÍMÉ (XEES-MÉ): Small blue-feathered raven-type bird that flies in groups of five or seven.