

Gaians

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1. DESCRIPTION

The Gaians are a terrorist faction opposed to any alteration to the natural environment of a planet, specifically those brought about through terraforming.

2. HISTORY

[align=justify]Soon after tourists began to arrive in [Edinburgh](#) in 690 AS, [Cambridge](#) scientists voiced their concern over the ecological damage that even the most regulated visits could inflict on the planet. Almost from birth, Cambridgers had drilled into them the stories of how [New London](#) and [Leeds](#) were blighted, so they tended to be very environmentally sensitive. A few of the younger and more militant scientists studying on [Edinburgh](#) went so far as to begin a campaign to sabotage tourist transports as an effort to discourage visits, but with little effect.

Once [Cobalt](#) was discovered on Gaia in 740 the [BMM](#) began to make noises in [New London](#) about the need to establish a mining base there. What had been a quiet, bloodless campaign of active resistance blossomed into full-fledged conflict. Graffiti with slogans such as "GAIA WILL NOT BLEED" was spotted soon after. The eco-terrorist movement had begun.

Eventually, any plans to mine the surface of [Edinburgh](#) were dropped - mostly out of the fear that it might cut into the burgeoning tourist industry - but the Gaians had already broadened their horizons by an influx of radical elements from [Cambridge](#) who sought a ban on terraforming technologies. [Planetform, Inc.](#) was the natural target. What emerged was a militant terrorist group philosophically opposed to the exploitation of planets, terraforming in particular. The group enjoyed considerable popular support on [Cambridge](#), funded by the efforts of the legitimate arm of the Gaians, called the Green Front.

While the Gaians and the eco-terrorist movement as a whole have made little progress outside of Bretonia space, Green Front propaganda is a common site in Bretonia. Green Front commenters are often present in the news, and unlike the [Mollys](#) a certain amount of tolerance for them exists in the government from those disinclined to antagonize their [Cambridge](#) connection. Over the years the movement has broadened considerably until the majority of its sympathizers are environmentally conscious individuals from throughout Bretonia.

The sole Gaian base lies deep within the Islay Ice cloud at the northeastern edge of the [Edinburgh](#) system. From here, the eco-terrorists coordinate their attacks on their enemies within Bretonia space and in [Tau-31](#). Occasionally, raids are made on the center of all evil, [Planetform, Inc.](#) headquarters on [Canterbury Station](#) in the [New London](#) System. Ironically, although they have strong [Cambridge](#) roots, there is no activity within that system.

3. TYPE

Bretonian Criminals

4. HQ

