

Lady Jena Orechiel

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Inquisitors come from all works of life, from humble agri-workers' sons to highborn noble's daughters. If they show potential and pass the arduous trials that test their purity of soul and resistance to temptation then they may well be taken into the Inquisition as an acolyte. In this respect it is true to say that the Inquisition is an equal opportunities employer! This was the case when the young daughter of an estranged planetary governor was enrolled at the Schola Progenium of Ophilla. Most young girls that enter into the care of the Ecclesiarchy are destined to serve in the sisterhood of one of the many orders and young Jena was no different.

However, Jena had a fiery spirit who seemed to have a natural affliction for authority. She was constantly caught outside her boardings after curfew and generally

misbehaving. This in itself was nothing out of the ordinary, after all many Progena are equally disruptive, especially when they have recently arrived at the Schola. This rebellious behaviour is usually beaten out of the troublemakers by the Drill Abbots. Jena was different, her stubbornness and fierce convictions would not allow her to succumb to the Drill Abbots demands to conform. One Drill Abbot, Belpus Meere, a retired Mordian Sergeant, took particular interest in young Jena.



Belpus made it his personal mission to supplicate the noble's daughter. The Drill Abbot set constant ordeals for Jena to overcome whether it was all night runs to counting grains of salt. Still Jena refused bend to his will in fact the harder and more demanding the tasks the more determined she became. Over time the conflict between the young noble's daughter and the Drill Abbot started to foster a mutual and grudging respect.

Long after Jena should have been handed over to the Sisterhood she remained at the Schola Progenium deemed as 'unprepared'. It was this extended stay along with a recommendation from Belpus Meere that lead to the Head Abbot to call upon the Inquisition to see if Jena was worthy to be recruited into the most holy of the Imperium's organisations.

The hooded representative that came to evaluate Jena agreed with Belpus Meere's assessment that Jena's steadfast determination and unflinching drive to succeed were worthy traits of a potential Inquisitor. However, Jena was far from ready to take on the mantle – youth and pride being two obstacles she had yet to conquer. Still the meeting with the hooded man had had a calming effect on Jena. She began to trust and accept the teachings of the Schola and even started to forge a strong friendship with her once nemesis, Belpus. Jena launched herself into her studies with the same determination she had used to fight against the staff of the Schola. She spent many hours in the Sanctus Librarium studying texts banned to most other students taking particular interest in anything recorded on Xenos creatures and artefacts.

When Jena reached a mature enough age she was whisked away for induction into the Inquisition, her fascination

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with aliens predictably leading her to Ordo Xenos where she served as an acolyte in Inquisitor Dargasto's retinue. Dargasto shared many of Jena's traits of determination and a fascination of alien species and cultures, being a venerable Inquisitor these qualities were tempered with age and experience – something Jena was yet to

gain. After spending years in her mentor's warband Inquisitor Dargasto's life was tragically ended in a fire fight between a Magos and his entourage of Tech-Priests, both groups were searching for an alien device that may have pointed to the reawakening of an ancient alien race known as the C'tan.

With the death of her master Jena took on the mantle to become a fully instated Inquisitor. She vowed to continue her mentor's crusade to discover all she could on the reawakening of the C'tan. As well as her Inquisitorial seal, Lady Inquisitor Orechiel also inherited Dargasto's considerable wealth and Warband, which consisted of an ageing Astropath and a primitive alien warrior called a Kroot. One of her first acts as an Inquisitor was to re-visit the Schola Progenium and sequester her old friend, the Drill Abbot, Belpus Meere into her retinue.

In the decades that followed Inquisitor Lady Jena Orechiel performed her duty; hunting down heretics, daemons and alien infestations, garnering a good reputation amongst her peers within the Inquisition. However, not all of her fellow Inquisitors agreed with her often-outlandish methods. Her blatant use of xenos weapons and technology had been frowned upon by the more conservative members of the Ordo as was the use of aliens in her retinue, it was even rumoured she had, on occasion, cavorted with the enigmatic Eldar – even having one in her service at one point. This in turn has sometimes lead her into conflict with the more puritan thinking factions within the Inquisition. To keep her enemies – those within the Inquisition as well as outside it – off track, Inquisitor Jena Orechiel has

often changed her name, using a variety of aristocratic aliases allowing her to move freely through the circles of bluebloods in the Imperium, often the very people who court the attention of the Inquisition. These have

occasionally been more than fleeting social relationships. Jena is beautiful woman, an advantage she has used in the past to gain her objectives. Recently the search for information of the elusive C'tan has come to the fore

unfortunately her old friend, Belpus Meere was killed gaining that knowledge. Inquisitor Orechiel is now on course for what could be her most dangerous and important mission yet...

INQUISITOR LADY JENA ORECHIEL
 Jena is right-handed.
Equipment: Shuriken Pistol (see page 10 of Exterminatus 4); Autopistol; Sword; Flak Armour on chest and groin; Conversion field.
Special Abilities: Leader; Heroic; Dodge

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