

THE LANDSRAAD: THE GREAT HOUSES OF THE KNOWN UNIVERSE *(exist within a feudal political system)*

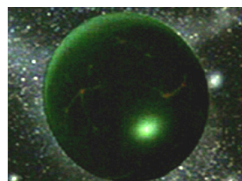


KAITAIN (House Corrino)

Ruler: Padishah
Emperor Shaddam IV



Princess Irulan
(daughter of Emperor)



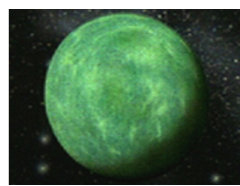
GEIDI PRIME (House Harkonnen)

Ruler: Baron Vladimir Harkonnen



Glossu Rabban Harkonnen (older nephew)

Feyd-Rautha Harkonnen (nephew)



CALADAN (House Atreides)

Ruler: Duke Leto Ateides



Jessica (Leto's concubine)

Paul Atreides (Muad'Dib)



ARRAKIS/DUNE (The Fremen)

Ruler: Liet Kynes



Chani (daughter of
Liet Kynes)

POLITICAL GROUPS



SPACING GUILD - *serves the Known Universe*

Goal: to maintain spice production for their consumption

- Most powerful group (monopoly on interstellar travel)
- Mutated by thousands of years of spice consumption
- Comprised of space navigators

CHOAM COMPANY - *serves the Houses of the Landsraad*

- Control economic affairs in the Dune universe
- The Emperor controls who gets CHOAM contracts for spice mining on Arrakis



BENE GESSERIT - *serves the Houses of the Landsraad*

Goal: to create and control the Kwisatz Haderach

- (super being) through planned breeding
- Female, Intuition, Serve as advisors



MENTATS - *serves the Houses of the Landsraad*

- Male, Logic, Serve as assassins and human computers



PLOT OVERVIEW

1. The Emperor fears that Duke Leto Atreides will become powerful enough to challenge his position as Emperor of the Known Universe.
2. The Emperor made a secret agreement with the Harkonnens to kill Duke Leto Atreides.
3. The Emperor gave the spice mining contract previously held by the Harkonnens to Duke Leto Atreides in order to lure him to Arrakis.
4. The Harkonnens were able to kill Duke Leto and attack his compound on Arrakis because his personal physician, Dr. Yueh, betrayed him.
5. Dr. Yueh made sure that Jessica, the Duke's concubine, and Paul, his son, were able to escape being killed by the Harkonnens.
6. Upon their escape, Paul and Jessica joined a tribe among the Fremen, and trained the Fremen in the Atreides martial art known as the Weirding Way.
7. Paul becomes the leader of the Fremen in a war against the Harkonnens and the Emperor in order to avenge his father's death.
8. The Fremen's military strategy is to stop spice production in order to get the attention of all the great houses of the Landsraad, as well as the Spacing Guild, which will put the Fremen in the position of being the most powerful group in the universe, with Paul leading them.