Raptorian Language
General Informations

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* This document was originally written in Thai, and has been translated by my limited knowledge of English. I am apologize for any mistake that might happened.

History

The Raptorian language was originally came from the need to name characters in a long story I am writing, which are no human nor human-like. So I could not use names that sound like a human's language. Also, I want the names of characters to have deeper meanings, not just random names, and to make the name to 'show' the characteristics of their own race. Because of those reasons, I started looking for templates for to names of my characters.

I had asked my friends in the internet about my wants. And I received a suggestion to try Italian language, in which I tried.

But it still not what I wanted. Many words in Italian language have sound that could be adapted for the Raptorian language, but still, it sound too much 'human'. I continued my search, and there, the name of a language cought my eyes.

It's an anciant language of Yucatec or Mayan, which was a real race existed in my little knowledge of Earth's history. I tried download its dictionary, a Yucatec/English one, from the internet and tried looking for a word.

And it was then that I know my search had ended.

Even if Yucatec is also a human's language, but most words in their language composed of characters that could easily be changed into a language of predatory dinosaurian race. Some words in Yucatec could even be used in the Raptorian language with little or no changes at all. And there, I started creating words, with my template from Malan's language, modified their speech and tone. And here it is, a language of the Raptors it became...the Raptorian language.

Here are examples of some words in Yucatec which were used as templates of Raptorian's words[*]:

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[*] All words came from program named Ergane Dictionary, in which the words were translated by meaning used in real world, not exactly dictionary meaning. No confirmation shall be made for the correctness of the meanings.

Raptorian	Yucatec
Ha'k *(Water)*	Ha' *(Water)*
Kii'saa'k *(Killer)*	Kinsik *(Kill)*
Riik' *(Wind)*	Iik' *(Wind)*
K'aax *(Forest)*	K'aax *(Forest)*

And that is all, or nearly all, of the history and inspiration this Raptorian language of mine.

Raptorian Language

Raptorian language, language of all Raptors. Because of the shape of their mouth allowed them very limited range of sound they could make, little changes in tone and time span used to speech a word could completely changed its meaning. The meaning of a sound in Raptorian language was depended on tone and frequency of sound, changes in tone during speech, and time span use to speech the sound.

Originally, the Raptors has no written language. Characters used in their written language were just set of universal characters which called Phonetic Characters, or *Tha'saa'k* in Raptorian.

Tha'saa'k Characters Set

Tha'saa'k, or 'written' in Earth's meaening, is set of 'phonetic characters' which were designed to be able to 'written down' speech languages of lizardian and dinosaurian races without modification needed. Each Tha'saa'k character could be used to represented one difference sound.

During to the plot, Tha'saa'k Phonetic Characters were first created during the Great War long time ago. And by the alliance of *Meat Eaters* who wanted a general mean of communication without usage of sound, which could easily reveal their location to their greatest enemy at the time...the *Plant Eaters'* alliance. Today, Tha'saa'k characters are widely used as their written language in most *Meat Eater* races.

In Tha'saa'k, each word must be ended with a 'dot', and each sentence must be ended with 'double dots'.

Oblique lines in a character show the tone of the character. The line from one corner to another show the major tone of the character and shorter oblique line show the minor tone. While horizontal line show trail of the sound. In Tha'saa'k Standard, a character with trailed sound have 1-2 seconds span, while those without trail take only 0.5-1 second per character.

Single and double line in a Tha'saa'k's character also has difference meaning. The single line

mean the sound is in normal level (or lower sound), while double line mean the sound must be produced in higher-fequence.

Below are list of Tha'saa'k characters, which composed of 49 difference characters and one vowel, as far as I know. Which mean 98 difference sounds are possible for a character. But the variations of character combinations are much more varied and limitless, as you may see in the dictionary we have.

Normal Tone

Mixed Tone

Higher Tone

Vowels and Special Characters

Also, when we don't want to write down words in Raptorian language with Tha'saa'k characters, we usually use English's comparison characters to retain the characteristic of the language,

Language Symbol

Because Tha'saa'k standard has no fixed format to seperated one language from another, the language symbols have been created. The symbols must be writen first before the sentences or text could started to tell the language the sentences were written with. Some example of today's known symbols are as listed below:

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Raptorian Grammars

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Type of words

Words in Raptorian could be seperated into four major categories:

1. Noun
2. Pronoun
3. Verb, or words that show action or motivation
4. Special purpose words, use in special meanings such as blessing or order sentences.

Standard form of a sentence

Each sentence in Raptorian composed of 'words', each word is seperated by a 'dot', while each sentence ended with 'double dots'. Here is the standard format of a simple sentence:

<center><subject>· <verb>· <object>··</center>

Usage of pronoun

Example of pronouns are:-

＼ㅜ	Saa	Yours
＼〒	S'aa	You
⫽ㅜ	Saa	Mine
⫽〒	S'aa	Me

Pronouns in Raptorian must be written before a word to 'change' the word into a complete sentence. The meaning of the sentence is depended on the pronoun used:-

	S'aa *(You)* + *somethings*	= You *is somethings*
or	Saa *(Yours)* + *somethings*	= *Somethings* is yours

Examples:

Saa.Sii'sii..	= yours+sharp claws	= Sharp claws is yours
		= You have sharp claws
Saa.S'aa'k'ii'k..	= yours+smooth	= smoothness is yours
		= You have smoothness
S'aa.Raa'th'sii..	= you+Raptor	= You *is* Raptor

A pronoun, when written near a word, could change the word into a sentence because the meaning of a *pronoun* in Raptorian composed of both subject and verb.

Mixture of words

When two or more nouns or verbs written together, the meaning of the leftmost word is most important.

Example, here is how we write "stay hidden" in Raptorian:

1) Written as *S'ass'aa'k'aas.Ii'ss.* (hidden+stay); the meaning focused at 'hidden', to tell another Raptor to 'stay hidden' for as long as possible (the Raptor may move to retain his/her stealth).
2) Written as *Ii'ss.S'ass'aa'k'aas.* (stay+hidden); the meaning focused at 'stay', to tell another Raptor to 'stay still' at the place (where he/she used to hide him/herself). To tell him/she to stay *as still as possible*, no movement should be made if not real needed.

Here is another example:

· *Raa'th'sii.Nii'khaa'aass.* (Raptor+federation) mean: Raptors who gathered and formed into an empire, or the empire which born of many Raptors (Focused at Raptors).
· *Nii'khaa'aass.Raa'th'sii.* (federation+Raptor) mean: Empire *of* Raptors (Focused at united and mind of Raptors)

"Raa'th'sii.Nii'khaa'aass..Nii'khaa'aass.Raa'th'sii.."
"The federation is for all Raptors, all Raptors are for the federation"

Special purpose words

Words used in special meaning may be written directly in front of the sentence, such as *Thaa'k* ('may...', as blessing meaning). For example:

Thaa'k.Saa.Sii'sii..
May your claws sharp

Also, pronouns may be catogorized as special purpose words as well, for the reason that it can be placed in front of noun or verb to change the word into sentence.

Active/Passive sentence

Standard simple form of an active sentence is:

<subject>· <verb>· <object>··

An active sentence may be changed into passive form by add *S'iik.* after verb, then swap position of subject and object as followed:

<object>· <verb>· S'iik· <subject>··

For examples:

K'aa'ass. Tha's'iik. "Raa'th'sii.Nii'khaa'aass"..
Nargus.   wrote.   "Raptor Federation"..

"Raa'th'sii.Nii'khaa'aass". Tha's'iik.S'iik. K'aa'ass..
"Raptor Federation".   written by.   Nargus..

Order sentence

Order sentence may be written like other kind of sentence, just no subject needed. For examples:

Aass'kass.S'aa..
Love me!
Ii'ss'k'aak.Aass'kass.S'aa..
Don't love me!

Negative sentence

Just like other kind of sentence, just add *K'aak* in front of verb. For examples:

S'aa.Aass'kass.S'aa..
I love you.
S'aa.K'aak.Aass'kass.S'aa..
I don't love you.

If you want to write a negative order sentence, you have to use *Ii'ss'k'aak.* instead of just *K'aak.* For example:

Ii'ss'k'aak.Aass'kass.S'aa..
Don't love me!