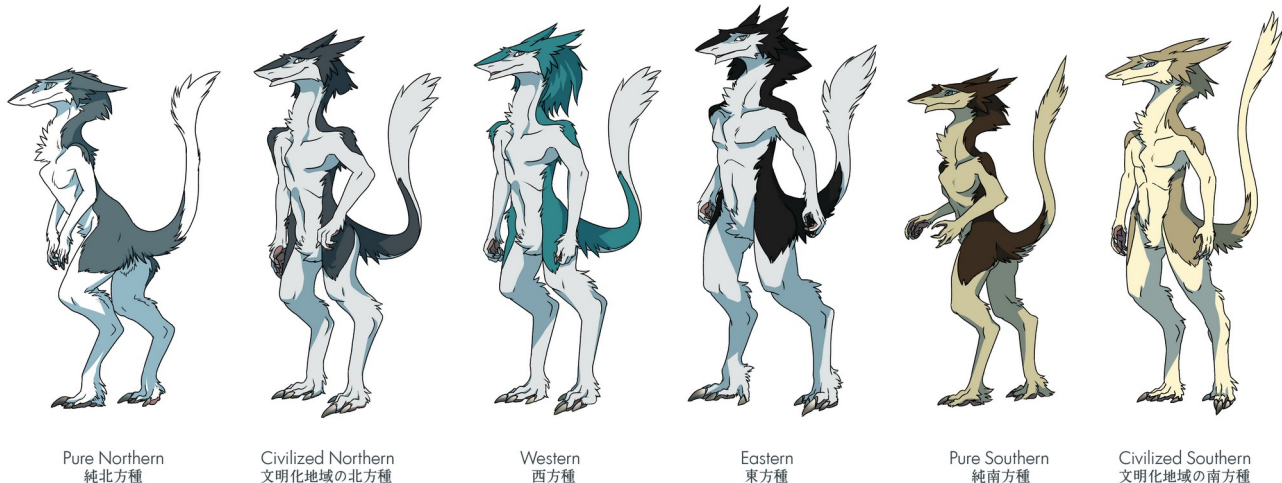


Tugg Beist – Character Description and Background

Species and physical appearance

Tugg is a sergal born in the northern regions of the planet Tal (home to the three Eltus species Sergal, Agudner, and Nevrean).

His appearance corresponds to that of a typical representative of his species (see [here](#)). The coloration of his fur is black and white like that of an Easterner, as depicted in the following illustration:



This distinguishes his fur from that typically found on sergals from northern regions. In contrast, Tugg does not reach the size and strength of an Easterner. Tugg is about 6'3 tall, powerfully built, and slim.

To the untrained eye, Tugg is indistinguishable from other sergals with the same coat color. The only exception is a scar on his right thigh, which is the remnant of a wound sustained during his capture by humans (see section “Past”) that never fully healed.

Past

Born in the northern lands, Tugg was cared for by his parents Rakh and Grundal for the first few years of his life—just long enough to learn his own name.

Due to a mysterious event that he himself has no memory of, he arrived in our world from his home planet Tal and landed in the wilderness of a rugged, snow-covered mountain region of Norway. There he was tracked down and captured by a group of local hunters. The locals, who had never seen such a creature before, called him “Beistet fra isen” (the “Beast from the Ice”), which later led to his nickname ‘Beist’ (Norwegian for “beast”).

Development

After his capture, Tugg was initially kept in a cage for predators, but his guards soon realized that the “beast” they thought he was possessed abilities that were far superior to those of an average wild (feral) animal.

Tugg first picked up individual words spoken by the Northmen, then simple sentences. His guards were deeply astonished, but also fascinated by their discovery, and so it came to pass that the Sergal gradually learned the language of the hunters—albeit only fragmentarily.

Several months passed, and the more Tugg learned from his guards, the more convincingly he was able to convey to them that he had no hostile intentions, but was peaceful by nature, which ultimately led them to release him from his cage.

From that day on, it was no longer the hunters who had to catch extra prey to feed the Sergal, but Tugg who went hunting to feed them all.

Years later, the Northmen had become so familiar with the former beast that they already considered him one of their own. Tugg provided food, and in return, the humans taught him more simple skills. It could have gone on like this for the rest of their lives together, but the Sergal increasingly asked himself if and how he could return to his own world, for the memory of his parents had never faded.

Finally, one day, Tugg left the group of Northmen and, while they were all asleep at night, secretly set out to find answers to his questions.