

Adoption

Adoption is the claiming of abandoned characters or factions in the Star Army setting. Star Army is a community that is over 10 years old and as members have come and gone due to life issues, they have left behind a great quantity of characters and setting elements that sit around untouched and neglected. For this reason, Star Army has started to allow for the adoption of these unused elements.

The staff may regularly comb through bios looking for abandoned, neglected old characters that could use some love, particularly ones with unused art in them. You are allowed to adopt characters to update and release them (e.g. fix up and make into better adoptables so they can be used as pregens). New players will be offered the option of adopting one of these fixed-up “pregen” bios.

Adopting a Character

In general, character adoption is “first come, first serve.” There are some limitations, which are designed to protect players (both the creators and the adopters).

What Can I Adopt?

Characters become adoptable:

1. If their player has said the character is adoptable or up for grabs.
2. If their player has declared they're leaving the site.
3. If a player is inactive: Hasn't logged into the forums for over 1 calendar year.

If the character's player is still active, you need to get permission from the player to adopt their unused character. Characters who are a background fixture of the setting (e.g. heads of state) are not adoptable and characters with high ranks need permission from the appropriate faction manager.

How Do I Adopt?

To adopt a character, post that you're going to adopt the character in the **New Character Biographies** forum. A moderator will attempt to contact the character's old owner.

If...

1. the owner does not reply within 1 week (starting at when the mod attempts to contact the creator), and
2. no one has a legitimate objection within a week,

...the character is now yours.

Objecting To An Adoption

Legitimate reasons for your adoption being declined include:

1. The player is known by the community or a friend to be involuntarily unable to log in (due to medical issues, military deployment, etc) and is expected to return.
2. The original player can cancel the adoption of the character he created if he/she shows up and posts an objection. If this happens, the original player is obligated to start actually using that character. Open RP is a good place to use plotless characters.
3. Some other player or GM has already announced prior plans for a character and can show proof of that. Note: Player plans take priority over GM plans.

If you adopt a character, you are expected to use and maintain that character. If the character's page is not updated within 7 days, or if the character is not used within a month, they are adoptable again.

Opting Out

Don't want your character to get adopted after you leave? No problem.

Players can opt out of adoption or assign an active friend as caretaker of that character by putting a note in the OOC section of their biography that acts as a "will."

Appealing Adoptions

If you have neither opted out nor objected when given the chance, and your character was been adopted, the character is no longer yours to control on SARP. It is the adopting person's. If you want the character back, it is up to them to decide whether they want to return the character. They are under no obligation to do so, so don't ask the staff to force them. The adoptions do not affect your right to use the character on other sites and in other works.

Sample Contact Email

Hi \$USER,

You're receiving this email because someone wants to adopt your old Star Army RPG character under the site's character adoption policy, which can be found here:

<http://stararmy.com/wiki/doku.php?id=guide:adoption> . Character adoption helps old characters continue their stories and development by transferring them to an active player.

You can find the adoption proposal thread here:

<http://stararmy.com/roleplay-forum/index.php?threads/character-adoption-radm-aurelia-solomon.14632/>

- If you approve of this adoption, please post your agreement in the thread. This helps expedite the process.

- If you do not approve and wish to play the character again, please visit the thread to post your objection.
- If you do not respond within 1 week, the character adoption will proceed automatically.

Thanks for reading and we hope to hear from you,

Respectfully,

StarArmy.com Community

List of Adoptable Characters

1. *None added yet*

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