Shaken, Not Stirred: A Sampling of the Brotherhood’s Finest Mixed Drinks

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Erinyes’ relationship with cocktails is complex. For one thing, she usually drinks her beverage of choice neat, from a flask (or straight from the bottle, depending on the setting). In the spirit (ha!) of the competition, though, here are a few ideas for Erinyes’ preferred tsiraki drinks, Erinyes’ preferred non-tsiraki drinks, cocktails that could have been named *for* Erinyes, and a couple that come from Taldryan’s history (or would’ve, if anyone had thought to write them down).

Part 1: Tsiraki

Going by the Wookieepedia description, tsiraki is a blue beverage made from salakberries and infused with pickling spices. The closest real-world equivalents I can think of to “distilled fruit spirit with spices” are gin (particularly Bombay Sapphire for the colour resemblance, even if the gin itself is clear, not blue), and European-style herbal liqueurs like Jägermeister. So, let’s do one of each!

**The Original T&T**

It’s fizzy and blue. What more can you ask for?

Ingredients:

* 1.5 oz. tsiraki
* Tonic water
* Ice
* Garnish: citrus wedge

Steps:

1. Pour the tsiraki into a highball glass, with a generous amount of ice.
2. Top up with tonic water.
3. Garnish with citrus wedge.
4. That’s it. No, seriously, that’s it.

**The Pink-Skinned Party Girl**

Erinyes might not have blue hair, but plenty of other Zeltrons do, and so far nobody’s given any evidence of there being red tsiraki. So, this’ll do nicely in a pinch.

Ingredients:

* 1 oz. tsiraki
* 1 oz. shuura schnapps
* 2 oz. blumfruit juice

Steps:

1. In a cocktail shaker, mix the shuura schnapps and blumfruit juice with ice and shake well.
2. Strain into a rocks glass.
3. Layer the tsiraki over the schnapps and blumfruit juice.

Part 2: Not Tsiraki

**Golden Shimmer**

This classic cocktail gets its name from the combination of the colouration of the Merenzane Gold and the effervescence of the spiceroot ale.

Ingredients:

* 1.5 oz. Merenzane Gold (substitute Abrax if your budget is smaller than a Tapani noble’s hush-money payments)
* 3.5 oz. spiceroot ale
* Ice
* Garnish: citrus wedge

Steps:

1. Pour Merenzane Gold into a double rocks glass.
2. Add ice cubes until the glass is filled.
3. Top with spiceroot ale.
4. Garnish with citrus wedge.

Part 3: Taldryan Classics

**The Kir Katarn**

Because we in Taldryan are fans of punny names (or at least, I am, and I’m writing this), let’s have a look at a drink that invokes both a real-world beverage and a notable figure within Taldryan *and* Plagueis. The Sesharilian Black Diamond represents the “silent, shadowy, and deadly” katarn native to Kashyyk (and later the Kr’Tal System, Taldryan’s former capital).

Ingredients:

* 1/3 oz. zsajhira liqueur
* 1 2/3 oz. Shesharilian Black Diamond (black vodka)

Steps:

1. Pour the zsajhira liqueur and Sesharilian Obsidian into a highball glass.
2. Try not to get bent over a table by Shad.

**Zeltron Jet Fuel**

Taldryan’s former headquarters, Karufr, was originally a Zeltron colony world. This cocktail predates the Clan’s arrival on the world, but alcohol-inclined Taldryanites quickly grew to love it for its ability to extend their binges well into the following afternoon. Made from a combination of hyper-concentrated caf liqueur and enough alcohol to hospitalise anyone who doesn’t have Force powers or a second liver.

Ingredients:

* 1.5 oz. Zeltron spear-grain alcohol (substitute *tihaar* if needed, preferably distilled from spiced fruits)
* 0.75 oz. triple-percolated caf liqueur
* Ice
* Optional: arrhythmia medication, defibrillator, hemodialysis pump, rehydration solution

Steps:

1. Add ice to a rocks glass until half-full.
2. Add spear-grain alcohol and caf liqueur.
3. Stir well.
4. While consuming, keep optional ingredients close at hand to treat cases of severe alcohol poisoning or cardiac arrhythmia.

Bonus Round: Real-World Inspirations

For an extra challenge, name the real-world drinks that inspired these recipes. Answers are below the page break.

1. The Original T&T:
2. Pink-Skinned Party Girl:
3. Golden Shimmer:
4. Kir Katarn:
5. Zeltron Jet Fuel:

Bonus Round Answers

1. The Original T&T: **Gin & tonic**, obviously**.**
2. Pink-Skinned Party Girl: **Red-Headed Slut**
3. Golden Shimmer: **Cognac and Ginger**
4. Kir Katarn: **Kir Royale**, substituting the champagne with black vodka.
5. Zeltron Jet Fuel: **Black Russian**, substituting the vodka with Everclear and increasing the caffeine content of the Kahlua to a minimum of twice that of coffee (normal Kahlua has 25% the caffeine of coffee).