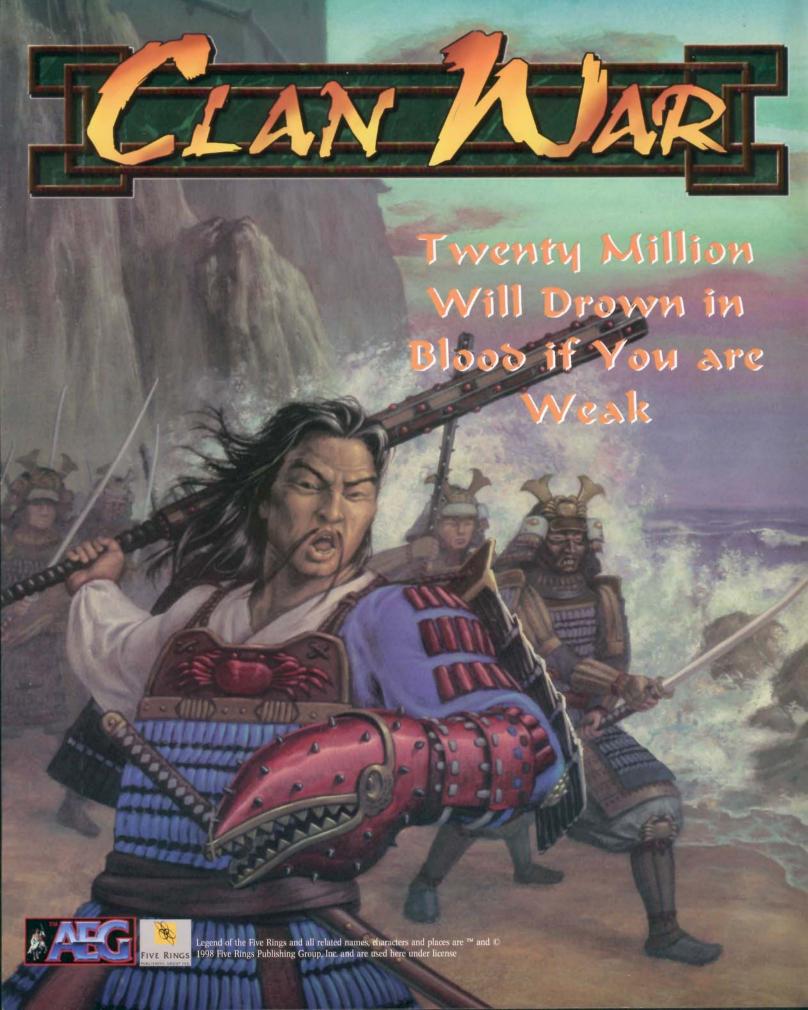


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#### "The Storming of Morikage Castle"

The Strongholds of the Empire Storyline Event

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#### More Winning Decks

#### Naga

Using the Shinomen Forest stronghold of the Naga this bad boy goes after the big numbers. I have seen other decks that play in a simular fashion. The Warlords come out and start stacking followers on top and then the shugenja come out to help. Things can get so gross that at the deck's peak it is bringing out at least 21 force in followers every turn. (Just think about it) Naga Warlords and Dameshes make for a quick start to this bad boy. The strategy is simple, when your numbers are plentiful - attack and hold nothing back.

#### Scorpion

The way this deck works is through incredible speed. There are only 6 cards in the entire Dynasty deck that require a gold expenditure to bring into play, and all 6 can be payed for with just the stronghold. The Fate deck is a little more costly, but not much. And, between

the Ring of the Void, and Enlistment, you'll fly through your fate deck at a phenomenal rate. I've gotten 2nd turn kills before (more than once)and a 4th or Sth turn kill is actually about average. With a province strength of 11, you can pretty much attack fearlessly for 3 or 4 turns before you even have to consider defense, and by that time, most games are over. It really doesn't look like much, but it'll surprise you.

#### Dragon

This deck takes a nice pace to the honor victory, through the duel. Paths of Wisdom keep focus cards in your hand and The People's Champion prevents someone from beating you to the honor victory. This is a Dragon version of the robot Crane deck, but when this deck faces a Crane it stands a good chance of coming out on top, due to the fact that it is prepared to

#### The Heart of the 3 Sneak Attack 2 Merchant Caravan 1 Naga Spearman **Shinomen Forest** 3 Deadly Ground 1 Naga Standard 3 Small Farm 3 Jade Works 4 Naga Bushi l Armor of the Earth 3 Forest 2 Naga Spearmen 3 Stand Against the 4 Naga Warlord 3 Charge Waves 3 Black Markets 4 Naga Shugenja 1 Kirin's Shrine 2 Destiny Has No 2 Ambush 4 Damesh 2 Poison Weapons Secrets 3 River Delta 3 Isha 2 Block Supplies 1 Kisadas Funeral 3 Avoid Fate 2 Radakast 1 Inheirtance 2 Wedge 1 Ring of Void 1 Shahadet 3 Rally Cry 1 Imperial Gift Shashakar 3 Test of Courage 1 Proposal of Peace 3 Superior Tactics Isha exp 1 Tao of the Naga 0



3 Yogo Shidachi

Toku

1 Oni no Akuma
1 Oni no Ogon
1 Are You With Me?
1 Enlistment
1 Peasant Revolt
1 Winter Warfare
1 Imperial Quest
1 Shadow of the Dark
God
1 Desperate Measures
2 Farmlands
3 Avoid Fate

3 Stand Against the Waves 3 Charge 3 Destiny Has No Secrets

Secrets
1 Toturi is Drugged
2 Wedge
1 Sneak Attack
1 Ring of the Void
3 Ashigaru

3 Berserker

3 Light Infantry 3 Swamp Spirits 2 Peasant Levies 2 Skeletal Troops 1 Ruby of Iuchiban 1 Broken Sword of the Scorpion



run in second place. Agasha Gennai is included to provide you with cards to focus. And unlike most dueling decks this deck has a good number of in play duels to work with should the challenges not come up.

#### lunzo

The mainstay of this deck is the Forgotten Tomb/Essence of Air combination to speed the deployment of personalities and holdings critical to an enlightenment victory. With the 0 gold cost of many Shadowlands Holdings and the Forgotten Tomb bringing out many others for free. It also allows for a somewhat larger Dynasty deck. If the Personality or Follower is Force 0 (like the numerous Goblins and the War Machine) they arrive that turn! Essence of Air

will let you rapidly move through your Dynasty Deck. Almost all the shugenja have special abilities which makes playing the Ring of Air relatively easy. Coward's Way and Test of Might bring the Ring of Fire up and Merchant Caravans assist in bring the Ring of the Void out. With the wide array of denial terrain in the deck, the Ring of Earth (traditionally the easiest Ring) is a snap. The Dark Oracle of Earth and Go Master are essential as no Shadowlands personalities are capable of manipulating terrain, and since most of the Rokugani are just too honorable to work with your fetid horde. As always, the Ring of Water is the most difficult to play.

As with any enlightenment deck, Monks are required to play Enlightenment. Combined with Lost Moment and Walking the Way these are essential for manipulating lost, discarded or just not appearing

3 Iaijutsu Duel 2 Tetsubo 3 Agasha Gennai Stronghold - Mountain 3 Path of Wisdom 1 Chrysanthemum 3 Hitomi exp3 Keep of the Dragon 3 People's Champion Festival 3 Kitsuki Uasu By Chris Bergstrom 1 Ring of Earth 1 Emperor's Peace 3 Matsu Seijuro 1 Ring of Fire 1 Imperial Gift 3 Mirumoto Daini 1 Inheritance 3 Bend Like a Reed 1 Ring of Void 3 Togashi Sukune 3 Breach of Etiquette 3 Strike of Flowing 3 Gold Mine 3 Togashi Yoshi 3 Fires of Retribution Water 2 Hiruma Dojo 3 Focus 2 Superior Tactics 3 Jade Works 1 His Most Favored 3 Walking the Way 3 Merchant Caravan 2 Iaijutsu Art 1 Ancestral Sword of 3 Sanctified Temple 2 Iaijutsu Challenge the Dragon 3 Shinsei's Shrine

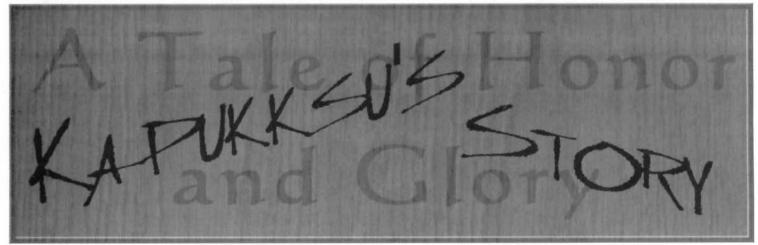


Rings. Walking The Way can be used to bring out other components of combos needed for Rings if necessary.

Other elements, such as Oni no Shikibu and Oni no Tsuburu are just too useful to be discarded from the fold. Shikibu, infamous as the amazing indestructible Ernie, is more useful than even Toku as a reusable sacrifice. The Necromancer, easily brought out through the Forgotten Tomb, combines very well with Fu Leng tokens, especially when defending the Corrupted Region. If one brings in a Corrupted Ground, the Shadowland tokens are 4F each.

Traditional cards such as Evil Portents and Wedge have not been included as they tend to slay the Monks necessary to the concept and, since this is not a "power" deck, finesse is more important. A Confusion at Court or Test of Courage would probably work well in the deck as would an Avoid Fates but I wanted to avoid bulking up the Fate Deck too much (but bringing in Ring of Void nips this problem in the bud nicely) The Ogre Outlaw provides a much needed bit of weight in the Force department and acts as Duel bait.





by Ree Soesbee

Author's Note: I was alone in the forest one day some months ago, shortly after the great Battle at Beiden Pass. It was about the time when the Crab forces were fighting against Toturi's men on the southern fields near the lands of the Doji. Suddenly, I heard behind me a coughing noise, as if some animal was choking on a bone. Turning to see what it was, I discovered a rather loathsome goblin standing near me. He saw that I was fearful and assured me that he meant no harm. He pleaded with me to hear and recount his story to the people of Rokugan, and that intrigued me. After I listened to it, I agreed that the Seven Clans could learn much from the tale, and thus, I recount it here, as close to the original form as possible.

-Doji Shizue

My name's Kapukksu, and I'm the Goblin Chieftain of the Great Goblin Clan of Biteeye. My lineage is long and honorable, and my mother was renowned through all the tribes of the Squat People for her ability to spit a walnut into a mujina's eye at 100 feet. But that ain't the story I'm here to tell you.

My tribe, the Biteeye, is seven of the bravest bushi in the whole Shadowlands, and we was the first goblin clan the honorable Hida Kisada got to join his armies. Ya see, we've lived near the fortress of the Crab Clan for lotsa years, and've been in and out of the great iron mines there. In fact, we've been in and out and in and out and in . . . my people are a hardy folk, ya see. But that ain't the story I'm here to tell you neither.

I'm Kapukksu, I said, and I was in charge of a buncha goblins who fought under Hida Sukune and the Crab Clan Banner at the battle of Beiden Pass. Literally, I mean, we fought under Hida Sukune after he was nailed to the Crab Clan Banner. Right under him. We was sort of a banner guard and . . . but that ain't where the story starts.

My goblins are fierce, and skilled with the sling and the tanto, and we're usually given the honor of leading the charge into enemy lines. One time, during the siege just after Beiden Pass, I was watchin' the sharp military formation of my troops. Each one had lotsa stones, had carefully slapped mud all over their bodies, and had their mucus packed against the grip on their weapons so as they wouldn't slip from their fists in combat. Yup, I was proud of my bushi. One of 'em, my son, Ropputtu, had been placed in command of an entire regiment of mujina, and we had them little demons working hard to carry our gear and spit-shine our boots. Well, at least the spit part.

We was so good, a great warrior of the Crab Clan musta noticed our military ways, and came to us that night in camp. That night the smoke hung about our camp from the fire we made to eat by, and we was all coughin' and hackin' all over the food somethin' awful. We offered the warrior a chunk of the dead thing we was eating, like was polite, but he didn't want none. I guess the smoke was thick in his eyes too, because he kept a dark piece of cloth wrapped around his face the whole time he talked to me. But that was all right, I knew I could find him later from his smell if I had any questions about the job. We goblins have a better sense of smell than you do. Why, my old grandfather could smell a piece of carrion and tell you how long ago it died, right to the minute. Which is real useful for finding food, 'cause you don't want to eat anything too fresh, now do you?

Well, this warrior told me our new orders was to climb a ridge nearby and dig out this tremendous rock on top of it, so's to be ready to roll it down on the enemy tomorrow. And I thinks, "What a right smart idea!" We was eager to help, and it was safe too, what with being all the way across the encampment from the enemy. Usually, we was put right up near the front lines, but this time we was all the way at the back of our army. No way the Dragon forces could see what we was doing, and it would sure be a surprise.

I called my goblins together, kicked them all a few times like a good leader, and we trudged up the cliff with Ropputtu's mujina to dig out the big rock. It was real dark at the top of the mountain, since the Crab Clan warrior had told us we didn't need torches, but that was all right. We goblins see better than you people do. Did I tell you about my brother, Cakkitan? He once seen a bear

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rushing at him out of the depths of a cave he was camped in. He didn't get out of the way, more's the pity, but I'll swear to my dying day that he seen it first.

So, anyway, we got the rock dug out. Just like that guy told us, and it was ready to roll as soon as anybody even looked hard at it. I was mighty proud of my goblins, and ordered a free round of rotten apple mead for all of us when we got back to camp. The next day, we was ready to go with that rock. But the fella didn't show. Instead, a bunch of other Crab Clan guys showed up saying that we had to clear out so's that Hida Kisada could set up his camp where our camp was. "Now, hold on here," I said, but you know how it goes. We was out on our ears looking for another place to bed down between fights, and the Crab Clan Champion has all our good hard rocky places.

Well, that was bad enough, but what was worse was that the guy who had us up all night with that stupid rock never came back and told us to roll it. So we spent a coupla days fighting stuff, and got promoted to banner guard after Hida Sukune got hanged up. That was good, 'cause at least we had a job that smelled ripe.

So anyway, I finally smells this rock fella climbin' up the cliff a coupla nights later, and I yells to him, "Hey now, buddy, when

we gonna roll that rock?" and he starts acting like he don't know me. So I get in a real yelling fight with him, and what happens but Hida Kisada comes walkin out of the tent yellin' at us all and causing more ruckus than we was in the first place. Like he was in charge or something. And I goes, "I'm sorry, m'lord, but I've got a rock all ready to roll down here on yer tent and what does this guy do but tell me that now he's gonna roll it and not me." I told him how hard my goblins worked on that rock all that time past, but he doesn't listen much. The rock guy, he starts yelling real loud about how I was insultin' his honor, and how I'm making it sound like it was his idea to roll a great big boulder down that hill (which it was, you remember?). He's howlin' like he's a real nutcase, and then he goes and challenges me to a duel.

Well now I'm stuck. Here I am, right in front of Hida Kisada, and I get challenged to a duel. Not that I know which end of a katana you eat off of, but I can't right refuse it. I look at the warrior, and I go, "Well, I guess I'm fighting ya then, 'cause if anybody's rolling that rock its me what's doing it."

Now, it's dark out, but they says we gotta fight right then. Which is all right by me, cause goblins see better than you folk do. Have I told you about my brother already? Yeah, well, I guess I did.





but don't you forget that. Then they try to give me a sword but I says, "What'm I gonna do with that? Chuck it?" and I pulls out my sling. Now all these Hida boys are coming over to us, and its just me against that warrior who made us dig that rock out. Here I am, surrounded by the house guard and in front of Hida Kisada's own tent, and me ready to duel some crazy man with just my sling. Now, the Champion holds a white scarf in his hands and says to me, "When this falls, you hit 'im." And I says allright, and the loony guy says all right, and Kisada drops it.

Now, I'm a fair shot with my chucking sling, but I was a lot nervous. So, I got the biggest dang rock I can find in it, and when that hanky falls, I sling it at the guy. If'n I was a lying skank like some of those Slobberknuckle tribe, I'd say I hit him square and he fell like dung from a greased vulture. Well, I didn't. I missed by a mile, and the stone flew way up in the air. He starts grinning and walking toward me with that big sharp sword and I'm cursing my luck. Then, out of the corner of my ear, I hear a rumble.

Not a little rumble, like a stomach with no dead things in it, and not a medium rumble, like a coupla ogre bushi with a new samurai to play with, but a big rumble. The biggest rumble I ever heard, and here it was coming down the mountain towards us. Well, that dratted bloody big rock is what I hit with my chucking stone, and of course it fell right on us. The tent Kisada was supposed to sleep in gets crushed, and the guy I was fighting gets squashed, and all those Hida boys start yelling and screaming.

Well, I thought Kisada was gonna be thinking about ripping my head off for crushing his tent like that with a huge boulder, I

mean what with him not even in there to see if the trap worked or not, but he wasn't even mad. Seems that his guard pulled that loony guy's body out from under it, and he was wearing a little piece of gold 'round his neck, and that made them all nervous. I'm not sure what a 'kolat' is, but it seems this guy was one. I guess 'kolat' means somebody who dies by having a rock dumped on him, 'cause that's all the guy was now. Well, Kisada got real mad when he sees this gold thing, and he crushes it all up in his hand. And I says, "Can I go now, boss, or do you want me to try to put that rock back so you can use it right?"

Now I'm hoping he doesn't say yes, 'cause like I said that rock was BIG. But he looks at me and he smiles. Smiles, can you believe that? At a goblin. He gives me the smashed gold thing, and he says "You've earned much honor this day, goblin, by saving the life of the Champion of the Crab Clan," or somesuch, and right there, bang, he makes me a samurai. A samurai! Not the Slobberknuckle clan, not the Bangjaw clan, not any goblin clan that ever was had a goblin who was a samurai.

So that's my story, and here I'm wearin' the crushed gold necklace Hida Kisada gave me that day, to prove it. So you and yours remember, when you're pushing the Squat People around like you do, that there's one goblin out there who don't take to being pushed. And that's me, Kapukksu, Samurai of Clan Biteeye. I can spit a walnut 100 feet into a mujina's eye if I need to, and I made the Champion of the Crab Clan smile when he wasn't even killin' nothing. And that's a story to be proud of.



Notes on the FAQ

These are only the most recent additions and changes to the L5R FAQ.

#### L5R CCG Frequently Asked Questions

(by Jeff Alexander)

Q: Where do I get the Fate cards that go under the new Kyuden Hitomi Stronghold, from my deck or from all the cards I own?

A: They come from your deck, which must be legally constructed prior to their removal (your remaining Fate deck MAY violate the minimum deck size afterwards). Cards go under it face-down, and you choose which card you get when you use the Stronghold ability.

Q: Can I use reactions like Coordinated Fire or the strengthboosting effect of Arrows From the Woods in combination with Blackened Sky?

A: No. Reactions are actions, and Blackened Sky says that all the actions you take during its effect must produce ranged attacks in and of themselves.

Q: The main rules say Events are resolved as soon as they're revealed, but the Quick Summary on the back page says to turn all my Provinces face-up first and then resolve Events. Which is right?

A: The main rules.

Q: I've got a card that says it stays in effect for two turns, or three turns, or whatever. According to the Glossary, a "turn" is just a single player's trip through the six Phases. This won't even make it around the table in a large multiplayer game! Is this right? A: Any card that talks about "this turn" or "the end of the turn" is referring to just the current player's trip from her Straighten Phase to her End Phase. Any reference to more than one turn (e.g. "for 3 turns" or "two turns after this one") is actually referring to a complete trip around the table to the current player's next turn.



Q: Does the new Naga Stronghold limit of 4 non-Unique Naga cards apply to Events and other 1-per-deck-but-not-Unique cards?

A: No. Only to cards you can normally have three of.

Q: Is Kanbe's change in clan alignment permanent, like Oath of Fealty?

A: Yes. All changes in alignment are permanent by default. This is actually a new rule. It will appear formally in a future rulebook.

Q: Can I use Hantei the 38th to stop a samurai from committing seppuku to reduce an honor loss? Seppuku is a Political action, right?

A: Not right. There's a subtle distinction that the rulebook's definition of "Political action" overlooks: if an effect isn't an action to begin with, it can't be a "Political action".

Q: Some cards refer to Yogo Junzo's Army by name. Do they apply to the Shadowlands Horde too?

A: Yes. These two alignments are completely equivalent, just like "Mantis Clan" and "Yoritomo's Alliance" are. Also note that "Shadowlands Horde" is a single phrase and is NOT equivalent to "Shadowlands"! A Horde player can not purchase Shadowlands Personalities for 2g less.

Q: How can I tell if an action is targeted?

A: There are two things to check. Some will actually tell you. For the rest, you have to consider whether you ever have to decide what the action affects or references. If an action is ever targeted, it is always considered a targeted action, even in situations where there is only one thing it may be played on.

For example, Iaijutsu Duel starts a duel between one attacking and one defending Personality. Since the rules of the game allow both attacking and defending armies to contain any number of Personalities, Iaijutsu Duel targets both of them. Because it is a targeted action, it is considered targeted even in battles where there is only one unit on both sides and your selections are forced.

On the other hand, Togashi Yoshi's reaction is used when one of your Personalities enters a duel. Since duels can only be fought between Personalities belonging to different people, and since the game rules do not allow starting multiple duels simultaneously, you will never have more than one Personality who can receive Yoshi's bonus at any given instant. Yoshi's effect is therefore not targeted.

#### **Errata**

The Scouting Team must be at the battle to use either Reaction, not just the first.

Mukami (Exp) is with Yoritomo's Alliance, not Yoritomo's Army.

Tchickchuk is a Creature.

The Dai-Kyu of Anekkusai is correct as printed (it does not count as a weapon).

#### LSR RPG Frequently Asked Questions

Show Me The Money

For about a year now, I've been doing Game Master seminars around the country, answering questions about the RPG, Rokugan and running games in general. Without a doubt, the single most frequently asked question is: "How does money work in Rokugan?" So often does this question ring up in my ears that I've decided to spend all the space necessary to answer it. If that means we're going three pages, then by Shinsei, we're going three pages.

Ready? Get set. Here we go.

#### Economics 101

The purpose of studying economics is to discover a way to measure "value." In other words, what makes one thing more valuable – and therefore expensive – than another? When you have guys studying economics, you get a few economic theories floating around. The United States and Rokugan have two very different economic theories: free market and a funky kind of feudalism.

The United States is firmly entrenched in its free market economy. We have the opinion that a thing is worth what people will pay for it, and people will pay what they believe it is worth. The rules of supply and demand are fully in effect, but more importantly, the customer is aware of them. Collectible trading card games are a prime example of how a free economy works. How much is a promo edition of Bayushi Kachiko worth? Well, that all depends on who you try to sell it to. If you're trying to sell it to a gal who has only ever played

Mythos or Highlander, it's not even worth a penny. On the other hand, if you're trying to sell it to a L5R/Kachiko fan, it'll probably be worth more.

This is how our economy works. The value of an item depends on how many of that item are available and how much each individual customer wants it. Items do not have inherent value, their value is determined by supply and demand.

Now, over the pond in Rokugan, things are a little different. It's a quirky kind of feudalism that uses rice as its main denomination. Let's take a look at how Rokugan's economy breaks down from top to bottom.

#### Top to Bottom

First off, the Emperor owns all the land. Every last bit of it. In exchange for fealty, he has divvied out portions of it to the clans. In exchange for their fealty, the clans have the right to tax the land, while still handing over a healthy portion of that tax to the Emperor (it is his land, after all).

Now, let's go down a step and look at how each of the clans deals with their land. A clan daimyo has whole bunch of land to manage. Obviously, he can't manage it all himself, so he puts a bunch of magistrates in charge of various sections of land. Each clan is in charge of four provinces, and each province has a provincial governor in charge of collecting the taxes of that province and handing those taxes over to the clan daimyo. In each province, there are a number of cities, and each city has its own magistrate, who in turn, collects taxes and



hands those over to the provincial governor. See a pattern developing here?

Each city – including the clan capitals – is surrounded by farms. Each farm produces rice, silk, vegetables, milk and other products, that are all taxed by the city's magistrate. Each city is also a military garrison with blacksmiths, coopers, carpenters and other workers to maintain the city and the soldiers who stay there. All the samurai who are sworn to a city magistrate have their needs provided for by the city. If a samurai needs a new sword, the magistrate orders the blacksmith to make it for him. If he needs a new horse, the magistrate provides him one from the stable master.

All a samurai's needs are taken care of by his lord. After all, that's the feudal system: a king takes care of his knights. If the king doesn't, then the knights find a king who can. Of course, that last sentence doesn't happen in Rokugan ... at least, the history books don't mention it happening that often.

#### Bottom to Top

So, now that we've looked at how Rokugan breaks down from the top down, let's look at it from the other way around. You are a Rank 1 samurai. When you pass your gempukku, you swear fealty to a lord (not necessarily your family lord). You go to that lord's castle and you serve him. He provides you with the tools necessary to do so. Like we said above, if you need a horse or a sword, you've got it.

When spring rolls around, you go to the farms surrounding your lord's land and collect taxes from the peasants. When the harvest is good, you get a lot of rice. When it's bad ... well, that's when things start breaking down.

People need to eat. The more rice a lord has, the more men he can feed. When he can feed more men, he can hire more samurai, not to mention more blacksmiths, coopers, carpenters, sake brewers, geisha, etc. If the rice crop comes up short, he can no longer fulfill his end of the feudal contract. Men start going hungry, and have to look for other lords who can feed them. Of course, loyal samurai will stick by their lord through famine as well as feast, but some men are more loyal to their stomachs than their lords.

When a daimyo's crop comes up short, that's when Rokugan's bartering system comes into play. When Bayushi Shoju's crops are short, he has to turn to other clans to feed his men. Of course, he has to trade for their rice; nothing in Rokugan is for free. Perhaps he could part with that lovely silk his southern provinces are so famous for? Or how about a few of those Shosuro-trained geisha?

#### Ronin

Yes, it's cool to be a ronin. You get all those extra points. You get to wander the countryside on your own time, with nobody telling you what to do. Pretty neat.

But what are you going to eat?

How are you going to repair that sword and saddle? When a samurai needs help, he turns to his family and his lord. When a ronin needs help, he has nobody to turn to. He comes into town looking for a blacksmith to make him a new sword, and the blacksmiths says, "I cannot. I am busy making swords for Shiba-sama."

That's right. A peasant telling a samurai, "No." And just what is the ronin going to do about it? If he's smart, he'll bow and walk away. If he's dumb, he'll probably just kill the peasant and take a sword ... and call down the wrath of the Phoenix Clan. Remember what Shinsei said: "Those who stand alone, fall alone."

The path of the ronin is not an easy one. The entire world stomps in your face, even when they don't mean to. Peasants have no time for you. Samurai laugh at you. You're on your own, with nobody to help you out. Congratulations, you're a loner. Hope you got what you asked for.

#### End

So, that's a little Rokugani economics lesson. There's more, but I've run out of room. That should give you a good idea how things work, though. And by the way, if you've got more questions, be sure to check us out at 15rrpginfo. The sign up stuff is in a nearby sidebar. See you there!

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## vate esso

by David Thun

An old man and a young boy walked in silence down the Tachibana Road.

A group of peasants working in the fields alongside the road stopped to stare as they passed, for the two made an unusual pair. The boy was perhaps thirteen years of age, small but well-built, dressed in the blue silk of a nobleman's son. His dark hair was worn long, the tail dyed white in the fashion of a Crane Clan youth. He wore no weapon, and when he smiled the younger peasant girls in the field blushed and covered their faces.

In contrast, when the old man walked past, crows flew from the fields squawking in fear. His faded gray robes looked as if they had been slept in, and his tangled, unbound hair matched the color of his robes. His arms and chest were wiry and criss-crossed with scars. But the hilts of his swords were bright and well-cared for, and his unblinking black eyes seemed to take in everything around them-even when he wasn't looking.

"Hoturi-kun," said the old man, suddenly coming to a halt.

"Hie, Toshimoko-sensei!" the boy said, snapping his attention away from the field where the pretty girls were working.

"Are you staring at those peasant girls?" Doji Hoturi gulped. He knew if he answered truthfully, he would most likely get into trouble. But he also knew if he lied, he would most likely get into big trouble.

"Hai, sensei," he gulped.

"Good," said Toshimoko, starting forward again. "If you aspire to be a kengo-a master of the sword-you should always be aware of what's around you." He scratched his chin in a philosophical way. "Especially when pretty girls are involved."

Hoturi blinked in confusion. He was, after all, only thirteen.

Altogether, the old man and the boy made for a peculiar spectacle. But peasants everywhere are a practical lot, and when peasants in Rokugan are faced with a peculiar spectacle, the safest solution is to bow deeply and hope it goes away on its own. This time, however, it didn't work.

A clanging of metal and a chorus of hoarse shouts rang out behind the pair.

"What's that?" The boy spun completely around, but the old man remained where he was.

"That," Kakita Toshimoko said, "is not a pretty girl."

Standing in the road behind the pair was a burly samurai wearing the colors of a Lion Clan warrior. His fleshy face was mottled with rage, and a jeweled katana was in his hand. The creak of armor laced with silken cord, the

rustle of his bronze horsehair plumes, every part of the samurai seemed to sing a song of anger. Even the ivory band holding his warrior's topknot in place seemed to quiver with barely-suppressed rage. The peasants glanced up at his arrival, sighed, and quickly ducked their heads again.

The Lion samurai roared in outrage.

"Kakita Toshimoko!"

The old man lifted his head a little, but still did not turn.

"Hai?"

The Lion samurai glared. "I am Matsu Shigatori! I have come to the capital to test my sword against yours. For five days and four nights, my messengers have carried challenges to your dojo. For five days and four nights, you have ignored them! And now, in order to face you, I must chase after you like an alley dog? You are a coward!"

The boy glared and stepped forward, but stopped as Toshimoko lifted his hand.

"I receive many challenges," said the old man. "What did you say your name was again?"

"Matsu Shigatori! I slew six Scorpions at the battle of the White Pines! It was I who faced Hida Matahachi in battle with my blade broken-and still bested him in single combat at the Sengyo Bridge! It was I-"

"Oh yes," Toshimoko said, cutting him off in mid-shout. "Shigatori. Careless of you to break your sword."

The boy watched with interest as the Lion's face flushed several different shades of purple. Shigatori sputtered and choked, but said nothing else.

"At the moment," Toshimoko continued, "I am occupied with other matters. I am escorting my student, Hoturi-kun, on a training

journey," he gestured, and the boy bowed politely as he had been taught, "and will be gone for a day or two. Afterwards, however, you are welcome to make an appointment at my dojo. Beginner's classes start at the Hour of the Hare..."

"Beginner? **Beginner!**" Shigatori shrieked. Swinging his katana over his head, he charged forward.

Toshimoko's shoulders twitched, and his katana-still sheathed in its saya-was in his hand. His wrist flickered, there was a sharp crack! crack! like a woodpecker at its favorite tree, and two bright bruises blossomed on Shigatori's face. A small step to the right, a sound like laundry beaten with ironing sticks, and Shigatori lay unconscious on the road, his jeweled sword broken in two.

"Your elbow was bent," Toshimoko remarked as he returned his own weapon to his belt. "No wonder you break your swords." He glanced at Hoturi. "Student, come here."

"Yes, sensei?" Doji Hoturi asked, running forward. His eyes shone with admiration.

Toshimoko pointed. "Kindly rummage through that man's money pouch and fetch me two gold koku."

Hoturi blinked. After all, rummaging through purses is not something a well-bred Crane youth is known for. "Sensei? Isn't that stealing?" he asked.

Toshimoko stared at him. Hoturi knew that stare very well. The boy gulped, gingerly fished two gold coins from Shigatori's pocket, and silently handed them to Toshimoko. The old man tossed the coins in the air, caught them, and smiled thinly.

"Private lessons, " Toshimoko said, "cost extra."

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## The Art of War

By Frank L. Chafe

Many of the philosophies of the combat system in L5R were derived from Sun Tzu's 2000 year old book, *The Art of War.* Sun Tzu always emphasized that one of a generals most important virtues was adaptability. The Art of War is dedicated to honing your ability to bring multiple elements together to make a devastating effect.

If you have an idea for a card combo, or have come up with some interesting card effects, please let us know.

#### The Armor of Sun Tao, Narrow Ground, Samurai's Fury, Heart of the Inferno

During a battle play Narrow Ground from the Armor. Then play Samurai's Fury to allow you to play another action and wipe out the entire opposing army with Heart of the Inferno.

This was submitted by Joseph Allsup.

#### Morito Tokei, Mantis Shugenja Apprentice, and Fury of Osano-Wo.

Attach the spell and followers and begin unleashing strength eight ranged attacks. Nuff said. *This was submitted by Miss Sara Austin.* 

#### Shosuro Hametsu and the inexperienced Ninja Shapeshifter.

The inexperienced Ninja Shapeshifter with those poison tokens and his unrefusable duel is quite nasty. *This one is submitted by Jim Pinto.* 

#### Hitomi Kokujin, Armor of the Golden Samurai, Foxwife, Mirimoto House Guard.

Wow! Talk about a really awesome duelist with personality control to boot. This combo was used quite effectively at Gen-Con recently. It allowed Dragon to dominate the board and eliminate threats as they entered play.

This was submitted by the Pewter Crew.

#### Tidal Land Bridge and Clan Heartland.

This combo allows for a reoccurring Emperor's Peace effect of not being able to attack every other turn provided of course you can get the regions on two separate provinces.

This combo was used in a lot of Crane decks at Gen-Con and it allowed some of the Crane decks to walk all over the attack decks.

#### Hitomi Akuai And Kachiko's Kiss.

This personality allows you to go through your deck and remove events before they happen. Or, in the case of Kachiko's Kiss after they have happened. This would allow you to keep the Imperial Favor from ever coming back into play, which for a attack Dragon deck could prove very helpful.

Was brought to my attention from Ree Soesbee, who heard it from multiple people on the internet.

#### Damesh and Ruined Keep of Fu Leng.

Get that region out on one of your provinces and all of your opponents provinces have a zero strength when attacking with Damesh. This can be really frustrating since you still have one 11 strength province. Submitted by the Pewter Crew.

## The experienced Kyoso No Oni and Mountain Goblins Talk about all you can eat Buffet. This combo allows for a really huge Kyoso No Oni every turn because those mountain goblins just keep coming back for more. This one is submitted by Brendan Goodyear.

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### Playing The Kaiu Walls

By Eric Devlin

With the recent move to the forty-forty format, I am presenting an honorable one on one Crab deck. This deck is not heavy on the rare cards and

might be a good place for new players

to start.

The idea of the deck is to get as much as possible out with just your stronghold. If things work out well, you can take out a province on your second turn. With the Frenzies and Strength of Purities combined with followers, you should be fired up and ready to go quickly.

If you have someone in your province that is very expensive, send one of your smaller people on a suicide run. When they die, use Duty to the Clan to

bring out your expensive personality for free and then Feign Death the person that died. Keep in mind that Feign Death will kill followers so you need to be careful about who goes on that suicide run. Your best choice will be the experienced Hida Sukune, who gets shuffled

into your deck if he is honorably dead.

In your early game, if you have a choice between dropping a follower and attacking or using that money for another personality, you should drop the follower. A chance at a province is always worth more than a given personality.

No Fortifications makes this Kaiu deck an anomaly. We are using this stronghold for the 4 starting honor and the 7 province strength. This will put you on slightly more even footing for honor. You won't miss the bowing the

stronghold for a three higher province strength, you'll be using the stronghold to pay for followers.

#### Dynasty

Events:
As the Shadow Falls
Time of the Void
Are You With Me?
Imperial Gift
The First Scroll is Opened

Personalites: Hida O-Ushi exp Kuni Sensin \*3 Hiruma Yoshi \*3 Hida Sukune \*3 Hiruma Kage \*3 Hiruma Osuno \*3 Hida Kisada Hida Kisada inexp.

Hida Yakamo Hida Sukune Holdings:

Merchant Caravans \*3
Sanctified Temples \*3

Iron Mine \*3
Black Smith \*3
Jade Works \*3
Ouarry \*3

#### Fate

Actions:
Duty to the Clan \*3
Strength of Purity \*3
Frenzy \*3
A Test of Courage \*3
Rallying Cry \*3
A Call to Arms \*3
Feign Death \*3
Stand Against the Waves \*3

Items:

Ancestral Standard of the Crab Ancestral Sword of the Crab

Dragon Pearl

Followers:
Berserkers \*3
Spearmen \*3
Lieutenant Sukune

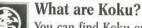
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#### Substitutions

If you run into a problem with a Scorpion Military Deck you can remove your Feign Deaths and put in Evil Portents. You will have a disproportionate amount of personalities with three Chi. If you are able to drop two Evil Portents, you stand an excellent chance of crippling your opponents army while keeping yours intact (and remember, Evil Portents does not affect non-Shadowlands followers, so you can still attack that turn).

This tactic will work well against Scorpion, Unicorn or a Crab deck using Berserkers.





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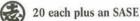
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## Way of the Magistrate By Scott Gearin

Few other positions in the Emerald Empire so clearly reveal the complexity of politics as that of Magistrate. There are in fact two distinct types of Magistrates: the Imperial Magistrates and the Clan Magistrates. Each follows a separate (if similar) hierarchy while acting to uphold the law and to enforce the will of their lord. The situation is made more complicated by fact that while there are several Magistrate schools, service as a Magistrate is by appointment and samurai of any school may find themselves called upon to serve their lord (or the Emperor) in this way. Clan Magistrates are selected by a family *daimyo* or the Clan daimyo. Imperial Magistrates are chosen by the Emperor himself. Occasionally the Emerald Champion will "recommend" someone for a particular place in the Emperor's service.

The roles of Clan Magistrates tend to be narrowly defined and fairly consistent from Clan to Clan. Magistrates of higher rank (by birth or experience) serve as the judges, either in a specific region or city or wandering their lord's lands. They report to the daimyo's karo and are answerable to the karo and the daimyo. Lower ranking Magistrates are known as yoriki, or aides, to a more powerful Magistrate. These are the vassals of the Magistrates, and actually enforce the laws rather than sitting in judgment. Yoriki are hired by the Magistrate directly, and after a period of testing may be asked to swear fealty by the Magistrate. Clan Magistrates are almost always a member of the that daimyo's Clan, but yoriki may be from any Clan dependent on the skills of the yoriki and the tastes of the individual Magistrate. It is not at all uncommon for a Crab Magistrate to attract a Scorpion yoriki to help him ferret out black market activity in his city or for a Lion Magistrate to hire a Phoenix yoriki to watch for maho amongst his peasants.

Imperial Magistrates are the enforcers of the Emperor's Law. Headed by the Emerald Champion, the Imperial Magistrates form a complex web of political favors and family politics. Like Clan Magistrates, Imperial Magistrates receive their post by appointment. Traditionally Imperial Magistrates are chosen only from the Seven Clans by the Emperor. Exceptions have been made for ronin of exceptional merit, or when the Emperor has wished to send a particularly pointed message of displeasure to the Clans. After he has chosen someone to join his service, the Emerald Champion

determines the function each Magistrate will perform. Only a fraction of the Imperial Magistrates hear cases and decide upon punishment. Those that do are immensely powerful, determining the sentences of those brought before them. These Magistrates are often assigned territories: an entire Clan's lands, a family's, a single province or city being the most common. This role is parallel to that performed by the daimyo's judges, but Imperial Magistrates hear crimes which occur between two Clans, or crimes which cover the territory of more than one Clan. Many more act as agents for the Emperor, gathering information on the state of the realm and acting directly to quell unrest. Others are assigned as aides or bodyguards (and discretely as spies) to persons in the Emperor's favor (or suspicion). The Imperial Magistrates are also charged with the protection of the Empire's roads and the legitimate travelers there on. This last task requires enormous manpower.

As these appointments are made by the Emperor personally, who also has a hand in their assignment, the Imperial Magistrates are undoubtedly the Emperor's most powerful tool toward controlling the Clans. In a single stroke the Emperor can remove a threat by appointing a samurai to his service (refusal is nearly impossible) and then seeing to it that the samurai is dispatched to an area where he has no power-base, no friends, and is likely to stymie another opponent. Magistrates can be dispatched both publicly and covertly to watch troublemakers and provide a constant reminder that the Emperor is watching. The appointment also carries a large element of prestige, making it a useful tool in rewarding samurai who have promoted the interests of the Emperor. The Seven Clans put great stock in the Imperial Magistrates, and in seeing that members of their Clan are appointed. Controlling a large number of posts in the service is an important part if the inter-Clan jockeying for position.

The position of the Emerald Champion is also filled by a member of the Seven Clans. When the previous Emerald Champion retires or dies a grand tournament is held to select a new Champion. The format is one used for many tournaments in the empire. A series of written and verbal tests weed out those who lack the minimal legal expertise to serve as the chief Magistrate of the Empire. Those who remain then perform a series of iaijutsu duels to determine the

individual most fit to serve as the Emperor's hand. This process is presided over by the Emperor. One of the signs of the true power of the Clans over the Emperor rest in the fact that the Emerald Champion retains his names, both family and personal. He serves the Emperor but there is no implication that he is severed from his family or Clan.

In Imperial service the younger, more active Magistrates wander the empire dispensing justice where needed. These Magistrates are often present for annual festivals and gatherings, oversee the conduct of duels, and are given charge of the roads of the Empire. They share the powers of the judge Magistrates on a more immediate level. Both judges and traveling Magistrates in the Imperial service must remain cordial with the lord(s) of their districts, but are only answerable to higher-ranking Magistrates and ultimately to the Emperor. Imperial Magistrates also retain yoriki, though somewhat less often and fewer than Clan Magistrates do. This is primarily because the duties of the Imperial Magistrate are so much more changeable.

Yoriki are employees or vassals of a particular Magistrate and act as investigators and police chiefs for their lord. They gather individuals who have relevant testimony, record that testimony, and otherwise prepare the case for speedy consideration by their master. Yoriki also handle prisoners and conduct questioning which ranges from polite inquiry to outright torture. Yoriki do not share in the protection from the local daimyo that their superiors possess and must walk a fine line in the performance of their duties. The yoriki have considerable autonomy and are far more numerous than Magistrates, with over a hundred serving some powerful Magistrates. The yoriki also direct and oversee the *doshin*.

Doshin are the lowest rank of samurai in the Magistrate chain.



Their dress clearly identifies them as peace officers and they patrol the streets and roads for their yoriki. They reduce crime with their mere presence, and can be quite skilled at intimidation. They have power to arrest, detain, and question anyone they suspect of a crime. In practice, a character with a much higher glory will be approached more gently or the doshin may simply relay his suspicions to his superior, avoiding a public scene.

At the bottom of the pyramid are the deputies. These are members of lower castes chosen and employed by a doshin to aid in the prevention of crime. They act as aids and informants for the doshin. They do not necessarily make public their service, which could interfere with their work as informants. Many of these deputies come from the family of the village headman. In some cities service as a deputy has become hereditary. They may take action to end or prevent violence, but have no other powers to enforce the law.

#### Symbols of the Law

Imperial Magistrates carry a jade orb (about 4 inches in diameter) as a symbol of office; their own mon and the Imperial crest are often etched on the surface. This orb is a symbol of authority, the purity of the Emperor's rule, and also a handy gavel; making an unmistakable sound when struck against a table. Clan Magistrates may carry a variety of symbols, but the most common is the mon of their lord worked in jade. Lower ranking officers (yoriki and doshin) of both services carry a *jitte*, as the symbol of their authority and a useful tool for quelling fights. The jitte may be as ornate or simple as the bearer likes. Traveling Magistrates promoted "from the ranks" often still carry their jitte for it's practical value.

#### Court of the Magistrate

While the yoriki and doshin perform their duties on the streets and roads, the Magistrates sit in judgment in special offices. The Magistrate's courtroom is generally an open yard in the middle of the court buildings. A raised dais on one side provides a shady and comfortable place for the Magistrate to sit. A scribe and a bodyguard are located close by. The other end of the vard is dominated by "the white sands of judgment": a flat, cleared area several yards wide covered with pure white sand. The accused is brought before the Magistrate and kneels on the sands. Troublesome prisoners may be beaten until they kneel or fall. The court scribe reads the list of crimes with which the accused is charged, followed by his confession (see below). Then the Magistrate may question the prisoner if he wishes. This is usually done if the judge wants to clarify any points or to determine more of the prisoner's character before passing judgment. At this point the Magistrate determines the sentence, which is carried out immediately.

The court buildings will include scribe offices, storage for legal



documents, a library of legal texts, and barracks for the yoriki and doshin. The Magistrate's home may be attached to the court complex or elsewhere.

As Magistrates are busy people they can not always get away from their court to meet with their yoriki or other characters. Characters of lower rank than the Magistrate may find that their audience places them on the white sands; an uncomfortable position indeed!

#### Salary and sifts

Servants of the Emperor receive a salary commiserate with their station. Average salaries are listed in the table below. These salaries may seem high, but Magistrates are expected to attract loyal vassals out of their own pockets. The wages listed for yoriki and doshin vary more, depending on their Magistrate's salary. Magistrates and lesser officers can also expect to receive gifts from the daimyo of the region they protect. These gifts (often fine clothing bearing the daimyo's crest) are not seen as bribes, but as the rightful reward of diligent service. No mere material goods should sway a Magistrate from his dutiful service to his lord or the Emperor. Magistrates and lesser officers convicted of taking bribes (or rewards for false service) can expect a lingering, shameful death.

#### A Word about Torture

Before an accused criminal may be tried, a confession is required. If the criminal will not confess willingly, a confession may be extracted through torture. This is both a legal and proper way for a yoriki to gain a confession. Torture, however, involves both blood and dead flesh. This makes it very distasteful to the samurai class. Magistrate judges will have a number of eta retainers who are practiced in this unpleasant skill. When a yoriki wishes to employ torture on an accused criminal he must petition his master to use the eta. This situation requires the yoriki to present a thoughtful, well conceived petition to a superior, justifying the use of torture while keeping the spiritual pollution and possible loss of honor from reaching the yoriki (and keeping the use of torture firmly in the hands of a NPC/the GM). In this case, even though torture is both a low skill and repugnant in our society, it is being used in the service of the character's lord with both the lord's knowledge and permission. In Rokugan it is better to confess quickly.

#### Rank and the Law

A rough guide comparing a character's glory rank and position in the Magistrate hierarchy is provided below. Particularly senior or respected servants of the Emperor may have a glory rank one (or rarely two) higher than their position would indicate. Glory rank is very important at the higher levels as a defendant may appeal the decisions of a Magistrate of lower rank than himself. Appeals are considered a wasteful process, so the case is usually placed before a Magistrate of sufficient rank in the first place.

Glory	Position	Salary
8	Chief Magistrate of a Clan	5000 koku
7	Chief Magistrate of a Family	1000 koku
6	Chief Magistrate of a Province	400 koku
5	Traveling Magistrate	120 koku
4	Yoriki	40 koku
3	Minor Yoriki	15 koku
2	Doshin	10 koku
1	Doshin	7 koku
0	Deputy	varies

#### Playing as a Magistrate

The process for creating a Magistrate character is essentially the same as for creating a bushi. Select a Clan and family, then select a school. Families with popular Magistrate schools include the Asako (Phoenix), Shinjo (Unicorn), and Kitsuki (Dragon) families. The Way of the Dragon sourcebook describes the Kitsuki Magistrate school. The others are described below. Once a school has been selected, write down your first rank technique and kit, then complete the character as you would a bushi. Unless the character has purchased additional glory, they will most likely begin as a doshin. Remember that being a Magistrate is also simply a matter of filling a post, so you may have a "Magistrate" character who was not trained by a Magistrate school. Bushi and shugenja Magistrates are common, and although they do not attain any of the abilities of the Magistrates schools listed below, their knowledge of other areas often proves of great use.



#### Running Magistrates

Having one or more characters serve as Imperial Magistrates is one of the most simple and handy ways of explaining why characters from multiple Clans are working together in close concert. If you choose to use this device it is helpful to understand the types of service such characters are expected to perform and who they will be reporting to. "Magistrate campaigns" are both mobile and colorful. Play up the glory aspects and spice with a few "bad seeds" and vicious battles. Vary the duties required of the players regularly as well as the location. They may even live long enough to see the entire underbelly of Rokugan.

Playing as Clan Magistrates can be equally rewarding. A yoriki balancing allegiance to his Magistrate, the local lord, and his own family has a challenging life ahead. Such characters are less able to roam. Focus on a single locale and develop the atmosphere. Intrigue as well as complex, slow building plots are the meat of such campaigns.

Remember that Magistrates come from many different schools and every Clan. The opportunities for mixed groups cannot be over-emphasized. Characters with an appointment to serve should consider at least one level of law, but otherwise anyone's favorite concept can be adapted and quickly brought into the group. When a Lion works hand in hand with a Scorpion, woe betide any enemy of the Emperor.

#### Unicorn Magistrates

Many Unicorn samurai-ko who do not wish to join the battle maidens turn to the Shinjo Magistrates as a place to serve with honor, continuing the tradition of what may be the oldest school of Magistrates in the Empire.

Since their return to Rokugan 200 years ago, the Magistrates of the Shinjo have served the Emperor chiefly as trackers, pursuing escaping criminals and fleeing enemies. It is a role in which they have excelled. Shinjo yoriki can be found in the service of every great Clan. However, their barbarian ways have hampered their advancement in other areas. Outside of Unicorn lands, few trained in the Shinjo school have become judges. Most Unicorns are unconcerned however, feeling that their fierce blood serves best in the saddle anyway. Shinjo Magistrates are considered a bushi class.

#### Magistrate Outcit

(All items are of fine quality): Katana, Wakizashi, Jitte, Light Armor, Traveling Pack, 3 Kimonos, 6 Koku, Mount.

#### Shinjo Magistrate

Benefit: +1 Willpower

Beginning Honor: 2, plus 5 boxes

#### Skills

Horsemanship, Heraldry, Hunting, Investigation, Kenjutsu, Law, and pick one bugei skill

#### Techniques

Rank 1: Chasing the Wind

The Magistrate is driven by the righteousness of her cause. When facing an opponent (in skirmish or duel) with an Honor rank of less than 2, she will keep an extra die for both attack and damage rolls.

Rank 2: Path of the Hunter

At second Rank, the Magistrate is taught the methods of sensing each clue the prey leaves behind; these form a path, straight from the hunter to the prey. The Magistrate keeps all the dice she rolls for Hunting and Investigation.

#### Rank 3: Ride until Dawn

The Magistrate learns to endure the rigors often required by her work. Her devotion to justice carries her through trying times. She may operate normally with minimal sleep (three hours per day) for a number of weeks equal to half her Earth Rank. At the end of this ordeal she will require three extra hours of sleep each night, for a number of day equal to the number of weeks spent using this ability.

#### Rank 4: Swift Justice

At this rank, the shinjo have learned to strike twice per round: Once for themselves and once for the Emperor, in whose honor they serve.

#### Rank 5: Ki-rin's Blessing

The Lady Shinjo's true form and spirit was said to be the Ki-rin. That spirit still guards those who have given their life to the pursuit of justice. Any being with an Honor Rank of 0, 4, or 5 falters when attacking the Magistrate, dropping their highest die both to attack and for damage.



# Zen's Fard Focus

by Zen Faulkes

#### Card Focus: Show Me Your Stance

Picture two samurai on a battlefield. Momentarily separated from their troops, they are in heated conversation ("shouting match" might be a better description). Each is convinced of the rightness of his cause — and how dare the other stand in the way! Both stake part of their reputation on convincing the other to stand aside and let him pass. That's the contest of wills depicted in Show Me Your Stance.

My favorite feature of Show Me Your Stance is that a lot of personalities who ran from duels like scared rabbits suddenly become very capable duelist when honor is compared. Otaku Kamoko has an edge over Togashi Mitsu. Toku becomes an even match for Matsu Agetoki.

Because Show Me Your Stance creates a duel of personal honor and sends people home from battle, some think this card is only good for Crane. Wrong. Crane does not have exclusive rights to honorable personalities. Daidoji Uji is a solid duellist, but he's less noble than Ikoma Ryozo or Hiruma Yoshi. More important, Show Me Your Stance can be used by the attacker to send home defending units, too.

Packing Show Me Your Stance in your deck has a risk. Because Show Me Your Stance is about "pulling rank" in Rokugan's honorconscious society, neither the challenger nor challenged can be nonhuman. If you're facing a Shadowlands Horde or Naga player (or are one yourself), Show Me Your Stance will be all but useless. With a focus value of one, this card doesn't make good fodder for other duels or Merchant Caravans, either. The risk that this card will be dead wood is small -- most personalities are human, after all -- but it's a risk nevertheless.

A duel of personal honor will usually be very close. Most personalities are more evenly matched for personal honor than chi or force. Few personalities have 3 personal honor, and only exceptional, champion-level personalities have 4 or 5 personal honor. Furthermore, personalities tend to stay evenly matched in personal honor. Even with Sunabe, Kenku Teacher, Traveling Poet, and Foxwife floating around, you seldom see personal honor breaking into double digits

like force or chi does. While honor duels are usually tight, the consequences of losing Show Me Your Stance are less severe than most other duels (unless someone focuses Fatal Mistake). If you lose, your opponent isn't gaining much honor and you still have your unit.

Because duels of honor are a little unusual, be careful about playing Reactions to entering this duel. It's very embarrassing to give yourself a hefty chi bonus and then realize that the chi boost is useless during a duel of honor. Cards that provide an extra focus, or say they're played as if they were a focus, work fine (e.g., Oracle of Fire, Bend Like a Reed, or even a Garrotte). Despite the name of the trait, Double Chi affects focus cards played during Show Me Your Stance, too.

The simplest way to turn the odds in your favor is to dishonor your foe's personality (e.g., Marries a Barbarian, Frenzy). The Unclean Cut is especially tasty: it almost acts like a Poisoned Weapon for honor duels! If you've focused better, play The Unclean Cut to remove the advantage of your foe's higher printed personal honor, and you win. You may be dishonored too, but you won't be the one walking home.

Weapons and armor add pizzazz to any duel. A Tetsubo is a nice way to guarantee a lock on the duel results. The -1C penalty from a Tetsubo is meaningless in a duel of honor, but you still have the first option to focus or strike. Similarly, Bloodswords still gain +2F/+2C tokens when you win a duel of honor. Finally, since you're hoping to have a very honorable personality as your challenger anyway, having your challenger don the Armor of the Golden Samurai is a natural.

For those of you seeking Enlightenment, Show Me Your Stance is a one card answer to playing the Ring of Fire. The Ring only requires that you entered the duel with lower chi; it doesn't require you win a chi-based duel.

One common question about this card is whether you can play Test of Courage on a personality targeted with Show Me Your Stance. The answer is no. Test of Courage must be played when the action is taken, and there's no way of knowing in advance whether you'll have to leave.

## Veterans of The Shadow

by fim pinto

#### Hiruma Basurai

No Beast, so fierce, but knows some touch of pity. But I know none, and therefore am no beast.

- Richard III

Hiruma Basurai was born to a very honorable Hiruma family. His father, Hiruma Kabe served his clan with great duty and reverence, scoffing the cynical ways of his clan. Kabe raised his sons (three in all) to share in his care of bushido. Kabe taught his children the importance of respecting one's family and kin. The emperor and all of his subjects are to be honored and treated well. Even the peasant was here to be protected, and not harmed by the arm of a Hiruma. Kind words were very important to Kabe, so when he spoke loudly his children knew it was important. On the day of winter solstice, some few days after first hearing the news of his attendance to the Kuni Witch-Hunter school, Kabe brought his eldest son to gathering of witch-hunters. As a Hiruma, Kabe had to garner many boons to secure an invitation to this event. Not being a Kuni would be a great drawback to the eldest of Kabe's children, but he had great faith that the duty and dedication he had taught to his children would pay off. When the time arrived, the castle teamed with children from all over the Kuni stronghold, each eager to prove themselves. As Kabe ushered his oldest into the stronghold, he told his younger two children to watch and observe the strength of being a samurai and being dedicated to a cause - the tsukai-sagasu would show them this.

Fourteen witch-hunters showed to examine the prospects. Each child was asked to perform tasks of endurance, agility, honor, focus, and guile. Endless tests were given and the children could feel their bodies

grow weary and useless as the tests progressed. At the end of the test, all of the children were asked to line up. The leader of the witch-hunters walked among the rows of moaning, slouching children. When he stopped before Basurai he spoke and said "This year only one child will be chosen. What is your name young one?"

Kabe interrupted. "But my lord, he is my youngest, he is not here to become a witch-hunter. My eldest is - Yohaiko is here to test."

The Kuni, cut him short. "I have chosen. This boy is my new apprentice. If you do not wish to have a son among our ranks than by all means remove him from this place. But this child has unmatched resolve and I will not have you tell me who is a remarkable choice and who is not."

Basurai looked up at the towering Kuni. He did not wish to be picked. He was still young. His life ahead was full. To choose now would mean the end of his youth. Surely his father would not say yes. Surely he would understand that he was far to young and weak for such a task. Either of his brothers were suited for the challenge.

"Hai. His name is Basurai and he shall honor my family and our clan." Kabe bowed his head and did not look upon his son's face. Basurai watched to see if he would, and he did not.

So it went that Basurai would join the Kuni and hunt evil alongside his sensei. For the next 12 years, he would never see anything but the face of death and the sharp hand and eye of his sensei hunting and cutting away at vile, unimaginable evil.

The training was daunting and his sensei unassuming, and no matter how impossible the task seemed, Basurai always achieved success as if the tests were just out of reach each time. With each success came a new test and a new challenge would fall before him just like the rest. Basurai could feel himself changing with each day – after mastering walking across a wet log, he walked across a wet, floating log, and then a wet, spinning log, and finally a wet, log covered with sea snakes and maggots. Basurai could feel the says slip away and his past begin to melt.

Basurai's gempukku came without thought. His sensei, Kuni Utagu came to him in the middle of the night and woke him saying, "You are now a witch-hunter, we will walk together no longer. Be a good soldier. The empire is counting on you. This charm is for you. It will draw out poisons from the body. Its magics are limited, so be careful." With that he walked away into the night. On the ground where he stood, lay a small ornate piece of wood, sculpted into a disk and inscribed with arcane shugenja markings. Since that time, Basurai has seen Utagu twice, but has never again visited upon his family.

A recent battle with a minor oni has left Basurai horribly wounded in his left shoulder. Permanent, severe muscle damage was done by the flying monstrosity when it tore a large hunk of flesh from his body. Basurai swung but was unable to harm the beast as it flew away. Afterwards, he was unable to heal the wound, and has been unable to Concentrate for some time as it continues to nag at his senses, a constant throbbing pain as if the body were constantly fighting against something - it could be part of the creature's magic, and Basurai has determined that other tsukai-sagasu should be made aware of its presence. Since then he has tried to use his magical charm to remove any toxins from his body that the attack may have left, but it would seem that the Oni's powers are beyond the scope of medicine, and his wound may never heal. He has since named the Oni Niku Yaburu until the real name is determined.

Basurai's memories are clouded now. He can no longer envision the sight of his father, nor his look of shame that night at the Kuni stronghold, when the youngest, weakest child was chosen. He can not imagine being that child any longer, nor can he dream of anything but the destruction of evil, and the shadowlands; his destiny is set. He can not imagine a father giving up his youngest child to a stranger to be trained, and yet for his own child (if there

ever came a time for such a thing) he canthink of no other way. The reluctant child hasbecome a fully indoctrinated warrior of virtue and integrity. What his father did not teach him, he built for himself. What his sensei did not teach him, he improvised. What the world would teach him, is that independence and interdependence were two vague enemies fighting back to back.

Recent word of an evil shugenja known as Girakuma has begun to surface. Basurai has started his investigation and is traveling north to the Plains of Foul Tears.

#### New Skills ANATOMY

This skill is used by when deciphering the insides of a creature, animal, or human. Kuni, and some shugenja from the Phoenix are skilled at examining the remains. Anyone using the anatomy skill will be able to learn about the various organ functions within a creature, the use of certain muscles, and come to a greater understanding of a creature's origin and place. Shugenja interested in studying the remains of the dead will get strange glances from others as it is dishonorable to touch the dead. Maho-users would most certainly be interested in the anatomy of the creature they wish to use in their blood rituals. This skill is available for each creature that a shugenja wishes to understand, except for unique creatures, and oni.

#### AUTOPSY

Where anatomy allows a samurai to understand the intricacies of the body, autopsy allows the user to understand how these functions cease. When cutting open a body, it may become important to understand that the heart stopped because of a poison or the rupture of a vessel. In conjunction with anatomy, a samurai may perform an autopsy on the body of non-human creatures as well. Although this skill may determine how someone was killed (after opening them up), with the proper lore skill (poison, weaponry, etc.,), the information will be vague and inconclusive. For example, a courtier is killed by a rare poison known as green lotus tongue. The samurai using Autopsy will only be able to discern that a poison killed the courtier, but will not identify the poison without a poison skill roll. Like anatomy, this skill is considered dishonorable to use.



### egend of the Five Rings

Clan: Crab Profession: Witch Hunter Name: Hiruma Basuru

#### Fire Air Reflexes: 3 Agility: 4 Awareness: 3 Intelligence: 4 3 Water Earth Strength: 4 Stamina: 3 Perception: 3 Willpower: 4 Void Void Points Spent:

#### Techniques/Spells

To Strike the Darkness To See the Darkness

#### Primary Weapon

Tetsubo 2k2

#### Primary Armor

Lt. Armor

#### IN to be Hit

(Reflexes x 5 + Armor)

15 + 5

#### Skill

Archery	2
Etiquette	3
Defense	3
Hunting	2
Herbalism	1
Lore: Bakemono	2
Lore: Ogre/Troll	1
Lore: Shadowlands	2
Tetsubo	4
Iaijustu	1
Kenjutsu	2
Stealth	4

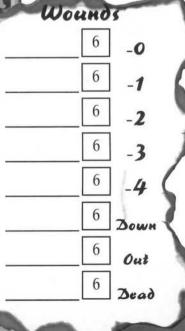
#### School: Witch Hunter Rank: 2

#### Advantages Disadvantages

Ouick Permenant Wound Glory: 3

Honor: 1

Shadowlands Taint: 1



Insight: 187

#### Oni no Niku Yaburu

Basurai was attacked by this Oni, but it is undetermined whether or not it is a unique creature or a new creation from Fu Leng.

Senseless and tenacious, this is the worst sort of Oni. They follow orders, and do it well. Unable to think for itself, it is a favorite of chugenja bent on domination. With wings, giant claws, and fierce strength, the Niku Yaburu tears the flesh of the victim from the body and carries it away to an oni, shugenja, or whatever master it is serving at the time.

Earth: 3

Stamina: 6

Water: 2

Strength: 5

Fire: 2

Agility: 5

Air: 2

Reflexes: 6

Attacking: 6k3

Damage: 6k3

TN to be hit: 25 on the

ground, 45 in air

Armor: 1

Wounds: 20: -1; 50 -

2; 100: dead

Special ability:
Permanent wound.
Any damage done
by Oni no Niku Yaburu
can only be healed
up to 25% of the
full damage. The
creatures claws, and
salient toxins make the
skin weak, and the muscle
tissue believes that the flesh is

still there and while not try to repair the body. Even magic will only heal 50% of this damage. The toxin is of an unknown variety and so far the Nanko Dokuso nai Omamori has been unable to root it out.

#### Nanko Dokuso nai Omamori

The healing amulet of Hiruma Basurai has limited uses and each time within a given day, it becomes more and more difficult for the Omamori to siphon out toxins. If a samurai wishes to implement the power of the Omamori, they must read the arcane words inscribed on its shape while holding the disk against the body of the afflicted individual. The samurai is then allowed to roll 2 dice plus their Void, keeping their Void. The TN to remove a toxin from the body various with each

toxin. Weaker toxins require a TN of 10 or 15, while a more powerful toxin could require a roll of 40 or 50 or more. Each use of the Omamori in the same day the reduces number of dice rolled by one, until it can no longer used. If ever used enough times to deplete its power the Omamari

becomes inert for one day.

# Gaijin By Enrico Pallozo Commerce

It seems that until recently, if you wished to slake your thirst for accessories for Legend of the Five Rings, you were limited to the fine products of Kirby Signcraft. Although these honor counters were useful and aesthetically appealing, when you were done purchasing counters, what were you going to do? Recently Wizards of the Coast (the people that own Legend of the Five Rings) have licensed images and rights to those images to two other companies.

Activision, an old pro in the computer game field, has obtained the rights to produce a Legend of the Five Rings computer game. Although the game's release has been delayed as the company works on a new engine to drive it, company representatives questioned at Dragon Con seemed very excited about the project and its possibilities.

Kamwied Inc. has obtained the rights to produce numerous items related to Legend of the Five Rings, Legend of the Burning Sands and Doomtown. These items include clan mon baseball caps, a five coins cap, embroidered polo-style shirts, key rings (which they call "Ki–Rin Key Rings"), bumper stickers and window decals.

Company executives were seen talking to people at Pinnacle, White Wolf and FASA. Will Rage, Battletech and Doomtown faction hats be far behind? When speaking to Ian McGuigan, of Kamwied, he told us that although Kamwied might look at a small line of products outside of the L5R family, Kamwied is and will remain dedicated to producing the highest quality merchandise possible for games produced by Alderac Entertainment Group. "L5R is and will remain our passion, professionally and recreationally."

It seems that Kamwied has invested a significant amount of time and energy into creating a web site that is not just a center for L5R sales, but a resource for the players. Mr. McGuigan showed us what was currently on the site and what was to be expected. "We plan on having regular articles by writers such as Eric Devlin, who has written for Duellist, Gamer, Scrye and other magazines, David La, this year's Gen Con winner, Chris Bergstrom, last year's winner and others. We currently have an article that Dave Williams was kind enough to write for us. We will also have short fiction set in Rokugan or the Burning Sands and convention and tournament updates. We want the L5R player to feel comfortable coming to us whether they buy something or not."

When talking to representatives of all three companies (Kamwied, Kirby Signcraft and Activision) at Dragon Con, it seemed that the overriding concern was not profit, but quality. Activision could have released the L5R game earlier with a lesser end result, but preferred to invest the time and resources to ensure the game is top quality. Although the public is very satisfied with the products he produces, Kevin Kirby is looking at a new manufacturing method to tweak the quality of his beautiful counters. Kamwied Inc. is currently switching hat manufacturers to ensure a higher quality of fit and to ensure that child, slave or prison labor is not used in the creation of their hats.

You can contact Kamwied Inc. at their web site (www.kamwied.com) or you can call them at (516) 549-2564. Kirby Signcraft can be reached by calling (937) 253-0869 and their web site can be accessed through Kamwied's.

### National Rankings

Collated and compiled by Kevin

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L <b>ast</b> Alexander	First Jeff	Clan Phoenix	98 800	Overall 7025	Brown Brown	Jason Sean	Phoenix Crane	6050 100	17575 100	Cooper Corby	Tom Stephen	Lion Unicorn	1000 150	16600 150
Amick	Randall	Dragon	1800	1800	Brown	Tom	Lion	100	300	Corderi	Eddie	Phoenix	900	900
Inderson	James	Ronin	5500	5500	Brown	Travis	Phoenix	1500	1950	Corson	Bill	Crane	2000	2500
inderson	Ryan	Dragon	1000	1000	Brownridge	Scott	Unicorn	600	600	Cowell	Andy	Lion	1100	1100
nderson	Shane	Toturi's Army	800	800	Brozovich	Robin	Lion	300	525	Cowgill	Jeffrey	Dragon	450	450
ndrade	John	Junzo's Army	150	150	Buksar	Cathy	Crab	300	750	Cox	Andy	Crane	850	1200
nshus	Paul	Scorpion	150	350	Burkley	Daniel	Crab	600	750	Crane	Gabe	Dragon	600	600
rcher	Vincent	Junzo's Army	1300	2350	Burrows	Peter	Scorpion	300	1000	Cranium	Richard	Junzo's Army	150	150
rlington	Dave	Lion	1050	1175	Buser	Chris	Unicorn	1300	1525	Cripe	Rick	Phoenix	500	9275
rndorfer	Dave	Dragon	150	150	Buso	Scott	Lion	1000	1500	Croston	Christopher		300	300
rndt	Robert	Scorpion	50	50	Bustamante	Frank	Phoenix	400	3700	Cruz	Gil	Lion	300	400
rthur	Brendan	Lion	600	600	Bustin	Rob	Ronin	50	500	Cudworth	Ron	Ronin	100	875
sato	Ryan	Dragon	1900	2200	Cabrera	Rommel Y.	Lion	6100	7925	Cummings	Ernest A.	Scorpion	900	1800
verett	Edward	Unicorn	1800	1800	Calpo	Mykal	Mantis	1100	1100	Curd	Joe	Junzo's Army	750	750
agley	Phil	Unicorn	300	775	Campbell	Robert	Crane	150	200	Cusick	Robert	Dragon	500	500
Barmore	Jon	Phoenix	150	150	Carey	Jill	Crane	150	150	Cyr	David	Unicorn	3300	3300
Sarnas	John	Unicorn	550	550	Carlson	Ronald	Scorpion	4050	4250	Czechowski	Ed	Unicorn	250	2400
arrera	Lupe	Unicorn	150	200	Carmical	Justin S.P.	Naga	50	225	Czechowski	Kathleen	Dragon	500	1400
Sarrineau	John E.	Unicorn	300	300	Caron	Derek	Naga	50	50	Dabben	J. Brent	Dragon	200	250
ateman	Craig	Toturi's Army	900	7950	Carson	Brad	Crane	1500	1500	Dacumos	Erick	Crab	100	200
auer	Scott	Dragon	300	300	Carson	Robert	Crab	1750	6900	Dalangin	Darrian	Junzo's Army	150	150
aveux	Jean-Marie	Lion	2400	5850	Carter	Brian	Dragon	300	300	Damour	Paul	Unicorn	50	275
Beacham	Paul	Scorpion	5200	6600	Carter	Steven	Crane	500	3150	Daniel	Kenyon	Lion	2100	2100
eat	Randall	Junzo's Army	150	150	Castro	Chris	Scorpion	50	50	Daniels	Robert E.	Junzo's Army	50	400
Beck	Jim	Phoenix	800	4100	Catinari	Michael	Phoenix	2250	5075	Daron	Charles	Dragon	50	100
eckett	Jon	Phoenix	3550	3550	Ceccardi	Peter	Phoenix	2150	4975	Daugherty	Ray	Unicorn	150	1600
ender	Kevin	Unicorn	500	600	Cetorelli	Daniel	Lion	400	2000	Davis	Brady	Junzo's Army	200	200
enito	Christian C		600	625	Chafe	Frank L	Scorpion	1400	4300	Davis	Greg	Phoenix	1500	1500
erdicheusky		Crane	2400	2400	Chaleant	Samatha	Ronin	150	150	Davis	Scott	Phoenix	150	2375
ergdale	Jeremiah	Dragon	500	500	Chambers	Dan	Crab	50	50	Day	Morgan	Ronin	300	300
erge	Steve	Crab	750	750	Chambers	Mark	Ronin	1000	2550	De Lorey	Dan	Ronin	150	150
ergstrom	Chris	Lion	1750	12450	Chan	Richard	Lion	150	200	Deboer	Matt	Junzo's Army	600	600
letts	Everett	Junzo's Army	1050	2050	Chang	Douglas	Dragon	50	50	Delaney	Tom	Phoenix	900	2000
eyer	Brian	Crab	100	1250	Chase	Will	Unicorn	400	700	Delbose	Thomas	Unicorn	1300	1300
leyer	Sarah	Unicorn	250	750	Chin	Jason	Unicorn	300	300	Deling	Mark	Unicorn	500	10075
liship	George	Phoenix	300	900	Choi	Derek	Scorpion	700	700	DeMartine	Patrick	Naga	300	2075
lack	Thomas	Crane	800	1300	Chow	David	Scorpion	1050	1050	Dempster	Earl	Crane	900	900
lado	Len	Phoenix	1300	1300	Chow	William	Dragon	750	750	Derderian	Vaughn	Crane	100	450
likman	Ricardo	Ronin	300	300	Christian	James	Unicorn	50	550	Derouchie	Michael	Lion	3150	3650
oehm	Jermy	Toturi's Army	1700	1700	Chuang	Peale	Mantis	2950	5250	Devine	Kevin	Ronin	300	300
oersma	Jeremy	Scorpion	50	50	Chung	Magnus	Scorpion	12900	16400	Devlin	Eric	Junzo's Army	22450	32650
oileau	Jon	Junzo's Army	1800	1800	Ciccolini	Robert	Scorpion	1150	1150	Dewley	Toby	Scorpion	600	600
olton	David	Ronin	50	50	Clark	John	Ronin	300	300	Diephouse	Adam	Phoenix	550	550
onahoom	Tobie	Phoenix	150	1025	Clarke	Jon	Crab	800	1250	Dilday	Chris	Crab	200	- 200
ooras	George	Dragon	800	800	Clouter	Justin	Naga	50	50	Dlodgett	Aaron	Scorpion	600	600
loos	Brent	Junzo's Army	100	250	Coach	Robert	Ronin	750	750	Doberstein	Chad	Phoenix	900	1250
orea	Hyper	Mantis	600	600	Cochran	Michael	Phoenix	600	5650	Dokka	Gerald	Unicorn	750	2200
OSS	Ted	Junzo's Army	2350	2350	Coelho	Marco	Toturi's Army	300	700	Dolan	Andrew	Scorpion	150	1200
oyle	Robert	Ronin	600	600	Colbert	Kevin J.	Unicorn	300	2000	Dolan	Zak	Dragon	600	1500
radley	Benjamin	Phoenix	50	50	Coleman	Afshin	Phoenix	12750	27575	Doner	Terry	Monk	3450	11900
ranch	Lou	Crab	600	600	Coleman	Joseph	Crab	300	2325	Dotter	Mike	Ronin	300	950
randt	Andy	Crab	1650	2250	Collier	Steve	Mantis	1950	2375	Dovico	Mark	Lion	1350	12000
rayfield	Doug	Scorpion	1800	2475	Collins	Karl	Crane	350	350	Drake	Darrell	Crab	50	50
resner	Max	Scorpion	500	1400	Colson	Mike	Lion	850	1150	Drake	Stephane	Naga	300	400
ress	Bill	Lion	50	50	Comstock	Ross	Scorpion	150	150	Drum	Cynthia D.	1,4	50	50
1.000	Don	Phoenix	750	3650	Coombs	Shana E.	Toturi's Army	300	1250	Duckworth	Paul	Unicorn	300	850

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Duff	Brian	Crab	100	100 800	Gillen Giuliano	William Robert	Ronin Ronin	550 600	550 600	Howard Howes	Josh Matthew	Lion Toturi's Army	2600 50	6200 50
Dufour Dunn	Pierre Grant	Dragon Toturi's Army	650 450	450	Glassco	Bruce	Phoenix	1400	1400	Hranek	Peter	Phoenix	1600	1650
Dunn	Felix	Crab	2050	6775	Glewwe	David	Naga	100	100	Hubbard	John	Phoenix	450	450
Duyan	Jim	Dragon	100	100	Gollihar	Jesse	Dragon	150	2600	Huisjen	Derek	Naga	300	5750
Duyan	Bruce	Dragon	200	350	Gonzales	Albert	Ronin	750	2200	Hulett	Robert	Lion	1100	1100
Earl	Dennis	Unicorn	300	300	Goodyear	Brendon T.	Lion	1700	3300	Humphrey	Alan	Unicorn	150	150
Eaton	Randy	Crab	300	850	Gorkisch	Jason	Crane	50	50	Hunkele	Ted	Ronin	1350	1350
Eckel	Jim	Phoenix	2900	3900	Goss	James	Scorpion	300	1400	Hunnicutt	Eric	Lion	100	100
Edwards	Anthony	Ronin	1400	1400	Gozzi	Carlo	Lion	3800	3800	Ilario	Dane	Monk	350	350
Edwards	Bryan	Crab	50	50	Grable	Thomas	Crane	1200	2900	Italiano	Joseph	Crab	1050	1050
Edwards	Craig	Crane	2450	2450	Graesser	Joshua	Phoenix	650	650	Jackson	Conrad	Dragon	600	600
Edwards	Craig	Mantis	500	500	Graesser	Justin	Unicorn	1100	5725	Jackson	Jerry	Ronin	300	400
Edwards	David	Lion	200	675	Grant	Steven	Lion	1350	1350	Jacques	Lionel	Unicorn	400	400
Eisele	Don	Crab	650	650	Greeley	Troy	Ronin	50	50	Jaeckle	Michael	Ronin	200	200
Elbrecht	Dieter	Ronin	1100	1100	Green	Anthony	Ronin	3350	19325	Jahnke	Michael	Mantis	500	500
Elder	Stephen	Junzo's Army	150	150	Greenholdt	Michael	Crane	450	450	James	Brian	Toturi's Army	150	3150
Elias	Andre	Dragon	300	300	Greenwald	Mark	Lion	400	1650	James	Conan	Crab	1450	1450
Ellis	Thomas	Dragon	450	450	Griffin	Nicholas	Naga	450	2150	Jarrott	Ken	Crane	150	150
Elson	J.T.	Naga	50	225	Grogan	Jeoffrey A.	Phoenix	250	350	Jerome	Mark	Toturi's Army	1350	8225
Eng	Edwin	Dragon	1300	1300	Gross	Bob	Lion	300	1550	Jilot	Chris	Crab	2150	6150
Enoksen	Kurtis	Mantis	600	8075	Grover	Ed	Dragon	500	700	Jin	Mark	Crab	150	150
Enoksen	Kurtis	Mantis	600	8075	Gu errero	Boris	Lion	750	750	Johnson	Bruce	Junzo	300	900
Evans	Jon	Toturi's Army	150	825	Gulick	Arian	Ronin	2750	2750	Johnson	Paul	Crane	650	3000
Evans	Wesley	Ronin	150	150	Gurman	Jonathan	Ronin	150	150	Jones	Eric	Crab	1350	1350
Everett	Andrew	Naga	350	350	Guth	Brendon	Lion	300	300	Jones	Jack	Crane	850	1350
Fair	Jack	Unicorn	900	900	Guthrie	John	Ronin	550	550	Jones	Jeffrey	Monk	350	350
Faubus	Michael	Crab	250	250	Hadsall	Scott	Naga	200	750	Jones	Richard	Junzo's Army	1700	1700
Faulkes	Zen	Crab	1400	5150	Hafezi	Nema	Mantis	50	500	Jones	Royden	Crane	450	850
Faulkner	Dennis W.	Junzo's Army	1600	6125	Hafezi	Sena	Scorpion	50	2450	Jordan	Robert	Unicorn	100	100
Fehr	Chris	Scorpion	150	2625	Haggerty	Brian	Crab	750	750	Katayama	Ed	Ronin	1400	1800
Fernandez	Fred P.	Mantis	3850	16925	Hakki	Ibrahim	Junzo's Army	2400	2400	Keenan	Christopher		400	400
Ferrito	John	Phoenix	1500	1500	Hall	Eddie	Phoenix	850	850	Keith	Brent	Junzo's Army	450	450
Fiala	John C.	Dragon	50	1425	Hall	Michael	Scorpion	100	100	Kenan	Richard	Crane	950	950
Fiedler	G. Curt	Phoenix	350	400	Halterman	Alex	Unicorn	600	1350	Kessel	Justin	Ronin	200	5850
Field	Charlotte	Lion	550	550	Hamer	Bas	Monk	150	150	Keyser	Joe	Dragon	8900	9050
Field	Tom	Unicorn	100	100	Hampton	John	Toturi's Army	400	400	Kidwell	Jeffrey	Scorpion	50	50
Fielder	Justin	Unicorn	600	600	Hansen	Jeff	Dragon	150	200	Kim	Donny	Unicorn	500	1675
Fikes	Edward	Dragon	600	1100	Hardy	Travis	Lion	500	500	Kim	Steve	Crane	400	400
Fillipponi	Mike	Toturi's Army	650	650	Harrington	Randy	Ronin	800	3100	Kinleck	Julian	Phoenix	150	150 4525
Fisk	David	Crab	2200	5350	Hartmann	Peter	Mantis	600	1100	Kirby	Eric	Mantis	150 100	100
Flores	Philip	Phoenix	150	525	Hatin	Shawn	Ronin	900	950	Kleen Kluiber	Boyd Linda	Phoenix Ronin	300	300
Fogel	Scott	Toturi's Army	100	100	Haustein	Ulrike	Unicorn	500 150	950 2325	Klump	John	Lion	2850	2850
Fong	Andrew	Ronin	1750	5925 50	Hawkus	Clifford	Unicorn	3500	4050	Knight	Craig	Toturi's Army	1000	1300
Ford	Joshua	Scorpion	50		Hay	John C.	Crane Crab	8350	8350	Koestner	Shane	Crane	300	300
Forrest	Steve	Crab	300 2800	300 2800	Heaver Heflen	Paul	Dragon	300	350	Kosler	Kenneth	Crab	100	1150
Forrey Fortman	Mike Charles	Naga Junzo's Army	400	400	Hembree	Ryan Ronnie	Scorpion	50	50	Kosiei	Jason	Ronin	1500	1500
Foster	Andy	Lion	300	450	Henderson	Mike	Crane	50	50	Kotan	Jason	Ronin	1500	1500
Franklin	John	Toturi's Army	750	750	Hepler	Thaine E.	Phoenix	350	350	Kothencz	Adam	Dragon	900	1825
Franklin	Mike	Crab	300	450	Herkes	Paul	Dragon	50	50	Kozlowski	Steve	Scorpion	300	3050
Fraser	Jack	Dragon	450	1325	Hesla	Chris	Crab	450	650	Krakauer	Mai	Dragon	600	1100
Freeds	Mark	Lion	300	300	Hilborn	Jeremy	Scorpion	50	50	Kramer	Rob	Crane	36850	54700
Friedrich	Martin	Scorpion	100	100	Hilborn	Josh	Crab	300	300	Kraus	Sean	Lion	950	950
Frink	Brian	Crane	500	500	Hinshaw	Brian	Crab	50	50	Krause	John	Unicorn	500	500
Frobel	Derek	Ronin	100	100	Hocker	Tom	Unicorn	500	650	Kravitz	Michael	Ronin	1150	8175
Furnish	Jeff	Unicorn	3750	9850	Hoeh	Chris	Toturi's Army	350	350	Kreder	Karl	Crab	300	1350
Gable	Clair	Lion	50	50	Hoerig	Dave	Dragon	600	600	Kreiser	Scott A.	Dragon	300	300
Gable	James	Lion	250	250	Hoffer	Kevin	Monk	400	400	Kretch	Michael	Junzo's Army	300	300
Gaddis	Craig	Mantis	200	500	Hogg	Bret	Dragon	750	750	Krumn	John	Junzo's Army	1900	2750
Gales	Paul	Naga	900	900	Hoipkemeier		Unicorn	50	50	Kubat	Steven	Ronin	200	200
Galley	Bob	Unicorn	250	325	Holland	Greg	Crab	600	600	Kuciak	Mike	Dragon	50	50
Gambliel	Emmanuel	Unicorn	300	325	Holub	Jake	Scorpion	350	850	Kunz	Dale	Lion	650	650
Gamblin	Patrick	Mantis	100	100	Hooijmaijers	7	Crane	150	150	Kuper	Aaron	Lion	600	1475
Garrett	Morgan	Ronin	1700	3395	Horvath	Stephen G.		7550	19225	Kyer	Jeff	Phoenix	3300	3300
Gearin	James	Phoenix	900	900	Hoskins	Matt	Phoenix	200	200	La	Dave	Ronin	4600	4600
Gerardi	Paul	Naga	10800	14650	Houle	Jonathan	Mantis	300	1000	Labine	Stephane	Dragon	600	600
Gerwe	Paul V.	Dragon	200	200	Houston	Craig	Phoenix	500	500	Lahti	Dylan	Dragon	150	675
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Lam	Woon	Scorpion	2450	2600	McGuigan	lan	Toturi's Army	22000	25350	Paguirigon	Marvin	Ronin	300	300
Landis	Scott	Crab	2350	3550	McKeay	Marty	Lion	1400	1400	Pak	John	Lion	1900	1900
Landwaster	Andrew	Crab	1050	1950	McKelvey	Tom	Lion	1400	1400	Palmer	Jonathon	Crane	2400	2400
Lang	Damon	Dragon	200	200	McLemore	Doug	Naga	50	50	Paluska	James	Scorpion	100	100
Lang	Scott	Scorpion	300	300	McMenamin	Andrea	Unicorn	300	300	Parker	Sean	Naga	1150	1950
Leader	Mike	Scorpion	1200	1200	McQueen	Jeff	Lion	1100	1100	Parker	Zak	Junzo's Army	50	50
Lecocq	Jean-Michel		50	1700	McVey	Michael	Dragon	650	2250	Parks	Al	Scorpion	1500	3050
Lee	Mike	Dragon	3000	3000	Medus	Brian	Junzo's Army	150	450	Parrish	Scott	Dragon	1050	1625
Lee	William	Crane	200	750	Megaw	Shawn	Mantis	150	150	Pate	Christopher		600	600
Leeuwen	Mario van	Dragon	1000	1450	Mercier	Patrick	Mantis	450	450	Paulson	Jon	Dragon	3150	5700
Lehmann	Tom	Lion	1050	1050	Meroney	Brett	Scorpion	550	1450	Paulson	Leif	Lion	1400	3950
Leistra	Todd	Junzo's Army	3250	3250	Messer	Joby	Crab	200	1700	Pearson	Tim	Scorpion	950	950
Lenz	Michael	Dragon	300	300	Meyer	Cheyenne	Monk	150	150	Peck	Benjamin	Crab	4100	27525
Leukering	Andrew	Ronin	50	50	Meyer	Noel	Lion	6350	8300	Pena	Ramon	Junzo's Army	1200	1200
Leung	Kevin	Scorpion	350	500	Mikrut	Terrance	Scorpion	50	50	Penney	Douglas	Dragon	350	500
Lewandowski		Junzo's Army	150	150	Miller	Matt	Mantis	100	100	Penoyer	Eric	Junzo's Army	150	150
Lewis	Charles	Toturi's Army	750	850	Miller	W. Peter	Dragon	300	3150	Perdomo	Willy	Dragon	400	675
Lewis Lewis	Larry	Phoenix	300	300	Milliner	Randy	Crane	1250	1550	Peters	Bear	Unicorn	550	1025
Lewis	Michael	Scorpion Phoenix	2200 600	4350 600	Milobar	Stephen	Scorpion	7550	10250	Pettella	Matt	Crab	1600	1600
Lin	Chuan	Lion	1700	1850	Mixon Mlto	Chad	Lion	200 650	200	Phillips	Leon	Toturi's Army	1300	4925
Linakis	Michael	Scorpion	1050	1100	Montano	Anthony	Mantis	500	650	Phillips	Richard	Dragon	600	600
Lindemann	Kim	Crane	150	150	Monteith	Ralph Robert H.	Ronin	100	1500 175	Phipps	David	Scorpion	200	200
Lindemann	Steve	Dragon	1200	1200	Monteleone	Anthony	Dragon Ronin			Picha	Pat	Ronin	50 650	550
Lindenmuth	Paul V.	Crab	650	650	Montenegro	Brighton	Lion	2400 2300	2400 8425	Piecuch Pierro	Phillip	Unicorn	650	5525
Lindstrom	Shane	Naga	1350	2250	Montgomery		Mantis	300	300		Sergio	Dragon	18050	19700 3550
Lively	Kevin	Phoenix	1150	1150	Moore	Greg	Unicorn	1550	1600	Pitcole Pitkiewicz	Jason Jim	Ronin	3550	
Lo	Ernest	Ronin	2400	2475	Moore		Crab	50	50	Plummer	Charles	Dragon	50 50	50 50
Loftus	Marty	Naga	1950	1950	Morgan	Jay Jason		1500	1500	Plummer		Crab Phoenix	300	300
Logan	loel	Crane	2000	2000	Morgan	John	Dragon Dragon	1350	1400	Pollock	James Robert L	Ronin	150	
Logoteta	Mark	Lion	150	150	Morgan	Matthew	Scorpion	200	200					150
Lomison	Marc	Ronin	3000	3900	Morris		The state of the s	600	4000	Porritt Post	Steven	Mantis	4550	5300
Long	lim	Ronin	150	150	Morris	Andy	Scorpion	1800			Bryan	Phoenix	450	450
Lopez	Casey	Crane	150	150	Morton	Scott Brad	Dragon Scorpion	1000	1800	Pregartner	Jason	Unicorn	2800	3400
Lopez	Henry	Dragon	200	2200	Mruzik	Chris		300	1000 300	Preston Dui Poor	Garry	Lion	200	375 2900
Louie	Richard	Ronin	9900	11450	Munkacsy	Brian	Phoenix Phoenix	450	450	Pui Boon Purcell	Mark Les	Lion	1400 2650	2650
Lucero	Eric	Dragon	600	1175	Munkacsy	Brilly	Phoenix	750	750	Quinn	Robert	Scorpion Dragon	150	150
Lueck	Josh	Lion	1200	1200	Murari	Jordan	Crane	4200	4200	Rampias	Ross		1650	2200
Luha	Kevin	Lion	900	900	Muray	Stephen	Scorpion	5400	5450	Rappaport	Ray	Junzo's Army Ronin	50	50
Luhr	Kevin	Unicorn	300	300	Murphy	Fransz	Lion	150	800	Rathja	Eric	Lion	500	2950
Lund	Martin	Ronin	1300	1300	Murphy	James F.	Lion	100	100	Ratliff	Robert	Crab	100	100
Lyday	Bill	Scorpion	150	150	Murray	Reg	Unicorn	50	1025	Raynor	Frank	Crane	2500	2500
Lykken #1	Geoffrey	Monk	150	150	Myhre	Hunter	Scorpion	50	50	Redys	Daniel	Naga	4200	4200
Lykken #2	Geoffrey	Monk	100	100	Nabbe	Kenneth	Crane	3850	4000	Reedy	George	Unicorn	300	300
Mainster	Scott	Monk	100	100	Nagorny	Alan	Unicorn	300	300	Reese	Bryan	Unicorn	4400	9175
Maleki	Ben	Scorpion	600	600	Neidenbach	Nic A.	Scorpion	50	850	Reil	Joseph	Naga	2450	2450
Malott	Aimee	Phoenix	50	50	Nelson	Scott	Crane	300	300	Reil	Josh	Crane	1600	1600
Manders	Mathew	Lion	2000	2000	Ng	Steven	Unicorn	600	600	Reinhart	Rick	Crane	500	5700
Maners	Michael	Crane	300	6800	Nguyen	Lam	Crab	500	500	Renner	Ted	Crab	500	2750
Mangaser		Ronin	900	1400	Nichols	Fritz	Crab	50	50	Rentas	Carlos	Crab	7600	14975
Mara	John	Phoenix	300	300	Nooryaldie	Renee	Scorpion	100	100	Rentas	John A.	Lion	1500	6325
Marcroft	Kyle	Ronin	1000	1000	Nowak	James	Junzo's Army	2400	14500	Repine	Jimmy	Toturi's Army	2500	2500
Martella	Art	Crane	2400	2550	O'dea	Damian	Naga	300	300	Rex	Harold	Dragon	150	450
Martin	Frank	Crane	600	1600	O'hara	Brian	Crane	800	1850	Richardson	Matthew	Phoenix	300	1800
Martin	Randy	Lion	1350	1400	Ogata	Kevin	Lion	500	500	Rickey	Rick	Mantis	1250	1250
Martinez	Johnny	Dragon	3050	3050	Ogle	Wayne	Unicorn	1150	1150	Rieder	Shawn	Ronin	200	2000
Mason	John	Scorpion	150	150	Oglesby	Mc Lean	Crab	800	800	Rife	Brian	Scorpion	550	550
Mason	Robert	Unicorn	500	500	Olah	Nik	Naga	450	2750	Rigdon	Dion	Dragon	8400	8950
Matsumoto	J. Scott	Ronin	150	150	Olea	Brian L	Crab	1750	3400	Riley	Richard	Crab	2650	4450
Matteson	Brad	Crab	3300	32575	Olsen	Brian	Crab	2050	2500	Rill Jr.	Stephen	Crab	950	950
Matthews	Tom	Phoenix	800	1750	Olsen	Matt	Crane	1250	1250	Rinaldi	Keith	Crab	300	300
Mazorra	Joel	Lion	11200	16150	Orlando	Scott	Unicorn	16100	41775	Ringland	William	Mantis	500	500
Mazzei	Matthew	Crab	150	150	Osburn	Greg	Unicorn	650	800	Robert	Jason	Monk	1600	5800
McAbee	Jonathan	Phoenix	1100	1100	Oshner	Jacob	Ronin	150	150	Robison	Matthew	Crane	300	300
McCabe	Philip	Phoenix	1000	1000	Outzen	Steve	Scorpion	1300	13200	Rocchi	Paul	Lion	650	800
McCLain	Ian	Unicorn	1050	1050	Ownby	Justin	Ronin	50	50	Roche	Matthew	Unicorn	150	300
McCord	Brad	Scorpion	50	50	Pafumi	Ryan	Crab	600	2300	Rodine	T. Mark	Lion	500	500
McDermott	Kevin	Phoenix	150	150	Pagle	Alex	Scorpion	750	8600	Rodriguez	Christian	Scorpion	700	1700
McDowell	Cory	Monk	200	200	Pagliaroni	Scott	Unicorn	100	900	Rodriguez	Pedro	Lion	300	300
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Ross	Ian	Dragon	150	625	Smith	Steve	Naga	350	575	Vikander	Christian	Crab	1100	1100
Ross	Philip	Scorpion	1400	1450	Smith	Tim	Ronin	1150	1450	Vincent	Nikolaus	Phoenix	500	500
Rubel	Neil	Phoenix	350	725	Smith	Walter	Phoenix	50	50	Vincent	Stefan	Naga	300	300
Rudd	Samuel	Crane	300	300	Snider	Warren	Scorpion	950	1050	VonSpreck.	Oliver	Crane	400	600
Ruelan	Nazario	Lion	2300	2300	Snyder	David	Crane	100	150	Vonasek	Jonathan	Scorpion	100	100
Ruland	Peter S.	Naga	100	900	Sommer	Justice	Naga	6100	32100	VonRanzow	Matthew	Phoenix	900	1300
Russell	Aaron	Lion	200	200	Soto	Tim	Dragon	150	150	Vosburgh	Kirby C.	Lion	700	950
Rutledge	Stephen	Naga	200	1200	Spangler	Mark	Scorpion	1450	1850	Vucci	Russell	Scorpion	200	550
Rutter	Jeff	Ronin	750	750	Sparks	Steven	Dragon	500	525	Waechtler	Craig	Lion	2750	17500
Ryan	Kathleen	Scorpion	50	50	Spaulding	John	Ronin	150	150	Wagner	Steve	Scorpion	300	2350
Ryan	Paul	Crab	1500	1500	Stamm	John	Phoenix	1750	2700	Wallace	Kelly	Crab	1500	2900
Salmon	Nathan	Naga	2550	4500	Stanchi	Eugene	Crane	750	2400	Walsh	Elizabeth	Unicorn	100	200
Salsman	David	Junzo's Army	33200	54625	Stark	Jason	Lion	800	4425	Walters	Daniel	Lion	800	800
Sanders	Chris	Toturi's Army	50	250	Stathes	Jim	Unicorn	300	300	Walton	Brent	Unicorn	1050	1050
Sanders	Curtis	Dragon	3100	3100	Steele	Richard	Crane	150	150	Wang	Chunkai	Naga	250	250
Sanders	Robert	Dragon	400	1300	Steinbacher	John	Ronin	600	2050	Wang	Patrick	Ronin	2500	2500
Sanzone	Joe	Dragon	50	50	Steiner	Mike	Crane	1300	1300	Watkins	Rob	Crane	2000	2100
Saris	Arron	Lion	300	1050	Sterling	Jack	Naga	50	700	Watson	Tom	Lion	50	50
Sassaman	John W.	Dragon	50	350	Stevens	Joe	Scorpion	15800	17300	Watts	Michael	Crab	150	150
Sauter	David	Dragon	50	50	Stillson	Philip	Toturi's Army	50	50	Watts	Steven	Dragon	350	350
Schafer	Chris	Lion	650	650	Stine	James	Naga	100	100	Waugh	Simon	Ronin	250	300
Schamun	Don	Naga	450	450	Stoa	Jeremy	Unicorn	150	150	Weinberg	Matt	Scorpion	500	500
Scharrer	Jonathan	Crane	750	750	Stone	Corey	Naga	750	950	Weller	Jon	Ronin	1100	1100
Scheffel	Dan	Monk	250	250	Stone	David	Ronin	350	350	Wells	Matt	Scorpion	600	600
Scheiman	Heath	Monk	500	500	Stone	Trevor	Monk	1900	1900	Welshans	Brian	Ronin	1550	3125
Schlers	Troy	Crab	150	150	Stuart	Andrew	Phoenix	950	950	Whaley	Kevin	Unicorn	750	1450
Schmidt	Jerry	Crab	750	750	Sturtzer	Manfred	Crab	750	750	Whitaker	Monica	Phoenix	700	700
Schneider	David	Naga	50	100	Suess	Eric	Crab	450	950	White	Greg	Dragon	1600	1800
Schoch	John	Crab	50	50	Sullivan	Sean	Crab	300	7200	White	Jason	Crane	750	750
Schroeder	Stephan	Monk	150	150	Sullivan	Shawn	Ronin	600	600	White	Kenneth	Dragon	150	150
Schumaker	Joey	Scorpion	50	50	Summers	Robert	Crane	1250	4300	Whitney	Dylan	Crab	150	150
Schuster	Rob	Mantis	100	100	Summerside	Nate	Crane	100	1300	Whitney	Erik	Scorpion	3850	11050
Scott	Lee	Ronin	450	450	Sweigart	Sean	Unicorn	750	750	Whitt	Jerry	Lion	100	100
Scudgington	Craig	Unicorn	200	200	Szela	Ben	Crab	50	200	Widman	Matt	Scorpion	750	1450
Scudgington	Kris	Crab	350	350	Szymczak Jr.	Bernard	Phoenix	350	2175	Wiener	Eric	Crane	700	4350
Sedgwick	Bill	Toturi's Army	1200	1250	Takitaki	David	Crane	1050	1050	Wilkins	Corwin	Toturi's Army	200	200
Self	Bryan	Lion	1750	5400	Tang	Matthew	Scorpion	400	550	Wilks	Lon	Monk	50	50
Settle	Bryan	Junzo's Army	750	750	Tarenaga	Connie	Toturi's Army	1000	1000	Williams	David	Monk	3250	3250
Seyffarth	Thomas	Naga	250	900	Theiring	Robert	Crane	300	300	Williams	Richard	Dragon	450	450
Shackelford	John	Dragon	150	150	Thomas	Charles	Lion	2300	13150	Williams	Shawn	Phoenix	1600	1700
Sharp	Ray	Unicorn	50	50	Thomas	Rick	Ronin	1550	1550	Williamson	Jeff	Crab	150	150
Sharpe	Jeff	Unicorn	50	50	Thomason	Ash	Dragon	3550	3550	Williamson	Peter	Lion	50	50
Shelley	Jason	Lion	2550	2550	Thompson	Ian	Toturi's Army	150	575	Williamson	Scott	Dragon	500	500
Shelley	Scott	Toturi's Army	2200	2200	Thompson	Sean	Crane	2550	3250	Winchester	Patrick	Dragon	150	150
Sherman III	Earl	Ronin	3200	6950	Thompson	Steven	Lion	1700	1700	Winston	Cameron	Dragon	1200	1500
Shiomi	Chris	Crane	600	600	Thorgrimson	Paul	Crab	100	200	Witzling	Eric	Crane	700	2200
Shlasinger	Zev	Phoenix	16850	23950	Thornton	Mike	Lion	300	1075	Wolcott	Travis	Monk	500	500
Siegel	Paul	Ronin	50	50	Thornton	Sean	Dragon	400	400	Wolff	Bill	Lion	7200	9500
Silva	Brian	Crab	100	100	Tobeck II	Keith	Crane	800	1025	Wong	Alex	Phoenix	700	4000
Silva	Joe	Unicorn	1800	1800	Tordilla	Don	Dragon	2300	15575	Wong	Elliot	Unicorn	2700	4350
Silva	Ron	Ronin	1950	3150	Tormey	Daniel	Ronin	800	1200	Wong	Janson	Phoenix	1850	1850
Silva	Sean	Dragon	7150	23550	Torres	Daniel	Dragon	300	300	Wood	Dale	Phoenix	1000	1000
Silverman	Ephraim	Dragon	50	125	Torsten	John	Crab	1150	4150	Wood	David	Unicorn	50	50
Skelton	Xaen	Scorpion	1800	5300	Tosh	Christopher	Scorpion	350	2325	Wood	Peter	Scorpion	400	400
Slaten	Brandon	Lion	1000	2150	Tran	Tom	Dragon	50	50	Woodruff	Clayton	Toturi's Army	300	300
Sloman	Randy	Ronin	400	900	Treanor	Eric	Lion	1400	3650	Wootton	Mark	Crane	2750	2750
Slouinski	Gerard	Unicorn	50	50	Trent	Sigtrieo	Junzo's Army	750	750	Woros	Robert	Unicorn	300	1450
Smigelski	Peter	Phoenix	1000	1000	Trostle	J.P.	Dragon	150	150	Wray	Nathan	Dragon	1150	5350
Smith	Barry	Lion	50	50	Turla	Rodolfo	Dragon	900	900	Wyman	Jim	Scorpion	300	300
Smith	Casey	Scorpion	150	150	Turnbull	Drew	Ronin	4650	6150	Yager	Bob	Crab	600	600
Smith	Charlie	Crane	1300	1300	Turon	Victor	Unicorn	1750	1800	Yamamoto	Miles	Unicorn	150	150
Smith	David	Phoenix	8300	8800	Tyra	Keith	Unicorn	1050	1050	Yap	William	Crab	50	50
Smith	Jason	Crane	1600	1600	Umel	Froilan	Lion	1400	1400	Yeung	Kenneth	Dragon	450	450
Smith	Jason M.	Lion	250	400	Van Winkle	Jason	Unicorn	50	1975	Yu	Benny	Lion	600	1250
Smith	Marshall	Dragon	50	1100	Van Wormer	Gary	Unicorn	750	1800	Zamborsky	Steve	Unicorn	350	350
Smith	Nick	Unicorn	800	1600	Vance	David	Dragon	50	250	Zander	Kevin	Unicorn	100	2950
Smith	Nick	Unicorn	1000	2450	Vanderpoel	Craig	Toturi's Army	1650	1800	Zinkevich	Dennis	Lion	150	1850
Commen.								300	300	Zohn	Mark	Scorpion	2350	2350

## Top 10's

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	Top 10 1	Players	
Rob	Kramer	Crane	54700
David	Salsman	Junzo's	54625
Scott	Orlando	Unicorn	41775
Eric	Devlin	Junzo's	32650
Brad	Matteson	Crab	32575
Justice	Sommer	Naga	32100
Afshin	Coleman	Phoenix	27575
Benjamin	Peck	Crab	27525
Ian	McGuigan	Toturi's	25350

	Top 10 Inte	ernational	
Steven	Porritt	Australia	4550
Carlo	Gozzi	Canada	3800
Jeff	Kyer	Canada	3300
Mark	Wootton	Scotland	2750
Craig	Edwards	Australia	2450
Jean-Marie	Baveux	France	2400
Ernest	Lo	Canada	2400
Felix	Duong	Canada	2050
Victor	Turon	Spain	1750
Paul	Ryan	Australia	1500

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Kramer	Crane	36850
Salsman	Junzo's	33200
Orlando	Unicorn	16100
Devlin	Junzo's	22450
Coleman	Phoenix	12750
McGuigan	Toturi's	22000
Shlasinger	Phoenix	16850
Pierro	Dragon	18050
Stevens	Scorpion	15800
Chung	Scorpion	12900
	Kramer Salsman Orlando Devlin Coleman McGuigan Shlasinger Pierro Stevens	Salsman Junzo's Orlando Unicorn Devlin Junzo's Coleman Phoenix McGuigan Toturi's Shlasinger Phoenix Pierro Dragon Stevens Scorpion

Top	10 Outside	of CA an	D N4
Joel	Mazorra	NJ	11200
Dave	La	VA	10900
Joe	Keyser	PA	8900
Paul	Heaver	NJ	8350
David	Smith	NJ	8300
Noel	Meyer	IL	6350
Stephen	Muray	NJ	5400
Drew	Turnbull	VA	4650
Daniel	Redys	GA	4200
Jordan	Murari	MI	4200

1	Clan Z	aimyo	
	Over all l	Champion	
Brad	Matteson	Crab	32575
Rob	Kramer	Crane	54700
Sean	Silva	Dragon	23550
David	Salsman	Junzo's	54625
Craig	Waechtler	Lion	17500
Fred P.	Fernandez	Mantis	16925
Terry	Doner	Monk	11900
Justice	Sommer	Naga	32100
Afshin	Coleman	Phoenix	27575
Joe	Stevens	Scorpion	17300
Ian	McGuigan	Toturi's	25350
Scott	Orlando	Unicorn	41775

1	Clan W	arlord	
	1998 Che	атріон	
Paul	Heaver	Crab	8350
Rob	Kramer	Crane	36850
Sergio	Pierro	Dragon	18050
David	Salsman	Junzo's	33200
Joel	Mazorra	Lion	11200
Steven	Porritt	Mantis	4550
Terry	Doner	Monk	3450
Paul	Gerardi	Naga	10800
Zev	Shlasinger	Phoenix	16850
Joe	Stevens	Scorpion	15800
Ian	McGuigan	Toturi's	22000
Scott	Orlando	Unicorn	16100



#### Hidden Emperor

Scroll 1-3

The number next to the rarity is the scroll in which the card was released.

Action		Shiryo no Tsuko		Hoshi Eisai		
Flanking Maneuver	1C	Shiryo no Hoturi	1R	Hoshi Masaru	Brotherhood	30
The People's Hero		Naga Apprentice	1U	Togashi Hoshi	Brotherhood	31
A Time for Mortal Men	1C	Imperial Legion		Kuni Utagu		
Concealed Archers		The Tattered Ear Tribe	2C	Daidoji Rekai		
Open Fields		Shiryo no Tadaka	2R	Kakita Yoshi		
Master's Tactics		Tattooed Men		Daidoji Tsumerai		
Aiki Tactics		Chitatchikkan	2U	Hitomi Akuai		
Day and Night		Shireikan	2U	Hitomi Tashima		
Broken Guard		Fortified Infantry	3C	Hitomi Kazaq		
Journey to the Burning Sands		Shiryo no Kisada	3R			
Political Marriage		Kobune Crew		Hitomi Kokujin		
Blackened Sky		Enlightened Tutor	3U	Hitomi		
Show Me Your Stance	1U			Ikoma Ryozo		
Drawing Fire		Holding		Mukami		
Sting of the Wasp		The Hiruma Dojo	1C	Kitsune Diro		
Flooded Pass		The Scorpion Children	1C	Yoritomo Hogosha		
The Song of Blood		Fu Leng's Skull		Ralish		
The Dragon's Heart		Grove of the Five Masters		Damesh		
Double Agent		The Shinjo Stockades		The Daini	Naga	21
Doubt		Palisades		Shahadet	Naga	1
Purging the House		Ki-Rin's Shrine	2R	Naka Kuro	Phoenix	1
Shinjo's Breath		Tattooing Chamber	2R	Shosuro Nishiko		
Betrayal	2U	Retired Wasp General	3C	Bayushi Aramoro		
Veil of Shadows		River Bridge of Kaiu	3C	Hasame		
Deadly Message		Monastery		Takuan		
Hold This Ground		The Dark Sanctuary		Kyoso No Oni		
Face of Ninube		Torii Shrine	3U	Otomo Banu		
Mushin				Tchickchuk		
Where Shinsei Stood		Item				
Let Your Spirit Guide You		Cricket	1C	Ginawa		
The Efforts of the Clan		The Jade Throne		Ninja Mystic		
Move to the Bushes		Dai-kyu of Anekkusai	1U	Seppun Myoni		
Empty Words		A Token of Jade		The Grey Crane		
Stand or Run		Shinsei's Fan		Kuni Yori		
Trusted Council		A Meishodo Amulet		Suzume Yugoki		
Not While I Breathe		Writ of the Magistrate		Otaku Tetsuko		
Kamoko's Charge		The New Way		Shinjo Yokatsu		
		Takao's Jingasa	3C	Iuchi Shahai	Unicorn	20
Event		Tsuruchi's Arrow		Moto Soro	Unicorn	31
The Hidden Emperor	1R					
Naga Storm Mirumoto Mountain		Kiho		Region		
Selection of the Chancellor	1U	Chasing Osano Wo	1C	Haunted Lands		16
Rebuilding the Empire	1U	Mizu-do	1C	The Mountains Below	Kvuden Hitomi	1/
Ancestral Duty		Flee the Darkness				
Imperial Ambassadorship	2R	Root the Mountain		Tidal Land Bridge		
Norikazu's Ravings		Hitsu-do		Hiruma Castle		
Kisada's Funeral		Slap the Wave		Mystic Ground		
Suspicions		Rise Again!		The Bayushi Provinces		20
The Search Begins	211	Tsuchi-do		Ryoko Owari		
Finding the Balance		Mercy Shrouds the Earth		Fields of the Morning Sun		
Ascention of the Mantis	3R	The Touch of the Lands	3C	Otaku Meadows		
Sacrifices For Our Future		Banish all Shadows	3R	Umi Amaterasu		30
Abandoning the Fortunes		Grasp the Earth Dragon				
		Ryoku		Stronghold		
Restoring the Doji Treasury		nyoku		Heart of the Shinomen	Forest	31
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Followers	10	Personality Iludaiu Prothanhand	10	Kyuden Hitomi The House of Tao		11
Elite Spearmen	IC	IkudaiuBrotherhood	2C	THE HOUSE OF 180		1

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