My Lord Herald,

I wish you a blessed journey. You are lucky to be with the soon-to-be-crowned Iweko Seiken during this time of Twenty Festivals. As you have requested, I have compiled the information regarding each lord in our lands. The scrolls are quite long and detail secrets and deeds best kept from prying eyes. To that effect, I have sent the finest Seppun guardsmen and my personal scribes to look over the records.

Below is a brief summary of every Champion, daimyo, governor, and lord in our land as well as a listing of the most prominent members of the court. These first pages have been cleansed of any untoward notations and I have included dozens of copies. I know you may wish to spread this knowledge throughout the Imperial Bureaucracy.

I thank you for choosing me for this task and humbly offer my services for any future endeavors.

Your Devoted Servant,
Miya Yasuragi

1st Day of the Month of the Hare
Year 1200
First Year in the Reign of Iweko II
**CRAB**

**Hida Kisada**, called the Little Bear by his brethren, is the child of Hida Kuon and Hida Reiha. Despite his relatively small size, Kisada is a powerful warrior trained by his returned great-grandfather, the original Kisada and Great Bear. Brought up on dour tales of his ancestors at Koten, the Crab Champion carries with him the weight of history and full awareness that the current lull in Shadowlands activity will not last. He has continually renewed the secretive Treaty of Odashi with the Scorpion Champion Nitoshi and considers the darkness of the Second Pit to be a Crab responsibility as well. Kisada knows the darkness will return and try to take them in their moment of weakness. He has allowed his followers to engage the Spider in open war in the Colonies as a stopgap effort against the coming tide.

**Hiruma Tomoe**, daughter of Hiruma Todori, is an uncouth youth, even by Crab standards. She has only ever been outside the Crab lands a handful of times in her life and prefers the company of her clansmen. Tomoe has not let the relative quietude of the Shadowlands dull her or the Hiruma’s vigilance. She leads long-ranging expeditions into Deep Shadowlands territory herself. Her advanced strikes stop impending threats before they ever reach her lands. Tomoe bears the scars of her forays proudly, showing them off in an open display of wicked humor which makes her quite popular with her vassals.

**Kaiu Watsuki**, daimyo of the Kaiu loves a challenge and loves to be challenged. Watsuki rose through the ranks of his school with cool precision, careful planning, and an unrelenting focus on perfection. He is a master planner and builder with a conventional focus, but is often seen incorporating new and strange designs into older blueprints. Watsuki is an open daimyo and invites his subordinates to respectfully question him. He believes without these challenges, without this temper to sharpen his mind, he will never achieve his own greatness.

**Kuni Renyu** is the younger brother to the Crab Champion, Hida Kisada. He grew up listening to the same stories which held Kisada’s rapt attention, but where Kisada is quiet and determined, Renyu became outspoken in his hatred of the darkness. As one of the most powerful shugenja of the current era, Renyu was betrothed to the daughter of the Kuni daimyo, Kiyoshi, and later ascended to hold that position as well. Called the Jade Mountain and carrying his father’s blade, Renyu has already made a name for himself in the Colonies serving for some time as the interim Imperial Governor. Renyu’s intense hatred for the Spider and the darkness they represent in his mind continues to lead him towards their destruction. He does not trust these agents of Daigotsu and it is his goal to see them fall.
**Toritaka Kaiketsu**, son of Tatsune, is the aging daimyo of his family and has already expressed his intent to retire to his Champion. Tatsune was kept by the Moto family of the Unicorn during his formative years in an exchange between those families designed to foster good relations. In later years, as Tatsune grew into his own, he became embroiled in a plot against the Spider which set him walking firmly on a path to despise that clan. In his dotage, Kaiketsu looks to his niece, Toritaka Chokichi, to take his place. He sent Chokichi to Winter Court this previous year in order to test her ability to lead and interact with the kuge of the Empire. Though the young samurai-ko did not disappoint, neither did she impress. She spent the majority of her time in the wilderness, far from the dangers of politics. Kaiketsu has decided to wait one more year in order to guide the future of his clan and better shape the next generation.

**Yasuki Tono** has been chosen to lead the Yasuki family into the new Iweko’s reign. For a time after the abdication of Yasuki Jinn-Kuen from the daimyo position, a regent named Yasuki Bikan held the position. With no clear heir, Jinn-Kuen left his subordinates to put forth their best candidate to the Crab Champion. After leading the Crab to remarkable successes during the most recent Winter Court, Tono was chosen. Bikan remains as a key adviser and uses his close ties with the Scorpion to his advantage. Though the position takes time away from his true love, the former Shosuro, Kameyoi. Tono brings much to position of Yasuki daimyo, not the least of which is his brilliant mind and skill at turning monetary profit to military gain.

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**CRANE**

**Doji Makoto**, the Smiling Blade, Champion of the Crane and Lord of the Doji, is a man of easy laughter and warm demeanor. Though he is the child of the steely Doji Domotai and a Lion, Makoto portrays himself as the very pinnacle of courtesy. He is one of the most gifted duelists in this generation, but uses his skills only when necessary to dispatch the rude or the enemies of his clan. In recent times, Makoto has managed to turn the fledgling war with the Mantis into a suitable trade relation, linking once again the prosperity of the Crane to the House of Yoritomo. Further, he has made political arrangements with the Scorpion Lord Nitoshi to weaken the political power of the Otomo.

**Kakita Ikura** is the son of Kakita Noritoshi and Kakita Mai and the current daimyo of his family and his has thus far been a somewhat tragic existence. Ikura was born in 1160 when the gates of Kyuden Kakita were shut. He therefore bears the curse of his family not to draw steel lest he ruin
his own house. As a child, he was caught in the tragic conflict between his father and the Emerald Champion, Shosuro Jimen. At one point, he even witnessed Bayushi Sunetra assassinate his mother. The Scorpion then offered him the knife to take vengeance, knowing that to do so would doom the Kakita. Now, Ikura wears a chain of decorative iron around his wakizashi and has become a master of the biwa, a skill learned from his father. Ikura is recently married to a Shiba with a child on the way.

Daidoji Akeha, daughter of Kikaze and a trained scout, is the daimyo of the Daidoji. Akeha is a remarkable woman, her beauty rivaled only by her natural skill at deceptive warfare. She precariously balances her own honor against the needs of the clan and has thus far come out on top. Not yet married, the Crane Champion ever seeks a suitable companion for Akeha hoping to continue the line of loyal servants to the Doji.

Asahina Akikusa is the daimyo of the Asahina. Her natural talent with the air kami and a charismatic nature allow her great success in this position. Some considered her rapid acclimation to her duties remarkable. Others know that Akikusa visits the inner domains of Shinden Asahina regularly to speak with a retired monk few know to be the former Asahina Beniha. Akikusa has begun to feel a driving need to visit the coastal lands of the Crane as if the very stars themselves were directing her to a portentous future.

DRAGON

Mirumoto Shikei, Champion of the Dragon Clan, also known as the Laughing Dragon, is a complex man. A warrior of the Mirumoto Family, he also bears the tattoos of the Togashi order, and one of the rare Rokugani individual with naga ancestry. While his genial behavior has won him many friends, he lost the respect of many Unicorn samurai after canceling his betrothal to their Champion for mysterious reasons.

Kitsuki Itsuma, son of Kitsuki Berii, Itsuma forged a reputation for himself working as an Emerald Magistrate, before he acceded to the position of daimyo. A strong adherent of the Kitsuki method, Itsuma trusts what he can see and experience for himself, but little else. His dry wit and sarcasm has made him popular with his Clans and younger courtiers, but less so with the older generations of other Clans.

Togashi Noboru, Lord of the Togashi Family, son of Togashi Satsu and the great-grandson of the Kami Togashi, is nevertheless not the Champion of the Dragon Clan, as that honor has
passed to the Mirumoto Family. This hasn't stopped him from getting involved in the affairs of the Clan, and he has represented the Dragon in the Colonies. His positions and temper have brought him as many allies as detractors, and the enmity of Kuni Renyu, the Kuni Family daimyo.

**Tamori Wataru**, appointed successor of Shimura after the daimyo’s recent passing due to old age, is a complicated man. Wataru is a powerful shugenja, with talent in both Earth and Fire magic, and an accomplished swordsman. Although he hoped to bring renewed vigor to his Family, Wataru has been distracted of late by rumors regarding the reappearance of his father, Tamori Wotan, who had been presumed dead.

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**LION**

**Akodo Dairuko**, a tactician known as the Steel Lion, is the daimyo of the Akodo family. She is most famous for her crushing defeat of the Yodotai. The contemplative seriousness with which she performs her tasks, both as Champion and Akodo daimyo, has prematurely grayed her hair. But she maintains dignity and honor in all situations. Currently, Dairuko is with the Lion armies in the Colonies.

**Matsu Chizuki**, oldest daughter of Matsu Kenji and daimyo of her family, is a true fireball. Gifted with the innate ability to communicate with cats, Chizuki’s protector is a lion named Zaiko. The identity of her father is a taboo subject, particularly since it was once suggested that her mother had a tryst with Ikoma Otemi. Chizuki’s subsequent fountain of rage was quenched only after much blood had been spilled. Chizuki was just recently betrothed to a Crane named Daidoji Reiji during the Imperial Winter Court.

**Ikoma Hakige** is the Ikoma daimyo, another paragon of Bushido. He is well known for his boorishness and eccentricity, but was instrumental in the upbringing of Iweko Seiken. He once swindled a Yasuki out of a shipment of ore after out drinking several Crab berserkers. Hakige maintains an unpleasant reputation of being unable to “play nice.” He does not go to many formal meetings outside of the Lion lands. To others, Hakige’s strange behavior is difficult to pin down, but anyone with a knowledge of history and the legends of the First Ikoma will realize quite quickly the emulation the Ikoma daimyo performs.
**Kitsu Miro**, the new daimyo of the Kitsu family, serves both in Lion lands and abroad in the Colonies. She has proven herself a born leader in her position in the Second City and strives ever to maintain her Clan’s honor and traditions. Her wisdom comes from her ability to commune with her ancestors. This trait makes her a valuable advisor, but as the coronation of the new Emperor draws closer, it has also made her a beacon of sorts for the voices of the dead. More than ever, the ancestors of Yomi are reaching out as if trying to warn Miro of some dark fate and the Kitsu strains to listen.

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**MANTIS**

**Yoritomo Hiromi** is known as the Growing Storm among his Clan. Hiromi is an impetuous young man, who has not hesitated to take the field in the Colonies in support of his interests. His twin sister, Yoritomo Harumi, has chosen the path of the shugenja and is as calm as her brother is tempestuous. Under his leadership, the Mantis has become more prosperous than ever, yet Hiromi still wants more for his Clan.

**Moshi Ikako**, the daughter of Moshi Amika, was raised in the Valley of the Centipede in the pure tradition of her Family. After becoming daimyo, she became dissatisfied with the current status of her Family and what she sees as the loss of their identity in favor of the Mantis ways. She has tried to bring them back to her Sun worshipping ways, but remains honor bound to serve the Yoritomo.

**Tsuruchi Fusako**, veteran archer and magistrate, is at an age where she would be expected to retire, but she has not done so yet. Her successor remains unnamed, and as she has no children of her own there is much discussion of the topic among the ranks of her Family. Although her body is old, her mind remains sharp and she continues to lead the Family, demanding nothing but the best from every one of her vassals.

**Kitsune Toshitaka**, a man with a strong connection to the spirits of his homeland, believes mankind as a whole has distanced itself from nature, becoming lost in the process. He considers projects such as the establishment of the Colonies as dangerous, as they further encroach on nature's territory. Unable to convince more than a few outside his Family of his concerns, Toshitaka has been communing at length with the spirits of Kitsune Mori, hoping to find a way to restore balance.
**PHOENIX**

*Shiba Tsukimi*, the Blind Phoenix, has lived through much as the Champion of her clan. Tsukimi has been involved in defense of the Hidden Gisei Toshi, the hunt of Mantis pirates, has been a *taisa* in the Shiba army during the War of Fire and Thunder, was Rikugunshokan of the Shiba when Isawa Ochiai unleashed the Egg of the Void, and served as Champion during the War of Dark Fire and the Destroyer War. Years later, during of the Twins, Tsukimi lost her eyesight in a duel against a young Nitoshi. Tsukimi’s soul has much to offer to the next Champion when it joins with the Soul of Shiba and the Phoenix Champion longs for the day when the burden passes to another.

*Asako Tsunefusa*, Inquisitor and Magistrate, has been the daimyo of her family for some years. Unlike the leaders before her, Tsunefusa has chosen to take the direction of her family in a militant direction. As an earth shugenja and Inquisitor, Tsunefusa’s possesses a powerful will, and commands her family with a sternness envied by battlefield commanders. She has reached out to the Yogo Kuroiban and the Kuni Witch-Hunters as well as the Jade Champion seeking to build a coalition to delve deeper into the many questions of the Spider and the New Taint.

*Agasha Kurou* is the daimyo of the Agasha, a remarkable alchemist, and shugenja of both earth and void. He is the child of Agasha Chieh and is known to be gracious, knowledgeable, and rival to the Doji in his ability to make alliances. Recently, Kurou made a name for himself in the defeat of P’an Ku’s Madness in the Colonies when he devised a way to remove the thralls of that insane dragon from their thralldom. Kurou has chosen to strengthen Phoenix ties with the Crane and married a young Kakita artisan named Suena.

*Asako Chukage*, a Henshin monk and recently the Elemental Master of Water, is now the Voice of the Elemental Council. Chukage served under the previous Master of Water, Bairei, and spent significant time in the Colonies. Chukage helped in the discovery of the Madness of P’an Ku, but was unfortunately touched in the mind by that Dragon. Chukage felt the terrible insanity of the Celestial Being and chose to retire his position as the Master of Water after the ordeal was resolved. The Council asked him to stay on and speak as their Voice, but each of the Elemental Masters constantly monitors Chukage in their own way.
**Isawa Tsumaro**, a *tejina* shugenja and the new Elemental Master of Air. Tsumaro is perhaps one of the most ambiguous and confusing individuals to hold the position of Master. Few know the true appearance and even gender of the Master of Air. Tsumaro changes appearance daily. One day a male with long black hair, the next day a woman of striking appearance with fierce golden eyes. Tsumaro has shown up in morning court with vibrant blonde hair turned pink over the course of the afternoon. If asked, Tsumaro merely states an appeasement of the little kami of air and certainly, to any who can sense such beings, Tsumaro has a powerful entourage of the spirits around her at all times.

**Isawa Norimichi** is the new Elemental Master of Earth and the calm bedrock of the Elemental Council. Norimichi possesses the infinite patience of stone and is slow to anger or to give even the appearance. Many perceive him as too calm, perhaps even slow of mind, but those who know him understand that Norimichi is always thinking. Always thinking, but rarely speaking unless it is needed. To those few who have managed to rile the Master of Earth, there is a different side of Norimichi, a rumbling bass of power thrumming beneath the hard surface. Woe unto the foe that provokes him.

**Isawa Koiso** is the Elemental Master of Fire. Koiso is a sultry, aggressive individual who favors forward thinking and an active approach to politics. She is dangerously smart and knows it. Koiso is often compared as the counterpart to Norimichi, his polar opposite. The Master of Fire has a keen eye for people and a tendency to test their boundaries. She uses their discomfort to her advantage and is a master manipulator. Koiso is probably the most powerful member on the Elemental Council and has the largest body of acolytes of any Master. When asked, she simply states that her vast knowledge and trained mind must be shared with the next generation. To do otherwise would be to fail the Phoenix.

**Asako Miyabi** was appointed the successor to Chukage only recently. She is quiet and reflective, but possesses an easy cheer and perceptive eye. Miyabi’s friendly demeanor is chiefly the product of her ability to witness without judgment or preconception. She lacks ambition, content entirely to serve. However, she does put every effort into her position and is one of the most active Elemental Masters. Miyabi has begun to see strange occurrences, perhaps portents of the future. Others would consider her considerations mere chance, but Miyabi does not believe in chaos. To her, it is simply order not yet understood.

**Isawa Shunryu**, newest member of the Elemental Council, is the Master of Void. Despite being only a moderately skilled student, Shunryu was chosen because of his old soul. He is the reincarnation of the former Elemental Master of Void, Isawa Sogaku, a man of considerable worth. Shunryu struggles with his feelings of unworthiness and is by far the weakest member of the Council. Some of the other Masters see him as weak and untried, but others in the Council and the Phoenix leadership see the young Master as a breath of fresh air and a chance to reinvigorate the Council. For his part, Shunryu simply does not want to fail.
Bayushi Nitoshi, called the Poison Mask, is daimyo of the Bayushi family and the Scorpion Clan Champion. He is a graceful courtier and enthusiastic promoter of his clan’s virtues. He is also a cold, calculating man who possesses little empathy, often considered a sociopath to those who see the duality of his personality. Nitoshi does not shrink from the duties that true loyalty to his Clan requires. He sees everything else as a mere distraction to life, unimportant to his reality.

Shosuro Keiichi is the daimyo of the Shosuro, though few within the Scorpion Clan and nearly no one outside its social borders are aware of this fact. Shosuro Aroru, the aging ninja and a key advisor to Nitoshi, remains prominent while Keiichi slowly acclimates to authority. Keiichi possesses a deadly accuracy and impeccable eyesight that has made him a master archer. He is capable of hitting a mark even in the comforting blanket of pure night. Aloof and silent in demeanor, to a fault, Keiichi knows that shinobi thrive on subtler forms of communication. A twitch of the lips, a sharp intake of breath, these things speak more loudly than the most vocal boast.

Soshi Kitaiko, daimyo of the Soshi, daughter of one of the triplets who previously ruled the clan. As per tradition, she is an air shugenja who thrives on trickery and deception, particularly with regards to her personality and reputation. She delights in the inaccurate gossip that her deliberate lies generate and has taken a particular liking to Isawa Tsumaro, the Master of Air. Kitaiko has a sister who remains her closest confidant in all decisions.

Yogo Amika, daughter of Yogo Rieko, is the newest daimyo of the Yogo family. Though she inherited her mother’s penchant for rooting out and destroying maho at the sight of its dark influences, Amika has developed a strange fascination with the side effects blood magic has on the body and mind of a user. Amika’s knowledge is extensive leading to rumors that she may have experimented upon several maho-tsukai she has captured.
Daigotsu Kanpeki, son of Daigotsu himself, is known as the Shadow Emperor, the dark counterpart of the Iweko Dynasty. Although not Tainted, Kanpeki's training with the Seppun and the Order of the Spider has made him into a terrific warrior, who fought along his Clan to secure the Colonies for Rokugan. His wife, Machiko, originally hailed from the Otomo before she joined the Spider. She is currently expecting, which will secure the future of the Daigotsu line.

Susumu Kuroko, first daimyo of the Susumu, has slowly consolidated power and ingratiated herself to the other courtier Families of the Empire. As her entire Family remains free of the Taint, Kuroko and her vassals remain the liaison between Rokugan and the rest of the Spider in the Colonies. Her husband, who was a highly ranked Otomo before he joined the Spider, has contributed a lot to Kuroko's influence in the Empire.

Tetsuo, the aging master of the Order of the Spider, shows no signs of fatigue and continues to lead the Spider monks with an iron fist. As head of the largest group affiliated with the Spider in the Empire, Tetsuo demands nothing short of perfection from his disciples. He punishes signs of weakness swiftly and harshly. He still roams the Empire by himself on occasion, seeking monsters or criminals to face in personal combat.

Goju Yurishi, the child of the Shadow Dragon and an unknown mortal, is an enigma to all including himself. Possessed of tremendous control over other Goju while simultaneously retaining a strong sense of individuality, Yurishi has taken control of his Family in the absence of the Shadow Dragon. He has pledged his loyalty and the services of his Family to Daigotsu Kanpeki, who he sees as a kindred soul.

Ninube Kaede serves the Ninube “family” as what amounts to a daimyo. Many Ninube seem to obey the commands of this ancient, powerful creature without question. Those who know about the origin of the Ninube name wonder if there is a connection between her name and Toturi Kaede, but to mention the former Empress in the presence of this creature is to court a face worse than death.

Gyushi, once known as Chuda Gyushi, and then Daigotsu Gyushi, the man who now simply goes by Gyushi was granted the right to found his own Family after he had forged the Ancestral Armor of the Spider Clan. A shugenja who favors the Fire element, Gyushi is forging his family just like he forges his blades, by carefully selecting its individual members and slowly increasing
pressure on them until they become as strong as steel. The Gyushi continue to forge blades and armors for the Daigotsu, while simultaneously performing the role of a shugenja Family for the Spider Clan.

Kokujin Dairu, Student of the Dark Lotus, now leads his wayward family. Once believed to be destroyed, the Order of Kokujin has recently reappeared in the Empire. He has pledged his loyalty to Daigotsu Kanpeki, and has shown ability to create more of his kind by tattooing them with his own corrupted blood, just like Kokujin before him. Dairu is obsessed with prophecies of all kinds, and has uncovered many of Kokujin’s darkest secrets.

UNICORN

Moto Naleesh, daimyo of the Moto family, Unicorn Clan Champion, and the reincarnation of the Soul of Shinjo – a fact which has earned her the title of The Living Goddess. She is stubborn and willful but also open and bright. She is a beacon of hope for her people and a strong ally to the other Clans. Naleesh was engaged to the Dragon Clan Champion, Mirumoto Shikei, but her unwillingness to leave her clan and Shikei his own led to an eventual failure of that arrangement. Her mother was the human/naga Akasha and her name is a naga word which means “little precious treasure.”

Shinjo Min-Hee serves as daimyo for the Shinjo and Khan of the Unicorn Clan. She is considered quiet, dark, logical, and unemotional, but she implements those character traits to protect the best interests of her clan. Min-Hee was far from upset when the engagement between her Champion and the Dragon Champion occurred. She considers Shikei an oath-breaker and whimsical, unworthy of her Champion. She considers Shikei untrustworthy and chaotic, undeserving of her Champion. Min-Hee took part in the war against the Yodotai and beheaded their general, Legulus, herself.

Utaku Ji-Yun, daimyo of the Utaku, is a battle maiden and the former Emerald Champion. She is a paragon of Bushido and a remarkably talented warrior. Self-discipline, honor, and justice are the virtues she nurtures and protects at all costs. This makes her fierce on the battlefield and probably led her to be the unwitting architect of the Mantis-Crane war in the Colonies. After being wounded in the war against the Dark Naga, Ji-Yun married and retired from her position as Emerald Champion to take up the mantle of daimyo.
**Iuchi Ietsuna**, daimyo of the Iuchi family, has been tested more than most. He is headstrong in his desire to help the Unicorn Clan achieve its goals and is willing to take risks, even if they appear shortsighted. Ietsuna is the child of a former Doomseeker, Iuchi Karasu and when he was sixteen years old he was trapped by a cult of Bloodspeakers in the Ruby of Iuchiban. His sister, Iuchi Yue, was the Ebon Daughter, a stain upon his family and the Unicorn. Ietsuna’s dark heritage and the twenty years he spent imprisoned without aging have made him wary of people and somewhat antisocial in nature. Though he was born in 1133, Ietsuna is only forty-seven years old because of his imprisonment. However, even he understands that he is losing touch with the modern era and has begun seeking a replacement.

**Ide Tobuko** is the daimyo of the Ide family, the ambassadors and messengers of the Unicorn Clan. She is best known for her involvement in the Festival of the River of Stars, which reveals her tendency toward poetry and romanticism. Tobuko was one of the vocal proponents of the marriage between Mirumoto Shikei and Moto Naleesh and was profoundly disappointed by the ruination of that marriage arrangement. She has begun to redouble her efforts in aiding Moto Naleesh discover her true heritage as Shinjo Reborn and seeks constantly to find another suitable match for her lord.

**THE IMPERIAL FAMILIES**

**Otomo Terumoto**, son of the venerable Otomo Taneji, has only recently taken command of his family. His father Taneji was instrumental in creation of the renewed Clan Charters and has existed within the Imperial Court for decades. Terumoto has always been openly antagonistic towards his father, personally jealous at the greater man’s talents and skills. These arguments came to a head in the Winter Court where Taneji sought to continue a peaceable outlook and focus on diplomacy for his family and Terumoto sought instead to delve back into the Otomo’s tendency towards blackmail, manipulation, and outright intimidation. The two men were meeting together in the last days of court in an attempt to reconcile their differences when they were attacked by the Kommei no Oni let loose during the Devil’s Chase. Weeks after the assault, Terumoto awoke confused and uncertain of himself. Because of the oni’s strange powers, it is possible the soul of Taneji has been trapped within Terumoto’s body, haunts him, or has completely taken over. Outwardly, the experience has tempered Terumoto’s previous aggression and the man seems to focus in a far more deliberate path.
**Miya Kiyokaizu** is the daimyo of the Miya and also serves as the Imperial Herald. He is renowned for his mastery of calligraphy and turns each work into high art. Kiyokaizu is also known for his casual confidence, despite a young age and relative inexperience. He has a calm demeanor and an implacable On. He has recently married to a woman named Shinjiko, but appears to have a slight predilection to appointing women of youth and beauty as his direct servants. Other Miya have taken to calling these “Kiyokaizu’s Flowers.”

**Seppun Nishiko** is the daimyo of the Seppun and an air shugenja. Nishiko was appointed at a young age by Iweko I. Despite having little training as a courtier, her connection to the air kami and her shrewd instincts make Nishiko a powerful contender in the political arena. She is only 12 years from retirement and has begun wondering which of her children, or future grandchildren, should act as her replacement.

**THE MINOR CLANS**

![Badger]

**BADGER**

*Ichiro Kihachi*, a veteran of the Destroyer War, has overseen years of rebuilding the territory in his home lands. He has also personally led hunting parties to eliminate the last remnants of the armies of the Dark Oracle and Kali-Ma. Although he lacks social graces, Kihachi is well respected both for his martial prowess and his dedication to his sacred duties, including the safekeeping of Ryoshun’s Grave.
**BAT**

*Komori Junsaku*, second Champion in the history of the Bat Clan, was also the first samurai to pass gempukku as a member of the Komori Family. Now an accomplished shugenja, Junsaku has led the Clan since Komori himself retired. Under his leadership, the young Clan has sent members across the whole Empire and the Colonies, stretching its small resources thin in exchange for increased opportunities.

**BOAR**

*Heichi Tochiko*, first Champion of the Boar in centuries. She recently obtained her status at the Imperial Winter Court. Her marriage to Hida Tadama has ensured the Crab would support her, and she is currently focusing her efforts into rebuilding a Clan worthy of the Heichi name.
DRAGONFLY

*Tonbo Asami* trained in the Shiba bushi school. She is nonetheless one of Rokugan’s foremost experts in divination, having studied with the shugenja of her Clans. Her two priorities are to keep the peace with the Lion, whose strength has recovered since the Destroyer War, and to locate Tonbo Toryu, the Dark Oracle of the Void.

HARE

*Usagi Yuki* is a young samurai-ko who only recently ascended to her position after a short tenure as the yoriki of an Emerald Magistrate. She resents her new duties, feeling she would be more effective in the field, and frequently sneaks out of her own castle to lead investigations. She is particularly interested in rumors of resurgent Kolat activities.
**MONKEY**

_Toku Kyoko_, daughter of Toku Kyoji, became the Monkey Clan Champion when her father retired. A cousin to the Scorpion Clan Champion, she is the only one known to refer to him as a friend. Kyoko is also known as a talented duelist, having competed in the latest Emerald Championship and lost only to the winner, Mirumoto Tsuda.

**ORIOLE**

_Tsi Soshu_ is only the second Tsi daimyo to ever bear the title of Oriole Clan Champion. Soshu has led the effort to modernize his Clan after his father retired. A talented swordsmith, he has also shown considerable political acumen and solidified the position of his Clan in his Empire. With the most traditional Tsi samurai now dead or retired, Soshu has parleyed the formidable blades of his Family into a great source of wealth and influence.

**OX**

_Morito Naname_ is the son of Morito Garin and a samurai-ko who came from the Bayushi. Morito Naname is a ruthless warrior, who is equally feared and respected in the criminal circles of Rokugan for his daring raids against them. The fact he and his Clan frequently operate outside the law has attracted criticism from more traditional samurai, but Garin doesn’t seem to care, and enjoys the support of the Scorpion.
**Sparrow**

*Suzume Ryosuke*, the young Champion of the Sparrow Clan, is revered as a hero among his own. He is responsible for breaking the grip of the Spider on his Clan. True to his ways, however, Ryosuke rejects any claims to fame and focuses on his daily responsibilities instead. He is also notable for the close relationship he maintains with the Moshi Family of the Mantis.

**Tortoise**

*Kasuga Masaji*, grandson of Kasuga Taigen, is a shrewd negotiator and a talented warrior. He splits his time between his Family’s homelands and the Colonies, where he frequently collaborates with the Mantis. He also has several close allies in the Crab Clan, and although he might not be the richest merchant in Rokugan he is certainly one of the best informed.
**THE CHOSEN, JEWELED CHAMPIONS, AND PROMINENT V.I.P.S**

_Yasuki Makoto, Imperial Advisor_, has been born anew. After narrowly escaping death and disgrace to become the Imperial Advisor, Makoto’s confident and somewhat gloating attitude has only become more prominent. She is perceptive and wise, a talented politician capable of deflecting blame and making friends. Makoto maintains close ties with the Abbot, the former Yasuki Jinn-Kuen and is a member of the Kolat conspiracy.

_Toku Hikaru, Imperial Chancellor_, is a thoughtful and world-weary man. He tires of the red tape of the Imperial Bureaucracy and despises the endless paperwork the institution has become. He focuses on a smoothly run court with minimal controversy and works towards this ideal. In his view, the court would consist only of peaceable negotiations with only the barest hint of bureaucratic oversight.

_Miya Kiyokaizu, Imperial Herald_ (See "Imperial Families" above).

_Seppun Ritisharu, Imperial Treasurer_, is a blunt and practical servant of the Iweko Dynasty. Her practical mindset shows no qualms about discussing the “base matters of commerce” and she considers the Rokugani policy of avoidance on the topic silly. To Ritisharu, commerce reveals itself as a vital aspect of government and to shunt it aside because one finds it distasteful is a failure of duty. She views the Colonies with a positive outlook seeing them as fresh blood infused into the Emerald Empire.

_Moto Taigo, Shogun_, is the child of Moto Chagatai and Moto Rumiko. He has served for years with loyalty overcoming the stigma of the Khan’s Defiance. In recent days, Taigo suffered under the Madness of P’an Ku acting out in bizarre and violent ways, at some points calling himself the Skull Taker. It is not yet certain whether his actions and the influence of the mad dragon will cause Taigo to have to step down from his position or if the new Iweko will keep him in his post.

_Hida Kozan, Voice of the Emperor_, is the son of Hida Ikurakani and an earth shugenja gifted with the blessing of the void. Kozan served as a Witch Hunter and later worked under the tutelage of Kuni Renyu in Toshi Ranbo. There he met Togashi Satsu, the previous Voice, and impressed the older man with his ability to draw strength from within even as he was doubted. He was appointed as the Voice upon Satsu’s departure and recently served in Winter Court for the Regent Utaku Zo Sia. During the Court, Kozan was the target of an assassination attempt.
which killed his yojimbo Seppun Arisu. Kozan was also betrothed to the Elemental Master of Fire, but it is not yet certain if Iweko II will keep him in his position or if he will step down and marry into the Isawa family.

**Mirumoto Tsuda, Emerald Champion**, won the Emerald Championship in 1199 and took over from Utaku Ji-Yun. He is an honorable man with a strong sense of justice who tends to follow his gut instincts. Tsuda is still new to his office and concerned that he will bring shame to the office or be embroiled in the conflict and scandal the previous holders suffered. Tsuda avoids being mired in the politics of his own clan and actively avoids engaging in Dragon politics.

**Yasuki Umi-Ushi, First Magistrate to the Emerald Champion**, is a large man for the Yasuki, an obvious sign of Hida blood somewhere down the line. Some call him slow, but only because he responds with care and precision to every action. He is known for eating raw cabbage between meals and carries a pouch of the stuff wherever he goes. When in Toshi Ranbo, Umi-Ushi also shows his pious side by spending time with the Abbot of the Temple to Daikoku.

**Isawa Kaname, Jade Champion**, once served under Tsuruchi Nobukatsu as a key advisor in training the Emerald Magistrates. She is fire shugenja, but her true talents lie in management of authority and choosing the right subordinates. Most recently, she has had to deal with a new spiritual threat to the Empire in the matter between the Unicorn and Phoenix. For her part, Kaname tries to keep her clan allegiance separate from her position.

**Tsuruchi Nobukatsu, Ruby Champion**, reluctantly took over the position as sensei of the Ruby Dojo from Yasuki Miliko. Once a skilled magistrate famed for his ability to hunt criminals, Nobukatsu now spends his days sharing such knowledge with fresh recruits. Nobukatsu was instrumental in the defeat of the Obsidian Champion, Daigotsu Hotako. These days, he enjoys the regimented schedule of his office and relaxes with his kiseru pipe and herbs gathered from across the Empire and the Colonies.

**Yoritomo Minorì, Amethyst Champion**, was born dead over the sea to Yoritomo Minoken and Yoritomo Takhime. They released the child to the sea, but only a year later Takhime was visited by a Ningyo. The creature had used pearl magic to restore the child to life and nurtured it over the course of its first year. Another Ningyo named Sasada, born at the same time as Minorì, was her crib mate. Minorì spent time as an Emerald Magistrate serving directly under the First Magistrate Doji Hakuseki and was chosen by Asako Izuna to take over the role of Amethyst Champion when the Phoenix had to step down.

**Doji Tatsuki, Turquoise Champion**, was once a student under the famed Doji Ayano. She witnessed the final duel between Bayushi Nitoshi and Shiba Tsukimi which decided the War of the Twins. Recently, she took over the position of the Turquoise Champion from Ikoma Satoru and has immediately sought out to extend her influence far and wide. Tatsuki has envoys and servants, eyes and ears amid both sons of the Empress and in true Doji fashion, she makes fast friends with even those would be enemy.

**Sasada, Pearl Champion**, is the newest and by far the strangest of the Jeweled Champions. The recent reawakening of the Naga race prompted to Imperial hierarchy to establish the position of
Pearl Champion. The Mantis considered the matter at length and reached out to Yoritomo Minori with her Naga ancestry. Minori, Sasada, and a trio of Naga Jakla met to discuss the matter and the young Ningyo was chosen to take the position. The Naga Jakla gifted Sasada with a rare pearl nemuranai capable of giving her human appearance and functionality. Because of the ancestral ties between the Ningyo and the Naga, Sasada has had little difficulty on that side of her new position. However, she has yet to grow comfortable amid the humans who judge her unfavorably for both her position and true race.

Shinjo Tselu, Ivory Champion, is the first samurai in history to hold this new position. Otomo Suikihime in her capacity as Governor of the Second City, established many new roles in her government to include the Ivory Champion. Tselu trained for a while as an Imperial Explorer under the Scorpion sensei Bayushi Shibata. He is a fierce, dedicated warrior and won the competition to become Suikihime’s first Ivory Champion. Tselu has been involved in nearly every major altercation within the Colonies. His ability to take in a new situation and immediately react has allowed him to retain his position.

Naka Mahatsu, Grand Master of the Elements, is a venerable and trusting man despite the many betrayals he has experienced in his life. Mahatsu was an orphan turned over to the Brotherhood of Shinsei in Unicorn lands. He left the monastery at a young age and was beguiled by bandit leaders, Bloodspeakers, and at least one agent of the Kolat. In later years, he trained with the Iuchi for a time in the Colonies and developed a working knowledge of gaijin magic and artifacts. Mahatsu recognizes a dark future ahead and has already begun training his replacement, Yasuki Jekku. Thought to be a strange choice for an apprentice, Mahatsu considers the young merchant to have all the necessary requirements for taking the position. Mahatsu senses a latent mystical power buried deep in the merchant’s soul and has spent some time drawing it out. Also in recent years, Mahatsu has taken on the aged sensei Hida Osote as his yojimbo, an act which has caused a stir amid those who know the history of the Grand Master. Very few times in history has the Naka ever felt the need for protection, much less from someone as skilled at defense and as experienced as Osote. What this bodes for times ahead, no one knows.