

The Owl Clan

The Owl clan was born of the union of Crab and Phoenix blood. Both husband and wife had seen their families destroyed by the workings of the Taint. The Yasuki daimyo granted the couple a portion of the lands along his northeastern border, in exchange for the tiny clan's military support in guarding Yasuki caravans. Coming from such dark origins, it not surprising that the bushi school they created is somewhat fatalistic, even by samurai standards. Taking the Owl as their symbol, a creature whose passage often foretells a death, the warriors of this clan throw themselves into battle, particularly against the creatures of the Shadowlands or Tainted mortals.

Since that time the Owl Clan has been all but wiped out. A handful of Fukuro still live in Yasuki lands, and the school is still taught to a few children each generation. Those who remain have only one purpose: destroy the source of their disgrace, Fukuro Setsuna, the Last Owl Champion...

Fukuro Setsuna, Owl Clan Champion

Fukuro Bushi 3 - Honor 0.4 - Glory 2.5 - Taint 3.3

AIR 3 Reflexes: 5, **EARTH** 5, **FIRE** 4, **WATER** 4 Strength 6, **VOID** 3

Skills of Note: Athletics 4, Courtier 2, Defense 4, Etiquette 1, Investigation 4, Kenjutsu 4, Maho-Tsukai Lore 5, Music 2, Shadowlands Lore 5, and Sincerity 1

Special: Bad Reputation: "Cursed", Benten's Curse, Great Destiny, Insensitive, Strength of the Earth (2)

Story: Setsuna has been alive for over two hundred years, though he doesn't realize it most of the time, and probably wishes he weren't during his occasional lucid moments. He and his brothers traced a mahotsukai back to a temple in Doji lands, where they fought a terrible battle with the blood sorcerers. He watched as black magic felled his two brothers. Enraged, Setsuna swore a terrible oath to destroy the sorcerers. He slaughtered the entire cult at the temple but slipped into a sort of madness, blaming himself for the death of his kin. The sins of desire and regret poisoned his oath. Now he neither ages nor sleeps, but wanders the land like a hunted animal, killing anyone he even vaguely suspects of being a Bloodspeaker. He appears to be a simple weary ronin, and carries only 'Nakisakebi', an otherwise plain no-dachi whose blade is stained black with blood. The few remaining Owls hunt for him constantly, as do several Kuni witch-hunters and the few Bloodspeakers that know of him.

Fukuro Bushi School

Benefit: +1 Strength

Beginning Honor: 1, and five boxes

Skills: Defense, Investigation, Kenjutsu, Music (flute), Shadowlands Lore, and Pick one Bugei Skill

Techniques

Rank 1: Way of the Owl

The owl bushi can channel his spirit into his blade, gaining +1k1 on both the Attack and Damage roll of an Attack by spending a single void point. He also gains a free raise on any skill roll against creatures or persons he knows to have the Taint.

Rank 2: Cursed Reprise

If the Owl bushi hits with a Full Attack, he may make a second Full Attack on the same opponent at the end of the turn.

Rank 3: The Executioner's Blade

Each time the Owl bushi kills an opponent, he immediately gains a void point. Void points in excess of the bushi's Void Ring vanish at the end of the conflict.

Outfit: Bushi

(One item of Poor Quality, the rest are considered to be of Average Quality): Daisho w/stand, No-dachi, Light Armor w/helm, Armor Chest, Travelling Pack, Kimono, 2 Koku