

Hida Kisada, Champion of the Crab

Glory 9.0

Personality: Brutal, Fearless, Vengeful, Contemptuous of Weakness, Respectful of Strength, Chastened by his Experiences.

Motivations: Destroy the “false Kisada” and regain your position as leader of the Crab Clan; make amends for your part in allowing the forces of Fu Leng into the Empire.

Notable Advantages/Disadvantages: Crab Hands, Clear Thinker, Large, Magic Resistance (rank 2), Strength of the Earth (rank 3)/Missing Limb (left arm), Missing Eye.

What You Know: Your ambitions were betrayed by Kuni Yori, who sold out you and your son to the forces of Fu Leng. Your place at the head of your Clan was taken by a powerful shapeshifter, one of the akutenshi, the evil angels. You suspect he may actually be Hida Atarasi, the Crab Thunder – it has long been rumored that he fell to the Taint and remained in the Shadowlands as one of Fu Leng’s servants. You yourself were handed over to Fu Leng’s minions to be tortured – only through sheer luck were you rescued by a small group of samurai. The Shadowlands took your arm and your eye, leaving you a crippled shadow of your former greatness.

That was not all. Kuni Yori sacrificed your son Yakamo to the forces of Fu Leng, mingling his soul with that of an Oni. Your other son, Sukune, perished fighting against your evil replacement. Only your daughter O-Ushi and her child, your grandson, remain of the Hida bloodline.

The False Kisada has led your Clan’s troops here to serve Toturi the Black. That can only mean that Toturi is also a servant of Fu Leng, and must be destroyed if the Empire is to be saved from a millennium of darkness.

Goals: Your goal is to confront your soldiers with your true identity, freeing them from their domination by the False Kisada. You are convinced that your troops will forsake him if you are able to reveal yourself on the battlefield. Once the Crab return to their proper place at your side, they will sweep away the forces of Fu Leng, and the honor of the Crab Clan will be restored. You are fully prepared to die to accomplish this. First, however, you will have to persuade the other Clans to trust you, and to help you confront the False Kisada.