

Matsu Tsuko, the Lady of Lions, Champion of the Lion Clan

Glory 8.9

Personality: Fearless, Decisive, Aggressive, Straightforward, Honorable, Proud, Loyal (to the Lion and the Hantei)

Motivations: Redeem her lost honor, Crush the traitors (Toturi and Kisada), Rescue the Empress.

Notable Advantages/Disadvantages: Death Trance, Leadership, Driven (destroy Toturi), Lost Love (Akodo Arasou)

What You Know: Two weeks ago, the army of the ronin traitor Toturi the Black (who, shamefully, was once the leader of the Lion Clan) captured the Imperial Capital and murdered the Emperor, Hantei the 39th. The Emerald Champion, Otaku Taro, turned traitor and helped Toturi to seize the Forbidden City and capture the Empress herself. A fleet of Crab “iron turtle” ships simultaneously invaded the city’s great Bay, sank most of the ships there, and blockaded the port.

Your own armies were not prepared for Toturi’s onslaught, especially since many of his troops are Tainted and have foul powers of darkness. The humiliation of your defeat burns in your soul.

Three days after Toturi seized the capital, the Crab army arrived at the gates, its own ranks swelled by Shadowlands monsters, demons, and undead. The Crab Champion, Hida Kisada, bowed before Toturi and marched his own army in to help defend the city.

Goals: Your only true wish is to commit seppuku in order to make amends for your failure to protect the Son of Heaven from the traitor Toturi. However, before you can do that, you must see to it that the Clans are ready and able to avenge your failure by retaking the city, rescuing the Empress, and killing Toturi the Black and his minions.

In order to be confident of this, you must achieve the following goals:

- The Clans must agree to fight as a unified army with a single command structure.
- A suitably skilled and determined commander for this army must be chosen.
- A battle plan must be agreed on, a plan which will defeat Toturi and Kisada, and rescue the Empress.
- Capable subordinate commanders must be chosen for the divisions of the army which carry out this plan.