

Shiba Tetsu, Champion of the Phoenix

Glory 8.5

Battle Roll: 5k5

Personality: Honorable, Serene, Dedicated, Mysterious, Friendly.

Motivations: Defeat the Forces of Fu Leng, Restore the Phoenix Clan.

Notable Advantages/Disadvantages: Soul of Shiba, Irreproachable

What You Know: The forces of Fu Leng nearly destroyed your Clan last year. Now they threaten the Empire itself. Toturi the Black has betrayed you, the Lion, and the Dragon, destroying all three armies at the Battle of Jurojin Seido, before marching south to capture Otosan Uchi. Many survivors from all three Clans inexplicably joined Toturi's ranks, and the shugenja of your Clan have determined why: Toturi's army is deeply Tainted, enthralled to Fu Leng.

You are accompanied on this mission by Isawa Kaigen, an Acolyte of Water and a trusted ally of the Empress, Otomo Kaede. Kaigen has told you that you are not just facing the evil of Fu Leng. According to him, there is also another evil force in Otosan Uchi, one which previously corrupted Isawa Ujina during the catastrophe that nearly wrecked your Clan a year ago. This force, which Kaigen calls the Shadow, is a nameless and formless evil which cannot be fought with jade. Only crystal can defeat it.

Your shugenja have informed you that they have managed to make some brief magical contacts with the Empress Kaede, the Acolyte of Void. She is being held in the Otomo Palace, under heavy guard by Toturi's forces. Perhaps Toturi hopes to legitimize his seizure of the throne by marrying her.

Goals: Your main goal is simple: expunge the evil which has infested Otosan Uchi. There is no doubt that it is the same evil which destroyed Kyuden Isawa and killed the Elemental Council – if it is allowed to hold the capital, all the Empire may be doomed.

Your other goal is to rescue the Empress, Otomo Kaede. Kaede-sama is the Acolyte of Void, and the best chance of rebuilding the Elemental Council. If she is not saved from the clutches of Fu Leng's forces, the Phoenix Clan may never be able to rebuild itself.