

## THE TATTOOED LAND

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### NOTES

The tattooed land is so-called because it marks its people; a family who is settled there acquires an *earthmark*, some brand that can't be washed away or displaced. The land becomes a part of them. Priests in the tattooed land, much like some sects of Buddhist monks, take religious names; they refer to virtuous or terrible things, to remind the faithful of what to fear or emulate. Religious names are unisex, even when they appear not to be (Yellow King, for instance). The sound of these names is patterned after Turkish and Mongolian. They're also appropriate for Torchbearer.

### MALE

1. Harud / forest
2. Kágubizg / horse rider
3. Kothás / dagger
4. Vinid / warrior
5. Hasau / seeker
6. Kassai / sandstorm
7. Yosol / growing tall
8. Meyem / raging
9. Kañañ / burning
10. Mór / birch tree
11. Syar / breeze
12. Morug / khan
13. Násu / lightning
14. Sesut / poplar tree
15. Lástal / ash tree
16. Faraz (or Ferz) / bean
17. Dhár / strong
18. Kathkár / hardened heart
19. Hosor / weaver
20. Nawar / strength of youth

### PRIESTS

1. Deeper-and-Deeper-Water
2. Crippled Deer
3. Desolate Vessel
4. Sparrow Brand
5. Iron
6. Yellow King
7. One Hundred Eyes
8. In-Darkness-He-Is-Waiting
9. the Clicking
10. Hospitable Sword
11. Sudden Nightfall
12. Magnificence
13. Flower-of-Forgetting
14. Summer-Without-Rain
15. Creator-of-All-Things
16. Bitter River
17. Patience
18. Darkened Moon
19. Black Flower
20. Scattered Spider

### FEMALE

1. Luyun / blue
2. Kúlul / bee
3. Kálan / goose
4. Nilázem / hawk
5. Séliyál / sparrow
6. Elizdi / the hundredth
7. Láí Chweng / blackbird
8. Nábi / lamb
9. Kíring / brilliance
10. Yedhem / shade
11. Luvayry / carp
12. Radmér / moonflower
13. Níhlendu (or Néllendu) / honeysuckle
14. Ráka / green
15. Sóna / apple
16. Résemu / bitter orange
17. Thesel / lychee
18. Payusyem / duck
19. Kásif / white
20. Nuíyal / crane

### EARTHMARKS

1. Fingers leave frost trails on surfaces
2. Clothes caked with mud
3. Moss grows on right side
4. Chewing a stalk of ripe wheat
5. Hands covered with tiny scratches
6. Sand-crusting hair
7. Always squinting as if looking into the sun
8. Smells of honeysuckle at dawn and dusk
9. Shoulders wet with rain
10. Dried salt on arms
11. Dirt under fingernails
12. Feet always bare and grass-stained
13. Gets irritable at low tide
14. Eyes that change to match the sky
15. Makes sounds like stepping on twigs
16. Dry, dust-coated lips
17. Understands the language of birds
18. Face powdered with gold dust
19. Feet purple from crushing grapes
20. Leaves footprints full of ashes