

Teel Roshen (Shadel-Ti)

A Mercenary Breed racial background by Ryan Thomas

DESCRIPTION

The planet of Klin is a wild place teeming with amazing and dangerous life. The land is largely an over-sized jungle terrain with huge beasts crashing through the lush forest in the shade of giant trees and vines. Insects the size of a Gemini's fist, fly, scurry and climb to find a place to land. The great rivers, lakes and oceans reflect the light of the three suns while the mountainous regions are rich with valuable ore.

The Roshen make their home here. They are an intelligent ape-like race covered in fur, usually brown or black with light to white markings around their face and back. They're faces are hairless like an ape, through their mouths are less pronounced and more Gemini like. The Roshen have long tails they use to help climb about in their jungle homes.

There are two castes of Roshen, the Brun and the Teel. The Brun grow very large and strong, similar to that of a powerful mountain gorilla. However, they're minds are very sharp and their hands very nimble. The Teel are lanky and quick, able to climb much higher into the forest canopy. Roshen of each caste have a reverent respect for those of the other caste. Perhaps this is because Roshen of the same caste cannot successfully mate causing the children to learn from a parent of each caste.

The Roshen are socially very polite and follow rituals of greeting and salutations. They value honesty and honorable behavior and sing songs of deceased heroes and friends, aspiring to only sing worthy songs.

Though they have great respect for the natural gifts around them, Roshen do not tolerate any technology that harms Klin. As a result, the Roshen have developed interesting organic and non-intrusive technology such as their underground facilities with the forest flourishing above. Additionally, factories and

technological facilities are built upon Roshen made islands across the oceans.

Serving within the mercenary forces are the Shadel-Ti, shadow warrior, Teel Roshen. Once respected and feared for their martial and magical prowess, the Shadel-Ti spent their days serving the lords of the kingdoms of Klin. They were the most elite warriors, armed with the training of a professional soldier and the secrets of Shadel-Ti magic.

As modern weaponry was introduced to the Roshen, the necessity for the Shadel-Ti's skills continues to be marginalized while merchants of these weapons use their substantial wealth and influence to push the Shadel-Ti further out of the favor of the kingdom's rulers. This campaign to destroy the Shadel-Ti, bringing tremendous wealth to the weapon mongers, ultimately succeeded. The kings of Klin decreed that the Shadel-Ti will no longer serve their respective kingdoms, albeit very grudgingly with political and other complicated reasons.

The Shadel-Ti, who had faithfully served for ages, did not suddenly cease to exist and the clans of the six kingdoms united. Each of the kings of Klin was delivered a proclamation from an elder Shadel-Ti in the dark of night. The messengers evaded the kings' security to deliver a scroll to their private chambers while they slept. In the morning, the kings were reminded of their mortality and read the proclamations:

By the decree of the kings, the Shadel-Ti, whom have honorably and faithfully protected the kingdoms, are no longer bound in service. The ancient agreement is forever broken and no Shadel-Ti will again serve an unworthy king. No Shadel-Ti will be bound by the laws of the kingdoms. We will do as we see fit to serve Klin with no mercy to either peasant or king opposing us.

For the next century, Shadel-Ti existed in secret struggling to redefine their purpose. Without the support of the kings,

their number dwindled but the people of Klin have not forgotten the stories and song of their contributions and honor. From time to time, the Shadel-Ti are called upon when the kingdom is unable to help its own people, but to survive as an organization, the shadow warriors need paying work, leading them to a life as mercenaries.

RACIAL BACKGROUND

When choosing the Teel Roshen race, characters do not gain the extra Edge but rather apply the following racial background:

- Gain +1 die type to Agility
- Gain a free d6 in Stealth
- Gain the Vengeful (Minor) hindrance