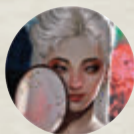


**Asahina Takako (Crane):** Daughter of the Asahina family daimyō, up-and-coming artificer, and priest overseeing the ceremonies of the poetry competition. Takako is gentle and kind, and hopes that the conflicts of the court can be resolved without bloodshed. She uses the **Scholarly Shugenja** profile found on page 314 of the core rulebook. More information on Takako can be found on page 30.



**Doji Chiyoe (Crane):** Second cousin to Doji Hotaru, Chiyoe has been groomed as a candidate for betrothal to the crown prince since she was young. Though she is well-educated and serves as Kakita Ryoku's apprentice, she is ignorant of the hardships of the peasantry. Chiyoe is poised and lovely, and is also devoutly religious. She uses the **Seasoned Courtier** profile found on page 313 of the core rulebook with the Spiritualist template. More information on Chiyoe can be found on page 30.



**Doji Hatsuhina (Crane):** Deputy seneschal of Kyūden Doji, Hatsuhina is a talented courtier and one of the primary hosts during this Winter Court. Once betrothed to Otomo Koryusai, she was cast aside when a more politically advantageous match took her place. Angry and bitter, Hatsuhina now seeks to take revenge on Koryusai by flaunting a catch of her own. Her profile can be found on page 24.



**Doji Shigeru/Lady Shike (Crane):** Crane clan director and performer, Doji Shigeru moonlights as the famous and mysterious Lady Shike. Presently, Lady Shike is slated for the role of Doji Mioko in *The Tale of the Fisherman's Daughter*. They use the **Seasoned Courtier** profile found on page 313 of the core rulebook with the Artist template. More information on Shigeru can be found on page 30.



**Ikoma Rumiko (Lion):** Famed Kabuki actor and playful by nature, Rumiko has been cast as the island spirit in *The Tale of the Fisherman's Daughter*. She is secretly a Lion clan shinobi and the one who forged the Mantis' invitation. Her profile can be found on page 26.



**Kakita Ryoku (Crane):** Legendary courtier and writer of the famed novel *Winter*, Ryoku is an active player in Rokugani politics and is heavily invested in disgracing the Mantis in order for the Crane to back out of their trade agreement with them. Her profile can be found on page 25.



**Lady Magami (Mantis):** Niece of Lord Yoritomo, the Mantis Clan Champion, Magami is educated and has trained all her life to be a candidate for betrothal to the crown prince. She makes her debut at the poetry competition, but her true purpose of making an impression on the Emperor is secret. She uses the **Seasoned Courtier** profile found on page 313 of the core rulebook with the Sage template. More information on Magami can be found on page 30.



**Miya Satoshi (Imperial):** Imperial Herald with a hidden agenda, Satoshi is the daimyō of the Miya family. His goal at this year's Winter Court is to sow as much chaos as possible, as part of his endeavor to follow the tenants of the Kolat. His profile can be found on page 27.



**Otomo Koryusai (Imperial):** An overworked and under-resourced young man in the Imperial bureaucracy, Koryusai spends much of his time trying to fix all of the problems that his superiors, like Imperial Herald Miya Satoshi, blame him for. Koryusai would happily bear this burden if only he were able to win back the affections of Doji Hatsuhina, to whom he was once betrothed. His profile can be found on page 28.



**Susano-o no Izen (Mantis):** Trusted captain in the Mantis' Storm Fleet, Izen embodies much of what the Crane and the rest of the Empire finds distasteful about the Mantis. He is loud, gleeful, and speaks his mind. At the Winter Court, he acts as Lady Magami's retainer and seeks to ensure her safety and success—but plans to have a bit of fun doing it. His profile can be found on page 29.



**Lord Yoritomo (Mantis):** Mantis Clan Champion and leader of the Storm Fleet, Yoritomo seeks to raise the status of the Mantis Clan from merely a Minor Clan to that of a Great Clan. He is charming and fearless, and wishes only to bring greatness and honor to his Clan. He is Lady's Magami's uncle, and has spent years helping her prepare for her debut as a candidate for betrothal to the crown prince. He uses the **Venerable Provincial Daimyō** profile found on page 315 of the core rulebook with the Warrior template. More information on Yoritomo can be found on page 31.