

## Imperial Domains and the Imperial Court

The Imperial City of Otsan Uchi lies upon Rokugan's eastern coast, between the lands of the Crane and Lion Clans who are the Emperor's chief courtiers and protectors respectively. There the Emperor rules from their seat upon the Emerald Throne, behind the high walls of the Forbidden City in the Imperial Palace itself.

All of Rokugan belongs to, and is ruled by, the Emperor Hantei, but in practice the land is divided into a great many provinces, each under the stewardship of one of the Great Clans, or occasionally one of the minor clans, who lack divine ancestry. In return for the right to dwell in these lands, each clan serves the Emperor according to the needs of the Empire and their own traditions. Representatives of the Great Clans vie for political power in the Imperial Court at Otsan Uchi, and at the Winter Court, held each year at a site of the Emperor's choosing, in the lands of a particularly – if fleetingly – favored clan.



Above: The Imperial Palace • Chris Ostrowski

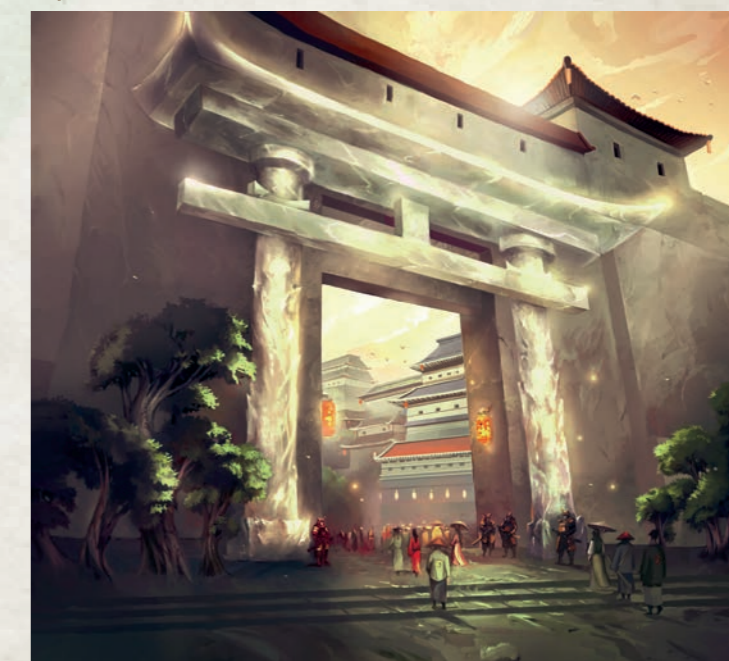
Below: Shiro Yogasha, Palace of the Emerald Champion • Francesca Baerald



*"Our claim to these lands stretches back to the dawn of the Empire."*



Above: Miwaku Kabe, the Enchanted Wall • Nele Diel



Above: Kanjo District, District of Forbearance • Nele Diel





Above: Hito District, District of Rectitude • Chris Ostrowski



Above: Chisei District, District of Sagacity • Nele Diel



Above: Into the Forbidden City • Leanne Crossan



Above: Karada District, District of Fortitude • Chris Ostrowski



Above: Public Forum • Pavel Kolomeyets



Above: Seppun Sensei's Court • Shen Fei