



# The Five Deadly Shadows

An adventure for characters of 7th-9th level

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"How Yuen rightened the sack bearing his katana, "Benevolence, sincerity, courage, courtesy, honesty, honor, and loyalty," he said. "These are the reasons why I must defeat the Five Deadly Shadows."

"I be most bowed deeply, "Magistrate sama, forgive me," he said. "They are five, and you are one. What if you do not succeed?"

"Five woulded, "Then I will have done my duty, and you shall pray that others come."

## ADVENTURE SYNOPSIS

The town of Kiodoku is in despair. Its magistrate (called a *daimio* in Kara-Tur) recently challenged the power of a group of assassins known as the Five Deadly Shadows, but died in the attempt. The Shadows represent the corruption of the virtues of Bushido, a code of conduct used by samurai warriors in feudal Japan. The seven virtues are used in

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this adventure to represent the principles that guide Kara-Tur society. Each event focuses on one virtue, allowing the players and their characters to gain an understanding of these societal principles. By mastering the seven virtues, the characters can more easily defeat the Five Deadly Shadows.

**Locations:** The town of Kiodoku is envisioned as part of the *sunshogun* nation of Kozakura, but could also be part of the island nation of Wu or in a province of Shou Lung, such as Hsingtu.

**Note on Names:** This adventure uses the Western convention for names, placing the given name before the family name, as in the case of Hsiao Yuen. The adventure also refers to individuals by their last names followed by the honorific "sama" for someone who is deserving of respect or is a cultural superior (Yuen sama). If a character lacks a family name or is culturally equal or inferior to the speaker, his or her first name is used (Goshin).

**Extended Events:** This adventure is expected to be completed in one game day, without an extended rest. The adventures assume that a great evil is gathering and that delaying action would bring disaster to the town. If an extended rest becomes necessary, see "Adjusting the Challenge Level" below.

## ADVENTURE BACKGROUND

Hard-working farmers and artisans brought prosper-

ity to the provincial government, who dispatched the magistrate Hsiao Yuen. Hsiao investigated the criminal activities, slowly shutting down the gang's activities and dispatching its members until just the five assassins who headed the Deadly Shadows remained. One month ago Hsiao challenged them in a combat, hoping to shame them and drive them from the town. One of the assassins saw the error of his ways and joined Hsiao's side. Hsiao and the repentant assassin fought bravely, but were defeated by the other four. The assassin then used dark magic to bind the souls of Hsiao and the defeated assassin to this world, preventing them from joining their masters and taking their place in the great Celestial Wheel. The townspeople believe this evil act has doomed the town as well. They are correct: if horror do not come soon, the town of Kiodoku will sink deeper into ruin.

## INVOLVING THE HEROES

Even though this adventure is set in Kara-Tur, the characters need not be from Kara-Tur. The characters might become involved in any number of ways. Consider tailoring the premise to character themes or backgrounds. For example, a monk character who experiences the dream visions (below) might see the bodies of dead monks strewn about the temple and seek to right a grievous wrong. A character who has a

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### Provincial Governor

Although she is preoccupied by many duties, the provincial governor (called *shogun* in Kozakura) has realized she has ceased receiving reports from Hsiao Yuen. She assembles the characters, charging them with investigating his fate and aiding the town of Kiodoku. She might choose characters from outside Kara-Tur because it is improbable that they would be agents of the Deadly Shadows.

### Mercantile Involvement

A wealthy merchant in a large city is distressed to find that shipments of fine silk are no longer arriving from Kiodoku. He hires the characters to investigate what has happened.

### Dream Vision

One or more of the characters begins to have dreams in which Hsiao Yuen appears as a ghost. He walks through a misted town with dark clouds overhead. Though he attempts to speak, he can produce no sound. Eventually he comes to a temple. A tattered banner bears the name of the town, Kiodoku. He points at the banner and the dream ends. The dream will repeat on subsequent nights until the characters reach the town.

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**Tao Wei**



## **Five Deadly Shadows:**

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that monitors his every thought word and action While the emperor broods the power obsessed Lord Durla an unwitting Drakh pawn follows his own agenda But Drakh control is not absolute Vir Cotto a most unlikely hero has begun a resistance movement and Alliance President John Sheridan has sent his most trusted troubleshooter Michael Garibaldi to investigate Yet this move may prove costly and though the Centauri continue to build a new military machine the Alliance avoids any overt confrontation hoping the problem will go away They re about to discover how wrong they are

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