Ayjo (Discipline)

Discipline, in this context, refers to corrective actions taken to modify behavior of members of the Poku Saeruo Degonjo. It refers to actions taken minor behavior problems; serious criminal matters are dealt with in accordance with the *Uoska Jyaonka (Codex of Law)*.

Youth 0 - 10 years

For Poku'vonai children or baqlii below the age of 11, discipline is simple and direct. Most situations are dealt with a simple physical correction. A cuff to the head, or a stronger application to the bottom, by the parent or guardian is typical. Depending on the offense, additional punishments such as time or play restrictions or temporary confinement are within the parents' repertoire.

11 - 16 Years

At this stage of life, discipline becomes more formal. A baqli learns to submit for punishment. Submitting is acknowledging that they did something wrong.

This is done by the individual dropping to their knees and cocking their head to the side and back, baring the throat. The submitter then says, "Ti galsen" (I submit). In most cases that adult will simply place their hand on the side of the throat, and say "Ti giase" (I accept). If the offense is minor enough the act of submission is sufficient, but a more serious offense may require additional punishment actions taken following this submission ritual.

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After the age of 15, submission becomes even more formal. Only the most minor offenses will suffice with just a hand against the throat. At this stage, either a dewclaw or a blade is held against the throat to signify the seriousness of the violation. Depending on the degree of offense, in addition to the stated punishment, sometimes a blood offering is taken.

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