Baqnor (move from youth)

This page describes one of the *rituals* of the *Poku Saeruo Degonjo*.

Ritual name	Baqnor
Meaning	move from youth
Pronounced:	băkh-nor

This is a **Rite of Passage** that all **Qaktoro** undergo at the age of 16. The ritual is optional for the other *clan_people*. However, not taking passing the ritual will affect how they are seen within the clan.

During this ritual they must pass a test from each of the *sects*. Members of the oath_binders oversee the tests.

- 1. Test of Lore and History (*lore_keeper*) The individual must pass a test involving their knowledge of history and basic clan law.
- 2. Test of Weapons (*blood_tooth*) a member of this clan tests the individual's ability with Qaktoro personal weapons.
- 3. Test of Proficiency (*silver_moon*) The individual has to pass a series of challenges involve clan tech.
- 4. Test of Patience (*swift_knife*) The individual is taken to the The Preserve, once there they are given three items, a knife, a length of rope and flask of water. They must cross the The Preserve within 24 hours while tracking and killing a specified animal along with way.
- 5. Test of Faith (*faith_walkers*) The last challenge is a test of endurance.

It is a rare event for a Qaktoro to fail the Baqnor, but it does happen occasionally. A Qaktoro failing to pass the Baqnor has two choices: sterilization, or *sou_fofi*. If a member of the other *clan_people* fails the Baqnor, they will forever been seen as inferior to the Qaktoro.

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