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## **Baqnor (move from youth)**

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

Ritual name	Baqnor
Meaning	move from youth
<b>Pronounced:</b>	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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