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 *Poku'vonai*. 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 *Jaeli (Sects)*. Members of the Kavoráy Rây'ai Jael (Oath Binders Sect) oversee the tests.

1. Test of Lore and History - (*Kyn Lumu'ai Jael (Lore Keepers Sect)*) The individual must pass a test involving their knowledge of Kyn'ka (History) and basic clan law.
2. Test of Weapons - (*Tavi Fua Jael (Blood Tooth Sect)*) a member of this clan tests the individual's ability with Qaktoro personal weapons.
3. Test of Proficiency - (*Otâmovi Wiy Jael (Silver Moon Sect)*) The individual has to pass a series of challenges involve clan tech.
4. Test of Patience - (*Veltin Usapo Jael (Swift Knife Sect)*) 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 - (*Detis Goa'ai Jael (Faith Walkers Sect)*) 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 (Cleansing Death)*. If a member of the other *Poku'vonai* fails the Baqnor, they will forever been seen as inferior to the Qaktoro.

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