



House Moritani

Descended from the ancient Bhotani assassins—mercenary killers employed during the early wars of assassins—House Moritani climbed to eminence some six millennia ago, risen under the auspices of a bloody moon. The fore-runners in a political battle to determine the successors of House D'artanna, House Moritani narrowly escaped a Process Verbal several months after their inauguration, when House Ginaz brought a Bill of Particulars before the Landsraad Council. Of all the charges, the most damning alleged the Moritani responsible for the false Suk, Reginald Demian, blamed for the rash of deaths wiping out the entire D'artanna family within a span of a single year. Because Demian escaped arrest, the Bill of Particulars lacked sufficient conviction to bring the matter to trial. To this day, the most complete, though largely fantastic account appears in the popular drama “Diamond Reggie,” recounting the tragic tale of D'artanna's defeat and the Moritani's rise to power.

House Legacy

For the personal grudge they harbored against the Ginaz, House Moritani sought retribution for their defamation. After scores of private skirmishes and clandestine intrigues, the current Emperor Shaddam IV sanctioned an official War of Assassins, finally granting the Moritani their revenge. In a relatively short span of time, House Moritani succeeded in routing their ancient rivals, forcing the remaining Ginaz loyalists to flee Grumman—either seeking refuge on Tupile or enlisting with other Houses who owed social debts to the Ginaz family.

House Ethos

Though the Moritani's history runs black with treachery, its ideals seem no more malevolent than the other Great Houses. Seeking prosperity through the customary political, economic and military avenues, House Moritani balances its approach to planetary governance. Since its recent victory over House Ginaz, the Moritani now seem focused on internal development, devoting their attention to healing the wounds left by the war. Though possibly an attempt to disengage from political controversy, most of the Great Houses hope the Moritani feel vindicated, having finally vanquished their longstanding enemies.

Now enjoying unopposed rule over their homeworld Grumman, House Moritani strives to fill the void of purpose left from victory over their foes. In recent years, Imperial agents report an increase in military and security exercises on planet, though the nature of the maneuvers seem bent toward planetary defense and civil control. But more disturbing intelligence suggests the Moritani have revived several ancient training schools, including the Fraternus Electi, a secret order of assassins now based within the compound of the ancient monastery of Dur. Whether simply a measure

of self-promotion or a sincere resurrection of their Bhotani heritage, such acts may turn their supporters against House Moritani should further evidence manifest itself.

House Entourage

Son of the crazed Count Ferdinand, the na-Count Tycho di Moritani now presides over all household affairs. Advised by Delbreth Umbrico, his father's aging Swordmaster-Mentat, young Tycho broods in council awaiting the day his father either abdicates office or succumbs to chronic madness. His mother, the Bene Gesserit-trained Lady Redolyn has proven instrumental in wresting much of Ferdinand's power, entrusting all Landsraad affairs to the na-Count. Tycho's third influence answers to the name Paimon Pradisek, a tall, swarthy monolith eternally stooping over his lordship to whisper into the young master's ear. Obviously distrusted by both Delbreth and Redolyn, Paimon officiously rebukes his detractors. He reminds them *his* was the first appointment Tycho made of his own recognizance, a fact that should be of special interest to those who wish to remain in the lord's good graces. Witnessing such exchanges from the shadows, Valdemar and Eguski—Tycho's fickle demi-sisters—observe the proceedings with apparent displeasure, all too aware that should some mishap befall the na-Count one of them would be eligible to marry and conceive the heir to the Moritani household.

House Relations

House Atreides - Friends of our enemies, the Atreides remain too powerful to oppose openly. We must tread with caution.

House Corrino - We appreciate the Emperor's non-interference in our war against the Ginaz. Yet we remain wary of his underlying motives.

House Harkonnen - The Harkonnens are a great power within the Imperium. Though daring what we dare not, we learn from them what we may.

House Tseida - Our arrangement with the Tseida prove our salvation if ever we need to defend our House projects against Landsraad opposition.

House Wallach - Knowing that they consort with the Sisterhood may provide the lever to move their planet.