



NGOLOKO

"A knife shows no loyalty to its owner."

The ngoloko are the remnants of the once-mighty Kosa Empire. The kosans, an orc-like race, were removed from their position of dominance and hunted to extinction by their former slaves. However, opinions differed on what to do with the ngoloko. The ngoloko, a unique bloodline born from the ancient kosan and human lineage, were never known to keep slaves. Ultimately, it was decided to banish the ngoloko from human settlements. Left to fend for themselves, the ngoloko thrived.

Personality

Despite their best efforts to avoid their heritage, ngoloko have a tendency toward anger and brutality. They are genuinely ashamed when their emotions get the better of them, and many attempt to avoid emotionally charged situations.

Physical Description

Ngoloko are tall humanoids with dark skin and shaggy black hair covering most of their body. Some have tusk-like teeth, and most have large, broad noses. For the sake of modesty, ngoloko wear a pikuran (pee-KOO-rahnn), a belt with decorations dangling from it, designed to cover the wearer's genital area. The decorations on a pikuran are usually of carved wood, bone, insect carapaces, or beads. Otherwise, their naturally hairy bodies provide them with adequate protection from the elements. When traveling amongst other peoples, some ngoloko will wear full-body robes and veils so as to conceal their racial heritage.

Ngoloko are opportunists, and fight with whatever weapons are available. They make frequent use of armor, but rarely use shields.

Relations

Ngoloko have traditionally had poor relations with all the civilized races and cultures. In recent years these problems have lessened somewhat, but certain groups, like the ngoloko of the Isle of Shadow, threaten to damage centuries of progress towards racial harmony.

Food

Ngoloko are hunters and gatherers. They eat nuts, berries, and wild animals. They love spices, and attempt to spice their dishes whenever possible.

Language

Common. The ngoloko speak the language of the ancient Kosa Empire, with a smattering of words from other languages thrown into the mix.

Names

Most male ngoloko names come from the Daka-Kosa language and are some variant of the word "death" or "kill." Most female ngoloko names come from the Daka-Kosa language and are some variant of the word "cattle" or "property." Though the old names survive, women are not considered property by ngoloko society. Some common ngoloko names include:

- **Male Names:** Budo, Budag, Buma, Gipag, Jipag, Ku, Kua, Kuldi, Kuo, and KuU.
- **Female Names:** Gombe, Gombo, Gomba, Gombu, Mun, Nombe, Tanga, tUngo, tUnga, and tUngUa.

Adventurers

Many ngoloko take up adventuring to gain acceptance in other societies.



NGOLOKO RACIAL TRAITS

Ability Modifiers: +2 Strength, -2 Wisdom, -2 Charisma.

Size: Medium.

Base Speed: 30 feet.

Darkvision (Ex): Ngoloko can see in the dark up to 60 feet. Darkvision is black and white only, but it is otherwise like normal sight, and ngoloko can function just fine with no light at all.

Automatic Languages: Common and Kordo.

Kosan Heritage (Ex): Ngoloko have inherited the resilience and adaptability of their kosan ancestors. They gain a +2 racial bonus on Intimidate and Survival checks. Additionally, they have a +1 natural armor bonus to their Armor Class. This ability is always active and does not need to be activated.

Savage Resilience (Ex): Ngoloko possess an innate toughness and resilience that allows them to endure harsh conditions and recover quickly from injuries. Once per day, a ngoloko can enter a state of heightened endurance for 1 minute. During this time, they gain a +2 bonus to Constitution and a +2 bonus on all Fortitude saving throws. Additionally, they gain fast healing 1, allowing them to heal 1 hit point per round. This ability can be activated as a free action.

Illiterate: Ngoloko are illiterate by default. They must spend 2 skill points to gain the ability to read and write any language they are able to speak.

Bonus Languages: Daka-Alif, Daka-Kara, Draconic, Dwarven, Gnoll, Elven, and Giant.

Alignment Ngoloko show a slight tendency toward chaotic and evil alignments, but most attempt to fight these urges.

