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Introduction

The following is the compiled Lexicon for users to study in order to speak “Selo’he,” the language of the Shigue. This is a labor of love and one that has taken years to develop (I started when I was 14) as a conlang I would tinker with my best friend instead of paying attention in French. Later, this would go through several iterations, working with other conlang communities based around Klingon (tlhIngan Hol) Na’vi (Li’fya leNa’vi) and now stands on its own.

As part of Project Morningstar’s expansion, I strive to bring dimensionality to the universe with each document. While humanity speaks a series of trade languages they are unified with “Interlex,” which presents as English. But within the Hegemon, each world is more than capable of supporting dozens or even hundreds of dialects and languages to reflect the real world’s own diversity. Things are almost never as easy or as straightforward as science fiction often portrays and, to find our own voice in the pantheon of IP’s, we have adopted ours to speak as many languages as the planets our fans will visit.

The Shigue are, themselves, a diverse people and should be considered no different in their cultures and languages. Selo’he is their own Interlex but there are as many varieties as there are Migration fleets based around the city-sized *Havenhold* colony ships.

Presented here is the beginning of their language and it is designed for users and future creators to adapt and evolve their own cultures and phrases. The Shigue, having crossed almost a hundred thousand light years to reach the Orion’s Arm of the Galaxy, have changed with every generation. Amongst them are dozens of other species who use Selo’he with their own accents and dialects which can vary erratically.

For now, we’ll focus on the Shigue culture we see in the animated series of *The Hunt*.

So please enjoy! And maybe one day we won’t need subtitles in our episodes.

~Boman Modine



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<detail: complex/concern_wreckage active>

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>>confusion: data is uni-lang<<

<concern: survivor: edenic>

>>order: purge<<

<query: recover samples>

>>order: purge all<<

<concern: exogen are not alone>

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Fellow Traveller

This parcel has been generated by the Karst at the behest of the Aumawa'tha Klaad'e. It is believed that by sharing our experience with you we shall all be brought into a better understanding. What gifts we shall partake in as the waters of our people mingle? How can our songs harmonize as the Lifefleets move through this region of the wondrous universe to the promised home?

Those who lead the way are the Shigue, a proud and ancient people who have travelled far to save the many from *Sil'var'nak*. They do this for it is within the boundless empathy of their nature and that is why the Karst now seek to bring understanding to you.

It begins with language, that sweet song of life that carries with it the messages of the mind to others.

When the Shigue found us we were far from this river of stars that you call the *Sen-TAW-rus* and what we call the P'ufa Ka'sa. Now that we arrive we see you, our cousins, and are eager to bring us together in communality. We seek among you those signs and symbols that promised refuge but to do that you must first understand the minds of the Shigue.

Our confession is that we already know your blood and we know your hearts and your minds. We know your songs and we know the chorus but you do not know ours. Do not be afraid, do not run before the passage of the People.

Let this parcel be a new beginning. One that will see our many peoples to a better future of mutual interest, advantage and safety from the dangers that are to come. We, the Karst, begin with a hand extended in the old way, open and unarmed, offered freely and without expectation.

Be we ever on the level.

Kin and Memory.

An Ever-Changing Song

Selo'he literally means "*the many songs*." It is not the original language of the Shigue but one they adopted, along with the various species of their Migration. Their first language, Selo'shig, is now rarely heard except deep within their own habitats. Selo'shig is described as a convoluted mix of howling and guttural calls that can last for hours, almost entirely indecipherable to non-Shigue. Selo'he was derived from this language as a mass communication tool for the survivors of the Cataclysm, from which the Migration is constantly fleeing.

Despite its constructed origins, Selo'he is now thousands of years old and has, in turn, evolved, branched out, and diversified naturally across the many cultures of the Migration's salients. Vessels with large populations have developed their own accents and colloquialisms, while those that move frequently maintain a more neutral syntax. The Havenholds, the largest vessels, often contain multiple iterations of Selo'he, determined by the "plain" on which a population resides.

Selo'he relies heavily on context, making it difficult to understand at first. However, as learners spend time among the Migration and interact with speakers, the patterns become more apparent. The language favors broad concepts and generalization over specificity, and certain ideas—such as sarcasm—are entirely absent, replaced by an earnest and direct mode of expression.

To intensify or soften a sentence, speakers employ simple hand and foot gestures. Stamping can draw attention or signal an alert, while smaller body movements can personalize a statement or even serve as a form of endearment.

Selo'he remains an evolving language. Words are designed to combine with one another, allowing for the expression of complex meanings. As a result, the language is highly symbolic. The Shigue, known as great lovers of poetry, will often spend hours discussing and refining their own statements or speculating on the multiple meanings a performance might convey.

PRONUNCIATION

Selo'he is written phonetically, with apostrophes providing guidance on syllabic presentation and the meaning of the conjugated word.

Inhalation and exhalation also play a part in the meaning of a word or sentence. When expelling air in Selo'he, it emphasizes a command or a lesson. When inhaling before a word or sentence, it emphasizes "taking in" or "learning." This also reflects the level of respect between speakers. Listening to breath tones ensures both speakers are paying attention.

APOSTROPHE USE

Placement determines a suffix or a prefix.

BEFORE: A single apostrophe before a letter or word, as in 'At, denotes a suffix.

AFTER: A single apostrophe after a letter or word, as in Aloh', denotes a prefix.

In practice, apostrophes should mark moments to direct a breath for emphasis. The Shigue can sustain inhalation and exhalation consistently; a directed breath adds meaning, with exhalations denoting respectful tones and inhalations neutral tones. Harsher breaths denote the severity of a situation, often signaling aggression or heightened emotion.

This aspect of Selo'he is difficult for many species and so it has been adapted to alien mouths and tongues with emphasis on tone, something the Shigue struggle to understand the nuance within. Things like sarcasm or wit are distant concepts but the song *changes*.

Apostrophes connect many words together to establish ownership, such as Faan'fa, literally people + us, interpreted as "our people."

Apostrophes can also be used to create new words and meanings. This is interpretive and largely dependent on the emphasis and situation of the speaker or writer. Even an expert speaker of Selo'he might require time to consider what is being said.

For example: Ula (“predator”) can be attached to Ak (“armored”) to create Ula’ak, which literally means “armored predator.” However, based on recent engagements with the Barakan, it is now the Selo’he word for the augmented killers of the Thousand Empires.

One could also add A, denoting “below” a location, to Ula to create Ula’a, which might refer to a threat or hunter that hunts under water or sand.

Consideration and patience are major aspects of Shigue culture. They do not rush to conclusions, instead weighing multiple avenues of response. Once they have made a decision, they act quickly and confidently.

GESTICULATION

The Shigue incorporate hand and foot gestures to add emphasis and nuance to meaning. Their hand signs express the root or “spirit” of what they’re saying in much the same way that facial expressions function in human languages, but with a far more deliberate and codified role. A spoken phrase in Selo’he is rarely considered complete without the accompanying movement of the hands, which can shift a statement from instructional to intimate, from solemn to celebratory, without altering a single word.

Foot gestures determine the urgency of the information. A still, grounded stance usually indicates that what is being said is reflective or general, changes in steps or pace while on the move indicates congenial or tutelage. Heavier stamps, already used to draw attention or signal an alert, mark a statement as immediately relevant to be acted on rather than just understood such as “run!”

These gestural layers sit on top of the existing breath system of Selo’he. Breath tone distinguishes commands and lessons (exhaled) from learning and reception (inhaled), while hand gestures show the emotional or ethical “heart” of the statement. A calm inhaled phrase with soft hand signs and no foot movement might indicate a quiet teaching or reflection which is similar to a steady gait with a weaving between left and right foot. The same words, exhaled with sharper hand shapes and a driving stamp, become a warning, an order, or a battle report reflected during movement in a quicker step.

Because of this, Selo'he is fundamentally multimodal. Meaning is distributed across voice, breath, hands, and feet. Learners who only study the spoken forms often miss the actual intent of a sentence and may interpret Shigue speech as vague or overly symbolic.

Within the Migration this layered system aligns with Shigue values of patience and consideration. A speaker is expected to choose not just their words but their breath, their hands, and their stance carefully before committing to a statement. In this way, lying becomes almost impossible, but then there is no such thing as duplicity or manipulation in Selo'he.

Since the introduction of the Karst, especially those found beyond the borders of the Kaadiir Ci'daal, what you might know as the Widow's Nebula or Vidh-skruud in the old tongue, we ourselves have bent as much as the Shigue to reach common understand and be able to 'eat without looking.'

Culture

Shigue culture is governed by a natural system that is both remarkably simple and confoundingly complex. In a straightforward sense it can be said that the Shigue are led by the largest, and therefore the strongest, males. Size reflects age, endurance, and survival. These males meet in *Xe'les'an*, a method of holding council, circling and pacing until they agree on what must come next for those they are responsible for and who look to them for guidance.

These *Xe'les'an* can become violent, seemingly at random, but this is not “dueling” in the way outsiders might perceive it. Combat is never intended to cause serious or permanent injury, only exhaustion. If there is a larger male present it typically means combat is not used. If no clear male is largest then the Shigue will use their horns to slam against each other, wrestle, with the council ending only when a consensus is made.

Male Shigue are responsible for patrol, defense, scouting, construction and the acquirement of resources and anything considered labor intensive.

Females do not partake in such a structure and it is a rare thing for members beyond the Lifefleets to encounter a female at all. The males will shut down questions about this with by means of *He'raik'co*, a closing of topic. Indeed, even we the Karst have little understanding of the methods of the Shigue females.

From the *Xe'les'an* the decisions reverberate outward as a ‘song.’ First they are carried by voice and by movement to those within earshot. This understanding is picked up and elaborated on by other males, who add their own nuances or “notes” which changes to incorporate new opinions and information, flowing back and forth.

In pre-industrial times this exchange could take hours or days, with Shigue walking great distances to physically meet, then carrying decisions back in memory or relying on messengers.

Now, the Shigue rely on the *Vaa'hui*, a gravity-based method of data sharing and transfer that echoes out from the apex male of a Xe'les'an to every Shigue within hearing of the telltale green shifting panels of the *Vaa'hui*. Communication is instantaneous within a Lifefleet despite a massive population needing to comply and report.

This system rules every aspect of male Shigue life, not just conflict or threat response. It decides how food is harvested, water gathered, which work teams respond to damage and which labor groups begin construction.

To outsiders, this is can be further jarring as it is a system that is completely internal to the Shigue. They do not formally command the other species that follow and live amongst the Lifefleet. Instead, they simply change their own behavior and it is up to the other species to quickly adapt. Communication with non-Shigue usually goes through the leading male present who serves to inform, not order.

Shigue as a species read and evaluate those they communicate with and one must be careful to maintain a generally calm approach lest they be misconstrued. Shigue react to newcomers, waiting to see what one will do, and as such they rarely initiate conflict.

Calendar

The Migration fleets were never united in their journey. Each Havenhold began the exodus at a different moment and from a different origin, and so no single calendar could remain universal. As such every Havenhold preserves its own continuity, but the Shigue do not regard life as a chain of years to be numbered. We who have joined them have adapted to the same comprehension.

For the Shigue there is no beginning or end of a “year,” only renewal of rituals and behavior. The turning of the seasons and the milestones that have reshaped the people. These can be entry into important star systems, famine, accomplishments, tragedy or the passing of one of the Aumawa'tha.

This does not mean time is unmeasured. The Havenholds keep counted time for what must be counted such as navigation, maintenance of the drives, rendezvous windows with scout salients and in the parlance of other species for dates. But counted time is treated as an instrument, not the integral meaning the Karst might have. Lived time aboard the Havenholds is kept by the herd as a collective, especially by those that keep within the living spaces and fields. The number of steps and local milestones such as rivers or hills, the migration seasons as well as the observation of Kore'cano, the Yearning Star.

Newcomers often keep private calendars out of habit, and sometimes out of anxiety. The Shigue find this understandable, even quaint, but they will still ask, when pressed for a date, a simpler question: *before which event, and after which renewal?*

An example of this might sound something like:

“When were you born?” Said the stranger.

“I was born in the time before the thirty-seventh Discovery of Kore'cano and after the Plague-of-Sunsets”

Anything more specific than that would be incomprehensible to the Shigue. Their own lives

are determined by physical growth and when they achieve size, strength, or become fertile for breeding rather than individual years.

When determining time for rendezvous and maintenance the Shigue will adopt a 'step' system that correlates with the local day that is recorded aboard the individual Havenhold.

SEASONS: *Ord'cyr*

Ol'gax: Lit: 'Small-light,' the winter season, still simulated on the Havenholds despite causing a time of harvest shortages. Whether this is a cultural or deliberate hardship or even something to do with Shigue needing an operational rest period, is unclear. At least aboard the Havenholds, Shigue withdraw to their habitats while the Coegi and the Ekkida are given free reign to the pastoral and artificial valleys that make up the primary living space.

Soo'geli: Spring, the time of 'movement' or a grazing season. This is marked as a time of great peace, prosperity. Congregations of Shigue are regularly seen in a kind of 'frolicking,' a great amount of elevated emotions.

Yor'lask: Summer, the Time of Difficulty (lit: long difficulty) the third and longest season, long hot days, a time of danger and a time to come together to survive predation. This is simulated aboard the Havenholds where water sources are reduced, the exposure of the solar fragment is intensified and the Coe'gi are allowed to take to the Shigue inner-fields.

Dauu'su: Autumn, 'Great Beginning', a time to begin to find a place to weather the coming hardship of winter.

O'au: The Time/Place of Wonder, the shortest season and comes every four orbits, still simulated on the Havenholds via artificial star exposure. It is a time of portents when the Shigue home world is remembered, a time of great feasting and merrymaking amongst all species.

Time Measurement

Time aboard a Havenhold and their attending vessels is colloquial. This has largely to do with the nature of how the Aumawa'tha engages with the complexities of the governing entities. The Karst retain our understanding of time, reducing our lives from billions of seconds to a few decades rather than meaningful moments and beneficial acts.

For the *Klaad'tha'o'ak* of which we are apart, they determine time as the following:

Kak'an - Lit: a handful of dirt (minutes)

Yebe'cyr - Lit: a cycle of steps (hours)

Kiid - day

Drek - night

Ord'cyr - season (5)

Kiidu - year

Cyr'kiid - 20 years

Cyr'au - generation (roughly a century)

"A"

A

- Category: particle / conjunction
- Meaning: "also," "and."

Notes: Basic connector for phrases, clauses, or items.

-A

- Category: suffix
- Meaning: "below," "under" in relation to physical or cultural position.

Notes: Can indicate literal lower position or a subordinate / underlying status. Used to conjugate "he" or "him."

-aad

- Category: suffix
- Meaning: roar, warning call, challenge

Notes: Adding 'Ka' (action/commit) would be similar to 'do your best!' *Ka'aad*

Aba

- Category: noun
- Meaning: the pet name of a close friend

Notes: Adding Tas' can denote a deeper bond such as parent to child, *Tas'aba*

A'xe

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to descend, to drop, to jump (down), to deploy.

Notes: Common for moving from a higher to a lower position, including tactical deployment.

-Ai

- Category: suffix
- Meaning: "us" (personal, friendly).

Notes: Inclusive first-person plural, often used among close allies or family.

Ar'ag

- Category: noun
- Meaning: alcohol, “the noble drink.”

Notes: Fermented beverage made from plant combinations.

Ajawa

- Category: noun
- Meaning: elder, founder, eldest, older.

Ajawa

- Category: noun
- Meaning: elder, founder, eldest, older.

Notes: Used for older figures of authority, including founding members of lines or groups.

Ajawak

- Category: noun
- Meaning: father.

Notes: Specifically male parent derived from Ajaw.

Ajawaka

- Category: noun
- Meaning: grandfather.

Notes: Male ancestor two generations above the speaker.

Ajawtash

- Category: noun
- Meaning: ancestor; “those who came before.”

Notes: Collective, reverent term for prior generations.

Ak

- Category: root / modifier
- Meaning: armor; armored.

Notes: Used to mark protection, plating, or armored status. Example: Ak'tak = armor plates /armor material.

Ak'orak

- Category: noun
- Meaning: armored vehicle.

Notes: Vehicle defined primarily by its protective shell or combat armor.

Akti

- Category: noun
- Meaning: asset, something useful.

Notes: Can denote a practical resource, tool, or advantageous position/person.

Aku

- Category: verb / noun / particle
- Meaning: wonder, something wondrous or incredible; fortune, good luck; “why?” (to question).

Notes: Combines awe and inquiry; used both for marveling at something and questioning it.

Aku'co

- Category: noun / adjective
- Meaning: “bad feeling,” incredulity, troubled questioning

Notes: For negative shock, disbelief, or ominous surprises.

Al

- Category: modifier / root
- Meaning: overseeing, above, vantage.

Notes: Indicates superior position, oversight, or vantage point.

Alai

- Category: noun / adjective
- Meaning: keen edge, sharpened, honed.

Notes: Used for blades, tools, or metaphorical sharpness.

Alesme

- Category: noun
- Meaning: fusion power

Notes: Technical term power generation.

Alm

- Category: noun
- Meaning: single-edged tool.

Notes: Typically a working or cutting implement; context decides if weapon/tool.

-An

- Category: suffix
- Meaning: something that is made, 'hand made'

Notes: Ufa'an and Met'an are the right and left hand

Alo

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: something that is cold

Alo'ha

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: inert, death, without life, noble

Notes: Can apply to temperature, inoperability such as the wreck of a vehicle or person, the Shigue regard death as an important part of life

Alo'rra

- Category: noun
- Meaning: an unsettling feeling; danger sense

Notes: Used when one feels watched, threatened, or anticipates harm, a 6th sense

Alo'tadie

- Category: noun
- Meaning: a cold breeze; cold weather.

Alo'taal

- Category: noun
- Literal meaning: “cold preservation.”
- Meaning: cryogenic sleep.

Notes: Term for suspended or preserved states of life via cold.

-Alts

- Category: suffix
- Meaning: gleaming, sparkling, shining, assumed value

Am

- Category: noun
- Meaning: mud, churned earth, ready for planting, denotes an ease or comfort

Notes: can be used to denote the feminine

Aumawa'tha

- Category: noun
- Meaning: She

Notes: Difficult to comprehend in natural terms

Am'tak

- Category: noun
- Meaning: adobe, ceramics.

Notes: Fired or dried earth materials used in construction or craft.

Am'un

- Category: noun
- Meaning: Originally a chiding derogative, now refers to humans lit: “soft-skin.”

An

- Category: noun / root
- Meaning: location, land, place.

Notes: Core spatial root.

An'fa

- Category: adverb / locative
- Meaning: “here,” “where we are.”

Notes: Immediate shared location of speaker and listener.

Anan

- Category: noun
- Meaning: kith.

Notes: Close companions, community, or non-blood “family” bound by familiarity and proximity.

Anda

- Category: noun
- Meaning: kin.

Notes: Blood relations or formally recognized family ties; more lineage-focused than Anan.

Ang

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: raw, uncooked, natural.

Notes: Can apply to food, materials, or states of being unprocessed.

Ant

- Category: root / affix (prefix or suffix)
- Meaning: separate, divide.

Notes: Used for notions of division, separation, or partition.

An't

- Category: noun
- Meaning: mark, signifier, coordinates.

Notes: A specific mark or entry that encodes location or designation.

An't'mesma

- Category: noun
- Literal meaning: “a mark that incorporates a meaning.”
- Meaning: ritual scar, honorific scarification.

Notes: Physical marks that encode status, history, or honor.

Ar

- Category: modifier / root
- Meaning: high grade, good value, well made.

Notes: Quality marker, often for materials, craft, or status.

Ar'tash

- Category: noun / title
- Meaning: ultimate sacrifice, paragon.

Notes: Associated with the yearlings who rename themselves Ar'tash (“Paragons”); implies perfected service or self-offering.

Ar'kor

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to strengthen, to empower, to charge (with power).

Notes: Used for both physical reinforcement and energetic/authority empowerment.

Ar'tor

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: elevation; advancement in rank; to raise.

Notes: Covers both the state and act of promotion or uplift.

Aslo

- Category: noun/adjective
- Meaning: heat, warmth, something that is warm

Notes: Denotes a bond between people who share warmth.

-At

- Category: suffix
- Meaning: one who is confident, hard-headed.

Notes: Implies stubbornness, resolve, or unshakable certainty in the person marked.

Ata

- Category: noun
- Meaning: ghost, bad spirit, hallucination.

Notes: Covers both supernatural presence and disturbing visions.

Au

- Category: noun
- Meaning: denoting land both literal and philosophical

Notes: it can mark temporal considerations, both a time and place

Au'ja'va

- Category: noun
- Meaning: a famous relative, either living or dead.

Notes: A renowned figure in one's lineage; source of pride or legacy.

Auk

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: impure (physically); dirty.

Notes: Concerned with physical contamination or uncleanness, not necessarily moral impurity. Can also reference waste or spent resources.

Auk'an

- Category: noun
- Meaning: wasteland; useless or barren soil.

Notes: Land stripped of fertility or value, can also mean a battlefield.

Aul'rek

- Category: noun
- Meaning: stolen land; lost peace.

Notes: A loaded term combining dispossession of territory with the loss of tranquility or order. Can also represent lost positions militarily.

Aum

- Category: noun/adjective
- Meaning: denotes female, feminine

Aumaw'a

- Category: noun
- Meaning: mother.

Notes: Female parent.

Aumaw'am

- Category: noun
- Meaning: grandmother.

Notes: Female ancestor two generations above the speaker.

Avax

- Category: noun
- Meaning: retribution, revenge, vengeance.

Notes: Focused on payback and balancing of harms, often with emotional weight.

-Ay

- Category: suffix
- Meaning: fine, excellent; denoting craftsmanship, delicate work or execution.

Notes: Marks something as done with high skill or exemplary quality.

"B"

B-

- Category: suffix
- Meaning: one who takes care of the herd; caretaker, lead walker.

Notes: Marks roles associated with tending, guarding, or guiding those at the periphery (outer herd, edge of a group or formation).

Ba

- Category: particle / conjunction
- Meaning: "and," "in addition to."

Notes: Used to add or extend a statement, often with a slight sense of "also further."

Ba'liokide

- Category: noun / adjective
- Meaning: equivalent, comparative, analogue.

Notes: Used when drawing parallels between things, systems, or roles.

Bap

- Category: adjective / participle
- Meaning: lost, gone, without direction.

Notes: Can describe people, paths, or situations that lack orientation or purpose.

Baruk

- Category: verb / participle
- Meaning: to seize; to take an opportunity; seize the moment; taken.

Notes: Strong sense of grasping a chance or asset decisively.

Basiin

- Category: noun
- Meaning: prefecture, administrative region, colony.

Notes: Organized political or administrative unit within a larger structure (ship, Havenhold, region).

B'bap

- Category: verb
- Literal meaning: "to shepherd the lost."
- Meaning: searching, questing, seeking out.

Notes: Implies active effort to find and recover those who are lost or directionless.

B'bap'ka

- Category: noun
- Meaning: rescuer; search-and-rescue specialist.

Notes: A role defined by going out to find and bring back the lost.

Be

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: simple, easy, not complicated, common, downhill.

Notes: Can describe tasks, tools, or concepts that are straightforward or widely understood.

Bentuxa

- Category: adjective / noun
- Meaning: wise; possessing deep understanding.

Notes: Used for people whose insight goes beyond surface knowledge.

Beren

- Category: verb / preposition-like verb
- Meaning: to have, to own, to possess together, to share “our,” “with” (in the sense of shared possession or joint holding)

Notes: Focuses on collective possession or shared ownership, not purely individual “have.”

B’lig

- Category: adjective / noun
- Meaning: smart, intelligent; intelligence.

Notes: Intellectual capability; can refer to a person or to gathered information.

B’nim

- Category: noun
- Meaning: food, basic foodstuffs.

Notes: General term for sustenance, especially staple foods.

B’nim’ky

- Category: noun
- Meaning: food wrap, often containing grains and protein; staple food source.

Notes: A common, portable meal form; standard everyday sustenance.

Bo

- Category: noun
- Meaning: memory, brain

Notes: Seat of thought, memory, and intention but also the brain organ

Boko

- Category: noun / adjective
- Literal meaning: “good mind.”
- Meaning: intelligence, a good or well-ordered mind.

Notes: Positive judgment of someone’s mental ability or clarity.

B’po’run

- Category: noun
- Meaning: oasis; place of safety; place of water; harbor.

Notes: Any location that provides relief, shelter, and resources (especially water) amid danger or scarcity.

B’por

- Category: noun
- Meaning: guide to the water.

Notes: A person, role, or system that leads others to life-sustaining resources or safe harbors.

B’saro

- Category: noun
- Meaning: quiver, magazine (for ammunition).

Notes: Container for projectiles; can apply to traditional or advanced weapons.

Bu’fo

- Category: noun / insult
- Meaning: derogatory term for someone stupid or ignorant; intellectually blind; one who relies on the body without the mind or their team.

Notes: Strong insult in Shigue culture, attacking both intelligence and failure to act as part of a collective.

“C”

Ca-

- Category: prefix
- Meaning: denoting weight; something heavy, thick, or having thickness.

Notes: Used to indicate physical mass, density, or heaviness when attached to a root.

Ca'vas

- Category: noun
- Meaning: greater purpose; hard truth

Notes: Often used when speaking about a difficult but necessary reality or a burdensome, higher calling or difficult news.

Cal

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: hard, tough (physical properties of a material).

Notes: Describes durability, resistance, or hardness of substances.

Cal'kaan

- Category: noun
- Meaning: armored fist, gauntlet

Notes: Can mean hardship as well as to form a fist that cannot open.

Cali

- Category: adjective / adverb
- Meaning: quick, swift, sudden, rapid.

Notes: Applies to both movement and actions that occur with little delay.

Cal'xa

- Category: noun / adjective
- Meaning: quick comprehension; a fast learner.

Notes: Describes someone who grasps concepts rapidly.

Cal'ka

- Category: noun
- Literal meaning: “hard strike.”
- Meaning: a hammer.

Notes: Tool (or weapon) whose defining trait is delivering hard impacts.

Cal'ta

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: implacable, unshakable, immovable.

Notes: Can describe people, positions, or defenses that do not yield.

Cal'vi

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: denoting a heavier vehicle.

Notes: Used to classify or describe vehicles that are notably weighty, possibly armored or heavily built.

Cano

- Category: verb / preposition-like verb
- Meaning: to yearn for, to long for; to hope; to belong; “for”; love (especially in the sense of attachment or belonging).

Notes: Central root for emotional attachment and orientation toward something or someone.

Cano'es

- Category: noun
- Meaning: desire, carnal passion.

Notes: Intensifies Cano toward physical or sensual longing.

Cano'raik

- Category: verb / participle
- Meaning: stalling for time; taking time; drawing something out, pawing.

Notes: Often implies deliberate delay, whether strategic or anxious.

Cea

- Category: noun
- Meaning: unity, temperance, amicability

Notes: Combines social order with compassion and restraint.

Cea'est

- Category: noun
- Meaning: order.

Notes: Structured, stable arrangement: social, legal, or procedural.

Ci

- Category: adjective / noun
- Meaning: obscured; hidden from view; nothing; absence.

Notes: Used both for physical concealment and conceptual lack or void, zero.

Ci'daal

- Category: noun
- Meaning: nebula

Ci'xi

- Category: noun
- Meaning: cloud

Co-

- Category: prefix
- Meaning: negative connotation; “not-” or opposite of the root.

Notes: Placement within the word determines what is being negated or inverted.

Co'da

- Category: adverb
- Meaning: bad smell/taste, something rotten

Co

- Category: particle
- Meaning: “no,” “not.”

Notes: Simple negator in statements or answers.

Co'ge

- Category: conjunction / noun
- Meaning: not/or; on the other hand; although; “trouble.”

Notes: Can introduce contrast (“although, but on the other hand”) and is associated with problematic situations.

Co't

- Category: conjunction
- Meaning: not alike to; contrary; “but.”

Notes: Explicitly marks contrast or opposition between two ideas.

Co'nunco

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to devolve; to be altered negatively; to delay or negatively alter progress.

Notes: A worsening or regressive change, especially when it disrupts advancement.

Co'nunco'la

- Category: noun
- Meaning: a dimwitted person; someone who lacks the prerequisites to survive.

Notes: Strongly pejorative; implies both low intelligence and incompetence in practical survival.

Cova

- Category: verb
- Meaning: break, dismantle, destroy.

Notes: Can refer to physical destruction or the dismantling of systems/structures.

Cyr

- Category: noun
- Meaning: a cycle.

Notes: Basic unit of recurring time or pattern.

Cyr'au

- Category: noun
- Meaning: epoch; "beyond living memory," similar in connotation to a century.

Notes: A long span of time remembered more as era than as countable years.

Cyr'kiid

- Category: noun
- Meaning: cycle of years, about twenty

Cyr'soo

- Category: noun
- Meaning: tide; fluctuations; rhythm.

Notes: Used for recurring tides of water, fortunes, or other cyclic patterns.

Cyr'xel

- Category: noun
- Meaning: a hard time; a difficult, long period of hardship.

Notes: Emphasizes endurance through extended adversity.

“◻”

Da

- Category: adjective / noun
- Meaning: dark; without light; void; obscuring; danger.

Notes: Covers both physical darkness and the sense of threat that comes with it.

Da'al

- Category: noun
- Meaning: the darkness above, space, the void, the black

Da'ak

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to grapple; to struggle.

Notes: Physical or metaphorical struggle, especially close, contested conflict.

Da'ak'co

- Category: expression / challenge
- Literal meaning: "And what?"
- Meaning: a challenge; "come at me."

Notes: Confrontational phrase, often used when bracing for conflict.

Da'an

- Category: noun
- Meaning: dark place; cave; absence.

Notes: Any space characterized by darkness or emptiness.

Dan'

- Category: prefix
- Meaning: used to denote space or space related objects

Da'karra

- Category: noun
- Meaning: clouded image; static.

Notes: Visual interference, unclear or distorted imagery, literal or figurative.

Da'su

- Category: noun
- Meaning: foe; enemy; a thing to combat.

Notes: Opponent or hostile force, individual or collective.

Da'ulag

- Category: noun
- Meaning: predator.

Notes: Typically living hunter; may overlap in usage with Ula where context permits.

Dak

- Category: noun
- Meaning: conclusion; the end of.

Notes: Can mark finality in events, stories, or processes.

Dak'e

- Category: noun / adjective
- Meaning: "sharp" point.

Notes: Literal points (weapons, tools) or sharp conceptual focus.

Dal

- Category: noun / adjective
- Meaning: variance; difference, with a positive connotation.

Notes: Emphasizes diversity as strength or benefit.

Dao

- Category: verb / particle
- Meaning: to accept; to receive; to embrace; affirmative; accept; "yes."

Notes: Core root of acceptance, agreement, and receiving.

Dao'cea

- Category: noun / phrase
- Meaning: acceptance of logic; embracing the truth that one is hunted but must live.

Notes: A specific philosophical stance: lucid acceptance of danger while choosing survival.

Dao'vath

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to survive.

Notes: Continued existence in spite of threat or hardship.

Dauu

- Category: noun
- Meaning: great purpose; the many over the few.

Notes: Value placed on collective good or higher calling that outweighs individual interest.

Dem

- Category: noun
- Meaning: point; subject of; the purpose of a thing or statement, precision.

Notes: Core idea or central focus, denotes lower arms and delicate work.

Dem'ea

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to return; to come back; to respond; "acknowledge."

Notes: Includes both physical return and verbal/communicative acknowledgment.

Dem'ea'cova

- Category: noun / state
- Meaning: point of no return; committed; resolved in one's decisions.

Notes: Describes the moment or condition where reversal is no longer possible.

Diir

- Category: noun
- Meaning: a fragment of a sound, a musical note, the part of a greater piece

Notes: an important element of a greater whole.

Diid

- Category: noun
- Meaning: echo.

Notes: Reflected sound; can extend metaphorically to repeated ideas or events.

Diid'selo

- Category: noun
- Meaning: chorus.

Notes: Multiple voices or echoes together, literal or poetic.

Doran

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: calm; measured; even-keeled; placid.

Notes: Emotional and behavioral steadiness.

Doran'bo

- Category: adjective / noun
- Literal meaning: "calm-mind."
- Meaning: logical; rational.

Notes: Someone whose thinking remains steady and clear.

Doran'ru

- Category: noun
- Meaning: ideology; ethos.

Notes: The guiding calm or measured principles of a group or individual.

Dor'niam

- Category: verb / participle
- Meaning: thinking on something; speculating; theorizing.

Notes: Active, ongoing thought and consideration.

Dra

- Category: noun
- Meaning: clothing.

Notes: General term for garments or worn coverings.

Dras

- Category: noun
- Meaning: opportunity; wealth; bounty; riches.

Notes: Often blends material wealth with favorable circumstances.

Dras'

- Category: noun
- Meaning: one that works for money or wealth; mercenary.

Notes: A person primarily motivated by pay or profit.

Dras'yon

- Category: noun
- Literal meaning: "wealth hunter."
- Meaning: skiptracer; bounty hunter.

Notes: Professional hunter of people or assets for reward.

Drek

- Category: noun
- Meaning: dark; night; night cycle; a time of safety and relaxation.

Notes: The restful, protected aspect of night, rather than purely danger.

Du

- Category: noun
- Meaning: position; physical place; “direction.”

Notes: Core locative / directional root.

Du’a

- Category: preposition / noun
- Meaning: under; below.

Notes: Basic vertical relation beneath something.

Du’a’rua

- Category: noun
- Meaning: south; southern; geographic south.

Notes: Directional term oriented to “below” on Shigue maps.

Du’ai

- Category: preposition / adverb
- Meaning: inside; within.

Notes: Interior position in relation to a boundary or container.

Du’ai’rua

- Category: preposition / adverb
- Meaning: beneath; underneath.

Notes: Emphasizes being under and within a lower space, more specific than Du’a.

Dua’j’vr’rua

- Category: noun
- Meaning: west; geographic west.

Notes: Directional term; composite structure indicates a specific horizontal orientation.

Dua'ovr

- Category: preposition / noun
- Meaning: forward; front of; front; prow.

Notes: Used for the forward-facing side or direction of movement.

Dua'vr

- Category: preposition
- Meaning: next to; side by side.

Notes: Lateral adjacency.

Dua'vr'rua

- Category: noun
- Meaning: eastward; geographic east.

Notes: Direction opposite to Dua'j'vr'rua in Shigue orientation.

Du'eia

- Category: preposition / noun
- Meaning: outside; outside of.

Notes: Position beyond a boundary.

Du'eia'rua

- Category: adjective / noun
- Meaning: outer; beyond; the fringe.

Notes: The periphery or edge regions, especially of a space or territory.

Du'eio

- Category: adjective / adverb
- Meaning: taller; higher up.

Notes: Vertical comparison indicating greater height.

Du'oc

- Category: adverb / preposition
- Meaning: up; above.

Notes: General upward or higher position.

Duusa

- Category: verb / noun
- Meaning: Overwhelm

Notes: The expectation of casualties but an enemy must be defeated or a problem must be solved at any cost

Du'va - *Doo-vah*

- Category: noun
- Meaning: the sky, the expanse, boundlessness, the hopeful future

Notes: Both a literal and symbolic meaning

Du'yi - *Doo-Yee*

- Category: preposition / noun
- Meaning: behind; rear; aft.

Notes: Back-facing direction; often used in spatial or contexts. Has difficult connotations and a lack of progress or loss of time.

“E”

-E

- Category: suffix
- Meaning: belonging to; ownership of, “of”

E-

- Category: prefix
- Meaning: emphasis; intensifier.

Notes: Strengthens or heightens the meaning of the root it attaches to but not the sentence

-Ea

- Category: suffix
- Meaning: “the / it”; “this is”

Notes: Functions as a definitizing or presentational ending, often used when identifying or pointing out something.

Ea-

- Category: prefix
- Meaning: exclamation; positive reinforcement.

Notes: Can front words or names to express praise, affirmation, or enthusiastic recognition.

-Es

- Category: suffix
- Meaning: immediacy; urgent; exclamation.

Notes: Adds a sense of “right now,” urgency, or emotional punch.

Ea’rae’e

- Category: noun / title
- Meaning: you are from, your lineage is, family group, the son of “___”

Notes: Used with a preceding name or referent to indicate male offspring.

Ea'aum

- Category: noun / title
- Meaning: daughter, or 'daughter of ___'

Effu

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to take; to hold; to keep; to store.

Notes: Core root for possession or retention.

Effu'kais

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to tackle; to break; to subdue.

Notes: Physical or forceful engagement to bring something or someone under control.

Effu'tha

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to hinder; to slow; to capture.

Notes: Emphasis on impeding movement or progress, including literal capture.

Effu've

- Category: noun
- Meaning: beachhead; front; foothold.

Notes: Secured initial position from which to expand or advance.

Eg

- Category: noun
- Meaning: way; path; direction.

Notes: Both literal routes and metaphorical courses of action.

Eg'kara

- Category: noun
- Meaning: door; hatch; passageway entry.

Notes: Any opening that permits movement from one space to another.

Eg'co'ha

- Category: noun / adjective
- Meaning: bad purpose; evil; distasteful.

Notes: Path or intent judged as morally wrong or repellent.

Eg'ha

- Category: noun
- Meaning: aim; way to do something; strategy; measures.

Notes: Concrete or abstract plan for achieving an outcome.

Eio

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: tall; high.

Notes: Height above a reference point; vertical extension.

Eio'kio

- Category: noun
- Meaning: tall plant; tree.

Notes: Large, upright vegetation; archetypal “tree” form.

Eio'elan

- Category: noun
- Meaning: bone, core, roots

Elan

- Category: adjective / noun
- Meaning: strong; sturdy; strength; keystone. Denotes the legs.

Notes: Can describe physical robustness or a central supporting element.

Elan'gu'xa

- Category: noun
- Meaning: sturdy frame; scaffolding; outline; plan; strategy.

Notes: Structural or conceptual framework on which something is built.

Elan'ro

- Category: noun
- Meaning: skull; head.

Notes: Physical head as the strong enclosing structure.

Eldi

- Category: noun
- Meaning: wing; branch.

Notes: Can be anatomical, structural, or metaphorical (branch of a group).

El'kai'aun

- Category: noun / phrase
- Meaning: vengeful death; justified violence; sanctioned assassination.

Notes: Violence understood as permitted, purposeful, or morally justified.

Elrro

- Category: verb / noun
- Meaning: to sing, to speak, to inform

Elrro'reth

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to teach, inform, question

Notes: When between teacher and learner, the word is spoken between both. If the learner then 'Elrro' is said as a question answered by 'reth' by the teacher and vice versa.

Elrro'k

- Category: verb
- Meaning: report; make a statement; a command to speak (forceful).

Notes: Used to demand information or testimony.

Elrro'xesa

- Category: noun
- Meaning: tale; story; narrative.

Notes: Any structured recounting of events.

Emaal

- Category: noun
- Meaning: ship.

Notes: Vessel used for travel or transport.

Emaal'an

- Category: noun
- Meaning: shipbuilder.

Notes: One whose role is designing or constructing ships.

Emaal'faan

- Category: noun
- Meaning: The name of a race of beings that follow the Migration and are seen as scavengers.

Eoro

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to guide; to lead.

Notes: Direction of others, physically or in decision-making.

-Era

- Category: suffix
- Meaning: "many"; many things; multitude of—.

Notes: Marks plurality or abundance around a root concept.

E'ren

- Category: noun (derogatory)
- Meaning: savages; primitives; parasites; barbarians.

Notes: Strongly pejorative; used for those considered uncivilized or predatory.

E'ren'kor

- Category: noun / concept
- Meaning: worms that eat the dead; barbarism; barbarity.

Notes: Links literal carrion-eaters to the idea of brutal, degrading behavior.

Erra

- Category: noun
- Meaning: shadow; dark side; positive connotation similar to human “dawn.”

Notes: Implies transition, liminal light/dark; not purely negative darkness.

Eru

- Category: noun
- Meaning: contention; conflict, compete.

Notes: Ongoing struggle or disagreement, not necessarily open war. Can include formal combat between disagreeing males.

Eru'geli

- Category: noun
- Meaning: Warstrider, defenders, male strength

Es'

- Category: particle / prefix-like
- Meaning: forceful, domineering “mine”; full of; denotes an order or command.

Notes: Intensifies possession and authority; used to mark commands and total claims.

Esav

- Category: noun
- Meaning: challenge; test; wager; bet.

Notes: Situations where outcome is uncertain and stakes are explicit.

Es'la

- Category: adjective/noun
- Meaning: arrogant; boastful; rude, a braggart

Notes: Negative judgment of overbearing or self-exalting behavior.

Es'shi'xa

- Category: noun
- Meaning: pride; honor; the reason to live.

Notes: Deep motivator; what a person lives and sacrifices for.

Es'vior

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: full of aggression; violent.

Notes: Describes individuals or acts driven by intense hostility.

Es'xa

- Category: noun
- Meaning: full of purpose; a decision; order; an understood truth; sacrifice.

Notes: The crystallized moment of purposeful commitment.

Et

- Category: particle
- Meaning: "is"; "of."

Notes: Basic copular/relational particle linking subject and complement.

Eta

- Category: particle
- Meaning: "the"; "it"; "this is"; "that is"; "this is."

Notes: Often used to assert or identify something explicitly.

Eur

- Category: noun
- Meaning: eye (organ) and denotes the corresponding sense of "sight"

Eur'ii

- Category: noun
- Literal meaning: “eye moisture.”
- Meaning: tears, empathy, sympathy

“F”

‘Fa

- Category: pronoun / particle
- Meaning: “we,” “us,” “our”; the community; “who.”

Notes: Primary first-person plural with strong communal sense (“we as a herd/community”).

- Interrogative “who” use likely depends on context and breath/gesture, but I won’t over-define it without more from you.

Faa-

- Category: root / prefix
- Meaning: to reproduce as well as the corresponding organs

Notes: Productive root for concepts involving reproduction, propagation, or continuation of a line.

Faan

- Category: noun
- Meaning: lit: the trail of people, the path

Notes: Can refer to a physical path or the moving body of vessels/units that form a “trail” together.

‘Faan

- Category: noun
- Meaning: the species, the race, the group

Notes: can be used as the descriptive for a nation as well.

Faan'e

- Category: noun
- Meaning: our people; the herd.

Notes: Immediate in-group: those to whom "we/us" ('Fa) directly applies.

Faan'fa

- Category: noun
- Literal meaning: people + us.
- Meaning: "the People"; all peoples.

Notes: Broad, inclusive sense of the People in total. It often encompass the Migration as a whole, not just one subgroup.

Fo

- Category: noun
- Meaning: understanding; comprehension.

Notes: The state of grasping meaning, intent, or pattern.

Fo'auk

- Category: noun
- Meaning: hard waste, defecate

Fo'auk'yebe

- Category: action/colloquialism
- Meaning: to walk and then defecate

Notes: Effectively this means 'of no consequence' or 'let it go'

Fo'no

- Category: noun
- Meaning: soil; ground; surface, dirt

Notes: The physical ground or foundational surface underfoot.

"G"

-G

- Category: suffix
- Meaning: drinkable; potable; safe (to consume).

Gal

- Category: verb
- Meaning: searching, seeking answers

Notes: Emphasis on leaving but that they will return

Gax

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: short; small; little, not derogatory

Notes: Size descriptor for people, objects, or distances.

Gax'var

- Category: noun
- Meaning: minor males; non-breeding males.

Notes: Social/biological category distinguished from breeding males.

Geka

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to bring; to carry; to lift.

Notes: Often applied to smaller non-combatant vessels or crew

Geka'nar

- Category: noun / phrase
- Meaning: Litera "carry stone." An adopted burden

Notes: Responsibility understood as difficult but honorable.

Geka'ovr

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to throw; to fling; to toss; to launch.

Notes: Imparts forceful outward motion, associated with craft launch

Gelka

- Category: noun
- Meaning: creature; animal of a lower intelligence, not derogatory

Notes: Distinct from fully sentient beings.

Geli

- Category: noun
- Meaning: male, masculine

Notes: Can be used to denote “male”

N

Ge'ta

- Category: noun
- Meaning: various gluten types, analogous to bread

Ghar

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: formal, polite, mutual respect

Ghoro

- Category: noun
- Meaning: death; annihilation; a violent death.

Notes: Strong emphasis on violent or total destruction.

Ghoro'monk

- Category: noun
- Meaning: massacre; atrocity; war crimes.

Notes: Large-scale combat, morally charged acts of killing.

Ghor'ula

- Category: noun / concept
- Meaning: extinction; a prehistoric predator that hunted the Shigue, believed extinct but thought to have driven their advanced intelligence through near-extinction pressure.

Notes: Term carries both the mythic predator and the idea of species-level obliteration: extinction.

Ghor'auk

- Category: noun
- Meaning: The time before the Migration

Grath

- Category: adjective / noun
- Meaning: thoughtless; one-minded, barbaric

Notes: Can imply narrow focus or acting without broader reflection.

Goa

- Category: noun/adjective
- Meaning: General descriptive for fruit, edibles

Notes: in time this has incorporated all sweet tasting things

Gorr

- Category: noun
- Meaning: round; part, working piece

Notes: modernized it means machine or parts of a machine

Gorr'u

- Category: noun
- Meaning: A vehicle, something to ride in.

Notes: Typically associated with construction vehicles.

-Gu

- Category: suffix
- Meaning: matchless

Notes: Marks something as uniquely or profoundly beautiful.

Gue

- Category: verb / noun / adjective
- Meaning: bend; rest together; kneeling; group at rest; passive state

Notes: Gue can be used as a further descriptor, such as a profession or as a generalization.

“H”

H -

- Category: prefix
- Meaning: “he,” “she,” “it”; ownership.

Notes: Marks third-person reference and/or possession, depending on context and breath/gesture.

H'ai

- Category: pronoun
- Meaning: “we,” formal; friends; allies.

Notes: More formal or alliance-focused version of 'Fa.

H'ai'ta

- Category: adjective / noun
- Meaning: kindred, of one spirit/mind

Notes: Those who share outlook, values, or purpose.

H'ai'xe

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to embody; to become; to give up something and become another.

Notes: Transformation through surrender or assumption of a new role/identity.

Ha

- Category: noun / adjective
- Meaning: noble; honorable; honor; a part of something.

Notes: Combines moral status (honor) with the idea of being a meaningful part of a whole.

Ha'rax

- Category: noun
- Literal meaning: "Longhorn."

Meaning: largest males of the Shigue and the natural leaders of the Warstriders

Notes: Dominant or leading males in Shigue social structure.

Hasyro

- Category: noun / adjective
- Meaning: weapon; weaponized; a noble/powerful weapon.

Notes: Often implies a weapon of particular significance or potency.

Hasyro'selo'na

- Category: noun
- Meaning: Songblades.

Notes: Specific named class/type of weapons; culturally important.

'He

- Category: quantifier
- Meaning: denoting a great number; "a lot."

Notes: Emphasizes large quantity.

He'

- Category: noun / sound-symbol
- Meaning: word that denotes the movement of wind through grass, soft movement, creeping

Notes: Onomatopoeic / sound-evocative term.

He'an

- Category: adjective / verb
- Meaning: changing; movement; evolving; adapting.

Notes: Active transformation and adjustment.

He'an'co

- Category: adjective / verb
- Meaning: closing; shutting; unavailable.

Notes: Movement toward closure or inaccessibility.

He'an'kar

- Category: adjective / verb
- Meaning: opening; blossoming; available.

Notes: Movement toward openness, accessibility, or emergence.

He'ra

- Category: adjective / noun
- Meaning: incorrect; wrong; a lie.

Notes: Falsehood, error, or deliberate deception.

He'ra'sin

- Category: noun
- Meaning: the misleading ones; ominous strangers.

Notes: Those who deceive or whose presence signals danger through misdirection.

He'rot

- Category: noun
- Meaning: larger males; those who outrun.

Notes: Physically larger males associated with speed or outrunning others.

He'run'soo

- Category: verb / phrase
- Meaning: escape; make safe; retreat; fall back.

Notes: Tactical or survival withdrawal to safety.

Hesa

- Category: noun
- Meaning: mathematics; numeric; "numbers."

Notes: Field or practice of numerical reasoning.

He'vasoy

- Category: noun / adjective
- Meaning: diversity; diverse; many differences; many types; variety.

Notes: Positive emphasis on multiplicity and variation.

H'kaas

- Category: noun / phrase
- Meaning: more numbers, reinforcements, new bodies

Notes: Additional forces brought in to support an ongoing action.

H'na

- Category: verb / noun
- Meaning: attack; shoot; to shoot; to fire; shooting; fire.

Notes: Covers both the act of attacking and specifically firing weapons.

-Hoi

- Category: suffix
- Meaning: denoting "a quality of"; having the characteristics of.

Notes: Used to describe something as embodying the qualities of the root.

Ho'or

- Category: adjective / noun
- Meaning: sympathetic; alignment.

Notes: Emotional sympathy or ideological alignment.

Hui'la

- Category: noun
- Meaning: helper, assistant, sanitation

Notes: Can denote a small rodent creature that cleans Shigue scales and lives near them.

-Hui

- Category: suffix
- Meaning: data network

Notes: Vaa'hui: graviton based network that flows throughout all Shigue vessels

Husa

- Category: adjective / noun
- Meaning: numb; numbing; relief; painkiller; medicine.

Notes: Any agent or state that dulls pain and provides relief.

Husa'g

- Category: noun
- Meaning: alcohol.

Notes: Specifically alcohol, understood here in context as a numbing or relieving substance.

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-ii

- Category: suffix
- Meaning: denoting wetness; moisture.

Notes: Adds a sense of dampness, liquid presence, or being wet.

Iamsha

- Category: noun
- Meaning: thoughts; the mind; thinking; inner words, the hidden self

Notes: Internal cognitive space; what one “says” to oneself.

Iey

- Category: noun
- Meaning: sound.

Notes: Any heard noise, also an exclamatory “Iey!”

I’hen

- Category: noun
- Meaning: the herd, the nation, all Shigue of a Havenhold: I’hen’___

Notes: Collective body of Shigue

Io-

- Category: prefix
- Meaning: Natural, naturally occurring

Ioio

- Category: noun
- Meaning: food, natural, plants

Notes: General botanical life, not restricted to a single species, Shigue are vegetarian

Io'an

- Category: noun
- Meaning: a created environment; shaped by artificial means.

Notes: Habitats, biomes, or spaces engineered or heavily altered.

Io'ang

- Category: noun
- Meaning: a natural environment.

Notes: Untouched or minimally altered spaces; the “wild” baseline.

Io'ra

- Category: noun
- Meaning: an artificial habitat such as a dome city.

Notes: Closed or constructed livable environments.

Is

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: cold (as in the weather).

Notes: Ambient temperature, not life/function like Aloh.

-Is

- Category: suffix
- Meaning: to do; activity.

Notes: Turns a root concept into an action/process (“to ___”).

Iste

- Category: noun
- Meaning: pattern; ornaments; markings.

Notes: Visual or structural patterning, including decoration. Can also be jewelry.

Iur

- Category: noun
- Meaning: exhaustion; spent; fatigued.

Notes: Deep tiredness, physical or mental.

“J”

J-

- Category: prefix
- Meaning: reverse; makes a word the “opposite” of its root.

Notes: Negates or inverts the base concept, often strongly.

J’aslo

- Category: noun / adjective / verb
- Meaning: reflected heat; to stay hidden; camouflage.

Notes: Use of environmental heat/light patterns to remain concealed.

J’bentu

- Category: noun / adjective
- Meaning: foolish; a fool.

Notes: Someone behaving stupidly or naïvely.

Jeth

- Category: adjective / noun
- Meaning: synthetic, something made

Notes: Artificial or manufactured, not naturally grown/occurring. Adding further descriptors can imply artificial beings which the Shigue make use of such as the Jeth

Jeth'ri

- Category: noun
- Meaning: a traditional spear used during Shigue'kon'seh festivals.

Notes: Ceremonial weapon with cultural significance and the first *made* tool/weapon of Shigue ancestors.

-Jhi

- Category: suffix
- Meaning: denoting that something is broken; damaged.

Notes: Indicates impairment, fracture, or disrepair of the root concept: Ak'jhi would mean 'damaged armor.'

Jhor

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to heal; to mend; to fix.

Notes: Repair of bodies, structures, or functions but can also indicate what was fixed: Ak'jhor would mean fixed armor.

J'naa

- Category: adjective / verb
- Meaning: toothless; give up; surrender.

Notes: Loss of bite/power, literal or metaphorical, leading to yielding with the hope of surviving.

J'olku

- Category: verb
- Meaning: reject; an error; refute a decision.

Notes: Actively refusing or overturning a prior choice or proposal.

J'ka'or

- Category: verb / noun
- Meaning: resist; fight back; resistance.

Notes: Opposition to pressure, control, or attack.

Jun

- Category: noun
- Meaning: Chip, bit, tab or a small piece of something

Jun'ta

- Category: noun
- Meaning: stone; a type of stone sometimes inscribed with filigree; a good luck charm.

Notes: A silica data drive that contains all known information about the Shigue who wears it that serves as identification for Warstriders.

J'yon

- Category: adjective / noun
- Meaning: unrestrained; no holding back; unleashed.

Notes: Full release of force, emotion, or capability. Can denote empathic release or the equivalent of weeping/crying.

“K”

‘K

- Category: suffix
- Meaning: the color something, tint, hue, paint, can also denote abstract concepts

Notes: Kna’k would be ‘color me foolish’ or Cano’k would bristling with attraction.

Ka

- Category: verb
- Meaning: action; to do; to commit.

Notes: Can have a physical aspect such as ‘tap’ or be an encouragement ‘you can do it!’

Ka’an

- Category: noun
- Meaning: fist

Kaa

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to make or to form something, to build

Ka’is

- Category: verb / noun
- Meaning: violent movement; impulsive action, a fight

Ka’auk

- Category: noun
- Meaning: deformity in an inanimate object, such as a tear, rip, dent, etc.

Ka’uu

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to eat; to bite or chew; to relax.

Ka'sha

- Category: noun
- Meaning: strong wind, typically associated with news or warning; “the wind that carries a scent.”

Notes: A mythical notion that one that listens to the wind can tell what is coming.

Ka'soo'pa

- Category: noun
- Meaning: water seeker, those that lead

Note: the name of the Sage Uuatha people that began the migration.

Ka'rashi

- Category: adjective / noun
- Meaning: exiled; rejected; cast out; un-friend.

Notes: The Shigue do not need a legal system but, instead, employ public shunning where none will speak or communicate with an individual until reconciliation.

Kamesa

- Category: noun
- Meaning: skin markings; tattoos; daubed paint.

Kara

- Category: verb / noun
- Meaning: evasion; dodge; avoid; maneuvering.

Karae'na

- Category: phrase
- Literal meaning: “we are concluded.”
- Meaning: dismissed; a dismissal.

Notes: Associated with a formal end to a meeting by a superior authority.

Kar

- Category: adjective / verb
- Meaning: correct; right; acknowledgement

Notes: equality has been achieved with all senses

Kar'ru'la

- Category: noun
- Meaning: confinement chamber, cell

Notes: Confinement is typically agreed upon by all, often implied as a place to 'calm down.'

Kar'soo

- Category: verb / noun
- Meaning: synchronizing; in step; align; networking.

Notes: ideal state for fighting units but can be applied throughout Shigue culture

Kar'sin

- Category: noun
- Meaning: the Shigue word for the Karst peoples

Kat

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: to write, to mark, to engrave

Kat'diir

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: fingers

Kak

- Category: noun
- Meaning: a small portion, can denote time or an amount

Kak'xi

- Category: noun
- Meaning: dust; obscuring particulates; pollution.

Kak'raik

- Category: adjective / adverb
- Meaning: small (in size) or short in time; soon.

Kau

- Category: verb / noun
- Meaning: to know beforehand, to guess, foresight

Kau'eg

- Category: noun
- Meaning: Outriders; scouts; also a cousin species to the Shigue that shares a common ancestor.

Notes: the smaller species have a benign relationship with the Shigue.

Kau'soo

- Category: verb
- Meaning: seek out; uncover; discover.

Kauva

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: improving in some way, ethos

Notes: Incremental improvement is an individual philosophy that each Shigue believes.

K'ha

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: hale.

Ke

- Category: verb / noun
- Meaning: come apart, decompose

Ke'la

- Category: noun
- Meaning: Corpse, dead thing

Ke'ea

- Category: verb / noun
- Meaning: to explode

Ke'gorr

- Category: noun
- Meaning: explosive, explosive material

Ke'ka

- Category: verb / noun
- Meaning: fall apart; unravel, decay

Keluu

- Category: verb / noun
- Meaning: arriving; arrival; coming.

Ken

- Category: noun / verb
- Meanings:
 - an old path; a known idea

Notes: both meanings are recorded; they may represent related but distinct uses.

Ken'bap

- Category: noun
- Meaning: An old mistake, the wrong way

Ken'kau

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to identify a threat; typically a predator.

Ken'to

- Category: noun
- Meaning: doctrine; orthodoxy; tradition.

Ki

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: bleed; blood; pay; cost.

Notes: As the Shigue do not easily bleed, it has the added notion of severity.

Ki-

- Category: prefix
- Meaning: to make; to do.

Kiid

- Category: noun
- Meaning: day cycle.

Kiidid

- Category: noun
- Meaning: repetition; repeat; tomorrow.

Kiidu

- Category: noun / adjective
- Meaning: orbit; orbital; spinning.

Notes: Denotes a standard 'year' or complete orbit of the original Shigue world(s)

Kil

- Category: noun
- Meaning: sentence or strand, in reference to information

Note: typically associated with digital information, a kil'hui is a data network.

Kilto

- Category: noun
- Meaning: first-hand accounts, reports, details or facts.

Klaad

- Category: noun
- Meaning: *“Strive for excellence”*

Note: This is also the name of one of the Havenhold vessels and culture.

KI-

- Category: prefix
- Meaning: Added to provide 'novel' or 'remarkable'

Kles

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: an exceptional outlier, a genius/savant, someone who doesn't fit

KI'bo

- Category: noun / adjective
- Meaning: intelligent/intelligence

Kn (Kn'kn)

- Category: verb / sound
- Meaning: mumble; babble; whisper; mutter; meaningless sounds.

Notes: When associated with various gestures it can direct context.

Kore'ord

- Category: noun
- Meaning: a haven world; a temporary settlement.

Korsek

- Category: noun
- Meaning: end; death; oblivion; completeness.

Kors

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: to expire; an ending, no more time.

Kors'liet

- Category: noun
- Meaning: the final ending; death; no negative connotation.

Kre-

- Category: prefix
- Meaning: apart from; separated; negative connotation.

Notes: Isolation from the community is an underlying fear of the Shigue.

Kre'x'mes

- Category: verb
- Meaning: submit; to break one away from the herd for a purpose.

Kryda (you wrote Kysdra)

- Category: noun
- Meaning: forest, much life

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Kunas

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: agile; dexterous.

Kul

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: implant.

Kulkuun

- Category: expletive
- Meaning: “go beyond us and live elsewhere.”

Kyl

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: inedible; sour.

Kylkin

- Category: prefix/suffix
- Meaning: negative; “bad.”

Ky-

- Category: pronoun/prefix
- Meaning: “me” or “I,” in reference to self, personal

Ky'tak

- Category: noun
- Meaning: personal armor, personal kit

Notes: Typically denotes personal property in a military sense.

Ka'narn

- Category: noun
- Meaning: astroids

Notes: when descriptors added it can denote other stellar phenomena such as comets.

Ku—

- Category: prefix-like root
- Meaning: fast; danger; quickly; something that is moving with unknown intent.

Kna

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: silly; stupid; ill-conceived.

Koi-

- Category: prefix
- Meaning: dependable.

Ko'dras

- Category: noun
- Literal meaning: “worthy wealth.”
- Meaning: fortune; luxury; a place to settle.

Notes: Shigue consider fertile land or the promise of leaving their Havenholds as the only true thing that matters. Soil, water, air are all of higher value than any form of currency.

Ko'io

- Category: noun
- Literal meaning: “worthy plants.”
- Meaning: grain; basic food plants.

Notes: Ko'io are often eaten raw or minimally processed.

Ko'io'nai

- Category: noun
- Meaning: starchy food groups; cereals.

Kol

- Category: adjective / adverb
- Meaning: far; far apart in physical distance.

Kol'sket

- Category: noun
- Meaning: far-caller; vibration communication device used by the Shigue.

Ko'tash

- Category: noun / phrase
- Literal meaning: "showing endurance."
- Meaning: goodbye; farewell.

Ko'vath

- Category: noun
- Meaning: something worthy to believe in.

Notes: Denoting for the People or for the Shigue as a whole

Kor

- Category: noun
- Meaning: star, sun.

Koreth

- Category: noun
- Meaning: many stars; a cluster of stars.

Notes: Typically the region that the Lifefleet is migrating through.

Kor'he

- Category: noun
- Meaning: false home.

Notes: This can sometimes mean a colony ship, although, the Shigue culturally loath staying aboard ships for long periods of time beyond the Havenholds.

Kore'korar

- Category: noun
- Meaning: Havenhold vessel.

Notes: These city-wide vessels are typically one per Lifefleet and are given names from the Selo'shig.

“L”

L-

- Category: prefix
- Meaning: to drop or let go over, fall, descend

La-

- Category: prefix
- Meaning: foolishness; arrogance; youthful pride; courage.

-La

- Category: suffix
- Meaning: a thing, being or relating to a person

Laar

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: courageous, heroic,

Notes: Adding ‘La’ denotes someone foolhardy while adding ‘ra’ would mean walking into danger.

La’thaa

- Category: noun
- Meaning: adolescence; youth.

Notes: Often denotes a level of annoyance or nuisance.

La’vi

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: light (in weight); can also denote class.

Lar'el

- Category: noun / verb
- Literal Meaning: Arm/limb
- Meaning: protector; guard; to protect; defend.

Lar'el'raik

- Category: verb / warning-call
- Meaning: "Prepare. Threat incoming. Be ready."

Lasa

- Category: noun
- Meaning: fire; flame; burning.

-Lask

- Category: suffix
- Meaning: problem; difficulty; obstacle.

-Lel

- Category: suffix
- Meaning: projectile; beam; bolt of ___.

Example: Ol'lel = bolt of light (energy bolt).

Leath

- Category: noun
- Meaning: ocean; deep sea; the unknown; deep space; can also mean "forge" or place of making.

Notes: Since the Migration, the term generally describes factory or generation facility.

Lek

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: medium; boring; not interesting, slow down, becoming sleepy

Lek'bo

- Category: adjective/noun
- Meaning: A slow mind, drunk, stupid

Notes: Shigue very much enjoy becoming inebriated in the Summer season. Those that become inebriated and cannot stand are referred to as the *lek'bo'la*.

Len'ra

- Category: noun / adjective
- Meaning: cautious; caution; wary; intelligent.

Lhas-

- Category: prefix
- Meaning: a necessary loss (positive connotation).
 - Example: Lhas'an = giving up a location (to survive).

Li-

- Category: prefix
- Meaning: accept; embrace; bond; union; unite; welcome.

Liokide

- Category: noun
- Meaning: counterpart; parallel.

Lis

- Category: pronoun
- Meaning: "us"; both; together.

Lis'an

- Category: noun/verb
- Meaning: to come together in a place and hold council, or a place of council

Notes: Adding 'Xe' which means the individuals in a gathering, creates a formal event usually reserved for Shigue of similar status.

Lis'ki

- Category: noun
- Meaning: kin; family; family unit.

Lok

- Category: noun
- Meaning: hole, deep, trip

Lok'faa

- Category: noun
- Meaning: singularity, black hole, also can be used to refer to stellar anomalies

Loka'an

- Category: noun
- Meaning: crater; impact site, can also mean damage from projectiles

Lynu

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: to persist, similar to fording a river or walking into the wind

"M"

M-

- Category: prefix
- Meaning: "un-," "not," but without a harsh negative meaning.

Notes: to describe something that doesn't work or lacks an expected quality, but not inherently evil or bad.

Mal

- Category: noun
- Meaning: annoyance, pain, sickness

Notes: Associated with plague but also the things that carry it

Malk

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: discordance, admonishment

Notes: Mistakes are often made and within them there must be a lesson, Malk is both of these in the same breadth.

Me

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: unkempt; dirty; scrawny; unlikeable.

Notes: a descriptive not a derogatory

Me't

- Category: noun
- Meaning: left

Notes: As in position or side

M'cova

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: rigid; unbending; unbroken.

M'lithe

- Category: adjective / noun
- Meaning: unable to understand; confusion; ignorance; stupid.

Me'vash

- Category: noun / adjective
- Meaning: rudeness; deaf; distracted.

Notes: Social or attentional failure to listen/attend. When 'La' is added it can mean physical deafness in someone.

Me'drek

- Category: noun / phrase
- Meaning: hard night; difficult night; prey night.

Notes: A night associated with danger, stress, or being hunted.

Mesan

- Category: verb / noun
- Meaning: to mark; to identify.

Notes: Tagging or designating a target or object or person.

Mesa'sav

- Category: verb / command
- Meaning: focus fire; concentrate; "pick your target."

Notes: Tactical instruction to converge attacks.

Mesa'cova

- Category: verb / command
- Meaning: eliminate target, destroy all designated targets

Mesma

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to add; to combine; to have association; connection.

Mesma'he'vash

- Category: noun / phrase
- Meaning: deal; accord; compromise; contract; pledge.

Notes: Formalized connection/agreement between parties.

Mesma'iamsha

- Category: noun
- Meaning: marriage, union, romantic pairing

Mo'

- Category: pronoun
- Meaning: I; singular "me"; slight negative connotation.

Notes: Self-reference with a hint of selfishness, ego, or undesirability.

Mo'munk

- Category: noun
- Literal meaning: "Warbringer."
- Meaning: warlord; great ruiner.

Notes: Figure associated with large-scale destruction.

Mo'k

- Category: adjective / noun
- Meaning: black, lifeless, inoperable

Notes: This can also mean deterrence or 'avoid' as Shigue do not handle their dead and will avoid the place where one has died.

Mon'eru

- Category: noun
- Meaning: blood feud; “dark rivalry”; generational conflict.

Muankaum

- Category: noun
- Meaning: conflict; war.

Notes: Official war can only be declared by Shigue females.

Muon'xi

- Category: noun / phrase
- Literal meaning: “Fog of War.”
- Meaning: dangerous unknown; murky, perilous situation.

Mon'nyr

- Category: noun / title
- Meaning: Blackmane; denotes an alpha-male status.

Mont'sel

- Category: noun
- Meaning: combat tactic; terror tactics; sabotage; assassination.

Monu

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: deceptive; lethal.

Muu

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: murder; kill; a loss.

Muu'ka

- Category: verb / noun
- Meaning: killing; to kill; the act of.

Muu're

- Category: noun
- Meaning: the strength to kill.

Muu'xa

- Category: noun
- Meaning: necessary kill; accepted kill; the price one pays.

M'yan

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: unhappy; sad; melancholy.

M'yen

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: unforeseen; unexpected.

M'yenshi

- Category: noun / phrase
- Meaning: unforeseen victory; unexpected victory.

"N"

Na

- Category: noun
- Meaning: edge; cliff.

Notes: Boundary where ground falls away; liminal physical edge.

Naab

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: edged; sharp.

Notes: Can describe blades, teeth, or any sharpened edge.

Naa'u

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: tooth plates; to bite.

Notes: Refers both to the Shigue dental structure and the act of biting.

Naa'u'ak

- Category: noun/adverb
- Meaning: the small bite

Notes: Also the name of the Coegi species that also originate from the Shigue homeworlds.

Naak

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: violence; assault; death-dealing bite.

Notes: Aggressive, lethal action, often tooth-based in origin of the concept.

Naa'vior

- Category: noun
- Meaning: tusk; gore.

Notes: Emphasizes the use of tusks/horns to wound.

Narn

- Category: noun
- Meaning: Rock and stone

Na'lok

- Category: noun
- Meaning: stone; rock; mineral; ore.

Nath'pa

- Category: noun
- Meaning: intuition; street smarts; wisdom gained by hard methods.

Nem

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: piercing; puncture.

Notes: Both the act and the resulting hole.

Nen

- Category: noun
- Meaning: bow; weapon; balance; shooting weapon.

Notes: Ranged weapon concept tied to balance/tension.

Nen'saro

- Category: noun
- Meaning: bolts; arrows; shot.

Notes: Projectiles fired from Nen-type weapons.

Nel

- Category: noun
- Meaning: the self; self-comprehension; awareness (positive connotation).

Notes: Conscious, reflective sense of one's own being.

Neuk'yen

- Category: verb
- Meaning: survey; study; examine.

Nim

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning:
 - (n.) foodstuff; food, feed
 - (v.) to feed, graze

Notes: Core root for nourishment and the act of providing it.

No

- Category: noun
- Meaning: layer.

Notes: Strata, level, or sheet of material usually followed by a number.

No'nyth

- Category: noun
- Meaning: clothes, fabric

Nok

- Category: noun / adjective
- Meaning: problem; difficulty; difficult.

Notes: not necessarily a negative as the Shigue love problem solving. Nok is also a game where one Shigue will make a maze and others compete to finish it the fastest.

'Non

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: difficult; uncomfortable.

Notes: More about subjective discomfort than structural difficulty.

Nov

- Category: noun
- Meaning: equation; result.

Notes: calculated outcome or formal relation.

Nuni'ya

- Category: phrase / noun
- Meaning: thanks; "my thanks"; thank you.

Nunco

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to change; changing; evolution; evolving; progress; evolve; better; improve; become (positive).

Notes: Change with a built-in positive/progressive sense.

Nyth

- Category: noun
- Meaning: fur; hair.

Notes: can also denote clothing or shrouds.

“O”

O

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: bright, point, larger

Notes: General brightness, visual intensity, positive connotation similar to wonder

O'o

- Category: noun / adjective
- Meaning: primary; strength; physical power or size.

Notes: Can describe a foremost element or something notable for sheer strength/size.

O'ak

- Category: noun
- Meaning: a group of.

Notes: A minor cluster or subset of a larger whole.

O't'koreth

- Category: noun / phrase
- Meaning: journey across the stars, both spiritual or physical.

Notes: Can refer to literal interstellar travel or a profound, star-spanning pilgrimage of meaning.

Oi

- Category: adjective / noun
- Meaning: shining; glittering; sunlight on the stream; beauty.

Notes: Strong aesthetic/poetic connotations.

Olu

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: bright in relation to light intensity.

Notes: Specifically about intensity and reflective brightness.

Olu'an

- Category: noun
- Meaning: A light source such as a lamp

Olku'a

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to make a decision; decisiveness.

Olku'du

- Category: noun
- Meaning: to make a decision; those selected; the chosen.

Notes: To make a choice or something that is chosen.

On

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: sight; literal vision; "to see."

Notes: Can indicate something that has been seen or a descriptive to things that improve or augment vision such as lenses or scopes.

On'co

- Category: verb
- Meaning: something that can't be seen, the worst danger.

Notes: Can indicate 'going quiet' or proceeding under cover.

Or

- Category: noun
- Meaning: foundation; jurisdiction; dominion; also a designation for the largest capital ships as well as the physical body.

Notes: Structural/authority base, and by extension the huge ships that embody that role.

Orak

- Category: noun
- Meaning: vehicle; "that which carries."

Note: Typically not used when describing known vehicle types such as military vehicles.

Or'al'mon

- Category: noun / phrase
- Meaning: overwatch; covering fire.

Notes: Protective fire laid down to shield others.

O'ran

- Category: noun
- Meaning: courage, in reference to the act; a courageous act.

Orot

- Category: noun
- Meaning: unrivaled; unguided strength.

Notes: Raw, unmatched power without external control.

Ov

- Category: noun
- Meaning: tip; point; spearpoint; penetrator.

Ovr-

- Category: prefix
- Meaning: the lead element; direction; ahead of; vanguard; denotes element of a military formation.

Ovr'la

- Category: noun
- Meaning: scouts, the vanguard.

Notes: The forward elements sent ahead of the main body.

“P”

P-¹

- Category: prefix
- Meaning: liquid; fluid; fluidity, flexibility

Notes: Used to mark something as liquid or having fluid properties.

P-²

- Category: prefix
- Meaning: a place; there; “in”; “at”; denoting the physical placement of an object or area.

Notes: Marks location/setting rather than substance.

Pa

- Category: noun
- Meaning: water.

Pa’cyr

- Category: noun
- Meaning: water cycle; tide; oceanic current

P’aku’la

- Category: noun
- Literal meaning: “wondrous liquid.”
- Meaning: a semi-sentient liquid that heals and can even resuscitate the dead.

P’auk

- Category: noun
- Meaning: waste water, sewage

Notes: Urination

P'cal

- Category: noun
- Meaning: thick liquid.

P'ka

- Category: noun
- Meaning: rain.

P'ka'va

- Category: noun
- Meaning: weather system; a storm.

P'ka'sel

- Category: verb / phrase
- Meaning: to eat flesh; same connotation as “eat dung.”

Notes: Strongly negative / insulting usage.

P'ufa

- Category: noun
- Meaning: river; branch; can denote Galactic Arms.

Notes: Used both for literal rivers and for branching large-scale structures like spiral arms.

Pak

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to negotiate; diplomacy; dialogue.

Notes: Pak'e'pak is when three or more Shigue come together to exchange stories or counsel.

Pak'cal

- Category: noun / phrase
- Meaning: hard negotiations; ultimatum.

Pol'tsen

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: rescue; recovery; save.

“Q”

Q’

- Category: particle / prefix-like
- Meaning: “of the”; “same”; “same as.”

Notes: Used to mark sameness, equivalence, or belonging to the same category.

Qaa

- Category: adjective / noun
- Meaning: helping; helpful.

Notes: Can describe a person, act, or thing that assists.

Qu

- Category: noun / adjective
- Meaning: risk; at risk; scared.

Notes: Encapsulates both the objective danger and the subjective fear.

Qu’ath

- Category: adjective / noun
- Meaning: armed; dangerous.

Notes: Denotes someone or something equipped for harm.

"R"

R'a

- Category: noun
- Meaning: object; thing; something lifeless.

Notes: Generic term for inanimate items.

Raa

- Category: noun / adjective
- Meaning: upright; building; product; tall.

Notes: Covers both vertical structures and "standing" constructions.

Raak

- Category: noun
- Meaning: walker vehicle

Notes: A walking platform/vehicle/being defined by locomotion on legs.

Raak'va'lel

- Category: noun
- Meaning: artillery walker; towering threat.

Notes: Large walker configured for artillery or heavy fire.

Raban

- Category: noun
- Meaning: the chassis of a heavy vehicle often armed with artillery.

Rae

- Category: noun
- Meaning: children.

Rai'ik

- Category: noun
- Meaning: temporal patterns, progressive time

Raik

- Category: adjective / noun
- Meaning: imminent; forthcoming; inevitable.

Raik'et

- Category: adverb / phrase
- Meaning: "now"; immediate; "this second"; current; currently.

Raanon

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to continue; to advance; be strong; travel.

Notes: Ongoing forward motion, physical or metaphorical.

Rax

- Category: noun
- Meaning: horn; device of honor; strength of lineage; they lengthen and harden with age.

Notes: Core Shigue status/age marker.

Re

- Category: noun
- Meaning: strength; effort; service; work.

Re'n

- Category: noun
- Meaning: savage.

Re'es'xa

- Category: noun
- Meaning: integrity; honor; sturdy.

Notes: Moral and structural steadfastness.

Re'kilto

- Category: noun
- Meaning: records; service record; background.

Reth

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to teach; to instruct; to inform.

Rhen

- Category: noun
- Meaning: something of beauty.

Rhen'ge

- Category: noun
- Meaning: plains, prairie, fields, a place of congregation

Rō

- Category: noun
- Meaning: the thinking self, consciousness, experiences written on the body

Rō'ka

- Category: noun / phrase
- Meaning: inspiration, sudden idea, eureka!

Rō'sa

- Category: noun / phrase
- Literal meaning: "my-vision."
- Meaning: to dream, symbolistic wisdom

Rua

- Category: noun
- Meaning: zone; surface; region.

-Ri

- Category: suffix
- Meaning: tradition; traditional; classic; antique; value.

Notes: Marks something as having inherited or established worth.

Ru

- Category: verb / noun / suffix
- Meaning: built or crafted; to build; establish; construct.

Notes: Can be used to describe any domicile but also ship types as a suffix.

Ru'jhor

- Category: verb
- Meaning: build up; fix, repair something that is damaged

Notes: it can also be to hurriedly construct something such as a barrier wall or trench.

Ruun

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: genetically altered; skin-shaped; engineered (in reference to biology).

Ruu'

- Category: adjective / verb
- Meaning: completed; finished; solved, accomplished

"S"

Sa

- Category: noun
- Meaning: the beginning.

Saa

- Category: noun
- Meaning: comprehension, especially with the eyes; directly comprehending something rather than abstractly.

Sa'an

- Category: noun
- Meaning: the place of origin; the start.

Saavon

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: sight; to see; seeing; view.

Sa'taa

- Category: phrase
- Meaning: hello; greetings; greetings between friends.

Sav-

- Category: prefix
- Meaning: future pretext; something that will be or will happen, hopeful.

Sav'cyr

- Category: noun
- Meaning: the future; the times to come.

Savon

- Category: noun
- Meaning: power; energy; effort.

Saro

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: arrow; shot; deal with; solve.

Saro'ka

- Category: verb / adjective
- Meaning: neutralized; taken out of the equation.

Senai

- Category: noun
- Meaning: friend; walking mate.

Notes: Has similar connotation to comrade, both a working and friendly relationship.

Seh-

- Category: prefix
- Meaning: denoting specialness or something that stands out.

Sel

- Category: adjective / noun
- Meaning: decisive; eager; advantage.

Selo

- Category: noun
- Meaning: language; song.

Notes: Descriptor added to denote a species language or the language of synthetics.

Selo'he

- Category: noun
- Meaning: “basic” Shigue language; “the many songs.”

Notes: Can change radically between different Havenholds.

Selo'shig

- Category: noun
- Meaning: Shigue language, considered archaic or used in their own rituals.

-Sral

- Category: suffix
- Meaning: bias; information from one perspective; information that benefits a point of view.

Sha

- Category: noun
- Meaning: wind, comprehension with smell; abstractly comprehending something.

Sha'ray

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: wind walking, piloting a craft.

Notes: It means both navigating a craft and running with abandon.

Sha'coda

- Category: noun
- Meaning: dark wind; bad wind; the smell of death or dread.

Sha'is

- Category: noun
- Meaning: cold wind; cold front; the smell of the cold.

Notes: Can also mean “to prepare.”

Sha'varsuu

- Category: noun
- Meaning: hot wind; a firestorm; the smell of burning, bombing or bombardment

Sha'xi

- Category: noun
- Meaning: fog; mist.

Shao

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: weapon; weaponized; to make worse.

Notes: Shigue do not inherently like weapons or the use of weapons as a culture and prefer raw strength that forces an opponent to submit.

Shas'ka

- Category: noun
- Meaning: sun; star.

Shas'ka'vr

- Category: noun
- Meaning: sunset.

Shi

- Category: noun
- Meaning: force; strength

Notes: Denotes the Shigue's upper arm, especially once combined with Torok'shi

Shi'po'sha

- Category: noun
- Meaning: a storm; the winds that bring water.

Shi'va'po'sha

- Category: noun
- Meaning: hurricane; tempest; violent storm.

Shi'ur

- Category: noun
- Meaning: great triumph.

Shi'bap

- Category: expression / insult
- Literal meaning: "great loss."
- Meaning: "go and get lost"; slur/swear; "screwed," "ruined," to find things dead.

Shi'fa

- Category: noun
- Meaning: ankle, leverage, hinge

Shig

- Category: noun
- Meaning: family; band; group of relatives.

Shigue (ShEE-Gway)

- Category: noun
- Literal meaning: "people of the plains."
- Meaning: the Shigue species/people

Notes: this can often cover all similar species or those who adopt their customs.

Shiro

- Category: noun
- Meaning: walls or protective description

Notes: shiro'raan would be walls

Shoka

- Category: adjective / expression
- Meaning: "impossible"; unlikely; small chance.

Shoka'ha

- Category: phrase
- Meaning: surrender and live.

Shoka'ufa

- Category: adjective / noun
- Meaning: eternal; forever; persistent; the old trail, denotes veteran status

Sh'elve

- Category: adjective / noun
- Meaning: seriously injured; broken leg; crippled.

Notes: A broken leg is considered a death sentence in pre-industrial eras.

Shivax

- Category: noun
- Meaning: the victory through strength; wall of horns.

Sket

- Category: verb
- Meaning: gallop; bring word; to warn

Notes: Sket'a'sket is an intensifier and colloquialism to urge friends on.

Sket'auk

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to trample

Notes: an order to leave none alive.

Si

- Category: noun / particle
- Meaning: a thing to watch for; "what's that?"

Si'da

- Category: noun / phrase
- Meaning: a thing in the dark; "beware."

Sin

- Category: noun
- Meaning: a person or people to watch out for; "others."

Sil'va

- Category: verb / noun
- Meaning: thinking; to think; ideas, denotes a thinking being both sentient and biological

Siral

- Category: verb
- Meaning: return; come back; regroup; retreat.

Siral'es

- Category: command / phrase
- Meaning: "Run! Escape!"

Soo

- Category: noun
- Meaning: movement; artful; skill.

Soo'an

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: movement tied to a location; dancing; dance.

Soo'sha

- Category: noun
- Meaning: martial arts.

Soo'ka'es

- Category: noun / phrase
- Meaning: deployment (immediate, quick).

“T”

T-

- Category: prefix
- Meaning: good; positive connotation.

T'haut

- Category: noun
- Meaning: eclipse, obscure, block

T'na

- Category: pronoun
- Meaning: they; their; those; others.

T'na'xa

- Category: verb / phrase
- Meaning: reconsider a concept; review; see from another angle.

T'repa

- Category: noun
- Meaning: needle.

T'roi

- Category: noun
- Meaning: a good smell.

T'run

- Category: verb
- Meaning: secure; guard; make safe.

T'soo

- Category: noun
- Meaning: a promise; goodwill; good showing.

Ta

- Category: noun
- Meaning: soul; spirit.

Ta'lissera

- Category: noun / phrase
- Meaning: communion; covenant; bonding; bond.

Ta'shiro

- Category: noun
- Meaning: fortress; fortress station.

Taal

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: preservation; to save; to be safe; to make safe. Safety.

Taal'cyr

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to rest; to sleep.

Taal'a

- Category: verb / noun
- Meaning: landing; to land.

Taal't'ta

- Category: noun
- Meaning: preserver of life; doctor; medic.

Tam

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: good; good meaning; positive.

Tam'kon'seh

- Category: noun
- Meaning: a Shigue festival.

Tas-

- Category: prefix
- Meaning: very; accentuate; intensifier.

Tas'raik

- Category: adjective / phrase
- Meaning: present; ready; “now”; prepare.

Tash

- Category: verb / noun
- Meaning: adapting; enduring; to give oneself; to understand one's place; to stand; to stick up for your people.

Thaa

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to be; exist.

Thaa'xa

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to be born; to emerge; to stand.

Tha'

- Category: adjective / noun
- Meaning: living; alive; life source.

Tha'suu

- Category: noun
- Meaning: freedom.

Tha'tak

- Category: noun
- Literal meaning: “living armor.”

Meaning: The warshell armor worn by Shigue. It is similar to fingernails or plants in that it can be agitated to grow, heal and must be maintained by regular grooming.

'Tha

- Category: particle
- Meaning: denotes activity; movement; “on”; activated.

Tha'vesa

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: service; to be of service.

Tha'o'ak

- Category: noun
- Meaning: a fleet of ships, Lifefleet

Thara'ha

- Category: exclamation / noun
- Meaning: consternation; surprise; shock; expletive: “oh my god!”

To

- Category: pronoun
- Meaning: “all”; all of us.

To'ant

- Category: adjective / noun
- Meaning: preliminary.

To'dauu

- Category: colloquial phrase
- Meaning: “We are all on the same path”

Tokai

- Category: noun
- Meaning: city, large moving population

Notes: The term is largely applied to ships with large populations.

Tol

- Category: verb / noun
- Meaning: command.

Tol'tor

- Category: noun
- Meaning: place of power; position of power; bridge; command point.

Tor

- Category: noun
- Meaning: position; hardpoint; tower; keep; fort; can also reference higher status.

Torok

- Category: noun
- Meaning: right in terms of direction or position on the body:

Notes: Torok'shi are the upper arms, Torok'dem are the lower arms.

Tsen

- Category: verb
- Meaning: bring back; catch; reclaim.

Tsua

- Category: noun
- Meaning: thought; idea.

Tsaya

- Category: noun
- Meaning: love; caring; familial love.

Tyr

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to gaze; to look; to concentrate.

“U”

U-

- Category: prefix
- Meaning: born of; child of; belonging to a common bloodline; to bring forth; a piece of; a section of.

Notes: Used for lineage, origin, or segment of a larger whole.

Uash

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: major; important; “must”; required.

Ufa

- Category: noun
- Meaning: the line; the path.

Notes: Can be literal (trail, route) or figurative (lineage, course of action) but it also means ‘right’ direction.

Ugu

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: breakable; fragile; weak.

Ui

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: hunger; to need.

Ui’a

- Category: noun
- Meaning: “low to the ground”; scavenger; thing that eats foul; canid.

Notes: A low-feeding, scavenging creature; term carries that ecological role. An insult.

U'kysa

- Category: noun
- Meaning: unity; union; communality.

U'no

- Category: noun
- Meaning: skin; hide, flesh

Ula

- Category: noun
- Meaning: predator; threat; enemy; denotes violence or the threat of violence

Ula'ak

- Category: noun
- Meaning: armored predator, a shadow creature from Shigue myth.

Upto

- Category: noun
- Meaning: mountain.

Upt'ar

- Category: noun
- Meaning: apex; summit.

Ur

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: strong, strength, powerful

Uu

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: forward movement, take the initiative

Notes: Typically used by pilots which then denote which direction or coordinates.

Uu'an

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to approach, on arrival, incoming.

Notes: Can denote pilot or trajectories but also incoming fire.

Uu'syn

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to invade.

“V”

Va

- Category: noun
- Meaning: something important for all.

Notes: Carries a sense of communal importance or shared significance.

Vaa

- Category: adjective / verb
- Meaning: supportive; giving; to offer.

Vaa'noh

- Category: verb
- Meaning: exacerbate; help grow; add to.

Notes: Can be positive (amplify) or negative (make worse) depending on context.

Vaa'hui

- Category: noun/technology
- Meaning: graviton based network that flows throughout all Shigue vessels, constructs and can be fitted to specialized troop equipment.

Notes: Near instantaneous communication that flows between sympathetic materials.

Va'h'na

- Category: noun
- Meaning: where honor ends/where honor begins

Notes: The limits of one's ability/the beginning of one's ability

Va'is

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: trade; commerce.

Va'koreth

- Category: noun
- Meaning: the universe, creation.

Va'p

- Category: noun
Meaning: rain.

Vah'te

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: aim; focus; our direction, going this way

'Vah

- Category: suffix, adverb / quantifier
- Meaning: a great distance; far.

Vahra

- Category: noun
- Meaning: downpour; tempest; dangerous rains that cause flooding.

Vah'xa

- Category: noun
- Meaning: goal; aim; objective; target.

Vah'xa'va

- Category: noun
- Meaning: paramount goal; primary objective.

Vah'xa'vral

- Category: noun
- Meaning: secondary goals.

Va'vra'thaa

- Category: adjective / noun
- Meaning: untested; young.

Notes: Predominantly a military term for Warstriders or starships on their first patrol and is commonly assigned this term as their callsign.

Va'vrak

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: short-sighted; blind; green; inexperienced; untested.

Va'koreth

- Category: noun
- Meaning: the universe.

Var

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: raid.

Var'fa

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to threaten; threatened; offended; offend.

Var'nak

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: massacre; to attack ferociously; continuous attack.

Notes: Can be associated with acting blindly or losing control.

Varna

- Category: verb / noun
- Meaning: burning; to burn.

Varsuu

- Category: noun
- Meaning: fire.

Vase

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to colonize; settle; make a home.

Vasoy

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: boundless; without limits.

Vayan

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: happy.

Ve

- Category: noun
- Meaning: crew; unit; section.

Ves

- Category: verb
- Meaning: help; assist.

Ves'noh

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to solve a problem.

V'harra

- Category: noun
- Meaning: starvation; desperation; bad choices.

'Vrak

- Category: verb / adjective
- Meaning: undercut; undermine; surprise; slow.

Vras's

- Category: verb
- Meaning: decline; refuse.

Vash

- Category: conjunction / noun
- Meaning: "because"; the reason for; "this is why"; judgement; determine.

Vioh

- Category: noun
- Meaning: cost, value, investment, duty

Vioh'ki

- Category: noun
- Meaning: blood price; high price; "the butcher's bill."

“W”

Wa

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: giver; provider.

Wala

- Category: noun/adjective
- Meaning: Foolish spending, overeating, overdrinking, indulgence

Notes: *Walawala* is a festival of drinking when all Shigue partake.

Wer

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: mistake, misconception, manipulation

Notes: the Shigue have no word for “lie”

Wer’husa

- Category: noun
- Meaning: Doctoring, medicine work

Wernak

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: unprovoked attack

Wa

- Category: noun / verb
- Meaning: giver; provider.

Walakor

- Category: noun
- Meaning: many colors; ultimate beauty; light field; aurora.

“Y”

Y

- Category: pronoun / numeral-like
- Meaning: “one”; individual; singular; negative connotations similar to “odd.”

Ya-

- Category: pronoun
- Meaning: “not us,” the others, foreigners

Y’a

- Category: pronoun
- Meaning: “you,” other.

Ya’ord

- Category: noun
- Meaning: moons, joy

Notes: Shigue have a strong cultural connection moons which they study for no other reason than as a hobby.

Yash

- Category: preposition / noun
- Meaning: outside of; beyond; outside of the herd.

Yal

- Category: adjective
- Meaning: pure; unsullied; clean.

Yar

- Category: verb
- Meaning: hover, drift, coast

Yarox

- Category: noun
- Meaning: anchor; gravity, strength from above

Yarox'lok

- Category: noun
- Meaning: gravity well.

Ye

- Category: noun
- Meaning: defense, leaving, avoidance

Yebe

- Category: noun
- Meaning: foot, feet, step

Notes: can also be a measurement of time.

Yeb'era

- Category: noun / command
- Meaning: advance, walk, run, go, depending on the connotation

Yebe'geli

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to travel by foot; to walk.

Yeb'a

- Category: noun
- Meaning: toes

Notes: traditional writing tools

Ye'fala

- Category: noun
- Meaning: shield panels

Notes: Opaque light panels are projected from various Shigue equipment for protection

Ye'qua'li

- Category: noun
- Meaning: radiation, fields

Ye'rae

- Category: noun
- Meaning: children; offspring; bloodline.

Yhe'va'da

- Category: noun
- Meaning: black hole; singularity.

Yel

- Category: noun
- Meaning: pasture; living area

Notes: denotes an area with a modest population, like a town.

Yel'va'un

- Category: noun
Meaning: arcology, major population center

Yio

- Category: verb
- Meaning: to hear; to listen; heard.

Yio'dao

- Category: verb / phrase
- Meaning: acknowledged; understood; comprehend.

Yio'soo

- Category: noun
- Meaning: music.

Yio'elro

- Category: noun
Meaning: vocalized music; singing.

Yio'xesa

- Category: noun
- Meaning: singing performance, choir, operatic

Notes: Shigue favorite pastime is singing.

Y'rō/Y'bo

- Category: noun / adjective
- Literal meaning: "singular mind."
- Meaning: isolating; selfish; shortsighted.

Yon'cyr

- Category: noun
- Meaning: to take time, be patient, wait, hold and consider

Yor

- Category: noun
- Meaning: length, measurement

Yor'tha

- Category: noun
- Meaning: growth; biology.

Yor-

- Category: (unspecified)
- Meaning: *not provided in source text.*

Notes: I'm keeping this as a placeholder only; you haven't given it a gloss yet.

Yor'ik

- Category: noun
- Meaning: coral, womb

Yrak

- Category: noun
- Meaning: wall; enclosure; pen; cage; barrier; border.

Yrak'atho

- Category: noun
- Meaning: harbor; port; shipyard; dock.

Yor'ik

- Category: noun
- Meaning: coral, ceramic, can also be the name for a container or cup.

Yrak

- Category: noun
- Meaning: wall; enclosure; pen; cage; barrier; border.

Yrak'atho

- Category: noun
- Meaning: harbor; port; shipyard; dock.

“X”

(Pronounced as a hard “Ch”)

X—

- Category: prefix
- Meaning: denoting action; a verb; movement; “to do.”

Xa

- Category: noun
- Meaning: purpose; meaning; the will.

—Xa

- Category: suffix / particle
- Meaning: to understand something; to accept; to know; can also mean “acknowledge.”

Xa’tsaya

- Category: verb / phrase
- Meaning: to aim for; the purpose of work; combined hope or directive.

Xesa

- Category: prefix
- Meaning: denoting the past.

Xesa’dem

- Category: noun
- Meaning: history; past event; the past.

X’lis

- Category: phrase
- Meaning: “We will do this together.”

X’mes

- Category: noun
- Meaning: high marks; an award; a gift; offer.

Xee

- Category: adjective / adverb
- Meaning: fast; speed; quickness, hunger

Xe'mesma

- Category: verb / phrase
- Meaning: add speed; acceleration; go faster.

Xe'vral

- Category: verb
- Meaning: decelerate; to decelerate.

Xel

- Category: noun
- Meaning: injury; wound, not severe

Xe'ka

- Category: noun
- Meaning: energy; lightning; electricity; power.

Xe'uu

- Category: verb / command
- Meaning: scramble; hurry; run!

Xe

- Category: noun
- Meaning: gathering; meeting; council.

Xo'g

- Category: noun/verb
- Meaning: a drink/ imbibe; to drink.

Colloquialisms and Sayings

Many Selo'shig sayings have been adapted, especially between the military members and warriors of the Migration and been reinterpreted in Selo'he

Ya'vash'kulkuun: Because (expletive) you!

P'auk effu fa'ta'kn: You are infertile (lit: your balls hold only wastewater)

Da'ak'co: lit: And what! A common response to hardship

H'ai mesma'he'vash: We have a deal!

Kivral'ko ulku'du: You can't be serious/You would think that/Are you sure about that? (Challenge)

X'eta p'cal'husa an'u'no. Vash'nov eta dao p'soo kiidid: If you don't apply cleansing cream to your hide, you will be repeatedly dosed in running water.

Ka'uu'taal: To eat without looking, to feel safe with the person next to you.

Numbers and Math

Numbers for the Shigue are immensely important in terms of their symbolism as well as the mathematics needed in navigation. Long sums and the discussion of mathematical philosophy are enjoyed pastimes.

Math is base 10.

Numbers and their corresponding symbolism

Ci: Zero - the beginning, possibility

Y'e: One - bad luck, alone, waiting

T'co: Two - duality, partnership, defense

N'e: Three - balance, community

D't'co: Four (two's echo) - strength, building

Fa'e: Five - complications, adventure, imagination

Fo'e: Six - harmony, self-awareness

Fo'bo: Seven - bonus, benefit, trade

Ha'e: Eight - leadership, the strength of many

Aum'e: Nine - wisdom, comprehension, foresight

Rax'e: Ten - aggression, the strength of leadership

A slight foot stamp or tongue-click add additional values.

Rax'e *click* = twenty

Colors

Colors hold an important cultural influence on Shigue who regularly daub their bodies or living quarters with thick, plant based paints. Shigue eyes do not see as far into the spectrum as many other species that follow them and their art styles are considered unsubtle when compared to their music.

Duva'k (light blue)

Note: open route / safe passage / comfort”

Use: Neutral color for text, safety.

Leath'k (deep blue)

Note: confidence / certainty / security

Use: Orders, intensifier

Varn'k (Absence “red”)

Note: appears as grey/negative light

Use: danger / threat / contamination / something is wrong / danger

Kysdra'k (lush green)

Note: pasture-life / home-range / fertility / restoration

Use: clan/home identifiers, medical/healing permissions, marriage/offspring rites, “safe to graze.”

Yel'k (yellow)

Note: priority / attention-command

Use: rank, right-of-way, mobilization calls, authority markings

Am'k (brown)

Note: labor / soil / endurance / pragmatism

Use: tools, industry zones

Am'd'k (dark brown)

Note: food / resources

Use: markings for cargo, supplies etc

Mo'k (black)

Note: danger / dominance / strength

Use: areas of concern or hazard, opponent markers

Su'k (grey)

Note: protocol / restraint

Use: Xe'les'an mediation, auditors/judges, formal dispute settings, neutral corridors.

Am'k (white)

Note: unblemished / snow / higher authority

Use: Used to denote female as well as medical spaces

Color Theory

Among the Shigue, color is not treated as a decorative or aesthetic quality likely due to their preference for sound and vibration. Color is, thusly, a layer of meaning carried alongside speech, hand-sign, and stance but also position and individual that can be confounding to the none-Shigue. As such, specific Shigue will be designated as communicators to none-Shigue.

Color is denoted by 'k, indicating that a color is being claimed as a formal designation. Thus, a corridor may be Duva'k not because it is painted light blue, but because it is governed by the behaviors light blue denotes for that part of the vessel.

In all cases, pattern and contrast outrank hue. Bands, stripes, splits, and fields are used to ensure meaning. Color is a note in Selo'he's song while pattern is the "staff" upon which it is written. To outsiders, this can appear excessive. To the Shigue it is simple: a herd survives by making

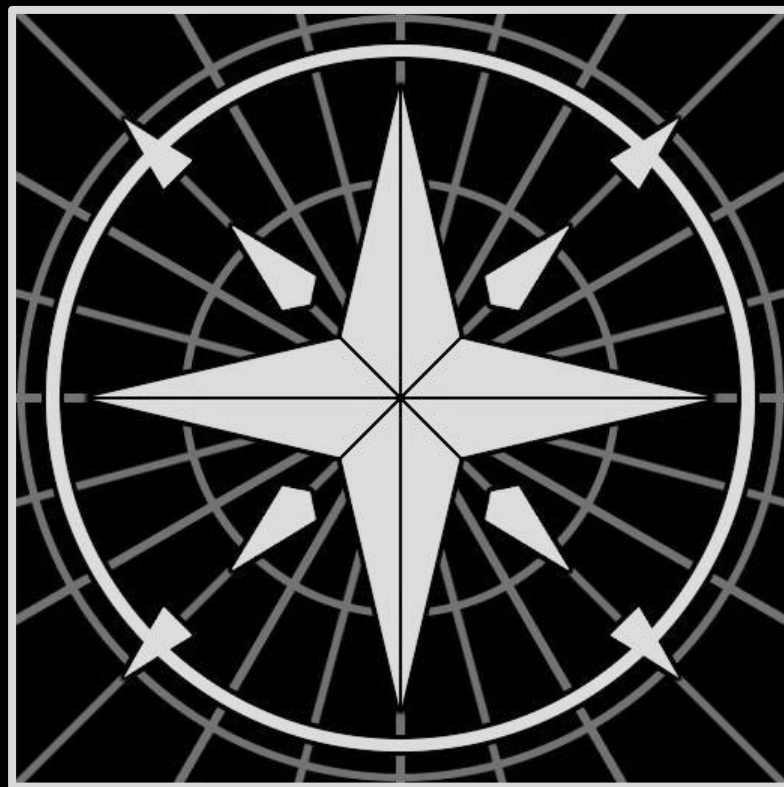
meaning visible, repeatable, and difficult to misread. Color, properly assigned, can ensure that meaning adheres to the words and message of the original purpose.

Color, unlike the language of Selo'h that changes from Havenhold to Havenhold, has retained its meaning throughout the Migration.

Although rare, when Shigue from opposite Havenholds interact, they do so with bursts of light that repeat in patterns until responded to, making encounters extraordinary events that appear more like a celebration than communication.

But then, of course, so many things that the Shigue do are an exuberation of life despite the darkest path that they have walked.

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