

An illustration of Shinjo Takuya, a character from Final Fantasy X-2. He is shown from the waist up, wearing a blue robe with a fur collar and a yellow tunic with circular patterns. He has spiky brown hair and is smiling while holding a bow. The background is a mix of purple and white with a wavy pattern. On the left, there is a vertical purple band with a gold diamond pattern. On the right, there is a vertical purple band with a white circular emblem featuring a unicorn head.

Shinjo
Takuya

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Bushi of the Unicorn Clan

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You would be wise to select this character if you want to:

- ✿ Be an expert at mounted combat and horseback riding
- ✿ Belong to a clan that knows much about foreign lands and their customs
- ✿ Solve your problems with energy and unconventional ideas

It would be unwise, however, to choose Shinjo Takyua if you desire to play a character who solves problems with eloquence and cunning or belong to a clan that focuses on battle and honor.

Shinjo Takuya's Story

Takuya was raised like many Shinjo, living in yurts and moving his family's herds throughout the Golden Plains depending on the season. This nomadic life was a far cry from the palace-bound upbringing of the Imperial Court or, frankly, most of the rest of Rokugan, but Takuya had nothing to judge it against, until his first encounter with non-Unicorn samurai left a bitter taste in his mouth.

On hearing that Takuya's father, Shinjo Zuiya, counted many fine horses in his herd, a Crane samurai named Doji Chihoko and her daughter Chikaze came to negotiate a favorable trade. Takuya and Chikaze were left to their own devices while the adults retreated into the family's ordu to make their deal, so Takuya did his best to entertain the strange girl. These attempts did not go well.

Chikaze was not charmed by Unicorn games, music, food, or art, and when Takuya, in exasperation, offered to take her riding, her own horse proved too slow and dainty to keep up with his. To make matters worse, Chikaze complained the whole way, of the smell, of the uncomfortable pace Takuya set, of the "barbaric" wild country through which they rode. When they returned to the ordu, Takuya sullenly refused to help Chikaze dismount, which caused her to fall and become covered head-to-toe in mud and filth... just as their parents emerged to announce a marriage contract between the two to secure their trade alliance.

Takuya would have laughed, but Chikaze was the faster, and she loudly announced that she could never marry such an uncouth barbarian. Chikaze's wails and protestations were so loud, and her appearance so bedraggled, that her mother Chihoko promptly canceled the deal and both Cranes left that very day. No trade agreement with the Crane was ever proposed again.

Takuya nevertheless applied himself well to his studies and was selected to represent the Unicorn Clan in the Topaz Tournament in Tsuma—a Crane village. As far as his father and sensei are concerned, this is Takuya's chance to show Rokugan how excellent his manners and skills are, and to rekindle Crane interest in a trade agreement for Shinjo horses. As far as Takuya is concerned, this is a chance for a little petty revenge against the clan that once attempted to shame him.