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Name Structure

Duskaran names follow a three-part structure established over eight centuries:

1. **Personal name** (given at birth)
2. **Wind-Kin designation** (clan affiliation, optional in casual use)
3. **Surname** (family name)

Usage Contexts

Full Formal (All three parts)

Used in official documents, ceremonies, formal introductions, and when clan affiliation matters.

Examples:

- Aelira kin-Hanga Thornvale
- Korvan kin-Moto Vyraska
- Shavina kin-Maji Loraketh
- Thane kin-Babu Daemir
- Luyana kin-Kivuli Ashenfall
- Kaelen kin-Hanga Rynthar

Common Formal (Personal + Surname)

Used in most written communication, professional contexts, and daily interactions where formality is expected but clan emphasis is unnecessary.

Examples:

- Aelira Thornvale
- Korvan Vyraska
- Shavina Loraketh
- Thane Daemir
- Luyana Ashenfall
- Kaelen Rynthar

Casual (Personal name only)

Used among friends, family, and in informal settings.

Examples:

- Aelira
- Korvan
- Shavina
- Thane

- Luyana
- Kaelen

Wind-Kin Clans

kin-Hanga (Wind Clan)

Surface dwellers, weatherworkers, those who work with wind patterns.

Example characters:

- Zorathi kin-Hanga Stormridge (female weatherworker)
- Darian kin-Hanga Emberlyn (male wind engineer)
- Miren kin-Hanga Velkara (neutral atmospheric monitor)

kin-Moto (Fire/Geothermal Clan)

Thermal specialists, geothermal engineers, day-side workers.

Example characters:

- Zihara kin-Moto Krythe r (female thermal sensor)
- Ravik kin-Moto Ashenfall (male day-side salvager)
- Soren kin-Moto Zhayran (neutral geothermal technician)

kin-Maji (Water Clan)

Water managers, conservationists, hydroponic farmers.

Example characters:

- Manya kin-Maji Loraketh (female water systems manager)
- Orin kin-Maji Thornvale (male hydroponic specialist)
- Lyris kin-Maji Orvalis (neutral moisture harvester)

kin-Babu (Elder Lineage)

Knowledge keepers, historians, traditional families, cultural preservationists.

Example characters:

- Luminara kin-Babu Daemir (female data crystal keeper)
- Thane kin-Babu Rynthar (male oral historian)
- Kaelen kin-Babu Luyareh (neutral memory specialist)

kin-Kivuli (Shadow Clan)

Deepkin, night-side cave dwellers, those who live in permanent darkness.

Example characters:

- Luyana kin-Kivuli Ashenfall (female cave community leader)
- Zayne kin-Kivuli Velkara (male deep bonder)
- Miren kin-Kivuli Kethri (neutral geothermal monitor)

Dialogue Examples

Formal Introduction

"I present Aelira kin-Hanga Thornvale, weatherworker of the Northern Reach settlements."

Casual Meeting

"Have you met Aelira? She's the new weatherworker."

Official Document

"Requisition approved by Korvan kin-Moto Vyraska, Chief Thermal Engineer, Dayward Mining Operations."

Letter Salutation

"Dear Shavina Loraketh,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding water allocation..."

Between Friends

"Thane says the storm's going to hit us harder than expected."

Character Sheet Examples

Full Character Sheet Header

Name: Zorathi kin-Hanga Stormridge
Clan: Wind (kin-Hanga)
Role: Senior Weatherworker
Settlement: Northern Reach

Simplified Character Sheet

Name: Zorathi Stormridge
Role: Weatherworker
Settlement: Northern Reach

Quick Reference

Name: Zorathi
Clan: Wind
Role: Weatherworker

Multi-Cultural Examples

Mixed Clan Family

When individuals from different clans marry, children typically take one parent's clan affiliation but may reference both informally:

- Ravik kin-Moto Thornvale (father from kin-Hanga, mother from kin-Moto)
- "Ravik of Thornvale, born to the Wind but walks with Fire"

Clan Transition

Some individuals change clan affiliation due to life circumstances or professional specialization:

- Formerly: Kaelen kin-Hanga Rynthar
- Now: Kaelen kin-Kivuli Rynthar (moved to night-side caves)
- Referred to as: "Kaelen Windborn of the Shadow clan"

No Clan Affiliation

Some individuals, particularly those from isolated settlements or mixed backgrounds, may not claim a clan:

- Personal name + Surname only
- Example: Miren Velkara (no clan designation)
- Referred to with settlement name instead: "Miren of Deephollow"

Generational Examples

Family Lineage

Grandfather: Thoran kin-Hanga Thornvale
Mother: Aelira kin-Hanga Thornvale
Daughter: Zorathi kin-Hanga Thornvale

Surnames pass through generations, Wind-Kin affiliations typically do as well, but personal names are unique within immediate family.

Compound Family Names

Some prestigious families maintain both parents' surnames:

- Korvan kin-Moto Vyraska-Thornvale
- More common in Elder lineage (kin-Babu)

Regional Variations

Twilight Belt Settlements

Tend toward full formal names in official contexts, common formal in daily use.

- Written: Aelira kin-Hanga Thornvale
- Spoken: Aelira Thornvale

Night-Side Caves

More casual, clan often implied by location rather than stated.

- Written: Luyana Ashenfall of Deephollow
- Spoken: Luyana (clan assumed to be kin-Kivuli)

Nomadic Groups

Some groups don't use fixed surnames, instead use settlement names:

- Miren of Windcross
- Soren of the Moving Camps

Honorifics and Titles

When combined with names, titles precede the full name:

- Weathermaster Aelira kin-Hanga Thornvale
- Chief Engineer Korvan kin-Moto Vyraska
- Elder Thane kin-Babu Daemir
- Deepguide Luyana kin-Kivuli Ashenfall

Casual with title:

- Weathermaster Aelira
- Chief Korvan
- Elder Thane
- Guide Luyana

Names in Different Media

On wind-songs (oral tradition)

"Listen to the tale of Aelira of Thornvale, who tamed the great storm..."

On data crystals (formal records)

"Record: Aelira kin-Hanga Thornvale, Weatherworker Third Class, certified Cycle 8,429..."

On settlement rosters

"Thornvale, Aelira (kin-Hanga) - Weatherworker"

In casual letters

"Dear Aelira,

Hope this finds you well..."

Common Mistakes to Avoid

- Using clan designation in casual conversation between friends
- Use personal name only: "Aelira says the storm will pass soon"

- Omitting clan in official documents
- Always use full formal: "Approved by Aelira kin-Hanga Thornvale"

- Adding unnecessary complexity
- Match formality to context

- Mixing Earth and Duskaran conventions incorrectly
- Follow established patterns for surnames

Quick Reference Chart

Context	Format	Example
Official ceremony	Full formal	Aelira kin-Hanga Thornvale
Legal document	Full formal	Aelira kin-Hanga Thornvale
Professional intro	Common formal	Aelira Thornvale
Written letter	Common formal	Aelira Thornvale
Daily conversation	Common formal	Aelira Thornvale
Among friends	Casual	Aelira
Family	Casual	Aelira
Wind-songs	Varies	Aelira of Thornvale