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Overview

A personal name comes from one of three stocks.

Settler Names

Names from Swahili and Hausa, the languages of the settlers. They are the most common stock on the surface.

From Swahili: Alia, Amani, Amira, Asha, Bakari, Baraka, Daraja, Eshe, Faraji, Furaha, Hamisi, Imani, Jabari, Jafari, Jelani, Juma, Kesho, Kesi, Kibo, Kibwe, Kito, Kombo, Makame, Makena, Malaika, Mara, Mila, Mosi, Naima, Neema, Nia, Omari, Raia, Rashidi, Rehema, Riziki, Saida, Sanaa, Sefu, Shani, Siti, Subira, Taraji, Tarishi, Tausi, Tumaini, Zawadi, Zuberi, Zuri

From Hausa: Amina, Audu, Bala, Dabo, Dauda, Delu, Dogo, Gambo, Garba, Hadiza, Idi, Jummai, Kande, Ladi, Mairo, Sani, Shehu, Tahiru, Talatu, Tanimu, Tanko, Tijani, Tukur, Turaki, Yaro, Zainabu

Many of these were once names for the day of birth in the old count of days of Earth (Juma, Hamisi, Ladi, Talatu). Duskara has no such count. The names pass down as ancestor names, and few people know what they once meant.

Crew Names

Names from Mandarin and Tagalog, the languages of the crew. They are most frequent in the old technical lines, among Archivists, and in the fortified cities of the north.

From Mandarin: An, Bo, Feŋ, Hua, Jiŋ, Jun, Kai, Lan, Lian, Lin, Mei, Meilin, Min, Piŋ, Ren, Shan, Shu, Tao, Wei, Wen, Yun

From Tagalog: Amihan, Bayani, Dalisay, Diwa, Hiraya, Kalinaw, Lakan, Ligaya, Malaya, Mayumi, Tala

Duskaran Names

Names made of Creole words. They are the newest stock and the one that grows. A Duskaran name records a circumstance of birth or a wish for the child.

Name	Meaning	Given when
Tufani	storm	born in a storm haven
Angataa	aurora	born under a strong aurora
Sori	start of the waking period	born at the first bell
Safari	journey	born on the road or in a caravan
Honga	survive	born after a hard birth or a lost sibling
Mitu	gift	a child long awaited
Salama	safe	born after a danger passed
Tana	strong	a wish
Kara	bright	a wish
Nala	honor	a wish
Shimu	song	a wish; common in families of wind-singers
Zika	together	a wish; common for twins
Sura	flow	born when the water returned
Kasi	speed	a wish; also common for bonded animals
Sora	sun	born on the Dayward Edge
Hangapole	gentle wind	born in a calm
Majitamu	sweet water	born when a new source was found

A longer name is shortened in daily use: *Hangapole* to *Pole*, *Majitamu* to *Tamu*.

Bonded Animals

A bonded animal has one short name, nearly always a Creole word: Kasi, Wimbi, Taa, Shimu.