

# Keiki - Puaa

His snout was of great size, and with it (he) dug the earth, He dug until he raised a great mound. He raised a hill for his gods, a hill, a precipice in front... for the offspring of the pig that was born. Hawaiian Mythology - Martha Beckwith

"Never wrestle with pigs. You both get dirty and the pig likes it." - George Bernard Shaw

**Quote:** Hey there pretty lady, wanna rassle?

The Islands of the Fire Woman have a surplus of ancestral Akua (gods) that not a few Huringa (Changelings) might claim blood-ties. Yet one Kadugo (Kith) can claim visceral proof of their ties to divinity. The Boar-God Kama- Pua'a- Akua of dude-bros, rainforests, and moist... had a plethora of Get. Like the Eshu of the far-away kingdoms, these god-blooded bratlings would grow to be their own prolific family, as lusty and gregarious as their erstwhile god/father/ancestor.

The Keiki-Pua'a (Literally Pig-Children) are more than simple god-blooded Fae, however, they are the incarnation of the rain-forest's fertile mana. Moisture, growth, spontaneity, strength, creativity, and virility are all the hallmarks of the Tribe. All members, especially the females, are privy to this transformative energy. An energy that allows them to transmogrify their very body like their father did and take the form of great wild boars that tear across the land.

While Hawaiian by blood, the Kadugo can be found roaming all throughout the Sea of Islands not just their island home. A sense of adventure and action is intrinsic to their nature, as is



rough bouts of romantical exertion and plenty of rejection. Again, much like their father and his legendary fiery on again off again trysts with a certain Hawaiian Volcano Goddess, true romance can be a wonderfully ugly experience. And if there's no challenge to be had, what's the point. (For More information on the Dreaming Pigs of Hawaii, see Immortal Eyes: Shadows of the Hill page 27)

**Appearance:** The Keiki -Pua'a Kadugo are big. As big in body as they are in personality. This is as evident in their Iki Kino Lau (Mortal Mien) as it is in their Nui Kino Lau (Fae Mien), The Iki Kino Lau is that of a large Hawaiian man or woman, with thick features, smallish dark eyes, and a smile that goes ear to ear. The teeth are a little mismatched, and the females may be a little swarthy, but there is an earthy attractiveness hard to deny. (Also, much to the chagrin of the wahine [females] the backs of all Keiki-Pua'a are covered in long stiff quill-like hairs that no laser can remove. This is akin to the slipped seeming flaw but is more annoying than detrimental).

The Nui Kino Lau is that of a large and tusked monster of a local, with sharp features just this side of piggy. Their bodies are thick, their arms are thick, and their hairy eyebrows are incredibly thick. There is something incredibly *professional-wrestlerish* about their bodies and stances, as if every movement was a show of strength and grace. In many ways it is. For some reason, known only to the ancestral Dreaming in this great Sea of Islands, every single individual of the Keiki-Pua'a Kadugo, sports a red-cape. They may not always wear it, but they damn well have it somewhere close by.

**Lifestyles:** Keiki-Pua'a pursue lives that place them deep in their coveted wilds. They may serve as Tour guides high up the volcano (much greener than you might expect), or as mountain rangers deep in the rainforests. They choose any life that is rough tough and full of adventure, but also keeps them close to the wild places. For those city-bound of the Family, they find work downtown as bartenders, waiting for a good old-fashioned bar-fight to keep the wild alive even in the heart of the city.

For the Relations with their fae constituents, their life remains remarkably the same. The exception being that it's far more fun to wrestle with Trolls. Any Fae that comes seeking the Keiki-Pua'a's aide should expect a Donnybrook before the Pig-child will even consider helping.

Keiki Keiki- Pua'a are mischief makers all, but good natured and generous. They love to share their treats with their many many friends. They take to sports remarkably quick in their early years, where they physically challenge themselves to greater and greater ends.



*Kanaka Keiki-Pua'a* Grow as quickly in mind and spirit as they do in body. As soon as they are able, they take to the wild places, gaining a cosmic kinship with nature in a way that few others can understand.

*Kumu Keiki-Pua'a* set themselves up as teachers of antiquity. The old ways call to them, and deep in the wild and wet places of the rain forest, the Kumu share years of wild knowledge with a new generation.

**Glamour Ways:** Keiki-Pua'a regain glamour from friendly roughhousing, rough- drinking, rough sports, and...other... rough intimate physical confrontations with mortals. IF there is joy to be had in pursuit of physical ends, then the Pig Children will be there to enjoy it ...

**Unleashing:** Cantrips cast by the Keiki-Pua'a carry with them the rich verdant perfume of cool mountain rain, wildflowers, and all the heavy scents of a rich rainforest. Often-times, it may even begin to rain a little whether this was the intention or not.

**Affinity:** Actor

**Birthrights:**

**Pig Body (*Kino Pua'a*):** The blessings of their Demi-God boar-Father are inherited upon chrysalis. Each Keiki-Pua'a upon first realization of their own identity get untold strength. They receive a + 3 to Strength and a +1 to Dex during Character Creation. In addition, with a successful Willpower roll (Difficulty of the local area's banality/mists rating) the Keiki-Pua'a can transform into a large black tusked wild pig of a boar. The Stats remain the same for the Boar form, but the change cannot happen if being observed.

**Magic Bloodline (*Ke Koko Kupua*):** In addition to the above blessings, certain members of the Kadugo receive other blessings than their fellows. At character creation, one of these blood blessings is chosen. No other can be learned, as they are inherent powers of the ancestry.

Some few females of the Tribe (not all females, but no males of the tribe) receive boons to the Soothsay Mele, with all difficulties starting at 2 lower than they should be, as if her own existence serves as a Taonga (Bunks) for Divination. As well as this lower difficulty, any 1 success received on such a roll counts as two successes.

Others of the Tribe have other varied forms beside their Pua'a Pig Body. A small nest of ferns, a hawk, and the humunukuapua'a Fish (incidentally Hawaii's state fish whose name means grunting snuffling piggie) are all available. The Keiki-Pua'a must spend a point of mana to assume these forms but can do so while being observed.

Still yet, some members of the Keiki-Pua'a can assume the form of a giant monster boar, 6 feet tall at the shoulder, with 8 eyes and gleaming obsidian tusks. All physical stats are doubled while in this form, but it can only be maintained for one scene. It costs one point of Mana and one point of willpower both to assume this form, and afterwards, the Keiki-Pua'a receives both chimerical and real bashing damage equal to his permanent banality rating. It hurts, but it's a lot of fun.

**Frailties:**

**Dinner Rules (*Nā Papa'aina*):** There are certain rules held over from the old Faith, that dictate how and who is allowed to eat together. The Keiki-Pua'a, by dint of their Godly bloodline must follow these Kapu to ensure that the mana of their delicate cosmogony is balanced. No male Keiki-Pua'a can eat with any females, and vice versa. When it is time to eat, both males and females of the bloodline retire to separate eating areas (a different room will suffice in a modern context) and begin to grindz. For those intermediary genders so popular with the youth of today, the same rules apply. (Although a trans-person might make a strong argument to the Dreaming itself). Ignoring this Kapu results in a huge influx of He Tukino (Banality) for all parties involved. *It also should go without saying, but eating Pork is kapu to the Keiki-Pua'a. Doing so brings the same detrimental He Tukino as above.*

**Frisky (*Manawapa*):** Despite their strong hearts, generous demeanor, and joie-de-vivre, the Pig Children are remarkably weak-willed. If they see something (or Someone) they want, it takes a willpower roll difficulty 7 to not pursue it. In addition to this, however, is the fact that no Keiki-Pua'a can ever have a willpower rating higher than 5.

**Kuma- Football coach, mountain ranger, and collector of Pogs (don't be jelly, you know you still play) takes a few minutes to woo you, get rejected by you, and still give you a rundown on her Kadugo comrades.**

**Aikanaka:** Sasquatch. I shit you not. They're up there, in the mountains. They don't have a lot to say, but when they say it... listen.

**Adaro:** I don't go deep sea diving too much. So, I don't think I have alot to worry about. But if one wants to get froggy on land, I think I could take him. It'd be fun.

**Aria:** Usually the tongue-thing would be a turn-on, but with them.... Not so much. But they mean well and get a worse rap than they deserve.

**Fe'e:** A little too militant for my taste, but if you just want a little scrap for funsies, there's no one better. Just don't tell them that. They don't do it for funsies like we do. It's all about the mission for them.

**Kakamora:** These guys are a joke. Wear a white-t-shirt and you'll be straight.

**Mū:** Who? Vampires? Really? Where? That deep, huh? Crazy.

**Tipua:** They can take the form of anything. A Lamp. A football. A rock. I can do a bird a fish or a plant. They got some talent right there; I tell you what.

**Tūrehu:** These guys are downright creepy. Like 'Uhane scratching at the windows at midnight creepy. There's a reason I don't get out to New Zealand much anymore.

**Vatea:** When they pass by, which isn't nearly often enough for me, we go drinking and fighting and looking for girls.... The tightest bros we got in our whole Sea-of-Islands.

**Veli:** I don't have much to say on the little buggers. I can outfight 'em. Not outdrink 'em.

**Menehune:** Of course, they're cousins. Of course, they won't admit it. I'm too far gone from their little political repertoire for all that.

**Huaki Po:** I know who their boss is. That is why I always keep a tire-iron on me.

**Grondr:** Okay, so I have a friend, a wolf-changer from the Ooktina Whanau (whatever that is) and She says that there used to be a whole family of Pig-changers, right? And I'm all like "Doi, I'm right here!" And she says, "NO! IN Europe" and I'm all like, "Whaa?" She told me they were like were-pigs that were the bestest fighters in Europe and stuff. I have absolutely no idea what she was talking about, but it sounds awesome.