

# DAITYA दैत्य

"Diti bore the glorious sons called the Daityas, my son. Long ago this treasure-laden Earth and all the seas and forests belonged to them." - *Agastya to Shri Rama*

**Quote:** We are children of Gods, inheritors of this world and the next. We are as strong in mind as we are in arm. There is nothing that you or your clan can do to sway my hand.

Once upon a time there was a great anti-God/king/father named Diti. He led his Demon Tribe/family/army against the whole of the Vedic Pantheon. Vishnu, Indra, Agni, all felt the wrath of his powerful arms, and all gazed in wonder at the hidden machinations of his war strategies. They fought over the *Doodh Ka Samud - the Sea of Milk* - and the future of the creation that would follow. Diti the anti-God/king/father was defeated, and his ashes scattered across the cosmos. Just as his ashes were scattered and separated, so too were the varied realms of the Peri (Vedic Fae). Those that fought alongside the Vedic gods would become Vedic Peri themselves, and their home-worlds brought closer to the Heavens. Those that fought alongside Diti would be named Asura, and their home-realms thrust into the underground until the next turning of the cycle.

The Daitya Janajaati (Kith) are the tribe/family/army that Diti led those many cycles ago. Demon kings as far removed from the petty frivolous trappings of the Fae as the Fae are removed from the mewling whining masses of mortals. They are monster Gods, powerful in mind, body, spirit... and they are doomed.

Despite their best efforts as a whole, and the will to power that each Daitya individually possesses, the Janajaati aren't meant to dwell in this world for long. Like their Father Diti - they will be broken and scattered like the ashes of a once great bonfire. They are aware of this, and despite the onward march of fate to over-write them, they thrive while they can. And they plan to do so for a long-while. They are the Kings of the Asura, and no one can take that away from them for now.

**Appearance:** Both Avataar of the Daitya are large, powerful, and imposing. Even amongst the females of the Janajaati, the bodies are tall and thick with muscle. The Janjeer Avataar manifests with long dark hair (even the men prefer it long) dark skin, and dark, dark eyes. Smiles are rare, and even then there is something dangerous about the grins.

The Peri Avataar manifests in even more height, weight, and mass added to an already large frame. They tower upwards of 3 meters, and sport limbs as thick as tree trunks. The skin grows darker yet still, often deep shades of red, orange, or black. The eyes grow darker as well, and horns jut from an angry brow. Due to their propensity for Asura leadership, many wield ornate weapons - a sign of their sovereign nature that also functions in the many battles Daityas pursue.



**Lifestyle:** Daitya are the uncontested rulers of the Asura Peri families. They are gangsters, assassins, thieves, power-brokers, loan sharks, leg breakers, and every other despicable vocation that needs someone strong to fill it. Even if a certain Daitya should actively intend to stay away from these roles, life itself would rear its ugly head and that certain Daitya would find himself in the midst of the malice. But it isn't all bad. The Daitya are good at what they do, and nobody does it with more aplomb than these dark kings. It was a mantle they inherited, and they'll be damned if some other Asura family will take it from them.

*Javaan Daitya* quickly learn what it takes to survive; if they don't come into this on their own, then an elder will force them.

*Vany Daitya* quickly learn the power of organization and influence. They learn the powers and strengths of the other Janajaati, and use them to further the goals of the combined Asura Peri families (or they don't and say they do).

*Pragi Daitya*, if they have lived this long, are something to be feared.

**Glamour Ways:** The Daitya gain Amrita from helplessness, sadness, and the tears of innocence in a world no longer fit for innocence. Life is hard, unfair, and whenever a mortal is hurt from that knowledge, the Daitya is there to reap the rewards.

**Unleashing:** Maya cast by the Daitya carry with them the acrid stench of burning metals, the heavy din of steel pounding steel, and the feeling of being found inadequate in all endeavors. It's not good.

**Affinity:** Fae

**Birthrights,**

**Children of Diti (*Dati Ke Bachche*):** The Daitya are the kings of the Asura, and direct descendants of God-Tribes that existed alongside the Vedic Gods. As inheritors of this great legacy, they gain abilities that far surpass their Peri counterparts. At Character Creation, the Daitya begin with abilities starting at 9/7/5 instead of the usual 7/5/3.

## Frailties

**Dark Fate (Kaala Bhaagy):** The Hindu cosmology is a cyclical one. Much like their ancestral forbears, the Daitya know that they will ultimately be defeated by the forces of light (if not the Peri). This frailty functions almost exactly like the Dark Fate flaw as found in varied core-books. While there aren't any direct mechanical implications of this Frailty, it is still a great burden to know that one will fall. Perhaps this is why the Daitya are so hard pressed to achieve something lasting in this incarnation. What comes in their next life remains to be seen, but this one doesn't look promising.



**Anuhlāda - Son of Hiranyakaśipu, looks on your pitiful existence with jaded disgust, and begins a tired tirade of his fellow weak-willed Peri...**

**Apsara:** Storms of passion? Perhaps. But all they do is dance on command for impotent Gods. If there is passion, I'd like to see it do more.

**Bhuta Vahana Yanta:** They watched quietly during the wars of milk. They can watch quietly again as I conquer their realms, break their bodies, and rewrite their cosmic rules.

**Gandharvas:** As strong in arm as they are weak in constitution.

**Kalaviṅka:** Preening jackdaws. Useful only in manipulating the weak-willed.

**Kalaviṅki:** Pathetic.

**Kinnaras:** Much like the Gandharvas, save for their wrath that is not easily appeased. They are useful in that regards.

**Mahoraga:** There is nothing that they have accomplished that we cannot undo.

**Rakshasa:** Our lying and back-biting generals who can be counted on only to lie and back-bite. Things haven't changed since the first wars. It is good.

**Vidyadhara:** They came from the Persian Lands. They aren't of our tribes. Still, they make for powerful enemies. It is good.

**Yakshas:** Leave them to their corpses. They will be content with the incoming flood of such.