

**Character Name**

**IBU**

**Height**

5'6"

**Weight**

55 kg

**Age at the beginning of the game**

34

**Dominant Trait**

Exemplary Intellect

**Drive**

Peace keeping across the land, educating people

**Personal Inner Desire:**

Acceptance from the society

**Identity marks**

Cat eyes (from his birth), 3 moxibustion burn marks on the forehead (from his past),  
Grandmaster Dharo's ring (present identity/achievement)

**Nature**

Peaceful, speaks very less, charitable, introvert, likes to keep his identity a secret, an epitome of patience, not attached to people or things, highly mature, practical, always smiling, and usually slow on movement, but very sharp senses, extremely high flexibility, and flawless body balance.

**Purpose**

Seeking acceptance from the society and becoming a teacher at the monastery to reform education, figure out the secret of Master Dharo's intentions

**Flaws**

Ever forgiving, speaks very less, does not kill anyone (or anything)

**What has he lost?**

Genitals (castrated), honour (accused of adultery), Master Dharo - his Teacher/Godfather

**Whom does he love above anything else?**

Orphans he is raising secretly, away from the big city of Swardawn

### **Appearance**

Extremely fair, round face, bald, very small nose, big ears, non-existent eyebrows, smooth wrinkle-free spotless skin, lips curled inwards, round chin, attached earlobes, clean shaven face, very short neck, sloping shoulders, a single piece of clothing wrapped around like a monk, short limbs, a ring, ripped body, threads tied around the wrist, usually bare feet, wooden staff in hand.

### **Upbringing**

He was admitted to the Shuddh Monastery by his young single mother under forced circumstances. Later he was sent on an expedition for five years into the forest areas around Zaha to prove himself worthy of being a Teacher in the Monastery. Upon his failure in accomplishing the five tasks, Ibu returned to the Monastery a changed man. Later he was expelled from the Monastery, before being labelled as a national criminal. He then began to roam the lands of Zaha in search of hope for life.

### **Family Background**

His mother was a prostitute and his father was a Pirate. He has no royal blood or special ancestry.

### **Ibu's Backstory**

Ibu was born to a very young brothel worker on winter night in the year 786 AA (After Apocalypse). Despite her willingness to raise her son, she was eventually forced to give him up for his own safety and send him away to the Monastery at the city of Shudh. He never knew his mother and was never told about her either. The Shudh Monastery was a place where men of all ages came seeking spiritual knowledge or attempting to give up their ties to the outside world.

His early years were very comfortable for him as he outdid all his fellow disciples in the field of martial arts and world knowledge. However, he was nobody's good friend as he considered himself superior to the others. Young Ibu was very cocky about the moral right and wrong. He would often take it upon himself to punish fellow disciples and even beat them up out of untamed rage. The only person he truly respected was his teacher, Master Dharo. He never truly had any friends and would spend most of his free time petting animals around the Monastery.

When he came of age 25, his presence in the Monastery had become a concern to most elder monks. They believed he did not possess the humility and the patience to become a teacher and hence they decided to send him on the preparatory journey called Vanas. As part of his designated task, he was supposed to live in the forests around Zaha for as long as it took him to earn the respect of the five distinct tribal groups in the country. He would then be presented with a Souvenir by the tribe leader to mark his spiritual progress. If Ibu successfully manages to collect all 5 Souvenirs, he would then be qualified to become a teacher at the Monastery. The last person to accomplish the Vanas was Master Dharo himself but outside of him, nobody had been successful for over a century. They either died along the way or decided to come back as a failure to the monastery and remained disciples.

Ibu managed to collect three of the five souvenirs within just two years. He however took over two years to become ready to collect his forth. In a tragic turn of events, during his stay with one of the tribal groups, he was found guilty of adultery with the tribe leader's wife. He was then forcefully subjected to castration before being allowed to leave. Ibu was traumatized and he could do nothing about being turned into a Eunuch. Although he was worthy of the forth Souvenir, he figured he would never be able to collect it in this lifetime and so he also gave up looking for the fifth one too. He thus decided to return to the Monastery. However, if he ever wished to continue staying in the Monastery he had to keep the episode of his castration a secret.

Dejected and crushed, he returned, a changed man. When asked about the Souvenirs and his ventures, he decided not to tell them anything and accept his stature as a lowly disciple. The change in his behaviour and the way he carried himself was drastic and obvious; as if he had actually obtained the wisdom of all the five Souvenirs. However upon being asked, he never spoke a word about it and kept the three souvenirs to himself. In an attempt to understand what had happened, Master Dharo called Ibu for an enquiry but could get nothing out of him. Ibu simply pretended to have not got any of the Souvenirs at all. Master Dharo had a smile on his face at the end of it and strangely gifted Ibu with his Guru ring, one that the highest authority at the Monastery was worthy of wearing. He then told Ibu to wait until the time was right. Ibu was totally confused and could not gain further clarity on the issue as Master Dharo simple disappeared the very next day. Some thought he was dead, while others thought he had given up the Monastery in search of higher spiritual knowledge. Without Master Dharo, Ibu was truly left alone and began a life of secrecy and an introvert.

Eventually, the news of Ibu's mishap spread across the land and the people in the monastery got Ibu arrested for multiple crimes. He was accused not only of adultery and breaking the celibacy vow, but also of having disrupted the sanctity of the Monastery by entering it even after the castration process (as according to their religion, only men were allowed to perform their religious practices). Ibu was sentenced to death (something that had never happened in the Monastery before). However, before the day of his scheduled execution, Ibu managed to escape the prison.

Now, three years since that day, Ibu still roams the lands of Zaha as a ghost, seeking purpose and meaning in life. He also wishes to find Master Dharo for some answers, but that seems like a lost cause. His desire to bring peace to all of Zaha and have the opportunity to educate young minds had taken a backseat indefinitely. However, if there is anything that he most desperately wants, it is acceptance by the society who now sees him as a rapist who was punished and condemned to become a eunuch.