



Ku'kar'Nuéth

The Uplifted Master, Defender of the Far Borders, He Who Is First and Last

This mighty Lord rules no circle or quadrant, but rather serves [the Lord of the Upper Quadrant] as a guard against the incursions of the demons of change. He is of the substance of Lord Karakán but is of the essence of Lord Qón, and it is said that He has been seen accompanying both Lords Damàdh and Nggálba in certain of their endeavors. In appearance, He is as the küni-falcon, save that He is mightier than any such beast that has ever flown above Tekumel and has six great eyes with which to see the incursions of change and six clawed limbs with which to rend his enemies. It is said that this Lord may be summoned by two evocators who are of at least the Tenth Circle [modern Twelfth], and that He has powers of Aeriality [providing flight to His summoners], Marshaling [calling forth the lesser demons of stability], Pursuing [of enemies of stability], and Thundering [through the great sound of His wings].

His summoning is not complex, but requires a sorcerer who is a follower of Lord Karakán or Lord Chegárta to perform “The Praise of Victory,” while a follower of Lord Qón simultaneously performs “The Challenges of Dorudai.” Both of these ceremonies should be well-known to worshipers of these great Lords, and woe to any who makes the slightest error! While the leading sorcerers perform their chants, their followers must sacrifice four servants of change, each of whom must be cleanly beheaded by a single stroke of a gold blade. At the conclusion of the ritual, the two evocators must toss petals of Kiliri flowers into the air and cry out in harmony this Lord’s three secret names (Qlélo, Chikeka, Vritlen), and then Lord Ku’kar’Nuéth will appear. Scholars say that He will willingly obey summoners who serve stability in any one task relating to combating the demons of change, although He cares nothing for mortal conflicts or problems. Moreover, He can scent supernatural influences, and will deal harshly with any summoner who has willingly associated with demons of change in the past. In this respect, it is said that the sorcerer Chgresh of Jakálla once attempted to conceal his prior associations by rubbing himself with bulbs of bashelikh, , only to discover that Lord Ku’kar’Nuéth disliked this scent as well! Such are the perils faced by one who would deceive the Lords of the demon planes! In any event, assuming that the summoners deal nobly with this great Lord and that the requested task is one which He finds pleasing, this task will be performed faultlessly and Lord Ku’kar’Nuéth will then return to his own plane without further ceremony. This Lord is thus one of the denizens of the demon planes who may be dealt with in relative safety, but even so, he is not to be summoned lightly.