LISTEN. THIS IS A TALE OF OUR PEOPLE.

Once, there was a young man who was very handsome and kind. All of the women in his village wished to marry him, including an older widow. This widow knew that the man's family would never agree to a match, for she was near the end of her childbearing years and would not be able to bear him many children, if any at all. This widow had a daughter, however, and she arranged a wedding between her daughter and the young man. She thought this would be a good way to get the young man into her household, which was the real reason she arranged the match. Once the young man moved in with her daughter, the widow set out to seduce him.

Red Clay Village sits at the banks of a river that flows all year. The village is built atop a steep bank of red clay that the potters dig into.

OTHER VILLAGERS

She-Looks-at-the-Stars

- A young woman with a dreamy demeanor.

He-Kills-Them-All

- The strong and brave warrior.

She-Sings-Them-Back

- An old woman who sings of your ancestors.

He-Finds-the-Hurt

- A clever healer.

She-Brings-in-the-Corn

- A diligent and hard-working farmer.

His-Arms-Are-Strong

- A handsome and powerful young man.

She-Tells-Tales

- A village busybody and gossip.

He-Bites-Like-the-Cold

- A stern man known for cruel words.

Her-Voice-Runs-like-Water

- A woman who sings all day in a beautiful voice.

He-Turned-His-Back

- A man who rejected his family when they betrayed him.

OUTSIDE THREATS

He-Speaks-with-Owls

- A sorcerer who lives near the village.

Summer Floods

- Rain in the mountains swells the river to a raging, muddy flood.

Old Grandfather Cougar

- A mountain lion of monstrous proportions.

The Hunger People

- Monstrous people who eat human flesh.

She-Sits-in-Darkness

- A monster who dwells in a nearby cave and comes out at night.