

Sun Emperor Haruveth Soran-Kai

The Varek; Voice of the Ordered Heaven

Class: Monk 12 **Race:** Human (Kajiman) **Background:** Noble **Alignment:** Lawful Neutral
Age: 58 **Gender:** Male **Height:** 5'7" **Weight:** 155 lbs

20 Armor Class	114 Hit Points	55 ft Speed	+5 Initiative	+5 Prof. Bonus	18 Passive Perc.
STR 14 +2	DEX 20 +5	CON 16 +3	INT 16 +3	WIS 20 +5	CHA 14 +2

Saving Throws

- +7 Strength
- +10 Dexterity
- +3 Constitution
- +3 Intelligence
- +5 Wisdom
- +2 Charisma

Skills

- ◆ +15 Acrobatics (DEX)
- +5 Animal Handling (WIS)
- +3 Arcana (INT)
- +7 Athletics (STR)
- +2 Deception (CHA)
- +3 History (INT)
- ◆ +15 Insight (WIS)
- +2 Intimidation (CHA)
- +3 Investigation (INT)
- +5 Medicine (WIS)
- +3 Nature (INT)
- +10 Perception (WIS)
- +2 Performance (CHA)
- +2 Persuasion (CHA)
- +8 Religion (INT)
- +5 Sleight of Hand (DEX)
- +5 Stealth (DEX)
- +5 Survival (WIS)

Features & Traits

Flurry of Blows

Spend 1 ki: two unarmed strikes as a bonus action after the Attack action.

Stunning Strike

Spend 1 ki on a hit: target makes CON save DC 18 or is stunned until end of next turn.

Evasion

On a successful DEX save for half damage, take no damage instead.

Stillness of Mind

Action to end one charmed or frightened condition on himself.

Purity of Body

Immune to disease and poison.

Empty Body

4 ki: become invisible for 1 minute, resistance to all damage except force.

Diamond Soul

Proficiency in all saving throws. Spend 1 ki to reroll a failed save.

Open Hand Technique

After a Flurry of Blows hit: impose prone, push 15 ft., or prevent reactions (no save).

Equipment

Item	Qty	Notes
Robes of the Emperor	1	Ceremonial. Conceals that they are also functional monk's garments.
Amulet of the Devout	1	+2 spell save DC and attack. Attuned.
Boots of Speed	1	Attuned.

Personality

Personality Traits	Ideals
He does not explain his reasoning to people who have not earned the context to understand it. This is not arrogance. It is efficiency. He has found that explanations given before trust is established are almost always misread.	Vareth is not a code. It is a description of how a person of genuine virtue behaves. Those who must consult it for guidance have already fallen short of it.
Bonds	Flaws
Kajima has remained itself for six hundred years because every Varek before me understood that the island's survival depends on what it refuses, not what it accepts.	He is patient enough to wait out situations that would resolve faster with direct intervention. He is sometimes wrong about which situations these are.

Languages & Proficiencies

Languages: Common, Kajiman, Elvish

Tool Proficiencies: Calligrapher's supplies, go (strategy game)

Distinguishing Features: Absolute stillness when listening. He does not shift, look away, or indicate impatience. Outsiders find this either deeply respectful or deeply unsettling depending on their cultural context.

Backstory

Haruveth Soran-Kai is the twenty-third Sun Emperor of Kajima, having ascended to the Varek at age 34 following his predecessor's death during a storm at sea that he also survived. He has governed for twenty-four years. Kajiman historians consider this a medium-length reign -- long enough to have shaped the institution, not so long as to have become the institution.

He trained as a monk before his elevation was considered likely. The Soran line has produced Sun Emperors before, but not in three generations, and his training reflected an expectation that he would serve the Varek rather than embody it. This turned out to be exactly the right preparation. He understands the institution from the inside -- its protocols, its pressures, its tendency to insulate the person at its center from accurate information -- because he spent years watching it operate from adjacent to its center rather than within it.

Kajima's insularity is not, in his view, a policy. It is a consequence of clear-eyed assessment. The Settled Lands have spent the past three hundred years in varying states of political fragmentation, magical overreach, and institutional collapse. Kajima has not, largely because Kajima has not been substantially engaged with the Settled Lands during that period. He draws no elaborate ideological conclusion from this. He draws the practical one.

He is aware that the present age is different from the past three hundred years in ways that may require reconsideration of Kajima's posture. He has not publicly indicated what that reconsideration looks like. The Great Houses have their own assessments. Several of them are wrong, and he knows which ones, and he has not corrected them yet because the moment at which a Sun Emperor corrects a Great House's assessment is the moment the Great House becomes aware of how closely the Sun Emperor has been watching them.