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# Maori Hold

**Creator Name:** *Mercy Neumark; currently owned by Cherie Wren*

**Hold Contact:** *cwterp@yahoo.com*

**Current Holder:** *Lord Kabur*

**Badge and Colors:** *Black & royal purple, Maori Rose.*

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## CLIMATE & ECONOMICS

Maori lies halfway between 40° and 30°. Moderate climate. Quite hot in the summer. Cold wet winters. Can get some bad storms, both snow and rain depending on the season, particularly if they come in from the sea. Farms klah and other medicinal herbs and plants. Both softwoods and hardwoods are harvested here, depending on the region.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

The territory held by Maori Hold is heavily forested, and wood products are a main economic resource. Because of the abundance of trees, the majority of construction in this territory has been done with wood; homes, halls and outbuildings have been more recently reinforced with slate roofing, to protect against Thread. The Hold itself is nestled on the shores of a small lake, surrounded on three sides by heavy stands of quick-growing skybroom.

A small hold in the depths of the forest about a day's ride from the main hold is the site of a secret project devoted to the cultivation of thread-eating grubs, formerly widespread but now rare and vulnerable to a virus which is still widespread. This project was begun by Kabur's father, and is beginning to breed grubs which are more resistant to

the disease. Security is tight, and as far as Kabur knows the project is still secret from all the other lords. What he does not realize is that while Lord Morgav was fostered here as a child he picked up hints of it, and later was successful in recruiting one of the workers who brings supplies in and out of the secret hold, so he knows what is going on but cannot get access to the grubs himself. No one else knows about this project.

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## SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

A very large minor Woodcraft Hall is located in Maori territory, and there are numerous craftholds devoted to both wood products and herbcraft.

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

Winterfest is a large, well-attended gather which has been hosted at Maori Hold for generations. The gather is held soon after the first snows of the season, and all sorts of snow events, like sled racing, horse sled pulling, ice sculpting, and a lot of hot toddy drinking!

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## IMPORTANT PEOPLE

Lord Kabur; three wives (ladies Epe, Marapa & Kileen); Eldest son Kabald; second son Seseto; dozens of other children; no set Heir.

**Lord Holder Kabur** -- M, HT=6'2", H=black, E=black. Even at 58 (at the start of 2855) Lord Kabur is a bull of a man - he is heavily built, with solid muscle under an extra padding of flesh. He is a temperamental, loud, and forceful man who is quick to leap into any fight. A survivor of many duels, his favorite tool is a machete: for fighting, harvesting, hunting, or simply pointing out a glorious sunset. He is also capable of subtlety, though, and he is quite intelligent and a shrewd businessman. Kabur is wary of dragonriders, and has always tithed grudgingly, and is secretly breeding grubs to redistribute on his lands. Owner of bronze firelizard Tordrin.

**Lady Epe** -- F, HT 5'1", H=blonde, E=blue. The first and oldest of Lord Kabur's Ladies (55 in 2855), Epe is the perfect wife for him. She is very dutiful, and works hard to fulfill her role. She seems very meek at first glance, always assenting to her husband's will. But appearances can be deceiving. She manages the Lord's other ladies with an Iron hand. Although she can no longer have children of her own, she enjoys helping care for those of her co-wives. She is an excellent seamstress, and a talented harpist and singer. She has two firelizards, brown Sinter and green Leaf.

**Lady Kileen** -- F, HT 5'8", H=red, E=green. Kileen was Kabur's second wife, and died during the earthquake at Thornblaze Hold on 2853.13.18.

**Lady Marapa** -- F, HT 5'5", H=blonde, E=blue Lord Kabur's third Lady is very jealous of the other two, especially young Jazelle. Marapa was considerable younger than her Lord (36 in 2855). She was very proud of her knowledge of Herbcraft, and took every opportunity to use this to bring her to her Lord's attention.

**Lady Jazelle** -- F, HT 5'4", H=red, E=brown. Kabur's newest wife is still but a spoiled child in many ways. (20 in 2855) She loves to be the center of attention; she will often feign sickness to get attention from her husband, or if not him, then anyone will do. She tends to flirt (another way to get attention) which enrages Lord Kabur. Blind since an accident in 2855.

Kabur's children: children (mother's init) This is by no means all of them! Age shown as of 2855:

Kabald, age 37(E)  
Seseto, age 36(E)  
Donikka, age 35(E)  
Korys, age 34(E)  
Mikford, age 32 (E)  
Lovina, age 26 (K)  
Soleena, age 25 (K)  
Gunter, age 23 (K)  
Derizon, age 19 (K)  
Tulie, age 17 (E)  
Alysia, age 16(K) (Kadanzer Weyr, greenrider)  
Sinja, age 16 (E)  
Medari, age 15(K)  
Torinton, age 15 (E)  
Sirrin, age 14(K)  
Baxir, age 13 (K)  
Stanton, age 12 (E)  
Karapa, age 11(M)  
Kaburna, age 11(M)  
Sordin, age 9 (M)  
Farsha, age 8(M)  
Solara, age 5(M)  
Dushil, age 4 (M)  
Prestor, age 2 (M)  
Forsalin, age 3(J)  
Chunie, age 1(J)

#### **Minor Holds**

Tall Trees Hold, Holder Farian, wife Tivia  
Heartsease Hold, Holder Navin, wife Sonsha

#### **Crafthalls**

Woodcraft Hall-uses wood to make all manner of items  
Forester's Hall-grows, cares for, harvests the forests

Herbcraft Hall-grows and harvests the various herbs

Papercraft Hall-makes paper leaves

Medicine Hall-prepares the various herb materials into medicines