

RIGHTEOUS BLOOD, RUTHLESS BLADES

NAME GENERATION TABLES

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HOW TO USE THESE TABLES

Creating an authentic Chinese name can be difficult, especially when devising names for Chinese fantasy settings such as wuxia. This guide is intended to make it easy for players and GMs alike to quickly create authentic and meaningful names for the game *Righteous Blood, Ruthless Blades*.

Chinese names generally follow the pattern: (Surname) (Given Name) or in more conversational terms (Last Name)(First Name). For more information, please see the section Names, Titles, and Nicknames in chapter 10 of *Righteous Blood, Ruthless Blades*.

The tables in this guide may be used with dice to randomly generate a name, or you can browse through the names to find something that works best for you. To make your name, start with a surname, either selecting one you like or rolling randomly. Then add a given name in the same manner. The result should be a name between two to four characters long, separated into two “words” as in: Zhu Meng (朱猛), Gao Jianfei (高渐飞), or Sima Chaochun (司马超群). The tables for Religious names function slightly differently, with specific instructions included in those sections.

We have exercised care to ensure that as many combinations work as possible, but nothing is perfect. It is possible to pick combinations of characters that might sound strange or even “wrong” to someone who speaks Chinese. If you have the option, you can ask a native speaker of Chinese for their opinion on any names you generate. If you have no friends who speak Chinese, you might be able to find help online. In some cases, there are surname/given name table combinations that will inherently clash. For instance, it might not be a good idea to combine a “Dark” surname with a “Righteous” given name.

If a name seems hard to pronounce, you can simply copy the Chinese characters into a text-to-speech tool to hear the name spoken aloud (Google Translate is a simple and free option in this regard).

In spoken Chinese, it's not always obvious which characters make up a name, so sometimes Chinese speakers will explain the characters in their name when introducing themselves or when meeting someone for the first time, especially with unusual or rare names. Incorporating a similar custom in your roleplaying would be perfectly acceptable and realistic in terms of Chinese culture.

There are many complex rules and taboos associated with names, and also complicated customs regarding how to choose them. It was also historically common for people to have more than one name. However, this guide does not touch on those aspects, and is intended primarily as a quick and simple aid for basic name generation. If you are interested in delving into deeper levels of the cultural and historical aspects of naming, we encourage you to do outside research, and if possible, consult a Chinese-speaking expert on the subject.

The names have been provided in both Traditional and Simplified characters, as well as the Romanized version using pinyin. Because this guide is not intended to be used for language-learning purposes, the Romanized versions do not include the diacritics for the tones.

We have included simple definitions for the Chinese characters, but keep in mind these definitions are not intended to be exhaustive. In many cases, a single Chinese character can have numerous possible meanings, while we only provide two or three of the most common and relevant.



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SURNAMES

A surname is a name which unites all members of a given family or clan. Although most Chinese characters have specific meanings, when used as parts of names, they are generally understood to be just that: names.

COMMON

This list contains some of the most common surnames. Throughout history, commoners and famous people alike have born these names, which in some way makes them anonymous, similar to common English surnames such as Smith or Jones.

This list is based on the commonness of Chinese surnames in modern times. Throughout history, the prevalence of specific surnames has waxed and waned. Furthermore, some names are associate with specific geographic regions. For example, in modern times, the surname Li is more common in North and Southwest China, and less common in South and Southeast China. If you are concerned with historical and cultural accuracy, you can do further research to get information on the specific surnames. One simple way to do this is by an internet search such as “Wang Chinese surname”.

There is no need to limit yourself to only these names. Do some research into the “top 100 Chinese surnames” and you will find many, many more surnames to pick from. And there are many more than 100 most common versions, if you delve a bit deeper into the subject.

| COMMON SURNAMES | | | | |
|-----------------|---|---|---------|--|
| d20 | 繁 | 简 | English | Meaning |
| 1 | 王 | 王 | Wang | King |
| 2 | 李 | 李 | Li | Plumb |
| 3 | 張 | 张 | Zhang | Surname |
| 4 | 劉 | 刘 | Liu | Surname |
| 5 | 陳 | 陈 | Chen | Surname |
| 6 | 楊 | 杨 | Yang | Poplar tree |
| 7 | 黃 | 黄 | Huang | Yellow |
| 8 | 趙 | 赵 | Zhao | Surname |
| 9 | 吳 | 吴 | Wu | Surname |
| 10 | 徐 | 徐 | Xu | Slow, gentle |
| 11 | 孫 | 孙 | Sun | Grandson, descendent |
| 12 | 馬 | 马 | Ma | Horse |
| 13 | 朱 | 朱 | Zhu | Crimson, vermilion |
| 14 | 胡 | 胡 | Hu | Beard, whiskers, mustache, non-Chinese |
| 15 | 郭 | 郭 | Guo | Surname |
| 16 | 何 | 何 | He | Surname |
| 17 | 林 | 林 | Lin | Forest |
| 19 | 高 | 高 | Gao | High, tall, above average |
| 20 | 羅 | 罗 | Luo | Net, sieve, to collect |

RARE

This list contains rare surnames, most of which are seen in less than 1% of the population in modern times. Some were more common in ancient times. These names are not necessarily extremely rare, but are uncommon enough that they would likely stick out in the minds of people who heard them.

| RARE SURNAMES | | | | |
|---------------|---|---|---------|-----------------|
| d10 | 繁 | 簡 | English | Meaning |
| 1 | 容 | 容 | Rong | Countenance |
| 2 | 遲 | 迟 | Chi | Slow |
| 3 | 顏 | 颜 | Yan | Color, face |
| 4 | 花 | 花 | Hua | Flower, blossom |
| 5 | 虞 | 虞 | Yu | Surname |
| 6 | 茶 | 茶 | Cha | Tea |
| 7 | 鹽 | 盐 | Yan | Salt |
| 8 | 殷 | 殷 | Yin | Flourishing |
| 9 | 楚 | 楚 | Chu | Surname |
| 10 | 牟 | 牟 | Mi | Surname |

COMPOUND

In ancient times it was more common to see surnames with two characters. Many were associated with specific regions or groups. These are some of the most common of those ancient compound surnames. If historical accuracy is important to you, you might want to do some research into the specific compound name you plan to use, as it could be relevant to your character's backstory.

| COMPOUND SURNAMES | | | | |
|-------------------|----|----|-----------|--------------------------------|
| d10 | 繁 | 簡 | English | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 東方 | 东方 | Dongfang | East |
| 2 | 獨孤 | 独孤 | Dugu | Surname of Xianbei origin |
| 3 | 公孫 | 公孙 | Gongsun | Descendants of dukes |
| 4 | 皇甫 | 皇甫 | Huangfu | A royal surname |
| 5 | 慕容 | 慕容 | Murong | Surname of Xianbei origin |
| 6 | 歐陽 | 欧阳 | Ouyang | South of Mount Ou |
| 7 | 上官 | 上官 | Shangguan | High Official |
| 8 | 司徒 | 司徒 | Situ | Minister over the masses |
| 9 | 宇文 | 宇文 | Yuwen | Surname |
| 10 | 諸葛 | 诸葛 | Zhuge | Surname for a branch of the Ge |

DARK

These are real surnames, but they have a somewhat sinister feeling, especially when combined with the right given name. They might sound evil, dangerous, violent, or somewhat frightening. Although real, they are not necessarily very common, especially in modern times. They are best paired with the Dark given names below, although that is not a hard and fast rule.

| DARK SURNAMES | | | | |
|---------------|---|---|---------|---|
| d10 | 繁 | 简 | English | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 屠 | 屠 | Tu | Slaughter |
| 2 | 黑 | 黑 | Hei | Black, dark |
| 3 | 毒 | 毒 | Du | Poison, toxin |
| 4 | 屍 | 尸 | Shi | Corpse |
| 5 | 血 | 血 | Xue | Blood |
| 6 | 刁 | 刁 | Diao | Tricky, artful, sly, wicked |
| 7 | 刀 | 刀 | Dao | Blade, saber, knife |
| 8 | 堵 | 堵 | Du | Stifled, suffocated, oppressed |
| 9 | 暴 | 暴 | Bao | Violent, cruel, savage, fierce |
| 10 | 陰 | 阴 | Yin | Shady, hidden, sinister (from Yin and Yang) |

DRAMATIC

These are surnames which sound emotional, melancholic, or dramatic in some way. They are all valid surnames with historical examples, although some might not be particularly common. They are best paired with the Dramatic given names below, although that is not a hard and fast rule.

| DRAMATIC SURNAMES | | | | |
|-------------------|---|---|---------|------------------------------------|
| d10 | 繁 | 简 | English | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 蕭 | 萧 | Xiao | Bleak, dreary, desolate |
| 2 | 悲 | 悲 | Bei | Sorrow, grief |
| 3 | 枯 | 枯 | Ku | Withered, emaciated, dried up |
| 4 | 優 | 优 | You | Anxious, mournful, sorrow |
| 5 | 火 | 火 | Huo | Fire, anger |
| 6 | 愛 | 爱 | Ai | Love |
| 7 | 空 | 空 | Kong | Empty, void |
| 8 | 歸 | 归 | Gui | Return, go back to |
| 9 | 雙 | 双 | Shuang | Double, twofold, twin |
| 10 | 機 | 机 | Ji | Machine, opportunity, quick-witted |

PROFOUND

These are surnames which either sound inherently mysterious and profound, or are related to profound aspects of Chinese culture, philosophy, and religion. Many of these characters appear in common words, but at the same time, can be combined with other characters to form deep and complex concepts. Most are difficult to fully describe in only a few words, so the definitions provided are basic simplifications. If you want to have a deeper understanding of the meaning of these characters, we recommend doing further research into the specific character you pick.

| PROFOUND SURNAMES | | | | |
|-------------------|---|---|---------|---|
| d10 | 繁 | 簡 | English | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 玄 | 玄 | Xuan | Black, dark, profound, mysterious |
| 2 | 乾 | 乾 | Qian | Heaven, male, Yang-related, one of the eight trigrams |
| 3 | 坤 | 坤 | Kun | Earth, feminine, female, Yin-related, one of the eight trigrams |
| 4 | 陰 | 阴 | Yin | Shady, hidden, sinister (from Yin and Yang) |
| 5 | 陽 | 阳 | Yang | Positive, sun, hot, masculine (from Yin and Yang) |
| 6 | 宇 | 宇 | Yu | Universe, cosmos, space |
| 7 | 宙 | 宙 | Zhou | Time, eternity, aeon |
| 8 | 易 | 易 | Yi | Change, transform, metamorphose |
| 9 | 龍 | 龙 | Long | Dragon |
| 10 | 桓 | 桓 | Huan | Post, pillar, martial and mighty |

GIVEN NAMES

With thousands of Chinese characters to pick from and combine, the possibilities for given names in Chinese are virtually endless.

Most names in the tables consist of two characters. However, many of those character combinations can be split. In other words, the combination Wang Meili 王美丽 could be split into Wang Mei 王美 or Wang Li 王丽. Characters that are suitable for standalone use are listed separately in the “English” column of each table. If you choose to use only one character from a given entry, bear in mind that it may remove the thematic implication. For example, one of the names in the Beautiful table is Changqing (长卿), which is an archaic word for butterfly. You could split the name up and use either of the characters on their own, but in that case, the “beautiful” aspect is lost, as Chang simply means “long”, while Qing means “high-ranking official, dignitary”. Put simply, using the single characters might not be best if you are aiming to create a meaningful name. That said, one-character given names are common in Chinese culture, so don’t shy away from using them. Not every name needs to be packed with layers of meaning.

Some character combinations make specific words that surpass the individual definitions of the characters (as in the example of Changqing above). In those instances, the definition for the combined word is listed first, followed by the individual definitions. Even in cases where individual characters aren’t suitable for use as given names, their definitions are included for reference purposes.

Remember that, in the end, these are just names. Although the Chinese characters do have meaning, they are primarily used to identify a person. While Chinese speakers might explain the meaning of the characters in their name if they aren’t obvious, or perhaps make puns based on the characters, they don’t necessarily think of the definitions when using the names. In that regard, they are similar to common English words that are also used as first names, such as Pepper, Chase, Skip, Pierce, Hunter, or Kitty. When used as names, those words become associated primarily with the person, not the original definition of the word.

Many Chinese characters and words are specifically masculine or feminine, whether by definition or implication. In other cases, they are not. For this reason, we identify names with the following tags: M for masculine, G for gender-neutral, and F for feminine. We also have three complete tables specifically for those three types of names.

Some names are repeated in multiple tables, and there is even more repetition in terms of individual Chinese characters.

This guide is primarily for use in creating unique and important characters, in other words, player characters or perhaps key NPCs. Gamemasters who plan to create large numbers of NPCs whose names aren’t particularly important might be better served finding another resource. For instance, if the GM is created a constabulary with dozens of constable NPCs, the Constable table below will not suffice. There are name-generation tools that can be found online which are perfect for such scenarios.

THEMATIC NAMES

COMMON

These are everyday names for just about any situation. Some sound more impressive than others, but they all come across as ordinary names that anyone could bear. Because of the vast number of combinations possible with names, these are by no means intended to represent the “most” common names.

| COMMON GIVEN NAMES | | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|------------------------|--------|--|
| d10 | 繁 | 簡 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 國慶 | 国庆 | Guoqing Guo Qing | M | Guoqing: National Day holiday in China Guo: Country, nation Qing: Celebrate, celebration |
| 2 | 海濤 | 海涛 | Haitao Hai Tao | M | Haitao: Ocean waves Hai: Ocean, sea Tao: Big wave |
| 3 | 愛民 | 爱民 | Aimin Ai | M | Aimin: Care for the common people (usually said of a ruler, official, army, etc.) Ai: Love Min: People, citizens, clan |
| 4 | 小凡 | 小凡 | Xiaofan Xiao Fan | G | Xiao: Small, little Fan: Ordinary, normal, mortal |
| 5 | 雅文 | 雅文 | Yawen Ya Wen | G | Yawen: Refined and elegant Ya: Elegant Wen: Language, culture, writing |
| 6 | 小磊 | 小磊 | Xiaolei Xiao Lei | G | Xiao: Small, little Lei: Heap of stones, open and honest |
| 7 | 華鏡 | 华镜 | Huajing Hua Jing | F | Hua: Splendid, beautiful, glorious, China Jing: Mirror, lens, glass |
| 8 | 美麗 | 美丽 | Meili Mei Li | F | Meili: Beautiful Mei: Beautiful, good, pretty Li: Gorgeous, ravishing, beautiful |
| 9 | 秀英 | 秀英 | Xiuying Xiu Ying | F | Xiu: Handsome, refined, elegant Ying: Hero, outstanding, excellent |
| 10 | 海榮 | 海荣 | Hairong Hai Rong | F | Hai: Ocean, sea Rong: Honor, glory, prosperous, thriving |

UNCOMMON

These names feature uncommon or archaic characters that aren't often seen. Generally speaking, these names sound impressive and unique, and are the type that would stand out or be easy to recall.

| UNCOMMON GIVEN NAMES | | | | | |
|----------------------|----|----|----------------------------|--------|--|
| d10 | 繁 | 簡 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 長卿 | 长卿 | Changqing Chang Qing | M | Changqing: An archaic word for butterfly Chang: Long Qing: Official, dignitary |
| 2 | 源宸 | 源宸 | Yuanchen Yuan Chen | M | Yuan: Root, origin Chen: Mansion, imperial palace, throne |
| 3 | 懿泰 | 懿泰 | Yitai Yi Tai | M | Yi: Virtuous, restrain Tai: Safe, peaceful, grand |
| 4 | 勅彥 | 勅彦 | Qingyan Qing Yan | G | Qing: Violent, strong Yan: Accomplished, elegant |
| 5 | 澤源 | 泽源 | Zeyuan Ze Yuan | G | Ze: pool, pond, damp, moist Yuan: source, origin |
| 6 | 南生 | 南生 | Nansheng Nan Sheng | G | Nan: South Sheng: Life, birth, grow |
| 7 | 文熙 | 文熙 | Wenxi Wen Xi | G | Wen: Language, culture, writing Xi: Prosperous, splendid |
| 8 | 子柒 | 子柒 | Ziqi Zi Qi | F | Zi: Child, son, first Earthly branch Qi: Seven |
| 9 | 語嫣 | 语嫣 | Yuyan Yu Yan | F | Yu: Language, speech Yan: Captivating |
| 10 | 可卿 | 可卿 | Keqing Ke Qing | F | Ke: Can, may, approve, Qing: Official, dignitary |

DARK

These are names that generally come across as either sounding evil, dangerous, violent, or negative in some way. Generally, they are perfect for villainous characters, or at least, characters who are not righteous heroes. They are best paired with the Dark surnames above, although that is not a hard and fast rule.

| DARK GIVEN NAMES | | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|--------------------------|--------|--|
| d10 | 繁 | 簡 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 天霸 | 天霸 | Tianba Tian Ba | M | Tian: Heaven, sky Ba: Hegemon, tyrant, bully, dominate |
| 2 | 傲血 | 傲血 | Aoxue Ao Xue | M | Ao: Proud, arrogant, unyielding Xue: Blood |
| 3 | 萬仇 | 万仇 | Wanchou Wan Chou | M | Wan: Myriad, ten thousand, countless Chou: Enemy, foe, hate, loathe, grudge |
| 4 | 洛殤 | 洛殤 | Luoshang Luo Shang | G | Luo: Luo River Shang: Die in war, die young |
| 5 | 冷炎 | 冷炎 | Lengyan Leng Yan | G | Leng: Cold Yan: Fire, flame |
| 6 | 刹礫 | 刹砾 | Shali Sha Li | G | Sha: Brake, stop. (This character is pronounced the same and resembles the character for "kill" 杀) Li: Gravel, small stone |
| 7 | 無情 | 无情 | Wuqing Wu Qing | G | Wuqing: Ruthless, pitiless, merciless Wu: Without, lacking Qing: feeling, affection, sentiment |
| 8 | 莫愁 | 莫愁 | Mochou Mo Chou | F | Mochou: This is the given name of a famous wuxia villainess, Li Mouchou Mo: Do not, there is none who Chou: anxious, worry about |
| 9 | 沫刖 | 沫刖 | Moyue Mo Yue | F | Mo: Froth, foam, saliva Yue: Amputate the feet as punishment |
| 10 | 冷姐 | 冷姐 | Lingjie Ling Jie | F | Ling: The sound of flowing water Jie: Older sister |

RIGHTEOUS

These are names that sound upright, righteous, and good. They are the type of names you would expect to be borne by heroic people who espouse justice and fight for the commoners.

| RIGHTEOUS GIVEN NAMES | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----|----|----------------------------|--------|---|
| d10 | 繁 | 簡 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 展鵬 | 展鵬 | Zhanpeng Zhan Peng | M | Zhan: Open up, exhibit Peng: The Peng, a mythological bird sometimes translated as "roc" |
| 2 | 天正 | 天正 | Tianzheng Tian Zheng | M | Tian: Heaven, sky Zheng: Right, proper, positive, upright |
| 3 | 豐毅 | 丰毅 | Fengyi Feng Yi | M | Feng: Luxuriant, abundant, plentiful Yi: Firm, resolute, staunch |
| 4 | 霄雲 | 霄云 | Xiaoyun Xiao Yun | G | Xiao: Sky, heaven, firmament, cloud Yun: Cloud |
| 5 | 未風 | 未风 | Weifeng Wei Feng | G | Wei: Did not, have not, eighth Earthly branch Feng: Wind |
| 6 | 山霖 | 山霖 | Shanlin Shan Lin | G | Shan: Mountain Lin: Continuous rain |
| 7 | 尚傑 | 尚杰 | Shangjie Shang Jie | G | Shang: Still, yet Jie: Outstanding, prominent, heroic |
| 8 | 天瑤 | 天瑶 | Tianyao Tian Yao | F | Tian: Heaven, sky Yao: Jade, mother-of-pearl, nacre, jasper |
| 9 | 佳穎 | 佳颖 | Jiaying Jia Ying | F | Jia: Beautiful, good, fine Ying: Clever, gifted, outstanding |
| 10 | 楚喬 | 楚乔 | Chuqiao Chu Qiao | F | Chu: Clear, neat, distinct Qiao: tall, high |



DRAMATIC

These are names which sound emotional, melancholic, or dramatic in some way. They are best paired with the Dramatic surnames above, although that is not a hard and fast rule.

| DRAMATIC GIVEN NAMES | | | | | |
|----------------------|----|----|----------------------------|--------|---|
| d10 | 繁 | 簡 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 清揚 | 清扬 | Qingyang Qing Yang | M | Qing: Bright, clear Yang: Raise, hoist, flutter |
| 2 | 問情 | 问情 | Wenqing Wen Qing | M | Wen: Ask, inquire Qing: Feeling, emotion, passion |
| 3 | 秋風 | 秋风 | Qiufeng Qiu Feng | M | Qiu: Autumn, fall Feng: Wind |
| 4 | 清綰 | 清绾 | Qingguan Qing Guan | G | Qing: Bright, clear Guan: Coil up, string together |
| 5 | 見歡 | 见欢 | Jianhuan Xun Huan | G | Jian: See, meet Huan: Joyous, merry, jubilant |
| 6 | 妝痕 | 妆痕 | Zhuanghen Zhuang Hen | G | Zhuang: To dress up, to adorn, makeup Hen: Scar, mark, traces |
| 7 | 風吟 | 风吟 | Fengyin Feng Yin | G | Feng: Wind Yin: Chant, moan, recite |
| 8 | 魅璃 | 魅璃 | Meili Mei Li | F | Mei: Bewitching, charming Li: Colored glaze, glass |
| 9 | 夢枕 | 梦枕 | Mengzhen Meng Zhen | F | Meng: Dream, to dream Zhen: Pillow, rest one's head in sleep |
| 10 | 明月 | 明月 | Mingyue Ming Yue | F | Mingyue: Bright moon Ming: Brightness, justice, bright, brilliant Yue: Moon |

BEAUTIFUL/ATTRACTIVE

| BEAUTIFUL GIVEN NAMES | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----|----|----------------------------|--------|---|
| d10 | 繁 | 簡 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 風眠 | 风眠 | Fengmian Feng Mian | M | Feng: Wind Mian: Sleep |
| 2 | 長卿 | 长卿 | Changqing Chang Qing | M | Changqing: A rare word for butterfly Chang: Long Qing: High-ranking official, dignitary |
| 3 | 子宸 | 子宸 | Zichen Zi Chen | M | Zi: Child, son, first Earthly branch Chen: Mansion, imperial palace, throne |
| 4 | 墨憶 | 墨忆 | Moyi Mo Yi | F | Mo: Ink, black, tattoo Yi: Memory, remember |
| 5 | 陌裊 | 陌袅 | Moniao Mo Niao | G | Mo: Path, footway Niao: Delicate, graceful, ochre |
| 6 | 慕言 | 慕言 | Muyan Mu Yan | G | Mu: Admire Yan: Word, speech |
| 7 | 喬木 | 乔木 | Qiaomu Qiao Mu | G | Qiaomu: Tall tree Qiao: Tall, high Mu: Tree, timber, wood |
| 8 | 綰兮 | 绾兮 | Wanxi Wan Xi | G | Wan: String together, bind up Xi: No meaning. This character is an exclamatory particle. |
| 9 | 晨雪 | 晨雪 | Chenxue Chen Xue | F | Chen: Morning, dawn, daybreak Xue: Snow, snowfall |
| 10 | 夢歌 | 梦歌 | Mengge Meng Ge | F | Meng: Dream Ge: Song |

MASCULINE

These names all sound masculine in nature.

| MASCULINE GIVEN NAMES | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----|----|--------------------------|--------|--|
| d10 | 繁 | 简 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 星瀚 | 星瀚 | Xinghan Xing Han | M | Xing: Star, heavenly body Han: Ocean, vastness |
| 2 | 展豪 | 展豪 | Zhanhao Zhan Hao | M | Zhan: Spread out, open, exhibit Hao: grand, outstanding, heroic |
| 3 | 問天 | 问天 | Wentian Wen Tian | M | Wen: Ask Tian: Heaven, sky |
| 4 | 正南 | 正南 | Zhengnan Zheng Nan | M | Zhengnan: Due south Zheng: Right, proper, positive, upright Nan: South |
| 5 | 少龍 | 少龙 | Shaolong Shao Long | M | Shao: Few, less, seldom Long: Dragon |
| 6 | 博浩 | 博浩 | Bohao Bo Hao | M | Bo: Rich, plentiful, win, obtain Hao: Grand, vast, great |
| 7 | 青天 | 青天 | Qingtian Qing Tian | M | Qingtian: Blue sky, clear sky Qing: Blue, azure, green, clear Tian: Heaven, sky |
| 8 | 乾坤 | 乾坤 | Qiankun Qian Kun | M | Qiankun: Heaven and earth, Yin and Yang, the universe, the cosmos Qian: Heaven, male, Yang-related, one of the eight trigrams Kun: Earth, feminine, female, Yin-related, one of the eight trigrams |
| 9 | 天嘯 | 天嘯 | Tianxiao Tian Xiao | M | Tian: Heaven, sky Xiao: Hiss, whistle |
| 10 | 千源 | 千源 | Qianyuan Qian Yuan | M | Qian: Thousand Yuan: Origin, root, source |

FEMININE

These names all sound feminine in nature.

| FEMININE GIVEN NAMES | | | | | |
|----------------------|----|----|------------------------|--------|--|
| d10 | 繁 | 簡 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 煙雨 | 烟雨 | Yanyu Yan Yu | F | Yanyu: Drizzle, misty rain Yan: Mist, smoke, vapor Yu: Rain |
| 2 | 婉婷 | 婉婷 | Wanting Wan Ting | F | Wan: Graceful, tactful Ting: Graceful |
| 3 | 夢歌 | 梦歌 | Mengge Meng Ge | F | Meng: Dream Ge: Song |
| 4 | 若曦 | 若曦 | Ruoxi Ruo Xi | F | Ruo: Seem, like, as, if Xi: Light of day |
| 5 | 瑩瑩 | 莹莹 | Yingying Ying | F | Ying: Luster of gems |
| 6 | 思晴 | 思晴 | Siqing Si Qing | F | Si: Thought, think, consider Qing: Clear, fine |
| 7 | 嫣然 | 嫣然 | Yanran Yan Ran | F | Yanran: Beautiful, sweet, engaging, gracious Yan: Beautiful Ran: Correct, right |
| 8 | 書欣 | 书欣 | Shuxin Shu Xin | F | Shu: Book Xin: Happy, glad, joyful |
| 9 | 雨曦 | 雨曦 | Yuxi Yu Xi | F | Yu: Rain Xi: Light of day |
| 10 | 紫薇 | 紫薇 | Ziwei Zi Wei | F | Ziwei: Crape myrtle (a tree that usually has purplish flowers) Zi: Purple, violet, mauve Wei: Plant name |

GENDER-NEUTRAL

These are names which are not immediately identifiable as being either masculine or feminine.

| GENDER-NEUTRAL GIVEN NAMES | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----|----|--------------------------|--------|--|
| d10 | 繁 | 简 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 源逸 | 源逸 | Yuanyi Yuan Yi | G | Yuan: Origin, root, source Yi: Escape, leisurely, outstanding |
| 2 | 葉青 | 叶青 | Yeqing Ye Qing | G | Ye: Leaf Qing: Blue, azure, green, clear |
| 3 | 嘉楠 | 嘉楠 | Jianan Jia Nan | G | Jia: Excellent, auspicious, praise, commend Nan: Cedar, redwood |
| 4 | 啟明 | 启明 | Qiming Qi Ming | G | Qiming: Classical Chinese name for planet Venus Qi: Open, start, initiate Ming: Brightness, justice, bright, brilliant |
| 5 | 壹諾 | 一诺 | Yinuo Yi Nuo | G | Yi: One Nuo: Consent, promise |
| 6 | 天辰 | 天辰 | Tianchen Tian Chen | G | Tian: Heaven, sky Chen: Celestial bodies. Fifth Earthly branch |
| 7 | 凌塵 | 凌尘 | Lingchen Ling Chen | G | Ling: approach, rise high, intimidate Chen: Dust, dirt, earth |
| 8 | 蕭 | 萧 | Xiao | G | Xiao: Miserable, desolate, dreary |
| 9 | 子凡 | 子凡 | Zifan Zi Fan | G | Zi: Child, son, first Earthly branch Fan: Ordinary, mundane, mortal |
| 10 | 碩 | 硕 | Shuo | G | Shuo: Large, big |

NAMES BY OCCUPATION

We have selected names for each of the various occupations characters can assume in *Righteous Blood, Ruthless Blades*.

ARTISAN

For the most part, these are just ordinary names that you would expect a common person to have. Being prepared for Artisans in mind, many have a fanciful, creative feeling to them.

| ARTISAN NAMES | | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|---------------------------|--------|---|
| d10 | 繁 | 簡 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 青陽 | 青阳 | Qingyang Qing Yang | M | Qingyang: Spring, youth Qing: Blue, azure, green, clear Yang: Positive, sun, hot, masculine (from Yin and Yang) |
| 2 | 飛揚 | 飞扬 | Feiyang Fei Yang | M | Fei: Fly, flight Yang: Raise, flutter Feiyang: Fly upward, rise |
| 3 | 大千 | 大千 | Daqian Da Qian | M | Daqian: The infinite universe, chilocosm Da: Great, grand Qian: Thousand, many |
| 4 | 雲迪 | 云迪 | Yundi Yun Di | G | Yun: Cloud Di: Enlighten, favor, direct |
| 5 | 逸飛 | 逸飞 | Yifei Yi Fei | G | Yi: Escape, leisurely, outstanding Fei: Fly, flight |
| 6 | 文卓 | 文卓 | Wenzhuo Wen Zhuo | G | Wen: Language, culture, writing Zhuo: Tall, erect, eminent, outstanding |
| 7 | 崇夏 | 崇夏 | Chong Xia Chong Xia | G | Chong: High, sublime, lofty, worship Xia: Summer |
| 8 | 夢辰 | 梦辰 | Mengchen Meng Chen | F | Meng: Dream Chen: Celestial bodies. Fifth Earthly branch |
| 9 | 浮生 | 浮生 | Fusheng Fu Sheng | F | Fu: Float, unstable, superficial Sheng: Life |
| 10 | 竹木 | 竹木 | Zhumu Zhu Mu | F | Zhu: Bamboo Mu: Tree, timber, wood |

ASSASSIN

These names are perfect for hardened killers. Most sound dramatic or dangerous.

| ASSASSIN NAMES | | | | | |
|----------------|----|----|---------------------------|--------|---|
| d10 | 繁 | 簡 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 荊軻 | 荆轲 | Jingke Jing Ke | M | Jing Ke: A famous historical assassin Jing: Chaste tree (a type of tree), thorns, brambles Ke: Carriage |
| 2 | 要離 | 要离 | Yaoli Yao Li | M | Yao: Want, ask for, demand, request Li: Leave, part from |
| 3 | 夜痕 | 夜痕 | Yehen Ye Hen | M | Ye: Night Hen: Scar, mark, traces |
| 4 | 血影 | 血影 | Xueying Xue Ying | G | Xue: Blood Ying: Shadow |
| 5 | 無心 | 无心 | Wuxin Wu Xin | G | Wuxin: Without thought, the mind free from illusion, mindless Wu: Without, lacking, no Xin: Heart, mind |
| 6 | 冥沙 | 冥沙 | Mingsha Ming Sha | G | Ming: Dark, deep, underworld Sha: Sand, powder |
| 7 | 殘月 | 残月 | Canyue Can Yue | G | Canyue: Waning moon Can: Incomplete, fragmented Yue: Moon |
| 8 | 凝雪 | 凝雪 | Ningxue Ning Xue | F | Ning: Congeal, concentrate Xue: Snow |
| 9 | 隱娘 | 隐娘 | Yin'niang Yin Niang | F | Yin: Secret, hidden, concealed Niang: Young lady, woman, mother |
| 10 | 羅刹 | 罗刹 | Luocho Luo Sha | F | Luocho: Raksha, rakshasa (demons that devour men) Luo: Net, sieve, to collect Sha: Brake, stop. (When used alone, this character is pronounced the same and resembles the character for "kill" 杀) |

BANDIT

Most of these names sound like they would belong to common, rough-and-tumble individuals who have fallen into a life of crime.

| BANDIT NAMES | | | | | |
|--------------|----|----|----------------------------|--------|--|
| d10 | 繁 | 简 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 霸天 | 霸天 | Batian Ba Tian | M | Ba: Hegemon, tyrant, bully, dominate Tian: Heaven, sky |
| 2 | 喪彪 | 丧彪 | Sangbiao Sang Biao | M | Sang: Funeral, mourning Biao: Tiger stripes, tiger cub |
| 3 | 黑狗 | 黑狗 | Heigou Hei Gou | M | Hei: Black Gou: Dog |
| 4 | 張慶 | 张庆 | Zhangqing Zhang Qing | G | Zhang: Open, spread Qing: Celebrate, celebration |
| 5 | 杜立 | 杜立 | Duli Du Li | G | Du: Stop, prevent Li: Stand, set up, establish |
| 6 | 衝冠 | 冲冠 | Chongguan Chong Guan | G | Chong: Charge, clash, strong Guan: Crown, crest, hat |
| 7 | 十三 | 十三 | Shisan Shi San | G | Shisan: Thirteen, thirteenth Shi: Ten, tenth San: Three, third |
| 8 | 二娘 | 二娘 | Erniang Er Niang | F | Er: Two, second Niang: Young lady, woman, mother |
| 9 | 幺妹 | 幺妹 | Yaomei Yao Mei | F | Yao: Tiny, junior, one Mei: Younger sister |
| 10 | 白蓮 | 白莲 | Bailian Bai Lian | F | Bai: White, pure Lian: Lotus |

BEGGAR

Most of these names are humble and perhaps even somewhat shameful.

| BEGGAR NAMES | | | | | |
|--------------|----|----|--------------------------|--------|--|
| d10 | 繁 | 簡 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 二狗 | 二狗 | Ergou Er | M | Er: Two, second Gou: Dog |
| 2 | 石頭 | 石头 | Shitou Shi Tou | M | Shitou: Rock, stone Shi: Rock, stone Tou: Head |
| 3 | 狗剩 | 狗剩 | Gousheng Gou Sheng | M | Gou: Dog Sheng: Remain, be left, have as a remainder |
| 4 | 大林 | 大林 | Dalin Da Lin | G | Da: Great, grand, big Lin: Forest, jungle |
| 5 | 猴子 | 猴子 | Houzi Hou Zi | G | Houzi: Monkey Hou: Monkey Zi: Child, son, first Earthly branch |
| 6 | 黑蛋 | 黑蛋 | Heidan Hei Dan | G | Hei: Black, dark Dan: Egg |
| 7 | 四楞 | 四楞 | Sileng Si Leng | G | Si: Four, fourth Leng: Corner, edge |
| 8 | 二丫 | 二丫 | Erya Er Ya | F | Er: Two, second Ya: Girl |
| 9 | 傻妞 | 傻妞 | Shaniu Sha Niu | F | Sha: Stupid, foolish Niu: Girl |
| 10 | 秀姑 | 秀姑 | Xiugu Xiu Gu | F | Xiu: Refined, elegant, graceful Gu: Aunt |

CONSTABLE

For the most part, these are names for ordinary people, but emphasize justice and righteousness, qualities that upstanding constables would espouse.

| CONSTABLE NAMES | | | | | |
|-----------------|----|----|--------------------------|--------|--|
| d10 | 繁 | 簡 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 展堂 | 展堂 | Zhantang Zhan Tang | M | Zhan: Open up, exhibit Tang: Hall, court, yamen hall |
| 2 | 雲翔 | 云翔 | Yunxiang Yun Xiang | M | Yun: Cloud Xiang: Soar, glide |
| 3 | 俊傑 | 俊杰 | Junjie Jun Jie | M | Jun: Smart, handsome, talented Jie: Outstanding, heroic |
| 4 | 小六 | 小六 | Xiaoliu Xiao Liu | G | Xiao: Small, little Liu: Six, sixth |
| 5 | 鴻祺 | 鸿祺 | Hongqi Hong Qi | G | Hong: Grand, great, goose Qi: Felicity, lucky |
| 6 | 王華 | 王华 | Wanghua Wang Hua | G | Wang: King, royal Hua: Splendid, beautiful, glorious, China |
| 7 | 景平 | 景平 | Jingping Jing Ping | G | Jing: Scenery, revere, admire Ping: Peace, calm |
| 8 | 瑾方 | 瑾方 | Jinfang Jin Fang | F | Jin: Brilliance Fang: Square, direction, way |
| 9 | 紅綾 | 红綾 | Hongling Hong Ling | F | Hong: Red, popular, revolutionary Ling: Damask, thin silk |
| 10 | 明月 | 明月 | Mingyue Ming Yue | F | Ming: Brightness, justice, bright, brilliant Yue: Moon |

DEDICATED MARTIAL PRACTITIONER

These names generally feature aspects that cause one to think of martial arts or combat.

| MARTIAL PRACTITIONER NAMES | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----|----|--------------------------|--------|--|
| d10 | 繁 | 簡 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 三豐 | 三丰 | Sanfeng San Feng | M | Sanfeng: The given name of Zhan Sanfeng, legendary real-life Daoist who is credited with inventing Taichi San: Three, third Feng: Luxuriant, abundant, plentiful |
| 2 | 宗元 | 宗元 | Zongyuan Zong Yuan | M | Zongyuan: The given name of Liu Zongyuan, a Tang Dynasty poet Zong: School, sect, purpose, model, ancestor Yuan: First, original, root, origin |
| 3 | 葉問 | 叶问 | Yewen Ye Wen | M | Yewen: The surname and given name of Ip Man, Cantonese martial artist and teacher of Bruce Lee Ye: Leaf Wen: Ask, inquire |
| 4 | 謝笑 | 谢笑 | Xiexiao Xie Xiao | G | Xie: Thank, apologize, decline Xiao: Smile, laugh |
| 5 | 俠 | 侠 | Xia | G | Xia: Hero, brave, chivalrous |
| 6 | 劍飛 | 剑飞 | Jianfei Jian Fei | G | Jian: Sword Fei: Fly, flight |
| 7 | 露禪 | 露禅 | Luchan Lu Chan | G | Li: Dew, syrup Chan: Zen |
| 8 | 大娘 | 大娘 | Daniang Da Niang | F | Daniang: Aunt Da: Great, Grand Niang: Young lady, woman, mother |
| 9 | 劍雲 | 剑云 | Jianyun Jian Yun | F | Jian: Sword Yun: Cloud |
| 10 | 九兒 | 九儿 | Jiu'er Jiu Er | F | Jiu: Nine Er: Child, son, or a sound word |

DETECTIVE

These names conjure the image of an intelligent, free-thinking person.

| DETECTIVE NAMES | | | | | |
|-----------------|----|----|----------------------------|--------|--|
| d10 | 繁 | 簡 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 仁傑 | 仁杰 | Renjie Ren Jie | M | Ren: Humane, benevolence Jie: Outstanding, prominent, heroic |
| 2 | 文斌 | 文斌 | Wenbin Wen Bin | M | Wen: Language, culture, writing Bin: Refined, ornamental |
| 3 | 睿 | 睿 | Rui | M | Rui: Astute, perspicacious, intelligent |
| 4 | 尧知 | 尧知 | Yaozhi Yao Zhi | G | Yao: A name Zhi: Know, notify, inform |
| 5 | 明亮 | 明亮 | Mingliang Ming Liang | G | Ming: Brightness, justice, bright, brilliant Liang: Bright, light |
| 6 | 靈華 | 灵华 | Linghua Ling Hua | G | Ling: Spirit, alert, quick Hua: Hua: Splendid, beautiful, glorious, China |
| 7 | 觀微 | 观微 | Guanwei Guan Wei | G | Guan: Watch, observe, view Wei: Micro, tiny, minute |
| 8 | 如歌 | 如歌 | Ruge Ru Ge | F | Ru: Like, as if Ge: Song |
| 9 | 雨蓁 | 雨蓁 | Yuxun Yu Xun | F | Yu: Rain: Xun: Nettle |
| 10 | 思思 | 思思 | Sisi Si | F | Si: Thought, consider |

DOCTOR

These names conjure a sensation of benevolence, thoughtfulness, and humanity.

| DOCTOR NAMES | | | | | |
|--------------|----|----|--------------------------|--------|--|
| d10 | 繁 | 简 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 志卿 | 志卿 | Zhiqing Zhi Qing | M | Zhi: Annals, record, will Qing: Minister |
| 2 | 華佗 | 华佗 | Huatuo Hua Tuo | M | Huatuo: Hua Tuo was a famous doctor during the Han Dynasty Hua: Splendid, beautiful, glorious, China Tuo: To carry on the back |
| 3 | 時珍 | 时珍 | Shizhen Shi Zhen | M | Shi: Time, hour, season, period Zhen: Treasure, rare, precious thing, gem |
| 4 | 思邈 | 思邈 | Simiao Si Miao | G | Si: Thought, think, consider Miao: Profound, remote |
| 5 | 符裳 | 符裳 | Fushang Fu Shang | G | Fu: Symbol, talisman, mark, seal Shang: Lower garment, skirts |
| 6 | 于衍 | 于衍 | Yuyan Yu Yan | G | Yu: To go, to take Yan: To spread out, develop, amplify |
| 7 | 程壹 | 程一 | Chengyi Cheng Yi | G | Cheng: Rule, order, journey Yi: One, first |
| 8 | 白芷 | 白芷 | Baizhi Bai Zhi | F | Bai: White, pure Zhi: Chinese angelica (medicinal plant) |
| 9 | 钟秀 | 钟秀 | Zhongxiu Zhong Xiu | F | Zhong: Bell, timepiece, chime Xiu: Beautiful, elegant, excellent |
| 10 | 胡愔 | 胡愔 | Huyin Hu Yin | F | Hu: Reckless, outrageous, beard, foreign Yin: Peaceful, solemn |

ENTERTAINER

These are light, creative names that are perfect for everyone from singers, to actors, to courtesans.

| ENTERTAINER NAMES | | | | | |
|-------------------|----|----|----------------------------|--------|--|
| d10 | 繁 | 簡 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 潤鳴 | 润鸣 | Runming Run Ming | M | Run: Profit, embellish, moist, smooth Ming: Sound, sing, ring |
| 2 | 一洪 | 一洪 | Yihong Yi Hong | M | Yi: One, first Hong: Flood, big, vast |
| 3 | 嵇康 | 嵇康 | Jikang Ji Kang | M | Ji: Name of a mountain Kang: Healthy, peaceful, abundant |
| 4 | 朝雲 | 朝云 | Chaoyun Chao Yun | G | Chao: Court, government, dynasty Yun: Cloud |
| 5 | 欣怡 | 欣怡 | Xinyi Xin Yi | G | Xin: Glad, happy Yi: Happy, joyful, harmony |
| 6 | 笑川 | 笑川 | Xiaochuan Xiao Chuan | G | Xiao: Smile, laugh Chuan: River, plain, Sichuan Province |
| 7 | 言 | 言 | Yan | G | Yan: Words, speech |
| 8 | 師師 | 师师 | Shishi Shi | F | Shi: Teacher, master, expert |
| 9 | 鳳仙 | 凤仙 | Fengxian Feng Xian | F | Feng: Phoenix Xian: Immortal Fengxian: Garden balsam |
| 10 | 藝嘉 | 艺嘉 | Yijia Yi Jia | F | Yi: Art, skill Jia: Fine, good, great, pretty, glorious |

FARMER

These are simple, common names that one would expect to see among ordinary people. Many emphasize an aspect of nature or hard work that typify farmers.

| FARMER NAMES | | | | | |
|--------------|----|----|------------------------|--------|--|
| d10 | 繁 | 簡 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 二虎 | 二虎 | Erhu Er Hu | M | Er: Two, second Hu: Tiger |
| 2 | 大業 | 大业 | Daye Da Ye | M | Daye: Great undertaking, great cause Da: Great, Grand Ye: Industry, business, profession |
| 3 | 鐵柱 | 铁柱 | Tiezhu Tie Zhu | M | Tie: Iron, indisputable Zhu: Column, pillar, post |
| 4 | 玉海 | 玉海 | Yuhai Yu Hai | G | Yu: Jade Hai: Ocean, sea |
| 5 | 瓜娃 | 瓜娃 | Guawa Gua Wa | G | Gua: Melon Wa: Baby, doll, child |
| 6 | 慶有 | 庆有 | Qingyou Qing You | G | Qing: Celebrate, celebration You: Have, be, exist |
| 7 | 春喜 | 春喜 | Chunxi Chun Xi | G | Chun: Spring, youth Xi: Like, be fond of, happy, happiness |
| 8 | 翠花 | 翠花 | Cuihua Cui Hua | F | Cui: Emerald, green, blue-green Hua: Flower, blossom, flowery |
| 9 | 美鳳 | 美凤 | Meifeng Mei Feng | F | Mei: Beautiful, good, pretty Feng: Phoenix |
| 10 | 艷紅 | 艳红 | Yanhong Yan Hong | F | Yan: Colorful, gaudy, amorous Hong: Red, popular, revolutionary |

FISHER

These are simple, common names that one would expect to see among ordinary people. Many emphasize an aspect of nature, water, rivers, or the ocean that typify fishers.

| FISHER NAMES | | | | | |
|--------------|----|----|--------------------------|--------|--|
| d10 | 繁 | 简 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 旺發 | 旺发 | Wangfa Wang Fa | M | Wang: Prosperous, flourishing Fa: Send out, show, to issue, to develop |
| 2 | 江濤 | 江涛 | Jiangtao Jiang Tao | M | Jiang: River Tao: Big wave |
| 3 | 海仔 | 海仔 | Haizai Hai Zi | M | Hai: Ocean, sea Zai: Young man, child |
| 4 | 阿波 | 阿波 | Abo A Bo | G | A: No meaning Bo: Wave, rippled, storm |
| 5 | 漁歌 | 渔歌 | Yuge Yu Ge | G | Yu: Fish Ge: Song |
| 6 | 舟山 | 舟山 | Zhoushan Zhou Shan | G | Zhou: Boat Shan: Mountain |
| 7 | 許河 | 许河 | Xuhe Xu He | G | Xu: Allow, permit, promise He: River |
| 8 | 海燕 | 海燕 | Haiyan Hai Yan | F | Haiyan: Storm petrel (bird) Hai: Ocean, sea Yan: Swallow (bird) |
| 9 | 綠宛 | 绿宛 | Luan Lu Wan | F | Lu: Green Wan: Winding, similar |
| 10 | 彩霞 | 彩霞 | Caixia Cai Xia | F | Caixia: Rosy or pink clouds Cai: Color, colored, variety, prize Xia: Red clouds, sunset glow, sunrise glow |

GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL

These are names that sound formal and dignified, perfect for people attached to the imperial bureaucracy.

| GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL NAMES | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----|----|----------------------------|--------|---|
| d10 | 繁 | 簡 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 少康 | 少康 | Xiaokang Xiao Kang | M | Xiao: Small, little Kang: Healthy, peaceful, abundant |
| 2 | 彥豪 | 彥豪 | Yanhao Yan Hao | M | Yan: Elegant, accomplished Hao: grand, outstanding, heroic |
| 3 | 正淳 | 正淳 | Zhengchun Zheng Chun | M | Zheng: Right, proper, positive, upright Chun: Genuine, pure, honest |
| 4 | 敬宣 | 敬宣 | Jingxuan Jing Xuan | G | Jing: Respect, venerate, salute, offer Xuan: Announce, declare publicly |
| 5 | 景瑜 | 景瑜 | Jingyu Jing Yu | G | Jing: Bright, circumstance, scenery Yu: Excellence, cluster of gems |
| 6 | 望舒 | 望舒 | Wangshu Wang Shu | G | Wang: Hope, expect, watch, view, gaze Shu: Relax, smooth away, smooth down |
| 7 | 羽豐 | 羽丰 | Yufeng Yu Feng | G | Yu: Feather Feng: Abundant, plentiful, vast, lavish |
| 8 | 碧君 | 碧君 | Bijun Bi Jun | F | Bi: Green jade, bluish green, blue, jade Jun: Monarch, lord, princess |
| 9 | 悅暢 | 悅暢 | Yuechang Yue Chang | F | Yue: Pleased, happy, delighted Chang: Smooth, free, fluent, joyful |
| 10 | 聂青 | 聂青 | Nieqing Nie Qing | F | Nie: Whisper Qing: Blue, azure, green, clear |

LOYALIST

These names are perfect for faithful, focused individuals.

| LOYALIST NAMES | | | | | |
|----------------|----|----|--------------------------|--------|--|
| d10 | 繁 | 简 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 蘇武 | 苏武 | Suwu | M | Su Wu: A famous Chinese statesman from the Han Dynasty Su: Recover consciousness, wake, awake Wu: Martial, fierce, valiant |
| 2 | 天祥 | 天祥 | Tianxiang | M | Tianxiang: Blessed by heaven Tian: Heaven, sky Xiang: Auspicious, propitious, lucky |
| 3 | 垣 | 垣 | Yuan | M | Yuan: Wall, city |
| 4 | 秦恬 | 秦恬 | Qintian Qin Tian | G | Qin: Dynasty name Tian: Quiet, calm, tranquil, peaceful |
| 5 | 田恒 | 田恒 | Tianheng Tian Heng | G | Tian: Field, farm Heng: Permanent, constant, fixed |
| 6 | 清風 | 清风 | Qingfeng Qing Feng | G | Qingfeng: Cool breeze, pure and honest Qing: Bright, clear Feng: Wing |
| 7 | 成信 | 成信 | Chengxin Cheng Xin | G | Cheng: Succeed, finish, complete, accomplish Xin: Confidence, trust, faith |
| 8 | 魏瓊 | 魏琼 | Weiqiong Wei Qiong | F | Wei: Tower, dynasty/kingdom name Qiong: Jaster, fine jade, beautiful |
| 9 | 勤思 | 勤思 | Qinsi Qin Si | F | Qin: Diligent, industrious, thoughtful Si: Thought, think, consider |
| 10 | 羽彤 | 羽彤 | Yutong Yu Tong | F | Yu: Feather Tong: Red, scarlet, vermilion, crimson |

MERCHANT

These names emphasize wealth and profit, making them perfect for business people.

| MERCHANT NAMES | | | | | |
|----------------|----|----|----------------------------|--------|--|
| d10 | 繁 | 簡 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 萬貫 | 万贯 | Wanguan Wan Guan | M | Wanguan: Ten thousand strings of cash, wealthy, millionaire Wan: Myriad, ten thousand, countless Guan: Pierce, penetrate, follow |
| 2 | 复銀 | 复银 | Fuyin Fu Yin | M | Fu: To return, to resume, to recover Yin: Silver |
| 3 | 萬三 | 万三 | Wansan Wan San | M | Wan: Ten thousand, myriad, countless San: Three, third |
| 4 | 向錢 | 向钱 | Xiangqian Xiang Qian | G | Xiang: Toward, in the direction of Qian: Money |
| 5 | 金玉 | 金玉 | Jinyu Jin Yu | G | Jin: Gold, metal Yu: Jade |
| 6 | 清清 | 清清 | Qingqing Qing | G | Qing: Bright, clear |
| 7 | 于俊 | 于俊 | Yujun Yu Jun | G | Yu: To go, to take Jun: Smart, elegant, talented |
| 8 | 金珠 | 金珠 | Jinzhu Jin Zhu | F | Jin: Gold, metal Zhu: Pearl, bead |
| 9 | 夏荷 | 夏荷 | Fuhe Fu He | F | Fu: To return, to resume, to recover He: Lotus |
| 10 | 明珠 | 明珠 | Mingzhu Ming Zhu | F | Ming: Brightness, justice, bright, brilliant Zhu: Pearl, bead |

PLAYBOY/YOUNG MASTER

These names are generally grandiose and refined.

| YOUNG MASTER NAMES | | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|--------------------------|--------|--|
| d10 | 繁 | 簡 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 留香 | 留香 | Liuxiang Liu Xiang | M | Liuxiang: The given name of a famous character from wuxia novels, Chu Liuxiang Liu: To leave, retain, stay, remain, keep Xiang: Fragrant, aromatic, sweet-smelling |
| 2 | 樂懷 | 乐怀 | Yuehuai Yue Huai | M | Yue: Music Huai: Bosom, heart, mind |
| 3 | 尋歡 | 寻欢 | Xunhuan Xun Huan | M | Xunhuan: Seek pleasure, frolic Xun: Seek, search Huan: Joyous, merry, jubilant |
| 4 | 子瑜 | 子瑜 | Ziyu Zi Yu | G | Zi: Child, son, first Earthly branch Yu: Excellence, cluster of gems |
| 5 | 滿天 | 满天 | Mantian Man Tian | G | Mantian: filling the whole sky, boundless, limitless, everywhere Man: Overflow, inundate, be everywhere Tian: Heaven, sky |
| 6 | 于彤 | 于彤 | Yutong Yu Tong | G | Yu: To go, to take Tong: Red, scarlet, vermilion, crimson |
| 7 | 林楓 | 林枫 | Linfeng Lin Feng | G | Lin: Forest, jungle Feng: Tree name, maple |
| 8 | 心念 | 心念 | Xin'nian Xin Nian | F | Xin'nian: Idea, thought, aspiration Xin: Heart, mind Nian: Thought, idea |
| 9 | 蕭玉 | 萧玉 | Xiaoyu Xiao Yu | F | Xiao: Bleak, dreary, desolate Yu: Jade |
| 10 | 星兒 | 星儿 | Xinger Xing Er | F | Xing: Star, heavenly body Er: Child, son, or a sound word |

SCHOLAR

These names sound cultured, refined, and educated, perfect for experts in the scholarly arts.

| SCHOLAR NAMES | | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|--------------------------|--------|---|
| d10 | 繁 | 简 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 崖子 | 崖子 | Yazi Ya Zi | M | Ya: Cliff, precipice Zi: Child, son, first Earthly branch |
| 2 | 枫飒 | 枫飒 | Fengsa Feng Sa | M | Feng: Tree name, maple Sa: Sound of the wind |
| 3 | 伯仲 | 伯仲 | Bozhong Bo Zhong | M | Bo: Uncle, senior, count Zhong: Second month of a season, middle, intermediate |
| 4 | 敬梓 | 敬梓 | Jingzi Jing Zi | G | Jing: Respect, venerate, salute, offer Zi: Catalpa (a genus of flowering plants) |
| 5 | 俞宏 | 俞宏 | Yuhong Yu Hong | G | Yue: accede, assent Hong: Great, magnificent, grand |
| 6 | 班昭 | 班昭 | Banzhao Ban Zhao | G | Ban: Team, class, squad Zhao: Bright, clear, manifest |
| 7 | 希文 | 希文 | Xiwen Xi Wen | G | Xi: Hope Wen: Language, culture, writing |
| 8 | 阮君 | 阮君 | Ruanjun Ruan Jun | F | Ruan: Ancient musical instrument Jun: Monarch, lord, princess |
| 9 | 婉贞 | 婉贞 | Wanzhen Wan Zhen | F | Wan: Graceful, tactful Zhen: Chase |
| 10 | 清照 | 清照 | Qingzhao Qing Zhao | F | Qing: Bright, clear Zhao: Bright, clear, manifest |

SERVANT

These are humble but elegant names.

| SERVANT NAMES | | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|------------------------|--------|---|
| d10 | 繁 | 简 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 卓子 | 卓子 | Zhuozi Zhuo Zi | M | Zhuo: Outstanding, eminent Zi: Child, son, first Earthly branch |
| 2 | 天寶 | 天寶 | Tianbao Tian Bao | M | Tian: Heaven, sky Bao: Treasure, gem |
| 3 | 林三 | 林三 | Linsan Lin San | M | Lin: Forest, jungle San: Three, third |
| 4 | 来福 | 来福 | Laifu Lai Fu | G | Laifu: Bring, come Fu: Blessing, fortune, luck |
| 5 | 天玉 | 天玉 | Tianyu Tian Yu | G | Tian: Heaven, sky Yu: Jade |
| 6 | 碧痕 | 碧痕 | Bihen Bi Hen | G | Bi: Green jade, bluish green, blue, jade Hen: Scar, mark, traces |
| 7 | 洗玉 | 洗玉 | Xiyu Xi Yu | G | Xi: Wash, bathe Yu: Jade |
| 8 | 茗煙 | 茗烟 | Mingyan Ming Yan | F | Ming: Young tea leaves Yan: Mist, smoke, vapor |
| 9 | 彩霞 | 彩霞 | Caixia Cai Xia | F | Caixia: Rosy or pink clouds Cai: Color, appluase, cheer, variety Xia: Red clouds, sunset glow, sunrise glow |
| 10 | 桑柔 | 桑柔 | Sangrou Sang Rou | F | Sang: White mulberry Rou: Soft, supple, flexible |

SHOP OWNER

These are common-sounding names that emphasize hard work and profit.

| SHOP OWNER NAMES | | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|-----------------------|--------|--|
| d10 | 繁 | 簡 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 雲貴 | 云贵 | Yungui Yun Gui | M | Yun: Cloud Gui: Expensive, noble, precious |
| 2 | 七爺 | 七爷 | Qiye Qi Ye | M | Qi: Seven, seventh Ye: Master, grandfather, gentleman |
| 3 | 愛財 | 爱财 | Aicai Ai Cai | M | Aicai: To love money Ai: Love Cai: Wealth, money |
| 4 | 喜梢 | 喜梢 | Xishao Xi Shao | G | Xi: To like, enjoy, delight, love Shao: Tip of branch |
| 5 | 金貴 | 金贵 | Jingui Jin Gui | G | Jin: Gold, metal Gui: Expensive, noble, precious |
| 6 | 秦奮 | 秦奋 | Qinfen Qin Fen | G | Qin: Qin Dynasty Fen: To exert oneself, rouse |
| 7 | 念安 | 念安 | Nian'an Nian An | G | Nian: Thought, idea An: Content, calm, quiet, safe |
| 8 | 坤裕 | 坤裕 | Kunyu Kun Yu | F | Kun: Earth, feminine, female, Yin-related, one of the eight trigrams Yu: Abundant, opulent, plentiful |
| 9 | 阿姐 | 阿姐 | A'jie | F | A: Sound word Jie: Older sister |
| 10 | 珍珍 | 珍珍 | Zhenzhen Zhen | F | Zhen: Treasure, rare, precious thing, gem |

SOLDIER

These names sound heroic and active, making them perfect for people who fight professionally.

| SOLDIER NAMES | | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|----------------------------|--------|---|
| d10 | 繁 | 简 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 蕭劍 | 萧剑 | Xiaojian Xiao Jian | M | Xiao: Bleak, dreary, desolate Jian: Sword |
| 2 | 載駿 | 载骏 | Zaijun Zai Jun | M | Zai: Carry, convey, lift, hold Jun: Spirited horse |
| 3 | 安邦 | 安邦 | Anbang An Bang | M | Anbang: To bring peace, stability, and order to a country An: Content, calm, quiet, safe Bang: Nation, state, country |
| 4 | 戎良 | 戎良 | Rongliang Rong Liang | G | Rong: Weapon Liang: Good, beautiful, docile |
| 5 | 英布 | 英布 | Yingbu Ying Bu | G | Ying: Hero, outstanding, excellent Bu: Cloth, fabric, spread, publish |
| 6 | 武寧 | 武宁 | Wuning Wu Ning | G | Wu: Martial, fierce, valiant Ning: Peaceful, tranquil |
| 7 | 衛佳 | 卫佳 | Weijia Wei Jia | G | Wei: Guard, defend, protect Jia: Good, excellent, beautiful, fine |
| 8 | 木蘭 | 木兰 | Mulan Mu Lan | F | Mulan: The given name of Hua Mulan, the most famous female soldier in the history of China Mu: Tree, timber, wood Lan: Orchid |
| 9 | 楚喬 | 楚乔 | Chuqiao Chu Qiao | F | Chu: Clear, neat, distinct Qiao: tall, high |
| 10 | 英子 | 英子 | Xiadong Xia Dong | F | Ying: Hero, outstanding, excellent Zi: Child, son, first Earthly branch |

THIEF

These names sound fanciful and free, making them perfect for thieves.

| THIEF NAMES | | | | | |
|-------------|----|----|--------------------------|--------|--|
| d10 | 繁 | 簡 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 壹手 | 一手 | Yishou Yi Shou | M | Yi: One, first Shou: Hand, arm |
| 2 | 上飛 | 上飞 | Shangfei Shang Fei | M | Shang: Upon, above, upper, go up Fei: Fly, flight |
| 3 | 車兒 | 车儿 | Che'er Che Er | M | Che: Car, vehicle, carriage Er: Son, child, or a sound word |
| 4 | 柳謙 | 柳谦 | Liuqian Liu Qian | G | Liu: Willow Qian: Modest |
| 5 | 南飛 | 南飞 | Nanfei Nan Fei | G | Nan: South Fei: Fly, flight |
| 6 | 謝飛 | 谢飞 | Xiefei Xie Fei | G | Xie: Thank, apologize, decline Fei: Fly, flight |
| 7 | 遷 | 迁 | Qian | G | Qian: Move, shift, change |
| 8 | 四娘 | 四娘 | Siniang Si Niang | F | Si: Four, fourth Niang: Young lady, woman, mother |
| 9 | 飛燕 | 飞燕 | Feiyan Fei Yan | F | Fei: Fly, flight Yan: Swallow (bird) |
| 10 | 袁艾 | 袁艾 | Yuan'ai Yuan Ai | F | Yuan: Long robe, Ai: Chinese mugwort |

RELIGIOUS NAMES

In real life, the methods of selecting (or being given) a religious name are generally complicated and relate to profound aspects of the religion itself. If you are interested in maintaining a high level of accuracy on a historical or cultural level, we encourage you to do your own research.

Our suggestions here, while informed by real-life customs, are designed to replicate wuxia movies and novels. They are focused on entertainment value rather than realism, and are not intended to be accurate representations of real-life naming practices.

Even if your character has a religious name, they would most likely have a traditional surname and given name that they have renounced or abandoned. If you anticipate that playing into your backstory (for instance if you were once a famous bandit or a notorious criminal, or have family members who might play into your campaign), you might wish to create your “former” name as well and give it to the GM.

BUDDHIST MONK/NUN

Buddhist monks and nuns will usually have a Dharma name that relates to profound Buddhist teachings. If your character is a low-level apprentice or disciple, your Dharma name would be bestowed by superiors in your order, and would reflect how they hope to see you change or transform as part of your religious journey. If your character is a “master” or higher-ranking member of the order, you might have selected your own Dharma name to reflect your spiritual enlightenment or perceived future path.

In order to emulate the movies and novels *Righteous Blood*, *Ruthless Blades* is based on, we have devised a simplified and fictional approach to creating a Dharma name. First, establish a short passage of text that epitomizes the ideals of your character. This could be a quote from a sutra or words spoken to your character by a wiser member of your order. Feel free to take inspiration from real-life Buddhist teachings, or simply create something that seems appropriate. Next, take one or two words from that passage to be your Dharma name. For inspiration, see below. The examples provided are not translated from Chinese, but rather, are contrived for purposes of this guide, so we are not including Chinese. And again, this approach is entirely fictional and is not based on real-life custom.

Note that the Dharma name could stack with other titles that may exist in a Buddhist order, such as Abbot, Instructor, Groundskeeper, Archivist, etc.

| DHARMA NAMES | | | |
|--------------|--|--------|------------------|
| d10 | Phrase | Gender | Dharma name |
| 1 | Strive for generosity | M | Generosity |
| 2 | Achieve true clarity of thought | M | True Clarity |
| 3 | Seek the stillness of a deep pool of water | M | Deep Pool |
| 4 | Acquire the wonderful wisdom of the past | G | Wonderful Wisdom |
| 5 | Develop a great mind | G | Great Mind |
| 6 | Understand how to be a loyal friend | G | Loyal Friend |
| 7 | Enter a state of true void | G | True Void |
| 8 | Become like a drifting peony | F | Peony |
| 9 | Grow a heart like a jewel | F | Jewel Heart |
| 10 | Carry yourself like a serene garden | F | Serene Garden |

DAOIST PRIEST/NUN

Daoist names are generally more flexible than Dharma names. Most consist of a title paired with either A) a surname, or B) a carefully-selected nickname that harkens to Daoist teachings or represents personal ideals, ambitions, enlightenment, etc.

If your character is a low-level disciple or apprentice, simply pair your character's birth surname with the title "Daoist". In other words, if your name is Wang Guoqing, you can call yourself Daoist Wang. This applies to all genders.

If your character is a "master" or higher-ranking member of the order, you can still use "Daoist," or you can use the tables below to select a new title. Then, use the next table to select a nickname to pair with the title. If you wish, you can forego the title and simply use a nickname. Obviously, you can feel free to use your imagination and come up with a nickname other than one from the table. Note that in Chinese, titles come after names, unlike English in which a title usually comes before a name. So while the Chinese title 纯阳真人 would be directly translated "Pure Yang Reverend", experienced translators would usually translated it as Reverend Pure Yang.

| DAOIST TITLES | | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|-----------|--------|--|
| d10 | 繁 | 简 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 子 | 子 | Master | M | This character has many meanings, but in this case is a title meaning "master" |
| 2 | 真人 | 真人 | Reverend | G | Literally "true person" |
| 3 | 真人 | 真人 | Arhat | G | Literally "true person" |
| 4 | 聖人 | 圣人 | Saint | G | Literally "holy person" |
| 5 | 聖人 | 圣人 | Sage | G | Literally "holy person" |
| 6 | 大師 | 大师 | Guru | G | Literally "grand teacher" |
| 7 | 散人 | 散人 | Ascetic | G | Literally "idle person" |
| 8 | 山人 | 山人 | Recluse | G | Literally "mountain person" |
| 9 | 山人 | 山人 | Hermit | G | Literally "mountain person" |
| 10 | 女冠 | 女冠 | Priestess | F | Literally "woman crown" |

| DAOIST NICKNAMES | | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|-----------------|--------|--|
| d10 | 繁 | 简 | English | Gender | Meaning/Origin |
| 1 | 純陽 | 纯阳 | Pure Yang | M | No deeper meaning |
| 2 | 龍雲 | 龙云 | Dragon Cloud | M | No deeper meaning |
| 3 | 無名 | 无名 | Nameless | G | No deeper meaning |
| 4 | 碧虛 | 碧虚 | Jade Void | G | No deeper meaning |
| 5 | 玄月 | 玄月 | Profound Moon | G | No deeper meaning |
| 6 | 靈珠 | 灵珠 | Spirit Pearl | G | No deeper meaning |
| 7 | 紅塵 | 红尘 | Red Dust | G | A religious term which refers to the "red dust" of the mortal world |
| 8 | 真一 | 真一 | Peaceful Repose | G | A Daoist term which relates to maintaining inherent qualities and letting things take their own course |
| 9 | 海蟾 | 海蟾 | Sea Toad | G | No deeper meaning |
| 10 | 靜賢 | 静贤 | Tranquil Virtue | F | No deeper meaning |

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