

Exalted Reincarnated Solars

Introduction

Solars are the paragons of man. They turn the power of the Sun inward, focusing and enhancing their abilities to peak power.

Solars resonate with artifacts made of **Orichalcum**, and may purchase Evocations of those artifacts as though it was a Favored Power.

Character Creation

Supernal

Solars gain a **Supernal** Ability, in addition to choosing Five (5) Favored Abilities. A Supernal Ability can be chosen from any Natural Abilities, as well as Sorcery.

A Supernal Ability is considered to be a Favored Ability for all aspects of the game, such as for xp cost calculations. In addition, a Solar may buy **Greater Charms and Martial Arts Techniques** that use their Supernal Ability, even at Essence 1.

In the case of **Supernal Sorcery**, the Solar may be inducted into each circle as though they were +2 Essence. They may enter into Sapphire Circle at Essence 1, and Adamant Circle at Essence 3, gaining access to their respective spells.

Focused Anima Banner

[[Solars get extra bonuses while their anima banner is flaring]]

Expanded Mote Pool

Solars gain an expanded Peripheral Mote pool: (Essence) + 5 additional Motes, bringing the total to:

Peripheral (Essence) x3 + 20

Defining Intimacy

A Solar *must* choose a Defining Intimacy as one of their three intimacies.

Castes

Dawn

Spending a Strife Point, the Dawn immediately instills an emotion of Fear, Awe, Intimidation, or similar emotion into up to (Essence) targets. This may affect targets that normally do not feel said emotions, such as golems and zombies.

Burning Anima:

Dawn Castes gain an additional 2 Impulse on Maneuvers in a Combat Scene.

Associated Abilities: Archery, Awareness, Brawl, Physique, Melee, Leadership.

Zenith

Spending a Strife Point, the Zenith's flaring anima becomes a weapon against all those that shirk from the Sun's Gaze for the entire Scene. All Creatures of Darkness who end their action within Close Range of the Zenith immediately take 5 Damage. Any creature or being who dies in the bathing light of the Zenith cannot be raised as a zombie or hungry ghost.

Associated Abilities: Integrity, Performance, Leadership, Physique, Navigation, Socialize

Twilight

The Twilight's mind brims with possibilities unseen to others. Spending a Strife Point, the Twilight predicts a sequence of events that they, and their companions, may take to bring about their desired result in a scene. The Storyteller must accept this prediction as fact when crafting the scene.

Associated Abilities: Awareness, Craft, Lore, Politics, Sorcery

Night

The Night caste excels at secrecy and subtlety. By Spending a Strife Point the Night may choose at any time during the Scene to conceal or reveal their Anima Banner, up to Burning Level.

Burning Anima:

At Bonfire Level, they may instead curl their Anima inwards to obscure all discerning characteristics—the existence of an Exalt is undeniable, but no possible form of perception can reveal their identity.

Associated Abilities: Athletics, Awareness, Deception, Navigation, Stealth, Throw

Eclipse

The Eclipse is the ultimate diplomat, and can bring even hardened enemies to the table. Once per Story and by spending a Strife Point, the Eclipse caste may force an armistice between two (or more) parties. For the next scene, all involved are forced to meet peacefully, and cannot attack each other during discussions.

In addition, an Eclipse may spend a Strife Point and sanctify an Oath willingly made by Non-Player Characters. The NPC will not be able to break said oath.

Associated Abilities: Deception, Integrity, Leadership, Lore, Politics, Socialize.

Strife Expression

Solar Excellency

The Solar chooses a Favored or Supernal Ability and then **doubles** their permanent value for the remainder of the Scene. This effect also carries over into any derived **Static Values**.

Who Becomes a Solar?

The Unconquered Sun grants his blessing to those who have an incredible drive, a force of personality that would change their world, regardless of the Sun's power. Often they already have.

The Sun does not judge the “righteousness” of the prospect's drive or personality, simply that they will use it. His blessing shines equally on Just Rulers as it does Tyrants.

Great Curse

Solars are often plagued and defined by their **Ego**. Caretakers of great power, they will see the problems and ills of the world only in relationship to themselves.

Creatures of Darkness

Solars have powers that are harmful to *Creatures of Darkness*. These are any Spirits, demons, or other supernatural creatures whose bodies and nature recoil at the sight of the sun. It is not some sort of judgment of how good and moral the creature is, rather just a statement of what powers sustain them.

Creatures of Darkness are any denizens of the **Underworld**, such as ghosts, specters, and zombies. The Exaltations **Abyssals** and **Liminals** also fall under this category.

Demons that descend from the shadowy **Ebon Dragon** are also considered to be Creatures of Darkness.

Soulfire

[[Describe SoulFire/Sunfire here, and how it damages Creatures of Darkness and why. Also decide if it's called Soulfire or Sunfire]]

Charms

Global Charms

Inescapable Judgment

Cost: 2m

Type: Supplemental

Mins: (Ranged Ability) 1

With perfect control, the Solar lets loose a ranged attack that follows a perfect arc, angle, or even a series of ricochets to reach its target, diminishing the target's Cover. Those in Full Cover only gain Partial Defense, while those in any less find their cover becoming meaningless.

Archery

Phantom Arrow Technique

Cost: 1m

Type: Supplemental

Mins: Archery 1

Instead of ammunition, the Solar may use their very anima. Once struck, this dissolves, leaving no evidence behind.

Spirit Piercing Technique

Cost: 2m

Type: Supplemental (Attack)

Mins: Archery 3

The Solar infuses their arrow with their golden anima and lets it loose in a perfect arch, streaming with concentrated Soulfire. Spirits such as ghosts, elementals, and gods can be pierced by these arrows—negating their (Immaterial) defense.

Creatures of Darkness suffer an additional (+Essence) damage from this attack.

Splitting the Arrow

Cost: 3m

Type: Supplemental

Mins: Archery 4

The Exalt strikes with unerring accuracy and lethality, finding the smallest chink of armor and exploiting it. The Archery action targets Evasion, instead of DV.

Upgrade: At Essence 4, this charm deals an extra +2 damage.

Solar Spike

Cost: 5m, 2i

Type: Supplemental (Flurry)

Mins: Archery 4

Conjuring the deepest Intimacy, the Solar lashes out with a spike of Soulfire, launching a Flurry Attack that deals a +(2) damage each, up to (Essence) targets

The spike jumps from target to target like lightning, and may continue past the Solar's typically range boundary so long as each target is within Short Range of the last.

Greater Charms

The Mark of Judgment

Cost: 8m, 3i

Type: Simple; Scene

Mins: Archery 4

The Solar marks a specific target, burning it perfectly into their mind. The Solar Archer ignores all Partial Defenses against the target, and gains +1 automatic success on Accuracy Rolls.

Alternatively a specific location may be marked (no larger than 6 meters in diameter), allowing the Solar to freely and reflexively attack any who enter the location. This does not grant the Partial Defense removal nor automatic success.

Whispered Prayers of Retribution

Cost: 5m, 3i

Type: Supplemental

Mins: Archery 5

Wrapping all of the emotions, horrors, and pain the Solar has seen into their arrow, they pierce it into their target and force them to experience it all in a flashing moment.

On a successful Archery Attack Maneuver or Strike, the target suffers through visions and the emotions imparted on them, causing them to lose their next action. Targets without emotions are not effected, and the same target cannot be hit twice in a row.

This may be used outside of combat. As well, the Player can choose to do no physical damage with this attack—as they may form the projectile from their anima and emotion.

Searing Sunfire Interdiction

Cost: 10m, 4i

Type: Simple

Mins: Archery 5

The Solar focuses all their Wrath into a single shot, and selects a target location—such as where a person is standing. They then launch a streaming arrow of light into the air.

At the start of the next Round, the arrow crashes down at the targeted location, dealing [Archery + (Essence) x2] damage to all within Short Range of the target location.

For the remainder of the scene, the affected area becomes bathed in Soulfire Environmental Damage. (Essence) per Round.

Athletics

Shadow over Water

Cost: 2m

Type: Reflexive

Mins: Athletics 2

The Solar may negate up to (Essence) Disadvantages imposed on their Evasion.

Burning Corona Evasion

Cost: 2m

Type: Reflexive

Mins: Athletics 3

The Solar flares a glimpse of their anima at just the right moment, temporarily blinding their opponent as they attack them.

When defending with Evasion, the Solar will force the attacker to lose 2 Impulse on their Accuracy. If the attacker only had 2 Impulse, they automatically miss.

Foe-Vaulting Method

Cost: 4m

Type: Supplemental (Disengage)

Mins: Athletics 3

Swift as the wind, the Solar may vault across, above, or around an enemy with blurring speed.

The character proactively rolls (Dex + Athletics) against their pursuer's Evasion, instead of the normal disengage roll. (If there are multiple enemies, choose the target with the highest Evasion.)

On Success, disengage to Short Range, and force the target to lose (Threshold Successes) Impulse. If they do not have enough Impulse, the target become Stunned.

Seven Shadows Evasion

Cost: 3m

Type: Reflexive

Mins: Athletics 4

The Solar is as swift as the shadows they cast, and may Increase their Evasion against an attack by (Essence).

Greater Charms

Sunlight's Advance

Cost: --

Type: Permanent

Mins: Athletics 4

All of The Solar's movement is doubled—rolls depending on speed add an additional (Athletics) dice. Leaps and bounds are also doubled.

In combat, Dashes may be taken at no penalty.

Eagle-Wing Style

Cost: 3m

Type: Supplemental; Scene

Mins: Athletics 5

By using the barest of scenery, be it lampposts, delicate tree branches, or even coins the Solar carries with them to launch against, and may leap effortlessly through the air.

One Extra Step

Cost: 8m

Type: Supplemental (Move)

Mins: Athletics 5

Once per Scene, the Exalt may reach a Position or Target they can observe, so long as a *possible* path exists. This may be repeated in the Scene by spending a Strife Point.

Awareness

Inquisitor's Unfailing Notice

Cost: --

Type: Permanent

Mins: Awareness 1

The Solar is instinctively and subconsciously aware of any actions of thievery or Stealth performed by those in their presence who are below (Essence). The exact target, circumstances, nor direction is not disclosed, simply the fact that it is happening.

Genius Palate Summation

Cost: 2m

Type: Simple

Mins: Awareness 3

The emotions and intentions of an individual bleed through to their craftsmanship. Upon eating, imbibing, or otherwise interacting with food (or drink) prepared or handled by an individual, make a Read Intentions Action against them.

Unsurpassed Sense Discipline

Cost: 4m

Type: Reflexive

Mins: Awareness 3

The Solar reduces Awareness disadvantages due to distance by up to (Essence) dice. This also opens up Awareness checks up to twice the normal distance--they can clearly hear or see across a field.

Living Pulse Perception

Cost: 3m

Type: Simple

Mins: Awareness 4

By focusing all their senses into a single point, the Solar can gather a trace of all living, breathing, and/or moving creatures.

This allows a roll against all hidden creatures that breathe, live, or are currently in motion in the current scene, and eliminates up to (Essence) penalties that would be applied against the roll.

Irresistible Questioning Technique

Cost: 4m

Type: Simple

Mins: Awareness 4

The Solar's unquestioning gaze will make even the most unwilling talk. Ask a specific question, and make an Awareness Roll against the target's Guile. If successful, the target *must* answer and speak the truth to that particular question.

Greater Charms

Unsurpassed Senses Discipline

Cost: --

Type: Permanent

Mins: Awareness 4

All of the senses of the Solar become perfected; they become enhanced beyond that of mortal limits. Battlefields are seen in perfect clarity, the subtle changes of the winds, and the divine differences of different variety of herbs play across taste.

This enhanced sense behaves naturally to the Solar, and they are able to shut it out as normal—they do not become more susceptible to pain because their ability to feel has become more broad, for example.

Eye of the Unconquered Sun

Cost: 10m

Type: Simple; Scene

Mins: Awareness 5

For a Moment, the Caste Mark of the Solar flares up for all to see and becomes a focal lens for the Inner eye, revealing all to the Lawgiver.

For that brief moment, all characters in the scene can be sensed, giving a snapshot of their current position, and movement.

As well, roll a (Wits + Awareness). All characters in the scene with (Essence) less or equal to the roll are valid targets for any future perception during the scene, regardless of obstacles such as hiding behind walls.

Enlightened Touch Insight

Cost: 6m

Type: Simple

Mins: Awareness 5

By touching or analyzing an object for a moment, the Solar can surmise its recent history and its usage.

The Solar reconstructs the scene in their mind, effectively gaining a vision of what happened surrounding the object in moments of great emotion and action.

Brawl

Heaven Thunder Hammer

Cost: 3m

Type: Supplemental

Mins: Brawl 1

On a Brawl Maneuver or Attack that hits, the target(s) are thrown back or down one range band of the Brawler's choice.

If they impact a wall or other solid surface, deal 2 damage to the target—potentially shattering the impacted surface.

Throwing creatures of a size class or above the character does not deal the extra damage, but still may shatter the surface.

Solar Cross-Counter

Cost: 3m, 2i

Type: Reflexive

Mins: Brawl 2

After taking damage from an opponent in Close Range, the Solar may reflexively lash out and deal the same amount of damage to the opponent, capped at (Essence)x2.

Thousand Brilliant Blows

Cost: 4m, 1i

Type: Supplemental (Flurry)

Mins: Brawl 3

During a Flurry attack, deal +1 damage, for each individual target, granting up to (Essence) x2 bonus.

If the target is a Group, instead add +(Group Scale) for damage. For example, a Crowd (Scale 3) grants +3.

Greater Charms

Cancel the Apocalypse

Cost: 6m

Type: Simple

Mins: Brawl 4

On a successful Attack Maneuver vs. the Target's Evasion, the Exalt strikes at the foe, stopping an ongoing Scene-effect the target has initiated, and preventing them restarting it the next Round.

This may also be used to halt a Sorcerer from completing a Spell.

Adamant Fists of Battle

Cost: 3m

Type: Supplemental

Mins: Brawl 5

On a successful Brawl Decisive attack, the Solar may add an additional (Essence) Base Damage.

Craft

Impurity-Hammering Blow

Cost: 5m

Type: Simple

Mins: Craft 1

By infusing their methods with their own burning anima, the Solar can quickly purify any mundane, raw material into pure versions of its type.

The Solar may not convert more than their own body weight in a single day.

On gaining Resources in the form of raw, impure materials, the Solar may double its normal Resource value.

Spiritual Armaments

Cost: 6m

Type: Simple; (Essence) Days

Mins: Craft 2

By reaching deep into their psyche, the Solar can manifest a fully-formed armament of their choice into the world—a coalesced form of their Anima. This is treated as an Artifact of level 2. Only one such armament may be active at a time.

The Solar may also awaken a spiritual armament in Mortals who have a particular drive or Intimacy.

The Solar may use a Project to make an Armament (either theirs or of a Mortals) permanent.

Chaos-Resistance Preparation

Cost: 8m

Type: Simple; (Essence) Weeks

Mins: Craft 4

Reinforce an object no larger than (Essence) meters in its largest dimension.

For (Essence) Weeks, that object, and anything inside of it, become resistant to the chaotic effects of the Wyld, gaining (Essence) difficulty to warp it.

Greater Charms

Marvelous Machinery

Cost: 8m

Type: Simple; Scene

Mins: Craft 4

The Solar imbues a statue, complex machinery, or even inert ancient working with their very Essence—so long as it is not currently bound to a hostile entity. For the Scene the Solar may control this imbued object as though it were an extension of their body.

Hostile entities may attempt to wrest control from the object by performing a contested Craft Roll.

Deception

Spurious Ownership

Cost: 4m

Type: Simple; Scene

Mins: Deception 1

With the force of certainty and their unconsciously regal presence, whatever the Solar speaks claims ownership of is instinctively believed.

With a successful Deception Roll above the target's Guile, the target will believe that a claimed object, structure, or even specific idea belongs to the Solar for the remainder of the scene. This belief may remain unless directly challenged.

If they have knowledge or direct evidence to the contrary, they instead gain a temporary Intimacy of doubt towards their own known evidence, but remain convinced of its true ownership.

Preying on Uncertainty Approach

Cost: 3m

Type: Supplemental

Mins: Deception 2

Through statements that deny questioning, the Solar denies the known reality of a target, and places the stated one in instead. An unexpected guard rotation was scheduled, an extra invitation was sent out, or the passing glimpse of a blank paperwork certainly contained the correct seals.

Mundane mortals will not question this uncertainty, requiring no roll to succeed. Against other creatures, the Solar gains (Essence) dice on their Deception roll.

Greater Charms

Twisted Meaning

Cost: 8m

Type: Simple; Scene

Mins: Deception 4

With but a few well placed words, the Solar can turn the words of their enemies against themselves.

On a successful Deception roll against a target's Guile, the Solar chooses a particular intimacy, topic of discussion, or idea the target espouses, and then poisons it with the Solar's own words.

For the remainder of the scene anytime the target speaks, acts, or otherwise tries to communicate the poisoned concept, it will always be expressed or interpreted as the Solar dictated: such as true belief becoming mocking disdain.

Master Plan Meditation

Cost: --

Type: Reflexive

Mins: Deception 5

Once per story, the Player may declare their character predicted and accordingly planned for a certain event, and have somehow twisted it to their own benefit. Evidence provided turns out to be a planted fake; eyewitnesses have already been successfully bribed.

This charm represents the Solar's mastermind-level planning and cunning—essentially revealing hidden information to the Players themselves. As such, it can not actually change anything that has been firmly established, but it can complicate or muddy the veracity of those "facts."

This charm may be used additionally in a story by spending a Strife Point.

Integrity

Certainty of Form

Cost: 2m per target

Type: Simple; Scene

Mins: Integrity 2

Prerequisite: Integrity Protection Prana

The Solar protects not only themselves, but their certainty of will extends to others.

Grant the effects of Integrity Protection Prana for the scene to up to (Essence) x2 targets, at a cost of 2m per target.

Sun King Radiance

Cost: 1m per target

Type: Simple; Scene

Mins: Integrity 3

The Solar radiates their strength to others. Choose up to (Essence) x2 targets, and one of the Solar's Intimacies. So long as the target is acting in accordance with the Intimacy, they may use the Resolve of the Solar instead of their own.

Greater Charms

Eminent Paragon Approach

Cost: 6m

Type: Simple; Scene

Mins: Integrity 4

When acting with direct purpose and in conjunction with one of their Intimacies, the Solar's motions become unimpeded for the Scene. Any who has a Resolve less than that the Solar's Essence will instinctively part in silence, and will always allow the Solar to speak first.

Accord of the Unbreakable Spirit

Cost: 8m

Type: Simple; Week

Mins: Integrity 5

Choose one of your Intimacies, and spend an hour leading a group of up to 10 people in meditation, prayer, or other such mind-cleansing activities. For the remainder of the week, the group will consider any Influence against the chosen Intimacy to be Unacceptable Influence.

Only one Intimacy may be reinforced at a time through this method.

Righteous Lion Defense

Cost: --

Type: Permanent

Mins: Integrity 5

The Exalt becomes one with their own Intimacies, and instinctively knows when people are attempting to lead the Solar to take action against them, no matter how sweet their words or naive their intention may be.

Additionally, if the Solar ever finds themselves in an impossible situation where they would have to betray one of their Intimacies, they may spend a Strife Point, and they will find a new, seemingly impossible path that they will be able to successfully pursue.

Leadership

Peril-Demanding Haste

Cost: 3m

Type: Supplemental

Mins: Leadership 1

On successfully convincing a target to perform an Inconvenient task, the Solar immediately Instills an emotion of “impending peril.” The target will complete the task in half of the normal time, if at all physically possible.

Empowering Shout

Cost: 3m

Type: Simple

Mins: Leadership 2

Grant +2 to a target character’s Ability score (or +1 for a static Value). This lasts for a Turn.

Underling-Promoting Touch

Cost: 6m

Type: Simple

Mins: Leadership 3

The Solar may uplifts a servant to act in their stead, designating their role as a ruler, guide, or other form of leadership to a group of people. While the target is acting in given role, and in accordance with the Solar’s Intimacies, all who gaze on them will instinctively know they work on behalf of the Solar.

In addition, the target may use the Leadership, Guile, and/or Resolve of the Solar in place of their own while operating in their given capacity.

The Solar may only designate one target at a time for this effect. They may choose to rescind their blessing, or perform a 10 Res. Project to make this effect permanent, either of which would allow them to bless a new target.

Enemy-Castigating Solar Judgment

Cost: 3m

Type: Supplemental

Mins: Leadership 3

Supplement a social action against a Creature of Darkness with an additional +3 dice.

Greater Charms

Majestic Radiant Presence

Cost: 6m

Type: Reflexive

Mins: Leadership 4

None may speak before the Lawgiver’s voice has been heard.

Interrupt a target before or during a social action, such as speaking, performing, or using Social Influence. The Solar may immediately take their own social action, forcing the target to wait until the Solar is done.

Any who observes this interruption with a Guile less than the Solar’s Essence will develop a temporary negative Intimacy of “disdain” towards the target—including the target themselves.

Fear-Banishing Aura

Cost: 6m

Type: Reflexive; Scene

Mins: Leadership 4

Allies need only look to the Solar to steady their nerves and keep their wits together.

Immediately banish fear, panic, and other similar emotions from all allies within Medium Range of the Solar, and force any future attempts to fail for the remainder of the scene.

This Charm does not protect against the Dawn Caste’s Strife.

Commanding Words

Cost: 6m

Type: Simple; Scene

Mins: Leadership 5

Drawing from their divine rule, a Solar makes a quick command, from which all snap to attention and must obey.

The Solar targets a Mortal, or a Yu-Shan spirit of Essence less than the Solar. Any inconvenient task the Solar commands will be performed to the best of their abilities, without question nor needed roll.

If the target is some other entity, the Solar must succeed on a (Composure + Leadership) vs. Resolve roll for this to take effect.

If a given task would run counter their intimacies, or the task is otherwise considered unacceptable influence, this charm automatically fails and the target is broken from the Solar’s influence.

Lore

Order-Affirming Blow

Cost: 4m

Type: Simple

Mins: Lore 2

The Solar knows the effects of the Wyld, Underworld, and other such places that might try to forcibly change the targets.

So long as the effects have occurred within the last week, and not deeply ingrained into the soul of the subject, the Solar may banish the changes.

Will-Shattering Riddle

Cost: 5m

Type: Simple

Mins: Lore 2

The Solar Poses a terrible Paradox to the target, forcing them to be involved and distracted solving it.

Roll a contested (Int. + Lore). If the target fails, they suffer from Exhaustion to their Mental category, and lose 2 dice from any Awareness rolls for the remainder of the scene.

Only one such forced Exhaustion may be on a target per Scene.

Truth-Rendering Gaze

Cost: 4m

Type: Simple

Mins: Lore 3

Roll (Insight + Lore) against a target's Guile. On a success, learn insight on the nature of a creature. Much like "Read Intentions," the Player asks a question that the Storyteller must answer truthfully, if cryptically.

Harmonious Academic Methodology

Cost: 6m

Type: Simple; Week

Mins: Lore 4

Targeting a non-Player individual, organization, or other such group, the Solar may grant their knowledge and resources. The target(s) gain +2 dice on a particular type of task that the Solar is designates.

This effect lasts for a week.

Greater Charms

Inspection of Flaw

Cost: --

Type: Permanent

Mins: Lore 4

Once per Session, the Player may Introduce a Fact about a target creature, institution, or series of events that may be exploited to the character's advantage without spending a Strife Point.

Additional uses per Session may be done by spending a Strife Point per usage.

Wyld-Shaping Technique

Cost: 6m

Type: Simple

Mins: Lore 5

The Solar imposes their will upon the Wyld, and it must obey.

Once a story, gain +15 Resources. As well, the Solar may create projects in the Wyld without suffering any Opposition Modifiers from the land.

Creating Manses and other places of Power from the Wyld becomes a valid Project.

Melee

Sunlight Bleeding Away

Cost: 4m**Type:** Simple**Mins:** Stealth 4.

Take a Stealth Maneuver action vs. a Target's (Wits + Awareness). On success, you disappear from their sight and become unseen and an invalid Target by them until your next Action.

Multiple targets may be chosen at the same time, but doing so causes a (-2) penalty on the Maneuver.