Yet Another Limbus Company Tier List

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The analysis tool this tier list is based on can be found here.

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Introduction

What this is:

An encounter agnostic tier list. The rationale behind a sinner's rank will never be based solely on their performance in existing content. First and foremost, the numbers on their rolls will be analyzed in detail to approximate their ability to clash and deal damage, since this ability is universal and critical. Then, notable parts about their kit that compensate or undermine their numbers will be taken into account. Example strategies and experiences will be provided if appropriate, but won't form the basis of judgement.

What this means is, this list will make the game experience and future stages as accessible as possible. Investing in high-tier units will provide a practical way to clear content. Failing that, it will illustrate the opportunity cost of not having certain units (which is usually far more acceptable than influencers would suggest).

If one wishes to attempt to future-proof their unit choices, this is not a bad place to start. Regardless, please recognize that all tier lists, including this one, are generalizations. Cases that favour units of lower tiers will always exist, especially when it comes to playing around sin resources and type weaknesses.

What this isn't:

- A mirror dungeon tier list. Animation speeds and performance in undertuned stages with arbitrary artifacts play absolutely no role in any of these rankings.
- A story tier list. Story stages are highly accessible. This means that they generally cannot provide meaningful feedback on a sinner's future viability.
- An autobattle tier list. Knowing how to redirect clashes, cancel enemy actions, pace skill pools and manipulate skill order within a turn is
 critical for maximizing certain identities.

Rankings

Ordering within affiliations is deliberate. Affiliations within tiers are loosely ordered. This is done to emphasize that not all ordering choices are equally significant.

A blue badge indicates that a unit benefits significantly from technical prowess. They may gain more than usual from having multiple actions per turn, emphasize tempo control or require specific techniques to compensate for a lack of damage.

A yellow badge indicates that a unit has a notably good support passive. They may be impactful when benched, especially for low-sinner teams. Note that the ranking evaluates fielded performance, not support passives, so this badge serves as a footnote on how an identity may stay relevant despite their rank.

A pink badge indicates that a unit performs abnormally well in the context of maximax strategies. They may be an option for optimizing Refraction Railway, but achieving their prime state may require too many brain-off resets to be practical in other settings.

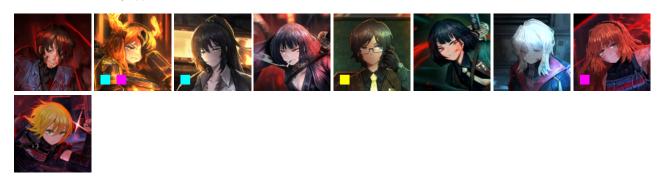
S TIER — META

Units in this tier tend to directly outperform or invalidate units in lower tiers. Typing aside, if they can't make a clear work, it's unlikely replacing them will help. At some points, using them almost feels like cheating.



A TIER — RELIABLE

These units win clashes that units in lower tiers couldn't, and can be relied upon to hold their own and pull their weight. They feel solid to pilot and their kits are easily appreciated.



B TIER — MEDIOCRE

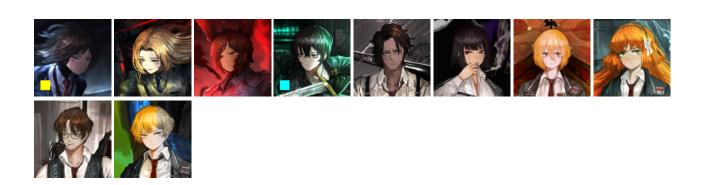
Neither great nor terrible, these units may leave a player idly wishing they were someone else. That being said, they aren't liabilities. Not all individual writeups are available for this tier yet, but everyone's roll charts can be found here.



C TIER — TECHNICAL

One must go out of their way to get these sinners to outperform other options. Whatever specialties they have are likely to be easily made redundant, and their rolls are subpar.

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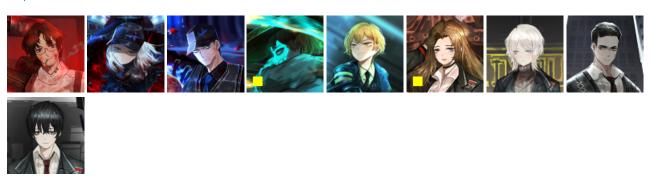


D TIER — CHALLENGING

These units should not be prioritized for practical combat.

Writeups will not be available for this tier, because they would all essentially say the same thing—their abysmal rolls are not redeemed by their kits.

But, their roll charts can be found here.



Writeups

A full explanation of how to read the roll charts can be found here.

For a condensed version, the cyan, grey and magenta lines represent a sinner's chance to beat a power at max, zero and minimum sanity. The y-axis represents chance of winning the clash, and the x-axis represents the power of the opposing skill.

"agg" → aggregate, or clash power.

"raw" → raw damage.

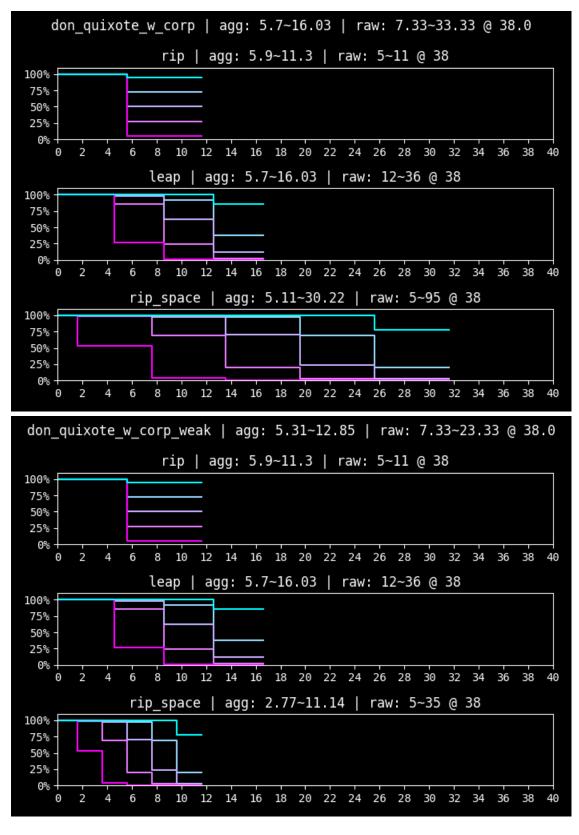
"var" → variance, or heads dependency.

Emphasis will not be placed on skill colours— there's no telling what future EGOs hold in store. Furthermore, Refraction Railway 1 has proven that simply taking strong individual identities will outperform a team that goes out of its way to align colours for EGO spam or resonance. Having rare damage types in the current state of the game will not serve as as a ranking factor for similar reasons.

For the sake of transparency, let it be known that the author uses G Gregor, N Sinclair, L Faust and W Don very frequently, and dislikes R Heathcliff, N Rodion and LCCB Ishmael. Everything is still kept as objective as possible.

S Tier: Don Quixote - W Corp. L3 Cleanup Agent

The weak chart represents Don Quixote with Rip Space uncharged.



- + Rewards technical play more than any other identity
- + Playing around S3 tempo sets the standard for what high DPS should look like
- + Being a charge unit with an evade lends well to high performance solo or low-sinner clears
- + S2 inflicts fragile, rewarding tempo control even further
- + Manipulating skill order allows charging and firing S3 on the same turn, resulting in good fragile usage and less dead turns
- + Well-known synergy with Telepole and a lesser-known synergy with W Faust's support passive, but relies on neither
- + S2 and S3 are great at clashing, as befitting an S tier unit

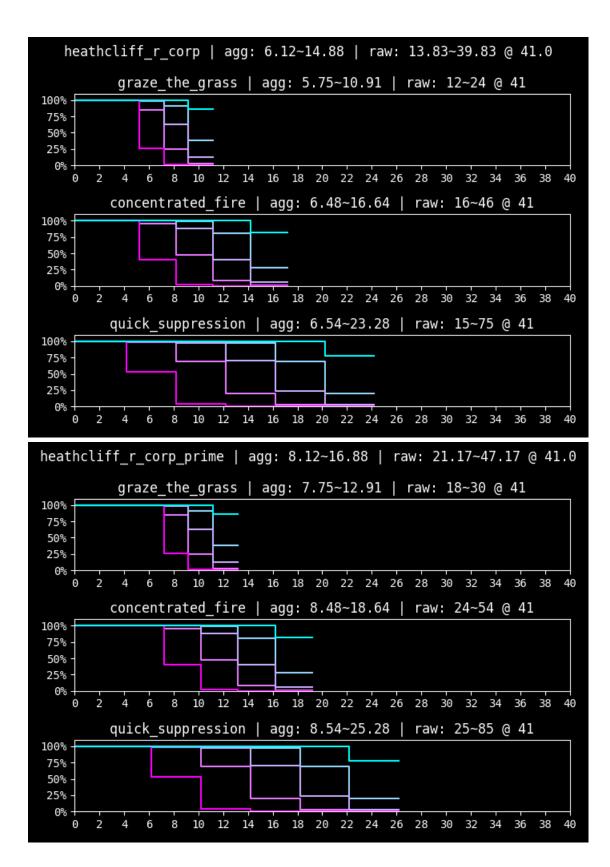
- Miserable S1 and charge limitations can result in dead turns
- Performance degrades significantly or has increased reliance on Telepole when only given one action a turn
- Impractical for autobattle (worth mentioning, but does not factor into her ranking)

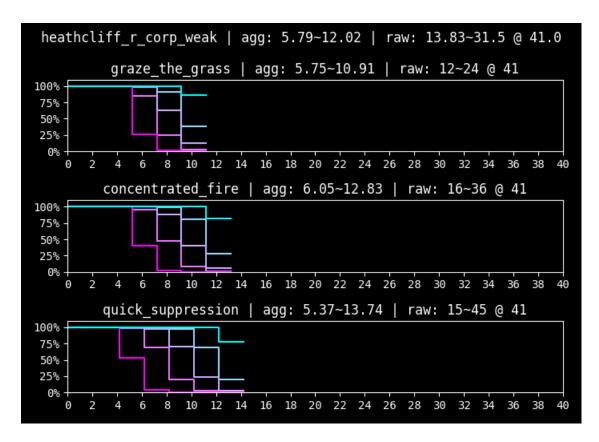


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S Tier: Heathcliff - R Corp. 4th Pack Rabbit

The prime chart represents Heathcliff with +1 power from his charge passive and +1 power from Bodysack. The weak chart represents him with less than 6 speed.

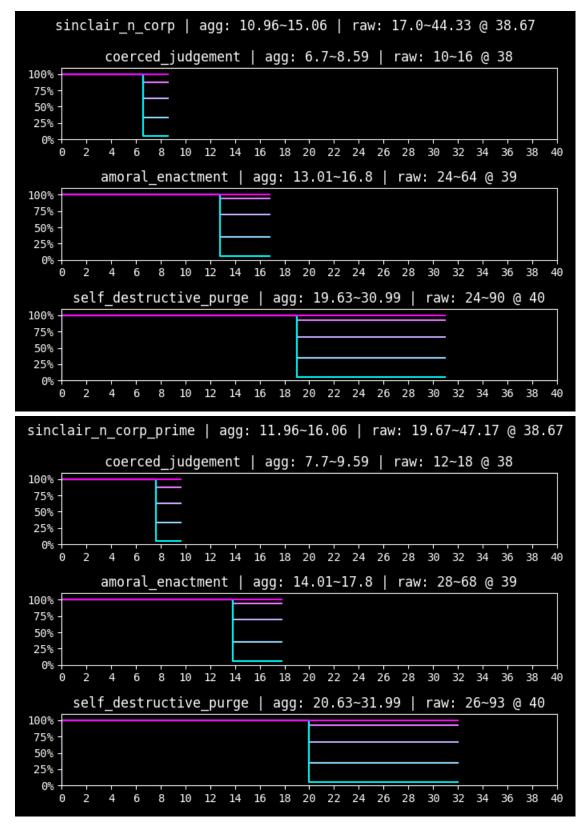




- + Quick Suppression at 6+ speed performs a similar role to Rip Space
- + Tech exists to conserve ammo, such as using Bodysack to cycle S1 and S2
- + Still clashes when out of ammo, neutralizing incoming threats with insane rolls
- + Kit effects also add considerably more damage than is standard, with 4 fragile on S3
- Despite having an evade, soloing is not advisable due to ammo

S Tier: Sinclair - The One Who Shall Grip

The prime chart represents Sinclair with fanatic's +1 power active.



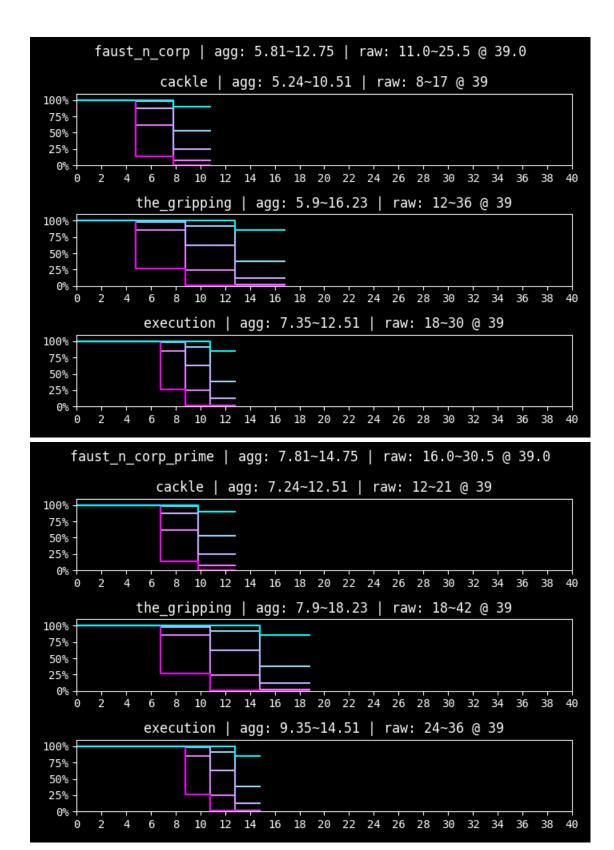
- + Minus coins provide an unprecedently strong baseline clash power, since destroyed coins are unable to lower skill clash power
- + Unrolled damage coins are treated as tails rolls, giving skills a powerful first hit (which also opens up new ways to play around stagger thresholds)
- + Corrosion tempo tech allows him to act during stagger or manifest ego without paying resource costs
- + Strangely powerful defensive skill that does not interfere with sin generation and offers a means of controlling sanity when anticipating high drops
- + Control over sanity scales with the number of actions he receives, increasing his power in low-sinner compositions
- + Different corroded ego skills may generate with different targets, making indiscriminate targeting more lenient

- Will effectively never maintain the consistency of plus coin units, kit maximization is impractical
- Works relatively poorly in a team due to the higher chance of hitting allies and worse sanity control
- Skipping ego in favour of panic invokes a heavy opportunity cost, and giving up on sanity management to play him at max will massively reduce his consistency
- Strangely low defense (but offset with a high health pool)

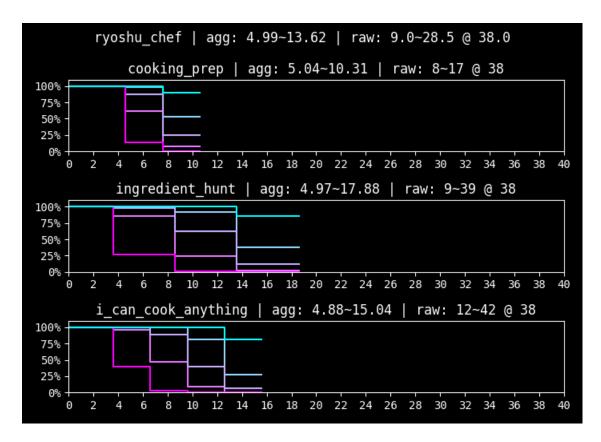
Skill 2 and 3 are simply fantastic, Great clasher.

S Tier: Faust - The One Who Grips

The prime chart represents Faust with Representation Emitter's +2 power active.



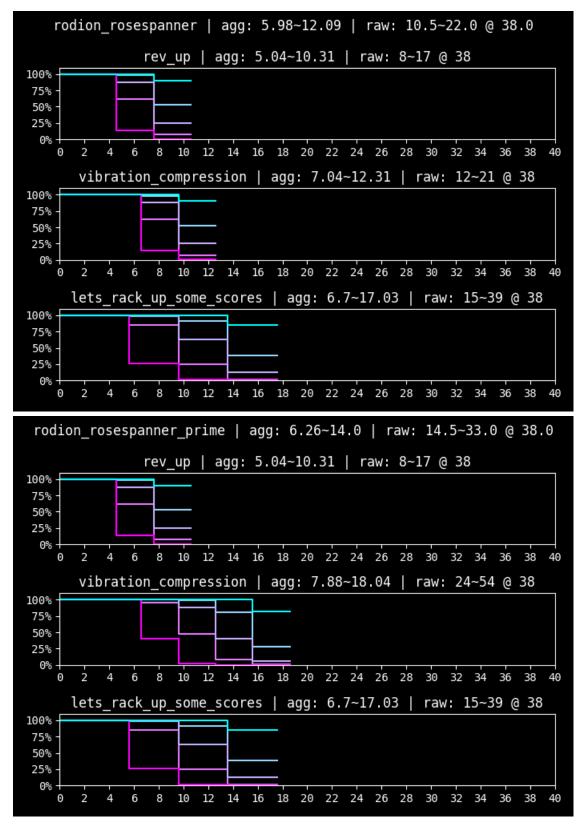
- + S2 oriented with high damage from multicoins
- + No ammo or charge limitations
- + Fares consistently and reliably with her great numbers
- + Debuffs from kit effects provide easily capitalizable tempo
- Extremely similar to Chef Ryoshu, who trades debuffs for better numbers



- + S3 has reversed scaling with enemy defense
- + Evade recycles can stack 4th Match Flame, adding tempo to S3
- + Viable in low-sinner and solo compositions
- + Consistently strong fighter that can be expected to clash and deal damage reliably
- + No ammo or charge limitations
- Kit effects are disorganized and stage dependent (but her numbers don't rely on them)
- Extremely similar to N Faust, who trades numbers for debuffs

S Tier: Rodion - Rosespanner Workshop Representative

Due to technical limitations, use the normal chart for evaluating aggregate and the prime chart for evaluating raw damage when S2 gains additional coins.

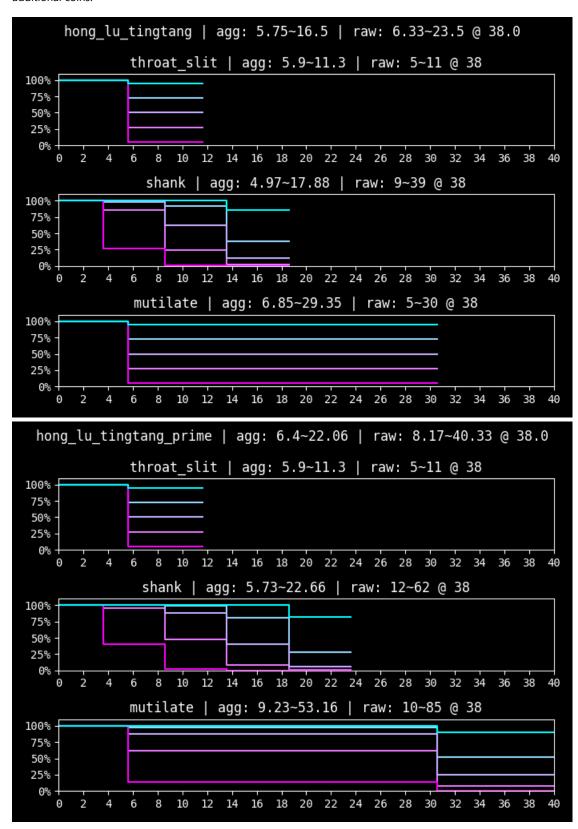


- + Well-rounded damage spread across all three skills, with bias to S2 + Consistently powerful damage rolls
- + Functions as a standalone tremor unit, opening up potential future synergies
- Relatively poor clashing power
- Tremor and stagger threshold manipulation are not that remarkable on their own

Note: The authors of this tier list have not had that much first-hand experience with this unit. This ranking was done primarily by looking at her roll numbers and kit.

S Tier: Hong Lu - Tingtang Gangleader

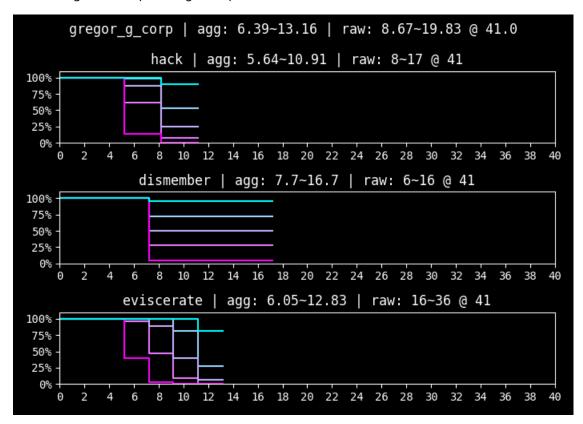
Due to technical limitations, use the normal chart for evaluating aggregate and the prime chart for evaluating raw damage when S2 and S3 gain additional coins.



- + Often tops the raw data clash aggregate rankings due to insane performance at max sanity
- + S3's unprecedented clash ceiling reduces dependence on enemy low rolls
- + S2's extra coin appears when attacking broken abnormality parts
- + Having an evade opens up low-sinner compositions

- + Has high defense for some reason
- + Kit contributes more damage than usual
- + No charge or ammo limitations
- Does not tolerate low sanity well (but is slightly offset by his passive)
- More of a clash tank than a pure damage conduit

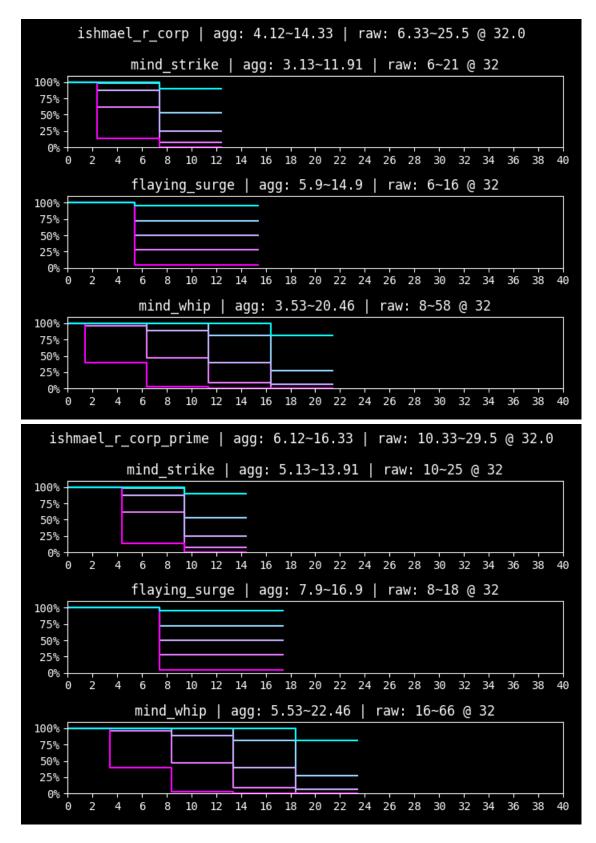
A Tier: Gregor - G Corp. Manager Corporal



- + Contrary to intuition, has virtually identical clashes to 7S Outis due to their difference in offense level
- + Kit provides so much healing that he will generally be able to shrug off lost clashes with little to no consequence
- + Surprisingly fast for a tank, giving him the ability to pull dangerous skills away from core units
- + Deliberately allowing him to stagger and healing him up during low pressure effectively removes his own stagger thresholds for later rounds
- + Piloting him feels like giving the team a regenerating frontal shield, enabling heavy damage payloads (e.g. Cloud Cutter) to land without risking a clash
- + Building around Legerdemain allows him to take on a damage role
- + Happens to be the author's favourite unit (so take that bias as you will)
- Does not have S tier roll numbers

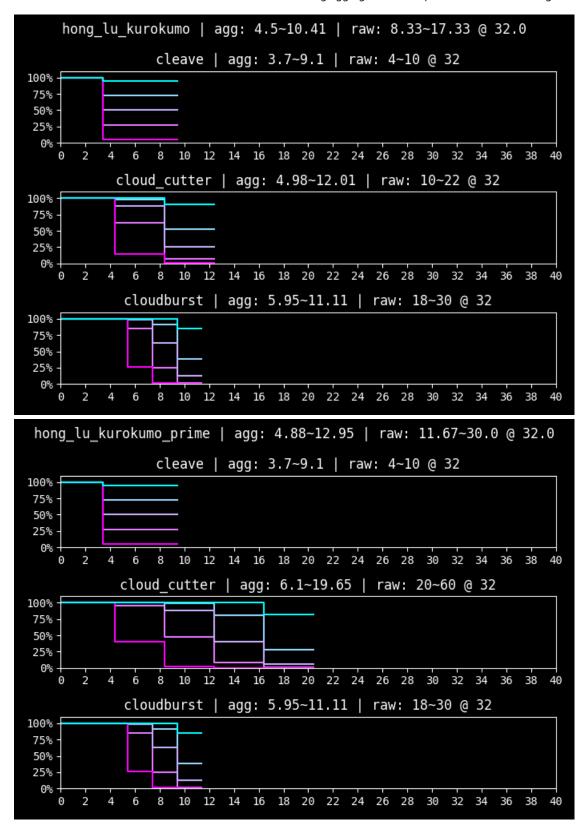
A Tier: Ishmael - R Corp. 4th Pack Reindeer

The prime chart can be used to evaluate Ishmael's clashes while Snagharpoon is active. Note that the normal chart should still be used to evaluate damage.

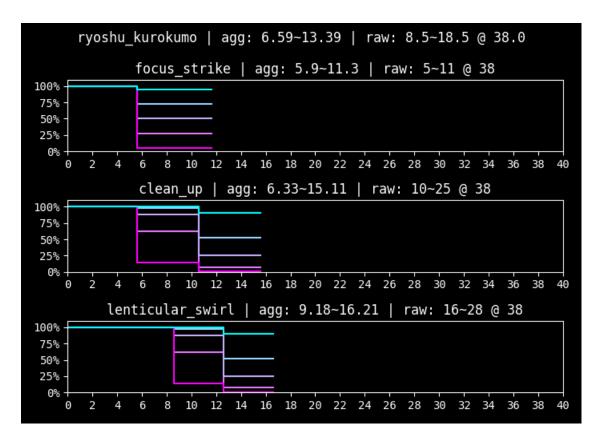


- + Plays similarly to W Don, but with worse numbers
- + Well-rounded kit with a strong S1
- + Suffers no consequences when firing uncharged S3 when solo, albeit without being able to clash or choose a target
- + Combat passive drains sanity for attack power, which can be easily offset through support passives or clash wins
- Held back by her somewhat miserable 32 offense
- Below average contributions from kit effects
- Charge limitations are exaggerated by poor generation from her kit

Due to technical limitations, use the normal chart for evaluating aggregate and the prime chart for evaluating raw damage.



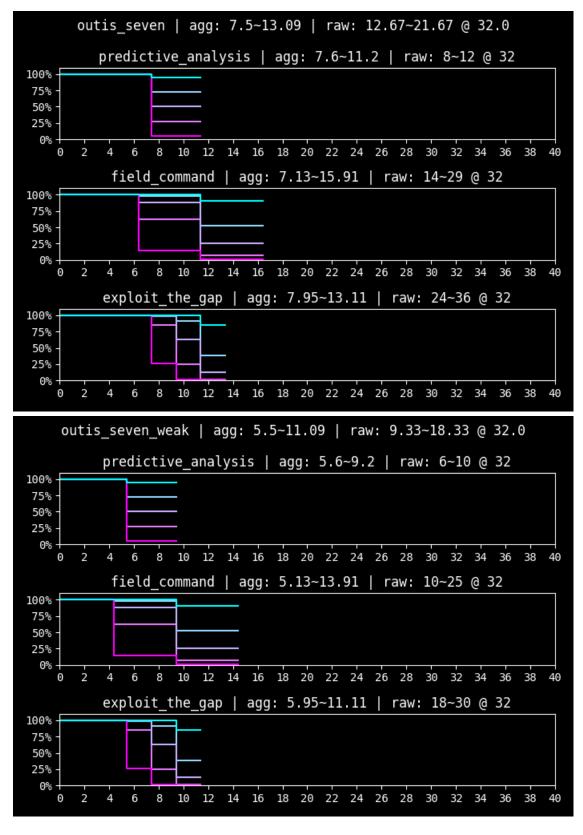
+ Cloud cutter.



- + Above average rolls
- + Inflicts bleed count, making the status effect more impactful
- Damage contributed by bleed is substandard compared to just using skills with bigger numbers
- Doubling down on more bleed invokes a greater opportunity cost (but this applies to status teams in general)
- Bleed relies on the target to attack, making it miserable when targeting a broken part or staggered enemy
- Has a minor amount of anti-synergy with KK Hong Lu, since Cloud Cutter checks bleed count
- Other parts of her kit apply on the same turn and are relatively unimpactful

A Tier: Outis - Seven Association South Section 6 Director

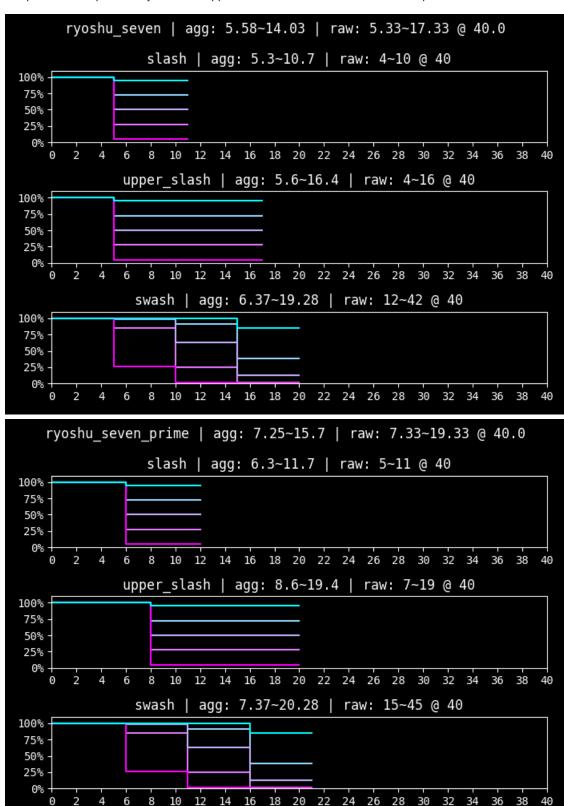
Due to technical limitations, the normal chart should be used to evaluate clashes, and the weak chart should be used to evaluate damage.



- + Can be thought of as a less durable but more explicitly supportive version of G Gregor
- + Kit has far more debuffs than usual
- + Paralysis on S1 and offense down on S3 make it easier for the team to win clashes
- + High speed allows her to pull clashes reliably
- + High defense and only one stagger threshold also allows her to tank the clashes she can't win
- Despite her public opinion of being a great clasher, the numerical truth is that her clash power is not that remarkable
- Damage attributed to her defense level down and weakness analyzed debuffs often does not compensate for her poor numbers
- Having lots of effective health is rarely preferable to G Gregor's regeneration, who competes for her role

A Tier: Ryoshu - Seven Association South Section 6

The prime chart represents Ryoshu with Upper Slash's effect and next turn +1 attack power active.

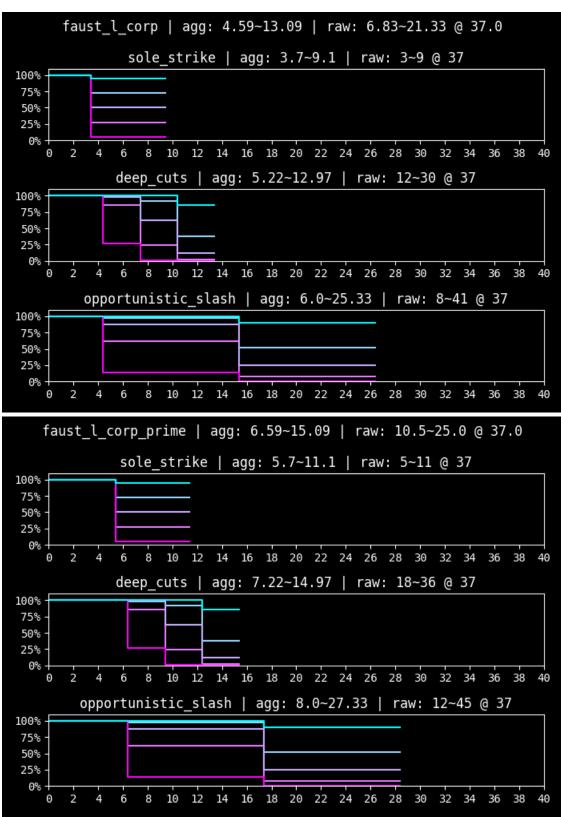


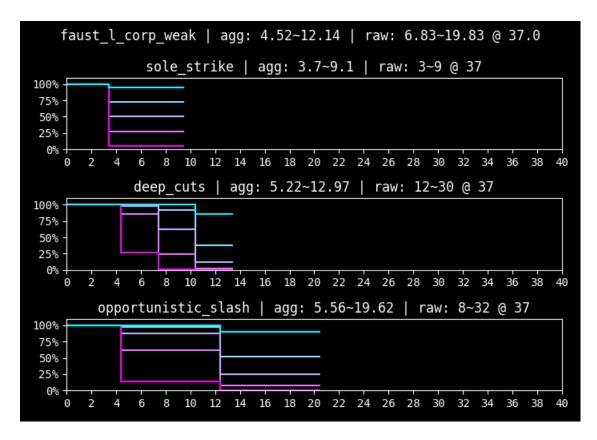
- + Part of the low rarity clash god trio with L Faust and Shi Don, who all play similarly
- + Above average roll numbers make her solid to pilot
- + Kit provides an unprecedented amount of slash fragility, contributing a significant amount of damage

- + Clash win effects in her kit press her advantage of having excellent rolls
- + S3 contributes even more in low-sinner teams (but having a counter instead of an evade can reduce her effectiveness)
- Raw damage is more concentrated in S3 and lower overall compared to L Faust and Shi Don

A Tier: Faust - Lobotomy Corp. Remnant

The prime chart represents Faust with Representation Emitter's +2 power active, and the weak chart excludes Opportunistic Slash's +3 coin power.

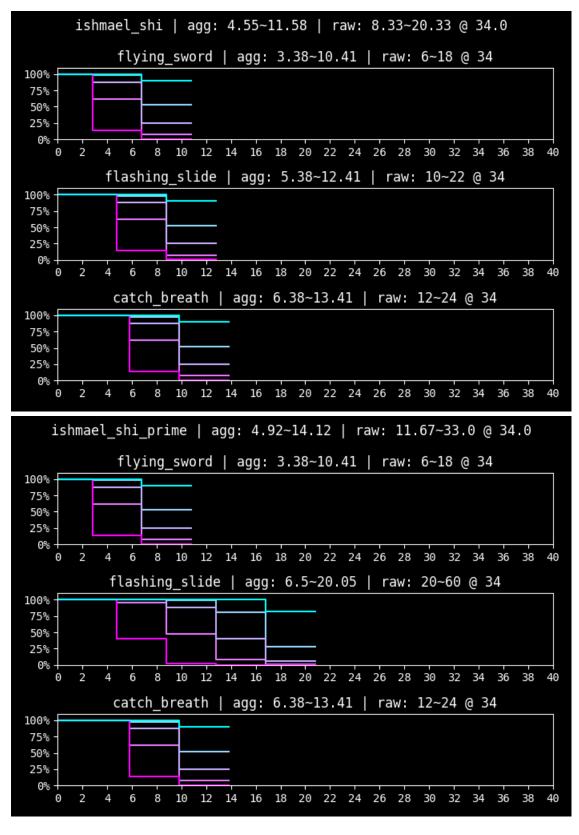




- + Part of the low rarity clash god trio with 7S Ryoshu and Shi Don, who all play similarly
- + High-end rolls translate to solid clashes and acceptable damage
- + Haste from S2 provides great pulling power, allowing her to put her insane clash power to use, making her an extremely competent fighter
- Remarkably poor stagger thresholds, making her feel somewhat glassy

A Tier: Ishmael - Shi Section 5

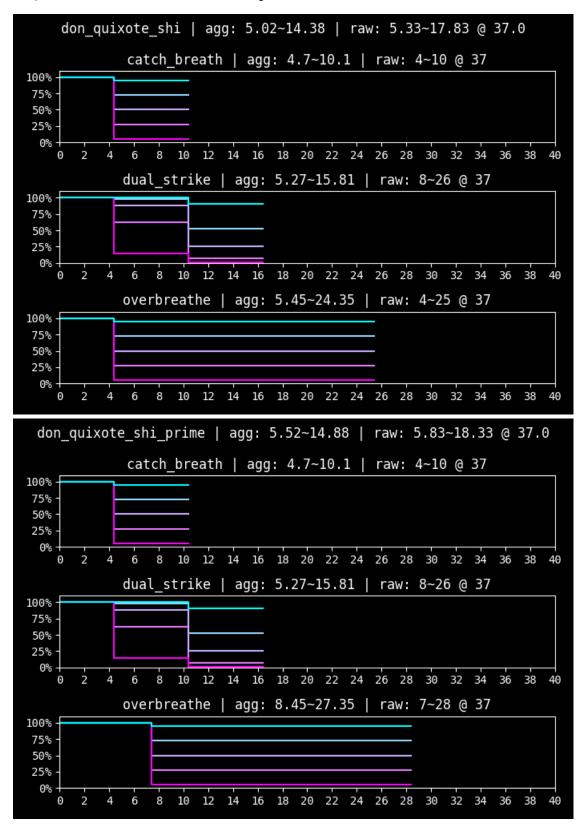
The prime chart represents Ishmael with Flashing Strike's additional coins. Snagharpoon's passive is not included in the prime chart for ease of evaluating damage.



- + Mediocre damage but below average clash power while above her health threshold
- + Gains incredibly high numbers and performance in her prime state
- + Keeping her at UT2 to avoid diluting her skill pool with her mediocre S3 is speculated to result in better performance
- Maintaining her prime state is impractical outside of Refraction Railway
- Needing to go through at least one stagger forces dead turns
- Unwanted healing priority can be awkward to manage

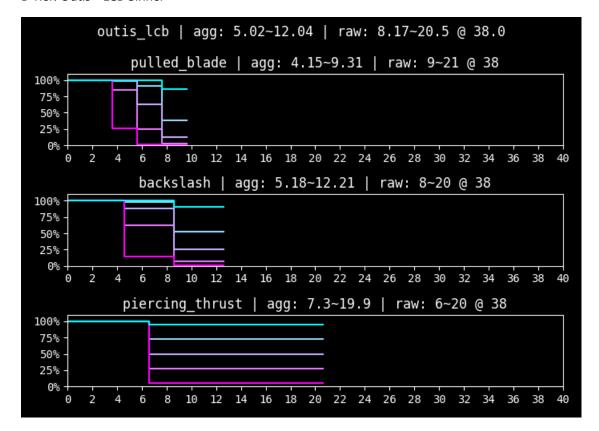
A Tier: Don Quixote - Shi Section 5 Director

The prime chart represents Don with Overbreathe's effect active. The activation condition is extremely restrictive, so it is added for the sake of completeness, and does not factor into her ranking.



- + Part of the low rarity clash god trio with L Faust and 7S Ryoshu, who all play similarly
- + Has the highest clash power of the trio at the cost of having the lowest damage
- + Gains haste from her S2 and passive, giving her the speed she needs to maximize her clashes
- + Only has two stagger thresholds, making her more forgiving than intuition would suggest

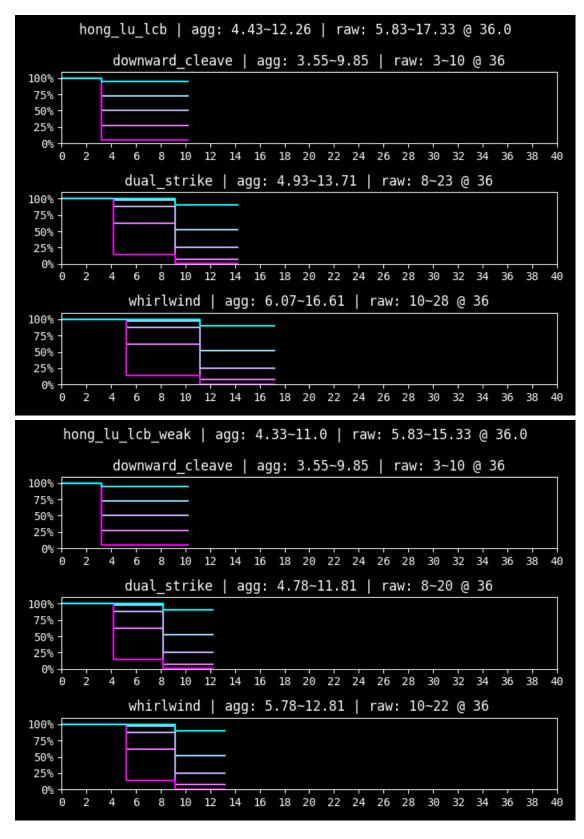
B Tier: Outis - LCB Sinner



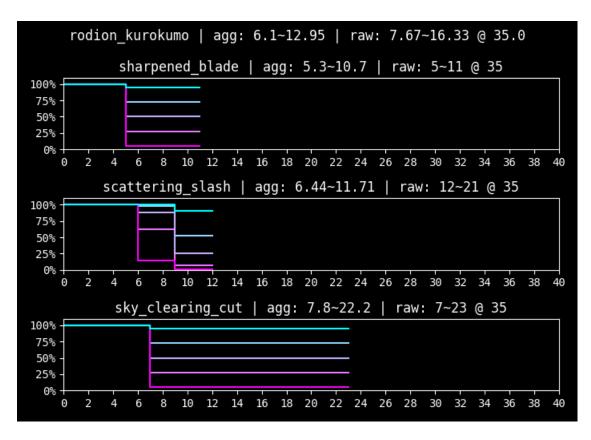
- + Great damage and decent clashes make for a surprisingly workable identity
- + Workable S1 gives her a rare tempo, and serves as a solid tool to clean up staggered targets or exploit skills that are easy to clash
- + Hit effects contribute a lot more damage than is standard
- Only 26 defense makes her glassy
- May be directly outperformed by higher tier damage-oriented identities

B Tier: Hong Lu - LCB Sinner

The weak chart represents Hong Lu without the additional coin power on S2 and S3.

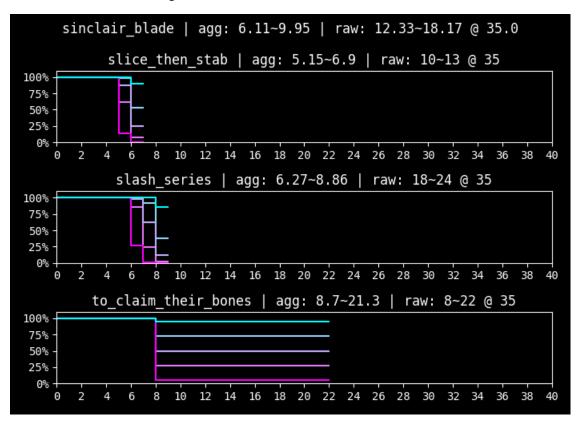


- + Decent damage and reliable clashes
- + S2 and S3 behave similarly and provide a powerful baseline performance
- Kit effects contribute less damage than is standard
- Attack power down on S3 also applies on the same turn, making it somewhat limited



- + Serviceable rolls and a mildly clunky kit make her playable but generally unremarkable
- + Notably high base power on her S2 and S3, lessening dependence on RNG in low sanity scenarios
- S3 effects are restrictive due to lacking count for both her bleed and poise, requiring additional effort to build around for maximization
- Passive theoretically has a powerful tempo, but finding situations that favour countering over clashing requires creativity

B Tier: Sinclair - Blade Lineage Salsu



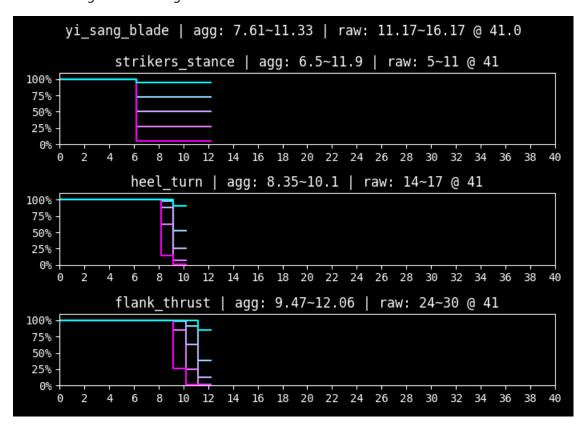
A bit about Blade Lineage identities:

While L Faust, 7S Ryoshu and Shi Don achieve excellence at their best, BL Yi Sang and BL Sinclair are capable of performing consistently in dicey situations. The distinction comes from how their skills are balanced—the former has high highs and low lows, and vice versa. Furthermore, most of the former have evades, and these two have counters, furthering this "constant output" philosophy. This causes the former trio to have amazing rolls once scaled to max sanity, while the latter will remain consistent but relatively unimpactful. This is represented by the former's high variance, and vice versa. If consistency is what one seeks, these two are likely to perform the same regardless of whether they're rolling heads or tails, giving them fairly good low sanity tolerance.

However, in this snowball, high sanity meta where 95% heads is common, units that favour base power tend to underperform. Despite how consistently these skills can achieve their expected clash power, they probably will still rely on the opposing skill to low roll due to their low aggregate, ironically making them arguably less consistent than coin power oriented units.

- + S3 can function as a pseudo-ego
- + Kit effects are functional, providing the rare poise count on S1 and a solid passive
- Does not make use of max sanity remotely as well as units with coin power

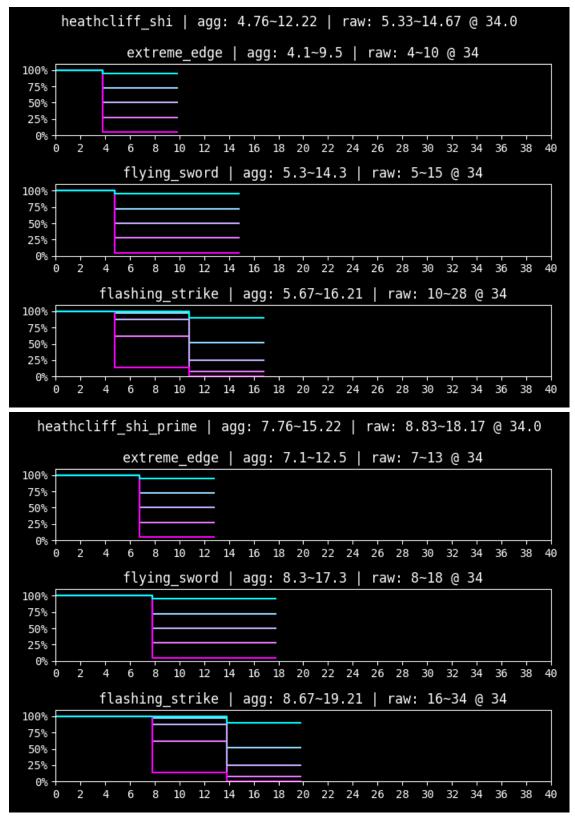
B Tier: Yi Sang - Blade Lineage Salsu



- + Can be thought of as an exaggeration of BL Sinclair, with the lowest variance of all plus coin units but no clash aggregate to make use of it
- + S2 and S3 can be expected to perform the same regardless of sanity
- + Having poise count on both his S2 and passive makes him relatively okay at stacking it as well, giving him a decent amount of power from kit effects
- + Flank Thrust has decent raw damage, which can be attributed to being a multicoin with high offense level
- Horrendous lack of high rolls will make his clashes either extremely safe or reliant on the enemy to flip tails— most often the latter
- Analysis that applies to BL Sinclair can typically apply to BL Yi Sang, and vice versa

B Tier: Heathcliff - Shi Section 5

The prime chart represents Heathcliff under 25% HP and with Bodysack active.

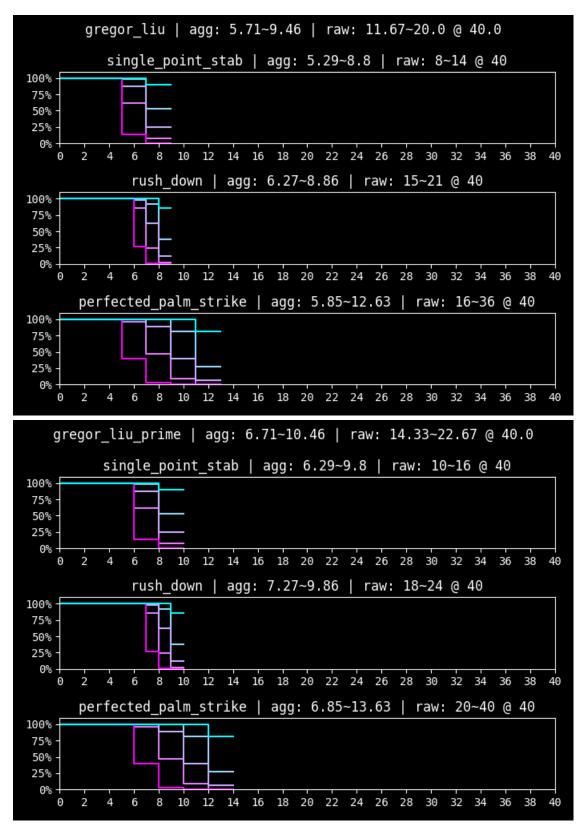


- + Despite his poor reputation, Shi Heathcliff's clashes are actually relatively pretty great
- + Might be viable if he's played like a normal fighter, and is given a source of healing to keep him topped off from the S3 self-damage
- But, after consulting someone who has an UT3 Shi Heathcliff, there are probably safer investments than this...



B Tier: Gregor - Liu Association South Section 6

The prime chart represents Gregor with +1 power from his S2 effects.



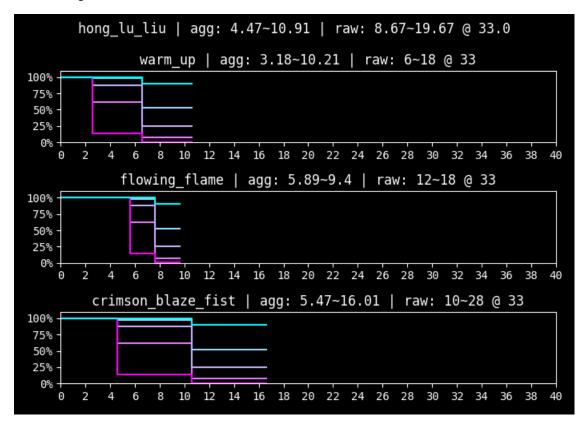
A bit about Liu Association identities:

The Liu Association can be summarized as favouring damage over clashes. Due to how their burn stacks play into each other, their kit effects will contribute more and more depending on how hard burn is being funneled. For maximization, utilizing all three is recommended, even if some of them are merely used to provide their support passive. Additionally, they will perform best when there is one centralized unit to stack burn upon.

- + Contributes the most burn potency of the Liu trio
- + Functions the best as a standalone Liu unit, taking on the role of a high damage unit with S3 tempo

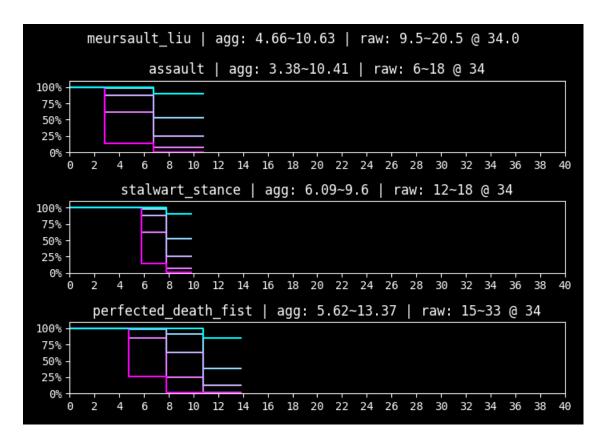
- + Highest speed out of the trio
- Outside of S3, plays somewhat similarly to Blade Lineage units, relying on low variance and high coin count to win clashes by waiting for enemies to low roll
- On the glassier side in terms of health and defense

B Tier: Hong Lu - Liu Section 5



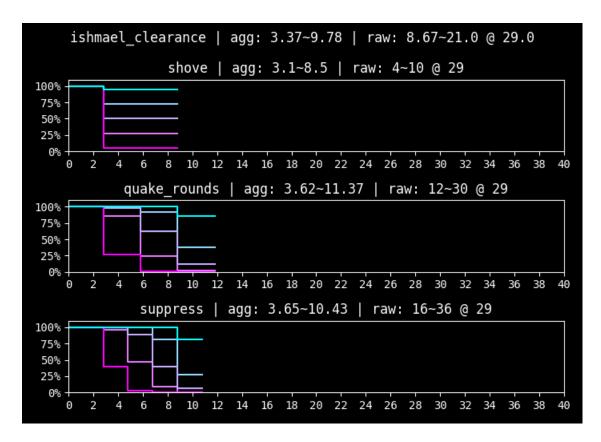
- + Most clash-oriented of the Liu trio, while still playing into the philosophy of multicoin damage
- + Contributes the much needed burn count for burn funnel, but the least burn potency
- + Surprisingly tanky too— has higher defense and one less stagger threshold than Liu Meursault
- Slightly miserable offense level, making his damage deceptively lower than raws would suggest

B Tier: Meursault - Liu Association South Section 6



- + Forms the middle ground of the three Liu identities
- + Contributes both potency and count, but cannot practically sustain the burn count on his own with only one or two actions
- + S2 and S3 effects are capable of choosing the same target multiple times, maintaining his kit effect contributions in encounters with fewer enemies
- Being mediocre at everything makes for a rather mediocre unit
- Arguably the easiest one to bench

B Tier: Ishmael - LCCB Assistant Manager



- + Contributions come almost entirely from powerful debuffs on S3
- + Opens up extreme low-turn strategies in reset heavy contexts
- + Applying a myriad of statuses makes her likely to find synergies
- + Plays like a discount R Heathcliff with less ammo consumption
- Paralysis and attack down on S1 and S2 are applied on the same turn, limiting their effectiveness
- Terrible roll numbers and ammo limitations make her generally impractical
- Used almost exclusively to reset until she can fire S3 turn one in battles that take less than a couple turns

Writeups will not be available for the rest of the B Tier units, since they are generally unremarkable and do not have much nuance outside of what the average player can figure out by reading their pages. Of course, their roll charts and numerical rankings will still be available here.

Additional Notes

The placement of KK Hong Lu in S tier was heavily contested by Nex and heavily defended by the other two. Whether his unique S2 is capable of compensating for his glaring lack of clash power is something individual players are encouraged to decide for themselves.

LCB Outis and LCB Hong Lu used to be firmly placed in A tier by LOWERCASE, but that was contested by Kervina and Nex. Both have been dropped to B tier to make A tier more exclusive.

Shi Ishmael used to be in high B tier but was moved to low A tier after discussion in the Project Moon community server. The fact that she shares the same raw as Shi Don without needing her health threshold, alongside her prime performance, was enough to barely edge her in. That being said, individual players are encouraged to evaluate whether sacrificing the stability that high clash power and speed brings makes her worth prioritizing her over the other A tier units.

Whether G Gregor and Chef Ryoshu should receive a yellow badge was discussed. A slight preference was given to G Gregor, but it was decided that neither of them should receive one for fairness. Their healing is unlikely to make or break a clear, but both are definitely situationally impactful.

One thing to keep in mind is that stronger units do not necessarily correlate with more enjoyment. Weaker sinners tend to compensate their lack of power in their own strange ways, and giving them a chance tends to lead to making some funny memories. Additionally, the game in its current state is easy enough to comfortably clear with just a support unit, so there's no need to worry about accessibility yet.