

## Talents

### Charger

*Cost:* 20 experience

When you take the *Sprint* combat action, you may make a single punching attack or activate a Gu with a range of *Touch* at some point during your turn. If you make a punching attack and it hits, the target is thrown backward a number of meters equal to 1% of your Strength attribute (rounded down), to a minimum of 0. Making the attack or activating a Gu with a range of *Touch* expends the remainder of your movement.

### Combat Absorption

*Cost:* 30 experience

You can multitask on absorbing primeval stones in the heat of combat. Absorbing the essence of primeval stones now costs a bonus action instead of a combat action.

### Flurry

*Cost:* 20 experience

*Requires Fundamental Strength Path Attainment*

You gain access to the **Flurry** combat action.

*Flurry:* For every arm you have, make two punching attacks against a creature within 1 meter. You gain a +20 penalty to **Dodge** skill tests and **Close Combat** skill tests made to parry attacks until the start of your next turn.

### Flying Master

*Cost:* 45 experience

Taking flight no longer expends one of your Maneuvers per turn. Your **Flying** skill is permanently increased by 20 points.

### Glib

*Cost:* 60 experience

Your Attitude attribute is permanently increased by 5. You roll **Haggle** and **Persuasion** skill tests with advantage.

### Martial Artist

*Cost:* 20 experience

*Can be purchased up to 3 times*

You gain a -10 bonus to **Close Combat** and **Dodge** skill tests while not wielding any weapons.

### Multitasker

*Cost:* 40 experience

*Can be purchased up to 3 times*

You can sustain an additional Gu every turn without incurring damage to your soul.

### Multi-Weapon Fighting

*Cost:* 20 experience

You can make a number of melee attacks as part of a melee attack combat action as you have wielded weapons, with a +10 penalty to each attack. When wielding only 2 weapons, this penalty is removed.

### Natural Muscle Training

*Cost:* 15 experience

*Can be purchased up to 5 times*

Your Strength attribute is permanently increased by 10 and your Fortitude attribute is permanently increased by 1.

### Not So Fast

*Cost:* 25 experience

You may make the *Grapple* combat action as an attack of opportunity. You still have disadvantage on the **Close Combat** skill test if the target triggered your attack of opportunity with a **Dodge** skill test.

### Pain Tolerance

*Cost:* 10 experience

*Requires Intermediate Strength Path Attainment*

*Can be purchased up to 3 times*

Your maximum hit points are increased by 5, and you gain a -10 bonus to all **Perseverance** attribute tests.

### Partial Artist

*Cost:* 80 experience

You've had an epiphany and internalized the idea of Painting Path. Choose a single Gu with the **[Dao]** keyword (whether you own it or not). You may be under the effects of that Gu even if its path is not compatible with the paths of your other **[Dao]** Gu. Whenever you break through a small or large realm, you may replace your chosen Gu with a different one.

## [Path] Scholar

*Cost:* 15 experience

*Requires Fundamental [Path] Attainment*

You gain a -20 bonus to **Knowledge (Gu)** skill tests made to identify [Path] Gu.

## Sentinel

*Cost:* 20 experience

Whenever a creature within your melee range makes a melee attack against your ally, you may use the *Parry* reaction against it. You gain a -10 bonus to all **Close Combat** skill tests made as part of the *Parry* reaction (including the follow-up attack).

## Tough

*Cost:* 60 experience

Your base hit points are equal to twice your Fortitude.

## Reactive Flight

*Cost:* 15 experience

## Refinement Techniques

Refinement techniques are used to improve the Gu refinement process in many different ways, such as reducing the difficulty, duration, or even material cost of a refinement recipe. Only one refinement technique can be used on a recipe at a time.

### Dice Falling Waterfall

*Cost:* 10 experience

*Requires Fundamental Luck Path Attainment*

You gain access to the Dice Falling Waterfall refinement technique. When you use the Dice Falling Waterfall refinement technique, you must roll the failure die twice and take the lower result. Upon successfully refining a Gu with this technique, you gain a luck point.

### Hairy Man Heaven and Earth

*Condenses Gu from Heaven and Earth, opposed to Human Isolation Style. This technique is normally known only to Hairy Men, and takes great practice to perform.*

*Requires Master Refinement Path Attainment*

*Cost:* 50 experience

You gain access to the Hairy Man Heaven and Earth refinement technique. When you use the Hairy Man Heaven and Earth refinement technique, you gain a -10 bonus to

As a reaction to being sent *airborne*, you can activate a Gu that grants a flying speed and immediately execute a maneuver for free.

## Weapon Training

*Cost:* 15 experience

*Can be purchased up to 3 times*

When you purchase this talent, pick a class of mundane weapons (swords, spears, bows) or a single Gu.

You gain a -10 bonus on close combat and ranged attack rolls made with the chosen weapon for each time you've purchased this talent and selected that weapon. If a Gu is very close in form to the chosen weapon, you still get this bonus. This usually includes higher ranked versions of the same Gu.

## Wrestling Techniques

*Cost:* 20 Experience

*Requires Fundamental Strength Path Attainment*

You gain a -10 bonus to **Athletics** skill tests resulting from a *Grapple* combat action. When you successfully grapple a creature, you may make a single punching attack against them as part of the *Grapple* combat action.

**Refinement** skill tests, and their failure die is increased by 2 stages ( $d4 \rightarrow d8$ ,  $d6 \rightarrow d10\dots$ ).

## Shower

*Cost:* 20 experience

*Requires Fundamental Water Path Attainment*

You gain access to the Shower refinement technique. When you use the Shower refinement technique, you gain a -10 bonus to **Refinement** skill tests, and the duration of the recipe is reduced by 1/3 (rounded down to the nearest hour).

## Starfall

*Cost:* 10 experience

*Requires Fundamental Fire Path Attainment*

You gain access to the Starfall refinement technique. When you use the Starfall refinement technique, you gain a -10 bonus to **Refinement** skill tests, increased to -20 when refining Fire Path Gu. This technique cannot be used to refine Water Path or Ice Path Gu.

## Path Attainments

It's difficult to use Gu of a path you aren't familiar with. Every character starts with *Fundamental* attainment in a single path. Oftentimes, a Gu Master that achieves master level attainment in any path gains great fame for their accomplishment, and may be contacted by other forces to refine Gu or complete difficult tasks related to the path.

You cannot purchase a path attainment unless you have purchased all previous attainments in the same path. So you cannot purchase master attainment in a path unless you also have purchased fundamental and intermediate attainment.

### [Path] Attainment

#### Fundamental

*Cost:* 30 experience

You gain an additional bonus action that can only be used to activate a single [Path] Gu on your turn.

#### Intermediate

*Cost:* 50 experience

Your understanding of [Path] has reached a qualitative change, and you gain the following benefits:

- You gain a -20 bonus to all **Refinement** and **Knowledge (Gu)** skill tests to refine or identify [Path] Gu.
- **Deduction** skill tests made to develop killer moves gain a -10 bonus if they have a [Path] Gu in its core.

#### Master

*Cost:* 100 experience

Your understanding of [Path] reaches the apex of mortal comprehension. You gain the following benefits:

- You automatically succeed all **Refinement** and **Deduction** skill tests to refine or improve the recipe of [Path] Gu, so long as the Gu is of a lower rank than you. You still have to roll the failure die after a successful refinement.
- You gain a -30 bonus to all **Refinement** and **Knowledge (Gu)** skill tests to refine or identify [Path] Gu.
- You gain a -30 bonus to **Deduction** skill tests made to improve or create refinement recipes for [Path] Gu.