

# Gu Index

Gu are listed alphabetically by the path they belong to.

## Blood Path

*Blood path Gu often cost little to feed and are easy to refine, though many recipes require slaughter at huge scales. Its attack methods are brutal, and Blood Path is considered one of the strongest offensive paths. Hundreds of thousands of inheritances were left by a Rank 7 Gu Immortal, Blood Sea Ancestor, all over the Gu world. The righteous path shuns the evil and demonic methods of blood path, and many practitioners live imprisoned in Tie clan's demon suppression tower.*

*It's worth noting that an ordinary human has about 5 liters of blood in their body.*

### Blood Battle Gu

*One of the lesser inheritances of the Blood Sea Ancestor contains Blood Battle Gu. Repeated use can cull a whole battlefield.*

*Rank 5 Attack*

Cost: 150 portions

Range: 100 meters

Health: 48

Food: A 100,000 liter pond of human blood in a hole dug in Hemorrhage Soil

Effect: You rupture the hearts of all *bleeding* creatures within range. They have a chance to react before they instantly die. Immediately following, make 3 attack rolls for each creature affected. The range of these attacks is 15 meters, measured from the original target or the square they were in when they died. On a hit, deal 80 rending damage. If damage is dealt to a creature's hit points in this way, they gain *bleeding 5*. If the damage kills the target, you may make an additional 3 attack rolls with the same properties and measured from the square the target was in when they died.

### Blood Blade Gu

*Rank 3 Attack*

Cost: 4 portions

Range: 3 meters

Health: 22

Food: 3 liters of blood

Effect: Your body shudders as a hundred wounds appear all over it. You take 8 unmitigatable rending damage directly to your hit points, and your blood streaks out like swords; all creatures within range must attempt a **Dodge** skill test. They take 100 rending damage on a failure, and 50 on a success. If damage is dealt to a creature's hit points in this way, they gain *bleeding 2*.

### Blood Brother Gu

*Rank 3 Carver*

Cost: 35 portions

Range: 1 meter

Health: 13

Food: 1 liter of mixed blood either from siblings or a parent and their child

Effect: Select a creature within range. As long as both you and them have an open wound, your blood twists and mingles in the air before shooting into each other's veins. You and the target are now permanently considered siblings by blood path methods.

### Blood Demon Flower Gu

*Rank 4 Carver*

Cost: 35 portions

Range: Self

Health: 21

Food: 50 liters of blood Keywords: **[Dao]**, **[Sustained]**, **[Transformation]**

Effect: The roots of the blood demon flower pierce your flesh and wind around your limbs, and a great red flower sprouts from your head. Your flesh wrinkles and clings to your bones.

While sustained, you gain the following effects:

Your maximum hit points are 250.

Your movement is reduced by 2 meters.

As a bonus action, you can burrow your roots into a corpse and consume its blood to regain 30 hit points.

When you use a combat action to make an unarmed melee attack, instead of striking with your fists you may extend your roots and attack up to 5 times. Your root attack range is 5 meters, and your root attacks deal 50 rending damage. If damage is dealt to a creature's hit points in this way, they gain the *bleeding 3*.

At the end of each of your turns, make a **Perseverance** attribute test with a +20 penalty. On a failure, you gain a **Blood Demon Flower Token** and your body becomes corrupted. If you ever have 10 **Blood Demon Flower**

**Tokens**, your body is permanently transfigured into a blood demon flower.

As long as you have 9 or fewer **Blood Demon Flower Tokens**, every month you go without activating Blood Demon Flower Gu reduces the number of **Blood Demon Flower Tokens** you have by 1.

### Blood Filter Gu

*Rank 1-5 Tonic*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Self

Health: 5

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: You immediately remove all instances of the *Poisoned* condition applied by Gu of rank {1, 2, 3, 4, 5} or lower. After activating Blood Filter Gu, you vomit a brown clump of blood and toxins and cannot use reactions until the start of your next turn.

### Blood Handprint Gu

*Rank 5 Manifestation*

Cost: 80 portions

Range: 50 meters

Health: 18

Food: 120 severed hands soaked in the blood of a beast emperor.

Keywords: [**Sustained**]

Effect: You manifest a [**Large**] 2 meter tall hand made of blood mist in an unoccupied space within range. As a bonus action or activation, you may move the hand up to 10 meters through occupied or unoccupied spaces. Any creatures in the space moved through by the hand take 200 force damage. If this damage is dealt to their hit points and they have blood in their body, they turn into a puddle of blood and die.

### Blood Hatred Gu

*Rank 3 Carver*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: 10 meters

Health: 5

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Blood Hatred Gu must be submerged in the blood of a single creature to be activated. All creatures within range must succeed a **Perseverance** attribute test with a +10 penalty or else gain a **Hatred Token**. Affected creatures

have a dislike for the family line of the creature whose blood was used to activate Blood Hatred Gu. A creature with 3 tokens will refuse to consort with any members of the bloodline, while a creature with 5 tokens will seek to kill them on sight.

A creature can have up to 5 **Hatred Tokens** for a single bloodline.

### Blood Pouch Gu

*Rank 1-5 Container*

Cost: 1 portion

Range: Touch

Health: 12

Food: {1, 4, 9, 16, 25} liters of blood

Effect: Activating Blood Pouch Gu while it is in a pool of blood causes the blood to be sucked inside the Gu, up to {10, 20, 100, 500, 50,000} liters. Otherwise, you can activate it to pour out any amount of blood. If blood from multiple creatures is contained inside Blood Pouch Gu, it gets mixed and loses properties such as blood relation.

### Blood Qi Gu

*Rank 1-3 Tonic*

Cost: 25 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 10

Food: 1 liter of blood each from 3 unrelated humans

Effect: The target of this effect must have an open wound. You pour blood infused with qi into the wound, restoring {6, 15, 45} hit points to the target and restoring their blood.

### Blood Rain Gu

*Rank 3 Manifestation*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: 1 kilometer

Health: 24

Food: 1 still beating heart

Keywords: [**Sustained**]

Effect: Dense red clouds manifest high above you in the sky. Blood pours from them in a thick and warm hurricane, covering the ground within range with a total of 1,000,000 gallons of blood.

## Blood Sense Gu

*Rank 2-5 Divination*

Cost: 12 portions

Range: {1, 10, 100, 1000} kilometers

Health: 14

Food: {4, 9, 16, 25} liters of blood

Effect: You immediately sense the exact location of any creatures related to you by blood within range. You do not gain any information other than where they are.

## Blood Skull Gu

*Rank 4-5 Carver*

Cost: 90 portions

Range: 100 meters

Health: 34

Food: 10 liters of blood

Effect: You immediately absorb the blood of any dead creatures related to you by blood within range. For every {100, 10} corpses drained in this way, you gain 1% aptitude, up to a maximum of 99%. The corpses must have been dead for less than 24 hours.

## Blood Steps Gu

*A dark crimson cicada with no legs. When active, Blood Steps Gu burrows into the leg muscles.*

*Rank 3 Celerity*

Cost: 9 portions

Range: Self

Health: 12

Food: 3 liters of blood

Keywords: [**Sustained**]

Effect: Your movement is increased by 3 meters. Any squares you walk through while Blood Steps Gu is active become covered in slick blood and are *Difficult Terrain*. You also now stand and walk on blood as if it were solid ground, and can walk through bloody puddles created by Blood Steps Gu as if they were normal terrain.

## Blood Substitution Gu

*Rank 2 Manifestation*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: Self

Health: 7

Food: 100 g of dried blood

Effect: You create 10 liters of black blood around your feet that can be manipulated as if it were real blood by other Gu.

[**Upgrade Path: Bloodstained Robe Gu**]

## Bloody Fabric Gu

*Rank 3 Container*

Next Rank: Bloody Visage Gu

Cost: 10 portions

Range: 2 meters

Health: 13

Food: 10 kg of silk soaked in blood (10 primeval stones)

Effect: Up to 50 liters of blood within range is pulled in a vortex towards you. It condenses into a tattered bloody robe around your body. Activate Bloody Fabric Gu again to destroy the robe, releasing the stored blood all around you.

If a *bleeding* creature is within range when you activate Bloody Fabric Gu, it takes 25 rending damage and you drain 100 milliliters of their blood for every level of *bleeding* they have.

*If an ordinary human loses 2 liters of blood, they fall unconscious and are dying.*

## Bloody Visage Gu

*Rank 4 Guard*

Previous Rank: Bloody Fabric Gu

Next Rank: Bloodstained Robe Gu

Cost: 30 portions

Range: 5 meters

Health: 13

Food: 10 kg of thousand beast king bloodsucker moth silk

Effect: Up to 50 liters of blood within range is pulled in a vortex towards you. It condenses into a bloody robe around your body that defends you from attacks. For every point of damage you take, the robe expends 100 milliliters of blood and you instead take no damage. If you activate the Gu while already wearing a robe created by Bloody Visage Gu, it can only pull in enough blood to restore itself to the maximum of 50 liters.

If a *bleeding* creature is within range when you activate Bloody Visage Gu, it takes 25 rending damage and Bloody Visage Gu drains 200 milliliters of their blood for every level of *bleeding* they have.

*If an ordinary human loses 2 liters of blood, they fall unconscious and are dying.*

### **Bloodstained Robe Gu**

*Rank 5 Guard*

Cost: 8 portions

Range: 25 meters

Health: 13

Food: 10 kg of ten thousand beast king bloodsucker moth silk

Keywords: [**Sustained**]

Effect: Up to 100 liters of blood within range is pulled in a vortex towards you. It condenses into a magnificent bloody robe around your body that defends you from attacks. Whenever you take damage, if the damage is less than 10 it is instead reduced to 0. For every 10 damage you take, the robe expends 1 liter of blood and you instead take no damage. While sustained, Bloodstained Robe Gu pulls blood within range as soon as it becomes available.

If a *bleeding* creature is within range when you activate Bloodstained Robe Gu and at the beginning of every turn while you sustain it, that creature takes 25 rending damage and you drain 500 milliliters of their blood for every level of *bleeding* they have.

When you stop sustaining Bloodstained Robe Gu, the robe remains on your body and still defends you from attacks, but no longer pulls nearby blood into itself.

*If an ordinary human loses 2 liters of blood, they fall unconscious and are dying.*

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### **Bloody Veil Gu**

*Rank 1-4 Concealment*

Cost: 45 portions

Range: 1 meter

Health: 18

Food: {4, 9, 16, 25} liters of blood from widowed women

Effect: A 1 meter radius sphere of rotating blood surrounds you. For 10 minutes, all creatures inside the sphere become undetectable to **Divination** Gu of rank {2, 3, 4, 5} or less. They are still visible, but make no sound.

### **Flesh Bone Gu**

*Rank 3 Tonic*

Cost: 80 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 9

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: You touch a creature or corpse and its body instantly regenerates all missing body parts. If it is alive, it regains 30 hit points.

### **Man-Beast Life Burial Gu**

*Man-Beast Life Burial Gu is very useful for a rank 2 Gu Master wanting to reach rank 3. Unfortunately, its refinement recipe involves feeding a maiden Gu Master to a beast through the use of Beast Enslavement Gu.*

*Rank 2 Catalyst*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Self

Health: 5

Food: 2 liters of virgin blood

Effect: Immediately convert 100 portions of your primeval essence into an equal number of portions of black steel primeval essence. Keep track of your current black steel primeval essence portions separately from your other portions of primeval essence. The sum of your natural and black steel primeval essence can never exceed your maximum primeval essence.

Black steel primeval essence cannot be used for any purpose other than to attack rank 2 aperture walls; each portion counts as 10 portions of primeval essence when used to cultivate. Every day at midnight, if you still have at least 1 portion of black steel primeval essence, your aptitude is permanently decreased by 1%.

### **Rising Dead Gu**

*Rank 4 Tonic*

Cost: 250 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 9

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Expendable**]

Effect: You touch the fully intact corpse of a creature dead for no longer than 14 hours. The dead creature is returned to life.

### **Staunch Bleeding Gu**

*Rank 1 Tonic*

Cost: 12 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 9

Food: 5 cubic centimeters of skin

Effect: Reduce the number of *bleeding* stacks from a creature you touch by 3.

### **Thick Blood Gu**

*Rank 1 Carver*

Cost: 25 portions

Range: Self

Health: 6

Food: 100 g dried blood

Keywords: [**Expendable**], [**Dao**]

Effect: Your blood is permanently modified to coagulate much quicker than normal. Whenever you gain the *bleeding* condition, reduce the number of stacks of *bleeding* you receive by 1, to a minimum of 0. At the end of each of your turns, reduce the number of stacks of *bleeding* you have by 1, to a minimum of 0.

### **Vein Burst Gu**

*Rank 2 Attack*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: 2 meters

Health: 9

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Target creature within range has some of their blood vessels burst, taking 8 rending damage directly to their hit points.

*A large quantity of Vein Burst Gu are required to refine the legendary Blood Battle Gu.*

## Dark Path

*Subtle; the best concealments belong to Dark path. Marginally better defense than offense.*

### Dark Gu

*Rank 1-5 Concealment*

Cost: 2 portions

Range: {1, 2, 6, 20, 500} meters

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: Space within range is filled with an inky, impermeable darkness while sustained. Divination Gu of rank {2, 3, 4, 5, 5} and lower cannot see through darkness created by Dark Gu.

### Dark Toss Gu

*Rank 1-5 Concealment*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 5

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: You touch a Gu and Dark Toss Gu wraps itself around it. That Gu cannot be detected by divination Gu at or below the rank of Dark Toss Gu. Dark Toss Gu can be deactivated by touching it and expending 1 portion of primeval essence.

### Multiple Sword Shadow Gu

*Rank 4 Attack*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: 10 meters

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: A fan of shadow swords fly sporadically in a line 6 meters wide and 10 meters long. Creatures in the area take 100 rending damage. Creatures have a +30 penalty on dodge tests made to avoid this attack. If this damage was dealt to their hit points, they gain *bleeding 6*.

### Overlapping Shadow Gu

*Rank 4 Catalyst*

Cost: 20 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Supplementary]

Effect: The next time you activate a Dark Path attack Gu before the end of your turn, it deals double the damage it normally would. If the Gu has the [Sustained] keyword, its damage is only doubled until the start of your next turn.

### Second Shadow Gu

*A pitch black leafbug.*

*Rank 1 Carver*

Cost: 30 portions

Range: Self

Health: 5

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Dao]

Effect: After the sun sets, your shadow permanently splits in two. You permanently have a second shadow, even in direct sunlight, extending 2 meters from you in a direction of your choosing, which you can change as an Activation on your turn. Creatures in contact with your Second Shadow are considered to be in your touch range and have a +30 penalty to **Dodge** skill tests made to dodge your touch attacks.

### Shadow Bond Gu

*Rank 2 Guard*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: 3 meters

Health: 2

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Defensive], [Sustained]

Effect: Choose a creature within range. While sustained, whenever you take damage to your hit points, if the target is within range they take the same damage directly to their hit points. If the creature leaves range, Shadow Bond Gu remains active and connected to the target, but temporarily stops reflecting damage.

## Shadow Follower Gu

*Rank 2 Concealment*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Self

Health: 2

Food: 2 eyeballs from any creature (1/4 primeval stone)

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: While sustained, you are enveloped in an inky darkness. As long as you are not in direct light, you are invisible.

## Split Shadow Gu

*Rank 2-5 Manifestation*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: A clone of yourself appearing like a black cloud splits from your body to an unoccupied square within 1 meter of you. When it splits from you, you can give it up to {1, 2,

3, 5} Gu from your aperture and any number of portions of primeval essence. The clone goes directly after you in initiative and is controlled by you. The clone shares all of your statistics, except that it has no soul or strength attributes, has {1, 2, 3, 5} activations, and cannot physically interact with anything in the world. When you stop sustaining Split Shadow Gu, the Gu carried by your clone drop to the ground and you lose whatever primeval essence the clone still had.

## Breath Concealment Gu

*Rank 3-5 Concealment*

Cost: None

Range: Self

Health: 5

Food: 1 hour of direct sunlight

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: If your current rank is equal to or below the rank of Breath Concealment Gu, the aura of your primeval essence is suppressed to a rank and stage of your choosing below your own cultivation while sustained. Your primeval essence's outward appearance remains as it was, however, so effects that glimpse inside your aperture will see your true cultivation. Sustaining Breath Concealment Gu does not count towards your number of currently sustained Gu.

## Earth Path

*Great supporting path, allowing the manipulation of a battlefield. Well balanced between offense and defense.*

### Crystal Ladybug Gu

*Rank 1 Container*

Cost: 7 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 12

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Small]

Effect: Crystal Ladybug Gu drinks up to 10 liters of liquid it is submerged in, filling its crystal belly.

Pushing your finger into Crystal Ladybug Gu's head causes it to expel any amount of stored liquid (depending on how hard you press).

[Upgrade Path: Diaoyu Fortress Gu]

### Stoneflesh Gu

*Rank 1 Guard*

*Next Rank:* Stoneskin Gu

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Defensive], [Sustained]

Effect: While sustained, your flesh is transmuted into a dense bedrock. You cannot move or be moved from your square, and whenever you take damage to your hit points, reduce the damage dealt by 15.

### Stoneskin Gu

*Rank 2 Guard*

*Previous Rank:* Stoneflesh Gu

*Next Rank:* Mountain Pass Gu

Cost: 12 portions

Range: Self

Health: 80

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Defensive], [Shield], [Sustained]

Effect: While sustained, your skin is transmuted into a dense bedrock. Stoneskin Gu has invulnerability to rending damage and cannot block sonic damage. Reduce all force damage dealt to Stoneskin Gu by 15.

### Mountain Pass Gu

*Rank 3 Guard*

*Previous Rank:* Stoneskin Gu

*Next Rank:* Diaoyu Fortress Gu

Cost: 70 portions

Range: 10 meters

Health: 5

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Choose two 10 meter long, 1 meter wide lines. Large stones burst from the ground in the lines; any creatures that do not dodge are knocked *prone* to a random side of the line. The rocks are 5 meters tall and creatures have a +40 penalty to **Athletics** skill tests made to climb them. Dealing 50 hit points worth of damage to a square filled with rocks destroys them in that square, and the rocks have all damage dealt to them except sonic reduced by 100.

While you remain within 2 meters of the square you originally activated Mountain Pass Gu, reduce all damage dealt to your hit points by 50. The rocks are permanent but the effect ends after 1 hour.

### Diaoyu Fortress Gu

*Rank 4 Guard*

*Previous Rank:* Mountain Pass Gu

Cost: 120 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Defensive]

Effect: Dense stone walls rise in a 5 meter by 5 meter square perimeter, centered on your square. Any creatures occupying a square the walls rise in that do not dodge are knocked *prone* to a random side of the wall. The walls are 3 meters high and **Athletics** skill tests made to climb them are made with a -10 bonus. While you are within the perimeter, including on top of the walls, you have resistance to all damage except for sonic and reduce all damage dealt to your hit points by 75. The walls are permanent but the effect ends after 1 day.



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### **Granite Bones Gu**

*Rank 2 Carver*

Cost: 30 portions

Range: Self

Health: 15

Food: 1 kg granite (2 primeval stones)

Keywords: [Dao]

Effect: You are assailed with a horrendous pain for 1 hour. You are incapable of taking any actions except to speak for the entire duration. When the process is complete, your bones are permanently transmuted into granite. Your bones can no longer be broken by damage or effects originating from a Gu of Rank 2 or lower. Additionally, reduce all force damage dealt to your hit points by 3.

### **Life-retaining Jade Coffin Gu**

*Rank 5 Manifestation*

Cost: 80 portions

Range: Self

Health: 15

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: A jade coffin appears around you, sealing you inside. It cannot move on its own and weighs 500 kg in addition to your weight. Damage dealt to you is dealt to the coffin instead. The coffin has 2000 hit points, and all damage dealt to it is reduced by 100. You cannot move or activate Gu while inside, but can still speak. Your lifespan is not consumed over time while inside the coffin, and pushing the lid off the coffin from the inside ends the effect.

### **Quake Step Gu**

*Rank 1 Attack*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: 2 meters

Health: 11

Food: 1 kg mound stone (2 primeval stones)

Effect: You stomp, and the ground quakes; all creatures standing on solid ground within range of you must succeed an **Athletics** skill test with a +10 penalty or else be knocked *prone*.

### **Rice Pouch Grass Gu**

*Rank 1 Manifestation*

Cost: 20 portions

Range: Self

Health: 15

Food: 1 kg water

Effect: Rice Pouch Grass Gu fills itself with 5 kg of long blades of rice.

### **Stealth Rock Gu**

*Rank 1 Concealment*

Cost: 1 portion

Range: Self

Health: 18

Food: 100 g of hard stone (1/4 primeval stone)

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: While sustained, your body is invisible, but anything you are wearing or carrying remains visible.

### **Stone Aperture Gu**

*Rank 1-3 Catalyst*

Cost: 1 portion

Range: Self

Health: 16

Food: {1kg, 10kg, 100kg} of talc ({1, 10, 100} primeval stones)

Effect: As long as your aperture is of the same rank as the Stone Aperture Gu, your aperture walls shatter and are replaced with an unbreakable stone wall. Your cultivation immediately rises to peak stage, but you can no longer raise your rank through cultivation.

### **Tremor Sense Gu**

*Rank 1-3 Divination*

Cost: 2 portions

Range: {5, 10, 20} meters

Health: 12

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: While sustained, you can sense the exact square a creature within range moves to as long as they are touching the ground. You also gain immunity to the *deafened* condition.

## Thousand-Li Earthwolf Spider Gu

*Rank 5 Celerity*

Cost: 1 portion

Range: Self

Health: 500

Food: 1000 kg of ordinary soil

Keywords: [**Large**], [**Steed**], [**Sustained**]

Effect: Thousand-Li Earthwolf Spider Gu has a base movement of 10 meters and can climb on walls and ceilings without making an **Athletics** skill test. Additionally, Thousand-Li Earthwolf Spider Gu has a digging speed of 3 meters in stone or soil. While sustained, Thousand-Li Earthwolf Spider Gu's movement becomes 50 meters and its digging speed becomes 15 meters.

## Enslavement Path

*Enslavement Path involves the enslavement of many beasts and controlling them to overwhelm an enemy. An army of beasts can be a nearly unstoppable force, but this path notably has 2 weaknesses; the huge logistical cost of feeding the beasts, and the fact that the enslavement path Gu Master will often times be targeted for assassination.*

### [Beast] Enslavement Gu

*Rank 1-5 Carver*

Cost: {5, 15, 40, 90, 200} portions

Range: 20 meters

Health: 8

Food: {10, 30, 90, 300, 1000} kg of [Beast] Flesh

Keywords: [Expendable]

Effect: Target a [Beast] within range. This Gu flies from your aperture in a straight line towards the target. This action is reactable and the Enslavement Gu can be hit with attacks while en route. If the Enslavement Gu successfully reaches its target, you attempt to dominate its mind, as long as the target's beast classification is at or below the rank of the Enslavement Gu:

- Rank 1: Ordinary Beasts
- Rank 2: Hundred Beast Kings
- Rank 3: Thousand Beast Kings
- Rank 4: Myriad Beast Kings and Mutated Beasts
- Rank 5: Beast Emperors and Mutated Hundred Beast Kings

You and the target have a battle of souls. If your current soul value is greater than the beast's, subtract the beast's current soul value from your own and you successfully permanently enslave it. You can now control its actions with your mind from a distance of up to (Maximum Soul) meters, as long as you can see it.

If the target is willing to be enslaved, they fail the battle of souls automatically and your soul takes no damage.

If your current soul value is less than or equal to the beast's, you fail to enslave it, the beast's current soul value is reduced by your current soul value, and then your current soul value is reduced to 1.

### Bonded Collar Gu

*A collar made of wispy shadow, it's hard to see exactly where it begins or ends. Once accepted by a creature, an ethereal leash flickers out from the user's hand and ties itself to the collar before both fade and disappear. The creature is imbued with some of your own soul, and will never turn against you.*

*Rank 2 Carver*

Cost: 60 portions

Range: 2 meters

Health: 3

Food: 1 kg crimson akita wolf flesh (15 primeval stones)

Keywords: [Expendable]

Effect: Target an ordinary beast of CR 24 or lower within range. Your maximum Soul is permanently reduced by 5; the target is enslaved by you (see Enslavement Path, Ch. 3), raised to a Hundred Beast King, and its maximum soul is increased by 5. As part of this process, you may transfer the effect of a Gu with the [Dao] keyword from your body to the target's, as long as the target is not under the effect of a [Dao] Gu of an incompatible path.

### Chain of Command Gu

*A queen ant connected via fleshy tendrils to 10 smaller soldier ants.*

*Rank 3-4 Catalyst*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: 10 Meters

Health:

Food: A living creature kept as a pet for more than 10 days.

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: While sustained, a chain bursts from your fingertips and latches to a willing creature within range. When you activate Chain of Command Gu and at the start of each of your turns while sustained, you may activate a Gu from your aperture of rank {3, 4} or less without using an activation, treating the effect as if it were activated by the chosen creature. Alternatively, the creature performs a melee attack against a creature you can see within range without using a combat action. Afterwards, the creature takes 3 damage to its soul.

### False Aperture Gu

*Rank 1-5 Carver*

Cost: 25 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 3

Food: The aperture of a rank {1, 2, 3, 4, 5} Gu Master.

Effect: You create a false aperture and bond it to a creature that you touch. The creature must not have an aperture and cannot awaken an aperture while under the effects of False Aperture Gu.

The false aperture can store {1, 1, 1, 2, 2} Gu of rank {1, 2, 3, 4, 5} or lower, and up to 100 portions of primeval essence of rank {1, 2, 3, 4, 5} or lower. You may infuse the aperture with primeval essence by touching the creature as a combat action and expending the number of portions taken.

After creating a false aperture in this way, False Aperture Gu can no longer be activated until it is fed.

### Powerful Presence Gu

*A scorpion, too fat for its legs to reach the ground.*

*Rank 2 Carver*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: A self-portrait of the owner of the Gu

Keywords: [**Expendable**], [**Dao**]

Effect: You find it easier to find the right words in conversation and manipulate others to your point of view. Your Attitude attribute is increased by 10 points.

### Slavery Gu

*Rank 1-5 Carver*

Cost: {20, 50, 120, 250, 400} portions

Range: Touch

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Expendable**]

Effect: Touch a Gu Master of rank {1, 2, 3, 4, 5} or less. You both have a battle of souls. If your current soul value is greater than the Gu Master's, subtract the Gu Master's current soul value from your own and you successfully permanently enslave them. You can now directly control their actions with your mind from a distance of up to (Maximum Soul) meters, as long as you can see them. They are still the same person, retaining their memories and general personality, but become wholly devoted to you, willing to do whatever you command to the highest possible standard. While directly controlling them, you can choose to take the target's turns for them; otherwise they act in whatever way they think is most helpful to you.

If the target is willing to be enslaved, they fail the battle of souls automatically and your soul takes no damage.

If your current soul value is less than or equal to the Gu Master's, you fail to enslave it, the Gu Master's current soul value is reduced by your current soul value, and then your current soul value is reduced to 1.

### Unfinished Business Gu

*A purple monarch butterfly.*

*Rank 1-2 Catalyst*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: 8 Meters

Health: 7

Food: 1 g of determination glass (2 primeval stones)

Effect: Unfinished Business Gu can only be activated as a reaction to a creature you can see making a **Perseverance** attribute test. You stare into the creature's eyes, forcing it to keep going. That creature gains a {-10, -20} bonus to its **Perseverance** attribute test.

## Fire Path

*Explosive and very offensive. Movement type Gu use quick bursts of movement, and attacks often apply burning or ablaze to bypass shield gu.*

### Boiling Blood Gu

*Rank 2 Tonic*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Self

Health: 8

Food: 1 liter of blood from a fire path beast

Effect: You immediately regain 10 hit points and 2 soul strength.

### Blazing Lotus Gu

*Rank 3 Carver*

Cost: 60

Range: Self

Health: 6

Food: 1 blazing lotus petal (150 primeval stones)

Keywords: [**Expendable 3**]

Effect: The dao marks carved into your body by Gu with the [**Dao**] keyword are set ablaze. For 1 hour, you are assailed with a burning pain and have a +40 penalty to all skill tests. When the duration elapses, you lose all effects granted by Gu with the [**Dao**] keyword, unless that Gu belongs to Water Path or Ice Path.

### Blazing Shield Gu

*Rank 2 Manifestation*

Cost: 7 portions

Range: Self

Health: 14

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Sustained**], [**Medium**]

Effect: While sustained, a shield of obsidian and magma appears in an unoccupied square adjacent to you. If a projectile passes through the shield's square, the shield negates the attack entirely, taking the damage of the attack to its hit points (if the attack deals damage). If the projectile was created by a Gu of rank 3 or higher, the shield is destroyed and does not negate the attack. The shield has 20 hit points and is invulnerable to heat damage.

### Burning Heart Gu

*Rank 2 Carver*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Self

Health: 12

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Dao**], [**Expendable**]

Effect: You permanently etch fire path dao into your heart. You no longer suffer ill effects from cold temperatures and are invulnerable to cold damage. Whenever you take heat damage to your hit points, reduce it by 15.

### Changbai Clouds Gu

*Rank 2 Manifestation*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: 6 meters

Health: 3

Food: 1 kg of obsidian (1/2 primeval stone)

Effect: Choose a square within range. All squares within 2 meters of the chosen square are covered in a scalding, dense, unbreathable smog. Creatures cannot see through the smog, and attacks made against creatures hidden by smog are made with disadvantage. If a creature starts its turn inside the clouds, they take 8 heat damage.

At the start of each of your turns, the smog spreads to nearby squares, increasing its radius by 2 meters, to a maximum of 10. When the radius reaches 10 meters, the smog no longer deals damage. The smog dissipates over the course of 10 minutes, and strong winds can disperse the smog early.

### Clearing Heat Gu

*Rank 2 Tonic*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Immediately remove all instances of the *poisoned* condition from yourself inflicted by a Gu of rank 2 or lower. You may activate Clearing Heat Gu as a reaction to gaining the *poisoned* condition.

## Eight Burning Eyes Gu

*Rank 1-3 Divination*

Cost: 8 portions

Range: {5, 15, 50} meters

Health: 12

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: Six white orbs appear on your face in a spider-eye pattern. While sustained, you can see all creatures with heat signatures within range, even through barriers.

## Ember Armor Gu

*Rank 3 Guard*

Cost: 11 portions

Range: Self

Health: 190

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Defensive], [Sustained], [Shield]

Effect: A flaming carapace covers your body. While sustained, you are immune to the *burning* and *ablaze* conditions. Fire and rending damage dealt to Ember Armor Gu are reduced by 30, to a minimum of 0. Ember Armor Gu cannot block sonic damage.

## Ember Butterfly Gu

*Rank 1 Attack*

Cost: 16 portions

Range: 5 meters

Health: 8

Food: 100 g of smoldering stone (1 primeval stone)

Effect: You lob a burst of embers at a square within range. Creatures within 1 meter of the square take 3 heat damage and gain the *burning* condition. Ignites flammable objects in its radius.

## Eruption Salamander Gu

*Rank 2 Catalyst*

Cost: 70 portions

Range: 10 meters

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: All creatures within range with the *burning* condition immediately take 10 heat damage directly to their hit points and gain the *ablaze* condition.

All creatures within range with the *ablaze* condition immediately explode, taking 20 heat damage directly to their hit points. Creatures adjacent to a creature that explodes take 10 heat damage and gain the *burning* condition.

## Fire Arrow Gu

*Rank 2 Attack*

Cost: 8 portions

Range: 12 meters

Health: 11

Food: 1 liter of pitch (2 primeval stones)

Keywords: [Piercing]

Effect: Shoot a flaming arrow at a target within range. Make an attack roll; on a hit, deal 10 heat damage and 10 force damage. Ignites flammable objects it hits.

## Fire Curtain Gu

*Rank 2 Manifestation*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: 6 meters

Health: 20

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: Manifest a wall of fire 1 meter wide, 2 meters high, and up to 6 meters long in a line originating from a square you can see within range. Creatures in the area take 25 heat damage and gain the *ablaze* condition. Creatures take 25 heat damage and gain the *ablaze* condition if they move into or end their turn in the fire.

## Fire Discharge Gu

*Rank 1-2 Celerity*

Cost: 20 portions

Range: Self

Health: 8

Food: {1, 5} liters of pitch ({1, 5} primeval stones)

Effect: An explosion thrusts you {5, 20} meters in a straight line in a direction of your choice. If a creature is in the square directly opposite the line when you activate Fire Discharge

Gu (i.e. behind you if you are traveling forward), that creature takes {10, 30} heat damage. **Dodge** skill tests made to avoid this attack are made with a +10 penalty.

If you collide with a creature during this movement, you stop at the square before theirs and you both take {3, 10} force damage. As a reaction to colliding with a creature, you may make a melee attack against that creature or activate a Gu with a range of touch, targeting that creature.

### Fire Lance Gu

*Rank 2 Attack*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: 5 meters

Health: 16

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Piercing**]

Effect: Launch a lance of fire at a target. Make an attack roll; on a hit, deal 10 heat damage, or 20 heat damage if the target is *burning* or *ablaze*.

### Fire Pulse Gu

*Rank 2 Attack*

Cost: 20 portions

Range: 8 meters

Health: 13

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Release a pulse of fire in a straight line. All creatures in a 1 meter wide, 8 meter long line take 10 heat damage and gain the *burning* condition.

### Fire Spark Gu

*Rank 1 Attack*

Cost: 8 portions

Range: 5 meters

Health: 7

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: You shoot a small spark of fire at a target within range. Make an attack roll; on a hit, deal 8 heat damage. Ignites flammable objects it hits.

### Fire Step Gu

*Rank 1 Celerity*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Self

Health: 9

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Sustained**]

Effect: While sustained, your movement is increased by 2 meters and you leave scorched earth in your wake. Every square you pass through while Fire Step Gu is active becomes covered in flames until the start of your next turn, causing any creature that starts their turn in or passes through an affected square to take 5 heat damage and gain the *burning* condition. Ignites flammable objects.

### Fireball Gu

*A glimmering red icosahedron that dimly radiates heat.*

*Rank 2 Attack*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: 10 meters

Health: 8

Food: 100 g of bat guano mixed with sulfur

Keywords: [**Expendable**]

Effect: A 4 meter radius sphere, centered on a square you can see within range, blossoms into a roiling fireball. All creatures in the sphere take 8d6 heat damage and gain the *ablaze* condition.

### Firebrand Gu

*Rank 2 Carver*

Cost: 60 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 10

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Carve fire path dao into a weapon or creature for 1 hour. The weapon (or the creature's fists) catches fire and deals an additional 10 heat damage on a successful melee attack as well as inflicting the *burning* condition.

### Firefly Swarm Gu

*Rank 1 Manifestation*

Cost: 5 portion

Range: 25 meters

Health: 8

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Sustained**]

Effect: Manifest a swarm of fireflies in 2x2 square area within range while sustained. The swarm gives off bright light for 25 meters, and can occupy the space of other creatures. If a creature is in the same square as the swarm, they have a +10 penalty to all skill tests. You can move the swarm up to 10 meters to a point within range as a bonus action or activation on your turn.

[Upgrade Path: Five Door Fire Pagoda Gu]

### Charcoal Gu

*Rank 1 Manifestation*

Next Rank: Double Decker Stove Gu

Cost: 1 portion

Range: Self

Health: 12

Food: 1 kg charcoal

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: While sustained, you radiate a comfortable heat in a 1 meter radius around you.

### Double Decker Stove Gu

*Rank 2 Attack*

Previous Rank: Charcoal Gu

Next Rank: Three Door Fire Hut Gu

Cost: 10 portions

Range: 2 meters

Health: 15

Food: 10 kg charcoal (1/2 primeval stone)

Keywords: [Sustained], [Defensive]

Effect: While sustained you take 10 heat damage directly to your hit points at the start of each of your turns, and heat damage dealt to you is negated and stored inside Double Decker Stove Gu. At the end of each of your turns, some stored heat bursts from your body, dealing 1/2 the stored damage (rounded down) to all creatures within range. Double Decker Stove Gu can store up to 100 heat damage, but negates heat damage dealt to you even if it is full. When you stop sustaining Double Decker Stove Gu, the stored damage reverts to 0.

### Three Door Fire Hut Gu

*Rank 3 Attack*

Previous Rank: Double Decker Stove Gu

Next Rank: Four Door Fire Tower Gu

Cost: 10 portions

Range: 10 meters

Health: 15

Food: 1 kg ever-burning coals (300 primeval stones)

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: A blazing hut with 3 closed doors manifests around you. While sustained, a door opens at the start of each of your turns. You may use an activation to unleash a wave of heat from an open door at a target you can see within range. On a hit, deal heat damage equal to 20 times the number of open doors and apply the *burning* condition. Each door can only attack once per turn.

### Four Door Fire Tower Gu

*Rank 4 Attack*

Previous Rank: Three Door Fire Hut Gu

Next Rank: Five Door Fire Pagoda Gu

Cost: 10 portions

Range: 20 meters

Health: 15

Food: 10 kg ever-burning coals (300 primeval stones)

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: A translucent square tower with a closed door on each side manifests around you. While sustained, a door opens at the start of each of your turns. You may use an activation to unleash a wave of heat from an open door at a target you can see within range. On a hit, deal heat damage equal to 40 times the number of open doors and apply the *burning* condition. Each door can only attack once per turn.

### Five Door Fire Pagoda Gu

*Rank 5 Attack*

Previous Rank: Four Door Fire Tower Gu

Cost: 20 portions

Range: 50 meters

Health: 15

Food: 100 g imperial phoenix feathers (15,000 primeval stones)

Keywords: [Sustained], [Undodgeable]

Effect: While sustained, a magnificent pagoda with 5 closed doors manifests around you. If at least one door is unopened, target a creature you can see within range at the start of each of your turns. A door opens, and that creature is engulfed in flame, taking heat damage equal to 200 times the number



of open doors and gaining the *ablaze* condition. While all 5 doors are open, multiply heat damage you deal from any source by 5.

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### Flame Binding Gu

*Rank 2 Attack*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: 3 meters

Health: 10

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: You attack with a whip of fire. Make an attack roll; on a hit, deal 16 heat damage and the target gains the *burning* and *restrained* conditions. As a bonus action on their turn, the affected creature can make an **Athletics** skill test with a -10 bonus. On a success, they lose both conditions applied by Flame Binding Gu.

### Flame Tongue Gu

*Rank 3 Attack*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: 5 meters

Health: 15

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: You lash out with a tongue of flame. Make an attack roll; on a hit, deal 30 heat damage and the target gains the *burning* condition.

### Flame Veil Gu

*Rank 1 Guard*

Cost: 1 portion

Range: Self

Health: 10

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: A thin veil of flame surrounds you. While sustained, reduce all heat damage dealt to your hit points by 10, to a minimum of 0.

### Immolate Gu

*Rank 2 Attack*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: A creature you touch gains the *ablaze* condition.

### Kerosene Gu

*Rank 1 Manifestation*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: 5m

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: You lob a ball of kerosene to a square within range. Creatures within 1 meter of the square become splattered in oil until it gets washed off. If a creature covered in oil takes heat damage or gains the *burning* condition, it gains the *ablaze* condition.

### Lightning Charged Potato Gu

*Rank 2 Attack*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Unreactable]

Effect: Lightning Charged Potato Gu must be buried in any kind of soil before activation. It sprouts roots into the nearby earth and becomes firmly lodged in place. After 1 minute of growth, Lightning Charged Potato Gu is armed. If any creature, including you, steps on a square within 1 meter of Lightning Charged Potato Gu, Lightning Charged Potato Gu explodes, instantly dying and dealing 10 force damage, 10 heat damage, and 10 shock damage to creatures within 2 meters of Lightning Charged Potato Gu, increased to 20 force damage, 20 heat damage and 20 shock damage to creatures within 1 meter.

### Lightning Charged Potato Mother Gu

*Rank 3 Manifestation*

Cost: 60X

Range: Self

Health: 25

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Lightning Charged Potato Mother Gu sprouts, creating X Rank 2 Lightning Charged Potato Gu.

## Scorch Palm Gu

*Rank 2 Attack*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Self

Health: 12

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Your palm ignites with intense heat. Make a punching attack against a creature within your melee range; your attack deals an additional 15 heat damage.

## Smoldering Cloak Gu

*Rank 1 Guard*

Cost: 6 portions

Range: Self

Health: 50

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Defensive**], [**Sustained**], [**Shield**]

Effect: While sustained, a cloak of smoldering embers surrounds you. Any creature that hits you with a melee attack takes 8 heat damage and gains the *burning* condition. You gain immunity to the *burning* and *ablaze* conditions as long as they originate from a Gu of rank 1, and any heat damage dealt to Smoldering Cloak Gu is reduced by 10, to a minimum of 0. Smoldering Cloak Gu cannot block sonic damage.

## Sprinting Drake Gu

*Rank 2-3 Attack*

Cost: 20 portions

Range: Self

Health: {25, 80}

Food: 1 kg ever-burning coals (30 primeval stones)

Keywords: [**Steed**], [**Medium**]

Effect: Sprinting Drake Gu has a speed of 4 meters. While riding it, you can move through hostile creatures' space (but cannot end your turn in their space). If you do, they take 10 heat damage and gain the *burning* condition. When you activate Sprinting Drake Gu while riding it, it immediately sprints up to {5, 20} meters in a straight line; moving through a creature's space with this movement deals 20 heat damage instead of 10 and applies *ablaze* instead of *burning*.

## Temper Soul Gu

*Rank 3 Carver*

Cost: 25 portions

Range: Self

Health: 7

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Dao**], [**Expendable**]

Effect: Your maximum soul is permanently increased by 8.

[Upgrade Path: Vengeful Sun Gu]

## Flaming Fist Gu

*Rank 1 Catalyst*

Next Rank: Coiled Flame Snake Gu

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Self

Health: 5

Food: 1 liter of boiling blood

Keywords: [**Sustained**]

Effect: While sustained, your punching attacks deal an additional 4 heat damage.

## Coiled Flame Snake Gu

*Rank 2 Attack*

Previous Rank: Flaming Fist Gu

Next Rank: Springing Dragon Gu

Cost: 8 portions

Range: 1 meter

Health: 4

Food: 100 g flame snake venom (10 primeval stones)

Effect: Coiled Flame Snake Gu can only be activated as a reaction to being hit by an attack made by a creature in an adjacent square. You immediately counterattack with a springing jump and chop. Make a **Close Combat** skill test with a -20 bonus against the creature that attacked you. On a hit, deal 15 force damage and 15 heat damage, and an additional 1 force damage for every 10 points you have in Strength.

## Springing Dragon Gu

*A maroon larvae with the beginnings of wings growing under its back.*

*Rank 3 Attack*

Previous Rank: Coiled Flame Snake Gu

Next Rank: Vengeful Sun Gu

Cost: 20 portions

Range: 3 meters

Health: 3

Food: 1 kg flame drake scales (40 primeval stones)

Effect: Springing Dragon Gu can only be activated as a reaction to being hit by an attack made by a creature within range. You jump to an unoccupied square adjacent to them and deliver a flaming kick. Make a **Close Combat** skill test with a -40 bonus against the creature that attacked you. On a hit, deal 30 force damage and 45 heat damage, and an additional 1 force damage for every 5 points you have in Strength. The target gains the *burning* condition, and

if the target is [Large] or smaller, it is knocked backwards a number of meters equal to 1% of your Strength attribute (rounded down, minimum 1), landing *prone*.

## Vengeful Sun Gu

*A golden cicada that radiates bright light in a 30 meter radius.*

*Rank 4 Attack*

Previous Rank: Springing Dragon Gu

Cost: 40 portions

Range: 5 meters

Health: 3

Food: 1 flame drake heart (1,500 primeval stones)

Keywords: [**Unreactable**]

Effect: Vengeful Sun Gu can only be activated as a reaction to being hit by an attack made by a creature within range. A pillar of plasma envelopes them for a split second. They take 200 heat damage and gain the *ablaze* condition.

[**END**]

## Food Path

*An uncommon path to cultivate, Food Path's greatest strength for mortals is to reduce the financial burden of feeding Gu. That being said, it excels at feeding Gu, humans, and beasts alike, and Food Path Gu Masters are highly sought after by organizations.*

### **Appetizer Gu**

*Rank 2 Catalyst*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 2

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Ingredient**]

Effect: A meal you prepare gains an appetizer. Affected creatures may expend a reaction when they roll for initiative to activate a single Gu.

### **Bed of Rice Gu**

*Rank 1-3 Catalyst*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 3

Food: 1 kg of rice (1/4 primeval stone)

Keywords: [**Ingredient**]

Effect: A meal you prepare becomes more filling, allowing it to feed {1, 3, 8} additional creatures.

### **Caramelized Roots Gu**

*Rank 1 Catalyst*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 6

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Ingredient**]

Effect: A meal you prepare is infused with the flavor of caramelized onion and ginger. Affected creatures gain advantage on skill tests made to resist being moved from their square.

### **Eating Wind Gu**

*Rank 2 Guard*

Cost: 30 portions

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Defensive**]

Effect: Eating Wind Gu has no effect unless there are heavy winds around you. If the wind was natural or created by a Gu of rank 2 or lower, the wind is consumed, possibly negating the effect. Eating wind in this manner completely satisfies your appetite.

### **Eat Strength Gu**

*Rank 4 Carver*

Cost: 50 portions

Range: Self

Health: 2

Food: Consume a creature with at least 50 Strength using Eat Strength Gu

Keywords: [**Dao**]

Effect: For the next hour, anything you eat is consumed by Eat Strength Gu. If Eat Strength Gu consumes all the flesh of a creature, your Strength attribute is increased by 5% of the consumed creature's Strength attribute (rounded down, to a minimum of 0).

### **Fillet Gu**

*Rank 2 Attack*

Cost: 12 portions

Range: 1 meter

Health: 4

Food: 1 kg of fish bones (1/4 primeval stone)

Effect: A spectral fillet knife appears in your hand as you attempt to prepare cuts of meat from a creature, slicing flesh directly off the bone. Make a called shot attack roll against a creature within range. If you hit, the target takes 20 rending damage. If this damage is dealt to their hit points, you apply an effect depending on where they were hit:

Head: You pluck the target's eyes from their skull. They gain the *blinded* condition until their eyes are restored.

Torso: You slice open the target's belly, allowing their blood to drain. The target gains *bleeding 10*.

Arm: You fillet the target's flesh from their arm. The target must succeed a **Perseverance** attribute test or else fall unconscious. The target gains *bleeding 3* and the arm is unusable.

Hand: You remove the extremity. The target loses the hand and gains *bleeding 5*.

Leg: You fillet the target's flesh from their leg. The target must succeed a **Perseverance** attribute test or else fall unconscious. The target's movement is reduced by 4 meters and they gain *bleeding 3*.

Foot: You remove the extremity. The target's movement is reduced by 4 meters and they gain *bleeding 5*.

### Heavenly Flavor Gu

*Rank 3 Catalyst*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Ingredient**]

Effect: A meal that you prepare is imbued with heavenly flavor, improving the moods of everyone that consumes it. Affected creatures have their Attitude attribute increased by 10.

### Liquor Worm Gu

*Rank 1-4 Catalyst*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: 1 kg wine (1/4 primeval stone)

Effect: Liquor Worm Gu has no effect unless you have rank {1, 2, 3, 4} initial stage, middle stage, or upper stage cultivation. You immediately gain one refined portion of primeval essence of the stage above your own. Keep track of your current refined portions separately from your other portions of primeval essence. The sum of your natural and refined primeval essence can never exceed your maximum primeval essence.

Expending 1 portion of refined primeval essence is equivalent to expending 2 portions of unrefined primeval essence.

If your cultivation increases while you have refined primeval essence, it becomes unrefined primeval essence or disappears if it would exceed your maximum primeval essence.

### Rabbit Feet Gu

*A green stalk, from which grows 3 rabbit feet.*

*Rank 2 Catalyst*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 2

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Expendable 3**], [**Ingredient**]

Effect: You break a rabbit's foot off of Rabbit Feet Gu and add it to a meal that you prepare. Affected creatures gain 1 maximum and current luck point.

### Snack Gu

*Rank 1-5 Manifestation*

Cost: {2, 5, 20, 50, 150} portions

Range: Self

Health: 5

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Snack Gu secretes a small glob of paste that any Gu of rank {1, 2, 3, 4, 5} or lower can eat. Each glob replaces 5% of the feeding cost of the Gu, up to a maximum of 50% each feeding. If the Gu being fed is of a lower rank than Snack Gu, only one glob is required to replace 50% of the feeding cost.

### Spicy Sea Pickle Gu

*Rank 3 Catalyst*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Ingredient**]

Effect: A meal you prepare is made spicy and salty. Affected creatures gain the *Fundamental Fire Path Attainment* and *Fundamental Water Path Attainment* talents.

## Human Path

*Very rare and mysterious. The Legends of Ren Zu, a common myth, is a Human Path inheritance of deep profundity.*

### Hope Gu

*Hope Gu naturally occur all over the Gu World, gathering by the hundreds in special areas sacred to all Gu Masters.*

*Rank 1 Carver*

Cost: None

Range: Self

Health: 1

Food: Natural primeval essence (does not need fed)

Keywords: [Expendable]

Effect: Hope Gu cannot be activated or refined. Hope Gu attaches to the body of the first human or variant-human it comes across without an aperture. After 1 hour of the first Hope Gu attaching, the creature's aperture awakens with 1% aptitude for every Hope Gu attached to it. The maximum number of Hope Gu that can be attached to a creature is different for every creature and determined by the Gamemaster, with a maximum of 100. If a creature awakens their aperture with 19 or fewer Hope Gu attached to them, the awakening fails, and the creature cannot ever again awaken their aperture using Hope Gu. If a creature awakens their aperture with 100 Hope Gu attached to them, they gain one of the Ten Extreme Physiques (see Ch. 1, Introduction; Character Creation).

### Lifespan Gu

*Lifespan Gu are extremely rare, produced by Heaven's Will according to the current deficits and surpluses in the world. Lifespan Gu are impossible to refine, and even a rank 1 Lifespan Gu is worth great fights between mortals and immortals alike.*

*Rank 1-5 Catalyst*

Cost: 3 portions

Range: Self

Health: 1

Food: Naturally occurring Heaven Qi (does not need fed)

Keywords: [Expendable]

Effect: Your lifespan is increased by {50, 100, 300, 500, 1000} years.

### Man Triumphant Heaven Gu

*Rank 5 Catalyst*

Cost: 50 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 2

Food: Naturally occurring Human Qi (does not need fed)

Keywords: [Expendable]

Effect: A human or variant-human that you touch immediately awakens their aperture. The Gamemaster picks an aptitude for the newly awakened aperture. Man Triumphant Heaven Gu has no effect if the target already has an aperture.

### Primeval Elder Gu

*Primeval Elder Gu appears to be an old man sitting on a cloud meditating. When it contains few primeval stones, it has a frown that slowly grows into a smile as stones are added.*

*Rank 3-4 Container*

Cost: None

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: {1, 10} kg of cloud soil ({40, 400} Primeval Stones)

Effect: You take or stow any number of primeval stones into or out of Primeval Elder Gu. Primeval Elder Gu can hold up to {100,000, 1,000,000} primeval stones.

### Relic Gu

*A star shaped polyhedron that glints in the light. The color of Relic Gu corresponds to the color of primeval essence of the same rank: Green copper, red steel, white silver, yellow gold, and purple crystal. Relic Gu are extremely valuable, allowing for rapid advancement in cultivation. Relic Gu cannot be refined, and are instead produced by Heaven's Will. While similar to lifespan Gu in that way, Relic Gu are significantly more abundant.*

*Rank 1-5 Catalyst*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Self

Health: 5

Food: (Rank) portions of primeval essence

Keywords: [Expendable]

Effect: If your rank is the same as the rank of Relic Gu, and you are currently at initial, middle, or upper stage, your aperture walls immediately shatter as your cultivation rises by one small realm. If not, there is no effect.

## **Trials and Tribulations Gu**

*Rank 4 Catalyst*

Cost: 100 portions

Range: Self

Health: 2

Food: 5 portions of rank 5 primeval essence.

Keywords: [**Expendable**]

Effect: Your current **Predicament Tokens** are reset to 0.

## Ice Path

*Chilling and freezing enemies is of course included, but the true use of Ice Path is to control and move heat. Most methods deal cold damage and apply fatigued, but a few Gu deal heat damage and can even set people on fire. Blend of offense and defense.*

### Heat Sap Gu

*Rank 3 Attack*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: 10 meters

Health: 8

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Sustained**]

Effect: While sustained, you sap the heat of nearby creatures; if a creature starts its turn within range, it takes 20 cold damage. If this damage was dealt to their hit points, they gain the *fatigued* condition.

### Heat Transference Gu

*Rank 2 Attack*

Cost: 12 portions

Range: 3 meters

Health: 6

Food: 100 g of smoldering stone (1 primeval stone)

Effect: You transfer the heat from your own body into a target within range. You take 4 cold damage directly to your hit points.

Creature: They take 15 heat damage directly to their hit points.

Flammable object: It bursts into flames, inflicting the *burning* condition on a creature holding or wearing it.

Metal object: It glows red hot for 1 minute. A creature holding the object must succeed a **Perseverance** attribute test or else drop the object. If the object is worn or carried by a creature, that creature takes 10 heat damage at the start of each of their turns. The object cools down after 1 minute.

### Hibernation Gu

*Hibernation Gu is a 1 foot tall bear. If it is sleeping, that means someone is under its effects.*

*Rank 3 Tonic*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 16

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Small**]

Effect: You touch a willing creature and their body chills to subzero temperatures. They fall *unconscious* and Hibernation Gu curls up and goes to sleep. After 24 hours, the creature in hibernation fully restores its hit points, and all of the target's ailments caused by Gu of rank 3 or lower are cleansed. You may reactivate Hibernation Gu at any time to awaken the target. If you are the target, the only action you may take while unconscious is to activate Hibernation Gu and wake yourself up. A target under the effects of Hibernation Gu remains loosely aware of their surroundings. If Hibernation Gu dies, the target awakens immediately.

### Ice Muscles Gu

*Rank 2 Carver*

Cost: 50 portions

Range: Self

Health: 9

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Dao**], [**Expendable**]

Effect: You are assailed with a piercing pain for 1 hour while your muscles are transfigured into ice muscles. For the duration, you can take no actions except to speak. When the ritual completes, you are permanently immune to the *fatigued* condition if it is being applied to you by an Ice Path Gu or as a result of taking cold damage. Additionally, your Strength attribute is permanently increased by 10, and any rending or force damage dealt to your hit points is reduced by 5.

[**Upgrade Tree: Icicle Gu**] *The signature attack of Ice Path. Rank 1 Icicle Gu launches a sharp chunk of ice at an enemy that deals damage and saps heat from the target. It can be upgraded to the devastating single-target Spiral Ice Lance Gu or to the crowd-slaughtering Spiral Icicle Storm Gu*

### Icicle Gu

*Rank 1 Attack*

Next Rank: Spiral Icicle Gu

Cost: 15 portions

Range: 5 meters



Health: 8

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: You launch a sharp icicle at a target you can see within range. Make an attack roll; on a hit, deal 5 force damage and 5 cold damage. If the cold damage is dealt to the target's hit points, they gain the *fatigued* condition.

### Spiral Icicle Gu

*Rank 2 Attack*

Previous Rank: Icicle Gu

Next Rank: Spiral Icicle Spear Gu, Spiral Icicle Swarm Gu

Cost: 10 portions

Range: 10 meters

Health: 8

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: You launch a spinning icicle at a target you can see within range. Make an attack roll; on a hit, deal 10 force damage and 10 cold damage. If the cold damage is dealt to the target's hit points, they gain the *fatigued* condition.

### Spiral Ice Spear Gu

*Rank 3 Attack*

Previous Rank: Spiral Icicle Gu

Next Rank: Spiral Ice Lance Gu

Cost: 15 portions

Range: 25 meters

Health: 10

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: You launch a spear made of ice at a target you can see within range. Make an attack roll; on a hit, deal 30 force damage and 20 cold damage. If the cold damage is dealt to the target's hit points, they gain the *fatigued* condition. As long as the target is smaller than [Large], they are pushed backward 3 meters. If they collide with a wall, they are pinned to it and *restrained*. The spear can be removed by a creature as a combat action with a successful **Athletics** skill test.

### Spiral Ice Lance Gu

*Rank 4 Attack*

Previous Rank: Spiral Ice Spear Gu

Cost: 10 portions

Range: 50 meters

Health: 10

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: You launch a large lance of ice at a target you can see within range. Make an attack roll; on a hit, deal 100 force damage and 50 cold damage. If the cold damage is dealt to the target's hit points, they gain the *fatigued* condition. The target is pushed backward 8 meters. If they collide with a wall, they are pinned to it and *restrained*. The lance can be removed by a creature as a combat action with a successful **Athletics** skill test.

### Spiral Icicle Swarm Gu

*Rank 3 Attack*

Previous Rank: Spiral Icicle Gu

Next Rank: Spiral Icicle Storm Gu

Cost: 10 portions

Range: 10 meters

Health: 8

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: You launch 5 spinning icicles, each at a target of your choice that you can see within range. Make an attack roll for each; on a hit, deal 10 force damage and 10 cold damage. If the cold damage is dealt to the target's hit points, they gain the *fatigued* condition.

### Spiral Icicle Storm Gu

*Rank 4 Attack*

Previous Rank: Spiral Icicle Swarm Gu

Cost: 10 portions

Range: 15 meters

Health: 8

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: Pick a square you can see within range. While sustained, a storm of razor sharp icicles and cutting winds is manifested around it. Any creature that starts its turn within 5 meters of the chosen square takes 40 rending damage, 40 force damage, and 40 cold damage. If the cold damage is dealt to a creature's hit points, they gain the *fatigued* condition.

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## Information Path

*Used to create binding agreements between parties as well as to store and display information, whether that be writing or even videos and memories. Very few offensive or defensive methods and typically regarded as a logistical path.*

### Appraisal Gu

*Rank 3 Divination*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: You immediately know the approximate cost in primeval stones of a creature, object, or Gu that you touch.

### Assessment Gu

*A hairless grey jumping spider.*

*Rank 1-5 Catalyst*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: {2, 5, 10, 25, 50} Meters

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: You open your aperture, allowing Assessment Gu to see the target. Roll a d100 with a {+20, 0, -20, -40, -60} modifier; you immediately gain knowledge on the target based on the result:

- **100-81:** You know what it looks like.
- **80-61:** You know how many hit points the target has remaining.
- **60-41:** You know the target's maximum and current portions of primeval essence.
- **40-10:** You know how many Gu the target has in their aperture and what ranks they are.
- **9-1:** You know the target's immunities, invulnerabilities, resistances, vulnerabilities, damage reductions, and those of any [Shield] Gu they currently have activated. All damage dealt by you to the target or a [Shield] Gu that they activated ignores 5 damage reduction of each damage type.

You gain all the information from higher results as well.

### Inscription Blade Gu

*Rank 1 Manifestation*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 11

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Carves a message or image into a surface, up to a square meter in area. Can be used on living beings to inflict great pain and scar the image into tissue. The image can be of anything you've seen or imagined, but will have less detail if you do not remember the scene perfectly.

### Known Variable Gu

*A wispy grey house spider.*

*Rank 2-3 Attack*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: While sustained, whenever a creature makes an attack roll, you may use a reaction to give them an **Analysis Token**. Skill tests made against creatures gain a {-5, -10} bonus for each **Analysis Token** they have. Creatures lose 1 **Analysis Token** at the end of each day.

### Paper Crane Gu

*Rank 1 Manifestation*

Cost: 12 portions

Range: 10 kilometers

Health: 5

Food: 1 kg of wood pulp (1/4 primeval stone)

Effect: Summon a paper crane. Speak a message of up to 50 words. The paper crane records the spoken words before flying up to 10 kilometers in a direction of your choice.

### Photo-audio Gu

*Rank 2 Manifestation*

Cost: 2 portions

Range: 5 meters

Health: 9

Food: Light and sound

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: While sustained, Photo-audio Gu records the surroundings within range. When you stop sustaining Photo-audio Gu, the recorded scene is stored within Photo-audio Gu permanently. While sustaining a Photo-audio Gu with a stored recording, the recording is projected onto the wall in front of you.

The camera angle of the stored scene is always angled from above and behind the user.

### **Poison Vow Gu**

*Rank 2 Carver*

Cost: 20 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Expendable**]

Effect: Poison Vow Gu begins to glow with a bright green light. You and another creature that you are touching must both recite conditions of a contract in sequence. If at any point during this process you or the target becomes unwilling to make the vow, the effect ends immediately and Poison Vow Gu is lost. If both parties recite their vows, Poison Vow Gu splits in two and attaches to both of your hearts.

If you or the target break the vow through action or inaction, the vow breaker immediately takes 200 poison damage directly to their hit points. The remaining half of Poison Vow Gu disintegrates.

## Light Path

*Speed is the theme of light path, with many Gu providing excellent movement or being unreactable. Light path also has superior cleansing methods, but its attacks are not very powerful and its defensive methods are few and far between.*

### Bright Pearl Gu

*Rank 1-3 Container*

Cost: 8 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 8

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Bright Pearl Gu flies around a Gu of rank {1, 2, 3} or lower that you touch, sealing it. While sealed by Bright Pearl Gu, the Gu's feeding threshold does not tick down. If the seal is attacked, the Gu inside is destroyed. Any Gu Master can infuse 1 portion of primeval essence into the seal to deactivate it. The Bright Pearl Gu remains under the original Gu Master's ownership.

### Flash Blink Gu

*Rank 1 attack*

Cost: 2 portions

Range: Self

Health: 14

Food: Natural light

Keywords: [**Expendable**], [**Unreactable**]

Effect: You explode with a blinding flash of light. All creatures that can see you immediately become *blinded* until the end of their next turn. Any darkness created by a Gu of rank 2 or lower is dispelled, and the source Gu takes 1d4 damage as backlash and cannot be activated again until fed.

### Flash Inspiration Gu

*Rank 3 Divination*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: Self

Health: 10

Food: A handful of fine shattered glass (4 primeval stones)

Keywords: [**Deductive**], [**Expendable**]

Effect: You instantaneously perform a **Deduction** action with a -50 bonus. You may also activate this Gu without using an activation to immediately make a reaction without expending one of your reactions.

### Footprint Gu

*Rank 1 Divination*

Cost: 4 portions

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Sustained**]

Effect: While sustained, you can see footprints where any creature has stepped in the last hour. Different creature's footsteps appear as different colors.

### Light Source Gu

*Rank 3 Catalyst*

Cost: 1 portion

Range: Self

Health: 5

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Supplementary**]

Effect: The cost of your next Gu activation is halved (rounding down to a minimum of 1 portion) if the Gu belongs to Light Path.

### Moonlight Gu *Rank 1 Attack*

Cost: 6 portions

Range: 10 meters

Health: 2

Food: 3 moon orchid petals (3 primeval stones)

Effect: You hurl a flat, crescent-shaped beam of light. Make an attack roll with a -10 bonus. On a hit, deal 6 rending damage.

### Moonshadow Gu

*Rank 4 Attack*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: 3 meters

Health: 9

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Make an attack roll against a Gu Master within range. On a hit, their primeval sea is tainted and has only a quarter effectiveness, costing them 4 times as many portions to activate Gu as normal. To remove this effect, the defending Gu Master must empty their primeval sea completely.

### One-stretch Golden Light Gu

*Rank 1 Guard*

Cost: 2 portions

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: While sustained, a 1 meter radius sphere of light surrounds you and blocks attacks, creatures, and objects from entering (but not exiting). When an attack from outside the sphere hits a creature inside the sphere, the sphere takes the damage instead, though the defender can still dodge the attack. For every point of damage the sphere takes, you lose 1 portion of primeval essence. If the sphere takes more than 20 damage from a single attack, it breaks, the remainder of the damage is dealt to the defender, and One-stretch Golden Light Gu takes 2d6 damage as backlash. The sphere does not block sonic damage.

### Rainbow Light Gu

*Rank 3 Celerity*

Cost: 30 portions

Range: 50 meters

Health: 4

Food: Light from all colors of the rainbow, or light from White Heaven

Keywords: [Dao]

Effect: Pick a square that you can see within range. You turn into a beam of light and nearly instantaneously move to the target square. You ignore effects that trigger when you move through their area of effect, but can still be stopped by barriers. The speed of travel is so fast that it disorients you and expends all of your reactions.

### Shimmer Gu

*Rank 2 Concealment*

Cost: 3 portions

Range: Self

Health: 7

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: Light bends around your body, making you invisible while sustained.

### Sunlight Pool Gu

*Rank 3 Tonic*

Cost: 120 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: You touch a body of water at least 6 inches deep. In a 100 meter radius centered on you the water glows, casting bright light within 100 meters of it. For the next hour, any creature that enters the water has all negative effects and conditions applied by Gu of rank 3 or lower removed from them, excluding Gu with the [Dao] keyword.

### Sunspot Gu

*Rank 3 Attack*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: 8 meters

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: Sunspot Gu must be activated outdoors. While sustained, a sunbeam envelopes a 2 meter square within range. If a creature starts its turn within the area, it takes 40 heat damage. You may move the sunbeam up to 5 meters to another area within range as a bonus action or activation.

### Two-stretch Golden Light Gu

*Rank 2 Guard*

Cost: 2 portions

Range: Self

Health: 12

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: While sustained, a 3 meter radius sphere of light surrounds you and blocks attacks, creatures, and objects from entering (but not exiting). When an attack from outside the sphere hits a creature inside the sphere, the sphere takes the damage instead, though the defender can still dodge the attack. For every 2 points of damage the sphere takes, you lose

1 portion of primeval essence. If the sphere takes more than 50 damage from a single attack, it breaks, the remainder of the damage is dealt to the defender, and Two-stretch Golden Light Gu takes 2d6 damage as backlash. The sphere does not block sonic damage.

## Lightning Path

*An offensive path with focus on high speed attacks.*

### Chain Lightning Gu

*Rank 3 Attack*

Previous Rank: Self Strike Gu

Cost: 25 portions

Range: 10 meters

Health: 10

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Undodgeable]

Effect: A bolt of lightning streaks from your outstretched hand towards a creature within range. Make an attack roll; on a hit, deal 80 shock damage. The lightning then chains to the closest creature within 3 meters for 40 shock damage. It chains again to the closest creature within 3 meters of the second target (this can be the first target again), dealing 20 shock damage.

### Jolt Gu

*Rank 1 Attack*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: 10 meters

Health: 2

Food: 100 g of combustion leaves (1 primeval stone)

Keywords: [Unreactable]

Effect: You shoot a thin beam of electricity at a creature within range. Make an attack roll; On a hit, deal 8 shock damage.

### Lightning Eye Gu

*Rank 3 Divination*

Cost: 1 portion

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Dao], [Sustained]

Effect: To activate Lightning Eye Gu, the user must remove their eye and place Lightning Eye Gu in the socket. Upon activation, Lightning Eye Gu replaces the lost eye permanently, and you can see out of it with perfect vision whether or not it is activated.

While you sustain Lightning Eye Gu, your lightning eye can see through obscuring effects such as smoke and illusions produced by Gu of the same or lower rank, and can see any object within 150 meters in fine detail. You gain immunity to the *blinded* condition, and you can react to [Unreactable] Gu so long as the Gu Master is within your line of sight.

### Lightning Rod Gu

*Rank 2 Guard*

Cost: 3 portions

Range: 2 meters

Health: 2

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: While sustained, if a creature within range is dealt shock damage, the shock damage is redirected to you. You gain invulnerability to shock damage. You may activate Lightning Rod Gu as a reaction to a creature within range taking shock damage.

### Self Strike Gu

*Rank 2 Attack*

Next Rank: Chain Lightning Gu

Cost: 20 portions

Range: 6 meters

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Unreactable]

Effect: Choose a creature you can see within range. That creature takes 20 shock damage, and a streak of lightning shoots from them to the nearest creature within 2 meters of the target, dealing 10 shock damage. This process repeats from the second and each subsequent target, dealing 5 shock damage, then 2, and finally 1 before the attack ends (for a total of 5 unique targets). If the attack is not able to chain to a target that has not yet been struck by this activation of Self Strike Gu, it instead chains to you, regardless of distance.

### Static Step Gu

*Rank 2 Celerity*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: 6 meters

Health: 4

Food: 50g of magnetite sand (2 primeval stones)

Keywords: [**Unreactable**]

Effect: You move instantly to an unoccupied space within range, leaving a crackle of static in your wake. If a creature makes a melee attack against you, you may activate Static Step Gu as a reaction to teleport; the attack automatically misses, and the attacker takes 10 shock damage.

### **Thunderdome Gu**

*Rank 4 Manifestation*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: 20 meters

Health: 18

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Sustained**]

Effect: A sphere of electricity is formed in a 10 meter radius centered on you. Creatures inside remain trapped while you sustain Thunderdome Gu. Creatures trapped inside can still act as normal, but the effects of Gu of equal or lesser rank cannot permeate outside the barrier. A creature that touches the sides takes 250 shock damage and can leave the sphere.



## Luck Path

*Luck path was created by Giant Sun Immortal Venerable, and exploits a profound “Luck”, a formless component of Human Qi that defies the influence of Fate Gu. The existence of luck path is not common knowledge, with what few practitioners exist cultivating in the Northern Plains.*

### Amplify Luck Gu

*Rank 2 Catalyst*

Cost: 20 portions

Range: 3 meters

Health: 2

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Can only be activated as a reaction to you or another creature within range expending a luck point on a skill test. If the luck point was used to force a reroll, the target gains advantage on the reroll. If the luck point was used to give a -50 bonus on the skill test, it is instead made with a -80 bonus.

### Dumb Luck Gu

*A brown cricket with golden wings.*

*Rank 2 Catalyst*

Cost: 25 portions

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: 1 object used for gambling (die, lotto ticket, etc.)

Effect: Can only be activated as a reaction to rolling a fumble. You may spend 1 luck point to have the roll succeed with 1 degree of success.

### Extend Luck Gu

*Rank 2 Catalyst*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Self

Health: 2

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Can only be activated as a reaction to succeeding a skill test after expending a Luck Point to reroll it. You may reroll your next failed skill test before the end of your next turn.

### Luck Cauldron Gu

*Rank 2 Carver*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Dao], [Expendable]

Effect: Your luck point maximum is increased by 1.

### Manifest Luck Gu

*Rank 3 Manifestation*

Cost: 8 portions

Range: 7 meters

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: While sustained, a tarnished bell appears in an unoccupied square within range, with 0 [Karma]. Whenever you or an ally within range succeed a skill test, the bell gains 1 [Karma], to a maximum of 3. Whenever you or an ally within range fail a skill test, the bell loses 1 [Karma], to a minimum of -3. At the start of each of your turns (even if you decide to stop sustaining Manifest Luck Gu), you may target a creature within range and reset the bell's [Karma] to 0. The creature gains a modifier to the next skill test they make equal to the bell's [Karma] times 10. The bell has 25 hit points and reduces all damage dealt to it by 30, but it cannot be moved from its square by force.

## Metal Path

*Similar to Earth Path, but with much more focus on defensive and especially offensive methods.*

### Aperture Lock Gu

*Three golden locks linked together, with their shackles open until the Gu is used. The first locks the aperture walls, preventing cultivation progression. The second locks their Human Qi, preventing the recovery of primeval essence. The last locks the aperture, disabling their use of Gu.*

*Rank 3 Carver*

Cost: 75 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 14

Food: 150 portions of primeval essence. Once attached, feeds off the target's primeval essence.

Effect: You touch a Gu Master with the *restrained* condition, and Aperture Lock Gu hovers above the target's chest. At the end of each of your turns, a lock snaps shut. If the target loses the *restrained* condition at any point, Aperture Lock Gu deactivates and takes 7 damage as backlash.

When the third lock closes, Aperture Lock Gu burrows into the target's aperture, and the target gains the following features while Aperture Lock Gu remains attached.

- Their aperture walls become indestructible.
- Their primeval essence recovery is reduced to 0.
- They cannot activate or refine Gu.

### Bleeding Bismuth Gu

*Rank 2 Attack*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 10

Food: 100 g of bismuth (3 primeval stones)

Effect: Make an attack roll against a creature within range. On a hit, cubes of bismuth pierce their flesh and skin from inside their body, dealing 8 force damage directly to their hit points. If this damage is dealt to their hit points, they gain *bleeding 4*.

### Beast Maddening Bullet Gu

*Rank 2 Attack*

Cost: 3 portions

Range: 15 meters

Health: 3

Food: 100 g of will grass ashes (5 primeval stones)

Keywords: [Unreactable]

You fire a tiny shard of metal infused with your will at a beast within range. Make an attack roll with advantage; on a hit, it embeds itself deep into their muscle layer and maintains a semi-permanent link with the user.

If the target was unaware of your attack, they must succeed an **Awareness** skill test with a +10 penalty or else remain unaware of the beast maddening bullet under their skin. The beast maddening bullet can be physically extracted, at which point it loses its effect. If the beast dies, the effect ends.

While a creature is implanted by the beast maddening bullet, activating Beast Maddening Bullet Gu has the following effect:

The implanted beast immediately uses a reaction to make a melee attack against another creature of your choice within range.

### Beast Tag Bullet Gu

*Rank 2 Attack*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: 20 meters

Health: 4

Food: 100 g of feather soil (2 primeval stones)

Keywords: [Unreactable]

You fire a tiny shard of metal at a target within range. Make an attack roll with advantage; on a hit, it embeds itself deep into their muscle layer and maintains a link with any beasts enslaved by you.

If the target was unaware of your attack, they must succeed an **Awareness** skill test with a +10 penalty or else remain unaware of the beast tag bullet under their skin. Any beasts enslaved by you can sense the targets exact location as long as they are on the same continent. The beast tag bullet can be physically extracted, at which point it loses its effect. If the target dies, the effect ends.

While a creature is implanted by the beast tag bullet, activating Beast Tag Bullet Gu has the following effect:

Any beasts enslaved by you that can see the target use a reaction to immediately move up to half of their movement towards the target before making a melee attack against the target if they are within range.

## Bullet Gu

### Rank 1 Attack

Cost: 10 portions

Range: 25 meters

Health: 9

Food: 100 g of smoldering stone (1 primeval stone)

Keywords: [Unreactable]

Effect: You fire a small orb at incredibly high speed at a target within range. Make an attack roll with advantage. On a hit, deal 4 force damage. If this damage is dealt to the target's hit points, they gain *bleeding 1*.

## Copper Tendons Gu

### Rank 1 Carver

Cost: 20 portions

Range: Self

Health: 10

Food: 100 g copper ore (1/2 primeval stone)

Keywords: [Dao], [Expendable]

Effect: Your tendons permanently harden into copper. Reduce all rending and force damage dealt to your hit points by 2.

## Chainsaw Golden Centipede Gu

### Rank 3 Attack

Cost: 12 portions

Range: Self

Health: 24

Food: A handful of sharpened iron shards (1/4 primeval stone)

Keywords: [Sustained], [Large]

Effect: Your arm goes down the Chainsaw Golden Centipede Gu's throat, turning your arm into a long spinning blade. While sustained, you may use Chainsaw Golden Centipede Gu to make melee attacks with a range of 3 meters, dealing 100 rending damage on a hit. If Chainsaw Golden Centipede Gu has 12 or fewer hit points, it instead deals 40 rending damage on a hit.

## Golden Aurora Gu

### Rank 3 Manifestation

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Self

Health: 14

Food: 10 g of golden phoenix feather (20 primeval stones)

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: While sustained, you are surrounded by a shimmering golden aurora. You gain a flying speed of 6 meters and can execute 2 Maneuvers each turn.

## Golden Bell Gu

### Rank 1 Guard

Cost: 30 portions

Range: 2 meters

Health: 9

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Defensive]

Effect: A bell rings, and all creatures within range are surrounded in golden light until the start of your next turn. All non-sonic damage dealt to affected creatures is reduced by 4.

## Golden Breeze Gu

### Rank 4 Tonic

Cost: 30 portions

Range: 20 meters

Health: 12

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: While sustained, a calming breeze flows around you. All creatures within range regain 20 hit points at the end of each of your turns.

## Golden Needle Gu

### Rank 2 Attack

Cost: 25 portions

Range: 15 meters

Health: 9

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Piercing]

Effect: A cloud of golden needles shoots from your sleeve in a line 15 meters long and 3 meters wide. Creatures in the area take 10 force damage. If this damage is dealt to their hit points, they gain *bleeding 1*.

## Grounded Beetle Gu

*Rank 1-3 Guard*

Cost: 4 portions

Range: {Self, 1 meter, 3 meters}

Health: 12

Food: 1 kilogram of dirt

Keywords: [**Defensive**], [**Sustained**]

Effect: While sustained and standing on solid ground, creatures and Gu within range gain invulnerability to shock damage.

## Heatsink Gu

*Rank 1-2 Guard*

Cost: 8 portions

Range: Self

Health: 10

Food: 1 kg copper ore, heated to at least 100 degrees

Keywords: [**Defensive**], [**Sustained**]

Effect: While sustained, Heatsink Gu negates and stores all heat damage dealt to your hit points, to a maximum of {20, 50}. If you hit a creature with an unarmed melee attack, deal additional heat damage equal to the damage stored inside Heatsink Gu to the target. When you stop sustaining Heatsink Gu, its stored damage reverts to 0.

## Ironfist Grappling Gu

*Rank 3-5 Attack*

*Previous Rank:* Iron Hand Gu

Cost: 15 portions

Range: 10 meters

Health: 6

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Sustained**]

Effect: While sustained, you manifest a [**Medium**] hand made of black iron in an unoccupied square within range. Pick a creature within range. At the end of each of your turns, the hand moves up to 5 meters towards the target and attempts to grab them. If the target does not successfully dodge the grab, they are *restrained* by the hand. A creature can break free by succeeding an **Athletics** skill test with a {+60, +120, +250} penalty.

## Iron Hand Gu

*Rank 2 Manifestation*

*Next Rank:* Ironfist Grappling Gu

Cost: 3 portions

Range: Self

Health: 5

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Sustained**]

Effect: While sustained, your hands are made entirely of a dense and hard iron. They are incredibly durable; if you would take damage to your hit points and that damage is being dealt specifically to your hands (a called shot, or touching something very hot, for example), reduce the damage taken by 80. You gain a -20 bonus to **Close Combat** tests made to parry an attack.

You have advantage on **Athletics** skill tests resulting from the **Grapple** combat action, and your punching attacks deal an additional 5 force damage.

## Iron Hook Silver Slash Gu

*Rank 5 Attack*

Cost: 8 portions

Range: 25 meters

Health: 12

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Piercing**]

Effect: You launch a silver and a steel blade, each at a target within range. On a hit, silver blades deal 140 rending damage, and steel blades deal 70 rending damage directly to the target's hit points.

## Iron Needle Gu

*Rank 1 Attack*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: 10 meters

Health: 21

Food: 200 g of needles (1 primeval stone)

Keywords: [**Piercing**]

Effect: A cloud of needles bursts from your hand towards a creature within range. Make an attack roll with a -10 bonus. On a hit, deal 2d10 force damage.

## Iron Veins Gu

*Rank 2 Carver*

Cost: 30 portions

Range: Self

Health: 12

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Dao], [Expendable]

Effect: Your blood vessels and arteries permanently harden into iron. Whenever you gain the *bleeding* condition, reduce the number of *bleeding* stacks you receive by 2, to a minimum of 0.

## Metal Skin Gu

*Rank 1-3 Carver*

Cost: 70 portions

Range: Self

Health: 16

Food: 10 g of {iron, steel, titanium} soaked in blood

Keywords: [Dao], [Expendable]

Effect: You are assailed with a horrendous pain for 1 hour while your skin molts and is replaced with {iron, steel, titanium}. You are incapable of taking any actions except to speak for the entire duration. When the process is complete, your skin is permanently transmuted into a flexible membrane as strong as the respective metal. Whenever you take damage to your hit points, except shock or sonic, reduce it by {5, 12, 25}, to a minimum of 0. You have vulnerability to shock damage.

## Polished Gold Gu

*As is the case with most cultivation improving Gu, Polished Gold Gu is exceptionally valuable. Despite only being rank 3, Polished Gold Gu's refinement recipe requires the sacrifice of a precious rank 4 Relic Gu.*

*Rank 3 Carver*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: Self

Health: 5

Food: 1 kg of solid gold (5 primeval stones)

Keywords: [Expendable]

Effect: Your aptitude is permanently increased by 5%.

## Silver Bullet Gu

*Rank 2 Attack*

Cost: 20 portions

Range: 25 meters

Health: 5

Food: 100 g of silver (10 primeval stones)

Keywords: [Unreactable]

Effect: You launch a silver orb at incredibly high speeds. This attack always hits. Deal 10 force damage on a hit. If this damage is dealt to the creature's hitpoints, they gain *bleeding* 1.

[Upgrade Tree: Silver Lining Gu] *Silver Lining Gu can be refined into several different rank 2 Gu. Quicksilver Lining Gu provides a speed boost, Steel Lining Gu provides physical defense, and Resurgence Gu pivots to Wood Path to provide additional healing to surrounding allies.*

## Silver Lining Gu

*Rank 1 Tonic*

Next Rank: Quicksilver Lining Gu, Resurgence Gu, Steel Lining Gu

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Self

Health: 16

Food: 5 g of silver soaked in tears (1 primeval stone)

Effect: Can only be activated as a reaction to getting hit by an attack or missing an attack against another creature. Regain 4 hit points.

## Quicksilver Lining Gu

*Rank 2 Tonic*

Previous Rank: Silver Lining Gu

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Self

Health: 16

Food: 5 g of silver soaked in mercury (10 primeval stones)

Effect: Can only be activated as a reaction to getting hit by an attack or missing an attack against another creature. Regain 8 hit points. Until the end of your next turn, your movement is increased by 2 meters and you gain a -10 bonus to all **Dodge** skill tests.

## **Steel Lining Gu**

*Rank 2 Tonic*

Previous Rank: Silver Lining Gu

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Self

Health: 12

Food: Rank 1 Metal Skin Gu

Effect: Can only be activated as a reaction to getting hit by an attack or missing an attack against another creature. Regain 10 hit points. Until the start of your next turn, your body is covered in a metallic sheen. Reduce any damage except mental or poison dealt to your hit points by 15, to a minimum of 0.

[END]

## **Transmute Tungsten Gu**

*Rank 1 Attack*

Cost: 25 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 7

Food: 1 cubic centimeter of tungsten (2 primeval stones)

Effect: Transmute an object you touch into tungsten. The object must fit within a cube 1 meter on each side. Tungsten is incredibly dense, so this may cause less sturdy surfaces to collapse. When attempting to transmute an object another creature is holding or wearing, you must make an attack roll. Transmuted clothes become armor for the target with the following stats:

**Tungsten Armor** DT: 8

HP: 10

Dodge Penalty: +40

Movement Penalty: -4

A creature can expend its combat action to doff the armor.

## Poison Path

*Applies debilitating conditions to enemies. They may just deal damage or cause extreme symptoms. Some can even spread between creatures.*

### Berserk Toxin Gu

*Rank 2 Attack*

Cost: 30 portions

Range: 4 meters

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Make an attack roll against a creature that you can see within range. On a hit, the target gains the *poisoned* condition with the following effects:

- If a creature moves out of your melee range, you immediately make a weapon or punching attack as an attack of opportunity without using a reaction.
- On your turn, you must move to and use the **Melee Attack** combat action on the closest creature to you. If multiple targets are the closest creature to you, you select one at random.

This effect lasts for 3 turns.

### Decorum Erosion Toxin Gu

*A fluorescent blue and green pillbug.*

*Rank 2 Attack*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 5

Food: 1 cup of rice wine

Effect: You touch a creature or edible object; The creature touched or any number of creatures that eat affected food gain the *poisoned* condition for 1 day with the following effects:

- You suffer a +10 penalty to **Awareness**, **Deduction**, and **Dodge** skill tests.
- Creatures gain a -10 bonus to **Persuasion** and **Haggle** skill tests made against you.

[Single Gate Poison Gu]

### Close Gate Gu

*Rank 3 Catalyst*

Cost: None

Range: Touch

Health: 2

Food: None

Effect: A creature you touch has the *posioned* condition removed if it was inflicted by Single Gate Poison Gu.

### Single Gate Poison Gu

*When Single Gate Poison Gu is successfully refined, a rank 3 Close Gate Gu is also refined. Close Gate Gu costs no primeval essence and has no effect other than to remove the poisoned condition inflicted by Single Gate Poison Gu.*

*Rank 3 Attack*

Cost: 30 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: You touch a creature and they gain the *poisoned* condition with the following effect:

- If it has been at least 7 days since you recieved this condition, you die.

[END]

### Poison Affinity Gu

*A tiny blue dart frog with purple spots.*

*Rank 2 Carver*

Cost: 25 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: 1 liter of water from a Poison Path swamp (20 primeval stones)

Keywords: [Dao], [Expendable]

Effect: You permanently gain 10% aptitude. Whenever you activate a Gu of any path other than Poison Path, their cost is doubled. Whenever you activate a Gu of Poison Path, it costs 3 fewer portions, to a minimum of 1.

## Slowness Toxin Gu

*Rank 2 Attack*

Cost: 12 portions

Range: 3 meters

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: A green sickle curves towards an enemy within range. Make an attack roll; on a hit, deal 5 poison damage directly to their hit points and apply the *poisoned* condition with the following effect:

- At the end of each of your turns, your Movement is reduced by 2, to a minimum of 1.

## Tipped Daggers Gu

*Rank 2-4 Attack*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Dao], [Expendable]

Effect: Your fingernails become 2 inches long. You may forego a punching attack made on your turn to rake the target with your claws. Make a **Close Combat** skill test. On a hit, deal {5, 20, 60} rending damage. If this damage is dealt to the target's hit points, they gain *bleeding* {1, 2, 4} and the *poisoned* condition with the following effects:

- You gain *bleeding* {1, 2, 4} at the start of each of your turns.



## Refinement Path

*Improves any aspect of gu refinement. Refinement path Gu Masters are often well respected, since they act as factories producing Gu for the clan. Cultivators can often be hired to produce Gu for a significant price.*

### Catalog Gu

*Rank 4 Container*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: One refinement recipe that you know or have written in front of you is archived in Catalog Gu. You may inspect the contents of Catalog Gu without expending primeval essence, and you gain a -10 bonus to **Refinement** skill tests if the recipe is recorded in a Catalog Gu that you own.

### Morphing Colors Gu

*A stinkbug with an exterior sheen like an oil slick.*

*Rank 2-4 Catalyst*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: Self

Health: 8

Food: {1, 10, 100} liters of black oil centipede blood

Effect: When following a Gu refinement recipe for a Gu of rank {2, 3, 4} or lower, if the Gu belongs to Transformation or Light Path you may activate Morphing Colors Gu to gain advantage on the **Refinement** skill test.

### Revert Gu

*Rank 2-5 Catalyst*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Touch a Gu of rank {2, 3, 4, 5}. If a Gu of rank {1, 2, 3, 4} is a core material in the targeted Gu's refinement recipe, the targeted Gu is transformed into that Gu. If multiple Gu fulfill the requirement, one is selected at random.

## Rule Path

*Very uncommon, rule path Gu have very narrow use cases but can be very helpful for augmenting killer moves.*

### Aura Filter Gu

*Rank 4-5 Guard*

Cost: 20 portions

Range: Self

Health: 9

Food: 100 portions of rank {4, 5} primeval essence

Keywords: [**Sustained**]

Effect: Upon activation, choose any number of ranks {4, 5} or below. While sustained, you are surrounded by an invisible 2 meter radius sphere. Gu Masters of the chosen ranks cannot pass through the bounds of the sphere either way, but attacks can still pass through like normal.

[Upgrade Path: Hundred Meter Gu]

### Big Gu

*Rank 3 Catalyst*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Supplementary**]

Effect: Make the size of your next Gu activation bigger:

If the Gu or killer move creates an area of effect, increase its size in all dimensions by double.

If the Gu or killer move has the [**Transformation**] keyword, your size is changed to [**Large**]

### Millimeter Gu

*Rank 2 Catalyst*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: 1 cubic millimeter of gold

Keywords: [**Supplementary**]

Effect: Change the range of your next Gu activation to a millimeter. Has no effect on Gu with a range of *self*. *Touch* becomes an attack roll against a target you can see within range.

### Meter Gu

*Rank 3 Catalyst*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Supplementary**]

Effect: Change the range of your next Gu activation to a meter. Has no effect on Gu with a range of *self*. *Touch* becomes an attack roll against a target you can see within range.

### Ten Meter Gu

*Rank 4 Catalyst*

Cost: 20 portions

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Supplementary**]

Effect: Change the range of your next Gu activation to 10 meters. Has no effect on Gu with a range of *self*. *Touch* becomes an attack roll against a target you can see within range.

### Hundred Meter Gu

*Rank 5 Catalyst*

Cost: 60 portions

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Supplementary**]

Effect: Change the range of your next Gu activation to 100 meters. Has no effect on Gu with a range of *self*. *Touch* becomes an attack roll against a target you can see within range.

[END]

### **Sacrifice Gu**

*Rank 4 Catalyst*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Expendable**]

Effect: Can only be activated as a reaction to yourself using an [**Expendable**] Gu. That [**Expendable**] Gu is not destroyed in the process of activation.

### **Small Gu**

*Rank 2 Catalyst*

Cost: 4 portions

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Supplementary**]

Effect: Make the size of your next Gu activation smaller:

If the Gu or killer move creates an area of effect, reduce its size in all dimensions by half (rounding down to a minimum of 1 meter).

If the Gu or killer move has the [**Transformation**] keyword, your size is reduced to [**Small**]

### **Tiny Gu**

*Rank 3 Catalyst*

Cost: 8 portions

Range: Self

Health: 2

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Supplementary**]

Effect: Make the size of your next Gu activation smaller:

If the Gu or killer move creates an area of effect, reduce its size in all dimensions to 10% of its original size (rounding down to a minimum of 1 meter).

If the Gu or killer move has the [**Transformation**] keyword, your size is reduced to [**Tiny**]

## Soul Path

*Difficult to cultivate, soul path methods power is largely reliant on the user's soul strength. Stronger offensively, with few options when it comes to support.*

### Burial Soul Toad Gu

*Rank 3-4 Container*

Cost: 30 portions

Range: 3 meters

Health: 50

Food: {1, 5} human souls

Keywords: [**Large**]

Effect: Burial Soul Toad Gu must be removed from your aperture to be activated. When activated, Burial Soul Toad Gu draws in the souls of all dead creatures within range that have been dead for less than an hour. Absorbed souls burst through the skin on Burial Soul Toad Gu's back, appearing as smooth white eggs 5cm in diameter. Soul eggs can be plucked from Burial Soul Toad Gu's back, but once separated any amount of damage will break the soul egg and release the soul within. Burial Soul Toad Gu can hold up to {100, 1000} souls at a time, not counting any souls removed from its back.

### [Beast] Soul Gu

*Variants exist for most types of beasts; Wolf Soul Gu, Bear Soul Gu, etc.*

*Rank 3 Carver*

Cost: 45 portions

Range: Self

Health: 12

Food: 1 pound of the respective beast's flesh

Effect: When activated, you take 100 damage to your soul, and it is slightly refined into a [Beast] soul. After 15 activations, you have the [Beast] soul, and henceforth take only half the regular damage (rounded down) to your soul when enslaving or controlling [Beast]s of the same type as your soul. Additionally, you may now safely increase your soul's maximum hit points beyond 1,009.

### Eat Soul Gu

*Rank 3 Carver*

Cost:

Range: Touch

Health:

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: You eat a soul, either from a container Gu or the corpse of a creature that died less than a minute ago. Your maximum soul is increased by 10% of their current soul when they died.

### Guts Gu

*Small stones that only grow on Dang Hun Mountain, a secluded domain of Heaven and Earth. Currently, Dang Hun Mountain is in the control of Hu Land Spirit, and Guts Gu prices range from 500 to 2,000 primeval stones.*

*Rank 1 Carver*

Cost: 1 portion

Range: Self

Health: 2

Food: Natural primeval essence (does not need fed)

Keywords: [**Expendable**]

Effect: Your current and maximum soul are permanently increased by 10.

### Piercing Shriek Gu

*A dark purple cocoon warped to shape a shrieking face.*

*Rank 2 Attack*

Cost: 12 portions

Range: 3 meters

Health: 2

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: You scream. Enemies that can hear you within range take damage to their soul equal to 5 + 10% of your current soul (rounded down). Your voice is exhausted, only allowing you to speak in a whisper until you sleep for at least 4 hours. If you activate Piercing Shriek Gu again before resting your voice, you are permanently mute afterwards.

### Soul Sense Gu

*Rank 3 Divination*

Cost: 2 primeval essence

Range: Self

Health: 11

Food: 5 maximum soul strength from a creature with a soul

Effect: You immediately sense the precise location of any creature with a soul, so long as the creature is within {creature's current soul strength} meters of you.

### **Soul Strength Gu**

*Rank 2 Carver*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: Self

Health: 12

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Dao**]

Effect: Your Strength attribute is permanently reduced by 5. Your maximum Soul is permanently increased by 20. If your Strength attribute is reduced to 0, you die.

### **Spirit Incubating Flea Gu**

*Rank 3 Catalyst*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Self

Health: 9

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: You transfer your soul into Spirit Incubating Flea Gu. Your body enters a catatonic state and effectively dies. If another Gu Master places Spirit Incubating Flea Gu into their aperture, you may converse with them in their head.

### **Wicked Kiss Gu**

*Rank 3 Attack*

Cost: 80 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 1

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Creatures have a -20 bonus to **Dodge** skill tests made to dodge your kiss. A creature you kiss has their soul drained. Their maximum soul is reduced by 10, and you gain 1 maximum and current soul.

## Sound Path

*Sound based investigative methods and attacks make up much of sound path. Its attacks are weaker than other offensive paths, but many shield Gu are unable to block sonic damage.*

### Clairaudiance Gu

*Rank 1 Divination*

Cost: 20 portions

Range: 250 meters

Health: 10

Food: 100 g Autumn Voice Grass (4 primeval stones)

Keywords: [**Low Vitality**] (Must play music or sing for 1 hour per hit point)

Effect: While sustained, your hearing grows extremely sensitive. You can hear all noises made within range and judge their exact location. You have vulnerability to sonic damage.

### Copper Warhorn Gu

*Rank 1 Manifestation*

Cost: 4 portions

Range: 1 km

Health: 10

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: The deafening sound of a horn fills the area within range for a few seconds. The sound is harmless.

### Echo Gu

*Rank 2-4 Guard*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Self

Health: {30, 70, 200}

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Defensive**], [**Shield**], [**Sustained**]

Effect: Whenever Echo Gu takes damage while sustained, all other creatures within 2 meters of you take half of the damage dealt as sonic damage.

### Heaven and Earth Magnificent Sound Gu

*Rank 5 Attack*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: 25 meters

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Your voice erupts with a beautiful but ear-piercing melody. All other creatures within range take 100 sonic damage.

### Tripwire Gu

*An infinitesimally thin worm that attaches itself to the wall and alerts the user when a creature passes through. Its biggest weakness is that there is no way to know which one was tripped if the user has multiple Tripwire Gu set up.*

*Rank 1 Divination*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 10

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: You attach one end of Tripwire Gu to a wall, and the other end to another wall within 1 meter, forming a tripwire. Tripwire Gu becomes invisible and intangible, and if a creature passes through it you hear the sound of a bell in your head that wakes you up if you are sleeping.

## Space Path

*Teleportation is the essence of space path, but some offensive and defensive methods exist.*

### Archer's Paradox Gu

*A cockroach, continuously folding in on itself*

*Rank 3, 5 Celerity*

Cost: {10, 35} portions

Range: {10, 100} Meters

Health: 3

Food: {1, 100} kg of honey from a black pitch bee hive ({100, 10,000} primeval stones)

Effect: Archer's Paradox Gu can only be activated as a reaction to a projectile being used. Using your reaction to activate Archer's Paradox Gu ignores the [Unreactable] keyword.

- **Rank 3:** The projectile takes twice as long to hit, giving reacting creatures a -40 bonus to **Dodge** skill tests made to dodge it.
- **Rank 5:** The projectile is locked in place in the square of the user and is frozen. At the end of your next turn, the projectile continues as if it were just used, in a line towards the square its target was in when it was used, hitting the first creature in the line.

### Dimensional Lock Gu

*Rank 4-5 Manifestation*

Cost: 200 portions

Range: Self

Health: 24

Food: {10, 100} kg Emptiness Iron ({250, 2500} primeval stones)

Effect: For {1 hour, 1 day}, a {5, 15} meter cube, centered on the square you activated Dimensional Lock Gu on, becomes dimensionally locked. Creatures cannot teleport to any space inside the cube from outside of it. Creatures inside the cube cannot teleport at all. The cube is barely visible, and awareness checks made to see its edges have a +30 penalty.

*One of the signature methods of space path, the Dimensional Lock Gu is very effective at preventing escapes and attacks. No teleportation Gu below rank 6 can pierce its effects. It appears as a floating glass box containing within the starry sky of black heaven.*

### Formless Space Gu

*A hand-sized bowl made of wood. Looking inside reveals an inky black expanse.*

*Rank 1-4 Container*

Cost: None

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Formless Space Gu cannot be activated. Items smaller than 50 cubic centimeters can be placed inside Formless Space Gu, shrinking to fit if they are larger than the bowl. Formless Space Gu can contain up to {2, 5, 15, 40} kilograms of items. When a creature reaches inside Formless Space Gu, they immediately know exactly what items are inside and can withdraw an item as a bonus action.

### Trip Gu

*Rank 1 Attack*

Cost: 4 portions

Range: 2 meters

Health: 2

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Undodgeable]

Effect: Trip Gu can only be activated as a reaction to a creature you can see within range moving. The space behind their leg is twisted to pull it out from under them. The target must succeed an **Athletics** test or else fall *prone*.

## Strength Path

*Strength Path is a dying path, with little advancement being made as time passes. Despite it being a bit weaker than other paths at higher ranks, many Gu Masters choose to cultivate it due to its relatively cheap cost. Gu Masters that are skilled at hand-to-hand combat will typically get the most out of strength path, but some longer-range methods do exist.*

### All Out Effort Gu

*A Rhinoceros Beetle with a long, black carapace, All Out Effort Gu is an extinct Gu from the Olden Antiquity Era, when Strength Path flourished. Now, only a few still exist in the world.*

*Rank 1-5 Catalyst*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: Self

Health: 15

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Sustained**]

Effect: While sustained, whenever you roll to activate a beast phantom from a Strength Path Gu of rank {1, 2, 3, 4, 5} or lower, you may forego the roll and trigger the beast phantom automatically.

[**Beast Strength**] *Many Gu of Strength Path belong to the beast strength archetype; Gu that, over many uses, permanently grant the user the strength of a particular beast. Curiously, it also enables users to sporadically summon beast phantoms with their unarmed attacks, increasing their potency.*

### Bear Strength Gu

*Rank 1 Carver*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: 10 kg of bear flesh

Keywords: [**Dao**]

Effect: Your strength attribute permanently increases by 10. For 24 hours, you cannot gain strength from Bear Strength Gu. Once you've gained 50 strength from Bear Strength Gu, activating Bear Strength Gu further has no effect on you, but you permanently gain the following feature:

Whenever you deal damage to a creature with an unarmed melee attack, roll 1d6. If you roll a 1, a bear phantom appears behind you, increasing the damage of the attack by 5 force damage.

### Beastman Strength Gu

*Rank 3 Carver*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: 10 kg of beastman flesh

Keywords: [**Dao**]

Effect: Your strength attribute permanently increases by 50. For 24 hours, you cannot gain strength from Beastman Strength Gu. Once you've gained 250 strength from Beastman Strength Gu, activating Beastman Strength Gu further has no effect on you, but you permanently gain the following feature:

Whenever you deal damage to a creature with an unarmed melee attack, roll 1d10. If you roll a 1, a beastman phantom appears behind you, increasing the damage of the attack by 60 force damage.

### Blobfish Strength Gu

*A fat pink grub.*

*Rank 1 Carver*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: Self

Health: 5

Food: 10 kilograms of blobfish flesh

Keywords: [**Dao**]

Effect: Your Strength attribute permanently decreases by 4 and you reduce all force damage dealt to your hit points by 1. For 24 hours, you cannot reduce your Strength attribute or gain damage reduction from Blobfish Strength Gu. Once you have lost 20 Strength and gained 5 damage reduction, further activations have no effect, but you permanently gain the following feature:

Whenever you deal damage to a creature with an unarmed melee attack, roll 1d4. If you roll a 1, a blobfish phantom appears behind you, increasing the damage of the attack by 0 force damage and applying the *dazed* condition.



## Boar Strength Gu

*Rank 1 Carver*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: 10 kg of boar flesh

Keywords: [Dao]

Effect: Your strength attribute permanently increases by 5. For 24 hours, you cannot gain strength from Boar Strength Gu. Once you've gained 25 strength from Boar Strength Gu, activating Boar Strength Gu further has no effect on you, but you permanently gain the following features:

Whenever you deal damage to a creature with an unarmed melee attack, roll 1d4. If you roll a 1, a boar phantom appears behind you, increasing the damage of the attack by 2 force damage.

If you have enough movement to put yourself into a square adjacent to a target at least 3 meters away, you gain the following unarmed attack option:

**Charge:** You move at least 2 meters in a straight line towards a target. You and the target make an opposed **Close Combat** skill test. If you win, the target takes 1 force damage, +1 damage for every 10 points you have in Strength, and the target is knocked *prone*.

## Crocodile Strength Gu

*Rank 1 Carver*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: 10 kg of crocodile flesh

Keywords: [Dao]

Effect: Your strength attribute permanently increases by 5. For 24 hours, you cannot gain strength from Crocodile Strength Gu. Once you've gained 25 strength from Crocodile Strength Gu, activating Crocodile Strength Gu further has no effect on you, but you permanently gain the following features:

Whenever you deal damage to a creature with an unarmed melee attack, roll 1d4. If you roll a 1, a crocodile phantom appears behind you, increasing the damage of the attack by 2 force damage.

Your bite attacks deal an additional 10 rending damage.

## Deer Strength Gu

*Rank 1 Carver*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: 10 kg of deer flesh

Keywords: [Dao]

Effect: Your strength attribute permanently increases by 4. For 24 hours, you cannot gain strength from Deer Strength Gu. Once you've gained 20 strength from Deer Strength Gu, activating Deer Strength Gu further has no effect on you, but you permanently gain the following features:

Whenever you deal damage to a creature with an unarmed melee attack, roll 1d4. If you roll a 1, a deer phantom appears behind you, increasing the damage of the attack by 2 force damage.

Your movement is increased by 2 meters.

## Elephant Strength Gu

*Rank 2 Carver*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: 10 kg of elephant flesh

Keywords: [Dao]

Effect: Your strength attribute permanently increases by 15. For 24 hours, you cannot gain strength from Elephant Strength Gu. Once you've gained 75 strength from Elephant Strength Gu, activating Elephant Strength Gu further has no effect on you, but you permanently gain the following features:

Whenever you deal damage to a creature with an unarmed melee attack, roll 1d6. If you roll a 1, an Elephant phantom appears behind you, increasing the damage of the attack by 5 force damage.

When you hit a *prone* creature with a kicking attack, the attack automatically crits.

## Leviathan Strength Gu

*Rank 5 Carver*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: 10 kg of leviathan flesh

Keywords: [**Dao**]

Effect: Your strength attribute permanently increases by 100. For 24 hours, you cannot gain strength from Leviathan Strength Gu. Once you've gained 500 strength from Leviathan Strength Gu, activating Leviathan Strength Gu further has no effect on you, but you permanently gain the following features:

Whenever you deal damage to a creature with an unarmed melee attack, roll 1d12. If you roll a 1, a leviathan phantom appears behind you, increasing the damage of the attack by 200 force damage.

You can breathe underwater and your body can withstand extreme pressure. Reduce all force damage dealt to your hit points by 200.

### Serpent Strength Gu

*Rank 3 Carver*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: 10 kg of sea or land serpent flesh

Keywords: [**Dao**]

Effect: Your strength attribute permanently increases by 25. For 24 hours, you cannot gain strength from Serpent Strength Gu. Once you've gained 125 strength from Serpent Strength Gu, activating Serpent Strength Gu further has no effect on you, but you permanently gain the following features:

Whenever you deal damage to a creature with an unarmed melee attack, roll 1d8. If you roll a 1, a serpent phantom appears behind you, increasing the damage of the attack by 15 force damage.

When you deal damage to a creature's hit points with a bite attack, apply the *poisoned* condition with the following effect:

- You take 5 poison damage at the start of each of your turns.
- Your movement is reduced by 1 and you have disadvantage on all **Dodge**, **Close Combat**, and **Ranged Attack** skill tests.

### Shark-fin Wolf Strength Gu

*Rank 4 Carver*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: 10 kg of shark-fin wolf flesh

Keywords: [**Dao**]

Effect: Your strength attribute permanently increases by 50. For 24 hours, you cannot gain strength from Shark-fin Wolf Strength Gu. Once you've gained 250 strength from Shark-fin Wolf Strength Gu, activating Shark-fin Wolf Strength Gu further has no effect on you, but you permanently gain the following features:

Whenever you deal damage to a creature with an unarmed melee attack, roll 1d10. If you roll a 1, a shark-fin wolf phantom appears behind you, increasing the damage of the attack by 60 force damage.

When your hit points are reduced below half their maximum you gain *bloodlust*; You can sprint as a bonus action if another creature you can see has the *bleeding* condition.

### Tanuki Strength Gu

*A squirming brown worm with leather-like skin*

*Rank 2 Carver*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: Self

Health: 2

Food: 10 kilograms of Tanuki flesh

Keywords: [**Dao**]

Effect: Your Strength attribute permanently increases by 3. Once you've gained 15 Strength from Tanuki Strength Gu, further activations have no effect, but you permanently gain the following features:

When you spend a luck point to reroll or gain a bonus to an unarmed attack, you gain an additional -20 bonus to the roll.

Whenever you deal damage to a creature with an unarmed melee attack, roll 1d6. If you roll a 1, a Tanuki phantom appears behind you, increasing the damage of the attack by 5 force damage.

### Tortoise Strength Gu

*A washed out green beetle with a dense exoskeleton.*

*Rank 1 Carver*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: 10 kilograms of turtle flesh

Keywords: [Dao]

Effect: Your Strength and Fortitude attributes permanently increase by 1. For 24 hours, you cannot gain Strength or Fortitude from Tortoise Strength Gu. Once you have gained 5 Strength and Fortitude from Tortoise Strength Gu, further activations have no effect, but you permanently gain the following features:

When not in combat and struck by an attack, you may use a reaction to turn your back and reduce the damage of the attack by 5.

Whenever you deal damage to a creature with an unarmed melee attack, roll 1d4. If you roll a 1, a Tortoise phantom appears behind you, increasing the damage of the attack by 2 force damage.

### Wolf Strength Gu

*Rank 1 Carver*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: 10 kg of wolf flesh

Keywords: [Dao]

Effect: Your strength attribute permanently increases by 5. For 24 hours, you cannot gain strength from Wolf Strength Gu. Once you've gained 25 strength from Wolf Strength Gu, activating Wolf Strength Gu further has no effect on you, but you permanently gain the following features:

Whenever you deal damage to a creature with an unarmed melee attack, roll 1d4. If you roll a 1, a wolf phantom appears behind you, increasing the damage of the attack by 2 force damage.

Your movement is increased by 1 meter.

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### Big Strength Gu

*Rank 2 Catalyst*

Cost: 25 portions

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Your Strength attribute is increased by 50 for 3 turns.

### Bitter Strength Gu

*Bitter Strength Gu is a beetle with a oval and palm-sized body. Lumps grow on its back.*

*Rank 2-4 Catalyst*

Cost: 8 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: While sustained, your Strength attribute is increased by {5, 10, 25} \* your missing hit points.

### Brute Force Longbeetle Gu

*Rank 1 Catalyst*

Cost: 30 portions

Range: Self

Health: 7

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Until the end of your next turn, your Strength attribute is increased by 100. If your Fortitude attribute is lower than 40, your Strength attribute is permanently reduced by 5 at the end of this effect.

### Exert Strength Gu

*Rank 2 Attack*

Cost: 10

Range: 10 meters

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: You immediately make an **Athletics** skill test to lift, push, or pull an object within range, or you immediately make a **Grapple** or **Throw** combat action against a creature within range. If you successfully grapple a creature, they are *restrained* in their square while you sustain Exert Strength Gu. At the end of each of their turns, they can make an **Athletics** skill test with a +(10% of your Strength) (maximum of +40) penalty, deactivating Exert Strength Gu on a success.

## **Ivory Armor Gu**

*Rank 2-4 Guard*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Self

Health: {70, 180, 400}

Food: 1 kg of elephant hundred beast king tusk (40 primeval stones)

Keywords: [Shield], [Sustained]

Effect: Ivory armor begins to grow around your body. Ivory Armor Gu has no effect until the start of your next turn. All damage dealt to Ivory Armor Gu is reduced by 10% of your Strength attribute, rounded down. Ivory Armor Gu cannot block cold or sonic damage. The armor remains when you stop activating Ivory Armor Gu and has the following stats:

**Ivory Armor DT: 6**

HP: 12

Dodge Penalty: +10

Movement Penalty: -1

The armor can be broken with a bonus action.

## **Normal Force Gu**

*Rank 3 Catalyst*

Cost: A number of portions equal to the total damage of the triggering attack

Range: Self

Health: 9

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Unreactable]

Effect: Can be activated as a reaction to dealing damage with a punching or kicking attack. The force of the target's body that would resist your attack is instead redirected back towards the target. Double the damage dealt by the triggering attack. If the triggering attack was a kicking attack, the distance the target is knocked backwards is doubled.

## **[Path] Strength Gu**

*A series of Gu worms that exists for most paths, save for Human and Heaven. Used to augment attacks from other paths with your own strength.*

*Rank 3 Catalyst*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Supplementary]

Effect: If the next Gu you activate before the end of your turn belongs [Path], add 10% of your Strength attribute, rounded down, to any damage dealt by it. When used as a supplementary Gu for a killer move with a core [Path] Gu that deals damage, add 10% of your Strength attribute, rounded down, to the damage dealt by the killer move.

## **Self Reliance Gu**

*A black cockroach with buzzing wings on its back*

*Rank 1-3 Tonic*

Cost: 30 portions

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: Natural primeval essence (none)

Effect: Immediately regain hit points equal to {2, 5, 10}% of your Strength attribute, rounded down.

## **Thunderclap Gu**

*Rank 2-4 Attack*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: {1, 10, 100} snap pebbles ({10, 100, 1,000} primeval stones)

Effect: You clap your hands together and a deafening noise shakes your surroundings. All creatures except for you within 3 meters of you take {2, 8, 25} + {1, 2, 5}% of your Strength attribute (rounded down to a minimum of 1) sonic and force damage. If the sonic damage is dealt to their hitpoints, they gain the *dazed* condition.

## **Toughen Up Gu**

*Rank 3 Carver*

Cost: 80 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Dao], [Expendable]

Effect: Your maximum hit points are increased by 25.

## Sword Path

*Pioneered by the legendary pseudo-venerable Bo Qing, sword path boasts some of the strongest attacks in the Gu world. Sword path's defensive methods are by comparison very weak.*

### Aegis Gu

*Rank 2-3 Guard*

Cost: 20 portions

Range: Self

Health: {50, 120}

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Defensive], [Sustained], [Shield]

Effect: While sustained, a spectral sword and shield manifest in front of you. Whenever a creature makes a **Close Combat** roll against you, you may use a reaction to have the sword swing at the attacker, dealing {35, 80} rending damage on a hit. Reduce all rending damage dealt to Aegis Gu by {5, 15}. Aegis Gu cannot block sonic damage.

### Flash Sword Gu

*Rank 4 Celerity*

Cost: 18 portions

Range: Self

Health: 11

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: While sustained, your movement is increased by 8 meters and you gain a -40 bonus to **Dodge** skill tests. You may forego your movement to instead fly in a straight line of up to 30 meters. If you move through an occupied square, that creature takes 120 rending damage. **Dodge** skill tests made to avoid this attack are made with a +40 penalty.

### Pierce Gu

*Rank 1-3 Attack*

Cost: 25 portions

Range: {5, 10} meters

Health: 6

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Piercing]

Effect: A piercing light shoots from your finger at a target within range. Make an attack roll; on a hit deal {5, 10, 30} force damage directly to their hit points.

### Sabre Gu

*A silver stickbug with a rear section shaped like a hilt.*

*Rank 2 Manifestation*

Cost: 7 portions

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: You manifest an invisible sabre in one of your free hands while sustained. If you used the first activation on your turn to activate Sabre Gu, you may expend your remaining activations to make a melee attack against an adjacent creature as part of the *Activate Gu* combat action. Melee attacks made with the sabre have advantage and deal 30 rending damage and 20 force damage. If this damage is dealt to the target's hit points, they gain *bleeding 2*.

You don't add your Strength to the damage dealt by Sabre Gu.

### Separate Gu

*Rank 1 Attack*

Cost: 8 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Splits an inanimate object of up to 1 cubic meter in volume perfectly in half. You can pick what direction it splits as long as splitting it that way would create 2 halves of equal volume.

### Sole Sword Gu

*Rank 4-5 Carver*

Cost: 4 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 2

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Carves sword dao into a weapon or Gu that deals rending damage. If rending damage from the weapon or Gu is assigned to a Gu of rank {4, 5} or less with the [Shield] Keyword, the defending [Shield] Gu is killed before the

damage of the attack is assigned. After 24 hours, the weapon or Gu affected by Sole Sword Gu crumbles into dust.

#### [Upgrade Path: Split Mountain Gu]

### Cut Gu

*Rank 1 Attack*

Next Rank: Slash Gu

Cost: 10 portions

Range: 3 meters

Health: 5

Food: A handful of ordinary grass

Effect: You throw an invisible and sharp crescent at a creature within range. Make an attack roll. On a hit, deal 5 rending damage. If this damage is dealt to a creature's hit points, they gain *bleeding 1*. **Dodge** skill tests to avoid this attack are made with a +20 penalty.

### Slash Gu

*Rank 2 Attack*

Previous Rank: Cut Gu

Next Rank: Rend Gu

Cost: 10 portions

Range: 8 meters

Health: 4

Food: 1 kg of shattered glass (1/4 primeval stone)

Effect: You throw a 1 meter wide curved blade in an 8 meter long line. All creatures in the area take 15 rending damage. If this damage is dealt to a creature's hit points, they gain *bleeding 2*.

### Rend Gu

*Rank 3 attack*

Previous Rank: Slash Gu

Next Rank: Split Hill Gu

Cost: 10 portions

Range: 20 meters

Health: 3

Food: 1 kg of sharpened blades of any size (1/2 primeval stone)

Effect: You throw a 1 meter wide curved blade in a 20 meter long line. All creatures in the area take 60 rending damage. If this damage is dealt to a creature's hit points, they gain *bleeding 3*.

### Split Hill Gu

*Rank 4 Attack*

Previous Rank: Rend Gu

Next Rank: Split Mountain Gu

Cost: 15 portions

Range: 100 meters

Health: 3

Food: 10 Slash Gu

Effect: You throw a 3 meter wide blade of supercondensed sword qi in a 100 meter long line. All creatures in the area take 200 rending damage. If this damage is dealt to a creature's hit points, they gain *bleeding 5*. **Dodge** skill tests to avoid this attack are made with a +10 penalty.

### Split Mountain Gu

*Rank 5 Attack*

Previous Rank: Split Hill Gu

Cost: 40 portions

Range: 500 meters

Health: 3

Food: 50 Rend Gu

Effect: You launch an enormous burst of sword qi in a line 5 meters wide, 10 meters tall, and 500 meters long. All creatures in the area take 600 rending damage. If this damage is dealt to a creature's hit points, they gain *bleeding 20*. **Dodge** skill tests to avoid this attack are made with a +20 penalty.

*Discovered by Lord of Swords Jin Chang, Split Mountain Gu is named for his sundering of Mount Cao. To this day, a great ravine splits the mountain in two, with the Jin and Cao clans living on either side.*

[END]

### Sharpen Gu

*Rank 2-5 Carver*

Cost: 35 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 11

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Expendable]

Effect: Carves sword dao into a weapon or Gu that deals rending damage. If damage from an attack made with the weapon or Gu is assigned to a Gu of rank {2, 3, 4, 5} or less with the [Shield] Keyword, the defending [Shield] Gu takes

rending damage equal to its hit points before the damage of the attack is assigned. If Sharpen Gu is used on a weapon, the effect is permanent. If used on a Gu, the effect lasts until the next time you activate the Gu.

### **Sword Sheath Gu**

*Rank 2-4 Guard*

Cost: 8 portions

Range: 3 meters

Health: 12

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Whenever you are targeted by an attack from a Sword Path Gu or a physical weapon within range, you may activate Sword Sheathe Gu as a reaction to cover the Gu or weapon in a formless sheath, negating the triggering attack. The Gu or weapon cannot be forced out or used and the sheath has {10, 30, 120} hit points. It remains sheathed until the sheath is broken.

## Theft Path

*Theft path was invented by Thieving Heaven Demon Venerable, and contains great profundities of heaven. Mortal Theft Path methods are dangerous and hard to counter, but in return theft path has poor offensive capabilities.*

### Gu Laundering Gu

*A shiny green dung beetle.*

*Rank 1-5 Catalyst*

Cost: 10 \* target Gu rank

Range: Touch

Health: 5

Food: Activating Gu Laundering Gu counts as feeding it.

Effect: Gu Laundering Gu devours a target Gu of equal or lower rank. Over the course of an hour, it spins a silk sac and implants it with a number of primeval stones based the the devoured Gu's rank:

Rank 1: 50 primeval stones

Rank 2: 200 primeval stones

Rank 3: 1,000 primeval stones

Rank 4: 5,000 primeval stones

Rank 5: 25,000 primeval stones

### Leech Life Gu

*A vibrant orange and black carrion beetle.*

*Rank 2 Tonic*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: 3 Meters

Health: 6

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: When you kill a creature, you may activate Leech Life Gu as a reaction to regain hit points equal to 10% of the dead creature's maximum HP.

### Plagiarism Gu

*A pillbug with gold leaf skin.*

*Rank 2 Catalyst*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 8

Food: 5 written Gu recipes (not made by you)

Keywords: [None]

Effect: When following a Gu refinement recipe, you may activate Plagiarism Gu to destroy another Gu of the same rank as the one you are attempting to refine. Gain a -10 bonus to the **Refinement** skill test, stacking up to 5 times.

### Plunder Gu

*Rank 2 Attack*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: 4 meters

Health: 8

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: While sustained, you attempt to pull a random Gu from the aperture of a Gu Master within range at the start of each of your turns. You and the target make an opposed **Agility** skill test. If you win, you pull a random Gu from their aperture and into your own. If you leave your current square for any reason while sustaining Plunder Gu, it deactivates and takes 1d4 damage.

### Steal Luck Gu

*Rank 1 attack*

Cost: 30 portions

Range: 10 meters

Health: 8

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Unreactable]

Effect: Choose a target you can see within range. If the target currently has a luck point and your luck points are below their maximum, you steal 1 luck point from the target.



## Time Path

*Manipulates the River of Time to speed up, slow down, and even stop the passage of time.*

### Autumn Cicada Gu

*Rank 5 Attack*

Cost: 80 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 3

Food: Water from the River of Time (does not need fed)

Effect: A creature that you touch immediately loses 5 years of their lifespan.

### Man as Before Gu

*Rank 5 Tonic*

Cost: 50 portions

Range: 5 meters

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: A creature or corpse within range is transported up the River of Time to their state 24 hours ago. Usually this means restoring their hit points, primeval essence, and removing any negative conditions.

### Slowness Gu

*Rank 1-3 Attack*

Cost: 20 portions

Range: 5 meters

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Sustained**]

Effect: Choose up to {1, 2, 5} creatures within range. While sustained, each target is slowed; their movement is reduced to half (rounded down to a minimum of 1), they have 1 fewer reaction each turn, and they gain a +20 penalty to all **Dodge** skill tests and attack rolls.w

### Split Second Gu

*A fuzzy old Mayfly.*

*Rank 1-5 Celerity*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Self

Health: 2

Food: 1 lb of fine sand

Effect: Use in response to an [**Unreactable**] Gu being activated. You make a reaction against it as normal. Skill tests made as part of the reaction have a {+80, +60, +30, +10, -10} modifier.

### Spring Cicada Gu

*Rank 5 Guard*

Cost: 20 portions

Range: Self

Health: 2

Food: Water from the River of Time (does not need fed)

Effect: Spring Cicada Gu can only be activated as a reaction to gaining a condition (including *dying* and *final stand*). Your body swims upwards on the River of Time to restore itself to a state before it received the condition, removing the condition and restoring your hit points to the number they were at before the triggering effect. Other creatures can still be affected by the original attack, and you can still be affected by its lingering effects.

### Third Watch Gu

*Rank 3 Carver*

Cost: None

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: 100 g of silver (50 primeval stones)

Keywords: [**Dao**], [**Expendable**]

Effect: A silver triangle tattoo permanently appears on your chest. Your body and aperture now flow 3 times as quickly down the River of Time. Your natural primeval essence recovery speed is tripled, the required time to break through large realms through cultivation is divided by 3 (rounded up), and every year that passes, your remaining lifespan is reduced by 3 years.

## Transformation Path

*Changing the users body temporarily. Transformation Path Gu Masters rely on acquiring a full set of Gu for a particular transformation. When using all component Gu together, they form a killer move that the Gu Master does not need to deduce. Transformation Path is very balanced, but each transformation has strengths and weaknesses.*

### [Azure Wolf Transformation]

*Azure wolves are a nearly extinct mutated beast that grow more energetic the longer they battle.*

#### Azure Wolf Bite Gu

*Rank 4 Attack*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Self

Health: 2

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: Your head transforms into an Azure Wolf head. While sustained, you gain the following features:

Your sense of smell is vastly improved, and you can now make **Awareness** skill tests to identify and follow scents.

Your bite attacks deal an additional 50 rending damage.

#### Azure Wolf Claw Gu

*Rank 4 Attack*

Cost: 4 portions

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: Your hands and feet become paws, complete with razor sharp claws. Your movement is increased by 4 meters while on all fours and your punching and kicking attacks deal an additional 30 rending damage. If this damage is dealt to the target's hit points, they gain *bleeding 5*.

#### Azure Wolf Skin Gu

*Rank 4 Guard*

Cost: 6 portions

Range: Self

Health: 500

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Defensive], [Shield], [Sustained]

Effect: While sustained, thick Azure Wolf hairs sprout all over your body, covering you in a protective coat. Azure Wolf Skin Gu cannot block sonic damage.

[End]

#### Big Teeth Gu

*Rank 2 Attack*

Cost: 7 portions

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: 1 kg of mountain sabertooth tusks

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: While sustained, your canine teeth grow into 8 cm long razor-sharp fangs. Your bite attacks deal an additional 20 rending damage.

#### Black Mane Gu

*Rank 2 Guard*

Cost: 4 portions

Range: Self

Health: 90

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Shield], [Sustained]

Effect: Your body is covered in a dense thicket of black fur while sustained. Using Black Mane Gu dyes your hair black, which slowly fades over the course of a month. Black Mane Gu cannot block sonic damage.

#### Bone Wings Gu

*Rank 4 Manifestation*

Cost: 25 portions

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Dao]

Effect: Over the course of an hour, your vertebrae sprout new bone that pierces your back and forms wings made of

bone. You have a flying speed of 8 meters and can execute 4 Maneuvers each turn.

### **Cold Blood Gu**

*Rank 1 Concealment*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Self

Health: 6

Food: 100 mL of reptile blood (1/4 Primeval Stone)

Keywords: [Dao], [Expendable]

Effect: You become cold blooded and no longer have a heat signature. You gain vulnerability to cold damage.

### **Frog Legs Gu**

*Rank 1 Carver*

Cost: 35 portions

Range: Self

Health: 12

Food: 1 kg of frog legs (1 Primeval Stone)

Keywords: [Dao], [Expendable]

Effect: Your legs grow thick and fibrous muscles. Whenever you jump, double your jump distance upwards or forwards. You no longer take fall damage from falls of 15 meters or less. Falls of more than 15 meters deal 3 damage for every meter you fell more than 15.

### **Jade Skin Gu**

*Rank 1-5 Guard*

Cost: 8 portions

Range: Self

Health: {40, 120, 120, 400, 1000}

Food: {1, 4, 9, 16, 25} jade stones

Keywords: [Sustained], [Defensive], [Shield]

Effect: Your body is shrouded in jade while sustained. You are not a valid target for Gu with a range of *Touch*.

[Lava Crocodile Transformation]

### **Lava Crocodile Cannon Gu**

*Rank 2 Attack*

Cost: 25 portions

Range: 8 meters

Health: 2

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: While sustained, you can shoot a ball of molten rock from your mouth to a square you can see within range as an activation. The magma explodes at the location; creatures within a 1 meter radius of the target square take 15 force damage, 15 heat damage, and gain the *burning* condition.

A 1 meter radius centered on the target square is filled with lava and considered *Difficult Terrain*; creatures that move into or end their turn in the area take 10 heat damage and gain the *burning* condition. The magma cools into an ordinary stone surface after 1 hour or after being doused.

### **Lava Crocodile Jaw Gu**

*Rank 1 Attack*

Cost: 6 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: Your teeth grow red hot and your saliva boils from your mouth while sustained. Your bite attacks deal an additional 10 heat damage.

### **Lava Crocodile Scales Gu**

*Rank 2 Guard*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: Self

Health: 80

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Defensive], [Shield], [Sustained]

Effect: Obsidian scales cover your body while sustained. Lava Crocodile Scales Gu has invulnerability to heat damage and vulnerability to cold damage. Lava Crocodile Scales Gu cannot block sonic damage.

### **Lava Crocodile Tail Gu**

*Rank 1 Celerity*

Cost: 2 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: While sustained, you no longer consider water or lava to be *Difficult Terrain*.

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### Longarm Gu

*Rank 1 Catalyst*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Self

Health: 8

Food: 5 kg of monkey flesh (1 primeval stone)

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: Your arms grow dramatically in length, increasing the range of all your melee attacks by 1 meter while sustained. Your touch range also increases by 1 meter.

### Ram's Head Gu

*A red and off-white reindeer horn beetle.*

*Rank 3 Manifestation*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: 1 Skull of a horned mammal (3 Primeval Stones)

Effect: You grow blunt horns and gain the following melee attack:

- **Ram's Horns:** You headbutt a creature in an adjacent square. Make a **Close Combat** skill test. On a hit, deal 10 force damage, +1 damage for every 10 points you have in Strength. If the target is under the effect of a Gu with the [Shield] keyword, this damage is doubled. After using this melee attack, your horns fall off.

[Upgrade Path: Flying Zombie Gu]

### Roaming Zombie Gu

*Rank 2 Carver*

Next Rank: Hairy Zombie Gu

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Self

Health:

Food: 10 kg rotting human flesh

Keywords: [Dao], [Sustained], [Transformation]

Effect: While sustained, your body transforms into that of a roaming zombie, granting you the following effects:

Your maximum hit points are 80.

You regain 8 hit points at the start of each of your turns.

Your brain is your only vital organ.

You gain immunity to the *bleeding*, *fatigued*, and *posioned* conditions.

You gain vulnerability to heat and shock damage.

While exposed to direct light, you suffer a +20 penalty to all skill tests.

Your lifespan is not consumed over time.

At the start of each of your turns, make a **Perseverance** attribute test. On a failure, you gain a **Livor Mortis Token**. If you gain your tenth **Livor Mortis Token** from Roaming Zombie Gu, your body is permanently transformed into a mindless zombie and you die.

As long as you have 9 or fewer **Livor Mortis Tokens**, every month you go without gaining a **Livor Mortis Token** reduces the number of **Livor Mortis Tokens** you have by 1.

### Hairy Zombie Gu

*Rank 3 Carver*

Previous Rank: Roaming Zombie Gu

Next Rank: Hopping Zombie Gu

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Dao], [Sustained], [Transformation]

Effect: While sustained, your body transforms into that of a hairy zombie, granting you the following effects:

Your maximum hit points are 125.

You regain 15 hit points at the start of each of your turns.

Your brain is your only vital organ.

You gain immunity to the *bleeding*, *fatigued*, and *posioned* conditions.

You gain vulnerability to heat and shock damage.

While exposed to direct light, you suffer a +20 penalty to all skill tests.

Your lifespan is not consumed over time.

At the start of each of your turns, make a **Perseverance** attribute test with a +10 penalty. On a failure, you gain a **Livor Mortis Token**. If you gain your tenth **Livor Mortis Token** from Hairy Zombie Gu, your body is permanently transformed into a hairy zombie. Your natural primeval essence recovery rate is reduced to 0.

As long as you have 9 or fewer **Livor Mortis Tokens**, every month you go without gaining a **Livor Mortis Token** reduces the number of **Livor Mortis Tokens** you have by 1.

### Hopping Zombie Gu

*Rank 4 Carver*

Previous Rank: Hairy Zombie Gu

Next Rank: Asura Zombie Gu, Blood Wight Zombie Gu, Earth Chief Zombie Gu, Heavenly Demon Zombie Gu, Nightmare Zombie Gu, Plague Zombie Gu

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Dao**], [**Sustained**], [**Transformation**]

Effect: While sustained, your body transforms into that of a hopping zombie, granting you the following effects:

Your maximum hit points are 200.

You regain 25 hit points at the start of each of your turns.

Your jumping distance is doubled.

Your brain is your only vital organ.

You gain immunity to the *bleeding*, *fatigued*, and *posioned* conditions.

You gain vulnerability to heat and shock damage.

While exposed to direct light, you suffer a +20 penalty to all skill tests.

Your lifespan is not consumed over time.

At the start of each of your turns, make a **Perseverance** attribute test with a +20 penalty. On a failure, you gain a **Livor Mortis Token**. If you gain your tenth **Livor Mortis Token** from Hairy Zombie Gu, your body is permanently transformed into a hopping zombie. Your natural primeval essence recovery rate is reduced to 0.

As long as you have 9 or fewer **Livor Mortis Tokens**, every month you go without gaining a **Livor Mortis Token** reduces the number of **Livor Mortis Tokens** you have by 1.

### Asura Zombie Gu

*Rank 5 Carver*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: Self

Health: 2

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Dao**], [**Sustained**], [**Transformation**]

Effect: While sustained, your body transforms into that of an Asura Zombie, granting you the following effects:

Your maximum hit points are 600.

You regain 50 hit points at the start of each of your turns.

You gain 6 additional arms.

Your brain is your only vital organ.

You gain a flying speed of 6 meters and can execute 4 Maneuvers each turn.

You gain immunity to the *bleeding*, *fatigued*, and *posioned* conditions.

You gain vulnerability to heat and shock damage.

While exposed to direct light, you suffer a +20 penalty to all skill tests.

Your lifespan is not consumed over time.

At the start of each of your turns, make a **Perseverance** attribute test with a +40 penalty. On a failure, you gain a **Livor Mortis Token**. If you gain your tenth **Livor Mortis Token** from Asura Zombie Gu, your body is permanently transformed into an Asura Zombie. Your natural primeval essence recovery rate is reduced to 0.

As long as you have 9 or fewer **Livor Mortis Tokens**, every month you go without gaining a **Livor Mortis Token** reduces the number of **Livor Mortis Tokens** you have by 1.

### Blood Wight Zombie Gu

*Rank 5 Carver*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Self

Health: 2

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Dao: Blood**], [**Sustained**], [**Transformation**]

Effect: While sustained, your body transforms into that of a Blood Wight Zombie, granting you the following effects:

Your maximum hit points are 400.

You regain 100 hit points at the start of each of your turns.

Your brain is your only vital organ.

You gain a flying speed of 8 meters and can execute 3 Maneuvers each turn.

You gain immunity to the *bleeding*, *fatigued*, and *posioned* conditions.

You gain vulnerability to heat and shock damage.

While exposed to direct light, you suffer a +20 penalty to all skill tests.

Your lifespan is not consumed over time.

At the start of each of your turns, make a **Perseverance** attribute test with a +40 penalty. On a failure, you gain a **Livor Mortis Token**. If you gain your tenth **Livor Mortis Token** from Blood Wight Zombie Gu, your body is permanently transformed into a Blood Wight Zombie. Your natural primeval essence recovery rate is reduced to 0.

As long as you have 9 or fewer **Livor Mortis Tokens**, every month you go without gaining a **Livor Mortis Token** reduces the number of **Livor Mortis Tokens** you have by 1.

### Earth Chief Zombie Gu

*Rank 5 Carver*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Dao: Earth**], [**Sustained**], [**Transformation**]

Effect: While sustained, your body transforms into that of an Earth Chief Zombie, granting you the following effects:

Your maximum hit points are 1000, and your base movement is 5 meters.

You regain 30 hit points at the start of each of your turns.

Your brain is your only vital organ.

You gain a flying speed of 6 meters and can execute 2 Maneuvers each turn.

You gain immunity to the *bleeding*, *dazed*, *fatigued*, *posioned*, and *stunned* conditions and cannot be knocked prone.

You gain vulnerability to heat damage.

While exposed to direct light, you suffer a +20 penalty to all skill tests.

Your lifespan is not consumed over time.

At the start of each of your turns, make a **Perseverance** attribute test with a +40 penalty. On a failure, you gain a **Livor Mortis Token**. If you gain your tenth **Livor Mortis Token** from Earth Chief Zombie Gu, your body is permanently transformed into an Earth Chief Zombie. Your natural primeval essence recovery rate is reduced to 0.

As long as you have 9 or fewer **Livor Mortis Tokens**, every month you go without gaining a **Livor Mortis Token** reduces the number of **Livor Mortis Tokens** you have by 1.

### Heavenly Demon Zombie Gu

*Rank 5 Carver*

Cost: 20 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Dao: Light**], [**Sustained**], [**Transformation**]

Effect: While sustained, your body transforms into that of a Heavenly Demon Zombie, granting you the following effects:

Your maximum hit points are 300.

You regain 30 hit points at the start of each of your turns.

Your brain is your only vital organ.

You gain a flying speed of 10 meters and can execute 3 Maneuvers each turn.

You gain immunity to the *bleeding*, *fatigued*, and *posioned* conditions.

You gain vulnerability to heat and shock damage.

While exposed to direct light, you gain a -20 bonus on all **Dodge**, **Flying**, **Close Combat** and **Ranged Attack** skill tests.

While not exposed to direct light, you gain a -20 bonus on all **Awareness**, **Cultivation**, **Deduction**, and **Refinement** skill tests.

Your lifespan is not consumed over time.

At the start of each of your turns, make a **Perseverance** attribute test with a +40 penalty. On a failure, you gain a **Livor Mortis Token**. If you gain your tenth **Livor Mortis Token** from Heavenly Demon Zombie Gu, your body is permanently transformed into a Heavenly Demon Zombie. Your natural primeval essence recovery rate is reduced to 0.

As long as you have 9 or fewer **Livor Mortis Tokens**, every month you go without gaining a **Livor Mortis Token** reduces the number of **Livor Mortis Tokens** you have by 1.

## Nightmare Zombie Gu

Rank 5 Carver

Cost: 15 portions

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Dao: Dark], [Sustained], [Transformation]

Effect: While sustained, your body transforms into that of a Nightmare Zombie, granting you the following effects:

Your maximum hit points are 300.

You regain 30 hit points at the start of each of your turns.

Your brain is your only vital organ.

You gain a flying speed of 10 meters and can execute 3 Maneuvers each turn.

You gain immunity to the *bleeding*, *fatigued*, and *posioned* conditions.

You gain vulnerability to heat and shock damage.

While exposed to direct light, you suffer a +20 penalty to all skill tests.

When you hit a creature with a melee attack, they take 50 damage to their soul.

Your lifespan is not consumed over time.

At the start of each of your turns, make a **Perseverance** attribute test with a +40 penalty. On a failure, you gain a **Livor Mortis Token**. If you gain your tenth **Livor Mortis Token** from Nightmare Zombie Gu, your body is permanently transformed into a Nightmare Zombie.

As long as you have 9 or fewer **Livor Mortis Tokens**, every month you go without gaining a **Livor Mortis Token** reduces the number of **Livor Mortis Tokens** you have by 1.

## Plague Zombie Gu

Rank 5 Carver

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Self

Health: 5

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Dao: Poison], [Sustained], [Transformation]

Effect: While sustained, your body transforms into that of a Plague Zombie, granting you the following effects:

Your maximum hit points are 800.

You regain 10 hit points at the start of each of your turns.

Your brain is your only vital organ.

You gain a flying speed of 5 meters and can execute 3 Maneuvers each turn.

You gain immunity to the *bleeding*, *fatigued*, and *posioned* conditions.

You gain vulnerability to heat and shock damage.

While exposed to direct light, you suffer a +20 penalty to all skill tests.

Your lifespan is not consumed over time.

At the start of each of your turns, make a **Perseverance** attribute test with a +40 penalty. On a failure, you gain a **Livor Mortis Token**. If you gain your tenth **Livor Mortis Token** from Plague Zombie Gu, your body is permanently transformed into a Plague Zombie.

As long as you have 9 or fewer **Livor Mortis Tokens**, every month you go without gaining a **Livor Mortis Token** reduces the number of **Livor Mortis Tokens** you have by 1.

If another creature starts their turn within 3 meters of you, they gain the *Poisoned* condition with the following effects:

- You take 50 poison damage at the end of each of your turns.
- You have disadvantage on all skill tests.

[END]

## Wide Knuckle Gu

Rank 1 Catalyst

Cost: 7 portions

Range: Self

Health: 12

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: While sustained, your hands grow to double their original size. You gain a -10 bonus to **Close Combat** skill tests on punching attacks and your punching attacks deal an additional 2 force damage.

[Wind Scythe Bird Transformation]

*Wind Scythe Birds are a terrifyingly fast predator from Northern Plains. Their feathers are sharp as razors, and their diminutive size paired with extreme speed makes them very difficult to hit.*

## Wind Scythe Bird Plumes Gu

*Rank 2 Guard*

Cost: 3 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Defensive**], [**Sustained**]

Effect: Your body sprouts razor sharp feathers while sustained. Creatures take 10 rending damage whenever:

- They hit you with an unarmed melee attack
- You successfully grapple them

If this damage is dealt to their hit points, they gain *bleeding 2*.

## Wind Scythe Bird Wings Gu

*Rank 3 Celerity*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Sustained**]

Effect: Your arms transform into wings with razor sharp feathers. While sustained, you have a flying speed of 15 meters and can make 3 Maneuvers every turn. You can no longer make punching attacks, but gain the following unarmed melee attack option:

**Wings:** Make a **Close Combat** skill test against a creature within 1 meter of you. On a hit, deal 20 rending damage, increased to 50 rending damage if performed at the end of a *Dive* Maneuver. If this damage is dealt to the target's hit points, they gain *bleeding 4*.

[**End**]



## Water Path

*Manipulates water and fluids. More defensive, but water path attacks can still be devastating.*

### Blood to Water Gu

*Rank 4 Attack*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 4

Food: 1 kg of dried blood from a water path myriad beast king (500 primeval stones)

Effect: A creature you touch has their blood transmuted into water. In most cases, this kills the creature.

### Carapace Gu

*Rank 2 Guard*

Cost: 12 portions

Range: Self

Health: 6

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Defensive], [Sustained]

Effect: A sleek turtle shell forms around your torso. Whenever you are hit by an attack roll that was not a called shot, there is a 50% chance it hits your torso. Reduce all damage dealt to your torso by 40. If your torso takes more than 40 damage from a single attack, Carapace Gu deactivates and takes 1d6 damage as backlash.

### Dilute Poison Gu

*Rank 4-5 Tonic*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: A creature you touch has all instances of the *poisoned* condition removed if it was applied by a Gu of rank {4, 5} or lower.

### Faucet Gu

*Rank 1 Manifestation*

Cost: 4 portions

Range: Self

Health: 10

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: 5 liters of fresh water pours from your fingertip.

### Fish Scales Gu

*Rank 1-3 Guard*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Self

Health: {45, 100, 225}

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Defensive], [Shield], [Sustained]

Effect: Your skin turns into layered scales while sustained. Reduce all cold damage dealt to Fish Scales Gu by {5, 12, 30}. Fish Scales Gu cannot block sonic damage.

### Flow Gu

*Rank 2-4 Celerity*

Cost: 3 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: 1 liter of distilled water

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: While sustained, your movement is increased by {2, 5, 10} meters. You no longer consider swimming in water to be *Difficult Terrain*.

### Geyser Gu

*A white horsefly with oversized wings.*

*Rank 3 Manifestation*

Cost: 25 portions

Range: 10 Meters

Health: Food: 10 lbs of waterfall water

Effect: A 1 meter radius geyser, centered on a square you can see within range, spouts 15 meters high. [Large] or smaller creatures in the area are thrown 15 meters up and become *airborne*. If already *airborne*, they must pass an **Athletics** or **Flying** skill test with a +25 penalty or fall as if they failed a dive Maneuver.

## Jelly Bubble Gu

*Rank 2 Guard*

Cost: 3 portions

Range: Self

Health: 140

Food: 1 kg of mashed fruits (1/4 primeval stone)

Keywords: [**Defensive**], [**Shield**], [**Sustained**]

Effect: While sustained, you're surrounded by a bubble of viscous jelly. You cannot move, dodge, or make melee attacks, and you gain immunity to the *burning* and *ablaze* conditions. You are not a valid target for Gu with a range of *Touch*. Reduce all force and sonic damage dealt to Jelly Bubble Gu by 10.

## Land Becomes Sea Gu

*Rank 3-4 Manifestation*

Cost: 160 portions

Range: {5, 20} meters

Health: 12

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: All earth, soil, and stone within range is transmuted into an equal volume of water.

## Steam Burst Gu

*Rank 2 Attack*

Cost: 8 portions

Range: 2 meters

Health: 3

Food: 100 g of smoldering stone (1 primeval stone)

Keywords: [**Sustained**]

Effect: A cloud of steam surrounds you in a 2 meter radius while you sustain Steam Burst Gu. Creatures cannot see through the steam; all creatures inside gain the *blinded* condition and have a +20 penalty to **Dodge** skill tests while in the steam. When a creature moves into or starts their turn in the steam (including you), they take 10 heat damage.

Creatures in the area are immune to the *burning* condition (but not *ablaze*).

## Stream Gu

*Rank 1 Attack*

Cost: 2 portions

Range: 10 meters

Health: 7

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: You fire a pressurized stream of water from your index finger at a target within range. Make an attack roll with a -30 bonus. On a hit, deal 3 force damage.

## Undertow Gu

*An upturned helmet, full of sloshing mud*

*Rank 2-3 Manifestation*

Cost: 20 portions

Range: {4, 8} Meters

Health: 3

Food: 1 lb of River Moss

Effect: Water rushes from the earth in a line {4, 8} meters long and {4, 8} meters wide. This puts out fires, deals {5, 20} force damage, and forces creatures standing in *Difficult Terrain* to pass an **Athletics** skill test or be knocked prone. If the ground in the line is made of soil, it becomes a thick mud and is considered *Difficult Terrain*.

## Wind Path

*Manipulation of air currents and storms. Wind path methods usually need to be sustained several turns before they reach full strength. It is very rare for a wind path Gu Master to not also be a master of flying.*

### Air Resistance Gu

*Rank 2 Catalyst*

Cost: <!-- TODO -->

Range: Self

Health: <!-- TODO -->

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Sustained**]

Effect: While sustained, your movement makes no sound, including jumping, climbing, and sprinting. You also fall at a rate of 10 meters per turn (at the start of each of your turns) and take no damage from falling. If you have a flying speed greater than 10 meters, it is reduced to 10 meters.

### Feather Step Gu

*Rank 1 Celerity*

Cost: 2 portions

Range: Self

Health: 8

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Sustained**]

Effect: While sustained, your movement makes no sound.

### Free Spirit Gu

*A small blue gnat.*

*Rank 2 Carver*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: 10 Meters

Health: 2

Food: 1 kg honey cactus flesh (15 primeval stones)

Keywords: [**Sustained**]

Effect: While sustained, your movements are implacable and flow easily. Your movement doesn't trigger attacks of opportunity and you gain advantage on skill tests made against enemy **Grapple** combat actions.

### Fierce Wind Gu

*Rank 2 Guard*

Next Rank: Hurricane Gu

Cost: 20 portions

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Defensive**]

Effect: Winds pick up in a 2 meter radius, centered on the square you were in when you activated Fierce Wind Gu. **Ranged Combat** attack rolls made against any creature within the area are made with a +20 penalty. The winds disperse after one minute.

### Hurricane Gu

*Rank 3 Manifestation*

Pervious Rank: Fierce Wind Gu

Cost: portions

Range: 500 meters

Health: 5

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Galeforce winds begin spinning within range. While sustained, all **Ranged Combat** attack rolls made by creatures within range are made with a +30 penalty. If the attack roll originates from a Gu of wind path, it instead gains a -30 bonus. If used in conjunction with large volumes of water, such as over a lake or using a Gu that produces large amounts of water, that water is spread over the area causing flooding.

### Strength Gust Gu

*Rank 1 Attack*

Cost: 12 portions

Range: 5 meters

Health: 3

Food: 100 g of feather soil (2 primeval stones)

Effect: A huge gust of wind forces all [Large] or smaller creatures in a 3 meter wide, 5 meter long line to make an **Athletics** skill test. On a failure, they are pushed 2 meters away in the direction of the line and land *prone*.

## Wisdom Path

*Invented millions of years ago by Star Constellation Immortal Venerable, wisdom path is scarce in the modern Gu world. Inheritances are few in number and kept out of reach, for the strength of Wisdom path is to subdue your enemy without them knowing you even made a move.*

### Armchair General Gu

*A winged ant with large mandibles.*

*Rank 3 Catalyst*

Cost: 30 portions

Range: 6 Meters

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Sustained**]

Effect: While sustained, you project your plan into the head of a willing creature within range. They gain a bonus to attack rolls made against creatures within your line of sight equal to -(your Cognition attribute)

### Awake Gu

*Rank 1-3 Catalyst*

Cost: 6 portions

Range: 3 meters

Health: 7

Food: Consumes dreams when the owner sleeps

Effect: Awaken a sleeping target. Can be activated as a reaction to you or a creature within range falling to 0 hit points to give them a -{20, 40, 60} bonus to their **Perseverance** attribute test.

### Awaken Cloud Gu

*Rank 4 Catalyst*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: Self

Health: 15

Food: 1 liter of pure water

Keywords: [**Deductive**]

Effect: A cloud of thoughts rumbles above your head, granting you advantage on your next **Deduction** skill test.

### Awaken Soul Gu

*Rank 2 Catalyst*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: 100 g of soul stricken grass (6 primeval stones)

Keywords: [**Expendable**]

Effect: Your maximum soul is increased by 3.

### Battle Will Gu

*Rank 3 Catalyst*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: 5 meters

Health: 8

Food: Battle Thoughts (Gu Master must think about fighting for 1 hour)

Effect: All creatures within range, including yourself, become agitated and more prone to violence, and gain a -30 bonus to **Perseverance** attribute tests for 10 minutes.

### Brain Explosion Gu

*Rank 4 Attack*

Cost: 55 portions

Range: 10 meters

Health: 12

Food: 1 Human Brain

Effect: Brain Explosion Gu flies towards a creature within range. This can be reacted to and attacked. If Brain Explosion Gu successfully reaches the target, it burrows into their mind and becomes dormant, no longer requiring food to sustain itself. If the creature makes a Cultivation, Deduction, Knowledge, or Refinement test, the Brain Explosion Gu detonates, instantly killing Brain Explosion Gu and the creature. If the creature is forced by some other effect to make one of these tests, they may elect to automatically fumble it and not detonate the Brain Explosion Gu.

## Careful Gu

*Rank 3 Catalyst*

Cost: portions

Range: Self

Health: 7

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Expendable**]

Effect: Activate before rolling the failure die of a refinement recipe. Increase the die by one stage (d2 -> d4 -> d6 -> d8 -> d10 -> d12 -> d20 -> d100) to a maximum of a d100.

## Enamor Gu

*Rank 2 Attack*

Cost: 25 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Make an attack roll against a creature within range. On a hit, the creature feels a strong bond of love between themselves and you. The affected creature cannot make any attacks against you, and will try its best to protect you, even risking its own life. If you are being attacked by the creature's allies, the creature will try to protect you without harming either side. At the end of each of its turns, the affected creature can make an **Insight** skill test, ending the effect on a success.

## Give Up Gu

*Rank 3 Attack*

Cost: 25

Range: 3 meters

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: All creatures within range lose their motivation to go on. They become far more likely to give up on their goals and have a +40 penalty to **Perseverance** attribute tests made within the next hour. Give Up Gu has the most effect on creatures that already have fear or doubts about what they're doing, but creatures will not give up if their life is on the line (unless they were already inclined to do so).

## Human Secret Gu

*The mortal variant of Heavenly Secret Immortal Gu, Human Secret Gu resembles a roiling purple cloud.*

*Rank 3-5 Divination*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: {1, 5, 20} meters

Health: 9

Food: 10 g of clear minded jade (150 primeval stones)

Effect: If activated during a deduction, your deduction benefits from the combined knowledge of all humans and variant humans within range instead of just information available to you personally. Can also be used outside of deductions to read the thoughts of all humans and variant humans within range until the start of your next turn. While active, you may react to the thoughts of humans and variant humans, including the activation of Gu, even if they are [**Unreactable**]. Additionally, you gain a -50 bonus to all tests made to parry, dodge, or attack humans and variant humans within range.

## Lightning Thoughts Gu

*Rank 3-4 Divination*

Cost: 40 portions

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Deductive**]

Effect: {2, 5} lightning thoughts appear crackling above your head. Whenever a creature you can see activates a Gu with the [**Unreactable**] keyword, you may expend a lightning thought to ignore the [**Unreactable**] keyword for that activation. You may also expend a lightning thought to make a reaction without expending one of your reactions.

When you take the **Deduction** action, you may expend a lightning thought to halve the time required to make the deduction. Lightning thoughts disappear after 1 hour.

## Little Will Gu

*Rank 1-3 Catalyst*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Self

Health: 6

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords [**Expendable**]

Effect: You take {1, 2, 6} damage to your soul and create {2, 8, 30} Little Wills. Little Wills are linked to you psychically and can help you multitask. When you take the *Activate Gu* combat action, you may consume any number of Little Wills to gain 1 Activation per Little Will consumed in this way.

When you activate or sustain a Gu with the **[Sustained]** keyword, you may expend a Little Will. The Gu will remain sustained until the start of your next turn and does not count towards your current number of sustained Gu.

Little Wills can also be left pretty much anywhere along with a Gu. When a condition, set by you when you leave the Little Will, is fulfilled, the Will consumes itself to activate the Gu in a manner of your choosing.

Little Wills can exist for up to 6 months before vanishing.

### Martial Art Mantis Gu

*Rank 2 Catalyst*

Cost: 12 portions

Range: Self

Health: 5

Food: 10 g of Purple Autumn Grass (3 primeval stones)

Keywords: **[Sustained]**

Effect: While sustained, your unarmed strike **Close Combat** skill tests gain a  $(-5 \times \text{your maximum activations})$  bonus.

### Mind Fortress Gu

*Rank 1-5 Guard*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: Self

Health: {8, 25, 60, 150, 400}

Food: 5 hours of intense thinking; the thoughts are consumed and cannot be used for deductions.

Keywords: **[Defensive]**, **[Shield]**, **[Sustained]**

Effect: While sustained, if an effect would manipulate your thoughts, emotions, or will, and originates from a source of equal or lower rank than Mind Fortress Gu, it is negated on you. Mind Fortress Gu cannot block any damage. Whenever you take damage to your soul while sustained, you may instead assign that damage to Mind Fortress Gu. Mind Fortress Gu can be activated as a reaction to taking damage to your soul, with the triggering damage being redirected to Mind Fortress Gu.

### One Mind Gu

*Rank 2 Catalyst*

Cost: 10X portions

Range: Self

Health: 12

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: **[Expendable]**

Effect: You gain X activations until the end of your turn. Once you use an activation before the end of your turn, your subsequent activations must be used for the same effect, i.e. activating the same Gu.

### Placebo Gu

*Rank 1 Tonic*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: 4 meters

Health: 8

Food: 100 g of sugar

Effect: A creature of your choice within range regains 2 hit points.

### Sensitivity Gu

*Rank 3 Divination*

Cost: 35 portions

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: **[Deductive]**

Effect: Your emotional intelligence is vastly improved for an hour. You gain a -30 bonus to all **Insight** skill tests. If you take the **Deduction** action using this Gu, you gain a -20 bonus on the **Deduction** skill test as long as you are deducing the motivations of a creature.

### Shared Sense Gu

*Rank 3 Divination*

Cost: 90 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: You touch a creature and implant Shared Sense Gu on their body. This process is painless and impossible to feel, and Shared Sense Gu is undetectable by divinations of rank 3 or below. While implanted, you may use your combat action to close your eyes and connect with Shared Sense Gu, immediately learning the exact location of the target and switching from using your senses to theirs. You can see, smell, hear, feel, and taste whatever the target is while sharing their senses, and can end the effect at any time.

## Sharp Intent Gu

*Rank 3-4 Manifestation*

Cost: 20 portions

Range: 3 meters

Health: 10

Food: {3, 15} blades of Cutting-Edge Grass ({90, 450} primeval stones)

Effect: You condense your will into swords, taking {3, 10} damage to your soul and manifesting {1, 5} Intent Blades. As an Activation, you can make an attack roll against a target within range with an Intent Blade, dealing {35, 100} rending damage on a hit. Each Intent Blade can only be used for one attack every turn. They may also be wielded as a melee weapon with a range of 1 meter, dealing {35, 100} rending damage on a successful melee attack. Intent Blades vanish after 1 minute.

Whenever you make an attack roll from a Gu effect, you may consume an Intent Blade to gain a -30 bonus to that attack roll.

*The main recipe for Rank 3 Sharp Intent Gu combines Rank 2 Sabre Gu with many Rank 1 Little Will Gu*

## Space Thought Gu

*Rank 1-5 Catalyst*

Cost: 30 portions

Range: Self

Health: 12

Food: {1, 4, 9, 16, 25} kilograms of phantom soil

Keywords: [**Deductive**]

Effect: Your thoughts appear as pitch black bubbles above your head. If you use this Gu to deduce or improve a refinement recipe, you gain a {-10, -20, -30, -40, -50} bonus on the test if you own the Gu whose recipe you are deducing or improving. The Gu must also be of the appropriate rank; you do not gain the bonus if you are deducing a rank 3 recipe but only own the rank 2 version of the Gu.

If the recipe belongs to Space Path, you gain the bonus whether or not you own the Gu.

## Thinking Twice Gu

*Rank 2 Catalyst*

Cost: 20 portions

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: You gain a -20 bonus on your next **Deduction** or **Knowledge** skill test if it is your second time attempting it.

## Truthful Bone Gu

*Rank 2 Divination*

Cost: None

Range: 2 meters

Health: 4

Food: Honest statements

Effect: If a lie is told within range of Truthful Bone Gu, it detonates and dies. Truthful Bone Gu cannot hear lies from inside of an aperture. Activating this Gu has no effect.

## {Two, Three, Four, Five} Tasks at Once Gu

*Rank 2-5 Catalyst*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: Self

Health: 10

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Sustained**]

Effect: While sustained you can sustain an additional number of Gu every turn equal to your activations multiplied by {1, 2, 3, 4} without incurring damage to your soul. Additionally, whenever you take damage to your soul due to giving orders to hordes, roll {1d10, 1d8, 1d6, 1d4} instead of 1d12.

## Vajra Arms Gu

*Rank 2 Manifestation*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Self

Health: 11

Food: 1 hour of thoughts related to punching or souls.

Keywords: [**Sustained**]

Effect: While sustained, you have an additional two arms sprouting from your waist. They are a spectral blue color, and punching attacks made with them deal an additional 2 damage to the target's soul.

## Vajra Thought Gu

*Rank 1-5 Manifestation*

Cost: 12 portions

Range: 25 meters

Health: 8

Food: {1, 4, 9, 16, 25} liters of Monkey Leaf Tea

Keywords: [**Deductive**]

Effect: Manifest {3, 6, 20, 50, 100} Vajra Thoughts. Vajra Thoughts appear as shining golden spheres, and can be manifested inside your mind or outside your body. Any number of Vajra thoughts can be transferred between your mind and outside your body as a bonus action.

When making the **Deduction** action, you may consume a number of Vajra thoughts up to your Cognition attribute to gain a bonus equal to -(thoughts consumed) on your Deduction test. The thoughts consumed must be inside your mind.

As an Activation, you can shoot a Vajra thought at any

target within range. You may only shoot Vajra thoughts that exist outside your body in this way. Make an attack roll; on a hit, each Vajra thought deals 2 force damage directly to the targets hit points.

Vajra thoughts vanish after 1 hour.

## Warrior's Intuition Gu

*A soldier ant with an a bulbous head and ridged thorax.*

*Rank 1 Catalyst*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 5

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: After hitting a creature with an attack, you may activate Warrior's Intuition Gu without using an Activation. You gain a -10 bonus to the first skill test made as part of a reaction against that creature before the start of your next turn.



## Wood Path

*Wood path was discovered by Genesis Lotus Immortal Venerable. It generally encompasses methods involving plants, and excels at support and healing, having marginal defense and lower attack power than other paths.*

### Bark Skin Gu

*Rank 1 Guard*

Cost: 4 portions

Range: Self

Health: 15

Food: 5 kg of bark

Keywords: [**Sustained**]

Effect: While sustained, you skin grows a thick bark as strong as stone. When you take rending or force damage to your hit points, reduce the amount of damage taken by 3, to a minimum of 0. Additionally, reduce any amount of damage taken from the *bleeding* condition by 1, to a minimum of 0. You have vulnerability to heat damage.

### Become Tree Gu

*A really convincing stick bug. Awareness tests made to discover it is not a stick are made with a +50 penalty*

*Rank 3 Concealment*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: A sapling

Keywords: [**Dao**], [**Transformation**]

Effect: You transform into a tree of your height, granting you the following features:

Your maximum hit points are 25, and your base movement is 0 meters.

You gain the *blinded* and *deafened* conditions.

You gain resistance to cold, force, rending, shock, and sonic damage.

As a bonus action, you may transform back into your original form and end this effect.

### Blood Root Armor Gu

*Rank 3 Guard*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Self

Health: 270

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Defensive**], [**Shield**], [**Sustained**]

Effect: Your body is covered in wooden armor, and roots sprout from it into your blood vessels. While sustained, if you gain the *poisoned* condition from a Gu of rank 4 or lower, immediately remove it and Blood Root Armor Gu regains 40 hit points. Blood Root Armor Gu cannot block heat or sonic damage.

### Branching Wings Gu

*Rank 2 Manifestation*

Cost: 75 portions

Range: Self

Health: 9

Food: 10 portions of rank 2 primeval essence

Effect: 4 huge wooden wings sprout from your back. They each have 25 hit points and vulnerability to rending damage. You gain a flying speed equal to 2 times the number of wooden wings you have and can execute 2 Maneuvers each turn. As a bonus action or activation, you can quickly sprout a branch from one at a creature within 3 meters. If the creature is unwilling, make an attack roll. On a hit, the branch fuses with their spine or sternum, and you carry the creature with you while flying. Creature's attached to your wings this way have a +30 penalty to all attack rolls and are *restrained*.

Branching Wings Gu can carry 1 [**Medium**] or smaller creatures on each wing. If a wing is destroyed, it falls off your back and any creature attached to it is freed.

Creatures have to be cut off their branch as a combat action to be freed (or it can be destroyed as part of an attack, with 1 hit point). This leaves a wooden cap attached to the body that can be safely cut away over the course of an hour.

[**Upgrade Path: Burning Canopy Blessing Gu**]

### Photosynthesis Gu

*Rank 2 Tonic*

Next Rank: Chlorophyl Armor Gu

Cost: 14 portions

Range: Self

Health: 12

Food: Direct sunlight for 1 hour

Effect: Can only be activated while in direct sunlight. At the end of each of your turns, you regain 12 hit points. This effect ends if you take damage to your hit points or leave direct sunlight. Photosynthesizing for 1 hour a day replaces your need to eat.

### **Clorophyl Armor Gu**

*Rank 3 Tonic*

Previous Rank: Photosynthesis Gu

Next Rank: Phoenix Mantle Gu

Cost: 6 portions

Range: Self

Health: 14

Food: Direct sunlight for 8 hours

Keywords: [**Sustained**]

Effect: A scaly green armor covers your body. While sustained, you regain 15 hit points at the end of each of your turns as long as you're in direct sunlight. Force and rending damage are dealt to the armor instead of your hit points. The armor has 80 hit points, and once it is broken, the effect ends.

### **Phoenix Mantle Gu**

*Rank 4 Tonic*

Previous Rank: Clorophyl Armor Gu

Next Rank: Burning Canopy Blessing Gu

Cost: 8 portions

Range: Self

Health: 14

Food: 10 g of Imperial Phoenix feathers (1,500 primeval stones)

Keywords: [**Sustained**]

Effect: A shawl of light wraps around your head, shedding sunlight in a 30 foot radius. While sustained, if your hit points would be reduced to 0, instead the shawl bursts into flames and your hit points are restored to their maximum. Phoenix Mantle Gu takes 13 damage and becomes unusable for 24 hours.

### **Burning Canopy Blessing Gu**

*Rank 5 Tonic*

Previous Rank: Phoenix Mantle Gu

Cost: 40 portions

Range: Self

Health: 18

Food: Direct sunlight for 6 months

Keywords: [**Sustained**]

Effect: A miniature sun manifests 5 meters above your head, illuminating a 250 kilometer sphere around it. The light does not pierce objects, but it is extremely bright. All creatures within 10 meters of the sun are *blinded*. All creatures within 1 kilometer of the sun are *blinded* while it is within their line of sight.

While sustained, you return to your maximum hit points, heal all diseases, and regenerate all missing body parts at the end of each of your turns. You are also invulnerable to rending and force damage.

[**END**]

### **Cactus Pointer Gu**

*Rank 3 Divination*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Self

Health: 5

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [**Expendable**]

Effect: You pluck the flower atop Cactus Pointer Gu. Cactus Pointer Gu withers and dies, and a word appears on the plucked flower. The word is chosen by the GM, and will be related to your current goal, pointing you in the right direction. It can be a name, object, or place, but must be a single word, or a single name if the name is more than one word.

### **Creamy Sap Gu**

*Rank 1 Tonic*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 8

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: A creamy orange sap is secreted by your fingertips. You can rub it into a creature's wounds as a bonus action. Doing so heals them 6 hit points and removes the *bleeding* condition.

## Dark Moss Gu

*Rank 1 Concealment*

Cost: 4 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 6

Food: 5 kg of moss

Effect: You or a creature you touch sprout a thick moss for 1 hour that blends in with forestry. While in a wooded or grassy area, they are invisible.

## Earth Communication Ear Grass Gu

*A large ear with roots growing from the eardrum. After a Gu Master replaces one of their ears with it, Earth Communication Ear Grass Gu slowly shrinks to fit their face and become more unassuming.*

*Rank 1 Divination*

Cost: 2 portions

Range: 20 meters

Health: 8

Food: 1 kilogram of grass and 1 kilogram of soil

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: Before being activated, the user of Earth Communication Ear Grass Gu must cut off one of their ears and allow Earth Communication Ear Grass Gu to take its place. While sustained, roots extend from the replaced ear and allow you to hear all noises, big or small, made within range. If you put the ear to the ground, the roots connect to it and extend the range to 100 meters, but you can only hear things on top of or in the earth.

## Fragrant Daisy Gu

*Rank 3 Concealment*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 5

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: A large daisy grow out of a chunk of soil or stone that you touch, emitting a powerful fragrance in a 1 km circle centered on the daisy. All **Awareness** skill tests and divination Gu that rely on smelling automatically fail if used within the area. Nothing inside the area can be located by scent either, except for the daisy emitting the fragrance. The daisy has a 20 hit points and vulnerability to heat damage, and if it is killed or uprooted the effect ends. The fragrance does not cling to creatures that leave the area.

## Growing Power Gu

*A huge green striped brown grub.*

*Rank 3 Catalyst*

Cost: 5 portions

Range: Self

Health: 5

Food: 5 kg of seeds

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: When you activate Growing Power Gu and at the start of each of your turns while sustained, you gain 2 Fortitude, 20 Strength, and heal 2 hit points. At the end of each of your turns while sustained, your movement is reduced by 1. You lose all effects when you stop sustaining Growing Power Gu.

## Healing Sprout Gu

*Rank 1 Tonic*

Cost: 7 portions

Range: Self

Health: 7

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Healing Sprout Gu sprouts a healing leaf. The leaf can be plucked from Healing Sprout Gu. A creature can eat a healing leaf as a bonus action to regain 4 hit points.

## Heavenly Essence Treasure Lotus Gu

*To refine the Heavenly Essence Treasure Lotus Gu, a Gu Master must use 3 fresh spirit springs as refinement materials. Spirit springs produce vast amounts of primeval stones, so few are willing to make that sacrifice.*

*Rank 3 Manifestation*

Cost: None

Range: Self

Health: 4

Food: Natural primeval essence (none)

Effect: Cannot be activated. Passively sprouts 50 primeval essence stones every day at midnight. Up to 50 primeval stones can remain attached to Heavenly Essence Treasure Lotus Gu at a time.

## Paper Tiger Gu

*Rank 2 Concealment*

Cost: None

Range: Self

Health: 3

Food: 1 kg wood pulp (1/4 primeval stone)

Keywords: [Sustained]

Effect: As long as you are rank 2, the aura of your primeval essence is increased to rank 3 and a stage of your choice while sustained. Your primeval essence's outward appearance remains as it was, however, so effects that glimpse inside your aperture will see your true cultivation. Sustaining Paper Tiger Gu does not count towards your number of currently sustained Gu.

## Primeval Tree Heart Gu

*Rank 1-5 Catalyst*

Cost: None

Range: Self

Health: 7

Food: Natural primeval essence (none)

Keywords: [Expendable]

Effect: You immediately regain 50 primeval essence. This essence is of the same rank as Primeval Tree Heart Gu; if that rank is below your own, you instead gain only 1 primeval essence. If that rank is above your own, multiply the amount of primeval essence gained by 4 for each rank above your own.

## Problem Nipped in the Bud Gu

*Rank 4 Attack*

Cost: 20 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 4

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: You touch a Gu Master with the *restrained* condition between their eyes, and Problem Nipped in the Bud Gu attaches to their head. At the end of each of your turns, a random Gu is extracted from their aperture and the will inside is obliterated, turning the Gu wild. If the target loses the *restrained* condition, Problem Nipped in the Bud Gu deactivates.

## Regrowth Gu

*Rank 1 Tonic*

Cost: 35 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 3

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Touch a creature within range. That creature regrows a single severed limb instantaneously.

## Resurgence Gu

*Rank 2 Tonic*

Previous Rank: Silver Lining Gu

Cost: 15 portions

Range: 3 meters

Health: 12

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Can only be activated as a reaction to getting hit by an attack or missing an attack against another creature. You and any number of creatures of your choice within range regain 15 hit points.

## Rot Gu

*Rank 2 Catalyst*

Cost: 10 portions

Range: 3 meters

Health: 22

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Target a corpse or undead creature within range. If it is a corpse, it quickly spoils and rots before the skin and flesh sloughs off the bones and the skeleton disintegrates. If an undead creature is targeted, it rots at a slower rate, and takes 1/3 of its maximum hit points (rounded up) in force damage directly to its hit points. While sustained, the target takes another 1/3 of its maximum hit points (rounded up) at the start of your turn.

## Sapping Toxin Gu

*Rank 1-3 Tonic*

Cost: 8 portions

Range: Touch

Health: 6

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: A creature you touch has a single instance of the *poisoned* condition removed as long as it was applied by a Gu of rank {1, 2, 3} or lower.

### Scarecrow Gu

*Rank 1 Manifestation*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: 1 meter

Health: 12

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: A 1 meter tall scarecrow manifests in an unoccupied square adjacent to you. The scarecrow has 50 hit points and regains 10 hit points at the start of each of your turns. Hiding behind it counts as partial cover.

If within a 2x2 area there are 3 or more scarecrows, hiding behind them instead counts as full cover.

### Stranglewood Gu

*Rank 2 Attack*

Cost: 14 portions

Range: 5 meters

Health: 14

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Select a 2 meter radius circle within range. Roots and vines burst forth from the ground, and creatures in the area must succeed an **Athletics** skill test with a +20 penalty or else be *restrained* for 1 minute. A *restrained* creature can remake the test as a combat action on its turn to free itself.

### Thorn Burst Gu

*Rank 1 Attack*

Cost: 25 portions

Range: 5 meters

Health: 28

Food: 500 g of roses

Effect: A cloud of thorns bursts from your outstretched hand in a 5 meter long cone. Creatures in the area take 6 force damage.

[Upgrade Path: Three Star Cave Gu]

*This Gu appears to be an acorn of brown color at rank 1, getting darker as it is upgraded. Rank 3 Three Star Cave Gu is pitch black.*

### One Star Cave Gu

*Rank 1 Container*

Cost: 50 portions

Range: Self

Health: 5

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: One Star Cave Gu must be planted in any kind of soil to be activated. A 3 meter radius tree containing a single room is manifested above One Star Cave Gu. It has a door on one side of your choice. The owner of One Star Cave Gu can touch any part of the tree and spend 1 portion of primeval essence as an activation to instantly revert One Star Cave Gu back to its original form.

The tree has 50 hit points and vulnerability to heat and rending damage. If the tree is reduced to 0 hit points, this effect ends.

### Two Star Cave Gu

*Rank 2 Container*

Cost: 50 portions

Range: Self

Health: 5

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Two Star Cave Gu must be planted in any kind of soil to be activated. A two-story tall, 3 meter radius tree is manifested above Two Star Cave Gu. It has a door on one side of your choice and a ladder leading to the second floor. Each floor has a single room, furnished in a manner of your choice. Two Star Cave Gu can only manifest basic wooden furniture such as tables, chairs, and cabinets. The owner of Two Star Cave Gu can touch any part of the tree and spend 1 portion of primeval essence as an activation to instantly revert One Star Cave Gu back to its original form.

The tree has 250 hit points and vulnerability to heat and rending damage. If the tree is reduced to 0 hit points, this effect ends.

### Three Star Cave Gu

*Rank 3 Container*

Cost: 50 portions

Range: Self

Health: 5

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Effect: Three Star Cave Gu must be planted in any kind of soil to be activated. A three-story tall, 5 meter radius

tree is manifested above Three Star Cave Gu. It has a door on one side and a staircase leading to the second and third floors. Each floor has a single room, furnished in a manner of your choice. Three Star Cave Gu can manifest wood, cloth, and stone furniture such as counters, chairs, and beds. The owner of Three Star Cave Gu can touch any part of the tree and spend 1 portion of primeval essence as an activation to instantly revert One Star Cave Gu back to its original form.

The tree has 1000 hit points and vulnerability to heat and rending damage. If the tree is reduced to 0 hit points, this effect ends.

[END]

### Wardrobe Gu

*Rank 2 Container*

Cost: 1 portion

Range: Self

Health: 25

Food: 1 kg of silk (5 primeval stones)

Effect: Can store up to 50 kg of clothes and armor. Upon activation, a set of clothes stored inside Wardrobe Gu of your choice replaces whatever you are wearing, while the clothes you were wearing are stored within Wardrobe Gu. If you do not choose an outfit, you merely store the clothes you are wearing.

### Wine Sack Flower Gu

*Rank 1 Manifestation*

Cost: 15 portions

Range: Self

Health: 9

Food: 1 kg rice (1/4 primeval stone)

Effect: Wine Sack Flower Gu blooms, forming a bowl made of petals containing 3 kg of rice wine.

### Wood Charm Gu

*Rank 3 Carver*

Cost: 2 portions

Range: Self

Health: 8

Food: Natural primeval essence (none)

Keywords: [Dao], [Sustained]

Effect: While sustained, your skin becomes bark as you transform into a tree spirit and gain the ability to absorb primeval essence from the surroundings. At the end of each of your turns, you and any creatures in a square adjacent to you regain 10 portions of primeval essence. Your bark skin also reduces rending and force damage dealt to your hit points by 10.

At the start of each of your turns, make a **Perseverance** attribute test with a +10 penalty. On a failure, you gain a **Wood Charm Token** and your body becomes slightly more tree-like. If you ever have 10 **Wood Charm Tokens**, your body is permanently transfigured into a small tree and you die.

As long as you have 9 or fewer **Wood Charm Tokens**, every month you go without activating Wood Charm Gu reduces the number of **Wood Charm Tokens** you have by 1.

### Wood Origin Gu

*Rank 3 Carver*

Cost: 50 portions

Range: Self

Health: 15

Food: <!-- TODO -->

Keywords: [Dao], [Expendable]

Effect: You carve wood path dao into your body, gaining a **Wood Dao Token**. For every **Wood Dao Token** you have, you gain a -5 bonus to **Refinement** skill tests made to follow or improve wood path Gu recipes and reduce the amount of primeval essence used to activate wood path Gu by 1 portion (to a minimum of 1). Additionally, each **Wood Dao Token** you have reduces your base movement by 1 as your skin and flesh hardens into bark and wood. You cannot have more than 5 **Wood Dao Tokens**.