

Incomparable Magnus Style

Incomparable Magnus style takes a person's unshakeable will and weaponizes it to achieve victory. This style values unyielding determination far more than sheer skill. A master of this style wins not because they are the most skillful combatant - rather, they fight with such aplomb that the universe itself recognizes their claim to victory and adjusts itself accordingly.

The style is unpopular within the Realm – Immaculate Monks see its self-aggrandizing nature as contrary to the immaculate texts, while Sidereal Masters view its hallmarks as transgressions of fate. However, these same philosophical differences make the style popular among sun cults and Getimian orders.

Incomparable Magnus Weapons: Stylists use Heavy Two-Handed swords and their artifact equivalent, grand daiklaves, wearing down their opponent with slow, deliberate blows. Alternatively, any weapon which is sufficiently showy or legendary may be integrated into the style with practice, including Archery and Thrown weapons. As such, any Exceptional or Artifact weapon may be treated as a weapon of this style regardless of type.

Armor: Stylists traditionally forego armor. Alternatively, any armor which is sufficiently showy or legendary may be integrated into the style with practice. As such, all Exceptional and Artifact armor is compatible with this style regardless of type.

Special Restrictions: This style cannot be mixed with other Martial Arts when using alternate weapons.

Complementary Abilities: Magnus stylists rely on their sheer Willpower to fuel their combat prowess.

Essence 1

Greatness-Asserting Strike

Cost: 6m, 1wp **Mins:** Martial Arts 4, Essence 1

Type: Supplemental

Keywords: Withering-only, Terrestrial

Duration: Instant

Prerequisite Charms: None

Knowing her victory to be inevitable, the stylist attacks with slow and methodical grace. Her strikes are the passing of seasons and the wind that erodes the mountains, slow but inexorable. Supplements a **withering** attack, granting the stylist (lower of Temporary Willpower and 5) bonus dice and causing her to reroll 6s on the damage roll until they cease to appear. If the stylist is below 15 initiative, the attack roll also benefits from double 9s.

Terrestrial: the stylist may not gain more than 3 bonus dice.

Superiority-Demonstrating Blow

Cost: 6m, 1wp **Mins:** Martial Arts 3, Essence 1

Type: Supplemental

Keywords: Decisive-only, Terrestrial

Duration: Instant

Prerequisite Charms: None

The stylist knows the one killing blow that truly matters is the one dealt to the enemy's will. She puts such elegance and self-assurance into her strike that her quarry cannot help but see the stylist as their superior, weakening their guard against the incoming blow. Supplements a **decisive** attack, granting the stylist (lower of Temporary Willpower and 5) bonus dice and causing her to gain double 10s on the damage roll. If the stylist is at 15 initiative or greater, the attack roll also benefits from double 9s.

Terrestrial: the stylist may not gain more than 3 bonus dice.

Iron-Willed Defense

Cost: 7m, 1wp **Mins:** Martial Arts 3, Essence 1

Type: Supplemental

Keywords: Uniform, Terrestrial

Duration: One Tick

Prerequisite Charms: None

Sensing an incoming blow, the stylist steels her resolve, disregarding all distractions and worries to focus fully on defense. Faced with a wall of sheer will, the attacker cannot help but falter a little in their swing. The stylist raises her Parry by (Temporary Willpower/2, rounded up, maximum 3) and ignores wound penalties to her Parry. If the stylist is below 15 initiative, the attacker loses 1 success on their attack roll for every 1 in the roll.

Terrestrial: the stylist may not gain more than 2 Parry from this effect.

Essence 2

Incomparable Magnus Form

Cost: 10m **Mins:** Martial Arts 4, Essence 2

Type: Simple

Keywords: Uniform

Duration: One Scene

Prerequisite Charms: Greatness-Asserting Strike, Superiority-Demonstrating Blow, Iron-Willed Defense

Adopting a stance of absolute self-assurance, the stylist imposes upon the world her will to triumph. Her demeanor changes noticeably: where she appeared strong, she now looks truly fearsome. Where she appeared in control, she now has the knowing patience of the gods. If she has an Intimacy of resolve, self-assurance or similar inner strength, she gains attack dice equal to the intimacy's strength. Whenever the stylist depicts an increase of her anima level in a Stunt, she gains 1 Willpower, up to 3 times per Scene. When the form is entered reflexively, this effect can be applied retroactively on the current Combat action.

Special activation rules: When the stylist successfully lands an attack in which she spent 2 or more Willpower through Charms or by spending Willpower normally, she may reflexively enter Incomparable Magnus Form.

Ego-Saturated Strikes

Cost: 1wp or 2wp **Mins:** Martial Arts 5, Essence 2

Type: Permanent

Keywords: Uniform

Duration: Permanent

Prerequisite Charms: Incomparable Magnus Form

Having progressed on the path of the Magnus, the stylist gains a deeper, more personal understanding of the way her will and fury come together as one. This Charm upgrades Greatness-Asserting Strike and Superiority-Demonstrating Blow. When these Charms would provide double 9s on an attack roll, the stylist may pay a 1 Willpower surcharge to increase this benefit to double 8s. Once per Scene, she may pay a 2 Willpower surcharge instead to increase the benefit to double 7s.

Vindication of the Magnus

Cost: 1wp or 2wp **Mins:** Martial Arts 4, Essence 2

Type: Permanent

Keywords: Dual

Duration: Permanent

Prerequisite Charms: Incomparable Magnus Form

The Incomparable Magnus style changes the stylist to their soul, granting her a greater sense of puissance and purpose. Each time the stylist takes down the mighty with righteous might, she knows in her soul that the universe has been righted and feels true fulfillment. When attacking a non-trivial opponent with Incomparable Magnus style, if the stylist crashes the target with a **withering** attack or deals 3 or more damage with a **decisive** attack, she gains 1 point of Temporary Willpower. This effect is usable once per target, per Scene. Additionally, upon winning a battle, the next full night's sleep restores 2 points of Temporary Willpower to the stylist instead of 1.

Impregnable Fortress of Self

Cost: 1wp or 2wp **Mins:** Martial Arts 4, Essence 2

Type: Permanent

Keywords: Uniform

Duration: Permanent

Prerequisite Charms: Incomparable Magnus Form

Having defended herself with the style countless times, the stylist has developed an intimate knowledge of how to best steel her resolve against harm. This Charm upgrades Iron-Willed Defense. When the Charm would subtract successes from an attacker's 1s, the stylist may pay a 1 Willpower surcharge to also subtract successes from an attacker's 2s. Once per Scene, the stylist may pay a 2 Willpower surcharge instead to subtract successes from 1s, 2s and 3s.

Essence 3

Incomparable Coup-de-Grâce

Cost: 8m, all wp (min 1) **Mins:** Martial Arts 5, Essence 3

Type: Simple

Keywords: Decisive-only, Terrestrial, Mastery

Duration: Instant

Prerequisite Charms: Ego-Saturated Strikes

It is the fate of the stylist to emerge victorious and the fate of her enemies to fall. Knowing this, it becomes obvious to the stylist that the battle underway is but a formality, one she need not subject herself to. Channeling all her determination into one final attack, she forces the universe itself to carry the battle to its natural conclusion. Her attack is not one attack, but every attack from now until the battle's end, overwhelming her opponent with countless lethal blows. This a **decisive** attack which requires 20 or more initiative. The stylist pays all her Temporary Willpower (minimum 1) and increases the raw damage of the attack by 2 for every point paid.

Terrestrial: The stylist may not add more damage to the attack than she has Permanent Willpower.

Mastery: Threshold successes on the attack roll are added to the raw damage of the attack, up to the total amount of Temporary Willpower spent.

Tapping the Fount of Greatness

Cost: - (7m) **Mins:** Martial Arts 5, Essence 3

Type: Permanent

Keywords: None

Duration: Instant

Prerequisite Charms: Vindication of the Magnus

Effort is not truly effort if merely enforces the natural order of things. From every great exertion of the stylist, a new flame of determination is kindled to life. Whenever the stylist spends 2 or more willpower on a single attack or defense with this style, she gains 1 willpower after the action. Once per Scene, she may pay 7 motes to gain as much Willpower as she spent on the action instead of a single point.

Incomparable Tenacity

Cost: 8m, all wp (min 1) **Mins:** Martial Arts 5, Essence 3

Type: Reflexive

Keywords: Uniform, Terrestrial, Mastery

Duration: One Tick

Prerequisite Charms: Impregnable Fortress of Self

Even the universe gets it wrong sometimes. Most would call these events tragedies or misfortunes, but the stylist knows them for the shoddy half-hearted works that they are and sets the world straight. Focusing all her will into a flawless defensive posture, her unassailable determination in the face of danger forces the universe to realize her enemy is not supposed to win, rewriting a deadly strike into a glancing blow. The stylist pays all her Temporary Willpower (minimum 1) and reduces the raw damage of the attack by 2 for every point paid.

Terrestrial: The stylist may not reduce the damage of the attack by more than she has Permanent Willpower.

Mastery: Can reduce automatic damage.

Essence 4

Will Beyond Reality

Cost: 10m, 10wp **Mins:** Martial Arts 5, Essence 4

Type: Supplemental

Keywords: Mastery

Duration: One Scene

Prerequisite Charms: Incomparable Coup-de-Grâce, Tapping the Fount of Greatness, Incomparable Tenacity

Having mastered the way of the Magnus, the stylist unlocks the Martial Art's secret technique which taps into her very soul. As she unmakes the barriers which keep her will in balance, her determination begins feeding upon itself in an infinite loop, emanating pulses of reality shaping light in time with her movements. This Charm supplements a Join Battle Roll, causing the stylist to enter a Scene-long trance which doubles all Willpower gains from Charms and Stunts of this style. The effect ends prematurely if the stylist becomes crashed. Once per Story, the stylist may waive this Charm's Willpower cost entirely.

Mastery: While this Charm is active, the stylist's Temporary Willpower is no longer limited by her Permanent Rating or the hard limit of 10. Willpower above 10 is lost when the Charm ends.