Tai-Chi Master



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Before the chaos of rebellion and the corruption of power, there were two brothers born in the Ming Dynasty. Once they trained together under the same roof, sharing their laughter, their struggle, and their dreams of enlightenment together. But as their paths diverged, one sought justice through harmony, the other through control. You enter this world as they leave the Shaolin Temple that once was their home. Here, take these **1000 Wuxia Points**, and good luck.

Origins



Ambitious Government Official
You rose through the ranks of the Imperial system with brilliance, discipline, and unshakable resolve. Once, perhaps, your intentions were pure: to bring justice, structure, and prosperity to a chaotic land. But power changes those who hold it, and you have tasted its intoxicating pleasure. You begin with influence, resources and command of loyal subordinates.

Rebel With a Pure Heart
The world has forgotten its balance. You've seen farmers starve while nobles feast, monks beaten for faith, and honest men crushed beneath the shadow of an empire. Yet instead of bitterness, your heart burns with compassion. You fight not for vengeance, but for harmony, seeking dignity of those who cannot fight for themselves. You begin as a modest man, but with the right sort of friends someone would need in this chaotic time.

General Perks

Shaolin Training [Free]
You start with a basic amount of training in martial arts, having developed your limbs and extremities for endurance and knowing basic elements such as footwork and fist techniques. For 400 Wuxia Points you instead begin on the level of Gwanbou and Tienbou, being a martial arts prodigy capable of fighting dozens of people at the same time, master martial arts techniques easily and having a level of durability strong enough to receive attacks of normal people unharmed.

Shaolin Monk [Free]
You possess the fundamental knowledge of a Shaolin Monk, such as how to effectively condition your body and breathing. You also know how to cook vegetarian meals, repair and take care of a temple, maintain communal harmony and recite buddhist philosophy. Meditation also comes naturally to you.

Jade Beauty [Free]
Your appearance is improved, with your skin being as flawless as jade, without any imperfections. Your facial features are refined, sharp and symmetrical, and your hair becomes strong, lustrous and well-kept without any work from you. Your appearance also naturally exudes vitality and health.

Kung Fu By Wire [100]
You know the most important technique in Wuxia: footwork. You can move as light as a feather, jump on fragile things without breaking them and survive falls that would hurt a normal person. This advances according to your martial arts level, and with higher levels beyond those offered here you may even walk on water and on walls.

Bamboo Environment [100]
You can effectively and intuitively use your environment in a fight, being able to kick things to complex positions without thinking, turn nearby objects into improvised weapons, balance logs straight without them falling and many other feats seen in Wuxia.

Ambitious Government Official



Face Culture [100]
You have no weak emotions that would hold a person back such as shame or remorse. You could easily humiliate yourself in front of a government officer or even betray your brother without blinking an eye. You can toggle this off if you want to.

Eunuch [200]
You have an intuition for the flow of authority and influence in a political hierarchy. This manifests as an awareness of alliances, rivalries and how to recognize the best opportunities to gain rank and favor, especially without overstepping or alienating others. You also have a sense that tells you your reputation with government officials and the people.

Imperial Edict [400]
History has shown ruling through fear doesn't work. Not for you. You know exactly how to use fear and dominance to rule and make those below you follow your orders and respect your authority. Also, when you do something to instill fear or kill someone as an example, the act is carved on the memories of the people, cementing your authority over them.

Weapon Master [600]
You have achieved harmony between self and steel. Whether it is the staff, sword, spear, chain, or fan, every weapon becomes an extension of your body, with you achieving instant mastery as if you have trained with it for a lifetime. Any weapon you use also becomes perfectly balanced in your hand, and you gain an intuition on how to deflect any enemy weapon that is used against you. In fact, you also know how to disarm them with effortless grace, which will show your mastery.

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Humble Heart [100]
You have learned that true mastery begins not with display, but with reflection. You are humble, having a heart without arrogance and eyes that are open to any lesson.
You are attentive to the needs of others and you always seek to absorb lessons from every experience.

Kind Spirit [200]
A smile can open doors that power cannot. You have a natural warmth and openness that draws others to you, helping you make friends even among strangers. Your presence is comforting to others, your laughter genuine and your attention sincere.

Eating Bitterness [400]
You have learned to endure what would cripple most. You can easily deal with scarce food, rough terrain and long nights under the stars with no problem or consequence. Your body requires little and your mind finds calm even under discomfort that would affect any normal man.

Tai Chi [600]
You have been illuminated in one of the most fundamental principles of the universe: Everything is round, from the sun to the moon and even in movement, there is stillness. As such, you have mastered the principle of rotation, being able to redirect kinetic motion and energy with your martial arts. You can easily create vortices of air around you strong enough to affect the wind, redirect the energy of your enemies and rotate around your center of gravity without falling or even mid-air.

Items



Shaolin Robes [Free]
Simple robes from a shaolin temple. Quite durable.

Bamboo Staff [Free]
A lightweight bamboo staff that is perfect for martial arts. If broken, you will find another one nearby.

Horse [100]
You have a well-bred horse that appears whenever you need to travel to somewhere far away or to pursue someone. If the horde dies, a new one will appear one day later.

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Jian Sword [100]
An elegant sword for an elegant age. Will repair itself if broken and retain its edge even if you hit bricks or wood with it.

Palace [200]
This small palace is a luxurious building made for government officials, with all the necessities that a man would need. This also comes with a group of servants that will tend to your every need and take care of the palace.

Official Clothes [400]
This uniform adjusts itself to the style and culture of whatever army you serve, and once worn, this makes you a general in that army, with all the benefits of the position. This uniform is also pretty comfortable and cleans itself.

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Teapot [100]
This is a beautiful jade teapot made in a buddhist temple. Any tea brewed from this pot replenishes the energy and spirit, restoring internal harmony.

Buddha's Laugh Restaurant [200]
A humble looking restaurant tucked into the corner of a bustling street, the Buddha's Laugh Restaurant is a successful establishment that attracts visitors from all over the country, and it's fully yours. Its kitchen never runs out of ingredients and the place runs by itself.

Manual of Chi [400]
A book written by monks with the purpose of calming the heart instead of teaching martial arts. Anyone who reads this manual will find themselves inspired on how to live their lives.

Companions

Recruit Anyone [Free]
Anyone you want to recruit in this world is free to join you as a companion if they agree.

Create/Import [50 Wuxia Points for 1, 200 Wuxia Points for 8]
You can create new Companions or import existing Companions. They get an Origin, with all freebies and discounts, along with 600 Wuxia Points to spend. You can also import any companion you bought here for a Wuxia Point stipend.

Drawbacks

Canon Character [Free]
Assume the life of a character in the movie related to your origin.

Main Protagonist [Free]
Leave when the plot of the movie ends.

[+100] Restless Spirit
You find it nearly impossible to sit still. You cannot understand meditation no matter how you try, patience is a difficult task for you and you can't stand silence.

[+100] Corrupted Authority
The government you serve (or oppose) is steeped in greed and corruption. Officials demand bribes, tax collectors abuse taxes and even military officials extort the people.

Pride Before the Fall [+200]
Your confidence shines like the sun, being radiant and blinding. You are confident in your abilities to the point you underestimate your enemies, dismiss warnings or push yourself beyond your limits simply to prove a point.

Strife Seeker [+200]
You are drawn to danger and challenges of skill. Even when caution would serve you, you pursue dangerous challenges such as duels, risky maneuvers or confrontations with people you shouldn't mess with in the first place, just to prove yourself.

Broken Balance [+200]
Your emotions burn bright and fast, igniting with the smallest spark. Pride, anger and desire often cloud your inner peace, and this affects even the most serene meditation or most disciplined training. You will have difficulty controlling your emotions unless you stop whatever you are doing and take a deep breath.

[+200] Naive Idealist
You see the world in absolutes, such as good and evil, justice and corruption, and this makes you blind to nuance. People seeking you harm will manipulate your sense of honor, and you will discover yourself incapable of evading this.

[+400] Bruised and Bloodied
Your training is grueling, your battles relentless and your body bears the cost as a result. Injuries heal extremely slowly, and recovery takes time and the discipline to not hurt yourself anymore. Be careful with battles.

Once Brother [+400]
Someone you trusted harbored ambition in their heart that twisted their path from yours. And now they are your enemy. As your skills in martial arts grow, so do theirs. It will be up to you to defeat them, and this will break your heart.

Rebel [+400]
You have been branded a traitor by the empire, and you cannot walk the streets in safety anymore. Soldiers and bounty hunters will seek to defeat and capture you, and as long as you live in a city, you will eventually be found.

Torn Between Paths [+400]
You cannot reconcile your martial arts with the violence it must sometimes employ to protect you and those you love. Every fight and every victory will leave you questioning your spirit and draining you emotionally.

[+600] Marked by Fate
You are fated to face tragedy, such as exile from your temple, the loss of your comrades or the death of someone you love. The pain will shape your journey and drive your growth, but it will never leave you.

Changelog and Notes

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