

YANG

Overview

Role: Yang is one half of the legendary pair known as Yin and Yang. Where Yin represents positive energy, restoration, and balance, Yang represents negative energy, disruption, and restriction.

Despite his **Dark Alignment**, Yang is not evil. To the Dichu, darkness and light are natural forces that exist in balance with one another. Yang has dedicated his life to understanding and mastering the negative flow of Chi, turning that energy into a highly specialized martial discipline.

Yang is a battlefield-control master. Rather than overpowering his opponents through raw strength, he restricts enemy movement, identifies weaknesses, and creates opportunities that other members of his team can exploit.

Core Information

Summoning Points: 1 (Character)

Alignment: Dark

Affiliation: Dichu

Keywords

- **Character**
- **Dichu**
- **Martial Artist**
- **Dark**

Statistics

- **Health:** 5
- **Armor:** 0
- **Speed:** 5
- **Defense:** 5
- **Dodge:** 7
- **Willpower:** 7

Special Rules

Yin and Yang

Yin and Yang are opposing halves of the same natural balance. One cannot enter battle without the other.

If **Yang** is selected for a team, **Yin must also be selected for that team.**

Yin and Yang remain separate Characters and each costs their normal Summoning Points.

They do not have to begin the game in the Vortex together and may be summoned independently.

Martial Arts

Yang is a master of martial arts and has learned to turn traditional defensive techniques into fluid reactions against incoming attacks.

When Yang is targeted by an attack that rolls against **Defense or Dodge**, Yang may choose to defend using **either his Defense or Dodge**.

The choice must be made **before the attack roll**.

Abilities

The Unseen Hand

Type: Melee (M)

Mechanic: Fate vs. Dodge

Damage: Light Damage

Yang has perfected the art of fighting without appearing to fight. His movements are so fast and subtle that his opponent often does not realize an attack has occurred until the strike has already landed.

Special Rules:

- If The Unseen Hand successfully deals damage, gain **1 Fate Token**.
- The Unseen Hand may generate a maximum of **1 Fate Token each round**.

The Way of the Bamboo

Type: Special Ability (SA)

Range: 6"

Mechanic: Fate vs. Willpower

Cost: 1 Fate Token

Yang channels his Chi through his staff and into the earth, causing thick bamboo to erupt from the ground and surround his target.

Choose an enemy unit within **6 inches**.

On a successful Fate vs. Willpower roll, the target becomes **Encased** until the beginning of its next activation.

While Encased:

- The target cannot perform **Movement Actions**.
- The target cannot be moved by other abilities or effects.
- The target may still perform **Ability Actions and Free Actions** normally.

At the beginning of the target's next activation, the bamboo collapses and **Encased immediately ends**.

Fangs of Discord

Type: Special Ability, Free Action (FA)

Mechanic: Fate vs. 7

Cost: 3 Fate Tokens

Yang channels negative Chi into two mystical fangs that remain near him until he chooses to unleash their disruptive energy.

On success, create **2 Fang of Discord Tokens** and place them on Yang's unit sheet.

Yang may have a maximum of **2 Fang of Discord Tokens** at any time.

Once per round, as a **Free Action**, Yang may spend 1 Fang of Discord Token to choose an enemy unit within **10 inches**.

Choose one of the following:

- **-1 Defense**
- **-1 Dodge**
- **-1 Willpower**

The chosen stat is reduced by 1 until the beginning of that unit's next activation.

A unit may only be affected by **one Fang of Discord at a time**.

Using a Fang of Discord does not require an additional Fate roll and does not cost additional Fate Tokens.

Ultimate

Yin and Yang

Type: Ultimate, Free Action (FA)

Mechanic: Fate vs. 6

Cost: 5 Fate Tokens

Limit: Once per game

Requirement: Yin and Yang must both currently be in the Vortex.

Yin and Yang bring their opposing forms of Chi together, temporarily creating perfect balance between positive and negative energy.

Move Yin and Yang into **base contact** with one another.

Every enemy unit currently in the Vortex receives the effect of a **Fang of Discord**.

For each affected enemy unit, choose one:

- **-1 Defense**
- **-1 Dodge**
- **-1 Willpower**

Every friendly unit currently in the Vortex receives the effect of a **Mystic Butterfly**.

For each affected friendly unit, choose one:

- **+1 Defense**
- **+1 Dodge**
- **+1 Willpower**

All bonuses and penalties last until the beginning of the affected unit's next activation.

Using Yin and Yang does **not** consume any Fang of Discord Tokens belonging to Yang or Mystic Butterfly Tokens belonging to Yin.

Tactics and Strategies

Yang is a control Character designed to reward players who understand the defensive strengths and weaknesses of both their own team and the opposing team.

The Unseen Hand provides Yang with a straightforward Fate-generating attack that targets Dodge rather than Defense. This gives him an offensive option against heavily defended opponents that may be more vulnerable to attacks based on Dodge.

The Way of the Bamboo allows Yang to control enemy positioning. Preventing a key enemy from moving can protect an ally, interfere with an opponent attempting to capture a Pillar of Fate, stop a melee Character from reaching its intended target, or temporarily isolate part of the enemy force.

Fangs of Discord is Yang's primary tactical tool. Rather than simply increasing Yang's own power, it allows him to expose a specific weakness for the rest of his team to exploit.

Reducing Defense benefits allies whose attacks target Defense. Reducing Dodge benefits allies whose attacks target Dodge. Reducing Willpower benefits allies whose abilities target Willpower.

A skilled Dichu player should therefore consider the abilities of the Characters surrounding Yang before deciding which stat to reduce.

Martial Arts also makes Yang deceptively difficult to attack physically. His Defense is relatively low, but his ability to choose between Defense and Dodge allows him to rely upon his superior martial training when defending himself.

Yang reaches his greatest potential when Yin is also active in the Vortex. Their shared **Yin and Yang** Ultimate can alter the defensive balance of the entire battlefield, weakening enemy units while simultaneously strengthening their allies.

Yang is not designed to win through raw damage. **He creates the opening that someone else needs.**