

Samsara Celebrations by Tobias Fudge

Implausible provenance guides us to the secluded monastery village of Shū during the festival of the complete victory of their founder, Teacher Fellow, over the marauding king Utagai and the start of the Cascading Ripples school of Zen. Priests who have undergone self-mummification roam and participate in the revelry as their varying levels of petrification allow.

Earthly Entanglements

A foreign merchant is missing 6 urns of **Dust of Truth**, a powdered drug to assist transcendence by suppressing senses, the shrouds of delusion and deception. The merchant is occupied by a repair job and would gladly pay 50 golden coins for help. The merchant's child is the culprit, dumping the pilfered urns on things for amusing mischief, without consideration.

	<u>Festival Events (d6)</u>	<u>Nearest NPC (d6)</u>	<u>Master Sunshine's Divine Wisdom (d6)</u>
1	Competitive meditation at the pagoda	Contrite criminal	"Nothingness"
2	Imperfect beauty contest at the bell house	Powerful pacifist	*Faintly Smiles while nodding*
3	Horseback-like archery at cemetery	Awed acolyte	*Plays flute*
4	Calligraphy in the tea room	Ancient ascetic	*Raises one finger*
5	Showcase of rock gardens	Mechanical monk	"Irrelevant"
6	Lantern boat launch at the river	Enlightened Master Sunshine	*Chirping noises*

A Walk Around the Festival/The Path of Calamities (d6)

1	Oh Suffering!	A fire has broken out with no smell of smoke. Monks practicing breathing techniques feel light-headed. Started with a firework and a massive book of kōans as tinder.	Dust of Smell
2	Buddhist Nature	A stray with a broken leg repeatedly tries to walk on it, as it cannot feel anything. It has uncanny intuition and will join players on the Path.	Dust of Touch
3	That Thing	Ornery creature in a tent has spear-like, crushing column, and constricting prehensile attacks. Players get notes on physical interactions with That Thing as it is unable to be seen.	Dust of Sight
4	Drunk with Power	Parched martial artists and players are given unnaturally flavorless sake instead of water. Warrior-monks exhibit empty minds and uninhibited violence.	Dust of Taste
5	Bokken Bonsai	A grand gnarled plum tree with a limb carved in the shape of a blade. If a duelist lacks honor the tree will topple onto them. It makes no sound.	Dust of Sound
6	Prenatal Mask	A white circular mask that removes the wearer's personality.	Dust of Self

Closing Ceremonies/Culminating Climax

Teacher Fellow's stele at the koi pond is repaired with gold through *kintsugi* and bears a striking resemblance to Utagai. Here the Merchant's child has imbibed all **6 Dusts** in a desperate attempt to escape imminent punishment for their transgressions. Manifested as a massive hand and heralded by rapturous applause void incarnate strikes. Remember to breathe and pray those you've helped return your kindness.

Items

Shortcut Beads- An act of selfless compassion enables a reincarnation if needed.

Flower of Understanding- Share understanding without speaking.

Wishy Washi- Encircling a written word with an Ensō on this paper creates an inky version of it. Be mindful of the disconnect between words and meaning.