

## Hiryuu Artifact Outline (1 Page)

Hiryuu is a magical blade originally forged for use by Sazaku Hayato. The sword was forged using the flame sac of a deceased adult female wyvern, one Sazaku had helped slay. The sword was forged by members of the Beggar's Clan, an underground movement within Vinar culture dedicated to countering government corruption as well as aiding the poor. As Sazaku was a samurai the blacksmiths who created Hiryuu attempted their best to replicate the style of a katana for the blade despite being used to primarily forging khopesh swords. The resulting sword is effectively a katana but with some khopesh aesthetics, the base and tip of the blade slightly thicker than the central portion. Hiryuu's blade is a charred black, resembling burnt wood. The hilt of the katana was made with limited was made from simple Vinar wood, then wrapped in purple cloth to help with gripping the sword. The sword's name, Hiryuu, means 'flying dragon' in Yagyuu, referring to its origin as being made from a wyvern.

Hiryuu possesses magical properties due to the use of the wyvern in forging the weapon. The wielder of the sword is able to, through concentration, make the blade heat up. The increase in heat does no damage to the weapon as the sword itself is effectively resistant to changes in temperature. The wielder, however, can still be burned by the blade, and thus must be careful not to make contact with it or keep it too close to their own body. When the weapon heats up the blade noticeably turns red-hot, and with enough practice the sword is able to even produce flame. Full mastery of the sword ensures that Hiryuu will never burn the wielder, though other sources of flame or heat will still pose a threat.

A secondary ability Hiryuu possesses is its ability to allow for the communication with wyverns. A remnant of the dead wyvern's soul was bound to Hiryuu, the bond in particular attaching the wielder to the dead mother's children. The bond between the sword and the mother's children makes them loyal to the wielder, but the communication is not only between them but the wielder and all wyverns. Communication is primarily psychic in nature, but with time any wyvern spoken to while holding the sword will be able to at least comprehend the spoken words.

The sword was initially forged for the use of Sazaku Hayato. Sazaku wielded the blade for the duration of the war against the Krieg, it being his most-frequently used weapon upon receiving it. Hiryuu was used to sever the left arm of Drei Ronfuar, one of the Krieg's top generals, during one of the war's final battles in Vinar. After the war ended Hiryuu was given to Sinuhe Mentuhotep by Sazaku, it thereafter being seen as the weapon of the leader of the Ibis Clan in Vinar. The sword also stood as a testament to cultural cooperation and respect, as Sinuhe, a Vinar, had earned the respect of Sazaku, a Yagyuu.