

A detailed illustration of Bayushi Kyo, a character from the anime 'Samurai X: Blood of the Samurai'. He is depicted as a demon with a black, horned mask featuring orange eye sockets and a wide, toothy grin. He wears a black and red kimono with a white sash. He holds a black sword with a silver hilt in his right hand. The background is a swirling mix of white and orange. On the left, there is a red vertical band with a white geometric pattern. On the right, there is a red vertical band with white text and a circular emblem.

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Courtier of the Scorpion Clan

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You would be wise to select this character if you want to:

- ☸ Be an expert at subterfuge and disguise
- ☸ Belong to a clan that focuses on duty above all, even above considerations of honor
- ☸ Solve your problems with duplicity and stratagems

It would be unwise, however, to choose Bayushi Kyo if you desire a to play a character who calls on the spirits for aid, or seeks to become an expert at martial combat and weapons of war.

Bayushi Kyo's Story

Bayushi Kyo has two older siblings, twins, a sister named Egao and a brother named Eiji. Egao and Eiji looked so similar as children that they would frequently dress as one another and change roles for the day as a joke, and once Kyo was old enough the fun extended to all three of them. For years, for fun or to cover for one or another's illness or malfeasance, Kyo would happily assume the role of either older sibling, much to the consternation of their parents, tutors, and household staff.

All three siblings were considered for induction into the Shosuro Actor School, but it was only Kyo who was formally inducted into its ranks. With years of experience at adopting a role, Kyo was soon distinguished as one of the top students at the dojo, and soon enough was recruited to another school, one hidden in the shadows of the Shosuro family: the Shosuro Infiltrator School. Now a shinobi-in-training, Kyo's assignments included spying on various classmates and assessing their loyalty and fitness for possible membership in the ranks of the shinobi themselves.

Years of service as an informant and infiltrator within the Shosuro school has left Kyo with few friends in the Scorpion clan, so the soon-to-be-samurai has been sent to the village of Tsuma. There they will compete in the Topaz Tournament and achieve gempuku, the traditional graduation from childhood to adulthood—all while maintaining cover as a humble actor. But as with all things in the Scorpion Clan, there is more than one motive at play. Some of Kyo's teachers have their doubts about the loyalty and judgment of the other Scorpions in Tsuma, and it will be up to Kyo to ensure that no...embarrassments crop up to stain the Scorpion Clan's honor.