

Name: Sheng Liu

Age: 27

Height: 5'11

Occupation: Bank CEO

Status: Died at 25

Weapon: Small Pistol/Martial Arts

Background:

- Sheng's parents are immigrants from China, but he was born and raised in the city. They were highly superstitious people, his mother being a shaman and both parents excelling in exorcisms, so he grew up in a heavily spiritual family
 - Despite this, Sheng thought that their beliefs and ideas about spirits and demons were ridiculous. He took a more logical approach to everything, wanting concrete answers for things that happened rather than blaming it on spirits and the unseen
 - Sheng's parents took their beliefs very seriously, and because they were so strict, Sheng didn't openly argue with them, but instead chose to keep everything to himself
- Sheng's parents were revealed to be Disciples of Shinokami when Sheng was 10 years old. He thought it rather stupid, refusing to believe that such a figure existed, and ignored his parents' warnings about Ketsuroi and the people affected by it
 - Despite his differing beliefs, Sheng's parents made it a habit to continually bless their children in the name of Shinokami, hoping that somehow her blessing would flow into Sheng and his brother even if they weren't chosen as Disciples
 - Sheng's father died a year after while protecting Sheng's mother from a berserking Ketsuroi. While Sheng was saddened by his father's passing, he still refused to believe that the reason behind his death was due to a "curse" like his

mother claimed. He thought of it as a freak accident; his father was just in the wrong place at the wrong time

- Sheng graduated highschool at the top of his class and decided to go into college as a business and finance major with a statistics minor. He spent most of his time away from home at this point, deciding that it was better for him to study alone and become independent than to rely on his mother and older brother for support
 - He was hired by a banking company soon after graduating and quickly climbed his way up to the top, becoming the CEO at 24 years of age, while he was still in grad school
 - It was around this time that he received news of his mother's passing. It was in a similar manner to his father, and yet he still refused to believe in the curse and in the Disciples and whatever else they claimed was real. His brother tried to get him to understand, but Sheng brushed him off, saying that they could each believe what they thought was correct, shutting down the conversation
- On the way to a business meeting about a year later, Sheng got captured by the Yakuza. When he refused to comply with their demands, they sent him into a dark room where he was chained to a pole. An unidentifiable figure came in a few moments later, and the last thing Sheng could see was a giant black creature with large white teeth jumping towards him with a ferocious growl

Post Death

- Sheng awoke in the presence of a person he didn't recognize. She introduced herself as Koroshikami, and suddenly the memories of what his parents had said to him came rushing back. Sheng was at a loss for words, trying to wrap his head around the fact that everything they had said was actually true

- Koroshi asked if he wanted to come back to life, and while he knew it was a bad idea, he had an important meeting to attend the next day so he reluctantly agreed
- After coming back, Sheng threw himself into researching the curse, confident that he could find a way to stop the killing urges from affecting him. He waited awhile to see if anything would happen, especially since the siren system was recently developed, but was surprised to find that besides his eyes turning red and feeling more aggressive than usual, he was exactly the same
 - He assumed that it was because of his parents, and that while Discipleship wasn't inherited, it still affected him in some way that blocked a lot of the curse's effects from affecting him. Perhaps the blessings his parents had attempted to bestow on him and his brother weren't all for naught. Relieved, he slowed his research, only working on it when he had some freetime, and spent the rest of his time building up his company instead

Ketsuroi:

- While he does believe that Ketsuroi exists now, he doesn't particularly care about it. He hasn't told anyone about his death, and he plans on keeping it that way
- Died from blood loss

Personality:

- + Clever
 - + Sheng is very quick-witted and smart, which helped him to reach his position after only a few years of work. He's generally good at dealing with people, especially to get what he wants, and can maneuver his way through difficult situations quite easily. He's a master at exploiting loopholes when they're available as well. He may not be the most honest, but he won't cross the line of breaking the law
- + Rational

- + Sheng doesn't like taking risks that could put him in a bad spot, which lead him to learn to make rational decisions with everything, though it's especially prominent in his work. He'll calmly think through the situation at hand and choose the best option for himself and/or his company, whatever that may end up being
- + Mature
 - + Sheng was forced to mature quickly thanks to his strict parents, which led to him acting like an adult from his childhood. Even now, he has trouble understanding people who act immaturely as he never had the chance to be that way. However, his mature feeling helps other companies and clients to respect him despite his young age
- Avaricious
 - Sheng is slightly obsessed with making money. He'll do everything to make sure that his company is successful. He doesn't particularly enjoy spending money, but prefers to hoard it because he likes the feeling of being "rich". The only time he'll voluntarily splurge is when he feels as though he's investing in something worthwhile (and will eventually put more money in his pocket)
- Dismissive
 - Sheng doesn't like paying attention to things that seem irrelevant to him and his work. Even towards his family, he can appear to be cold and uncaring if the problems they're having don't involve him personally
- Proudful
 - Sheng tends to be quite self-centered; his world literally revolves around himself and his company. He takes great pride in what he has accomplished, and though he doesn't go flaunting it to others explicitly, he will often compare himself to others if he wants to feel good about himself

Likes:

- + Money
- + Puzzles/problem solving
- + Nice clothes
- + High-quality food
- + Exercise
- + His job

Dislikes:

- Spending money on useless things
- Whiny customers
- Children
- Anything below a 4* restaurant
- Things not going according to plan
- Insects

Trivia:

- He can tell when food isn't high quality and is quite a snob about it; literally won't eat food if it doesn't suit his palate
- Clothing and food are the two things he'll willingly spend money on; he particularly enjoys modern-traditional fashion
- Works out every day to maintain his health. Practices martial arts regularly as well
 - He focuses more on self-defense than offensive techniques, as he doesn't want to be caught off-guard or be unable to defend himself after what happened with the Yakuza
- When he happens to have time off, he enjoys solving puzzles
- His parents were both Disciples, so his genetics and perhaps the blessing of Shinokami mess with the Ketsuroi side of him. He suffers from the red eyes and a spike in his anger, but doesn't succumb to the killing urges

- Insects creep him out. He's not afraid of them per se, but doesn't like them at all
 - He'll flinch at them and refuse to kill them himself unless there's literally no one else to do it for him, and even then he won't kill them with his bare hands, even if it's something small like an ant or mosquito
- He keeps in touch with his brother, but they aren't particularly close
- Always carries a pistol with him after the Yakuza captured him, just in case something like that happens again. He doesn't like using firearms though, he much prefers hand-to-hand combat since it feels more like a true test of skill instead of relying on external factors
- Always looking for opportunities to grow his business. If you intrigue him, there's a good chance he'll sponsor you or hire you for some work