

Postcards From The Ghost Town



NOTE:

THIS DOC IS A WIP AND IS STILL MISSING ENTRIES & IMAGES, THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE

(I am I the hospital, sick and half dead so please be patient with me, thank you)

Sakura Ghost Town is a research and fan project which seeks to kill document and find artistic media related to old Japanese desktop mascot characters and softwares known by the catch-all term Ukagaka and the community formed around the phenomenon. The goal is to simplify and provide access to information and artworks to an English-speaking audience.













As some content has been deleted from the internet, and is now lost media, It is possible for certain details to be missing.

“*Postcards From The Ghost Town*” is an easy introduction to the most consequent and beloved characters from the Ukagaka world ! The goal is to list basic information and facts.



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SAKURA & UNYUU



 Japanese	さくら & うにゆ
 Alias	Nise-Haruna, Nini-tan, First Ghost
 Creation date	May 25 2000
 Programmer	Is
 Artist	Saxyun
 Website	Finite Laboratory
 Fullbody	

General:

The very first Ukagaka ghost ever created. A sweet looking girl who doesn't hold her anger back in, showing an aggressive and blunt side, a rather comedic oxymoron to her typical cute & moe appearance.

Appearance:

Sakura only has 1 official shell, her default one. She however was created "mourning outfit" (a.k.a. Kuro Sakura) by fans and had her shell modified to featured the outfit.

- ▶ [DEFAULT](#)
- ▶ MOURNING OUTFIT

Another Ghost was created reusing her original shells with her hair recolored in black, this Ghost would be give a shell featuring the Mourning Outfit redrawn.

- ▶ BLACK HAIR
- ▶ MOURNING OUTFIT Redo

Trivia:

- ▶ Back when the program was still called Fake-Personaware, if users had Personaware as well and opened both programs at the same time, Sakura would get mad at Haruna saying things such as "shut up Haruna !" and "there's a nasty person here"
- ▶ The name Sakura was chosen as a reference to Unyuu mistakenly referring to her as such when her name was still Fake-Haruna.
- ▶ Since she was never depicted in a full body drawing, what her shoes looks like was up to interpretation, her official figure designed by Saxyun gave her brown Mary-Janes with small white socks, however some draw her with blue shoes matching her hair & dress.

Is the creator still using the character online ?

No. [Last used: early 2001]



MIKAGE SAKURA & UNYUU



Japanese	御影 さくら/さくらみかげ & うにゆ
Alias	Sakura, Suka Sakura, Third Ghost
Creation date	?
Programmer	Is
Artist	Suka
Website	Usada Sakura
Fullbody	

General:

A reimagined Sakura featuring a different outfit and shorter hair. She was most likely created to replace Sakura as her original design had been accused of being copyright infringement by Personaware, she keeps the exact same colour palette but her personality had been toned down.

Appearance:

Mikage Sakura only has 1 official shell

► [DEFAULT](#)

Trivia:

- ▶ The name “Mikage” isn’t official and not featured within the program but was given by fan as a way to differentiate her from her twin-tailed homonym. It is most likely an homage to Mikage Sawatari. She is sometimes also called Suka-Sakura
- ▶ According to PIXIV Encyclopedia & Mimiwiki, it had been made clear by the author (presumably Suka) that Sakura & Mikage Sakura are in fact two differen, distinct characters. But given the resemblance and shared name, it is not uncommon for people to see Mikage Sakura as being the same person, maybe a grown up, older Sakura.
- ▶ Mikage Sakura has a random chance of appearing with long twin-tails instead of her usual short cut. This of course is a reference to the original Sakura.
- ▶ Mikage Sakura was built for and with Materia and couldn’t be executed in any other baseware but a SSP updates made it possible to lunch her by placing Materia.exe in SSP’s executable files.

Is the creator still using the character online ?




No. [Last used: ~2012]



FUTABA & TADAKICHI



Japanese	ふたば & ただきち
Alias	Second Ghost
Creation date	August 5, 2001

 Programmer	Is
 Artist	Petenshi
 Website	Futaba

General:

Futaba was created to take the role of default ghost before being replaced by Mikage Sakura and re-distributed as an independent Ukagka. She is a very sweet and timid girl while Tadakichi has more of a sharp tongue, it was however reported by user that she became a bit more melancholic after a while.

Appearance:

Futaba has 4 official shells, the first version which was given an alternate winter outfit and the second version featuring an updated default outfit and finally a chibified shell of the latter.

- ▶ [V1 DEFAULT](#)
- ▶ [V1 WINTER](#)
- ▶ [V2 DEFAULT](#)
- ▶ [V2 CHIBI](#)

Trivia:

- ▶ She won the first place of 2002's Saimoe Tournament. (won the final over Ryori, Anko & Mayura)
- ▶ Her name is most likely a reference to Futaba channel a.k.a. 2chan. Tadakichi could be a reference to Azumanha Daioh but it's only speculation.

Is the creator still using the character online ?

No.



SERIKO & MARUCHII



Japanese	せりこ & まるちい
Alias	/
Creation date	?
Programmer	Miyama
Artist	Miyama
Website	EXTRA STAGE
Ref Sheet	☆

General:

Seriko is a cyborg girl who, despite looking rather cold on the outside, shows a surprisingly warm heart. Her companion Maruchii is a tiny robot girl riding a rocket or a clawed robot. Seriko is often depicted as able to use satellites and machines to fight.

Appearance:

Seriko has had 2 shells, one being an updated version of the first one which also gave her a new outfit which was released in Oct. 2001 to support Redo.

- ▶ [V1](#)
- ▶ V2 (Redo)

Trivia:

- ▶ Seriko & Maruchii are quite obviously inspired by HMX-13 Serio & HMX-12 Multi from the popular light novel To Heart. While sharing their robotic aspects, similar names and hair/eye colours, they are very different in terms of design & personality.

► This may be due to Ukagka being first introduced to 2ch via the thread related to Key & Leaf games, Leaf being the publisher of To Heart, which Serio is from.

Is the creator still using the character online ?

No. [Last used: ~2012/13]



KUSUMI NARU & YUKA



Japanese	奈留 &
Alias	Etwas mit Naru
Creation date	January 21 2001
Programmer	Naoto Kusumi
Artist	Naoto Kusumi
Website	KLEE
Fullbody	☆

General:

Naru is a sweet innocent girl whose companion is a living octopus-like snack which come back when eaten, Naru is often depicted eating him. She was also distributed in German as "Etwas mit Naru" (Something/Nanika with Naru)

Appearance:

Naru has 2 official shells, the older one "classic" and a newer edition "modern". Which features two different outfits as well as a redrawn shell overall.

- ▶ [CLASSIC](#)
- ▶ [MODERN](#)

Naru also has a new design for her more recent drawings, this design wasn't featured in her ghost.

- ▶ Updated Naru

Trivia:

- ▶ Naru is the first ghost which came with its own personalized balloon, called Clover Note
- ▶ Naru is often paired with Kimuraya Anko in duo, hers and Anko's creators seem to be friends.
- ▶ Naru has official [Line Stickers](#)
- ▶ She shared her last name, *Kusumi* with her creator.








Is the creator still using the character online ?

Yes [Twitter: [naoto kusumi](#) & Website: [Klee](#)]



MAYURA & KURO UNYUU



 Japanese	まゆら & 黒うにゅう
 Alias	Nanika wiz Mayura, Digital Witch Mayura, Mayu
 Creation date	March 09 2001
 Programmer	Mukei
 Artist	Mukei
 Website	Mayura.jp Shell PLUS
 Ref Sheet	☆ ☆

General:

A girl who loves video games and who also happens to be a witch for whatever reason. She has been around for more than 400 years and has great powers, speaking of, her love for retro computers and video games had led her to live in the cyber world. Mayura is a very positive and curious girl who loves to try out new things and easily get absorbed in new intrests. Her companion is a black variant of Unyuu, he is confident, wise and like Mayura, likes games although he doesn't stand a chance against her.

Appearance:

Mayura has 2 versions of her default shell, the second having alternate outfits.

- ▶ [V1 DEFAULT](#)
- ▶ [DEFAULT](#)
- ▶ [WHITE CAT VER.](#)
- ▶ [UNYUU DRESS](#)

- ▶ [XMAS](#)
- ▶ [SONG/FLELE](#)

Mayura also had a design update in 2011 featuring a new outfit but it was not made into a ghost

- ▶ 2011 Mayura

Trivia:

- ▶ Mayura is at least 400 years old. Her mental age is unknown.
- ▶ The otaku slang term [Absolute Territory](#) (Zettai Ryouiki) originated from Mayura, more specifically used for the first time by Miyama, talking about Mayura
- ▶ Mayura has an official Korean translation, made with the authorisation of Mukei
- ▶ The word 'wiz' of her name is a pun on the 'Nanika/Ukagaka with [Name]' style of names that were used to distribute ghosts back then (Nanika with Sakura, Nanika with Naru, etc.), making a reference to the game Wizardry, Mayura's favourite

Is the creator still using the character online ?

No. [Last used: ~2011]



[NEKOKO & SHOTA](#)



Japanese	ねここ & ショータ
Alias	Neko & Shouta, Sho-chan
Creation date	?
Programmer	NYANee!

 Artist	Saxyun Miiya
 Website	NYANee! Nekosyo

General:

Nekoko is a little girl with a cat hood, she is said to be Sakura's little sister and as such shares her colour palette with Sakura (blue hair & eyes, white & yellow outfit with a red bow) and twin tails with her. Nekoko is rather curious and jolly but can be clumsy and usually get on Sakura's nerves despite herself. Her companion, Shota, is her twin brother but way less popular.

Appearance:

Nekoko & Shota have 2 main shells, the first one RX which also has a variant giving Shota red hair & a newer shell EX.

- ▶ [RX](#)
- ▶ RX ALT.
- ▶ EX

Trivia:

- ▶ In a caption from Coupy2, Nekoko is said to be 6 years old. I'm not sure whether this is a known fact or speculation from him. Either way she's a child.

Is the creator still using the character online ?

No.



KURO & UNYUU



Japanese	黒 & うにゅう
Alias	Kuro-Sakura, Kuro-Nini, Kuro-nee, Kurone
Creation date	2003
Programmer	Umekichi
Artist	Miyama
Website	EXTRA STAGE

General:

Kuro is a girl who is very similar to Sakura in appearance albeit with a slightly darker style, hence the name [Kuro = Black]. Often nicknamed “Kuro-Nee” (~Big Sister Kuro) she is very kind and sweet but can show a colder facade at times, mostly to Unyuu, . Just like Sakura she gained a redesign in the form of a new ghost, Mikage Kuro-Nee.

Appearance:

Kuro has two different shells. Her older one and Milage redesign, which features a new companion.

- ▶ [DEFAULT](#)
- ▶ [MIKAGE](#)

Trivia:

- ▶ She was created by Umekichi using a free shell distributed by Miyama

► Her relationship to Sakura is vague as well, she can either be seen as her big sister, given the physical resemblance and name, a simple friend or even another iteration of her.

► [She loves apples :^\)](#)

Is the creator still using the character online ?

No. [Last used: ~2012]



ALTO & SHIRO UNYUU



Japanese	あると&白うにゆう
Alias	Aruto
Creation date	?
Programmer	Kitsupon
Artist	Kitsupon
Website	KITUPON
Ref Sheet	☆ ☆

General:

Alto is an Angel who tends to get mistaken for a witch due to her affinity for Unyuus which are usually considered to be Witch companions. Though she usually appears apathetic and shy she is shown to be quite powerful when angered. Her companion, white Unyuu is known to make unsettling faces.

Appearance:

Alto has 2 official shells featuring different outfits.

- [DEFAULT](#)
- ANGEL DRESS

Trivia:

- Alto was designed to mirror Mayura in a yin-yang fashion; her main colour is white while Mayura's is black, Alto wears a detailed outfit to contrast with Mayura's casual one (It was brought up by Mukei that witches normally wear formal, detailed outfits but Mayura prefers casual wear), she has the same earrings and orb on her chest but recolored in blue, they share the same eye colour and finally Shiro Unyuu with his angel wings contrast with Kuro Unyuu's demon tail.
- One of her shells show her holding a staff and surrounded by lightnings which may suggest that she has electric or plasma magic.

Is the creator still using the character online ?

No. [Last used: ~2004]



TWINLOOK TSUGUNA & KOYOI



Japanese	つぐな & こよい
Alias	Tuguna
Creation date	?
Programmer	Gyusarogos
Artist	Gyusarogos
Website	Gyusarogos

General:

Tsuguna is a witch apprentice who always carries a big green book with her. She is jolly but also rather naive, her biggest dream is to become a cat one day, speaking of which, her companion Koyoi is a black cat recognisable from his spiky collar and angry expression, he's said to be rather mean. They live in a tower and Tsuguna seems to have an interest in the moon that she shares with her creator.

Appearance:

Tsuguna has 3 official shells in total, 2 default ones featuring different outfits and a summer one

- V1 DEFAULT
- V2 DEFAULT
- SUMMER

Trivia:

- ▶ Tsuguna used to be close to Mayura who would teach her magic. Consequently, when Mayura was cancelled Tsuguna became rather depressed, saying she wish she could've told Mayura 'Thank you'
Mayura was cancelled on the 9th of March which is pronounced 'San Kyuu' in Japanese.
- ▶ Tsuguna's green book contains many different things such as newspaper articles, novel pages and also serves as a Diary.

Is the creator still using the character online ?

No.



AOI SORA & ARYUU SENSEI



Japanese	あおいそら & あるう先生
Alias	Kuu/Kuu-chan & Alyu
Creation date	2002
Programmer	Haruka Kanjo
Artist	Haruka Kanjo
Website	Himakoa
Ref Sheet	☆☆

General:

A teacher and student duo, from the Angel training school “Wing Garden”. Aoi Sora is a single winged Angel, known to be very dedicated, a pacifist, but very stressful. She loves mozuku. Her teacher Aryuu, despite being calm and collected, is a very powerful Angel, She claims to be from an Unyuu tribe.

Appearance:

Sora & Aryuu have 2 shells, one simply being a remastered

- ▶ [V1 DEFAULT](#)
- ▶ V2 DEFAULT

Trivia:

- ▶ Sora is 120 years old
- ▶ Sora has a younger sister, Tsubasa (100 y/o) who is a librarian
- ▶ Sora’s parents are pure angels making her kind of an anomaly for only having one wing when both her parents have two.
- ▶ Sora can hide her wing but this has the effect of turning her eyes black, this is believed to be because the wings are directly related to the mind. Her eyes are normally red.
- ▶ Aryuu’s hat can move and talk

Is the creator still using the character online ?

Yes.



KIMURAYA ANKO & GIKO NEKO



Japanese	あんこ & ギコ猫
Alias	Kimuraya Yasuko
Creation date	2001
Programmer	Ganges River
Artist	Ganges River
Website	Nagare
Fullbody	☆

General:

Anko is a deadpan, apathetic girl who always has an anpan in her mouth. She was abandoned at a young age and fell under the care of a baker named Genichiro Kimuraya whom she was separated from at the age of 9, her anpan may be a memento. Anko is very strong physically and usually fixes her problems with her bare fists, it is said that she never lost a fight. She also has a tough personality despite her cute appearance.

Appearance:

Anko only has one shell, her design outside of Ukagaka is the same

► [V1 DEFAULT](#)

The ghost Zenzai is a variant of Anko, featuring a different design

► [Zenzai/Tsubuan](#)

Trivia:

- ▶ Giko Neko is a popular character from the 2channel forums based on shiftjis art of a cat, the character is usually a mascot for said forum.
- ▶ Apparently she is 43 years old and married, [she can be seen wearing a ring in some illustrations](#).
- ▶ In April 2011, Anpan with Anko Kimuraya branding were sold at Cafe Ganges.
- ▶ Her creator still sells merch of her to this day.

Is the creator still using the character online ?

Yes. [Twitter: G_893]



KANNAGI YOHKO & KATAGIRI CHIHAYA & IIZUNA



Japanese	
Alias	Yoko, Youko, Yōko
Creation date	2001
Programmer	Tokino
Artist	Tokino

 Website	Hozumi
 Ref Sheet	☆ ☆ ☆

General:

Yohko is a Junior HighSchool student from a rural town in the Kinki/Kansai region, she loves sweet food and going shopping. While Yohko seems like a normal girl, she posses Oni bood and can turn into an Oni version of herself at night. She is the daughter of a shrine maiden and, of the Kamimuki shrine and is the protege of Iizuna, a Youkai of wind. Her best friend is Chihaya; an occult maniac who always carries a camera in case of supernatural events occurring.

Appearance:

Yohko, Chihaya & Iizuna only have one shell

► V1 DEFAULT

Trivia:

- Yohko has a ¼ chance of turning into Oni Yohko if opened between 23:30 & 5:00
- Despite the art made of her... Yohko is 13 years old, Chihaya is 14. yikes.
- Yohko bears great resemblance to [Yumizuka Satsuki](#) from Tuskihime, this may be intentional since her creator has drawn Tsukihime fanart in the past.

Is the creator still using the character online ?

No.



LITTLE WITCH TOTOTAN & KARASU



Japanese	ととたん & からすさん
Alias	Tototan, Totoru Tangerine
Creation date	
Programmer	Shinji Sawatari
Artist	Shinji Sawatari
Website	Lolipop
Ref Sheet	

General:

Tototan is a little witch apprentice from a mysterious place called “Birdland” she i a level 4 Mage. Her real name is Totoru tangerine.

Appearance:

Tototan has 2 different shells

- V1
- Ltoto

Trivia:

- ▶She is 10 years old.
- ▶She has an older sister, Mina Tangerine (15 years old) who was later on made into a ghost too.

Is the creator still using the character online ?

No.



EX-ICE ZERO & OGITSUKI



Japanese	イクサイス ゼロ
Alias	ZERO, Reika Hisame
Creation date	2003
Programmer	Kugelschreiber
Artist	Kugelschreiber
Website	Altenotiz
Ref Sheet	☆

General:

Reika Hisame is the third of three sisters who have the particularity of being equipped with ‘Z-type EX-ICE Unit’, Zero is what she calls herself when she is seen wearing said

helmet. Zero has albinism and suffers from multiple health problems as well as having lost her parents at the age of 6; because of her health, she cannot go outside as much as she would want to, this changed when she received the helmet which protects her from the sun. Her biggest dream is to one day be able to go out freely without the need of a extra protection.

Appearance:

ZERO has 2 shells, a first one and a remastered version.

- V1
- V2

She also has a design used outside of Ukagaka content

Trivia:

- She is 11 Years old.
- She has some abilities such as teleporting & Scanning. She also learned swordsmanship from a young age.
- [An illustration of her with her two sisters](#) Yuki (17) & Akira/Sho (14)








Is the creator still using the character online ?

Yes.



SUZURI & MAGUNI



 Japanese	
 Alias	Ryori ver 1.00β & MAG-2 ver3.03
 Creation date	
 Programmer	Kaji/DOMON
 Artist	Kaji/DOMON
 Website	Kasokeku
 Fullbody	☆

General:

Suzuri is a teen girl part of a non-governmental organisation (N.G.O.) called A.W.A.C. she is a Virtual Unit which is explained as being a programmed version of someone's personality, she is both human and program, hence her mecha-like appearance. Suzuri is good at housework, and magic, she loves reading, music and is into cosmetics; she is described as a crybaby who's always hungry and sleepy, her emotions are unstable. Her partner Maguni is a programmed lifeform (Innerport) he is good at sabotage and loves surfing the web.

Appearance:

Suzuri only has 1 shell

- ▶ Regular

Trivia:

- ▶ Her age is unknown, appearance-wise she looks like a young teen but has the intelligence of a highschool graduate. Maguni is described as "old man"
- ▶ Suzuri loves pork ramen, chicken dish and eggplants but cannot stand spicy food, Maguni however loves it.
- ▶ Suzuri has a power switch on her neck which is her weak point.

Is the creator still using the character online ?

Yes.



VALENCIA MIMIMI & DAMIEN



Japanese	美耳/みみみ & ダミアン様
Alias	333 & 666
Creation date	
Programmer	Coupy2
Artist	Coupy2
Website	Pink Revolution
Ref Sheet	☆ ☆ ☆

General:

Mimimi is a little usamimi girl and her companion and love interest is a bunny named Damien. The second form of their ghost features Mimimi as an adult and Damien revealing his true form as an Usamimi man who is said to have demonic powers. Mimimi is portrayed to be very lively and jolly but mischievous.

Appearance:

The first shell shows Mimimi as a kid and Damien as a bunny, their second shell features Adult Mimimi and Damien in his true form.

- [DEFAULT](#)
- AD

Trivia:

- ▶ She is 9 Years old as a child.
- ▶ Her design with animal ears and paw gloves is very similar to Gamer's Dejiko.
- ▶ Her name is a pun as 美 (mi) means pretty & 耳 (mimi) means ears
- ▶ She doesn't get along well with Memory-Na who is shown to have a crush on Damien.
- ▶ I just want to applaud Coupy2 for passing the "try not to sexualise your underage oc challenge" go king.





Is the creator still using the character online ?



Yes.



HILDE & PELL



 Japanese	ヒルデ & ペル
 Alias	Hild, Brynhild, Hirude & Peru
 Creation date	
 Programmer	Genzo/CONFLICT

 Artist	Genzo/CONFLICT
 Website	CONFLICT

General:

Hilde is a tough little nekomimi girl who likes to go on missions on the daily, she is equipped with guns & lasers and even has one hidden under her paw gloves. She is also fan of mecha action games.

Appearance:

The first shell shows Mimimi as a kid and Damien as a bunny, their second shell features Adult Mimimi and Damien in his true form.

- Final
- Test Type

Trivia:

- The same caption i mentioned previously with Nekoko indicates Hilde to be 8 years old, once again i'm unsure if it is facts or speculation.

Is the creator still using the character online ?

No.



TERUNO & JIRO



Japanese	ヒルデ & ペル
Alias	Hild, Brynhild, Hirude & Peru
Creation date	
Programmer	Genzo/CONFLICT
Artist	Genzo/CONFLICT
Website	CONFLICT

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