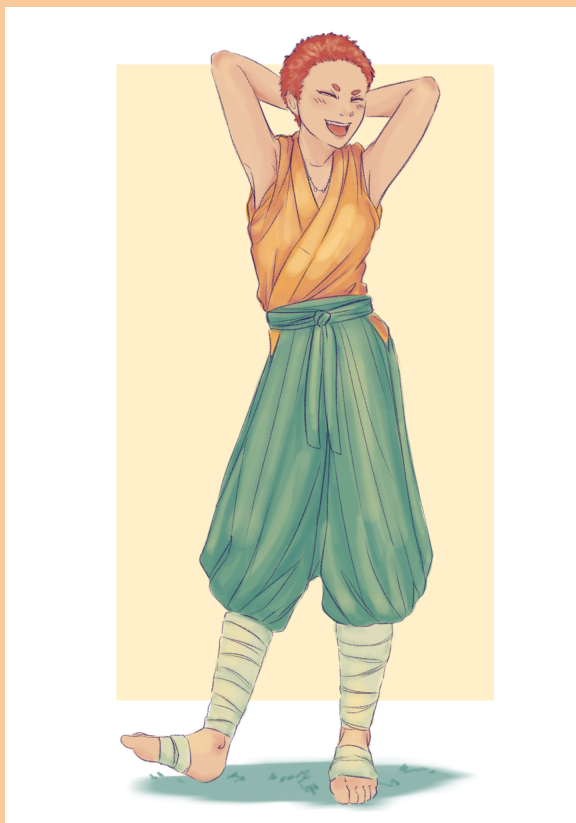




Toyo

16 | Female | 157.1cm | 48kg

Voice

"I'm hot on the trail!"

Personality

✓ - Observant	= Brazen	x - Simple Minded
✓ - Quick Witted		x - Naive
✓ - Easy Going		x - OverAchiever
✓ - Diligent		x - Reckless
✓ - Resolved		x - Pushy

Toyo is a **simple minded** girl. She doesn't ask or need the specifics of why something is or how it came to be to accept it as fact. Because of this, she can be quite **naive**, especially toward those with bad intentions. At one point, she was told trains run on magic and she still believes it. One might not consider her **quick witted** because of her simple nature, but she tends to come up with her best ideas by not stressing about the specifics and going by intuition. The by-product of this leads to **reckless** behavior, but it typically only involves herself and not others unless they're unfortunate enough to be around her at that time.

Because of how she was raised to be one of the providers for her village, Toyo was taught to be **diligent** toward her duties. It was a matter of will we be able to eat today or go hungry? Typically sent out to hunt, she learned to hone her **observation** skills, noticing details that others might miss: a small piece of fur stuck to a tree or freshly trampled leaves. Because she wanted to make her village proud and have a bit of bragging rights, she was labeled an **overachiever**. "I'm going to catch twice as many fish today" or "Watch me hunt a bear so Gram can have the pelt." She doesn't seem to know where to cut herself off; there's no limit to her **resolve**. She has since focused those traits toward her schooling, and in her head, toward becoming a detective of sorts.

When interacting with others, the first traits they might notice is her **pushy** and **brazen** personality. Despite growing up sheltered for the most part, Toyo had a close relationship with the people in her village and wants to know everyone and everything in her new home. She doesn't accept "*Go away*" for an answer and will come back as if nothing had been said.

Trying to hammer in any maturity or high class manners will be a difficult task. She was called “Saru” for a reason. But if you are just looking for an **easy going** friend that you can let your pretenses and guard down around, then she’s your girl.



History

Toyo spent her early childhood being raised by the elders of a small, rural mountain village. She was told she was found abandoned on the outskirts of the woods leading up to the mountains, more than likely an illegitimate child a mother could not care for. Regardless of the circumstance, those that she considered family were the old folks that cared for her and she showed no interest in finding her birth family.

While some might say they were stuck in their ways, the elders taught her to appreciate their simple, humble way of life: respecting what the land provided them. The few young villagers that resided there were taught the basics of hunting and survival in the unpredictable mountain climate; they were expected to care for those that had cared for them, a task Toyo whole-heartedly accepted and took pride in. There was no education beyond that, nor did they have the resources or schooling nearby for such an endeavor. She never questioned if there was more outside her life, content with exploring trails and finding new ways to get scolded.

Her perspective would change when an emissary of the railroad commission showed up. They arrived at the village with a group of men to overlook the area and speak with the elders, informing them that the land nearby was to begin development. She had seen outsiders before, but never so many at once. Of course, she took this opportunity to be an annoying little monkey and get in the way of their work, asking tons of questions, and being amazed by their equipment. While the elders begrudgingly looked on, no power to oppose the construction, Toyo eagerly awaited their return.

As laying of the tracks began, the influx of workers began to populate the village, bringing along with it the families of the workers and more modern conveniences. Toyo was excited to have more kids closer to her age to befriend, even if they didn't share the same experiences growing up. Because she took it upon herself to befriend as many as soon as possible, she became ensnared in the life of one family after becoming close with their 3 children. They treated her as one of their own despite being far from rich: inviting her to meals, having her help around with chores, and providing her with hand-me-downs so she could have "new" clothes to wear. They worried about her lack of basic education and her simple nature, even though she proved she could take care of herself.

The arrival of a teacher provided an exciting opportunity. Toyo was encouraged to attend with the other children, even if she was older. The elders didn't necessarily oppose the notion, giving her freedom to do as she pleased as long as she kept up with her duties. Her teacher, being a progressive man, enjoyed collecting books of various types and writing as a hobby. Toyo would often bother him in the evenings and insist he read her a story since she couldn't herself, her favorite being a detective mystery. It was a new concept to her and became such an obsession, he finally gave her the book, intrigued why she liked it so much. She replied with, "Isn't it just like hunting? Except the prey is as smart as you are, you never know how they'll act. I can feel my hands shake from excitement. I wanna be a detective!"

As Toyo reached her teens, the railroad was finishing completion and the family that had "adopted" her were making plans to move back to a more populous area of Japan to look for new opportunities. She was invited along, though she didn't want to abandon the first ones to care for her. The elders eased her worries, encouraging her to set out on a new adventure (as long as she kept in touch once in awhile.) There was also a part about not getting into shenanigans and keeping true to her roots or they'd give her a whooping, but she had already conveniently run out of the room by that time.

The train ride and arrival to the new city left Toyo's jaw on the ground for weeks. She wouldn't shut up about the different shops or the weird riding machines with wheels. It seemed like she saw something new and amazing everyday. After the family was settled, they reminded Toyo that they had received instructions from her former teacher to not let her schooling go to waste. The most up and coming school in the area happened to be Tenshoutei Gakuen, which seemed like a good fit for her, though they had a few worries she might be a little overwhelming for her first semester. A silent prayer for the teachers and students. Thus begins Toyo's enrollment.

Misc.

- The detective book given to her by her teacher is her most prized possession. She still can't read it, but keeps it wrapped up for safe keeping.
- Saru is her village nickname because like a monkey, she was always getting into places she shouldn't and causing unintentional trouble.
- Tried to hunt a boar by herself and ended up getting chased through the village by it instead.
- Long hair was a pain and got stuck in branches when she went hunting so she said to heck with it and gave herself a choppy haircut. She is often mistaken for a boy because of it.

Get To Know Me Q&A

Pet Peeves?

Being told "no" cuz then it just makes her want to do it even more. Reverse psychology. Also when people half ass stuff; you gotta go all in or not at all.

What makes them laugh?

Probably slapstick humor? She's not cultured enough for puns. She's the real joke here.

Best way to become friends/or enemies?

By existing; she loves meeting people of all backgrounds/insult her interests and dreams or those that care for her (especially elders). She has huge respect for them.

Any allergies?

She's allergic to her own stupidity. Other than that, the occasional hay fever during springtime.

Fight or Flight?

Fight!

How well can they keep a secret?

Toyo has loose lips without meaning too. Her mouth moves faster than her brain, but if you get upset with her she'll probably feel bad about it and try to make it up to you

How are they at studies/favorite subjects?

I think it'd be funny if Toyo is actually decent at math if she uses it outside of just writing numbers. If using hunting as an example, she can divide how many portions of meat from certain prey will serve a specific amount of people for a week. But she is still at a rudimentary level on everything else, with the personal goal of focusing on reading and writing. No books for her yet. Unless they got pictures.

Favorite season?

Toyo's favorite time of the year is right in-between when winter is starting to end and spring arrives since that's when the best hunting is and the animals are starting to come back out. She hates the rest of winter because snow, wet, and very cold from where she's from.

RP Tracker

RP Style: Paragraph/Lit. Group and one on one are all good for me too. HCs are fun, but I try to keep them sparse so I have more to work with in rps.

Availability: I'm pretty open atm, but I prefer to do rps in the evening. Shoot me a message or ping and I'll respond when I can!

Timezone: CST