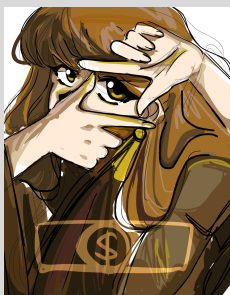


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## Taiga Yohantov



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<b>ROMAJI</b>	<i>Taiga Yohantofu</i>
<b>ALSO KNOWN AS</b>	Boss (ボス, Bosu) [by Kenpa] Tai (タイ, Tai) [by Daigo] Her Royal Highness Princess Taiga Yohantov of Zabarskiy (タイガ姫殿下, <i>Taiga Hime Denka</i> ) [in Zabarskiy] Your Majesty (陛下) [by Gon]

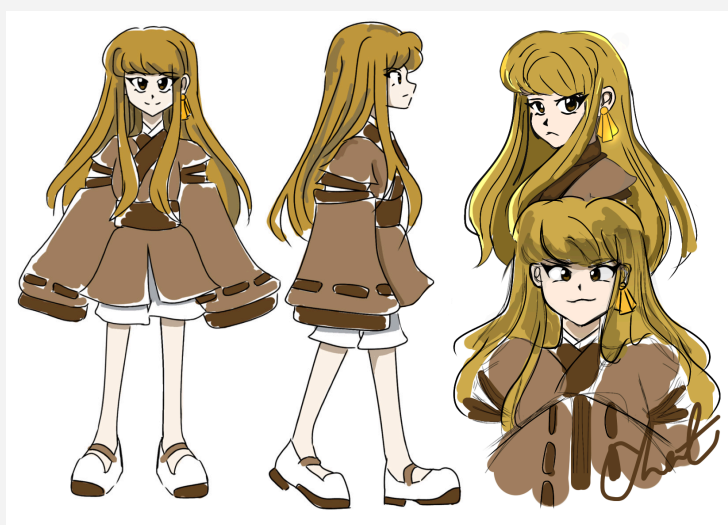
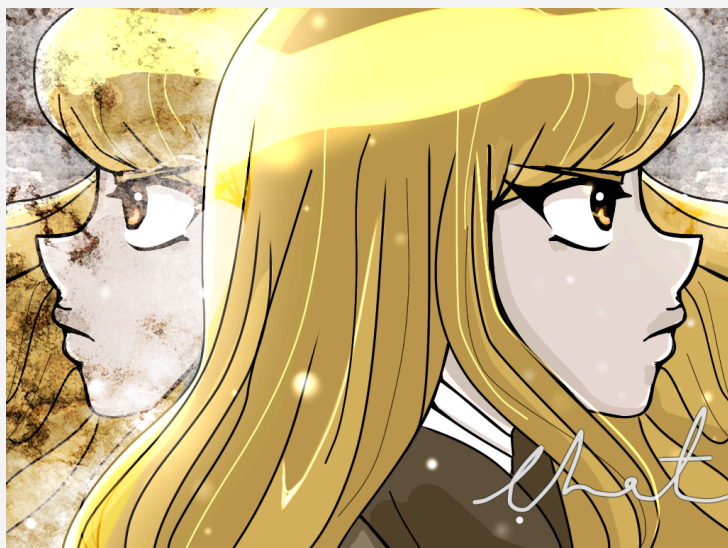
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DEBUTS

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CHARACTERISTICS

GENDER♀ Female

AGE12 (Debut)  
13-14 (Current)  
14 (by the line)

HEIGHT155cm (5'1)

WEIGHT51kg (112lbs)

BIRTHDAYJanuary 1, 1987

EYE COLORDark brown

HAIR COLORDirty blonde

BLOOD TYPEAB

STATEAlive

GENERAL STATUS

AFFILIATIONHunter Association

PREVIOUS AFFILIATIONZabarskiy  
Yohantov Family  
Kazsule's Alliance  
Chimera Ant Extermination Team

OCCUPATIONRookie Hunter

PREVIOUS OCCUPATION287th Hunter Exam Examinee  
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	<b>Heavens Arena</b> Fighter Kazsule's Alliance Member Chimera Ant Extermination Team Member
RELATIVES	<b>Pariston Hill</b> (Father) Zylka Yohantov (Mother) Daigo Yohantov (Twin Brother) Drakkon Yohantov (Great-Grandfather) Torena Yohantov (Great-Grandmother) (Unnamed Grandfather) Botohui Yohantov (Grandmother) Vulcho Yohantov (Uncle) Darzya Yohantov (Aunt) Raion Yohantov (Uncle) Diana Yohantov (Older Cousin) Venushka Yohantov (Older Cousin) Toska Yohantov (Older Cousin) River Yohantov (Younger Cousin)
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<b>NEN</b>	
TYPE	<b>Specialization</b>
ABILITIES	<b>Hopscotch</b> <b>Bunny Brigade</b>

“ Anyone who tells you the Hunter Exam offers only a License has never survived it, I’ll tell you that. With a success rate so miserable, smarter folk scout for connections first. And Taiga Yohantov so very much needed her allies. “

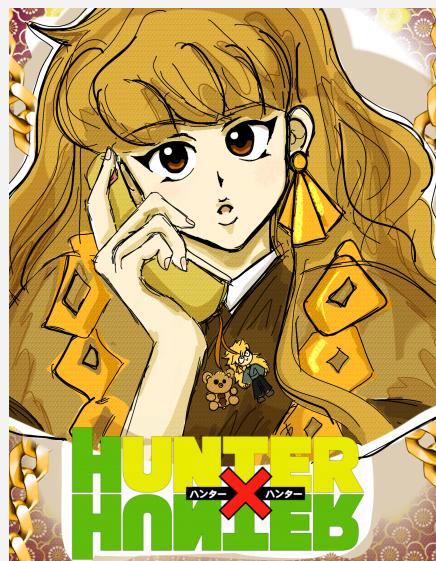
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**Taiga Yohantov** (タイガ・ヨハントフ, Taiga Yohantofu) is a member of the **Yohantov Family**. She is the main character of **Cunning**, an OC-centric *Hunter x Hunter* fanfiction written by casual Hunter x Hunter enthusiast, writer and artist, Chxtabii, mostly known as **Chat**.

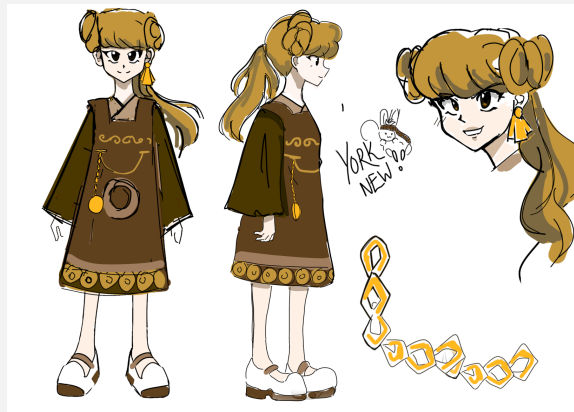
## Appearance



2011 Adaptation Appearance Drawn by Chat



### Chat's Attempt at a Manga Cover



Taiga's Yorknew Arc Design

Taiga has well-kept, dark blonde hair. Her bangs are neat, swept to her left and tucked behind her left ear, where she wears a single gold-plated Yohantov earring. Her hand-woven clothes are luxurious and practical: a short, beige kimono with a dark-brown sash, wide, oversized sleeves, white pants and plain white shoes with dark brown soles and lighter brown straps. In Yorknew, she has her hair tied in two space buns and one ponytail, wearing a brown sarafan dress with a gold pocket watch tied to it. Taiga takes pride in looking smart and keeps her clothes as pristine as possible. Sometimes, when in combat, her sleeves are removed. She is deceptively sturdy and muscular due to training and lifestyle. For the first half of the story, she dons a thin green, three-section staff linked together by golden chains.

As a child, Taiga was dressed up a deep green sarafan dress with a matching headpiece.



## Personality

"Where I come from, it is a grave omen to break hand-woven cloth with pins and needles." The girl declared. She nobly lifted her thick, heavy sleeve to demonstrate the shimmering sash under the overcast light. It looked especially glamorous in the dingy dungeon. "And I never tempt fate — not in a place like this."

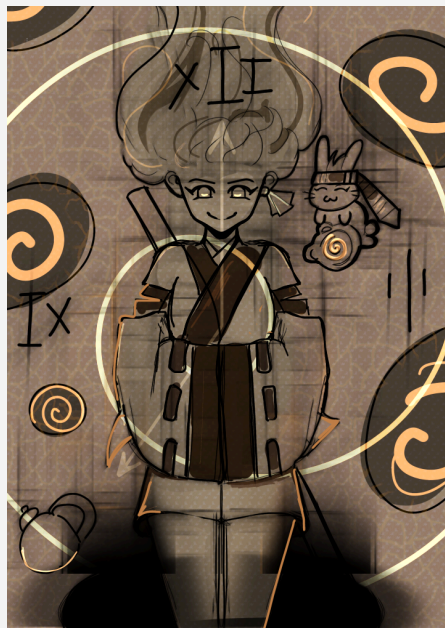
— Taiga, in *CH.00, Hunter Exam, Commence!*

Taiga is introduced as a precocious girl whose arrogance is matched only by her unwavering dedication to justice. She is a born leader, is quick-thinking, feisty and rather bossy. Her audacity, i.e. wagering her future license while waiting for the first phase, and her lack of self-awareness sometimes causes her to clash with other characters in the story. However beneath the surface, Taiga is often misunderstood, as she engages very kindly with characters like Bodoro, who do not judge her by her cover.

Taiga displays a strong moral code and does not tolerate injustice, e.g., praying for a pair of examinees that Killua had murdered on the airship, before ensuring their deaths were quickly reported. Under her stoic armour, she bonds with and cares deeply for people in short spans of time. This particular trait was the reason for her and Killua's mutual dislike for each other in the early stages of their tumultuous relationship, which spiralled into hatred after he killed Bodoro during the final phase of the Exam. This led Taiga down a short but precarious path of vengeance after the aftermath of Hunter Exams. Upon discovering Gon and Killua at Heaven's Arena, she planned to avenge Bodoro's untimely death, by killing him with Nen.

When interrupted by a screaming Wing in the crowd, however, Taiga panicked, slapping Killua with minimal aura instead, causing significantly less damage. This attack triggered Killua's Nen nodes to open and was enough to render him unconscious from the shock. Taiga remained indignant after a confrontation with Gon, Wing and Zushi, but after getting lectured by Wing, soon felt deep remorse and concern for Killua's welfare, regretting her dishonourable and cowardly act, realising her strong desire to be good had momentarily swayed her into the very evil she was running from.

We learn later that Taiga was carrying huge mental burdens from her past, and this heavily influenced how she interacted with Killua during early arcs. Having witnessed the brutality of her own family and living under the weight of their Nen oath secrecy, Taiga projected her fear of becoming like them onto others — especially Killua Zoldyck. His casualness towards killing deeply unsettled her, as it reminded her of the cruelty she associated with the Yohantovs. Her moral rigidity is not just self-righteousness but a defense mechanism. Every act of injustice Taiga opposes is a symbolic rejection of her lineage. This inner conflict explains both her initial disdain and hatred for Killua and her later remorse, when she realises her act of revenge made her no better than him.



*(taiga and her hatsu: hopscotch)*

Because of her dysfunctional childhood in the Yohantov Family, Taiga is possessive over her freedom and stubbornly works hard to ensure it can not be taken away. Taiga often goes above and beyond what is expected of her own age. Despite her arrogance, she is respectful of rules, dogmatic figures and is receptive to criticism.

Taiga, at heart, is an idealistic, empathetic young girl who feels deeply for those who are in pain or suffering, often recognizing her privilege when learning about lives of those less fortunate. She is ashamed to learn all the atrocities her family's name is behind, and more ashamed to learn their legacy is all smoke and mirrors. She is financially generous, though she does not flaunt it, as she continues to anonymously pay for the med-school fees of Bodoro's granddaughter, long after clearing the initial debt with Hanzo.

One of her biggest obstacles in her life is her family. Even after fleeing the country, Taiga continues to fear their influence and is often paranoid, wondering if she is being watched. Due to uncovering their secret in regards to their Dark Continent expeditions, Taiga is determined to get stronger and take them down.



*(wip poster for cunning fanfic)*

Though she still chastises and bickers with the boys from to , her journey onwards with Gon and Killua after their truce in Yorknew, nurtures a more humble and thoughtful side of her. Taiga is a fiercely maternal, caring and nurturing presence in the trio despite early happenings and first impressions. Her sharp pattern recognition sometimes conflicts with the boys' dynamic as she is not one to keep quiet about their codependent relationship and is initially disturbed by the lengths Killua throws himself to in order to aid Gon on his journey, i.e, when he deformed his hands during Gon's Jajanken attacks for Razor's dodgeball game.

Taiga is not proud of her identity as a royal and grows irritated/embarrassed when other characters draw attention to it as it is not a big part of her identity but rather, a footnote. Additionally, she is shown to have a morbid fascination with



pocketwatches and owns a humble collection. Taiga is rather envious of and is extremely keen to study Knuckle's ability. She is also a fan of Choco-robots, so much so that, to Killua's horror, she bought shares in the company just so that she could have a say in its flavours.

## Background

" Killua's grandfather had a saying about the Yohantovs: "They are better off as allies than enemies, for there is unmistakable wildness in that family. Provoke beasts if you dare — you will learn what it truly means to be hunted."

Extract from Cunning (Hunter x Hunter)



*(taiga and her brother daigo)*

Taiga was born into the vast and powerful **Yohantov Family**, the infamous rulers of Zabarskiy, a sovereign island nation shaped by their powerful legacy — as Princess Taiga of Zabarskiy. The Yohantovs are notorious for rejecting the **Hunter Association**, viewing its existence as an unnatural domestication of the art of hunting.

She is 37 minutes younger than her twin brother, Daigo Yohantov. Their mother passed away shortly after her birth, which according to cultural superstition, was a bad omen. This meant that, unlike other children in the family, the twins were not given their own custom earrings for their 7th birthdays, and were instead given their deceased mother's pair to share so as to carry on her spirit or else attract misfortune. Their father, **Pariston Hill**, was an absent figure throughout their childhood, and he was promptly disowned by the family after he was elected to become Vice Chairman of the Hunter Association in **1997**.

This left the children vulnerable to bullying and harassment from family members, particularly Taiga, who was an emotionally porous, sensitive child.

Taiga grew up fairly neglected and understimulated despite her natural gifts. It is said that Taiga initially developed her Nen beast 'Kenpa' as an imaginary friend out of loneliness; although it is not specified when. Hopscotch was the game her cousins liked to "play" most with her, making it impossible for Taiga to win, and pelting her with pebbles when she stepped on the lines.

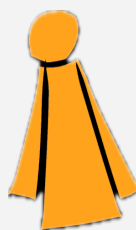
When Taiga was five, the family travelled south to the city, to host a tri-annual parade celebrating the Yohantov legacy around the capital. As she sat in her carriage, she spotted a young man with a gold canine, busking near the palace gates with his balalaika. Though she was new to the capital, Taiga looked forward to his daily performances from her bedroom window, finding comfort in his familiar presence. On that particular day, however, she noticed a large recruitment poster in the town hall, advertising the Zabarskiy state army, promising high wages and comfortable living conditions. Few signed up, due to hushed whispers spread that soldiers who enlisted were rarely seen again. Not long after, Taiga noticed outside her palace window in the city that the busker had disappeared. She overheard that he had joined the military due to becoming homeless, but as the family prepared to travel back to their main estate in the north, Taiga forgot him as quickly as she found him.

Years later, after a bitter fight with her twin brother Daigo, who had quietly chastised her for provoking their cousins after finding her tied up and beaten, Taiga stormed off in prideful anger. Wandering aimlessly through the palace to avoid her prowling cousins, she stumbled upon a passageway she'd never seen before, which took her all the way down to a deep, endlessly vast basement filled with rows upon rows of glass tanks and jars. Within them floated grotesque



remains of countless failed, illegal Dark Continent expeditions. Twisted organs, skeletal remains, malformed animals. Among these, a single detail chilled Taiga to the bone: a single, gold canine gleaming from the unrecognisable bloated face of the balalaika busker.

Taiga planned an escape from the island weeks after, disassociating from and traumatised by what she had uncovered. However she was stopped at the city dock by her older cousin, Venushka, disguised by a plain shawl. Venus rarely interacted with Taiga, none of the adults ever did. Venus told Taiga warmly that their grandmother had sent her and that nearly everyone knew exactly where she was and why she was running away. Venus, doting on the child in her own detached, way, warned Taiga that if she ever tried tattling to outsiders about what she'd seen, the blood oath she'd been bound with at birth would kill her instantly. It was of Venus' own volition to warn Taiga of the Nen oath, as she did not like the idea of a child dying so unnecessarily. Venus then dismissed her attempt to flee as inconsequential, remarking that nobody would particularly care if Taiga ran. Taiga requested that Venus pass on a cryptic note to her brother, one that only he would understand in case it was intercepted. She then pointed out Venus' own hypocrisy, that perhaps her other family members preferred to stay complicit, but Taiga would find a way to serve the people of Zabarskiy justice for their crimes. Thus, she boarded the ship.



## EQUIPMENT

**STAFF.** During the course of her series, Taiga wields a long, steel three-section staff, linked by small gold chains when separated. It is painted green, and weighs 30kg.

## ABILITIES AND POWERS

Taiga has access to the numerous benefits of a Hunter.

Coming from the powerful and incredibly affluent Yohantov Family, Taiga additionally is in possession of a sizable trust fund of which she is given monthly allowances until she can claim the trust at 18.

In battle, Taiga is calculated and cool, having been trained and taught in the *Shingen-ryu* by none other than Double-Star Stone Hunter, Biscuit Kreuger. She is agile and graceful, confident in her moves. Taiga's biggest strengths are her keen eidetic memory recall and photographic attention to detail, as she is able to anticipate. As Taiga initially chose to harness her Hatsu for personal needs rather than self-defence, her mastery of the Four Major Principles are commendable for her age.

#### **Enhanced Memory:**

Thanks to an eidetic mind, Taiga is able to remember the names and faces of people she's only caught a glimpse of. She has many books memorised, cover to cover. Taiga can also sing her favourite pop songs backwards. (MORE TO BE ADDED.)

#### **Enhanced Intuition and Reflexes:**

Since she was already a Nen user, Taiga was unphased by Killua's assassin techniques during their Heaven's Arena match and rebuked every attempt before he was able to start. Relying on her strong gut instinct, she is able to weed out her foes. (MORE TO BE ADDED)

#### **High intelligence:**

Due to her noble education and standard Yohantov upbringing, Taiga is highly well-read. She is a genius academic, and allegedly submitted a college essay under a pseudonym as a toddler, only for it to be used as a model paper for future university students worldwide. She is also very good with numbers, and multitasking.

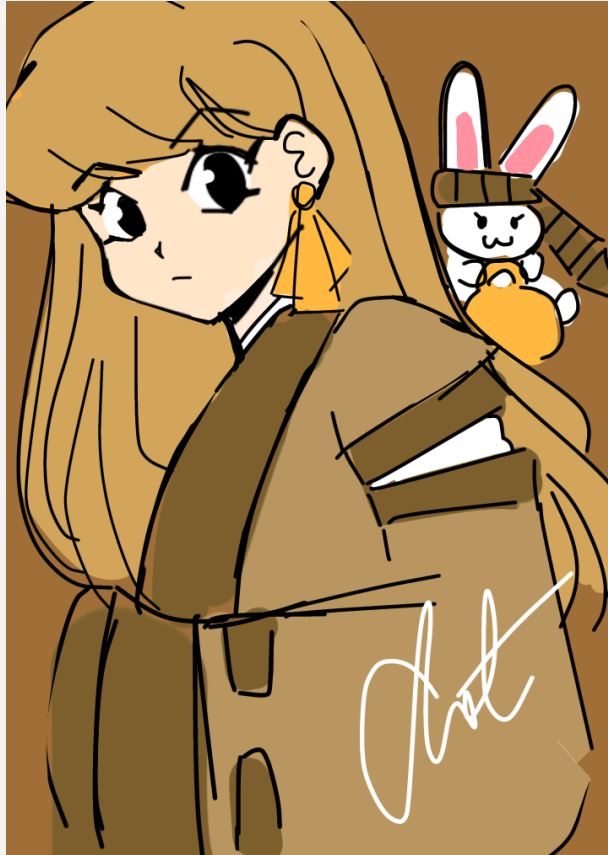
#### **Enhanced strength:**

One hell of a Powerful Kick.  
(more to be added later)

#### **Acute Strategist:**

#### **Proficient Staff Wielding:**

## Expert Hand-to-Hand Combat:



## NEN

Taiga is a **SPECIALIST**.

**HOPSCOTCH** (KENKENPA ! ) けんけんぱ !

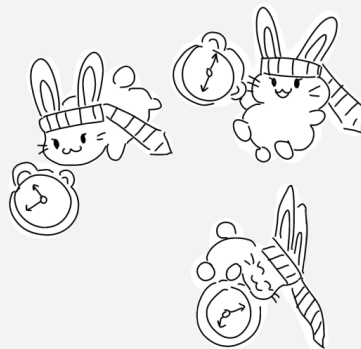


Taiga is able to summon a companion Nen Beast in the shape of her cute Sanrio-esque bunny rabbit known as **Hop/Kenpa**. Hop wears a striped brown tie around her head. She carries around a gold pocket watch slightly larger than

herself to keep count of for her Boss. Hop was Taiga's childhood imaginary friend that she manifested into reality: she is a bubbly, overworked secretary who is passionate about her job and hates being told off, often burrowing away or bursting into tears if she knows she'll be getting a scolding. Hop has an unwitting crush on Killua Zoldyck, which leaves Taiga both mystified and irritated. Kenpa manages information, schedules and memories for Taiga, and can multiply into a Bunny Battalion for intelligence gathering (**Bunny Battalion! バニー大隊!**) However, due to Hop's autonomous and fretful temperament, she may sometimes refuse Taiga's requests.

Taiga's main and most used ability in **COMBAT** is **HOPSCOTCH** (けんけんぱ、*Kenkenpa*.) In which she slams her foot into the ground, and amber-golden hopscotch circles flare to life beneath her. Each circle corresponds to a "charge" step that funnels aura into her legs. Once the pattern is complete she unleashes the stored energy as a devastating burst attack. Though they share a thematic name, Hop and Hopscotch are separate entities. Hop functions as Taiga's support mascot, while Hopscotch remains an independent offensive technique.

**Hop** also helps Taiga do her hair or pick out outfits, and she also schedules and maps out Taiga's day-to-day activities so that she's never behind. She also provides moral support and acts as Taiga's best friend.



## Trivia

- Taiga's original name, as you may know if you have been following me over the years, has been Ayako Hill, or less commonly; Ayako Yohantov. This has been her name for nearly a decade, but it has thus been changed. I know, I know. However, as a creative person, I strongly believe you should never be shackled by nostalgia. Never be afraid to evolve your work.
- Taiga was named after the Siberian **Taiga**. Coincidentally, she shares the same English VA as Taiga Aisaka from Toradora! (Cassandra Lee Morris.)
- The Yohantovs are based on the Sakhalin islands.
- Taiga's father being Pariston Hill was not my original plan. When Ayako's traits were developed, (blonde hair, brown eyes) I realised she resembled a canon character already. Thus, I played into it as a running gag. After a while, when writing fanfiction became a semi-serious hobby, I decided to develop this more properly. In this update, Pariston is a footnote in Taiga's story, and she does not know him very well in this version, at all. He was involved in the Yohantovs for his own sneaky political reasons (finding dirt on Netero) but more will be discussed in the Yohantovs factfile — if you click on the different coloured words in this document you will find links!
- Taiga is inspired by Hermione Granger. Both are earth signs! Hermione = Virgo, Taiga = Capricorn.
- Taiga is a Capricorn Sun, a Capricorn Moon and a Pisces Rising. Yikes! In Vedic, she is a Purva Ashada Sun, Uttara Ashada Moon and Shatabhisha Lagna.