

# Profile

***A rapper who is empathetic to phantometals***

KYU / MC NAME: 9

CV: Rumi Ookubo



*“Can Kyu-chan still be considered human? After everything...”*

A genius composer; can hear the “cries” of phantometals. Unwillingly became a test subject for Phantometal experiments, gaining high tolerance to trap reactions and the ability to use any phantometal's illusions without owning one. Escaping from Alter Trigger, she has then been trying to gather information on reversing the effects of the experiments. Rejects 1nm8's Kei's belief of “ending phantom lives”.

Voice Sample [1](#) | [2](#)

Age: 19

Height: 150cm

Blood Type: O

Birthday: June 14

Occupation: Composer, Rapper

Hobby: Songwriting, walking

Weakness: Laboratory coats, injections

#GentleSounds

#Can'tTakeYourEyesOffMe

#Butterfly-likeChanges

**Trauma?**

#ICanHearTheirCries

#NoLongerHuman

#MyWingsWereBroken

## **Appearance**

Kyu is an Asian woman with a slender physique and light blue and pink ombre hair, with pink eyes and heart as her pupils. She wears a black satin dress, with a pink ribbon on the lower left, making a small slit to expose a part of her left thigh. She also wears white socks that cover half her legs and black chunky shoes. She has a series of piercings on her left ear: a butterfly earring, several circular, gold earrings in her mid-helix and helix areas. Her right ear has a shoelace conch earring with a pink gemstone. While not often visible, she has a tattoo of the number 09 on the nape of her neck.

## **Personality**

Kyu is a very jolly kid, often playing with Rokuta and Kei during her stay in the orphanage. She is also dependable, as Kei sometimes leaves Rokuta in her care. However, her personality changed upon being sold off to Alter Trigger as a test subject. Due to her high affinity for phantometals, she is subjected to far more intense experiments, developing her fear of people wearing laboratory coats and injections. She also lost the majority of her memory prior to her adoption, and became constantly scared of her surroundings.

However, upon reconnecting with Rokuta and Itsuki later on, she became livelier and more hopeful. When she escaped from Alter Trigger several years later, she was finally able to relax and assume a child-like personality, usually addressing herself by name. Because of this along with her inexperience as a member of society, she often finds herself in troublesome and disadvantageous situations.

As a composer and rapper, she is very serious yet delicate — often emphasizing on whimsical and gentle tones. She has received praises for her tracks, particularly from Allen and Kei, as well as Itsuki, deeming her tracks worth at least hundreds of thousands yen to acquire the rights.

## **Early Days**

Kyu became an orphan at a very young age after her family, who were renowned composers and performers, passed away from an accident. Kyu was later put under the same orphanage as Kei and Rokuta. She developed a fear of playing musical instruments despite her natural talent for it due to its association with her family's death. However, one day, upon seeing Kei with Rokuta, she was so inspired that she played the piano once again, much to the caretakers' delight. She started performing for the orphanage whenever she felt like it.

Little did she know this inspired Kei to learn music as Rokuta pointed out how Kyu's music always felt gentle. When Kei finally knew how to play, he approached Kyu and they instantly became friends, with Rokuta as their beloved audience and best friend. They often spent their days composing, playing, and spoiling Rokuta.

Soon, Kei and Kyu grew close enough to be each other's first love. They made a promise to marry each other as soon as they both turned adults.

However, their happy days ended when Kyu was adopted by a couple who were secretly affiliated with Alter Trigger. At first, she was welcomed into their family. When Kyu was about to finally adjust to her new life, she was put under the care of Alter Trigger. This was the start of long years of abuse as a metal test subject.

### **Alter Trigger**

During her time in Alter Trigger, it was discovered that Kyu had a high resistance to trap reactions and a higher affinity for phantom illusions. The scientists then at Alter Trigger would continuously increase the intensity of the experiments, leading to Kyu's eventual memory loss, to the point she had forgotten her own name, Kei, and Rokuta (Minori in the past). During one of the experiments, it was known that she also succumbed to the experiments due to a mistake from the Alter Trigger scientists. This then developed her fear of white coats and injections, with the exception of Itsuki's default outfit in the present.

Rokuta and Kyu met by chance during one of Kyu's free time to wander around the facility. They have no recollection of their past relationship. However, they still have a sister-brother relationship, with Kyu often comforting Rokuta after his experiments.

Kyu almost escaped around the age of 13, however was stopped by Rokuta then as they went to search for Itsuki, the latter not wanting to escape without his brother and roommate. Once detained, Rokuta and Itsuki were secretly used as bargaining chips for Kyu to stay within the confines of the facility. This ensured that Kyu would less likely escape alone and comply with whatever experiments were done to her. At roughly 15, Chi, one of the scientists in charge of Kyu, decided to inject Chisei's phantometal into Kyu's bloodstream and permanently alter her DNA, which made Kyu able to use any phantometal without immediate repercussions. At 17, she voluntarily stayed with Alter Trigger under the premise that Chi lets Rokuta and Itsuki be released from the experiments.

### **Escape, Present Day**

Unfortunately, Chi lied and continued to let Rokuta and Itsuki be subjected to harsher experiments, a reality that will soon kill her. Upon revealing that the two were still under Alter Trigger's experimentation, this triggered Kyu which led to multiple phantom illusions to materialize, destroying the facility and fatally wounding Chi in the process. This gave Kyu the chance to escape. Afterwards, she shortly lived the life of a beggar trying to get by until she was picked up by a club owner upon hearing her sing a song she made impromptu. Kyu would then be exploited by the club owner by only giving her measly change, daily food, and shelter as payment for songs that are worth hundreds and thousands of yen in terms of royalties.

Haruomi would then find Kyu by chance, and upon Chi's request to Haruomi, he was impressed by Kyu's natural appeal and musical prowess, stating that this is what the future generations of phantom rappers need. He believes that the hip-hop genre would continue to evolve with Kyu's

involvement and innovative ways of incorporating hiphop and rap in her songs. She was formally taken in by BURAIKAN, but lived in a separate apartment that Haruomi procured.

During the opening show of Road to Legend, Kyu reunites with Rokuta and Itsuki, the former profusely thanking their leader, Kei. Kei, upon looking at Kyu, realizes that he had found his childhood friend and sweetheart Kyoko, pulls her to an embrace, the latter being rightfully confused as she had no recollection of Kei. Kei started overwhelming her with words and tears until BAE's Hajun saw the scene and gently pushed Kei, breaking his embrace from Kyu. Dazed and confused, Kyu took Hajun's hand in order to flee the scene. Once she was able to make sense of what happened, she thanked BAE for the help.

### Timeline

- **Age 2:** Parents die due to an accident; placed in the same orphanage as Kei and Minori
- **Age 5:** Started playing the piano again
- **Age 9:** Becomes friends with Kei and Minori; started writing songs for Minori
- **Age 10:** Writes songs with Kei and Minori
- **Age 11:** Adopted into HanaTsuki's family; later brought to AT as a metal test subject
- **Age 12:** AT experiments intensify; gains high tolerance to trap reactions
- **Age 13:** AT experiments intensify; loses memory; becomes friends with Rokuta, meets Itsuki, Ryu, Akari
- **Age 15:** AT experiments intensify; gains ability to use any phantometal from the injection of Chisei's metal in her bloodstream
- **Age 17:** "Kidnapped" from AT's old facility; experiments intensify
- **Age 18:** Escapes AT, is adopted by Haruomi and was convinced to join Club Paradox.
- **Age 19:** Present day; meets 1nm8, BAE

### Schedule

Schedule with 1nm8:

Start Time	End Time	Activity
12AM	1AM	Report to Rokuta (talk about what Kei did)
1AM	5AM	Making music with Kei
5AM	10AM	Wake up, get dressed
11AM	1PM	Help Itsuki (does not get in the way)
1PM	2PM	Lunch
2PM	3PM	Walk with Kei, Rokuta, and Itsuki

3PM	4PM	Accompany Rokuta for snack time
4PM	7PM	Making music with Kei
7PM	8PM	Bath time
8PM	9PM	Dinner
9PM	10PM	Nap
10PM	12AM	Making music with Kei (with naps in between)

Schedule with Hajun:

Start Time	End Time	Activity
12AM	7AM	Sleep
7AM	8AM	Wake up, prepare breakfast with Hajun
8AM	9AM	Wakes up Allen, Anne, and Akari
9AM	12PM	Making music
12PM	1PM	Lunch
1PM	6PM	Making music
6PM	7PM	Prepares ingredients for dinner (include four extra servings)
7PM	8PM	Prepares dinner (include four extra servings)
8PM	9PM	Consults with Allen and Akari on music and album art
9PM	10PM	Takes a bath
10PM	11PM	Finishing touches on working album
11PM	12AM	Prepare to go to sleep (with Hajun)

## Relationships

**Kei Miyama:** As children, Kyu and Kei made a promise to marry each other once they reached adulthood. However, Kyu has forgotten their promise due to the abuse she experienced at Alter Trigger. The two eventually grow closer again, and are often seen making music together. Kei honors their childhood promise in both timelines.

Should Kyu end up with Hajun, Kei respects Kyu's decision, and silently cheers her on to “her path towards happiness and freedom”.

**Hajun Yeon:** Hajun and Kyu met during RTL, the former being surprised by Kyu's sincere comment about his musical sense being the best in BAE. Hajun entertains this comment, and they slowly grow closer together. Hajun then made advances as his feelings for Kyu turned romantic.

Should Kyu end up with Kei, Hajun doesn't pursue any further, but is described to have a longing look whenever he sees Kyu.

**Rokuta:** One of Kyu's closest friends and “family” in the orphanage. She promised to take care of Rokuta “forever” before being adopted and sold off to Alter Trigger. Kyu meets Rokuta again as a fellow test subject, but neither one has recollection of their former connection. Rokuta and Kyu deeply care for each other, and are described to have a close sister-brother relationship. Rokuta also posts for Kyu on her behalf.

**Itsuki:** One of Kyu's closest friends and “family”. He often takes care of Kyu's financial aspects, such as receiving and budgeting money from her royalties. Kyu is indebted to Itsuki for taking care of Rokuta.

**Allen Sugasano:** Track-making buddies. Due to Allen's extensive knowledge of hiphop and music, he is able to understand Kyu's child-like way of suggesting and commenting on music.

Should Kyu end up with Hajun, she often finds herself “gently” scolding Allen, along with Akari, about their late night habits. Allen describes this as deja vu due to her striking resemblance with Hajun's “scoldings”.

**Anne Faulkner:** Anne appreciates Kyu's fashion sense, despite the latter only wearing clothes that are “easy to take off”. They soon have a deeper understanding of each other when they both realize they have secrets they prefer keeping to themselves.

Should Kyu end up with Hajun, Anne usually posts on Kyu's X account on her behalf. They are also a little more protective over Kyu when it comes to discussing topics that are potentially triggering, such as Kyu's time in Alter Trigger.

**Ryu Natsume:** One of Kyu's first friends in the Alter Trigger Facility. After his escape, Kyu's experiments started to intensify more than usual. Despite that, Kyu greatly cares for Ryu despite him not remembering much of what happened during their stay at Alter Trigger.

**Chisei Kuzuryu:** The real owner of Kyu's "phantometal". Chisei often teases her and introduces Kyu as his long-lost sister. No one seems to believe it as they do not resemble each other. Kyu is generally wary of Chisei's presence.

**Haruomi Shingu:** Haruomi was the one who registered Kyu to be part of the competition. He was curious about her origins as an AT subject as well as having her DNA modified through Chisei's phantometal.

**Shogo Yamato:** Kyu considers Shogo as one of her first friends outside her circle from 1nm8 (or those who knew she was a test subject). Shogo is one of the first few people who called her by her new name Kyu than "Nine", which made her happy. Despite her stance in Club Paradox, Shogo and Kyu remain friends, the former bringing Kyu snacks whenever she visits the VISTY dorm.

**Toma Hikage:** Hana's boyfriend and husband later on. Kyu initially was wary of Toma due to his comment about her branding tattoo, but soon learned to trust him after teaching her how to style her neck while keeping the tattoo less visible. Toma eventually finds out Kyu is a test subject due to Hana's involvement.

**Akari<sup>1</sup>:** Kyu and Akari met as children during her stay in Alter Trigger. Due to their biological differences, Kyu almost died from one of the methods meant for Akari, making her scared of being disposed of for not producing results. Years later, they became friends, but could not pinpoint whether they had a previous connection prior to this meeting. Kyu deeply cares for and takes care of Akari, often mimicking Hajun's habit of scolding her "gently" whenever she stays up too late.

**Hana<sup>2</sup>:** Kyu's adoptive older sister. She remembers little about Hana due to her short stay in their residence and the effects of the experiments. Despite the circumstances, Hana made every effort to reconnect with Kyu until they were close enough to talk and reconcile with each other's past, along with Tsuki.

**Tsuki<sup>3</sup>:** Kyu's adoptive younger sister. Tsuki initially harbored ill feelings towards Kyu after seeing her receive love from Hana. When Tsuki found out the truth of Kyu's disappearance in the family, she made amends with Kyu, the latter however, not understanding her actions at first. The three would then finally reconcile and properly talk about their past.

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<sup>1</sup> Akari is @ki\_chuune's OC/sona.

<sup>2</sup> Hana is @flwr\_moons' OC.

<sup>3</sup> Tsuki is @flwr\_moons' OC.



**Chihiro Nakahara (Chi):** A scientist who was fascinated by Kyu's abilities. She was the head scientist behind Kyu's experiments, but befriended Kyu. At first, it was to make Kyu form an attachment to Alter Trigger and lowering her desire to escape, but Chi realized she “loved” Kyu, and decided to form an escape plan for her. She dies at Kyu's hands, allowing Kyu to escape Alter Trigger. Chi confesses then that her only regret was no longer being able to grow up alongside Kyu.

**Yue:** Shogo's girlfriend. Yue takes care of Kyu whenever she visits VISTY's dorm. They have their share of misunderstandings due to Yue not knowing the reason for Kei's departure from VISTY and Kyu realizing it was Yue's parents who recommended her to become a metal test subject. Her parents currently have ties to Silver World.

### Phantometal

As a portion of Chisei's phantometal was melted and injected into Kyu's bloodstream, she is currently the “owner” of his phantometal. However, she does not have her own personal phantometal.

### Appellations

Character	What they call Kyu	What Kyu calls them
Self	Kyu-chan	
Kei	Kyoko (past), Kyu	Kei-niichan (past), Miyama, Kei-chan
Hajun	Kyu, Darling	Bocchan, Hajun, Darling
Rokuta	Kyu-chan	Minorin (past), Roku-tan
Itsuki	Kyu	Itsuki
Allen	Kyu	Allen
Anne	Kyu-chan	Annie
Ryu	QQ	Zero (past), Ryu
Shogo	Kyu	Shogo
Toma	Kyu-chan	Toma-nii
Aoi	Kyu	Aoi-san
Kantaro	Nine	This guy
Kenta	Nine	Anon, Kenta

Chi	Kyu	Chi
Akari	Kyu-chan	Acchan, Akari
Hana	Kyu-chan	Hana-nee
Tsuki	Kyu-nee-chan	Tsuki

### Etymology

- Kyoko means “resonance” (響)(Kyo) and “child” (子)(ko).
- Her surname Kamino means “god; heart — the innermost part of a person” (神)(Kami) and “open; wide open spaces” (野)(no).
- Kyu (きゅ) means “9”.

### Trivia

- Her real name is Kyoko Kamino (神野響子).
- Kyu can hear multiple voices in her head as a result of the phantometal experiments. This leads to her doubting her own memories.
- The cries go “quiet” whenever she uses a phantometal, making her reject Kei's beliefs regarding phantom lives.
- She likes taking walks by the ocean, since she believes she can focus on the sounds of the ocean rather than the phantometals.
- She only follows 1nm8 and BAE members on X. However, her posts are mostly done by Anne or Rokuta.