

# Gyaru x Otaku - Character Profiles

## Main characters

Hitomi Inoue



Core traits: The living definition of the term "hot-blooded". Natural leader and faithful but competitive friend. Quick to anger but also quick to make up. The "quick to make up" part doesn't include people persistently trying to antagonise her and her friends. She has a complex about her height and people not treating her seriously because of it. She's also the most extroverted of the main trio. She's currently going through her rebellious phase.

Family: Parents and little sister. She has a certain complex about being shorter than her sister.

Likes:

- Video games, especially challenging ones.

- Model kits, especially the scary or epic looking ones.
- Rock and metal music.
- Maths and computer science.
- Big dogs.

#### Dislikes:

- Exercise.
- Being treated like a kid just because she's short.
- People telling her to "know her place" and be "ladylike".
- Being called feisty.
- Short tsundere girls in anime.

Favourite food: Pizza. She's fully convinced that she could subsist purely on it, if she could. Her love for pizza extends to other similar foods, like calzone and zapiekanka.

Least favourite food: Dessert pizzas. While Hitomi normally has no issues with the unorthodox food combinations, she loathes sweet pizzas. She can understand stuff like adding ananas or pear to change the taste profile, but she has a deep seated vendetta against the chocolate based sauces and sweet creams even touching pizza.

Personal style: She likes dark colours with strongly contrasting accents, especially the black and red combo. While this preference is partially dictated by her desire to look more serious, she just likes strong colour combinations. She is, however, very insistent on wearing glasses instead of contacts, since she dislikes their sensation. Still, her eyesight is good enough that she often goes without them.

Role in group: She's both the leader and group's face. She and Anri were childhood friends since grade school and Hitomi was usually the one to act first. She's also the one who suggested to use the chance that was the forced change of schools to shed their nerdy reputation and make a debut. She wasn't the one to suggest the gyaru theme, though.

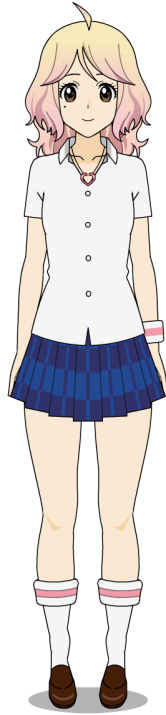
Opinion on becoming a gyaru: "Finally, people notice that I'm not a little girl.", "Being labelled as a troublemaker is better than being treated as a wallflower.", "Red highlights rock."

#### Miscellaneous info:

- Her family has a rather large dog, Shiro. Shiro is black and the name is meant to be ironic.
- She spent the last three years trying to make a diorama of a mech fighting a dragon. So far, she remade it five times. Attempts from the third one onward have added led lighting.
- She wants to be a game designer. Her plan B is getting a cushy job related to machine learning.
- She owns an electric guitar and decent software suite for editing from the time she tried playing in the light music club in middle school. She can theoretically play, but she hates how the strings hurt her fingers. She wishes she picked the keyboard.

- She's envious of Anri's height.
- She was a chunni at middle school.

## Anri Sakurai



Core traits: A shy ray of sunshine. She's a natural follower. She loves cute things, though her definition of cute can sometimes be a bit strange. She's technically the most academically talented second year at school, but she's also a bit of a ditz. She has a complex about her height. She's a total daddy's girl.

Family: Parents, older brother and two younger ones. She has a close relationship with her brothers and her dad.

### Likes:

- Cute things. Surprisingly, she finds most of mecha cute, due to their bright colours and aesthetic geometry.
- Cute anime and manga, particularly gyaru related ones.
- Chivalrous and manly protagonists. She has a soft spot for flawed characters trying to be chivalrous.
- Model kits and arts and crafts.
- Virtual singers
- Language related subjects at school.

Dislikes:

- The "fake" cute stuff. Cute things have to be sincere.
- Being expected to be the most serious and responsible person due to her height.
- Biology, it's not cute and she's bad with stuff she finds dirty.
- Being extra tall and flat as a board. She wouldn't mind being flat if she wasn't too tall for almost all of the cute clothes.
- The "Ojou-sama" jokes about her curly hair. She still doesn't get why her whole middle school got the idea to make the same lame joke about her naturally wavy, unruly hair.

Favourite food: Fruit based dishes and cake. She started to prepare her own fruit salads since it's cheaper that way.

Disliked food: Natto - the slimy, pungent beans are the worst dish she ever ate. She also dislikes any dish that leaves fruits or vegetables feeling slimy.

Personal style: She's a girly girl through and through. She loves bright, pastel colours, comfy and cute clothes and spending time prettying herself up. Her favourite colour is pink. Since she has naturally wavy, unruly hair, she opted to make most of it and grow it out. She hates high heels though. They make her look too tall and are horribly uncomfortable. She loves cosmetics that smell like fruits and flowers.

Role in group: Anri is essentially the heart of the group, being the one to mediate between Hitomi and Asami's strong personalities. She's Hitomi's childhood friend and the one who invited Asami to their group in middle school. She's the one to suggest her friends to become gyarus and the one who helped them create their new personas. Since her family is rather well off, she often plays the role of sponsor of their shared projects. This applies both to nerdy and gyaru stuff. Her house is one of their usual hangout spots.

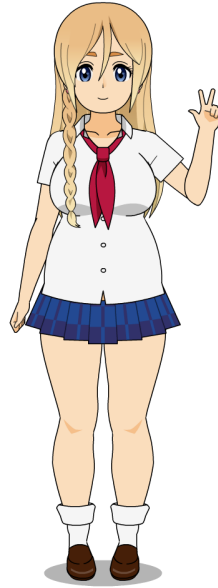
Opinion on becoming a gyaru: "Finally! I can dress in all the cute clothes!", "I'm glad our new high school allows us to dye our hair~.", "We are totally among the cutest girls in high school now!..".

Miscellaneous info:

- Her family is decently well off due to her father owning a small construction company. In her own words, they have as much cash as the truly rich people expect the middle class to have.
- Her older brother is studying to become an engineer and succeed her father as a head of their company.
- Her father is very insistent about Anri's education having at least few things people consider "high class" like piano or classical poetry.
- Anri knows several foreign languages, including French and Mandarin.
- She's envious of Hitomi and Asami's curves.
- In middle school she tried playing in a light music club with Hitomi. She played the keyboard, since she has had piano lessons since grade school.

- She wants to learn how to bake her own pastries and how to make candy.

# Asami Kobayashi



Core traits: She's best described as bon vivant. She's a high energy introvert and a bit of a hedonist. She likes to have time for herself and has a tendency of drifting away into her own world. She's the type to rest while alone and then use up that energy sharing her experiences with others.

Family: Parents. She's an only child.

## Likes:

- Studying and learning new interesting facts.
- Reading fantasy and sci-fi novels.
- Chemistry and biology.
- Snacking and trying out the new foods.
- Swimming and biking.

## Dislikes:

- Running.
- Heatwaves.
- People picking on her and underestimating her due to her weight.

- Following social media trends.

Favourite food: Roasted and fried dishes with spicy and aromatic sauces. Cool gimmick flavour combinations, especially in sauces.

Disliked food: Deep fried and overly greasy meat. Gimmick hot sauces that are basically capsaicin extracts with red dye.

Personal style: Asami is a bit of a contradiction. On the one hand, she's a shy, nerdy girl who prefers to spend her days studying, reading fantasy novels and snacking. On the other hand, she's also incredibly talkative and passionate when it comes to her hobbies and capable of talking for hours about new power systems or her favourite speculative fiction method of space travel. She's also, rather ironically, the most physically active of our three heroines due to her genuine love for swimming and biking. Years of munching on high protein snacks and then trying to burn off the excess calories in water gave her surprisingly buff but not particularly nimble. She prefers the more practical and comfortable fashion. Her favourite colour is blue, which she often pairs with yellow or ecru. Her eyes are naturally deep blue, which she considers her charm point.

Role in group: She only met Hitomi and Anri in the after moving schools in her second year of middle school, making her a relative newcomer to the group. Asami is, in a way, the one to actually keep the group on track, acting as a calming influence for Hitomi and motivation for Anri. She's also the only girl in school to truly rival Anri in academic skill. Ever since she joined their little nerd group, Asami found herself appreciated for her insight and for being a great conversation partner. She's the one who actually pushed for the rest to execute their "gyaru debut" project properly, instead of just hiding their nerdy personalities. She's also the only girl in the group with the romantic experience, having had a boyfriend in middle school.

Opinion on becoming a gyaru: "I guess it's fine. I should have started wearing contacts for bike rides a long time ago.", "It's nice to have boys notice you again.", "The new hairstyles were a must, but I took a hard stance against daily eyeshadow."

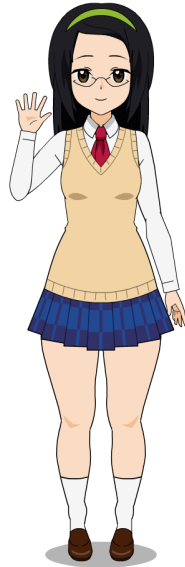
Miscellaneous info:

- Officially, she moved middle schools due to her parents moving apartments. Non officially, it was due to her being bullied and her mom's insistence on getting her away from that.
- The reason for bullying was the fact that she was dating a boy the other girls had a crush on. As petty as it was, it resulted in the year long smear campaign against Asami. Asami actually fought back, resulting in a very tense situation for all involved.
- She still maintains a friendly relationship with her ex, Itou Sotome. They broke up due to incompatible personalities but they remained in contact as a part of the same book discussion group.
- She's the only girl in the group who hoped that becoming a gyaru would get her a boyfriend.

- She's currently trying to learn her third language, purely so she can read more novels.
- She's one of few girls outside sports clubs to actively use her highschool's gym and the student pass for the swimming pool. She's the only second year outside clubs to actually do strength training.
- While she avoids flaunting it, she's immensely proud of her assets and of her status as one of the curviest girls at school.

# Classmates

Fumiko Tanaka - the class president



Core traits: Hard working, diligent and painfully by the book. She fits perfectly into the role of a stereotypical class president and is proud of it. She's baffled both by her current high school's remarkably lax rules about appearance and by the fact that three top students in her class are over the top gyaru.

Family: Parents and older brother. Both her dad and her older brother are cops.

Likes:

- Classical music.
- Order.
- Romance novels.
- Being praised by teachers and by her parents.

Dislikes:

- Delinquents.

- People who litter.
- Painted hair.
- Loud music.
- People who disrupt the class.

Favourite food: Ramen. She prefers it mild and with fresh aromatics.

Least favourite food: Spicy food. It makes her stomach hurt.

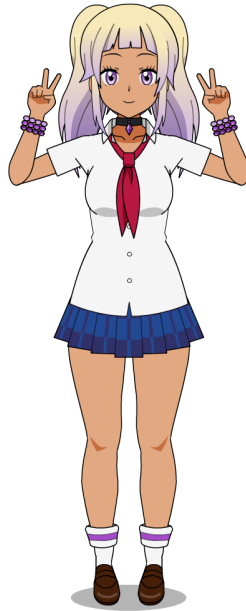
Personal style: Formal and impeccable. She prefers to wear a school uniform when possible. If not, she dresses in mature and rather formal clothing. Due to that, people routinely mistake her for a university student or baby faced office lady when she's outside without her uniform.

Connection to the cast: She's their class president. Exicante of three ultra flashy girls with inexplicably high grades is a constant source of frustration for her, though recently she started to notice that they are closer to being three honour roll students with inexplicably flashy sense of fashion. She still hasn't decided if this makes the situation better or worse.

Miscellaneous info:

- She's the only person in second year who actually cares about dress code regulations about socks and pantyhoses. Not even the teachers care about this part as long as you don't wear anything too flashy or inappropriate.
- Her glasses have exactly the same frames as Hitomi's, which has led to more than one mixup.
- She knows how to play a fiddle.
- She's self conscious about having naturally really wide hips and a rather bottom heavy build.
- She's an avid fan of jogging and biking. Much to her distress, her choice of sports only helped her develop thicker legs and more pronounced posterior.
- She's secretly glad that she picked O Highschool instead of a more stringent place. While she can't articulate this feeling, she subconsciously knows that she would be ground down by stress without being surrounded by a friendly, casual atmosphere.

## Kasumi Kato- easy going gyaru



Core traits: She's a living definition of a sanguine temperament. Cheerful, carefree and always seeking new ways to have fun. She can be shamelessly hedonistic at times, but she never does it at the cost of somebody else. She has a tendency to fall in love rather easily.

Family: Parents and older brother. Both her dad and her older brother are cops.

### Likes:

- J-pop.
- Flashy fashion.
- All shades of purple, especially violet and lilac.
- Arts and crafts.
- Partying and dancing.
- Men who take the initiative.

### Dislikes:

- Heavy metal.
- People choosing fantasy over reality.
- High heels, her only weakness when it comes to wearing flashy clothes.

- Men who only like her for her body.

Favourite food: She loves sour meat sauces and pickled foods. They might not be too fashionable, but she can't resist pickled vegetables and vinegar based sauces.

Least favourite food: Sugary drinks, especially bubble tea. She hates them for being a huge source of empty calories while that forces her to cut down on eating stuff she actually likes. She's perplexed why so many fashionable drinks are this fattening.

Personal style: Flashy yet soft. Fittingly for her surname, she loves all shades of purple since she finds them a perfect combination between being eye-catching and cute. She makes a point of even wearing lilac coloured eye contacts. She always tries new styles, but she's pretty consistent about the way she paints and styles her hair.

Connection to the cast: As far as she's concerned, the existence of gyaru-otaku hybrids is a strange modern phenomenon brought by the popularity of anime on social media. She sees our main trio as her potential friends, but she wishes they were less nerdy and more extroverted. Still, she's completely fine with hanging out with them from time to time. Anri occasionally asks her for fashion advice, which she appreciates. She hopes that by the end of the year she will have three new friends to party with.

Miscellaneous info:

- She has had over a dozen boyfriends since middle school. She broke about half of these relationships due to her being displeased by them only wanting her body.
- Kasumi is very proud of her good looks and has no issue flaunting them.
- Years of dating and bad breakups have given her pretty good ability to detect posers, bullies and manipulators.
- She doesn't really mind otaku, she just wishes more of them tried living in real life.
- She's much more friendly towards otaku who actually engage socially and especially toward those who make something art related.
- After spending some time with Anri, she's seriously considering the possibility of cosplaying.
- She wants to be a florist and studies flower arrangement in her free time.

## Haru Aoki - tomboyish everyman



Core traits: Calm, no nonsense but energetic, she's seen as the straight man of her classroom. She's a friendly, very casual and rather tomboyish girl. Few people joke that she's the perfect stereotype of a provincial ladette.

Family: Parents and older sister. Her sister got married two years ago.

### Likes:

- Swimming. She's part of the school's club.
- Walks in the mountains.
- Playing at arcades.
- Dogs.

### Dislikes:

- High heels.
- Loud cars and motorbikes drowning out sounds of nature.
- Maths.
- Having to wear skirts in winter due to dress code.

Favourite food: Roasted fish. She prefers aromatics to sauces.

Least favourite food: Overly strong flavours. She doesn't like the excess use of spices, sauces that overwhelm the taste of the dish and especially the truffle extract.

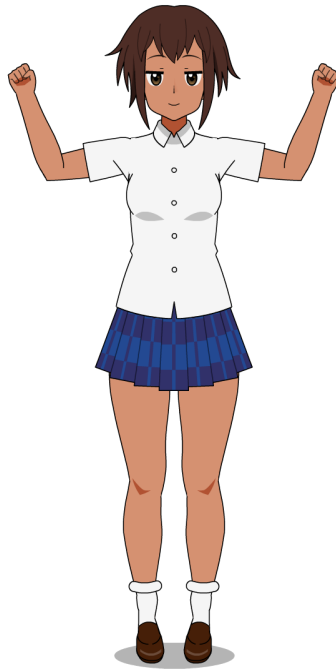
Personal style: Casual and comfortable. She's not really fashion conscious enough to aim for a specific aesthetic, she just tries to wear comfortable and practical clothes. She does have a soft spot for accessories themed around shiba inu, though.

Connection to the cast: As a member of the swimming club, she's acquainted with Asami. Beyond that, she's actually a neighbour of Anri, though she was only vaguely aware of her before high school. She's pretty much the everyman of this story, acting as a foil to others.

Miscellaneous info:

- Her childhood friend and bestie is Makoto.
- Her father has a hunting licence.
- She and Makoto know each other due to their dads both being hunters.
- She thinks about just starting to work in her parents' shop after finishing highschool. Since her sister moved after getting married, she's pretty much the only choice for taking over the business running a general hardware and electronics shop in a small-ish town in Gunma.
- She's perfectly average academically and doesn't mind it.
- Sometimes she jokes about having the most average looking face at school, mostly due to being mistaken for somebody else a few times.

## Makoto Yoshida - amazonian tomboy



Core traits: An incarnate spirit of youth and sportsmanship. She's fiercely competitive, overflowing with energy and incredibly friendly. She's probably the friendliest and easiest girl to get along with at her school, as long as you are at least trying to be kind yourself. She pulls no punches in competition though.

Family: Parents, older brother and younger brother.

### Likes:

- Track and field sports, she's the ace of the school's club.
- Playing baseball.
- Camping.
- Fighting games.
- Dinosaurs.

### Dislikes:

- Having to wear loafers at school instead of a separate, clean pair of gym shoes.
- People giving her grief about her natural hair colour.
- History lessons.

- Bullies and mean people.
- People objectifying her, which happens to her a lot due to being a rather unique type of beauty.

Favourite food: Boar and deer meat, preferably roasted, fried or smoked. Her father and older brother being licenced hunters made her crave gamey meats.

Least favourite food: Sweets. She just doesn't like them too much. Ice cream is the main exception to the rule.

Personal style: Sporty and boyish. She's the type to casually wear male jeans for the sake of bigger pockets and the type to think that a black, close fitting tracksuit with the embroiled back and the matched t-shirt counts as fancy clothing.

Connection to the cast: She's aware of them and their shenanigans, but as far as she's concerned, they are just three nice girls she sometimes meets while she's at the arcade with Haru. She occasionally plays competitively against Hitomi though. They both enjoy it.

Miscellaneous info:

- Her childhood friend and bestie is Haru.
- Her father and older brother have hunting licences.
- She and Haru know each due to their dads both being hunters.
- Her haircolor is completely natural. Having brown hair and slightly darker, easily tanning skin makes people mistake her for delinquent or gyaru.
- Ironically, she actually can walk in high heels with a near perfect grace. In fact, she owns three pairs of them, including stilettos, due to her mom wanting to ensure that she has the proper soft skills and knows how to make a good impression.
- She wants to apply for a hunting permit once she's out of highschool.
- She's aware of her own popularity among boys, though she doesn't fully understand the reason.

## Anna Yamazaki - ojou tryhard



Core traits: Vain, insecure but ultimately trying hard to become a person she pretends to be. She's an archetype of a winter training oni, being both a fake hypocrite and somebody who's genuinely trying to act like her more ideal self. She's still a rather quarrelsome and sharp tongued girl. She also has a rather strong middle child syndrome, which she tries to compensate by overplaying her persona as a rich, partially foreign girl.

Family: Parents, older brother, younger sister.

Likes:

- Officially: Japanese poetry, English poetry, fancy foreign movies and tragic theatre plays.

Her actual interests:

- Shoujo romantic comedies.
- English fantasy novels.
- Romance movies.
- Theatrical comedies and dramas.
- Language related subjects at school.

Dislikes:

- Officially: Otaku, gyaru, kitsch.

Her actual dislikes:

- Otaku culture which sours her experience watching anime.
- Flashy girls who take attention away from her.
- Being vulnerable.
- Dogs. They scare her.

Favourite food: Officially, she's a big fan of "mature" foods, like natto. In reality, she's a big fan of sweet tasting foods.

Least favourite food: Officially, sweets since they are childish. In reality, she hates anything either bitter or slimy. She only eats stuff like natto to appear more dignified and mature.

Personal style: Overly formal and tryhard. She really tries to appear as an exotic, upper class girl, even if she ends up looking like an anime stereotype from time to time. Her hair is painted, which nobody at school knows, including the teachers. She's very proud of her naturally turquoise eyes. She constantly wears a uniform jacket and pantyhose for most of the year, since it makes her look more serious, at least in her opinion. Others think that she just has poor circulation and gets cold easily. Her actual preferred style would be much more casual and cutesy, easily landing her in the gyaru category.

Connection to the cast: She's actually Anri's neighbour and they both nearly ended up in the same all girls high school. They know each other a bit and are dimly aware of the fact that they are both pretending to be somebody else at school. Anri is unaware that Anna paints her hair blonde due to Anna having lighter hair colour as a kid. Anri just assumes that Anna is bleaching it a little. Overall, Anna has a rather rocky relationship with our main trio due to feeling like their gyaru debut is stealing her thunder. She's a type of an antagonist that will likely switch sides later on.

Miscellaneous info:

- She has a really strong complex about her status as a middle child and not being as talented as her siblings, which is why she constantly seeks attention and validation by deliberately overplaying the "rich foreign girl" persona.
- She was actually bullied in grade school for being both mixed race and rather chubby. This caused her to develop an obsession about asserting herself as beautiful and unique looking.
- Both of her parents are mixed race, to a different degree. Funnily enough, while Anna has dark brown hair, her little sister is a natural blonde.
- She has a strong fear about people discovering her true side. This causes her to be jealous towards our main cast and try to get back at them from time to time.
- She has a deep seated hatred of bullies, despite being probably the most contentious girl in her class. Her childhood left her with a peculiar belief that she should confront her enemies/rivals face to face and that she cannot lower herself to petty insults about somebody's body. Insulting their style, however, is a fair game.

- Her family is “house in a good part of town” rich, but not “set for life” rich. Anri described them as “what the truly rich people think upper middle class is”.

## Family

## Friends and Acquaintances

### Itou Saotome

Core traits: Living embodiment of riajuu. Part of a baseball club since middle school, gifted academically, plays a guitar well enough to sometimes play with the light music club. Most girls at school want him and a fair number of boys wants to be him. He’s also a genuinely nice guy.

Family: Parents and little brother and little sister.

Likes:

- Rock music.
- Baseball.
- Friendly competition at sports.
- Celebrity gossip.
- Dogs.

Dislikes:

- Romance stories, especially anime.
- Long periods of silence while with others.
- Being alone for too long.
- Routine.
- Bullies.

Favourite food: Changes every few months, but inevitably something meat based and either spicy or salty.

Least favourite food: Sweets. He just doesn’t like them.

Personal style: Casual but well kept. He often wears dark colours since he looks good in them. Years of playing sports made him prefer comfortable clothing.

Connection to the cast: While he goes to a different highschool than our main trio, he's Asami's ex-boyfriend and friend from middle school. She asked him out since she had a crush on him and he said to himself "She's cute enough and I'm currently single, so why not?". At start, their relationship was rather uneventful and would likely end by itself in a year or two due to their incompatible personalities and interests. Sadly for them both, then nerdy Asami dating the hottest guy in her year made other girls jealous, causing a wave of bullying. Itou tried to defend her, but ultimately there wasn't much he could do. He was genuinely saddened when Asami had to move schools due to bullying. They ended their relationship on friendly terms and became casual colleagues.

Miscellaneous info:

- The main internal source of conflict in his relationship with Asami was the fact that Asami preferred to spend her free time alone or doing something with one or two friends at a time, while he preferred to spend his free time partying and meeting up with others.
- The secondary source of conflict was Asami's preference for fantasy and sci-fi novels, while he preferred action movies and anime.
- He was genuinely surprised to see Asami's debut as a gyaru. Seeing after a glow up made him consider getting back with her.
- He ultimately decided against it. Not because he didn't like her, but because he knew she was still the same introverted girl she was earlier, just more confident. They both knew it wouldn't last.
- He's happy that she doesn't seem to have developed any issues due to past bullying.
- He's actually one of the top students at his high school, though he's not that good with English.
- He's seriously considering a career as a salesman in some corporation.