

2021-2030

Ryan "Shade" Grakata is a man from another time, another land. In an alternate 2021 Ryan was born under the cherry blossoms of Night City's Corporate Plaza to a couple of former nomads who left the wastes to seek purpose in Night City. In his formative years Ryan was accustomed to defending his parent's apartment complex from booster gangsters, during this time he met a quirky techie by the name of Carmel Rafferty. They hit it off quite nicely, forming a romantic relationship together. This would all come to an end when he returned from a night out to find his entire home empty of everything and Carmel nowhere to be seen. For what felt like days Ryan lamented the disappearance of family with only the cries of chemheads to comfort him until a cyberpunk crew picked him up with the promise of finding his family.

2045-2079

And so Ryan Grakata took the handle of Shade and entered the merc life as a solo! As he worked as a mercenary he searched for any information that could bring him to his parents or at least to Carmel, his search eventually led to the hotzone where his life as he knew it would end... for he died and was embraced. When he came to, he finally came face to face with Carmel after so many years. She revealed to Ryan not only the secrets of the vampires but also that his parents have been her ghouls ever since they all disappeared that fateful day, with great reluctance in his heart Ryan would become bloodbound to Carmel. For the next 30 or so years he would become a samurai not to a corporation but to someone he thought he lost.

Modern era

This would all change during a fuzzy night in the year 2079 as Ryan would suddenly be sent into an alternate past from the one he previously knew. The world before him looked different than he remembered, alongside smelling less of crap. Ryan slowly got his bearings as he came to understand what kind of place he was sent to, discovering that some things from his time mirrored here as Ryan soon found people similar to those from his world. He would eventually find this world's version of Carmel Rafferty, he's tried many times before but has failed to confront this version of Carmel so he made it apart of his plans to do while stuck in this odd world.