

Leading up to the Foundation

Kazama Kiryu watched in the distance at his precious orphanage. The kids he had taken in were his pride and joy, and now he had to leave it all behind, for their safety. After faking his own death, he couldn't stay in Japan, not with his past and the target on his very recognizable face. He needed somewhere to go, something he could do for the remainder of his days. He wanted something that he could finally enjoy in life, of course it wouldn't ever be better than raising those kids, but he didn't want to be miserable. His age certainly hasn't caught up with him yet. Despite those brutish looks of his, he always had smarts and wits in that brain. He managed to run several businesses on a whim, and gained a lot of experience at that. He decided to sharpen that tool and head out west to the land of opportunity.

Money in his pocket and a goal in mind, he sought out a place where he could refine his skills in the sciences. He managed to secure a spot at █. Strings were pulled and a lot of effort was put into his application and resume, but he managed to get a spot. This was his chance to make it big for himself, but he didn't want to draw attention to himself. It's hard to make moves when you're someone like Kiryu, he doesn't want the wrong people watching. He worked hard through his undergrad, testing the playing field in the many areas science had to offer. He was gaining knowledge and passion, but still hasn't pinpointed what he needs to do with that spark. He loved how much environmental science thought of the future, but he also loved the extremely critical thinking and testing that material science and physics offered. As hard as a masters in physics would be, he had a goal and an opportunity, so he took it. He managed to get into an accelerated program and tackled his masters in physics. Little did Kiryu know, despite his best efforts of staying under the radar, there were people watching. He should have expected it, if people looked close enough at some details, there were holes in the death he had staged. If the right people wanted to find him, they could, especially when making moves at such a well known college. He didn't fret however, he's been through this rodeo one too many times.

The people who had their sights set on Kiryu were the foundation. Kiryu hadn't caught the foundation's eyes right away of course. Once he managed to get his way into █, it was when they noticed. What they saw really piqued their interest. An Ex-Yakuza entering a prestigious school in █. Such an extensive history, and it dated back quite a long time. Not just that, but he faked his death, that really caught their eyes as well. He had nothing to his name anymore, he was effectively off the radar. They saw great potential in Kiryu, so they kept their eyes on him throughout his career at █. His outstanding advancements in his college career had given the foundation everything they needed to offer him a spot at one of their facilities.

When Kiryu received the offer, he was relieved but not completely. If these people could find out, he certainly didn't doubt other people could as well. However, it was good these people found him first. He did not want his past creeping up on him again. Like it always does. The foundation could not only be his escape, but a way for him to pursue his passions and support the orphanage he cares about so much. He decided to take their offer, and start his position as

a researcher at Site-56. He hasn't forgotten about the kids he loves though. Through a very close friend, he is able to get them funds in support of them, without it catching any eyes. No one will question a close family friend delivering the funds to his family, in support of a close family member who was lost.

Research Department

Kiryu adapted into his new role very well. This is what he worked hard for, it's the next best thing, and he can finally leave his past behind him. He spent a good while throughout the ranks as a researcher. He made sure to conduct tests very effectively and professionally. Working hard to help the foundation further its understanding of the many anomalies that it contains. Eventually working his way up to the rank of senior researcher. At this rank, he was able to perform his research at levels he couldn't imagine. As he continued to work hard for the foundation, he realized that he needed to take his skills to the next level. He cared about this department and the people he worked with, and wanted to see it grow and operate as efficiently as possible. Why wouldn't he? He owes so much to this facility, helping him support the ones he loves and keeping his past from getting in the way like it has many times before. Believing he has the experience necessary, he is ready to throw his hat in the ring at the executive researcher role, so he can continue to help his department, and the foundation grow, as well as those on the outside who he cares about the most.

Executive Researcher

Kiryu had managed to get the next step in his career as a researcher. His hard work didn't stop with that however. He started to dedicate more and more time to assisting his fellow researchers and their projects. Shadowing these projects has helped spark his own testing ideas, and has started to turn some gears that could maybe help him take his own research to the next level. He started conducting more cross tests, with a specific anomaly that he has been assigned, that being [REDACTED]. With these cross tests being conducted, he has learned and gained more experience on the foundations policies and ethics. He always applied it as best as he possibly could to all of his experiments. He saw it best to especially educate other researchers on these cross testing policies, as this is particularly dangerous work.

While Kiryu had been taking these steps in the foundation, it had been grabbing the attention of a certain pair of eyes. That of a member of the mysterious [REDACTED]. They had learned of Kiryu and his progress within the foundation. Kiryu had not fully grasped just how dangerous this organization was, and how much of a threat they posed to his identity and security. They had the ability to completely compromise him, which put his family at risk. He had a lot of faith in the foundation's security however. The fight against this organization was being

overseen by some of the best minds and combatants alike. While he thought about it more and more, it wasn't until a cross test that had gone wrong really opened his eyes on things. He had helped a researcher get the approval needed for a cross test between SCP-035 and ██████████. This cross test did not end well, due to weak instruction given to SCP-035, this test resulted in a breach of containment for ██████████. Despite the breach being contained rather swiftly, it was still a fatal error that should not have happened and could have been avoided. This fell into Kiryu's hands. It wasn't all the researcher's fault, his leadership and guidance wasn't good enough. After a meeting with Ethics Member ██████████ about this incident, he realized he needed to do better, work harder, and gain a better understanding of the facilities policies.

After that incident, Kiryu started to realize even more that if protocol wasn't being followed, it resulted in cracks among the facilities security and safety. It could give an opening to the ██████████ and result in the utter destruction of the facility completely. Kiryu couldn't stand for that, so from that point, he realized he needed to further educate researchers as much as possible about the severity of following ethics and policy. He saw a lot of opportunity to help the research department grow, and wanted to really ensure that the department ran smoothly.

Director of Research

Through hard work and dedication, Kiryu had secured a promotion to Director of Research. This was an amazing breakthrough for Kiryu. He was able to manage the department he loved most, and helped to build and shape the Research Department into the best thing it could possibly be. It wasn't easy though, the work would only get tougher, and creating and shaping new policy would be difficult. However, Kiryu was determined, he wanted to ensure that there were no cracks, no holes, and no issues with the policy that his department had. He couldn't let things get out of control, there was way too much at stake.

Kiryu had also recently taken up a great interest in the ██████████. What exactly were their motivations? What goals are they trying to achieve? Does he serve a purpose in their goals? Better yet, is there someone in this group that knows him? These questions and obsessive-like tendencies grew further and further. The more he studied this group and their actions, the more secure he got with his actions and the department.

It then grew to a point where it was severe. Kiryu had developed a severe obsession with enforcing policy and making sure there were zero holes in the foundations research department. The research department was affected positively as a result of this. However, it wasn't until he had an encounter one evening in his office. A member of the group Kiryu was obsessed with had infiltrated his office, and was confronting him.

"Kazama Kiryu, Ex-Yakuza, not just a grunt either, 4th chairman of the Tojo Clan! Ran an orphanage in Okinawa from 2009 to 2016, until you faked your death and ran, effectively wiping your name and past off of the Orphanage." The masked man's voice immediately struck nerves in Kiryu's mind. Who could this be, they sound just like a certain someone, but it couldn't be him,

he died during the 10 billion yen incident, it's impossible! Not just that, but it HAS to be someone he knows, they have been watching him clearly given the generous description.

"Who are you? What are you doing here"

"Ouch Kiryu, I know it's been another 10 years, but you're telling me you can't recognize the voice of your sworn brother?" The masked man then revealed his face, which was etched with burns and cuts scarred all around his face.

"Nishiki!?" This was absolutely outrageous, there's no way Nishiki could have possibly survived that explosion, yet here he was, standing in his office. "How are you alive!?"

"Let's save the theatrics and heart crushing backstory, we need to talk business Kiryu. I know it's apparent to you who I'm currently working for, and what role they play in your position here. I'm here for information, and I fully intend on receiving it. I know you are working on specific projects for the heads of this place, and I need all of your documentation on it. I would hope you would be smart to give it to me now, but I can get violent if I need to. This isn't some honorable show down either, I need this information." This was too much for Kiryu to handle, he was prepared for a situation like this, but not from his brother of all people. However, he needed to follow through with his deception on this, Nishiki isn't in a position to verify right now.

"There's a satchel in a compartment hidden under my desk, press the two buttons underneath to open it." Nishiki did as he said and, sure enough, a compartment opened with a satchel full of documents. Nishiki grabbed it and looked back at Kiryu.

"You know bro, we could really use someone like you on our team. You could easily come right now."

"Absolutely not. You are on the wrong side yet again, who knows who is manipulating you this time"

"I'm tired of you always thinking I can't call my own shots, that my decisions are never my own! I'm tired of it! Your loyalty to this place is misplaced, just because they threw a few scrapes of dirt on your "coffin" you blindly follow them!"

"You know it's not that sim-"

"BULLSHIT!! I won't hear it anymore!!" Nishiki then pulled out a pistol and shot Kiryu in his arm two times. Kiryu backed up into the wall, holding his wounds as Nishiki climbed into the vents and started to make his escape. "We aren't done Kiryu, we'll be back for you, it's just a matter of when and where!" With those words echoing from the vent, Kiryu was left speechless and injured.

Nishiki was unable to be stopped, and Kiryu was swiftly patched up in medbay. Nishiki might think he gained the mental upper hand on his brother, but Kiryu's obsessiveness with the site's safety and policies had only grown to new extremes. This just got a lot more personal for him, and he wasn't going to let him compromise everything he had done to cover up his past. He would do whatever it takes to ensure the safety of this site. Right now his reach is only within the research department, and he was content with this. Who knows what the future holds for him however.