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## *Overview*

Age: 17 (2nd year, high school)

Species: Human (Psychic)

Occupation: Student

Affiliation: Team Urameshi

Birthdate: January 29 (Aquarius)

Height: 5ft 7in

Weight: 136lbs

Birthplace: United States of America

Nationality: American-Japanese

Hair: Medium blonde, comparable to the color of hay

Eyes: One brown (left), one blue (right). Has heterochromia.

Interests: Reading, video games, scrapbooking, sewing, cooking

Dislikes: Bullies, bullying in general, people who beat around the bush, laziness (this is due to how dedicated she is with her studies, rubbing off on other things), gossiping, perverts.

Love interest: Yu Kaito

**Personality:** On the outside to her classmates at school, Sumire is quiet and unassuming. The model student who behaves and doesn't cause any trouble. Incredible grades, typically landing in first or second place until highschool where she constantly places fourth. She's polite to the people around her, but keeps her classmates in particular at an arm's length away. But all of it is a farce.

In reality, Sumire is a rambunctious girl with lots of energy and isn't afraid to speak her mind, be it opinions or her feelings outright. She is still very intelligent with a sharp wit to accompany it. Like her rival and love interest Kaito, she's a bit arrogant and confident and especially loves to be praised about her academic achievements. Unlike him, however, she doesn't look down on the others around her.

She's competitive in things like games, challenges, fights, and academic performance. This primarily stems from wanting to over-achieve in school to impress and earn the respect of others. When in a competitive state, she is extremely stubborn and refuses to lose if she can help it. She also displays her stubbornness when she's firmly decided on something. This can be a problem at times, as it can lead her into situations where she can be harmed greatly. Her courageousness doesn't help, as it only fuels her to do what she sets out to do with no hesitation.

She's incredibly faithful to her friends and family, always trying to help in whatever way she can when they're in a pinch. Around people she's close with, she's warm, friendly, and drops the mask she shows others. Around her love interest, Kaito, she can also act quite bashful yet affectionate at the same time. There's always a slight conflict in that sense, seeing as she's sometimes too shy to do things like hugs, kisses, holding hands, etc. but when she gathers the courage, she expresses it strongly.

Despite her great intelligence, however, she has a horrible sense of direction and gets lost quite easily. It doesn't help that she can't read maps. To say the least, she often finds herself calling a friend or family to come find her.

She's very insecure about her appearance, as she was heavily bullied as a child for her looks. She believes herself to look unnatural as a result. If she is asked out by a boy, she never gives them a chance and rejects them. This often leads to rumors of her being cold-hearted, a bitch, and pretentious. In reality, she merely believes that a boy couldn't love her and if she were asked out it would be because they want an "exotic girlfriend".

**Background:** Sumire is the child of a Japanese woman (an office worker) and an American man (a journalist) who, at the time, lived in Japan. Her mother was attracted to her father's looks, as well as the possibility of getting together with a bad-boy American man. A one night stand results in the conception of Sumire. Despite his slight play-boy like and bad-boyish exterior, he proves himself to be quite responsible when he vows to take responsibility and help raise his future child. Her mother is a little disappointed by his actual self but agrees to move to America with the American man to raise the child instead of being a single mother. She wanted her child to have contact with both parents, married or not. They moved to America from Japan so Sumire wouldn't have to deal with bullying.

Sumire spends the first 10 years of her life in America where she learns both English and Japanese simultaneously. As a result, Sumire acts more American- like rather than Japanese. She isn't bullied then, instead the object of admiration for her eyes. However, her mother and father decide to return to Japan and enroll her into a Japanese elementary school because of her mother's homesickness taking a toll on her mental and physical health.

For her 5th and 6th year in elementary school, she is heavily bullied. Her caucasian features, blonde hair, and oddly colored eyes earned her nicknames such as freak, monster, weirdo. Despite it only being two years of bullying, it still affects her to this day with how harsh the bullies were to her for being different from the others.

On the first day of 5th grade, it was a particularly harsh day for Sumire and the bullying. While walking back home and crying, she stops halfway through at a park and sits on a swing. Her cries

evolve into sobs but suddenly she hears a voice next to her, asking her what's wrong. Sitting on the swing next to her is a young boy with glasses and very prominent freckles on his cheeks.

Seeing the concern on his face touched her and she decided to tell him what happened. After finishing, the two continue to talk with the boy admitting to her that he gets bullied a lot at school as well. Feeling an almost instant kinship with the boy, the two decide to be friends and pinky promise to meet each other everyday after school.

Throughout the two years of knowing each other, they grew close as friends and allies, confiding in each other about their troubles. It was the only light in her life at the moment. Near the end of 6th grade, upon the urging of her friend, she applies to a middle school that's different from the one her peers apply for. She decided to take on the other suggestion her friend proposed: Study and reach the top. Make her peers respect her from her intelligence and earn the peace she so desires. She's sad when she moves, being nowhere near the park but closer to her new middle school. All she and the boy knew about each other was this: Their last names were Kaito and Handa.

Throughout middle school, Sumire accomplishes just as what her friend suggested. Constantly reaching first or second place in tests, forcing her peers to begrudgingly respect her. They knew they had to be on her good side so they could have a chance at possibly borrowing her notes or getting help from her. Her constant academic achievements, however, did get to her head. While she didn't show it externally, she grew slightly cocky and arrogant. People were coming to her for help when before they'd come to only bully her. She started to gain great pleasure from being praised by her peers as well, reveling in the positive comments given to her rather than negative. However, she never let this change her view of people. She never looked down on anybody.

Despite the positivity surrounding her at times, there was still talk behind her back which Sumire ignored. The bullying she went through made the small comments whispered about her look like nothing.

Seeing the promise in her daughter, Sumire's mother forced her to enroll into Meiou High School as the school was known to be prestigious (well, as prestigious as it could get in the area they lived). It was here, in her first year, that she was brought down a notch. Instead of placing first or second like in middle school, she was knocked down to fourth. She could deal with not being in first, as that was hard itself even in her previous school. But for her to be knocked down from her spot in second, placing in *fourth*? Unacceptable. How would her peers respect her? What would stop them from bullying her like in elementary school? Taking action, she tracked down the person who placed second - Yu Kaito. In a brief confrontation where she states how impressed she is, she declares she'll knock him down and take his place. Sumire states that he's now her

rival and to watch out. Only for Kaito to smile smugly and simply say “Alright. Do what you want.”. It was very clear he wasn’t taking her seriously, seriously ruffling her feathers.

From then on, she competed for second place on tests constantly, blind to the lack of bullying towards her as she furiously studied to beat Kaito.

It was at the end of their first year though that Sumire learned of Kaito’s true identity - the boy who she talked with about her troubles all those years ago. He seemed to still be unaware of it, however, until she confronted him halfway through their second year. Things didn’t change much in their “rivalry”, but feelings began to form between the two and a confession was made at the end of second year.

Throughout Chapter Black, she serves as an ally like Kaito. She’s more of a background character like her boyfriend throughout the rest of the series.

## *Relationships*

**Yu Kaito:** Boyfriend and “rival” (he doesn’t take it as seriously as she does). Unlike with the rest of her classmates, Sumire drops her mask in front of him. She’s quite rambunctious with him, as he loves to constantly tease her. Classmates constantly see them bickering around each other, Kaito calm while Sumire is riled up. In private, this still continues a little bit. But being a couple, outside of school she acts more shy around him. After all, she IS alone with him. She’s not as courageous as she usually is because hey, he’s a guy AND her boyfriend. She isn’t used to these kinds of things. When she does gather the courage to initiate an action (hugging, kissing, holding his hand, etc), she’s very affectionate.

**“Kurama” Shuichi Minamino:** A fellow classmate of Kaito and an acquaintance of hers. If she doesn’t really have anybody to hang out with, she’ll typically hang with him. They get together fairly well but neither know much about the other. It’s in Chapter Black that she learns more about the fox demon and is completely shocked. They become more of friends after then.

**Yusuke Urameshi:** Met through Kurama when Sumire decided to hang out with Kurama outside of school for fun one day. Yusuke decided to tag along, to her annoyance. At first she thought he was obnoxious but he grew on her and she became fond of the spirit detective. After seeing a display of his fighting skills, she requests that he teach her how to fight. Well, at least some basic self-defense so when she gets in trouble she can at least somewhat defend herself. While at first hesitant, Sumire’s pestering makes him cave and take her under his wing. She typically calls him Sensei and views him highly. He tends to get slightly embarrassed and annoyed when she calls him this, requesting to just be called Yusuke.

**Mitsunari Yanagisawa:** A good friend of hers, along with Asato Kido. She often joins the three boys when they hang out, having fun with them. She, along with Kido, sees him like a brother (She's an only child) and is very fond and protective of him.

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**Mother and Father:** She loves her mother and father greatly, but also resents them to a degree. Sometimes she'll find herself having thoughts on why they'd be so irresponsible as to have unprotected sex and conceive her. After all, it was because they conceived her that she was bullied harshly and left depressed. But the thoughts of her friends typically snap her out of these thoughts. She can easily tell that her parents don't love each other but they also don't hate each other, per her perceptiveness. Their relationship is more of a casual friendship that they maintain so no drama is caused through a divorce.

## ***Powers and Abilities***

Like Kaito, Yanagisawa, Kido, and Sensui's minions, Sumire is a psychic who can manifest a Territory as a result of the demon tunnel being made.

### **Spirit Class: D**

Unlike her other allies, Sumire has had no training in her powers by a teacher or mentor. She was initially unaware of the change in her, but upon talking to Yanagisawa, Kaito, and Kido they came to the conclusion that she had become a psychic. She taught herself how to use her newfound powers, as they were quite simplistic in nature. Her ability is influenced by her poor sense of direction.

**Tracking:** As long as Sumire has seen a picture of the person she is trying to track down (or seen them in person), she can track down any individual within a 2 mile range unless the person is very powerful, very weak, or is hiding their presence. Marked individuals show up in her mind as specially colored (other people show up as blue in her mind), making it easier to track them down in a crowd. When she pinpoints an individual, she is able to see the exact spot they're at. If she's assisted by an individual with strong spirit energy, she can expand her range beyond 2 miles dependent on the strength of the helper.

**Emotional Awareness:** Alongside being able to mark an individual and track them, she can feel the emotions of a person (marked or not) if their feelings are strong enough. Strong emotions such as heavy bloodthirst or malice, sorrow, fear, etc. This is helpful when enemies with malicious intent are nearby. Unfortunately, if she doesn't know what they look like, she can't discern what person is feeling those emotions in a crowd.

**Directions:** Because of her lack of direction, Sumire's powers manifest as a small voice in her head that tells her which direction to go when trying to find a person (when tracking) or place. She's usually able to navigate herself to locations because her navigational power latches itself to any spirit energy detected at the location in question to lead her there. If the place is empty/abandoned/etc then she can't be led to it.

**Downsides:** She can't track inanimate objects such as buildings and items. It's just that she can't track and pinpoint things that aren't living. She also can't track people she hasn't seen before in person or through a photo. While her range seems large, it's small when searching for an individual in a large city. Her powers have potential to improve if she goes to somebody who can mentor her. In the big picture, however, her powers are useless unless somebody is trying to find an individual. In those cases, she can help.