

# Kazuya

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I was worried he would be a bad influence on Masaru, but it seems like Masaru's been a good influence on him.

-- Ayako (Masaru's adoptive mother)

A would-be loner if not for a very persistent and friendly tiger.

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## Backstory

Considered a runt by most demons where he's from and deemed not worth the time nor effort, Kazuya grew up with no real support from other demons. And with humans at large still fearing demons, regarding them with suspicion at best and pure hatred at worst, he was not welcome amongst general society either. His life was a constant struggle just to exist, and there were times where he wished he just didn't. But he kept going, kept living, out of spite and a drive to prove himself as something other than worthless.

### About Masaru

While out training Kazuya was interrupted by the sudden appearance of a young tiger demon. The child quickly introduced himself as Masaru and from that point on refused to give Kazuya a moment of peace. Each day Kazuya would find a quiet place to train, be found by Masaru, then be unable to get rid of him until the sun started to set. Fed up with this routine Kazuya proposed a deal in the hopes of finally getting rid of the little tiger demon.

"Okay, tell you what. If you can break that boulder with your head, we can be friends." Kazuya told him, expecting Masaru to either refuse or at least give him some entertainment by knocking himself out.

## Kazuya



Aliases/Nickname(s)
Kazuya

## Profile Data

Race
Demon (202)

# Abilities

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## Weapon Storage

His earrings are where he keeps his weapons when not in use. They're shrunk down and functionally jewelry in this form, then when plucked from the earring they revert back to their full size and weight. He must have physical contact with the weapon before he can shrink it and return it to his earring and cannot just summon it back if it were knocked out of his hand.

## Regenerative Healing (reduced)

Under normal circumstances Kazuya is able to heal near instantly and even fully regrow limbs, however within Crossroads this ability is severely reduced. While in Crossroads he can still heal quicker than a human but it's not enough to mitigate damage while in combat. At most it amounts to being able to recover faster, such as taking only a few weeks to fully heal instead of a few months.

# Strengths

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**Fast and Agile:** While still strong, Kazuya's main edge in combat is his speed and agility.

**Well versed in martial arts:** Being primarily self taught Kazuya has no specific combat style he uses, opting for a mix of styles and techniques to adapt to whatever the situation may call for.

**Quick learner (combat specific):** Kazuya is actively searching for what he can learn from other skilled martial artists that he can add to his own repertoire.

**Very high pain tolerance:** Due to the extent he's typically capable of healing Kazuya can take some serious hits and hardly flinch.

# Weaknesses

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**Pride as a martial artist:** He wants skilled and challenging opponents and will abide by strict rules provided his opponent does as well (ex. a match where none of them use weapons, a match where you can only strike with your legs, etc.). He will only fight dirty if his opponent fights dirty first.

**No longer able to regenerate:** Cut off from the magic native to his home that his body absorbs to quickly heal injuries he is no longer able to regenerate and can't afford to get reckless. While he's used to being able to shake off injuries he doesn't make a habit of just taking hits, but once he learns he can't heal like before he'll come to the realization that dying is a very real possibility here.

**No understanding of modern tech or guns:** The world he's from isn't particularly technologically advanced, as such he is unfamiliar with things like phones, TV, guns, etc. and won't know what they do until demonstrated. He'll probably just assume they're some kind of magic.

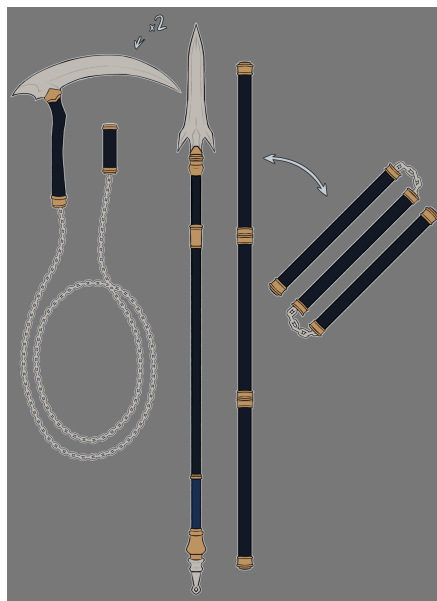
**Masaru:** Kazuya loves him like a little brother and looks out for him. While Masaru is usually more than capable of taking care of himself, if things look like they're getting out of hand then Kazuya will do whatever it takes to protect him. Masaru usually acts as Kazuya's moral compass, and will often persuade him into helping people he otherwise wouldn't bother with without some form of compensation.

## Gallery

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Weapons



Extras



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## Author's Notes

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Feel free to choose either Kazuya or Masaru as the main fighter for your round. They will be alternating depending on their opponent(s) so choose whoever you feel would be most interesting. He doesn't smile often, usually just has resting bitch face. Kazuya is jealous to a degree of how strong Masaru is, though he tends not to show it. Since where they're from there's only humans and demons Kazuya will assume any non-human is also a demon until told otherwise. His blood is black (this also means his blush is dark grey).

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