

**Youmi Kimura**

**Resident Psychic and Occult Expert**

**Background;**

You have seen, heard and sensed otherworldly things since you were a child and have many unusual memories of that time; invisible friends you needed to help, the voices in your grandmother's house. As soon as you were able, you read everything about the occult and supernatural creatures and occurrences that you could get your hands on. Soon you started tracking ghosts and exorcising them from the places they were bound to, helping them cross over. This gave you a sense of purpose, defined your place in the world.

Strike Force Zero first encountered you during an exorcism of a condemned apartment building, and, after observing your abilities for a while they approached you with a job offer, introducing you to the other worlds of faeries, vampires and shapeshifters.

You've been a member of the organisation since 1989, and were part of the original Zero Team B with Yoshida Yamamoto (tech expert), with whom you are still good friends.

You get along well with the newer members of your team, being the empathic person you are, and particularly wish to look out for Motoko Takai (forensics) as she is the youngest and quite inexperienced.

**Equipment;**

Kirilian visor (a visor that allows the wearer to detect the presence of supernatural energy)

Occult book you are currently reading & notebook

Striker Pistol

Psi-Band Radio

Business suit & briefcase

Subdermal Armour

**Yoshida Yamamoto**

**Technology and Computer Expert**

**Background;**

You've been interested in gadgets and tech for as long as you can remember, figuring out how things work and how to make them better. You've used computers ever since they've been accessible to you, graduating top of your college class with degrees in computer programming and computer sciences, then moving on to work in Japan's best computer company.

Your involvement with the technological revolutions associated with the company brought you to the attention of Strike Force Zero and they offered you a job as a tech expert. However, since you took your job so seriously, you were reluctant at first, until you saw some of the equipment you would get to work with. What they showed you was at least 10 years more advanced than anything you'd ever seen, let alone had the chance to work with. So you accepted the offer and, being the perfectionist you are, have been excellent at your job ever since.

You've been a member of the organisation since 1989 and were part of the original Zero Team B with Youmi Kimura (occult expert). You have remained good friends with Kimura all these years, though at times you wished you could be more than just that.

You have a good working relationship with the new members of your team, not much more as you can be a bit of a loner.

**Equipment;**

Yamamoto has "Keypads", cyberware implanted into his right forearm, these are designed to give him access to secured systems.

The newest Gameboy, maybe not widely available (though you would not admit you have this to anyone)

Striker Pistol

Psi-Band Radio

Business suit & briefcase

Subdermal Armour

## **Masamune Takahata**

### **Intelligence and Interrogations Officer**

#### **Background;**

You had a bit of a troubled upbringing in a bad part of Tokyo, and while the violence you witnessed made you want to tackle crime, it also hardened you as a person. During this period you started training in martial arts, something you find useful to this day.

Later you started working in the intelligence section of the Kempei Tai (a branch of the Japanese secret service) and soon made quite a reputation for yourself. You believe that any course of action should be acceptable if the end justifies the means, and are accustomed to using torture as a form of interrogation. This often made workmates uncomfortable around you.

There were rumours flying that you were going to be asked to either tone down your methods or to leave, but before you were able to verify them you were transferred to another branch of the government you've never heard of, orders given by persons unknown.

You learned this new organisation you were working for as an intelligence officer was called Strike Force Zero, and they were dedicated to keeping the nation of Japan safe from vampires, shapeshifters and other supernatural beings. It was hard to digest at first, but you soon discovered that the looser rules encouraged...unique approaches to problems that suited you well.

You like the rest of your team well enough, though Yamamoto (tech) seems to be a bit of a nerd. Takai (forensics) seems to be as hard working as you, as far as results are concerned...if only she wasn't so soft-hearted...

#### **Equipment;**

Bag of specialised (torture) tools

Cyber Claws

Psi-Band Radio

Business suit & briefcase

Subdermal Armour

Striker Pistol

## **Takefumi Ozaki**

### **Ex-Military, Weapons and Tactics Advisor**

#### **Background;**

There has always been a strong military tradition in your family and so when you were of the appropriate age you joined the Japanese army like your father before you, and your grandfather.

You advanced in your military career until you reached the rank of Major. In the mid-nineties you led an unofficial mission into Korea that went bad, most of your unit were killed as a result of a Kuei-Jin surprise attack. You had seen too much to be allowed back into the army, so, like surviving members of your unit you were to be offered a place in Strike Force Zero, an organisation that could make use of your knowledge and expertise.

You began work for them in 1998 as a weapons and tactics officer, and their advanced weapons and equipment amazed you. Using these new resources you are able to lead your team against the vampires and shapeshifters that terrorise your country.

You have faith in your current team members, and that is what matters the most. You trust them to pull their weight to keep everyone else alive. The only one you can't entirely put our faith in is Takai (forensics) but that is not a failing of hers, she simply has yet to prove herself in the field.

#### **Equipment;**

He has had his right arm replaced by a bionic arm. His bionic arm incorporates a concealed grenade launcher. The grenade launcher is capable of firing either fragmentation or incendiary rounds.

Psi-Band Radio

Business suit & briefcase

Subdermal Armour

**Motoko Takai**

**Forensics Expert and Field Medic**

**Background;**

You have always been interested in science, but could never decide which one you preferred. This resulted in you spending many years in college, emerging with degrees in biochemistry, applied biology, forensics and anthropology, as well as experience in field medicine, A&E training and experience on archaeological digs. You were working in a Tokyo crime lab and quite enjoying your work, when you came across a really strange crime scene. The state of the victims and the samples you collected led you to believe, against all you had been taught, that there was some kind of supernatural element to the crime. Then suddenly the case was shut down and all her work was confiscated. Strike Force Zero had taken over the investigation, and after reviewing her work they realised how valuable she would be to them; she had come across evidence they almost overlooked.

You have only worked with the organisation for a year and are the youngest, and you still feel you have a lot to prove. The transition was a little difficult, being a woman of science, but you applied your scientific principles to the world of the supernatural that opened up to you. This, and the advanced equipment used to detect supernatural creatures, helped you feel you have a place with your team.

You are a little in awe of some of your team members, Kimura is a bit of a role-model for you. And there's an edge to Takahata (intel) that's attractive, in a perverse way...but he never seems to let anyone get close to him.

**Equipment;**

Kirilian visor (a visor that allows the wearer to detect the presence of supernatural energy)

Bag of forensic equipment

Striker Pistol

Psi-Band Radio

Business suit & briefcase

Subdermal Armour