

# Hoshitomo Rin

Hoshitomo Rin is an approved<sup>1)</sup> [player character](#) played by [paladinrpg](#), and is currently a [XO](#) of the [Star Army Reserve](#).

Hoshitomo Rin (星智凜)

Species:	Female <a href="#">Minkan</a> (Formerly <a href="#">NH-22C Yamataian</a> )
Gender:	Female
Age:	30 (Born <a href="#">YE 11</a> )

Hoshitomo Rin (星智凜)	
Zodiac Sign:	Sagittarius
Height:	5'6" (171 cm)
Weight:	130 lbs (59 kg)
Organization:	Star Army Reserve
Current Occupation:	10B First Officer
Rank:	 Shoi
Current Placement:	Fort Victory Reserve Center
Orders Thread:	Orders

Theme Song: [Nightcore - I'm Dangerous](#)

## Physical Characteristics

- Height: 5'6" (171 cm)
- Mass: 130 lbs (59 kg)
- Measurements: 32B-25-34

**Build and Skin Color:** While slim & lithe enough to fit into a power armor shell, the fair-skinned and medium height Rin nevertheless has a well-toned physique that is the result of standard military fitness exercises to stay in a deployable condition.

**Facial Features and Eye Color:** Rin's slightly rounded face is almost always a mask of seriousness about her tasks, with a pair of piercing blue eyes that can sometimes seem unsettling if they focus overly long on someone.

**Hair Color and Style:** Rin's uncommonly colored teal hair is worn rather short and less than shoulder length, though her bangs are often left long and drape over an eye in an alluring style that belies her rather cold nature.

**Distinguishing Features:** Rin is the picture of military bearing, following all the protocols the YSE expects of its soldiers with pride & dignity. Her uniforms are always clean & pressed, boots expertly shined, weaponry & tools in working order, etc. In fact, even during breaktimes or shore leaves Rin will more often than not continue to remain in uniform in some way, either by wearing her navy dress outfits in public or more small touches like a simple YSE lapel pin to advertise her loyalty. She even has what some military aficionados term a "career jacket": a custom-made rare leather outergarment with a collection of patches that display the various training programs, ship stations and tours of duty she has performed up to that point.

## Psychological Characteristics

**Personality:** Rin is above all motivated by her career and desire to succeed in her objectives, however

small or large they might be. Starship operations, maintenance taskings or space combat... she has trained long and hard to be capable in all these areas, to the point that all other things in life take a back seat. This myopic dedication has given her quite the reputation as an “ice queen” among fellow military members, as she will often times dismiss frivolous advances almost entirely out of hand with little thought to others' feelings. But those that manage to come to an understanding with Rin realize that she is merely a chronic workaholic with the best of intentions, and her only true fault is trying to hold up others to the same harsh standards she uses to judge her own actions. Rin will never admit it openly, but she also possesses a notable bias against the Nekovalkyrja race in general, being much more aloof in her dealings with them on the space battlefield. This trends back to her resentment of them being quite literally “born into their positions” and spoiled by the military-industrial complex, while she on the other hand had to work her whole life to ascend the hierarchy through her experience and skill alone.

Playing off of this is Rin's well known and anachronistic propensity to pilot power armor completely nude, even though all modern Mindy models allow for clothed use. Though she started out wearing a Type 22 Bodysuit, after several early skirmishes she found that eschewing clothing altogether to instead be pressed directly up against the hemosynthetic inserts allowed her to not only use the pleasure center stimulation system on kills to greater effect, but instead to “feel” the operations of the armor itself which fostered a level of synchronization that her old Yamataian body could not otherwise achieve, as it was lacking a Nekovalkyrja's dedicated SPINE connection. Even though her new militarized Minkan body has since removed this limitation, Rin still insists on battling in this fashion out of habit... or perhaps, an addiction to the sensations of being inside her Mindy is the only place where she feels satisfied.

Rin also has a secret hobby in that she has a great love of mathematics challenges, particularly the ones focused around the “magic square” (sudoku). It's not uncommon to find her in a rare idle moment to be figuring out one of these ancient puzzles in a quiet corner to herself. It is important to note that after her first tour of duty serving under Taisho [Shizuka Endo](#) & even meeting grand Taisho [Ketsurui Yui](#), and with the recent political reforms, Rin has softened her hard stance towards Nekovalkyrja somewhat. But she still would never miss an opportunity to show them up.

- **Likes:** Fulfilling the orders of her superiors, good discipline, being on a starship bridge (especially a [Yui 7-class Scout](#)), math puzzles, besting a Nekovalkyrja
- **Dislikes:** Failure (her own especially), disorderly conduct, Neko-supremecists, romantic advances
- **Goals:** Currently, Rin will do absolutely whatever it takes and sacrifice everything she has to find and meet [Emperor Uesu](#), as the future of the Empire (and the question of her true loyalty) depends on it.

## History

### Pre-RP

Born as an original Geshrin human on Yamatai, Hoshitomo Rin was the child of two retired Star Army officers. She has thus always been immersed in the military lifestyle from the very beginning, and had a great deal of pressure upon her to succeed her parent's accomplished military careers. In many ways she missed out on the more wistful moments of one's childhood, having her studies and martial education emphasized to the detriment of other pursuits. This enforced regime and loneliness led to the army brat developing into a cold and harsh teenager, as her rebellious nature was checked by her mother's stern

demeanor and her father's constant berating of her already above average abilities. She always had to be smarter, faster, stronger than her fellow cadets... anything less than top of the class was unacceptable to him. At the same time her father constantly talked down about the superiority of Nekovalkyrja soldiers, and the need to even the playing field. Biology did not have to be the only determinate of one's ability... for with constant study and improvement there was no limit to what was possible for a person to accomplish. And with the issuance of the Species Restriction Order in YE 29, the playing field was only further narrowed as Rin was quick to make the transition to the upgraded Yamataian body type in order to qualify for entry into the armed forces of the empire.

Thanks in part to this relentless push and indoctrination by her father, Rin thusly sailed through basic training with high marks at a rather young age (including a double qualification in both starship ops and technical sentry skill codes) and was at last enlisted as a Santo Hei. The first rung of the next long ladder upwards in the Star Army of Yamatai had been laid before her, and as she gazed at last up to the heavens there remained that nagging voice behind her. It urged the young woman onwards to the dream of piloting her own ship someday, the ultimate way of showing her capabilities. There was no looking back now for Rin – she would return home to her parents a success or die honorably trying.

## YSS Senbu

( [NR-X1-10](#), [Anri-Class Deep-Space Repair Vessel](#) )

Assigned here as first duty station. After an initial interview with Shizuka-Shosha where she earned the respect of the Lioness to an extent, Rin was moved to the [Pride Wing](#) power armor infantry squadron to serve as a [Ke-M2-2D "Mindy II" Power Armor](#) pilot. She performed admirably in combat, going so far as to sacrifice an arm to an enemy Nekovalkyrja pilot in order to avoid being used as a human shield and compromise the mission. Later on, she once again took to space and assisted in sabotaging a pirate-operated Chiharu-class battleship. However, these acts of heroism were overshadowed by a [friendly fire incident](#) that took place between her and [Shin Nekki](#). The latter left the ship due to his misconduct, however Rin's efforts at protecting herself and her comrades from his reckless behaviors resulting in her being reprimanded by Shizuka-Shosha, and her once-sterling reputation tarnished. After receiving her medals from the grand Taisho [Ketsurui Yui](#) herself in an elaborate ceremony, it was during the following period of shore leave with her fellow Pride Wing members that she consulted with her parents quietly. They felt the best thing to do was put in for reassignment, and she agreed.

## Second Mishhuvurthyar War

Although Rin was no longer a “green” armor pilot from her time in the Pride Wing's few pivotal skirmishes, she chose instead to take a small break from combat and focus a little more on her technical side with assignments on smaller, more intimate escort vessels. It was at this point that she got her first taste of doing maintenance on a [Yui 7-class Scout](#). As the Second Mishhuvurthyar War intensified, however, she soon found herself drawn into combat once again due to her previous experience fighting against enemy Nekovalkyrja forces. Reclassified as infantry and given a small squad to command, the now cornflower-blue paneled Nitô Heisho fought directly in several intense skirmishes of the [First Expeditionary Fleet](#), including the Battle of Yamatai. Of interesting note about her was that despite being in what was considered an inferior body type at the time (the [NH-22C Yamataian](#)), the tenacious Rin

always was able to manage to battle just as hard as her Nekovalkyrja comrades and NMX enemies alike, and survive mostly intact to fight even harder the next day.

## Kyoto War College

After the conclusion of the war, she opted to upgrade to the [Minkan](#) from her veteran [NH-22C Yamataian](#) body. Once comfortable with the change, and with her parents prodding, she finally threw herself into studies at the War College from YE 34-36 and sought to get into the Officer ranks as a fresh start and aim for managing older vessels like the Yui series refits she had served on previously (in some way inspired by her meeting with the Taisho), since they might be the best way to prove herself at the outset. To this end, she chose to do her thesis paper/project for a degree in Command & Ship Operations from the Kyoto War College on this topic (ie, veteran MEGAMI systems as intelligence tools, new applications for multi-role missions, specialized combat tactics, resource efficiencies to be used in the modernization program, etc). Though maybe in this she was too successful... for this highly specialized and informative focus caught the eye of her superiors and specifically the Ketsurui clan, and upon graduation she found herself promptly served with a set of urgent orders to deploy to the newly retrofitted [YSS Heartbreaker](#) to serve as its XO.

## YSS Heartbreaker

( [NS-U1-107427](#), Yui 7-class Scout )

### Mission 0: To Go Even Further Beyond

<https://stararmy.com/roleplay-forum/index.php?threads/mission-0-to-go-even-further-beyond.16657/>

Upon assuming her post, Rin conducted the standard inspections of the crew alongside [Taii Tsukisaki Valesti](#) and herded them to the briefing room for her presentation about their mission of exploration to follow the last known route of [Kitsurugi Uesu's](#) fleet deep into the south that was in the MEGAMI Ochiko's database. However, at the conclusion of this general meeting Tsukisaki-taii then brought Rin to the Captain's Quarters for a second, top secret briefing for the XO's eyes and ears only. To Hoshitomo-shoi's shock, she revealed classified intelligence that the former Emperor was indeed alive and had already sent his scouts to clandestinely meet with certain members of the Ketsurui royal family. There was a very real fear of him returning at the head of what could well be an entirely unknown superpower beyond the reaches of known space. In essence, the true goals of the *Heartbreaker* were a desperate gambit to avert what could be a future civil war... or a feared genocide of the newly liberated Nekovalkyrja species whom he still viewed as expendable tools. Tsukisaki-Taii then entrusted Rin with an encrypted datastick that contained the entire supposedly lost ship roster of [Uesu's Fleet](#) which she downloaded into her brain and promptly zeroized and destroyed it as ordered. Left alone for a moment to collect herself, Rin had a very rare moment of weakness as she thought back to the ominous words of her father Hoshitomo Yoshi – once a trusted subordinate of [Kitsurugi Uesu](#) himself – and feared what the future would hold if they actually found the former Emperor. Would she defer to him as she always has done, or remain loyal to Yui and the Nekovalkyrja Empress to the end?

Now bearing this heavy burden in her mind and also her heart, Rin nonetheless tried to push forward with a brave face and took her place at the helm to successfully launch the ship on it's maiden voyage to the [UX-29 AKA UX-HB-0 'Vagabond'](#) system. Arriving there, the Heartbreaker had to navigate carefully through a floating graveyard of a forgotten battle between Uesu and Mishhu forces. Just as they discovered an abandoned SMX base on the surface of [UX-29 III](#), technical problems with the ship's older auxiliary engines made the descent difficult. Rin was able to successfully bring the vessel down on an old landing pad there, allowing Nakane-hei time to inspect the conduits' wiring while she led an away mission to explore the facility. In order to reduce the risk to personnel, Hoshitomo-shoi decided to take a page out of the [Scientific Studies Service \(SSS\)](#) handbook and equip her Mindy with a [Ke-M2-E3000 Leader Support Pack](#), allowing her to control several [VCMAD drones](#) to scout out the expansive base quickly. One of the drones ran into trouble when a containment freezer in a butcher room was breeched, unleashing a swarm of [Mishhu Parasites](#) and zombified Nekovalkyrja. Some of the more vulnerable away team members were injured in the surprise attack, forcing Rin to call a hasty retreat and collapse the corridors with a hail of missile fire to prevent them from being followed.

Though nothing else of value was found, the fact that serial numbers on the remains indicated that the Nekos once belonged to Ketsurui Uesu was enough to let Rin know she was on the right trail. The away team collected and recovering, the Heartbreaker – now restored to full power – quickly lifted off and found the MEGAMI Ochiko had conveniently provided them with information on the next target in her database. A world that was truly off of the map, days fold away from known space. After a quick conversation with [Matonaka Yumi](#) about fear and its place in battle, Rin reaffirmed her desire to pursue the mission ahead of her without looking back.

### **Mission 1: Promises Better Left Unsaid**

<https://stararmy.com/roleplay-forum/index.php?threads/mission-1-promises-better-left-unsaid.17326/>  
<https://stararmy.com/roleplay-forum/index.php?threads/mission-1-epilogue-got-two-tickets-to-paradise.18415/>

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### **Mission 2: Remember to Always Think Twice**

<https://stararmy.com/roleplay-forum/index.php?threads/mission-2-remember-to-always-think-twice.18589/>

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## **YSS Sakishima**

( [NG-S10-577](#), Chiaki-class (1B) Escort Destroyer )

## Episode 8: Paradise Lost

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## Skills

### Common Tasks

Rin has demonstrated proficiency in all the [Star Army Common Skills](#) as expected of a decorated soldier of the Star Army of Yamatai.

### Leadership

As a graduate of the [Kyoto War College](#), Rin has received training on the fundamentals of leadership and command. She is comfortable in filling a role of responsibility for the actions of those serving beneath her, and to effectively communicate what she expects of them in return for the sake of the mission. Rin is capable of taking charge of combat situations both on the bridge and in the field as well, thanks to her experiences over the years leading a Mindy power armor team into battle.



## Fighting

Rin is certified in and has direct experience in the efficient use of energy rifles and grenade launcher style weapons against enemy targets. She is also experienced in bringing the best out of a [Ke-M2-2D "Mindy II" Power Armor](#) or [Ke-M2-3A "Mindy" Power Armor](#) in combat situations, able to stand toe-to-toe with stronger Nekovalkyrja soldiers due to her use of tactics and positioning rather than brute force. She can also fight adequately unarmed or with whatever improvised weaponry is available.

## Maintenance & Repair

Rin has received additional technical sentry-class training in the maintenance and repair of Star Army shuttles, power armors, and starships. She is adequately proficient at doing maintenance and repair work on any ship model as a part of a team, and at repairing a shuttle or a power armor with the proper tools. Rin also has studied many of the technical details on the process of modernization and the unique upkeep requirements of the [Yui 7-class Scout](#) as a part of her [Kyoto War College](#) thesis project.

## Starship Operations

Rin has basic knowledge in how to pilot the ship, use communication devices and operate the Kessaku Electronics System. She also has a very strong knowledge of the artificial intelligence on a starship and can utilize it to assist her operations on the vessel. Thanks to her research for her thesis paper at [Kyoto War College](#), Rin also possesses enhanced skills and knowledge concerning more efficiently utilizing the navigation and the operation of veteran MEGAMI systems that are present in the retrofitted [Yui 7-class Scout](#).

## Vehicle Piloting

Rin is proficient at operating all models of Star Army shuttles currently in service, as well as most other small airborne or space-based vehicles, such as hover-bikes, small airplanes, etc. She also can operate tanks, cars, trucks, and other ground-based vehicles if the situation demands it.

## Mathematics

In order to fulfill her navigator's requirements, Rin has received additional mathematics training in astrometrics. She has competed in several contests back in her academy days, and even now engages in a variety of number puzzles as both a hobby and a way to keep her skills sharp.



## Social Connections

- Hoshitomo Yoshi (Father)



- Hoshitomo Masako (Mother)
- [Shizuka Endo](#) (former captain)
- [Shin Nekki](#) (ex-love interest)
- [Tsukisaki Valesti](#) (former captain)
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## Inventory

- [Ke-M2-3A "Mindy" Power Armor](#) (Tall)
  - Armor: [Ke-M2-F2904 Zesuaium-coated Titanium Boron Carbide and Zesuaium Chain Mail Mesh](#)
  - Handheld: [Ke-M4-W2901 Light Armor Service Rifle](#) (Tier 5 Medium Anti-Armor) with [Ke-M4-W2902 LASR-SLAG](#), or [Ke-M2-W2901 Aether Beam Saber-Rifle](#) (Tier 8 or Tier 9, Medium Anti-Mecha or Heavy Anti-Mecha (: Staff needs to determine which))
  - Shoulder 1: [Ke-M2-W2905 Shoulder-Fired 50mm Gauss Cannon](#) (Tier 7 or Tier 8, Light Anti-Mecha or Medium Anti-Mecha (: Staff needs to determine which))
  - Shoulder 2: [Ke-M2-W2906 Shoulder-Fired Missile Pod](#) with optional [Space and Orbital Offensive Warheads \(SOOW\) Mini-Missiles](#)
  - Legs: [Ke-M2-G3001 Leg Capacitor](#), or [Ke-M2-W2907 Countermeasure Augmentation Pods](#) with optional [Space and Orbital Sensor Misdirection \(SOSM\) Mini-Missiles](#)
  - Dorsal: [Ke-M2-P2904 Barrier Shield Module](#), or [Ke-M2-E3000 Leader Support Pack](#) to better interface with [Variable Configuration Mission Adaptive Drones](#)
  - 2 [Ke-M2-W2903 NSD Upper Leg Hangers](#)
  - 2 [Ke-M2-W2902 Forearm Weapons / Forearm Shield Projectors](#), or one [Ke-M2-D3000 Forearm Ellipsoid Shield](#)
  - [Star Army Butt Pack, Type 29](#)
- [Star Army Standard Issue Items](#) package, with additional [Star Army Officer's Cap, Type 36](#)
- An obsolete [Star Army Engineering Protective Jumpsuit, Type 31](#), well worn from her early days.
- [Star Army Datapad, Type 33](#), with a collection of digitized Sudoku mathematics puzzles downloaded onto it.
- Copies of various technical books, including the [Engineering Tactics Manual](#)
- Comfortable, custom-made leather aviator bomber jacket decorated with numerous YSE patches of places she has been for informal wear.

## Salvage Items








Prizes won from [SCSC Year-End Festival Holiday Gift Grab Bags - YE 38](#):

- 184 x Spade (8 lb)
- Crate of Medical Supplies (NMX War, TC: 5-98, IC: 547-49743-103)
- Meat grinder and sausage making kit (Pirating YE 34, TC: 76-77, IC: 5909-37171-144)
- Control panel, cracked (NMX War, TC: 55-19, IC: 1047-15979-68)










- 20 x Sledge (10 lb)

## Ranks & Decorations

### Progression

Rank		Reason	Date
	Santô Hei	Promoted upon completion of basic training.	YE 30
	Nitô Hei	Promoted by Shizuka-Shosa of YSS Senbu, for successful completion of first combat mission to stop the escaping shuttlecraft.	YE 30
	Ittô Hei	Promoted by Shizuka-Taisha of YSS Senbu, for successful completion of second combat mission to support the sabotage of the pirate Chiharu.	YE 30
	Jôtô Hei	Promoted for bravery during the <a href="#">Second Mishhuvurthyar War</a> .	YE 31
	Nitô Heisho	Promoted for bravery during the <a href="#">Second Mishhuvurthyar War</a> .	YE 33
	Shoi Kohosei	Promoted upon acceptance to <a href="#">Kyoto War College</a> .	YE 34
	Shoi	Promoted upon completion of undergraduate degree at <a href="#">Kyoto War College</a> .	YE 36

### Medals

Award		Numeral	Reason & Date
	Training	2	Basic Training (YE 30); Undergraduate degree, <a href="#">Kyoto War College</a> . (YE 36)
	Service	5	YSS Senbu's <a href="#">Mission 3</a> & <a href="#">Mission 4</a> (YE 30); YSS Heartbreaker's <a href="#">Mission 0</a> & <a href="#">Mission 1</a> (YE 37); YSS Heartbreaker's <a href="#">Mission 2</a> (YE 38)
	Notable Career		Longevity of service to the SAoY. (YE 37)
	Combat	3	Engaging NMX, YSS Heartbreaker's <a href="#">Mission 0</a> & <a href="#">Mission 1</a> (YE 37); Engaging I'ee/Thoot, YSS Heartbreaker's <a href="#">Mission 2</a> (YE 38)
	Combat Lifesaver		Rescuing <a href="#">Matonaka Yumi</a> from Crab-type, YSS Heartbreaker's <a href="#">Mission 1</a> (YE 37)
	Tomoyo's Kikyô	2	Loss of left arm, YSS Senbu's <a href="#">Mission 3</a> (YE 30), Wounded against Crab-type <a href="#">Mission 1</a> (YE 37)
	Good Conduct		Going above and beyond, YSS Senbu's <a href="#">Mission 4</a> . (YE 30)
	War Medal		Honorable service in the <a href="#">Second Mishhuvurthyar War</a> . (YE 33)
	Exploration	2	<a href="#">UX-HB-1 'Juggler'</a> , YSS Heartbreaker's <a href="#">Mission 1</a> (YE 37); <a href="#">UX-HB-2 'Shekhinah'</a> , YSS Heartbreaker's <a href="#">Mission 2</a> (YE 38)

## Finances

Hoshitomo Rin is currently a [Shoi](#) in the [Star Army of Yamatai](#). She receives no monthly salary, choosing to function on the [Prestige System](#) for her needs.

Total Savings	Addition	Subtraction	Reason
3,000 KS			Starting Funds
4,500 KS	+1,500		Yamatai Vacation Stipend, YE 30

## OOC Notes

- The characters for her name are 星智凛 (hoshi tomo rin) which translates to “cold star-wisdom”.
- Rin is still without a boyfriend, being married to her work. Things with Shin didn't exactly help her chilly exterior either... although, it seems the only thing that gives her actual pleasure is being inside her Mindy armor.
- In Rin's quarters rests a bright bouquet of femtomachine-created flowers arranged in a simple vase. This curious *ikebana* stands out like an island of color in an otherwise drab and spartan space. They are the same ones Nekki Shin gave her several years ago when she recovered from losing her arm, along with the purple irises she was going to give back to him but never did.
- It's very possible that Rin could end up betraying Yamatai's current Empress and join with Emperor Uesu if he should once again return, feeling it would be the best decision for the good of the Empire to restore the old ways (and because her father would want this). The likelihood of this happening rests on her experiences with Nekovalkyrja up until that point.

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- Can this character be [adopted](#) after I've been gone for a year? No

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SAOY Rank	<a href="#">Shoi</a>
SAOY Occupation	<a href="#">Star Army First Officer</a>
SAOY Assignment	<a href="#">Fort Victory Reserve Center</a>
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