

Valerie "Vinyl" Shanks

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Species and gender:	Female Nekovalkyrja, Type 33A
Date of Birth	Early YE 33
Organization:	Star Army of Yamatai
Occupation:	Star Army Information Technology
Rank:	Nitô Hei
Current Placement:	YSS Shiroyama

Physical Description

Vinyl stands at a very non-threatening 5'3"¹⁾ tall with skin that carries a noticeable violet hue, her dark, raven hair is slightly wavy and rests at shoulder length when left loose though she often ties it up into a quick bun to keep it from getting in the way – subjectively she has a rather pretty face, with narrow, high cheekbones that frame her small, pointed nose, full lips and almond shaped, golden eyes that almost seem to glow.

While Vinyl may have started life with a more typical Nekovalkyra body she has undergone a few modifications in her short life to better express herself and her bouncy personality, instead of being built like a 2x4 plank the violet neko has opted for a obviously curvier appearance – starting with shapely, athletic legs that lead up to Vinyl’s plump, heart-shaped rear and wide hips, with a stylized treble clef over curved staves that runs from her left hip to 2/3 the way down her left thigh in the blackest ink available. From here her body transitions into a rather slim waist that is tight and athletic before flaring out again at her generous chest that the Neko is rather fond of taking care of – Vinyl’s collarbones are noticeably pronounced, and her arms have faint hints of muscle though nothing too noteworthy. Valerie is often seen sporting her favourite pair of white earbuds hanging out of her ears and when possible, the arm-length, fingerless LED gloves she had custom ordered.

Her B-W-H is 40E-23-38

Personality

Valerie is a rather social little thing, moreso now with the body she has custom-ordered but it has always been a quirk of the violet neko – she’ll strike up a conversation with about anybody and always seems to bring a certain energy with her, moving about with almost prancing steps and more often than not working some casual inertial tumbles and maneuvers into something as simple as moving down a hallway. There are a lot of subtle flirty and suggestive undertones to her actions and words but for the most part Vinyl seems almost innocent, definitely fun loving and most of all energetic – failures hit the Neko hard and she usually deals with them by hiding away with her expansive collection of music or diving into the latest high-octane game available, she loves both listening to music all the time and claims her physical methods of aural stimulation are far superior to letting the tune bounce through your digital mind.

History

Valerie was born with the surname Hamada in early [YE 33](#) and quickly earned the nickname “Vinyl” for her audiophile nature and claims that physical means are the best way to experience music, the Vinyl Neko passed training with flying colours and claimed her red combat engineer’s panel before quickly being hurried off into a squad and thrown at the tentacled threat during the [Battle of Yamatai](#).

Her entire squad, bar the music loving violet neko, was wiped out in a horrible battle that cost Vinyl her lower legs until two days later when she was dragged out of the rubble and tossed in a Hemosynth tube, finding out later that the ST backup rack she and her squad were on was destroyed during the offensive. After some therapy though it taught the girl to truly appreciate life and live it to the full, meeting every new challenge with a determined spring in her step.

History repeated itself in the build up to the [Kuvexian War](#) when she was assigned to the [First Expeditionary Fleet](#) and once again her squad was wiped with the violet Neko being the sole survivor, to later be saved by the Katana-wielding SOFT member with the rank of [Nitô Heisho](#) she’d later find out was called Kimber Shanks and then call mother once the pseudo-samurai agreed to take the young Neko under her wing.

Vinyl climbed ranks and in [YE 40](#) she was assigned to the [YSS Shiroyama](#)’s resident SOFT team the SOFT 74 her adoptive mother was now the leader of as it reformed to do its part during the [Kuvexian War](#).

Skills Learned

[Star Army Common Skills](#) **Art:** Valerie is a rather skilled artist, often found sketching something on her computer while blasting music in her free time – she even designed the 074th Yama Dura Demons’ second logo and a few bits of apparel to show pride for the SOFT team. **Entertainment:** Along with her love of music Vinyl is a rather good dancer, seemingly able to find a way to move in time with any beat – in addition she is pretty skilled at video games and most notably first person shooters, finding her way to the highest ranks of their competitive modes scarily fast. **Technology Operation:** Being the SOFT team’s infowar cat she is more than competent behind any sort of digital interface so long as it has some form of logic then she can find a way to make it do what she wants.

Inventory & Finance

[Star Army Standard Issue Items](#) Audiophile-grade earbuds that were custom made for her elven-styled ears Portable music device Arm-length, LED, fingerless gloves Art tablet High-end gaming computer and various consoles

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SAOY Occupation	Star Army Information Technology
SAOY Assignment	YSS Shiroyama

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