

THE TROUBLE WITH ROSE

**鉄天使桜**  
**IRON ANGEL SAKURA**



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# Iron Angel Sakura

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**Setting:** The real world is just a stage for powerful magical beings and humans are just their pawns. Well, not all humans...

The Iron Angels are the warriors that fight the terrors that mere mortals cannot see or experience. And every Iron Angel is a teenaged girl. They put their lives on the line to save other mortals from the dark that inhabits the corners of the world.

On humanity's side are the Bikou Nezumi, small ferret-like creatures with too many legs and a wandering nose. They are all alike, and share memories with each other. They are the beings that can turn an ordinary teenage girl into an Iron Angel.

Each Iron Angel has a different special power that they can call on when face off with the demons from the shadows of the world.

And the most powerful of the Iron Angels is Sakura. She wields the power of Love and can defeat even the most fearsome foe with the magic of her Love Rose and just talking to the being.

Except that she's now missing after battling a major demon. The demon said something to her that shocked her and made her to run away crying. She didn't even pick up its Pit of Hate and use it to cleanse her Soul Stone.

What happened? Why did she run away? What did that Demon say to her before it died?

## The Stage:

**Tokyo:** Capital of Japan, home to 35 million people, it is the primary stalking area for the demons. You can expect to encounter a demon just about anywhere.

**Omori Senior High School:** This is where all the Iron Angels go to school. It is your typical Japanese High School, teachers move from classroom to classroom, while the students stay in place. Classroom 3113 is where the Iron Angels are, along with Shinji Aino, most of the day. So far, no demons have tried to attack Shinji here, but you never know.

**The Shadow Realm:** Nowhere and everywhere, the Shadow Realm is the home to demons, and paradoxically, the Bikou Nezumi. It's hard to describe, as it always changes its appearance and size whenever an Iron Angel enters its to fight a demon. It tends to match the mood of the demon, but not every time.

## The NPCs:

**Sakura:** Sakura Ishimaru is a powerful Iron Angel. Very powerful. And she knows it. Some say her Soul Stone shows no taint, but others say it's black as night. She represents the element of Love and wears a dark red leather costume. Her magical weapon is the Love Rose, a magical flower that lets her talk to anything and spread the magic of love to everyone and everything. She has defeated the most fearsome demons by spreading the word of Love to them.

Except for that last one. After she defeated it, it said something to her to make her run away crying.

**Bikou Nezumi:** The creature that grants the magical powers to teenage girls. No one knows why they do it and what they hope to gain from doing this, but they are always there waiting to turn another girl into an Iron Angel.

It looks like a ferret with too many legs, and is always slinking around, putting it's nose in places it doesn't belong.

**Shinji Aino:** Classmate to the Iron Angels, he is the love interest to several of the Angels. They are always hovering over him and trying to get his attention. He's also a constant victim of demon attacks. The Bikou Nezumi say that he is a foci and as such, he draws demons to him like flies to honey.

While he is the love interest for most of the Angels, his heart belongs to Sakura.

**Demons:** Netherworld creatures that try to trick humans into committing sinful acts, they can appear as normal humans, but when faced in the Shadow Realm, they take on their true forms. When defeated, their essences withers into a stony Pit of Hate. This small stone can remove taint from an Iron Angel's Soul Stone.

Demons appear whenever a single blank tile is played. The Double Blank is reserved for...

**The Demon of Jealousy:** When the Double Blank tile is played, the Demon of Jealousy appears. It is the most powerful of the demons, as it can call on the heart of the Iron Angel and twist it so that instead of love, the Angel feels hate for those who are dear to her. If you defeat this demon, it's Pit of Hate would be tremendous and could cleanse the most tainted Soul Stone.

It is suggested that you save the double blank for your last play.

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## Special Rules:

### Demons:

Whenever you play a tile that has a blank on it a Demon will appear and must be part of your description of events. In addition to the Demon, Shinji will play a part, no matter how small, as he is a demon magnet.

Whether or not you defeat the Demon depends how you want your scene to end. Losing to a demon is not good and it typically means that your character is dead.

To determine the type of demon, draw a playing card and play it face up. The suit will tell you what type it is, and it's value how much taint its Pit of Hate will cleanse from your Soul Stone if you defeat it. Face cards only cleanse 10 points of taint.

	A demon of Lust and Envy. It seeks to corrupt innocents with lustful urges or becoming envious of others.
	A demon of Injury and Death. It seeks to kill any mortal it can trick into its clutches!
	A demon of Greed and Control. It will try to entice its victims into acts of greed or control over others. It will egg on bullies and scam artists.
	A demon of Hate and Anger. It will try to drive a wedge of hate and prejudice between friends, and cause them to become angry at each other.

If you play the Double Blank tile, the Demon of Jealousy appears. Fighting this demon will be the fight of your life. Before you describe your scene, draw a card from the deck and match its suit to the following table:

	The Demon is none other than Iron Angel Sakura! When she killed her last demon, it turned out to be her friend Iron Angel Ayeka! Something happened to turn her into a demon!
	The Demon seems to have an uncanny knowledge of the Iron Angel's desires and it will use them to turn her into a Demon!
	The Demon will offer to grant the Iron Angel's most desired wish, but in doing so, twist it in a sick way.
	The Demon is incredibly powerful and if defeated, it will have the last laugh. It will give so much taint to the Iron Angel, she has to immediately draw a Taint card if one hasn't been drawn yet.

## Being an Iron Angel:

The Bikou Nezumi offer teenage girls powers beyond belief, in exchange for their service in fighting Demons from the Shadow Realms. Their powers are tied to their Soul Stone, which is created when they are granted their powers.

But there is a cost. Every time an Iron Angel defeats a demon, a certain amount of demonic contamination accumulates in their Soul Stone. Only a Pit of Hate taken from a destroyed demon will cleanse some of the taint from the magical girl's Soul Stone. To keep track of how much Taint a Soul Stone has, use poker chips, pennies, stones, or even notes on paper.

To find out how much taint a Soul Stone has taken, draw a playing card and take a number of Taint tokens equal to the value of the card. If the suit of the card matches the demon's suit, double the amount of Taint tokens taken.

*For example, the Demon's card was the 2 of spades. After defeating the demon, the Iron Angel draws the 6 of spades. She gets 12 Taint tokens.*

A defeated demon's Pit of Hate can remove Taint tokens equal to the value of the card you drew for it. In the above example, the Demon's Pit of Hate can remove 2 Taint tokens.

When the first Iron Angel reaches 30+ Taint tokens, draw a playing card and match the symbol.

	The Iron Angel turns into a Demon! It turns out that all Demons were former Iron Angels. The Bikou Nezumi are in fact the true demons. They entice innocent young girls into becoming magical beings that are nothing more than Demon eggs.
	Demons are the result of the dreams of Iron Angels. If there were no Iron Angels, there would be no Demons. With enough taint, the Demons can leave her and the girl loses her powers.
	To turn a girl into an Iron Angel, the Bikou Nezumi removes the girl's soul and forms it into the Soul Stone. If a Soul Stone is destroyed, the girl dies.
	Bikou Nezumi are just lackeys of a being that takes sport in making life for humanity difficult. This isn't known until one gets enough Taint. Knowledge like this is dangerous, so the being will turn your Iron Angel into another Bikou Nezumi and it's your mission to entice more girls into becoming Iron Angels!

Whatever is drawn is now the fate for all Iron Angels!

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## The Players:

Name: **Rina Watanabe, Iron Angel Rina**

Description: A bright and cheerful young girl.

-  Beware my Magical Frying Pan!
-  I am the element of Sugar and Sweetness!
-  This is Nekko, my magical pet cat, he's a warrior!
-  My costume is of a candy witch! Look at those sugar plums!
-  I wish my perfect imaginary lover was real.
-  Those fools need me. They could get killed otherwise.

Name: **Miaka Kawai, Iron Angel Miaka**

Description: She's like an eager puppy, ready to please!

-  Fear my deadly Magical Shuriken!
-  I am the element of Gravity! I can fly!
-  You can't see me now! I'm invisible!
-  My costume is a gold lame ninja outfit!
-  I wish Shinji would fall in love with me.
-  I want to live up to my mother's legacy.

Name: **Rei Amano, Iron Angel Rei**

Description: She is a lovestruck young girl.

-  This is my boomstick, a magical sawed-off shotgun
-  I bring Joy to everyone I meet!
-  Every cute furry thing and even those that aren't will come to me and do what I tell them to!
-  I dress up like a pirate! I even have an eyepatch!
-  I wish my mom would find a husband who doesn't hit.
-  I want to be just like Sakura, the girl I look up to!

Name: **Hotaru Aino, Iron Angel Hotaru**

Description: She loves pulling pranks on people!

-  Say hello to my little Magical Canon!
-  I am the Earth element, the very ground is mine to control!
-  I can see the future and divine when events occur. Comes in handy when I want to pull a prank on you!
-  My costume is made up entirely of ribbons and bows!
-  I wish everyone I killed were alive again.
-  If I get a wish, I can have everything I ever wanted and live the good life.

Name: **Honoka Hozumi, Iron Angel Honoka**

Description: She is a bit of a bully, always picking on folks.

-  I prefer to use my Magical Bow to take down demons!
-  I am made up of Star Dust! Watch me sparkle!
-  Locked doors won't stop me. I can walk through walls!
-  I am a true angel, I even have wings on my costume!
-  I wish for demons to drag Sakura down to hell.
-  I want to be the heroine who saves everyone.

Name: **Yoshiko Hyuuga, Iron Angel Yoshiko**

Description: Her nose is always in a book.

-  Batter up! Watch out for my Magic Baseball Bat!
-  I am the element of Fire. Burn baby, burn.
-  I can plunge you into a Nightmare you can't wake up from!
-  I'm a traditionalist, my costume is a red kimono.
-  I wish to become immortal.
-  I'm tired of being the victim. I want to fight back!