

STORY: Born in Los Angeles, California, Simon Eizo Kitayama grew up in Chiba, Japan. His father, Kitayama Toshiya*, was an affluent member of the Kakashi Shinda ("Dead Scarecrow") Yakuza. Simon's father was a Saiko-Komon ("Senior Advisor") for the Kyoto area.

At the age of 17, Simon joined a Bo-so-zoku ("violent running gang", aka a street gang). He quickly showed a natural talent for violence and quickly raised within the ranks of the gang. This drew the attention of the Kakashi Shinda Yakuza and he was accepted within their organization. While under the tutelage of the Yakuza, Simon trained as one of their elite assassination squad. His intense training and natural talent forged Simon Kitayama into the Kakashi Shinda's top assassin - Midori no Unagi ("The Green Eel").

* Family name first.