

「関西の鬼」 — 立花アキラ
“The Demon of Kansai” - Akira Tachibana



It is the year 2050. Akira Tachibana, “The Demon of Kansai”, roams free. No one close to him knows exactly who he is or where he came from, but he has been making waves as one of the most wanted yakuza in the Kansai region of Japan. Having risen through the ranks of Osaka’s Omi Alliance, with unrivaled efficacy in debt collection, bank robbery, fraud, and arms dealing, he has been appointed Patriarch with the newly formed Tachibana Family under his wing. He resides in a penthouse suite in Osaka, overlooking the bay, and he passes as a high-profile Japanese salaryman by day, only recognizable by his full back tattoos. He manages real-estate and business for the Omi Alliance in the hopes that one day he can go legit, only having acquired valuable assets for the Alliance through the convenient disappearance of the original owner. Despite this, Akira is not who people think he is.

Aaron Feldman was born in New Miami in 2025. The son of a famous Interpol detective, he inherited his father’s crime-solving skills, and has an eye for detail. At the age of 15, his father mysteriously disappeared after getting involved in a high-profile case to take down a global criminal organization with ties to the American government. Aaron truly knew what was going on, so he used his investigative prowess to gain classified government information, where he discovered an email sent to the director of the CIA from the leader of the organization ordering him that “Our friend at Interpol knows too much. He must be removed.” Aaron was caught and sentenced to life in prison for conspiracy. Some time into his sentence, an undercover CIA agent offered to free him on the condition that he put his skills to use working for the CIA. With no family and nowhere else to go, Aaron was then taken in and had his memory wiped, taught Japanese, and had plastic surgery, then was reassigned to infiltrate and destroy the yakuza as “Akira Tachibana”, a Japanese realtor turned mobster. His mission objective was to climb the ranks and take down the Omi Alliance Chairman, whose organization disrupts the neo-global economy. However, through his 10 years climbing through the Osaka criminal underworld, he gained reputation and made bonds, and now he is torn between two identities - he must choose to forsake the CIA and live permanently as the Demon of Kansai, head of the Tachibana Family, or to fulfill his mission and destroy the Omi Alliance from within. As he slowly regains his memory, he starts to sympathize with the yakuza more and more and harbors resentment towards the American government and the criminal organization supplying them with funds, but he must conceal his true intentions as CIA operatives continue to track him to ensure he stays on mission, and if the Omi Alliance discovers his ties to the CIA, he risks a fate worse than death.

Another one of his aliases is “Standing Flower”, because the kanji for the family name Tachibana is 立花, where 立 (tatsu) means “to stand”, and 花 (hana) means “flower”. Poetic and appropriate considering all that he has been through and still retaining his original identity and purpose against all odds, like a rose growing out of concrete.

