

## 1: List of Usagi Yojimbo characters - Wikipedia

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By Word of God , the most skilled fighter in the series prior to the creation of Inazuma. I Just Want to Be Normal: He wants a peaceful, anonymous life in a quiet village. Initially he was one of the major supporting characters alongside Gen, Tomoe and the rest. Usually holds his sword this way. In his backstory he was an arrogant and haughty instructor, poised to gain the favor of Lord Hikiji himself, until he came to challenge a hermit named Katsuichi. He was defeated three times in front of Hikiji, and humiliated. Upon his defeat he renounced his dojo and became a wanderer, growing in both skill and humility. Usagi realizes that Koji would, seemingly unconsciously, dip his sword right before an attack. Usagi considered this knowledge key to his technique and defeat but Katsuichi makes a point to remain ignorant about it so their duel may be fair. He wants to duel Katsuichi to the death, and that is the extent of his villainy. Outside of that, Koji is pleasant, honorable, and has no quarrel with Usagi or anyone else. He even teams up with Katsuichi and his students to help free a village from a local gang. Worf Had the Flu: When talking with Katsuichi, Isao specifically cites this as the reason why Koji lost to him. He feels this way of Katsuichi, one of the few to ever defeat him. During their final battle Katsuichi clearly reciprocates giving him a respectable funeral, and even stating that it was only luck that allowed him to triumph. Big Bad Evil Overlord: Even compared to the other scheming lords of the series, such as the Conspiracy Of Eight, Hikiji is easily the worst. Played Straight , oddly enough. Even after we know what he looks like, the comic just keeps his face hidden for all future appearances. In-universe, his face is well-known enough to require a kagemusha body double. You are a lackey like all the others! You will obey me, or you will be--! He often remains unseen, while others act as his emissaries. Humans Are the Real Monsters: Though this is not given as the explanation for his personal morality. He wears face-concealing "great armor" in all but one of his appearances. He is pretty much the only human seen in the comics. Attack of the Foot Whatever: Lord Hebi is so huge he fights ninja by picking them up with his mouth and hurling them to their death. One notable example is when his entourage gets attacked by ninja, and he lunges into the fray despite the warning of his guards, proceeding to hold his own and then some: And leave my safety to you incompetents?! To Hikijiâ€”he consistently shows up as the "voice" of the Shadow Lord. He might as well be the Big Bad in his own right. Hebi sent the Neko ninja with Usagi and Tomoe to stop Lord Tamakuro, an ambitious daimyo who had stockpiled guns and was planning to betray Hikiji and overthrow the shogunate. Hebi merely states that they should be grateful that they stood together against this threat. Even Evil Has Standards: Though ruthless himself, Lord Hebi is shocked, disgusted and horrified when he learns that his master Lord Hikiji has made a deal with the Martian invaders and betrayed Earth. In retaliation he kills Hikiji, before being killed in turn by the Martians. You make a pact with monsters! You would kill your own people! Lord Hebi, after killing Hikiji: You should have died long ago. I followed you blindly, but now I can see you for the abomination you were. We need the rain. What Measure Is a Non-Human? Hebi is one of the cruelest and most inhuman characters, and coincidentally also one of the scariest-looking and least human. Back from the Dead: Then he was possessed and butchered the other monks himself. Blue and Orange Morality: Jei is everything he claims to be, a servant of the Gods sent to cleanse the world of evil. The only problem is that Jei and the Gods he serves have a view of Good that everyone else would describe as sociopathy: He also favors plain black kimonos, a style ordinarily worn only by monks. Jei is indeed the "Sword Of the Gods", but he never said which Gods. Fate Worse than Death: His first incarnation survives several injuries that should be fatal and only dies when stabbed with Kusanagi. While possessing Inazuma he keeps her alive with a mortal injury for days before he is exorcised. If you attach the honorific "-san" to his name, it sounds like "Jason," aka the main villain of the Friday the 13th movies, with whom he shares some traits: His origin story finally revealed how his name came to be: He was originally a Buddhist priest named Jizonobu, with "Priest Ji" being his nickname. When he was possessed and strangled his best friend Kin, a fellow priest, to death, said priest tried to snap him out of it by calling him "Ji," which

his gurgles twisted into "Jei. Maybe Magic, Maybe Mundane: Much to his surprise, his corrupting touch is unable to affect the divine Grasscutter sword. He declares Keiko to be innocent and saves her from some bandits. Originally he was supposed to steal her body for a new host but the author changed plans playing this trope straight. Badass and Child Duo: The horror movie version. Keiko is instinctively nice to those around her. Including those her "uncle" butchers. Her obliviousness to the horror around her makes her unsettling. This trope is why the initial plans to have Jei possess her were scrapped. Indeed, once she is no longer a child in the Senzo story, she is fair game for possession. She hangs around with Jei and whatever vessel he has at the moment. As the stories go on she interacts with everyone else less and less. Where I Was Born and Razed: She dwelt with her old grandfather in an isolated hut. They are frequently antagonists of the heroes. They ally with Usagi to face Lord Tamakuro. They then declare that they have no further alliance with Usagi. Usagi and his companions have killed a lot, to say nothing of those lost to Lord Tamakuro in The Dragon Bellow Conspiracy. What Measure Is a Mook? In many early stories the Neko ninja were simply a vast swarm of interchangeable cats in black garments. However, over time the series has focused on individual ninja, examined their philosophy and gone into detail about the reasons for their service to the Bigger Bad. In addition to the consequences of sustaining such horrific losses throughout the series. Usagi gives him an awesome one when accused of destroying a Neko Ninja hideout Ninja: The kashira or "boss" of the Neko clan. Shingen has very few scruples in serving the wicked Lord Hikiji, but he lives by a strict code, particularly when it comes to Villainous Valor.

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*This time Usagi's exuberant young nephew, Jotaro, is along for the adventure. As they travel, they meet old friends, including Kitsune the thief and Sasuke the Demon Queller, and they come up against new foes such as Boss Hayashi and the evil artist Katsushige.*

Kitsune is holding Sachiko. This list of Usagi Yojimbo characters features characters from the Usagi Yojimbo comic book. Lord Hikiji – Lord Hikiji is a power hungry daimyo and the main antagonist of the series. Unlike the other characters in the series, he is depicted as a human. He is often mentioned but rarely appears, preferring to stay in the shadows and letting Hebi act in his name. He acts as a background nemesis to Usagi, as he personally killed both his lord and his father, and struck Usagi with the arched scar above his left brow during the fateful battle on Adachi Plain. Ishida, however, is a steadfastly honest officer with a deep commitment to the cause of justice, regardless of who the criminals and their victims are, and sometimes even seeing justice done if there is no legal way of achieving it. He is quiet, but highly observant and astute in his reasoning; those faculties are invaluable in difficult cases like murder, in a culture where intensive examinations of dead bodies, like an autopsy, are taboo. In addition, when force is called for, he demonstrates formidable fighting skills using his standard police weapon, the jutte, although he is allowed to also carry a katana. In the seven-part miniseries *The Hidden*, he is revealed to be a secret Christian. Ishida is based on real-life Honolulu policeman Chang Apana, who was also the model for the fictional detective Charlie Chan. As Max Allan Collins points out in the introduction to "Book Grey Shadows", Inspector Ishida is, like the real Chang Apana, a more hardboiled character than the mild-mannered Charlie Chan from the novels by Earl Derr Biggers and the subsequent film adaptations. Usagi helped in saving him and entrusted him with Inspector Ishida, who along with his wife adopted him as their new son. Although Lord Hikiji is considered the main villain of the series, Jei is the closest thing to a true nemesis of Miyamoto Usagi. Jei, formerly a priest named Jizonobu who fell under the sway of sinister entities, [14] believes that he was chosen by the gods as an emissary, to smite evil and execute sinners. However, in his delusions, Jei perceives everyone to be a sinner and has the tendency of killing anyone who draws his attention. Whether or not he still has his mental faculties, Jei does possess some supernatural power. Jei is based on the fictional serial killer Jason Voorhees from the Friday the 13th horror movie series; the name "Jei-san" is, in fact, a pun on "Jason". She also happens to be a very close friend of Miyamoto Usagi, whom she and Lord Noriyuki first met as they were being pursued by assassins that Lord Hikiji hired to kill the young lord. As time passes, Usagi and Tomoe develop deep feelings for each other that go beyond mere friendship. However, recently, Lord Noriyuki is preparing to form an arranged marriage between her with another lord. Murakami Gennosuke – Murakami Gennosuke or Gen is an anthropomorphic Indian rhinoceros who makes a living as a rather disreputable bounty hunter. Originally, he was the son of an important samurai of a prominent lady until her husband was assassinated by a villainous subordinate. His mother was forced to prostitute herself for her family to survive; eventually she died, and as Gen matured, his father trained him in the ways of the sword. Upon reaching adulthood, Gen abandoned his father, wanting nothing to do with his vendetta, and became a professional bounty hunter who disdains bushido in favor of a cynical mercenary attitude never to be poor again. In the episode "Samurai Tourist", Gen, puts on human clothing that makes him look almost identical to Rocksteady, the mutant rhinoceros from the TMNT cartoon series. Originally the daughter of a failing fabric broker, she was sold to an inn by her new stepmother, who despised her. Her street performance is based on manipulating tops with objects such as fans or chopsticks. While Usagi disapproves of her thieving ways especially since she occasionally ends up picking his pocket as well, he perceives her as not being malicious, and often ends up helping her in getting out of a tight spot in her schemes. After meeting Gennosuke, she and the bounty hunter have apparently developed a romantic relationship with each other. He first met Usagi when he was a little boy returning a wakizashi to a dead soldier on the battlefield and did not think much of him. That opinion changed when he confronted the rabbit after his training was completed and challenged him to a duel as a test. Much later, Gunichi and Usagi faced each other for the last time, and Usagi slew him for his betrayal. Lord

Horikawa " An advisor to Lord Noriyuki. When Araki challenged Mataichi for the rulership of the Geishu Province and lost, Ikeda fled and took up the life of a peasant, waiting for the right time to take revenge; but as time passed and he found solace in his new life, he forsook his vengeance. However, he secretly is a beloved benefactor of an orphanage , and his apparent greediness is partially based on his desire to raise funds for its cause. He first appears as an enigmatic and stern bounty hunter, but it is later revealed that he is hunting for his sister to bring her home to her forgiving father. They treat each other as uncle and nephew, and neither is aware that the other knows the truth. Jotaro is currently training to be a samurai under Katsuichi [36] and has displayed formidable skill for his age; he has defeated adult opponents with his bokken in single combat, despite his still small stature. Kakeru " An anthropomorphic rat and mystic possessing the gift of foresight and the ability to summon beings from other realities, specifically the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. His name is said by Stan Sakai to be a combination of katsu "to win" and ichi "one" , or "one who wins". He is an anthropomorphic lion samurai sensei who rejected the orthodox fighting styles to create a distinctive new technique. However, he soon abandoned his school due to his dissatisfaction with the poor quality students available. She joined him after Jei killed a gang of bandits who had murdered her grandfather, who was her only remaining relative. She is the only person Jei seems to care about and that is safe near him. She refers to him as "uncle". Kenichi " A childhood rival of Usagi and now magistrate of their village. He has had a spiteful mutual enmity against Usagi since childhood which led to blows more than once. However, in the face of common enemies, the pair has gotten along well on a professional basis. First appearing in Vol. There is however a bit of respect and honour for each other shared by both the ninja clans leaders. Unlike the Neko, who are largely humanoid in body type, the Komori have winged bodies which enable them to fly with ease. They typically arm themselves with long sword blades lining the edges of their wings to make for devastating attacks in flight. A favourite move is used when an opponent attempts to take shelter in a forested area; the ninja would slash at the foliage creating a terrifying and blinding storm of debris that often disorients the victim while they are being exposed. Their kashira leader is named Kurokaze lit. Kurokaze " The kashira leader of the komori ninja clan; his name means "black wind". Koroshi " A powerful and widespread guild of assassins. Usagi has encountered and foiled their agents multiple times, [38] and has therefore been marked for assassination himself. Mariko " A childhood friend of Usagi and his great love. However, she married Kenichi after Usagi left to become a samurai with Lord Mifune, but not before Usagi and she had an impulsive tryst that produced a son, Jotaro. Kenichi married her with full knowledge of her illegitimate pregnancy while Usagi was not informed of the situation as to avoid him abandoning his post for her. Eventually, Mariko told Usagi about Jotaro and insisted he leave the village when he returned to stay, although brief future visits were permitted. Later on, she told Jotaro about his biological father, but for some reason did not mention that Usagi knew the truth himself. Despite the fact she still harbors feelings for Usagi, she realizes her place is with Kenichi. His character is named for the great Samurai actor, Toshiro Mifune. Lord Mifune was a Tiger of mercy and honor such as when he was presented with Usagi as a kitten, wrongly accused of looting the war dead. He later saw Usagi as a young adult winning at a tournament, bestowed a daisho as a prize and hired the rabbit as a retainer. After that act of honor, Usagi fell into the clutches of a supernatural entity and was saved only when spirit of Mifune appeared and slew the entity for his loyal retainer. Long past his need for revenge for his defeat, the general agreed to help the fugitives and took his son along in a perilous adventure. Motokazu has since grown into his new responsibilities well, displaying extraordinary courage in his adventures. They are the least seen of the three ninja clans, having been seen less than ten times. As moles , their particular talents are digging and lying in wait underground. They characteristically attack an enemy building by tunneling underneath and bypassing the outer defenses; they can also lie underground until an enemy passes overhead, and then spring an ambush. In combat, they use their long, sharp claws as weapons as well as digging tools. Although they are formidable fighters in their element, they have weaknesses that an opponent can exploit, such as vulnerability to bright light. Though they were driven off by the timely arrival of Usagi and Gennosuke, they were successful in kidnapping Tomoe, taking her to Lord Hebi. Lord Hikiji wanted Koji to fight a duel against an upstart swordsman who shunned the traditional schools, named Katsuichi; Koji figured he should have won easily, but was beaten three times. A true samurai to the end, he

was well respected even by Usagi and Katsuichi, and earned the admiration of young Jotaro. In turn, the samurai bequeathed his daisho to the kitten to wield when he comes of age. The neko ninja possess martial arts skills and secret techniques, such as access to explosives, beyond what the other clans have, but this is due to the neko ninja being the "normal" ninja clan, while the others have special abilities unique to them; the mogura ninja launch sneak attacks by digging through the ground, and the komori ninja can fly and launch aerial attacks. Shingen " He was kashira leader of the neko ninja and was a master of his craft. He first appeared in Vol. His skill was so refined that when he was speared in his hiding place by Tomoe Ame who sensed an intruder, he still escaped detection by refraining from crying out in pain at the wound and wiping the spearhead clean as Tomoe withdrew to remove evidence. However, after getting the sword, he was found by Miyamoto Usagi, who followed him and tricked the ninja out of the sword. Kagemaru " An upstart chunin of the Neko Ninja. He steals from the rich and gives part of his loot to the poor, which has rendered him a popular folk hero. In turn, Nezumi respects Ishida for his sense of justice, and has even saved his life several times, [48] although he will not allow himself to be taken into custody even by him. Nezumi is patterned after the legendary Japanese thief Nezumi Kozo. She grew away from her family to become a warrior notorious for her murderously sadistic viciousness. She eventually led a plot of mining a secret gold mine with slave labor in Geishu territory to provide a pretext for another clan to invade. She enslaved Tomoe and Usagi in her plot, but they later escaped with the slaves to foil her plans. She apparently died when she deliberately fled into the mine with a gunpowder cache which exploded. However, Tomoe later had a disturbing dream where she witnessed Noriko escaping the cave with considered effort and vowing revenge. Although still a young panda cub, he has proven extraordinarily capable in his position for his age for the intricate task of rule while still keeping his innocent spirit. This includes some developing physical skills such as being able to sense an intruder in his chambers even when asleep and to wake up quickly and yet subtly enough to launch an attack. His closest advisor is Tomoe Ame, a female feline samurai with extraordinary skill which she demonstrated when she saved him and his mother from a ninja assassination attempt. His personal appeal has also been a factor in reducing internal schisms in his clan such as when he inadvertently met the hiding rebel, General Ikeda, and reconciled with him for his role in an earlier insurrection. This extended to Ikeda protecting the lord from assassins and Noriyuki offered to reinstate him to his former rank.

## 3: Usagi Yojimbo / Characters - TV Tropes

*Usagi Yojimbo is the kind of quality work that transcends time, genres, demographics, and even age groups. It crafts a delicate and beautiful balance between honor and savagery, cute innocence and dark brutality, simple heart-warming stories and multi-part epics that shape a dense continuity.*

Edit Murakami Gennosuke Gen - Another ronin, Gen is a bounty hunter, seemingly only out for a fast buck. He is not above robbing corpses or leaving a friend with the bar tab. There are times, however, when Gen shows his worth: Ame Tomoe - Tomoe is the personal bodyguard of Lord Noriyuki. She is fierce in a fight and steadfast in her duties. Tomoe is honorable and lives strictly by the bushido way of the warrior code. Lord Noriyuki - Noriyuki is a just a boy, but he is also leader of the Geishu clan and fiercely loyal to the Shogunate. He inherited his position from his father, who died when Noriyuki was just a boy. In his years of leadership, Noriyuki has shown himself to be a capable leader. Years later, when Ikeda defended young Lord Noriyuki against attackers, going so far as to almost sacrifice his life, Noriyuki offered Motokazu a position with the Geishu clan. Kitsune had a harsh early life and ended up on the streets in her teen years. She is an extremely skilled pickpocket, and uses her keen intellect to pull off larger heists. Despite her profession, Kitsune is a loyal, if not always dependable, friend to Usagi. She travels with a young girl named Kiyoko. Sanshobo - Sanshobo is a buddhist priest who was once a samurai. Due to an unfortunate accident in his past, Sanshobo gave up his position, and his name, and joined the priesthood. He is smart, reliable, and wise, and has been a good friend to Usagi. In his youth, Katsuichi rebelled against the eight traditional schools of sword fighting and formed his own school. Due to a lack of students, Katsuichi abandoned the school and went to live as a hermit. Katsuichi is a calm and wisened old man, who is not yet past his time. However, she has recently lost her position and is now on the run from her own people. Chizu has shown herself to be resourceful, but little else about her is reliable. When Usagi went on to become a samurai, Kenichi stayed behind and became the leader of their village, eventually marrying Mariko and raising the child, Jotaro. Although relations between Kenichi and Usagi are cool, they have put their past behind them. However, she eventually married Kenichi when Usagi chose to leave the village and become a samurai. It would be years later before Usagi learned the reason behind the marriage: Little does Usagi know, that before Jotaro left his village to train with Katsuichi, Mariko told Jotaro the truth. For now, however, Usagi stays "Uncle Usagi. He is impulsive and quick to action, and also very very curious. Enemies Edit Lord Hikiji - Hikiji is sometimes called the dark lord because he is a shadowy personage that works behind the scenes attempting to bring down the Shogunate. In recent years, Hikiji has been fairly quiet with little active participation in the political landscape. Some worry that he is merely gathering his forces. Most of the time when any move is being made by the dark lord, Hebi issues the instructions. Hebi is a lethal and dangerous man. Kagamaru - Kagamaru recently usurped control of the Neko Ninja clan from Chizu through skillful manipulation of Lord Hebi and many others. Jei - Little is known about Jei. He has pure white eyes and a "voice like death. Many who meet him think him a madman. Jei has seemingly died and returned several times, lending credence to his claim of divine origin. In recent years, Jei has begun to travel with a young girl named keiko, who he calls his "little innocent. To Jei, chief among the symbols of evil in the world is Usagi. Jei appears to think that when he slays Usagi, his mission on earth will be finished. Recently, during the Grasscutter incident, Jei was seemingly killed permanently, but his spirit may have taken refuge somewhere else. Inazuma - Until recently, Inazuma was just another swordsman, unique only because of her gender. Overall, she has appeared to be a good person trapped in bad circumstances. That all seems to have changed. Inazuma was struck down during the Grasscutter incident and, although she survived, she has not been the same since. She now has pure white eyes and a "voice like death. For the time, it appears that the Neko Ninja will remain the favored clan, but meanwhile Hikiji controls two formidable groups of ninja. Koroshi League of Assassins - There is little that can be added to the very name of this organization. The League always hits its mark. Edo - The southern capital. When the Shogun unified Japan in , through military power, he moved the capital to Edo to mark the beginning of a new era. Geishu Province - The area of land over which Lord Noriyuki rules.

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*Jotaro is the son of Kenichi and Mariko, but his biological father is Usagi; before leaving to serve Lord Mifune, Usagi had a tryst with his childhood love, Mariko, which led to them conceiving Jotaro.*

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