

## RESISTANCE HIDEOUT

The player meets Tamiko for the first time. She's a beautiful Asian girl in her twenties. She's dressed like a geek at war working on what she knows best: communication, hacking, boosting PCs. She listens to Trance music (it helps her focus).

As Caine enters the room Tamiko has her back to him, bending over her makeshift workbench, intently focused on repairing a badly broken piece of communication equipment. The camera pans up her shapely legs.

Sensing us, she suddenly lets out a yell and spins around, fumbling for a derringer in her belt. Hands shaking, she points it at us.

TAMIKO

(afraid)

Stop right there. Back out of here or you're dead.

CAINE

Easy.

TAMIKO

I mean it!

She fires into the ceiling and then re-levels the gun at us. We can tell that's she not used to wielding a gun.

CAINE

(coolly)

You're wasting bullets.

Tamiko looks carefully at the player.

TAMIKO

Where'd you get that coat? You can't fool me, coming in here dressed like a protector.

CAINE

I am a protector.

TAMIKO

BS. Where are you from?! What's your clan?

CAINE

I am from Caldera. I am Kusagari clan.

The air goes out of her and she lowers the weapon.

CAINE

You know who I am.

TAMIKO

Yes. I know who you are. I hoped you were dead.

CAINE

Well, it's not for lack of trying.

Tamiko becomes very business like.

TAMIKO

(Sarcastically)

Well, nice of you to show up. Your timing is perfect.

CAINE

So I've heard.

She slams bits of equipment onto the desk. She is very cold and speaks quickly.

TAMIKO

All right hero, since you're back. We have to get communications back online around here so that I can find out who's alive and what the hell's going on. Here's a transmitter/receiver. Stick in your ear.

Then see if you can re-engage the transmission relays in the radio room two doors down. I was gonna do it myself, but since you're here, better they shoot at you.

CAINE

Who are they?

TAMIKO

(pissed off)

How should I know?! You're the protector.

You tell me!  
Get out of here. Go earn that coat you're  
wearing.