


Nicholas Saiga

Nicholas Saiga is one of [raz's player characters](#).



Nicholas Saiga [雑賀 ニコラス]

Saiga-chusa, Hime no yōjinbō Saiga ¹⁾ , The Terror of Hyulughflar			
General Information		Physical Characteristics	
Species:	Geshrin	Age:	35
Gender:	Male	Height:	190.5cm (6'3")
Organization:	Star Army of Yamatai	Weight:	98kg (217 lbs)
Occupation:	Command/Intelligence	Eyes:	Emerald Green
Rank:	Taisa	Hair:	Black
Current Assignment:	SAINT Chief of Task Force 282		

Appearance

Saiga is a tall, athletic Geshrin with pale skin and shaggy black hair that he wears pushed back. He has a handsome face dominated by vivid emerald green eyes. While he is clearly of Yamataian stock, the Nepleslian ancestry handed down by his father shows through in Saiga's rectangular jaw and refined, slightly turned-up nose.

Despite his good looks, most people have trouble remembering Saiga's face, leaving him easily forgotten to those not paying attention. This quality has proven itself a boon to the Geshrin's [intelligence](#) career.

He bears a traditional Yamataian irezumi tattoo sleeve that covers his right arm with oriole feathers and manifestations of ancestors and fortunes.

As all Saiga men, Nick carries a paired katana and wakizashi *daisho*. These weapons usually remain stowed in whatever quarters he is assigned, though he has been known to utilize both swords when on mission. His preferred sidearm is the same [Type 28 submachinegun](#) he's carried on a shoulder sling since his days as a heisho on the [YSS Goban](#).

Psychological Characteristics

Although Saiga comes across as somewhat haughty due to his patrician upbringing, he is a generally compassionate and trusting person, if not a stern commanding officer. Although hardened by the [Second Mishhuvurthyar War](#), he began his career as an enlisted recruit and has traveled throughout the sector and beyond in the ten years since. He values all the universe has to offer and seeks to protect it when possible. Like all members of the [Saiga Clan](#), he is a fanatical Imperial loyalist.

Saiga is always confident in his own skill, but only brags when challenged and is modest when praised. Any duty bestowed upon him is pursued with the utmost determination until he is relieved of it. Now a [chusa](#), he has fulfilled his dream of becoming an officer and of serving with [Star Army Intelligence](#).

He enjoys a good Nepleslian whiskey or Tatianian sake from time to time, but is no drunkard. Saiga is also very discreet with regard to romance and relationships, and dislikes others knowing about his interpersonal exploits. An avid reader and scholar, he is skilled at analysis and playing war games, though practices real military strategy more often these days. Rarely, he can be found studying old star maps for hours and learning about far off and scantily known star systems on the edge of known space. Due to his strict courtly upbringing, Saiga knows Yamataian Imperial etiquette well and usually addresses others with the proper [Yamataigo](#) honorific.



Taking the podium once more, Yui looked over the crowd before starting. "Every good captain has a good crew behind her and if she's luckily, at the head of that crew will be a fine first officer. Taisa Endo is very lucky. That's why before I go; I am hereby promoting Nicholas Saiga from Taii to Shosa. "Saiga's dedication, bravery, and service reflect great credit upon himself, his ship, and the Star Army of Yamatai." [YSS Senbu, Episode 18](#)

Service Record

Saiga is a [Chusa](#) who joined the [Star Army of Yamatai](#) in [YE 28](#). Since enlisting as a [communications](#)

technician, he has risen through the ranks and served as [First Officer](#) and [Captain](#). He was inducted into [Star Army Intelligence](#) at the outbreak of the [Second Mishhuvurthyar War](#) and was trained as an [Star Army Intelligence Operative](#) then. Today, he commands a [team](#) of elite [Nekovalkyrja](#) soldiers.



Santô Hei

- Communications Technician, [YSS Destiny](#) (YE 28)
- Communications Technician, [YSS Confidence](#) (YE 28)

Ittô Hei

- Communications Technician, [YSS Mikomi](#) NS-S4-95 (YE 28)

Heicho/Nitô Heisho

- Communications Officer, [YSS Goban](#) (YE 29)
- Communications Technician, [YSS Yugumo](#) NJ-X5-01 (YE 29)
- Communications Officer, [YSS Senbu](#) NR-X1-10 (YE 30)

Shoi Kohosei

- Communications Officer, [YSS Senbu](#) NR-X1-10 (YE 30)

Shoi/Taii

- First Officer, [YSS Senbu](#) NR-X1-10 (YE 30)

Shosa

- First Officer, [YSS Senbu](#) NR-X1-10 (YE 30)

- Commander, 482nd SAINT Strategic Operations Battalion ([YE 31](#))

Chusa

- First Officer, [YSS Hokorimasu](#) NF-S8-01 ([YE 33](#))

Shôshô (Provisional)

- Chief of Staff, [Eighth Fleet](#) ([YE 33](#))

Chusa

- Captain, [YSS Protector](#) NS-S8-02 ([YE 34](#))
- Captain, [YSS Asamoya](#) NJ-X1-10 ([YE 34](#))
- [SAINT](#) Liaison, [Tenth Fleet](#) ([YE 35](#))
- Command-level training duty, [Kyoto War College](#) ([YE 36](#))
- First Officer, [YSS Eucharis](#) NG-X1-408 ([YE 37](#))
- Field Commander, SAINT [Special Operations Fire Team](#) ([YE 38](#))
- Operational Instruction Officer, [YSS Eucharis](#) NG-X1-408 ([YE 39](#))
- Transuniversal Intelligence Liaison, [YSS Kaiyô II](#) NG-X1-501 ([YE 40](#))
- Special Deployment Force Team Leader, [YSS Kôkatsu](#) ([YE 41](#) to [YE 45](#))

Taisa

- SAINT Chief for the [Uesureyan](#) Theater, [Task Force 282](#) ([YE 45](#) to present)

Nicholas Saiga's History

Pre-RP

[Nicholas Saiga](#) was born into a traditionalist noble household on Yamatai in [YE 09](#). His father was Fálki Saiga, a stellar cartographer and explorer for the fledgling Yamatai Star Empire. His mother is Dr. Sakiko Saiga, a clinical psychologist and genetic researcher who worked with [PNUgen Corporation](#) during the creation of [Ningyô Heiki](#) series synthetic lifeform. Fálki died when Nicholas was six years old, leaving the boy, clan leadership, and the family's estates on [Yamatai](#) and [Tatiana](#) to Sakiko until Nicholas came of age.

The earlier part of Saiga's life was spent living on [Yamatai](#). In [YE 24](#) the clan leadership's permanent residence changed to the [Tatiana](#) estate. On both worlds, was schooled by various tutors and eventually came under the tutelage of a distant cousin named Saiga Ruri. Only four years his senior, she was responsible for Nicholas' pre-military studies and became a close friend.

Rather than taking up the Saiga Clan's daimyoship when he became an adult, Nicholas enlisted in the Star Army. Although this angered many prominent clan members and Geshrin tributes, he did not want to waste his life on an idle pursuit that was bequeathed to him. Upon enlisting, he was assigned to specialize in flying small craft, such as torpedo bombers and shuttles, but was transferred to [communications](#) soon after he began his pilot's training because of the rapidly advancing state of power armor technology and his refusal to upgrade out of his birth body.

YSS Destiny, YSS Confidence, YSS Mikomi

Saiga's first Star Army assignment was on the [YSS Destiny](#). Only hours after he reported for duty, the ship was ceded to the newly formed [Nepleslian Star Empire](#). In the turmoil that followed, he found himself quickly reassigned to the [YSS Confidence](#) under the *Destiny's* former commander, [Arild Bard](#). On the *Confidence*, Saiga participated in the actions against a mutinous contingent of ships while with the [Fifth Expeditionary Fleet](#) at Taiie.

Saiga's tenure aboard the *Confidence* would be brief. He was once again transferred, this time to the [YSS Mikomi](#). While aboard the *Mikomi*, the ship was sent to investigate an unexplored world called [Bowhordia](#). Upon entering the planet's atmosphere, the ship came under attack from an unknown enemy. In the battle that ensued on the planet's yellowy, desert surface, several of the crew were killed and the mission was abandoned. In the aftermath of the battle, Saiga was promoted to [nitô hei](#).

YSS Goban



When the *Mikomi* returned to port, Saiga was once again ordered to another duty station. He was again promoted. Now a [nitô heisho](#), the Geshrin served as the chief communications technician on the [YSS Goban](#), a transport ship with the [Third Expeditionary Fleet](#). He would find this title was somewhat extravagant, as he was the only communications technician assigned to the vessel. Still, he was happy to finally be assigned to a cozy rear-echelon ship where he could find plenty of time to relax.

Immediately after a skeleton crew had been assembled, the ship was ordered to deliver cargo from [SAFD Nataria](#) to [NovaCorp](#) headquarters at Kohana. As soon as the mission began, Saiga found that his duties would be far from mundane or relaxing. After the *Goban* was attacked by a pirate ship and boarded, Nicholas found out that the ship had a secret mission. Inconveniently, this meant squaring off against two rogue [NH-X Nekoalkyrja](#) and their war droid. The *Goban* was subsequently stolen by the two [Nekoalkyrja](#).

Making their way back to Yamatai aboard an ironically stolen shuttle, the *Goban's* crew was ordered to find their missing ship. Shoi [Ozaki Kyosuke](#), the *Goban's* commander, requisitioned a [Ketsueki-class](#)

[Escort](#), hastily dubbing it the YSS *Adauchi*. From there, Saiga and the rest of his friends set out amidst the confusion of [Taie's destruction](#).

Some time after they were underway, a message from Ann, the *Goban*'s artificial intelligence, came through space and gave coordinates to its location. Upon arriving at the scene, they found the *Goban* hanging lifeless in the black ocean of space and were attacked by two [Mishhuvurthyar Ghullfrashirv-class](#) destroyers.

Following a quick and desperate battle with the Mishhu, in which the *Goban*—along with the *Adauchi*—was knocked out, Saiga found himself and fellow crew members prisoner aboard one of the enemy ships. Surprise and relief overcame the young Geshrin upon the realization that he wasn't dead yet, but that feeling wouldn't last.

Saiga and his comrades, including the later-legendary [Luca Pavone](#), managed to escape their horrifying confines and proceeded to make their way through their captor's vessel, dodging patrolling Mishhu at every turn. However, all was not as it seemed. As the disoriented crew of the YSS *Goban* frantically scurried about the bio-organic corridors, it would be revealed that they were not on a Mishhu destroyer at all, but a simulated environment overseen by soldiers of [First Fleet Intelligence](#). Given the most rudimentary explanation as to what had happened to them, Saiga and the others were debriefed and quickly given new assignments.

YSS Yūgumo

Although Saiga had applied for admittance into the Kyoto War College, he was denied the opportunity and sent to the [YSS Yūgumo](#) in the [Fifth Expeditionary Fleet](#). He was assigned a bunk and performed his first, very short duty shift aboard the vessel. He was re-assigned off the Yugumo shortly thereafter — prior to its destruction — leaving Saiga waiting for a new posting once again.

YSS Senbu

"Uh, why are we still heading at the destroyer at ramming speed?" the other twin said ... "Has the Taisa gone mad?" the other one asked, looking up to the Neko captain who was glaring at the screen still, her hands tightly gripped on the bar in front of her control panel—data still streaming through her amber eyes. "Do you doubt Endo-taisa's judgment? Maintain current heading!" Nicholas scolded firmly, his eyes shooting to meet the blue-haired twin's as he stood with one hand on the platform's guardrail. He assessed the current data coming in from all of the Senbu's tactical assets, noting the countdown timer displayed for the Watcher's impending destruction ... "I want the previously engaged power armor squadrons to form up around the Senbu and for Vermillion Squadron to continue its interception," he barked confidently. "Have the Makka and Tategami sweep around to the left of our new contacts. Make sure that Obsidian and Gold are prepared to surround and crush them if they try and break off!" **YSS Senbu, Episode 43: Ghosts in the Husk (III)**

Following a lengthy period waiting for a new assignment, Saiga was eventually placed on the [YSS Senbu](#) in the [First Expeditionary Fleet](#). Upon arrival, he interviewed with the ship's commanding officer, then-[Shosa Shizuka Endo](#). The Lioness was so impressed (and smitten) with him that he was given the honor to serve as her elite [power armor wing](#)'s operations officer.

The *Senbu*'s first mission was to rescue students and personnel aboard the training vessel YSS *Takemitsu* (YS-870501). It'd been heavily damaged following a battle in the [Nataria System](#), and the *Senbu* was sent to help the crippled ship. During the operation, the *Senbu* and *Takemitsu* were attacked by a pirate [Ge-L3-1A - Vampire-Class Patrol Craft](#) and its wing of [AIR](#) and [AIR2](#) power armors. For his performance, as well as a consideration of his prior service record, Shizuka promoted the Geshrin to Shoi Kohosei with plans to train him as her [XO](#).

He served with distinction in his capacity as first officer, and had, by now, formed an intimate relationship with Shizuka. He received promotions to [taii](#) and [shosa](#) and was on track for others until the outbreak of the [Second Mishhuvurthyar War](#). The *Senbu*—and the shuttle Saiga was aboard while returning to the ship—were caught in the surprise attack at [Nataria Fleet Depot](#). The shuttle was apparently destroyed in the opening volley of the war, and with no [Soul Transfer](#) backup, so was Saiga's life.

A SAINT in the Second Mishhuvurthyar War

Saiga had not died. He was inducted into [Star Army Intelligence](#) and served as an operations handler and field commander in charge of surgical strikes against the Mishhu war machine. On his first mission after passing [Operative Indoctrination](#), he led the [11th Squadron](#) in a partially failed attempt to [scuttle the shipyards](#) at [Sbuhfaba](#). He would later go on to command the [482nd Strategic Operations Battalion](#) in covert battles against the Mishhuvurthyar.

YSS Hokorimasu

In [YE 34](#), after years of fighting the Mishhu threat with SAINT, Saiga was assigned by the powers-that-be to the new [Eighth Fleet](#)'s flagship [YSS Hokorimasu](#). He was reunited with Shizuka, now on track to become a [taisho](#), and was himself promised a position in her admiralty as the fleet's first officer. During the force's formative months, he was promoted to [chusa](#).

War and love don't mix well, however, and their relationship came to a crashing halt so soon after it was rekindled. Instead of a quick ascendancy to fleet command [shosho](#), he voluntarily accepted command of a *Nozomi*-class in the Eighth's command escort group. With his aspirations at a dead end, he assumed that he'd be sent to retire as the fleets demobilized following the war.

YSS Byakuren

But the fortunes smiled upon Saiga once again and he was selected by SAINT for service aboard the *Black Knights*. For his demonstrated loyalty, he was rewarded with a fresh start. His mission: serve on Princess *Kotori*'s crew and watch for any signs that she might betray the Empire. This assignment would prove shorter than expected. Though Saiga was the ship's captain in name, *Kotori-hime* left little space for a second leader. Following a survey of the Blue Rift Expanse, Saiga was assigned to the *Yugumo Cluster*.



Tenth Fleet, Kyoto War College, and the YSS Eucharis

The Geshrin commander would serve as the *Tenth Fleet*'s first SAINT *liaison* at the pleasure of Morioka Naoko-taisho. In June, *YE 36*, about a year after he arrived at *Leo Star Fortress*, he was assigned to the *Kyoto War College* for advanced studies in emerging security threats, leadership, and power armor tactics.

Following his completion of courses at the War College, Saiga was briefly stationed as the famous *YSS Eucharis*'s first officer under *Shôshô Hanako*.

Veteran Chusa

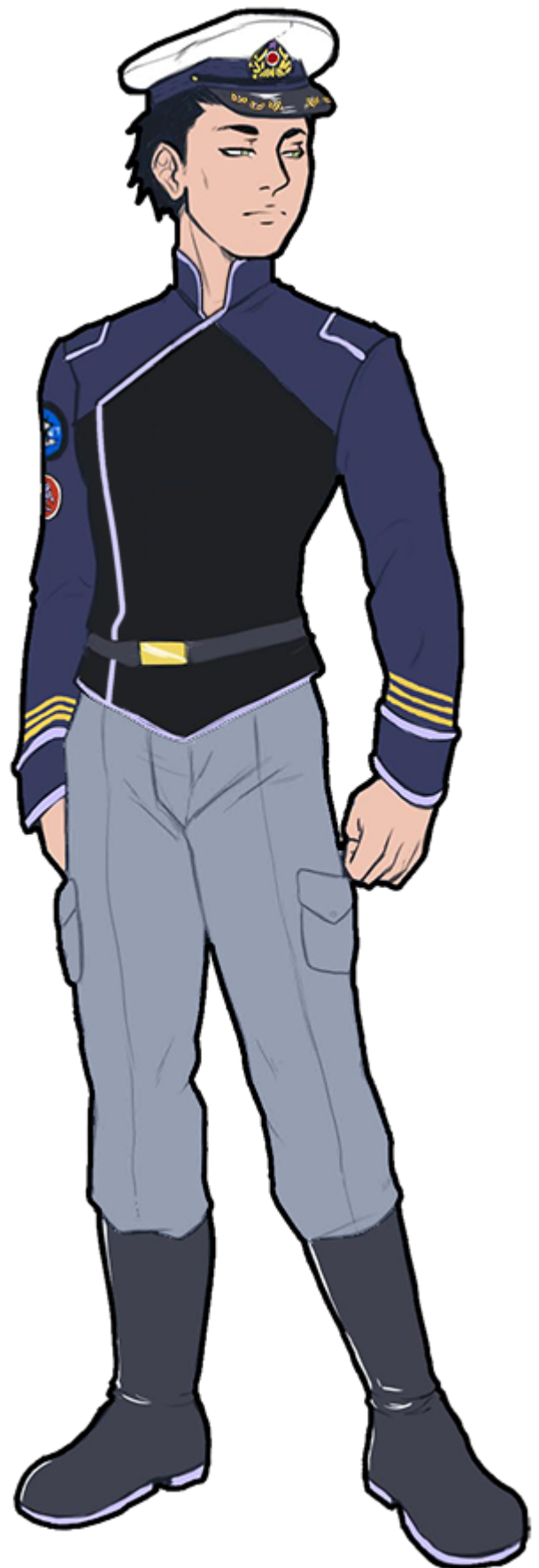
Today, Saiga commands *Special Operations Fire Teams* as a SAINT officer. Drawing from his experience with the 482nd on *Hyulughflar (SC-2)*, he has proven to be a hands-on leader and usually coordinates operations in the field. *Special Operations Fire Team Tanuki* falls under his tactical control.

In in *YE 39*, he was temporarily placed aboard the *YSS Eucharis* once again with orders to reform its armor team in line with Special Operations Fire Team doctrine. Unexpected attrition of the ship's infantry soldiers may make his assignment less temporary than he expected, though.

Awards and Merits

Saiga's long, eventful career has left him with a chest full of ribbons to wear on his Class A *Star Army Duty Uniform, Type 35*. At this point, he's definitely the most decorated Geshrin currently serving in the Star Army of Yamatai²⁾, not to mention one of the most decorated officers of any species — not that

anyone at SA-PERSCOM is keeping track.



Ribbon	Award Name	Citations
	Service Award	13
	Combat Award	6
	Secret Ops Award	5
	Command Award	4
	Exploration Award	3
	Notable Career Award	2
	War Medal	2
	Tomoyo's Kikyo	2
	Starship Award	1
	Survival Award	1
	Good Conduct Award	1
	Combat Lifesaver Award	1
	Experience Award	1
	Distinguished Career Award	1
	Training Award	1
	Recruiting Award	1
	Kuvexian War Service Ribbon	1
	Third Battle Of Nataria Defense Medal	1
	Glimmergold Star	1
Order of Precedence		
		

Skills

- Communication
- Information Technology
- Knowledge
 - Intelligence Analysis
 - History of the Kikyo Sector
 - Laws of the Kikyo Sector
- Fighting and Physical
 - Pistols
 - Type 28 SMG
 - Unarmed Combat
 - Kenjutsu
- Rogue
 - Subterfuge (SAINT)
 - Manipulation
- Starship Operations
 - Helm
 - Navigation
- Mathematics
- Leadership
 - Starship Command
 - Small Unit Tactics
 - HUMINT Operations
 - Ambush Tactics

Power Armor Loadouts

Mindy M2-4

[Ke-M2-4 Series "Mindy" Armor](#)



Ke-M2-4a "Mindy" Armor - art by Marwan Islami - Copyright 2015 Star.Army

Left Shoulder	Dorsal	Right Shoulder
Mindy Shoulder Capacitor	Leader Support Pack	Aetheric Pulse Cannon
Left Hand	utility/cargo	Right Hand
Forearm Shield with 1 extra BU-M20 magazine	Butt Pack with Survival Kit	Aether/Scalar SMG (no blade)
Left Waist	Leg Pods	Right Waist
Plasma Blade	Countermeasure Augmentation Pods	Type 28 SMG + 2 extra magazines

Gallery & OOC Notes

In the case [raz](#) becomes inactive:

Can this character be used as an NPC by a GM or FM? NO.

Can this character be adopted after I've been gone for a year? NO

Saiga bought a damaged Nozomi-class Scout Ship in YE 43: [\[SYNC\] Second Chance Salvage: Derelict Purchase](#)



- [Nicholas Saiga with the other Gobaners](#) by [Luca](#)

- Gallery's third image by [Catriona Laird](#)

Character Data	
Character Name	Nicholas Saiga
Character Owner	raz
Character Status	Active Player Character
Approval Thread URL	starmy.com/...
Star Army Personnel Database	
SAOY Career Status	Active Duty
SAOY Rank	Taisa
SAOY Occupation	Star Army Intelligence Operative
SAOY Assignment	Task Force 282
SAOY Entry Year	YE 28
DOR Year	YE 45
DOR Month	1
Orders	Orders
Government & Politics of the Yamatai Star Empire	
District	Tatiana

¹⁾
In Yamataigo, “姫の用心棒雑賀” translates to “Princess Bodyguard Saika,” a derisive title he's earned among SAINT field operatives due to his numerous and [frequent](#) assignments [alongside](#) a succession of [Ketsurui princesses](#).

²⁾
character actually earned all awards in RP

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