

# Minako Yoshimoto

**Age:** 45

**Born In:** New Orleans, LA

**Profession:** Professor at a smaller four year college (located in the southern United States) in the medical school; was in charge of the small teaching hospital/clinic linked to the school. Has been teaching for over eight years and is dedicated to her teaching. Known as the Surgical Bitch as she was always cold, professional and very critical, failing many students. Students needed her classes to continue and she always maintained a very professional rigor.

**Physical:** About 5'7", dark brown/black hair a bit below her shoulders, brown eyes. Average weight.

**Family:** Mother, Father, both parents had siblings. At the time of The Fall, her parents were in Japan, one Uncle was in California. She has not heard from any of her family since The Fall.

## **Background:**

Was adopted by a Japanese-American family when she was one year old. Her family was tied strongly to Japanese culture and that figured prominently in her upbringing (she spent many years in Japan during her childhood years). She excelled at school and was finished high school when she was 17, moving straight to college and finishing her undergraduate by the time she was 20, then going straight to medical school. She spent most of her residency time in ER and trauma, then completed a fellowship in Nephrology. She was offered a job teaching around the same time there was a major incident at the hospital where she was a surgeon; the event leading to her taking the job at the college. She threw herself into the teaching as she was convinced it was a lackadaisical education system that had created the doctors that lead to the incident as well as other mistakes and errors she'd witnessed. She vowed to save lives by bettering the education system so that only the best got through.

She began having nightmares about six or so months before The Fall; gruesome, disturbing dreams. She attributed it to her rigorous schedule and tried to ignore them. That was until about few weeks before The Fall when some of the events in her dreams occurred. Upset, she took a short trip to Japan to talk to her Grandfather. She discussed a few things with her grandfather, the 101 year old man not at all surprised with her questions about the ability to foresee the future.

Based on her time with her grandfather, she headed home and did five things that would affect her life Post-Fall:

1. She did something she had never done, becoming the whispered talk of the medical school as she changed her syllabus schedule and shifted all of

her students to field work at the hospital and clinic (a small place, 35 beds on the main floor, a triage room, a small three room clinic and a few classrooms. The top floor had two operating rooms, two dissecting rooms for students to practice autopsies, offices and a few apartment rooms for staff and students to sleep in. The basement had an x-ray and ultrasound room, the inventory room, a laundry and sanitizing facility and a backup power generator)

2. She searched for one of the college professors that had been in her dreams, Josephine Banyham and managed to have the woman help her hack into the hospital's ordering system
3. Once in the system, she increased all of the orders for supplies. This caused quite a stir when enormous amounts of items were delivered to the hospital. Of course as the dean was getting ready to return them items and track down how this happened, The Fall occurred and the supplies were seen as a godsend as...
4. Minako had been slowly working to create a secure zone within the hospital, when things got chaotic from The Fall, she was able to lockdown the hospital (for instance she had replaced the door on the inventory room with a special physical key combination lock that only she knew) This kept the facility from closing, being looted or overrun once things began to fall apart
5. She kept vigil on a place on campus as she'd been unable to contact Jo once The Fall occurred. She had seen the place in one of her dreams, had seen a brutal attack, a group determined to rid the world of anything and anyone associated with technology, Jo and a few others caught in that attack. Minako had wanted to prevent this from happening as other dreams were linked to the IT professor. She was unable to stop the attack, but she was there to prevent Josephine from being killed and was able to save the woman's life.