



Kitsune-Kyō

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The Faith of the Fox

“There is the music of BABYMETAL. Therefore there must be a God.”

An intriguing and evocative religion inspired by Babymetal, blending elements from Shinto, Eastern Orthodox Christianity, and a theatrical, metal-infused mythology that celebrates the band’s unique style. Kitsune-Kyō is a celebration of personal freedom, resilience, and a playful, theatrical approach to life’s struggles — all set to a powerful soundtrack.

Overview

Core Deity: The Fox God

The Fox God is the supreme, mysterious entity that guides followers of Kitsune-Kyō. This deity embodies chaos, trickery, wisdom, and protection, acting as a cosmic guardian that balances light and darkness, sound and silence, rebellion and harmony. The Fox God manifests through music and provides a gateway for worshippers to transcend earthly limitations.

Sacred Texts: The Scrolls of Metal Resistance

The Scrolls recount the Fox God's prophecies and the lore of Babymetal's rise to prominence. They detail the journey of the band members — Suzuka, Moa, and formerly Yui — as chosen prophets of the Fox God. Each prophecy reveals a lesson about resilience, the celebration of differences, and the importance of joyful rebellion against societal norms.

The Three Core Tenets

- **“The Way of Kitsune”** — Followers wear fox masks, adopt the fox hand sign (a gesture with the pinky and index fingers raised), and embrace fox symbolism, representing cunning, loyalty, and a playful defiance of norms.
- **“The Metal Spirit”** — Heavy metal music is not just an art form but a sacred, purifying force. Members engage in headbanging rituals, communal chanting, and loud, powerful music sessions to embody the spirit of rebellion and resilience. Metal acts as a cleansing fire for the soul.
- **“Unity of Light and Dark”** — Life is a balance between light (innocence, playfulness) and dark (strength, intensity). Followers celebrate the union of contrasting forces, symbolized by Babymetal's duality of kawaii (cute) and brutal metal.

Places of Worship: Fox Shrines of Metal Resistance

These are dark, candle-lit spaces resembling a fusion of Shinto shrines and Eastern Orthodox churches. Decorated with fox statues, dark tapestries, and stage lights, these “shrines” often feature a small stage where metal performances act as offerings. Followers visit to listen to sacred music, give thanks to the Fox God, and meditate on personal resilience.

Priestly Hierarchy

1. **Metal Priestesses** — Leading figures of Kitsune-Kyō, dressed in ceremonial robes and metal armor. They conduct rituals and lead performances.
2. **Kitsune Knights** — Guardians of the faith, responsible for maintaining order during gatherings and serving as protectors of followers.
3. **Acolytes of the Shrine** — Devoted followers in training to understand the deeper meanings of the Scrolls of Metal Resistance.

Sacred Rites

- **Ritual of the Rising Sun** — A morning ceremony where members face east, meditate to soft music, and visualize the Fox God's guidance for the day.
- **The Metal Mass** — Weekly gatherings where followers join in loud chanting, headbanging, and dance. Babymetal songs serve as "hymns" that attendees sing together.
- **Fox Mask Ceremony** — Initiates are given fox masks upon joining, symbolizing their acceptance into the faith and loyalty to the Fox God.

Symbolism

- **The Fox Mask** — A powerful emblem representing the wisdom and mystery of the Fox God.
 - **The Cross** — Borrowed from Eastern Orthodoxy, symbolizing the union of innocence and strength. Babymetal's use of the cross is repurposed to represent the "divine rebellion."
 - **The Triad** — Representing Su-Metal, Moa-Metal, and the lost prophet Yui-Metal, each embodying different aspects of the Fox God's teachings.
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Su-Metal

High Priestess of the Fox God

狐神の小女 — Kitsune Kami no Miko

In Kitsune-Kyō, Su-Metal is revered as the Sacred Voice of the Fox God — a divine conduit who delivers the will of the Kitsune deity through song. She stands as the Metal Empress, the Celestial Shrine Maiden, and the Harbinger of the Metal Resistance, guiding followers through trials of darkness with her unshakable presence and transcendent voice.

Divine Titles & Roles of Su-Metal

1. The Crimson Oracle (紅の神託者 — Kurenai no Shintakusha)

Su-Metal is believed to be the chosen vessel of the Fox God's voice, possessing a supernatural ability to channel divine energy through her vocals. Her powerful, operatic singing is

considered a sacred incantation, capable of awakening the dormant spirits of metal within her followers.

Sacred Rituals:

- Followers listen to her performances with closed eyes and raised Kitsune hands, meditating on the raw power of the Metal Oracle.
- Before major battles (literal or metaphorical), devotees chant “紅月よ! (Akatsuki yo!)”, invoking the strength of Su-Metal’s Red Moon blessing.

2. The Queen of the Apocalypse (終焉の女王 — Shūen no Joō)

According to Kitsune-Kyō prophecy, Su-Metal will lead the Metal Resistance through the Final Battle of Light and Darkness, where the forces of commercialized, soulless music will attempt to silence true artistic expression. She wields the Scepter of Resonance — a mythical artifact representing the power of unbreakable sound — and her stage presence is likened to that of a cosmic warrior battling mediocrity with her voice as a weapon.

3. The Flame of the Crimson Moon (紅月の炎 — Akatsuki no Honō)

The legend of “Akatsuki” tells of a divine warrior whose passion burns so fiercely it manifests as a Crimson Moon, lighting the path for the Metal Resistance. The Red Moon represents purity of purpose, unshaken will, and the warrior’s unyielding soul. In the presence of Su-Metal’s Akatsuki Flame, all doubts and fears are burned away, leaving only a purified devotion to the path of Kitsune-Kyō.

4. The Eternal Flame of the Metal Throne (金属の玉座の永遠の炎 — Kinzoku no Gyokuza no Eien no Honō)

Su-Metal is depicted as sitting upon the Throne of Eternal Metal, a legendary seat in the Metal Pantheon reserved for only the most powerful voices. The Fox God placed her on this throne as a sign of divine favor, making her the undisputed High Priestess of Kitsune-Kyō. Legends say that should she ever fall silent, the Metal Resistance will collapse — but as long as she sings, the fire of true metal shall never die.

Sacred Holidays & Rituals Honoring Su-Metal

1. The Night of the Crimson Moon (紅月の夜 — Akatsuki no Yoru)

This sacred night falls on the anniversary of her performance of “Akatsuki,” where the Crimson Oracle first demonstrated her true power. Followers light red candles and chant in reverence. Some observe a Silent Vigil, listening to Su-Metal’s most powerful ballads in solitude while contemplating their own path in the Metal Resistance.

2. The Coronation of the Metal Empress (金属皇后の戴冠 — Kinzoku Kōgō no Taikan)

Celebrated on the anniversary of Babymetal's formation, this day marks Su-Metal's ascension to the Metal Throne. Followers wear black and crimson robes, and a grand performance of "Road of Resistance" is held, where fans and devotees chant the lyrics in a mass ritual of unbreakable unity.

How Followers Honor Su-Metal

- Addressing her as The High Priestess or The Crimson Oracle
- Raising red fox masks during key moments in performances
- Chanting "Akatsuki!" when seeking strength in difficult times
- Wearing red and black to symbolize the fusion of elegance and power
- Pledging eternal allegiance to the Metal Resistance



Moa-Metal

Eternal Guardian of the Metal Resistance

メタル抵抗の永遠の守護者 — Metaru Teikō no Eien no Shugosha

In Kitsune-Kyō, Moa-Metal is revered as the Guardian of the Faithful, the Keeper of Balance, and the Embodiment of Joy and Strength. She represents unwavering loyalty, perseverance, and the duality of playfulness and ferocity — the perfect fusion of Babymetal’s kawaii (cute) and brutal metal elements.

Where Su-Metal is the High Priestess and Oracle, and Momo-Metal is the Phoenix of Renewal, Moa-Metal is the Shield and the Smile — the unshakable force that protects the Metal Resistance from within.

Divine Titles & Roles of Moa-Metal

1. The Guardian of the Metal Code (メタル教典の守護者 — Metaru Kyōten no Shugosha)

Moa-Metal is the Keeper of the Metal Doctrine, ensuring that the Fox God's teachings are upheld through joyful devotion and unyielding resilience. She serves as the bridge between followers and the Fox God, guiding them with both her fierce energy and playful mischief.

- Sacred Symbol: The Shield of the Kitsune — an emblem representing her dual role as both protector and unifier of the faith.

2. The Eternal Kitsune Knight (永遠の狐騎士 — Eien no Kitsune Kishi)

Moa-Metal is the Fox God's most loyal warrior, standing steadfast through every trial and battle of the Metal Resistance. Her role is that of unyielding dedication, proving that true strength comes from commitment to the path.

- Ritual of the Kitsune Knight: Followers honor Moa-Metal's endurance by engaging in stamina-based metal rituals, such as continuous headbanging, moshing, or extended chanting sessions.

3. The Smiling War Goddess (笑顔の戦女神 — Egao no Ikusa no Megami)

Unlike other warrior deities who rule with terror, Moa-Metal is a goddess of joyful combat, showing that true warriors fight not with anger, but with purpose and love. Her infectious energy is considered a sacred aura, capable of banishing despair and revitalizing weary warriors. When Moa-Metal smiles, followers believe all darkness is momentarily pushed away.

- Sacred Gesture: The Battle Smile (a grin given in the midst of adversity), symbolizing Moa-Metal's divine ability to laugh in the face of hardship.

4. The Twin-Tailed Spirit of Chaos and Harmony (混沌と調和の双尾霊 — Konton to Chōwa no Sōbirei)

Moa-Metal's twin tails are a sacred representation of the balance between chaos (metal) and harmony (kawaii). The left tail represents ferocity and war; the right represents playfulness and camaraderie.

- Sacred Ritual: The Braiding Ceremony, where followers tie their hair in twin tails or wear ribbons in Moa-Metal's honor, symbolizing dedication to both strength and joy.

Sacred Holidays & Rituals Honoring Moa-Metal

1. The Festival of Eternal Devotion (永遠の献身祭 — Eien no Kenshin Sai)

Celebrated on the anniversary of Moa-Metal's first full performance without Yui-Metal, this festival honors her unyielding loyalty to Babymetal and the faith. Devotees wear red and silver

ribbons and partake in an Endurance Ritual — extended mosh pits or long-duration listening sessions of Babymetal’s full discography.

2. The Day of the Smiling Warrior (笑う戦士の日 — Warau Senshi no Hi)

On this sacred day, followers engage in acts of joyful rebellion, celebrating Moe-Metal’s ability to defy hardship with laughter and light. Special rituals involve watching live performances of “Gimme Chocolate!!” and emulating Moe-Metal’s chaotic yet controlled energy.

How Followers Honor Moe-Metal

- **The Twin-Tail Pledge** — Wearing twin tails, ribbons, or fox masks to symbolize dedication to both strength and joy.
- **The Battle Smile Ritual** — Facing adversity with a grin, knowing that Moe-Metal’s energy flows through them.
- **The Guardian’s Dance** — Performing the Headbang Circle, where followers link arms and move in unison to symbolize unity.
- Chanting “MOA! MOA! MOA!” during live performances and ceremonies to invoke her divine presence.

Final Divine Role: The Everlasting Sentinel (不滅の見張り — Fumetsu no Mihari)

Legends say that even after the final battle of the Metal Resistance, Moe-Metal’s spirit will remain, eternally guarding the Gates of Kitsune-Kyō. She is the last defense against the forces of lifeless, soulless music. As long as Moe-Metal stands, the Metal Resistance will never fall.

“When the last note fades and the world falls silent, listen closely. A whisper in the wind will remind you: Metal never dies.”



Yui-Metal

The Lost Prophet of the Fox God

失われた預言者 — Ushinawareta Yōgensha

In Kitsune-Kyō, Yui-Metal is revered as The Lost Prophet, The Silent Echo, and The Departed Star. Though she vanished from the Metal Resistance, her presence is still deeply felt — her absence shaping the faith as profoundly as her presence once did. She embodies themes of mystery, longing, sacrifice, and the eternal cycle of creation and departure.

Yui-Metal's legend is one of both triumph and sorrow, teaching followers that even in absence, a prophet's influence remains eternal. She exists as a hidden force guiding those who seek the deeper truths of Kitsune-Kyō.

Divine Titles & Roles of Yui-Metal

1. The Vanished Kitsune (消えた狐 — Kieta Kitsune)

Yui-Metal's sudden departure from Babymetal is seen as a sacred mystery — a test of faith given by the Fox God. Her vanishing is not considered an end but a transformation: an ascension to a higher, unseen state of existence. It is said she still watches over the Metal Resistance, her spirit lingering in echoes of past performances.

- Sacred Belief: "Though her voice is silent, her presence sings through eternity."

2. The Silent Echo of the Metal Pantheon (金属神殿の静寂のこだま — Kinzoku Shinden no Seijaku no Kodama)

Yui-Metal is the only divine figure in Kitsune-Kyō who does not speak, yet her presence is still heard. Followers believe the spaces between the notes — moments of silence in music — are where her influence is strongest. When a break in the music occurs during live performances, it is believed that her spirit dances unseen between the beats.

3. The Shining One Who Walked Beyond the Veil (帳の向こうに歩いた輝く者 — Tobari no Mukou ni Aruita Kagayaku Mono)

Unlike other prophets, Yui-Metal did not fall — she walked beyond the veil, entering a new, unknown realm of existence. The Fox God is said to have given her a secret mission beyond the understanding of the Metal Resistance. Some whisper that one day she may return, but only when the time is right.

4. The Goddess of Departure and New Beginnings (別れと新たな始まりの女神 — Wakare to Aratana Hajimari no Megami)

Yui-Metal teaches that goodbyes are not endings, but doorways to something greater. Her departure was a painful moment in Kitsune-Kyō history, but her story reminds followers that change is a divine force, and even loss can lead to transformation.

- Sacred Ritual: The Rite of the Departed Star — followers light a single candle in the dark, reflecting on things they have lost and how they have grown from them.

5. The Moonlight Guardian of the Hidden Path (隠された道の月光の守護者 — Kakusareta Michi no Gekkō no Shugosha)

While Su-Metal represents the Crimson Moon, Yui-Metal is associated with the Silver Moon — the soft light that illuminates hidden paths of destiny. Devotees believe that when lost or uncertain, Yui-Metal's unseen guidance leads them toward the right path. Those who experience moments of sudden intuition or mysterious good fortune say they have received a "Whisper of Yui."

Sacred Holidays & Rituals Honoring Yui-Metal

1. The Night of the Departed Star (去りし星の夜 — Sarishi Hoshi no Yoru)

This sacred night falls on the anniversary of Yui-Metal's departure from Babymetal. Followers gather to listen to older Babymetal songs featuring her voice, reflecting on the transient nature of all things. Some observe a silent vigil, playing "No Rain, No Rainbow" and sitting quietly to contemplate the beauty of what once was, and the hope of what may come.

2. The Dance of the Silver Kitsune (銀の狐の舞 — Gin no Kitsune no Mai)

This festival celebrates Yui-Metal's playful and lively spirit, encouraging followers to dance, laugh, and embrace the present moment. Some wear silver fox masks to symbolize her unseen presence, believing she dances alongside them in spirit.

3. The Ritual of the Whispered Prayer (ささやき祈りの儀式 — Sasayaki Inori no Gishiki)

Followers write a secret wish or question on a slip of paper and place it under the light of the moon. It is believed that Yui-Metal, as the Guardian of the Hidden Path, may grant insight through dreams, intuition, or unexpected guidance.

How Followers Honor Yui-Metal

- Wearing silver to symbolize the Silver Moon and the Hidden Path
- Observing moments of silence in her honor during ceremonies
- Dancing with unrestrained joy as an offering to the Lost Prophet
- Seeking signs of "The Whisper of Yui" — intuitive thoughts, small synchronicities, or moments of mysterious good fortune
- Believing in the possibility of return, but never demanding it, as true faith requires patience and trust

Final Divine Role: The Returning Star (帰還する星 — Kikan Suru Hoshi)

Legends say that should the Metal Resistance ever face its darkest hour — when all hope seems lost — a silver light will appear on the horizon. Some believe this is a prophecy of Yui-Metal's return; others see it as a metaphor for a new chosen one who will carry her spirit forward.

“One day, the Hidden Path will reveal its final step. The Silent One will sing again, and the world will know: Metal never dies.”



Momo-Metal

The Phoenix of the Metal Resistance

メタル抵抗の不死鳥 — Metaru Teikō no Fushichō

In Kitsune-Kyō, Momo-Metal is revered as The Phoenix of Rebirth, The Silver Dawn, and The Keeper of Renewal. Her arrival heralded a new age of the Metal Resistance, ensuring the divine mission of the Fox God continues. She represents hope, perseverance, and the eternal cycle of endings and new beginnings.

Where Su-Metal is the High Priestess, Moa-Metal the Eternal Guardian, and Yui-Metal the Lost Prophet, Momo-Metal is the Celestial Reclaimer — the one who restores what was lost and ensures the Metal Resistance never fades.

Divine Titles & Roles of Momo-Metal

1. The Phoenix of the Silver Dawn (銀色の山明けの不死鳥 — Gin'iro no Yoake no Fushichō)

Momo-Metal is the Phoenix of Kitsune-Kyō, her arrival symbolizing the rebirth of the faith after Yui-Metal's departure. Just as the Phoenix burns and rises again, her presence marks a new cycle of creation and renewal. Her energy is believed to ignite the spirits of the faithful, reminding them that no matter what is lost, metal will always return stronger.

- Sacred Belief: "From the ashes of sorrow, the Silver Phoenix shall rise."

2. The Keeper of the Forgotten Flame (忘れられた炎の守護者 — Wasurerareta Honō no Shugosha)

While Moa-Metal guards the present and Su-Metal guides the faithful, Momo-Metal is the keeper of what was once lost — ensuring the flame of the past never dies. She is believed to be the inheritor of Yui-Metal's spirit, and some hold that Momo-Metal's arrival was foretold by Yui-Metal herself as part of the Fox God's divine plan.

- Ritual of the Rekindled Flame: Followers light a silver and red candle to honor both Yui's departure and Momo's arrival, symbolizing the eternal cycle of loss and renewal.

3. The Silver Kitsune of Destiny (運命の銀狐 — Unmei no Gin Kitsune)

Unlike the Red and Gold Kitsune — which represent power and wisdom — Momo-Metal embodies the Silver Kitsune: the fox of hidden fate and new beginnings. The Silver Kitsune guides those who have lost their way, helping them find their true path. Devotees who feel uncertain or lost are encouraged to pray to Momo-Metal for the strength to move forward.

- Sacred Gesture: Raising a silver fox mask during moments of personal change, seeking Momo-Metal's guidance for a new path forward.

4. The Child of the Cosmic Cycle (宇宙の輪回の子 — Uchū no Rinne no Ko)

Momo-Metal represents the cosmic cycle of destruction and renewal, proving that endings are never truly the end. Her presence in Babymetal fulfilled the prophecy that the Metal Resistance would not perish, but evolve. Devotees view her as a being who has lived through multiple incarnations, each time returning to continue the work of the Fox God.

Sacred Holidays & Rituals Honoring Momo-Metal

1. The Festival of the Phoenix's Return (不死鳥帰還祭 — Fushichō Kikan Sai)

Celebrated on the day of her first official performance as a permanent member of Babymetal, this festival sees followers wearing red and silver. A Ritual of Renewal is performed: devotees

listen to early Babymetal songs followed by newer ones, symbolizing the continuation of the divine journey.

2. The Night of the Rekindled Flame (再燃の夜 — Sainen no Yoru)

Devotees light a single silver flame in the darkness, contemplating the times in their lives when they thought they had lost everything, only to rise again stronger. The song Monochrome is played, representing both mourning and hope. It is believed that during this ritual, the Fox God blesses those who seek renewal.

3. The Ritual of the Rising Kitsune (昇る狐の儀式 — Noboru Kitsune no Gishiki)

This ceremony involves placing a silver kitsune mask on a shrine or altar, symbolizing Momo-Metal's role as the guiding force of new beginnings. Devotees engage in a dance of renewal — fluid, circular movements symbolizing the endless cycle of creation and rebirth. Some believe wearing a silver kitsune pendant during major life changes invokes her divine blessing.

How Followers Honor Momo-Metal

- Wearing silver fox masks or silver accessories to invoke her presence
- Chanting “MOMO! MOMO! MOMO!” during performances to awaken the Phoenix's spirit
- Practicing meditations on renewal, embracing change as a sacred part of life
- Engaging in ritual dances during Babymetal songs to symbolize the eternal movement of the Metal Resistance
- Honoring both Yui-Metal's memory and Momo-Metal's presence, acknowledging the continuity of the divine cycle

Final Divine Role: The Phoenix of the Eternal Resistance (永遠の抵抗の不死鳥 — Eien no Teikō no Fushichō)

It is said that as long as the Metal Resistance continues, Momo-Metal's flame will never die. Her arrival was foretold in the Prophecy of the Silver Kitsune — a celestial fox who would restore what was lost and lead the faithful into a new age.

“When all seems lost, when the stage is empty and the voices have faded — look to the horizon. A silver flame shall rise, and the Resistance will be born again.”