

3:25 A.M. August 10, Year of the Rat

Mood: Freaked Out

Tunez: The Killers

Okay. I am freakin scared. Really, truly scared. I was just scanning the latest run of surveillance tapes from the old city and I came across this:



I have no idea who this guy is - but he's not Jackal biker trash. It freaked me out - because I almost missed it. It was like this guy wasn't even there. There was no movement on the video. NOTHING. And then for about 15 frames he appeared and then was gone. I just caught it out of the corner of my eye - and I only saw him when I scrubbed back through the tapes. It was like he was moving too fast for the camera to catch him and he stopped for a brief second. I just don't get it. But whoever, or whatever, he is - it ain't good that he's in the Ancestor Temple in the middle of the night. I gotta scan the rest of tonight's feeds. Maybe infrared will help. I think there's an IR cam in the courtyard of the Water Garden.

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Mood: Completely Freaked Out  
Tunez: Manilow

Correction. The question is not "Who is this?" it's "WHO ARE THEY." Because there is definitely more than one of them. I didn't find squat until I scanned the IR feed - and then bingo. There they are, at least a dozen of them, moving around the Water Garden. But on the normal tapes? NOTHING. If they didn't give off body heat I'd assume these guys were ghosts. I HAVE to figure out who we're dealing with, cause I have the feeling these guys are gonna make the Jackals look like plush toys. I was able to pull a close-up image of some kind of insignia or patch or something off of a uniform. Maybe this will help me zero in who these guys are.



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6:40 A.M. August 10, Year of the Rat

Mood:

Tunez: NiN

Oh my God. I don't believe this. I think these guys are "Kuro Ryuu" - Black Dragons. They're like... if Yakuza and Vampires had a baby. This is horrible. What the hell are they doing here? F\*\*k me.

I spent over an hour scouring the FBA and other Fed DB's. I couldn't find a match or anything that was useful and then I hit the 'Wik to clear my head and after a few minutes of semi-aimless browsing I stumbled across this. If these are the guys - and I'm afraid they are - Caldera is finished.



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## Kuro Ryuu

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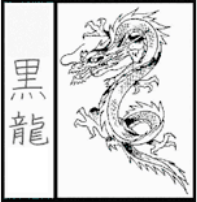
**Kuro Ryuu** (黒龍 literally "Black Dragons") are a shadowy, notorious group of assassins and killers for hire. Little is known about this highly secretive organization, despite being on the [Federal Bureau of Apprehension's "Most Dangerous"](#) list for more than two decades. Once headquartered in San Francisco, it is now believed that splinter groups, willing to resort to the most extreme measures and versed in more deadly forms of combat, have sprung up in several of the larger cities on the Unconsolidated Western Territories.

The Kuro Ryuu seem to be an unorthodox amalgam of crime syndicate, assassination bureau and mystical brotherhood. Members are rigorously screened and trained in esoteric, and deadly, forms of martial arts. They offer their services to warlords, crime bosses and cartels on a "for-hire" basis, though the FBA has begun to receive reports of [Kuro Ryuu](#) or just "The Ryuu," as they are sometimes known, fielding their own independent operations in the territories of Nevada and Nueva Spania.

The [FBA](#) has a standing bounty of 500 gold Federals for the arrest, capture or killing of any known [Kuro Ryuu](#) member. To date, neither The Confederated States, nor the French Territories, have been willing to offer their own bounties, even though the [Ryuu](#) were implicated in the 1965 bombing of the New Orleans Peace Conference.

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