

# Japan

*Asakazu “Asa” Nagai – a warmonger, straightforward, Zen-Buddhist.*

*"What is the path of the warrior? The path of the warrior is death." – Japanese proverb*

Asakazu has already had several moments when he almost stuck his *wakizashi* (a short Japanese sword) into his belly for the shame that befell the Emperor; for example after the negotiation of peace terms with USA, during which the Japanese army perfidiously attacked Pearl Harbor. That was not the path real warriors take. Japan deserves the defeat, but the Japanese spirit cannot be broken. Much like he cannot be broken yourself; he has never faltered nor knelt before anyone. He comes from an ancient samurai family and even though it is forbidden, he still considers himself a samurai. He is as hard as the steel of his katana that went through many fights in both diplomatic battles and in real battles before.

## **Initial opinions:**

On the one hand, he is convinced the Emperor will never surrender. On the other hand, this will cost lives of his people without solving anything. He does not have a definite opinion on the bomb drop.

## **Other characters:**

Col. John W. Barret – an American patriot, Protestant.

"In our God (and our guns) we trust" – his own quote

USSR

Gen. Alexander Volin – Stalin's right hand, atheist.

"There are no strong rivals, only our own weaknesses." – Russian proverb

GERMANY

Dietrich Bonhoeffer – an academic, Lutheran.

"The highest test of our morality is what world we will leave for our children." – his own quote

ENGLAND

Lord Douglas J. Hamilton – gentleman, Anglican.

" Those who win wars rewrite the history."

POLAND

Levin Rosenzweig - Jewish, Zionist.

"To rouse my wrath, to take vengeance, I have set on the bare rock the blood she has shed, that it may not be covered." - Ezekiel 24:8

**Special trait:**

Living embodiment of Japanese indomitability. Once in the game, he can take one of the characters aside and explain fanatically to them that the Japanese people will never surrender because they are being watched by the world of their ancestors who died bravely for their country. The Japanese will never betray the legacy of their fathers and desecrate their Emperor by the unconditional surrender.

He will force this blue personality trait (they have to remove blue post-it) upon the given character.

**First scene:**

Enters after the German.

He enters in very energetic strides, he bows like a samurai on the doorstep to the room, and then he comes to all the participants and “crushes” their hands in a handshake, one by one. He finds his seat and takes it without resting his back on the backrest; he sits upright in a Buddhist position, knees wide apart.