

## ***Yuri M. Kuznetsov - Written by Roman Yevdokim, Translated by Anatoli Semyonovich***

### **Prologue**

This document is to serve as a record for the administrator of 9chan, Yuri Kuznetsov, and strictly as such. Mentions of 9chan will be brief. Refer to the 9chan document on arhiva/9h/pg on the 9channel Archival Service for more information. Written on 2/04/17.

### **Age 0 - 15**

Yuri Mikoyanovich Kuznetsov was born into extreme poverty in a rural village off the city limits of Omsk, USSR. He was born into the beginning of the end for the Soviet Union, within 3 years of his birth, the USSR collapsed, leading to widespread poverty and hunger in the rural parts of the Soviet Union. He and his mother were often the victim of drunken abuse from his alcoholic father. Kuznetsov often said that he cared little when his father passed, and that he went back to his regular life the day after his burial.

In his early years, he spent his life most like any other regular schoolboy. He worked on his grandparents farm at night and went to school during the day. Though often beaten by abusive military police and his father, he recalled later in life that this was his most peaceful time.

Throughout his childhood years, one figure stood to torment him constantly. A guard that Kuznetsov named “лицолопаты” which translates literally as “Shovelface”. ‘Shovelface’ was known to the locals as being a corrupt, hateful guard who worked for the town committee. He often abused his power to extort money, food, or cigarettes from the local villagers, and would viciously beat anyone who refused him. For one reason or another, Kuznetsov specifically was targeted by his abuse. Throughout his pre-teen years he was repeatedly beaten by Shovelface, and often ran from the Guard whenever he could. At age 12, his father suffered a severe stroke and died.

With his father gone, Kuznetsovs family had no means of income or food. Unable to care for him, his mother tried to put him for adoption, but was denied because he was too old. For several months, he, his siblings, and his mother were forced to live on the streets, selling firewood and stitched quilts for money, which they would spend on food and water. Kuznetsov often stole books from the library and snuck out to read. It was at this age he taught himself english. Due to his extreme poverty and malnutrition, he seldom attended school.

By age 14 he was dangerously underweight. One night, he was unable to attend the town roll call and was found by police. For his crime, he was beaten so badly, that he could barely speak or move. Afterwards, he was sent to a local jail, where he was held for a few weeks. In 2004, aged 15, things started looking up for him. His family was relocated into a community home, which he shared with several other families. At this age, he bought himself a computer. He was exposed to the internet, and spent most of his time on forums and internet websites.

Afterwards, he left school. He reportedly said that it served no use to him, and that it served

solely as a place of torment.

## **Age 15 - 20**

After his relocation Kuznetsov began to look for a proper job, but his Grandparents demanded he marry soon, as was tradition for men his age.

In 2005, he founded 9chan, though he spent little to no time using it for several years.

Finally, after months of pressure from his elders, Kuznetsov, aged 16, married Masha Alekseevna, also 16. His relationship with his wife was very poor. During one argument, he left, not coming back for several days. When asked, he said he had tried to join the army, but had again been rejected.

He also treated his wife very poorly. In the early stages of his relationship he often ignored her, or hit her in drunken rages. She was described as kind, quiet, and studious. After his stunt in the community home, Kuznetsov managed to gather enough money to afford a small, decrepit apartment in the city, where he became involved with the Russian criminal underworld.

In 2007, in a routine drive with his friends, there was a scuffle with some rival gang members, ending in Kuznetsov being shot in the leg. He left shortly afterwards. His criminal life ended here. Although he would be haunted by old rivals and the many people he owed money too for the rest of his life. Officially, he said later in life that he moved to the US to look for a better job and a new life. Although it's likely that he was merely running from his enemies in Russia.

Shortly afterwards, Kuznetsov attempted having a child with Masha, but she suffered a miscarriage, leaving her in the hospital for days and Kuznetsov shaken with grief. He attempted suicide, but survived and ran away. For 2 weeks, no one saw him. Eventually, however, he came back. For months, he did nothing but work and eat. He described his life at this point to be dull, boring, and uneventful.

Still barely recovering from the grief of his first child, Kuznetsov had a second child, which he named Ivan. Masha was in very poor health after bearing a 2nd child, especially with her being only 17 at the time of the 2nd birth, in 2007. Though dates at this point become a little blurry.

Kuznetsov cherished Ivan greatly, though due to work, spent almost no time with him. Masha retired from her job and Kuznetsov was able to support her by working. While better, the sheer amount of labor required to support the 3 became too much for Kuznetsov, and he began stealing to support his financial difficulties.

**Footnote:** At this time, advertisements began to appear on 9chan.

For many months, Kuznetsov supported his family without issue. Eventually even saving enough money to take Masha and his son to a train station in the big city. The only known pictures of Masha and Kuznetsov together were taken here. [\[link\]](#)

Unfortunately, these good times came to an end. Sometime in late 2008 to early 2009, Masha Alekseevna was struck and killed by a rotating metal bar, on a piece of outdated farm equipment at their grandparents farm, where Kuznetsov worked. Her screams attracted the attention of several neighbors, who came to find her bleeding on the floor.

They immediately called the police, who came and examined her. By coincidence, Kuznetsov came home early that day, planning to surprise Masha with a loaf of sweet bread he had purchased. Upon his arrival, his neighbors informed him of what happened. Though he refuses to divulge much more information regarding this subject, it's known that upon seeing the body, he convulsed and passed out due to shock. Several hours later, he was awakened to police officers, and his crying mother, who then informed him of her passing. Resulting in him passing out again.

Throughout the next year, Kuznetsov was riddled with grief. Unable to care for his young son, he put him up for adoption. Very little is known of this era, but it's believed that he spent most of his time locked away in his apartment, speaking to no one, and ignoring 9chan. Most online believed him dead, but after roughly a year of isolation, he came back out and made the first public newspost on 9chan since 2006, marking the end of his mourning and his attempts at returning to a normal life.

But any remnants of normalcy had far left him. He was now being hunted by loan sharks, grieving the loss of his family, and trying desperately to help his ailing mother. This all culminated in committing tax fraud in order to help pay his debts. He was caught and arrested by police on March 11th, 2010. 3 days before 9chans 5 year anniversary.

For his crime, he was sentenced for just over 4 months in prison. His sentence was extremely light. Little is known why he was given such leniency, but many believe his situation brought pity to the judge.

In prison, he found even more trouble, being beaten daily, extorted, and robbed. 4 days before his release, he strangled a prisoner into unconsciousness, and was caught by the guards. Luckily for him, a small bribery was enough to keep him clean, and he was released on his due date.

After all of the suffering he endured in Russia, he became intensely jealous of countries in the west. Eventually, he and his brother moved to the United States in search of a restart. His brother, being heavily involved with the Russian Mafia, had many reasons to leave himself.