

Lady Tamayo: Demon Slayer's Greatest Asset

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Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba is full of intriguing, inspiring, badass characters. Often overlooked due to personalities who are more colorful and loud, Lady Tamayo is one of the greatest warriors in the entire series. A demon who also *slays* demons, Tamayo possesses strength and resilience unmatched by anyone else, with her mental sharpness being her greatest asset. Though her beginnings were dark and tragic, she ultimately chose to be a champion for human life.

Tamayo: A Brief History

As a young adult, Tamayo was very sick when offered a “cure” by Muzan Kibutsuji. The cure, which turned her into a demon, then made her sick with hunger for human blood. She went on a mass killing spree, feasting on many from her village, including her husband and children.

Though anguish-stricken at what she had done and rage-filled at Muzan for transforming her into a monster, Tamayo felt she had no choice but to serve him. She feared his power and knew she could not win against him until demon-squashing Yoriichi Tsugijuni entered the scene. Yoriichi nearly defeated Muzan, giving hope to Tamayo that she may one day avenge her family and once-human life.

Master of Medicine

After Yoriichi’s battle with Muzan, Lady Tamayo decided to devote herself to the study of demons, medicine, and pharmaceuticals. Instead of killing, she began feeding on dead people and animals until she found willing donors to sustain her. She later saved a human boy named Yushiro from dying using bodily modification to make him a demon. Yushiro became her loyal assistant, constantly musing about Tamayo’s beauty. She trained Yushiro to live a life of nonviolence, changing the course for how demons can exist in this world.

Combat Skills

By the time Tanjiro meets Tamayo she is 500-years old, making her one of the oldest demons in existence, even predating the Twelve Kizuki – the organization comprised of

the most dangerous demons. Her knowledge of demons makes her a rather formidable warrior against them. She eventually develops a drug that is used on Muzan in the final battle against him.

Aside from her vast pharmaceutical skills, Tamayo also has the ability to enchant. With her Blood Demon Art she uses her own blood and its scent to cast spells. Magical Aroma of Daylight causes subjects to confess secrets, much like a truth serum. When she targets someone's visual capacity using Scent of Illusory Blood, Visual Dream the affected will hallucinate patterns of beautiful flowers around them.

Lady Tamayo's Impact

Demon Slayer has so many beloved characters, but Tamayo takes the cake. If it was not for her, Muzan's reign of terror would have surely continued. She was the first to bridge the gap between humans and demons, making it possible for them to coexist. Her extensive research into demon physiology is what made all this possible, and yet she is one of the least mentioned characters. When you really understand her contributions and the impact she has had, you realize how pivotal her role in the series really is.

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