This is Shintaro

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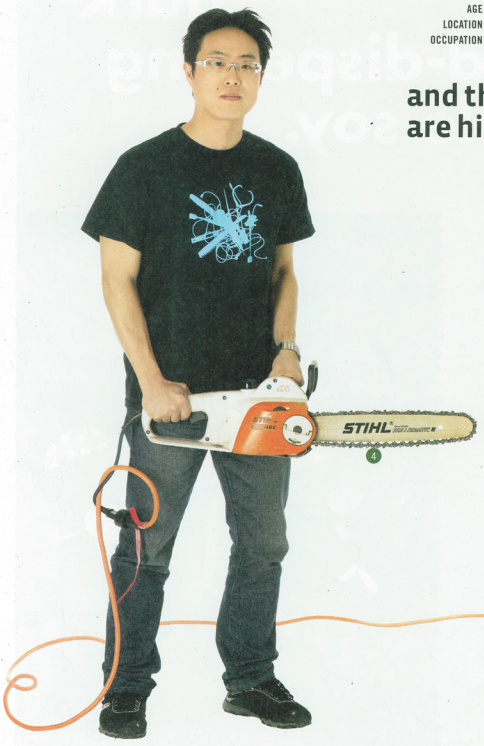
AGE	34
LOCATION	Queens, New York
OCCUPATION	Ice sculptor; founder and creative director of Okamoto Studio

and those are his things



1. Antler-handled V-chisel: "I always have this one on my desk as a reminder of being connected with the production guys. It's a drawing tool. When carving, it's always the first thing we use." **2.** Octopus necklace: "A guy named Louie the Fish taught me how to carve bone when [my family] lived in American Samoa for a year." **3.** Handmade bird: "I gave my daughters a feather boa; they tore it apart and turned it into this." **4.** Stihl MSE 140 Electric Chain Saw: "It's amazing how much delicacy and flexibility you can get out of the chain saw. No matter what we create, at least half is done with this." **5.** Syringe: "We call this 'the elephant inseminator.' We use it to push water between the pieces of ice for fusion." **6.** Bianchi Pista fixed-gear bike: "It's literally the most pure form of bike riding: Just one gear means what you give is what you get. The front brake is optional because much of the work done braking is with your legs. First time I rode it, it was a very humbling experience."

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