

The 19th Dimension

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1 - First Time for everything

It was a beautiful day in Westopolis California, Sasuke, Sakura, and Naruto were all in the park. Sakura was giving Sasuke food, and a lot of it. She was still trying to win his heart. Naruto stood by watching as she fed Sasuke. Watching was just making him hungry. His friend KC walked over to him. KC was a kind, thirteen year old girl with strawberry blonde hair, neatly put up in a ponytail, and green eyes. She wore a pink shirt, blue jeans, and black and pink tennis shoes. Hi Naruto. She said cheerfully. Hi KC. Naruto said. KC then noticed Sakura giving Sasuke food and looked at Naruto. You're hungry aren't you? She asked. Uh, no, I'm not & ok yeah, I am Naruto said as his stomach growled. Why does Sakura have to feed Sasuke right in front of me? Oh she's just being a jerk. But if you're hungry & KC pulled out a lunch box, put it on a picnic table, and opened it. Here, I hope you like Ramen She said as she handed Naruto a container full of Ramen. I was afraid I was going to have to eat this all by myself. She said as she pulled some out for herself. Ramen? Wow, thanks KC! You didn't have to though. Naruto said shyly. No, I wanted to. KC replied with a smile. Thanks! Naruto exclaimed as he started eating. KC watched as Sasuke got buried in Sakura's food and slightly laughed at him before she started eating. Sasuke was getting annoyed. Sakura, I seriously can't eat all of this. He muttered. Sakura saw his point. Oh you're right. She ran off for a moment, then came back with some water. You can't eat without a drink. She said cheerfully. No thanks. Sasuke said, before jumping up into a tree to get away from her. oh & Sakura said sadly before walking away. Naruto got done eating. mmm, that was good. He said, smiling contently. Thanks. KC replied, she then handed Naruto a cookie. Here, dessert. Alright! I love cookies! Naruto said happily as he took the cookie. Thanks! KC ate a cookie as well, then handed him some milk. Don't worry, I checked the expiration date, it's new. She said. Thanks Naruto said as he took the milk and drank it. KC then put everything away. So, do you want to go for a walk? She asked. Okay, as long as it's ok with Kakashi-Sensei. Naruto said as he looked at Kakashi. Kakashi smiled and gave him a thumbs up. Naruto smiled. Ok, we can go. Naruto said. Great! KC said as she linked arms with him. Naruto blushed and they went for a walk.

It was the next day at school. Naruto was sitting next to Sasuke and the class was waiting for the teacher to get there. Sakura saw Sasuke, so she ran over and pushed Naruto out of his seat. Move! She demanded, she then turned to Sasuke. Sasuke-kun, do you mind if I sit here? She asked. I guess. Sasuke muttered. Naruto was on the ground, dizzy from being knocked over. KC walked over to him and helped him up. Are you okay? She asked. Yeah, I'm ok, thanks. Naruto replied. Do you want to sit by me? KC asked. Sure Naruto responded, they walked over to KC's desk and sat down next to each other. KC glared at Sakura. Sakura stuck her tongue out at KC. Keiko, a thirteen year old girl with long white hair, blue eyes, and cat ears and a tail, sat at her desk silently. She wore a red shirt and blue jeans with black and red tennis shoes. They're pretty entertaining. She mumbled before flinging rubber bands at both of them. KC caught the rubber band. Thanks Keiko. She said before flinging it at Sakura. Their teacher, Kaji, came into the room. Kaji was a twenty-five year old man with white hair that reached down to about halfway down his back, and blue eyes. He was wearing a red shirt, khaki pants and black shoes. Ok class, calm down. I need everyone to pick a partner for a science project. He said. Everyone began looking for partners. Partners are annoying, I work alone. Keiko muttered. Hey KC, do you want to be my partner? Naruto asked. Ok. KC replied. Sasuke, do you want to be my partner? Sakura asked. whatever. Sasuke mumbled. Ok, everyone has a partner except Keiko & You'll work with Sasuke and Sakura Miss Silver, no excuses this time. Kaji said. uh, no, I am not working with Pinky

over there. She said as she crossed her arms and glared at him. You're working with them, no buts. Kaji said. Keiko growled under her breath. Why do I need a partner, I can get my work done in a matter of seconds! She said in annoyance. Exactly, Sakura needs her grade up anyway. Kaji muttered. Keiko rolled her eyes. whatever. She muttered. KC turned to Naruto. so what should we do our project on? She asked. Naruto shrugged. I don't know, what do you want to do them on? He asked. Rocks! Oops, I mean, you know, the study of rocks. KC said. Sakura looked at Sasuke. what should we do our project on? She asked. I guess we can do it on Crystals. Sasuke responded. Ok! Sakura said enthusiastically. Keiko rolled her eyes. As long as there's no black crystal involved. She muttered.

After School, KC was helping Kaji with his work as she usually did. While she was doing that, Naruto was working on their project. Anything else sir? KC asked. You've asked me that twenty times, you two should go home now. Kaji said. I just want to help. KC replied. No, I think you did everything that needed to be done, you can go home, or you can stay until I get done. Kaji said. Ok. KC said as she sat at a desk and started reading a book for their project. Kaji shook his head and got back to work. A few minutes later, Kaji got done. Ok you two, I have to lock up. He said. Ok. KC said as she started packing her bag. come on Naruto. She said. Ok. Naruto responded. He packed his bags and they left the room. Come on, we can study at my house. KC said. Naruto nodded and they left.

The next day, Keiko sat silently at her desk, as usual. Sakura walked up to her. Hey, where were you last night, I told you we need to do the research at my house, Sasuke and I waited for like three hours. She said in annoyance. And I told you not to wait for me. Keiko said. I got the stupid project done, so chill. ok, ok. Sakura mumbled as she walked off. KC walked over to Keiko. Hi. She said with a smile. Keiko simply muttered a hello. Do you want to hang out at lunch? KC asked. Keiko gave a surprised look. you want to hang out with me? Why? She asked. Because, you seem to be someone that would be fun to hang out with. I kept forgetting to ask, I remembered when I saw my BFF pics the other night. KC replied. Ok, I guess. Keiko muttered. Great, see you then. KC said as she went back to her desk and sat down. Kaji then came in. Ok, you guys can start working on your projects, if you're done, then you can work on other homework, read a book, or sit quietly and draw. Kaji said. Naruto, I got the poster and the written part done, did you get your essay done? KC asked. yeah. Naruto said as he pulled out the essay. Ok, we can draw or something, cause we're done. KC said. Cool, I've never gotten done with an assignment so quickly before! Naruto exclaimed. Are you serious? KC asked. Naruto looked down. yeah. He mumbled. KC hugged him. It's ok, there's a first time for everything. She said. Naruto blushed. yeah, there is.

At lunch, KC walked over and sat where Keiko was. Hi. She said. oh, hi. Keiko mumbled. So what's up? KC asked. Nothing, you? Keiko asked. Nothing, so what do you like to do. KC asked. Keiko shrugged. Not much really, I usually just draw, go on walks, and practice Karate and Ninjitsu once in a while. She explained. Really, you like to draw? Can I see some of your pictures? You don't have to show me if you don't want to. KC said. Keiko simply shrugged and snapped her fingers, making one of her sketch books appear in front of KC. KC looked through it. WOW, these are cool, I wish I could draw, but all I can draw are stick figures. She said. I've seen your art, it's pretty good. Keiko said. certainly better than stick figures. Thanks, but I really can't draw. KC responded. Keiko shook her head. If you keep telling yourself that, then you'll never get any better. She advised. yeah, yeah, yeah. KC muttered. So, does anyone else sit by you? She asked. Keiko shook her head no. Why? KC asked. I don't want to talk about it? Keiko muttered. Oh, I understand. KC said with a smile. The bell for their next class rang. Well, see ya after school at the soda shop. KC said before running off to her next class. Huh? Soda Shop? Keiko asked herself. **Oh Crap, I'm banned from the soda shop!** She thought in panic.

After School KC stopped by Kaji's room. Do you need any help? She asked. Not today. Kaji said with

a smile. Ok. KC said before leaving and going to the soda shop. Keiko stood across the street to the soda shop. **How am I going to get in there?** She wondered. She got an idea and snapped her fingers, making a note appear in front of KC, asking her to meet Keiko at the park. KC read the note and went to the park where Keiko was waiting. Why did you want to meet here? She asked. I forgot to tell you, I m kinda banned from the soda shop. Keiko said. How and When? KC asked. Well, a couple weeks ago, I was involved in a fight there, so I m not allowed in anymore. Keiko explained. couple& 2 weeks ago? There s a new owner, his name is Pops, and he keeps his cool. He had a lot of fights when he was younger, so he ll understand. KC replied. I don t know, I was banned by the owner and the government. Keiko said. KC grabbed her arm and pulled her to the soda shop. Hi Pops, this is Keiko. KC said when she saw him. Oh, the fighter, nice to meet you. Pops said as he shook Keiko s hand. Come on, you can come in, and if anyone has a problem with it they ll have to complain to me. See, told you. KC said with a smirk. Uh, ok, thanks. Keiko said. Yup, hey, there s Naruto! KC said, she then went over and sat by him. Come on Keiko! She said. Keiko reluctantly walked over and sat down. Hi KC, Keiko? Wow, I never thought you d ever hang out with anyone. Naruto said is surprise. Keiko shrugged. What can I say, I m full of surprises. She said. See, first time for everything. KC Said with a smile. heh, that s for sure. Naruto said. So where s Sakura at? KC asked. Well, Kakashi-sensei wanted to give her a bit of extra training. Naruto explained. If you ask me, he s just keeping her occupied so that Sasuke can have some time to himself. Makes sense, I feel sorry for Sasuke. Keiko said. Yeah, oh shoot, I left my bike at the park! I ll be right back. KC got up and ran to the park. Keiko and Naruto just waited for her to come back. KC walked up to her bike. There you are. She said as she grabbed it. A strange boy known as Crazy Drake behind her. well, well, what do we have here. He said with an evil smile. KC looked at him. Ah, it s you, what do you want? She asked. Drake grabbed her arm. LET ME GO! KC yelled. NARUTO, HELP!!! She screamed. Drake then tied her up and brought her to his hideout. Keiko and Naruto heard KC s scream. Oh Crap! Keiko said as she stood up. Was that KC?! Naruto asked in panic, standing up as well. Yeah Keiko said as she used her powers to track KC down. Come on, I know where she is! She said. Naruto followed Keiko to the hideout. How are we going to get in there? Naruto asked. Like this. Keiko turned them invisible and they snuck in. KC was tied to a chair against the wall. She was banging her head on the wall in annoyance. She groaned in exasperation. I ll untie you if you kiss me. Drake said. KC immediately started shaking her head no and started struggling to get free. It s pointless to try to get free, seeing as& Drake pulled out a gun and aimed it at her. KC panicked at seeing the gun. Naruto knocked the gun out of Crazy Drake s hand, accidentally causing it to shoot and hit KC s leg. Keiko quickly untied KC and made a portal. They all went through and appeared back in the park. Are you okay? Keiko asked. Yeah, he didn t hurt you did he? Naruto asked. You guys saved me! And& ah! KC looked at her leg. I guess he did get me. She said before passing out. KC! Naruto yelled, worried about her. **I owe this to her&** Keiko thought to herself. She got the bullet out of KC s leg and took her pain, leaving KC unharmed and Keiko with the wound. She pretended to be unharmed though. What d you do? Naruto asked. I healed her leg. Keiko explained. You can do that? Naruto asked. Keiko nodded. come on, let s get her home. She said as she picked KC up. They took her home and put her in bed.

2 - Secrets

KC woke up ten minutes later. Huh, hey, I'm better! She exclaimed. Wait& how did&? She asked confused. KC, you're awake! Keiko's healing power worked! Naruto exclaimed. Keiko was just leaning against the wall. **Phew, it worked.** She sighed in relief. Power? KC asked. um, thanks, but that type of thing doesn't just go away& unless& Keiko, are you okay? She asked. I'm fine, why? Keiko lied. because& I know how it works KC said as she got up. KC, I'm fine, there's nothing to worry about. Keiko replied. Right, and I'm the Easter bunny. KC said sarcastically. You are? Keiko joked. NO! oh never mind. KC muttered. Sorry, I couldn't resist. Keiko said with a cheesy smile. Whatever KC said. She then hugged Naruto. You two are so sweet, saving me! She said. Naruto blushed. You're Welcome. He said. We're just glad you're okay. Keiko said. Naruto nodded in agreement. Me too, I thought I was a goner, wait, where's my bike? KC asked. It's in your garage, we picked it up on the way out. Naruto explained. Really? KC asked before running to the garage and opening the basket on it. There you are! She said as she pulled out a small stuffed tiger and hugged it. **All this for a stuffed tiger?** Keiko thought, slightly confused. KC noticed that they were giving her odd looks. What? She asked. Just asking, why are you so excited about a stuffed tiger? Naruto asked. Well, you see, my older brother gave him to me before he KC trailed off. Before he what? Keiko asked. KC started to explain. A few years ago, my brother, Riaka, went missing and I haven't seen him since. They're still looking for him. She explained. Really, wow, that's too bad. Keiko said, sympathetically. Do you have any clue where he might be? Naruto asked. No, I've never parted with this tiger ever since. I bring it with me everywhere. KC said. How about we help you find him? Keiko offered. It's not that simple. KC responded. Nothing's ever that simple. Keiko muttered. He's not even on this planet. KC sighed. Sounds like what happened to my dad. Keiko mumbled quietly. Huh, your dad? KC asked. About six years ago, my dad went missing, he's on another planet. I tried to save him, but he was out of my range. If I only had enough time I could, ah who am I kidding, I'll probably never see him again. Keiko said sadly. What's his name? KC asked curiously. Searchman Silver, why? Keiko asked. Searchman?! It can't be! KC exclaimed. huh? What? Keiko asked, confused. KC ran inside and started looking through her stuff, she accidentally hit Naruto with the stuff she was throwing aside. Ow Naruto muttered. What? What am I missing here? Keiko asked. Got it! KC said as she held out a PET. Was this your dad's? She asked. Yeah, wait, where'd you& oh that's right, I remember now, Riaka was my dad's netop. Keiko responded. Yeah, that means that if we find your dad, Riaka's not far off! That means we'll find my brother! KC exclaimed. Sweet! I haven't gone out there since my dad disappeared, my powers increased since then, maybe we can save my dad and your brother! Keiko said with a smile. YAY! KC said in excitement. She then noticed that Naruto was buried in the items she had thrown aside. Oops, sorry She said as she helped him out. It's ok. Naruto said with a smile. Hey, what's this. KC asked as a not slipped out of the PET. Hey, it's from Riaka! She exclaimed. What's it say? Keiko asked curiously. It says that the PET has a DNA tracer and has DNA samples from Riaka and Searchman entered into it. KC replied. She turned on the PET. A map appeared with two flashing red lights. Hey, there are their locations! KC said, showing Keiko. Cool! I'll try to scan the fastest and easiest path to get there. Keiko said. Wait, who are we going to find first? KC asked. We can find your brother first if you want. Keiko offered. No, let's find your dad first, you haven't seen him in six years. KC said. Keiko shrugged. That works, I guess. She said with a smile. KC paused for a moment. Hang on, let me go get Alex. KC said, running into the basement, which was actually Riaka's laboratory. Who? Keiko and Naruto asked in confusion. KC turned on a light. Come on Alex, wake up. She

ordered. A robot stood up, he had the appearance of a metallic human. Yeah? I finally get to get out of here? He asked. Yep, space travel, let s go! KC said. Alex smirked and followed KC upstairs. So THAT S Alex. Keiko said. Yeah, let s go. KC urged. They all got into a space ship Riaka had in his lab and took off into outer space with Alex piloting the ship. Keiko was sitting looking out one of the windows. **If this works, I ll finally be able to see Dad again.** She thought. Hey, are you okay? KC asked. Keiko nodded. I m fine, why do you ask? Just checking. KC responded. Keiko simply shrugged. It took a few days, but they eventually got to the planet. We re almost there. Alex reported. Soon the ship landed on the planet. Ok Keiko, let s go. KC said. Keiko nodded and they got off the ship to start looking for Searchman. KC gasped. Oh my gosh, this planet was a war planet! She screamed and jumped into Naruto s arms. EW, EW, EW!!!! She said as she closed her eyes. Fun a war zone, come on Naruto, let s get to a less, destructive area. Keiko said. Naruto nodded. They left the area to another part of the planet. KC gasped. Look over there! She said, pointing at an old house. Come on, let s see if my dad s in there. Keiko said as she ran towards the house. They approached the house, it was old and looked as if it could fall over any second. Keiko gently tapped on the door, but the door fell right off its hinges. Ok, let s spread out. KC said. Naruto and Keiko went into different rooms. KC entered a bedroom. She noticed something under the covers on the bed. She approached it and pulled the blanket off. She screamed as the figure grabbed her. Keiko and Naruto ran into the room. KC, what happened? Keiko asked. I think I found your dad Keiko. KC said, slightly grossed out. The thing was clinging on to KC. And it s touching me! It s dead, it s slimy, and it s touching me! EEEEEEEWWWWWWW!!! KC said, panicking. Alex then ran into the room. Wait, that s not Searchman! Alex exclaimed. It s a robot! He then stabbed it in the back and took out a battery. KC jerked free and the robot fell over, broken. Intru, intr. der The Robot said before shutting off. Intruder? Then that means& Hey look over here! KC said as she pulled a hatch. Come on She said as she went through. Keiko, Alex, and Naruto followed. It s a lab. KC whispered. and someone s here. She said as she pointed at a figure working on a broken ship. Keiko immediately recognized him. DAD!!! She exclaimed as she pounced him. She startled Searchman who started to panic. AH! MYROBOTSAREATTACKINGME! MYROBOTSAREATTACKINGME! VIRUS! MY ROBOTS HAVE A VIRUS!!! He yelled in panic. Keiko slightly laughed. Dad, it s not your robots, it s me, Keiko. She said with a smile. Keiko?! Searchman asked in confusion. He looked at her. Keiko!!! He hugged her. I thought I d never see you again! I missed you Dad. Keiko said as she hugged back. How did you find me? He asked. My friends helped me find you. Keiko responded. Searchman hugged her again. I missed you so much. Keiko hugged him back. Now that we ve found you, there s one more person we need to find one more person. She explained. who? Searchman asked. Riaka Keiko simply responded. Wait, he s lost too? Searchman asked. Yeah, he got lost three years ago. Keiko explained. Oh, well what are we waiting for? Let s go. Searchman replied. Keiko nodded and they all got back on the ship. KC was really excited by now. Come on, Come on, can t this thing go any faster? She urged. Chill KC, we ll get there soon enough. Keiko said, trying to calm her down. We re losing power, rates are dropping and fast. Alex reported. hang on. Keiko said, she then tried to use her technopathic powers to get the ship running again. Dang it, it s not working! She exclaimed. Our power s off. Alex informed. I know what to do. He then into the power room and got the ship working. What did he do? KC asked. Alex! Alex! She called as she went into the power supply room. ALEX! She yelled. Keiko ran into the room to see what happened. He hooked himself up to the power supply! KC said. Don t worry KC, if he doesn t do this, we won t be able to get to Riaka, much less get home. He knows what he s doing. Keiko reminded her. I guess KC said sadly. The planet got to the planet and they landed. They all got off the ship to look for Riaka. KC ran ahead. RIAKA!!! WHERE ARE YOU!? She called. This way KC, he s not too far away. Keiko said, pointing in the direction. KC ran in the direction. RIAKA! She yelled. The others all followed. KC found Riaka and pounced him. RIAKA!

She yelled in excitement. I missed you! She exclaimed. Riaka looked at her. KC! He said as he hugged her. There is a problem. KC said. What? Riaka asked. Our ship was low on power, so Alex, we brought him along, um, he hooked himself up to the power source. So now the ship s running off of his energy. KC explained. Then it will have to be that way until we get home. Riaka said. KC looked down in disappointment. If he s been charging for six years, then when we get home, his power will be down to five minutes. Enough time to get him to his charger, ok? Riaka said. Okay. KC said with a smile. They all got back on the ship and went home. Riaka got Alex to his charger. There you go old buddy, you ll be better in the morning. Riaka said. Thank you. Alex managed to get out as he started charging. Riaka went back upstairs.

So how have you been kido? Searchman asked Keiko. Keiko shrugged. Ok, I guess, but things will be a lot better now that you re back. She said as she hugged him. Have you been good while I was away? Searchman asked. Keiko paused, unable to answer that question. figures. Searchman muttered. Keiko gave an innocent smile. I tried& Searchman looked up at the sky. Where did I go wrong? He asked. Keiko s ears dropped. Sorry dad, I try to be good, really, it s just& hard. It s okay, I m back, you know what that means. Searchman said with a smirk. Um I do? Keiko asked, confused. Now I get to raise you the way I want, muahahaha. Searchman replied. Keiko gave an odd look. yeah Dad, keep practicing the evil laugh. Keiko said. Searchman hung his head in shame. I practiced that laugh for six years, then you had to go and ruin it for me, thanks. He mumbled. It s okay, evil s just not your thing, you re a good guy. Keiko said with a smile. Speaking of which, who s been taking care of my Keik? Searchman asked. Keiko gave an annoyed glare. Do you have to call me that? It makes people think of Cake. Keiko muttered. Come on, it s been six years. Searchman said. Alright, sorry, and the person taking care of me& uh, do you really want to know? Keiko asked. Now that worries me, tell me. Searchman said. uh& do I have to? Keiko asked. Keiko Searchman said sternly. Ok, ok, it was Thunder s dad, Lightning. Keiko gave in. Searchman s face flushed. What?! Why him?! He asked. I don t know, the government made me stay with him, I think they re just trying to torture me. She muttered. No, it s not just that, Lightning is my brother. I ve been meaning to tell you, but I kept forgetting to. Searchman explained. HE S WHAT?! Keiko exclaimed. Yeah, he s your uncle, and Thunder is your cousin, my nephew. Searchman said. Is there anything ELSE you forgot to tell me? Keiko asked, annoyed. Well& um& your brother is a monkey. Searchman joked. haha, very funny, I don t even have a brother. Keiko said. Searchman did a fake cough. I don t have a brother, do I? Keiko asked. Um, about that, yeah, you do. Searchman said, giving an innocent smile. Why don t you ever tell me these things? Keiko asked. I was going to, but you were too small, and I didn t want to freak you out more than I already did. Searchman explained. Well, what happened to him then, where is he? Keiko asked. He ran away. Searchman said simply. He did? Why? Keiko asked. Um& Searchman didn t want to answer. What s his name? Keiko asked. Kaji. Searchman responded. Keiko s eyes went wide. You don t mean my science teacher Kaji, right? She asked. Yeah, wait, WHAT? Searchman asked before passing out from shock. Keiko tried to wake him up. Dad, DAD! She said, shaking him awake. Searchman woke up. Dad, this is really starting to scare me. Keiko said. I ll kill im. Searchman muttered. WHAT? Keiko asked, hoping he was speaking hypothetically. Where is he? Searchman asked. Keiko didn t answer. Where is he? Searchman asked again. How should I know, I don t follow him home after school. Keiko replied. SCAN THE CITY! Searchman said with a weird smile. Keiko slapped her forehead. He s crazy. She muttered. Searchman tried, but it didn t work. You try. He said. Maybe later, when you re sane. Keiko mumbled. Searchman then fainted out of random. Keiko gave a weird look. I am so glad I didn t gain his insanity. She said before taking him to their old house that had been boarded up for six years. She put him on the couch and started cleaning up and unboarding the house. Searchman woke up about an hour later. Ow my head He muttered. Keiko was too busy cleaning to notice he was awake. **Next time I ll look at the label before drinking**

that junk. What rejective retard put that in my ship? Searchman thought to himself. Feeling better now? Keiko asked him. Oh, I m fine, now Searchman said with a smirk. So were you serious about Kaji being my brother, or were you just crazy? Keiko asked. **HOLY CRAP, WHO TOLD YOU THAT?!** Searchman asked in panic. Um, you did. Keiko answered. Oh yeah, I knew that. Searchman said, giving an innocent smile. Keiko shook her head. You probably forgot his location too. Keiko muttered. Kinda Searchman said. He paused, noticing that he could scan things again. Wait, found him! He said, getting up and heading towards Kaji s house. Keiko followed. What are you doing? She asked. You ll see. Searchman said as he knocked on the door. Keiko stayed behind her dad so that she wouldn t be noticed. Kaji answered the door. Hi, oh hi dad. He said, giving a surprised look. You know what you did when you ran away? Searchman asked. Here it comes. Kaji mumbled to himself. You upset your mother, missed hearing about your sister, and& Searchman started. Oh crap. Kaji mumbled. Searchman then hugged him. Nice to see you again. He said with a smile. Kaji was surprised by the sudden change in attitude. And I got away from your problem. Kaji snapped. What problem& oh that, you know that was once. Searchman said. Yeah, but you still did it. Kaji responded. But I changed, I promise. Searchman explained. Whatever. Kaji muttered. **Problem? What problem?** Keiko thought to herself. Well, come in. Kaji said. Ok, did I miss something here? Keiko spoke up, making herself known. Nothing. Searchman said. So Keiko s my sister& figures. And yes, it was something. Kaji commented. Dad&? Keiko asked, giving her dad a look. Nothing, really, it s all in the past. Searchman said, trying to cover it up. Whatever& Keiko muttered before walking off towards the park. Now look what you did, I didn t want to bring that up! Searchman snapped at Kaji. He then chased after Keiko. Keiko was just going on a walk. Searchman caught up to her. Wait, come back, I m sorry, I just don t like talking about it. Searchman explained. Keiko glanced at him. Well it seems pretty important if Kaji ran away because of it. She growled. Yeah, but I changed it, really. Searchman said. Keiko looked down. Why is our family so screwed up? Mom died, you disappeared, my brother ran away, I have an evil uncle and cousin, and I m not told anything until I m thirteen? She asked, giving a disappointed look. No, our family s not screwed up, it s just& ok maybe it s a little screwed up, but still, we re fine now. Searchman said. He hugged her. I m sorry. Keiko hugged back and was slightly crying. It s okay. Searchman Reassured. **This is why I didn t want to tell her the way I acted before, it would just make her think, and I ve changed since then, besides, it only happened twice.** He thought. Sorry dad, I guess I kinda overreacted, I m okay now& I m just going to go for a walk. Keiko said. Ok, I ll go home then. Searchman said before walking off. Keiko just headed towards the forest. **My life is so confusing, grr, my family is so screwed.** She thought. A figure fell out of a tree a few feet away from her. He had long white hair and blue eyes. Keiko walked over and helped him up. Are you okay? She asked. Yeah, the only thing that s hurt is my pride. Yeah, I m a great hero. He muttered. Really? Hmm, don t meet many heroes around here. Keiko said. Yeah, I m new to this whole hero thing. The boy said. Mmhmm, well good luck with that. Keiko said before walking off. Nice to meet you too. The boy muttered sarcastically. **What s this world coming to when random people fall out of trees?** Keiko thought. She went to the park and sat on a bench silently.

The next day, Keiko sat at her desk silently as usual. Wow, I love what you re wearing today! I mean um& hi. KC said, blushing. Naruto blushed. Um& thanks. He replied, giving a smile. Ok, today is a free day, you can talk to your friends, play board games, or something not inappropriate. Kaji said, making the class laugh. Sakura turned to Sasuke. Hey Sasuke, do you want to play a board game? She asked. No, I m studying Ninjitsu. Sasuke replied. Oh Sakura said sadly before walking off and sitting somewhere else. KC was just talking to Naruto and Keiko, but Keiko was lost in thought, unaware that someone was talking to her. **KEIKO!!!** KC yelled and clapped her hands in front of her face. Keiko snapped out of it. Huh, wha? oh sorry. She said, giving an innocent smile. Jeez. KC muttered in annoyance. What? Keiko asked. It s not like you haven t gotten lost in thought before. Not the way

you do. KC muttered. Sorry, sheesh. Keiko apologized. Never mind, I forgot what I was saying anyway. KC responded. I'm having trouble paying attention today, maybe I should just go home. Keiko said quietly. No, hey what's bugging you? KC asked. Nothing. Keiko mumbled. Let me guess. KC started. Your dad and brother are talking about something really important and won't tell you, and your life's already confusing enough. Keiko got a surprised look on her face. How did you know I have a brother? She asked. I just do. KC simply replied. Ok, yeah, that's the problem, but it gets worse, apparently Lightning's my uncle. Keiko said. Heh, that sucks. KC said. Oh look, it's a bird! I mean, nothing. KC got distracted once again. Yeah, I'm going home. Keiko muttered. I'm getting a migraine. Ask the teacher, go to the nurse's office, yeah, you know the drill. KC responded. Keiko nodded before asking Kaji for permission to go to the nurse's office. Kaji allowed her to go and she wound up having permission to go home. She went home and snuck inside, heading up to her room. Searchman noticed that she was home early. He went up to her room and peered in. Hey kido, what are you doing home so early? He asked. I don't feel good. Keiko muttered as she sat down on her bed. Oh, ok, if you need anything just let me know. Searchman said before leaving the room. Keiko just pulled out a sketch pad and pencil and started drawing. Searchman peered back in the room again. Oh yeah, one more thing, I didn't know you owned a gray shirt. He stated. Keiko cocked an eyebrow. What? She asked, confused. Why are you wearing a gray shirt? Searchman asked. It's not gray, it's red. Keiko responded. No it's not. Yeah it is, what are you, colorblind? Searchman looked around. Well that explains why I almost totaled the car. I guess the traffic light was red, not green. Great, what'd you do this time, switch your vision with a dog's? Keiko asked sarcastically. accident. Searchman said, giving a cheesy smile. Keiko slapped her forehead. What? Searchman asked. Well you're not driving again until you can tell colors apart. Keiko responded. What are you, my mother? Searchman asked in annoyance. No, but that doesn't mean I can't be concerned for your safety. Keiko replied. Honestly, if you try to drive in your condition, you'll get yourself in an accident. Ok, ok, I'll just stay home all day. Searchman muttered. Good. Keiko simply replied. Great, now I'm going to be bored for a long time. Searchman said. Nah, once you understand which colors are which, you can drive again, but for now, you can walk. Keiko said in an encouraging manner. Oh, great. Searchman muttered. He just shook his head and went into his office. Keiko just lay on her bed and fell asleep. **Why did I do that? Some dad I turned out to be.** Searchman thought. About an hour later, Keiko woke up and went into the backyard and practiced her Karate. **Maybe I could've been a bit less harsh, grr, I worry too much. I guess that's the result of not seeing him for six years.** She thought as she threw a throwing dart at a tree, accidentally chopping the tree in half. Uh, oops. Keiko said. **Guess I underestimated my powers again.** She thought to herself. She then heard a car screech. Hey you, watch it! Don't you kids ever look before crossing the street? A man yelled. sorry, I didn't know a car was coming, I'm trying to find my dog. A 13 year old boy said. What the& Keiko said as she looked over at the boy. Chief, Chief! Come here boy! Che& The boy tripped. Ow. He muttered. Keiko jogged over and helped him up. Are you okay? She asked. Yeah, I just lost my dog and can't find him anywhere. Have you seen him? The boy asked. Sorry, I haven't seen any dogs around here. I didn't think so, could you help me find him? Um, sure. So what does he look like? Keiko asked. I don't know. I'm blind so I never actually saw what he looked like. The boy said. Oh, I see. Well, let's see if we can find him. Keiko responded. Thanks, by the way, my name's Ethan. He said as he held his hand out. Mine's Keiko, nice to meet you. Keiko said as she shook his hand. Ok, the last time Chief was with me was at the park, but here's the thing, I heard him yelp and then nothing. Ethan explained. hmm, that sounds like the dog napper at work. Keiko said. She then used her powers to scan the perimeter. Wow, these villains are getting dumber and dumber, I think I know where your dog is. Really, where? Keiko grabbed his hand and led him to an old warehouse and peered in to see if it was safe to go in. The dog napper stood doing a strange evil laugh. I got 100 dogs, but only kept two. Talk about pathetic. He said to no one in particular. Ok, he's

really pathetic. Keiko muttered. While the dog napper was distracted, Keiko turned herself and Ethan invisible and took him to the room with the dogs in it. Ok, there are only two dogs, so this shouldn't be hard. She commented. Chief has a red collar. Ethan pointed out. Okay. Keiko turned them visible. Chief pounced Ethan and started licking him. Chief! Ethan exclaimed. Keiko just stood off to the side, watching the reunion. The dog napper then noticed them. Hey you! He yelled. Uh, we have to go. Keiko said to Ethan. She then teleported them out of the warehouse and back to the park. Thanks for helping me find my dog. Ethan said. No problem. Keiko responded. Well I have to go home, so I guess I'll see you around? Ethan asked. Yeah, see ya. Keiko answered. Ethan then left, heading home. Keiko simply went home, went to her room, and started levitating a few feet off the ground, sitting Indian style.