

# Animal Night

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# 1 - Kira Moon Rider

Episode One:  
Kira Moon Rider

In the middle of the night, in a Unknown World, an animal that resembled a Fox ran along the side of a Red-Water Stream. But this is not a Fox, it is a girl fleeing from a ambush in her Moon Form. She was a Moon Rider: a person who uses the power of the moon through a special Crystal that transforms her into the animal she desired. She could only turn into a Fox because that was the one she chose for the rest of her life. And, on this particular night, she had changed into her animal due to the fact of being ambushed: she was meeting with a girl to open a passage to an other world and find more Moon Riders to save their world: because something threatens it, but they have no idea where or what it is. Their group is of 5 girls all able to turn into animals. They were the only ones in their world (that they knew of) who could use these Crystals to transform and that is why they needed more help. This girl in Fox form, Kira, was the one they decided would find others in unknown and possibly dangerous world who could use the rare Crystals the 5 girls named Moon Ruby's for their Red Shimmer.

The moon was out in full beauty shining on the top of the forest and in the rivers that ran through it. The Animals were resting, all except for the Owls and Nocturnal Animals that were chattering in the trees and Shrubs. The Night was clear and relaxing. No one would have thought of the slaughter that happened that night. No one would have known. Kira sat near one of the rivers that was reflecting the red of the moon this night. She was still a Fox. She didn't want to turn back into a 16 Year-old girl that would be noticed on spot. But she needed to before the moon fell behind the Mountains and the sun, in their world it's called Seipei, rose. If that happened she would need to wait till the moon came up again.

She closed her eyes and turned her head to the moon. A second passed and nothing happened. She concentrated harder, and a sharp pain flowed through her entire body and she fell to the ground. And she began to turn back into human

as her fur began to slip back into her body, and her hair grew back into a long black tangle. Her paws reshaped into her hands and feet; her tail fell back into her body and she was now human. She got up and looked at her body. She was naked. Her hair covered some of her body, but that didn't help: she was sitting next to a stream and clouds were bringing a cold breeze, promising rain fall.

She huddled into a ball, shivering in the wisp of the breeze. She sat there for a few minutes, in hope that she would adapt to the cool. But she did not. The only thing that came was more cold breezes. "I'll never get used to turning into an animal." Kira whispered to her self. She looked around. She could have sworn that she heard some thing move around in the forest. Her eyes were staring to the place she heard the crack of twigs. Some thing was there. "Hay." she whispered. The bushes moved a bit and a wolf emerged from the dark forest. " Thank God!" Kira said running to meet the wolf. The wolf was as black as Kira's hair. Her figure was lean and pretty in the moon light. Kira rapped her arms around the Wolf and hugged tightly. Oh, the warmth, Kira thought.

"You had us worried. Kira." The wolf said. Kira didn't stop hugging her.

"Yeah, sorry. The woman was followed by some thing..." Kira replied and released the wolf. The wolf looked at Kira with confusion. "Some Thing? What was this some thing?"

"I don't know, but it was tall, and it killed the people the woman brought. And..." she trailed off. Her long hair swayed in the breeze and showed she had no cloths on. " And it took the book the woman said would take us to another world. I don't know where it went with it after I fled." The moon light made her hair shine blue and her eyes shine a bright black in the darkness of the forest.

"Its fine, we don't even know if the book was real magic or a hoax." the wolf said sitting down by the river. " In any case, we need to get you back. Your naked."

Kira Shivered. "Yeah. Thanks for finding me, Haru." Kira smiled a bit.

"Okay, your welcome. Lets go, Machi, Mika, Kame and Rei are waiting for us." Haru coughed.

Kira looked at her oddly. "Who's Rei?" she tilted her head.

Haru got up, turned to the forest and said, " You'll see. I'm sure you'll like him." and let out a small chuckle. Kira got up and followed "Him?" . They entered the forest and were swallowed in black shadow.

## 2 - Rei

Episode Two:

Rei

In a small clearing in the forest, there was a small group of three: two girls and a boy: the two girls were named Machi and Mika. Machi was also 16. She was a tall girl with straight, short-cut, silver-blond hair and sharp, black eye's and eye lashes. She was wearing a black Tunic that strapped around her at the waist with a belt that had two pockets that held a number of things like a small metal rod with that came to a point at one end. And skirt that was torn all around. She was sitting back-to-back with the girl called Mika: she was of equal height and was 19 years old. Her almost Plumish colored hair was draped over her face in a girlish fashion , though she was definitely not girlish. And in the shine of the moon, her hair reflected a red. Her eyes, being very pretty, were a Amber color that shone dully in the camp fire. She was clad in a simple dark-green shirt with full-length sleeves and ripped pants of the same color. Across from them was a 19-year-old boy who Kira will know as Rei. He was tall with soft-looking black hair that was cut at his shoulders. His face was soft and his bangs fell over his soft-looking brown eyes. He was in ragged looking shirt that was ripped at the arm and collar; with long shorts that went up to his knees.

"Where are they?" Mika asked her self in annoyance.

"What are you fussing about now, Mika?" Machi snapped. She was usually like this: irritable and always one some ones bad side. This time she was irritated by Mika distracting her from her book. "They'll be back soon enough, Mika. And Haru won't let any thing happen to her. Stop worrying about them now." Machi let out a sigh and continued reading her book.

"I wasn't talking to you. Just so you know." Mika said in the same annoyed tone. She had known Machi for 8 years, and she was always in this mood. She can't remember why they were friends, but she just knew they were. She looked over the fire to see Rei : he was leaning on a tree, resting. It was pretty obvious that she liked him, though it was in a different way that even she her self can't place it.

An hour later Haru apeared out of the forest in Wolf form. She walked over to a pile of cloths and dug out a shirt with only one sleeve and a short scort. Mika, opening her eyes, looked at her: she was alone.

"Haru? Where is Kira?" Haru turned her head to her. dizzy from the sudden movement.

"Behind that tree. She's naked, and I'm getting her cloths." she tuned to the tree and tossed the cloths. Machi and Rei woke up when they heard Mika laugh. They blinked away the blur and saw her hanging around Kira's neck.

Rei, shaking him self awake, got up and looked at Kira and smiled,

"Your Kira?" he asked, though he knew the answer.

"Yes. And your...?" she said in a hoarse voice.

"Rei. Mika has been talking about you. Is she your sister?" he said looking at Mika hanging around Kira's neck.

"Ah, no. She isn't, and we're not siblings. She's just a friend."

"Oh, I see. Come, sit next to the fire." he offered his hand out, but she quickly passed him by, embarrassed.

Sitting down by the fire, Kira said, "Where's Kame?" looking at Haru.

"She's walking near the stream, " Machi pointed to a small stream near a large tree. "She wanted to look for a Berry Bush or some thing. About an hour ago." she pushed her silver bangs away from her face, looking at Haru. "Seipei rising this hour. You should change back now. Unless you want to stay a wolf for the day." She grinned.

Haru, looking at the forest said, " Kame's coming back." Haru went to the pile of cloths again, this time bringing out a dress and leggings. "I'll be back soon." Haru walked out of sight into the forest.

"Kame shouldn't be out there." Kira looked at Machi. "Some thing's roaming free out there, and..."

Rei looked concerned. "What happened when you were meeting with Seinstrei?"

Kira looked more than confused at Rei. "How'd you know who I was meeting with? I didn't even know her name." she shifted her entire body to face Rei. "Well?"

"Because I knew her. Just an acquaintance, but I knew her. And she told me who she was meeting with, you."

"How'd you end up here?" Kira pressed on.

"I went looking for you, but I ran into Kame on one of her strolls. And she told me she knew you. But you've been gone a day, so I stayed with Machi, Mika, Kame and Haru."

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"Well, I thought you were the only one meeting with her. And you were, but these two and the others were also with you. And what I had to say was concerning all of you. I'll have to wait to tell you what happened till Haru and Kame come back. You should wait to tell us what happened to Seinstrei and the others when they get back, too."

Kira turned her body back to the fire and said, "I'll tell you all when they get back."

The fire ate at the wood and crackled. The wind made the tree's branches sway, clearing off a row of dead leaves into the wind. The morning was so nice, she didn't want to ruin it telling every one of the slaughter that happened. But, alas, she had to, for every one's safety. How cruel, Kira thought. How cruel.

### 3 - Kame Watch Gaurd

Episode Three:  
Kame Watch Guard

"Is that what really happened?" Haru asked Kame. Haru had just changes back into a human. She was the same height as Machi and Mika, with short-cut, blue hair that was unevenly cut. Her eyes the same electric-blue color as her hair, wearing what she brought with her from camp. They were walking back from the forest, about ten minutes away from camp.

"Sad to say so, but yes. I'm amazed Kira escaped. I believe she's at the camp right now, correct?" Kame was and half an inch shorter than Haru. Her hair was medium length and a soft brown. Simple enough clothing: a thin cotton shirt with a hood over lapping her hair. And a tight material that stretched out across one of her arms and came to her middle finger, attached to a dull silver ring with a red Crystal in it; and lose pants with white fur incaceing the end.

"Yep. She's resting near the fire." Haru and Kame were walking slowly. Enjoying the twilight effect the sky had.

"Have you talked with Kira?" Kame stared up to the moon that was slowly disappearing from the sky, swallowed in Seipei's light. "Does she know any thing about why it was there?"

"Not at the moment. But she's bound to be pressing on Rei. She can be very nosy at times, and that's won and lost her battles." Haru stopped walking. She tilted her head upward, Kame doing the same.

"What's she doing here?" Haru asked. Sitting on a thick tree branch was a girl. By the looks of it, she was only thirteen. Kame sulked her head into her hands, sighing loudly. A second passed, and Kame looked up to see the girl smirking down on them. With annoyance, Kame yelled, " Yoshi! Get down!" The girl, Yoshi, crawled down the tree trunk and lept down. "Why?" she asked.

"I've told you your to young to come with us. You could die."

"I don't care. And mom sent me to help any ways." Yoshi put both her hands at the back of her head and started walking.

"I know she wouldn't want to lose both of her daughters, you liar." Kame grabbed her shoulder and turned her facing them both. "Why are you here?"

"Okay, so mom didn't tell me to come, in fact, she did the opposite of that. So I crept out last night and found you walking after about an hour of doing the same , so, naturally, I followed." Kame, losing her temper, shook her. "Why are you here? Tell me now!"

"I want to use one of your Crystals!"

Kame looked at her with puzzlement. "What? I've told you, wait until you turn 14. Next month, on the second. I'll let you try, maybe it would let you turn into what ever! " Kame passed Yoshi by, calling to Haru, "Come on, Haru." Yoshi turned around walking the other way.

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Haru and Kame were nearing the camp. They were close enough to see the smoke rising from the camp fire.

"Damn that brat. Eavesdropping on us. How'd mom let her out of her sight?" Kame sighed.

"Yeah. You should have made her come with us." Haru coughed.

"It's not like if I did want her to come with us she would have came with us."

"But with "it" out there, she could get killed." Haru walked faster, catching up with Kame.

"Maybe, but she's going to be following us even if we don't want her here. She'll be fine, and she almost always stays in the trees. Don't worry, I don't."

"Guess so. "

They reached the camp and Kame dropped the Yoshi thing. Rei was drinking from the stream with Mika, while Machi was finishing her book and Kira looking at the fire.

"Finally!" Machi exclaimed, looking up from her book. Mika turned from the stream, allowing a slight smile to shape her lips. "Your back." Mika said, standing.

"Mika has been pasting ever since you left, Haru." Machi glanced over to Mika, " And it's been annoying me."

Haru and Kame sat next to each other near the fire, not paying any attention to Machi or Mika. "Kira," Haru turned to her. Kira doing the same.

"Yes?" Kira asked.

" I have new's." Haru said after a second.

"What is is?" Kira asked, with full concern.

Haru looked at Kame, who said, " I was watching you last night when you met Seinstrei."

Kira's mouth dropped, letting out small gasp.

She managed to shape the word: What?

"I though maybe you would need the help." Kame whispered. She knew Kira would be annoyed. And, even more than that, angry. And she was.

"Why would you think I needed help! I got out, didn't I? And Where were you when it attacked? Huh?"

Kira got up and moved away from Kame.

"She did it because I asked her to, Kira. Don't get so up set. No harm came from it."Haru said. She knew that Kira liked her allot, and would do any thing she asked.

Kira calmed down that second. And, after a awkward silence passed, she said. "What did you learn?" turning to Kame. Kame, getting up, put up her hand to Haru, telling her to stay put. "Follow me, Kira."

Kame walked to the other end of camp, exiting the clearing. "Kira." She said, not looking back.

Kira followed. What now? Kira thought.



## 4 - Secrets

### Episode Four: Secrets

They weren't far from camp when Kame said, "I saw what happened. But I don't know what that was. Frankly, I don't think I want to." Kira turned to see Kame: she was serious.

"I thought I saw your figure, Kira. But I didn't know which one you were. I only knew where you were when I saw you hold up your ring to the moon." She laughed, turning to Kira. "The figure I thought was you got torn up. It was funny because I actually believed it before I saw your ring shimmer!" she hugged her self, crying with laughter.

Kira looked at her stunned. Was she really laughing? The things she saw were not to be laughed about. Kame opened her eyes after her fit of laughing, wiping away the tears, smiling while doing so. "What's with that face, " Kame began, "Why are you always so sad?" She chuckled.

"Are you kidding me? All of those people died!" She shouted at her. The shout echoed one time, scaring a flock of birds out of a tree some ways off. The entire camp heard it, too. Every one turned their heads to the West, except Haru. "I wonder what it is now." Haru said, sipping tea. "They always have time to shout at each other."

"Yeah, But your alive, aren't you?" Kame said poking at Kira's arm. Kira, seething with rage, slapped away her hand, "That's not the point, Moron!"

Kame, starting to walk again, laughed a bit more, saying inbetween laugh fits, "Well, it served them right!"

"Are you crazy? No body deserves that!" the shout echoed again.

"If you knew what I know.... You'd be glad they're dead." She turned to Kira, still smiling. "They knew some thing was coming through, and that's how I know they had a Real Magic Book that opened to another world: to kill you for your jewel. See, you're happy. Smile!"

What? Kira thought.

Kame saw her puzzlement, and asked, "What's wrong? You should be glad it wasn't you out there, no regretfull!" She broke into laughter once more.

"How did you know that?" Kira put her hand on Kame's shoulder, in attempt to calm her down. Kame, opening her eye's, said, " When we get back to the camp, then we'll all talk." She grinned, turning away and walking further West. "We all need to talk. Especially Rei. He's sure to have an interesting vantage point in all this mess."

Kira was a bit disappointed. She needed the answers soon. What attacked Seinstrei was still out in the forest, after all.

Still, she wasn't sure she wanted to know deep details on the monster that attacked that night. It did almost get her after all.

Reluctantly, Kira followed. After a pleasant walk, with no talk about Seinstrei, on the way back to camp, Kira asked, " Why do they want my Crystal? No one other than a hand full of people in are world can use them. And no one knows any thing about them other than they can hold allot of information and are good for conducting electricity, but even then its almost impossible to use with out knowing how to work its powers."

Kame laughed to her self. "Absolutely correct. You tagged it, Kira."

"Huh? Wha-" Kira was cut off by a loud shriek. Kira could tell it was miles off. But the echo still rang in the forest.

Kame smirked. She knew that shriek. So did Kira, and any one who was there that night also knew.

"Run." Kame started, "Follow me." Kame began sprinting to the South, Kira tailing her like a shadow.

Kira and Kame both heard the shriek again. It seemed louder that time. Just that instant, Kira knew they were running toward the sound. It was only seconds before Kame came to an abrupt stop near a familiar stream when Kira saw red and black marks on the ground below them. The pattern was a Red circle inside of Black circle, incaseing a withered flower petal. Kira, searching for hear breath, managed to say, "What is thi-!" she was cut of by a flash of Black and Red Light. She closed her eyes and leaned over: she had the feeling of vomiting a soon as she saw the flash. Her stomach was in knots. But it passed and she opened her eyes to find that she was standing on a tree branch with Kame holding her from behind, hand covering Kira's mouth. And with good reason: Kira let out a muffled scream to the sight of...

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"Goodness, where are they!" Machi whispered. Mika was pasting around the camp again. And in her passes by Machi, her long hair brushed past Machi, interrupting the last chapter of her untitled book.

"I heard some thing." Rei said waking from his nap.

"Me to." Haru finished the last of her tea. Getting up, she mentioned she heard that sound last night to Rei, though the others didn't.

"We might need to leave this area." Mika insisted, "In fact, I think we should. I don't know who or what attacked Kira, or the story, but I wouldn't want to take a chance with it." She stopped pasting, and began putting out the fire with stream water.

"Okay," Haru said after a moment, "We'll pack, clear the grounds and wait for Kira and Kame to return and leave, hiding the burnt fire wood in the stream. Is that any good?" She looked around camp. Every one agreed with that plan. Though there were some questions.

"Where will we flee to? The forest isn't the safest place in the world at the moment, and we might run into ... Whatever hit last night." Machi joined the conversation. And after ten minutes of heavy discussion, they agreed on following the stream's Eastward to a small city called Kyoto, well known for trade.

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It took to long for Kira to make since of the blur before her eyes. And when she did, nothing good would happen: almost alerting the entire forest of their prescience with a muffled scream, Kira bit Kame's hand to silence her self. Kame didn't seem to notice it, though. She saw some thing horrible that would scare a Dragon. But I will not tell you just yet. You will know along with the others.

Kira, running back through the forest with Kame, using every spare breath she had. What was that? she thought. Was that... the thing that attacked? Whatever it was, she certainly wasn't going to stay and ask it. Run, just run!

## 5 - Kyoto

Episode Five:  
Kyoto

The sky had brightened, but where Kira and Kame were resting, it was shaded and shadow filled. The only light was falling through the trees leaves and branches, giving a mist feeling.

Kame, looking at flowers, said, "That was fun." Kame was very odd: she was always looking for trouble. When she met Kira years before, she was a complete mystery. In fact, she hasn't changed much. No one seems to know any thing about her, other than she is around teen age, she lived in Kyoto her entire life, she has a sister and a mother, and she likes to irritate people. Her past is unknown. She never talks about it. Up until last year, Kira didn't even know she had a sister, or that her mother was alive. But when ever Kira (Or any one in the Moon Riders) asks about her Father, she ends up hitting some one, and leaving for a couple days, only to return happy. Like nothing ever happened. So every one learned to stop asking her personal questions.

"You had fun?" Kira gasped after several minutes of heavy breathing, "Goodness, your a psychopath. A real piece of work, Kame."

"I've been told." Kame smiled like she always does: Happy, almost to where it could be fake, and scary. Kira, resting her eyes, said, almost to her self, "What the hell was that?"

"You really want to know?" Kame looked at Kira. A serious look drowned out every other feeling in Kame. But she went back to smiling and laughing.

"YES! You dumbass! Tell me, instead of dangling it in front of my face! What the hell is it!"

"Fine, if you really want to know what it is, come here." she said, with the flick of her right hand motioning her to come close. Kira got up from her resting place and sat side by side with Kame near the flower patch, filled with Red's, Green's, an odd shade of Purple, and Brown. "What-" Kira began, but was cut off by Kame.

"Shhhh!" she whispered, "Be quiet, will you! No one else besides us needs to know what that was, so whisper." She raised her fingers to her mouth. Kira thought she saw her lips twist into a smile. She couldn't be sure, though.

"Okay. Sorry, but what is it?" Kira moved in closer to Kame.

Kame, leaning into Kira, whispered into her ear, "It's a mad Unicorn."

As soon as she said that, Kira felt a vicious surge of rage fill her entire body, though she hadn't the faintest idea why. She pulled back, watching Kame laugh harder than ever.

"You little jerk!" Kira screamed.

Kame fell to the ground, laughing. Like always.

"Why am I a jerk? You asked, I told you." she was still smiling.

Kira leapt to Kame, fell at her knees, and slapped Kame across the face. They sat there for a few minutes. Kame looked at Kira, wondering if she should slap her back. But, her mind was made up.

Standing up, Kame looked down on Kira, who was still staring at

the place where Kame's face had been. Kame looked at her for a second, raised her hand and pulled it across Kira's face. More of a swipe than a slap, because her nails cut Kira's nose, along with her right cheek.

"I guess I deserved that." Kira wiped her face, smearing the blood leaking from the wound on her sleeve. "Damn right, you did." Her smile left her face. Her expression was like stone: cold, and still. Not flinching. No movement. And uncharacteristically angry.

Kame offered Kira her hand, still stone-face.

Kira accepted. "So, you don't know."

"That's correct." Kame's face softened. But she still looked angry.

"Then, why didn't you say so?" Kira walked past Kame.

"Your really dumb, Kira. You know that?"

"Excuse me?"

" 'You are Dumb. You know that?' " Kame repeat slowly. Even mockingly.

Kira turned to Kame, angry. "Why the hell am I Dumb?"

"I was telling a joke!" a smile, yet again, twisted Kame's lips' into a smile to the sight of Kira's expression, and then into a smirk.

Kira felt very stupid at this moment: she slapped Kame over a joke, angry about it. What had gotten into her? Was it knowing that every one else knew more about what happened that night than her? Or was it she simply had enough of Kame and her attitude toward life? At the moment she didn't know.

"Joke..um..." Kira stuttered, searching for the right words to say. But what was she to say? 'Sorry I slapped you over a joke. Let's make up.' Certainly not.

"A joke. You know, some thing you laugh at?" Kame mocked. "Oh, sorry. That might be a foreign concept to you, Kira."

"I think I know what a joke is." she felt even more stupid with what she just said.

"Apparently not." Kame chuckled.

Kira watched Kame walk away. She had no desire to follow Kame. She was, after all, a fool. Though she did want to know some detail about the attack, she reluctantly followed, her head tilted downward.

When ever Kira even opened her mouth to speak, Kame strode past her, rolling her eyes. Kira was wondering what Kame was thinking about. Certainly nothing nice about her, for sure. So the trip back was silent, accept for the wild animals waking up, and the stream flowing over rocks and falling down brooks. But oddly enough, the breeze was gone and Seipei made the forest unusually warm.

Once they had met camp, Kira gave up on Kame. She was going to try her luck on Rei. Hopefully he would be more useful than Kame had been, though she couldn't blame her, the way she acted earlier. At camp, Haru, Machi, Mika, and Rei were waiting with their camp gear packed and the fire place out, with the wood thrown into the stream.

"We moving out, I'm assuming." Kame said to Haru, passing by Kira in a rude manner.

"Correct, Kame." Haru replied, loosening a strap that looped over her shoulder.

"So," Machi said, walking up to Kame, "What'd Kira say this time?" Machi gave a provoking smile to Kira. Maichi didn't care for Kira much. She found her as stupid as Kame did.

Kame smiled to Machi. She liked Kame allot. If Kira didn't know that Kame and Machi weren't related in any way, she would think they were sisters, the way they agree and act in sync. It creeped Haru, Kira, and Mika out. Rei as well, as he got to know them all.

Kame called Machi over to where no one could hear their conversation besides them self's.

"Where did you go?" Haru neared Kira after casting a questionable look toward Kame and Machi. "I heard a shriek. We all did." Haru paid no attention to Kira's cut.

"I don't know where. But I saw some thing horrible."

"What?" Haru and Kira both noticed Kame and Machi laughing together. No doubt about Kira. Though they discarded it.

"I'll tell you, along with every one else when we make new camp. It's dangerous to talk in an unsafe area."

Haru already knew some of the details when she talked with Kame after her watch duty. But she didn't know what specifically attacked. And, honestly, she was dieing to find out.

They finally left their old camp site, and walked toward Kyoto up stream. The walk was quiet accept for the same loud shriek that echoed all through the forest, making every one jump. They had no idea that they were walking into a Danger Zone. How could they?

## 6 - Monster

Episode Six:  
Monster

Kyoto was about an hours walk from their camp site. The heat didn't help the walk either, nor did the incline they were climbing. The only up side was the tree's shadow's blocked Seipei and it increasing heat wave.

"So," Haru started, breaking the slince, "Kame and Kira, what happened? Where did you both go?"

"I donno." Kame said, looking at Machi with a smirk. "Some where South, or West, or some thing." Machi chuckled at the Kame's comment.

Haru sighed, pressing her fingers to her Temples, "Never mind where you went, but what did you see?" Haru tried to supress her annoyance with Kame.

"The Monster that attacked last night." Kira said to Haru. "And we went West, Kame." she directed toward Kame.

"I was close." Kame retorted.

"Kira?" Rei asked, sounding sleepy.

"Yes. You okay?"

"I'm fine, very tired, but fine. Did you get a good look at what attacked?"

"I did..." she trailed off and Kame began to speak, not knowing how to discribe it.

"You saw what it was doing?" Rei placed his hand on her shoulder. Mika noticed this and felt like slapping His hand, but she stoped her self. She didn't want him to know the fact that she wasa drawn to him.

"Ah, Rei!" Mika suddently burst out. Rei turned, looking dèrement into her eyes.

"Yes?" He replied.

"Uhhh..." She had no clue waht she had to say. She just wanted Rei's hand off of Kira's shoulder.

"Could you, umm, came and talk with me for a minutes, in private. I have, ahhh... Some thing I wanted to tell you." She felt her face go red.

"Um, sure..." He looked uneasy. Turning back to Kira, he said, "I'll be back to talk with you later." And patted her shoulder.

They all decided to take a small break for food and water. Haru kept on Gaurd. She had the feeling that someone was following them. But no one believed it. Accept for Kame. She had that same feeling too.

"You think its your sister?" Haru was resting with kame in the grass looking back down the path they were following.

"Well, if it is, she's bugging the freaking crap out of me! But she does that to me normally."

"Then, no. You don't think its' her. Well, that isn't good."

"If it was my sister, that wouldn't be good either."

"But that would be better than the thing that attacked Kira, would it not?"

Kame took a second to respond. "I guess. Little bit-"

"Kame!" Haru nudged

"Sorry, but she can be that way if your around her all of the time."

"Don't be that way." Haru started to sobb. Kae looked at her with puzzlement. What had she said?

Kira came running to her when she heard her crying. "Whats wrong?" She knealed beside her, and looked to Kame. "What did you say to her?"

"Nothing!" Kame shouted. That caught every one's attention. It also caught the attention of Danger. Mika, Rei, and Machi ran to Kira and were soon huddled in a circle around Kira, Kame, and Haru. "You did something!" Kira snapped. Haru placed her hand over Kira's mouth. "It's alright, Kira. She did and said nothing to make me sad, at least not on purpose. I was just remembering..." She wiped her tears off of her face and shakily stood up. "Come on," her voice cracked, "We have to go now. Kira, get--" She was cut off when a large tree fell in their path. Followed by something so grotesque and stenchful every one dropped to the ground, choking on the air filled with the scent of death and despair.

Kira managed to look up to see a deformed, bloody giant. It had no lips, revealing long sharp teeth that dug into its flesh. They were blood stained and smelt, to Kira, like that night in the forest. Its eyes were all black, and had no eyelids. Its limbs were long, its arm dragging on the fallen tree. It had something metallic in its top left arm that had the shape of a sword or something very long and sharp. Its overall body shape was thin, but tall, and looked like blood pouring over Puss. Its legs were slender, ugly, and had human arms (and other limbs) sticking out of it. It was fast and moving toward them, raising its metallic arm to crash on them, opening its mouth and let out a horrible shriek. Kira, Haru, Kame, Rei, Machi, and Mika were helpless. The moon wasn't out, it was day, and they weren't running. Now what could happen?