

The Void of Yami

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What would happen if you didn't know your father or your mother and your grandparents are supposedly dead? This is the story of Alaphonse and Noel, grandchildren of the two most dangerous beings on earth, and Tidus, Alaphonse's demon half-brother.

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1 - Visions of the Past

flashback

???: Oh wow Mom! She's adorable!

???: I knew you would say that.

???: What's her name?

???: Noel Jane Fenix.

???: I wish my name was that cool!

another flashback

Noel: Hey, Al? When are Mom and Dad going to get home? I need help with my math homework.

Al: Not sure. Go away.

Noel: Jeez! Teenagers are *boring!*

doorbell rang

Al: I'll get it!

Noel opened the door to a man looking down at his feet.

Al: Can we help you?

???: I'm so sorry...

Al: What?

???: Your parents... died in a freak car accident.

Noel: What...

Noel started crying, and Alaphonse closes the door.

Al: How in the world...

Noel reached up for a hug, and Alaphonse hugged her.

Al: No...

flashback ends

Al: NOOOOOO!

Alaphonse wakes with a start and sits upright in bed.

Al: I have *got* to forget about that!

Alaphonse feels his forehead and notices that he is sweating very hard. He tries to calm himself down when Noel walks in.

Noel: Are you ok Alaphonse?

Al: Yeah why?

Noel: Then why are you sweating?

Al: Its about 70 degrees in here and I've been under a cover. Why do you think?

Noel: Ok. I just came to tell you that we are out of cereal.

Al: *sighs* What kind do you want?

Noel: Cinnamon Toast Crunch!

Al: Alright just let me get dressed first.

Noel: Good point!

Noel leaves and Alaphonse goes and slips on a pair of jeans and a red T-shirt with a low-cut neck. Then he goes and gets his shoes on and looks in the mirror at his total messed up quills.

Al: Holy crap!

Alaphonse makes a failed attempt at combing his quills out.

Al: D**m it!

Noel: We're also out of Orange Juice!

Al: Do you think I give a d**m?

Noel: Jeez! You keep cursing like that and people will mistake you for Shadow!

Alphonse's eyes then begin to turn into green cat eyes.

Al: DO NOT MENTION EITHER OF OUR GRANDPARENTS!!

Noel: My god! You're even worse than Magneto!

Alphonse calms down, realizing that he's about to go psycho on her.

Al: Who the h**l is Magneto?

Noel: Someone in a story I'm reading on Fanart-Central.

Al: Ok...? Do you want me to go get groceries or not?

Noel: YES!

Alphonse walks through the park in between the store and his house. Suddenly, an intense pain shoots through his skull. Alphonse collapses onto one knee, trying to hold himself up. Then a blurred image flashes into focus.

???: All I want to do is be more like *me* and be less like YOU!

???: Wait! Stop! GAAH!

One of the blurred figures stabs the other through the stomach with his *hand*.

???: ...i'm not...who you think...i am...

???: Than who are you- oh no...

Then, the first figure kneels over whoever he just stabbed and starts crying.

???: I'm so sorry...father...Ra-

Alphonse came back to consciousness with a painful jolt.

Al: What the f**k was that about?

Alphonse was confused that the last word was apparently cut off, so he resumed walking home.

And this is where I leave you!

2 - Nemo

*Nemo is nothing nothing is Nemo
Who is Nemo Who is nothing
Nemo the Demon Nothing the Demon
nemo...
NEMO...*

Nemo woke with a start. He had been sleeping in a pine tree that overlooked a field with mountains and houses in the distance. Based on the angle of the shadows, Nemo figured it was still early morning. He crept out to the end of the branch and jumped off. When he had nearly reached the ground, Nemo snapped his gigantic, teal wings out, caught an air current, and made wide circles with it around the area.

Then, something caught his eye. Right below him, walking westward, was a black and yellow hedgehog. The hedgehog was wearing a green scarf, stonewashed jeans, and red jet-shoes. The scarf and the shoes looked familiar to Nemo, but he couldn't remember where he'd seen them. In fact, he couldn't remember anything before he woke up in the middle of the night, three years ago. Not even his name. He just decided to call himself "Nemo", but after the dreams he'd been having, he was starting to reconsider.

All of a sudden, the hedgehog dropped to one knee. Nemo tucked his wings in and dove down, FAST. Just when he was about to crash, Nemo snapped his wings back out to brake. The hedgehog didn't appear to be breathing, so Nemo decided to take his pulse. Before he could put one finger on the hedgehog, IT STARTED TO MORPH.

Nemo snapped his wings out, yet again, and pushed down with them. Hard. His wings carried him just high enough so that he could still see the mysterious hedgehog, who had started to change back to normal and snapped back into consciousness. Nemo streamed back toward the tree he had first left from and landed on it, semi-gracefully.

Nemo: My god, if that isn't another demon I don't know what is...I guess I should follow him for a while to make sure.

Nemo hopped onto the ground and followed the dark hedgehog on foot.

And this is where I leave you! (for now)

3 - Entering.....

Recap:

Alaphonse came back to consciousness with a painful jolt.

Al: What the f**k was that about?

Alaphonse was confused that the last word was apparently cut off, so he resumed walking home.

Alaphonse felt a presence nearby, a strangely familiar one. He looked around the area, but could see nothing. Then he heard very faint whispering...

???: *Do you think he saw us?*

???: *Shut up or he will!*

Alaphonse looked toward the patch of woodland to his right.

Al: I know you're there! I'm not dumb you know.

???: Dang you're good!

Al: Get out of there.

Two hedgehogs walked out from behind a bush. One was completely black with black eyes, Alaphonse noted, slightly taller than himself. The other was Orange with yellow marks all over his fur.

Al: Who the very heck are you two?

???: My name's Thunder!(The orange one)

???: Magneto.

Al: Hold up, are you the same Magneto on the story my sister is reading on Fanart Central?

Mag: Yes... and I'm still trying to kill Saluki for drawing me as a Hedgion.

Al: Ooooookay...?

Magneto then makes some hand signals from his side. Then he mouths 'Look up.' Alaphonse looks up just in time to see a teal and yellow winged hedgehog glide above him. Al then looks back at Magneto and Thunder and mouths 'You brought reinforcements?'. Magneto shakes his head and Alaphonse looks up again.

Al: Hi!

???: Holy!

The mysterious bat-hog then pours on the speed...right into a nearby tree. Magneto, Thunder and Alaphonse rushed over to help him.

???: Ow. In a word... ow.

Al: Who are you?

???: Not sure...

Al: Okay, what is your name then?

???: I call myself Nemo.

Thu: *He obviously doesn't get out much.*

Mag: *Shut up.*

Al: Are you okay Nemo?

Nemo: Do I look okay?

Nemo turns his head toward Alaphonse revealing bright green cat eyes.

Al: Oh my god...

Nemo: What? Do I have a nosebleed?

Al: You have the same eyes as...

Nemo: What the h**l are you talking about?

Al: Tidus... you look just like Tidus...

Nemo: Huh?

Mag: Who is Tidus?

Al: My half-brother. Nemo looks just like him, except Tidus doesn't have wings.

Nemo: Tidus...?

Th: You know, he sounds just like you Alaphonse!

Al: No s**t Shurlock.

Mag: Hey!

Nemo had been sitting there for about 5 seconds before hand, holding his head, eyes tightly shut.

Mag: Should we help him?

Al: Na. He obviously has a headache. I get them all the time.

Mag: Oh.

Nemo: Now I remember...

Al: Remember what?

Nemo: My real name.

Al, Thunder, and Magneto: WHAT!?

Nemo: Tidus.

Al: You...are.. Tidus? What happened to you?

At this point Alaphonse is on the brink of tears.

Ti: I... became a demon when I was 9 years old.

Al: Man... I'm going to KILL whoever did this to you!

Ti: You can't.

Al: And why NOT?

Alaphonse's eyes are now green cat eyes and his face is starting to distort.

Mag: Whoa. Calm down Alaphonse. You're going crazy.

Thu: Yeah! You face is all weird.

Al: Huh?

Tidus pulls out a sword and gives it to Alaphonse. Alaphonse looks in it and sees what they mean. He quickly calms himself and gives the sword back to Tidus.

Al: Uh... oops. '^-^

Ti: Yeah, I can't control anger very well either.

Thu: Can we get some food? I'm starving!

Mag: I second that emotion.

Ti: Yeah. Food sounds good.

Al: Well, I'll have some explaining to do for Noel, but what the heck!

So they all walk (yes, even Tidus) to Alaphonse's house.

and this is where I leave you! (for now)

4 - Tidus

Recap:

Nemo streamed back toward the tree had had first left from and landed on it, semi-gracefully.

Nemo: My god, if that isn't another demon I don't know what is...I guess I should follow him for a while to make sure.

Nemo hopped onto the ground and followed the dark hedgehog on foot.

Nemo eventually got tired of walking and climbed into a tree. He jumped off of the tree and flew high over the hedgehog-demon-thing. He knew it could sense him.

Looking down, Nemo could see that it was turned toward the trees on his right. Nemo couldn't see what it was looking at, so he dropped altitude a bit. Well, a lot, so when the hedgehog looked up at Nemo it caught him by surprise.

???: Hi!

Nemo: Holy!

Nemo poured on the speed... right into a tree. He didn't think it was that tall, or that close. Yet, he was stuck to the tree, face-first in the bark. then he slid slowly, and painfully, down the trunk of the tree. He could hear footsteps coming closer.

Nemo: Ow. In a word...ow.

???: Who are you?

Nemo: Not sure...

???: Okay, what is your name then?

Nemo: I call myself Nemo.

Nemo hears two others muttering amongst themselves.

???: Are you okay Nemo?

Nemo: Do I look okay?

Nemo turns his head toward the three hedgehogs. One was black all over, another was orange and yellow, and the one standing closest to him was the hedgehog he'd been tracking. He had bright red eyes, and he looked shocked at Nemo.

???: Oh my god...

Nemo: What? Do I have a nosebleed?

???: You have the same eyes as...

Nemo: What the h**l are you talking about?

???: Tidus...you look just like Tidus...

Nemo: Huh?

???: Who is Tidus?

???: My half-brother. Nemo looks just like him, except Tidus doesn't have wings.

Nemo: Tidus...?

Then, Nemo got one of the worst headaches he'd ever gotten. He desperately didn't want to show them that he was in serious pain, so he just acted like it was a normal headache. Then he heard words. Whispering to him.

*Nemo is nothing nothing is Nemo
Who is Nemo Who is nothing
Nemo the Demon Nothing the Demon
nemo...
NEMO...
Who is Nemo? Tidus is Nemo.
Tidus is Nemo Tidus is nothing
Tidus the Demon Hero the Demon
tidus...
TIDUS...
Tidus...demon at 9*

A nasty jolt lifted him back to reality. *I am Tidus? What did it mean by 'Hero the Demon'?* Questions were bombarding his mind, but he could feel curious stares burning into his quills. He realized that he was still holding his head.

???: Should we help him?

???: Na. He obviously has a headache. I get them all the time.

???: Oh.

Ti: Now I remember...

???: Remember what?

Ti: My real name.

(all others at once): WHAT!?

Ti: Tidus.

???: You...are.. Tidus? What happened to you?

At that point, Tidus noticed, that the one he was tracking was about to cry.

Ti: I...became a demon when I was 9 years old.

???: Man...i'm going to KILL whoever did this to you!

Ti: You can't.

???: And why NOT?

???: Whoa. Calm down Alaphonse. You're going crazy.

???: Yeah! Your face is all weird.

Al: Huh?

Tidus had noticed it too. Alaphonse was going demon from anger, and had to stop before he went completely crazy. Tidus concentrated energy in one hand, willing it to take the shape of a sword. He gives it to Alaphonse and he looked into it. Alaphonse quickly changed back and handed the sword back to Tidus, who made it disappear.

Al: Uh... oops. '^-^

Ti: Yeah, I can't control anger very well either.

???: Can we get some food? I'm starving!

???: I second that emotion.

Ti: Yeah. Food sounds good.

Al: Well, I'll have some explaining to do for Noel, but what the heck!

So they all followed Alaphonse toward who-knows-where.

And this is where I leave you. (for now)

5 - Blood

Recap:

Al: Uh... oops. '^_^

Ti: Yeah, I can't control anger very well either.

Thu: Can we get some food? I'm starving!

Mag: I second that emotion.

Ti: Yeah. Food sounds good.

Al: Well, I'll have some explaining to do for Noel, but what the heck!

So they all walk (yes, even Tidus) to Alaphonse's house.

Noel: Where WERE you? And what's with the freak show?

Ti: What did you call me?

Al: Be quiet both of you. Noel, this is Tidus-

Noel: TIDUS!? What kind of name is THAT!

Al: '-_- He's or half- brother.

Noel: Oh. Oops. Nice to meet you Tidus!

Ti: (mumbling) Sure. Whatever.

Al: Anyway, these two are Thunder and Magneto Electro.

Noel: OMGOMGOMGOMGOMG!!!!!! You mean the two in Saluki's story!?!?!?!?

Thu: What? You're talking too fast.

Mag: Yes, why?

Noel: OMGOMGOMGOMG!!! I love you guys!

Mag: What? OOF!

Noel ran up and tackle glomp hugged Magneto. Alaphonse looked at her something like this: 'O_o. Meanwhile, Magneto is trying without success to free himself of her extremely tight hug.

Mag: get...off...me...!

Noel: Ohmygosh! Are you okay?

Mag: A bit choked, but yes.

Ti: My god man!

Al: Noel, I need you to do two things for me.

Noel: How can I help you sir? *salutes*

Al: I need you to, A: calm down, and B: get some food ready for all of us.

Noel: What? Do you mean Thunder, Magneto and Tidus too?

Al: Yes.

Noel: Roger that sir!

Al: At ease scout!

Noel then starts rummaging around in the food closet and Magneto, Thunder, and Tidus are marveling at her obedience.

Mag: I wish I could get Flame and Ice to do that.

Thu: Totally.

Al then gives them the grand tour of his house, showing them where the guest room was. Tidus would have to share Alaphonse's room though, because there was only one guest room. After the tour, Alaphonse got out a roll away bed for Tidus. After much rearranging and cleaning, the roll away was finally in place. Then they all piled out into the living room.

Thu: Hey, which room cant ghosts go into?

Ti, Mag, and Al: The living room.

Noel: Come and get it!

The guys all go and get some hamburgers. Noel isn't far behind.

Ti: How the heck did you make these so fast?

Noel: I didn't. You just had other things you where doing to make time go faster.

Al: Noel, you're outnumbered. Four guys to one girl.

Noel: Oh well. I can take any of you on.

Ti: Oh really?

Al: Yeah lets see it!

Noel: Ok!

Noel punches Alaphonse in the nose and he isn't fast enough to respond. Tidus quickly stands up, ready to fight her if need be. Then they hear some thing that Tidus recognizes to be REALLY not good. Alaphonse laughing.

And this is where I leave you! (for now)

6 - Berserker

Recap:

Ti: Oh really?

Al: Yeah lets see it!

Noel: OK!

Noel punches Alaphonse in the nose and he isn't fast enough to react. Tidus stands up, ready to fight her if need be. Then they her something that Tidus recognizes to be REALLY not good. Alaphonse laughing.

Al: That was some punch Noel!

Ti: *sigh* You where starting to scare me for a moment there!

Alaphonse looks up. He has a nosebleed.

Al: Why?

Ti: Never mind.

Noel: Um... oops! I guess I underestimated myself!

Al: Again.

Noel: He he. '^_^

Mag: Man. I sure know better than to mess with YOU!

Noel: She! I told you so!

Al: You know, the umpteenth time you do that, it can get pretty annoying.

Alaphonse then gets this weird look of pleasure on his face, and Tidus is petrified. Alaphonse's eyes slowly start inverting and the yellow streaks on his spines start to turn red.

Ti: Everyone, lay down on the ground and pretend to be dead.

Everyone follows his orders immediately. Tidus is getting very scared because he is unable to move. Alaphonse's arms and legs start to grow red, crystal armor and huge bat wings unfold out of his back, followed by gray and red bird wings.

Al: He he.... blood tastes good...

Tidus is now frozen with fear. Alaphonse stands up from the chair he is sitting in and looks at Tidus.

Al: Hm... what to do with you....

Ti: Mabey this?

Tidus clocks Alaphonse upside the head and runs behind him.

Al: You can't harm me.

THWACK!

Alaphonse snappes his hand back, hitting Tidus and making him fly across the room, hitting his head agaisnt the wall. Magneto was watching Alaphonse intently from behind the table. When he turned around to face Tidus, Magneto sent a kick flying at Alaphonse's head. A hit! Alaphonse shook it off though, and looked at Magneto.

Al: My my. What pesky little insects you are.

Ti: Touch him and you die.

Mag: Huh?

Magneto turned his head toward Tidus, who was glowing white. Unusual for a demon. Then, huge horns erupted from Tidus's head, and he turned completely white, except for his markings. They turned blood red. When Tidus looked up, Magneto could see that he had white and red eyes.

Al: Ah... the god is here.

Ti: Same to you Berserker.

And this is where I leave you. (for now)

7 - Rivalry

Recap:

Al: Ah... the God is here.

Ti: Same to you Berserker.

Tidus stood up and launched himself at Alaphonse. Magneto could feel the shock wave that was sent out when Alaphonse caught Tidus's punch. Tidus twisted around and kicked Alaphonse in the head, which made him let go of Tidus's wrist and sent them both reeling backward.

Al: Very nice.

Ti: There's more where that came from!

Tidus looked briefly at Magneto, then leaped behind Alaphonse and put him in a headlock. Magneto took the hint and sent a magnetic wave at him. Then Tidus kicked Alaphonse's back. HARD. Magneto jumped when he heard the crack. Tidus jumped out from behind Alaphonse and turned to face him.

Al: Huh. I would have expected you to hit harder than that.

Ti: Put a sock in it.

At that, Tidus launched a kick at Alaphonse's mouth. Alaphonse stepped to the side, but Tidus's fist careened into his solar plexus instead. Alaphonse coughed up blood.

Ti: Now who's the strong one?

Alaphonse smirked and reached back, grabbing Tidus's neck. Alaphonse pulled Tidus over his head and slammed him down on the floor.

Al: You sure you want me to answer that.

Ti: ...let...go...of...me...!

Magneto launched a kick at Alaphonse's head, but he caught it, still choking Tidus.

Al: You really need to learn better than to interrupt.

Mag: Let him go!

Al: No.

?: Didn't he just say let him go?

Then, a white hedgehog crashed through the closest window and landed on top of Alaphonse's arm. Magneto and Alaphonse looked at the hedgehog who was obviously unafraid of Alaphonse.

?: Looks like you really have forgotten what my brother and I taught you haven't you?

Mag: Your brother?

The white hedgehog didn't answer. Instead, he flicked Alaphonse in the back of the neck. Alaphonse dropped Magneto and collapsed onto the floor beside Tidus, who jumped up. Alaphonse started reverting back to his normal self, but he was unconscious. Tidus let out a sigh of relief and reverted.

Ti: Thank you.

?: Didn't do it to save you Tidus.

Ti: What? Who are you? How do you know me?

?: Why do you ask so many questions?

With that, the white hedgehog jumped back out through the window.

Noel: Is it done yet?

Ti: Yup. Alaphonse is passed out though.

Thu: Hey! How come you got to fight Magneto?

Mag: Shut up.

This is where I leave you! (for now! And snapdragon should know who the new dude is but she cant reveal him)

8 - Yuki

Recap:

Noel: Is it over?

Ti: Yep. Alaphonse is passed out though.

Thu: Hey? how come you got to fight Magneto?

Mag: Shut up.

Later

Al: YUKI!

Ti: You ok?

Al: Yeah.

Ti: Who's Yuki anyway?

Al: Doesn't matter.

Alaphonse was sitting on the floor in the living room. The last thing he could remember was tasting blood. *Wait... blood?! Alaphonse thought.*

Al: Hey, is Noel ok?

Ti: Yeah why?

Al: Never mind.

Then, a white hedgehog jumped through the already broken window. Alaphonse stood up and turned toward him.

Al: Still what to know who Yuki is?

Ti: Yeah, but I what to know who this guy is first.

?: Forgot me already. What a shame.

Al: He's Yuki.

Yu: Oh. One of you does remember me. That's good.

Al: Shut up.

Yu: Respect your elders.

Ti: Oh joy. More relatives.

Yu: Yep. Still a smart-a**

Ti: What did you call me?

Al: Tidus, do me a favor and DON'T pick a fight with this guy.

Yu: Someone remembers what my brother and I taught him.

Al: SHUT UP! Don't talk about HIM.

Yu: Who? My brother or Shadow?

Al: DROP DEAD!

Alaphonse launched a kick at Yuki's head...and missed. Noel, Magneto and Thunder came running into the living room just as Yuki caught one of Alaphonse punches.

Yu: Hello. I didn't see you three come in.

Noel: Well no duh.

Ti: Alaphonse, pull out the sword!

Yuki grinned as Alaphonse swung down with the sword. HARD. Yuki caught the sword and in one smooth motion, twisted it out of Alaphonse's grip.

Al: Uh oh. That's it, we're moving!

Ti: Good idea!

Alaphonse sped out the back door and everyone followed. They headed toward the field that was in back of the house, where there was a wooded area where they could rest.

Noel: That was stressful.

Ti: Agreed.

???: Who are we hiding from?

Everyone looked up to see a green and purple wolf sitting on the branch of a tree.

And this is where I leave you! (for now)

9 - Will and "The Mirror"

Recap:

Everyone looked up to see a green and purple wolf sitting on a branch of a tree above them.

???:*So, who are we hiding from anyway?*

Al:*None of your business.*

Ti:*Yuki.*

Everyone besides Ti and ???: TIDUS!

What?

Mag:*She might be a spy you turd!*

Noel:*Uhm...*

What now!?

Did you forget someone?

Thu:*No, I'm right here.*

She means me!

Oh. Right.

Whats your name anyway?

Will. *Will Codex.*

Codex huh?

By now, Will had hopped down from the tree and was leaning against the trunk of another one. Then she started walking away from the house and motioned for the others to follow her.

After much walking and questioning, the group came to the edge of the wooded area and had a clear view of the mountains. Tidus shot up through the trees to scout around the area. As Will stepped out of the forest, Alaphonse saw a yellow and red figure on a tree nearby. The figure shot at Will.

*Will! Move!**shoves Will out of the way*

The ground practically exploded in front of Alaphonse, which made him slide backwards. As the dust cleared, a yellow and red wolf stood. He looked older than Alaphonse, but not by much.

???:*You're fast kid.*

What did you just call me!?

As for her, needs to take more notice of her surroundings.

The wolf took a step forward and the ground exploded behind him.

And he needs better aim.

The wolf's aqua eyes inverted and Tidus floated out of the crater. The wolf's eyes reverted and Tidus dropped onto the ground next to him.

Sorry for not introducing myself sooner. I'm Kyozo. Kyozo Codex.

As Kyozo spoke, he lunged at Alaphonse.

And this is where I leave you! (for now and sorry for the gigantic writer's block)

10 - Alaphonse and "the Mirror"

Recap:

Sorry for not introducing myself sooner. I'm Kyozo. Kyozo Codex

As he spoke, he lunged at Alaphonse.

ALAPHONSE!

Alaphonse tried to go into his crystal form, but Kyozo was too fast for him. Alaphonse caught Kyozo's punch, while trying to form a sword in his right hand, but Kyozo was about to slit his throat with a sword of his own. In one smooth motion, Alaphonse grabbed the blade of the sword and twisted hard so that Kyozo would let go. Instead, Kyozo twisted with the sword and kicked Alaphonse in the side of the head, making him fly into a tree.

Will, Noel stay here. Thunder, lets go help Alaphonse!

FINALLY!

Roger that sir!

Heck no! I can fight my brother just as well as you!

No. It's too dangerous.

I'M NOT STAYING HERE!

sigh Alright, you and Noel can help Tidus get conscious again.

Well at least I get to do *something*.

Thunder started charging up with electricity, and Magneto picked him up and threw him at Kyozo with his powers. Thunder's fist connected with the back of Kyozo's head, thus socking and severely injuring him. Kyozo recovered from the hit and came at Thunder with the sword. A glowing black flash made Kyozo's sword fly into the tree, just missing Alaphonse. Then they heard a voice, dripping with anger and aggression.

Touch my brother... and it will be the last thing you ever do.

Magneto was standing behind Kyozo, in the perfect spot to launch a kick into his spine. His eyes were white cat eyes and he was glowing.

Ah yes. Magneto Electro. Aka, experiment 627. 25 years old. Created August 2, 1982. I'm impressed you made it all the way out here before anyone found you.

Magneto and Thunder froze. Kyozo turned around and looked at Magneto with a smug look on his face. Magneto was terrified, but didn't let his face show it.

Scared 627?

No. Keep trying kid!

Magneto launched a sidekick, aimed at Kyozo's solar plexus. Kyozo smiled and his eyes inverted. Magneto was lifted up into the air. He started to choke.

Sorry 627, but I don't think you could possibly harm me.

Thunder...run...!

Thunder ran toward Will and Noel. Will was scared stiff, and Noel was busy healing Tidus. Magneto saw them and tears started to well up in his eyes. He could feel the pressure on his neck increase.

Goodbye 627.

I don't think so!

Alaphonse, who was now in crystal form, smashed a fist into the side of Kyozo's head, making him fly into the crater that Tidus made. Magneto dropped to the ground, unconscious. As Kyozo stumbled out of the crater, he was glowing red. His eyes were completely black, and he had blades coming out of his elbows and knees. His teeth were fangs, and he spoke with a bloodthirsty edge to his voice.

You think you can beat...me?

I don't think, I know.

Alaphonse yanked Kyozo's sword out of the tree and threw it at Kyozo. Kyozo ran at Alaphonse, grabbing the sword in midair along the way. There was a shock wave as Alaphonse caught Kyozo's sword. Kyozo smiled and stepped back, his right hand engulfed in flame. Then Alaphonse felt a burning sensation in his right eye and got kicked over by Kyozo. Out of his left eye, Alaphonse could see Kyozo standing over him, holding the sword to his throat.

Happy birthday, Alaphonse Fenix.

And this is where I leave you! (for now)(AGAIN with the flipping writer's block!)

11 - The Reaper and the Dark

(WARNING! Drama)

Recap:

Happy birthday, Alaphonse Fenix.

Alaphonse closed his eyes, waiting for the feel of cold steel on his throat. Instead, he heard a voice he couldn't recognize at first. It was calm, but dripping with anger.

Get away from him...

Alaphonse opened his eyes as he felt Kyozo get lifted - or knocked - off of him. Alaphonse quickly stood up and looked at where the voice came from. *Will?* he thought. Alaphonse knew that was her voice, but was unsure if the figure, floating toward where Kyozo was suspended in the air, was in fact Will. The figure was wolflike, black and green, and had blades coming out of her knees and wrists. She had black and cyan eyes that looked at Alaphonse with a gaze that told him that she was Will. Alaphonse took a step back to make sure she didn't mistakingly attack him.

You should know better than that by now Dark.

Reaper!? Let me down from here!

As you wish.

Alaphonse had reverted back to his regular self by now, but was too stunned to even move. He saw Will's eyes dart to the ground, sending Kyozo crashing where she looked. Then, her eyes darted to a tree, slamming Kyozo against it. Will disappeared and reappeared in front of Kyozo and pinned him to the tree by his neck. She put her wrist to his arm and sliced it, making Kyozo cry out in pain. He was no longer in his Dark form, and looked so helpless compared to Will.

Let me go! PLEASE!

I don't think I will.

For a stunned second, Alaphonse thought he heard regret in Will's thorned voice. Then, he thought of his father. Alaphonse's father had been red and yellow, just like Kyozo, with green cat eyes, like Tidus. Will cut another gash into Kyozo's other arm, making blood spill onto the ground. Alaphonse couldn't take it anymore. He ran over and knocked Will away from Kyozo. Alaphonse didn't care about Kyozo, he just wanted the old Will back. As Kyozo staggered away, Will kicked Alaphonse into the tree.

HOW DARE YOU!

WILL! STOP IT! I know your in there, so LISTEN TO ME!

Alaphonse felt the foot slide off his back, and turned around. Kyozo was holding Will, who was outcold. Kyozo smirked.

Nice one kid. Anyone who can revert my sister with just their voice is ok by me.

With that, Kyozo and Will disappeared.

We will be right back after these messages. (Aka, This is where I leave you for now)

12 - Missing

And we're back to the action:

Nice one kid. Anyone who can revert my sister with just their voice is ok by me.

With that Kyoze and Will disappeared. Alaphonse ran over to where Magneto was laying on the ground and shook him awake. Then, Alaphonse ran over to Noel, who was looking grim.

Noel? Is Tidus ok?

She closed her eyes and shook her head. Alaphonse took Tidus's pulse. His eyes went wide in shock as he felt nothing. Alaphonse looked up to see Noel looking scared at him.

Alaphonse, what happened to your eye?

The thought of his injury sent a wave of pain exploding from his eye. Alaphonse clenched his teeth and shut his eyes tight to keep from passing out. Then he felt a warmth on his eye and looked up. Noel's hand was glowing, healing.

I hope that helped.

Then, a movement caught both of their eyes.

Good morning...

Tidus was alive. *But... thats impossible...*thought Alaphonse.

Tidus, but you... had no pulse?

No duh. I'm I demon. Demons have no pulse.

YAY! You're alive!

Noel tackle-glomp-hugged Tidus. Alaphonse looked to see where Thunder was. He looked at Magneto, who was looking in some bushes.

THUNDER?

Whats going on now?

Looking for Thunder.

With that, Alaphonse got up and looked around. Tidus got up with him. The first thing they both noticed was snow.

And this is where I leave you (for now)

13 - Challenge

And we back:

Tidus and Alaphonse both stood up and looked around. The first thing they both noticed was snow. It was snowing. Everyone looked at the sky, and instantly got blinded by the sun. *Snow...with no clouds?* Yuki. Alaphonse thought.

Alaphonse, you're face is screwed up again.

I'm aware of that.

LET ME GO YOU BASTARD!

Will you shut up for two seconds?

Alaphonse and Magneto whipped around and saw Yuki. Holding a struggling Thunder. Yuki looked over at them and smirked.

Well look at that. Someone can't control his anger as usual.

Get away from him!

Two someones.

Alaphonse looked over at Magneto, who now had white cat eyes. *Now I see what Noel meant...* Alaphonse thought.

Let go of him!

What? Does this anger you 627?

Yuki sent an electric shock down Thunder's spine, making him cry out in pain. Magneto let out a low growl and his eyes turned completely white. Alaphonse's eyes inverted. When Magneto spoke, it sounded like a million people talking together.

...put...him...down...

I'll give you a little challenge. If you can get him away from me, I wont kill him.

...you...bastard...

Alaphonse looked at Thunder, who had fear in his eyes. Yuki sent another electric shock down Thunder's spine. Alaphonse's mouth sealed shut and blades grew out of his knees and elbows.

Ready...

Set...

Go.

At that, Magneto leaped forward, but Yuki was too quick. Instead of hitting Yuki, Magneto's fist slammed into Thunder's stomach. Thunder spit out blood. Magneto wheeled around and kicked Yuki in the side of the head. He didn't move. Instead, Yuki grinned and flung Thunder into the air. Magneto tried to jump

after him, but Yuki froze his feet and hands to the ground. Yuki jumped up and caught Thunder by the throat.

Times up. You failed.

Yuki began crushing Thunder's neck. Thunder's eyes went wide as he realized what was happening. He tried to get free, but his struggling only made Yuki squeeze harder. Thunder started bleeding from his mouth and tears streamed down his face. Alphonse tried to free him, but Yuki knocked him away.

Any last words Experiment 626?

...look...behind...you...

Yuki looked behind him, only to see a very ticked off Kyozo staring him in the eyes. Kyozo made a fist and set it on fire.

Put him down.

And what if I say no?

THIS happens.

Kyozo slammed his fist into the side of Yuki's head, making him lose his grip on Thunder. He fell to the ground and passed out. Yuki held the side of his head and smirked.

Seems I've underestimated you Kyozo.

Don't push your luck.

With that Yuki disappeared in a swirl of snow.

14 - Bloodfang

We have returned:

With that, Yuki disappeared in a swirl of snow.

Did you come back for more Kyozo?

Nah. Just decided to get a little revenge. Thats all.

Everybody tensed. Kyozo just laughed and walked over to Magneto, who had calmed down by now. Kyozo sat down and started melting the ice tethering him to the ground.

Thanks.

No prob.

Thunder? You okay?

Alaphonse turned around and everyone turned their attention to Noel and Thunder. Thunder was sitting up, and rubbing his neck. Noel's hand was next to his throat and was glowing white.

Okay, you can stop now.

You sure?

I'm fine Noel. Really.

PUT ME DOWN YA FREAK!!!

Everybody looked toward the trees where the sound was coming from. Tidus emerged holding a thrashing black and red fox.

I found a spy.

Put me down you moron!

Tidus, she is no threat to you, or me, or Magneto.

HEY!

Or Kyozo.

Tidus put her down, and the fox immediately turned around and slapped him. The sound rang out through the woods and field. The silence that followed was broken by Tidus and Alaphonse bursting into laughter at the same time. Everybody followed suit except Thunder, who just smiled.

Dang! This little lady slaps like a freaking electric shock!

You should see my kicks then.

We haven't had a proper introduction yet. What is your name?

Bloodfang.

Alaphonse.

Tidus.

Thunder.

Magneto.

Noel!

Bloodfang looked at Noel and snickered.

Noel? Are you serious?

Let me rephrase that. Hi I'm Christmas! Nice to meet you!

As everyone burst into laughter at that witty remark, Alaphonse collapsed, holding his head.

15 - Shock

Aha! You thought I was dead huh? Anyway:

As everyone burst into laughter at that witty remark, Alaphonse collapsed, holding his head. Everyone turned to face him.

Is it your eye again.

Alaphonse slowly shook his head and gritted his teeth. Bloodfang took a step toward him. Kyozo was immediately in front of her with his sword drawn and raised to her throat.

Take one more step and I'll kill you.

Bloodfang glared at Kyozo, but did nothing else. Will ran over to Alaphonse and tried to comfort him, but was blown back by a sudden strong wind that seemed to come from him. Everyone shielded their eyes from the dust that blew toward them. Abruptly, the wind stopped, and there was a red and yellow hedgehog helping Alaphonse to sit up straight. The hedgehog spoke with warmth that only a father could have.

Don't worry. Everything's alright.

Alaphonse stared in shock at the person whose voice he hadn't heard in six years. Noel too, was in shock.

Father?

At that, everyone's jaws dropped. Noel ran over and sat beside Alaphonse. Her eyes went wide as she saw it was true. Tidus also came over.

You look familiar...

Glad to see you as well Tidus.

...but you were...

Noel reached up to check her father's pulse, and her eyes went wide. Noel's father took her hand and looked into her eyes.

Did I pass out?

No, and Noel, you should know by now that demons-
-don't have a pulse...

You're... that demon... Raphael...

In the flesh.

It started to snow.

(Join us next time!)

16 - Snowblind

And we return where we left off:

It started to snow.

Crap.

Yuki just finds his way into everything huh?

Everyone stood and looked around. Kyozo put his sword out in front of him. In half a second, Raphael was pinned against a tree, by none other than Yuki, who looked very mad.

Why in the world are *you* here?

Can't get rid of me that easily now can you?

I suppose not. I, of all people should be less foolish.

Yuki caught the flame punch Kyozo sent at him.

And I will NOT be surprised like that again!

Yuki let go of Raphael's neck and stabbed Kyozo through the shoulder with his hand. Raphael shot into the tree and Tidus ran up behind Yuki, who wasn't there. Yuki reappeared behind Tidus.

Checkmate.

Heh?

Yuki stabbed Tidus through the stomach.

...damn...you...Yuki...!

Hmm.

Yuki grabbed Tidus's throat and started to choke him.

You always were an obnoxious idiot.

cough ...let...GO!

Tidus kicked Yuki into a tree and collapsed.

Heh!

Yuki starts to choke Tidus again, when Kyozo comes up and burns his arm. Yuki immediately heals.

Hm! Little pest.

Yuki held his hand up to Kyozo's face and shot energy through it. Kyozo stumbled backward and held his arm. A low growl rose from his throat.

...look...up..*cough*...idiot...!

Yuki smirked and stopped a punch from Raphael. The shockwave could be felt miles away. Raphael kicked Yuki into a tree.

SMACK ...respect your elders.

spits out blood ...thanks...

Don't sweat it kid.

Raphael sends a blast of energy toward Yuki, but Yuki absorbs it. Raphael is instantly beside him, and sends a punch into his skull.

CRACK

Yuki doesn't move.

Hm. I thought you were stronger than that. You where always like that weren't you?

Yuki grabs Raphael's throat and pins him to a tree. Raphael smirks, grabs Yuki's face and flings him about ten meters away.

I guess you're right!

Yuki spat out blood. He was moving to attack, then froze, looking shocked.

YOU CANNOT EVEN DEFEAT A MEMBER OF YOUR OWN KIND? I DID NOT KNOW...No wait! I...
And as always, he loses it.

Yuki collapsed. Raphael walked over and kicked him. Tidus spat out more blood, looked over and nodded at Alphonse.

I know you aren't dead.

A sudden light swirls around Yuki, knocking Raphael back.

What in the...oh no...

hm hm hmm... never mind. I don't care.

Whats with Yuki?

Nothing good.

Yuki stands up and suddenly slumps over, looking very scared.

There is no need for help! I am the only help you need!

Yuki's eyes turn white, and he starts to grow a bit larger. Tidus is healing very fast and Noel is helping him. Then, the light pauses for a moment, and Yuki covers one of his eyes.

...no, please.... I don't...

Raphael inches closer to Yuki, and sees a tear fall down Yuki's cheek.

No! Please! Stay back...I...

Yuki's eyes turn completely white and the light starts swirling again.

TEARS? Are you a demon or a small child?

The light pauses for a moment, and Yuki looks pleadingly at Raphael.

Just stay back Raphael. I no longer have control of my mind...

Raphael steps back as the swirling light becomes gigantic.

What in the world IS this?

Inside the swirling light, Yuki's eyes are completely red, and he himself is a monster. The light disappears, leaving everyone wide eyes at the monster Yuki has become.

17 - Moon Demon

And we continue from where we left off:

Inside the swirling light, Yuki's eyes are completely red, and he himself is a monster. The light disappears, leaving everyone wide eyed at the monster Yuki has become.

**whispering* T-Tidus! What is going on here?*

**whispering* Don't worry Noel. It'll be ok.*

**whispering* Noel, as slow as you can, head for the trees.*

Noel nods and slowly starts crawling toward the trees. Yuki's eyes fall on Raphael and Noel freezes.

Stay away Yuki! We have no wish to fight you!

**thinking* You IDIOT!*

Yuki smiles widely and takes a step forward. When he spoke, his voice dripped with venom and was like a million voices whispering at the same time.

So, you not not wish to fight? Shame.

Yuki's arm stretched out and grabbed Raphael by the waist.

curses in Japanese

Now, how should I kill you?

Yuki rips a blade from his shoulder, and Raphael smirks. His eyes turn completely red.

At times like these, i'm thankful that i'm just like you.

You forget that you are not immortal in this form.

Yuki runs Raphael through the chest with the blade. Raphael coughs out blood, and pulls the blade out.

You forgot something too!

And what would that be?

ME!

Alaphonse had gone into a controlled berserker form. He smashed both of his fists into the side of Yuki's head.

You... don't have a clue how weak you are!

Yuki grabbed Alaphonse's face and slammed it into the ground. Raphael slipped out of Yuki's hand and kicked the side of his head. Yuki flinched. Tidus is going into god form. Noel is almost to the trees when

she steps on a twig, which snaps. Yuki looks at her.

Uh...oh...

And where you you think you're going?

Do...not...touch...her.

Tidus was on his feet, in god form, but was somehow getting even more powerful. This put a scared look on Yuki's face, which quickly dissapeared.

Ra+Al: TIDUS?!

At that moment, a violet creature walked out of the trees opposite Yuki. The creature, who was a mix of so many things that nobody new what the hack she even was, walked out in front of Yuki, and looked up at him. Her voice was beautiful, musical even.

Hello, Yuki of the Glowing Snow.

W-Where did you come from?!

Who is she?

The only one who can beat Yuki. Moon Demon Mizuka.

Join us next time!

18 - Sky Demon

and we return:

Hello, Yuki of the Glowing Snow.

W-Where did you come from?!

Who is she?

The only one who can beat Yuki. Moon Demon Mizuka.

Mizuka looked at Raphael with smiling eyes, then at Tidus. She walked over to him and placed her hand on his shoulder. A strong gust of wind suddenly blasted from Tidus. When the wind stopped, Tidus had turned completely stormy-black. He had three sets of wings, and his eyes were glowing white.

My god! What is this?

Tidus has been like this once before, and he lost his memory afterward.

I-It can't be! Ankit the Sky Demon!

Alaphonse was hit with understanding like a punch in the gut. That was why Tidus had amnesia when they met. Alaphonse's train of thought was broken when something orange passed by his face. Thunder. He was flying around Yuki's head, thanks to Magneto, distracting him.

WAAAAAHOOOOOOOOOOO!

Little PEST!

The next thing he knew, Alaphonse was looking at something yellow, red, and brown, then blood. Kyozo had just sliced down the middle of Yuki's face. Didn't help. Alaphonse looked at his dad, and they both grinned. Shadow's training lesson 13; The Double. Alaphonse and Raphael slammed twin kicks into opposite sides of Yuki's head at the same time. Yuki was so distracted by them he didn't notice Tidus and Mizuka coming at him head-on. Tidus uppercut-punched Yuki in the jaw, exposing Yuki's throat. Mizuka came in for the kill. Her mouth opened up to six times as large as it had when she talked.

Mizuka clamped her snake-like jaws down on Yuki's throat.

It felt like time slowed down after that. The first thing that happened was that Yuki looked scared. Then Alaphonse lost control and went after Tidus, who turned him back with just a touch. Then Mizuka came over to them with a thin line of blood on her shoulder.

He got me.

No sooner had she said that than a white light filled the clearing. It abruptly vanished and Tidus and Yuki were unconscious and back to normal. Noel had flipped Yuki onto his back and was healing his throat. The sun was going down.

As much as I'd like to stay, I must be going.

One question, will Tidus-

-Tidus will wake with no memories of you, or anyone else here. Everyone must teach him again.

At that, Mizuka left the way she had come, through the trees.

I'm sorry.

Everyone turned to Yuki, who was sitting up and staring at where Mizuka had disappeared. A single tear was visible in the setting sun.

And this is where I leave you! (for now)(sorry for the huge drama)

19 - Confusion

Here we go again!

I'm sorry.

Everyone turned to Yuki, who was sitting up and staring at where Mizuka had disappeared. A single tear was visible in the setting sun. The only one who dared to touch him was Bloodfang. She walked over to him and put her hand on his head.

Some advice for you, get the cute ones before they leave.
HUH?!

Yuki looked at Bloodfang with an astonished face, then quietly laughed.

HA! I made you laugh! Mission accomplished!

Everyone cracked up at that, except Tidus. He was unconscious.

Now for some questioning. Alaphonse, was it?

Yeah?

What was that outburst earlier?

Alaphonse's jaw set, and his eyes filled with hate. Everyone noticed. Alaphonse stood up, and bounded off into the trees. Everyone then looked at Bloodfang.

Hey! Don't look at me! I'm just as clueless as you guys!
Where am I?

Nobody was expecting that. Everyone looked at Tidus, who was sitting up, looking at everyone else, and rubbing his head. Noel tackleglomped him.

He lives!

What'd I do?

Do you remember *anything*?

Chill Kyozo, I remember everyone's names. Except mine...

Tidus looked around at everyone, then behind him, then back at everyone again.

Where did Alaphonse run off too?

Dunno.

That sure is helpful.

After much time and explaining, Tidus finally knew what happened so far, leaving out minor details. Noel

and Thunder had fallen asleep, and Yuki was just staring at the stars. Alaphonse still hadn't come back.

I have one question then.

Sure.

Who the heck is Tidus?

Everyone looked at him, except Thunder, Yuki and Noel.

What?

You're Tidus smart one!

Oh. My bad.

They heard a loud crunching of leaves, then a muffled, "Pain.....". Kyozo stood up, and walked to where the sound came from. A few seconds later, they could hear,

I thought I told you to stay put!

Well how the heck did you expect me to do that with all the noise you're making!?

Kyozo walked softly back into the clearing, rolling his eyes and shaking his head. Will came crashing in behind him.

Hey guys!

Who is this?

My little sister, W-

-I can introduce myself! I'm Will.

Kyozo heard a twig softly snap, and put his hand on the hilt of his sword.

Kyozo, what in th-

-Shut. Up.

At that moment, Yuki gracefully stood up and dodged something aimed at where his head would have been just seconds before. At the same time, Kyozo moved to block whatever it was. A loud CHANG was heard. The sparks where the two swords touched was incredible, but the person holding the other sword was even more so. A black and white cat with bloodthirsty red eyes, and a huge scar over his left eye. What was even more incredible was that he held his sword with only one hand. His other hand was open, and held up close to his face. When Kyozo saw that, he jumped away yelling,

SEEKER!

Nobody had ever seen Kyozo look so scared. The cat stood in an aggressive stance, looking quite pleased. Bloodfang stood up and took a similar pose as the one the cat was in, but instead of her right hand on a sword, she held it in a fist by her waist. Kyozo looked back and forth between the two.

Well well well. Have I ever met you two before? I know I've at least seen Yuki.

Hey! Remember your ex-girlfriend? You told me everything. Including how Yuki killed your sister.

Everyone looked at Bloodfang. In a flash, the black cat had his sword behind her raised hand, and too close to her neck. Bloodfang didn't flinch.

Just like I remember you.

Yep. Always being intimidated by someone younger than you.

Bloodfang's eyes flashed yellow, and the cat jumped back. Kyozo and Yuki were the only ones who saw the eye-flash, but everyone could see the glowing design that swirled out from the corner of her left eye. Yuki stumbled backward a bit.

Aeroe.

Set.

And that's all for now!

20 - Guardian

Sorry for the HUGE wait, but here we go again:

Aeroe.

Set.

Noel and Thunder both bolted upright at the same time. Set smiled and swung his sword at Bloodfang, who blocked it with a metal lock on her left wrist. She smirked and sliced Set's left cheek with her knife-like claws. Yuki froze in place as scarlet blood leaked from the cut. Bloodfang licked some off of her claws, shut her eyes, and smiled. Set took the opportunity and, in one lithe movement, grabbed both of her wrists, jumped behind her and put his sword to her throat. Bloodfang opened her eyes and felt the sword. Then she muttered something under her breath and Set flew backwards, going through several trees until he finally hit a huge Oak tree and collapsed. Bloodfang walked over to him and put her foot on his chest. Set looked up and was absolutely terrified. Bloodfang's eyes glowed with murderous intention as she looked down at him, her silhouette back lit by the stars and moon.

*You shouldn't have taken me so lightly, **Set**. I warned you. I told you that you should be afraid, and not to get in the way of me, or any one of my friends. *You didn't listen, did you?**

As Bloodfang hissed the last sentence at him, she bared her teeth. Set was to paralyzed to even blink, and his eyes were loosing their red color.

*Leave now, before I rip you head off. **For good.***

Bloodfang lifted her foot off of Set's chest and he got up and stumbled away quickly. She turned around and smiled sheepishly at the others.

I guess I got a bit carried away didn't I?

Everyone looked at each other, then back at Bloodfang.

21 - Camping

(were back!) Time for some comedy around here!

I guess I got a bit carried away didn't I?

Everyone looked at each other, then back at Bloodfang. The cyan marks on her face slowly started to disappear. Kyozo finally put his sword back.

My my. Remind me never to get on your bad side.

Yeah! You scared the living daylights out of that guy!

What's with the glowing aqua markings?

Kyozo and Noel glared at Tidus at the same time.

What? Can't I be curious?

Well, you know what they say. Curiosity killed the cat.

Thunder blinked at Noel, and then Yuki stared snickering.

What are you laughing at?

Well, a cat just almost *did* get killed, so...

Thunder looked enraged for a moment, and then everyone started cracking up. Thunder looked around at the group.

Wait... he wasn't talking about ME was he?

No Thunder, no he wasn't.

All of a sudden, Kyozo shushed everyone, his ears were pricked up and he was looking out of the corners of his eyes. There was a soft crackling that was getting louder. Then someone stepped out of the shadows.

What'd I miss?

It seemed like the whole forest let out a sigh of relief. It was just Alaphonse.

Not much. Just Fang over there kicking some cat guy's butt.

She gets scary when she's mad!

Doesn't everybody?

This started another round of laughing, and Yuki stood up.

Well, this has all been great fun -

Magneto growled at him
- But I have places to go.

And with that, he walked off. Alaphonse tossed a large bag on the ground, wich landed with a loud FWUMP.

What's in the bag?

I figured we might as well go camping so -

- Yay! Camping!

Sorry. I'll have to pass. Will and I must be getting home.

Aw man! I was just about ready to fall asleep here!

Will stood up and followed Kyozo into the forest, waving back at them.

See you later!

Hope so!

Alaphonse tugged open the bag, and reached in. He pulled out two sleeping bags.

I call the silver one!

Blue!

Alaphonse threw Bloodfang the silver one, and she fell over from catching it. He passed Noel the blue one more gently.

Heavy sleeping bag!

Alaphonse pulled out a green one and handed it to Tidus. Then pulled out a red one for himself.

I hope you don't mind me. I don't exactly have a place to go back to, so....yeah.

Feh! As long as I'm not outnumbered I'm fine!

Hey, where did Magneto and Thunder go?

Oh, they snuck out while nobody was looking.

Tidus nodded.

Good night!

Noel rolled her sleeping bag into a pillow at one end and fell asleep. Bloodfang slid into her own sleeping bag, and fell asleep next.

Good night Tidus.

Tidus?

Tidus was already zonked out. Alaphonse leaned against a tree and fell asleep thinking, *If only they knew...*

That all, for now....

22 - Switched

this one will be interesting:

Tidus woke up a few hours before dawn, when the edge of the sky was just turning pink. He had heard Magneto yelling, off in the distance. He quietly got out of his sleeping bag, which was extremely awkward with wings, and flew toward Magneto's voice. Stopping just short of where he actually was, Tidus dropped through a spot in the trees that looked the least noisy, careful to stay out of sight of Magneto and whoever it was he was yelling at. Tidus crept carefully through the trees and stopped just short of the edge. There was a single lonely tree a few meters away, and Magneto had someone magnetically pinned to it.

Tidus looked over and saw Thunder lying on the ground, looking pretty dead. Eyes wide open. The stranger said something that Tidus couldn't hear. Magneto growled at him, yet the stranger had his eyes closed and looked rather relaxed. From where Tidus was standing, the hedgehog looked white, and blue in the little light. It was Yuki! Tidus stepped forward slowly and stepped on a large twig, which snapped loudly. He flinched.

Magneto wheeled around and saw the tip of Tidus's ear. He relaxed a little and turned back to Yuki.

He's here. Now, will you let Thunder go.

Certainly.

Tidus stared at the white hedgehog. It wasn't Yuki, his voice was different, but strangely familiar. Magneto had let him go, and Thunder had gotten up off the ground shakily. The white hedgehog was walking slowly toward Tidus, still with his eyes closed.

What the hell did you do to Thunder?

I simply paralyzed him. Like this.

Tidus collapsed, but was still looking at the incredibly hedgehog standing next to him, with his eyes still closed. He hadn't moved. Now that he was closer, and the light was slightly better, Tidus could see that his markings were oddly familiar and golden.

Who are you?

Who am I? The name that most know me by is Ankit, but as of just recently, I have discovered that my real name is Tidus Silver.

Tidus's eyes went wide as he looked at Ankit. *Why is he claiming to be me?* Tidus thought.

You're lying!

Am I? You've always doubted your identity in the past, haven't you? You see, you and I were switched at birth somehow. I haven't figured out the whole story, but I *have* spent the last 17 or so years playing the part of Akash's brother.

WHO?!

Akash. Anyway, he doesn't matter, and perhaps you'll recognize these.

Ankit then opened his eyes. His emerald green cat's eyes. Tidus's eyes. Tidus blinked in disbelief and tried to slap himself away, but he couldn't move.

Thought so. Look familiar?

You really *are* me.

Why would I lie?

Good point. Can I *please* move now?

Ankit rolled his eyes and they inverted briefly. Tidus sat up and rubbed the back of his head. This kid was really starting to freak him out.

So... if you're me, and I'm you, then where the heck did you get the white fur?

White is a recessive gene, and I'm related to Yuki.

Oh.

(to be continued!)

23 - "I'll be leaving now...."

Here we go again:

Tidus and Ankit walked the entire way back to the little campsite the Ankit had come from. They stepped into the dull sunlight of the clearing, just as someone put Tidus in an arm lock.

And who are you?

Shut up. Where did you take Bloodfang to?

Who?

Good grief Kyozo. Don't worry about him. He won't hurt you unless you ask for it.

Not entirely true, but he *is* asking for it right now.

Kyozo stepped away from Tidus, who proceeded to smack him upside the head. Ankit just rolled his eyes and poked Alaphonse to wake him up. Al snapped his eyes open and smacked Ankit's hand away. Then Tidus walked into the clearing and Alaphonse bolted upright.

Who the heck are you?

Uh, he the guy I was switched with at birth.

Alaphonse stared at them back and forth, looking at their identical eyes. No wonder he'd thought Tidus and Ankit looked alike.

Okay, if you're not Tidus then who are you?

He's Ankit.

Creepy.... has anyone seen Will, Noel, or Bloodfang?

No, I don't even know who they are, and this moron - he points backwards at Kyozo - just about killed my arm thinking that I knew where that last person was.

There was a rustling in the trees all around them, along with muffled giggles. Kyozo smiled. Alaphonse looked at him confuzzledly. Then, three people burst out of the trees.

INTRUDER!

WHATHTEFU-!

Bloodfang, Noel, and Will all landed on top of Tidus at the same time, and proceeded to laugh their heads off(figuratively speaking). Alaphonse and Ankit joined them, and Kyozo just stood there shaking his head and smiling. After a while, the girls got off of Tidus.

Did you miss me?

Do I know you?

Nope! Not at all!

No offense, but how can you be that peppy so early in the morning?

CAREFULLY!

The little band of misfits helped (or not) Alaphonse to pick up and roll up the four sleeping bags, and he ran them home. Alaphonse returned a few minutes later, to everyone chatting away happily. Then, Ankit stood up.

Well, I guess I'll be leaving now...

Why? It's fine here.

Yeah, but I'm pretty sure this Akash guy would like to see his brother.

It got very silent for a long while. Alaphonse broke the silence.

Hey, Tidus, I think he's waiting for directions.

Akash lives up in the mountains with his tutor, Sunil, and min- *your* tutor, Morrigan.

Thank you. Uh... bye.

Good luck numskull.

Ankit rolled his eyes and took off. Everyone else, headed north, toward the large field at the edge of the trees.

Awwww! T^T Well, be back next time!

24 - Eclipse

Ooooooh! Next two chapters will be interesting! Check it out (btw, translations in fine print):

Will stepped out into the bright sunlight and stretched.

Hmmmm! Lovely day out! Don't you think so?

She turned around and looked at everyone else standing in the shade of the trees. Noel danced out into the sunshine, but nobody else followed.

Hey, don't look at me, I have an excuse!

And I have a mild allergy.

You do?

Yeah. Leave me alone.

Are you a vampire?

Not that I know of.

The sky darkened a bit and everyone got an eerie chill up their spines. Noel stopped dancing and looked at the sky. So did Will.

OOH! Awesome!

What? Cloud formation?

Dragons?

Hmm?

Uh... guys?

It's a solar eclipse!

GUYS...!

Everyone except Bloodfang and Alaphonse ran out of the trees, but Tidus stopped just short of 2 meters out. Will was on her hands and knees, shaking violently.

WILL!

Oh no. Not again.

Alaphonse rushed over to Will, and put his hands on her shoulders. Kyozo Hesitantly took a step toward them.

Will?! Are you alright? What's wrong?

Uh... hey Alaphonse?

...can't...

Can't? Can't what?

Alaphonse?

...understand....you...saying....

Will? What's going on!

Alaphonse feels a shaky hand on his shoulder and looks up to see Tidus, looking like he just saw a ghost. He pointed toward Will. Kyozo is behind them quite a few paces, with Noel behind him staring intently at Will.

Tidus, what are you-

H-her aura...

Hey Al! You should probably back up a bit!

Why should I d-

Alaphonse's sentence is cut off as he is lifted by his neck into the air and thrown by some invisible force. Tidus is flung sideways by another force. Will stares at Kyozo and Noel with two curious and bloodthirsty eyes. Noel shrugs.

Told ya so.

Kyozo feels a large stream of air whip past him, and hears something hit Noel with a hard THWACK! He slowly turns his head, to see Noel standing , but has her hand out like she caught a punch. She yawned.

Not that dangerous when the person you're attacking can see your Phantom Arms eh?

W-what?

TSH! Ti lae plythu lae wux tera, kosj ir. "Not as weak as you look, small one."

I get that a lot. Al! Get off your lazy-

Noel flew backwards, hit the ground and rolled. She slowly stood up, clutching her solar plexus.

Noel!

Iwatoslea teka, kaldaka. "Silence your tongue, wolf."

Kyozo got pushed to the side as Will stalked past him. Meanwhile, Bloodfang was helping Alaphonse to his feet.

You okay?

Yes, except for the goose egg on the back of my head.

Quit complaining and get your girlfriend back.

She's not my - NOEL MOVE!

Noel jumped to the side, just as the ground exploded where she was standing a moment ago.

Damnit!

You sound like Shadow. Anyway, seeing Noel's centimeter-sized aura next to Will's humongous one, one, your sis don't stand a chance.

How do you know Shadow? Oh wait! I just thought of something.

Oh em gee, it's a miracle.

Shut up. Cut your hand.

Why the hell would I want to do-

Just do it! Trust me.

Fiiiine.

Bloodfang cut the back of her hand just as Kyozo gets flung over her head. Alaphonse takes her hand and kisses the cut. Will sees him.

O///O WHAT THE? WHY THE?! Don't you have a girlf-

Wux tiathar! Itrewic niraka de batabot silajir!"You bastard! Get away from that half-blood!"

HEY! Where'd you get off calling me a half-blood! Al, would you let go of my ha-

Alaphonse disappears, and reappears, hammering Will in the solar plexus with his knee, sending her rolling backwards a few meters.

Will, thric ner."Will, shut up."

Nathirk ve, soiejir!"make me, bloodsucker!"

Hey! That's offensive to some people!

While Will is busy, round-house kicking Al's head, Bloodfang turns around to Kyozo, who is bleeding from multiple cuts and his mouth.

You okay?

Yeah. your eyes look odd though. And, what the heck is my sister saying?

Eh. Never mind my eyes. Anyway, Will and Alaphonse are speaking in Dragon.

Where on earth did they pick up *that* language?

Why are you asking me?

Will has Berserk Alaphonse pinned to the ground with her foot.

Majak svern sjerit?"Give up yet?"

Ergriff sjek wux chiili."Only if you do."

Bloodfang helps Kyozo stand up, and then gets a very tired, and somewhat frightened look in her eyes.

Are you okay? It is Will or Noel?

Never mind. N-no, niether of them. Just...

You really are quite a pain.

Kyozo walks Bloodfang over to the safety of the trees and sets her down.

Thank you. I think Alaphonse needs help though...

You sure you feel okay?- Bloodfang glares at him playfully - I'll go now.

Kyozo dashes over to help Alaphonse, who makes a strained attempt at speaking English.

In, the, path!

You mean in the way, and I came to help idiot!

Bloodfang stares at the aura of her left hand, flashing from blue, to red, to black, and back to blue. *Damnit!* She thinks to herself, *I KNEW the eclipse was going to start effecting me as well!*

So? Let your power loose. I think Will could use a hard smack in the face right about now.
Did you just...?

Noel winked and walked off toward the fight. Bloodfang shivered with hidden power. *Better late than never, Fang.* Bloodfang stood up. *SHUT UP! You can't control me!* Noel looked back at Bloodfang just as she tossed a meter-long beam of energy into Will's face.

A bit split personality-ish?
You could say that, yeah.

Oh well. Bloodfang called up whatever the thing was that was talking to her, and charged at Will.

End of this chapter. Come back next time!