

Look at Me and See Me

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I always wanted to do this couple.

Naruto has been nothing more than a pest to Sakura. Her eyes are always on Sasuke. But when Sasuke breaks her heart and more, who Could Sakura turn to now?

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0 - I Don't Love You

Prologue

"Sasuke, I-I want to tell you that I love you..." Sasuke turned to her aggravated that she just wouldn't give that up.

"Sakura, do you need me to say it in a different language!? I don't and will NEVER like you. And it will never come to love either!" Sakura stared at him, holding back tears.

"But...I'd do anything for you! That's how much I love you! I JUST can't let you go!" She rushed to him, holding her arms out and hoping for a warm embrace...

She got the exact opposite. Sasuke pounded his fist into her stomach, causing her to cough up blood. As she fell to the ground, she even got an after effect from the blow. She threw up on the ground, breathing hard and staring at him. Sasuke stared back, more ashamed that he even struck his own teammate so. But he just looked at her.

"Sakura...I don't love you...I hope that proved it as well..." He left off, leaving her to cry out.

"SASUKE!" She reached out to him as he disappeared into the darkness. She coughed more then fell to the ground unconscious. Everything was cold. Everything hurt. Not only did he break her hopes, but he broke her heart. She believed that if she stayed on the ground, alone and heart-broken, she would just disappear. Just as she wanted. But she felt warm suddenly, like someone was holding her.

"Sakura-chan...?"

1 - Unexpected

"SAKURA-CHAAAAAAN! WAKE UP!" Sakura slowly opened her eyes. Everything was blurry for a sec, then she saw she was in a small room. The walls were a plain grey and all that was in the room was a small bed, t.v, a calender, and a cloest for clothes. The window was left open for the breeze to come in and air out the smell of ramen. 'Where am I?' Sakura thought to herself. 'And who was calling me...?'

"Sakura-chan, breakfast!" Naruto burst into the room with a brilliant smile. Sakura turned to him, thn it pieced up. 'This is where Naruto lives? This is...!' Her thoughts were interuppted by a plate with bacon, eggs and toast put on her lap. It looked and smelled great.

"Ohayoo, Sakura-chan! I hope you enjoy!"

"Naruto, when did I get here?"

"I found you laying on the street, a puddle of blood and throw up next to ya. And you looked so weak...I brought you here to treat you!" Sakura felt her stomache, now remembering what he was talking about. She noticed that she was neatly bandaged. 'Chotto matte...he...!!!!' She flung a pillow at Naruto blushing like mad.

"NARUTO! DID YOU SEE-"

"No! As I treated you, I kept my eyes only on your stomache and on your face!" She sighed in relief.

"Um...gomen nasai, Naruto-kun." He smiled. He sprung up and went to kitchen to get her some juice.

Sakura ate up. 'Going on a diet isn't worth it!' Naruto came back, holding two cups of orange juice.

Sakura took one and thanked him again. Naruto watched happily, but his smile disappeared.

"Sakura...who did this to you?" Sakura looked down, then thought up a lie.

"This stupid drunk guy tried to grab me, so we got i a fight. Pretty big guy, too!" Naruto didn't believe a word of it. His facial expression showed it. She fake laughed, trying to make it convincing.

"Sakura-chan...I saw Sasuke walk past from where you were...and I'm not stupid..."

"YES YOU ARE!!!! Nothing happened! HE HAS NOTHING TO DO IT WITH IT!" Naruto watched Sakura curl up into a ball, tears flowing down.

"...Sasuke...didn't do anything..." As she was about to go through her explanation of what happened, Naruto embraced her tightly. 'Naruto-kun...'

"Sakura-chan...please don't lie to me. I wanna help you..."

"HOW COULD YOU UNDERSTAND!? YOUR JUST A frackING DEMON!" Naruto got up, his heart skipped a beat.

"Is that all you see me as, Sakura-chan? A demon?" Sakura looked up, still crying.

"Sakura-chan...why can't you see me for me? Look at me...and see me for just me..." Sakura stopped crying. She almost couldn't believe that this was the same foolhardy Naruto she was always around. He held her tighter, and Sakura held back.

"He hurt me, Naruto...he broke me in half." Naruto kissed her forehead. She blushed.

"Don't worry Sakura...just sleep for now. Goodnight." Sakura blinked a few times, then drifted off to sleep.

2 - Little By Little

Days passed since they were hanging out. Little by little, Sakura started to like Naruto more and more. He took her everywhere she always dreamed of going to with Sasuke. But for some reason, it was more enjoyable than in her dreams. In her dreams, Sasuke just smirked and said nothing. Here, with Naruto, he laughed and held her hand. They screamed their heads off and joked around. They ate lunch and talked about almost anything. It was amazing.

"Naruto-kun, I wish this day didn't have to end!" Sakura hugged on his arm. Naruto bit the last of his cotton candy and smiled at her.

"Yeah, but atleast we get to have fun again tomorrow! Believe it!" She giggled at the phrase she hasn't heard in such a long time. They walked home in the night, and Sakura held on to Naruto shaking.

"Nanigato ka? What's the matter?" She shook her head.

"Nothing, but I get alittle scared when i's so dark."

"Hey, you got me, Sakura-chan!" He grinned. 'My night in an orange jumper.' She thought to herself. She held fast to his arm. He blushed abit, wondering what was on her mind.

"Oi, Naruto-kun?"

"Hmmm?"

"...Um, since we are always hanging out now, do you think...we could..." Her heart started to beat fast. Naruto looked down at her smiling.

"..Be together...?" His eyes grew big.

"Really!?! Even if I am...a demon?" She caressed his face.

"Your no demon. Your Naruto Uzumaki...my lover." She kissed him passionatly. Naruto's heart was beating hharder from her soft lips on his. They held that way for a good while until they had to breathe.

"Let's go home, Sakura-chan."

~The next day~

"Tsunade-san, I got your paperwork!" Sakura and Shizune held out all the new work Tsunade had to do, making her groan. 'GOD, I HATE THIS JOB!' She started signing, then remembered the news she had.

"Sakura, guess what? You and your team are asigned to track down Orochimaru's hideout. Go tell naruto and Sasuke, 'kay?" Sakura flet her legs wobble. 'Sasuke's place?'

"H-hai...yes." She left out the office, wondering how she would even face him.

'I could bring Naruto-kun. But I don't want Naruto to get upset. Ever since, he hasn't said a word to Sasuke.' With allher thinking, she finally realized she was at Sasuke's. She took one deep breath, and rung the doorbell.

"Hold on a second." Sasuke opened the door.

"Oh, Sakura-chan..."

"Ohayoo. Good morning. I came to tell you about our new mission." She didn't even notice the whole time, she had her head down. Sasuke opened the door wider.

"You can come in, you know." She took a steady step inside, then took a seat on the coach. Sasuke sat down next to her.

"Listen. Gomen nasai. I'm sorry. I should have never went so far on you." She moved farther away. He touched her shoulder, and she shuddered.

"Sakura-chan..."

"I'm with naruto-kun now. I'm over you, and over that. No need to apologize." He blinked a few times,

wondering if she was insane.

"Your...over me?"

"Hai." He blushed for a sec. 'Why does that make me so sad...?' He still had his hand on her, making her uncomfortable. She moved further away. Sasuke came closer behind her, suddenly hugging her. Her heart beat faster.

"Sasuke-kun! Didn't you hear what I said about me and Naruto-kun!?"

"I did...and I'm happy for you." She smiled weakly, then hugged him back. 'Atleast he's my friend.' He let go and told her he'd meet them at the training grounds. She ran off to Naruto's place. 'The up-coming mission would be so much fun. And maybe me and naru can get some alone time.'

3 - Embracing the past...

"Sakura-chan, GOOD MORNIN'!" Sakura looked up to the only person who would yell her name so loud. "Morning, Naruto-kun." He gave her a tightt hug, warming her up. Silently, Sasuke watched. His heart seemed to be pounding... 'I can't...possibly...be jealous?' He looked away, still thinking about it.

"Hey, lovebirds. Let's get a move on!"

"Sorry, Sasuke-kun." They held hands and followed Sasuke to meet Kakashi-sensai. The whole time, Naruto and Sakura giggled and chatted. Naruto picked flowers for her and Sakura kissed his cheek. The more it continued, the more Sasuke couldn't take. Until finally...

"WILL YOU TWO STOP BEING IDIOTS!?" They stared at Sasuke confused.

"Sasuke-kun....what's wrong?"

"What's up your @\$@" Naruto was slightly annoyed in his tone, obviously still ticked about the attack on Sakura. 'Why did I even yell??? Dammit, I shoulda stayed quiet. But I couldn't take it...'

"Sakura-chan, I..."

"GOOD MORNIN' TEAM 7!!!" Dancng leaves flew around the team as Kakashi-sensai gracefully and finally, made his entrance.

"Nani? Anything wrong?" He carefully traced their faces for looks. Naruto sighed, and perked up.

"Oi, Kakashi-sensai, what's the mission???" He put on his best face. But Sakura held a worried expression. 'Was Sasuke-kun mad...? Maybe...jealous?' Her heart thumped three times as hard when she imagined an envious Sasuke. Especially for her, of all people! And over Naruto?? 'I'm crazy! I must be imagining it. But I have Narut, now. Mines and forever.' Het heart jumped with joy as she skipped to Naruto.

"Oi, Naruto-kun, the mission awaits." He grinned.

~On the road~

"The mission is to protect an innkeeper. She has rival businesses who supposedly want her inn destroyed." Kakashi-sensai went over the conduct and mission roles. Behind his back, Naruto mad ridiculous faces, making Sakura laugh so hard, she hurt her gut. But Sasuke was to the back, watching them. 'They're happy together, and I'm happy for them. My...best friends are so happy together. I even old Sakura-chan that...so why do I feel so sad...?'

"Oi, Sasuke-kuuun~ What a grim look." To his surprize, Naruto was wrapped around his arm in his Sexy jutsu.

"NARUTO, YOU DUNCE, GET OFF ME!!!" He punched him off, sending him flying.

"Ooooh, Sasuke-kun is sooo kowai~" He grinned and smiled. Sasuke smiled, but it turned to a frown when Sakura came up to him and laughed, unlike the usual "NARUTO! DON'T EVER TOUCH SASUKE AGAIN" reaction she always gave. Then Sasuke realized it...He misses her. Her affection for him, obseesion and love. The way she worried and ried to protect him. 'Do I...actually like her?'

~The inn~

"Thank you so much. Konoaha, I owe you great debt." Kakashi-sensai and the innkeeper shared words and laughs. The three team members stayed to the other rooms. Sakura got her own room, while Sasuke and Naruto shared a room. It was late. The young lady was fast asleep. naruto snuck in and gave her a light kiss on her forehead.

"Mmm...Naruto-kun?" She smiled at him, and happilu returned to sleep. Naruto blushed. 'She's so cute.'

Naruto turned to Sasuke surprised.

"We need to talk."

4 - Green with Envy...

"Naruto, let's talk in our room. We might wake Sakura-chan." Naruto stared at his teammate as Sasuke held a serious face. He sighed and followed Sasuke.

"Soooo..what's up, Sasuke?"

"Nothing...I just wanted to confirm something..." Naruto raised an eyebrow with a slight smirk. "You wanna know how big my-"

"SHUT UP...! *sigh* Naruto, how's Sakura doing now...?"

"She's just fine. But I recall that I had a question too. What exactly happened between you and Sakura-chan the other night? When she was on the road coughing up blood?" Sasuke flinched.

"We..came to a slight understanding. But i regret the choice I made-"

"Sasuke, what did you do to sakura-chan!?" Naruto's tone got loader and more impatient. Sasuke stayed perfectly calm. "I punched her in the stomach, only because she wouldn't listen." It grew silent. Naruto stood there staring at Sasuke with a bewildered look. His hands started to tremble and his eyes changed from it's usual cerulean blue to a fire red.

"WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU!! SAKURA-CHAN LOVED YOU AND YOU ATTACK HER!?! I SHOULD-" Suddenly, Sasuke sprung forth and grabbed Naruto by his collar, pinnin him to the ground. Naruto struggled to get freedom, but Sasuke was holding him down with great force.

"DON'T TRY THAT CRAP WITH ME, NARUTO! I only did it because she couldn't make this stupid choice earlier! To leave me alone when she had you there every second! To protect her when I was weak! When..." 'frack! I said I wouldn't do this!' Slowly, Sasuke lifted himself and regained control.

"Get out." His friend stared at him, unable to figure out what had caused Sasuke's sudden out burst.

"Well, before I go-" He punched Sasuke dead in his face, sending him to the other side of the room.

"Don't EVER hit Sakura-chan again in your life!" He left the room to calm down. Sasuke wiped blood from his mouth and bashed his fist into the wall. 'It's true! I am jealous! What's wrong with me???' The door opened once again...only to reveal a sleepy Sakura.

"sasuke-kun? I heard a loud noise from here, so I came to check on you. He looked at the crater he left in the wall. 'shoot, I shoulda never done that..'

"I'm fine. You can go back to bed."

"Oh, okay. Where's Naruto-kun?"

"Went out for a walk..." 'Get out already...'

"Sasuke-kun, you seem so tense. Do you wanna ta-" She thought about the night before when they were alone..only talking...and she ended up in her own blood puddle.

"Sakura-chan...I'm sorry about the other night. I should have never did what I did. But I have to tell you something." Her heart raced.

"I...was only trying to fight the real feelings I had for you. Maybe it's because I'm shinobi, or just to ignorant. But Sakura-chan, I think I might..."

'Don't say it' she thought, 'Don't say you-'

"I love you Sakura-chan." Her heart skipped a beat. Even though she didn't want to hear it, something in her smiled. Something was ready to just kiss sasuke and never regret it. 'I'm...still in love with Sasuke..!'

"Sakua-chan...what's wrong?"

"I...this isn't...I'm happy, but..." Sakura's mind went around in circles. As she tried to put two and two together, she felt something (or someone) grab her. She looked up...

..and Sasuke had locked her lips in a passionate kiss she had always dreamed of. The lips she swore to

only share with Naruto were now with Sasuke's, and she enjoyed every second of it. 'Oh no...Naruto-kun...!'

5 - Smiles and Lies

The room was silent and dark. She was powerless against him. The way he held her and how soft his lips actually were. At that moment, she knew not what was right and wrong. Only what she desired for so long...to finally have Sasuke's attention and better yet, his love. What she's always wanted-or at least that's what Sakura thought.

"Sakura-chan..." Sasuke's voice was light, his breathe tickling her ear as he whispered her name. It was wonderful.

"Yes, Sasuke-kun?" She whispered back, still clenching on to his shirt.

"Who do you love more? Me...or Naruto?" Sudden;y, all fantasy was gone. 'Naruto-kun! How could I-' She pushed herself from Sasuke.

"I-I love Naruto! I'm supposed to!" Sasuke narrowed his eyes at her, then smiled.

"Your supposed to love Naruto, but you love ME more, right?" Sakura stared at the wall. Did she love Naruto more, or was Sasuke right? The room started to spin and she felt like she was about to just vomit.

"S-sasuke-kun...I-we...I'm-I have to rest, Sasuke-kun!" Sakura darted out of the room to hers. She nearly knocked Kakashi over.

"Sakura-chan!?"

"Gomen nasai, Kakashi-sensai!" She ran into her room and slid the door closed. Panting, she laid down on the bed and tried to piece everything together. 'No. I can't do this. Not to naruto-kun after all he did. Let me just think, dammit!' Sakura touched her lips where many times before Naruto had kissed her. Everytime they did, she smelled mangoes and oranges. Then tonight, she was kissed by Sasuke who's sent was a warm vanilla. Both thoughts filled her with a warm sensation. But which felt better?

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-2 minutes before Sakura was with Sasuke-

Naruto wondered around the darkness of night, almost burning out his brain about what Sasuke did to Sakura-HIs Sakura. The haunting memory came back as her body lay limp and weak on the hard ground. Her pale skin lightly colored by her blood. It was horrifying what was going though his mind as she saw her.

"And Sasuke did that." Her reminded himself. His blood boiling for revenge against the raven haired boy. 'I should go give him a piece of my damn mind! Stupid pretty boy!' Naruto ran to Sasuke's window. Silently, he crept up the side to slide in quietly...

'S-SAKURA-CHAN????' Everything was hurt, his heart as he looked upon the site. His mind, wondering if what he was seeing was real. And his faith. Broken into pieces.

"I thought you loved me..."

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-Next Morning-

'Something is not right.' Kakashi looked upon his usually jumpy team to see 3 quiet genin. Sakura was playing with her hair as she walked behind everyone else. Naruto was...MOPING???? and Sasuke was simply being Sasuke.

"Soooooooooooo, team 7? How about this morning huh?" All responded with a low grunt. Naruto turned to glare at Sasuke, who retorted with a smirk. He was so busy focusing on Sasuke that he didn't even notice Sakura walking up to him.

"Naruto-kun? Um...good mornin'" She smiled at the blonde. He stared at the smile/ 'Was this smile for me? Or is it really for-'

"Sakura-chan...do you love me?" he asked suddenly. She winced.

"Of...of course I love you! What a ridicu-"

"Why were you kissing Sasuke?" Everyone stopped walking. Kakashi was even stunned at the statement. 'Oh, this is gonna be good...'

"Naruto-kun...I-I would never-!"

"DON'T LIE TO ME!" Naruto shouted at the top of his lungs. He stormed off up ahead of the rest of the team, leaving a pain-stricken Sakura. Kakashi stared carefully at Naruto as he walked off, having only this to say...

"Wow....Jerry Springer ain't got nothing on this."

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Sasuke watched as Naruto left. Perfect. As long as this keeps up, Sakura will be his forever. And his alone. Slowly, he walked over to the pink haired girl and wrapped an arm around her.

"Everything will be okay, Sakura-chan."