

# In Love With a Shadow

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# 1 - Front page of book

In Love With a Shadow

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### 3 - the begining...

Lets begin by introducing you. You're name is Mel (short for Melody). You're 16 years old, five ft. four, have brown curly hair that barely reaches your shoulders and brown-green eyes. You are a half demon and you have the power to control lightning. You know that you're a half-demon so you secretly train yourself. It's summer and you're walking home from the beach when you bump into a guy with long red hair and green eyes. "omg I'm sorry, I wasn't watching where I was going" you say, "Don't worry, are you alright?" he answers, "Yup I'm good" you help the guy to his feet and he thanks you. You start walking away and you hear the same guy whisper "thats her." You're about to turn around but inside get knocked out. Someone hit you on the head with a umbrella and you black out, what the hell happened? you thought to yourself. You wake up and you're deffinatly not at the beach anymore. "Where am I?" you ask to no one inparticular. "Sorry about that, my name is Kurama and you're at Koenma's" said the guy you bumped into at the beach. "who's Koen...", "I am Koenma." A young toddler arroaches you. "What am I doing here?" you ask him. "what you're not goin to laugh at me?" he asks. "Trust me I've seen weirder things." you say. "Well as I was saying, I am Koenma, ruler of the spirit world. And I sent these four boys out to find you, they are spirit detectives." He points to four guys standing behind him. One is Kurama, the others you don't know. A boy with brown eyes and gelled back black hair introduces himself as Yusuke. The one with orange hair is Kuwabara and the shortest one with spiked black hair and red eyes is Hiei. You already have heard of all these people because don't forget, you are half-demon. "So why am I here?" you asked. "It came to my attention that you are a half-demon Mel and a powerful one. I've learned that you can control lightning, in other words you control storms as well. It also came to my attention that you've been helping me with some of my dirty work..the work these guys should have been doing. Just last week two demons escaped into the human world and you got rid of them. I was watching you on camera as you followed the demons and when you realized they were up to no good you fought them with ease. If you hadn't stopped those demons when you had I doubt the Urameshi Team would've gotten there in time and that couldve lead to mass choas if they weren't stopped." Koenma said. You just look at him dumbfounded. "As a result of your bravery and skill I would like you to join the team" Koenma said sitting down next to you. You began to it your finger nails, "i dono...no...wait..yes- yes I will!" you said, you were never sure of things but being a spirit detective sounded kind of fun. "Tomorrow your training will begin. Hiei escort Mel to where she will be saying." Koenma says. Hiei starts walking out of the room and you follow, "Hn I cant believe he just let you on the team" He says. you just raise your eyebrow but decide to say nothing. When you reach the fourth door on your left Hiei says, "heres your room. Be up early for training." and leaves. (the room can look however you want it too) You lay on the your bed and slowly drift asleep. You began to dream about Hiei being rude. You wake up early the next day put on jean shorts and a black tank top. As you finish dressing Yusuke knocks and asks if you're ready. You walk out and follow him to an arena, everyone else is already waiting. "First match: Mel vs. Kuwabara" Kurama says. Both of you get into the ring and take your stances. It didn't take long until Kuwabara was down for the ten count. Next you fought Kurama, this battle lasted longer. He nearly took you out with his rose whip but you counter attacked with lightning and ended up beating him. Next was Yusuke, he was really strong and you ended up in a draw. Hiei stepped into the ring, "prepare to lose." he said and disappeared. You heard him move behind you and caught his umbrella before he hit you. You punched him hard in the stomach and he kicked you to the ground in return. Jumping to your feet you sent a large bolt of lightning at him and it hit his umbrella. The umbrella sent an electrical pulse threw Hiei and threw him out of the ring. You immedety stoped, tears were in your eyes. "Are you

okay!"you screamed running to him. Everyone walks over to Hiei and reach out your hand to help him up. "I don't need your help." He got up and walked off but as soon as he was out of hearing range everyone started congratulating you. You feel good about how the day turned out, but hope Hiei was alright. "tomorrow you get assigned to your first mission"Koenma said shakeing your hand.

## 5 - Your First Mission

The next morning someone taps on your door. You open it to find a girl with blue hair waiting outside, "Hi I'm Botan, Koenma wanted to see you." "I'm Mel, ok I'll be out in a sec" you say and throw on a dark green T-shirt and black jean shorts..after washing up of course. You go back into the hall and follow Botan to Koenma's office. When you enter the guys are already there, you go over and stand between Kurama and Yusuke. "Well now that Mel's here let me tell you what I need, I have a mission for all of you." Koenma began. Hiei interrupted, "we don't need her, we never did before." "This is different then before and you do need her." Koenma answers, "something has been stolen from my vault and I need it back ASAP! It seems that last night a shadow demon snuck in and stole a portal bomb from me. Its a small grey ball and can be used to either blow-up or create portals and can be used more then once because it regenerates itself. we only have one and now its gone. This demon must be incredibly strong to break into my vault so you'll need to be careful. His name is Zek and I got word that his hidden in a cave somewhere in these forest. leave as soon as possible, that is all." Koenma said nodding as he spoke. You began to bite your nails again, my first mission, you thought. You gulped and looked at the guys. "Lets do this!"you said smileing. "So why do we need her?" you heard Hiei mumble as you all filed out of the office. Kurama puts his hand on your shoulder, "don't worry Hiei is always like that. Once he gets to know you I'm sure he'll like you. We all do."Kurama said smileing. You blushed a little and thanked him. -forest- After searching the forest for several hours you come across a deep, dark cave. "anyone want to go in first?" Kuwabara asks. You take the first step inside, you have pretty good vision in the dark, and the others follow. The deeper into the cave you go the darker it gets. From somewhere in the darkness you here a cold voice "Hmph I take it you're all looking for me." "If your name is Zek then I suppose your right, now quit hiding and come fight!" Yusuke yelled, but soon his yell became one of pain. Zek had gotten him in the leg with a dagger, "damnit I can't see a thing!" he yelled. You screamed slightly. You were so afraid that you were trying not to wet yourself. But, you had to do something. "I think I can solve that problem" you say and call a ball of lightning into your hand and it illuminates the room. You discover A tall man with pale skin and long grey hair, his eyes are also grey. "So you want to play little girl?" Zek calls and runs after you. Soon the two of you are locked in battle. You get rid of the lightning by hitting him with it to free up your left hand. Now no one can see again and as you take a moment to adjust your eyes you hear a soft thud. Calling more lightning to you, you discover Kuwabara knocked out on the ground and Yusuke had pried the dagger from him leg. Zek attacked Yusuke full force and now you held the lightning for Yusuke to see. As he was thrown into a wall you lose sight of Zek, he appears behind you and starts the choke you. In response you slap him in the face with the lightning in your hand and he screams in pain. You feel Kurama, Hiei and Yusuke come stand by you. Suddenly Kurama yells and when you summon more lightning you discover him pinned to the wall in a globe of dark energy..he's stuck. It turns out that everyone in this battle is completely useless because they cant see at all..this battle is up to you. You trembled in fear for a moment. Lets hope for the best you thought. "I gess its up to me!" you said trying to be brave. You and Zek clash yet again, after springing apart he throws a wave of darkness at you, you duck and Hiei yelped. "Sorry Hiei" You call and launch a blast of lightning at Zek. You exchange punch for punch and kick for kick. The rest of the gang in sitting against the wall and can only see when you use your lightning. (Yusuke had dragged Kuwabara to the wall and he was starting to come to) The battle lasted at least an hour and no one had a clue what was going on. All they heard was stuff slamming into the walls and yells. Finally there was one last scream from both fighters and light flooded the cave. You were doubled over on your knees and

holding a little grey box in your right hand. "got it" you say before everything starts to get blurry, "at least i got it..."you said thinking you were going to die. Somehow you manage to stay awake. "Holy shoot!" Yusuke says and you look down at yourself. You had a dagger sticking out of your left thigh and another through your stomach. You could feel your nose and lips bleeding and two of your ribs are broken. When Zek died Kurama had been freed and now he was standing over you with everyone else. You blindly hand Yusuke the box and mumble, "I'm ok I swear" and try to stand. Instead you end up losing your balance and Hiei catches you. They bring you back to Koenma's to be taken care of. "Why are you touching me.." you said to Hiei. You wake up two days later and find yourself back in your room at Koenma's. Looking around you find Hiei sitting by the window. He heard you move and turned to look at you. "Sorry for underestimating you." He said and got up and left. After a moment you heard him yell down the hall "She's awake." And everyone came into your room. "Mel that was amazing..it was so dark!" Kuwabara started rambling on about the fight. "Wait how would you know you were out cold" She said. He blushed and shut up while everyone else started laughing..even Hiei managed to smirk a little. As everyone started leaving Kurama turned around and said "Mel I would like to hang out with you one of these days." you smile " how about tomorrow?" you asked. He nodded and left.

## 9 - The Day You Were To Hang With Kurama

you wake early the next morning and remember you're hanging out with Kurama that day. You take a shower and then start getting ready. You put on a dark T-shirt with a beautiful purple fairy on it and jean shorts. (You don't like to dress up nor do you like wearing make-up because you think it makes people look fake.) You let your curls dry naturally. You hear a door open down the hallway and you walk out of your room, it's Kurama. "Today is going to be fun!" you said hugging him. Within the next hour everyone else had joined the two of you. Kurama informed them that the two of you would be out for the day and you left. "So what are we doing today?" you ask. "I was thinking about going to the beach and boardwalk." Kurama said. "Sounds good to me..as long as Hiei doesn't hit me in the head with his umbrella again." "I promise he won't" Kurama said and started laughing. That's not funny, it hurt! you thought. You smiled and laughed anyway. So you guys are walking the boardwalk and decide to go for some ice cream. It seemed that Kurama really wanted to get to know you better because he kept asking questions. You told him a little about your family: you have two older brothers. Kurama inquired about your parents and you shifted uncomfortably. "My mom kicked me out of my house. Once she found out I wasn't completely human she called me a freak and said that she never loved me and never could. So I left and found an abandoned house in the forest by my old home and I stayed there." you said, noting looking at Kurama, you were ashamed of what happened and of the fact that your mom abused you. Kurama sensed this, "I'm sorry Mel." You look up and he is surprised at how calm you are, "It's ok, it's not your fault." you say. "Well want to go to the arcade?" he asks, you nod. Kurama walked ahead of you he seemed to really want to go to the arcade. "Why did hre have to ask about my family?" you mumbled. You two spent a lot of time playing games and when the sun started setting you walked along the beach and let your feet get wet. You stopped walking to take in the beauty of the ocean. "We should head back soon, it's getting late." He said and you agreed. Then he unexpectedly bent down and kissed you softly and quickly. Both of you blushed and you started to head back to Koenma's. OH BABY! you thought a large grin across your face. When you got home everyone was still in the same room talking or playing cards, except for Hiei who was starring out the window. "Geeze where were you guys for so long?" Kuwabara asked. "We were at the beach and arcade, if you don't mind I'm going to bed now. Kurama said and left, smiling at you. "Alright Mel spill it! What did you guys do?" Yusuke said. "What are you talking about..we didn't do anything..uh I'm going to bed." you said and Yusuke and Kuwabara started cracking up. You noticed Hiei looking at you, expressionless. Your eyes met for a moment then you left to go to your room. "i wonder whats wrong with Hiei.."you said to yourself as you walked to your room.



## 10 - The Next Day

It's 4 in the morning and Botan knocks on the door "Hurry up Mel Koenma wants to see all of you." Luckily you're a morning person so you get up throw on a black tank top and jean shorts and follow Botan. The guys all reached Koenma's office at the same time you did. "What the hell Koenma it's 4 in the morning!" Yusuke mutters. "So it is, come sit down I have some news for you all." Koenma waited for every1 to sit before continuing, "You guys have been entered in another torment. It begins in two months so you better start training now. That is all" "You woke us up that early just to tell us that!" Yusuke yelled and stormed out of the room. "I thought it was exciting news." Koenma said to himself. Oh geese you think to your self. "WOW, my first tournament "you said trying to hide how nervous you were. You couldn't fall back to sleep for you walked back to the kitchen/family room (called a common room from now on). You were surprised to see Hiei sitting in his window, everyone else had gone back to sleep. "Couldn't fall back asleep either?" you ask. "Hmm" he didn't even look at you. For fun you decided to make a card tower so you took the cards out and started. You were on the third row working carefully when Hiei spoke up "Hmm you must have a lot of extra time on your hands to be able to do that." You gave a little laugh and knocked the whole thing down, "damit!" you say. To your surprise yet again Hiei gave a small laugh and came over to help you pick up the cards. You bumped hands trying to pick up the same card and both of you turned pink. When the cards were picked up Hiei went back to starring out his window. Aw he's actually kind of sweet you think to yourself. After picking up the cards you walked over to the kitchen section and realized how hungry you were so you decided to make pancakes. "Blueberry or chocolate chip?" you asked Hiei. "Blueberry" he mumbled. "K will do" and you made pancakes for the both of you. You sat at the table and Hiei sat across from you. "Are they good?" you ask. "Hmm" he nodded yes. You guys sat in silence and finished. When Hiei finished you took both plates and washed them off. "Hey do you have a thing with Kurama?" He asked, completely out of nowhere. You blushed, "Uhh.. Well I dunno.. It kind of depends." "On what?" he asked. You just shrugged and mumbled, "I don't know" and refused to look Hiei in the eye. Just then the rest of the gang piled into the common room. You began to think about what Hiei said, also you began to wonder why you blush when you talk to him. Everyone stares at you and Hiei for a minute then they carry on. They eat breakfast and clean, then Yusuke announces that they were going to begin training in one hour. Everyone left the common room to get ready. You meet in the arena and begin. First you easily beat Kuwabara, and then you had barely won your fight with Kurama. For some reason Yusuke decided to pass on his chance to fight you so you step into the arena with Hiei. "Ready, Begin!" Botan calls from the sidelines. Hiei took out his umbrella and you prepared for his attack, if it was even possible he was faster then the last time you two fought. He kicked you hard in the back and you went flying forward until hitting a tree. You recovered quickly and ran at him. You pretended to go and kick him but shot a blast of lightning, it hit him the stomach and now it was his turn to go flying backwards. He got up and ran at you in a zigzag direction, you lost sight of him. Now he had you in a headlock with his umbrella at your throat. "Hmm, that was too easy" He said. "I wouldn't be too sure of yourself" He looked down and saw that you were holding a dagger pointed at his heart. "DRAW!" Botan called and Hiei let go and stormed off. What was that about? You thought as you walked away. You go to follow Hiei to see if he's ok but Kurama stopped you. "Mel can we talk?" he asks. You looked at him confused but said, "Of course" and the two of you went for a walk.

## 12 - Lol, The Day After That

You and Kurama decide to go for a walk through the forest. It was pretty awkward at first because Kurama didn't say anything for at least fifteen minutes. Finally he spoke up, "Melody I know that I've only known you for one week but I've been doing a lot of thinking lately. You know I care about you a lot, but I care for you in more of a brotherly way than as anything else, it took me until today to realize that. I've also noticed a change in Hiei however and that's what I wanted to talk to you about." You look up at Kurama a little confused, but he continues, "Hiei seemed to warm up to you quickly. Like when you had been knocked out for those two days he barely left your room. And..Maybe I'm imagining things but he's just seemed different since you arrived. I noticed that you also watch him allot, I don't know how you feel about him or how he feels about you. I do know that Hiei has kept to himself his whole life, but for once he really seems to be relaxing and opening up. So maybe you should think about it for a while." "Yea I guess so. You know you must be a really great friend looking after Hiei like you do." you grinned before saying, "Aw what a good brother" You both burst out laughing then you gave him a big hug as a thank you and he left you in the forest to think. DO I LIKE HIEI OR KURAMA! The little voice in you head yelled. You keep walking and replay everything Kurama had said. \*Do I like Hiei? I never thought about it before. He does have something about him\* you think as you walk. You keep thinking about everything. About the first day you met the gang, your first mission, the upcoming torment, training and today. Lost in thought you turn around to head back to Koenma's when you hear a rustle in the trees. You freeze in place and reach for your dagger (you have it strapped to your upper right leg, out of sight). You close your eyes and listen hard, you can hear something breathing directly above you. You look and you see a shadow leap to the next tree and continue running. You try to follow but whoever or whatever it was way too fast. You're a little freaked out so you quickly head back to Koenma's. "Geese Mel where have you been? Kurama's been back for three hours." Kuwabara said when you walked into the common room. You looked over your shoulder nervously as if making sure no one was following you, "Just walking.." your voice trailed off. "Are you OK? You look like you've just seen a ghost." Yusuke said. "Huh? Oh.. Yea I'm fine." you replied. ~During the rest of the week you all trained really hard. You learned a few new lightning attacks and learned how to summon whole storms, rain and all! At the end of the week you were playing cards again in the common room and Hiei was in his usual spot. "Koenma wants to see all of us tomorrow morning." Yusuke said, "He wants us to be at his office by eight so we get to sleep in a bit. I wonder what he wants though, we've been training." "Well perhaps he wants to check on our progress." Kurama suggested. You weren't really listening to the conversation, instead you watched Hiei for a moment but he didn't look at you. You announced that you were going to bed and headed back to your room. "I wonder what Koenma wants" you said to yourself. That night you couldn't fall asleep at all so you decided to go for a walk through the forest. During the whole week nothing had changed between you and Hiei and you were started to wonder if Kurama had been wrong. You also realized that there was something about Hiei that captivated you. Whether it was because he was so quiet, because he was strong or because he was so mysterious you couldn't quite place it. He was like a puzzle impossible to figure out. As you walked along lost in thought you heard a twig snap in a nearby tree. Quickly you grabbed hold of your dagger and prepared to fight. Scanning the tree line you saw the outline of a person. Whoever it was leapt from the tree you were looking at to the one above your head. All you saw was the shadow of a person fly over you and disappear into the forest. It was already to late to follow so you gave up and quickly walked back. You lie down in your bed and finally fell asleep thinking about the shadow. The next morning you woke up, showered, got dressed and headed

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## 14 - Umm A Wife After You saved Mike Lol.

Slowly your eyes flutter open, your back in your room again. You look to the window and see Hiei sound asleep. Next to you there is a chair with someone sleeping in it-it's Mike! You jump up (ignoring the sharp pain shooting through your stomach) and call his name. Mike jumped up, his eyes were blood-shot and it looked like he had been crying. You tackle him and he spins you in circles, "Mel thank god your alright!" he says. All the shouting had wakened Hiei up and he stood up by the window. As Mike put up back down you ask, "How long have I been out?" "Two solid weeks" Mike said, "You had lost so much blood everyone thought you weren't going to make it.. except Hiei and me." "Mike I'm so glad your safe." You say and hug him again. Mike smiled and said, "I'll go tell the others you're alright. You look really tired, maybe you should sit down." and he walked out. You did feel a little dizzy so you sat on the edge of your bed and turned to look at Hiei. You searched his eyes for some sort of expression, but found none. "Hiei, thank you. You saved my life..if you hadn't killed Leon I doubt I would've been able to." To your surprise Hiei's eyes seemed to fill with tears. "You saved mine first." He said, and avoided looking you in the eyes. He stared at the ground and then said, "Why did you come back for me when I told you not to?" "You were in trouble I wasn't just gonna leave you when you needed help. If I had and something happened to you I doubt I could've lived with myself." you said. You got up and walked over to him. You stopped in front of him and made him look up at you. A single tear left his eye, "Hiei.." You whispered and hugged him. For a moment he hesitated, but then hugged you back and whispered in your ear, "I thought I had been too late, I thought we had lost you." As you let go of each other the rest of the gang piled into the room. Botan was crying hysterically and you were lost in a wave of hugs. You noticed Hiei had slipped out of the room when everyone else came in and wondered what he was thinking. "Geeze Mel way to waste two weeks of training time!" Yusuke joked. "Five weeks until the torment, think ya can still pull it off?" Kuwabara said. You got him in a headlock, "Of course I can! But can you?" Everyone started laughing and slowly left your room after saying goodnight. You walked with your brother back to Koenma's office and said your good-byes. Then Koenma sent him through a portal back to the Human World. As you walked back to your room you noticed the light was still on in the common room. You walked into the common room and saw Hiei sitting on the couch. He looked deep in thought; you didn't want to bother him so you turn to leave. "You don't need to go." He said. "Ok" you turned back around and sat on the couch too. "You think you'll be able to start training again tomorrow?" he asked. "Yea I think I'll be fine.," you said and he smirked a little. "What are you smirking at?" you say. "You. I mean you wake up after two weeks and you already can't wait to get back to training." He said. You shrugged and for a while you two sat in silence. Finally Hiei spoke up, "While you were knocked out I was doing a lot of thinking. I felt so guilty because I doubted if I would've come back for you like you had for me..I actually doubt if anyone would've come back for me if it weren't you. What you did means a lot to me." Then he fell silent again. You found that you couldn't think of anything to say. So you reached over and took his hand and you felt yourself blush. Hiei looked up at you and you could see him blushing as well. You held his hand for a while and then got up and headed for the door. Before you left you turned and said, "Goodnight Hiei. You should get some rest." When you got to your room you plopped down on your bed and fell asleep instantly. To everyone's surprise you were the first one up and ready for practice that day. You made everyone waffles and then headed to the arena. After a few fight you realized everyone was being easy on you because they were afraid of hitting your stomach. You got fed up and left to go for a walk. In the forest you found a stump to sit on and relaxed a bit. While tracing your finger through the dirt you started whistling to yourself and then you began to sing.

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## 16 - 5 or 6 days before the tournament.

So everyone settled into their rooms and walked back out into the main room. There were two couches and a big TV. Everyone sat down on the couches. "So now what do we do?" Botan asked. "Anyone up for a movie?" Kuwabara responded. "Oh can we watch a scary one? How about The Ring?" Yukina suggested. "Anything you say baby" Kuwabara grinned and put the movie in. At the end of the movie there was a clap of thunder and everyone looked at you. "What I didn't do it! It came here on its own." You said and walked over to the window. Sure enough storm clouds were making their way over to the hotel, you smiled to yourself. You always loved storms. "I just thought of something." Kurama said. "Mel do you remember when you fought Leon and when you got mad the wind started kicking up really bad?" He asked. "Geeze just when I started forgetting about that day you had to remind me! But yes I do remember." You say, a little aggravated. "Well do you think it's possible that you have control over every type of storm not just thunder storms? I mean storms like hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, hail and snow..that kind of stuff." Kurama said. "Hm..I never thought about it. It's possible because I did flood the dock that night and your right about the wind. Maybe because we already knew about my power with lightning we all just assumed that was all I could do." you said thinking it over. I wonder if Kurama is right, you think to yourself. The hotel you were staying in was completely surrounded by woods except that the tournament's fighting arena was only ten miles away. As the storm got closer you told everyone you were going out. You walked into the forest, but not far. Rain began to pour down all around you and lightning danced across the sky. You threw your hands skyward and got struck by lightning. "That tickles" You giggled as it slowly left your body. You concentrated hard and the wind began to stir. The more you concentrated on it the faster it began whipping around until you had created a mini tornado then you let it go and the wind died down. You grinned from ear to ear \*I guess Kurama was right\* you thought and made your way back to the hotel. As you did a shadow disappeared in front of you. Again you just shook your head and continued on your way. Everyone turned to look at you and you noticed Hiei wasn't in the room. "You were right." you say and find yourself grinning again. "Awesome!" Yusuke exclaims and everyone congratulates you on your new discovery. "Five days before our first match and she's just discovering her powers now? Hn" Hiei had entered the room. You raised an eyebrow at him but said nothing. What did I do wrong you began to wonder. "Do you really think you can master all this power in the five days we have left to train?" Hiei asked. "I'm willing to give it a try." You said but his attitude was making you nervous and he could hear it in your voice. He said another obnoxious comment and you realized he was purposely pushing your buttons. You looked to the window and it flew open. You reached your hands out and a strong gust of wind found its way into the room. You curved it around and thrust Hiei into a wall. Then you sent it back outside and closed the window. Hiei got up and you looked him straight in the eyes, "Satisfied?" you asked and walked off into your room. Everyone stared after you, stunned. Then everyone's attention turned to Hiei, "What the hell'd you do that for!" Yusuke yelled but Hiei ignored him and walked into his own room. You sat on your bed and listened to some music. Suddenly a voice entered your mind. \*Yes I am\* it said. For a moment you sat there confused, \*Hiei?\*, \*Yes\*, \*You're a jerk\*, \*I know but I was just seeing if you really could control all that power\*, \*Glad you're satisfied\* you closed him out of your mind, he had managed to anger you a lot by doubting you..again. Five days of training and it was pretty clear that you had a strong grip on your powers. You worked twenty times harder than everyone else because Hiei made you feel as if you had to prove yourself to them. Everyone was impressed on how soon you were able to control your powers, even Hiei. Botan, Keiko and Yukina had really encouraged you too and it felt good to actually have real trustworthy friends

like they were. (fast forwarding again) Suddenly it was the day before the torment began, the day before your teams first match. I think im gonna be sick you thought. But, as usuawall you wanted to sound brave so you said "I cant wait!". The moon was beginning to rise and you decided to go for a walk, you had a lot to think about. You thought about when you first met the team, your first mission, the second mission and your brother, your new abilities and finally..the tourment. You had to admit to yourself that you were a little nervous but you weren't going to let that stopped you. You walked for a long time, completely lost in thought and you wondered how everyone else felt about the tourment. Again you felt as if you were being watched and stopped walking, "I know you're there so why don't you just show yourself." You said calmly. You heard the soft thud of whoever it was jump down from the trees. You turned around....and I'm going to leave it at that!

## 17 - you turn around and....

You turn around and there standing in a patch of moonlight is.. "Hiei?..You've been the one following me?" You ask and he nods. "But..why?" "I don't know..I don't understand why it is that I have to be with you..like when everyone thought you and Kurama had something going on I actually felt..sad." Hiei said. "Omg you heard the conversation between me and Kurama." You say, remembering the time the two of you went for a walk. "Yes, I'm sorry, I didn't mean to spy on you. But when Kurama suggested that I liked you that's when I realized...he was right." Hiei...actually..likes..me? you think to yourself. "It's funny how I thought I had total control over my emotions and how I thought that I could never truly be happy again, but then you came into my life." Hiei says and your face is dark because your face is blushing. Now he broke eye contact and stood silently looking at the ground. You walked closer to him and made him look you in the eyes. As you lost yourself in his beautiful eyes he lost himself in yours. He put his hand on your cheek then moved it to the back of your neck. The other hand was in the middle of your back. You had one of your hands around his shoulders and the other on his cheek. For a while you two just stood there then Hiei leaned in and kissed you passionately. His lips were so soft and warm as was his breath and you could feel his heart beating quickly and nervously. When the kiss broke off you kissed him back with an equal amount of passion. Your knees started to go weak and you thought that if he didn't have his arm around you, you would fall. Wow he's kissing me! you thought your heart beating fast. He picked you up bridal style and carried you back to your room. He laid you on your bed then got in bed besides you, "I love you Melody and I'm sorry it took this long to figure it out." He said. "I love you too my shadow." You said and he actually smiled. He put his arm around you and you rested your head and hand on his chest. Both of you fell asleep peacefully. The next morning you woke up saw Hiei looking at you, he was sitting up, but hadn't gotten out of bed. "I didn't want to wake you." He said and you smiled. Being with Hiei made you feel so safe. He waited as you got dressed in the bathroom, you were wearing a cotton black pair of pants and a dark green T-shirt that brought out your eyes very well. Then both of you walked out of your room, everyone else was already up and as you entered the kitchen they all looked at you in shock. "Did you guys have s..?" Kuwabara began to ask but you cut him off, "I'm 16 yrs old of course we didn't! perv" You said and turned bright pink. Hiei had ignored Kuwabara and sat in the window sill. Everyone ate and Botan, Yukina and Keiko went to get seats to watch the tournament, of course they wished everyone good luck before going. "You guys ready for this?" Yusuke asked and everyone said yes. You guys made your way to the tournament and waited in the locker room until the announcer had introduced both teams. You walked out of the locker room and into the stadium, it was filled with hundreds of demons all jeering at you and cheering wildly. The arena was circular like the one you used for training, both teams stood on opposite sides. I CANT DO THIS! you wanted to say but you stopped and said "lets do this!". A demon who had no hair, but small silver spikes coming from his head stepped up first. He had yellow eyes and fair skin, he was wearing an all grey outfit similar to Hiei's black one. A cold voice entered your head \*This one's you and me love.\* It said. Hiei was about to get into the ring but you put your hand out to block him. He looked at you confused, "I've got this one." You said, never taking your eyes off the demon. As you entered the ring the announcer said, "The first match will be Spike vs. Melody..the newest member of the Urameshi Team! Begin!" "Spike? How original." You said and took your stance. The first fight has begun...

## 18 - part ten

For some time you guys sized each other up and did nothing but exchange kicks and punches. It wasn't long until Spike's voice entered your mind again and you both stood there as you listened. \*Love what is it you will do after this torment? Return to the Human World where your own mother hates you or will you stay here?\* "How do you know about my mother?" you asked out loud. "I know more about you then you could ever imagine because I am a psychic demon and I've been watching you." He said and you charged him, but he got out of the way. "I know about the dreams too." He said and you stopped dead in your tracks. "But how? I don't even talk about them to myself" you questioned. \*Yes I know why you don't sleep, I know why you walk alone at night.\* He was speaking in your mind again, \*The dream that holds nothing but destruction and in your hands your holding someone, but you can't see their face all you know is that you love them and don't want to do it, but you do..you kill the person who's pleading for their life, the person who refuses to fight back...the person who loves you.\* He looked over at Hiei, "NO!" you yell and drop to your knees. Your team mates are calling for you, but you ignor their confused shouts. \*For two months you've been having this dream, this dream of death, but you could never figure out who it is that you kill..now you know. What will you do now love? Will you stay with your friends here and risk the death of your beloved Hiei or will you run back to the Human World! If you don't go back then Hiei will die at your hands!\* Now your eyes were glowing and your hands were glowing green (the color of your spirit energy..and eyes). The spirit energy wound up your arms and encircled your body and your hair stood in every direction as if you were under water. Suddenly the floor of the arena started flooding and you raised the water until it was over your's and Spike's heads. Then you raised the circular pool high into the air and waited until Spike began choking for air. It began to snow and you broke free from the water which had turned to ice and you let it come crashing down and break into millions of pieces. The wind was thrashing violently around the stadium and you walked over to your half-frozen opponent, he couldn't move. You took out your dagger and you were struck by lightning and it covered your whole body. "The only one dying at my hands is you!" you said and held the dagger to his heart. "Go ahead Melody, kill me. It only shows what a ruthless murderer you truely are. Kill me..it won't be the last time you take someones life!" He snareled at you. For a second you stayed how you were then you got up, "Start the ten count" you told the announcer and she did. "Ten! The winner of the first fight is Melody!"koto yelled. You jumped down from the arena and everyone ran over to congradulate you and to ask what the hell had happened. As they approached you let your shield of lightning regain more power and lightning was visibley dancing around you. The team stopped inches away from it, "Leave me alone." You said coldly and let the lightning send them a small shock so that they were launched a few feet away from you. You walked back inside the locker room and sat on a bench by yourself. Everyone else had also won their fights, even Kuwabara. "The winner of match one is Team Urameshi!" you heard the announcer say and walked back to your hotel with everyone, but you kept your shield up so they knew to leave you alone. When you reached the hotel you locked yourself in your room and put a lightning barrier around your door so no one could come it. "What the hell could've happened to her?" Yusuke asked and everyone looked concerned, especially Hiei. At night you let down your barrier and as soon as you did there was a knock on your door, you didn't say anything. Hesitantly Hiei opened the door and entered the room, "Next match is in two days." He told you. You were lying on your bed, starrng blankly at the ceiling. He laid down next to you and put his arms around you, you didn't move at all. "Melody what happened?" He said softly. There was a long silence then you turned to look him in the eyes. "Will you promise to do me a favor?" you ask. "Of course, I'll do anything." He said. "There will

come a time when I'll need you to do me a favor, you will know when that time comes and don't forget that you promised." You said and laid your head on his bare chest and fell asleep. Hiei watched you with concern and confusion but after awhile he fell asleep as well....

## 19 - part eleven

Ok so you fell asleep on Hiei again and after thinking about the promise for a bit he falls asleep too. As you're sleeping you find yourself locked in a dream. You're in a dark, damp cave-like place, the walls are made of stone and there are cells like in jails, it looks like there has been a fire. You're laying in the bottom of a cell with its door blown off and are starring at someone who is out of focus. You're heart beat quickens and you're telling them to get away. Whoever it is just stands there as you begin launching attacks, yet yelling for them to save themselves. Finally the person falls to the ground and comes into focus..it's Hiei, he looks you in the eye then dies. "NOO"you said in your sleep. You wake up, startled, and realize tears are flowing from your eyes. The wetness from your tears on his chest makes Hiei wake up as well and he looks down at you. \*I've never seen her cry before\* He thinks to himself. "Melody?" He says hesitantly. You sit up on your elbows and wipe your eyes, "It was just a dream.", "Are you sure your alright?", "I love you Hiei, please don't ever forget that, I never want to hurt you." You say and kiss him gently on the lips. Then you hold him close and cry into his shoulder, he wraps his arms around. "It's ok..I love you too." You were up early the next morning and managed to climb out of bed without waking Hiei. You got dressed and walked out into the room with couches and a TV. You go over to Hiei's favorite window and it begins to rain, this time it is your fault that it's raining. You stood there for hours watching the rain fall lightly to the ground. People tried to talk to you, but you never paid attention..you just kept starring. Finally Hiei's voice enters your mind \*Mel what's wrong? You know you can tell me\*, \*After the tourment I have to leave, I can't stay here any longer.\* you said, you had come to the conclusion that you'd rather leave then risk hurting him. He tried to respond, but you cut the connection with him. You left the window and returned to your room. \*One more day off, then we have the next match..I better pull myself together\* you thought and fell into a dreamless sleep. You woke up and it was already dark outside. Another voice entered your head \*Meet me in the forest at midnight\* it said and whoever it was, was gone.

## 20 - part twelve

So midnight rolls around and you know everyone else is still up watching TV. You go to your window, open it and look down. "Damn, I hate heights." You mutter to yourself and jump to the nearby tree. "That was close." You say and climb down. You take out your dagger and head into the forest. Just when you had reached the forest Hiei had entered your room. He ran to your opened window just in time to see you disappear among the trees, naturally he follows you. You walked around for ten minutes, "It would've been helpful to know where in the forest they wanted to meet." You mutter and nervously fidget with your dagger. "There you are love." You spin around ready to defend yourself. "Uhh..Spike?" you say once you recognize the demon you had fought at the first match. When he noticed your dagger his yellow eyes widened, "I'm not here to hurt you or anything, I already know that I'd lose and probably die." He says and you put the dagger back. "What do you want?" you ask. "Well I wanted to apologize about the match. The only reason I brought all that up was because I thought I could beat you..at least I got you to spare my life. But I've been waiting to fight you for a long time, ever since I heard of you. So I had started entering your dreams and sometimes thoughts and your reoccurring dream about..well you know..was what I usual saw. Either that or dreams of your old home." He said and you just stared at him blankly. "I know demons are supposed to be somewhat ruthless and not have feeling, but I actually grew to kind of like you love and I wanted to help you." "Have you made up your mind about what your going to do?" Spike asked. "Yes, after the tourment I'm going home..there's nothing else I can do." You said, sadly. For some reason you knew it was alright to trust Spike and you knew you weren't in danger telling him these things. "Have you told Hiei about the dream?", "No, I don't want to upset anyone..I really wish it didn't have to be this way." you sat down against a tree and Spike did the same. "The dream doesn't make sense though..I mean I'm pleading for him to get away, to save himself yet I ki..well you know.", "Perhaps it's not you who really does it..maybe your possessed or something." Spike suggests. "Maybe." you think about it for a bit and there seems to be a possibility that he's right. "I was hoping I could do more to help, but I fear I can't. I really think you should tell him though, maybe together you could stop it.", "Thank you." He smiles at you and leaves. Just then someone jumped down from the tree in front of you. A katana was pressed to your throat, "Tell me what?" Hiei says angrily. "Tell you why I was crying, but if you'd rather kill me first feel free!" you yell and grab the blade, cutting your hand and knock it out of his. Your hand was cut deep in two spots and bleeding pretty bad. You ignored the pain as your hand felt like it was pulsing, you didn't even get up. Hiei looked at you in shock then sat down next to you. "Guess I have to tell you now." You say and begin explaining your dream and how the person you killed was always blurry, but last time you had the dream you were sleeping next to Hiei and the person came into focus and how you saw that it was him. You also explained what happened when you fought Spike. When you finished you looked into his eyes for the first time since you began to speak. Your eyes held no emotion, but in his you could see a mix of confusion, sadness and slight fear. "Now you know." You said and sighed. You looked at your hand which was still pouring blood. He took your hand and looked over the cuts, "I'm sorry" he said. "Don't be." You took your hand back and got up. You started walking away, "Mel!" You turn around and Hiei came besides you, "What are you going to do? You can't leave me." He said and you hugged him tightly. "I don't want to leave you, but I can't stay and risk your life." He hugged you closer, "We'll figure something out." He whispered and the two of you made your way back to the hotel. Hiei carried you back up through your window and got some bandages. He fixed up your hand and you sat closer to him so you could put your arms around him. You kissed him and he kissed you back, "I never want to hurt you." You said and kissed him again. "I know



Mel, I know." He said, he picked you up and laid you down on your bed, "Get some rest." He said and left. You woke up late the next day, good thing you did,nt have a match that day. And went into the kitchen to make yourself something to eat. For a minute everyone turned to look at you, but then their attention returned to the TV. "Are we training today?" you ask. "Nah we figure if we're not ready for tomorrows match by now, we'll never be ready." Yusuke answered. "That's a nice way of thinking." You say and finish eating. "Where's Hiei?" You ask, noticing that he wasn't in the room. "Aww is Mel worried about her boyfriend?" Kuwabara teased and to everyones surprise Kurama smacked him in the back of the head. Everyone started cracking up, except you, you looked to Kurama for an answer and he walked over to you and began whispering. "He went for a walk through the forest..Mel I hope you don't mind that he told me about, well you know. I was surprised that he even told me, usually he keeps everything to himself. I guess he's pretty upset, but I promise no one else will find out." Kurama looked at you and you could see how concered he was. "Thank you Kurama." You gave him a small hug to ensure him that everything was alright then you went back into your room. Around ten pm Hiei came back and went into his room. You knocked on his door, but there was no answer. "Hiei?" Still no answer. You walked in and found him sitting on the edge of his bed with his head in his hands. Hesitantly you walk over to him, "You ok?", again he didn't answer. Now you were worried. You sat down on the floor next to his legs and put a hand on his knee. He took his hands from his face and looked down at you. Seeing the worry in your eyes he said, "I'm fine, I was just doing a lot of thinking that's all.", "You should get some sleep, our match is tomorrow and you look tired." you said and waited for him to get settled in bed before you headed for the door. "Wait" he said and you turned around, "I've heard you sing before, you have a beautiful voice, it's so comforting. Can you..sing for me?" He asked. You walk over and sit down at the side of his bed and he rolls over to look at you. You smiled and brushed a piece of hair gently from his face and started to sing, softly. "In the arms of the angel far away from here..." You sang Arms of an Angel by Sarah McLachlan, which is not the usual music you listen to, but you thought it was a beautiful song. As you came to the end of the song you realized Hiei was fast asleep. You kissed his forehead then went back to your room and fell into a dreamless sleep. You woke up early the next day and got dressed and ready for the days match. Once everyone was ready you headed to the stadium in silence. Well hope your ready for the upcoming match!

## 21 - part 13

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## 23 - part 14

Remember I'm fast forwarding things) It's the last fight of the last match in the tournament, team captain vs. team captain. You already won your fight as did Hiei and Kurama. Once again Kuwabara lost and now it's Yusuke's turn. Although your team had already won enough fights to win the tournament both team captains still wanted to fight so Yusuke and the other captain came to the agreement that their fight would determine who won the match. The fight was lasting a really long time and there were a lot of times that made you jump or squeak. Things weren't looking too good for Yusuke and you were watching the fight from behind Kurama. You see Yusuke flying across the arena but as he does he fires his spirit gun. Right on target! The other team captain tries to recover, but falls back down. ".8..9..10! Yusuke wins the final fight and Team Urameshi wins the tournament!!!" The announcer says and the crowd goes wild! As Yusuke jumped down from the arena you ran over to him, "Yusuke you jerk don't ever scare us like that again!" You grinned and tackled him and he spun you around in circles. The rest of the team burst out laughing except for Hiei, he didn't look too happy that you were hugging Yusuke. When you all finished your mini celebration the announcer asked what it was you would all wish for. Everyone made their wishes and now it was your turn. You had been thinking about this really hard, but you still didn't quite know what to say. Everyone's eyes were on you, "I wish.." you began to say but you looked Hiei in the eye and stopped thinking, \*can I really do this? can I really wish myself anyway and wish for them to forget me?\* Hiei entered your mind \*no Mel you can't, I need you here with me\*, \*you shouldn't read my thoughts\* Hiei is holding your eyes with his and you find it impossible to look away. "I wish for..a new dagger." You heard Hiei and Kurama sigh. You said the first thing that came to your mind and your dagger had shattered in the last fight. As you all walked back to the hotel everyone was extremely happy, but you didn't say anything. Instead you examined your new dagger. The blade was 11 inches long and extremely sharp. The hilt was silver and the grip was black. Where the hilt formed a cross there was a silver, circular emblem that was divided into four quarters. Each quarter showed a different picture: a tornado, tidal wave, snow and lightning. You smiled as you traced your finger around the emblem, they had also promised that the blade was unbreakable. Koenma, Yukina, Botan and Keiko were already at the hotel and had you dinner and decorated a little to celebrate the victory. Everyone was enjoying themselves except for you. Of course you were glad that you had won, but you knew you should've wished to leave at least for Hiei's sake. You ate in silence and then when everyone put in a movie and began to watch it you sat in a corner by yourself. The only two that noticed something was wrong was Hiei and Kurama and you wished they would stop glancing over at you. You got sick of being stared at and slipped into your room. At first you thought no one had noticed, but then you heard Hiei knock on the door. "Come in" you said, sounding a bit annoyed. You could instantly tell that Hiei was unhappy with you. "So that was it! You were just going to leave all of us and not even say a proper goodbye? What the hell were you thinking!?" He said, aggravated. "Yes! That is it and I was only doing it to save your damn life!" You yelled back. Hiei's expression softened, but his yelling at you really upset you. "Why do you have to make things so difficult? Why must I love you!" you yelled and sank to the floor. Hiei walked over to you and put his hand on your shoulder, "Mel, I..", "You what Hiei? Your sorry, you want me to kill you!?" There was a long silence and Hiei had backed away from you a little. You looked up into his eyes and felt yours fill with tears, but you didn't cry. You jumped up and hugged him close and he put his arms around you. "All I wanted to do was protect you." You whispered and buried your face in his shoulder. "I know Mel, I'm so sorry." You put your hand on his face and kissed him passionately. He looked at you a little shocked and you took his hand and led him back into the other

room to finish watching the movie with the others.

## 24 - part 15

- "I'm so glad Koenma gave us two weeks off." Yusuke says. "Yeah, but we already wasted the first week." you reply. "Did you NEED to point that out?" Kuwabara asks. You grinned, "Of course I did." You left and went for a walk around the forest to think. \*Well so far, so good. At least I've only had that terrible dream once since we came back here. I wonder if Spike has seen anything since he is psychic.\* (You and Spike had kept up your friendship since the tourment and were keeping each other informed about your dreams and whatnot.) "You really seem to enjoy your time alone." Someone said behind you, you turned around, it was only Kurama. "I suppose I do." you said. "Why is that?" he asked and you thought about it a little. "I suppose it's because I'm just used to always being alone..for the majority of my life I have been." Seeing Kurama's concerned look you forced a smile and assured him that it was alright. "Have you had that dream lately?" He asked. "Only once since we have returned, but it still worries me. I keep hoping that it's just a dream, but it feels like it's much more than that." Kurama tried to comfort you and you both walked around the forest for the rest of the day. You talked about each others past and present, you talked about everything that there was to talk about and when the sun started to set you made your way back to the common room for dinner. Everyone else was already sitting and eating. Hiei glanced at you, but went back to eating. After dinner everyone played cards, except for Hiei of course. You walked over to him, "What's up?" you whispered, concerned. "Hn". You sighed, "If this is about me spending the day with Kurama he was just trying to cheer me up about the dream." You got up and went back to playing cards, you could feel Hiei starring at you but you didn't look up. \*If he doesn't trust me by now I don't think he ever will\* you thought to yourself and felt kind of defeated in a way. Hiei had listened in on this thought, but kept it to himself, he felt kind of guilty but couldn't explain why he always had to question you. You got sick of playing cards and went to your room. You were sitting on your bed starring at the wall when all of the sudden your window shattered and three guys in black cloaks came in through it. You screamed in surprise and heard the rest of the gang yelling and trying to make their way to your room. You tried to fight, but one guy had your wrists, the other had your ankles and the third was tying you up. A terrible wind kicked up in the room, but you couldn't fight while being tied up. Your door burst open and the gang piled in, but it was too late. You managed to make eye contact with Hiei, but your mouth was gagged. One of the men threw a smoke bomb and they dissappeared with you. Hiei ran to the window but you were no where in sight. "NOOO!" he screamed. It seemed like forever until you were ungagged and unblindfolded. You were in a stone dungeon and your wrists were chained to a wall, you were behind bars of a jail cell. \*Oh no, no it can't be...my dream\* you thought in panic. The room was lit with torches and there was a stone staircase. You heard a large door open and saw the shadow of a small women walk down the stairs. "Hello there Melody, my name is Sheiko." The women said as she stood in front of your cell. She was old and had long, straight grey hair that reached her waist. Her eyes were a dark blue, she was wearing a long grey cloak with the hood down and her back was slightly hunched over. "What do you want with me?" you demanded. You tried to use your powers to break free from the chains but found that you couldn't. "Ha, you won't be able to break those chains dear. I made them so that they confined your powers within you, in other words you will no longer be able to use your spirit energy." Sheiko laughed before continuing, "And what I want from you is your soul. I think you've failed to realize that with powers like yours you could use the weather to control the entire world. With your soul not only would I be unstoppable, but I could also have eternal youth..in case you haven't noticed I've grown rather old." She said. "I'll never let you take my soul you foul creature!" you yelled. "Temper, temper. Oh you will let me have your soul all in good time my



dear, but before you do I see I need to crush that spirit of yours. These three men will help me with that and soon you will be nothing more than my puppet." Sheiko said and walked away, leaving you alone with the three men who were still wearing their cloaks and hoods. (you will never see their faces)

## 25 - part 16

-At Koenmas-The gang rushed into Koenma's office. "Mel was kidnapped!" yelled Yusuke. "Maybe we can find her..." Koenma turned on a huge screen and started flipping through 'channels' until you came up on the screen in a dungeon chained to a wall. "Where is she?" Demanded Hiei. "I don't know.." Koenma said thoughtfully. "Then how is she on the screen?" Hiei demanded. "I suppose whoever captured her wants us to see her." Koenma answered and Hiei threw his hands into the air with frustration. "Hiei please calm down, getting upset won't help her." Kurama said. For a full week they watched you on the screen and during that week they also tried to locate you. They watched as the three cloaked men whipped you, screamed foul things at you and beat you relentlessly. They also tried several times to force themselves on you and kissed you. But when they got too close you always found the energy to let some of your spirit energy escape and would blow them into the wall. The sound of you screaming in pain was constantly heard through out Koenma's office, but to everyones surprise you never cried. You were too stubborn to let the men think they had the better of you so you had refused to cry. But everyone noticed that you seemed to be losing hope and stopped trying to protect yourself from being beaten, you were completely emotionless. One day Sheiko came down, "So where are your friends now my dear? It's been a week and four days yet your still here. Admit no one cares about you, no ones here for you, you belong to me now!", "No! You're a liar!" you yelled even though you were barely able to keep your eyes open. "Teach this girl some manners! Soon the final step shall take place and her soul will be mine." Sheiko left and all three of the guys came over with whips and started hitting you in turns. As you screamed the yu yu gang turned away. "Damn it we need to find her!" yelled Hiei and he stormed out of the room, Kurama followed him. "were are they.."you asked yourself. When Hiei and Kurama got outside Hiei turned to talk to Kurama. "The last thing I said to her before she was kidnapped was 'hn' and I know I hurt her feeling because I read her thoughts. If something happens to her I will never forgive myself!" He yelled. "Hiei, she knows you care for her and she is a strong girl, she can pull through this." Kurama said. Hiei nodded and Kurama left him alone. Just then Spike came out of the woods. "Hiei, thank god." He said. "What do you want?" Hiei asked, coldly. "I know where Mel is, I've seen it in a dream. She's on an island.." Spike said and he and Hiei walked off together, Spike told him your exact location. "Thank you so much!" Hiei said and was off at full speed to find you. As you were hopelessly being beaten you still had one comforting thought \*at least Hiei is still safe\* But now that he was coming for you how much longer will he still be safe?

## 26 - part 17

(GUYS!! IM ALMOST DONE!!)

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YYH-In love with a shadow-part 17

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wave of her black spirit energy over you. The pain was unbearable, but you still held the dagger inches away from his heart. Puppet strings launched from Sheiko's fingers and tied themselves around your ankles and wrists. "KILL HIM!" You turned extremely pale and your hand began making its way to Hiei's chest. At the last possible second you let out a blood curdling scream, turned and pierced Sheiko's heart. Both of you fell to the floor, "No..this can't be..how..?" Sheiko stammered. "I'm not your puppet." You gasped and felt yourself slip away into darkness.

## 27 - part 18...ending...

You slowly open your eyes and find that you're back in your own room. (Of course you didn't die, geeze people!) You glance around and see Botan sitting in a chair next to you. "Omg! You're awake!!" she says cheerfully. "How long have I been out?" You say and wince as you try to sit up. "Only four days. Yukina tried to heal you as best she could, but you've got a lot of nasty wounds there." Botan said. Suddenly it hit you, "Hiei! Is he alright!?" You tried to get up, but failed miserably. "Easy there Mel. Yes He's fine, he woke up two days ago and is in much better shape then you so you better relax. I'll go tell the others your up." She smiled and left. "Thank you." you said quietly. Soon the whole gang came running into your room and shouting with joy. Yusuke reached over to pat you on the shoulder, but you recoiled from his hand. Everyone fell silent and starred at you, Yusuke looked slightly hurt. "I'm sorry I just..." words completely failed you, you couldn't even explain why you had moved away. Suddenly the picture of the men beating you came into your mind and you felt your hands begin to shake. "Mel? Mel it's ok, you're safe now." Kurama said. "I'm sorry, I guess I just need some rest." you lied and faked a smile. Everyone walked out of your room, but Hiei had seen right through you. He made eye contact with you and didn't break it. Then the picture of him being in pain because of you filled your mind and you looked away. He left and closed the door, you fell asleep. While you were sleeping everyone else was in the common room. "We all saw what happened to her, I can't even imagine the pain she must have been in. I wouldn't be surprised if she shut her emotions out completely..I would probably do the same." Kurama said and everyone looked extremley grave. "She's suffering." Hiei said and that was all he said for the rest of the night. "Nah you guys she just needs so time, she'll come around." Kuwabara said. "I sure hope your right." Yusuke replied. -Back to you- You had only been asleep a few hours when nightmares of the past two weeks filled your mind. You screamed and sat upright, breathing heavily. Everyone ran to your room, "It was just a nightmare." you panted, "I'm fine.", "You don't want to be left alone, do you?" Kurama said, you shook your head no. "Grab your sleeping bags boys and girls we're having a sleep over!" Yusuke said. About fifteen minutes later Yusuke, Kurama, Yukina, Botan, Kuwabara and Hiei piled into your room with pillows and sleeping bags. You grinned. They spent the rest of the night sleeping in your room and every time it seemed like you were having a nightmare some one would gently wake you. -Fast Forward one week- Everything went back to normal..well sort of, you even had a mission. But everyone noticed how different you were, you jumped at almost every noise and completely shut out your emotions towards everyone. Hiei had no clue what to do and decided to give you some space and time. One night during dinner you spaced out. Kurama tapped you on the shoulder to ask for the salt and you almost had a heart attack. "I'm sorry..here..I'm going to bed." You handed Kurama the salt and walked to your room in a hurry. "Hiei, your the only one who even remotely knows how she feels, she needs you." Kurama said. Hiei nodded and followed you to your room. Hiei knocked on your door. "Can I come in?" You didn't answer so he walked in. You were sitting on the edge of your bed starring at the wall. You looked up at him and stood up. Before you could say anything Hiei pulled you into a hug, "Mel what happened to you?" he whispered. You, on the other hand, were pounding your fists into his chest (not hard) and for the first time in what seemed like forever you cried, you all out cried. "Why won't this pain go away, make it stop, I don't want to hurt anymore, I don't want to hurt.." You sobbed and slowly stopped pounding your fists into him. Now you just clutched his shirt by his chest and pulled him closer, "Why won't this pain go away Hiei?" you cried. Then you noticed Hiei was sniffing. You backed away from him and he sunk to the floor, he was crying too. You stood there in shock for a second then went over and sat by him, "Hiei..", "Melody I'm so sorry for everything. I caused you so

much pain and suffering. The day you were kidnapped the last thing I said to you was 'Hn' because I hadn't trusted you and yet you still fought with your life to save me..I'm such a fool." He cried even harder now and buried his face in his hands. For the first time since you were kidnapped you weren't afraid to let your emotions show again, you wrapped your arms around Hiei's stomach, "You know the only thing that kept me going while I was there was the thought that you were safe. When you showed up I didn't know what to do or feel because I feared for your life. Then I realized that you were willing to give your life for me and for the first time I felt..loved." you said and he looked up, his eyes were red from crying and you knew yours probably were too. "Melody I will always love you." He said and kissed you. You flinched a little and he pulled away in your head he said \*you're safe now\* and you replied \*as long as I'm with you I'll always be safe\*. You leaned in and kissed him. When you broke away he smiled then kissed your neck and made his way back to your lips. You never felt happier in your entire life and the two of you fell asleep in each others arms that night. At first you found Hiei couldn't sleep so you sang to him until he did, then you fell into a dreamless sleep as well. The next morning you woke up before Hiei so you got dressed and headed to the common room, everyone else was already there. For a moment you all just stared at each other and then you cracked a huge grin and hugged everyone in turn (yes even Kuwabara). "Glad you're back" Kurama whispered to you. "Me too." You answered and picked him up in a bear hug. Everyone started cracking up and Hiei made his way to the common room. He looked at you and grinned as well and then, for the first time, joined in the laughter and fun with everyone. That night you and Hiei sat in your favorite tree together. "I want to spend the rest of my life with you Mel." He said. At first you didn't answer and you heard him shifting nervously and smiled. You turned to the branch he was on and looked him in the eyes, "Come with me." you said simply. Hiei looked at you confused and it began to rain, "Come on let's get inside." He said and jumped down from the tree. You jumped down beside him and took his hand, but you didn't move to go inside. He turned to face you and you held him close. The wind kicked up and spun around you, it lifted you guys off the ground and Hiei grinned, "Ok I'll come with you." He said and you let the wind pick you up above the treeline. The rain stopped, but the wind held you in place, there was a full moon and the stars were shining brightly. "Wow." Hiei managed to say and you kissed him softly, "I promise I'll never leave your side." You told him and he promised the same. ~THE END~

OMG! i wrote all this. \*tries not to cry\* this is the first story i have ever compleated! thanks wizzyfur for telling me to continue. thanks people who read this but diddent say any thing. thanks bryan(my bf) for helping me with the story by iming me when i nearly fell asleep at the key board! \*hugs every one\*

PS: im working on another story already!