

# **Steel Snow Synopsis**

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*When I read this part of Kare Kano I freaking CRIED. This should be made into an anime of it's own, seriously.*

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## SteelSnow

In the mangaseries "Kare Kano," there's a short story called "Steel Snow" that takes place in the far future. It was done in a play, and there were only three actors: Maho as Neo Model, Tsubasa as Antique, Rosemary, and Mei, and Yukino as Ren Crawford.

Ren Crawford is a brilliant scientist who invented the first line of humanoid robots, or androids. His first model, Antique, is the design of a young girl. Ren lives far from Earth, trying to escape a painful past. He sleeps cryogenically for many years at a time.

One day, after an 80 year sleep, the most advanced of Ren's androids, Neo Model, comes to his home. She wishes to learn more about the creator of the androids, and in the meantime helps Ren with his work. In turn, Ren studies the incredibly evolved model with interest. Neo Model becomes jealous of Ren's beloved android Antique, but when the little one is damaged, she is quick to repair her. Neo Model questions Ren's past, and finally he gives in and tells her everything.

When Ren was a boy, he had a below average IQ and was very poor. One day, while being teased by older children, a girl named Rosemary helped him. They stayed together for a couple years, but Rose became bitter and worldly, and ended up laughing at him like everyone else. She stumbled into Ren's home years later, handed him her baby girl, and died. Although he wasn't her real father, Ren adored little Mei, and raised her well. Unfortunately, he was so afraid of losing her too, that he became violently possessive. One day, when her boyfriend came over, Ren picked up an axe and tried to kill him. Mei jumped in the way, getting hit in the stomach and becoming crippled. In his unstable state, Ren was happy that she couldn't leave him anymore, but Mei died soon after from her wound. Ren was devastated, and jumped from a tall cliff. He awoke later as if nothing had happened. After much testing, he discovered that somehow, after striking his head on the rocks, his IQ had jumped to well over 180. He began creating androids, beginning with his first, a duplicate of Mei, Antique.

Ren finishes his story and says he doesn't want anything to do with Earth. Neo Model then reveals that a huge war broke out on Earth years earlier, and the factories that produced his androids were gone. Chaos erupted when people found that they didn't know how to thrive without androids. Neo had wanted to ask Ren to come help. After Neo Model reveals she loves him, and promises that she will never leave him, he decides to take responsibility for the disaster. Together, Neo Model, Ren, and Antique set off for Earth.