

# More than one

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*Its here, the thing we've all been waiting for, the most dramatic story yet, ages change, people are older, personalities differ, be ready for the most thrilling, action packed anime fantasy yet! The sequel to..A big mistake!(C) Tkxkari224*

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## 0 - Lets introduce.

Ok guys! I got this idea from my bestest friend on FAC, its coming, its here!!

A BIG MISTAKE- more than one

The sequel

Are you ready?

you better be

You may fall off your chair

because something will happen

that you WONT be prepared for

One of your favorite characters...

will change

Will they change for the good?

Or for the worse

You will not ever know

Until you read on.

(note~ if you are new to this story, and have not read a big mistake yet, read it first, then this or else you will be extremely puzzled)

Now..Lets take a walk...

Into their world...

# 1 - I don't understand.

Nows the time, to look into their abstract world, which has changed greatly, find out if its for the best or worse...

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Since we last left off, Our characters, had been doing great yes? Well after we left, the school had gotten closed down, who knows why? The seven tried to keep in touch, but soon after their letters drifted away...When they heard that their school was re-opening, they were ecstatic! What they didn't know though...was that one of their friends had taken a different path... Lets join them today now, shall we?

"I can't wait to see everyone again!" Kotoko smiled brilliantly. "I wonder how much they've changed" She finished packing and zipped up her bags. "I'll finally get to see them all again!"

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"Yeah!" Jin yelled "I'm so excited!" He zipped up his blue binder, and stuffed it in his bag. "I really want to see everyone again! I wonder if Kaoru and I will be roommates again." He grinned. "We'd have lots of fun again!"

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Keichi stared out his open window as the wind blew in. "I want to see them again, all of them, even Kaoru! I hope me and Hikaga are roommates again this year!" He shifted his packed bags onto the bed "We pulled the best pranks on Mr.Kip! I can't wait to start our next plan!"

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Claire's eyes grew big. "I wonder how everyones doing! I wonder how Kaoru is doing..Since the change we ALL had to go our separate ways, even though the others couldn't keep in touch, at least we could." She smiled so bright, that it could surpass the sun. "I'm so happy!"

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The door slammed shut, not because of anger though, because of happiness. Hikaga stared at the letter inviting him back to their old school, signed by Mr.Kip! Boy had he changed! "Man, i had fun pranking him! I wonder if he'll still be annoyed when I do again this year!" He laughed then started to pack. "I hope i get Keichi as a roommate again! We had so much fun last year, i can't wait to annoy Kaoru again!"

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Kaoru stared at the ceiling just as he had finished packing, he could help but give a TINY smile. After all he would be able to see Claire again, he wasn't amazingly happy about the others, but he didn't mind them, the time he and Jin had been in the hospital, they had become better friends.

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The lights had been turned pitch black, you couldn't see anything, Sanome stretched out on her bed. "So, this is news" She sat up "looks like we're going back" She took out a black bag with a bat on it. "Let's see what they've changed into, thinking of them now, I'm glad I stopped writing, who cares about them, I can meet some better people, people like **me**"

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The next couple of days went by like summer vacation, soon it was the day to start school again, September, 6th had rolled around, and everyone was glad to be back, at least, almost everyone...

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Hello :3

I'm sorry, this one had to be short, because I have to get off the computer now :( I'll update later :)

## 2 - Reunited except for one

Hallo :3 So we join our characters in the next chapter, where..well i think you know what happens, hence the title.

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The school stood tall and bright, it looked even more wonderful than of before.  
It seemed to hit the sky.

Kotoko stood in front of the building and sighed. "I'm back!"  
Soon someone tapped her on the shoulder. "Eh?" she flung around to see the same red eyes that had befriended Sanome at the beginning. "Jin!?" She gasped.

He smiled "So you remember!" then he laughed. "Its going to be like old times now."  
Kotoko squealed. "You look so different!" She hugged him and laughed "Its so great to see you again!"  
Jin chuckled. "Ditto!"

"Hey can i join the love-fest?" A familiar voice giggled. The two looked around to see Claire staring back at them, with the same heart warming smile she always had.

"AH!" Kotoko yelled as she ran over and hugged Claire. "I'm so glad you're here!"  
Jin walked over. "Yeah! I can't wait to see everyone else too!"  
Claire smiled "Me too!"

Soon the three had all shuffled over to the famous fountain, the one they always used to go to when they met.

"Wow!" Jin gasped. "Can you believe how everything has changed!"  
Claire nodded. "I know what you mean!"  
Kotoko smiled. "But it was all for the better, Were going to see everyone again!"

Suddenly a football hit into the fountain, and splashed, Claire, Kotoko and Jin.

"ah!" they yelled in shock, the water wasn't nearly this freezing last year.  
"Sorry!" Yelled a voice from behind them, they shifted their positions to see a blue haired boy closing his eyes smiling.

Kotoko was about to say 'No problem' when she figured out who the blue haired boy really was!  
"Hikaga!" She screamed as she almost fell into the fountain, luckily Jin caught her!

"Eh?" Hikaga opened his eyes to see them all staring at him, then he went wide eyed. "CLAIRE!  
KOTOKO! JIN!"

"That us!" Jin smiled an award winning smile.

"Aw! Man! I can't believe it!" He laughed. "I've been waiting all summer to see you guys!"

"Ditto!" They all laughed as Hikaga joined them on the fountain.  
As they all chatted up a storm they seen Arina walking towards them.  
"Oh my" Hikaga burst out laughing as he remembered all the unfortunate things he did to her.

"HI!" She smiled happily. "How are you all! I haven't seen you since last year."  
"We've been doing good." Kotoko spoke for everyone. "Were so happy to see everyone again!"  
"Me too!" Arina giggled. "That reminds me! I've got to go find the girls! Ta-ta!"  
Kotoko started to laugh. "I guess everyones happy!"  
"Yeah!" Hikaga smiled.  
"Hey!" Jin noted. "You guys! You know theres still people from us missing"

Claire jumped. "Now that you mention it! Wheres Kaoru!"  
"Hey.." Came a voice that everyone loved!  
"Hi!" Came another beside him!  
Stretch the picture out, and guess who it was.

"AHHH!!!!" Kotoko yelled as she jumped onto Keichi like a little cat. "We've been waiting SO long!"

Keichi smiled then looked at everyone else. "Hey everyone, its sure been a while huh?"  
"Too long" Jin noted as they all went to greet, the arrivals.  
"Man!" Jin put his arm on Kaoru's shoulder. "Lets have more fun this year buddy."  
Claire giggled. "I'm so happy to see you again Kaoru!"  
Kaoru gave a little smile "Yeah, same"

Soon the six were on the fountain, talking like there was no tomorrow.  
Kotoko sat up. "Man...all we need now is Sanome!"  
Jin shifted positions. "yeah...i wonder where she is...it's not like her to be this late.." He bit his lip.

Kotoko whispered in Claire's ear. "He's going into his 'worry' mode."  
The two girls giggled.

Just then there was an announcement on the loudspeaker.  
"All students are to report to their dorms now! All arrangements and roommates are on the list on the bulletin board!"  
All the students rushed inside like a stampede. Soon about ten minutes later, Claire, kaoru and the others walked in.

The list said this:

Jin and Kaoru in room 12

Kotoko and Sanome in room 11

Hikaga and Keichi in room 13

Claire and Arina in room 14

Everyone sighed, they were glad to be in rooms with people they knew.  
Soon everyone went their separate ways until it was just Kaoru, Jin and Kotoko.  
"You gonna be ok without a roommate for now?" Jin asked.

Kotoko smiled. "Of course!"

Jin smiled back. "Well, see you soon then" While walking back he went into his worrying pose again.

Kotoko tapped kaoru on the back. "Hey, can you keep an eye on him for me?"

Kaoru looked at Kotoko then Jin, who almost banged into a wall. "Sure"

Kotoko smiled. "Thank you!" Then she walked into her room waving.

When Kaoru caught up to Jin which wasn't very hard, since Jin kept bumping into walls, Jin asked what Kotoko said.

"She just told us not to get into fights again.." Kaoru replied.

"Okay.." Jin Walked into their dorm after Kaoru.

Where is Sanome you ask? Come read the next chapter to find out...



### 3 - Sanomes Arrival, Call 911!

Halo, :3 here we are, Sanome arrives in this chapter, and Kotoko gets a surprise.

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The next day, Kotoko woke up to see someone unpacking their things.

"Sanome!?" She gasped. "Is that you!?"

Sanome turned around to face the smiling Kotoko. "Don't smile, it makes you ugly."

Kotoko opened her eyes. "W..what?"

Sanome turned to face her. "Look, we may be roommates, but just stay away from me."

Kotoko was stunned, "What are you talking about!? Were best friends!"

"Not anymore, get it?" Sanome walked towards her. "Now get out for now, I need to do some redecorating."

Kotoko didn't waste any time, she ran out not turning back even once.

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Later on once everyone was in their dorms and were settled, Jin and Hikaga came down the hall to visit Sanome and Kotoko, since they just heard that she came, Jin was so happy, until they turned the corner...

Then, there sitting on the floor, with blood stained hands, was Kotoko.

Her hands were shaking uncontrollably over her face as she stared at them with wide eyes.

Jin and Hikaga went insane! Then they dashed over.

Jin kneeled down after Hikaga. "What happened!!?? Are you okay!?"

Kotoko didn't notice them for a minute as she just kept shaking. Then when she looked up, she started to whisper. "S-she..is-isn't the sam-me..."

Jin had a puzzled look on his face. "Who isn't the same?"

Kotoko stared at the boys, "S-sanome..."

"Sanome did this?!" Hikaga yelled.

Kotoko just looked down. "W-when I came back to the door...she told me..to..to"

"To what??" Hikaga asked.

"To...Kill everyone...then myself..." Kotoko started to cry. "Then when i refused-! She did this!!"

Jin clenched his fists. "I can't believe it! How could this happen!?"

Hikaga looked at Jin. "I'm going to take her to the hospital."

Jin nodded wearily. "Ok...Don't worry Kotoko, Were going to help."

when Hikaga and Kotoko left for the hospital ward, Jin took the liberty of looking inside the cracked dorm door.

What he saw wasn't something the real Sanome would do, she was making a potion...a Death potion...

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The next day after Hikaga and Jin alerted the others about Sanome, there was yelling, shock and tears. Then they said if they needed proof, go visit Kotoko in the hospital.

Soon after everyone accepted it, and they came up with a plan to do something.  
We will help Sanome!

## 4 - Find the secret, Nao's here.

Hey, ho, I'm back with another fun chapter.

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"Ok!" Claire started. "We have to figure out a plan."

"I agree, but first we have to do some snooping, to figure out how she came to be that way..." Jin said.

"Yeah, we do." Claire put her index finger to her mouth.

"It must have been something over the summer...but what?" Hikaga frowned. "At this rate, we'll never know!"

"Don't get your hopes up yet!" Keichi smirked. "I know what to do!"

"What???" Everyone asked in unison.

Keichi smiled. "Here, huddle up."

Everyone leaned in. "Ok." Keichi started. "Since it was something that happened over Summer, all we have to do is find out what she did that summer!"

Jin sighed. "Yeah but ho-Wait! If i know Sanome, good or bad, she ALWAYS keeps a journal, in which she writes what she does over the breaks in!"

"Yeah! But how do we get it..." Hikaga bit his lip.

"I think i can..." Kotoko said as she came out of nowhere.

She had bandages on her hands from her frightening encounter from the last chapter.

"Kotoko!" Keichi stood up. "Are you okay?"

She smiled, that same smile, as if nothing was wrong. "Yeah, I am now"

Once she made her way over to a free seat, the others told her everything about their plan.

"Kotoko is on the case!" She yelled to the sky. "I can get that journal for you!"

"But, we won't let you." Jin said as his eyes shifted to a bush. "You might get hurt again."

"Pft!" Kotoko made a face. "I can do it! All you guys have to do is stall for time while i find it!"

"I don't know..." Jin debated.

"Come on. lets give her a shot, if she believes she can do it, then we have to believe her." Hikaga smiled.

"Yeah." Claire smiled too.

"...ok, fine, but please be careful." He had his 'worried' face on again.

"I will" Kotoko took 2 deep breathes. "Ok, I'm going. Sanome won't be back for 23 minutes so we have some time."

"Ok, we'll keep lookout." Claire smiled.

Then Kaoru appeared out of the shadows. "I'll help too..."

"Ok!" Kotoko giggled. "But first let me ask you something, how come whenever you appear, you appear randomly and sometimes scaring people, out of the shadows?"

Kaoru sighed.

Kotoko started to laugh. "Just kidding~"

Soon they all left, it was up to Kotoko and Claire!~

(Claire offered to come help, just in case)

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Soon Claire and Kotoko were in Sanome and her dorm.

"I think its over here." Kotoko whispered.

"Okay." Claire followed her. "But lets be quick."

"I found it!" Kotoko sighed, "Now lets get out of here."

"I agree! This place gives me the creeps!" Claire replied, not realizing what she said. "Gak! I mean.."

Kotoko laughed. "Don't worry, Its the same for me, at least its not my decor"

Claire laughed back. "Yeah"

Then the two left, the ran so fast, that it felt like they would fly anytime soon.

"There are the others!" Kotoko pointed towards three benches, where everyone else was sitting.

"Hey!" Jin yelled, practically knocking everyone off their seats.

Hikaga got up quickly though and whacked Jin in the head, "Thanks for that! I really hadn't planned on getting dirt in my mouth today, but, you know, what a few gags between minutes."

Jin laughed nervously "Eheh..sorry about that but look!" He pointed as the two girls were almost to the benches.

"Oh!" Everyone got up.

"Did you find it?" Keichi asked.

"Yeah!" Claire replied. "Was there ever any doubt?"

They all laughed. "Lets read." Jin said eagerly.

"Ok" Hikaga said. "open.."

Kaoru held the book in his hands because Kotoko unexpectedly passed it to him.

He opened it and then handed it to Hikaga.

Hikaga turned the page and then handed it to Keichi, Keichi gulped then passed it to a person who was sitting beside him.

"THIS ISN'T HOT POTATO!!!" Kotoko yelled annoyed.

Everyone stared, then Keichi looked over at the guy. "Sorry man."

"No problem." The boy smiled at them. "Here" He passed the book to Keichi.

Kotoko was mesmerized by this boy. "Haaa.." She sighed. Jin waved a hand in front of her face, then pretended he was holding a microphone.

"Excuse me, it seems were experiencing some technical difficulties here." He chuckled then put away his 'microphone'.

Kotoko snapped out of it, when Hikaga snapped his fingers in her face. "Hellooo~ earth to Kotoko, we have a landing here."

Kotoko shook her face and blushed. "Oh! I'm sorry!!"

The others just laughed.

"Hey, I'm Keichi." He introduced himself to the boy.

"I'm Kotoko."

"I'm Claire."

"Kaoru..."

"Jin here."

"I'm Hikaga."

"Hey, pleased to meet you all, I'm Naoki."

"Pleased to meet you Naoki!" The 5 said in unison.

"yeah.." Kaoru then said.

Naoki smiled.

"Hey, are you new this year?" Jin asked.

"Yeah, I am, I came with another guy, named Caine, but he kind of left me to go beat up this guy..." Nao

made a face.

"Eh!?" Kotoko said surprised. "Well, i guess everyone can have an opinion..."

She changed her eye sight and looked at the journal, Jin noticed her staring at it, and interrupted the chat. "Guys, not to interrupt, but ..cough, i t h i n k i a m c o m i n g d o w n w i t h a c o l d..cough."

Kotoko slapped her face. "Wow, that was just sad.." Then she sighed, and went into her position.

"Oh..no..we'd better..g e t, you i n s i d e" Kotoko started to laugh a little, seeing as Jin was a REALLY bad actor, because he started to fake gag, and wheeze, then he turned around and sprayed himself with water in the face, turned back around and.."I'm sweating to death! Someone save me!"

Kotoko burst out laughing. "I will help you, let me take you to the..uh nurses office! Right!" She took Jin's arm, who took Hikaga's arm, who took Claire's arm, then those four ran inside with the journal, leaving Nao and Keichi speechless.

"uh.." Keichi turned to Naoki, he knew he had to cover up their bad acting so he went and said..."There trying out for a play! Yeah.."

Nao laughed, "Alright then, i hope they get the parts they want!" He checked his watch. "I got to go, see you later" He waved and walked off.

Keichi waved back, and then when Naoki was out of sight, he whacked himself in the face. "These guys..." He walked into the building to find the rest of them huddled up over the journal, who Kaoru got stuck holding again.

"So read the first page Kaoru!" Kotoko rubbed her hands together.

Kaoru sighed but gave the book to Jin, The writing had too much excitement for Kaoru to read. Jin took the book and started to read. "Today, August 8th, I can't believe it! My mom is actually going to let me get my driving license FINALLY! She kept thinking i was irresponsible, I don't know where that came from! -laugh- I also hear that there starting school again! I can't wait! I'm so excited to see everyone again!"

Jin looked up, she was her normal self that day, Jin just wanted to rip out that page and keep it, but he knew Sanome would find out. "She must have turned after this day..."

"I'll read now." Claire offered.

Jin handed her the book. "Here..."

Claire took a breath. "August 13th, I went swimming today, I actually feel kind of weird..there was a man who kept staring at me..... It was scary! I wanted to leave, but my mom said it was probably nothing..I went about my business again, and He was still staring,i didn't know what to do, so I went over to ask him why he was looking at me, He said he was waiting for me to come over. And then he gave me this package... I was really curious so i opened it, all that came out was this insane dust, purple dust...I don't know what happened, but after that I got a massive headache so we went home, I feel really weird now..."

Claire looked at Jin. "I think this is it"

Jin nodded. "We have to find out how to reverse this!"

Hikaga sighed. "But guys, we don't even know what kind of dust!"

Jin kicked the wall. "Well I'm going to find out!"

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Hey everyone, Gabby here, so i know this chapter had some of the things all you 'big mistake' fans were waiting for, laughs. I hope you enjoyed it :)

## 5 - Dreams.

Later that day, when everyone was asleep, Jin was still awake, he was scribbling nonsense down on a sheet of paper. He got up to throw it in the garbage, when he stopped dead cold.

"Huh...?!" He looked to the window, there was a face staring back, but not a friendly one. "Who are you!" He clenched his fists.

The other was staring back and smirked. "You're worst nightmare, you remember Xel right? Well, I'm going to make you pay for what you did to him, with you're blood." The figure disappeared and Jin stood there shuddering.

"Are you okay?" Echoed for what seemed like forever. Jin woke up. "Huh..I-when did I fall asleep?" He looked at kaoru with an annoyed look. "I though i was awake." He turned back. "I had the strangest dream..."

Kaoru tilted his head. "Yeah...well tell everyone later...were going to be late."

Jin looked at the clock. "Crap!" He shot up and got dressed, soon both were ready, and started to walk to class.

Kaoru glanced at Jin and sighed, he was going into his 'worried' pose a lot!

"So...what was your dream about..?" Kaoru asked dryly.

Jin flung over to Kaoru. "I thought you'd never ask!" He jumped and started to explain. "I was looking out the window, and there was this guys, he said. 'you remember Xel right? Well I'm going to make you pay for what you did to him, with your blood', isn't that weird..." Jin nervously bit his lip. "I do remember, i do..."

Kaoru stared ahead. "Tell the others when we see them then...maybe they'll help.."

"Brilliant!" Jin smiled his wacky smile again, "Your a great idea dude!"

Kaoru flinched. He didn't like being called 'dude' very much, but didn't do anything, at least Jin was normal again.

Soon the two joined with the others. "Hey!" Claire and Hikaga waved. "Where were you guys!"

"We were discussing my weird dream." Jin replied.

"Dream?" Kotoko asked.

"Yeah.." Jin explained everything.

In shock, Kotoko opened her mouth to say something. "Oh my god..i have a bad feeling about this..."

"Me too." Jin frowned. "Damn...if only Sanome were here." He muttered to himself. Not low enough though, because everyone heard.

Claire stood up and walked over to Jin. "Hey...It's not any of our faults, ok? We'll get her back, don't worry! I'm already starting up a plan, so calm your shoes. She will join our group again, Even if we have to get her to recognize us by force, understand?" She had a kind of look on her face, that would tell you NOT to disagree.

Jin nodded, surprised, "Ok sir! -eh!? I mean man! GAH! I mean Ma'am!~"

Claire smiled brightly. "okay~"

Kaoru smiled.

Keichi laughed. "There we go! Now..how should we start!?"

Soon they all started to think, Just as Sanome was walking by!

Jin gasped.

Sanome stared at them as she walked by, with her cold, cold eyes. They could turn someone to ice.

Jin looked away, he couldn't dare look back.

Sanome smirked and walked over. "I know what your doing."

Kotoko flailed and whimpered. "were not doing anything, really Ms.Sanome"

" Ms.?" Everyone asked in unison.

Sanome darted her eyes to the fountain. "Oh but you are, and i know what it is, so don't try and cover up. It won't work, just like your lousy plan."

Jin's eyes narrowed. "It will work."

"Excuse me?" Sanome asked angrily. "What was that!?"

"I said it will work! I don't care what you say! Do you understand!? I DON'T GIVE A !@#\$\$%&\* CARE!"

Kotoko's eyes grew wide. "He's joking!"

Jin sighed. "I'm not, Kotoko, Sanome needs to know the truth. Sanome, your a freak, and i can say this, because i know its not really you! "

Sanome fired with anger. "your gonna get one Hell of a beating!" She punched Jin in the face and stepped on him. "You little @\$ \$ , your dead to me."

Claire pushed Sanome off of Jin and helped him up. "You freak!"

Sanome's face shot darts at Claire. "Oh you think?"

Hikaga stood in front of Claire and Jin. "Just back off!"

Sanome turned around. "Only, this time, next time i see you, I'll kill you." She left in a sway, as everyone turned to Jin. "Are you okay, buddy?" Hikaga asked, worried.

Jin smiled. "Yeah, I'm just going to go to my dorm, tell the teacher that I'm not in the mood to learn." His smile slowly faded away...

Kotoko started to cry. "WHY!?" she yelled. "WHY IS IT ALWAYS US!?" She put her hands over her face.

"Why..Its always us..who get broken apart, always us, who something bad happens to, why!? Do we have a curse! i can't take this anymore! Its all because of me isn't it!?" She slumped over. "Ever since I came the bad things have been happening! Claire, you said it wasn't anyones fault, but it is! it's mine!" She cried harder. "I don't like it! I don't like this one bit!"

Hikaga walked over to her, and patted her on the back, "Its not your fault at all, please don't say that..." He motioned for the others to come and they did. "I know its hard to see Sanome like that, but it will end soon, so don't worry, we'll find a way back."

"Beatings.." Kotoko stared at the fountain as she wiped her tears. "thats what i should get."

Hikaga sighed. He turned Kotoko to face him and narrowed his eyes. "Your not the source of the problems, okay? Its no reason to be like this, we will get her back! I swear on my life!"

Kotoko was stunned for a moment, then she realized that Hikaga was right. She smiled a little and sniffed. "Thank you Hikaga." Then she returned to normal instantly and glomped im in her cat-like way." Really! thank you!"



Hikaga blushed a tad. "Em..Ok..?"

Kotoko smiled and got up. "I'm sorry, guys, i guess I wasn't thinking.."

"Its ok!" Claire smiled happily, "Were just glad your okay now!"

"Heehe" Kotoko blushed.

Claire went wide eyed. "I've got it! The plan!"

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Hallo~ This one was a little violent, for me at least, because i had a lot of rage today! XD

## 6 - And etcetera

Hey, I'm back with a new chapter, I hope you enjoy it.

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"The plan!?" Hikaga yelled. "What is it!?"

Claire looked at him. "Calm down, okay, so here it is!" She motioned for everyone to huddle up.

"Sanome isn't at her dorm from classes and the principals office until 4:00 right?"

"Yeah" Kotoko said confused. "But what does that have to-" She raised her hands. "Of course!"

"See where I'm getting?" Claire smiled.

"Definitely!" Kotoko smiled back.

The others looked around more confused than ever. "Whats going on??"

"Claire has thought of a brilliant idea, thats what!" Kotoko giggled.

"Whats the idea though!?" Keichi asked.

"Well, guys, I've got a pretty good sense about this but, you know the man Jin saw in his dreams?" they shuddered. "Yeah"

"Well I'll bet my socks, that thats the same guy who injected the evil in Sanome!" Claire replied.

"Of course! Why else would he do it! Because he wanted to get back at us! Man...poor Sanome, why was she the victim?" Keichi sighed

"I'm guessing its because she was kind of like a leader." Kotoko said.

"Probably" Hikaga chimed in. "And what now?"

"She must have a trace on her somewhere..." Kaoru said emotionless.

"Yea, she must have some of that dust somewhere in her room!" Keichi said.

"Exactly!" Claire smiled triumphantly.

"Man, thats a good idea!" Kotoko smiled.

"Yeah..." Kaoru said.

"Lets look for that purple dust then!" Hikaga said.

"Yes! Lets!" Claire said.

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Up in Sanome and Kotoko's dorm, Claire, Kotoko, and Hikaga were there, Keichi and Kaoru were keeping a lookout outside.

"Hikaga you check the closet, Kotoko you check the drawers, I'll check the beds and under them." Claire said.

"Okay" Hikaga and Kotoko replied.

They all went to look in their decided spots.

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About a half hour later Hikaga yelled something. "Guys look!!"

The two girls ran to the closet. "What!?"

He pointed to a pile in the corner with purple dust on it.

"That's it!" Kotoko gasped.

She pulled out a see through bag and put the dust into it, as the three ran out of the room.

Soon everyone was inside Claire's dorm. "So now here comes the research".

"Yeah." Kotoko said. "Let's find out about this dust."

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Soon they did.

"Hey..." Kaoru said. "I found it..."

"You did?!" Claire smiled. "I knew you could!"

Kaoru smiled a little smile.

"So it's brainwashing dust! But that doesn't make any sense..." Keichi said confused.

"Oh, but it does." Claire narrowed her eyes. "Whoever this freak is, there controlling Sanome's thoughts."

"So, she knows?" Hikaga asked.

"Not necessarily." Claire said. "There's two types of this dust, one is brainwashing but you don't know it's happening, one is brainwashing. but you do know what's happening, you just can't do anything."

"So which is happening to Sanome?" Kotoko asked.

"Too vague to tell, probably the most common though, which is Amnesetic Phorocile." Claire replied

The others looked at her funny.

"The one where she does know, but can't do anything." Claire smiled.

"Oh." Keichi laughed.

"Okay~" Kotoko started. "Let's fix this then! Now that we know".

"Yes" Claire agreed, "Let's."

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The very next day.

"GUYS! WAKE UP!" Kotoko screamed with terror. They had all somehow fell asleep in Claire's room while Arina was out thank God. Kotoko was an early riser though. She screamed and pounded on the wall. "WAKE UP!!"

They all shot up. "What's wrong!?"

She shoved the newspaper into their hands. "SANOME KILLED THE PRINCIPAL!"

They all went wide eyed. "W-what...h-how..."

"I don't know! I was walking out to check the weather and..and someone was screaming..I ran over..and and..He was DEAD! Sanome was the only one there, with a bloody knife! Nobody saw her but me, I just couldn't tell them though!"

"NO!" Claire yelled. "This can't be happening!"

"She's right! how could this happen! The principal is one of the strongest in the school!" Keichi yelled.

"I don't know! I don't know!" Kotoko tried to calm down but it wasn't working.

"She's on a rampage, and were the only one who know...what a burden huh..?" She sat down.

Claire sat down too. "Your right...we can't keep this a secret forever, it will kill us, and you know they might come to us for questioning...If they want to know how it happened, they could ask the kids."

Soon there was panting and huffing.

They turned around. "Jin!"

Jin looked more worried than ever. "Is it true!?" was all he said.

Claire nodded solemnly.

"Ugh!!" Jin yelled, still out of breath. "I really like our principal" He made his way over to a chair. "And

now he's gone."

"It's okay, we won't let it happen again!" Keichi said.

"Yeah..." Kaoru said.

Soon Nao and Caine came running to their dorm. "Guys! Quick come! You have to see this!" Nao said.

"okay." They ran downstairs into the cafeteria. "Look" Nao pointed.

The lunch lady was terrified, she was holding onto one tray as a million snakes edged towards her.

Kaoru didn't take any time to consider what would happen, he disappeared and ended up in front of the lunch lady. "I'll take it from here..."

Kaoru fought off every last snake and saved the cafeteria.

"Wow!" Claire exclaimed. "He's so cool."

"I agree" Kotoko smiled.

Soon Kaoru came back. "It was Sanome..."

"Again!" Jin yelled. "Is she trying to kill off all the faculty!"

Keichi's eyes opened wide. "She is. She's going to kill them all, so there won't be anyone here when we cry for help."

Hikaga looked around. "He's right! We have to stop her!-and fast!"

Kotoko sighed. "But how..."

"It looks like were losing..." Keichi closed his eyes.

"I refuse to believe that!" Jin yelled. "We can't just give up! not like this!"

Claire shifted positions. "Who says were giving up?"

"bu-" Jin looked at her, she smiled. \*Cue the battle music\*

"RUN!" Jin cued. They all ran, ran outside. "We have to find Sanome!"

They split up! Yell, Yell if you see her, don't forget, its the most important thing.

"GUYS!" Claire yelled, like asked. "She's headed to the faculty room!"

The six ran, ran like there was no tomorrow, Ran to Sanome.

"Don't let her get you!" Keichi said. "Stay focused!"

Claire appeared in front of Sanome. "Sorry, are we interrupting something?" And before she even had the time to yell anything, Keichi threw the bag to Hikaga, Hikaga passed it to Jin who threw it to Kaoru. Kaoru shoved the bag over Sanome's head. Kotoko tripped her, so she fell over, Jin being as brave as he possibly could, punched Sanome, to knock her out. Luckily it worked.

"We have to get the anti-potion!" Clair said, "Before she wakes!"

"I can get it" Kotoko smiled. "I know where to."

"Perfect" Claire smiled.

"I'll go with her." Hikaga said as the two shot off.

the others brought her upstairs to Keichi's dorm. "Set her down, oh, and get a chair ready, just in case she wakes up." Keichi said.

"yeah yeah. i got it" Jin said.

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Kotoko motioned to go in a dusty old room with 'Janitors' posted on it.

They walked in, and Kotoko pushed a button behind a curtain, opening a cabinet.

"Wow." Hikaga blinked.

Kotoko slunk inside. "This one." She read the bottle. "Curse remover..or this one..Anti-curse..or this one..Curse be gone, sounds like a cleaning formula! What the heck! I don't remember there being this many!"

"...uh..Lets just take the one that says anti-brainwash." Hikaga suggested.

"Is there even one of those?" Kotoko looked around confused.

"Here." Hikaga pointed.

"Great, now lets get out of here. this place gives me the wiggins"

"Same" Hikaga said as they both left.

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"We have it!" Kotoko yelled as the two burst in.

"Just in time too!" Claire looked at Sanome.

Sanome suddenly opened her eyes. Kotoko took the bottle and shoved it in Sanome's mouth. She made a face flailed her arms and then fainted.

"What happened." Jin asked.

"Its a risk, did you know.." Kotoko's face darkened. "I've read all about these, its a risk, if she doesn't wake up soon, she won't wake up at all, pray for her."

Kotoko walked out of the room. "I'll be back in a minute." Her face still looked dark.

"She won't wake up." Jin bit his lip, until it started to bleed, he coughed and went into the bathroom.

"Man...just how many rough patches are we going to have to take until the journey is over..." Keichi said.

Just how much? Will we ask? No...we can't, we'll get scolded. You can't do anything, or he'll kill you.

"Huh?" Hikaga said, "did you guys hear that?"

"Hear what?" Claire asked.

"Oh...never mind. I'm probably just hearing things." Hikaga shook his head.

You'll scream for her, she'll die, cry, cry tears of sorrow, cry, cry tears of sorrow, When she dies happiness will leave, leave forever.

Hikaga stood up. "I know I heard it that time!"

Kotoko came back. "The voices of perpetual torture are surrounding the room, thats what your hearing."

Hikaga sat down. "Kotoko, how do you know so much about this stuff?"

Kotoko turned her head, "No reason, I just always want to be prepared. Anyway, the voices are just there to torture you, they don't tell the truth." She sniffed, "Does anyone else find it like an ice-age in here?"

"now that you mention it it is kind of cold.." Hikaga said.

"oops, my fault.." Keichi hopped up and turned the air conditioning down.

"haaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa..." Claire sighed and kneeled by Kaoru, "This isn't looking good for Sanome guys..."

"I know, but we had to take the risk." Kotoko said. "Its better than looking in the obituaries every day to see her next attack.."

"Yeah..It really is." Jin. "Still though, if she dies, I'll... Never mind, nothing."

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Soon more days passed, and more, soon it was another month. Sanome still slept.

When everyone was in class, Hikaga had a free period, he went to see Sanome.

"Man, I Really wish you would wake up." He bent down to make sure her heart was still beating. "Good, at least your not dying" he smiled. "Wake up soon." Just as he was leaving he hear a faint sound from behind him, he figured it was just voices, but then it was a little bit louder, he recognized this voice,He turned around as fast as he could with a serious face it was the voice of.....

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Hey, I hope you enjoyed this chapter, and to clear up any questions no, Amnesetic Phorocile does not mean anything in reality.

## 7 - Someones dying, and its not Sanome.

Hey! That sure was a big cliffhanger wasn't it?

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Hikaga's face was pale. "What do you want!?" There staring back at him, was the man from Jin's dreams.

"I want her." He pointed to Sanome, "You ruined my plans, you ruined them. now I'll kill you, right here and right now!" He cackled, the worst laugh you could ever hear.

Hikaga yelled, " huh!?" He shook his head, he was sitting in a chair and Sanome was still laying on the bed. "Oh thank god." He put his hand on Sanome's forehead. "I think she's getting a fever..." He picked up her hand, which was slightly numb feeling. "Come on. wake up, for Jin, For Claire, for Kotoko, for me, for Kaoru, for Keichi, for Arina..well not so much for her, but most importantly for yourself."

she won't wake, she won't wake, she's got a curse, a curse I say, You pray, but they won't get answered your prayers won't get answered.

"Shut up you stupid voices of perpendicular torture or something!" Hikaga yelled, but then realized something, "Wait voices, cursed? How cursed?"

Cursed with a mark, by the great one, the one who stuck our souls in the walls, we shall stay around the person who is being tortured by the curse of death, we sing for them, but we will not pray, their tortures souls then join us, the voices.

"Wait, so if Sanome isn't cured from this curse, she'll turn into one of you!" Hikaga turned wide-eyed, 'I will never let that happen."

But you can't fight it, that girl was destined to die, in the prophecy~~ From Kadel's books, he sings sways, earth be chained, in preparation for a new death.

"Isn't there someway I can get rid of the curse! Wheres the curse marks?" Hikaga asked the voices.

We reply, but can't touch, nor can we show you, you have to find this out yourself, find it find it fight your inner darkness, hands hands.

"Your giving me clues though, hands huh?" Hikaga picked up one of Sanome's hands and turned it over, in shock, there was a curse but it didn't look evil, just the opposite actually, it was a pink rose.

He wants, he thinks, its for a reason, he gets rid of the ones who will be able to take away his presence, the leaders, lions, scream.

Hikaga sighed. "You guys don't make any sense...." He looked up. "Can you show yourself, so I'm not talking to a ceiling?"

We will be spirit though, see though people of light, not dark.

Hikaga shook his head, "Fine, as long as I can see you."

A flash of light came and one spirit stood before him, long glowing golden hair, a long white dress, overflowing, and a pale face.

"You remind me of Sharron!" Hikaga said. "Anyway, let me say this, If Sanome dies I will pack a beating on this one you call Kadel."

You can't can't, do it if you must, but in the end you will join us too. To get rid of the curse is the answer you seek yes?

"Well..yeah..it is." Hikaga replied. "Do you know how?"

As a matter of fact, we do, we do, for a price, prices take out vengeance, give us your health.

"My health!?" Hikaga yelled. "Whats that suppose to mean!?"

Health, a pity, so much people waste it, taking one of theirs would be pointless, you, young boy, will have a fantastic life, friends, friendship, sports, you had so much going for you.

The voice circled Hikaga as more appeared all different from the last one. Soon they were all surrounding him.

"What are you going to do to me?" Hikaga gulped.

Nothing, if that tis what you have wished, to save your friend, we, the voices, need something in return, something special to you.

Hikaga tried to walk out the door but it slammed shut. Soon Jin and Kotoko came walking, they wanted to visit Sanome too.

"Hikaga?" Jin asked. "Are you in there?"

"Help me!" Hikaga yelled from the other side.

"Why!? Whats going on?! Are you okay!?" Jin yelled.

"The voices have locked him in!" Kotoko banged the door. "They want something precious to him, in order for him to leave!"

Hikaga backed into the door. "Guys, what do I do!? They're coming closer!"

We want it, your precious memory, or object, presence or feeling, we want it, you already agreed. We shall flee right after, to save a life, a life, we need to take another, another precious thing.

"What are they asking for!?" Kotoko asked.

"They want something precious to me!" Hikaga replied wearily.

Kotoko snapped her fingers, "Hikaga! whats most precious to you! Other than your friends and family!"



"I don't know! Maybe My life, I can't think straight at the moment!" Hikaga ran across the room.

"Then, they want your health right!?" Jin asked.

"Thats what they said!" Hikaga yelled from the window.

Won't hurt, it won't hurt, its just like a needle, you may feel some discomfort at the neck and stomach, but only for a second, in seconds you will join us.

"No! I can't!" Hikaga shut his eyes tight.

Kotoko kicked the door open. "Hikaga we can't come in, theres a barrier, but give them what they want! I swear if they kill you though, we will DEFINITELY get you back!"

Hikaga took three deep breaths. "Okay." He turned to the voices. "Do it."

We see an agreement, say goodbye to your friends, because you will never see them again. ever.

Hikaga wiped his eyes. "By guys, I'll miss you." He smiled weakly. "I think you'd rather see a smile, than a frown when I die."

"What!?" Kotoko yelled. "You won't die! We'll save you I swear!"

"Bye." Hikaga turned to the voices. "I'm waiting."

They stuck out their arms, and placed it on Hikaga's heart.

Last beats, a tremendous fate, live life to your fullest dreams, means nothing, when you don't have a life anymore, your heart is pure, alas, no bad in you, if you even had a little, we couldn't take you. And in a flash they took his soul, stopped his heart, and left.

Kotoko ran in and pulled a vile off of her neck. "To say to is, I trust in you!"

She uncorked the top and poured the liquid down Hikaga's throat. "Now, be reborn, live it, the life you were meant to live, no holding back. (If you have any sad songs, naruto sadness and sorrow works best here, put it on now.)

"What are you doing Kotoko?" Jin asked wiping tears from his eyes.

"I'm saving a life." She smiled. "He's not completely dead, even though they said they took his soul and stopped his heart, they're talking metaphorically." she closed the vile. "Now enchant the body of whose they took, full force!" She turned to Jin, "its going to take all off my magical energy for today, i need you to help", she held out her hand. "Don't worry, he's not really dead, He's just sick at the moment, a sickness that if we don't treat, will turn to death."

Jin grabbed Kotoko's hands. "I'll do anything!"

They both yelled some type of spell and the flash went away.

"Phew! We did it! Just as promised!"

Hikaga opened his eyes. "Hh.." He sat up slowly, in his mind, the voices were screaming in anger, but

he didn't care. "I love you guys."

"We love you too!" Kotoko smiled. "I'm glad you safe!

"Me too! I thought i was a goner!" Hikaga sighed.

Then they all sat up. "Sanome!"

They rushed to the bed. Sanome was still there laying down, but one thing had changed, her face was tear stained and she was frowning.

"Nightmare?" Jin asked Hikaga.

"Yes." Kotoko looked at them. "Her magical energy is sensing that you died, and if we remember in the first book, a big mistake, she said if any of her friends died she would kill herself, but fortunately she's not in the position to do so now."

"So..she knew that I died..?" Hikaga blinked.

"Yes." Kotoko looked at Sanome. "She found out in her dreams, they're powerful things, dreams, most of the time, hat you have in dreams are what you might've done or been in a past life, and sometimes they are just plain retarded."

The boys laughed. "I know that."

"Lets leave for now...check on Sanome in the morning." After the three left they caught up to the others and told them EVERYTHING! It was a terrible combination of umms, OH MY GODS! ARE YOU OKAYS and THATS TERRIBLES, yeah.

But theres more trouble brewing, you just won't know won't know at all, for your actions more will take place Kadel will kill you, kill you all....

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I know, this chapter was a little too intense even for me! D:

Oh by the way, Gomen nasai Naera-chan, i just had no idea what to do, then it turned out to be so insane i just couldn't bring myself to erase it all ):

## 8 - We'll spread love. Use your wings.

Hey...

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The next morning everyone was crowded around a bench.

"Man...I still can't believe you died.." Keichi looked at Hikaga.

"Me either, it was probably the most terrible moment in my life, and it wasn't just dying, it was painful..."

Hikaga sighed. "I'm so glad its over...but Sanome, she hasn't woken up, has she?"

Jin looked away. "No..."

Claire banged a wall, "This is really terrible, out of all the things that could've happened, i didn't know something this bad could, luckily, Kotoko and Jin were there when Hikaga was in trouble though, otherwise we wouldn't just have one person to cry over..."

Kaoru put his arm on her shoulder, as if to say, 'its okay' but you know Kaoru, not much of a speaker..

Claire smiled. "Thanks."

Soon Kotoko sneezed, it sounded somewhat fake though... "Ug..I think i have a cold" She smiled nervously, "Better go see the nurse!" She dashed off.

"What was that all about?" Hikaga asked, puzzled.

"I don't know..."Keichi replied. "Should we follow?"

"I think we should." Hikaga smirked as the two boys ran off, before anyone could say anything.

"Well...bye?" Claire said.

"Ah, well." Jin smiled. "Thats one less problem to worry about."

"Yeah." Claire giggled.

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Kotoko ran through the halls like a cheetah.

"Geez!" Said Keichi. "Since when was she fast!"

"I think she wants to make sure nobody is following her!" Hikaga was running out of breath.

The two stopped vastly as Kotoko went into a room marked 'Janitors.'

"I know this room!" Hikaga gasped, "This was the one her and I went into to get the anti-brainwash potion!"

"The Janitors?" Keichi looked at Hikaga as though he had lost his mind. "Are you sure, almost dying didn't affect your brain?" He chuckled.

"Ha-Ha, very funny." Hikaga made a face, then joined the laughter.

Soon Kotoko came back out. With something in her hands, she covered it like it was her safety blanket.

"Whats that?" Keichi stared.

"Dunno." Hikaga replied, wondering. "Lets keep following."

About a halfway of following Kotoko, they realized she was going to the room Sanome was in! And she had a bottle, with who knows what in it!

"Whats she doing!?" Hikaga asked.

"I don't know but shes getting something out of her bag, now going into the room, lets go!" Keichi pulled

Hikaga's shirt and they ran to the door.

Kotoko didn't seem to notice them, as she twirled too many potions to count in a small cauldron. "Ichi, Ni, San, Shi, Go, Rokka, Shichi, Hachi, okay there all there!" Kotoko smiled as she poured the last drop in, she stirred and stirred, it felt like three hours at the rate she was going, Hikaga and Keichi were just about to fall asleep!

But soon, she was done, she put the new potion into a tiny cup, and snapped the cauldron away. "Here, I better do this fast, before any of the others come...that wouldn't be a pretty sight..."

Hikaga was getting worried. "What does she think she's doing, what will happen to Sanome, Is she evil too?"

"Dude! chill out!" Keichi nudged him. "Don't jump to conclusions."

"Right..." Hikaga smiled.

Kotoko put the potion so Sanome drank it, in her sleep. "There, now wakey wakey, this has got to work, I'm running out of ideas! I'll check again later..." She was about to walk out of the room.

"She's coming!" Keichi squeaked.

"Oh god! run!" Hikaga whispered. "Now!" The two ran, ran like they never did before.

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"So..." Keichi noted. "Shes not evil."

"Apparently not" Hikaga chuckled. "I can't believe you thought she was evil, i mean seriously! Kotoko could never be evil, she's way too nice."

"Meh...You thought she was too." Keichi replied.

"Only for a second!" Hikaga stared at Keichi with half closed eyes.

"Lets settle this then!" Keichi flicked Hikaga in the back of the head.

"What was that for!" Hikaga questioned.

"You'll see!" Keichi said, as the two began to wrestle.

"I was right, just admit it." Keichi smirked.

"not in a million years!" Hikaga laughed back.

Soon the two were laughing so hard they didn't notice Kotoko standing RIGHT in front of them. She looked mad.

"Ah! Kotoko." Hikaga looked at her. "I thought you felt sick!"

"I've miraculously recovered." She put her hands on her hips. "Are you forgetting something!?"

'Oh god, she knows we were spying on her!' Keichi thought.

"Sorry!" Keichi moaned. "Really."

"You should be!" She yelled. "You know how you're not suppose to fight by the stairs!!" She hissed, then pointed behind them, where they were only a way away from falling off!

She crossed her arms again.

"Oh..." Hikaga said. "I'm very sorry, It will never happen again."

"Thank you!" She smiled, now I have to find some missing yarn before it disappears completely, she licked her hand softly, and walked away.

"Man...if everyone turned into an animal for a day, she would definitely be a cat." Hikaga said.

"I agree, its kind of freaky how much she resembles a cat!" Keichi replied.

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Later, in Sanome's room, She turned, a sign.

Turning, tossing, both ways are a multiple possibility, of awaking, not if we have anything to do with it though.

The voices swarmed Sanome just as Jin barged in.

Await a tomorrow, because we'll be back.

They leave...

Jin flew over to Sanome. "Man, wake up!" He patted her pillow. "Kotoko says theres only one day left, I can't believe it, don't die on me, you promised that this was the Summer, we would take all the risks, last year, you promised, your exact words were 'Jin, I'll make a promise to you, next school year, when we re-open, we'll take a lot of risks, like eating the school food!' then you laughed, i want to hear that laugh again..."

You won't. Voices cackle, we know everything, the future, past and whats now here, you can't change the prophecy, you can't!

"Shut up!" Jin yelled. "You don't know anything!" He turned back to Sanome. "I'll ignore them, just wake up" he squeezed his hands together. "I still want to take those risks with you, and even though you can't hear me, I'll still say it. Come on, the team will be sad if you die." Jin sat on an open chair. "One last try. One last try, Oh!" Jin remembered the saying Sanome always used to say to him last year. "One day at a time--this is enough. Do not look back and grieve over the past for it is gone; and do not be troubled about the future, for it has not yet come. Live in the present, and make it so beautiful it will be worth remembering." As soon as he spoke those words, he smiled, remembering that whenever Jin was sad, Sanome would always tell him the same. "One day at a time--this is enough. Do not look back and grieve over the past for it is gone; and do not be troubled about the future, for it has not yet come. Live in the present, and make it so beautiful it will be worth remembering."

Sanome's eyes shot open, when Jin left.

"Jin!" She yelled. "I want to take those risks!"

Jin stared in the room, as he saw the awakening Sanome. "Sanome!" He yelled as he flew to the bed, and hugged her, the biggest longest hug you could ever see.

"I'm so glad! I'm so glad you're awake!" Jin cried.

"Me too!" Sanome cried. "I'm so sorry!"

"Your not the one who should be sorry," Jin smiled as the two finally broke apart.

"I killed someone!" She cried.

"No," Jin wiped her tears. "Kadel did." (oh my god! Imagine how cute that scene is!)

"We'll tell the others tomorrow, okay? For now I'll stay with you." Jin handed her some water he zapped together.

"Thank you." Sanome sniffed. "

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Finally, huh? finally.

## 9 - Tellin' everyone.

Hey....

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The next morning came in a flash.

"You ready?" Jin asked Sanome, who was falling over a lot, because she hasn't stood up for about a month.

"Y..yeah." She leaned on a wall. "I hope they won't be mad at me."

Jin frowned. "Of course they won't!" He opened the door, "Then lets take them one by one, kay?"

Sanome smiled. "Okay."

The two walked out the door, looking both ways, then decided to visit Hikaga first, because he was the second person Sanome met ever since the school opened, and she wanted to see him, alive.

Jin found him by the water fountain, taking a sip. "Hey, man, whats up?"

"Eh? Oh, not too much, just finished some homework."

"Thats, not cool." Jin laughed. "But, come here, I want to show you something."

Hikaga looked puzzled, but went anyways. When they turned the corner, Sanome was there. She was smiling.

Hikaga dropped his water bottle. "S...sanome!?" He gasped.

"Hi" She tapped her fingers together. "I'm back."

Hikaga was shocked, he moved forward to hug her, and she did the same.

"I can't believe it!" He managed to say. "I'm so glad you're awake! It's been so long, since I got to see you smile like this."

"Yeah." Sanome finished. "And its been so long, since I've seen you smile too! I had these terrible nightmares of you dying, It made he cry so hard...but seeing you here now, I'm glad I still can."

"Ditto." Hikaga smiled at her.

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The three snuck around to find Claire and Kaoru next. And when they did there was a huge scream, Claire's scream. Kaoru just stood there motionless, he was happy, he couldn't let them see though, wink wink.

"So, has the fort been maintained?" Sanome laughed between tears.

"Yeah, it has, we were so ready for you to come back!" Claire rubbed her eyes.

"I am now. So no more worrying." Sanome smiled.

"Definitely!" Claire smiled back.

Jin chuckled. "Hate to break you guys up, even though I don't want to but, how about we go meet everyone else."

"Yeah." Sanome replied. "Lets."

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Soon the others all found themselves searching for Kotoko and Keichi, soon the two, ironically, were

found together, studying.

"Hey!" Jin yelled over to them.

Kotoko didn't look up. "Hi!"

Keichi frowned but didn't look up either.

"Uh..guys?" Claire asked, confused.

Kotoko smiled. "I told Keichi, he can't do ANYTHING until he's done studying for this test, if I can't get him to actually work, then this is the only solution."

Keichi sighed. "Yeah, yeah..."

Kotoko giggled. "Okay, break time!" They both stretched then turned towards them. "EH!?!?"

Sanome!?!?" Kotoko slapped herself. "Is that you!?" She ran over and glomped Sanome in her cat like way, "Wah! I can't believe it, this rocks!"

Sanome laughed. "I'm happy to see everyone again!"

Keichi smiled, and then took his turn to hug Sanome, it was a tad awkward at first, since these two weren't amazing pals, but got easier.

"The gangs back! We really are back!" Jin teared up.

"Aw come on dude!" Keichi smiled, "You'll ruin the moment!"

Jin wiped his eyes, then laughed. "Sorry! I'm just happy you know."

"Yeah." Keichi replied. "I know."

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The next couple of days resulted in apologizing to the school board, greeting everyone else, and a party!

Soon everything was back to normal...well, as normal as it could get, at their school.

"Hey guys." Kotoko greeted everyone, in the morning on their way to the new cafe that had just opened on campus.

"Hey!" Everyone smiled back.

"So how is it?"

"Its actually pretty cool." Claire sniffed the air. "And it doesn't smell terrible either, like the last one."

"I agree." Sanome stirred up her drink.

Suddenly someone opened the door, wearing a dark cloak, and had a book in his hands, a book called, filled with harmful things.

"Hey check it out." Hikaga whispered, motioning to the book.

"Freaky." Kotoko said.

Suddenly the guy looked at their table, eyeing them, mostly looking towards Claire though...

Claire shifted positions. "I should go." She sat up and ran out.

"What was that all about..?" Jin asked.

"I dunno." Sanome replied.

Kaoru looked out the door, his eyes following Claire, something was up, and now its up to the gang to figure it out..again!

~~To be continued.

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Hey, sorry this is short, we have to go watch Buffy now ^^; Bye! :D

And also, Naera-chan, is it alright, if i make Claire a doppelganger in the next chapter?

## 10 - Doppelganger Part I

God! Frig the world! >:c It all disappeared again! >.<

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The day started normal with all the gang coming to Kaoru and Jin's room.

Kaoru greeted them all, emotionless, like usual.

Kotoko set her stuff down and looked over at one of the beds, Jin was still asleep. "Oh crap."

Kaoru sighed. "He..won't wake up.."

Sanome sighed too, when Jin was asleep, nobody could wake him up, but himself.

They all gathered around. "Doesn't he have an alarm clock or anything?" Keichi asked.

"No.." Sanome put her hands on her hips. "He always says he doesn't need them, and well, heres the scenario. Geez."

Hikaga walked over and hit Jin in the head a couple of times. "Man, he's really out of it."

Keichi laughed. "You can say that again."

While everyone was trying to figure out how to get Jin to wake up, he finally did!

Rubbing his eyes and yawning, he noticed everyone staring at him. "Eh?"

Sanome went over at hit him over the head, causing him to fall over. "You need an alarm clock! I don't care what you say, you're coming with me to the store to buy one even if I have to drag you there myself!"

Jin just grinned. "Yeah yeah."

Kotoko smiled, but then looked around. "Hey..guys, where's Claire?"

The rest of the gang stopped what they were doing and looked around too, she wasn't there.

"Oh no! What if it has something to do with that man yesterday in the Cafe!" Hikaga bit his lip.

Kotoko looked at Hikaga. "I'm sure it doesn't, she's probably just sick, yeah?"

Hikaga sighed. "Yeah..maybe."

Kaoru took his coat and walked out the door.

Keichi looked after him. "Hey where is he going?" He looked back. "I think he went to find Claire."

"Maybe, but wouldn't he want help?" Jin asked.

Kotoko sat down. "He's worried. He doesn't show it now, but he's worried."

Sanome looked at her. "I bet you're right."

"Maybe he just needs time to calm down." Keichi said.

"Yeah." sanome looked at the door. "Maybe."

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Kaoru walked around the school until he reached the fountain. He looked at everyone, he couldn't see Claire, earlier that morning, after he walked out, he checked Claire's dorm, Arina hadn't seen her either. He put his hand on his head, he was getting warm, it had gotten colder, lately, and Kaoru wasn't perfectly dressed for it. Suddenly there was a hand where his hand was. "Huh..?"

There she was, the smiling Claire. "Hey!"

Kaoru looked a little surprised, a little. "Claire.."

"Yeah!" She sat down next to him.

"Where were you...?"

Claire frowned. "Our new principal, is evil. Not really, but he's really mean, he made me do all kind of paperwork, of all sorts. Gosh, it was terrible." Her smile returned, "But I'm done now, see?" She spread



her arms out.

Kaoru gave a faint smile. Claire looked at him funny, then felt his forehead. "Kaoru! You're getting warm, we need to get you inside!"

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The rest of the gang was still in the same room when the other two came back.

"Claire!?" Sanome jumped up. "Where were you!?"

"Paperwork! And lots of it." She smiled. "I'm sorry if I worried you! Really."

"That's okay, as long as nothing bad happened." Sanome replied.

Claire's eyes flashed red, "No, nothing bad happened."

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Later that day, everything was back to normal, well as it seemed, and as normal as it can get in this school.

"Guys!" Hikaga went over to the cafeteria table they were sitting at, "Did you read the newspaper!"

"Not yet." Keichi said. "Why, what's in it?"

Hikaga caught his breath. "Look!"

Keichi took the newspaper and his expression changed instantly. "W-what?!"

Sanome took the newspaper from the frozen Keichi and when she read it, she too froze up. "Again!?"

How could this happen again!?"

Jin took it, then. "What the heck! This isn't natural guys! It think people really have it out for the principals!" The article read like this:

*Principal found dead in janitors closet, no clues yet on who did this crime.*

They all gasped. But over in the corner, Claire smirked. And Hikaga seen.

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"I'm telling you it's true!" Hikaga yelled. "Why won't you believe me!"

Jin sighed. "Because why would she?"

Hikaga walked towards Jin. "I'm not joking! I seen it with my own two eyes!"

Jin dropped the book he was holding. "But-"

"No buts!"

Jin was panicking now, Hikaga usually never yelled this much, ever.

"I'm worried about her, what if something happened!?"

Jin put his hands in front of his face defensively. "I don't know if it did!"

Hikaga put his hand up. "Exactly! You don't know! So how can you make assumptions!"

Jin was clueless, he had no idea what to say.

"We need to investigate this!" Hikaga said. "But how."

"Why me?!" Jin asked. "I don't even believe you!"

"Yeah." Hikaga started. "But you will soon."

"What's that suppose to mean!?" Jin yelled at Hikaga.

"It means what it means, I have ways to make people believe."

Jin started to hit his head on the wall. "You're not making any sense!"

Hikaga shook Jin back and forth. "Think! Use your brain! What has Claire been like lately?"

"She's been like Claire!" Jin backed away.

Hikaga sighed. "Honestly." he sat on the chain in front of Jin's bed. "I don't get why you won't believe me. I have perfect reasons."

"Lets hear them then." Jin sat on his bed.

Hikaga sighed. "Okay." His eyes suddenly drifted towards the door, where almost everyone from their level was watching them. "What the heck! This isn't a movie theater!"

"It seemed like one." One of the people said.

Jin ran over and slammed the door. "whoa! I can't believe we didn't notice."

"We were too busy arguing remember?" Hikaga lifted an eyebrow.

Jin sighed. "Yeah."

Hikaga began to explain what Claire's REAL behavior has been like.

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Claire and Kaoru were walking over to Claire's dorm because Claire said she had something to show Kaoru, that it was important.

When they were there, Claire shut the door. "Kaoru, look, nobodies here."

Kaoru looked around. Claire was right, the room was completely empty.

Claire set her coat and bag down. "What should we do? Hm..."

Kaoru looked at her. "I thought you had something...to show me?"

"Yeah." Claire smiled wickedly. "I do."

Kaoru felt weird. "This isn't like you...."

Claire sighed. "Oh yeah, boring old Claire, so stupid and dumb, something had to be done about her."

She walked over to Kaoru as he backed up into a wall. He had nowhere to go. Suddenly the door burst open and in came Jin and Hikaga.

Jin ran over to Kaoru and Hikaga hit Claire over the head with a book, then they all ran out. To the crowded halls. "It isn't Claire!" Jin yelled over the noise.

"Its a doppelganger!" Hikaga yelled too.

Kaoru felt relieved, *Thank god* he thought.

"We have to warn the others!" Jin screamed.

"I agree! Lets go!" Hikaga replied.

Claire got up, she was angry. " Stupid little idiots." She ran out the door, "Kotoko." She ran to her dorm and knocked quickly. "Hello?" She said kindly. As fake as she could get it.

Kotoko opened the door. "Hey Claire whats up?"

"Nothing, really." She took out a pocket knife, "Just thought I'd return this to you." She turned around and the pocket knife stabbed into Kotoko's stomach.

"Ah!" Kotoko bent over and covered the bleeding as best as she could. Her face was pained.

Claire gasped. "Oh god oh god oh god! I'm so sorry! I have to get you to the nurse!" She helped Kotoko up and the two were almost out the door, when Kotoko stopped. "Who are you!?"

Claire smirked. "You figured it out huh? Well i can't blame you, too much of a difference, i'm amazing, strong and powerful, the other one, is just stupid."

Kotoko looked angry. "No! You're wrong! My friend is much more powerful then you!"

Claire, the fake one slapped Kotoko. Kotoko breathed in heavily, she was getting really dizzy from loss of blood.

"You'll die soon, you know." Claire smiled.

"No, i w-won't.." Kotoko stood up and her legs shook. "You killed principal Earner, didn't you?"

"Why, yes, i did!" Claire faked a shock, then giggled. "You're slow."

"You won't win, you'll be found out! I know...it..." She finally fell over.

Claire sighed. "Finally! Geez, that one was annoying."

She left, left for her next victim.

Soon after Claire left, Jin and Hikaga and Kaoru came to find Kotoko, but they seen her door wide open, and splashes of blood on the ground.

They wasted no time.

"Oh God!" Jin covered his mouth, "We have to call an ambulance."

"She's already been here..." Kaoru stated. "She's heading for someone else now..."

Hikaga was beside Kotoko holding her hand. "I'll wait here. You go find her!"

"But-" Jin started.

"Go!" Hikaga yelled.

The other two ran out.

Hikaga sighed. "Always the bad things. They always happen to us."

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Will they make it in time? Find out in More than one: Chapter 11: Doppelganger Part II

## 11 - Doppelganger Part II

Jin and Kaoru went over to Keichi's dorm next. He didn't have any harm done to him, he was just playing his guitar. "Aishooteru.. perfect!" He wrote a note down, still not realizing that Kaoru and Jin were there. He put his guitar down and went to the fridge, that's when he noticed that Jin and Kaoru were there.

"AH!" He was surprised. "What are you doing here!?"

"The Claire that's been around us for the past couple of days is a doppelganger and she's already hurt Kotoko badly. Now she's out for the rest."

Keichi frowned. "Is she alright?!"

"What the crap! I really don't think you should be worrying about the serial killer right now and your not even talking about her are you?"

Keichi shook his head. "Kotoko, is she alright?"

Jin looked off to the side. "She was hurt really badly, in her stomach."

Keichi stood up and crushed the orange he had from the fridge, "Lets go."

Jin nodded and Kaoru motioned for them to go, they soon left to go back To Kotoko and Sanome's dorm room.

"Who's left?" Hikaga asked.

"Sanome." Jin said. "But we can't find her anywhere!" He sniffed. "Why isn't she here anyway?"

"On Friday's...she has...art class.." Kaoru said plainly.

Just looked shocked. "I forgot! Lets go!" He ran out the door, with Kaoru following shortly behind.

Keichi stayed there with Kotoko and Hikaga, but by that time Hikaga already patched her up, they were just waiting for the doctors to come, which they weren't, but nobody knew that. The doctors had mysteriously skipped town the day before.

"Will she be okay?" Keichi asked.

"Yeah, i know she will." Hikaga replied. "She has to be."

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Jin and Kaoru ran faster. "It's there."

When they arrived in, the room was trashed.

Jin punched a wall. "It doesn't mean that she's hurt, it just means that she could have run."

Kaoru looked around. "This way..." He pointed.

Jin followed Kaoru, with clenched teeth.

In the science room there was blasts and large noises.

The two boys ran into it to see Sanome and Claire trading blows at one another.

Sanome backed into a wall, maintaining her shield. "WHAT. DID. YOU. DO!" She yelled to Claire, who was smiling insanely and blasting this fire spell at Sanome.

"Nothing, silly Sanome, I did nothing."

"Yes you did! What did you do to Claire, where is she!?"

Jin took this opportunity to strike, he blasted the unsuspecting Claire with ice pellets.

"Now that hurt." Claire said, still smiling.

"Jin! Kaoru!" Sanome smiled. "It's you!"

"It's us!" Jin smiled back.

Kaoru joined Sanome over on the left and Jin kept his position on the right. "Face it, you know you can't win!"

Claire sighed. "Well it was worth going down with a fight." Then she smiled wickedly, "For you." She snapped her fingers and she disappeared.

"Is she gone?" Sanome asked.

"I don't know." Jin replied.

Kaoru shook his head. "She's not...she'll be back, sooner or later..."

Sanome sighed. "Great."

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Kaoru, Jin and Sanome walked upstairs where Kotoko was bandaged on the bed Keichi was asleep on the floor and Hikaga was asleep on the chair.

Kotoko was awake though, meditating.

Sanome walked in. "Kotoko?"

Kotoko's eyes flung open and she looked around. "Who is it?"

She looked blind. "Hello?"

Sanome sat on the bed. "Its us, Sanome, Jin, and Kaoru."

Jin walked over and put his hand next to hers. She jumped up and hugged him. "I was so worried, after Hikaga and Keichi told me what happened, after I woke up, I got so worried.."

Jin smiled. "Were all here now, and in one piece though."

Kotoko smiled.

"Whats with the blindness...?" Sanome asked, worried.

"Its temporary." Kotoko laughed. "Just until I can heal myself, it takes a lot of magic." she put her hands together. "I'll be back to normal tomorrow."

"You can do that?" Jin asked. "Heal yourself?"

"Sure," Kotoko started. "Anyone can, its in the basic books, I can lend them to you sometime, if you like."

Jin smiled. "Thanks."

Kotoko was back to meditating now.

Hikaga woke up and yawned. "Ehh?" He sat up. "Gross! Drool!"

The others laughed.

Sanome put her finger on her chin. "Now theres only one more thing...where is Claire."

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They all piled in, and surely there she was, laying on her bed peacefully, as if nothing had ever happened.

"Hmm..i wonder if she'll remember." Sanome asked.

"Who knows" Hikaga said. "I guess we'll find out tomorrow."

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The next morning the gang was at their usual spot, the fountain, waiting for Claire. "Here she comes!"

They all sat up.

"Hey guys!" Claire smiled brightly. "Sorry I'm late!"

"Its okay" Sanome smiled.

Everyone chatted while Jin and Hikaga were over a little more. "She doesn't remember." Jin said thankfully.

"Looks like it." Hikaga replied.

"You think we should tell her?" Jin asked.

"I think-" He looked at Claire. "That it'll be best for the world if we don't."

Jin chuckled and the two joined the others.

So it remained unsaid. They went on with their lives, nothing changed, but that's the way they wanted it. The way they planned it. Think of it this way, who would want to remember killing a principal and injuring their best friend, not anyone I can think of.

## 12 - This old Castle

"Kaoru~pon-pon~" Jin yelled from his closet. "What are your plans for the weekend?" He came out with a black shirt with orange stripes on it. "...Too hallow e'en-y."

Kaoru sighed. "Nothing I intend on sharing with you..."

"Oooh! Someones got a HOT DATE!" Jin emphasized the words, 'Hot', and 'date'.

Kaoru looked at Jin, "Thats none of your business." Kaoru stated, it wasn't true mind you, but he didn't want Jin to have the upperhand of knowledge on this conversation.

"Sure.." Jin lifted an eyebrow and chuckled.

Kaoru sighed again. You really couldn't win with Jin, he just gave up basically, he didn't want a repeat of their last fight.

Jin went into the bathroom to change. Kaoru could hear him humming from inside, despite his lunatic personality, he was actually a pretty decent singer.

When he came out he had decided on a red shirt with jeans.

"Whoop!" Jin jumped up. "I made plans with Hikaga and Sanome, so I'll see you later."

"Yeah..." Kaoru said.

Jin walked out, but before he was completely gone, he popped his head in. "Call her." Then he ran off. Kaoru sat on his bed. He didn't see how this was any of Jin's business. Never the less, he picked up that orange phone Jin had brought, back from his home. He kind of stared at the color, he didn't like it. Well, he didn't really like any of Jin's things, like the basket-ball trophy, the way he left his clothes everywhere, and there was more, there was always more. He'd gotten used to it though. At least he never left his underwear on the floor, that was a plus, if Jin had done that Kaoru would start to gag.

He started to dial Claire's number. "Hello?" The always perky voice answered.

Kaoru breathed. "Hey.."

Claire brightened, he could hear her smile from the phone! "Kaoru!"

Kaoru smiled a little. "Yeah.."

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"Jin!" Sanome's voice was annoyed. "You're late!"

"I know." He chuckled. "I was talking with Kaoru."

"Oh, and thats an excuse why?" Hikaga joked.

Jin laughed. "Yeah, i know!" All three walked into the Cafe.

"So guys, what're your plans for this stunningly beautiful, demon-free weekend."

Hikaga laughed. "Not really much, i was planning on just hanging around. Maybe spooking people out by staring at them, you know the usual."

Jin smiled. "The usual for you!"

Sanome giggled. "It sounds like a very productive weekend."

Hikaga chuckled. "Definitely. And what about you Sanome, what're your plans?"

Sanome shrugged. "I think I'll study."

Jin and Hikaga looked at Sanome with faces of shocked horror. "What!?"

Sanome looked at them. "What? Its not abnormal."

"No but it is unnatural." Jin slanted his eyes mischievously.

"..What are you thinking?" Sanome asked.

He looked at Hikaga, and Hikaga nodded, with the same mischievous grin on his face.

Sanome sat up. "Ah...whats wrong?"

The both stood up. "Nothing. We just have to save you from this horrible demeanor."

Sanome laughed. "What?"

They both went around. "You said you were going to study!"

Sanome went down! "Oh my god! I won't study okay!?"

Jin and Hikaga high fived each other. "Oh yeah, we're awesome."

Sanome giggled and got up. "You're mean!"

Hikaga smiled. "Its our job."

"Yeah sure." Sanome smiled back.

Soon they decided to see a movie, but on their way there, they stopped to look at this big castle. "That wasn't there before was it?" Sanome asked.

"...I don't think so." Hikaga answered.

"They must've built it along with the new school and campus." Jin said bored. "I'm sure its nothing."

Sanome shook her head. "Yeah..I guess." She still couldn't help but wonder if that was the truth though, she stared at the castle while Jin and Hikaga went ahead.

"Sanome!" Jin yelled. "Ya coming?"

Sanome looked ahead. "Oh!" She smiled. "Yeah, be right there!"

Back into the distance of the castle, there were two faint red eyes staring back at the world. In pure darkness.

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Thats it for today doodz. \*looks at last paragraph\* What? You know I couldn't let them stay happy? Doi!  
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## 13 - Exploring this Castle

Here we go!

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"Are you positively absolutely..Nuts!?" Kotoko yelled from the bathroom.

"No!" Sanome sighed. "Why does everyone keep asking me that!?"

"Because maybe they're right!" She came out of the bathroom. "You cannot go into that castle, its way to dangerous!"

"Yeah...but if we go as a group...then..."

"Woah there! Don't bring me into this!"

Sanome sighed. "But what if-"

"No."

"And if i-"

"No." Kotoko started putting away laundry. "Listen, if you really have some burning desire to go, don't let me stop you...its not like i can make you stay here. But at least convince someone to go with you!

Okay?"

"Okay!" Sanome smiled and rushed out the door, to the fountain where she knew, there would be someone who would go with her.

"Please!" Sanome asked continuously.

"Okay okay! I'll go!"

"Yay!" Sanome hugged him. "This'll be so fun!"

"Yeah, i'm sure it will..."

"You don't sound convinced." She folded her arms.

Hikaga (Yep, its him) sighed. "Well, its a freaking creepy castle, that looks like its been there for 18 century's but obviously hasn't, are you a bit worried about whats inside?"

"Not really, thats why i want to explore it!" Sanome's face lit up.

Hikaga smiled. "Okay."

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Soon standing in front of the Old new age Castle, Hikaga and Sanome walked through the metal gate, that already had some exciting graffiti on it.

Now up to the door, there was two doorknobs, one was silver the other gold, both make of metal, "Which one opens the door?" Sanome asked. But before she could say anything else Hikaga pulled on the gold one. "This one."

Sanome stared blankly inside. "Wew.. chilly...but how did you know?"

Hikaga looked at her. "Oh, its always the gold one."

Sanome smiled, and they walked into the large stone hallway. "This place is giving me the Wiggins."

Hikaga shuddered. "Me too.."

The door slammed behind them. "Ah....that can't be good!" Sanome rushed, but the door wouldn't open.

"Oh god... WELL, since were here, we could at least do what we came for."

Hikaga nodded. "Right."

Soon there was a thud. "I really wish i brought a better flashlight then this." Sanome turned it on and

looked around. "Look at this place!"

The hallway room was stacked with chairs, millions of chairs. They were everywhere, they were set up like a maze though, there was only one way to get to the black wooden stairs...to get through that maze! "Lets go!" Sanome started through the maze. "Someone obviously planned this, and i want to know who."

"Ditto." Hikaga followed right after.

Soon they made their way through the chairs.

"Finally!" Sanome sat down on the end chair for a second then got up. "Okay, lets keep going."

Hikaga nodded, then walked up the black wooden stairs first, they creaked all the way up.

Soon at the top, there was four doors. They all had a symbol on each one.

The first was a glass window, the second was a porcelain doll, the third one was a white pillow, the fourth was a black bat.

"Lets check each room." Sanome looked at them. "We'll start with the window." It was locked. "I figured some of these doors would be locked so i brought this." She pulled out a skeleton key.

"Nice." Hikaga smiled.

She jabbed it through the door and it opened. Inside the door, it was completely empty, except for a wooden brown desk in the middle, and a blue glass window.

"Just like on the door." Hikaga said.

"..Yeah..." Sanome replied.

She went up and examined the window while Hikaga took the desk.

"Hey, Sanome check it out." Hikaga pointed to the drawer "Theres a note inside."

He picked it up. It read:

*Dear \*\*\*\* (The name is rubbed off)*

*I've finally found them, soon the plan will be done and we won't have to hide in here anymore.*

"Whats that suppose to mean..?" Sanome asked.

"I dunno.." Hikaga replied. "I think we should leave now though, just in case."

Sanome nodded and they left the room. Onward to the next which was the doll.

Not so eager to into this one, for fear of whats on the other side. But they went i anyway.

"Ew! and Ah!" Hikaga yelled as he saw what was inside the room. "Okay, i'm not going to stay in here."

"Stop being such a party pooper" Sanome sighed. "They're only dolls!"

"With no eyes! Dolls with no eyes!" Hikaga yelled again.

Sanome clued in. "Oh my god..." She picked one up. "I'm going to eat you Hikaga!" She yelled the doll in front of her face and made a weird voice.

"Holy Gods!" Hikaga screamed. "Don't do that!"

Sanome peeked from the doll. "Oh come on, they're only dolls, what harm could they do?"

Hikaga looked paler than the time last year. "T-t-t-t-t-that...." He pointed with quivering hands over to the window.

Sanome looked over. On the window, there was the sign that said 'die' on it written in blood, from the eyes of a doll.

"All right! Which one of you glass heads did it!?" Sanome stared around the room.

"Theres nothing in here! Lets go! You're a little to brave for your own good sometimes!" Hikaga grabbed Sanome's arm and ran out, locking the door.

"T..thanks." She nodded.

"No problem." Hikaga replied. The two were still shaking. "h-how about we go to the next room...?"

"Yeah.." Sanome said. ""Lets do that.."

The room with a white pillow on it. "Pillows are good and nice." Sanome breathed.

"Yeah." They both walked in and refreshed themselves. "Okay, this seems like a sturdy good room."

Sanome turned around with red eyes. "Hikaga."

Hikaga blinked. "Whats wrong?"

"Nothing." She said and walked closer to him.

"Oh god..yeah sturdy room my butt!" Hikaga dodged her and ran over to the closet doors. "Um..Sanome, you're possessed!"

Sanome smiled. "Do you love me?"

"what!?" Hikaga walked against the wall. "We need to get you out of here." He made it over to the door and pushed it open. He went in front of Sanome and pushed her outside."

"Owch." She shook her head. "Huh..? What happened?"

Hikaga laughed nervously. "nothing important."

Sanome smiled. "Okay."

Hikaga was nervous for the next room, he REALLY wouldn't like to get possessed or for Sanome to again. "Maybe we shouldn't go in bat room here.."

"Hm? Why?" Sanome looked at Hikaga.

"Maybe its a special room...what if certain people get possessed!?"

"Don't be silly Hikaga. That only happens in manga." She giggled, then walked inside.

Hikaga followed after cautiously.

"It seems safe enough." Sanome smiled.

"Thats always how it starts." Hikaga looked around. "But, i have to admit, this one does seem better."

The room had cement flooring, it was cold. The walls were wooden and grey, there were bat statues everywhere. "This explains the bats.." Hikaga sighed.

Sanome shivered, "Its freezing in here!"

"Yeah." Hikaga walked around and bumped into something. "Eh?"

The thing he bumped into was a large door. "Whoa."

"Whoa is right! Jackpot!" Sanome felt the door. Its wooden, like all the others.

"What a surprise." Hikaga chuckled.

Sanome smiled. "Lets go in!" The two opened the door, which surprisingly wasn't locked. There was nothing, all empty. "Thats a waste." Sanome sighed. "We pretty much went everywhere..."

"Yeah..I guess we should go then.."

Sanome nodded as they walked out and downstairs. Hikaga kept looking back just to make sure they had no followers.

Soon the were at the chair maze, which had changed its shape.

"It wasn't like that before..." Sanome pointed. "I remember..it was different."

"Well..this is magics." Hikaga noted.

"I guess...but-" Sanome started then shook her head, "Yeah..well lets get this one done."

They turned and straightened, locked and flew, then they finally were done.

"Geez! Remind me never to play musical chairs again!" Sanome joked.

Hikaga laughed. "Lets just get out of here before i get permanent nightmares,"

Sanome giggled. "Yeah." They went forth to the door, which had changed its color, it was now a rust red color, like blood.

Sanome touched it and when she pulled her hand off it was wet. "Its real!" She gasped.

She pulled the door open and then they ran out. Almost at the gate she stopped. "look!" She showed her

hands. "It was real!"

"I know...But how.." Hikaga was fighting question after another.

"I don't know..but we'd better go, before something else happens." Sanome started to run, clearly she was scared. Hikaga ran after her.

Soon they were back on campus.

They stopped running. "We have to find the others!"

"You should wash the blood off of your hands first." Hikaga said.

"Yeah but-"

"Don't worry, i'll tell the others to meet us, we'll be in you and Kotoko's room okay?"

"Okay." Sanome agreed then went in the opposite direction.

Soon the whole gang was there, just waiting for Sanome, and when she arrived, there were questions all around.

Once everything was explained, from doors, to dolls, to chairs, to blood. Everyone was shocked.

"There something coming guys." Sanome started to comb out the knots in her hair from the evil castle.

"It was so bad. This thing thats coming must be worse." Hikaga sighed. "Can't this be a year where theres no evil..."

"Well whatever it is We'll beat it! Just like last year!" Kotoko stood up.

"Yeah!" Jin and Keichi high fived each other.

Claire smiled and sat with Kaoru. "They're right, when has there been a problem that the 'gang' hasn't solved?"

Sanome smiled. She was happy the gang had so much faith, but this striking voice in the back of her head kept telling her it would be different this time, much different.

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Thats it for now, hope you enjoyed dish chapitre! :)

## 14 - Theres more at night then jsut wolves

~~ The next morning Sanome had decided on a plan of what to do, she had woken up late, so she had to start soon.

"I think i'm going to go chat with Nao." Kotoko smiled.

"Do it!" Sanome urged her.

"Okay!" Kotoko giggled.

Sanome laughed. "I'll see you later on then?"

"Yup." Kotoko waved then was gone.

Sanome dived into her closet the moment Kotoko left then pulled out some clothes.

She came out with an orange tank top and capri pants. "There! Now to get to that plan." It was one, when her schedule began..

At 1:00PM she went to the cafe for an energy booster.

At 1:30PM she went to the boys basketball game.

At 2:00PM she went to spy on Kotoko and Nao, only bowling.

At 2:30PM she went to spy on Claire and Kaoru, only hand holding.

At 3:00PM she went shopping.

At 3:30PM she dropped everything she'd bought off at home.

At 4:00PM everyone was back in their dorms.

At 4:30PM she watched T.V back at her dorm.

At 5:00PM she went back out to take a photo of the creepy castle

At 5:30PM the sun had completely set and it was dark.

At 6:00PM her plan was done.

"Aw." She yawned. "Well at least that kept me occupied." She started to walk home when someone was blocking her path. "Excuse me?" She said politely. "Can i get in?"

The person looked at her. "Why?"

"I need to go home and catch some sleep." Sanome said calmly.

"But then i'm not invited in." The boy said.

"Why would i invite you in?" Sanome asked. "I don't even know you."

"No, but you could in another life." His voice was whiny.

"What?" Sanome was annoyed. "Move."

The boy turned around. "Why don't you." He flashed his teeth. They were pointed, fangs. Sanome's eyes widened. "What!? You can't be...are you?!"

"Scared? Thats right, were not some stupid myth."

Sanome covered her mouth. "Get out!!"

"What?" The boy looked at her in surprise.

"You're a real vampire!?! Thats freaking Awesome!" Sanome jumped around. "I thought you guys were just myths, so when did you come here?"

"Oh, yesterday actually, and before that, we actually were myths, but theres a whole lot of us running around now." The boy said.

"Wow, who would've guessed, it seems interesting, to be a vampire, do you like it?" Sanome asked.

"Oh yeah, it definitely has its good times, but theres some disadvantages too. Like not going in the sun. If only we had the Gem of Amara ((C) Joss Whedon) then we could go out in the day, its this whole big thing." The guy said. "Oh, and by the way, My name's Kane."

"Ah, nice to meet you! I'm Sanome."

Kane nodded. "Aw man...the suns going to be up soon. I forgot all about eating you..now i'm going to be hungry for 6 hours." He made a face. "Well it was nice meeting you, Sanome."

Sanome waved. "We should meet again!" Kane disappeared. "Seems like a nice guy."

She smiled then walked back upstairs. "Uh-oh...I was out all night! Kotoko is going to kill me!" She looked inside. Then tip-toed in.

"Where were you!?" Kotoko yelled from her bed. "I was worried sick!"

"Okay listen to me Kotoko, I have something to tell you, and honestly, you probably won't believe me, but I have to try."

"Whats wrong?" Kotoko asked.

"The reason I was out all night was because I met, a vampire."

Kotoko was silent for about four seconds then she burst out laughing.

"Kotoko. Hey!" Sanome said, but Kotoko kept laughing.

Obviously her laughter was really loud because Jin, Kaoru, Keichi, Claire, and Hikaga came in.

"Whats all the noise?" Hikaga asked, rubbing his eyes and yawning.

Sanome looked at them. "Its her insane laughter!"

Kotoko finally stopped. "I'm..sorry." She still had traces of laughter in her speech.

"What did you say?" Jin asked.

Sanome got up and shut the door. "I told her that the reason I was out all night was because I met a vampire."

Everyone else began to laugh, except Kaoru, because he doesn't laugh.

"Guys I'm not joking! They were a myth before, but now there not! Hikaga remember that note saying 'now we don't have to wait anymore' in the castle!?" Sanome asked.

Hikaga stopped laughing. "Guys..what if its true..we have seen weirder things."

Sanome nodded. "And why would I do this if it wasn't real!? Do you really think I would tell you I met a vampire, if I really didn't!?"

Kaoru looked at everyone. "She's not lying.."

Jin nodded. "No, she's not."

"Great! Now theres vampires to worry about." Hikaga sighed. "I did not sign up for this."

"None of us did." Sanome said. "But we have to do something, before they take over the school, if theres a numerous increase in the obituary section, people are going to start to get suspicious..."

"Yeah..." Keichi said.

"But what can we do?" Claire asked.

"Guys." Sanome smiled. "Its time to go Vamp hunting."

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## 15 - Vamp hunters

Ready steady....GO!

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"Everyone ready?" Sanome asked as everyone readied themselves with, stakes, wands, garlic, holy water, holy bread, decapitation items, such as axes, and swords.

"Ready!" They all replied.

Soon the door barged open and they all filtered out.

"We should split up." Claire said.

"I agree." Jin replied.

"Okay.." Sanome looked around. "Jin, Hikaga and I will take the East. Claire Kaoru, Keichi and Kotoko, you guys take West."

Everyone nodded and split up.

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"Wait.." Sanome put her index finger over her mouth. "Ssh, I think I hear something." Her group became quiet, and in the background, you could hear the faint rustling of bushes.

"Is it the wind?" Hikaga asked. "Or something else."

Jin looked at the bush and walked over with Sanome whispering 'be careful', he bent the bush and stuffed the cross in it. "Ow!"

Sanome and Hikaga ran over. "Are you okay Jin!?" Hikaga asked. "Is it a vampire?"

Jin chuckled. "A cat.."

"Well.." Sanome tapped her foot on the ground. "Thats awkward."

The three laughed silently as they continued their search.

Soon they were near the castle. "Euch..I'd hate to go in there now that I know whats out at night.." Jin shuddered.

"I know.." Sanome grasped her stake tighter. "Lets keep going.."

Hikaga and Jin followed.

Jin sighed. "Were not having much in the way of luck...I wonder how the others are doing?"

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"Any luck!?" Kotoko yelled from the trees.

"Not so much!" Claire yelled back, then giggled. "Isn't that a good thing though?! I mean what if the vampires left!"

"Its a possibi- AHHH!!!" Kotoko screamed.

Keichi, Kaoru, and Claire ran over. "Whats wrong!?"

Kotoko pointed. "It was..!! --In th-there!!"

Kaoru looked and started walking forwards.

Claire bit her lip. "Be careful!"

Kaoru nodded and walked in closer. There was sounds of fighting then.

Everyone went to check what was happening, when they saw Kaoru and a bloodsucker fighting, and by

the looks of it..well, why don't we see here.

"Go Kaoru!" Keichi cheered like he was at a sports match. "You can do it!"

Kaoru pulled a high kick on the vamp, stunning it so suddenly then...DUSTED.

Claire and Kotoko gasped. "Oh my god!"

The boys didn't seem stunned at all...

Kotoko walked over to the dust. "How weird..."

Kaoru put the stake in his pocket and sighed.

"That was intense." Keichi chuckled.

Claire laughed nervously. "Yeah.." she looked up. "I wonder how the others are doing."

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"OH SHI-" Jin dodged an attack.

"Take this vampire scum!" Hikaga yelled as he stabbed it a million times.

The vampire finally 'poofed'. "Holy Crap." Hikaga sighed, "That one was a tougher one.."

Sanome caught her breath. "You're telling me..!"

Jin coughed. "How about we..go back now..its like frigging 5 am.."

Sanome giggled. "Yeah, we said we'd meet back at 5 anyway...and we've got school tomorrow..its Monday...crap.."

"Yeah, but its Suriashal (Ser-ee-ash-ale) day tomorrow, no school, remember?" Hikaga smiled.

"Oh yay!" Sanome cheered.

They laughed. "Lets go."

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The eight met back up near the fountain. "That was a productive night." Jin laughed.

"You bet." Kotoko replied. "We found a lot of vampires, but Kaoru dusted most of them..."

"Oh well..theres always next time." Jin smiled.

Kotoko nodded. "Yeah.."

In the far distance of the castle. Someone was looking outside of the top window again, then something sparkling dropped to the ground.

The person smiled wickedly. "You know what to do."

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That all for now! :D



## 16 - Sanome finds a marble!

Here we go, i think you're all gonna love this one. ;P

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"YAWN!" Sanome sat up. "I hate when you have a yawn coming, then it stops, it makes me want to eat something...like a person! Okay, not really, it just bugs me."

"Wow, i didn't know it could bug someone so much, call the police! The yawn stoppers are unstoppable!" She made an 'oh noes!' kind of face.

Sanome laughed. "Okay okay!..So what are you gonna do today?"

Kotoko slanted her eyes. "Something."

Sanome opened the window. "No plans?"

"None.." Kotoko slapped her head. "I should have plans though, we all should..OH! Maybe I'll enter the battle chamber and improve my skills! Or maybe i'll take a stroll through the enchanted garden! Or maybe I could walk to the magical portal museum!"

Sanome looked at Kotoko. "Yeah, those are all awesome ideas except for the fact there IS no battle chamber, enchanted garden, or magical portal museum..the closest thing to anything there is the training grounds."

"I guess i'll go there then, i really need to improve anyway." Kotoko smiled.

"Kay, see you then." Sanome waved as Kotoko walked out the door.

She sat on the bed. "Greeaaaatttt~" She fluffed the pillow. "I'm gonna go to sleep again..." Then the door barged open to reveal Jin. Today he was wearing shorts down to his knees, and an orange tank-top. On his neck he, again wore the chain necklace. (He never takes it off, if I hadn't explained that earlier.) He hopped over to Sanome's bed. "Come on Garfield! Wakey Wakey!"

Sanome groaned. "I don't wanna get up, I've got nothing to do."

"Well, DUH! Thats why I'm here too!" Jin folded his arms then twirled in spot. "If you don't get up since you've got nothing to do, you'll never find out what you can do!" Jin stated as he stopped twirling. "Whoa, think i just lost some brain cells there." He kept jumping though. "Aw! Come on, I've got such a big adrenaline rush!"

Sanome laughed. "Jin! You always have an adrenaline rush!"

Jin jumped again. "Yea..so? Its better than being cooped up in my room all day~" He pointed to the window. "See how nice it is? We could go for a walk! We could go get the others, we could go roller skating, ice-cream, take photos, go to the annual races that are held today--anything!"

Sanome giggled. "Okay! I'll go!"

Jin smiled triumphantly. "Yes!"

Sanome pushed him out the door. "I'm gonna get dressed."

"Okees!" Jin replied.

Soon Sanome came out with blue ocean styled shorts, and a white Tee-shirt. "I'm ready!" She walked over to Jin.

"Lets go lets go!" Jin jumped again.

Sanome nodded. "Yeah yeah!"

The two ran out of the building and to the races.

They sat down in the bleachers. "Watch for us, kay?" Jin smiled at Sanome.

"Us?" She asked.

"Hikaga, and I." Jin grinned. "We're both taking part." He ran down the bleachers. "Watch for us~"  
Sanome waved. "Okay!"

Soon the races were about to start, first was the annual track race, the, first to the finish line kind of deal. Jin was racing in this one, against a bunch of other guys, the only other one Sanome recognised was Caine. He looked like he was cursing under his breath.

The gun fired and everyone took off, each one had great speed, but in the end, Jin won, with Caine in second.

Jin came up to Sanome. "Didja watch me?! Was I good?!"

"Yeah!" Sanome smiled. "You were great!"

Jin grinned. "Thanks! Hikaga's next!"

They watched. It was a long jump contest.

Nobody was familiar except for Hikaga himself. And as the contest began, Hikaga wiped the floor with everyone, and won!

Jin and Sanome cheered. He came up. "Hi guys!"

Jin high fived him. "You did great!"

"You too!" They both chuckled.

"Yeah, you guys both did great!" Sanome clapped.

"We've got more training to do, i guess we'll see you later?" Jin said.

"Yeah, i think i have an idea on what to do anyway," She smiled then waved.

Hikaga and Jin waved then went back down.

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Sanome walked along the path until she reached the castle, she was about to leave, when she seen something sparkling in the grass.

"Whats this?" Sanome picked it up. "A...marble...? No...a rock? What?" She shook her head. "I'll ask one of the guys later."

The person in the window seemed to be laughing this time, so quietly, that you couldn't hear. "Foolish child. You have a lot more to worry about now, my plan is working perfectly, all i have to do is wait. Wait for tomorrow morning, and your worlds will be seen from someone else's perspective."

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All for now, sorry my chapters are getting a little shorter ^^;;

## 17 - The big switcharoo

Here we gooooo

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Later on Sanome completely forgot about the 'thing' she found on the ground, and decided to just lounge around on her bed, until she fell asleep, soon did the others too. But when they woke up, there would be a big surprise awaiting them...

"AHHHHHHHHH!!!!!!" Sanome fell out of her bed..only it wasn't her bed.

The others came running in, not actually getting a glimpse of themselves yet.

Sanome pointed at them all and yelled her brains out.

They all looked at each other then screamed too, except Kaoru who you could tell was Kaoru, because he wasn't screaming.

"WHAAAA!!" Kotoko yelled.

"Why are you--!!" Hikaga yelled too.

"WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON!?" Jin yelled, but all those people, weren't actually them, on the downside..it seemed everyone, had switched bodies.

Sanome was so scared to touch herself at the moment she kept walking with her arms spread out. "You guys..whats going on!?"

"First we have to establish who's who!" Kotoko's body said.

"Y-yeah.." Jin's body sighed.

"Claire?" Kaoru's Body's hand raised.

"Jin?" Hikaga's body's hand raised.

"Keichi?" Kotoko's body's hand raised.

"Kotoko?" Sanome's body's hand raised.

"Sanome?" Claire's body's hand raised.

"Kaoru?" Jin's body's hand raised.

"Hikaga?" Keichi's body's hand raised.

(Remember them pally's, you're gonna need to.)

Everyone gasped at one another.

"How did this happen!?" Hikaga, who is in keichi's body yelled.

"I don't know!" Kotoko, who's in Sanome's body replied nervously. (Okay, i'm not gonna keep doing that so, if you don't remember look up :) So when i say, Hikaga yelled, its Keichi's body yelling.)

Sanome looked at herself. She was sure in Claire's body, but she couldn't believe it, none of them could, what had done this? What could have done this, was the question that needed answering.

"We need to find out who did this to us.." Claire gulped. "If we don't... we'll all be stuck in these bodies forever..I've read about body transfer spells," She gulped. "Guys..we've only got until midnight tonight!"

Everyones eyes widened.

"What..no! That can't be possible!"

To be continued...

## 18 - DESTROY anything that looks EVIL.

"Claire?" Kaoru's Body's hand raised.

"Jin?" Hikaga's body's hand raised.

"Keichi?" Kotoko's body's hand raised.

"Kotoko?" Sanome's body's hand raised.

"Sanome?" Claire's body's hand raised.

"Kaoru?" Jin's body's hand raised.

"Hikaga?" Keichi's body's hand raised.

(Remember them pally's, you're gonna need to. Okay, i'm not gonna keep doing that so, if you don't remember look up :) So when i say, Hikaga yelled, its Keichi's body yelling.)

Okay, lets get this story going!

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Last time on 'more than one' :

Sanome finds a mysterious marble and brings it home, then the next day, everyone has mysteriously changed places! Who's who!?

Claire looked at herself. "I don't think i can be Kaoru for the rest of my life, it would be too weird.."

"I can't be you either, you're actually smart, if i stay in your body, your grade point average will lower greatly!" Sanome said.

"Oh boy.." Claire sat down. "We have to find the cause of this, and destroy it! If we don't then we'll be like this forever!"

"I can't be Hikaga either." Jin replied. "I don't know what he does in his spare time, i mean it could be playing with barbies for all i know! I won't play with barbies!!"

Hikaga hit Jin over the head. "I DON'T PLAY WITH BARBIES!"

"Hey!" Kotoko yelled. "Stop fighting! We should split up at least and ..destroy anything that looks evil! okay?"

Everyone nodded. "Yea...sure.."

Everyone split up.

Sanome, Hikaga, and Jin went off together. [Although it was Claire's body, Keichi's body, and Hikaga's body.]

Kaoru, Kotoko, Keichi and Claire went off together. [Although it was Jin's body, Sanome's body, Kotoko's body, and Kaoru's body.]

They all went to almost every place there was until they covered the whole campus, by then it was 10:00PM.

They met up at the fountain.

"You guys! We only have 2 hours left! This is terrible!" Sanome cried.

"Chillax people, if we still have 2 hours left, then there's still time, this thing isn't over yet." Hikaga told everyone. "Okay..If we checked all over campus and it wasn't there, that must mean it in someones room."

Sanome looked up. "But there is over 2000 rooms here! We'll never cover them in time!"

"Once again, chill. It won't be in someone's room that we don't know, there's no point, so it has to be in ours, or one of our other friends room." Hikaga explained. "Lets try Nao and Caine's room first."

"Got it!" They all dashed inside to Nao and Caine's room.

Everyone waited outside the room except for Keichi, who naturally was Kotoko's body.

"Why do i have to do this?" Keichi asked, annoyed.

"Because Nao knows me!" Kotoko snapped. "And he wouldn't let anyone else in, because he doesn't know you! Have a nice trip!" She pushed Keichi forward.

"Hello?" Nao said as he opened the door. "Oh! Hi Kotoko."

"Um..Hello..." Keichi said, uncomfortably. "Er..have you...uh..picked up something....strange..or uh..evil lately..?"

Kotoko slapped her head in the distance. "What a mooncalf..."

"I don't think so..you can check if you want to.." Nao looked confused, but opened the door further.

Keichi looked back at the others who were motioning for him to go in.

"Oh bugger.." Keichi whispered, but walked in anyway.

He looked around everywhere, but found nothing. "Well, your clean bud. See you later dude."

Nao looked surprised. "Uh...what?"

Keichi slapped himself in the face. "Uh..i mean..goodbye lovely friend.." He curtsied then dashed outside.

"...Weird.." Nao said and shut the door.

"Nothing?" Sanome asked.

"Nothing." Keichi replied.

"Shet...well lets check the others' places..Arina's first." [its suppose to be 'shet' btw, i wouldn't say the other one XD]

They walked over to Arina's place. Everyone stayed back except for Claire, who coincidentally was in Kaoru's body, the only boy Arina would let into her room.

"Oh! Kaoru! Why are you here? Have you dumped that Claire girl!?" He looked hopeful.

"N..no!" Claire said. "I've come to ask you...a question..yeah.."

"Okees, come in." Arina said.

Claire walked in awkwardly. "Have you..er..seen anything weird lately? Or picked anything up?"

Arina looked at Claire funny. "No silly...well except for this little diamond thing." She held up something.

Claire asked for it. "Um..can i have that?"

"Sure my darling boy!!" Arina handed it over.

"uh..Gotta go!" Claire ran outside and smashed the crystal.

"Damn..." Keichi said. "It didn't work.."

"Onto other things, come on guys, we can't waste any time!" Hikaga said.

"OOOOOOOOHHHHHHH!" Sanome yelled. "I just remembered something important!"

"What?" Kotoko asked.

"On my way home yesterday i seen something shining in the grass of that old new castle..its in my room now!" Sanome yelled again.

"Lets go! We've got 10 minutes left! That has to be it!" Jin yelled.

They all ran to Sanome and Kotoko's room.

"Come on look everywhere guys!" Kotoko yelled.

Everyone dashed around the place, looking for the marble.

Five minutes passed.

"Find it yet!?" Sanome asked.

"No!" Clare responded.

"Keep looking!" Keichi yelled.

3 more minutes passed...then one minute passed.

"One minute left!" Keichi yelled.

"Hurry!"

"I'm trying!"

"I FOUND IT!"

They all looked at Hikaga.

"Everyone hurry come here!"

Hikaga put the crystal on the floor. 10 seconds left. He lifted his foot. 2 seconds left.

And SMASH!

Everyone's eyes were shut. "Did it work!?"

To be continued...

## 19 - I want to show you something.

They all looked at each other. "It didn't!? no!" Sanome collapsed on the floor. "How did it not work? I thought we made it in time.."

Claire looked down. "I can't believe this..."

Hikaga slumped over. "So..this is our lives.."

Keichi looked at himself. "I can't stay a girl for the rest of my life!"

Kaoru looked at everyone. "Just wait.."

They looked back.

"What do you mean?" Claire asked.

"When Sanome brought the marble back..it took a day..for us to change..maybe the effect is the same..either way.." Kaoru replied.

"I hope you're right." Kotoko said.

"Then lets sleep! Now! Everyone go to sleep." Jin said.

Everyone looked around . "In here? We're in Kotoko and Sanome's room though."

"It doesn't matter, just everyone go to sleep." Jin repeated.

They all nodded and laid down somewhere...soon hours passed and everyone drifted off to sleep.

The next morning...

Sanome woke up first because of her alarm. She went into the bathroom and brushed her teeth, when she seen into the mirror though, she was .....herself.

"AHHHHHHH!" She screamed, waking everyone up, she ran out. "YOU guys! It worked it worked!"

Everyone looked at each other. "It did! Kaoru was right!"

Claire hugged Kaoru. "I'm so glad!"

Kaoru...Smiled!

Everyone was happy, finally. They had their joys now, because something else, much bigger was coming once again, Bigger than Xel, bigger than The virus Sanome had, Bigger than Claire's doppleganger. Much bigger...

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Later that day..

Hikaga and Sanome were at the local cafe. Sanome bought a sucker and popped it into her mouth. "So Hikaga," She took out the sucker and pretended it was a microphone. "How do you feel about the body switch? Are you glad you're yourself again?"

"Oh definitely," Hikaga played along. "It would have been awkward if i was in any other body but my



own."  
Sanome smiled then put the sucker back in her mouth. "True..true."  
Hikaga chuckled. "What about you?"  
"Oh i'm definitely happy too, like you said, it would have been too weird." Sanome giggled.  
Hikaga nodded. "Yep."  
Sanome got out of her seat and twirled around. "Hey, come with me." She took Hikaga's hand and ran off.

"Wait, ah! Sanome, where are we going?" Hikaga asked, still running.  
"You'll see~" Sanome giggled again.

Soon they arrived.  
"Look." Sanome pointed. "Through here."  
Hikaga looked ahead. "Through that?" It was a mossy old door, that looked as if it hadn't been opened in ages.  
Sanome was already opening it when Hikaga stopped looking.  
"I've only been in here once, but it was mighty beautiful." She said.  
She opened the door and the two stepped in.  
"There." She smiled.  
"Wow, it's amazing!" Hikaga was breathless, because the sight in front of him was one only a few people could admire, and they were two of them.

The view was of very tall grass leading to a large stone house, all around there were a million or so flowers, all of different kinds, some weeds, some roses, they all formed a beautiful sight thoguh. There was a hill to, on top of that hill was an old swing, looking like it hadn't been touched in a million years.

"The house was empty." Sanome said, breaking the silence.  
"Really?" Hikaga asked, still breathless by the sight.  
Sanome nodded. "Come here." She ran through the flowers happily, and Hikaga followed her.  
They arrived at the house, and Sanome opened the door with a struggle, "Oh, here we go." They walked in.

Inside there was two rooms, a bedroom and a kitchen.

The bedroom had no door, and was simple, one bed, with once white covers, now grey because of the dust, was on the side, a night table was there, it was simple too, black, with a candle that had been used too much on it.

The Kitchen was empty besides an old cookbook and a few pans, it was dirty, and had a musty smell.

"See." Sanome said. "Empty."  
"It really is.." Hikaga turned around.  
Sanome walked into the kitchen and looked at the cookbook. "recipes with meat?" She shook her head.  
"I wonder who lived here.."  
"Me too..was there a picture frame or anything the first time you came?"  
"No.."  
"Oh..i think we should get out of here now..it's giving me the creeps." Hikaga shivered,

"Yeah.." Sanome went to the door, which oddly, wasn't there anymore. "What?!"

Hikaga looked at the entrance. "What happened? Where's the door?"

"I don't know.." Sanome replied. "This didn't happen last time.."

"There! A window." Hikaga took Sanome's hand this time and ran towards the window. "Here, you go out first."

"Are you sure?" Sanome asked.

Hikaga nodded.

Sanome jumped out the window. Then Hikaga did.

"I wonder why that happened?" Sanome asked, still sitting on the ground.

"It's weird..maybe someone wanted us to be in there." Hikaga said.

"Who?"

"I dunno."

"Well,for now, lets leave, before that door disappears."

Hikaga nodded. "Yeah."

They ran to the front and out the door, being sure to shut it hard.

"Lets go!" Sanome started to run with Hikaga.

Once they arrived back on campus they stopped running.

Sanome sighed. "Geez..are we prime targets or something.."

"I don't know..but it sure does seem like that."

Sanome sat down. "Well, whomever is targeting us this time, is in for some serious butt kicking."

Hikaga laughed. "Yeah."

In the distance of the school, the castle was darker than usual, someone looked out. "That's what you think."

## 20 - Lets practice.

Hey guys, are you with me so far? Great! :D I love to hear your thoughts and opinions about my stories, so please keep reading until the end! Much loves from me, and thanks! :)

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The next morning was cloudy, and no signs of the sun.

"Oh geez." Sanome sighed as she hopped out of her bed. "Hey Kotoko, wake up."

"Mm..go away." Kotoko mumbled as she stayed in bed.

Sanome giggled. "He~ey! It's Naoki!"

Kotoko shot up. "What!? Where!?"

Sanome giggled again. "Works every time."

Kotoko folded her arms. "Oh funny, very funny."

Sanome smiled. "Well, come on then."

"Why? What's so special about today?" Kotoko sighed and slowly got out of bed.

"Nothing, you just can't be a lazy bum because it's a cloudy day." Sanome replied.

"Yes I can, I have all rights."

"Not when you're livin' with me."

"Yeah, Yeah."

"Yosh! Alright!" Sanome dove into her closet.

Kotoko came and took some clothes out of her dresser.

Sanome came back out wearing a blue teeshirt with jean shorts.

Kotoko came out with a red blouse and black capri pants.

"Yeah, well, we're ready, what now?" Kotoko yawned.

"That's why we must call Hikaga, Jin and ..well thats pretty much it!"

"What about Keichi, Claire and Kaoru?" Kotoko asked.

"Claire and Kaoru are on a hot date! And Keichi has basketball practice all day." Sanome said.

"I see."

"Yup!"

"Well let's goooo!" Sanome dragged her outside.

They knocked on Jin's door, and he was still asleep, so Sanome used her magic to open the door.

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"Are you sure we should do this?" Kotoko whispered.

"Yep, he won't mind, and a risk is fun once in a while." Sanome whispered back.

Kotoko waited at the door, while Sanome tip toed over to Jin's bed.

"No altus, amicus." She pointed her wand at Jin and he started to float. "Cado!" She yelled and Jin dropped onto his bed.

"What!?" Jin woke up surprised. "What was that!?"

Sanome grinned. "Wake up call, silly."

Jin looked at Sanome as if she was a ghost. "And what if i didn't land on the bed!?"

"Kotoko is a professional, like a doctor, so it's all cool." Sanome smiled.

Jin looked serious but couldn't hold it, he grinned widely. "Alright."

"Come on come on, let's go scare Hikaga!"

"yeah!" Sanome giggled.

Kotoko sighed. "Sometimes you guys scare me."

"We know!" They said in unison.

At Hikaga's room, he was still asleep too, Keichi had practice so Hikaga, too was alone.

"patefacio." Sanome opened the door.

"Who wants to do the honors?" She whispered.

"Not me." Kotoko frowned.

"I will." Jin chuckled softly.

"Good luck."

Jin walked over to Hikaga's bed and stood there for a while. "Hmm.."

He smirked then pointed his wand to the ground. "contremisco." The ground shook.

Hikaga woke up. "Earthquake!? ..wait..what!? Is that possible!?" He jumped on his bed. "What are you guys doing here?!"

Sanome laughed. "Waking you up!"

"So..that wasn't an earthquake just now..?" Hikaga looked at them.

"No." Kotoko started. "There can't be earthquakes in the sky." She giggled.

"..riiiight." Hikaga laughed nervously. "Let me guess.. contremisco?"

Jin nodded, "Right on."

Hikaga got off his bed then dashed to the bathroom, once he was done he dashed back out, "Alright, whatever we're doing, i'm in."

"Well, today, i decided we should practice our magyck." Sanome said.

"I'm in."

"Me too."

"Will do."

"Great!" Sanome smiled. "I have just the place to do it."

Soon the four arrived at the gym. "Here we go." They walked in.

"We'll pair up." Kotoko said. "That way, if we need a partner to practice with we'll have them there."

"Good idea." Sanome smiled.

"I'll go with Kotoko." Jin chuckled. "Um..well, good luck Hikaga..when you die, can I have your basketball?" Him and Kotoko laughed.

"Haha guys, that's very funny." Sanome turned to Hikaga. "I'm not that bad, i swear! Let me show you!" She pointed her wand at Hikaga.

"Ah! Sanome wait, before you d-" But before Hikaga got a chance to finish Sanome already said the spell.

"bestia mutatio!"

A flash of light came and Hikaga was gone...or technically...his body was...

## 21 - This could be a problem...

"What happened!?" Jin and Kotoko ran over.

"Uh! ..I was..I have no clue!" Sanome flailed her arms. "What if i killed him! Or worse! Sent him to an unknown hell dimension where the only food there is SHRIMP!"

Kotoko looked at the ground. "Uh guys...this could be a problem..."  
Looking back at them, from way down there, was a little bunny!

"What! No!" Sanome yelled. "I turned Hikaga into a bunny!?"  
"Looks like it." Kotoko replied. "It may take a while for us to get the ingrediants to turn him back guys, and i don't even know all of them!"

She looked at Sanome. "Quick, tell me the spell you used."  
"I thought it was just to make a bunny..i didn't know it would turn him into one!" Sanome yelled. "What if he can't turn back!?"  
"Don't worry, we'll get him back." Kotoko said. "I just need you to tell me the spell you used."  
"bestia mutatio." Sanome said.  
"Animal change?" Kotoko sighed. "Oh boy."

"For now, we have to make sure the principal doesn't find out about this." Jin said.  
Sanome nodded. "I'll keep him in my room, it's my responsibility now."  
Kotoko smiled. "Okay, but be careful, he's a bunny now, and he doesn't have the full brain of a human, it's not even half the size that it used to be, so some times he may not know what he's doing." She turned to the door. "I'll be away for the week getting the supplies, if the teachers ask, say that i'm sick." She ran to the door . "Don't worry guys, we'll fix him up right and healthy soon!" She winked, then left.

Sanome picked Hikaga the bunny up and hugged him. "Man, i'm so sorry, I promise we'll get you back."  
Jin smiled. "We should probably get him to your dorm, i can make you invisible, but not for long, you have to use your time wisely."  
Sanome nodded. "Gotcha."  
Jin pointed his wand and said. "occultus."  
Soon Sanome wasn't observable, she ran out of the gym and hurried up to her room.

"Oh..i'm such a horrible person.." Sanome laid down Hikaga on her pillow and sat on her bed, she looked at him. "Hikaga, can you hear me?"  
The bunny just sniffed the pillow.  
"..If you can hear me...um..come over here." She laid her hand on the bed.  
Hikaga hopped over and sniffed her hand. "You can hear me?"  
The invisibility wore off.  
"Just a fluke then..you really can't hear me.." Sanome got up and walked to the bathroom. "Ugggggggh!" She stared at the mirror, seriously. "I turned my best friend into a bunny....I turned my best friends into a rabbit...I changed my best friend into a fricken animal ..with fur and big floppy, cute ears!"

She walked back to her room. "I sure hope Kotoko finds those ingredients."  
Hikaga just laid on the bed, sleeping.  
"Boy, in bunny form, he sure is cute." Sanome giggled. "..In human form he's cuter though.."  
The bunny opened its eyes.  
"Eh?!" Sanome stepped back. "He didn't hear me right.. i thought he couldn't hear me.."  
He shut his eyes again and drifted off to sleep.  
Sanome soon did the same.

In the morning, Hikaga was gone.  
Sanome woke up. "Oh no! I fell asleep on the job! Shoot shoot shoot!"  
She looked at her door, which was unopened. "He has to be in here somewhere."  
She looked in her closet, in her dresser, in the beds, but she couldn't seem to find him.  
"revertio bestia." Jin's voice came from behind her. "You should use that spell, if you're trying to find him."  
"Ah! Jin!?" Sanome gasped. "revertio bestia?? ..oh, return animal...right?"  
"Right. Or you could just use the standard 'find' spell."  
"Right..i think i'll use that one." Sanome took out her wand. "Invenio."  
A light pointed to the bathroom, she walked in, and it pointed to the bath tub, and sure enough, inside that tub, was Hikaga.  
Sanome sighed. "Found you." She took him out of the bath tub. "Taking care of animals is hard work.."  
"I know what you mean." Jin chuckled. "But, if you have forgotten, we have school today."  
"Oh!" Sanome slapped herself. "Can you make sure he doesn't leave? Kaythanks!" She got dressed then put Hikaga in her backpack. "Bunnies don't make much noise, and there's a blanket and carrots in there, so he should be fine."  
"Good thinking." Jin said. "Now let's go!"  
Soon they arrived at class and took their seats, the lesson began, as Mr. Kip happily discussed the polynomial whatchamawhosit.

The rest of the week went the same, secretly hiding Hikaga, going to class and staying up late making sure he didn't go anywhere.

Soon it was Friday afternoon, and when Jin and Sanome arrived back at Sanome and Kotoko's dorm, Kotoko was in there setting up material.  
"Kotoko! you're back!" Sanome smiled.  
"This is great!" Jin grinned too.  
Kotoko giggled. "Yep, i got all the stuff, now we just have to make sure Hikaga stays in the middle of that circle."  
Sanome nodded and put Hikaga in the circle. "Remaneo." She nodded. "He'll stay now."  
Jin sighed deeply and nodded too. "Okay, whenever you're ready."  
Kotoko smiled. "I'm ready now, all we have to do is recite the incantation."  
"What is it?" Sanome asked.  
Kotoko handed her the paper, then Sanome handed it to Jin.  
They all looked at Hikaga. "Abeo rursus ut noster nostra nostrum amicus."

Suddenly a flash of bright light came and standing before them was the one and only, Hikaga.  
Hikaga looked stunned.  
Sanome glomped him. "Oh my gosh! I'm such a terrible person! I'm so sorry! I'm so so sorry!"

Hikaga still looked stunned but smiled. "It's okay, really, i'm fine."

"No, it's all my fault though! I should quite school! I suck at magic and should have never started!"

Sanome cried.

Hikaga looked at her. "Calm down. You know they only send invitations to great magical beings, they don't just send them to anyone, you would have had to capture their attention." He smiled still.

Sanome smiled and hugged him again. "Thanks, you're a great friend....who smells like carrots.."

Hikaga chuckled. "I guess some of the effect hasn't worn off yet."

Sanome giggled. "That's okay, I'd prefer you smell like carrots for the rest of your life than be a little bunny."

"Me too." Jin grinned.

"Same here!" Kotoko smiled. "We missed you, Hikaga."

Hikaga smiled too, "Um...how about we keep this secret from Claire, Kaoru and Keichi..okay?"

Everyone looked at each other. "Deal."

"It's good to be back." Hikaga grinned.

"It's good to have you back." Kotoko said.

"Dude, that was pretty retarded, now that we're thinking about it now." Jin made a face.

Everyone thought for a minute and made the same face. "Um..Yeah, next time let's try a memory spell.."

"Oh i know this great one that..." They chatted in the distance.

Let's be happy that Hikaga didn't stay a bunny. :]

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WOOT! Well, here's chapter 21 guys, thanks for sticking with me! I love you all! XD

And hmm, are any of you still thinking about what Sanome said to Hikaga when he was a bunny..

"Boy, in bunny form, he sure is cute." Sanome giggled. "..In human form he's cuter though.."

Hmm? Did Hikaga really not hear? Or did he? MUAHAHAHAHA!

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## 22 - Don't fight children.

The next couple of days went by like they usually did, Keichi, Hikaga and Jin making more plans to add to their AKC [Annoy Kaoru club], Claire and Kaoru hanging out, Kotoko and Sanome chatting, you know...the usual.

Sometimes, like always things happen when it gets 'usual' and you all know that they can't stay happen for too long, it's just not allowed, Kadel drifted over to his study and sat down. "Damn kids, if they weren't here my plans would be perfected! The prophecy specifically states that it will be those kids who will stop my plans! They stopped Xel's plans, and now they're going after mine."

For those of you who don't remember, Kadel is the man who infected Sanome, appeared in both Hikaga and Jin's dreams and lives in the castle.

"I need a better plan, one that will not only wipe out those meddling kids, but the entire school." Kadel took out a pen and began to write. "Soon, soon.." He lit up. "Perfect! This is perfect! I'll set them against each other!" He scribbled on a notebook and said a spell. "Now, fight my children. This one will go to..The best friends. Jin and ..Hikaga." He smirked, then cackled evil like.

Meanwhile, on campus, by the fountain where everyone was sitting, Hikaga and Jin were hit with a purple glow and they both fell over.

"Oh! Are you guys okay?" Kotoko asked, not seeing the glow that went inside them.

"Fine." Jin got up.

"Yeah.." Hikaga stood up too, and glared at Jin. "Get out of my way."

Jin glared back. "I'm not in your way!"

"Well, i'm going over that way now, so technically, YOU ARE!"

Sanome gasped. "What's gotten into you two?!"

"Nothing." Jin said and looked at Hikaga. "If you want to get passed, go another way, because i'm NOT moving!"

Hikaga pushed Jin. "Oh, I think you are!"

Jin pushed him back. "Not!"

Hikaga and Jin started to fight as a group of kids gathered around them, yelling "Fight, Fight, Fight!"

Kotoko looked at them. "No! Don't fight!"

Soon a teacher came and pulled the two apart. "..Jin!? Hikaga!? ..My office. NOW!" She began to walk, as the two boys followed her, trading insults on the way.

Claire sighed. "What's wrong with them?"

"They seemed just fine this morning.." Keichi said.

"Until.. just now.." Kaoru looked at them.

"Did something happen..Wait! When they fell over? Do you think it happened then?" Kotoko asked.

"Probably." Claire said. "Because they were fine before that."

Sanome nodded. "But the question is, what happened?"

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Kadel chuckled. "That should teach them to mess with us."

"Us.." A voice said beside the door.

"Yes, us." Kadel replied, annoyed. "If you don't want to be a part of this, then leave."

"How about I just kill you to make it easier?" The person smirked.

Kadel looked away. "I won't die, not yet, there's no way..If you want a fight, come and get it."

The person walked to Kadel. "Not a fight, just yet that is." He looked out the window. "Foolish kids, soon their lives will all be mine."

"You mean OURS." Kadel yelled in his ear.

The person stuck his hand out with such force that it went right through Kadel, and blood spilled out, he was dead. "No, mine."

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[There's a new big bad now D: Who is it!? WHO IS IT!? D:]

Update tomorrow, i'm tired now T\_T

Good night. :]

## 23 - Why won't you stop!?

Later that evening, Kotoko, Claire and Sanome were gathered in Claire's dorm, while Arina was out finding a new boy to chase.

"Too bad our school didn't have a security camera." Sanome said.

"Yeah.." Kotoko replied. "You'd think they'd be smart enough to install one after all of our principals have died...oh that reminds me, when is the new one finally coming in?"

Claire shrugged. "It was suppose to be today. Maybe he's late."

"Maybe." Sanome said. "Or maybe he accidentally 'died' along the way."

Claire giggled. "Oh come on."

Sanome smiled.

Just then someone knocked on the door.

Claire got up to open it, and surely enough, the figure standing there was none other than, Jin.

"Jin!" Claire exclaimed.

"Hi." Jin looked at them.

"Here, come in." Claire opened the door more.

"Thanks.." Jin walked in, and sat on a chair. "Guys..I think something is happening to me.."

"How so?" Kotoko asked.

"Well...I want to beat up Hikaga for no reason. It feels like I'm starting to hate him." Jin bit his lip. "The feeling comes, strongly, then it will leave for a minute, then come back strong again."

"That's weird...but we have a theory." Sanome said.

"Thats..." Jin shot up. "I can feel his presence still! It's annoying me!" He darted out the door.

"It's like a mood swing type thing." Kotoko said.

"Yeah, but he can't help it." Sanome said.

"Yeah.." Claire replied.. "We'd better think fast though, or this could get ugly."

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Jin hunted the dorm rooms for Hikaga, but as he turned the corner, he seen Hikaga getting a drink from the fountain. "Found you!"

Hikaga shot up from surprise. "Jin!?"

Jin nodded. "We have a fight that needs to be finished."

"It's your call." Hikaga said. "Too bad it's going to end like this."

"Like what?" Jin narrowed his eyes.

"You dying." Hikaga moved forward with clenched fists.

Jin dodged him just in time. "Cheater!"

Hikaga looked at him. "You started it!"

"You did!"

"You did!!"

"Shut up!"

"You shut up!" Jin stared at him. "God! What are we? In kindergarten! We both know how this REALLY needs to be settled."

"You're right." Hikaga sighed, then threw some punches at Jin. Jin dodged two, but the last hit him right

in the face.

"You little-" Jin punched him back.

Soon they started a fight again, but it turned from hair pulling, to serial murder. Nobody was there to see though.

Jin kicked Hikaga in the shin and started to run off, but Hikaga threw his shoe at Jin's back. "Take that!"

"You take it back!" Jin threw the shoe back at Hikaga.

They both collapsed. They were too exhausted to do anything else.

Slowly their eyes began to close and they were K.O'd.

Eventually, someone found them, and took them to the hospital ward.

The nurse looked annoyed. "And it was one of the same boys who came in last year out of the biggest fight.." She sighed and left, just as Sanome, Keichi, Claire, Kotoko and Kaoru barged in.

"Oh god! Look at them." Sanome sighed. "If we don't find an antidote, they're going to kill each other!"

Kotoko frowned. "Or worse.."

Claire looked at everyone. "Wait a second...this spell couldn't have affected them unless they actually had all this anger inside them.."

Kotoko went wide-eyed. "You mean they really do hate each other!?"

Claire shook her head. "No. But something has angered them lately, therefor whoever casted this spell, knew that they would be angry.."

"But they weren't acting angry." Keichi said.

"Yeah." Sanome looked at them. "So.."

Kaoru looked at them. "Phone calls.."

They looked back.

"What do you mean?" Kotoko asked.

"Check their phone messages.." Kaoru said again.

"Oh yeah!" Sanome jumped up. "Let's go let's go!"

Kotoko looked at them. "Guys, i'm going to stay here, just in case they wake up and try to kill each other again."

"Okay." Claire nodded.

Kaoru stayed too, after all if Jin and Hikaga woke up, everyone knew they would need Kaoru to stop them.

So it was only Claire, Sanome and Keichi checking the messages now.

First they walked into Hikaga and Keichi's room.

Keichi pressed on the 'recent messages' menu, and a call began playing.

It was a woman, she sounded like she was crying, They could barely hear her, but from what they did gather, Hikaga's family was robbed the night before, and his best friend from his home town, had been killed, Luckily, they didn't lose everything though.

"Oh my god! That's terrible! No wonder he got angry...why didn't he tell us!?" Sanome looked as if she was about to cry herself.

"The same reason Jin didn't." Claire said. "Because they didn't want us to feel sad for them, they didn't want us to have to know."

"But that just.." Keichi started but didn't finish.

Sanome sighed. "Poor Hikaga.."

Claire nodded. "Let's go.."

The three walked slowly to Jin and Kaoru's room.

Sanome pressed the button, and like Hikaga's, a woman was on the other line.

And there were also tears. Jin's father had died of cancer, because the doctors wouldn't treat him, they

refused to help, for unknown reasons.

Sanome covered her mouth. "Since when were doctors so cruel!" She rubbed her eyes.

Keichi looked down. "Man..this sucks.."

Claire frowned. "Those guys were strong though..and we have to be too. We have to put this aside, and help our friends, now."

Sanome and Keichi nodded. "You're right!"

They walked back down to the nurse office just to find Kotoko pulling Hikaga away from Jin, and Kaoru pulling Jin away from Hikaga.

"Aw geez, we leave for like ten minutes and this is what happens!" Sanome and Keichi ran inside, while Claire tried to help Kotoko and Kaoru.

"WOULD YOU GUYS JUST STOP IT ALREADY!" Sanome finally yelled.

Everybody looked at her shocked.

"Can't you just except that you're under a damn spell!" She yelled again.

Jin and Hikaga looked at each other.

"A spell." Hikaga said. "That still doesn't change the fact that i want to rip Jin's head off!"

"And it also doesn't change the fact that I want to cut Hikaga up into tiny little pieces!" Jin yelled back.

"It's hopeless, we've really found our end this time.." Sanome leaned against a wall and slowly sat down.

"No yet!" Claire said. "The only way to break a spell like this, is if we can get these two to tell each other that they are friends!"

"Of course!" Kotoko said, but as she said that Hikaga broke free of her grasp and pushed Jin out the window. Luckily it wasn't a high fall.

Jin stood up and wiped some blood off his face from the glass of the window.

"Now you've really done it!" Jin looked angry.

"And what are you going to do about it!?" Hikaga yelled.

"But how in the world can we do that!?" Kotoko sighed. "They would really kill each other.."

"We have to calm them down." Claire said. "If we can get the anger that's firing up this spell to turn off, then we can get them to admit they're friends!"

"Yeah, but how can that happen if they keep getting angrier?" Sanome asked.

"The only reason they're getting angrier, is that they're losses combined with them fighting is making them more angry." Claire replied.

"I see.." Sanome looked outside, where Kaoru was single handedly keeping the two away from each other.

"Okay, Keichi and I will take Jin, can you and guys take Hikaga?" Claire asked.

Sanome and Kotoko nodded. "Sure."

They all ran out and took positions. Keichi and Claire dragged Jin away finally, and Kotoko and Sanome dragged Hikaga away.

"We have to get this to work!" Sanome said.

Kotoko nodded. "Hikaga listen to us.."

Claire and Keichi looked at Jin.

"You have to listen, we have some important news! Geez."

"Both of you guys, need to become friends again."

They both looked at each other than at everyone else. "WHAT!?"

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Er,, fufu.. hallo there, Tis Bella here. Well anyway, i know Jin and Hikaga are best buds, and i wanted to add some excitement, so this is what i came up with, i hope you like. :)

Urg.. it's now 2:31AM, and I'M GOING TO SLEEP BUNNIES!

## 24 - Backfired plan: Mallex is here

Claire eyed them. "You heard us!"

"Claire's right!" Sanome yelled. "You guys have to stop fighting! Or else something bad could happen."

"Like death?" Jin asked.

Kotoko, Sanome and Claire nodded.

"Cool!" Hikaga smirked then tried to attack Jin again, who was hiding behind Kaoru until the perfect moment came.

"Oh my gosh!" Kotoko looked annoyed. "Would you guys just stop it!"

They both looked at her.

"What's the matter with you! You guys are best friends! You shouldn't be fighting like this! Just because you lost someone important to you it doesn't mean you have to kill each other! That's not right and you know it!" She yelled at them.

Hikaga and Jin stood up straight and sat down on opposite sides of the fountain.

"Well, now what?" Kotoko turned to Claire who seemed somewhat shocked, but then snapped out of it.

"Oh... Well, let's take them on one on one."

"Okay." Kotoko and Sanome walked over to Hikaga, and Keichi and Claire walked over to Jin, while Kaoru made sure they didn't fight again.

Sanome and Kotoko sat on each side of Hikaga.

"We need to have a serious talk." Sanome looked at him.

"Yeah...I know.." Hikaga sighed.

"So first of all, why was your anger directed towards Jin?" Kotoko asked.

Hikaga looked up. "I don't know...I guess the spell made us fight because whomever casted it knew that I lost my best friend in that robbery..."

"I see...wait then...who would know about your loss?" Sanome said.

Hikaga shrugged. "Who cares..."

Kotoko stood up. "Hey! It might have been the man who appeared in both Hikaga and Jin's dreams!"

"It must be! Because that's a connection!" Sanome said.

Hikaga just sighed. "Well whoever it is, you might want to find the antidote before i have the urge to kill him again."

Sanome nodded. "We know the antidote though, we just have to get you two to admit you're friends again!"

Meanwhile, with Claire and Keichi things were taking a different toll.

Claire sat on one side Of Jin and Keichi sat on another.

"Dude, what you're doing, is just completely uncool, you and Hikaga have been friends since, like the first week of school Ever!"

"What does that matter?" Jin looked down.

Claire sighed. "You need to stop thinking that way, or else you really might get killed."

Jin stood up. "I knew it! You're taking his side!"

Claire made him sit back down. "We're not taking anyones sides, because you're both under a spell!"

Jin sighed. "What kind of spell makes you want to kill you're best friend."

Claire looked at Sanome, and Sanome looked back at her.

While Keichi and Kotoko stayed with the others, the two girls joined up on one side.

"Did you hear that?" Claire asked.

Sanome nodded. "He admitted that him and Hikaga were best friends!"

Claire smiled, "Now all we have to do, is get them to say it at the same time, and mean it, before they go all 'rampage' again."

Sanome gave the thumbs up sigh and went to join Kotoko again.

Claire went back to Keichi.

"Well, I guess we can't really do much more." Claire sat down. "If you guys stay like this..."

"If we stay like this..what?" Jin sat up.

"You're both going to die, no doubt about it." Claire sighed.

"Ah! I don't want to die!" Jin yelled.

"It's just too bad." Claire sighed again. "Nothing can help you now, it's all down from here."

Jin eyed her. "Liar."

Claire turned to him and smiled. "Yeah, but it was worth a shot, right?"

Jin stood up. "I'll do it then. Before I want to kill Hikaga again, so..let's hurry.."

Keichi stood up too. "Sounds good to me."

"Me too." Claire replied.

Before they got up though, Sanome, Kotoko and Hikaga were walking over there.

Hikaga looked exhausted, but you couldn't blame him, arguing with both Kotoko and Sanome IS NOT a pretty sight.

Jin looked at them. "What happened to you?"

"Arguing..with girls..not a good idea.." Hikaga sighed as Sanome and Kotoko giggled.

Jin started to laugh. "I thought you knew that!"

Hikaga ..smiled! "Yeah, but what's trying for?"

Jin and Hikaga looked at each other. "I'm sorry." They said in unison.

Jin smiled. "Who knew the power of spells.."

Hikaga nodded. "Friends?"

"Friends." They Hi-fived each other.

Everyone else collapsed. "FINALLY!"

Jin and Hikaga looked at them and laughed.

Well, the spell was broken, they seemed to have created their friendship anew.

"Be quiet voices, i'm thinking." The man who killed Kadel, paced the room.

"I need a new plan, it's time to recruit the vampires again." He said aloud. "This time, it's for real. Mallex is here, and there will be no more childish pranks, it's time to take one of these kids, and make sure they can't escape."

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Hallo people! Bella here! Oh noes! It looks like Mallex is planning on kidnapping someone! But who?

Suggestions would be appreciated, who should he kidnap?

Message me in your comments, Merci!



## 25 - The kidnapping of Claire.

"Hey guys, do you think people really eat ants?" Jin looked up from his book.

"What the heck are you talking about?" Hikaga looked at him.

"Well, in here it says, some people actually eat ants.. but first they cover them in something."

"Aw man! Gross!" Keichi made a face. "That's disturbing."

Hikaga and Jin laughed. "It kind of is, isn't it?"

Keichi nodded quickly. "Very."

"Hey guys, what are you talking about?" Kotoko's voice came from behind them.

Jin slammed the book shut, "oh nothing."

She looked at them funny. "Uh huh..well anyways, you guys should get inside, I know there haven't been vampires out lately, but you never know when they'll come again."

"Yeah, we can defend ourselves though." Jin grinned.

"Yeah, yeah." Kotoko smiled. "Well, I'm going in, I'll see you guys later."

The three boys waved.

Jin yawned. "I guess we should head in though."

Keichi nodded. "Yeah, probably."

Hikaga stood up. "Alright, let's get in."

The other two stood up, and raced to the doors.

Meanwhile, Claire was meeting Kaoru tonight, but she'd arrived early. She sat down as she waited. "Ah.. I guess I should have come later.. I'm really early."

There was a rustle in the bushes.

"H-hello? Is someone there?" Claire stood up, and backed up.

"Just me." A voice came from the trees.

"Um.. sorry, I should leave." She started running, but was stopped.

"Why're you running? I just want to chat, and besides, I've strict orders not to let you leave."

"Wh..from who..?" Claire looked petrified.

"Boss." The person grinned, revealing large fangs.

"V-vampire!" Claire pointed, aghast.

"Actually, I prefer Ben, but, either way is correct."

Claire screamed, but 'Ben' took her hand and ran towards the castle.

Moments later, Kaoru appeared, at the place, and looked around. "Claire..?" He walked forward a bit, then almost tripped on something laying on the floor.

He bent down to pick it up, it was Claire's bracelet. He frowned, clutched the bracelet, then went inside to the rest of the gang.

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"What do you mean she wasn't there?!" Sanome yelled. "That could mean the vampires got her!"

Kaoru slumped over.

Jin patted his back. [Lol, wtf?]

Hikaga sighed. "Guys.. we have to find her! No matter what!"

Kotoko nodded. "Definitely!"

Keichi looked out the window. "Guys..that man.. who appeared in Jin and Hikaga's dreams back in chapter like.. 10 or something like that.. do you remember him?"

They all nodded.

"Well.. I think he's in that castle." Keichi continued. "He could be controlling the vampires."

"That means we should check the castle first!" Jin yelled.

Sanome nodded.

"But uh.." Hikaga looked at Sanome. "Remember when you and I went in there before.. there was a spell in one of the rooms.. it may have gotten worse."

"That's a chance we'll have to take." Sanome smiled. "It's for Claire."

Hikaga nodded. "You're right."

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After everyone was done getting dressed, and packed, they all headed outside.

"This is where I found her bracelet.." Kaoru pointed.

"Well, this is close to the castle." Keichi looked at it.

"Alright, brace yourselves, and let's go!" Kotoko signaled, and they all ran over to the castle.

"It's big.." Keichi looked up.

"Yes..." Sanome nodded. "Inside it's worse.. so let's stick together."

They all went up to the door.

Kaoru opened it. Inside was the same chair maze that Sanome and Hikaga encountered on their trip here.

"Well.. it's different again." Sanome sighed. "But, let's go."

Hikaga and Sanome went in first, followed by Jin, and Kaoru, then Keichi and Kotoko.

Once they finally made it to the stairs, two people were missing.

"Where's Jin!?" Sanome looked around.

"And Kotoko?!" Hikaga looked around too.

"They're gone!" Keichi gasped. "How did they- .. what happened?! I thought they were right there!"

"They were.. damn.. we must have set off a trap.." Kaoru sighed.

"No!" Sanome looked down.

"I'm sure they're fine.." Hikaga looked at Sanome. "But right now, we don't have any time to waste."

Sanome sighed. "I know.."

They began walking again, carefully checking everyone to see if they could find the others.

"It's no use!" Kotoko sighed. "This place *IS* a maze!"

"We can't give up so soon thoguh!" Keichi yawned, tired.

"Yeah..but still.." She sighed again.

Sanome looked around. "Let's try this door." She pointed to a large wooden door, with an 'L' carved into it.

"It's worth a shot." The others walked inside too.

Inside the room, were cages, with lions inside them.

"Holy.." Sanome looked at the cages. "Why--" She didn't finish, because of someone's panting. She turned to the others. "Did you hear that? Someone in here sounds out of breath.. a person."

"Damn lions! I'll eat you for breakfast!"

"Don't talk about things like that! That's gross!"

"The hell with gross! I'm kind of not worrying about that now!"

"Stop talking to me! your barrier is falling!"

To familiar voices spoke.

"Did you hear that?!" Sanome jumped. "It sounded like Kotoko and Jin!"

Hikaga nodded. "But where are they?"

"Ohmigosh! They must be in one of the cages!" Sanome waved her hands everywhere.

"Ah! Jin! Hey Jin! I can't do this by myself! Please get up!"

"It's.. kind of hard..I don't have that much power left.. I've been training to much lately.."

"Why didn't you tell us that!?"

"Because.."

The voices drowned out, when there was a loud chomp.

Sanome went wide eyed. "Jin! Kotoko!"

Nobody replied for a moment, then Kotoko's shriek broke the silence. "Is someone there! I need help!

We need help!"

Sanome went over to one of the cages and broke the lock. She stunned the lion and ran inside, horrified at the sight.

## 26 - Time seemed to stop.

Time seemed to stop for that moment right there. The sight wasn't one someone would usually want to see, especially in this scenario.

Sanome held her hand to her mouth, as the others fluttered in, aghast at the same scene.

It was them.. or was it? It didn't look like them, but, it was, for sure.

Jin's body was sort of slumped over, he was staring frightened, at his stomach, what was it again? Right, well, somehow, his shield backfired, and now instead of his wand finishing off the Lions, One of them, bit him, really hard, just like that.

He didn't do anything else, but fell over. Kotoko was frantic, she'd looked like she just witnessed a death. Things were blurring as everyone rushed inside, they all agreed it would be best to transport him off to the school hospital, in hopes that they could do something. After they had done so, the remainder just sat there, looking sick to their stomach's. Until Keichi stood up. "Come on guys." He looked angry. "We have to keep going, it's what he would have told us to do. We just have to pray."

Sanome wiped some stray tears from her eyes. "I-I know that..but-"

Hikaga stood up too and closed his eyes to take deep breathes. "Alright, this time, it's personal."

Kotoko clenched her fists. "It always was."

Each person darted out the door, straight to the main place.

Kaoru wasted no time, and barged it down.

"There!" Keichi pointed. There was Claire. She was laying on the floor, unconscious.

Everyone rushed over.

"She's alive!" Hikaga sighed, relived.

Just then, the door closed and a voice whispered. "Not for long."

Sanome looked at the figure. "Who the hell are you!?"

He just chuckled. "A nightmare. Or to be specific, your nightmare."

"What did we ever do to you!" Sanome was fighting back the urge to go straight up and punch him.

"Nothing yet, but you would have, in time." He circled around them. "But I won't let it happen."

They all took out their wands.

"Get ready for some fun." The man laughed.

"Why don't you!" Hikaga yelled. He made the first shot, the man dodged it.

"What's your name!?" Keichi asked. "Just so we know the name of the man who's been harming our friends!"

He kept laughing. "You fools. But if you need to know, my name, is Mallex."

"Mallex..we'll kill you!"

"Wrong." Mallex said. "I'll kill you."

Thus, a battle began, each one defending, or firing away. It seemed like days before one backed down, but was probably only hours.

Kotoko sighed. "I can't continue! I'm at a loss.." She wiped her forehead.

"Watch your back still!" Keichi noted.

"Okay!" She replied.

Mallex jumped back. "You brats are pretty strong for your age."

"We had a lot of practice." Sanome retorted.

Mallex smiled in an evil like way. "Well, I'll still kill you."

Kaoru jumped in front after a moment, and fired the blast he'd been saving up to this point, it was huge,

he was really fighting, fighting for Claire. And even though he wouldn't admit, he was fighting for Jin too. Mallex gasped. "What the hell?!" He fell over once it was done.

Kaoru smirked slightly. "Now guys.."

They all nodded, and fired all what they had at Mallex. It only seemed moments until he was a goner.

Sanome gasped. "H-he really wasn't that strong.."

"Strangely.." Keichi sighed.

They all turned to Claire and ran over.

"She'll be okay." Sanome sighed.

"Thank Heavens." Kotoko smiled. "We should get her back ASAP, she needs some medical treatment!"

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Once at the school everyone was piled up in Kotoko and Sanome's room. They had two friends in the hospital again.

They were all quiet, until Hikaga broke the silence. "You know.. I'm sure they'll be alright.."

Keichi looked at him. "Maybe.."

"We should visit them soon.." Sanome said.

"We have to wait at least one day.." Kaoru said. "That's what the nurse told me.."

"Geez.." Kotoko hugged her knees. "How stupid.."

"I can't wait that long!" Sanome sighed.

"I know.. but if we go earlier, we may not be able to see them at all." Hikaga said.

Sanome slumped over. "Yeah I know..I hope tomorrow comes fast.."

"Me too." Keichi looked up. "Me too.."

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Hallo peoples! Bella here, and sorry for the slight Jin near death, and Claire unconscious part. XD I was angry. And those two are like the only ones who haven't been close to death, lawl. I've been having thoughts of killing off Jin though, dunno if I will or not, meh.

I hope you enjoyed chapter .. HOSHI\* 26 ALREADY!

## 27 - Someone had woken.

Classes next day were long. Or at least they seemed to be. Kotoko, Sanome, Kaoru, Keichi and Hikaga were still there, as unfocused as possible. Too worried about their dear friends, Claire and Jin. Would they be alright?

"Hey! You six, you haven't been paying attention this whole lesson, I will fail you for today if you don't start listening!" Mr. Payne slapped his ruler onto the wall.

"Ah! S-sorry Mr. Payne!" The six sat up straight.

He continued his lesson. Everyone looked at each other and sighed. How much longer? 10.. no 5 minutes.

Sanome shook her head and shut her eyes, the suspense was terrible. Really terrible. Mr. Payne passed out worksheets, but by three minutes later, most everyone was already done. Two minutes left.

Mr. Payne walked around the room slowly, checking to see what everyone was doing, another minute passed.

"Come on come on!" Hikaga whispered.

Kotoko sighed and Kaoru looked at her.

Keichi fiddled with a piece of paper, while Sanome tapped her fingers together.

The bell rang.

"Finally!" The six stood up along with every other student.

Mr. Payne was about to ask them to come see him, but they were out that door faster than you could say 'Ring.'

They raced down the halls like Cheetah's being freed from a zoo.

The hospital ward became more clear as they went inside.

The nurse stood at the desk, she was looking at them. "May I help you?"

"We're here to see Claire and Jin." Hikaga said to her.

"Ah you kids." She stood up. "Yes, follow me." She took them into a door called 'Special care,' and opened it. "Here you are." She left them.

Two beds, only two filled the room. There were two little stands with flowers on them, the place was really pale looking except for the people in the beds.

They walked over to their friends.

Claire had a lot of little scratches on her arms, her face was pale, her neck and leg were bandaged. She looked almost pained.

Jin's stomach was covered up almost completely, his face, also pale was sporting a few cuts. His body was motionless, except for some breathing here and there.

Sanome was about to cry. "This is terrible.."

"It seems like everyone thinks so." Keichi pointed to all the cards on the middle table, there were also some 'Get well soon' gifts.

The gang couldn't help but smiled at that, they knew so many people cared, it was kind of.. relieving.

Claire moved a bit.

"Claire..?" Kaoru bent down next to her, worried.

"I hope they wake soon.." Hikaga sighed.

"Same..." The others agreed. "Really soon.."

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About a week passed, each one of them paying regular visits to their friends. They hadn't awoken yet.

Soon everyone huddled up to Keichi and Hikaga's room, but it was too messy so they ended up going back to Sanome and Kotoko's room.

They spoke silently, very little.

A phone call.

"Hello..?" Sanome asked.

"Hello." The nurse from the hospital ward spoke into the phone.

Sanome almost choked. "Uh.. H-hello!"

"I'm calling to tell you one of your friends awoke," She seemed a bit tired, "I'll allow you to come down and visit for this once." She hung up.

"Thank you." Sanome whispered. She turned to the others. "One of them woke up!"

The shocked faces of the gang stayed there until Sanome opened the door. "Come on!"

They all dashed down to Claire and Jin.

Claire was sitting up, looking at Jin, a frightened look came over her face.

It was Claire who had woken up.

"Claire!" Kotoko hugged her lightly.

"I'm so glad you're awake!" Sanome hugged her too.

Hikaga and Keichi hugged her too, and Kaoru smiled. He went over to Claire and hugged her for what seemed like forever.

Claire smiled a bit, but then her eyes went back to Jin. "W-what happened...?"

"He was.. attacked..when we were in the castle.." Keichi looked down.

Claire frowned. "T-that's terrible.."

"Yeah.." Hikaga replied. "We don't want to lose either of you.. ever."

The nurse came in, bad timing huh?

Hikaga looked at her. "What are their conditions?"

She sat down in a chair in the corner. "Well, Claire, I'm pretty sure she'll be okay, she's going to need a lot of rest, and two of these tablets a day." She passed them to Kaoru. "Jin on the other hand.. that bite destroyed some of his internal organs. Not completely, but not far off."

"C-can't you just replace them!?" Kotoko was frantic again.

"It's not an easy procedure, the process of doing so will take months, maybe years." The nurse cleaned her glasses.

"No way.." Hikaga slumped over.

"Geez.." Sanome clenched her fists, she couldn't stop the overflowing tears. Hikaga went over and hugged her. She hugged him back, and began crying hard.

Kotoko was right. It always WAS them who got hurt..

## 28 - Pleae wake

Chapter ten.

"Jin!" Sanome smiled. "Let's go to the cafe! It'll be like old times, fun old times!"

Jin laughed softly. "I would, but I can't."

"Eh.." Sanome stopped. "Why?"

"I'm dying silly." Jin smiled.

Sanome's eyes widened. "What.. no you're not.. that's a lie.."

"I wish it were." Jin replied. "Look at me." He spread his arms out. "I'm slowly fading from this Earth."

Jin's stomach was bleeding hard, he fell over.

Sanome woke up.

"A dream... no.. A nightmare.." She put her hands over her eyes. "Jin.."

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Morning came, it was bright outside, the sun was peeking out from the clouds and the birds were singing a lovely melody. The day was too happy.

Sanome woke up. She turned to Kotoko, who was still asleep. She got up, and brushed her teeth.

There was a knock on the door. "Guys, you awake?"

Hikaga's voice.

Sanome went and opened the door. "Hey.."

He just nodded. It seemed like everyone was growing farther apart each day. Unintentionally though, it was mostly because of Jin.

Claire had finally been released from the hospital and was in Kaoru's care, but Jin's condition was still bad.

Sanome started to cry again. She couldn't help it.

Hikaga hugged her again, the only thing that could ever calm Sanome down these days were Hikaga's hugs. They were always so warm, and soft.

She sank into his arms and stopped crying. "Hikaga.."

"Yeah?.."

"Do you think... everything will be okay soon..?"

Hikaga didn't speak for a moment, then started, "yes. I do."

Kotoko had just woken, and the two teens turned to her. She sighed as the memories from the past week had returned. "Damn.."

"Guys.. how about we go visit Jin." Hikaga said. Although it seemed more like a question.

The girls both nodded.

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The nurse was out buying some more medical equipment when the three appeared. They went directly



towards Jin's room.

Jin was laying there, as still as ever. His breaths seemed short and very slow.

Sanome, Hikaga and Kotoko walked over to his bed. They sat in the seats available.

"Jin.." Sanome put her hand on his. "Please wake soon.."

'Sanome' A voice called.

"Eh?" Sanome looked around the room. Nobody else spoke. "D..did you hear that voice?" She asked.

Hikaga shook his head.

Kotoko looked down. "No.."

Sanome turned to Jin. He was still asleep.

'Sanome.' There it was again. 'Sanome, I'm okay. Please don't worry about me. It's not as painful as before.'

Sanome's eyes flashed."Jin?"

Hikaga and Kotoko looked at her.

"Jin!" She yelled. "Is that you?"

A soft laugh came. 'Yes.

"Wh-why can't I hear you outside of my head?"

'Because I'm not awake. I'm speaking to you through my mind, so it appears in yours. Although I don't have much time. The gates of Heaven are becoming so clear.. It's scaring me.'

"Jin.." Sanome frowned, "don't leave!"

'Sanome, I want to tell you something. Remember this; the first day we met, the summer's we spent together, the overnight phone calls. It'll never really leave, please remember that. But right now, I can't say my condition is good.' He laughed softly. 'If I don't make it out of this. Tell the gang I love 'em.'

"You will make it out of this!" Sanome's eyes starting tearing up. "You will I swear!"

Sanome could feel Jin smiling.

'Hey, wipe those tears off your face. Everyone looks better with a smile anyway.'

Sanome did what Jin told her, and wiped her tears. "Jin. Don't leave, Please, wait for us, we'll find a faster antidote!"

'Yeah? Maybe you will. I have no doubts.. but remember to keep smiling, okay? Even if the hardships come, and even when things are blood stained. Remember to always smile. Because I want to know that you and everyone else, will be happy.'

Sanome nodded. "I swear."

Hikaga and Kotoko stood up. "Sanome?"

Sanome turned to them. "I spoke to Jin."

They looked shocked. "What? when!"

"Just now, he was in my mind."

Hikaga looked down. "What did he say?"

"He was speaking about things.. and he said we always have to keep smiling." Sanome wiped more tears. "Even when the hardships are too hard."

Hikaga and Kotoko nodded. "It'll be hard.. but you know what.. let's do it for Jin."

Sanome smiled. "Yes."

She could feel Jin smiling again. 'Thankyou.'

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Sanome, Kotoko and Hikaga told the others about what had happened. They understood. The really did. They tried to smile, within best efforts, they did.

The months passed and soon December came. Each still making regular visits to the hospital. Christmas was right around the corner. And Jin wasn't awake yet.

"This'll be the gang's first Christmas without him.." Claire sighed.

Kaoru looked down.

Kotoko sighed too. "Let's still buy him a Christmas gift.. okay? And we can decorate the hospital with wreaths and little things like that.. we should put Pumpkin Spice candles around too. That's Jin's favorite scent."

They all nodded. "Definitely."

Sanome and Kotoko had gone to buy the gift, Hikaga and Keichi went to get the perfect card, Claire and Kaoru went and decorated the hospital.

When the gift and card were bought, the six met up at the fountain.

"I put the gift, all wrapped, in Jin's hospital room. Beside his bed." Sanome smiled slightly.

Keichi nodded. "We put the card on top of it."

Claire and Kaoru smiled a bit after that too. "The whole place smells like beautiful pumpkin spice."

The six all had to smile. They did well.

They soon decided to go and visit Jin again, and when they did a Christmas miracle happened. Well.. they weren't positive it had happened, but were almost.

The gift they had bought was opened, it was in Jin's hands. The card they had bought had a response to what the gang had written.

The gang had written:

Dear Jin, we all love you so much, and we really hope you awake soon. We decorated the hospital for you. Wreaths and pumpkin spice, your favorite.

Please get well,

Love, Kaoru, Hikaga, Keichi, Kotoko, Sanome and Claire.

And the response read:

I love you guys too. Thank you so much.

Love, Jin.

Had he awoken long enough to write it, then went back into his deep sleep? Or had someone done this as a sort of sick joke. They wanted to believe that it was the first one.. but Jin hadn't woken for so long, and it was too hard to believe that he had woken long enough to write it. If it were Jin, he'd already be half way up the stairs wanting to know if anyone had pizza.

They all sighed, then, a voice.

"If you're all wondering, yes. He did wake, no he didn't write it." The nurse. Tired and frustrated, sighed.

"What do you mean?" Hikaga asked.

The nurse looked around. "Well. He woke up a little earlier than you all came, while I was still here, he yelled at me for being so slow." She clicked her tongue. "He asked me to write that for him, then he fainted."

"But he WAS awake?!" Sanome asked.

She nodded.

"How?! I thought you said his organs were gone!" Kotoko asked.

"Well, the nurses of the other schools had given me some of their magic so I could provide him with some fake organs until the time of his real ones grow back."

"Will he wake again?" Keichi asked.

"Probably, but he'll be in a sort of daze for a long time." The nurse checked her watch. "I don't know if he'll make it out though.. those organs can only be in so long.."

Their smiles faded. "Oh.. I see.."

"Hold your spirits up." The nurse smiled a bit. "Hey it's Christmas. The season of Miracles, stay positive yes?"

"That's what Jin told me." Sanome said. "Stay positive."

"Then staying positive is what we have to do." Claire said. "For Jin."

"For Jin."

## 29 - Merry Christmas you guys.

It was a Saturday. Like all other Saturdays, the gang were all piled by the fountain. Minus Jin, of course. Claire sighed, "what should we do?"

"I don't know.." Kotoko frowned, "Christmas is in two days.."

"It'll be the very first one without Jin.." Hikaga sighed, "who would have though he would be the one that was never here."

Sanome nodded. "He always used to bring his homemade cookies."

"And I didn't even know he could cook, until last year of course.." Claire said.

"Me either.." Kaoru sighed.

"Come on guys!" Kotoko stood up, "believe in the holiday spirits!"

They all looked at her and smiled bits. "Yeah.. you're right."

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Christmas eve reared its head around and everywhere was decorated. The cafe, the school, even the castle had Christmas graffiti on it.

Claire was with Sanome in the cafe as they discussed their situation.

"So..." Sanome sighed, it was getting harder to talk to people these days.

Claire smiled, "I know how you feel."

Sanome looked at Claire, it was like she'd read Sanome's mind.. had she?

Claire looked at Sanome, "don't worry, I'm sure Jin will be fine by Christmas time."

"But that's only one day." Sanome frowned.

Claire nodded, "yes I know.. But still."

Sanome half smiled. "Well. I guess we can't really do anything until then.. huh?"

Claire tilted her head, "Yeah."

Sanome stood up, "lets head back.. I don't want to be away from everyone for too long."

Claire stood up also, "Yeah."

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Later that day the six decided to have a sleepover. Christmas was the next day, so they were a little anxious. And besides.. they wanted Jin to wake up.

Morning came, and there was a loud banging outside.

Everyone in Sanome and Kotoko's room awoke to the sudden banging. They remembered something. Every Christmas morning, Jin used to take a pot and pan and slam them together, causing a very large sound. A sound like this one.

It couldn't have been Jin though, he was in the hospital though.

A faint voice from outside starting calling names, "Sanooooome! Hikaaaga! Kotoooko! Kaoruuu! Claaaire! Keiichi! Wake your butts up dudes!"

The voice was faint, so they could tell who it belonged to.

"Come on man! Get those butts out of bed! I made cookies for you all! You can't leave my precious

baked goods to rot nowww!"

"Cookies..?" Sanome looked at the others, they looked surprised.

"Who else in this school would make cookies..?" Kotoko asked, yawning.

"Maybe Naoki?" Claire asked.

Kotoko shook her head, "I don't think so."

They all stood up, Kaoru went to the door and opened it.

A figure stood at the end of the hallway, he had a blanket over his head. "Geez. You guys are turtles.

Come over here, I need hugs!"

"Hugs..?" Claire looked confused. "Who is it?"

The person flung up the blanket and smiled brightly. "Merry Christmas you guys."