

Winter's Left Wing

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1 - Chapter 1

The serious expression on his face told Yuki that whatever he was going to say wasn't going to be good. He went on to explaining. "His implacable desire for vengeance is very frightening. We.... should just leave him alone." "But... but... can't you tell why he's doing this? Are you all blind?! Why am I the only one who can understand what's going on?!" "You're the one who can't see! I mean, look at this destruction! He caused all of this!" He was right about the destruction. There were ashes where houses used to be and fire was engulfing the small village. The villagers were on top of the cliff, safe from the flames. "He won't stop doing this until he sees one person dead! One! And for all we know, he disappeared a long time ago!" "Well, I'm going!" "Fine. If you want to die, it's your choice." Yuki turned around and shouted, "Sayoku is no different than any of us!" Yuki ran down to the burned down village. The flames were ceasing and the smoke was clearing. Yuki could see someone in the middle of the black ashes. "Sayoku..." Sayoku turned around and asked, "What do you want with me?" "Why is vengeance so important to you...?" Yuki asked. Sayoku walked toward Yuki and held his hand up, which was covered by fire and smirked. "Aren't you afraid... that I can kill you with these hands right now?" Yuki wasn't surprised and answered him. "If I am, why would I come down here in the first place? Anyway, that's not my point. There's..." Yuki was interrupted by Sayoku. "I don't need to tell you anything about my past. You wouldn't care anyway. I don't care what other people say about me because their words are meaningless." *Wow... Sayoku is really ticked off. But I know there's some good in him and I'm going to show him!* Yuki thought.

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Yuki and Sayoku just stood there in silence until Yuki spoke up. "I'm going to make you see it, so you're gonna have to come with me!" Yuki walked toward Sayoku but he created a wall of fire between Yuki and himself. "I'm not going anywhere with you and what are you going to make me see?" "That's for me to know..." Yuki used psychokinesis to bring water from a nearby lake and she poured it on the flames. "... and for you to find out!" Sayoku wasn't surprised. "Ah... so you have ESP..." Sayoku said. "You will come with me because I know where he is!" "Oh sure you do..." Sayoku was being sarcastic and it annoyed Yuki. Yuki concentrated very hard and sent an image to Sayoku's thoughts. Sayoku had seen it and was shocked. "How did you know how he looks like? His face is always hidden behind that mask he wears...." *This is getting interesting... now he's the one questing me! Maybe I'll tell him how I know... not.* Yuki thought. "If you really want to know, you gotta come with me! Then maybe I'll tell you where he is." Yuki knew he couldn't refuse and Sayoku gave up. "All right then... fine. I'll go with you until you tell me where he is." Yuki felt really triumphant. *Whew... maybe he'll stop the killing spree now...* Yuki suddenly remembered something. "Oh yeah... if you try to attack me with anything. It'll be futile." "Whatever... let's just go." Sayoku put his daggers away and followed Yuki out of the village.

3 - Chapter 3

Yuki and Sayoku had just entered a city where lots of people resided. "Hm... it's getting pretty dark..." Yuki spotted a little house. "Sayoku, let's go in there and ask if we can stay for the night!" Yuki tripped on a crack in the sidewalk and fell face-first on the ground. "Ow... that hurt..." Sayoku rolled his eyes in disgust and thought, *Why am I following her again?* Yuki knocked on the door and someone opened up. "This is a surprise. We rarely have any visitors. Please, come in." *Wow... nice people here.* Yuki thought. "Um... I hope this won't trouble you, but can we stay for the night?" "That would be all right. Just go out the back door." *They want us to go out... the back door...?* Yuki and Sayoku went out in the back and they couldn't believe what they were seeing. There were lush, green grass that were almost as tall as themselves. Through all of the grass, Yuki saw lots of doors. "This place used to be an outdoor inn, if you know what I'm talking about." Yuki didn't understand what the resident meant. "What she means is that this type of inns is not like one of those buildings that you see in the cities. These have rooms made inside the landscape. Take that small hill for example." Sayoku pointed at the small green hill and continued on explaining. "You can see that the doors are attached to that hill. Therefore, the rooms are actually inside the hill. Although it seems a bit weird, they say that the rooms are..." Yuki didn't listen to Sayoku and just went inside one of the rooms. "It's... magnificent! Wow! Nothing like I expected! It feels just like home... except more developed!" Yuki flopped on the bed and sighed. "You act so child-like..." Sayoku faced the resident. "How much for the stay?" "We're not really an inn anymore so you can stay for free." "Sayoku." "What?" "I'm gonna go for a while, okay? So... don't run off." "... don't plan to." "Good." With that, Yuki ran off into the city. Sayoku jumped up to a tree and sat with his legs crossed. Sayoku stretched and thought, *I wish she can tell me soon... so I can avenge my friend... it's the least I can do for him now....* he sighed and held out a small instrument. He started to play it and the tune was heard by many others. Some time later, Yuki came back and heard the tune. "Wow... that's such a beautiful sound... whoa!" She tripped again and fell hidden among the tall grass. "Not again..." Yuki looked up and saw Sayoku playing the melody. "Never expected it was from him." Yuki still laid down in the tall grass so that Sayoku wouldn't see her and she kept listening to the tune. Yuki eventually fell asleep and Sayoku stopped playing. "I'm hungry..." Sayoku put the instrument away and jumped off the tree. he was walking in the grass until he tripped and fell. "Ack! What the..." Sayoku turned around and saw that he tripped over Yuki, who was sound asleep. "Stupid girl... sleeping out here..." Sayoku picked Yuki up and carried her to bed. "... " Sayoku turned out the lights and left.

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Yuki woke up and yawned as she went out of bed. She glanced at the clock. "I overslept!" Yuki did her morning routine and went to the resident's house. Yuki hurriedly opened the door and it hit Sayoku, who was right behind the door. "Oh... you're finally awake..." Sayoku said, coming out behind the door. "Oops. Sorry..." Yuki apologized. "Forget it. Let's just go." "Okay." And she turned to the residents. "Thank you for your hospitality." "You're welcome. Just come back any time you wish." Yuki and Sayoku left the house and continued to walk on the streets. "I hate cities like these... some people run around stealing people's money without them noticing it." "Oh well. It's what they do..." Yuki and Sayoku continued walking while a thief was behind them, about to strike. Yuki stopped talking for a moment and used psychokinesis to rip part of the fence and placed it right between herself and the thief. "... but it's really easy to stop them." Yuki smiled. *When is she going to tell me where he is....?!* Sayoku thought. Some gang had their eyes on Yuki and Sayoku. "They seem like pretty easy targets..." "Finally, I've been wanting to fight for days...." The gang stepped out of the alley and approached Yuki and Sayoku. Yuki kept walking, not looking at the gang and one of them grabbed Yuki's shoulder. "Where do you think you're going?" "Oh, I'm sorry. Come on Sayoku, let's go." Yuki continued to walk as if the gang wasn't there but her way was blocked. "Um.. excuse me.. can you let us pass?" Yuki kindly asked but Sayoku got impatient and said, "You're completely wasting our time so get out of our way." "Come on Sayoku, be nice. I mean, don't say it like that even if it is true." "What did you say?!" One of the gang members ran at Yuki with a metal pole. Yuki glared at the pole and it got bent and twisted. She jumped on top of a nearby porch roof. "You're gonna have to do better than that to beat me!" "How'd she do that?!" They were shocked. "Sayoku, they're all yours." Sayoku went behind one of the members with amazing speed and knocked him down. *Wow... he's fast...* Yuki thought. "Get out of the way... or die." Yuki noticed this and jumped back down. "Sayoku... whoa!" Sayoku had his daggers near Yuki's throat. "Sorry... thought you were one of them... sorry for surprising you." "As if surprised is the word for it! Let me take things from here." "Fine." Yuki used psychokinesis to get a chain and wrapped it around the gang. "There. I'm done. Let's go." With that, Yuki and Sayoku left.

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As soon as they were out of the city, Yuki and Sayoku went camping out in the forest. It was almost night and Yuki climbed a tree to see the sunset. "Sunset's the best part of the day!" Yuki stretched and sat on the tree while Sayoku was gathering firewood. "Sayoku didn't have to do the work but he said he wanted to... oh well, he insisted." Yuki started to get up but she lost her balance. "....!!" She fell from the tree but she landed on her feet. "Whew, that was close... That would have hurt." Yuki went back to the campsite and there was no one else there. "I guess Sayoku didn't come back yet." Yuki found a huge log, placed it near the campsite, and sat on it. "I guess there's nothing to do until Sayoku comes back." Meanwhile, Sayoku was in some other part of the forest, still gathering firewood. "I think this would be enough to last for the night." Sayoku started to head back but he didn't realize that someone was watching his every move. That person grabbed Sayoku's arms and tied them up with a rope. *What the hell...?!* Sayoku quickly turned around, but his daggers fell on the ground. *Damn... I can't get my daggers!* The person taped over Sayoku's mouth and tied his legs together too and dragged him farther into the forest. Back at the campsite, Yuki was still waiting for Sayoku to return. "It's night already... and Sayoku should have come back an hour ago..." Yuki found some tree branches and made a little fire. "He couldn't have been lost... it would be strange if he did..." The same person hid behind the bushes and went for Yuki. Only this time, Yuki knew that he was there and she moved out of the way that he fell on the ground. Yuki held him down with her foot. "How did you know that I was coming?!" "Simple. When I was looking at the fire, I saw your shadow behind the bush." The person struggled to get free but Yuki held him down. "Hey... wait a minute... if you're here and Sayoku hasn't returned yet..." Yuki finally realized what was going on. "That's right... we have your friend." Yuki snapped and grabbed the person by his collar. "Where is he?!" "You think I'll tell you?!" "Fine." Yuki read the person's mind and she knew where Sayoku was. *I don't know that place!* "Lead me where that place is..." "No." "Fine." Yuki used psychokinesis to swing him from left to right and up and down. He crashed into trees and got smacked on the ground repeatedly. "All right! I'll lead you where it is! Just stop it!" Yuki stopped and the person gave her the directions. Yuki relaxed and said, "Thank you." She started to run deeper into the forest, determined to find Sayoku.

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Yuki was still running in the forest for 30 minutes straight but she still couldn't find the place even with the directions the person gave her. She became tired, but nevertheless, she continued searching for Sayoku. "I've looked everywhere! Where is he?!" She continued to run until she fell into a deep hole. "Aaaaaaaaahh!!" Yuki was too tired to get up and she passed out.

A while later, Yuki slowly began to open her eyes. "Where... am I?" She found out that she was tied up with chains. Yuki looked around and found Sayoku, who was lying down with blood all over the place. "What did you do to him?!" "He was a tough one to handle but without his weapons, he was easier to get rid of." *He didn't use his powers? Why didn't he?* "Somebody sent you here to kill us.... isn't that right..?" Yuki grimaced. "..... it seems you are involved in this so we have to kill you too." Yuki became enraged and the chains were melted away by her power. One of the people in the group ran at Yuki with a sword but she melted the blade and blew the person away. "Who said that I was dead...??" Yuki turned around and saw that Sayoku had gotten up. "Sayoku! You're alive!" Yuki was relieved. "I'm not that easy to get rid of..." Sayoku smirked as he wiped off the blood off of his mouth. The magician in the group casted a spell and Yuki got slammed against the wall. She got back up and started to concentrate. Nothing happened. "What... what happened to my powers?" Yuki was confused so Sayoku started explaining. "The magician over there has the ability to suppress special powers... temporarily. They already did mine and that's why I couldn't use it...and my daggers are back at the forest... our powers will return to us but for now, we got to fight them off." Yuki knew she wasn't good at physical fighting so she had an idea. "Let's do an even split. I'll take four and you take four. Okay?" "All right then..." Yuki could jump higher and run faster than most people could. *I'll keep jumping from tree to tree and hopefully, I'll get them seperated and lost in the forest!* Yuki thought. She jumped to a tree and shouted out, "Catch me if you can!" Then the people were running in circles in the forest. "Now I should jump higher to a place where they can't see me from ground level..." Yuki jumped to the top of the tree and the people decided to split up to try and find Yuki. "They fell for it!" Some time passed and every one of them got lost in the forest. "I'm gonna go see how Sayoku's doing..." Back at the cave, Sayoku had a little trouble fighting them because he had already been wounded from the start. Despite this, he knocked 3 soldiers to the ground. "One more to go..." The magician casted a fire magic on Sayoku and it was spreading really fast. "Tch..." The magician tried to cast another spell but Sayoku got to him first. "Idiot... fire doesn't hurt me... I can *create* fire..." All four of them were down. ".... we should be getting our powers back soon..." Yuki had come back and saw Sayoku had taken care of things. "Sayoku! Are you okay?" "I'll be fine..." "But you're bleeding all over and---" "I CAN HANDLE IT." "But..." Sayoku *did* need help... he just didn't want to admit it. "Okay then... let's go." Sayoku couldn't walk, let alone stand. Yuki turned around. "What's wrong? Can't get up?" Yuki teased. "Dammit, stop making fun of me!" "All right then. I'll keep my mouth shut until you can get up." ".....ugh..." Sayoku was grasping the wound on his right arm which was still bleeding a lot. "See? You do need help. Sometimes you gotta stop being so stubborn and let others help you, okay?"