# **Shadows of a Friendship**

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a friendship between a boy and a girl...takeshi and gabby. true feelings for each other. will they get to be together or will sadness just corrupt them to darkness? read and find out

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## 1 - A Begining Friendship

A boy was sitting in the middle of the night, all alone. He was scared, stuck in the darkness alone... until soon a girl came up to him.

"Are you ok?" she asked, looking down at him.

The boy looked up at her. His face showing great sadness... ``No. I'm a freak that no one wants to see..." He looked back down.

"That's not true!" She yelled. ``Some people always say those things but there are some people who care about you."

It started to rain.

"I bet you're a great person. I know you can't see it now but the happiness will wait for you. We will find happiness together." The girl hugged the crying boy. A new friendship had begun.

It has been 8 years now; their friendship with each other has grown more... more as in a couple now.

Later that day after school, Takeshi was walking his way home until he heard someone crying for help. He ran up to the voice, to realize it was his girlfriend Gabby.

"LEAVE HER ALONE YOU JERK!" Takeshi yelled.

"Why should we?" The guy Asked, Glaring at him, then swung his chain at Takeshi, about to hit him.

"You dare swing you're chain at me and at my friend gabby?!" he screamed, his temper rising until his darkness went out of control and destroyed the chain the guy was swinging. "Leave now or you'll lose you're life." Takeshi looked really upset at them, and all five of the guys ran away calling both gabby and Takeshi freaks. He watched looking satisfied, then turned and looked at Gabby. "Hey, Gabby, are you ok?" he asked.

"Yea I guess, thanks for helping me from that struggle, but I'm used to it... I'm always judged Takeshi...
Just because I'm poor... I'll never be good enough for their eyes." She lowered her head.

"Gabby... as long as were together I won't let anything happen to you..... nothing.... I promise...." He assured.

"Thank you Takeshi." She Looked at him, and hugged him.

He hugs back and then both walk to Takeshi's place.

``Hey guys." Maria said.

They both answered. "Hey Maria."

They both walked inside and sat on the couch. Gabby set her head on Takeshi's knee, both with comfort in their eyes. Time felt like it was staying still for them.

A few days later at school, Takeshi and Gabby were hanging out with some friends, just talking about stuff, until later a fight had started. Gabby was being picked on again. ``Little RUNT!" It was the guys who had picked on her a few days ago. Takeshi went up to them with Ichiro and Otamo.

``Leave her alone!" Takeshi said.

"You again. Why don't you beat it you freak?!" The Guy yelled.

Another guy that was picking on Gabby walked up ``Yea beat it you spike head and blue hair freaks". Laughing at the way Ichico and Otamo's hair stood.

``SAY WHA"?! Ichiro screamed, ready to beat the day lights out the guy, Otamo wanting to freeze the

guy in huge ice blizzard.

``Just shut up, you over rated jerks. Stop acting tuff and leave Gabby alone!" Screamed Takeshi. ``I'm fed up with guys like you! Always picking on Gabby!!!"....before they knew it, Takeshi had let out one of his Dark Lightning attacks and struck the guys with anger in his eyes. From fright the guys ran from Takeshi and the others.

``YOU'RE MORE THEN A FREAK! YOU'RE A WERID FREAK WITH FREAKY FRIENDS!!!!" They scrambled away from them.

Takeshi walked up to Gabby and picked her up. Ichiro, Otamo and Takeshi then walked to the nurse's office, Gabby on Takeshi's back.

``Those jerks they'll pay for what they did to you...I'll make sure of it...." Takeshi mumbled.

Before they could reach the nurses office, Gabby told Takeshi to stop. He let Gabby off his back.

"Are you feeling ok gabby? Do you have any burses? Are you hurt?" He questioned.

"Yea I feel better now... my leg hurts a little... but I can handle it... Thank you Takeshi for caring about me." She walks closer to him and hugs him.

He hugged back. ``Gabby... I'll teach the guys that hurt you a lesson. They will not hurt the person I care about...because we are unique in our own way."

"Takeshi..." She said slowly, and smiled.

The day went by and the sun was setting.

"How nice the sun looks at this time!" Gabby said.

Takeshi agreed and wrapped his arms around her.

Takeshi walked gabby to her house. In the night he kissed her on the cheek. Letting out a sigh he had said good night to the person he really cared for.

Walking back to his home, he spots the people that kept hurting gabby, ``Its you!" he yelled. ``You again, you freak, what are you doing here?!" during the night the guys that were picking on gabby were at a jewelry store, they were about to brake a window to steal some jewels. ``STOP RIGHT THERE!!" he yelled. His eyes glowed pure white. ``You guys will pay for what you did to GABBY!" he grabbed a pole and then started to hit them badly, they let out a cry and begged for mercy, but takeshi did not listen and continued to hit them with the pole, ``YOU DON'T DESERVE TO LIVE YOU JERKS!" he started to cry. ``PLEASE HAVE MERCY! The guy yelled. With one hit Takeshi had hurt the guys by breaking each bone in their bodies. Takeshi started to breath hard." You guys deserve it, you never stopped when gabby told you so why should you all live?!" when he was about to do one blow a fatal cry called him ``DON'T DO IT!" Maria running over to Takeshi grabbing the metal bar. ``What do you think you're doing?!"

Takeshi froze in his foot step. He dropped to his knees and let go of the poll. Tears in his eyes he ran up to Maria and hugged his sister sobbing he said to her ``they wouldn't stop picking on gabby! They wouldn't stop and I had to do something. When they crossed the line at school they began to beat her up!" he sobbed on Maria

Takeshi...,maria hugged his brother trying to comfort him. ``Everything will be alright". thanks maria. While sobbing over at what he had done. Both have left the guys where they were, for the cops to find them.

The next morning takeshi walked to gabbies home, hoping to walk to school with her. he knocks on her door. Gabby answers. ``Oh, Hi takeshi'' she had a happy look on her face, happy to

see him.

takeshi starts to blush, "Hello gabby."

gabby was wearing a white dress. ``hello takeshi." Few minutes later they reached the school. Minutes later after they had their classes, they decided to walk to the beach.

once there. They set off to relax on the sand, gabby set her head on takeshi's arm. Takeshi put his arm around gabby.

they both set their eyes on the sunset. both have wished this day would never end few hours later takeshi gave his good byes to gabby and gave her a kiss. Takeshi sets off home. Hours have passed.

The light from the moon was streaming through takeshi's bedroom. Takeshi was having a bad dream about gabby. She was being corrupted from an evil spirit. Takeshi wakes up with a scream. ``NO!!!" with sweat on his face, He was breathing hardly. ``it can't be...no it had to of been a bad dream. Gaby wouldn't, she couldn't..." Rising from his bed, he went downstairs to the living room. There he sat next to the window staring at the clear blue moon.

Few hours have passed and he started to sob. No one heard him sobbing, no one but his mother. His mother walked downstairs to the living room to find that takeshi was crying. Crying with sadness in his eyes. ``Takeshi? What's wrong? His mother questioned with confusion.

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### 2 - A Fatal Vision...

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The next day Takeshi wakes up, still with shock in his heart, afraid about his vision. He puts his cloths on. With time to spare he takes out a book from under his bed. It was his photo album. He starts looking at them. Great memories, he looks through the photos. In his photo album he has pictures of his mother jess, father hao, his twin sister Maria, and photos of himself. Photos of his aunt gidget with her husband and son. Photos of gabby. His friends and himself with gabby. Most of the pictures were of gabby. He closes his book with a deep sigh

a knock on his door startled him. "Yes who is it?" his mother opens the door.

"Morning Takeshi. You feeling better?" she asked

"I fell a little better, thank you for comforting me mom. He reaches up to hug her. "Thank you for helping me last night. I felt really sad. But do you think I can stop this vision of mine from happening?" he looked really worried.

"Im sure you'll be able to change the vision..." now get ready or you'll be late for school.

Takeshi nods and packs his stuff

he reaches the school bus, both Maria and Takeshi's mother waves goodbye and to have a good day. Both wave goodbye to her. In the bus the students stop talking and stare at him. Maria tells him to sit in the back with her and otamo. While walking towards the back Takeshi could here everyone talking about what happened yesterday on how he went berserk. Takeshi puts his head down with disappointment in his eyes.

"I didn't mean to hurt the guys yesterday Maria...I don't know what came over me. I just felt like something had to be done...I was mad for what they to gabby...I" before Takeshi could finish, Maria had interrupted him

"Takeshi...everything will be alright, im sure you're girl friend gabby will be ok. What happened yesterday...I don't blame you, I would of done the same thing in you're shoes."

He nods and tells his sister thanks. "Yea, don't let you're self down man. Don't make me have to call Carla to tickle you." Otamo laughs. Takeshi just stands there. Doesn't know it was a joke. The time

passed and they had reached the school. When they got off Takeshi stood outside waiting for gabby. When the bell rung he went to the class to see if gabby was already there. Gabby wasn't there either. He asks Maria "have you seen gabby?" he asks

"sorry I haven't Takeshi." She replied. With confusion he worries if it was his vision.

How he hopes she is sick and resting in her bed. During lunch time Takeshi left the campus to gabbies neighborhood. Few minutes have passed and once he got there he saw lots of people outside. He sensed something wrong. He ran to see what the problem was. His eyes widened. His body froze. With a reaction he goes to the floor.

"No..." he then yells out "GABBY!!!" he runs through the flames wanting to save gabby. He spots her home to see that gabby was standing right there with a spirit next to her.

"NO!" his eyes had fear all over them. His vision came true. He knew what was going to happen to him. "Gabby...GABBY! Come over here! Get away from the flames! You'll get hurt!" he cried

She answers him. "No..." she tells him that she had made those flames. Telling him now she has special powers. A weird looking spirit appears behind her. It was a spirit known as chaos. "You...WHAT DID YOU DO TO HER?!" he yelled at the chaos.

"Nothing really. I just changed her heart. Sure she didn't agree but the sadness in her heart changed her, and its all thanks to me..." chaos laughed I will do what ever it takes with my power to be king. She is my puppet and nothing will change it..."

"No...this isn't like her. She wanted to be happy... LE" interrupted gabby

"Takeshi, don't you see...I am happy...takeshi if you step in my way I will destroy you... im telling you...I wont lose this power..." a bright light shined. An attack that was aiming right at Takeshi.

"My vision...no..." takeshi stood at his place. "If this is the faith I must go through gabby then so be it...I...I love you and even destroyed by you I will always love you..." Takeshi stands his ground. Gabby pauses for a moment. But speaks out an attack spell

"crusade blast!" a crimson colored blast shoots at Takeshi. A huge explosion was heard almost in the whole city of Japan. Takeshi closed his eyes knowing he was finished.

Gabby laughed as if it was amusement to her now "Come on chaos lets go" she walks away in the flames"

in the smoke Takeshi opens his eyes. "Am I...dead?" He looks up. When he looked up he realized a spirit was there that took the blast to protect him. That spirit soon became his new spirit ally. Spirit of darkness. A dark staff drops next to Takeshi.

"It wasn't you're time, try using the dark staff for you're darkness Takeshi..."

Takeshi nods and holds up the staff to get up from the ground. His eyes were dimmed. A huge dark energy started to glow through him. When the dark aura glowed through his body the dark staff started to glow getting stronger.

He didn't feel like going back to school, instead he just ran back home.

He went to his room and started to sob. No one was home. A few hours have passed and his mother came home. While walking through the house she hears a noise. A noise that was coming from Takeshi's room. She opens the door opened to see Takeshi under his bed sheets sobbing

She sits next to Him; she puts her hand on his shoulder.

"Takeshi...what's wrong?" she asked with confusion in her eyes.

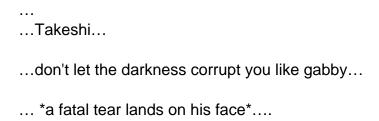
Takeshi put the bed sheets off of him and his eyes looked pale

"Mom...my vision came true. Gabbies neighborhood was burned down, she was corrupted by a spirit named chaos, and she attacked me...but what I didn't see was that when the smoke cleared up a spirit had protected me. And it gave me this dark staff. The spirits name is Spirit of Darkness..." he nods, the staff appears in his hand and the spirit appears right behind him.

"Thank you for saving my son from that corrupted spirit." She thanks spirit of darkness. "Takeshi...I think its time for you to start a journey...im sure that she will be entering the shaman tournament and I think you should go so you can save her..." she then holds takeshi in her harms. His sobs started to stop.

"I will do what ever it takes to get gabby back...I will make sure of it..." Takeshi falls to his bed feeling dizzy from the struggle of his loss. Jess sits there and puts her hand on Takeshi's arm...she tells spirit of darkness and Bandamaru. Bandamaru a spirit that Takeshi had for a long time. "Please...take good care of him..."

both spirit of darkness and Bandamaru nod and promise."



### 3 - The Haunted Forest

#### **The Haunted Forest**

Earlier the next day, Takeshi runs outside, remembering of what happened yesterday. How he hoped it was a dream. Walking to gabbies neighborhood he sees that all the buildings were burned down. The police detectives couldn't figure out how and why it happened. The only person that knows the truth is Gabby and Takeshi. "I can't....believe it really happened...it was no dream..." the boy falls to his knees wishing that day never happened. He walks off to the forest. Hoping that he would find Gabby and Chaos.

The hours have passed and it was getting dark, the clouds were starting to cover the sky. Without warning it was starting to rain. Looking up, he decides to take shelter in a near by cave. Setting a little fire spot he tends himself to get warm. While he waits for the rain to stop all he did was stare at the flames...it looked like he was frozen in time...it didn't look possible in his physical state but in his mental state he was actually going through time, you can say past memories. He was remembering the days he hung around gabby, remembering the old days.

"why do these things always happen to me"? Tears start falling through his cheeks. Still in his trance, so called memories. He just started walking in them. But without warning he started seeing flames. His eyes start to widen up with fright in his heart. "What...what's happening"?

He wakes up. He puts his hands on the back of his head and lay's on his back to stare at the ceiling. He whispers to himself. Time...won't wait....His eyes widened, remembering the pain of those flames from the fire that Gabby and Chaos did...the words...King...was he talking about the ruler of time? Time started to pass, the rain finally stopped. He had no sleep that night. The boy walks out of the cave to the end of the forest to the next city. The sun shone through the clear blue sky. He looked at it, and finally decided to sit on top of a boulder to be on its rays. "The forest aint have badly you know..." talking to the nearby spirits following him. Spirit of darkness and Bandamaru appear beside him.

"You know what. Guys...they say a horrible spirit lurks around these parts in this forest. They say this young girl was walking by herself...minding her own business. You see this girl was born and had always lived in these parts. One day these robbers came up to her and wanted to take her precious dog from her. But she would not part from her friend. They wanted the dog's fur, but since she didn't agree to their order they shot her to death 5 times on the head .Terrible thing to happen to such a lady isn't it? Now they say that the girl's spirit still lies in these parts, haunting, hurting any strangers that come through these parts". After he told the story of the girl, Takeshi leans back up and starts walking through the forest. Entering deeper to the forest. It was becoming dark again. It was his second day in the forest.

This time their was wild animals. Animals that would want to kill, to feed, their hunger moaning for some meat and blood. Takeshi went and levitated some trees to make a little hut shelter. This should keep minor animals from me...

Later that night Takeshi closed his eyes, his eyes were very tired. But he could not sleep. Every time he closed his eyes, how he wanted to sleep badly. But every time he did, he heard a scream, a scream that sounded like someone coming to death. He gets up. "Is there anyone out there"? He asks in a quiet voice. Few seconds past with no answer until another scream yells. The boy gets up on his feet. He looks up at the moon. "Why"? He asks to himself. "Why do I even bother to do this journey"? Spirit of darkness appears aside to Takeshi. He tells the boy "Is their anything troubling you're mind sir"? He asks with confusion. "....Were not alone" the boy replied.

Grabbing the staff he adventures through the forest to find the person that was screaming. Though the boy walked through the dark side of the forest, he didn't find anything but a few owls on trees. Was he just hearing voices? But what he didn't realize that he wasn't really alone. A shadow like figure was following his every move. He turns around. "Is anyone out there"? No answer. But when he heard something move, he looked up at the clear blue moon. A dark figure approached him without warning. It was the girl in the story that he was talking about. The boy lets out a freaked out scream.

He points the staff at the figure and sends a dark blast in its stomach. The boy opens his eyes. What...what was that? He looks at the staff. "How did I do that"? The staff saved him from being killed. The thing that was going to kill him wasn't the girl in the Story; it was a monster, a horrible demon that was stalking him move ever since he got the dark staff. The body disappeared like mist. "what sort of monster was that"?! he asked. "that was a normal like demon spirit. It came to kill you and take the staff that you wield. It knows the true power it hold"... "so this is like some sort of weapon that can destroy the world"? his spirit nods "it's also the key to opening the other side of the world.

when the boy was about to leave what he didn't realize is that the monster came back to its skin and bones. It attacked with force. Takeshi with blood falling down his back, he was hurt, stared at the monster where it was standing. "how could this be"?

when the demon was about to take the staff... Spirit of Darkness appears and sends a huge dark light at the beast. Destroying its body and soul. Takeshi just lying on his stomach. He stares with fear him his eyes. "I ... I don't want to die yet"! he closes his eyes and grins. A few hours passed and it was dawn. The boy bandaged his scratches. The bandages were starting to become bloody fast. He sets off; he was close to getting to the next town. While a figure on top of the highest tree, it was watching over him. It whispers only to himself... ``everything will be alright...I'm here to protect you...." The figure disappears in a flash.... \*\*