

# Arrogant Moon

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*Lost and alone, at the age of 7, Leiko finds herself taken in by the loving grandparents (Mai and Kashu) of Kyouso. She grows up as a part of the family. Now she is 17 and realizing who she is, realizing new experiences..and finding her family.*

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Kyousou tapped on the window. Hoping that she would wake up... "Leiko? Are you awake yet? Hurry! Come outside!". Yesterday night he and Leiko were talking about the sunrise, since Leiko enjoyed things like that Kyousou decided to wake her up as a surprise. Leiko walked outside in her nightgown, throwing on her robe after she noticed it was Kyousou. "What is it? Is everything alright?" she asked while rubbing her eyes. "Nothing is wrong silly, just come with me." Kyousou rushed over the hill down to the lake, waiting for Leiko. Taking her time, Leiko walked slowly around the hill and to Kyousou, " Well?...Kyousou you wake me up and make me walk here for what? Its still dark out...what time is it?" "Never mind that...watch!" Kyousou pointed into the distance into the open as the sky began to turn a lovely color. Leiko smiled, "Oh Kyousou, its so beautiful!, look at all the colors and how the sun makes the lake shine. Thank you so much my Kyousou!" She hugged him "You dont have to thank me" he said while enjoying the moment. Kyousou and Leiko walked back to the house talking about the dreams they had that night. When they walked in the door Mai, Kyousou's grandmother, was making breakfast while Kashu, Kyousou's grandfather, was fixing things around the house. Noticing the two walked in Mai said while putting food on the table, "Well you two are up early today." "Yes, because today we watched the sunrise grandmother, you should have seen it!" said Kyousou. "Mai it was so beautiful, next time we will bring you along." Leiko said smiling as she helped Mai put the food on the table. "Why thank you, that would be wonderful. Now come sit down and eat your breakfast." They all sat to eat as Kashu wandered around a little more until he noticed there was food on the table. "Ahh children! I see you have come to greet me hello and good morning!" Kashu said jokingly as he sat down. "Grandfather, Leiko and i want do something adventurous today...do you have any ideas to give us?" Kyousou asked. "Well..." He started, looking at Mai; she was curious to see what Kashu would say. Kashu leaned over to whisper to Mai, but Kyousou stopped him-"Grandfather! No whispering while food is on the table!" Kyousou laughed because this was an old rule Kashu had made up when Kyousou and Leiko were giggly children. "Ha-ha my grandson, you are going to get an adventure." Mai realized what Kashu was talking about and jumped up staring at Kashu. "No Kashu it is too far of a journey. They could be easily hurt! To think of what could happen to them makes me quiver! Dont let them go!" Mai shouted. "Calm down my dearest Mai, you must understand that they are at 17 and adults now, i have waited all my life to pass this story on and even more when Leiko started living here to tell them this. Please this will not be difficult for them and i know they possess no evil, it is their choice to believe it or not." Leiko and Kyousou sat silent and stunned while watching their elders. "Grandfather? What are you talking about? And Grandmother why cant we know of this story?" Kashu, finishing his breakfast, wiped his mouth and began..."A long long time ago your parents...went on this very quest, the adventure to find the Sakura Trees. Not just any sakura trees though, these trees possess heart crystals which hold the power to all magic in this world." Kashu stoped to look at Leiko. "There are 4 trees with the heart crystals, they are in the form of a sakura tree except they grow on top of 4 different mountains, you can tell the trees apart from all others because in the spring when all the plants are re-growing the leaves are clear and the air around the trees is purple to protect the leaves." Kashu stoped, and took his wife's hand "Mai, if you do not have enough faith in them they won't succeed, you have to believe in them just as I do-" "But wait Kashu" Leiko interrupted. "What if we do not wish to go?" "My lovely Leiko, I have watched you grow together and work on your swords, I have taught you more then you would ever need to know, you have spent so much time and dedication to working together you are perfect with your moves you KNOW what the other person is going to do, what the other is thinking, yet even so, i know you can not give up

an adventure like this.” Said Kashu. He got up and walked outside, Kyouso walked after him but his grandfather was no where to be seen...”GRANDFATHER?! Where are you?” Kyouso called. His grandfather then appeared out from the trees with a sword, “This sword child is the sword that will help you throughout your travels, that is, if you decide that you are sure you want to go.” Kashu said uneasily. “But...Grandfather I want to go i really really want to and Leiko does especially i can tell! Can you tell us now where to find these mountains?” Kyouso pleaded. “You must stay two more days for training and knowledge of these mountains, also you can not just find the trees you have to know the prayer to open the magic in the trees and get to the crystal hearts.” Explained Kashu. They walked back to the house together and as Leiko and Mai were cleaning up, Kyouso hinted to Leiko to follow him to the lake, she understood and followed. When she arrived to the lake, Kyouso began, “Leiko...my grandfather is serious about this, he is also excited, he wants us to succeed-” Leiko interrupted “What are we going to use the magic for?” There was a long pause between the two, they both sat and wondered about what this “magic” they could receive would do for them. They knew that their life could totally change forever from these magic sakura trees. “Leiko?” Kyouso started, “I’ve haven’t even thought of this yet. Do you think that we should just wait until we get to the sakura trees?” Leiko was now playing with a flower she had found while Kyouso was talking to her. She picked another flower and put it on Kyouso’s head, “ I think...that you and I have all that we will ever need together,” She said sweetly, “But whatever you desire is yours. You know i can not resist adventure! And I know that you can not either...if we decide to use the magic then we will, and if not, i am happy with that.” Leiko got up and brushed off the bottom of her skirt. She looked down at Kyouso and laughed. “What is so funny?” Kyouso asked giggling. Leiko pointed to his head where the flower still remained. Leiko gently picked up the flower and danced away gathering more beautiful flowers that surrounded her in the mountains and mountains full of flower fields. Kyouso now had gotten up as well. Leiko hugged him, then danced off again in her playful manner, being so free spirited as she always was. Kyouso had fallen in love with her but only began to realize this now, he noticed how beautiful she looked dancing in those fields of flowers twirling through the shadows of the trees, moving so gracefully...“Like the wind..” Kyouso looking down at the flowers below him, had now found himself thinking out loud. “She is so beautiful, and so caring.” He looked up to see that Leiko was staring at him. Kyouso blushed, but luckily, he thought, she is too far away to notice. I dont know what she would think of me if she knew i loved her this way. She might not feel the same and it would break my heart if she acted differently afterwards. Leiko started running back to Kyouso. As Kyouso shook himself out of that feeling he couldn’t help but notice how adorable she was with her eyes and the flowers and the sun shining so brightly. He felt as in a dream. “KYOUSOU!! ARE YOU IN THERE?!” Leiko shouted while laughing at the face he had been making, while in his trans. “I’m here!” He said smiling. “Look at all the flowers i got for Mai, i hope she loves them!” Leiko giggled, putting her nose in the flowers as if to tease Kyouso she looked up at him with a cute face and he couldn’t help but smile. “They are beautiful Leiko, I’m sure my grandmother will love them. How about we go back to the house and give them to her, and while she is fixing them up in a vase you and i can go practice on our swords. Sound good?” Kyouso asked. “Ok!” Leiko said, happily. As they walked back to the house the two talked of new and different tactics they had thought of, this made them anxious to use their swords and show off new moves. When they arrived at the house they ran to get their practice swords, then ran back to find Mai. “Hello Mai!” Leiko giggled, hiding the flowers behind her back. “I have brought u something.” Mai looked puzzled, “What is that behind your back Leiko?” Mai asked, trying to peek over her Leiko’s shoulders. “Flowers?!” Mai shouted. Leiko handed the flowers to Mai watching her run off with them to show Kashu. Mai walked back into the room and interrupted the silence, “Leiko and Kyouso...Kashu would like to speak with you both.”