

Starless Night

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Sutineka Okibi is a loyal Konoha ninja. Everything twists when she meets the Akatsuki. The Okibi clan is infamous for being cold blooded. They train cats the be ninja pets.

Can Sutineka learn to control her feelings and stay alive?

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1 - A Starless Night

Sutineka sat by Naruto in a field by the forest. He put his hand on hers and she blushed profusely. The air was getting colder and she rolled over closer to him. He sat up for a moment and Sutineka wondered what was wrong. He took off his jacket and put it over her. She smiled and put her head against his shoulder. They watched the moon together, just them, on this starless night. Sutineka whispered in his ear, "Will it be like this forever?" He looked over at her with love brimming in his eyes. "I hope so." She fell asleep by his side, his warmth like a gentle blanket.

She woke up in her bed, the light shining in. She rubbed her eyes and got up. She was still in her training clothes. She walked over to the kitchen. Her mother was washing a few dishes. "Mom, what happened last night?" All she could remember was being with Naruto. Her mother looked up from the dishes and smiled. "You were out late with Naruto-kun last night," She said, "You fell asleep and he brought you home." She couldn't respond. She sat down and ate an onkiri. She grabbed her kunai and put them in her weapons pouch. "Off to training mom." Her mom smiled, "Be careful." She knew she would be.

2 - Training Mishap

Sutineka walked through the forest. It was so nice and free being a chunin. She leaped up onto a tree. She whistled loudly, and it echoed throughout the forest. She heard the grass shaking instantly. She looked down as her ninja cat, Chijin.

Chijin knocked into her, making her lose her balance. She did a swift hand sign and landed on the ground. A loud rumbling shook the forest. Crystals tore from the flesh of the earth and formed around her. She stood up and did another hand signal. She thrust her arms apart and wind cracked the crystals in half. She leaped in the air, her cat leaped down simultaneously. As they flew by each other, she grabbed Chijin's paw, and they flew high onto a branch. She formed another hand signal and both she and Chijin leaped down. Both of them flew head first down towards the ground. Right before they hit the ground they merged into a tiger. She landed gracefully on the ground. They split back into two. She felt a sharp pain in her leg. She looked down and saw a kunai lodged deep in her thigh. She looked up and saw a few robed ninjas. Each of their headbands had an incision through it. Her heart pounded.

Akatsuki! One ninja with black hair and eyes walked up to her. He grasped the kunai and tore it out of her leg. She choked down a scream. His eyes were soft. "My apologies. You spooked Kisame and he wanted to make sure you weren't just a rabbit." She nodded, blood seeping out of my leg. "My name is Itachi. I saw your battle moves, they were quite impressive." She nodded with gratitude, not able to speak. "Do you know Sasuke?" He said. "Yes." She croaked, my throat dry. "Is he alive?" As she is sparked with curiosity, "I think so. He ran away to Orochimaru a long time ago." Itachi narrowed his eyes. "I should have known." Itachi reached out a hand to help her up, and she took it. "Thank you for your help..?" She smiled, "Sutineka. Sutineka Okibi." He smiled back, "Sutineka." She watched as they disappeared into the forest.

3 - Captured

Sutineka walked tiredly through the darkened forest, slightly limping. She heard something twitching in the bushes. Both her and Chijin turned around. She made a *hai* noise, and Chijin ran towards the house. Sutineka pulled a kunai from her pouch. "Who's there!?" She yelled out into the night. She saw Naruto walk out from behind a tree. She slipped her kunai back into the pouch. "Naruto-kun." She said, but it came out almost like a purr. Naruto smiled at her and beckoned her to follow. She ran to him and they walked together through the forest. They stopped somewhere deep in the sea of trees. She looked over at Naruto, curious. She watched with terror as smoke surrounded Naruto. When it cleared, she saw Sasuke standing in front of her, smirking.

"Sasuke!" She slid backwards, and formed a swift hand signal. Crystals ripped from the earth. They surrounded her in a thick wall. She did another sign and slammed her hand against the ground. The crystals tore through the forest floor.

She was surrounded in a battlefield of glittering rock. She heard a shattering noise. She looked over but it was too late. Sasuke had smashed the crystal with a black fire. His hand hit her in the head and she flew backwards, rock tearing at her. She landed awkwardly on her arm. She heard a loud snap. She screamed loudly, hoping that someone would hear. Sasuke walked up to her and grabbed her shirt. She aimed a punch at him with her good arm. He grabbed it and made a downward motion. Another snap occurred. She gasped with pain. "What do you want?"

He frowned, "You'll see." Sasuke grabbed her by the legs and drug her through the forest. She wanted to fight but she couldn't, the pain in her arms was too great.

Hours later, Naruto walked into the clearing where some other ninjas were looking around. He saw the crystals and recognized them instantly. He prodded one of the ninjas on the shoulder and said, "I know who is missing." The ninja looked over to him, waiting for an answer. "Her name is Sutineka Okibi." The ninja looked at him suspiciously. "How do you know this?" Naruto looked over to the crystals and said, "We train in the forest together. I wasn't there today because Kakashi wanted to train with Sakura and I." The ninja nodded, understanding. Naruto wondered sadly, *What happened Sutineka? Where are you now?*

4 - Interrogated

Sutineka had blacked out and awoke in a small room, surrounded by black. A stinging pain from both of her arms charged up into her body, making her scream.

The memory of the night before was fuzzy, but she couldn't remember who had brought her here. She was dangling by her wrists, which were held by steel. Sutineka looked down from the ceiling to her captor. The pale face struck her in an instant. Sasuke. He glared up at her, his sharingan glowing. She looked at the floor, not wanting to get caught in his jutsu. "Where is Itachi?" Sutineka stared back up to the ceiling and smirked, "Do you really think I would sell out a friend?" Sasuke yelled, "Look me in the eyes!" Sutineka aimed a kick at him without looking down. He dodged it with ease. She felt him grab her jaw, and he pulled her down and she closed her eyes. I wont fall for it she thought. Sasuke pulled her closer and kissed her. Her eyes flew open with shock, and she was instantly caught in his justu. She found herself in a dark room, surrounded by her family. She was forced to watch them die over and over without being able to help them... Replaying and replaying... She tried to close her eyes but it was impossible. She screamed with horror and rage. She finally collapsed. Sasuke released her and she fell limp against her chains. Sasuke pulled out his katana and sliced her arm and yelled, "I'll deal with you tomorrow." He sheathed it and walked out. Sutineka hung there and cried. *Naruto, will you ever find me?*

5 - Rescued

It was late at night. Sutineka was asleep despite the pain in her arms. She heard a loud explosion and then unfamiliar voices. Her eyes fluttered open. The people were definitely in the hall. Her heart skipped a beat. *Naruto? Is that you?* She didn't hear any sound for a long while, but finally an Akatsuki ninja walked in the room. He had blonde hair over his eye and the rest in a high pony tail. She heard him say, "Hey guys, over here. I think we've found some more loot." Akatsuki cloaks flooded the room. She recognized Itachi at once. A ninja with spiky orange hair said, "Deidara, you can keep her if you train her." Her heart pounded in her chest. Deidara nodded and stuck his hands in a pouch. He then placed his hands on the chains that held her. He took them back and she noticed a white substance where his hands were. She barely got a look at them before they exploded. She collapsed on the floor and screamed with pain. Her arms felt like they had been torn in half. She closed her eyes and everything went black.

6 - Healed

I woke up on a mattress in an underground fortress. A ninja with stitches all over his face looked over and glanced at her annoyedly. "You didnt have any money in your pockets, what a shame," he said. She turned her head and thought *Okay... Im surrounded by weirdos*. She was slightly freaked out, but when she leaned against her arm, to her surprise, it didnt hurt. She sat up and bent it. The man smirked, "Why are you so shocked? It was only a broken bone. Nothing big." She looked over at him, "Did you fix it?" He nodded. "Thank you," she said. He sat up and walked out. She laid back down on the mattress. *Where am I? Wheres Naruto? What happened last night? Why did they take me? Why didnt they just leave me? Will I ever escape?* Her thoughts buzzed like the wind in her head. She heard the wooden door creak open. She saw Deidara walk in. She flew up, still sitting. He leaned against the wall. She watched him suspiciously. He rolled his eyes and said, "Look. Im just guarding you so you dont escape. Now take a nap." She cautiously laid down and closed her eyes. Moments later, she was fast asleep.

7 - Depressing Mission

Years passed, and my skill increased madly. A full moon blazed above me, 3 years after her joining of the Akatsuki. Walking hand in hand by Tansei, we headed toward the Akatsuki hideout. After entering the hideout, Nagato started talking. I wasn't paying much attention, until he mentioned one word: Konoha. A shiver ran down my spine. "Sutineka and Tansei will deal with this mission." I nod bleakly, and look over to Tansei, who's eyes were glittering with bravery. A short wave of appreciation swept over me. When we were excused from the meeting, Tansei approached me. "Hey," he said, "I made you something, since you don't have a headband." My head tilts with curiosity. He hands me a choker necklace with a beautiful, hand carved crystal leaf dangling from the end. "Oh Tansei! It's magnificent!" I gasp. He puts it over my head and I reach over and kiss him, feeling gentle needles flow through my spine. He looks down grimly, and I nod. We sprint off into the forest, towards the Village Hidden in the Leaves.

8 - Home

As we approached the city gates, I looked over to Tansei and asked, "Can I ask you a favor?" He nodded. I looked at my feet. "I would like to go to my house and retrieve Chijin." He nodded again. I felt my face glow red and said, "Except, I'd like to rename him to Nagori." He tilted his head in confusion and said, "Why?" I exhaled deeply, "Because that's what I think of him as now." He nodded, and we didn't say a word until we reached my house. I lift the window and walk in. It looks the same as I left it, but there is something else. A large, dark figure laying in the corner. It doesn't move, so I whistled quietly. The mound leaped up and ran towards me. I grasped a kunai from my pouch and looked up. "Chijin!" Chijin rubbed his head against her. "Chijin, your new name is Nagori." Nagori nodded his head understandingly. I picked him up and pet him. "You've gotten so big!" He purred. Tansei watched adoringly. "So, you say your skills are better with Nagori?" I nodded and replied, "It runs in my family." He nodded. Finally I remembered and said, "Tansei, what was our mission again?" A grim look swept over him and he muttered, "To capture the Kyuubi as quietly as possible." I flinched, but nodded. "We can stay here for the night," I muttered. We settled down on the floor and fell asleep.

9 - Provokative

I awoke in the middle of the night, with Tansei prodding me. I turned over, and he nodded. I nodded back and we both got up. I tapped Nagori, and he woke up too. We all snuck out the open window. Tansei turned to me and asked, "Do you know where the Kyuubi lives?" I nodded sadly. "Do you know how we could trap him?" The question shocked me, but I replied, "Of course. He used to like me, so we could pretend like I'm a hostage, and you capture him, then we can take him to the base." He nodded. I felt sick that I would say something like that. Then I realized that it was the Akatsuki that saved me, not Konoha. I owed everything to the Akatsuki. We went to the sacred waterfall, and Tansei wrote a letter saying:

Uzumaki Naruto,

For three years we have held a captive of whom you might find valuable. Come to the falls where your team fell apart and retrieve her. If you tell anyone, I will kill her.

I read the letter and nodded. He attached it to Nagori, and Nagori sent it to Naruto's house. It took only a few minutes for Nagori to arrive. "Nagori, is he coming?" I asked. Nagori shrugged doubtfully. I nodded shortly. Tansei held up a rope and said, "We need to make it convincing." I agreed, and he tied me up to the base of a tree.

10 - Arrival

Tansei sat and talked for a while, but then we heard footsteps. Tansei stood up, and I stared at the place where it came from. Naruto walked out of the bushes. He glared at Tansei and his Akatsuki uniform. Tansei smirked, keeping his cool, and said, "So you're Uzumaki Naruto? You look like a weak punk. Don't think you'll ever get her back." I stared at Tansei in admiration towards his bravery, but then I realized I should be looking angry, sad, and beat up. I shook my head and declared weakly, "Naruto-kun..." Naruto swiveled around and saw me. His eyes brimmed up with mixed emotions. Tansei took a step towards him and Naruto spun back around enragedly. Tansei looked at him boredly and said, "What a bore. Romance. Now, Naruto. It's time for your choice. You come with me and I kill her, or I take you by force, and save her." Naruto's eyes burned with hatred as he yelled, "You think I'm a coward?! I'm gonna kick you back to the hell-pit you came from!" Tansei smirked and said, "Fair enough."

11 - Disaster

And so the fight began. Before Naruto could react, Tansei threw out a lightening fast hand signal and disappeared completely. Naruto desperately looked around him, but recieved a hard blow to his cheek. Blood splattered out his mouth, and he collapsed to the ground. Wiping his mouth, he grabbed a kunai from his pouch. Tansei's mimickry sounded from all around him, saying, "What's wrong little Jinchuuriki? Not so brave now that you're blind?" The invisible force of Tansei slammed into Naruto, knocking him off of the high cliff. Tansei appeared in front of me, untied me and said, "I'm gonna need your help." I nodded. Tansei leaped down the cliff, and I leaped after him. I leaped through the waterfall, remaining unnoticed. I watched from behind the wall of water as Naruto and Tansei fought violently through the water. Tansei made the noise of a crow, and I formed a swift hand sign and smashed my outstretched hand against the strong tides of the waterfall. Almost instantly, the water started turning into crystals. The crystals crashed down, catching Naruto unawares. Tansei flew backwards onto the rock. The crystals formed over Naruto, covering him with it. I nodded to Tansei, not knowing if he could see me. I climbed down the waterfall, and Tansei walked up to the crystallized Naruto. I reached the base of the waterfall, but a huge rumble within the Earth shook the waterfall, and knocking me onto the crystal. I looked up and saw something smash through Tansei. "No!" I screamed and before I knew it, I was sprinting towards the broken body of Tansei. I looked in terror as a 6 tailed Kyuubi beast roared at me. I payed barely any attention to it. I looked at Tansei and tears rolled down my face. "Tansei..." I murmured. He whispered gently, "I love you." I pressed my face against his chest and murmured back, "I love you too." I could feel his heartbeat stop, and I had forgotten about the Kyuubi. The beastly form of Naruto knocked a huge tail at me, and I flew backwards hundreds of yards. I smashed into the rock and slumped against the hard ground. I glared at Naruto, fury building up in me. I ran at him, relying on my instinct. I formed a handjutsu and smashed into the crystal, and it formed water again, but a diamond-strong crystal formed around Tansei's body. I fell into the water with a splash. I opened my eyes, and Naruto was swimming towards me, and he wasn't in Kyuubi form. I realized that I had put on my Akatsuki robe when I got to the waterfall, but he didn't notice that. I crawled onto the rocky shore, sputtering out water. Naruto appeared out of the water below. I felt numb pain roaring inside of me. He crawled up beside me and said, "You're safe now. I don't love you anymore, I just like you now, but you're safe now." He reached down to kiss me. I threw a rageful punch at him, and it hit him hard in the jaw. He flew backwards and I stood up. That's when he saw my robe. "You... You're an Akatsuki! You're a traitor!" I glared at him and yelled, "You killed Tansei! I would have rather been killed by that idiot Sasuke than have watched you kill him!" Naruto's shock and rage was at full human capacity and he yelled, "What has Sasuke got to do with it?!" I snarled back, "You really think the Akatsuki captured me!? It was Sasuke! He would have killed me but the Akatsuki saved me! That's why I have no affiliation with Konoha or you anymore! I swear, if I get my hands on you, I will kill you!" Naruto leaped for me, and I dodged, whistling as I did. Nagori sprinted up to me and I leaped on his back. I raced to the crystal which held Tansei's body. I smashed the crystal and grabbed his body. I raced up the cliff on Nagori's back and through the forest, I knew Naruto would attempt to pursue me, but it would be no use. Nagori was the fastest cat I knew. We stopped deep in the forest and camped in a tree. Nagori fell asleep beside me, but I sat awake crying. I cried myself to sleep, and I dreampt of Tansei and revenge upon Naruto all night.

12 - Volunteer Work

* Another Timeskip. :B I warn you, I like timeskips @_@ *

2 years after Tansei was slaughtered, I had given birth to his baby boy, who I named Tansei. He had beautiful maroon hair, and green eyes. On his first birthday, I had given him his very own ninja cat, who he named Shinsui. One day, I was playing Hide-and-Seek with him, when Yahiko approached me. He told me that he was going on a mission to capture the Kyuubi. I looked at him with surprise, and he said, "Sutineka, a new opportunity has arisen. We now have the technology where we can transfuse a Bijuu into an adult, and allow both the Bijuu and the adult to live. I have been told that you are a good candidate for this, and we were wondering if you would like to be transfused with a demon." I thought for a long while, and finally, looking over to Tansei, I flinched, but I made up my mind. "Yes," I replied, "I would love that." Yahiko nodded and I started to doubt my choice, but then I realized that what's done is done, and I couldn't turn back.