

# Real Or Machine

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*The YYH gang is sent on a mission to rescue a girl who is actually a persocom the only successful hand made person. Hiei found and saved her from being abused and now she's afraid of everyone but Hiei. Will the rest of the YYH gang gain her trust?*

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## 0 - Character Information

Name: Karin

Age: (looks) 12 maybe 13 (is) 19 maybe 20

DOB: July 20th

Height: 4' 12" maybe 5' 2"

Weight: 99 lbs (maybe more)

Blood Type: (mix of) AB & O

Race: Persocom

Hair Color: Blonde

Hair Length: Just below shoulders

Eye Color: Blue (sometimes) Green

Body Type: Slim and slender

Personality: quiet, shy, delicate, kind, sweet, caring, helpful, nice, elegant,

Clothes: in the beginning; nothing. Hiei finds her and lets her use his cloak. Boton gives her short lassie dresses.

Weapons: fans (small/large/ whatever)

Other Information: Can't speak any more. Hasn't spoken since she was put with a new owner. Was tortured and abused. Afraid of everyone except Hiei because he saved her.

# 1 - Koenma's Mission

Hiei's POV

Yusuke, Kurama, Kuwabara, and Boton had finally tracked me down to tell me about some new mission. It was yet another rescue mission. We had only a few days ago rescued my sister Yukina and now we had another rescue mission. The two missions were really similar. The only differences were we were going to go and free the demons that were being tortured and save one girl who wasn't a demon, human, or even someone from spirit world. This girl was something called a 'persocom'; a hand made being. She was the first and only successful persocom ever created so it was imperative that we save her before she is killed. Boton showed Yusuke, Kuwabara, Kurama, and I a picture of the girl. The girl looked like she was maybe 12 or 13 years old if even that. The look on her face is what I couldn't get my eyes off. She looked so afraid, scared, terrified.

I continued to think about the picture Boton had shown us as we arrived at a mansion where the demons and the girl were being held captive. We walked in the front door to be met by a tall male demon. He had long gold hair and gray eyes with three horns on the top of his head and pointed ears that reached almost 5 ½ to 6 inches off of his head.

"I'm fighting this one, Urameshi." Kuwabara said. Yusuke nodded.

"Ok, catch up with us when he's dead." Yusuke said. Kuwabara just nodded then the rest of us ran quickly past the demon and continued to run down the hall going towards the scent of blood. We reached a dead end and could either go back or go through the door. Yusuke decided that we were going to go through the door. We walked into the cold dark room. Once we were all in the door slammed shut behind us and the lights quickly came on above us. On the opposite side of the room stood a male demon about 6'.

"Welcome trespassers." The demon began. "I am Senno. If you wish to get past then you must defeat me and go up the stairs behind you. Unlike Kozzuya I will not let any of you pass alive." The demon Senno said with a smirk.

"Fine. Then let's go!" Yusuke said getting ready to fire his spirit gun. Kurama put a hand on Yusuke shoulder. Yusuke looked at him questioningly.

"I'll go. Your spirit gun may be needed later." Kurama said.

"So, the red head fights first. That's fine. I can kill you one by one if that's what you want." Senno said getting into a fighting position.

"Rising Earth!" Senno yelled hitting the ground with his fist. The ground began to shake and suddenly out of the ground came large rocks with spikes on them.

"Rose Whip!" Kurama yelled cutting all of the rocks. Senno started to do the same attack over and over again quickly closing the gap between each attack. Kurama was starting to have a hard time dodging all of the rocks. Kurama was able to pick up a pebble from one of the rocks he had just destroyed and grabbed a seed out of his pocket. He flicked the rock at Senno as he continued to dodge. Kurama quickly followed the rock with the seed going into Senno's upper right arm. Senno hadn't noticed as he continued his assault on Kurama. Senno finally decided on a different approach. Kurama was still destroying the rest of the rocks that were still coming at him when Senno came up and would have punched Kurama in the gut if something hadn't stopped him.

"What the?! Why can't I move?" Senno asked worriedly and shocked.

"I implanted a seed of the death plant in your arm. With all the moving you've been doing with that arm the seed has plenty of time to travel through your bloodstream and paralyze you. All I have to do now

is transfer my spirit energy into it and kill you." Kurama explained. Senno looked worriedly though he was trying to hide it but was failing miserably. "Say goodbye!" Kurama said louder and Senno screamed in pain as the death plant killed him. The door behind us opened and we all turned around to see Kuwabara standing there with his clothes a bit torn and a few scratches here and there.

"Man, what'd I miss?" Kuwabara asked.

"Kurama killing this guy." Yusuke said.

"Come on. We need to hurry." Kurama said heading towards the stairs. The rest of us followed behind. At the top of the stairs we were greeted by thousands of low class demons.

"We can not let you pass." One of the demons said.

"We'll see about that." Yusuke said and began killing off the demons with ease. Kuwabara started cutting them down with his spirit sword and Kurama started cutting them down with his rose whip, me joining in too.

As we continued to kill off the demons we were getting further into the castle but it was taking too long. It seemed like no matter how many we killed more kept coming.

"Hiei!" Yusuke called. I looked over towards him. "You're the fastest one here. We'll start cutting you a path and you go find the girl!" Yusuke called over to you while continuing to fight off the demons.

Kurama and Kuwabara had heard the plan too and started making a path with Yusuke. I ran down the newly created path killing any demon that got in my way as I headed to where the scent of blood became stronger until I came to a room where the torturing obviously happened. There was fresh blood on the floor and walls. As I continued to look around I noticed a door in the left corner of the room. I had a feeling that was where the girl was when I heard an ear shattering scream. I quickly ran over to the door and pushed it open. There in the corner was a naked girl with her hands tied up to the wall and a demon whipping her. I quickly killed the demon by beheading it. The girl had her legs up to her chest trying to cover herself. Her head was down and she was shaking. I calmly walked over to her and cut the ropes with my sword and her hands instantly went to protect her face. She was afraid of me. She thought that I was going to hurt her.

I took my cloak off and wrapped it around her. She looked up for a minute with a confused but still terrified look in her eyes. She quickly guarded herself with her hands again. I slowly grabbed her left wrist and moved it away from her face. She looked even more afraid now.

"Calm down. I'm not going to hurt you." I said only loud enough so that she could hear. She still looked terrified but not as scared as she was when I grabbed her wrist. I let go of her wrist and stood up. "Come on. Let's get you out of here." I said putting a hand out to her. She looked up at me then at my hand. She reached up to take my hand but pulled her hand back to her deciding against it. "Come on; unless you want to stay here. I won't hurt you. I have no reason to. You've done nothing wrong." I said reassuring her. She looked at me with doubt in her eyes. She still looked afraid; scared but not terrified. She reached up again this time taking my hand. I helped her up and let go of her hand only to have her attach herself to my left arm. I decided to let it go this time.

We left the room and headed to where I sensed Yusuke and the others. They were coming towards us, though not in view yet. The girl continued to walk behind me still holding onto my arm for dear life peaking out from behind me every little bit.

After a few more minutes of walking Yusuke, Kuwabara, and Kurama came into view.

"Did you find her?" Yusuke asked as the three of them ran up to us.

"Hn, yes." I said as the girl peaked out from behind me. Her eyes went wide then she hid behind me again clutching my arm tighter.

"The guys from the Black Black Club are gone and as soon as we let the captured demons go they left." Yusuke explained trying to see the girl behind me.

"Come on, we need to get her to Koenma." Kurama said seriously and began walking towards the exit

while Yusuke called up Koenma.

"Hn." I said as I followed after with the girl still holding onto my arm. She looked afraid.

It's ok. They won't hurt you.' I mentally told the girl. She stopped dead in her tracks and looked up at me to see my eyes closed but my Jagan eye could be seen open through the bandage. I continued to walk with her following me and reattaching herself to my arm after a minute. I looked down at her through the corner of my eye. She had a small smile on her face and she nodded. She had heard me. For some reason that made me a bit happier.

We arrived at Koenma's office a few minutes later. The girl looked terrified again when she saw Koenma, a blue ogre, and some young woman standing next to Koenma.

"Hiei are you sure that this girl is the same as this girl?" Koenma asked showing me a picture. I looked at it and then at the girl who was holding onto my arm for dear life. I nodded. "Ok, well, she is going to have to stay with us. We need to be able to keep an eye on her to make sure she doesn't get kidnapped by one of the many people who want to get their hands on her." Koenma explained. "Ogre, bring her over here." Koenma told the blue ogre next to him.

"Yes, sir." The ogre said walking towards me and the girl holding onto my arm. The ogre grabbed her arm and she screamed. She was terrified.

They aren't going to hurt you. They want to help you; to protect you.' I mentally told her. I know that she heard me because she stopped screaming and started shaking her head frantically. She was clearly terrified to go with the ogre or Koenma. It made me wonder exactly what they had done to her.

"Ogre! Stop." Koenma finally said after a minute or two. The ogre sighed and walked back over to Koenma. The girl instantly calmed down but she still held onto my arm as if it were her very life line.

"Hiei, since it seems the girl won't go with anyone other than you she's going to have to stay with you for a while. At least until she feels comfortable with us. You are going to have to watch her and make sure nothing happens to her. There are many people out there just like the Black Black club that want to hurt her, kidnap and experiment on her, and much more. You're going to have to protect her with your very being." Koenma explained. I didn't say anything and with each word the girl held my arm tighter.

"Hn." I finally said.

"Ok, you may leave. Boton has left some clothes that the girls maker had left for her in your room." Koenma said as I turned and left with the girl still holding onto my arm.

The girl and I went into my room. The girl instantly let go of my arm and began looking around as I closed the bedroom door. I walked over to the closet to see if her new clothes were in there. I opened the door of the large walk in closet to see on the right half of the closet was lined with dresses of all different colors and sizes. On the left half of the closet was all my clothes exactly how I left them. I suddenly felt something leaning against my back. I turned my head to see the girl looking over my shoulder into the closet. I stepped out of the way and let the girl walk into the closet. A few minutes later she walked out and ran into the bathroom to change.

When she came out she was wearing a pink dress that went to her knees.

Before she came out of the bathroom she neatly laid the cloak that I had kept her wear in the hamper in the corner of the bathroom. Then she came out and began looking around my room again. By this time I was just coming out of the closet where I had grabbed a clean cloak to wear.

"Onna." I said to her. She ignored me and continued to look around the room curiously. "Onna." I called again. This time a little louder. She continued to ignore me. By now I was irritated. "Onna!" I almost yelled. This time she turned around and looked at me confused. She pointed to herself while looking around for someone else. "Yes, you." I said looking at her with a mental sweat drop. She put her hand down and tilted her head to the right with a questioning look on her face. I mentally sighed. "What's your name?" I asked her. She shrugged her shoulders. I mentally sighed again. "Ok, from now on your name will be..." I paused thinking of a good name. "Kerin; your name now is Kerin." I said. She smiled happily

and nodded.

"K – Ker – Ker – Kerin. Kerin!" she was finally able to say happily while spinning around in her dress. She suddenly stopped and looked at me. She pointed to herself. "Kerin." She said then pointed to me. "Hiei." I answered.

"H – H – He – H – He – Hie – Hie –" she tried.

"Hiei. He a." I said so that she would have an easier time.

"Hie – A. Hiei – A. Hiei!" she finally said. She started jumping up and down saying my name over and over again happily.

'Now that I think about it. I think this is the first time I've actually heard her say anything. Sure, I've heard her scream, but that's it. I guess from the way she's trying to say things that she no longer knows how to talk. I guess they didn't let her.' I thought after hearing her try to pronounce my name and finally succeeding with my help.

Later that night Kerin and I met up with Kurama after I saw Taguro alive with my Jagan eye. Kurama, Kerin, and I watched as Taguro demonstrated his power to Yusuke by collapsing a building with his bare hands. Yusuke stood there in front of Taguro shaking. I had never seen the detective so afraid.

"Understand, this is the last time I will save your life." Taguro said before he disappeared. He reappeared behind Yusuke. "2 months from now a martial arts competition will be taking place." Taguro began.

"Oh, sounds like fun." Yusuke said shaky. I felt Kerin hold onto my arm tighter. She was afraid of Taguro too obviously.

"It's a dark tournament organized by greedy human crime lords and drawing on the most vial demon of spirit world. Each criminal gathers a team of 5 fighters and the teams' battle to the death. Humans enter for gambling and entertainment. Demons fight for blood and the chance to win the prize. You and Kuwabara are guests in this completion. If you refuse I will immediately kill you and everyone you know. If you want to survive these fights I suggest you get stronger." Taguro said then left Yusuke. Once Yusuke knew that Taguro could no longer see him he fell to his knees shaking.

"You idiot. He's going to kick your stupid @\$\$!" Yusuke practically yelled. Taguro continued walking until he walked past the building that Kurama, Kerin, and I were standing on. He stopped below us and looked up.

"I assume by your dismal faces that you've been invited to the competition as well on Urameshi's team no doubt. Demons who side with humans will get no sympathy." Taguro said. Kerin was watching him carefully.

"Sympathy has never been apart of those fights."

"As you know, the teams are made of 5 so, you'll have to recruit another fighter since I doubt that girl next to you will be fighting." Taguro said with a smirk. Kerin held my arm tighter but her eyes never left him as he looked at her. Then he began to leave. "For your sake I hope you find someone useful." He said leaving our sight.

"What is our chance?" Kurama asked. I turned around leaving with Kerin holding onto my arm as I left.

"Don't ask." I said.

Over the next few days Kurama and I began training Kuwabara. Kerin stood on the side watching. I was using a piece of bamboo as a sword for training instead of a real sword. While I was training Kuwabara I would glance as Kerin to make sure she was ok and every time I saw her eyes they were different then usual. Unlike their normal blue or sometimes green they were a dark almost black blue and a white light would go by the bottom part of her eye every little bit. I had begun watching her eyes more often until I noticed that they did it when she was watching fighting or dancing on TV. I began to wonder what it meant but had little to not time to really think about it except when Kurama was training Kuwabara but normally then I would be training myself.

We had a little over a week before the Dark Tournament would be starting and I was training harder than ever. One day Kerin came up to me while I was training.

"Your team still needs another fighter, right?" Kerin wrote down on a piece of paper and showed me. She had begun doing this whenever she needed something and I was trying to do something. It seemed to take less time than for her to struggle over words that she didn't know. I simply nodded wanting to know where she was getting at. "I can be the 5th fighter." She wrote. I looked at her shocked.

"No." I said about to go back to my training. She grabbed my arm and I turned around.

"Pa – Plea – Please." I looked at her. The look on her face was filled with sadness; want. She was begging me. I sighed.

"If you can stand up against me in a fight then I talk to Kurama about it." I said giving in. She smiled and nodded happily. Kerin and I walked back into the open area in the forest of bamboo. She just stood there her eyes never leaving mine. I picked up a piece of bamboo off of the ground to use as a sword and took a fighting stance. I ran at her using the bamboo I had picked up as a sword and swung it at her. She easily dodged. I continued trying to learn her way of dodging. That's when I began to notice. Her way of dodging wasn't a fighting style at all! She was dancing! Her fighting style was a dance. I continued to try and hit her but she continued to dodge as if it were nothing. It looked as if she was flowing. Like the wind was dancing with her. But how? She couldn't control the air...Could she? Finally we stopped and she smiled at me. "Ok, I'll talk to Kurama about it, but first we need to find you a weapon." I explained to her. She began jumping up and down happily.

When I first spoke with Kurama about Kerin being the 5th fighter he was against it until I told him to go up against her especially now that she had her weapon. Kurama took a fighting stance. Kerin didn't do anything. She just stood there smiling. Kurama went at her with his rose whip and Kerin dodged. As usual I saw a smile on her face as she danced. She secretly put her hand under her dress and pulled out her weapon. We had decided that she should hide her weapon so no one could see it and the best place for that since she all she ever wore were dresses we decided the best place would be to attach it to a belt on her upper right leg.

She pulled out a small hand held fan and swung it in a circle in front of her. A tornado formed and threw Kurama into a nearby tree. Kerin then put her fan away again and walked over to where Kurama was on the ground. She put her hand out and Kurama gratefully took it and Kerin helped him up. After that Kurama agreed that Kerin could be, but we'd have to watch over her carefully. She smiled and started jumping up and down happily.

## 2 - The Dark Tournament Begins

Hiei's POV

It was the day we would be going to Hanging Neck Island where the Dark Tournament would be held. Kurama, Kuwabara, Kerin, and I were waiting for Yusuke to arrive. Kerin as usual was holding onto my arm when we got there after she saw all the demons. I looked at Kuwabara who was wearing his normal blue school uniform. Kurama was wearing an outfit that looked like his pink school uniform but was white. Kerin was wearing another dress. This one was a bit frilly and was black and white. It stopped just above her knees with a pair of black high heel shoes that had a ribbon that wrapped around her leg. I was wearing a blue with yellow bordering fighting kimono, black pants, and a yellow obi with a lighter blue long sleeve top underneath and the same color scarf.

"Urameshi still hasn't shown up yet. What could that dummy be doing now?" Kuwabara asked no one in particular.

"Hopefully he's finding us an alternate fighter." Kurama said gaining a glare from Kerin.

"Why don't you worry about yourself Kuwabara? Have you gotten any better since our last fight?" I asked looking at the demons in front of us.

"Ha. You'll see for yourself shrimp-boy." Kuwabara said.

"The ship is in maties." The captain of the ship that would be taking us to Hanging Neck Island said walking up to all of us. "Now let's try to get on board without any violence." He continued.

"Hey, wait a minute sir! Our team still has some stragglers." Kuwabara spoke up.

"Then we'll have to put a mark on their heads and send out a hit man, standard rule of the tournament." The captain said.

"Now, now, that's not necessary." Came a voice from behind us. We all turned around. "Sorry to keep you waiting guys." Yusuke said.

"You nearly gave me a heart attack, Urameshi!" Kuwabara yelled angrily.

"These forest hikes really wipe me out." Yusuke said leading on a tree.

"Yeah, you look awful, oh, wait, that's just you." Kuwabara joked. I mentally told Kerin to stand with Kurama for a minute that I wanted to see something. She nodded and attached herself to Kurama's arm. She always seemed to attach herself to someone's arm if she was scared. At the moment it was either me or Kurama. She still didn't trust Kuwabara very much and she didn't trust Yusuke at all seeing as how she barely knew him.

"Yusuke." I said after walking up to him. He looked at me. The minute he did I attacked him with my sword for force. He dodged every swipe and at the end caught my sword with his right hand.

"Damn Hiei, is this how you say 'hello' to people now?" Yusuke asked.

"Hn, I don't know where you've been all this time, but it seems you've improved your skills a little bit." I said with a smirk.

"Improved a little bit?! I'd say he improved a lot a bit!" Kuwabara exclaimed. Kerin's eyes lit up as she giggled at Kuwabara words.

"Don't be discouraged. The fact that you could follow their moves shows that you have improved as well." Kurama said.

"So Yusuke, I assume the little one over there is going to be the alternate fighter for our team?" I asked.

"You mean this little guy here? He's even smaller than Kerin! He looks weaker than Kerin too though." Kuwabara said getting a huff from Kerin as she walked over to me. "And, what's wrong with his face?" Kuwabara asked looking around at the guy. "He looks like a mummy or something." He finally finished.



"Forget him. Yusuke and I are all that we require." I said with a smirk getting a punch in the arm from Kerin.

"Enough of pesky distractions. Let's all get on board!" the captain called. We all quickly got on board the ship and set off to Hanging Neck Island. I stood on the railing of the ship, Kerin sat on the railing next on the left of me, Yusuke sat cross legged on the floor to the left of her asleep, Kurama and Kuwabara stood to the right of me both leaning against the railing, Kurama had his arms crossed, and the masked fighter stood to the right of Kuwabara not leaning on anything.

"Shoot, nothing here but ugly monsters. I thought cruises were supposed to have pretty girls." Kuwabara grumbled getting a glare from Kerin about the pretty girl comment.

"I sure hope the island isn't as boring as this." I stated looking around.

"We're not on vacation you know." Kurama stated with his eyes shut.

"I know! But couldn't they have at least given us a place to eat?" Kuwabara asked. "And some pretty waitresses." He added under his breath.

"Alrightly maties turn your eyes to the captain's deck. It's still going to be quite some time before the ship finds its way to the harbor. So, we're going to have some entertainment to keep ya from getting roughy." The captain said over the loud speakers.

"Oh, I knew it! Some dinner and dancing!" Kuwabara jumped up thankful. Kerin sighed knowing that wasn't going to be the case.

"The preliminary battles of the tournament will be held here on me trusty ship." The captain continued.

"Say what?!" Kuwabara asked shocked.

"A preliminary for the competition." I stated.

"Now that we can't go anywhere." Kurama added. Suddenly the ship began to shake. Kerin not expecting that lost her balance and began to fall backwards. I caught her by grabbing her wrist and pulling her back up. She regained her balance but I continued to hold onto her wrist.

Are you ok?' I mentally asked her. She nodded with a smile. I let go of her hand and she put them both on the railing to hold on.

"Earthquake!" Kuwabara yelled.

"Fool, there can't be earthquakes on the water." I stated.

"Look!" Kurama said pointing to the left of us. We all looked to see what he was pointing at. The floor of the boat separated and a battle arena came up from the lower half of the ship.

"Whoa! That things huge!" Kuwabara yelled surprised.

"She's a real beauty ain't she?" the captain stated more then asked. "Now, I'll tell it to ya straight. 15 teams have already been chosen for the Dark Tournament. They're awaiting your arrival. That means out of all of you on my ship only one team will compete on dry land." The captain explained. All the demons began complaining.

"Hold on, I thought that we were the special guests." Kuwabara stated.

"This is the way they operate." I said.

"All teams pick our your strongest man and bring him to the arena port side. There they'll fight in a battle royal! And whoever comes out alive wins there team a ticket to fight on Hanging Neck Island." The captain said.

"So, one big beat down, huh." Kuwabara stated cracking his knuckles. "Guess I'll have to show them the brand new Kuwabara super attack." He said to know one in particular as a large demon walked up behind him.

"Yes, I do prefer larger battles. One on one always makes me bored." The demon said.

"An excellent chance to sharpen my claws." Another demon said.

"Now I can kill as many apparitions as I want to, after I turn that human boy Urameshi inside out of course." Another demon said.

"Uh, what did he say about the human? You know these things are kinda big when you see them standing right next to you and everything." Kuwabara stated his right eye twitching. "Hey, that's right!" he began pointing to Yusuke who was sleeping cross legged on the floor. "You're the one who wants to fight them. Well, I guess as the group leader, it is your responsibility." He started. After a second of Yusuke not saying anything Kuwabara knelt down and saw that he was asleep. He grabbed the front of Yusuke's shirt and began shaking him. "Hey! Wake up Urameshi! I said it was a group leader's responsibility!" Kuwabara yelled. Yusuke made no attempt to wake up. "Why do I feel like I'm talking to myself?!" he yelled again. Kurama walked up to him.

"Stop." Kurama said. Kuwabara looked up at him. "The training Yusuke went through was apparently immense. You must give him time to recuperate."

"Then who's going to fight with all the big monsters?" Kuwabara asked. Kerin jumped down off of the railing. We all looked at her.

"Kerin?" I asked. She looked back at me and smiled before she continued walking towards the arena.

"Is she...Serious? Is it really a good idea that she fight?" Kuwabara asked. No one answered. Kerin walked onto the arena. She didn't look scared about being near demons for once. "What if she loses and we all get booted from the tournament?" Kuwabara asked.

"If that happens all we have to do is beat everyone else on the boat before we reach the island. We'll say we're the right team and no one will complain." I stated with a smirk. I knew that Kerin wouldn't lose. She may look weak but she was able to beat Kurama in a single move.

"You didn't have too many friends growing up did you?" Kuwabara asked his left eyebrow twitching. I watched as Kerin walked onto the battle arena.

"Let's attack the one from the human team first." One demon said.

"Then we'll start on each other." Another demon said.

"Good idea." Another demon agreed.

"Hey, we gotta do something to warn her. They're all going to gain up on her and she's trapped herself in a corner." Kuwabara stated.

"Patience." Kurama said.

"Attack!" the captain called. Kerin instantly pulled out her small fan and held it so no one could see it as all the demons in the arena charged at her. The minute the demons were close enough she whipped her fan out in front of her and swung it in a circle. A tornado formed and through all of the demons from the ship and into the water. Kerin immediately put her fan away before anyone could see it and jumped off of the arena.

"Duh, holy crap." Kuwabara said shocked. "She got everyone up there with one blow. Did anyone even see what she used? All I saw was a tornado throwing the demons into the water." Kuwabara stated looking at Kurama.

"I guess that's why Yusuke can sleep so peacefully on a boat full of demons." Kurama said with a smile.

"I'm sorry to say it, but the 16th team will have to be a human one. Yusuke Urameshi's team!" the captain called.

"Good job, shorty!" Kuwabara said as Kerin came to stand in front of me. She looked at Kuwabara.

"Kerin." She said simple. Her name and my name were the only two words she had no problem saying.

"What?" Kuwabara asked confused.

"Her name, stupid." I stated irritated. She nodded happily.

"Oh." Kuwabara said. Suddenly Kerin pointed behind us. We all turned to look when we saw all the demons on the ship preparing to attack us. "Hey, what's this?" Kuwabara asked. "Wouldn't you know?"

"I think they stole my idea. They'll have to pay very dearly for that." I said with a glare. Kerin nodded.

"Of course." Kurama said pulling out a rose. Kurama, Kerin, the masked fighter, and I jumped up leaving Kuwabara behind and began to fight on different sides of the ship. I cut down every demon that got in

my way. Kerin used her tornado attack and throw them all from the ship. That is until one snuck up behind her and punched her in the jaw sending her flying and hitting her back on the railing. My eyes widened when she didn't move as the demon closed in on her. I cut down every demon that got in my way to try and get her. I finally got rid of my last demon as I saw her get up. The demon was standing directly in front of her. His claws ready to kill her. She grabbed the right side of her dress and pulled it up bringing her leg up and kicking the demon in the stomach sending him flying into the railing on the other side of the ship.

'Ok, didn't expect her to do that.' I thought as I walked up to her. I gave her a questioning look that she clearly recognize as 'are you ok?'. She nodded wiping the blood from the corner of her mouth as we walked up to the others. A demon was about to attack Yusuke but Yusuke suddenly stood up and started punching. The punch sent the demon flying across the deck to the other side of the ship. The demon didn't get up.

"Come on! You can't...Scare me grandma! I'll knock you back to your grave!" Yusuke yelled still asleep and still punching.

"That's a relief. He's finally awake." I heard Kuwabara say as we walked up to stand next to him.

"No fool, he's sleeping." I said. Kerin nodded.

"Right now?" Kuwabara asked.

"Quit you stupid old lady!" Yusuke yelled again finally stopping his punching and falling back to the ground sitting cross legged.

"Even in his slumber Yusuke is reliving his training. His preparations should make us all jealous." Kurama said.

"But she wouldn't fight unless she had her own reasons." Kuwabara said suddenly.

"What are you mumbling?" Kurama asked before we all walked over to Yusuke.

"Hn. He's trying to talk in his sleep when she's awake." I said. Kerin giggled.

"Oh, hey, what happened to the fight we were just in?" Kuwabara asked suddenly while looking around.

"Everyone's dead." Kurama answered.

"Oh, uh, weird." Kuwabara said looking around.

A little while later Hanging Neck Island came into view.

"A take it that's Hanging Neck Island." Kuwabara asked. "This is going to be wild you guys." Kuwabara said excitedly. "Everybody make sure not to leave me." He finished sternly.

A little while later we got off the boat and arrived at the hotel. Yusuke was still asleep so Kuwabara was carrying him. Kerin had fallen asleep a little before the ship met up with the island. I was carrying her.

"Are we really staying here?" Kuwabara asked looking at the outside of the hotel. The doors of the hotel opened and we walked in looking around. There were tons of rich people dressed in rich clothes some dressed like Kerin did. "Wow! Well, it's defiantly better then the pirate ship." He said as a young man in a tux came up to us.

"Best of the evening gentle men." The man said. "The hotel has been expecting you. Please, fallow me." He said walking away. We fallowed.

"I got a bad feeling about the people in here. I never trust grown up dressed that fancy."

"Kuwabara, Kerin dresses that way every day." Kurama stated.

"Yeah, but she's not an adult." Kuwabara came back. We continued to fallow the butler until he showed us to our room.

"I gotta hand it to em. They sure know how to make things pretty. I haven't seen this much rich stuff in my whole life." Kuwabara stated after laying Yusuke down on one of the couches. I had laid Kerin down on another couch.

"You're evening coffee gentle men. Complements of the hotel." A butler said putting down 6 coffee cups. Kurama was suddenly handed a piece of paper. I looked next to me. It was Kerin. She still looked pretty

tired, but I guessed that she wanted something.

"Could you please get her a glass of chocolate milk?" Kurama asked pointing to Kerin.

"Of course." The butler said leaving.

You asked Kurama to ask since you knew I wouldn't. Smart.' I mentally told Kerin. She smiled and gave me a peace sign. A few minutes later the butler came back and gave Kerin her drink.